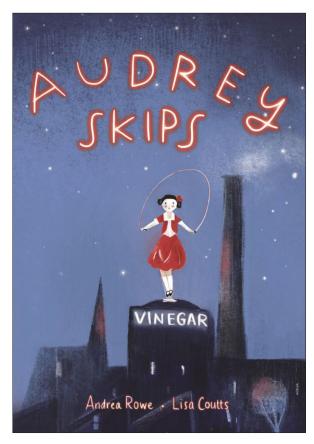
NEWSOUTH BOOKS

FEBRUARY 2026 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT NEW ZEALAND







9781922858719 | February 2026 | MidnightSun Publishing | HB | 32pp | 297x210mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN





About the author & illustrator:

Andrea Rowe is a best-selling, award-winning picture book author. Her picture book, *Jetty Jumping* (illustrated by Hannah Sommerville), was awarded the 2022 CBCA

Picture Book of the Year – Early Childhood and the 2023 Australian Speech Pathology Picture Book of the Year. *In the Rockpool* and *Amid the Sand Dunes* (Hardie Grant) were both awarded the 2024 and 2025 CBCA Notable Picture Books of the Year – Early Childhood.

Lisa Coutts is an illustrator based in Naarm, Melbourne, Australia. Her work has features in over 20 of varying genres, and her greatest love is picture books. She is the illustrator of *The Great Book Swapping Machine* by Emma Allen and she designed the cover art on Tim Winton's *Blueback*.



AUDREY SKIPS

ANDREA ROWE, ILLUSTRATED BY LISA COUTTS

- A beautiful rhythmic celebrating communities in cities, conservation and preservation, and how communities can be custodians for history and caretakers for each other
- Written by award-winning author, Andrea Rowe and illustrated by Melbourne illustrator, Lisa Coutts
- 2026 is the 90th anniversary of Melbourne's Skipping Girl
- Engaging opportunities for use in the classroom to connect students in themes such as different kinds of living history, community, resilience and belonging

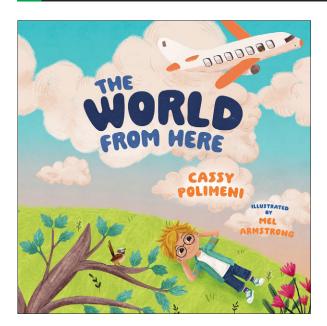
Age range 4+

Bright and shiny Audrey loves to skip a jump rope rhyme, right off her rooftop and through the sleeping streets of a city. Skittering across the skyline and peering in windows, Audrey spies folks struggling with hard times as her own light dims. With a little help from city friends, Audrey's light and her hopeful spirit shine again, brighter than ever.

Andrea Rowe and Lisa Coutts come together to create a story about community and kindness, legacy and conservation. *Audrey Skips* is a tribute to The Skipping Girl, Melbourne's first neon sign and a timeless treasured landmark.











9781486319855 | February 2026 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author & illustrator:

Cassy Polimeni is a children's author and freelance editor whose stories celebrate our connection with nature and the environment, and the relationship between science and wonder. She lives and works on Bunurong Country.

Mel Armstrong is an illustrator from New Zealand. She blends digital and traditional techniques to create charming children's books, drawing inspiration from nature and her lively home life.



THE WORLD FROM HERE

CASSY POLIMENI, ILLUSTRATED BY MEL ARMSTRONG

- Explores the sciences that help us understand our world, and the wonders that make living here on Earth so rewarding
- Presents scientific facts on weather, geometry, astronomy and patterns in nature in an accessible and engaging way
- Perfect for curious kids, with breakout boxes to kick-start discussions on a range of topics and an engaging narrative that ties it all together
- Ties in with the Australian primary school curriculum
- Explores dual perspectives (showing the world from the point of view of cloudwatcher Milo and airplane traveller Maya), encouraging young readers to broaden their perspective and helping to promote empathy
- Cassy Polimeni is the author of The Garden at the End of the World, Ella and the Amazing Frog Orchestra, and Ella and the Sleepover Safari (all CBCA Notables)
- Mel Armstrong is the illustrator of Ghostie and A Home for Luna (winner of the 2020 Rubery Book Award in the Children's Category)

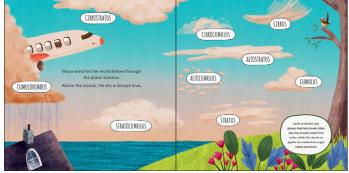
Age range 5 to 9

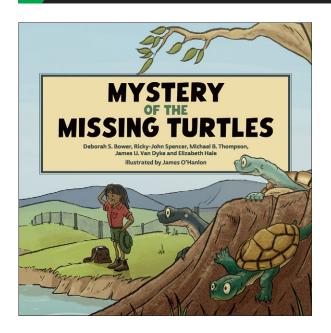
Do you ever look for shapes in the clouds?

Milo lies in the grass watching cottony cumulus clouds transform into animals. Maya looks out a plane window and marvels at the sky outside and the shapes countries make below. Through their different perspectives, Milo and Maya remind us that there are countless ways to experience the world.

The World from Here explores the fascinating areas of nephology (the study of clouds), meteorology and geography. These sciences help us understand our world and the wonders that make living here on Earth so rewarding.

Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5 to 9.









9781486320288 | February 2026 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the authors & illustrator:

Associate Professors **Deborah S. Bower**, **James U. Van Dyke**, and Professors **Ricky-John Spencer** and **Michael B. Thompson** are turtle biologists who created the 1 Million Turtles Citizen Science Project to encourage participation in turtle conservation in Australia. Associate Professor **Elizabeth Hale** researches and teaches children's literature and writing at the University of New England.

Dr James O'Hanlon is an award-winning science communicator, author and illustrator. Whether through art, science or storytelling, James works to illuminate the beauty and complexity of creatures that are often overlooked.

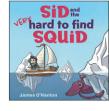
Also available:

SID AND THE VERY HARD TO FIND SQUID

JAMES O'HANLON







9781486319664 | June 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

MYSTERY OF THE MISSING TURTLES

DEBORAH S. BOWER, RICKY-JOHN SPENCER, MICHAEL B. THOMPSON, JAMES U. VAN DYKE, ELIZABETH HALE, ILLUSTRATED BY JAMES O'HANLON

- Learn how you can help freshwater turtles in your own backyards and parks
- Supports the 1 Million Turtles Citizen Science Project, an Eureka Award winning Australian-wide citizen science program for freshwater turtles
- Appealing story of turtle conservation with engaging illustrations
- Illustrator James O'Hanlon is the author and illustrator of *Sid and the Very Hard to Find Squid*

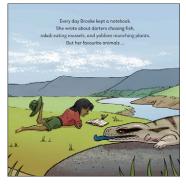
Age range 5 to 9

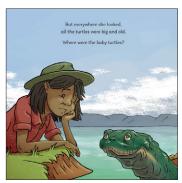
Where have all the baby turtles gone?

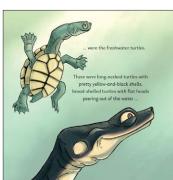
Brooke loves watching the turtles in the creek on her farm. But in spring, she notices broken eggshells down near the water. What is happening to the turtle eggs?

Brooke decides to use her detective skills and sets out to solve the mystery of the missing turtles!

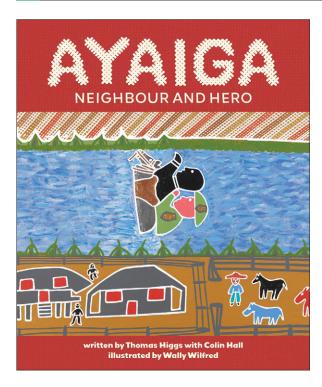
Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5 to 9.















9781922507785 | February 2026 | National Library of Australia | HB | 48pp | 250x210mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99



Darwin, NT; Roper River region, NT

About the authors & illustrator:

Thomas Higgs is a teacher living in Darwin. His undergraduate degree in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies gave him a foundation for building deep and meaningful connections with Aboriginal Australians. He believes all young people should learn about the history and culture of First Nations people and that collaborative storytelling such as this is integral to reconciliation.

Colin Hall is an Alawa man from the Roper River region. He works at the Ngukurr Language Centre supporting the delivery of Kriol language courses and is also working to revive the endangered Alawa language of his ancestors. He assisted Higgs in the writing of Ayaiga's story through the inclusion of many Alawa and Kriol words.

Wally Wilfred is a Wägilak man and artist living and working in the Roper River region, who works with the Ngukurr Art Centre. Wally brings together traditional techniques with bold and contemporary use of colour. Wally's work explores traditional and present-day culture with history and storytelling.

AYAIGA

THOMAS HIGGS, WITH COLIN HALL, ILLUSTRATED BY WALLY WILFRED

- Celebrates the life of Alawa man Ayaiga, his experience of first contact and dispossession, and his receipt of the Albert Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life
- Remarkable true story of courage, heroism and selflessness perfect for classroom discussions
- Beautifully illustrated by Wägilak man and Ngukurr Arts artist Wally Wilfred, with historical photographs fleshing out the story
- Includes thoughtful reflections from First Nations descendants of both Ayaiga and his captor, William Francis Johns, on the complexities of the story and its place in Australian history
- Alawa language is woven throughout the story and a three-way glossary of terms in Alawa, English and Kriol is included at the back of the book

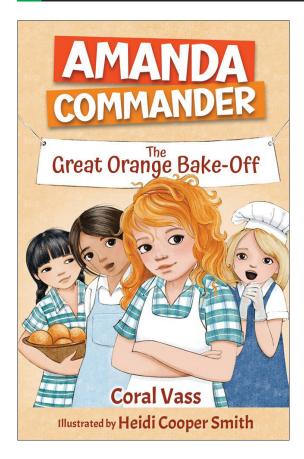
Age range 10+

In the remote Roper River region of the Northern Territory more than 120 years ago, an Alawa man committed an act of such exceptional bravery that a King took notice.

Ayaiga had been arrested for stealing from one of the vast cattle stations established on traditional Alawa Country. The heavyweight boxing champion of the Australian Police, Constable William Francis Johns, was bringing him in to Leichhardt's Bar Police Station – the constable on horseback, with Ayaiga, manacled by the neck, attempting to keep up on foot. Johns foolishly attempted to cross a flooded creek and was knocked unconscious when his panicked horse kicked him in the head. Ayaiga, burdened by his heavy chain, heroically saved Johns from drowning and remained by the constable's side as he recovered.

Ayaiga became one of only 8 Australian recipients – and the only Indigenous recipient – of the Albert Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life.









DISCOUNT: GEN



AMANDA COMMANDER: THE GREAT ORANGE BAKE-OFF

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY HEIDI COOPER-SMITH

- Series promotes kindness, loyalty, and friendship and instilling values of inclusion, compassion, and empathy
- Values of inclusion, compassion, and empathy
- Great series for beginner readers
- Positive friendships and inclusion
- Smaller chapter to boost confidence in young readers

Age range 6 to 8

How will the Dolphin Squad survive being on different teams? Amanda and her squad need to learn how to trust in their friendship with each other, even when they can't work together.

As Amanda and her friends prepare for the school bakeoff, their plans are derailed when Amanda is separated and paired up with Eve instead.

So, the Dolphin Squad concoct a plan to get back on the same team, but is working with Eve really so bad?

Time to bake some delicious treats!

It's OPERATION TEAMWORK!







About the author & illustrator:

Coral Vass is an award-winning Australian children's author. She has always loved telling stories and has been writing books for over ten years. Coral is an ambassador for Reading Out of Poverty and is passionate about giving all children an equal opportunity to read. With numerous best-sellers, Coral's awards include the 2018 Speech Pathology Awards for Best Book for Language and Literacy Development – Indigenous Children, the 2019 CBCA Book of the Year Eve Pownall Award and the 2021 Caleb Picture Book of the Year Award. Shehas also been shortlisted for the REAL Awards, voted by the children of Australia.

At an early age **Heidi Cooper-Smith** knew she wanted to write and illustrate picture books. But during a Visual Arts degree, she fell in love with Ceramics and spent the next 20 years covered in clay. Heidi rediscovered her passion for drawing in 2014 when she joined the online '52-week illustration challenge'. Six months later she was offered her first illustration contract with *Koala Books for Two Birds on a Wire*. This wonderful experience inspired her to start writing, and in 2015 and 2016 she won the CYA illustrated manuscript competition. *Kate and the Thing* is Heidi's first book as both author and illustrator. She was also the illustrator of *The Other Brother*.



AMANDA COMMANDER: THE PURPLE INVITATION

CORAL VASS. ILLUSTRATED BY HEIDI COOPER SMITH

When every girl in Year Three gets an invitation to Eve's birthday party except Amanda, Amanda makes a plan.

9781761110771 | March 2022 | Wombat Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 DISC: GEN







AMANDA COMMANDER: THE PINKY PROMISE

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY HEIDI COOPER SMITH

When Amanda and her friends make a pinky-promise to run together in the Cross-Country race at school, Amanda needs to make a choice, winning or helping someone.

9781761110788 | May 2022 | Wombat Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN





AMANDA COMMANDER: THE BLUES-DAY TUESDAY

Also Available

Amanda Commander Books 1-5

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY HEIDI COOPER SMITH

When Amanda returns to school after having a sick day, she finds fitting back into the friendship group tricky.

9781761111266 | March 2024 | Wombat Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN





AMANDA COMMANDER: THE YELLOW DRESS

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY HEIDI COOPER SMITH

Amanda and her friends find out Eve has the exact same yellow dress as Amanda and is planning to wear it to the School Disco as well.

9781761110795 | September 2022 Wombat Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN





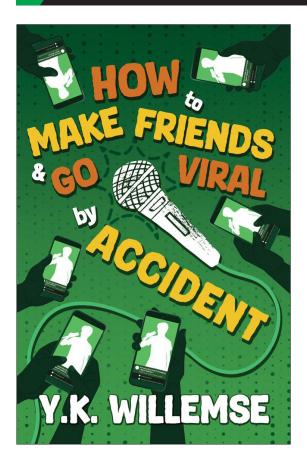
AMANDA COMMANDER: THE GREEN-EYED **MONSTER**

CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY HEIDI COOPER SMITH

When Amanda and her friends encourage Rosie to try out for the school production, a 'green-eye monster' gets in the way

9781761111341 | October 2024 | Wombat Books | PB | 80pp | 198x129mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN









9781761113109 | February 2026 | Rhiza Edge | PB | 116pp | 198x129mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99





HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS AND GO VIRAL BY ACCIDENT

Y. K. WILLEMSE

- Addresses relatable topics such as the need many teenagers have to fit in or just not draw unnecessary attention to themselves, and the importance of accepting oneself as part of having the confidence to make friends
- Depicts the main character literally finding his voice, which can be a powerful message for young people
- Normalises boys pursuing things other than sport, such as the performing arts
- A brief read for teenagers its size makes it manageable
- Humorous and light-hearted
- Keep Teens Reading! Rhiza Shorts are teen novellas created for quick reads. They are suitable for every day readers wanting a quick story, as well as reluctant teen readers

Age range 12 to 18

Thirteen-year-old Hayden's parents have just ruined his life. They've signed him up for singing lessons, which is the most embarrassing thing a guy at his school can do.

To his surprise, Hayden finds that he enjoys singing and talking to the other students in the singing class. Will he make a friend?

But two bullies threaten to livestream his singing if he performs at the end-of-year recital. Is it social suicide or the best thing ever? Will Hayden learn to be comfortable in his own skin?

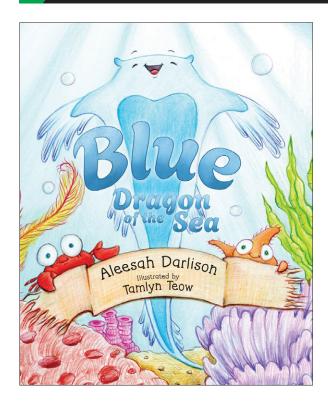
About the author:

Y. K. Willemse was born in Christchurch, New Zealand. Having always had an interest in writing stories, Yvette was first published in an anthology at age sixteen. She signed a contract with Pontas Literary and Film Agency at eighteen, becoming their youngest-ever client.

Just before she turned twenty-one, she signed a multi-book international publishing contract with Permuted Press, an offshoot of Simon and Schuster. Yvette had four books published by age twenty-two, and she became a Sir Julius Vogel Award finalist. Her first fantasy fiction series was called *The Fledgling Account* and comprises eight books and four short stories.

Besides writing, her other interests include music. Yvette is a singing and piano teacher with over ten years' experience and has put numerous students through music exams with a one hundred percent success rate. Her students have starred in musicals such as *Evita*, *Les Miserables*, *Annie*, *Half a Sixpence*, *Fame* and more. She has vocal coached the leads and main choruses of several musicals at the school she now works at, Chinchilla Christian College.

Yvette lives in a small regional town in Australia with her family. They have had numerous adventures together, including a roadside birth. Yvette spends her spare time making music, drinking coffee and kayaking to secluded spots.







9781761112706 | February 2026 | Wombat Books | HB | 32pp | 260x210mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99



About the author & illustrator:

Aleesah Darlison is an award-winning author, naturalist and life-long learner. A keen observer of birds and animals, Aleesah enjoys sharing her passion and knowledge for the natural world and the environment. Her books include *Grace the Amazing, the Super Sloth* series, the *League of Llamas* series, the *Endangered Animal Tales* series, *Puggle's Problem, Clara Capybara* and *Blue: Dragon of the Sea.*

Tamlyn Teow is an artist, illustrator and props designer. In 2013, she left a corporate career to learn how stories are told through art. Tamlyn's passion is to create works that give hope in challenging times, spark curiosity and bring individuals together by opening their eyes to truth and meaning. Tamlyn has worked in the art department for various productions, including *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga, Peter Rabbit 2, Shang-Chi* (Marvel Studios) and *North Shore*. She has illustrated a number of picture books, designs book covers and illustrates chapter books.

BLUE

Dragon of the Sea ALEESAH DARLISON, ILLUSTRATED BY TAMLYN TEOW

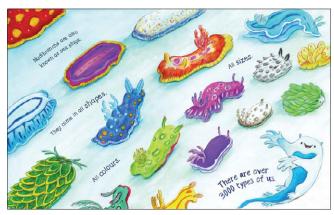
- Strong, unique, funny and larger than life main character
- The first of its kind in the Australian picture book market – no other narrative nonfiction stories about nudibranchs exist here
- Ignites and supports children's fascination in unusual ocean animals and minibeasts
- Danger factor! Blue glaucus steal another creature's venom
- Bright, colourful, expressive, eyecatching illustrations
- Australian Curriculum focus suitable for class/school use
- A brilliant narrative that weaves fascinating facts into the story to keep readers hooked to the very end

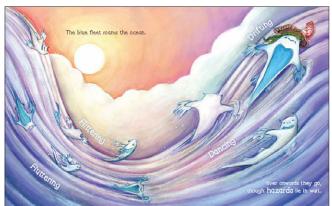
Age range 4 to 7

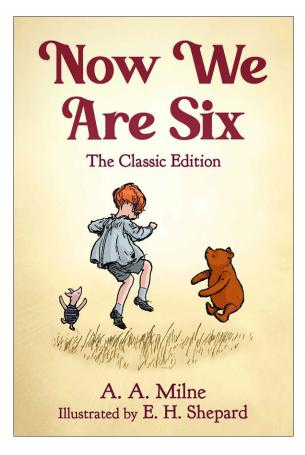
Meet Blue, a Dragon of the Sea! He's also known as a nudibranch or sea slug.

Blue's fleet roam the ocean, gliding on the currents, and dancing their way through dangerous adventures.

Join Blue and his fellow dragons as they explore the sea!











9781510783997 | February 2026 | Sky Pony Press | HB | 112pp | 229x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author & illustrator:

A. A. Milne was an
English author, poet, and
essayist. Throughout his
career, he wrote more than
ten books, numerous essays
and articles, as well as a few short story
collections, most notably the Winnie the
Pooh series, which were inspired by his son
Christopher Robin Milne's stuffed animals.
Milne passed away in January of 1956.

E. H. Shepard was a prolific English artist and book illustrator, most well known for his work in *Winnie the Pooh* and *Aesop's Fables*.

NOW WE ARE SIX

The Classic Edition

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

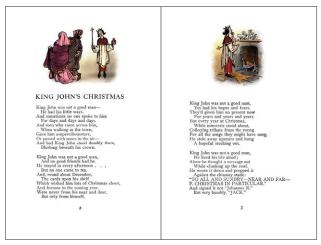
 A fully revitalised edition of the 1927 classic book of poetry by A. A. Milne, featuring fullcolour versions of the original illustrations by E. H. Shepherd. A great gift for children and readers of any age!

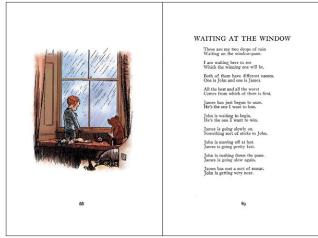
Age range 7+

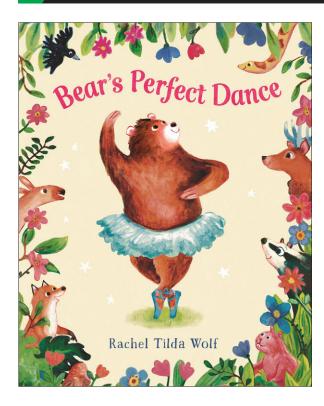
A. A. Milne's bestselling classic, *Winnie the Pooh*, has enchanted readers of all ages for nearly one hundred years with its relatable, heartwarming adventures that follow the famously friendly and lovable teddy bear.

Now We Are Six is the original 1927 classic collection of poems by A. A. Milne, eleven of which feature everyone's favourite characters from the hundred-acre wood. This stunning edition includes all of the original illustrations fully colourised by Diego Jourdan Pereira, which bring new life to these time-honored and beloved verses.

With playful rhymes and light-hearted humour, this beautiful book is great for bedtime or any time, and is the perfect addition to any bookshelf for readers both young and old.











9781836300403 | February 2026 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

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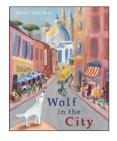
About the author:

Rachel Tilda Wolf graduated from the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in 2023. She lives by the sea in Deal, in Kent, and can often be seen out and about sketchbook in hand drawing from life. Wolf in the City is her debut picture book, and with it she was shortlisted for the World Illustration Award.

Also available:

WOLF IN THE CITY RACHEL TILDA WOLF





9781915252838 | March 2025 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

BEAR'S PERFECT DANCE

RACHEL TILDA WOLF

- A book for both boys and girls, about the joy of dancing
- Warm, friendly and colourful pictures of the forest and all the animals
- Shows the importance of being open to new ideas and compromise
- Depicts Bear's emotions as he searches for a partner (loneliness, anxiety, doubt, joy), and shows all the fun of dancing, from tutus to ballet shoes, to exploring famous dance types
- Perfect for readers of Dance with Oti, Giraffes can't dance, Dogs don't do ballet

Age range 3+

Bear finds a new dance partner who shows him the joy of self expression!

Bear loves to dance, he practises all day long. But one thing bothers Bear – he's always dancing by himself – and some dances are better with two... Will he ever find a perfect dance partner?

With warmth and humour, this delightful picture book explores the importance of connection and friendship.











9798893380262 | February 2026 | Transit Children's Editions | HB | 34pp | 193x267mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author & illustrator:

Muriel Spark (1918–2006) was the author of dozens of novels, including *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Memento Mori, A Far Cry from Kensington, The Girls of Slender Means, The Ballad of Peckham Rye, The Driver's Seat*, and many more. She became Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1993.

Edward Gorey (1925–2000) was born in Chicago. In 1953 Gorey published *The Unstrung Harp*, the first of his more than one hundred books. In addition to illustrating his own stories, Gorey provided drawings for many books for both children and adults. Of these, New York Review Books has published *The Haunted Looking Glass*, a collection of Gorey's favourite ghost stories; *The War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells; *Men and Gods* by Rex Warner; *The Unrest-Cure and Other Stories* by Saki; and *Three Ladies Beside the Sea* by Rhoda Levine. He cowrote the NYRB Kids book *Fletcher and Zenobia* with Victoria Chess.

THE VERY FINE CLOCK

MURIEL SPARK, ILLUSTRATED BY EDWARD GOREY

- A children's classic from two literary heavyweights finally brought back into print
- This odd little tale captures beautifully Spark's interest in the heart and her misgivings about those who get above themselves and sacrifice human fellowship for ambition, titles and timekeeping

Age range 3 to 8

Two stars team up — Muriel Spark and Edward Gorey — to bring the charming tale of Ticky the clock to life in this children's classic.

Once there was a very fine clock named Ticky, who lived with Professor Horace John Morris and kept perfect time. Each night, at fourteen minutes past ten, his time was used to set the rest of the clocks in the house. When the professor's friends suggest that Ticky be made a professor, too, he explains what really happens during the quiet hours of the day when the professor is out, when all the rooms have been cleaned and dusted, and the clocks talk to one another and tell the stories of their lives.

No artist is better suited to capture Ticky's quiet stateliness and grace than Edward Gorey, who brings this tale masterfully to life through his characteristic pen and ink drawings. Full of wit, wisdom, and affairs of the heart, *The Very Fine Clock* is a very fine picture book.

Once there was a very fine clock whose name was Teky.

It in friend, Professor Henrie John Morris, had benught Teky home with han from Switzerland one day, in the vistor time, many years ago, Store then. Teky and the professor had become very naturable used, such such and they undermost each other way.

Professor was the professor had become the called "Professor Henrie", and will review call their "Professor Morris" for a little while, and later on he called his "Professor Morris" for a little while, and later on he called his friends. "Tenfossor John," which pleased the professor yet man,"



"Non are a very free clock, Teley," he said one night, "Non are always on time, and you are never too fast on so olde. In fact, you are therm most relable of all my friends." "In delighted host it. Notiones plots." Ticky replied, "and I hance that my grandfillents, who less in a castle on my of a mountain Austria, would be very posed five could be are in a castle on my of a mountain. Austria, would be very posed five fround he are very real flat one on care for grandfillent of colors. In video as a rule. They are very and that one on ever book how their five and we when they are theiridge, thus pure grandfillent must be a very postal deach, and it is always a good taling.

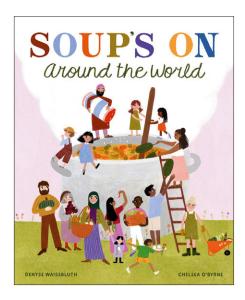


Every Thursday night, innead of going to bed after he had wound up all the clocks in the house, Professor John would stay up till midnight to entertain four of his friends who came to visit him. Their names were: 1. Professor Surge Baldwin Parker

1. Professor Surge Baldwin Parker

2. Professor Norman Bailee





SOUP'S ON AROUND THE WORLD

DENYSE WAISSBLUTH, ILLUSTRATED BY CHELSEA O'BYRNE

 The second book in the Taste the World series that takes young readers on a delicious journey, introducing them to different traditions, cultures and countries, and the unique dishes that bring communities together

Age range 4 to 8

Soup's on. A tasty treat. Fill your bowl up. Time to eat!

Through vibrant illustrations and heartwarming text, *Soup's On Around the World* invites readers on a flavourful journey of soups across the globe, each with its own unique history and traditions!



9781778401671 | February 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 279x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

Also available:

TEATIME AROUND THE WORLD

DENYSE WAISSBLUTH, ILLUSTRATED BY CHELSEA O'BYRNE



9781771646017 | December 2020 | Greystone Books | HB | 48pp | 279x228mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN





MY FIRST SPACE DISCOVERIES

OLDRICH RUZICKA, ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS TUMA

- Witty shapes and cut-outs to stimulate children's curiosity
- Children will go on a journey through the solar system and learn while being mesmerised
- Simplified STEM: Language and imagery are presented in an age-appropriate, simple yet effective way

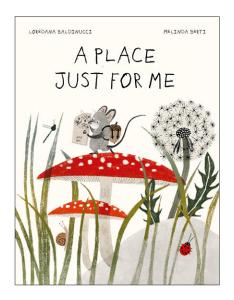
Age range 3 to 6

Blast off to space! Young readers first awesome adventure through our solar system!

Little explorers, get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure! This fun and exciting board book is your ticket to discovering the amazing wonders of outer space. From our Sun to the very edges of the Solar System, you'll take a fun-filled tour and learn fascinating facts along the way. Young readers will learn unique details about each planet and even get a sneak peek at the technology that helps us explore the cosmos. Did you know you can even spot some of these amazing cosmic bodies with just your eyes or a telescope? Get ready to gaze at millions of twinkling stars and faraway galaxies in this first journey into the vastness of space! Get ready for liftoff!

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9 ||788000||075761|| 9788000075761 | February 2026 | Albatros Media | BH | 12pp | 231x231mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



A PLACE JUST FOR ME

LOREDANA BALDINUCCI, ILLUSTRATED BY MELINDA BERTI, TRANSLATED BY MONICA MENEGHETTI

- For fans of Richard Scarry and Marianne Dubec
- Emphasises the importance of self-expression and finding balance between personal space and community
- Teaches young readers that it's okay to want time alone and the importance of finding a safe space for themselves

Age range 4 to 8

An adorable picture book for young readers about the importance of finding a quiet spot to ourselves where we can think, dream, and just be.

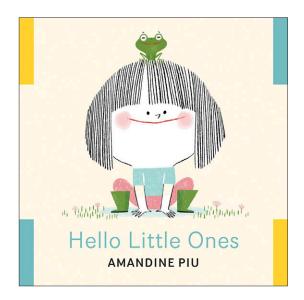
Silver is the youngest mouse in a big mouse family. He'd love to have a quiet spot all to himself to do what he likes best: absolutely nothing! But it is almost impossible in his burrow. His noisy siblings are playing ball, dancing, and listening to music. His parents are busy cooking, building gadgets, and reading books.

What should Silver do? He tries to find refuge in the burrows belonging to his forest friends, but finding a place all to himself is harder than he thought. There

isn't a single spot in the burrow that's quiet enough for him to do nothing at all...



9781778402388 | February 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 32pp | 292x222mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



HELLO LITTLE ONES

AMANDINE PIU

- An engaging and unique angle in the board book market, comparing the everyday activities of children and animals – a fresh take on a beloved theme
- Whimsical illustrations and playful comparisons make this an ideal gift for new parents, baby showers, and birthdays
- The irresistibly charming artwork is perfect for creating eye-catching promotional items that parents and kids will adore
- Presented in a chunky board book format, Hello Little Ones is crafted for little hands to explore repeatedly

Age range 0 to 3

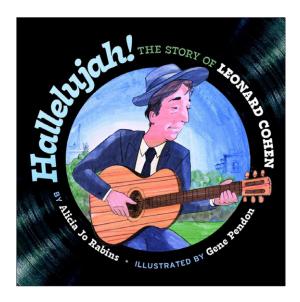
With humour and charm, this adorable board book highlights some of the endearing similarities between the behaviour of small children and other wild animals.

Whether it is running, swimming, swinging or just cuddling up and falling asleep, each spread in *Hello Little Ones* highlights some of the activities that young humans and animals have in common. Pairing simple text with whimsical illustration these comparisons are full of amusing details that readers will enjoy pointing out at story time.

Engaging, fun, and silly, Amandine Piu's irresistible art makes this new board book a great gift for very young readers and a wonderful addition to any preschool library.



9781773219820 | February 2026 | Annick Press | BH | 40pp | 203x203mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



HALLELUJAH

The Story of Leonard Cohen ALICIA JO RABINS, ILLUSTRATED BY GENE PENDON

- Writer and musician Alicia Jo Rabins makes her picture book debut with this biography of Leonard Cohen and the creation of his masterpiece 'Hallelujah' through continued persistence, belief, and dedication
- A comprehensive biography is included in the backmatter
- Encourages the readers to look within themselves and share their own creativity Shows that a richly Jewish song can have a strong and enduring resonance throughout the secular world

Age range 5 to 8

Leonard Cohen was surrounded by music. His mother would sing folk songs in Yiddish and Russian. The synagogue where his grandfather was rabbi sounded like the gates of Heaven opening. And Leonard's heart turned the beauty of the world into music only he could hear.

But there was also sadness. How could life contain so much joy and also so much sorrow? Leonard wondered if there was a way to capture all those feelings at once.

He learned to play the guitar. He wrote songs. As a musician, people would come to see him perform. But there was still something missing. A song, hidden inside of him.



9781681156880 | February 2026 | Apples & Honey Press | HB | 32pp | 235x235mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



GHOSTS AND GHOULS

ONDREJ NAVRATIL, ILLUSTRATED BY MARTIN SOJDR

- Interactive & Durable: Sturdy board books with shaped pages and cut-outs
- Exciting narratives transport kids into the world of ghosts
- This title playfully describes how to be scary
- Includes haunted castles, spooky forests, and supernatural creatures making it perfect for Halloween or year-round!
- Intricate, detailed illustrations: Offering hours of visual discovery and engagement

Age range 3 to 6

Embark on a spooky quest! A thrilling journey through ghostly realms!

Step into the mysterious world of Ghosts and Ghouls! Young readers will take a thrilling guided tour through a haunted forest, an eerie castle, and even... their very own bedroom as they meet a cast of creepy characters, from terrifying basilisks to light-footed nymphs, seethrough spooks and rattling skeletons! Each page is a brand new, surprise-filled journey, whether you're racing bogeys in a cellar or joining a wild monster ball. With its fantastically detailed illustrations and a super fun, immersive story, *Ghosts and Ghouls* will have kids excitedly exploring the mysterious and spooky realms hiding just around the corner – and maybe even under their beds!



9788000076218 | February 2026 | Albatros Media | BH | 12pp | 231x231mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

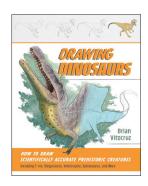
DRAWING DINOSAURS

How to Draw Scientifically Accurate Prehistoric Creatures, Including T. rex, Stegosaurus, Velociraptor, Spinosaurus, and More BRIAN VITOCRUZ

• Learn how to accurately draw your favourite dinosaurs, with this full-colour drawing guide filled with realistic step-by-step instructions and fun facts about T. rexes, stegosauruses, triceratops, and more

Age range 9+

Crack open your sketchbook, grab your pens and pencils, and get ready to turn your thoughts of the most epic dinosaurs ever into beautiful and scientifically accurate drawings. In easy-to-follow, step-by-step detail, *Drawing Dinosaurs* teaches you all the tricks and techniques you'll need to create 19 of your own amazing dinosaurs.





9781646048250 | February 2026 | Ulysses Press | PB | 160pp | 254x203mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

DECIDE AND SURVIVE: THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

Can You Turn the Tide of the Civil War? JARRET KEENE

- Explore history through interactive stories
- · Young readers decide what the main character does next
- Extensive backmatter on each subject
- Fun, informative, and sometimes just a bit wacky

Age range 8 to 10

A fast-paced, interactive adventure series for kids, featuring death-defying moments in history! This time at the Battle of Gettysburg!

The American Civil War is raging, and General Lee's Confederate Army has invaded Pennsylvania. Canons roar. Bullets whiz. Swords and bayonets clash. Can you help win the battle? And will this at long last be the battle that turns the tide of the war? You decide.





9781638193128 | February 2026 | Milk + Cookies | PB | 104pp | 216x140mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

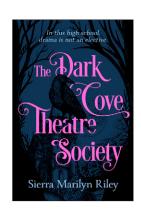
THE DARK COVE THEATRE SOCIETY

SIERRA MARILYN RILEY

- An aspiring young actor must find her place at a cutthroat arts boarding school in this gothic YA debut for fans of *Ace of Spades* and *If We Were Villains*
- Compelling queer love triangle: Diverse, realistic characters navigating identity, attraction, and ambition in a high-stakes environment

Age range 12+

Violet Costantino knows she is already on thin ice this school year: her scholarship has taken a significant hit due to her panic attack during her final performance in acting class last semester — which simultaneously shattered her dreams of becoming a leading lady. This year, she is determined to keep her head down and just get through unscathed. But the school seems to have other plans for Violet: to her extreme foreboding, she is cast as one of the leads in the annual Halloween play. What's worse, the beautiful, infuriatingly talented Frankie Lin and Violet's ex-crush, Hunter Kinsey, are both cast as her love interests.





9781834020099 | February 2026 | Annick Press | PB | 280pp | 228x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



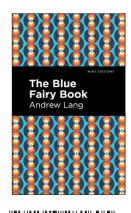
THE BLUE FAIRY BOOK

ANDREW LANG. CONTRIBUTIONS BY MINT EDITIONS

- Backlist highlight!
- Originally published in 1889, *The Blue Fairy Book*, is the first in a series of popular collections by Andrew Lang that feature international fairy tales

Age range 8 to 13

The first installment of Andrew Lang's popular fairy tale series. *The Blue Fairy Book* is a vibrant collection of children's stories that have been published across the globe. Lang pulls from genre favourites such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Cinderella or the Little Glass Slipper' and 'The Brave Little Tailor'. It's a compilation of more than 30 stories across different times and locations. *The Blue Fairy Book* consists of famous tales from authors such as Madame d'Aulnoy and the Brothers Grimm. Their works are retold in vivid detail in an easy-to-read format. Some of the most memorable stories include 'Beauty and the Beast', 'Rumpelstiltskin', 'The Story of Pretty Goldilocks' and 'The History of Jack the Giant-killer'.





9781513281605 | September 2021 | Mint Editions | PB | 320pp | 203x127mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

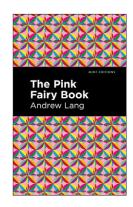
THE PINK FAIRY BOOK

ANDREW LANG, CONTRIBUTIONS BY MINT EDITIONS

- Backlist highlight!
- Originally published in 1897, *The Pink Fairy Book* is a dynamic collection of world-renown stories that are deeply rooted in Japanese, Italian and Scandinavian culture



These rich and compelling stories are staples within the children's genre. *The Pink Fairy Book* is a continuation of Andrew Lang's popular fairy tale book series. This edition includes more international fare such as 'The Slaying of the Tanuki', 'I Know What I Have Learned', 'The Jackal, the Dove, and the Panther' and 'How the Hermit Helped to Win the King's Daughter'. With more than 40 stories to choose from, *The Pink Fairy Book* offers a delightful assortment of classic children's fare. These narratives are populated by evil witches, spiteful kings and selfish trolls forced to confront the error of their ways.





9781513281629 | September 2021 | Mint Editions | PB | 248pp | 203x127mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

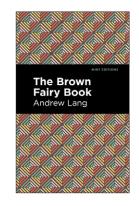
THE BROWN FAIRY BOOK

ANDREW LANG. CONTRIBUTIONS BY MINT EDITIONS

- Backlist highlight!
- Originally published in 1904, *The Brown Fairy Book* is a vibrant collection of classic stories that have been shared among various cultures, scholars and critics

Age range 8 to 13

This is one installment of Andrew Lang's popular children's series. *The Brown Fairy Book* brings the nuance and history of the Americas, Australia and Asia into one compelling collection. With more than 30 stories to choose from, Andrew Lang delivers a captivating fairy tale catalog. This edition includes 'How Geirald the Coward was Punished', 'The Husband of the Rat's Daughter,' 'Story of the King who would be Stronger than Fate' and 'The Knights of the Fish'. Andrew Lang delivers another impressive assortment of classic children's tales. *The Brown Fairy Book* is an eye-opening account of lesser-known fables that are both rare and impactful.





9781513281667 | September 2021 | Mint Editions | PB | 230pp | 203x127mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

AYLA'S CHRISTMAS WISH

PAMELA JONES. ILLUSTRATED BY LUCIA MASCIULLO



- Hot price! Was \$24.99, now \$14.99
- A beautifully written and illustrated Australian-themed Christmas story
- Story also touches on experience of drought and dry conditions in rural and regional areas

Age range 3 to 6

Christmas is coming and Ayla wants a snowman just like in her book, but there is no snow to be found in her drought-stricken town, not even a drop of rain. Only bales of hay.

Ayla's Christmas Wish is inspired by the small, south-west Victorian town of Tarrington, which runs a hay bale design competition each year. This book compares European Christmas traditions with the reality of a hot, dry Australian summer. Behind the story of Ayla wishing for a snowman, there is a town wishing for rain.





9781922507617 | November 2023 | National Library of Australia | HB | 32pp | 260x260mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

NEW YEAR SURPRISE!

CHRISTOPHER CHENG, ILLUSTRATED BY DI WU

- Hot price! Was \$17.99, now \$9.99
- Beautifully illustrated with culturally sensitive artwork using traditional Chinese techniques and colours

Shortlisted, West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards 2018

Shortlisted, CBCA Book of the Year Notables 2017



New Year Surprise!

Age range 6 to 9

Little Brother is told by his brother and his friends that he's too small to help out at the Spring Festival. He's too little to fly a kite and he's not strong enough to hold a dragon pole. But Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be? Follow Little Brother through the village to find out what his special job is.

Christopher Cheng's story and Di Wu's paintings recreate the magic of celebrating New Year in snowy rural northern China.

9781922507419 | January 2024 | National Library of Australia | PB | 36pp | 255x245mm | AU \$9.99 | NZ \$12.99 | DISC: GEN

HELLO!

ILLUSTRATED BY TONY FLOWERS

- Hot price! Was \$17.99, now \$9.99
- · Curriculum emphasis on language learning at primary and preschool age
- Fun and colourful watercolour illustration that brighten up the page
- An introduction to the 9 languages most commonly spoken in Australian homes, plus 3 Indigenous languages

Hello! Rustroted by Tory Flower



Age range 3 to 6

Yiasou! That's hello in Greek!

Or would you like to speak Chinese? What about Italian or Korean? Murinhpatha or Kaurna?

Meet 12 Australian friends who can speak different languages. They tell us how to count from 1 to 10, say hello and goodbye and lots of other words in their languages about play, food, hobbies and clothes.

9781922507426 | February 2024 | National Library of Australia | PB | 60pp | 240x220mm | AU \$9.99 | NZ \$12.99 | DISC: GEN



THE BEE SQUAD

Boosting biodiversity in your neighbourhood JUDY FRIEDLANDER

- Full of simple, fun activities for kids to support biodiversity
- Inspired by the successful B&B Highway program — 'Bed and Breakfasts for Birds, Bees and Biodiversity' in 130 schools, community centres and organisations across Australia





POLLINATION



Age range 8 to 12

From the coast of Western Australia to Sydney's suburbs, young people are discovering nature in their neighbourhoods and setting up nesting boxes for birds, cleaning up waterways, planting to attract bees and koalas, and building insect hotels. They're learning about amazing native species and finding ways to protect them.

9781742238227 | February 2025 | NewSouth | PB | 208pp | 215x153mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

POLLINATION

How Does My Garden Grow? CHRISTOPHER CHENG, ILLUSTRATED BY DANNY SNELL

- Showcases how important pollination is for our sustainability and environment
- Discover the animals and plants involved and depending on pollination
- · Created by an award-winning duo

Age range 5 to 9

A child's day in the garden with their Gran and Pa leads to a wonderful exploration of pollination.

Join them in discovering how pollination happens in our gardens and backyards, and the importance it has for our environment. Meet the animals involved in pollination and the plants that depend on pollination to produce our fruit, vegetables and even our clothes!

9781486313235 | February 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

SUMMER TIME

HILARY BELL, ANTONIA PESENTI

- The third book in the bestselling Alphabetical Sydney (more than 36,000 copies sold) trilogy
- Longlisted and shortlisted for a variety of awards, including the ABIAs and ABDAs
- Pays tribute to a quintessentially Australian summer

SUMMER TIME





Age range 3+

Summer is here. Put your school shoes away, The long, lazy days can begin. Mangoes and magpies, municipal pools... Take a deep breath and dive in.

The bestselling creators of *Alphabetical Sydney* and *Numerical Street* are back with their new picture book, *Summer Time* – a stunning tribute to an Australian summer.

9781742236070 | October 2019 | NewSouth | HB | 44pp | 260x215mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN

HANDS-ON SCIENCE

50 Kids' Activities from CSIRO

EDITED BY SARAH KELLETT, DAVID SHAW, KATH KOVAC



- Every activities uses easy-tofind, everyday materials
- Helps to explain science in everyday language
- Activities have broader applications, and are useful in the world



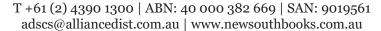




Age range 8 to 14

Did you ever wonder why some insects can walk on water? Or how the Ancient Egyptians made mummies? Are you curious about why a guitar sounds different from a flute? Gather some everyday materials from around your home and find out the answers with these 50 kid-approved science activities from CSIRO.

9781486306145 | September 2016 | CSIRO Publishing | PB | 128pp | 210x210mm | AU \$24.95 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN





FLORA

OUR WONDROUS PLANET

A Search-and-Find Adventure ILLUSTRATED BY AMANDINE THOMAS

- With over 200 different species illustrated in beautiful scientific detail, each spread is brought to vivid life by award-winning Melbourne illustrator
- Largely focused on hyper-local content, with biomes from the NT, VIC, QLD and WA







Age range 6+

Are you ready to go on an adventure through some of Australia's most beautiful landscapes? With each turn of the page, keep your eyes open for creatures big and small – you never know what might be hidden behind a leaf or beside a rock.

9781921833731 | August 2025 | Museums Victoria | HB | 24pp | 326x263mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

FAUNA

Australia's Most Curious Creatures TANIA MCCARTNEY

- Comprehensive information about Australia's native fauna including some lesser known species
- Lavish, humorous illustrations that supplement the information contained in text
- Multi-award-winning!

Age range 5+

Did you know that platypus have retractable webbing on their hind feet to enable an easy transition from swimming to digging? That kangaroos can't sweat and that the cassowary has no tongue?

In Fauna – Australia's Most Curious Creatures, readers are constantly introduced to facts that delight, amaze and induce sheer wonder at the clever design and adaptability of our much-loved native fauna.

9780642279767 | February 2021 | National Library of Australia | PB | 56pp | 280x235mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

Austr

Australia's Most Curious Plants TANIA MCCARTNEY

- Beautifully illustrated and designed, with brilliant colours, and clever kidfriendly diagrams
- Includes stories about Indigenous flora uses
- Multi-award-winning!

Age range 7 to 12

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.

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.

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

OUR CAMPING TRIP

Physics, Chemistry, and Fun LENKA CHYTILOVA, HELENA HARASTOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY XIANA TEIMOY

in the classroom and it extends it beyond school hours with engaging content that keeps young minds curious and eager to discover the science in their surroundings





Age range 6 to 9

Embark on a STEM journey with a family camping trip, uncovering the marvels of physics and chemistry in everyday activities, promoting real-world applications and hands-on learning.

Join Teresa, Cooper, and the Bright family as they reveal the wonders of STEM concepts in everyday life – from the physics behind trampoline jumps to the chemistry of dough rising in the oven.

9788000072852 | January 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 318x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



The Little Book of

SHELLS

LITTLE BOOK OF SHELLS

A Kid's Guide to Shells and the Amazing Mollusks Who Make Them

FORREST EVERETT

- A gorgeous book all about mollusks and shells!
- Simple text details habitat, diet, and more
- Filled with stunning vintage art by some of nature's most enduring illustrators

Age range: 7 to 12

Learn to identify some of the world's most beautiful shells and meet the creatures who make them!

The Little Book of Shells, part of the Little Library of Natural History, introduces kids to the remarkable underwater world of mollusks, nautiluses, sand dollars, and the enchanting homes they leave behind. Gorgeous vintage artwork by some of the world's most enduring nature illustrators fill this beachcomber's handbook.

9781638190073 | May 2022 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 96pp | 210x148mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE ANIMALS LIVE?

Discovering the Incredible Creatures All Around Us PETER WOHLLEBEN. TRANSLATED BY SHELLEY **TANAKA**

- From the New York Timesbestselling author of The Hidden Life of Trees and The Inner Life of Animals comes a book for kids ages 8-12 about animals at home and around the world
- Perfect for STEM learning and outdoor education

Age range 8 to 12

In this highly visual, fun, and interactive book, kids will get to know all sorts of animals, from birds and caterpillars in their own backyard, to grizzly bears in chilly Alaska, to puffer fish in the waters of Australia.

'I absolutely love this book.' - Jane Goodall

9781778402166 | December 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 80pp | 279x215mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE LITTLE BOOK OF **INSECTS**

A Kid's Guide to the Creepy and Crawly FORREST EVERETT

- A gorgeous book featuring the world's most fascinating insects!
- Simple text details habits, diet, habitat, and more
- · Filled with stunning vintage art

Age range 8 to 12

Discover the incredible world of insects in one compact book! The Little Book of Insects, part of My Little Library of Natural History, introduces kids to dozens of earth's most fascinating creepy crawlies with details about their habitats, diets, lifespans, and more. Gorgeous vintage illustrations by some of the world's most enduring nature illustrators accompany each entry along with charts, maps, and other illuminating graphics.

9781638190042 | May 2022 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 96pp | 210x148mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



Outdoor Activities and Adventures PETER WOHLLEBEN. TRANSLATED BY JANE BILLINGHURST, ILLUSTRATED BY BELLE WUTHRICH



- The perfect companion for every child's next outdoor adventure, from the bestselling author of The Hidden Life of Trees
- 52 short, fun, and hands-on activities to help kids explore and discover the outdoors
- Lightweight, portable format

Age range 6 to 10

Whether you are in the forest, in your own backyard, or in the city, there are so many exciting ways to engage with nature - and forester Peter Wohlleben has the best ideas for doing so.

9781771649698 | July 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 100pp | 203x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



