

# THE DISAPPEARING MOON

FICTION FOR 6-8 YEAR-OLDS FROM THE *BLUE PETER* AWARD-WINNING ILLUSTRATOR AND AUTHOR **SIMON BARTRAM**

**Simon Bartram** who won the *Blue Peter* Book Award in 2004 for his bestselling picture book *Man on the Moon* is publishing a new series of illustrated fiction for 6 to 8 year-olds in September 2009.

*The Disappearing Moon* will be the first in a series of Bob and Barry's Lunar Adventures featuring everyone's favourite moon man and his alien dog side-kick, Barry. When the Stupendous Alacazamo finishes his magic show by making the moon disappear, it looks like Bob's out of a job, but Bob is determined to discover the truth and bring the moon back. The book has black and white illustrations throughout in Simon's detailed and humorous style.

***Man on the Moon: A Day in the Life of Bob* was first published in 2004 and has sold over 200,000 copies. Bob is one of the most popular children's book characters, with many primary school children reading and studying this book in school.**



Simon Bartram is one of the most talented picture book illustrators and authors working today. He realised very early on that he wanted to be an illustrator as he always loved drawing and was an avid consumer of comics. His first illustration was for

Roy of the Rovers when he was eleven.

He graduated from Birmingham Polytechnic with a first class degree in illustration in 1990, and his art style is heavily influenced by artists such as Peter Blake, Stanley Spencer and Reg Cartwright. Simon has been shortlisted for

several major illustration awards including The Mother Goose in 1999 and the Kate Greenaway Award twice. Simon is a mad keen football fan and supporter of Sunderland. He lives in Newcastle with his wife Nicola and their son. Simon's other books for Templar include: *Pumpkin Moon*, *A Winter's Tale*, *Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary*, *The Alien Spotters Guide* and *Watch Out for Sprouts*.

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