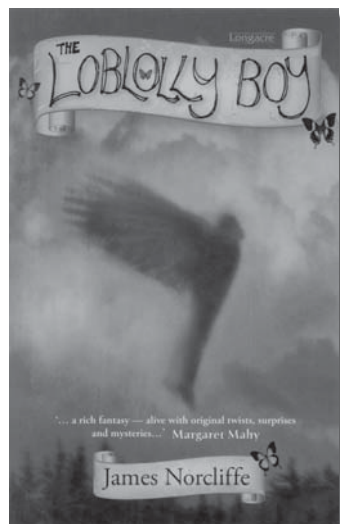




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The Loblolly Boy

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Target age 10+

It seems like the most marvellous gift Red could wish for - the chance to fly, to soar with the gulls high over the tall brick walls that have imprisoned him for so long. But this gift comes with a price.

In this magical, mysterious story, Red's adventure is like a chamber of mirrors at a carnival - a dazzling and breathtaking tale.



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James is the author of several fantasy novels for young readers. *The Assassin of Gleam*, won the Sir Julius Vogel Award for the best New Zealand fantasy novel of 2006. He is also a poet and editor.

Great Activity and Event Ideas

1. Research man's fascination with flight. When did it begin? Look at Leonardo Da Vinci's sketches of flying machines drawn 600 years ago.
2. Find out about the Jetpack designed by kiwi, Glenn Martin. How does it work? What would it be useful for?
3. Design your own flying machine.
4. Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be able to fly? Imagine you have the power of flight and write your own story based around an adventure.
5. Organise a "Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines" or "Birdman" competition or event.



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Activity

Imagine you are directing a film based on *The Loblolly Boy*.
Create a story board of scenes for the prologue of the book.

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