

LOST ON INFINITY

ROCKFORD'S ROCK OPERA

The Creatures Have a Secret



“This extraordinary story spreads a most important message in a mysterious and magical way. Created and produced with love, passion and great skill it will endure as a classic to be enjoyed by the world’s children and adults for generations to come.”

**Susan Stranks
(Broadcaster and
TV Presenter)**



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Welcome!

Rockford's Rock Opera creates dramatised audio stories with clear English narration, characters, sound effects and music.

The stories are ecological in nature and are suitable for all ages – although 5 to 10 year olds find them especially engaging. Rockford's Rock Opera's stories have been used by primary/junior schools across the world to teach about endangered animals, extinction and lots more.

At a time when parents are trying to keep their children away from screens, Rockford's Rock Opera's stories offer a wonderful and inspiring screen-free escape, allowing children to use their imaginations and to learn while enjoying award-winning, funny and thought provoking stories.

You won't find advertising pop ups or hidden links on our website, just child friendly content and great stories.

All of our stories can be previewed extensively FREE and nothing can be purchased without an adult providing credit card / PayPal details in our Shop. We do include links to our Apps (the first one of which is free) and these can be downloaded in the normal way.

We hope you and your children enjoy our stories.

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at: rockford@sweetapple.co.uk



"Never heard anything like it before. Wonderful songs, amazing story and real heart. Transfixes children, adults too!"

Teacher Blog

"This is original storytelling at its best"

iParenting Media Award Winner

A great musical story for kids which adults love too.

A stunning creation.

BBC Radio

"Totally love it ... exciting, entertaining, stimulating, multimodal, literate"

Doug Dickinson (ICT consultant)

"Thank you for creating such a wonderful resource to use in classrooms! I think the creation of Rockford's story is a powerful tool for educating kids."

Teacher Review UK

"Rockford was used as an inspiration for work in almost every subject – a truly cross-curricular theme. The children excelled themselves. Their learning and self-confidence exceeded expectations."

Jane, Teacher Review UK

"This is a cornucopia of different media: video, spoken word, music, drama, pictures and written texts. This wonderful resource gave a very wide range of opportunities for speaking and listening, drama and reading and writing."

Teacher Review (by email)



Member Resources

The whole **Lost on Infinity** story is available to our members. It's broken down into sixteen chapters, 5 - 12 minutes long, allowing children to listen and then discuss and complete the relevant lesson plan.

Our lesson plans are all simple to use and to understand, based firmly on aspects of the English (KS2) curriculum to engage and educate.

Lesson plans can be downloaded in advance and are listed with each of the chapter videos. We're regularly adding to our collection.

Other resources are available, such as Character Profiles and a Lyric Sheets. If there are any resources you'd like to see, let us know.

Playing the Video/Audio

Once you have purchased your membership, you can access the whole story simply by logging in to your Member's Area. Click the green **'LOGIN/ACCOUNT'** button at the top of our website and you will see the individual chapters (on the left hand side).

You may wish to turn your screen off and listen to the audio only. Our story is an adventure in sound, so children can imagine how the characters and scenes appear simply by listening.

Chapters 1 to 4 of **Lost on Infinity** are also available to download as free Apple and Android apps (search '**Lost on Infinity**') – ideal for children working at home or on projects connected with the story. These four chapters are also free to watch online at YouTube (search '**Rockford's Rock Opera**').

What's Lost on Infinity about?

Far away in the Sea of Tranquillity is the Island of Infinity, home to the world's lost creatures. Infinity has a secret for the world but Moog, a boy from Battersea in London, and Rockford his dog, are the only ones who can deliver its message. Travelling to Infinity, Moog and Rockford are drawn into an adventure that threatens the entire human race.

At its heart, **Lost on Infinity** by Rockford's Rock Opera is a tale about extinction and ecology. But it's a hopeful story that shows that the smallest creatures, and humans, can make the biggest difference.



Chapter Discussions

These broad discussion topics are intended to encourage pupils to develop independent thinking. Children can build confidence in their ability to problem solve as individuals and as part of a group.

- **Why do you think the island is called Infinity?**
- **Where do you think Infinity is?**
- **Do you think the creatures on Infinity are happy?**
- **Why do you think The Registrar has to follow the rules?**
- **What do you think is the Anonymous Moth's secret?**
- **Why do you think the authors decided not to let Rockford speak?**

A Little Note of Caution

Since our story introduces the concept of extinction there are some elements that may affect more sensitive children. **The Tale of the Cocklebur Ick** song video, is a sad tale about a fictional character who becomes extinct due to one man's wickedness. Some younger children may be affected by the animation, so we'd suggest you watch it first to gauge whether this song should be played with the video or as audio only.

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Highlighted Text

Also available as a read-along app!



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- NO In-App Purchases •

Read-Along with Rockford

For story-time and for those learning to read or learning English, we've also included a Read-Along version of the whole audio story with highlighted text. This is free with your membership. It is also available as an App to download on a phone or, preferably, a tablet (Apple and Android).

Keep in touch...

Over the years we've been delighted to receive many, many wonderful messages about **Lost on Infinity** and its value as a teaching topic. As you'll see, some of our parent, teacher and pupil reviews are included on our website.

If you have any comments about our resources, please do let us know. We're always trying to improve our website and materials, so feedback is always welcome.



What's Next?

Lost on Infinity is just the first story from Rockford's Rock Opera. If you and your class enjoy our adventures you can listen to more stories from Infinity,

The King of Nowhere, **The Spoo who Grew** and **The End of Infinity** are all available in the Stories Section of our website.

You can follow us on social media and read our website blogs to keep up with all the latest news.

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