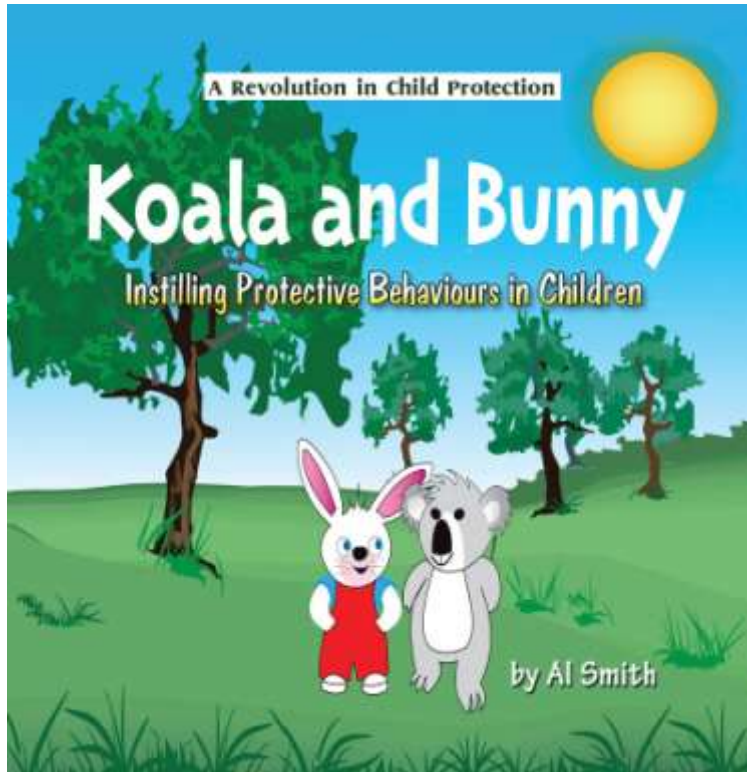


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### **Children's Book Teaches Kids What They *Really* Need to Know**



Author Al Smith is an artist, musician, conservationist and humanitarian. His children's book *Koala and Bunny: Instilling Protective Behaviours in Children* will become a significant milestone in the effort to protect our children against human predators.

Here's what others are saying:

"*Koala and Bunny* is straight to the point child protection." – **Derryn Hinch**, <http://www.hinch.net>

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***KOALA AND BUNNY: INSTILLING PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS IN CHILDREN (ISBN: 978-1-61204-102-5) is now available for \$14.50 and can be ordered through the publisher's website:***

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