

Gorgeous George author flies in – and is snowed in!

Stuart Reid, Scottish author of the *Gorgeous George* series of children's books, flew 10,124 miles from Adelaide, Australia back to Scotland on Monday.

He is on a world book tour, but has been blown off course by the Beast from the East.



Reid was going to host a number of school events for World Book Day tomorrow 1 March 2018 but these have now been cancelled due to school closures.

There is also a red alert travel warning across central Scotland issued by the Met Office.

“I knew I’d be in trouble when we flew over Europe,” said Reid. “It was a complete white-out 36,000 feet below us. If I had known it was going to be this bad, I would’ve stayed in Australia to do some more gigs. It’s just snow funny!”

The kilted author, well-known for his annual shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, had been performing his

inspirational events at schools in Australia and at the Adelaide Fringe Festival, where temperatures had been hitting 34c. So returning to Scotland was a shock to the system, as Reid is now snow-bound at home.

In the last six years Stuart has performed to quarter of a million children at almost 2,000 schools, libraries and book festivals throughout Britain, Ireland, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, as well as selling tens of thousands of books in his *Gorgeous George* series. Hong Kong and Adelaide were planned for February before continuing back in Scotland for the next couple of months, and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August.