## MEDIA RELEASE

# Grave of the Roti men

### **GEOFF HAVEL**

So this was a cyclone.

First came the rain, hitting the cabin like machine-gun bullets. Aaron sat huddled with the others. Then came the real wind. He saw palm trees bending right over. One simply disappeared. And all that noise!

#### ABOUT THE BOOK

Aaron doesn't usually get to see much of his dad but now he's going to spend a whole month with him in the Indonesian islands. Paradise!

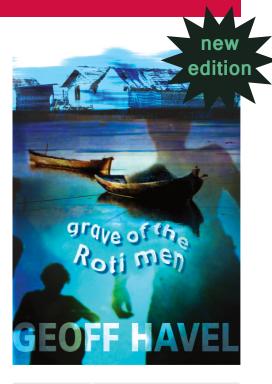
But what starts as a fun holiday soon turns into something quite different, and Aaron is caught up in a whirlwind adventure he'll be lucky to survive.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Geoff Havel was born in the mountains of New Guinea. As a baby, he liked to sit in a sandpit on the edge of the jungle, stuffing whole bananas down his throat. His manners have improved since then, that is, unless he spots a good idea for a story as it goes past. Right in the middle of whatever he's doing he gets a faraway look in his eyes, rips out his trusty notebook and slams the idea between the pages. Geoff is the author of five books.

#### **KEY SALES POINTS**

- Geoff Havel has been the recipient of a West Australian Young Readers' Book Award and was shortlisted for a Western Australian Premier's Book Award.
- The book is relevant to the Australian Curriculum's crosscurriculum priority – Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia. Students will learn about and recognise diversity within and between the countries of the Asian region, their societies, cultures, beliefs and environments.
- This compassionate and topical novel about the plight of Indonesian fishermen straying into Australian waters is suitable for middle to upper primary school readers.
- In April 2015 Havel will publish a new book for middle readers called *Dropping In*.



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