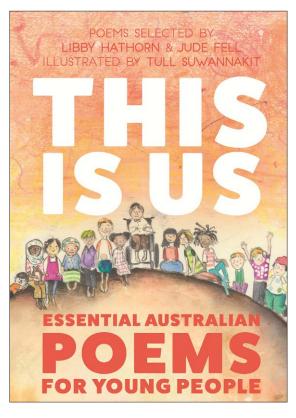
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9781922507860 | November 2025 | National Library of Australia | HB | 112pp | 264x188mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99



DISCOUNT: GEN

About the editors & illustrator:

Libby Hathorn is an Australian award-winning author and poet of more than eighty books for children and young people. Her recent picture book *No! Never!* written with her daughter Lisa Hathorn-Jarman, won the CBCA Children's Picture Book of the Year Award, Younger Readers in 2021.

Judith Fell is a lifelong educator and emerging poet. She writes lyrical rhyming poems about memory, history and nature. Her poem 'In Albert' was published in *When Anzac Comes Around: A Hundred Years From Gallipoli Poetry Project* in 2015.

Tull Suwannakit is an Australian book illustrator and author for children with background in animation and fine art. His books have been published in Australia, US, UK and Thailand, as well as being translated into numerous languages all throughout the world.

THIS IS US

Essential Australian Poems for Young People EDITED BY LIBBY HATHORN, JUDITH FELL, ILLUSTRATED BY TULL SUWANNAKIT

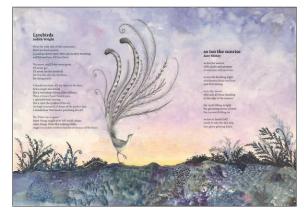
- Companion volume to the enduringly popular *This* is *Home* (2019), which has sold over 10,000 units
- Heavily illustrated with vibrant artworks by Tull Suwannakit tailored to each poem
- Poems selected by selected by beloved author Libby Hathorn and Judith Fell
- Features many beloved Australian classics from Judith Wright to and more contemporary voices, such as Evelyn Araluen

Age range 7+

In this beautifully illustrated collection of poems, editors Judith Fell and Libby Hathorn have have gathered the voices of all kinds of Australians, from modern poets such as Miriam Wei Wei Lo and Jazz Money to household names such as Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson.

Carefully crafted into 10 chapters, readers will find poems that make them laugh (like *You and I* by C. J. Dennis and *Things That Go Squark* by Peter Wesley-Smith) and sing, and connect them with Australians old and new.

This is a collection to have on standby. To pore over both words and artwork. It's a coffee table book, a library book, a bedside book, a beach towel, riverside or city-side book. Most of all a poetry book to savour and to share.



Also available:

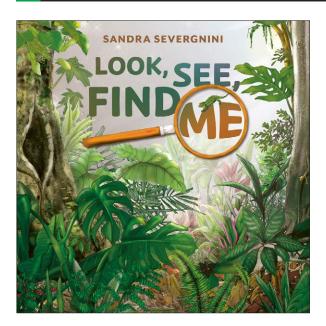
THIS IS HOME

SELECTED BY JACKIE FRENCH, ILLUSTRATED BY TANIA MCCARTNEY





9780642279385 | April 2019 | National Library of Australia | HB | 160pp | 264x188mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN







9781486319886 | November 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

DISCOUNT: GEN







LOOK, SEE, FIND ME

SANDRA SEVERGNINI

- Explores animal camouflage and how animals use it to protect themselves, find food, attract a mate and adapt to new habitats
- Includes species found across the globe, from insects to birds, crabs and frogs
- Entertaining and fun book, which engages children as they seek to find the hidden animals across the stunning illustrations
- Award-winning illustrator and author (CBCA Notable for Grub, Wilderness Society (Tree Beings, Nonfiction Winner), Speech Pathology awards)

Age range 5 to 9

Take a journey into the world of animal camouflage and uncover what may be right under your nose!

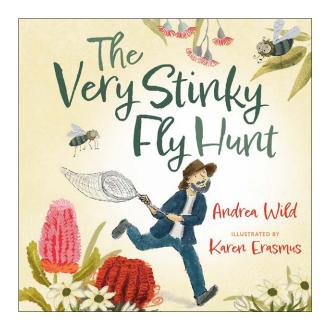
Discover frogs that look like leaves, spiders disguised as flowers, crabs concealed as sponges and seahorses hidden in coral. See if you can spot the species hidden among stunning illustrations, and learn about these elusive animals in *Look*, *See*, *Find Me*.





About the author:

Sandra Severgnini is an author and illustrator of numerous award-winning books. She has a background in botanical illustration, but her passion now is with picture books, especially those featuring environmental and nature subjects. Sandra's fascination for the amazing world around her inspires her words and brings sensitivity and humour to her illustrations.







9781486318780 | November 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm |

AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

DISCOUNT: GEN







THE VERY STINKY FLY HUNT

ANDREA WILD, ILLUSTRATED BY KAREN ERASMUS

- A unique and true science story about a fly researcher from the Australian National Insect Collection at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) who hunts for rare flies in remote public toilets
- Presents real life science research in a humorous and accessible way that will appeal to kids who enjoy all things gross and weird
- The underlining message is one about discovery and the wonders of nature. All animals are important for a healthy biodiversity including flies, a group of species that some would find insignificant or annoying

Age range 6 to 9

Keith is a scientist who hunts for flies. He looks for flies in parks and gardens. He peers into deep, dark caves. But there is one fly in particular that is very hard to find.

To catch this elusive creature, Keith embarks on a very special fly hunt – a strange and smelly quest, because he is going to look for this very hard to find fly in remote public toilets. How loo-dicrous!

Join Keith on this very stinky search for one of Australia's rarest insects. And just like Keith, you may learn that if you try hard enough, persistence pays off.

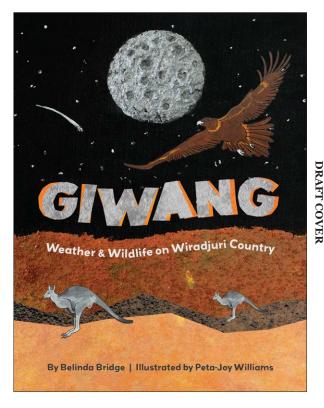
The Very Stinky Fly Hunt reveals that science is sometimes weird and sometimes a little gross too, but always an adventure.



About the author & illustrator:

Andrea Wild is a science communicator with CSIRO's National Research Collections Australia, and the author of *AmAZed! CSIRO's A to Z of Biodiversity*. She has two sons, one who loves nature and one who loves experiments.

Karen Erasmus has been illustrating material for children for many years. She lives on the south coast of Australia with her three dogs, five chickens, grown-up children and husband. Karen loves the diversity and quirkiness of Australian wildlife.



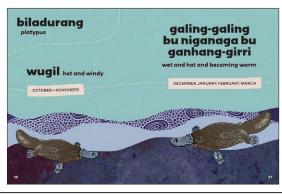




9781922752031 | November 2025 | Aboriginal Studies Press | PB | 32pp | 276x213mm | AU \$24.95 | NZ \$29.99



DISCOUNT: GEN



GIWANG

Weather and wildlife on Wiradjuri Country BELINDA BRIDGE, ILLUSTRATED BY PETA-JOY WILLIAMS

- An introduction to the six weather cycles experienced on Wiradjuri Country and the animals seen there
- Beautifully detailed paintings infused with the artist's love for her Country created using paint mixed with water and sand from Wiradjuri Country
- Text by a Wiradjuri Language teacher with a passion for sharing her language
- Be welcomed to Wiradjuri Country by two Wiradjuri women creatives working together to share their cultural and language knowledge

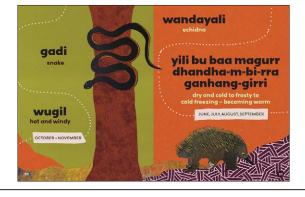
Age range 3+

The dry central western region of New South Wales is Wiradjuri Country. Here, the landscape slips from one weather cycle into another as hot, dry and windy times soften into crisp chill.

Meet the animals you can find on Wiradjuri Country in this intricately illustrated introduction to the Wiradjuri Language by two Wiradjuri creatives.

In *giwang*, Wiradjuri animals are shown along with Wiradjuri Language and English translations. Belinda Bridge's words weave an unpredictable cycle onto the page against beautiful paintings by Wiradjuri artist Peta-Joy Williams.

This evocative resource speaks to readers of all ages. It is rich with cultural meaning and is a significant Wiradjuri title to add to bookshelves.



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About the author & illustrator:

Belinda Bridge is a proud Wiradjuri woman living in Western Sydney, with strong Matriarchal lines across Wiradjuri Country. She is a mother always learning more of her Language and Culture. As a teacher, Belinda shares that knowledge – teaching Wiradjuri Language at TAFE and across all age groups. She has a degree in Creative Writing and Professional Writing and a postgraduate

qualification in Wiradjuri Language, Heritage, and Culture. Belinda's inspiration to learn and speak Wiradjuri Language comes from her family and a deep desire to stay connected to her Ancestors.

Peta-Joy Williams is a proud Wiradjuri Yinaa (woman), born in Sydney, whose identity bridges the inland rivers of her ancestors and the saltwater cultures of the place she calls home. Drawing inspiration from both, PJ creates artwork that reflects the richness and diversity of her ancestry.









9781761111907 | November 2025 | Wombat Books | PB | 64pp | 198x129mm | AU \$10.99 | NZ \$11.99

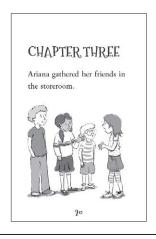
CHAPTER ONE

Ariana heard the bells above the shop door jingle as a tall man with grey curly hair burst into the thrift shop.

DISCOUNT: GEN









ARIANA TREASURE: THE FUNDRAISER

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 4 to 8

The Treasure Chest is in trouble! Ariana's mum is about to sell the thriftshop because there aren't enough customers to keep it open. Ariana is devastated.

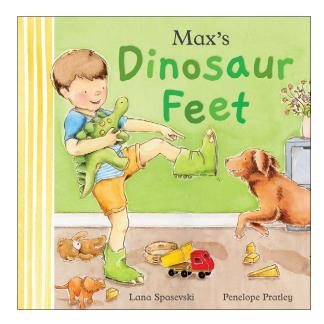
Thankfully, all her friends want to pitch in and show the community that the store deserves to stay. With newfound determination, the group organises a unique community fundraiser, featuring a food truck, petting zoo, Kandyan dancing, and more! But when disaster strikes, will the money they raised even be enough to keep the store open? In the Ariana Treasure early reader series there are always problems to solve and fun to be had. Ariana often saves the day with her quick thinking and thoughtful spirit.

The stories explore friendship, families, diversity, courage and sustainability. With simple sentence structures, accessible vocabulary, familiar characters and relatable storylines, the stories in the *Ariana Treasure* series would suit eager beginner readers. Whether it be making new friends, saving a kitchen disaster or finding an act for the talent show, Ariana is ever ready to step up and help those in her community.

About the author & illustrator:

Jacqueline de Rose-Ahern is an international award-winning author and creative coach, with a Masters in International Development. Her books have been recognised for awards in Australia and internationally.

Karen Erasmus lives just south of Melbourne. She loves to create illustrations to bring stories to life and has enjoyed creating more than 20 picture books over the past 12 years.



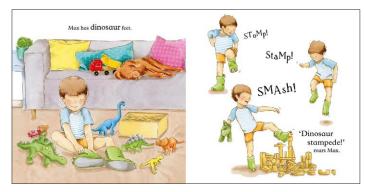




9781923331136 | November 2025 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99







MAX'S DINOSAUR FEET

LANA SPASEVSKI, ILLUSTRATED BY PENELOPE PRATLEY

- Now in paperback!
- An imaginative story by award-winning writer inspired by the beautiful chaos of life with a young family
- Highlights a lovely message about thinking of others and being a kind sibling
- Fabulous book to read aloud and includes lots of fun onomatopoeia
- Bright, engaging artwork

Age range 3 to 6

Max has dinosaur feet. He must not wake the baby. Stomp! Stamp! Smash! Oh dear!

How can he and his family keep their feet quiet, and the baby asleep?

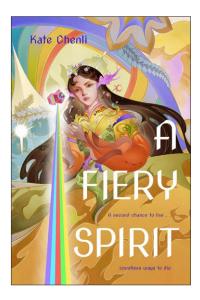




About the author & illustrator:

Lana Spasevski is a Sydney-based author of contemporary junior fiction novels and picture books. Her writing is endlessly inspired by her young daughters who she lovingly calls her little book butterflies. Lana spends many hours treasure hunting in bookshops and attempting messy home bakes. She hopes to inspire a love of storytelling through her books and her lovable characters. Her stories have been featured on some of Australia's most loved TV programmes and events, such as *Play School Story Time* and at the Sydney Writers' Festival Family Days. Lana can be contacted via her website: www.lanawrites.com and Instagram: @lana.s.writes

Penelope Pratley has been playing with paint since she was a small girl. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Teaching, she teaches visual art and textiles to students from primary to high school. Penelope works on her illustrations from her home studio late into the evenings and early mornings. Her hope is always to encourage and uplift others with her art and illustrations. You can contact Penelope on Instagram: @penelopesnest and her website: www.penelopesnest.com



A FIERY SPIRIT

A Bright Heart Novel KATE CHENLI

- The follow-up to a well-received debut that ended with a cliffhanger has all the same appeals as A Bright Heart – accessible writing, court intrigue, and a vibrant world anchored in Chinese mythology
- With evil magical and political forces alike vying for the throne, and a crafty princess in the mix, the story is packed with shifting alliances, manipulation, and betrayals

Age range 14 to 18

After Prince Wen's shocking death leaves the kingdom shaken, Mingshin hunts for answers. But which dark sorcerer is responsible? The Night Dragon has yet to show his face. Mingshin knows it's only a matter of time before he discovers she carries the legendary Divine Stone.



9781454949954 | November 2025 | Union Square & Co | HB | 336pp | 209x139mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

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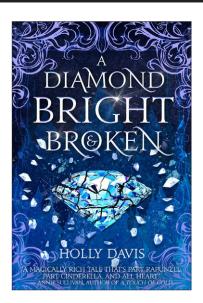
A BRIGHT HEART

KATE CHENLI





9781454949923 | March 2024 | Union Square & Co | HB | 344pp | 209x139mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



A DIAMOND BRIGHT AND BROKEN

HOLLY DAVIS

- Strong sibling bonds like Fred and George in Harry Potter or Katniss and Prim in The Hunger Games
- Strong FMCs discovering their powers and past like Elphaba in *Wicked*
- Inclusivity and diversity with biracial FMCs, disability rep with a wheelchair/crutch user, and LGBT rep with sapphic romance

Age range 14+

Discover the founder of Diversity is Lit Bookclub's debut where one girl's magical power is both a gift and a curse.

Sixteen-year-old Cadence was born with the ability to cry tears of diamonds – a secret talent her parents have abused to climb the royal ranks thanks to the infinite source of wealth. At their command, she cries diamonds to pay for the pricey treatments for her sister's neuromuscular disorder. Regardless of the pain, she'll do anything for her sister, who weakens by the day.

When the prince heckles Cadence at the King's Summer Solstice Ball about her sister's disability while dancing in the ballroom, she's left on the verge of tears, threatening to expose her power. She is saved by a mysteriously charming girl who sweeps in to take the next dance – and the single diamond Cadence cried. The stranger reveals the Magi Queen sent her to tell Cadence that she's a mage, and that her power is a curse.



9781958607299 | November 2025 | Inimitable Books | PB | 360pp | 203x127mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN





9781773219592 | November 2025 | Annick Press | PB | 228pp | 229x184mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

SOUL MACHINE

JORDANA GLOBERMAN

- Metaphysical science fiction, asks philosophical questions about the nature of reality and consciousness
- A modern A Wrinkle in Time meets Brave New World, but focused on contemporary issues and in a more accessible graphic novel format
- Captivating art with Belgian-influenced comic style stands out in the market

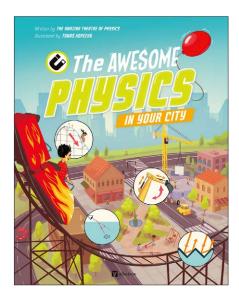
Age range 12+

A Wrinkle in Time meets Brave New World in this thought-provoking debut graphic novel about one girl's quest to save her family's livelihood – and maybe existence itself.

Chloe and her older sister make souls by hand in an empty old house in the countryside. When their supply of breth – the raw material needed to make souls – runs dry, the evil McCorp tries to force them to franchise and make synthetic souls instead. Chloe sets out to the big city in hopes of finding a new source. And maybe a way to modernise their business that Lacey is so determined to keep in the past.

On a journey to find a real breth crop, untouched by MCorp's greedy hands, Chloe uncovers long-buried family secrets – and starts to question whom to trust and what reality even is.





THE AWESOME PHYSICS IN YOUR CITY

THE AMAZING THEATRE OF PHYSICS, ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS KOPECKY

- Discover fundamental physics principles at ten familiar city locations
- Practical STEM concepts: engaging reallife situations make physics relatable and understandable
- Encourages children to investigate the everyday phenomena around them
- Includes simple and safe experiments to deepen understanding and spark creativity
- Ideal for school: complements classroom lessons and appeals to tech-savvy young learners

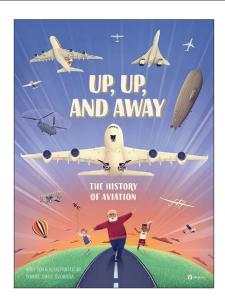
Age range 9 to 12

Ignite children's curiosity for science with city physics!

Ready to explore the hidden physics all around you? This engaging STEM book takes kids on an exciting journey through 10 urban settings, uncovering science in everyday places. Following the popular *The Awesome Physics in Your Home, The Awesome Physics in Your City* uses relatable examples and hands-on experiments to make learning fun and accessible. From roller coasters, concerts, and sports fields to construction sites, city streets, shops, and more, kids will discover the real-world applications of physics and spark a passion for STEM. Perfect for curious minds and budding scientists!



9788000074399 | November 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 48pp | 292x231mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



UP, UP, AND AWAY

The History of Aviation AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS SMOT SVOBODA

- A detailed encyclopedia covering everything related to flight
- Connects aviation's fascinating history with today's modern innovations
- STEM focus: ignites curiosity and passion for aviation through engaging facts
- Relatable Guides: Includes a granddad and his grandchildren who provide commentary, balancing factual content with engaging insights

Age range 9 to 12

Flight through the ages! A fun STEM Book for young aviators!

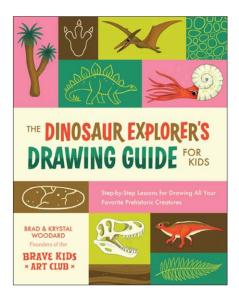
Prepare for takeoff on an exciting STEM journey with *Up*, *Up*, *and Away*! Join Grandpa Edward and his curious grandkids, Molly and Simon, as they take to the skies to explore the amazing history of aviation. From Icharus to the very first flying machines to the modern marvels of helicopters and hot-air balloons, this exciting book brings aviation history to life with beautiful illustrations and engaging tales of legendary aviators and groundbreaking historical events. Get

ready to discover the science and the stories behind how humans first learned to fly!





9788000074603 | November 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 56pp | 320x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE DINOSAUR EXPLORER'S DRAWING GUIDE FOR KIDS

Step-by-Step Lessons for Drawing All Your Favorite Prehistoric Creatures BRAD WOODARD, KRYSTAL WOODARD

- This is the third book in the kid's drawing book series following The Nature Explorer's Drawing Guide and The Ocean Explorer's Drawing Guide
- Author is a popular YouTube drawing instructor and host of *The Brave Kids Art Club*, an online drawing show
- Author and his wife run Brave the Woods, a creative agency that focuses on making fun educational products for both kids and those who are kids at heart. They have designed products for major brands, children's books, animations, toys, and more

Age range 6 to 12

Become an dinosaur expert with this step-by-step drawing guide packed with fascinating facts about amazing prehistoric creatures!

Perfect for aspiring paleontologists and budding artists, this beginning drawing book will show kids how to draw their favourite dinos in a fun, interactive style! Popular YouTube drawing instructor Brad Woodard, founder of the *Brave Kids Art Club* show, shares his easy-to-follow lessons and tips and tricks for getting outside and drawing cool stuff.



9798888142455 | November 2025 | Rocky Nook | PB | 128pp | 203x254mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

Also available:

DRAWING NATURE WORKBOOK

BRAD WOODARD, KRYSTAL WOODARD





9781681989938 | November 2023 | Rocky Nook | PB | 128pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

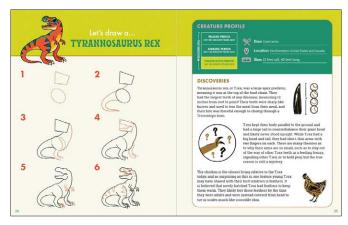
THE OCEAN EXPLORER'S DRAWING GUIDE FOR KIDS

BRAD WOODARD, KRYSTAL WOODARD

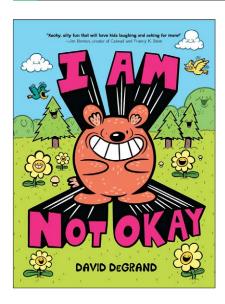




9798888141526 | December 2024 | Rocky Nook | PB | 128pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN







'DeGrand's bright and bold over-thetop cartoon artwork escalates the frenetic energy of the story, in which just about every object has a smiley face, and that will keep kids turning the pages.'

- Booklist



DAVID DEGRAND

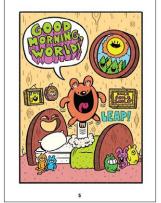
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas meets Ren & Stimpy in this graphic novel about confronting your emotions, perfect for kids who love the fun weirdness of the Catwad and Bird & Squirrel series
- The book is a fun-house trip into a fantasy world that's both cute and a little intense
- Fluff Nugget's conundrum, trying to appear upbeat while growing more exhausted, is a reflection of the pressures on kids and adults. His carving out a niche for himself at the end feels like a triumph

Age range 7 to 11

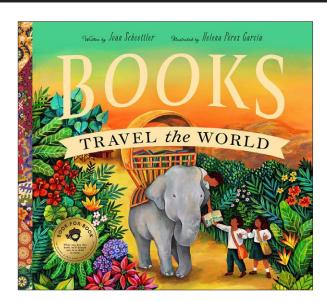
All the woodland creatures of Happy Forest (where even trees and flowers smile) go to Fluff Nugget, a fluffy, round critter of indeterminate species, when they need cheering up--he just sings them the 'Goodbye Grumpy Grumps' song and they feel happy again! But when this happens too much...like, WAY too much...it starts

to wear on Fluff Nugget, until he feels grumpier than anyone. After he lets loose a cry of 'I AM NOT OK!' Fluff Nugget and his woodland friends must figure out a better way to boost the mood. Will the Happy Forest ever be the same again?





9781454953326 | November 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 112pp | 203x152mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



BOOKS TRAVEL THE WORLD

JOAN SCHOETTLER, HELENA P REZ GARC A

- · Lyrical look at bookmobiles around the world
- Perfect book for library storytimes

Age range 4 to 8

A touching and compelling book about how some librarians travel the world in impossible ways – by boat, donkey, elephant, and more – hoping to change a child's life, by handing them a book.

From Colombia to Kenya and Syria to Thailand, real life librarians bring books to children who don't have easy access to a library. This creative non-fiction tale shows how librarians in 10 countries travel far and wide to deliver books to hungry readers without local access to libraries. A wonderful way to educate readers on the often overlooked, heroic lives of librarians.

All around the world, children wait for books.

So...book lovers cross seas, trek up narrow trails, down steep, rocky paths, over swift rivers, and through dark forests. They journey by foot, on sturdy animals, and with unique vehicles, delivering books to children.





9781638191865 | November 2025 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 254x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



Publisher Highlight Scallywag Press

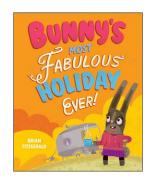
BUNNY'S MOST FABULOUS HOLIDAY EVER!

BRIAN FITZGERALD

- A hilarious and relatable tale about mistaken first impressions, and meanness which gives way to kindness
- · An enduring friendship between two of the most unlikely neighbours
- · Themes of tolerance, understanding and harmony

Age range 3 to 6

As every year, Bunny looks forward to parking her camper van in a peaceful spot, and enjoying her usual routine of relaxing amongst nature — on her own. To her horror, she wakes up to find a noisy purple monster camped right next door! At first she is delighted when a storm blows away his tent, but then she can't help but take pity on his plight, and gradually realises that doing things together can be more fun than solitude.





9781836300052 | October 2024 | Scallywag Press | HB | 40pp | 279x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

SAY GOODBYE...SAY HELLO

CORI DOERRFELD

- Many kids have a difficult time letting go and stepping into the unknown, and this book provides comfort and reassurance about changes big and small
- This book has all the heart and emotional resonance that made so many readers fall in love with *The Rabbit Listened*, and it's a great conversation starter when dealing with a bereavement or other difficult situation





Age range 3 to 6

Change and transitions are hard, but *Say Goodbye...Say Hello* demonstrates how, when one experience ends, it opens the door for another to begin. It follows two best friends as they say goodbye to snowmen, and hello to stomping in puddles. They say goodbye to long walks, butterflies, and the sun...and hello to long evening talks, fireflies, and the stars. But the hardest goodbye of all comes when one of the friends has to move away.

9781912650446 | July 2024 | Scallywag Press | PB | 36pp | 254x254mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

THE RABBIT LISTENED

CORI DOERRFELD

'Brims with emotional honesty and profound empathy.'

– Publishers Weekly

- Reprint due August!
- A profound tool to help children understand their emotions and process their losses, relevant to loss at any level
- Gives kids and adults permission to feel all the things they're feeling, and helps them understand what they can do to help others through hard times



Age range 3 to 6

In *The Rabbit Listened* we know that Taylor has been through a very difficult time. And now he is surrounded by concerned friends who each tell him how he should feel and what he should do to start feeling better. But it is not until they have gone and a little rabbit comes and sits quietly by his side, that he begins to process his thoughts and start to think and feel on his own.

9781912650149 | August 2020 | Scallywag Press | PB | 36pp | 254x254mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$21.99 | DISC: GEN $^{\circ}$



Publisher Highlight Scallywag Press

LOUD!

ROSE ROBBINS

- From the Waterstones Prize shortlisted author of Me and My Sister
- A mainstream book that celebrates Special Needs readers and families will identify with the protagonist who displays symptoms of ADHD, but with the right encouragement, ends up triumphing

Age range 3 to 6

When Abigail can't concentrate in class, she gets bored and does naughty things!

Abigail is sent to the cooling down room. Then she has a music class. She can't make any of the instruments work! Just when things are about to go wrong again, the teacher discovers exactly what to do to engage this little girl, and Abigail ends up finding a special voice of her very own.



BRIAN MOSE

ON POETRY

9781912650569 | March 2021 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 270x245mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

ON POETRY STREET

BRIAN MOSES, ILLUSTRATED BY MARK ELVINS

- Fifty two entertaining poems to stimulate the imagination and get the creative juices flowing
- With an introduction to welcome readers, and two spreads of creative writing ideas at the end, this is perfect for gifting and for use in a classroom
- Every spread illustrated with black and white illustrations

Age range 7+

Do you like stringing words together to see what they look like and what they sound like? Do you have rhythms dancing in your head as you drift through the day? Do you rhyme all the time while your feet tap a beat?

If you answered YES to all or most of these questions then you're pretty much hooked on words. Now – together – let's take a walk down Poetry Street!

9781915252586 | May 2024 | Scallywag Press | HB | 120pp | 216x135mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN $^{\circ}$

MAZK ELVINS

ONE-BUTTON AND THE SEA

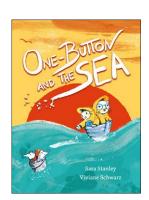
SARA STANLEY, VIV SCHWARZ

- Going to sea is a metaphor for so many topical traumas: refugees, flooding, lockdown, bereavement. A wonderful tool to help enable conversations
- Illustrated with wild, evocative but also re-assuring and humorous pictures

Age range 4+

'Grandpa, tell me the story again of when we went to sea. That's a BIG story, One-Button. How does it begin? It begins with the uprooting...'

And so Grandpa tells the story of how he and One-Button and their whole community were uprooted from their everyday lives, and how they all had to take to sea in different boats. Until one day everything changed, and they were able to return home and resume their previous lives...different, but the same.





9781915252609 | August 2024 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 275x226mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



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WOLF IN THE CITY

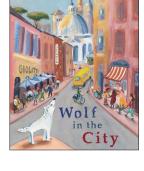
RACHEL TILDA WOLF

- A warm and amusing story about learning to appreciate what you already have, by a talented debut picture book artist
- · Gorgeous colour and soft, attractive artwork

Age range 3 to 6

Wolf lived on a plinth in a tired old square on the edge of a vast and magnificent city. Taken for granted and pooped on by Pigeon, she longs to be admired and to find her place amongst the famous statues in the City Centre. One day she sets off on the bus to do just that, but she discovers that the city statues are mean and selfish.

Wolf soon realises that she misses home, and heads back to her old square only to find that her friends there have missed her just as much.





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

TAKING THE LONG WAY HOME

JAKE HOPE AND BRIAN FITZGERALD

- · A lovely portrayal of the close relationship between uncle, nephew and niece
- Each spread conveys a sense of journey the reader feels they are taking their eyes for a walk and going on a voyage of discovery



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Age range 3 to 6

Normally Zarah and her brother are collected from school by their dad, who rushes them home taking every shortcut. But today, Uncle Jerome is collecting them, and he takes them on 'The long way home'. Reluctant to go further than necessary, the children complain at first, but are soon caught up in amazing adventures, as their uncle gets them to use their five senses to conjure up a world of fun and imagination.

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WHISPER TO THE RESCUE

ROSE ROBBINS

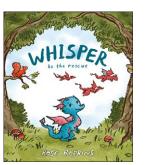
- From the Waterstones Prize shortlisted author of *Me and My Sister*, *Talking is not my thing* and *Loud!*
- A picture book about making oneself heard, and taking care of our environment
- Highlights the value of courage, perseverance and co-operation

Age range 3 to 7

Whisper is a quiet dragon who notices everything. When he sees that his family's fires are damaging their forest neighbourhood, he knows he must persuade them to change their ways. But nobody will listen to him. How will he get his message across?

It will take all Whisper's resourcefulness and courage, and some help from his friends, to save the mountainside in time.

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THE CLASSIC HEROINES COLLECTION BOXED SET

Anne of Green Gables, Heidi, The Secret Garden

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- A beautifully packaged collector's set featuring three celebrated children's classics: Anne of Green Gables, Heidi, and The Secret Garden
- Three of the best-loved children's novels of all time
- All three titles in this boxed set have been adapted for stage, film, and television numerous times, with new iterations always in the works
- This beautifully designed box cover is perfect for collectors, gift giving, and library building

Age range 8+

This special collection explores themes of love, family, friendship, and coming-of-age through the eyes of three of literature's most beloved heroines: Anne Shirley, Heidi, and Mary Lennox.



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ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND & THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS

LEWIS CARROLL

- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass is a cherished collection of stories featuring the titular character, Alice, and her misadventures through Wonderland. It is now available in an unabridged, illustrated paperback volume in Union Square and Co.'s Signature Editions series
- A perennial favourite: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was acclaimed when it was first published and – given the proliferation of adaptations and references – continues to be beloved by contemporary audiences
- Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life

Age range 8+

Original, experimental, and charmingly nonsensical, Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* follows seven-year-old Alice down a rabbit hole and into the topsy-turvy dream world of Wonderland. In this fantastical place, food can shrink you to the size of a mouse or turn you into a giant, babies turn into pigs, and time stands still at the Mad Hatter's tea party. Filled with sparkling wordplay and unbridled imagination, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass* have enchanted young readers for generations.



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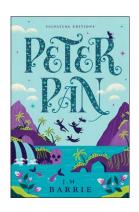
PETER PAN

J. M. BARRIE

- J. M. Barrie's tale of a magical boy who never grows up, and his adventures with pirates, fairies, and Lost Boys, is now available in an unabridged, paperback volume in Union Square and Co.'s Signature Editions series
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- Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life

Age range 8 to 12

In 1904, Peter Pan first flew across a London sky and into the bedroom of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling. Ever since, this perpetual youth has continued to delight children of all ages. Young readers will happily soar with him and his friends to enchanted Neverland, where they'll meet Tinkerbell, the Lost Boys, and Peter's famous nemesis, Captain Hook. It's a tale as ageless as its beloved hero.





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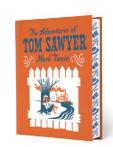
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Whether he's tricking others into doing his work or running away with Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer always manages to wiggle his way out of trouble. But when he accidentally witnesses a murder, Tom is suddenly faced with trouble that's well beyond fun mischief-making.





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- · This edition is perfect for collectors, gift giving, and library building

Age range 8+

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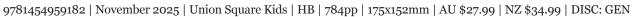
LITTLE WOMEN

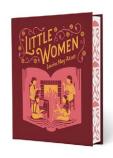
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Age range 8+

Ladylike Meg, tomboy Jo, sensitive Beth, and charming Amy – each March sister has her own dreams, struggles, and fears. The March sisters come to see that learning how to be a 'little woman' is never simple, but it's much sweeter to do when they have their sisters by their sides.







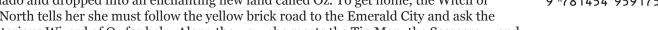
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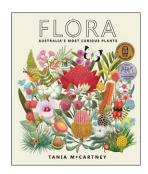
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