

The Landonauts and the Rainbow Cloud Synopsis

BOOK TITLE: The Landonauts and The Rainbow Cloud (Book one).

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GENRE: Children's Fiction. Target age 4 +

MS LENGTH: 5450 words, 22 pages (excluding illustrations) font size 12, double-spaced.

SERIES PRÉCIS:

The Landonauts is intended as a series of approximately ten illustrated stories concerning our environment, educational but presented as entertaining stories. They are set around several catfish residing in a fictional lake. In order to solve a serious environmental problem that arises on the surface of the lake they devise a way to walk and breathe on land – hence the title *Landonauts*. The main catfish characters are all different in appearance, each with distinctive personalities. The first story can be marketed as a standalone book but, if successful, can be expanded into a series of books or just one containing all the stories. Outlines for all stories are prepared.

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One day, an oil slick suddenly appears on the lake. At first, the lake dwellers think it's beautiful due to a stunning array of rainbow colours, created by the reflection of sunlight. But when some of the fish begin to get sick, it isn't long before they realise the cause. Captain Chip and his team of catfish come to the rescue and organise the unique and clever removal of the cloud. Unfortunately, days later another rainbow cloud appears. Clearly, it becomes imperative to find the source of these rainbow clouds. The only way to achieve this is to embark on a journey across land, for which they need to invent breathing apparatus. The catfish finally create workable equipment, using different types of rubbish dumped in the lake. Together with *The Landonauts*, the reader is then taken on this journey to find a solution to remove the current oil spill and prevent further spills in the future.