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208x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99



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About the author & illustrator:

Norman Hetherington OAM was an Australian artist, cartoonist, puppeteer and puppet designer. He is best remembered as the creator of one of Australia's longest running children's shows, *Mr Squiggle*.

Margaret Hetherington was an actor, author and scriptwriter for *Mr Squiggle and Friends* on ABC TV. She was the author of three books for children: *Mr Squiggle and the Great Moon Robbery* (1980), *Mr Squiggle and the Preposterous Purple Crocodile* (1991), and *Mr Squiggle to the Rescue* (1998).



MR SQUIGGLE AND THE PREPOSTEROUS PURPLE CROCODILE

MARGARET HETHERINGTON, ILLUSTRATED BY
NORMAN HETHERINGTON

- **July drop-in! Stock available now!**
- **Back in print since its first release more than 30 years ago**
- **Whimsical appeal to children of all ages**
- **Updated with afterword by Rebecca Hetherington**
- **Launch accompanies blockbuster exhibition *Mr Squiggle and Friends* at the National Museum of Australia July 2025 and national exhibition tour in 2026**

Age range 3+

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Celebrating the arrival of Mr Squiggle and his friends, Rocket, Bill Steamshovel, Gus the Snail and Blackboard to their new home at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra, NMA Press has republished *Mr Squiggle and the Preposterous Purple Crocodile*: a charming story about inviting friends over for 'ice cream, cakes and jellies' (AKA afternoon tea) and an uninvited guest trying to derail the party.

In April 2024 the National Museum of Australia acquired more than 800 objects from Mr Squiggle creator Norman Hetherington's extensive archive of puppets, props and scripts, including the beloved children's television character Mr Squiggle.

Working directly from Norman Hetherington's stunning original watercolour illustrations, NMA Press has faithfully republished the story in a new edition with an afterword by Norman and Margaret's daughter Rebecca Hetherington, who starred alongside the Man from the Moon in 190 episodes on ABC TV.

Thirty years on from its first release the story has retained all its whimsical creativity and fun, ready to enchant a new generation of Australian children.





MR SQUIGGLE ACTIVITY BOOK NO.1

ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN HETHERINGTON

- **July drop-in! Stock available now!**
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- Fun activities include colouring-in, dot-to-dot and mazes
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MR SQUIGGLE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVITY BOOK NO.2

ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN HETHERINGTON

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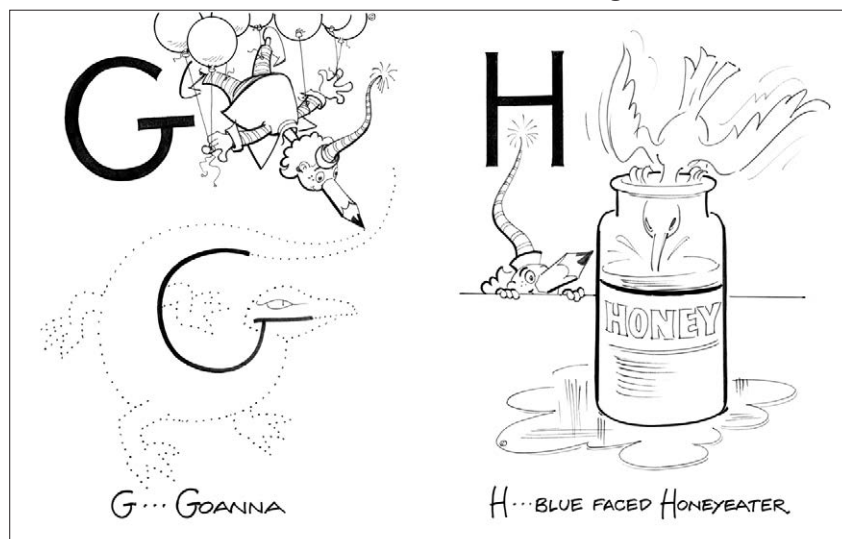
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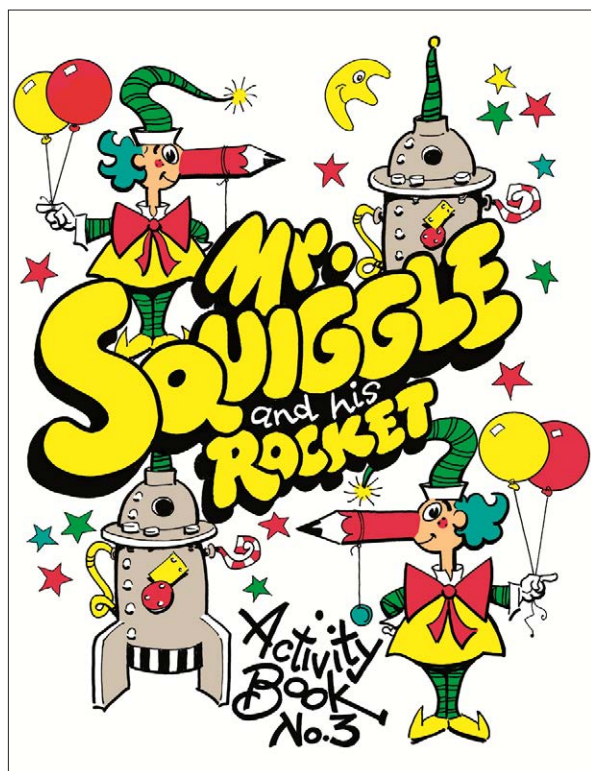
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MR SQUIGGLE AND HIS ROCKET ACTIVITY BOOK NO.3

ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN HETHERINGTON

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MR SQUIGGLE ACTIVITY BOOK SET ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN HETHERINGTON

- **July drop-in! Stock available now!**
- **Activity Book Set includes bonus Mr Squiggle and Rocket poster**
- **Back in print since first release almost 40 years ago**
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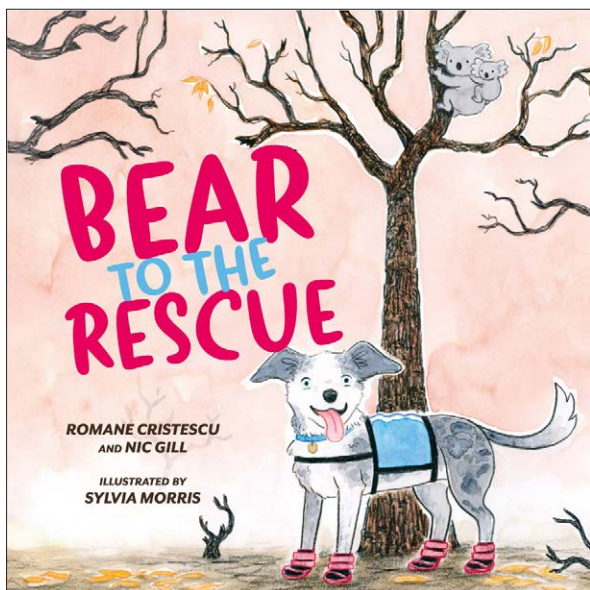
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Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm |
AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

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Palmview,
QLD; Carlton
River, TAS

About the authors and illustrator:

Dr Romane Cristescu trained as a vet before studying koala genetics. She is the Director of the University of the Sunshine Coast's Detection Dogs for Conservation, and the trainer/handler/manager of dogs, including Bear, who specialise in finding animals and their poo.

Nic Gill loves to share stories about nature, humans and other animals. After meeting Romane and her dogs, she was so impressed that she became a conservation dog handler herself, and now works with her detection dogs in the Tasmanian wilds.

Sylvia Morris is an illustrator and science enthusiast. She loves illustrating picture books because it combines two of her favourite activities: reading and problem solving.

BEAR TO THE RESCUE

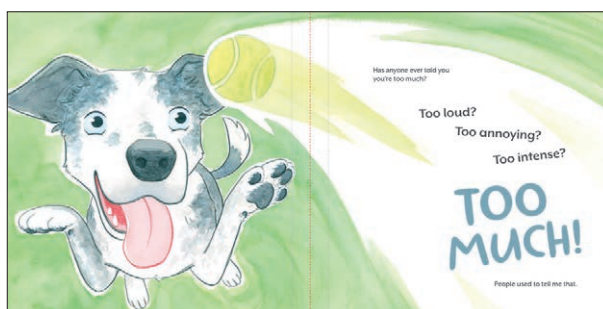
ROMANE CRISTESCU, NIC GILL, ILLUSTRATED BY SYLVIA MORRIS

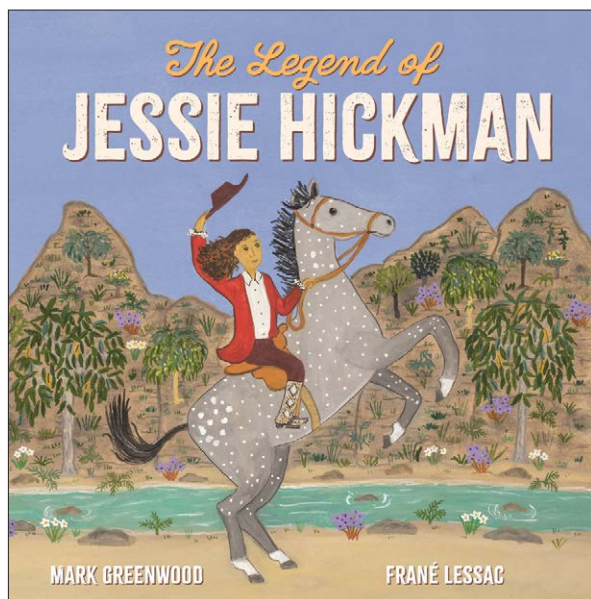
- Follows Bear's journey from being a challenging pet to a valued conservation detection dog
- A fascinating behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to create a successful conservation dog team
- Explores the importance of koala conservation work
- Highlights the cost of bushfires on humans, animals and our environment
- Celebrates the joy of finding your purpose

Age range 5 to 9

Bear is full of energy, which can lead to trouble – until he finds his perfect role as a detection dog!

When deadly bushfires sweep through the forest, Bear and his team must act fast. Will Bear be able to find and help save the wild koalas? Follow the true story of Bear as he finds his purpose for important conservation work.





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9781922507853 | October 2025 | National
Library of Australia | HB | 32pp |
260x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author and illustrator:

Mark Greenwood is an author with a passion for history. He enjoys imaginatively reconstructing stories that celebrate the characters and events that have played an important role in defining our past.

Frané Lessac is an author and illustrator of over 50 books in the UK, US and Australia. She has won numerous awards, including the Muriel Barwell Award for Distinguished Service to Children's Literature in 2010.

Mark and Frané frequently collaborate to produce wonderful stories, such as *Simpson and His Donkey* and *Midnight – the Story of a Light Horse* and the *Our Country* series. Their award-winning books tackling Australian bushranger legends include *Ned Kelly and the Green Sash* and *The Legend of Moondyne Joe*. Their latest collaboration is *The Legend of Jessie Hickman*.

THE LEGEND OF JESSIE HICKMAN

MARK GREENWOOD, ILLUSTRATED BY
FRANÉ LESSAC

- New title about an Australian bushranger legend from award-winning author-illustrator duo Mark Greenwood and Frané Lessac
- A remarkable true story that shares the life of Australian history in a personable and engaging way
- Vibrant illustrations that recreate the charm of a 19th century travelling bush circus and the wilderness of Wollemi National Park
- Links to subject areas in the Australian Curriculum including English Language & Literacy, Visual and Critical Literacy & Visual Arts, and Stage 3 History on the Australian Colonies

Age range 5 to 8

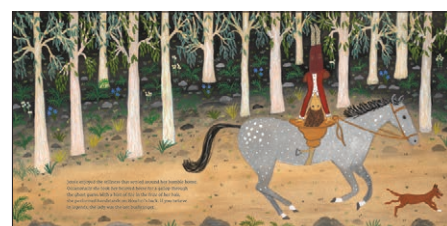
If you believe in legends...

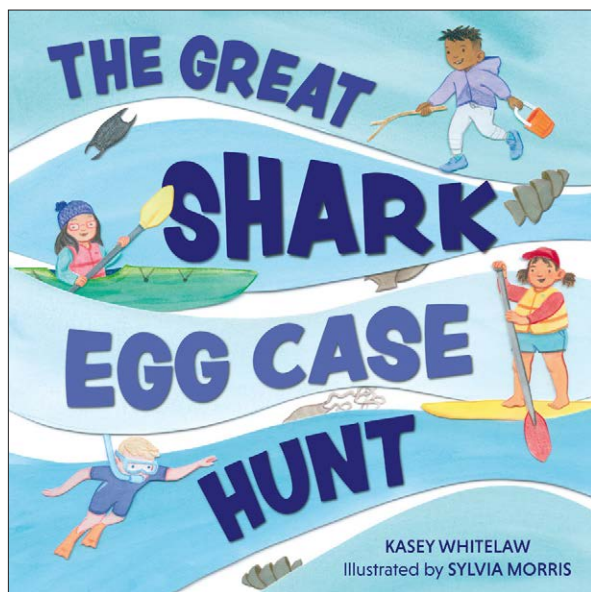
This non-fiction picture book brings to life the fascinating but little-known story of Jessie Hickman (1890-1936), Australia's so-called 'Lady Bushranger'.

A woman who lived outside the norms of her time, Jessie was a brave and formidable woman, with a life full of adventure, action and danger. At the age of 8, she joined a travelling bush circus, learning to perform as a whip cracker, sharpshooter and rough rider. She would perform dangerous feats, like tightrope walking or handstands on bare-backed ponies. When the circus closed, she became an outlaw and cattle rustler, famous for her daring escapes.

The endmatter includes information on travelling circuses in Australia, bushrangers and buckjumping, as well as a timeline of Jessie's life and accomplishments accompanied by historic images.

This lavishly illustrated picture book immerses the reader in the wilderness of what is now the Wollemi National Park as Jessie's life unfolds with every turn of the page.





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Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm |
AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99



Jurien Bay, WA

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About the author and illustrator:

Kasey Whitelaw is a marine biologist, educator and children's writer. She has an interest in connecting children to science and nature, sparking their wonder and curiosity through storytelling and education.

Sylvia Morris is an illustrator and science enthusiast. She loves illustrating picture books because it combines two of her favourite activities: reading and problem solving.

THE GREAT SHARK EGG CASE HUNT

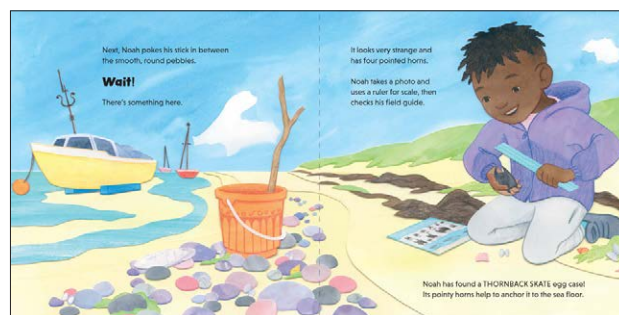
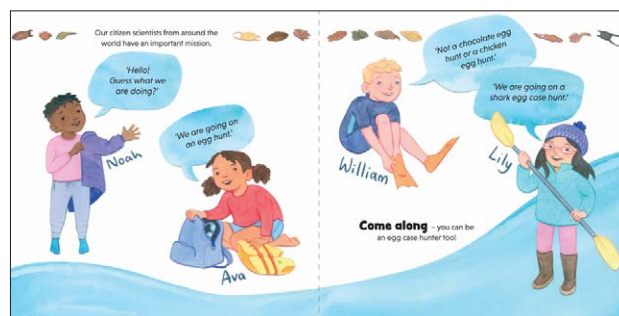
KASEY WHITELAW, ILLUSTRATED BY SYLVIA MORRIS

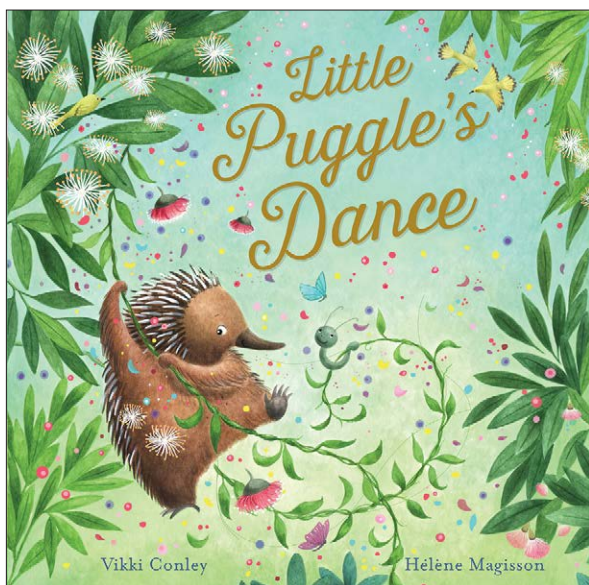
- Inspired by the Great Eggcase Hunt, a global citizen science project to record shark, skate and ray egg cases found around the world
- Learn how to identify shark egg cases and explore their diverse habitats
- Introduces beachcombing as a fun and accessible activity for the whole family to get involved in science
- Discusses shark biology and reproduction, as well as the importance of conservation

Age range 5 to 9

It's time to go on an egg hunt. But not a chocolate egg hunt, or a chicken egg hunt – we're going on a shark egg case hunt! Some sharks and their close relatives lay eggs, which are protected in egg cases that come in lots of shapes and sizes. Once a baby shark has wriggled out, these egg cases wash up on beaches around the world just waiting to be found. Join our citizen scientists as they enjoy a day at the beach and discover some weird and wonderful shark egg cases. You may even be inspired to become an egg case hunter yourself!

'This book showcases the fantastic diversity of egg-laying sharks, skates and chimaeras around the world – demonstrating that you really can go on a Great Eggcase Hunt wherever you are!'
– Cat Gordon, Senior Conservation Officer, The Shark Trust





LITTLE PUGGLE'S DANCE

VIKKI CONLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY HÉLÈNE MAGISSON

- *Little Puggle's Dance* takes the reader into a fantastical bush experience
- A celebration of inclusivity and diversity – Little Puggle feels wanted and treasured in the end
- A wonderful starting point for discussions about finding your place, never giving up and making dreams happen
- Third book in the series, following the success of *Little Puggle's Song* and *Little Puggle's Christmas*
- Stunning illustrations throughout by award-winning Hélène Magisson

Age range 3 to 6

Puggle dreams of dancing on stage, but every time he tries, his body has a wibbly-wobbly-waddy mind of its own. With the Spring Gala fast approaching, will he have the courage to keep going and find his own rhythm?

From the multi-award-winning creators of *Little Puggle's Song* and *Little Puggle's Christmas* comes a dazzling and uplifting tale about never giving up, belonging and the magic of dance.



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Also available:

LITTLE PUGGLE'S SONG

VIKKI CONLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY HÉLÈNE MAGISSON



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9781922326164 | November 2020 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN

LITTLE PUGGLE'S CHRISTMAS

VIKKI CONLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY HÉLÈNE MAGISSON

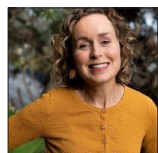


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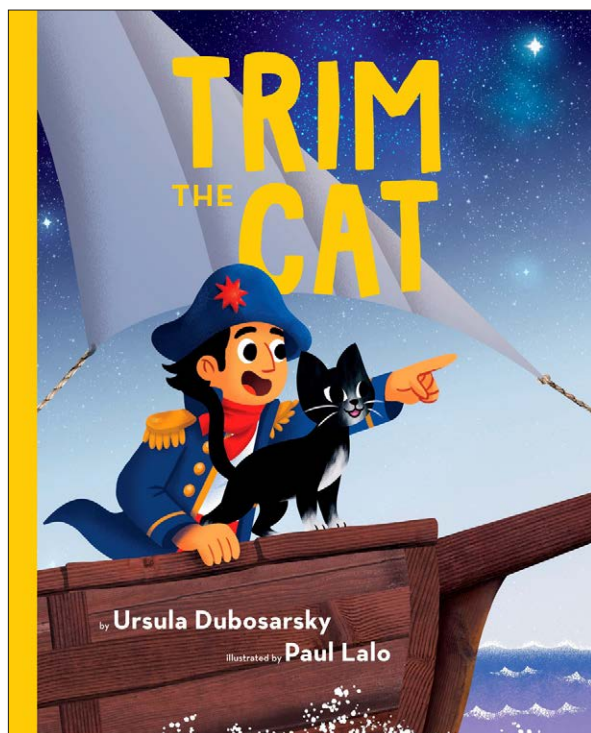
About the author and illustrator:



Vikki Conley's multi-award-winning books whisk young readers away to other worlds through curiosity, playfulness and wonder. In 2023, *Where The Lyrebird Lives* won the CBCA Book of the Year, and *Amira's Suitcase* and *Little Puggle's Song* have earned Honour and Notable awards. *On The Way To School* was shortlisted for the 2023 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year. An intrepid traveller and nature lover, Vikki has explored the world's big adventures and tiny treasures as a writer and photographer, working with diverse communities in Africa, Asia and Australia for over 20 years.



Hélène Magisson is a critically acclaimed French-Australian illustrator of many books for children. Before Hélène turned to book illustration, she was a painting restorer in Paris, where she was also trained in the art of medieval illumination. Hélène's children's books are widely known and loved across the world.



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Museum of Australia | HB | 32pp |
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TRIM THE CAT

URSULA DUBOSARSKY, ILLUSTRATED BY
PAUL LALO

- Children's book author Ursula Dubosarsky follows the adventures of Trim, a brave and adventurous seafaring cat
- Striking illustrations by Paul Lalo of Soymilk Studio featuring a distinctive 3D collage style
- Inspired by the true story of Trim, a ship's cat and 'most affectionate of friends' who accompanied Matthew Flinders on his voyages to circumnavigate and map the coastline of Australia from 1801 to 1803
- The fourth in a series of five books that builds on the innovation of the Discovery Centre at the National Museum of Australia, encouraging conversations around place, identity and Australian stories in a dynamic and exciting way
- Other titles in the series include *The Bunyip and the Stars* by Adam Duncan, part First Nations creation story and part adventure tale, *How Mother Kangaroo Got her Pouch*, a traditional Aboriginal story about the rewards of kindness by Rebecca Beetson, and *A Woolly Tale* about the world's woolliest sheep by Jackie Hosking

Age range 0 to 6

Born on a rocking ship in the middle of the ocean, Trim is no ordinary cat. Fearless, clever and full of heart, Trim sails into stormy seas and on grand adventures with his best friend and fellow explorer Matthew Flinders.

But when disaster strikes, Trim must find courage and hope – will he ever see his beloved captain again?

About the author and illustrator:

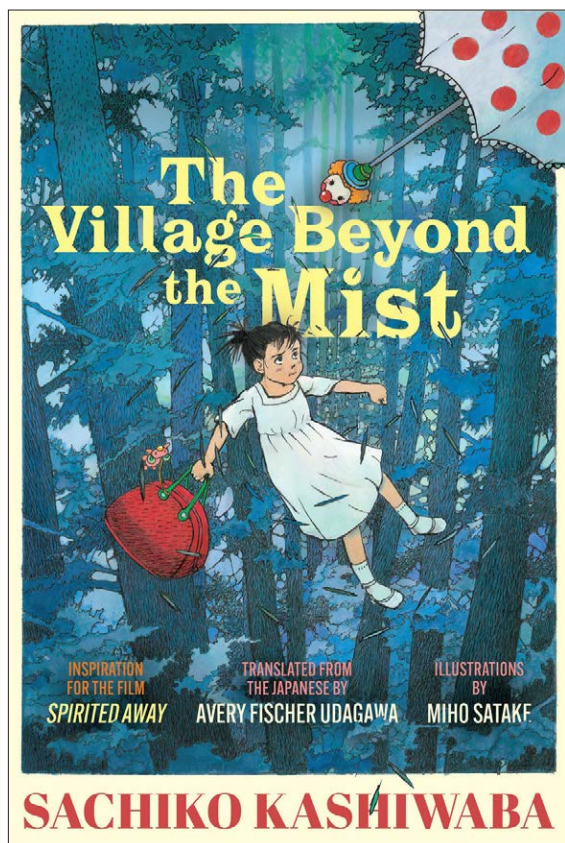


Ursula Dubosarsky wanted to be a writer from the age of six, and is now the author of over 60 books for children and young adults. Her books have won several national and international children's literature prizes, including the NSW, Victorian, South Australian and Queensland Premier's Literary Awards, the Astrid Lindgren award and the Hans Christian Andersen award. This is the very first story she has ever written about a cat!



Paul Lalo was born in France and, in 2004, arrived in Australia to study animation at the Queensland College of Art. Paul has worked as a director, animator and motion designer for TV commercials, music videos and documentaries. Paul is co-founder of Melbourne-based animation boutique Soymilk Studio which specialises in stop-motion and motion design.





9781632063922 | October 2025 | Yonder | HB | 160pp
| 215x146mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author, translator and illustrator:

Sachiko Kashiwaba is a prolific writer of children's and young adult fantasy whose career spans more than four decades. Her works have garnered the prestigious Sankei, Shogakukan, and Noma children's literature awards, and her novel *The Village Beyond the Mist* inspired Hayao Miyazaki's film *Spirited Away*.

Avery Fischer Udagawa grew up in Kansas and studied English and Asian Studies at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. She holds an MA in advanced Japanese studies from the University of Sheffield.

Miho Satake is a Japanese artist and illustrator. She is best known for illustrating the Japanese editions of several classic children's books including *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones, three books in the *Kiki's Delivery Service* series by Eiko Kadono, and the twentieth-anniversary edition of the *Harry Potter* series.

THE VILLAGE BEYOND THE MIST

SACHIKO KASHIWABA, TRANSLATED BY AVERY FISCHER UDAGAWA, ILLUSTRATED BY MIHO SATAKE

- This classic children's novel was one of director Hayao Miyazaki's initial inspirations for what would become the beloved Studio Ghibli film *Spirited Away*, making it essential reading for fans of the iconic animation studio and Japanese folklore
- The novel was first published in Japan in 1975, and this is the first time it will be widely available to English readers

Age range 8 to 13

Lina's father had suggested she go 'someplace different' for the summer, and she's beginning to wish she hadn't listened. She could be at her grandma's house in Nagano now, instead of trudging through a forest in search of a town that might not even exist. But when a gust of wind carries off her umbrella, it leads Lina down a secret path between the trees to a strange and incredible world.

In the hidden village of Misty Valley, centaurs roam the cobblestone streets and gnomes visit shops stuffed with spellbooks and enchanted desserts. All magic has a dark side, though, and sometimes even sorcerers need a human's helping hand.

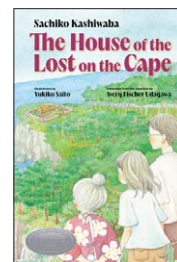
Also available:

THE HOUSE OF THE LOST ON THE CAPE

SACHIKO KASHIWABA,
TRANSLATED BY AVERY FISCHER UDAGAWA,
ILLUSTRATED BY YUKIKO SAITO



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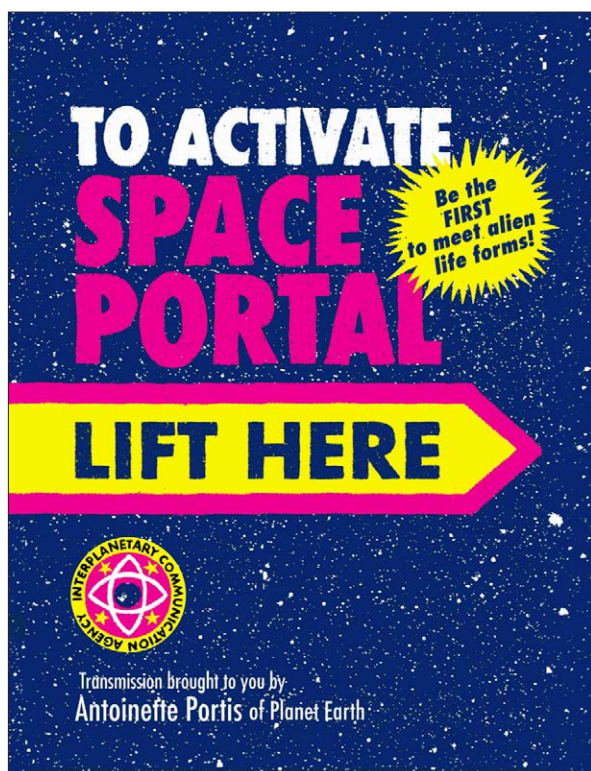
TEMPLE ALLEY SUMMER

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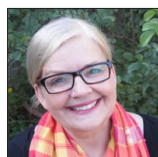
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210x140mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN





9781836300359 | October 2025 | Scallywag Press |
HB | 56pp | 279x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$32.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author:

Antoinette Portis lives in California. She made her picture-book debut with *Not A Box*, winner of an ALA Seuss Geisel Honor, a

New York Times Ten Best Illustrated Books of the Year and *NYT* bestseller. In the UK Antoinette has won the English Association Award, been long listed for the UKLA Award, and nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal. Her books are highly valued by teachers and librarians.



TO ACTIVATE SPACE PORTAL LIFT HERE ANTOINETTE PORTIS

- An interactive book – it opens a space portal and turning the pages uses up the virtual battery
- Drama of a real encounter, with prompts to the reader to interact through the portal
- Intriguing cover with sparkly foil, and bright lines and bold colours inside
- Fresh and playful, to activate young imaginations
- A subtle message of acceptance: feelings of 'strangeness' fade away when similarities are realised
- Theme of space, planets and aliens

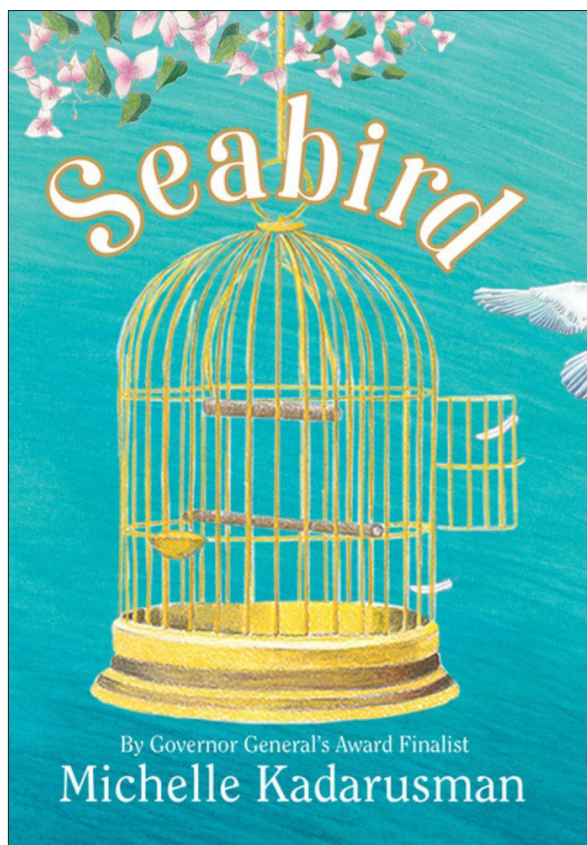
Age range 3+

This book is an interstellar portal, and the aliens inside want to get to know you!

Before you lift the cover, be sure you're ready to meet Zrk and Blrg. They're not so different from you – but to them, you're the alien!

After their initial shock at seeing you through the portal, they're eager to see what kind of teeth you have, compare home planets, and maybe team up for a prank. You met as aliens, but by the time the portal closes, maybe you'll be friends.





SEABIRD

MICHELLE KADARUSMAN

- Award-winning author who regularly receives starred reviews and wide acclaim Historical fiction is widely popular
- This is the first middle-grade novel covering the story of Kartini's life (her birthday, April 21st, is now celebrated in Indonesia as Kartini Day in her honour). A feminist story advocating for women's education
- Illustrating the importance of friendships across borders
- A story that looks at the complex relationship between family members
- Perfect for students in grade seven and eight learning about the impact of colonialism

Age range 8+

Inspired by the true story of a nineteenth century feminist.

Seabird follows Kartini's early teen years as a young noble girl. Confined to the family home in preparation for an arranged marriage, Kartini's desire for freedom ignites as she fights to have a say in the decisions that shape her life.

In late nineteenth century Indonesia – then known as the Dutch East Indies – a Javanese girl from a noble family is confined to her home before her thirteenth birthday, where she must remain until she is married. Removed from school and the outside world, Kartini writes to her former Dutch schoolmate, Lesty, who has returned to the Netherlands. With Lesty's support Kartini begins to challenge the role expected of her, and that of girls and women in her community. Determined to gain her freedom, Kartini bravely battles prejudice and tradition stirring change for her family, and for her country.

Governor General's Award finalist Michelle Kadarusman shows us that no matter how powerless you feel, your voice can have great impact. By virtue of writing down your dreams and ideas, you can inspire generations to come.

Also available:

MUSIC FOR TIGERS

MICHELLE KADARUSMAN

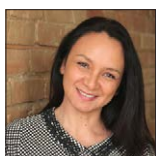


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About the author:

Michelle Kadarusman is a Canadian-based children's author, who spends part of the year in Australia. She is twice-nominated

for a Governor General's Literary Award and her work has been translated into Spanish, German, Japanese and Turkish. Her middle-grade novels have earned many nominations and honors, including the Freeman Book Awards, TD Award for Children's Literature, Green Earth Books Awards, USBBY Outstanding International Books and Malka Penn Award for Human Rights in Children's Literature. She's originally from Australia and Indonesia.



MAT O' SHANTER

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SIMON LAMB AND ROSS MACRAE

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Age range 7+

A modern version of a classic poem, written for the ears and eyes and hearts of today.

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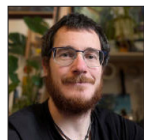
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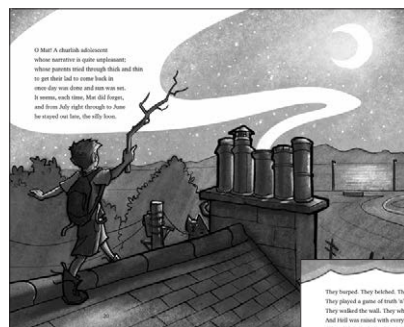
About the authors:



Simon Lamb is the Carnegie-nominated author of *A Passing On of Shells*, his debut poetry collection. With a background in performance and education, he lives in Ayrshire, where he held the role of Scribe at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway, 2022-2025.



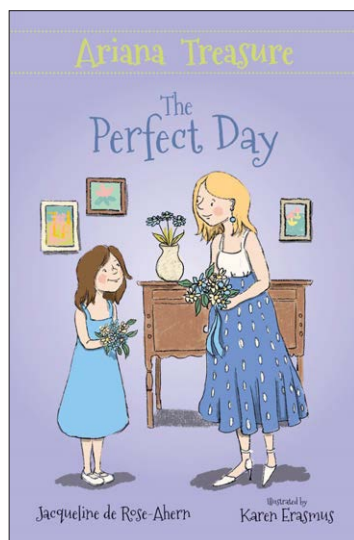
Ross MacRae is a Scottish muralist and first time book illustrator whose large-scale work can be found across Scotland. He works on community projects with young people.





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ARIANA TREASURE: THE PERFECT DAY

JACQUELINE DE ROSE-AHERN,
ILLUSTRATED BY KAREN ERASMUS

- Encourages creative problem-solving strategies
- Emphasis on sustainability and caring for the environment through reusing
- Promotes kindness, friendship, and teamwork while celebrating diversity and multiculturalism
- Beginning reader friendly, with short chapters

Age range 5 to 7

Ariana Treasure is thrilled to be a part of her aunt's wedding. As her flower girl, she desperately wants to make the day perfect. And with The Treasure Chest as their hub for preparations, Ariana is helping wherever she can. Unfortunately, while trying to move the freshly made wedding cake to the back room, Ariana accidentally drops it and smears blue icing all over her aunt's wedding dress! To make matters worse, it also starts to rain. It seems the perfect day is lost. Thankfully, with the thriftshop on their side, Ariana and her friends can look for creative solutions.



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- Perfect for beginner readers with short chapters
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- A focus on creative problem solving
- Celebrates diversity and multiculturalism

Age range 5 to 7

Ariana is excited to hear there is a new kid in town. She can't wait to show him around the Treasure Chest – the best thrift shop in town. Can Ariana use the treasures from the thrift shop to help make a new friend and find her missing book?

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ARIANA TREASURE: THE SECRET INGREDIENT

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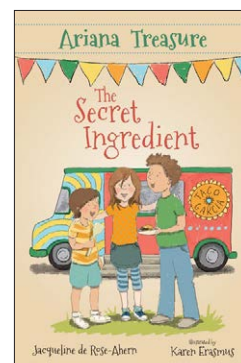


- **Perfect for beginner readers with short chapters, plenty of white space and light illustrations**
- **Promotes kindness, friendship and working collaboratively as a team**
- **Environmentally friendly messages, a focus on sustainability with an emphasis on reusing**

Age range 5 to 7

Join Ariana at the Treasure Chest – the best thrift shop in town!

Come and find the secret ingredient. Ariana is excited for the food truck competition. Her friends, Hunter and Jake, are confident their family will win the big prize. All they need is a standout dish and thanks to the Treasure Chest they think they have it.



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ARIANA TREASURE

The Lucky Shoes

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- **Emphasis on sustainability and caring for the environment through reuse**
- **Promotes kindness, friendship, and teamwork while celebrating diversity and multiculturalism**
- **Beginning reader friendly, with short chapters**

Age range 5 to 7

Ariana Treasure loves helping her friends and Maya definitely needs her help. There's a talent show at school, but Maya thinks she has no talent. To add to Maya's dilemma, she is desperate to impress her grandfather who is visiting all the way from Sri Lanka. Can Ariana help Maya discover her special talent before show day? Afterall Ariana knows we all have talents.



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ARIANA TREASURE: THE LOST FROG

JACQUELINE DE ROSE-AHERN, ILLUSTRATED BY KAREN ERASMUS



- **Encourages creative problem-solving strategies**
- **Emphasis on sustainability and caring for the environment through reusing**
- **Promotes kindness, friendship, and teamwork while celebrating diversity and multiculturalism**
- **Beginning reader friendly, with short chapters**

Age range 5 to 7

Ariana Treasure loves animals but what happens when a mischievous frog accidentally ends up at her mother's thrift shop, The Treasure Chest? Can Ariana help get the lost frog home before it causes too much trouble?

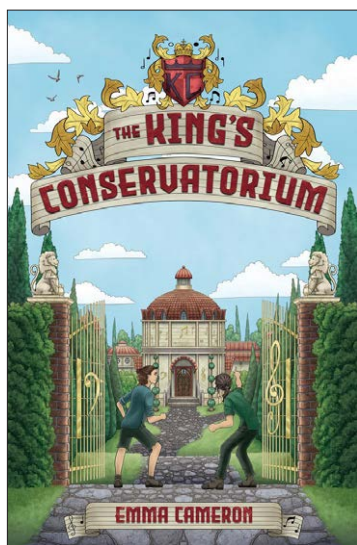


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THE KING'S CONSERVATORIUM

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- A heart-warming tale of two brothers who must rely on each other to make it through a dangerous and fraught journey
- A rich dystopian setting filled a marvellous array of relatable characters that draws the reader into a world that seems unimaginable with its laws, but still feels so real

Age range 10+

I dream about the world my parents described, where music and song are allowed. I was happiest when they sang with me. But now they are gone. And my brother has no voice.

Who will sing with me now?

When twelve-year-old Garlan and his mute brother Cadell are forced to run from their abusive guardians, they plan to find the land beyond their own, a place where they're allowed to sing, unlike the laws that banish all forms of music in their home in Elatha.

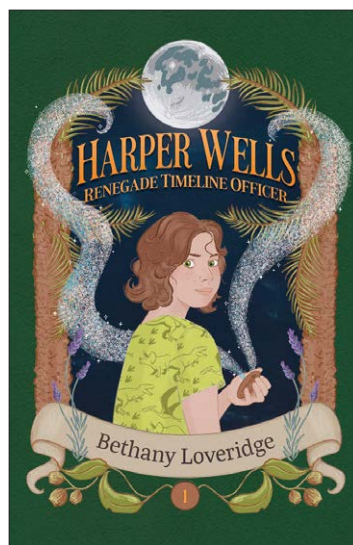
They begin a dangerous journey to cross the great wall at the kingdom's border. Pursued by the King's Guard and facing untold dangers, can they find this magical place or will it separate them forever?



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- Featuring Edith Cowan, the first woman elected (1921) to an Australian parliament
- Asks the reader to consider who has the right to control the retelling of history and whose are told

Age range 10+

Harper Wells finally gets a bedroom of her own, away from her annoying big brother. But on the first night in her new bed, she wakes up in the past and meets a troubled young girl named Edie.

Has befriending Edie changed the course of Australia's history? Who does this strange time-travelling bed really belong to? And what will happen when the rightful owner discovers Harper using it?

Harper is thrown into a world of time-travelling spies as she risks her life to find a missing girl before time runs out.



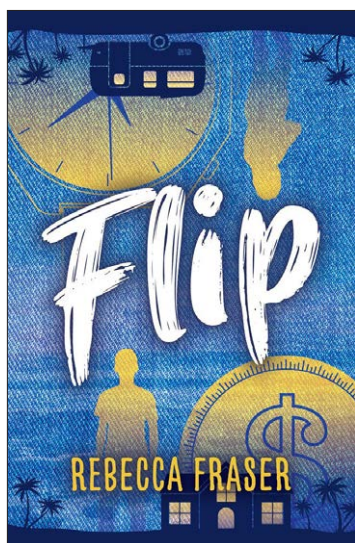
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FLIP

REBECCA FRASER

- Part of the **Rhiza Shorts** series: a new list of teen novellas for busy teens or reluctant readers. Each book has an easy to follow stand-a-lone story based on topics, struggles and interests that teens face today
- Incorporates current trends of thrift store shopping, upcycling and vintage clothing

Age range 13+

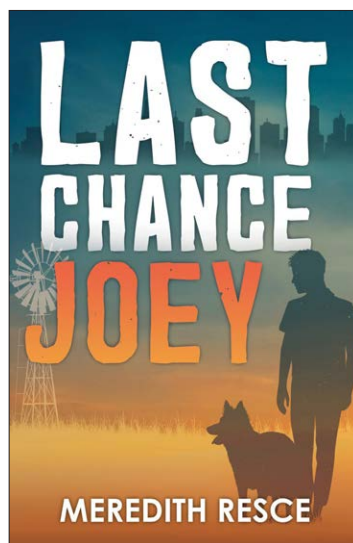
Denim Davies wishes he could flip his life, just like the vintage items and clothing he finds at garage sales and thrift stores and sells online. With the worsening housing crisis, Denim and his dad have spent a year moving from town to town in search of sustainable work and a home they can call their own. Every move means starting over in a new school. Denim feels he's drifting through life without an anchor.

When Denim and his dad arrive in the coastal town of Driftwood Heights, Denim knows things are only going to get worse. The only accommodation is in the caravan park, he's just started Year 10, and in this small town where everyone knows each other, he feels more of a misfit than ever. Besides, what's the point of getting close to anyone if you're just going to move away again?



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LAST CHANCE JOEY

MEREDITH RESCE

- Multigenerational friendship with intergenerational care and support
- Representation of dyslexia and overcoming its difficulties
- Prevalent themes of inclusion and overcoming a troubled past
- Small town romance and situations

Age range 13 to 18

No phone, no wi-fi, no friends and no options.

Expelled from three schools, Joey is sent to the country to live with his aunt. She asks him to help an old man recovering from an accident, and now he has a choice. It sounds like a crazy idea, but he chooses to help. What else is there to do, a million miles from anywhere?

But when Joey meets Harry, he finds in him a friend – even if he's eighty-five. Maybe life when people trust you might be a good thing.

As Joey's desire for acceptance grows, break-ins threaten the community and Joey's past starts to catch up with him. How can Joey turn his life around when his mistakes follow him everywhere he goes? And will he be there for Harry when he needs him?



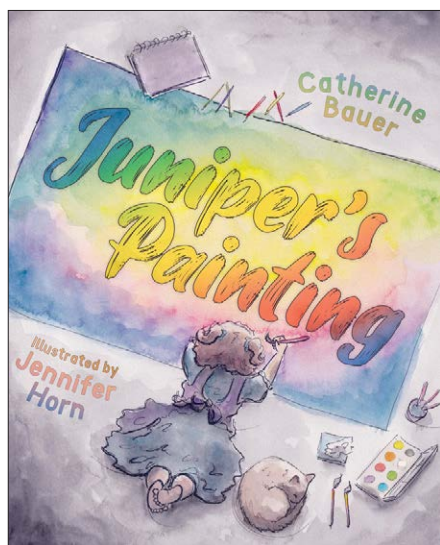
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JUNIPER'S PAINTING

CATHERINE BAUER, ILLUSTRATED BY
JENNIFER HORN

- Helps children patiently navigate disappointment, embrace their creativity, and find enjoyment in the present
- Helps children learn self-reliance and independent play
- Ideal for a creative child who enjoys painting and drawing

Age range 4 to 7

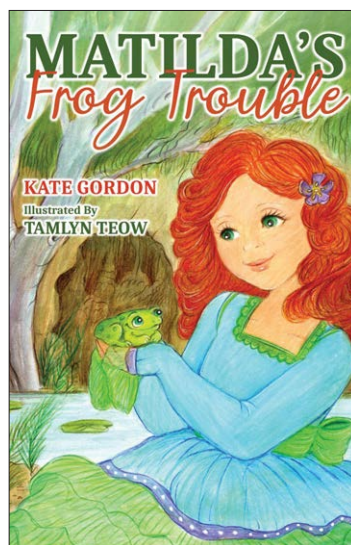
Juniper is stuck in her beachside home. All she wants is to play on the sand, collect shells, and look for mermaids in the shallows. But it's too wet and Mamma's busy with work. Juniper tries to keep busy with indoor games – like a tea party with her dolls, and building a blanket cave with Teddy.

Eventually, she runs out of things to do. Mamma suggests she paint a picture, so Juniper decides to paint her beloved beach. She starts with the sky that stretches down to the deep sea green, then adds red sailboats and darting silverfish. By the time it's complete, Juniper is surprised to see that something has changed! The storm has passed and Mamma is ready to go to the beach. Did her painting change the world outside?



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MATILDA'S FROG TROUBLE

KATE GORDON, ILLUSTRATED BY
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- A short, entertaining story about friendship, history, adventure and frogs
- Features diverse cultural representations
- A love story within a story about friendship and adventure
- Heavily focussed in Australia and highlights Australian history, especially the gold rush period
- Features a plotline on Australian immigration
- Features interracial relationship and the clash of cultures that resulted from it

Age range 9 to 13

Matilda loves visiting her cousin Emily's farm with her friends. Especially down by the creek with the cute frogs. One day, Emily and her mum find an old tin. It contains a leather pouch and a beautiful Chinese comb. But where did it come from?

The girls uncover even more surprises when a naughty froglet stows away in Matilda's jacket and escapes. Now there's a mystery to solve and a frog to find!

Can the girls figure it out and set things right again?



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THE DAY THE BRIDGE FELL

CORAL VASS

- Part of the **Rhiza Shorts** series: a new list of teen novellas for busy teens or reluctant readers. Each book has an easy to follow stand-a-lone story based on topics, struggles and interests that teens face today
- Australian historical fiction of the construction of Melbourne's West Gate Bridge, which links to National Curriculum teaching objectives. Factual information is included at the end of the book
- Two boys become men when the West Gate Bridge collapses

Age range 12 to 18

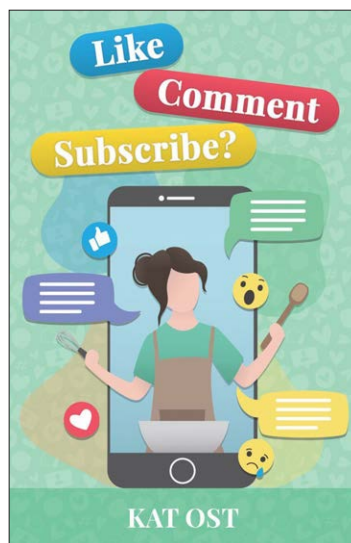
Obsessed with the construction of Melbourne's new West Gate Bridge, where his father works, Ray Johnston overhears a conversation about a fault in the bridge and a plan to loosen its bolts. He tells his best friend Tom and confides in his father, who insists that he keeps quiet about it.

Ray is devastated when he hears sirens coming from the worksite. He races there to find that the bridge has fallen, taking several workers with it. Is his dad one of them? What else can he do?



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- Part of the **Rhiza Shorts** series: a new list of teen novellas for busy teens or reluctant readers. Each book has an easy to follow stand-a-lone story based on topics, struggles and interests that teens face today
- Offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the world of influencers, including the isolation that comes with online fame and the often-hidden stresses

Age range 12+

Becca has been online influencer since she helped make promotional baking videos for her mom's patisserie as a toddler. Now at fifteen, cutting online comments remind Becca she is no longer the cute flour-covered kid her followers first subscribed to. Her business-driven manager fuels Becca's self-doubt by pressuring her to rebrand to a health and weight-conscious influencer. Becca vents her frustration in her poetry journal, questioning if the online life is worth sacrificing real friendships.

A teacher encourages Becca to sign up to the online writing community Poet's Portal and there she meets @notmylife, another poster feeling trapped by family expectations.



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CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

IAN FLEMING, ILLUSTRATED BY THOMAS GILBERT

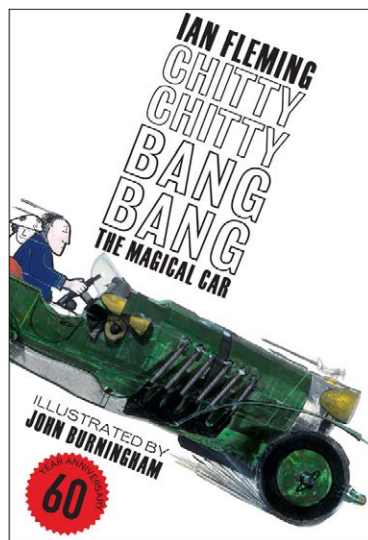
- This is the first new edition of the original text in ten years
- Features brand new cover & illustrations
- Honours the motoring heritage of Chitty and Ian Fleming

Age range 7 to 10

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a timeless classic: a gripping, fast-paced children's adventure story, written by Ian Fleming to read to his son, Caspar. It was first published in 1964 with illustrations by John Burningham. The car was inspired by the racing cars built by Count Louis Zborowski at Higham Park in Kent. Sadly, Ian Fleming never lived to see the book published: he died in 1964, two months before it came out. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, the feature-film, loosely based on the book and co-written by Roald Dahl, was released in 1968.



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CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

IAN FLEMING, ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN BURNINGHAM

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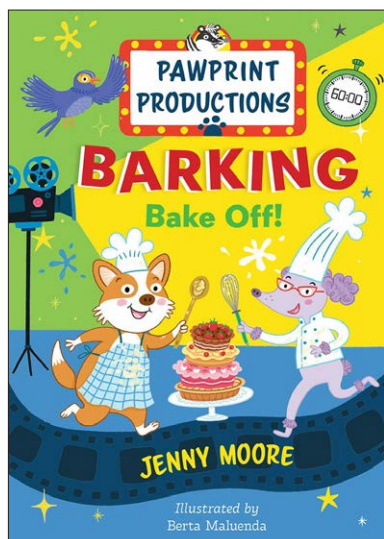
Age range 7 to 10

Celebrate sixty years of the world's most famous magical flying car. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* is a fast-paced children's adventure story, originally written by Ian Fleming – the creator of James Bond – to read to his son, Caspar. It follows the Pott family: Caractacus, Mimsie, Jemima and Jeremy, who just invented an incredible whistling sweet. Their next project? Fixing up their new car – a very, very special car...

It takes them on the adventure of a lifetime, over the



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BARKING BAKE OFF!

JENNY MOORE, ILLUSTRATED BY BERTA MALUENDA

- Will appeal to animal lovers and fans of humorous fiction
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- Quirky and fun illustrations by talented illustrator Berta Maluenda

Age range 6 to 8

Everybody loves a baking show, but not when the finished cakes come with a health warning! Has Corgi Joe lost his cooking touch or is something sinister going on behind the scenes at Pawprint Productions...?

Will Meek and Squeak solve the baffling *Barking Bake Off* mystery in time or is the show a recipe for disaster?

PAWPRINT PRODUCTIONS is a hilarious brand new series by award-winning author, Jenny Moore.



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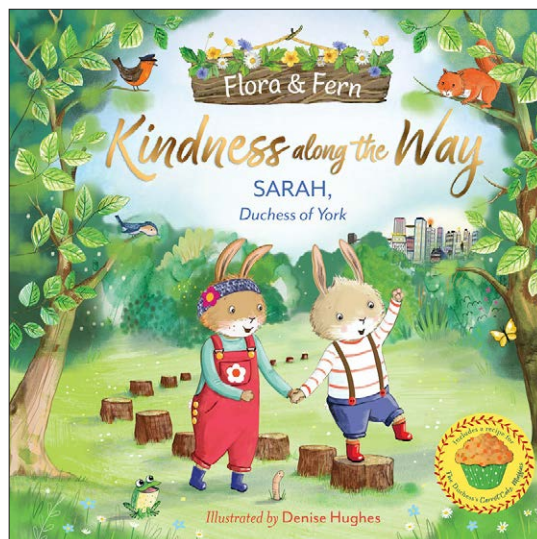
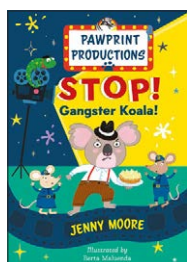
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JENNY MOORE, ILLUSTRATED BY BERTA MALUENDA



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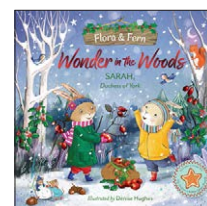
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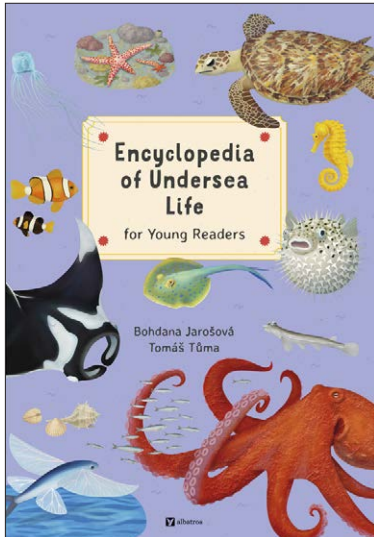
FLORA & FERN: WONDER IN THE WOODS

SARAH, DUCHESS OF YORK, ILLUSTRATED BY DENISE HUGHES



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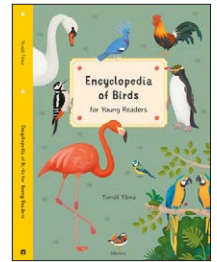
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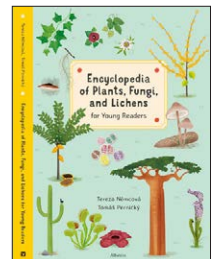


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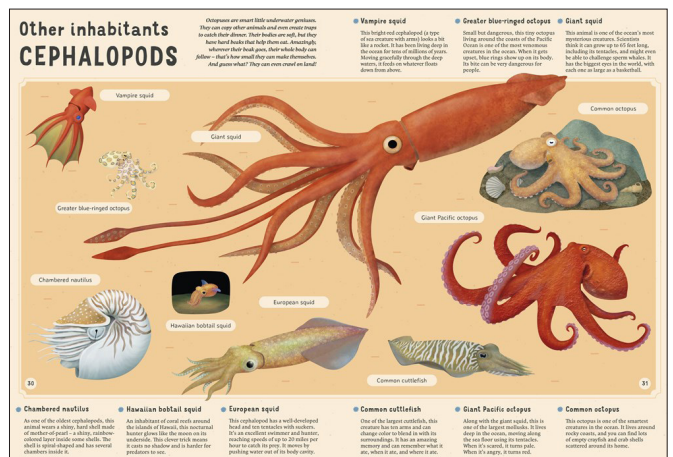
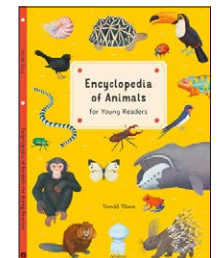


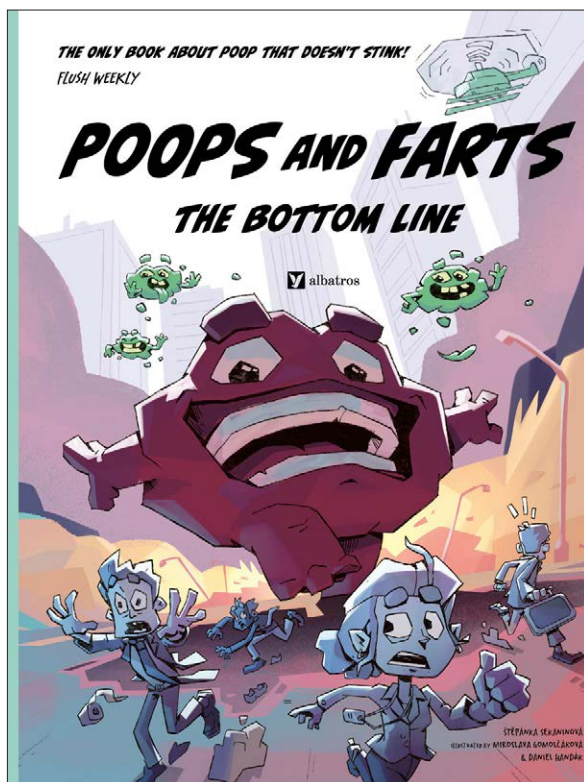
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POOPS AND FARTS

The Bottom Line

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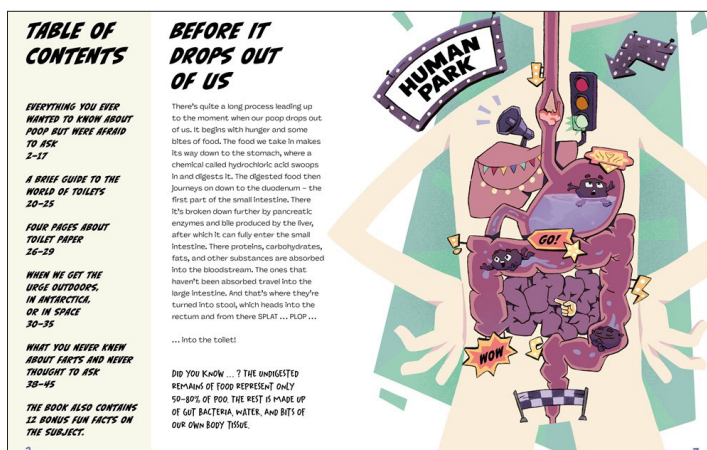
- An awkward topic made accessible and enjoyable with hilarious facts and jokes
- Combines humour with educational insights on bodily functions and history
- Explores fascinating topics like medieval toilets and unusual animal behaviours
- Ideal for reluctant readers with its humour and comic-style layout

Age range 6 to 9

Unlock science through silliness!

This fun and fully illustrated non-fiction book tackles poops and farts, yes you read that correctly! *Poops and Farts* teaches kids about digestion, the history of toilets and toilet paper, how to poop outdoors or in space, and so much more in an engaging, comic-book style. It's a fantastic way to encourage open conversations and make learning fun even for the most reluctant of readers.

Fuel their curiosity for science – order now!





'An unputdownable debut!' – #1
New York Times
bestselling author,
Sasha Alsberg

THE DEVIL'S WALTZ

JESSI ELLIOTT

- **Now in paperback!**
- Discover what happens when a young woman from a family of demon hunters falls in love with the half-demon prince of hell in this spicy paranormal romance

Age range 16+

It's been five years since her sister was killed by a demon and Camille Morgan swore off the family business of demon hunting. Now a college sophomore, Cami is determined to get her degree and move far away from Seattle – and all things paranormal.

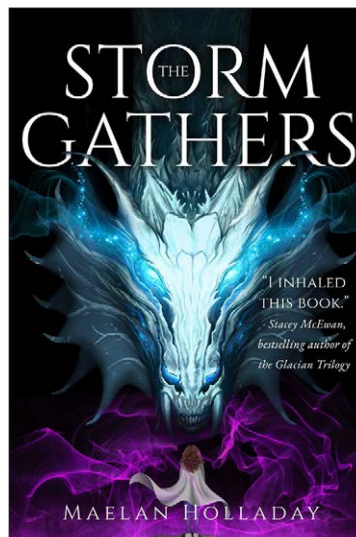
But when Cami becomes the target of a demon attack she's convinced is a ploy by her parents to drag her back into training, the wildly charming and attractive Xander Kane comes to her rescue. Except her saviour isn't a hunter. Or even human.

Xander is a demon, the alluring prince of hell, whose magnetic presence leaves Cami both captivated and conflicted, especially when she finds out he plans on using her to destroy the demon hunters once and for all.

Caught between her growing affection for Xander and her loyalty to her family, Cami struggles to make a decision that could shatter her and endanger the lives of those she loves.



9781958607329 | September 2025 | Inimitable Books | PB | 360pp | 230x127mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



THE STORM GATHERS

MAELAN HOLLADAY

- **Now in paperback!**
- Discover what **Kirkus** calls 'an electric work of epic fantasy', where allies are scarce and almost everyone will kill for power

Age range 14+

'One day, my dear daughter, you will destroy the world.'

After being forced from her home five years ago, Alana Zaya has finally been given the opportunity to return and claim her rightful place on the Okaron throne. When her voyage is waylaid by pirates, she soon finds herself stranded at sea, surrounded by strangers harboring dark secrets. But hers are perhaps the darkest of all.

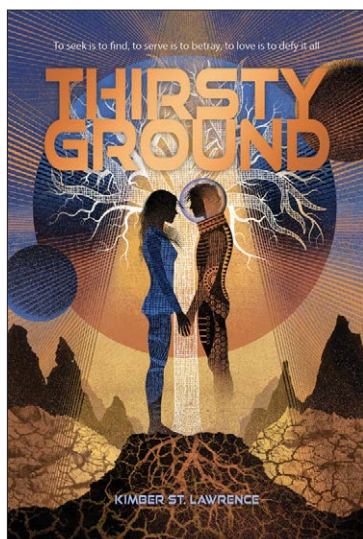
Across the world, Rae Toma is a warrior who can't walk away from a fight. After years of using her skills to rebel against the regime that trained her, her treachery is revealed, forcing her to flee into the Shatter – a maze of islands that no one has ever returned from.

There, she finds Nur Del Sue, a Stormwitch on a mission to prove herself in a world determined to ignore her.

Forced from their homes, can these characters survive long enough to uncover the deadly mysteries at the heart of their world?



9781958607046 | October 2025 | Inimitable Books | PB | 408pp | 203x127mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



THIRSTY GROUND

KIMBER ST. LAWRENCE

- Perfect for fans of character-driven science fiction with high action, enemies-to-lovers, brothers-in-arms, and found family
- Water scarcity, climate change, and other environmental issues have been in the news, and it's something young people continue to care about

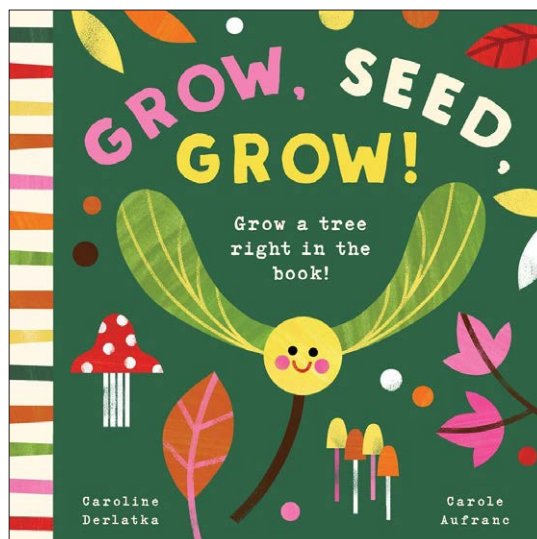
Age range 14+

It's been thirteen decades since Tsimmaon left the Arid Planet in search of water, carrying only 1 percent of the human race in a bid to keep the species alive. There's no one thirstier on that space ark than the young recruits eager to earn their spot on the elite Hydroseeker League and find the next water source. Seventeen-year-old Conway 12-1, the strongest moto-rover rider among his cadre, is just weeks from Hydroseeker initiation. Until one failed mission changes everything.

Left for dead on the fabled Arid Planet with a life-altering injury, Conway is taken in by the citizens of Mayanah, a community no one knew had survived the Dry Death. But these people have a secret: their water is deadly if you don't follow its rules. Mayanah's beautiful young sovereign Selah is the key to safe water and, Conway realises, to the survival of his spacenation. If he can bring this revelation back home, he might still have a shot at being a Hydroseeker. He just needs to convince himself that betraying Selah is worth it, which gets harder the closer they become...



9781454957959 | October 2025 | Union Square & Co | PB | 336pp | 211x140mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



GROW, SEED, GROW!

CAROLINE DERLATKA, CAROLE AUFRANC

- An interactive board book with spinning wheels, pull-tabs, flaps, and more, perfect for little hands
- A gardening book for young children – a way to introduce gardening without the mess
- Introduces how planting trees, flowers, and other plants help the environment to very young children

Age range 3 to 5

Grow, seed, grow! Little gardeners will bury the seed, water and care for it, and make the plant grow in this 3-D interactive board book about plants.

Toddlers will learn all about the how plants grow with their own hands as they move a seed to the ground, cover it with soil, water it with metal can, giving it plant food, watching the sun warm it, and then turning a clock to make the plant grow.

One little seed wild and free, blows into the sky and twirls with the breeze. Move it to the ground nice and slow. Let's make this little seed grow, grow, grow!

Lift-the-flaps, spinners, and pull tabs do all the movement so little kids can find out how important plants are to our environment!



9781638191896 | October 2025 | Bushel & Peck | BH | 12pp | 178x178mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

CROSSING THE FINISH LINE

THUSHANTHI PONWEERA, ILLUSTRATED BY MAITHILI JOSHI

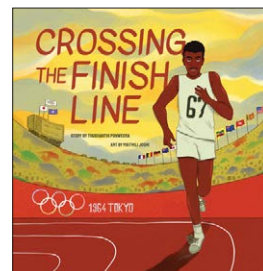
- Thushanthi Ponweera's account of Karunananda's story defines failure and success in a way that upends our traditional understanding of both concepts, making *Crossing the Finish Line* a top choice among other athlete-centred books

Age range 4 to 8

An inspiring nonfiction picture book about the courage and perseverance of 1964 Sri Lankan Olympian Ranatunge Karunananda, and the ways in which we define success.

Sri Lankan soldier Ranatunge Karunananda is the first runner to ever represent his country in the 10,000-metre race in the Olympic Games. Despite the lack of support and resources, Karu stands on the track in Japan, determined to represent Sri Lanka and his family well. As the race begins and the other runners lap Karu time and again, he presses on despite objections, winning not the race but the hearts of the 70,000-person crowd, and inspiring people across the world to stay steadfast in the race for their dreams.

9781454950189 | October 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 40pp | 260x264mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

**ULTIMATE BEGINNER'S GUIDE FOR MINECRAFTERS**

Unofficial Tips and Tricks to Survive and Thrive in the Overworld!

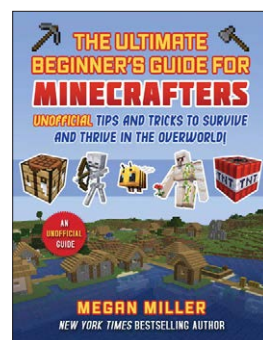
MEGAN MILLER

- The most comprehensive guide available for new players learning the ropes of the world's most popular game – Minecraft!
- Not an official Minecraft product

Age range 7+

Immerse yourself in a new, vibrant, delightful world – exploring, fishing, farming, fighting (if you want), fossil-hunting, and so much more. Unlike any other game world, in Minecraft, you can touch, pick up, and place pretty much anything you see, anywhere; you can travel as far as you want in any direction, from desert to ocean to snowy mountains and crystal caves; and you can create any structure, from a humble animal pen to a giant working rollercoaster, using just the blocks the world is made of.

9781510781214 | October 2025 | Sky Pony Press | HB | 320pp | 279x216mm | AU \$44.99 | NZ \$49.99 | DISC: GEN

**WINNIE THE POOH/HOUSE AT POOH CORNER BOXED SET**

Two Beautiful Classics in One Box Set!

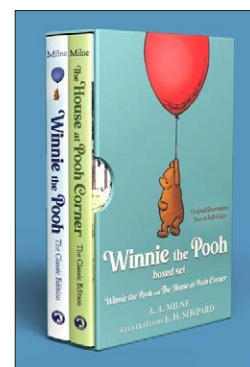
A. A. MILNE, ILLUSTRATED BY E. H. SHEPARD, CONTRIBUTIONS BY DIEGO JOURDAN PEREIRA

- Fully revitalised editions of the 1926 and 1928 classics, featuring full-colour versions of the original illustrations by E. H. Shepherd in a stunning box set
- A great gift for children and readers of any age!

Age range 7+

Winnie the Pooh has enchanted readers of all ages for nearly one hundred years with its relatable, heartwarming adventures that follow the famously friendly and lovable teddy bear. In this classic collection, Winnie navigates the Hundred Acre Wood with Christopher Robin, Eeyore, Piglet, Owl, and Rabbit, learning the true meaning of friendship and the value of accepting everyone exactly as they are.

9781510782679 | October 2025 | Sky Pony Press | HB | 368pp | 229x152mm | AU \$44.99 | NZ \$49.99 | DISC: GEN





Father's Day Highlights!



FEARLESS WITH DAD

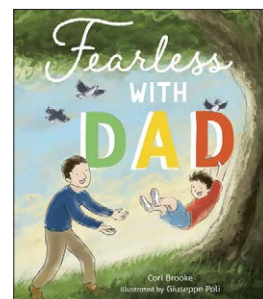
CORI BROOKE, ILLUSTRATED BY GIUSEPPE POLI

- A celebration of fatherhood – perfect for Father's Day
- Evocative and playful story with a nurtured sense of optimism with bright, colourful and fun illustrations
- Highlights the ordinary and spectacular moments a father and son can share together
- Teachers' notes available

Age range 3 to 6

'With my Dad, I can do anything...'

A little boy's lovable celebration of the endless possibilities and adventures he has with his father.



9781925059625 | August 2021 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN

MY DAD IS A BEAR

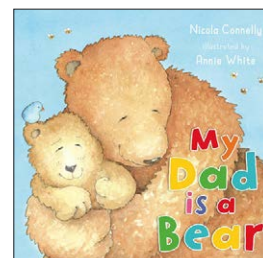
NICOLA CONNELLY, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNIE WHITE



- Highlights the bond between father and son through compassion and descriptive language, and emotive, colour illustrations
- Perfect gift for Father's Day
- Nicola Connelly is an emerging Australian author. She writes stories based on real life experiences and books she liked to read as a child. She is a primary school teacher in Queensland, which means she is constantly surrounded by books for young children

Age range 0 to 3

Charlie's dad is tall, round and soft. Sometimes he growls. Could he be a bear? Luckily for Charlie there's one thing bears do best.



9781922326249 | August 2021 | New Frontier | BH | 20pp | 200x200mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

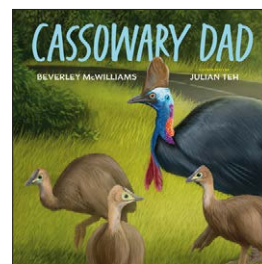


Father's Day Highlights!



CASSOWARY DAD

BEVERLEY MCWILLIAMS, ILLUSTRATED BY JULIAN TEH



- Explores the fascinating world of the Southern Cassowary
- Features the role of the cassowary 'dad' and his importance in raising a family. Will be a great tie in for Father's Day

Age range 5 to 9

Tap, tap, CRACK!

Three stripy chicks hatch...

After patiently incubating his mate's eggs, Cassowary Dad must raise the chicks alone. Cassowary Dad nurtures, teaches and protects his chicks. But looking after three chicks is not easy. When a cyclone tears through their rainforest home, will this devoted dad be able to save his family?



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9781486317578 | February 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

DAD JOKES

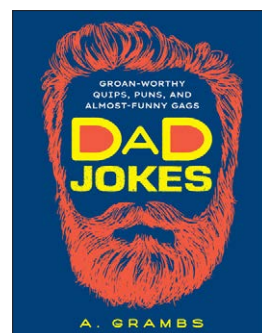
Groan-Worthy Quips, Puns, and Almost-Funny Gags

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- **Dad Jokes** is supercharged for Father's Day, holidays, birthdays, or any other occasion that demands a joke so bad it's actually funny
- With 30% new material and a new look, **Dad Jokes** will contain more than 600 jokes, making it a perfectly sized and affordable humour book

Age range 8+

The best eye-rolling, corny punch lines and gags all in one place! This assemblage of quick-witted puns and equally cringeworthy groaners offers more than 600 quips so bad that they're actually funny. Organised into themes for any occasion, you'll find everything from snappy-yet-terrible one-liners to embarrassing dialogue. It will keep the whole family howling (and begging you to stop) for hours upon end.



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9781454948933 | August 2023 | Union Square & Co | PB | 192pp | 177x139mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

THE BIG BOOK OF DAD JOKES

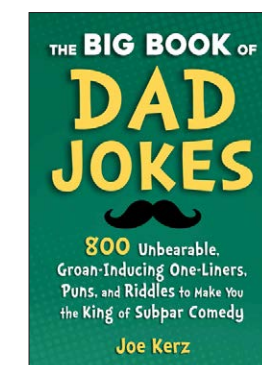
More Than 800 Unbearable, Groan-Inducing One-Liners, Puns, and Riddles to Make You the King of Subpar Comedy

JOE KERZ

- Hundreds and hundreds of jokes that will drive your family crazy

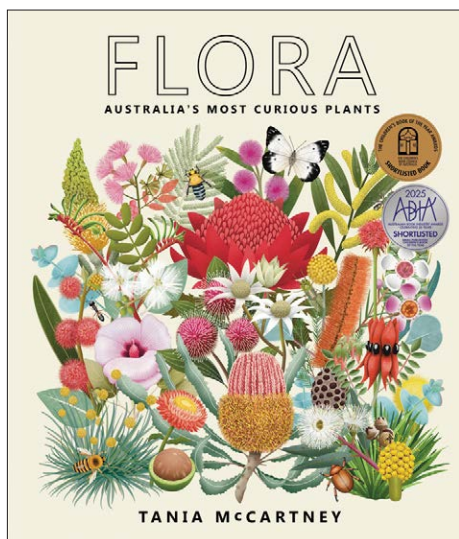
Age range 8+

Nothing is more hilarious for mums, sons, and daughters than the bad jokes dads tell. (Well, at least he thinks they're hilarious...) Have you ever noticed when you're out to dinner and your dad takes it upon himself to antagonise your server with a lame joke? Has he ever made a pun that made everyone at a family gathering roll their eyes? Has he ever made a corny comment about things simply lying around the house? If you answered 'yes' to any of the following, you're not alone. Dad jokes are at the centre of all dad interactions and the core of every dad's persona.



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9781631586620 | August 2022 | Racehorse Publishing | HB | 288pp | 209x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



FLORA

Australia's Most Curious Plants

TANIA MCCARTNEY

- Companion to the widely successful, multi-award-winning *Fauna* (2019)
- Beautifully illustrated and designed, with brilliant colours, stylised illustrations and clever kid-friendly diagrams

Age range 7 to 12

****Shortlisted, ACT Literary Awards 2025, Children's literature (younger readers)****

****Shortlisted, ABIAs 2025, Small Publisher's Children's Book of the Year****

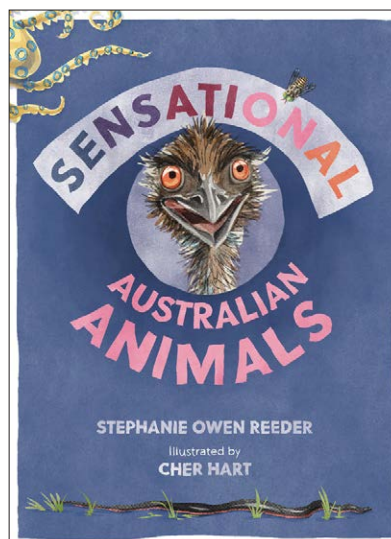
When it comes to flora, Australia is a land of diversity. From rainforests to deserts, mountains to the seashore, 90 per cent of our plant life is unique to this ancient land. Treasures like our wattles, eucalypts, grass trees and banksias are part of our heritage and identity – and they still flourish here today, on the oldest landmass on Earth.

Flora celebrates and highlights these diverse and curious plants, looking into the history, quirks and uses of our native plants, and how vital they are for our unique ecosystems. Tania McCartney brings her trademark skill and style in both writing and illustration, using her substantial experience in children's literature to examine Australia's botanical riches to pick out engaging, informative and surprising facts to share with young readers.



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9781922507716 | October 2024 | National Library of Australia | HB | 48pp | 280x235mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



SENSATIONAL AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER, ILLUSTRATED BY CHER HART

- Highlights the rich diversity of unique and amazing animals that inhabit Australia
- Explores how animals use sight, sound, smell, taste and touch every day, in both expected and unexpected ways
- Showcases over 145 fascinating and intriguing insects, birds, arthropods, mammals, sea creatures and other animals
- Encourages us to explore our world and to appreciate, help conserve and look after our wildlife

Age range 8+

****Shortlisted, ACT Literary Awards 2025, Children's literature (younger readers)****

Explore the fascinating world of native Australian animals through the five basic senses – sight, sound, smell, taste and touch.

Covering more than 145 truly astounding animals – from sharp-eyed whale sharks to sticky-bellied green tree frogs – *Sensational Australian Animals* showcases the strange things these creatures can do with their eyes, ears, noses, mouths and skin! Be intrigued, amazed and astonished by what insects, birds, spiders, fish and many other animals are capable of!



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9781486316892 | February 2024 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 64pp | 280x215mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



OCTOBER 2025 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT – AWARDS

SCIENCE ALL AROUND US

Big Questions for Curious Kids

MEI LIU, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS NIXON



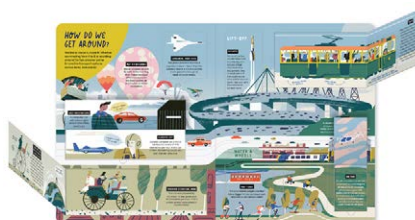
- With facts approved by science and education experts across Scienceworks and Melbourne Museum, families can rest assured that not only is this book an entertaining visual feast, it's also highly educational

Age range 6+

****Winner, ABDA Awards 2025, Best Designed Childrens Non-fiction Book****

Lift the flaps to discover fascinating facts about the world around you, including answers to questions like:

- How do we know what's out there in space?
- What do we do with all this poo?
- If we can't see it, how do we know it's real?



9781921833656 | May 2024 | Museums Victoria | BH | 14pp | 270x215mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

NIGHTLIFE

SANDRA KENDELL

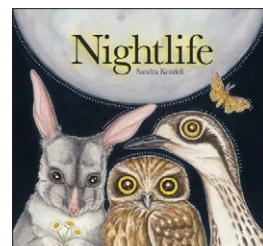
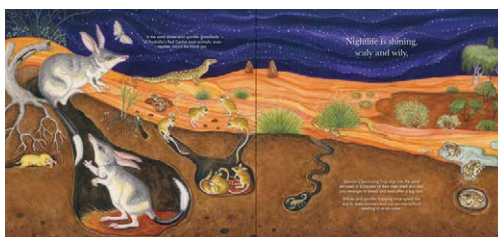


- Great resource about nocturnal animals
- Blends narrative with non-fiction information on each page
- Stunning illustrations

Age range 5+

****Shortlisted, Environment Award for Children's Literature 2025, Nonfiction****

Australia is home to more nocturnal animals than most other countries, come on a journey across our landscapes and discover the vibrancy and diversity of the nightlife!



9781922081117 | August 2024 | Windy Hollow Books | HB | 32pp | 265x245mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

OUR WORLD FULL OF WONDER

JEVITA NILSON, ILLUSTRATED BY JESS RACKLYEFT



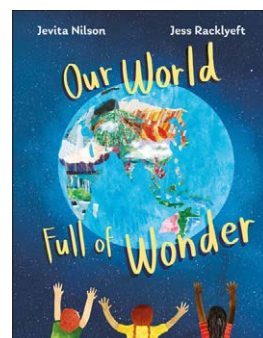
- Uses lyrical narrative, vibrant illustrations and fascinating facts to encourage kids to learn more about the natural world
- Introduces readers to a diverse range of places and phenomena found across Earth that they may not have heard of

Age range 5 to 9

****Shortlisted, Environment Award for Children's Literature 2025, Picture fiction****

Our world is full of amazing natural wonders. From sparkling seas and towering trees, to valleys, lakes and waterfalls, there are extraordinary places that seem too magical to be true but can be found right here on planet Earth.

There are ghostly green lights of the aurora borealis near the North Pole, and exquisite rainbow mountains in China. There is a lake in Australia so pink it looks like fairy floss, and giant crystal caves hidden below Mexico.



9781486318155 | November 2024 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 280x215mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN