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Stories, games & other strange transmissions.

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SHORT BIO

TJ Hayes is a UK writer of irreverent rhyming picture books, unsettling flash fiction and tiny PICO-8 games. His books are written as much for the grown-ups reading aloud as for the children listening.

LONGER BIO

TJ Hayes started writing children's books after realising that bedtime stories with his daughter were really just poetry, laid out in a fun way. The result is The Galactic Zoo series: a guided tour of the best and only zoo in this space quadrant, followed by Trevor the Emotional Lizard, a story about a weather-controlling alien that helps children accept every kind of feeling.

For older readers he writes flash fiction and the serial The Exoplanet Explorer; his story "Dante" was featured on BBC Radio Upload. He studied Creative Writing at Falmouth University.

Under the name Taylonius he makes tiny games for the PICO-8 fantasy console, including Pal8tro, a poker roguelike that fits in a single cartridge. By day he works as an SEO content editor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ "Dante", flash fiction, featured on BBC Radio Upload
- ◆ BA Creative Writing, Falmouth University
- ◆ Live reading and book signing, Luton, November 2023
- ◆ Pal8tro released on itch.io and the PICO-8 BBS

BOOKS

The Galactic Zoo	Rhyming picture book
Trevor the Emotional Lizard	Rhyming picture book
Positivity Planet	Picture book
Tails Through Time	Rhyming picture book
Chakras: Poetry & Art	For grown-ups

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