

# DEADLY D AND JUSTICE JONES: MAKING THE TEAM

A riveting story about rugby for reluctant young readers

Written by National Rugby League star Scott Prince and the 2009 Gold Coast Teacher of the Year Dave Hartley

A book by an NRL legend designed to persuade footy-mad kids that reading is good too, is about to hit bookshelves across the nation. *Deadly D and Justice Jones: Making the team* has been written by Brisbane Broncos star Scott Prince, and award-winning Brisbane teacher Dave Hartley, with a foreword by renowned Indigenous educator Dr Chris Sarra.

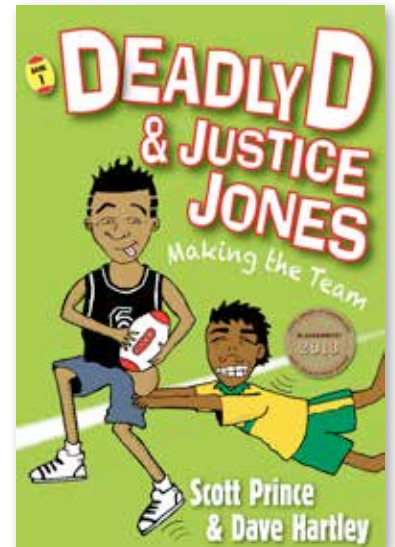
Told through the eyes of an 11-year-old from Mt Isa called Dylan, the story mirrors much of Prince's own story about his move from the northwest Queensland town where he grew up. Dylan is not thrilled about his enforced move to Brisbane, until he learns his school principal is a former Mount Isa Miner's footy supporter and his class teacher is a Brisbane Bronco's tragic. He also discovers a secret power (or curse) that propels him to footy stardom with his idols, the Broncos. Along the way, he pals up with Justice Jones, a Maori boy who helps him try to hide his secret until he finally becomes Deadly D, footy superstar.

This engaging tale is the first of a planned series by Prince, who recently announced his retirement from the game, and Hartley, who in 2009 was named Gold Coast Teacher of the Year. It is aimed unashamedly at boys who would rather be out on the footy field than curled up with a good book, with the hope that a story about their sports passion might prompt them to dive in.

Published by Magabala Books, *Deadly D and Justice Jones: Making the Team* will be officially launched in Brisbane in October. It will also be available from all good bookshops and online from Magabala Books ([www.magabala.com](http://www.magabala.com)) for \$12.95.

**Scott Prince:** Originally from Mt Isa and of the Kalkadoon people, Scott now lives on the Gold Coast with his wife and two daughters. He plays for the Brisbane Broncos and was previously the captain of the Jetstar Gold Coast Titans. Scott has represented Australia at an international level, has been part of the QLD State of Origin side, and in 2005 he won a premiership playing for the Wests Tigers. Recently, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) enlisted Scott Prince as Indigenous ambassador for the 'Learn, Earn, Legend!' initiative.

**Dave Hartley:** Dave is a deputy principal in the city of Logan, south of Brisbane. Employed by Education Queensland for over a decade, he has taught across many levels and was awarded Gold Coast Teacher of the Year in 2009. Dave's people are Barunggam, the traditional people of the Darling Downs/Chinchilla region.



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