The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales
A BAREFOOT DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR AGES 5 – 11

1. Why is this collection of stories called Earth Tales?

2. Which animal, bird or insect would you be if you could choose?

3. In the Aboriginal story, there are mice with wings (bats) and furry animals that dive into the sea (seals). Can you think of any other animals that surprise us by what they do and where they live? Why do you think these animals adapted in the way they did?

4. How does it feel to be hungry?

5. Why is waste a bad thing?

6. Do you have a precious possession? Tell us about it and why it is precious to you.

7. In your school (or your family), what are the different jobs that people do?

8. What would you like in the garden of your dreams?

9. Do you have a special place or a special tree?

10. Have you ever been into a forest or a wood? Tell us about it.

11. Is there somewhere you love so much that you would risk your life to keep it safe?

12. Do you know your next-door neighbours? Do you ever help them or do they do things to help you?

13. What happens to your rubbish?

14. Now that you have read the stories, can you think of some other Earth Tales you would include in this book?