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THE F.A.R.T. FILES

BOOK 1

Dr Rob Bell

A terrible crime has been committed at the Brownleigh Football Club. Someone has ruined the footy field with deep tyre tracks. And there's graffiti all over the clubhouse walls. The damage is diabolical! Who is responsible and why would anyone target the greatest footy club in the world?

The police aren't that interested in investigating – they've got bigger fish to fry – so it's up to a bunch of amateur detectives from Sommerton High to find the culprits and bring them to justice.

Meet the Forensic Amateur Research Team – or F.A.R.T. for short. This crack squad is made up of Sam Trang: unofficial team leader, Madison 'Maddie' Litchfield: tech whiz, Arlia Humphreys: new kid at school (possibly a spy), and Declan Peterson: science guru (prone to accidents). Oh, and Dan Trang, Sam's little brother, who regularly brings everyone lunch.

Using their intuition, wits and some slightly illegal hacking skills, this unlikely mob of misfits sets about cracking a great sporting club vandalism mystery!

Key Selling Points

- Brand new series for 8–12 year olds
- Well connected and highly promotable author
- Appearances at Science Week and other tech events tbc
- Combines a full serve of mystery with a side dish of STEM!

About the Author

Dr Rob Bell has a Bachelor of Science with Honours and a PhD in materials chemistry from the University of Queensland. He says that his love of science (and particularly the environment) came from growing up on a pineapple farm, where he became passionate about the impact that humans have on our world and its natural resources. Dr Rob has worked as a Science Education Officer for the CSIRO, teaching students about science in the lab and at schools, and spent nearly 11 years hosting the Network Ten kids science show *Scope*. These days he is building a science education website while writing his new series of books for kids aged eight to twelve: *The F.A.R.T. Files*. He lives with his family in Brisbane.

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Available for interview and appearances

