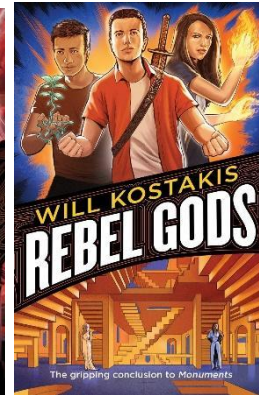
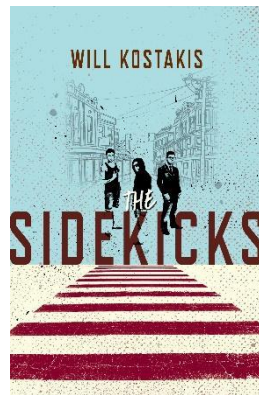


Session Title

Monuments

with Will Kostakis



About the author

Will Kostakis is a writer of all things, from celebrity news stories to tweets for professional wrestlers and award-winning YA novels. In his bestselling fantasy duology, *Monuments*, three teenagers search for the ancient gods buried under different Sydney high schools, accidentally kill them, absorb their powers, and attempt to change the world. In this very personal talk, Will talks about a pivotal and difficult life event and how it inspired him to be a writer.

Note: This video contains content about a young person's death.

Relevant titles:

- *The Sidekicks* (2016)
- *Monuments* (2019)
- *Rebel Gods* (2020)

Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

Curriculum Links: English, Studies of Society and Environment

General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Ethical understanding

Cross Curriculum Priorities: Sustainability (the fate of the world)

Suitable for: Stages 5-6/ Grades 9-12

Activities and resources

The following activities and resources provide a link between the texts *The Sidekicks*, *Monuments*, and *Rebel Gods* and the application of related topics such as **families, morality, grief, immortality/mortality, sexuality, coming out, privilege, coming of age, relationships, historical worlds, world issues, power and cultural identity** presented in classroom and educational contexts.

Do:

- Teacher resources for *The Sidekicks*:
https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/TR_TheSidekicks.pdf
- Teacher resources for *Monuments*:
<https://cdn.hachette.com.au/resources/9780734419224-teachers-resources.pdf>
- Reading questions for *Rebel Gods*:
<https://cdn.hachette.com.au/resources/9780734419262-reading-questions.pdf>

Read:

- *Monuments* reading extract:
https://books.google.com.au/books?id=KxWJDwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false
- *Rebel Gods* reading extract:
https://books.google.com.au/books?id=erTRDwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false

Listen:

- Will Kostakis podcast about Diversity in Children's Books:
<https://www.betterreading.com.au/kids-ya/will-kostakis-a-conversation-about-diversity-in-childrens-writing-3/>

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