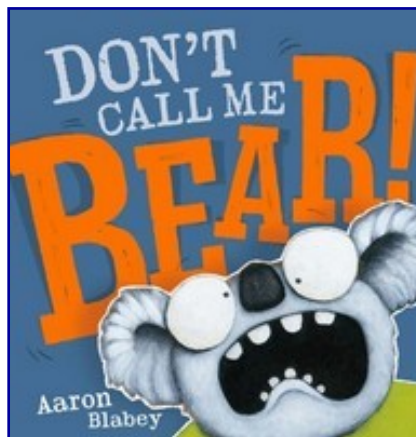


Don't Call Me Bear!

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**PICTURE BOOK OF
THE MONTH**

G'day my name is Warren, and I've got something to share... Just because I'm furry doesn't mean that I'm a bear. Warren the Koala is many things: a marsupial, cute and furry, a bit of a grump, but the one thing he's not is a bear!



Themes:

- Koalas
- Bears
- Australian Animals
- Marsupials
- Wrong Names

Discussion Points:

- Have you ever seen a Koala?
- What do you know about them?
- Before you read this story did you think they were called 'Koala Bears'?
- Why do you think koala's have often been called 'Koala Bears'? Do you think they actually look like a bear? If so, what characteristics do they have that make you think they could be one?
- What type of bears do you know?
- Warren explains that he is a 'marsupial'. As a class, identify all the marsupials that you can. What is unique about them compared to other types of animals?
- How would you describe how Warren felt when he kept being called a bear? Why do you think it worried him?
- Have you ever been called the wrong name? If so, how did it make you feel?
- How has the author/illustrator showed us that Warren is frustrated about being called a bear?

Activities:

- Find out all you can about koalas, including where they live, what they eat, do they have any predators, and what environmental factors are important for their survival. Present your findings to the class in poster format, including pictures and photos.
- Draw or paint your own picture of Warren, showing his frustration about being called a 'bear'.
- Arrange a trip to your local zoo or wildlife park to see if you can see a real koala.