



***The Greatest Liar on Earth* - Mark Greenwood**

Illustrated by **Frané Lessac**

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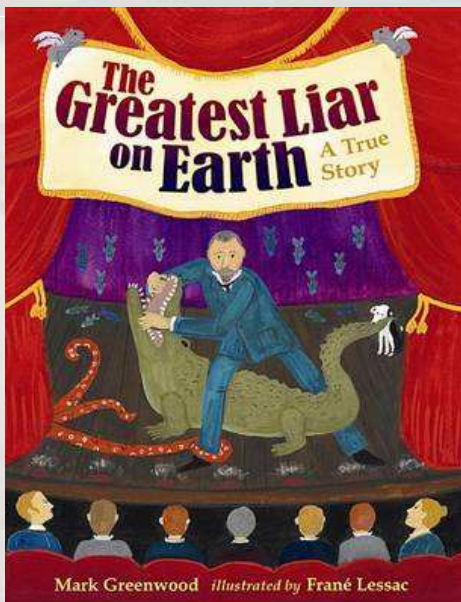
"Louis De Rougemont" (1847 – 1921) was a would-be explorer who claimed to have had adventures in Australasia. Born Henri Louis Grin in Switzerland, Grin tried many careers before presenting himself to the world as the dashing De Rougemont.

With exciting tales of fighting giant octopus in New Guinea, fish with bulging eyes and hairy moustaches in uncharted waters, and encounters with cannibals, De Rougemont sold out many lectures at Grand Theatres throughout Britain. He became so famous that a wax likeness of him was crafted at Madame Tussaud's, and he was invited to the Royal Palace to meet Queen Victoria.

This exciting story will have children spellbound, and award-winning Frané Lessac's illustrations bring the story to life in a vibrant manner.

The back of the book features debates on the truth behind some of De Rougemont's stories, and many young readers will probably head to Google after reading this book to investigate the mystery further.

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