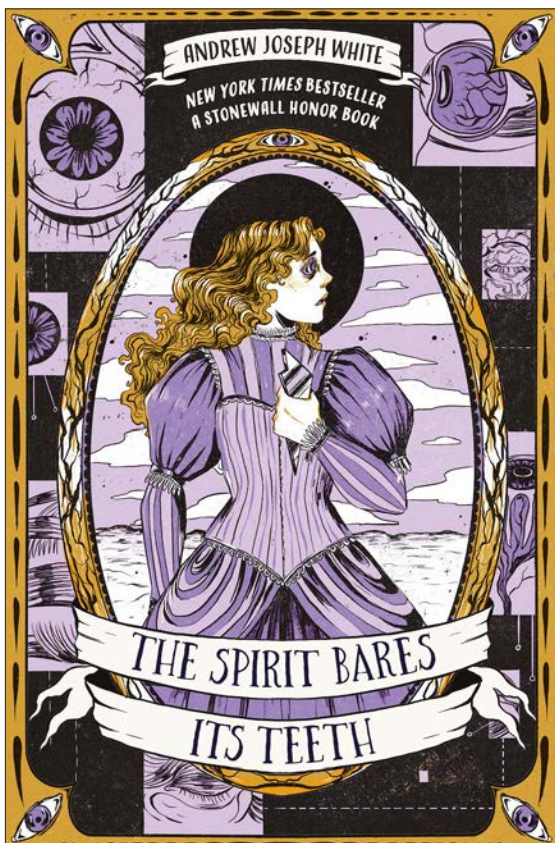


‘White wields prose like a scalpel, cutting deep and spilling guts with gruesome precision...Visceral and vindicating.’ – *Kirkus Reviews*



THE SPIRIT BARES ITS TEETH

ANDREW JOSEPH WHITE

- This sophomore hit was an instant *New York Times* and indie bestseller and received stellar reviews from *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, and many more presses
- This book was a Book of the Year for *Kirkus Reviews* (Best Young Adult), *Shelf Awareness*, and *School Library Journal*
- *The Spirit Bares Its Teeth* is a horror book like no other, brimming with ghosts, gruesome surgeries, and the horrors of patriarchy in a Victorian-era sanatorium
- Silas Bell is an incredible, unforgettable protagonist whose determination to survive and live as his authentic self will resonate with any reader who picks up this book
- Underneath the harrowing horror of *The Spirit Bares Its Teeth* is a sweet romance between a young trans boy and trans girl that readers are bound to fall in love with

Age range: 14+

Mors vincit omnia. Death conquers all. London, 1883.

The Veil between the living and dead has thinned. Violet-eyed mediums commune with spirits under the watchful eye of the Royal Speaker Society, and sixteen-year-old Silas Bell would rather rip out his violet eyes than become an obedient Speaker wife.

According to Mother, he'll be married by the end of the year. It doesn't matter that he's needed a decade of tutors to hide his autism; that he practices surgery on slaughtered pigs; that he is a boy, not the girl the world insists on seeing.

After a failed attempt to escape an arranged marriage, Silas is diagnosed with Veil sickness a mysterious disease sending violet-eyed women into madness-and shipped away to Braxton's Sanitorium and Finishing School. The facility is cold, the instructors merciless, and the students either bloom into eligible wives or disappear.

So when the ghosts of missing students start begging Silas for help, he decides to reach into Braxton's innards and expose its rotten guts to the world-as long as the school doesn't break him first.



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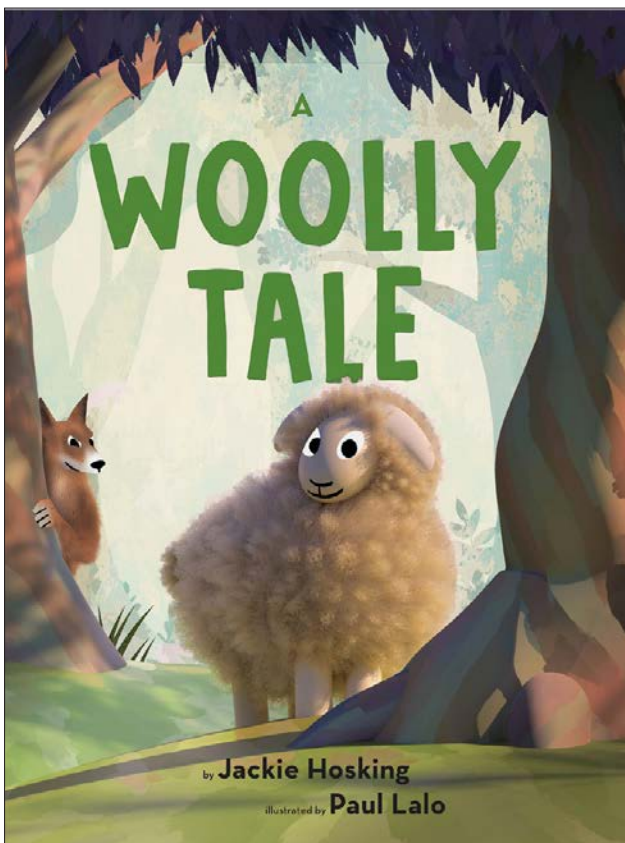
9781837840724 | December 2024 | Daphne Press | PB
| 384pp | 198x130mm | AU\$22.99 | NZ\$27.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author:

Andrew Joseph White is a trans, autistic author from Virginia, where he grew up falling in love with monsters and wishing he could be one too. He received his MFA in Creative Writing from George Mason University in 2022, and is the author of several bestselling novels about queer and disabled rage. Andrew tweets @AJWhiteAuthor.



A WOOLLY TALE

JACKIE HOSKING, ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL LALO

- Children's book author Jackie Hosking follows the adventures of Chris, the world's woolliest sheep
- Striking illustrations by Paul Lalo of Soymilk Studio featuring a distinctive 3D collage style
- Inspired by the true story of a merino ram who was lost for five years in the bush near Canberra and set the record for the world's heaviest fleece, which is now on display at the National Museum of Australia
- The third book in a series that builds on the innovation of the Discovery Centre at the National Museum of Australia, encouraging conversations around place, identity and Australian stories in a dynamic and exciting way
- Other titles in the series include *The Bunyip and the Stars* by Adam Duncan, part First Nations creation story and part adventure tale, and *How Mother Kangaroo Got her Pouch*, a traditional Aboriginal story about the rewards of kindness by Rebecca Beetson

Age range 0 to 6

Chris the merino sheep, nervous about his first shearing, escapes into the bush. At first Chris enjoys his new life among the gum trees, but as the years go by, his fleece grows heavier and heavier. Chris's journey into the unknown takes a turn when he encounters a wiry dingo.



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9781921953477 | December 2024 | National Museum of Australia | HB | 32pp | 225x280mm | AU\$26.95 | NZ\$32.99



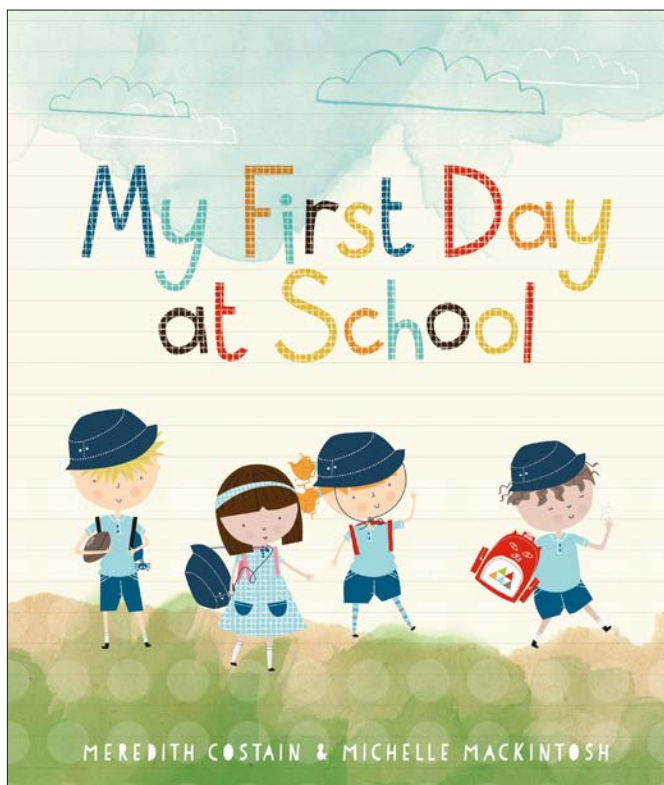
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About the author & illustrator:

Jackie Hosking has been writing poetry and stories for children for over twenty years. Her poems are regularly published by *The School Magazine* and her picture books have been published by Walker Books, Scholastic and Larrikin House. Presently, Jackie has six picture books out with eight in the pipeline.

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





MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

MEREDITH COSTAIN, ILLUSTRATED BY
MICHELLE MACKINTOSH

• **New in paperback!**

Age range 3 to 6

My First Day at School is designed to help reassure and prepare school-age children for that magical first day in an unfamiliar environment.

It follows the experiences and emotions of four very different children from their first teary farewells to their parents through to the joy of making new friends and the discovery that school can be an exciting and enjoyable place, however challenging.



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9781922998149 | December 2024 |
Windy Hollow Books | PB | 32pp |
210x255mm | AU\$19.99 | NZ\$22.99

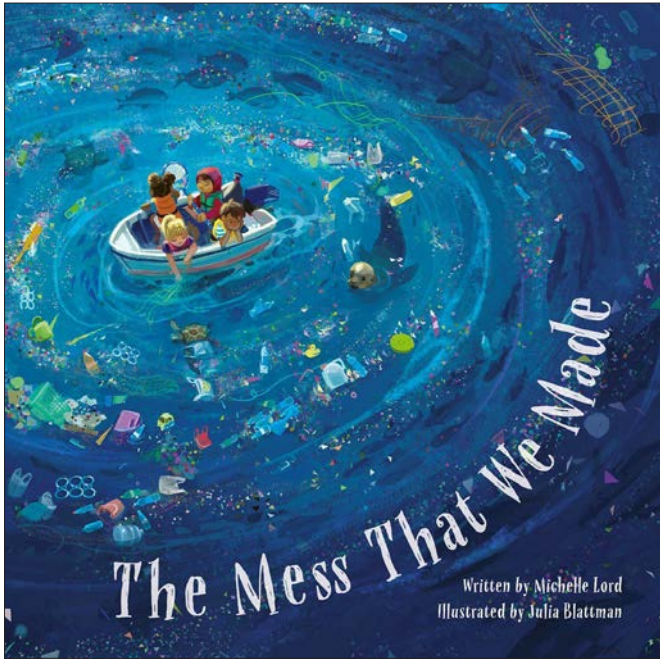


DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author & illustrator:

Meredith Costain is a versatile writer whose work ranges from picture books through to poetry, novels and non-fiction for young readers. Meredith is a regular presenter of writing workshops in tertiary institutions, libraries and schools.

Michelle Mackintosh is a book designer and illustrator with a passion for mixing up the discarded with the new, collaging vintage, cute and modern aesthetics into something totally unique. She has designed dozens of books on a wide range of topics, from cookbooks and craft to city guides and diaries. She has illustrated six books written by her husband Steve Wide. She has won numerous design awards, and her books have been finalists and received commendations at the APA Book Design Awards. Michelle is a self-confessed stationery nerd, a passionate reader, a history enthusiast, and a lover of all things music and pop culture.



THE MESS THAT WE MADE

MICHELLE LORD, ILLUSTRATED BY JULIA BLATTMAN

- **Now in paperback!**
- **Young readers and listeners will learn how plastic and trash affect marine animals, and will be inspired to make a difference and care for the environment**

Age range 5 to 7

The Mess That We Made explores the environmental impact of trash and plastic on the ocean and marine life, and it inspires kids to do their part to combat pollution.

Simple, rhythmic wording builds to a crescendo (‘This is the mess that we made. These are the fish that swim in the mess that we made.’) and the vibrant digital artwork captures the disaster that is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Children can imagine themselves as one of the four multi-ethnic occupants of the little boat surrounded by swirling plastic in the middle of the ocean, witnessing the cycle of destruction and the harm it causes to plants, animals, and humans.

The first half of the book portrays the growing magnitude of the issue, and the second half rallies children and adults to make the necessary changes to save our oceans, before it is too late. Facts about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, ocean pollution, and how kids can help are included in the back matter.



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9781962269001 | December 2024 | Flashlight Press | PB | 32pp | 203x203mm | AU\$14.99 | NZ\$16.99

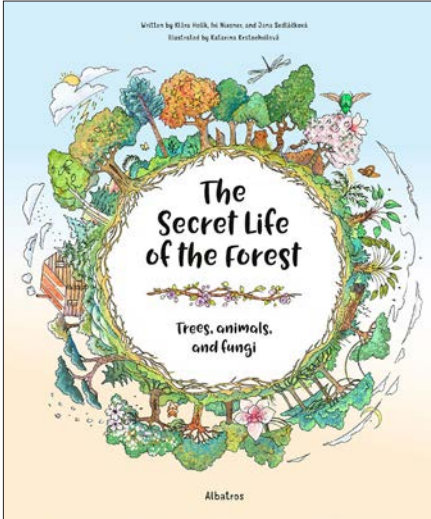
DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author & illustrator:

Michelle Lord has written several books for children, including *A Song For Cambodia*, *Nature Recycles*, and *Animal School: What Class Are You?*, which received a starred review from *Kirkus*.

Julia Blattman has worked as a visual development artist for animated feature films and Disney mobile games. This is her first picture book.





THE SECRET LIFE OF THE FOREST: TREES, ANIMALS, AND FUNGI

JANA SEDLACKOVA, IVI NIESNER, KLARA HOLIK, ILLUSTRATED BY KATARINA KRATOCHVILOVA

- **Vivid Personification:** The forest is brought to life as a bustling city, with interconnected roles, relationships, and neighbours
- **Revelatory Insights:** Discover surprising facts, such as the significance of fire in forests, the swamp’s role as a natural cleaner, and the importance of dead wood
- **Eco-Educational:** Learn about the vital role that forests have in our global ecosystem, thereby fostering environmental awareness

Age range 6 to 9

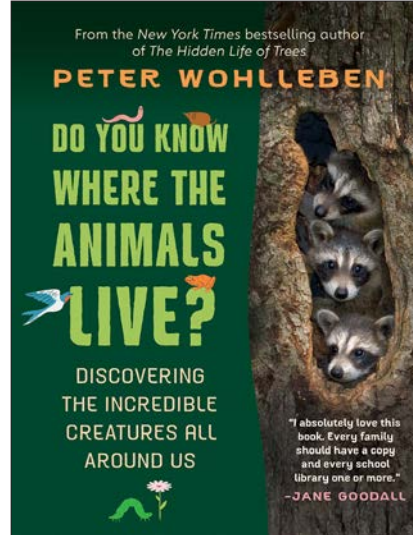
Journey into the heart of the forest to explore its enchanting ecosystem, with our fun and fact-filled friend Little Seed as our guide.

In this fully illustrated book, we will explore the hidden wonders of the forest, from its majestic trees to the bustling community of animals and fungi that call it home.

Uncover the intricate web of connections that sustain this vibrant, interconnected ecosystem, where every creature has a vital role to play and everyone must work together.



978000070957 | December 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 64pp | 269x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



‘I absolutely love this book...every family should have a copy and every school library one or more. In fact, *Do You Know Where Animals Live?* should be part of the curriculum.’ – Jane Goodall

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE ANIMALS LIVE?

Discovering the Incredible Creatures All Around Us

PETER WOHLLEBEN, TRANSLATED BY SHELLEY TANAKA

- **Now in paperback!**
- **The highly anticipated follow up to *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?*, Peter Wohlleben’s critically acclaimed middle-grade reader**
- **Adapted from Peter Wohlleben’s *The Inner Life of Animals*, the follow-up book to the *New York Times*-bestseller *The Hidden Life of Trees***

Age range 8 to 10

From the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees* and *The Inner Life of Animals* comes a book about animals at home and around the world. Get ready to become an animal expert!

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.

This wonderful introduction to the animal kingdom features playful questions, fun quizzes, and activities that will help kids study animals in their own backyards and make the world a better place for them.



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

LET'S LEARN ABOUT BUGS

A Color-Changing Bath Book

DAVID MILES

- **An adorable colour-changing bath book asks questions about bugs!**
- **Kids will learn about insects and bugs in all shapes and sizes**
- **Padded vinyl cover. Waterproof and can be easily cleaned with a soapy cloth**

Age range 0 to 3

Rub-a-Dub...BUGS! Books in the bathtub? Yes, please! While your little one scrubs off the day, let them lather on some science simultaneously! In this adorable bath book, kids will learn about insects and bugs in all shapes and sizes with amazing, colour-changing illustrations.

9781638191834 | December 2024 | Bushel & Peck | BJ | 6pp | 146x146mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



LET'S LEARN ABOUT DINOSAURS

A Color-Changing Bath Book

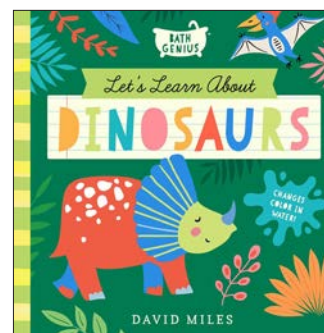
DAVID MILES

- **An adorable colour-changing bath book asks questions about dinosaurs!**
- **Kids will learn about dinosaurs all shapes and sizes**
- **Padded vinyl cover. Waterproof and can be easily cleaned with a soapy cloth**

Age range 0 to 3

Rub-a-Dub...DINOSAURS! Books in the bathtub? Yes, please! While your little one scrubs off the day, let them lather on some science simultaneously! In this adorable bath book, kids will learn about dinosaurs in all shapes and sizes with amazing, colour-changing illustrations. Just dip the pages in water (How could you not? You're in the tub!) and watch dinosaurs, habitats, and more come to life before your very eyes. And what's even more magical, when the book dries, the artwork disappears!

9781638191841 | December 2024 | Bushel & Peck | BJ | 6pp | 146x146mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



LET'S LEARN THE COLORS

A Color-Changing Bath Book

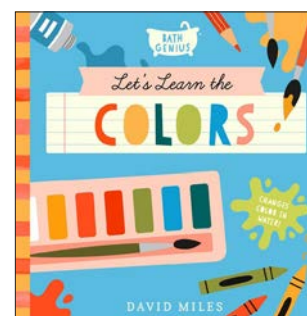
DAVID MILES

- **An adorable colour-changing bath book that teaches about the basic colours!**
- **Kids will learn about the basic colours, colour mixing, warm and cool hues, and more**
- **Padded vinyl cover. Waterproof and can be easily cleaned with a soapy cloth**

Age range 0 to 3

Rub-a-Dub...COLOURS! Books in the bathtub? Yes, please! While your little one scrubs off the day, let them lather on some science simultaneously! In this adorable bath book, kids will learn about reds, blues, and yellows (and what happens when you mix them!) with amazing, colour-changing illustrations. Just dip the pages in water (How could you not? You're in the tub!) and watch colours mix and change tones and hues before your very eyes. And what's even more magical, when the book dries, the artwork disappears!

9781638191858 | December 2024 | Bushel & Peck | BJ | 6pp | 146x146mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN





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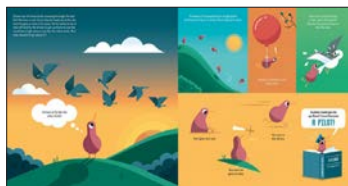
RADKA PIRO, ILLUSTRATED BY DIARMUID O. CATHAIN

- **Popular Topic:** Makes aviation accessible and fun for young readers
- **Engaging Layout:** Modern infographics for easy comprehension and exploration
- **Guiding Companion:** Karl the kiwi bird is an accessible guide to pique kids' curiosity about oceanography

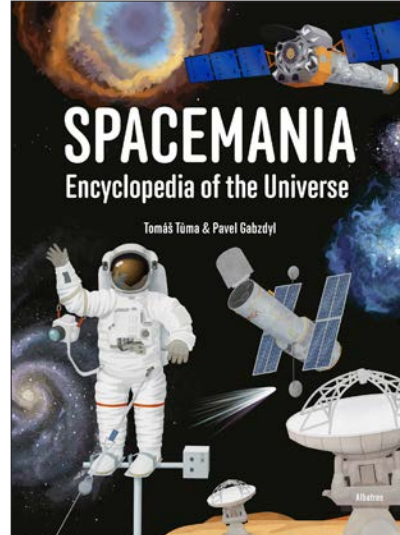
Age range 6 to 9

Join Karl the kiwi bird as we fly high into the awe-inspiring world of aviation, exploring planes and history in a fun, fully illustrated kids' book.

Soar into the thrilling heights of aviation, spanning the rich history of flight, various aircraft types, and the critical influence of weather conditions on air travel. Follow Karl, a wingless kiwi bird with dreams of flying, on a virtual expedition through a bustling airport and a control tower as he turns his aviation aspirations into reality, despite his inability to fly. This book excels at simplifying intricate concepts, using vibrant illustrations and intriguing facts to captivate children's imaginations. Whether your child aspires to be a pilot or seeks to quench their curiosity about the mechanics of airplanes, this book serves as an ideal springboard to the soaring world of aviation.



9788000070995 | December 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 20pp | 241x241mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



SPACEMANIA

Encyclopedia of the Universe

PAVEL GABZDYL, ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS TUMA

- **The go-to resource for young space enthusiasts,** offering a compendium of essential knowledge about our universe
- **Featuring the latest facts,** including insights from the universe's recent expansion, captivating images of the Big Bang, and remarkable new discoveries related to black holes
- **Explore space with captivating illustrations that make learning about the cosmos a visually inspiring delight**

Age range 9 to 12

Dive into a fully illustrated, comprehensive encyclopedia that unveils the wonders of the universe, from its cosmic origins to celestial bodies and interplanetary exploration.

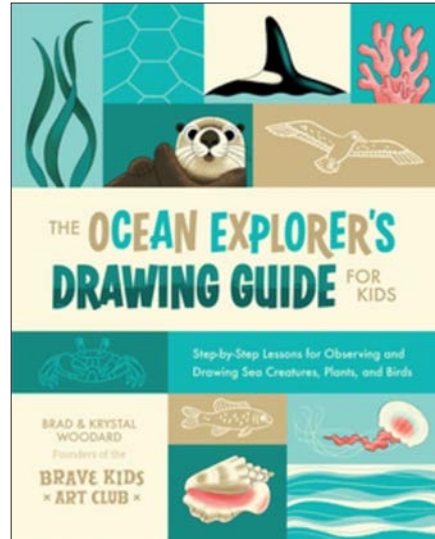
Written by a passionate planetary scientist dedicated to popularising science, this comprehensive guide introduces young readers to the cosmos. From the enigmatic origins of our universe to the vast realms of stars, constellations, and planetary exploration, this guide serves as a gateway to the wonders of space by delving into the captivating stories of celestial bodies, interplanetary missions, and the quest to understand our universe.



9788000070933 | December 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 64pp | 320x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



'I adored how appealing the images and story made this book. I find it hard to find fun educational books that younger children are drawn to, but this one fits the bill.' – NetGalley-Educator



MAGICAL MUSEUM: ANCIENT EGYPT
STEPANKA SEKANINOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY JAKUB CENKL

- Kids step into a living museum of Ancient Egypt, actively taking part in a playful journey
- A sacred scarab and mummy cat bring exhibits to life for an interactive learning experience
- Egyptian history comes alive in rich details that go far beyond monotonous facts

Age range 6 to 9

When a magical scarab awakens a museum exhibit, a mummified cat leads kids on an enchanting adventure, teaching them about Ancient Egyptian history, life, and culture.

Prepare to be transported deep into the mesmerizing heart of Ancient Egypt. As you open the book's pages, you unwittingly awaken a mystical scarab, setting in motion a thrilling adventure back through history. Join a mummified cat on a quest to capture the scarab and restore normality to the museum. In their chase through the museum's various rooms, the scarab breathes life into ancient exhibits, immersing readers in the rich tapestry of Ancient Egyptian culture and daily life. *Magical Museum: Ancient Egypt* strikes just the right balance between learning and entertainment, making it the ideal choice for parents and educators seeking to inspire young minds by making education fun.



9788000070926 | November 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 64pp | 320x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE OCEAN EXPLORER'S DRAWING GUIDE FOR KIDS

Step-by-Step Lessons for Observing and Drawing Sea Creatures, Plants, and Birds
BRAD WOODARD, KRYSYAL WOODARD

- Brad Woodard is a popular YouTube drawing instructor and host of The Brave Kids Art Club, an online drawing show
- Brad & his wife, Krystal run Brave the Woods, a creative agency that focuses on making fun educational products for both kids and those who are kids at heart

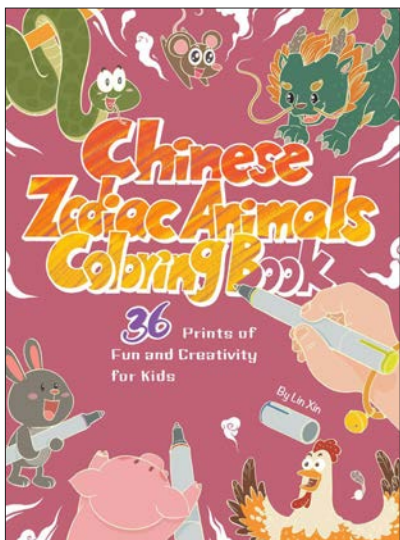
Age range 6 to 12

Become an ocean explorer with this interactive guidebook with step-by-step drawing lessons and fascinating facts about amazing sea creatures!

Perfect for aspiring ocean explorers and budding artists, this beginning drawing book will show kids how to observe and draw their favourite ocean animals and beach discoveries 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.



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



CHINESE ZODIAC ANIMALS COLORING BOOK

36 Prints of Fun and Creativity for Kids
XIN LIN

- 36 gorgeous and adorable hand-drawn, original zodiac images to enjoy in this book
- Each image is printed on its own separate page to prevent bleed-through and allow you to easily remove and frame your favourite piece(s) of art
- The large format pages make it easy for children to colour, and the paper is suitable for any drawing tool including pencils, crayon, watercolours and markers
- Each Chinese zodiac sign has three diverse images designed to reflect the different personalities represented behind the zodiac sign

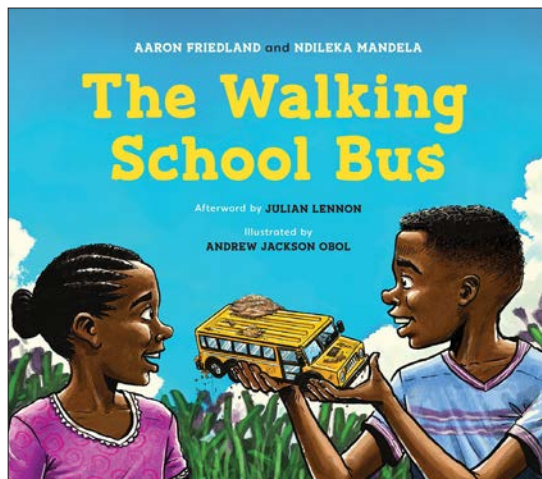
Age range 7 to 9

This colouring book allows children to give full play to their creativity while helping them to understand the story behind the Chinese zodiac and recognise their own zodiac sign.

A great enlightenment book. This book introduces the traditional culture of the Chinese zodiac in a diversified way.



9781632880147 | September 2024 | Shanghai Press | PB | 76pp | 260x184mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE



THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

AARON FRIEDLAND, NDILEKA MANDELA,
AFTERWORD BY JULIAN LENNON,
ILLUSTRATED BY ANDREW JACKSON OBOL

- **Now in paperback!**
- Provides insight into and empathy for many children globally who struggle to access education
- *The Walking School Bus* shows the wonderful ideas kids can come up with on their own and what they can accomplish by working together
- Activist and author Ndileka Mandela, granddaughter of Nelson Mandela, brings her expertise in supporting education in rural South Africa to the book

Age range 4 to 8

A remarkable story about a brother and sister's determination to attend school and their inventive solution to get there safely.

Features an afterword from Julian Lennon, and notes from co-authors Aaron Friedland and Ndileka Mandela.

Every morning, Shaka and his little sister Nandi walk with their father to school. Though the journey is long and hot, they arrive at school happy to see their friends and ready to learn. Then one day, their father gives them terrible news: he has to go work in a mine far away, and they won't be able to go to school anymore.



9781778402173 | December 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 48pp | 228x279mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



HANSEL AND GRETEL

LENKA CHYTILOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY SHUNSUKE SATAKE

- Introduces the youngest readers to a beloved fairy tale
- Pages shaped to mimic scenes from the story for a tactile experience
- Perfect size for small hands
- Minimal text ensures quick enjoyment
- A book that's also a toy made of sturdy materials for enduring usage

Age range 3 to 5

Experience the classic fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel like never before in a board book for young readers shaped like scenes from the story.

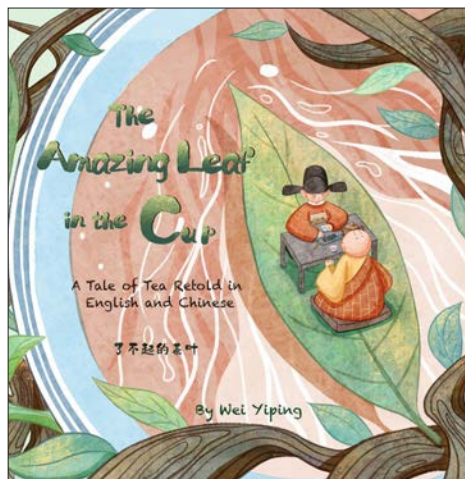
In the heart of a mysterious forest, where secrets lurk behind every tree, a timeless fairy tale comes to life. Join Hansel and Gretel as they venture deeper into the woods and stumble upon a house made of gingerbread. All is not as it seems as the story unfolds through this inventively crafted board book.

Shaped to resemble scenes from the story, each page introduces a new setting, adding a hands-on and visual dimension to this beloved tale that teaches kids to be resourceful in the face of danger and to beware of deception.



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9788000071046 | December 2024 | Albatros Media | BH | 10pp | 144x119mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



THE AMAZING LEAF IN THE CUP

A Tale of Tea Retold in English and Chinese
YIPING WEI

- This beautifully illustrated multicultural children's book tells a Chinese folklore about a diligent young man's journey to find the secret of tea. Apart from the knowledge of Chinese tea, young readers may learn the value of helping others and knowing how to be grateful
- Both the story and the culture note at the end introduce the Chinese tea culture in various aspects, including the process of making tea, the categories of Chinese tea and its benefits
- Bilingual text of English and simplified Chinese characters, this book is a good choice for Chinese culture learning

Age range 5 to 7

A long time ago, a young man named Ding Xian is finally qualified for the imperial examination held in the capital city. Ding Xian travels day and night. While he is passing through Wuyi Mountain, he is so tired that he cannot walk any longer. A kind monk happens to pass by and sees the weak Ding Xian. After he takes Ding Xian back to the temple in the mountain, the monk makes him a beverage with some leaves and hot water. This magical drink rejuvenates Ding Xian immediately. The energetic Ding Xian continues with his journey to the capital city. As a result, Ding Xian wins the first place in the imperial exam!



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9781632880154 | September 2024 | Shanghai Press | HB | 40pp | 229x235mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE COLLAGIST
KAREN HOLMBERG

- Many topical discussion points such as othering and the treatment of outcasts, female independence and coming of age, community violence and prejudice, emotional and physical health and healing, healthy vs. unhealthy grieving, intergenerational trauma, family secrets, forgiveness, compassion and self-compassion; mindfulness; resilience
- Readers, adult and youth, may find echoes of their own favourite classics, such as *My Side of the Mountain*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *Jacob Have I loved*, and *The Secret Garden*

Age range 12+

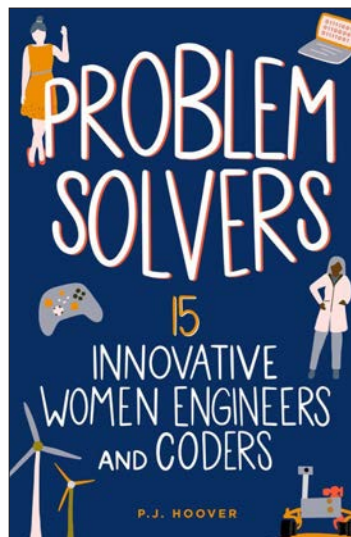
After Romilly's mother's death of a strange fever years ago, neighbours and family fled her village. Bereft, her father becomes increasingly withdrawn, revealing little of their family history that Romilly longs to understand.

When her beloved uncle mysteriously disappears from his boat on a cloudless night at sea, she senses her father's growing terror a terror she shares when she spies an enormous Being opening a sail-shaped flap of sky over their wheatfield. Romilly suspects these inexplicable events are connected, but how?

With the help of unlikely allies the healer Arra, Robbie the boisterous crow, and the kestrel Mira Romilly must convince her father to dismantle the wall to his greatest secret, and that of the Being that exists in the world beyond.



9781646034369 | September 2024 | Fitzroy Books | PB | 232pp | 216x140mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



PROBLEM SOLVERS

15 Innovative Women Engineers and Coders
P. J. HOOVER

- New price point and format ideal for school library collections
- Build new themed collections: STEM, the arts, business leadership
- Highly praised series has included: a Junior Library Guild pick, two *Booklist* starred reviews, and praise from *Kirkus* and *School Library Journal*
- Highlights powerful women to inspire girls in the STEM industries

Age range 12+

When engineers are faced with an impossible problem, they don't quit. They look for solutions.

These 15 women are coders and engineers who have faced impossible problems and found solutions. They are each doing amazing work in technical fields while facing unique challenges that are not equally faced by men.

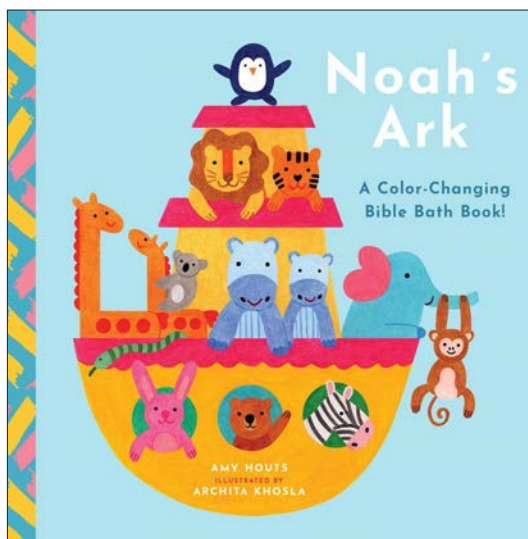
Some have faced work/life balance offsets and long-distance relationship challenges. Others have faced teen pregnancy, homelessness, and domestic abuse. Many may have not had the same technical encouragement growing up that their male colleagues had. Science has typically been considered a man's field of study. There are all sorts of reasons why this is the case, though none of them is valid in today's society.



9798890680068 | December 2024 | Chicago Review Press | PB | 224pp | 216x140mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

'She encourages girls to dream big, work hard, and find mentors to help them along the way.'
– *Booklist*

'Comprehensive, inclusive, and practical.'
– *Kirkus Reviews*



NOAH'S ARK

A Color-Changing Bible Bath Book!

AMY HOUTS, ILLUSTRATED BY ARCHITA KHOSLA

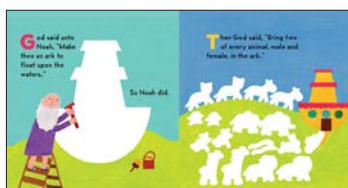
- A colour-changing bath book that lets kids paint with only a finger!
- Padded vinyl cover
- When the book dries, the art disappears ready to be used again!
- Waterproof and can be easily cleaned with a soapy cloth
- Includes illustrations of Noah, the ark, the flood, the dove, the rainbow, and more

Age range 0 to 3

Discover the story of Noah and the Ark in the bath! In this adorable bath book, the story of Noah's ark comes alive with amazing, colour-changing illustrations!

Dip the pages in water, and illustrations of Noah, the ark, the flood, the dove, the rainbow, and more appear, carefully telling the story of Noah from the book of Genesis. When the book dries, the artwork disappears ready to be used again!

Even better, the squishy, vinyl bath book is waterproof and can be easily cleaned with a soapy cloth.



9781638191759 | December 2024 | Sunbeam | BJ | 6pp | 146x146mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

EXTRAORDINARY EYEGLASSES

The Amazing Invention That Helps Us See

CAROLINE STEVAN, ILLUSTRATED BY FRANÇOIS VIGNEAULT

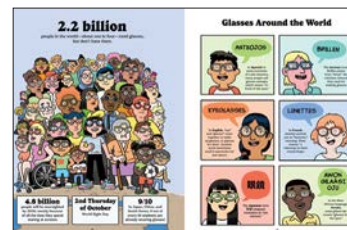
- An all-round perspective on eyeglasses: From history to fashion, to STEM themes of anatomy and optics. Written in an informative and playful tone
- It shimmers! UV coating on the cover and spine make the eyeglasses look real
- Verified by specialists: Reviewed by leading Swiss ophthalmologists
- Captivating bonus material: Games, drawings and riddles with downloadable printouts

Age range 7 to 10

Fall in love with the amazing lenses that help us see.

So many of us wear glasses. They help us read, work and play. They are for the young and old, for bookworms and professional athletes, and are used by people in every country around the world.

Learn how glasses bend light and what colour blindness really means. How tears work and why we have eyelids. Learn all about the human eye, and about the extraordinary vision of cats, birds and flies.



9783039640263 | December 2024 | Helvetiq | HB | 80pp | 266x209mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

THE INCREDIBLE BOOK OF OUTRAGEOUS FACTS FOR KIDS

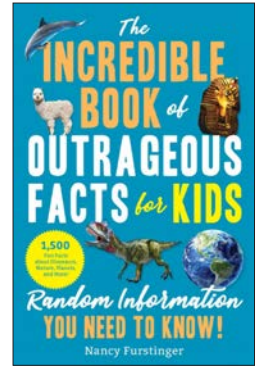
Random Information You Need to Know!

NANCY FURSTINGER

- Kids love to read astonishing, absurd, and amusing facts such as these and then share them with their families and friends
- Amazingly pointless, but verified, factoids will gear kids up to master *Jeopardy* and win at family trivia nights

Age range 8 to 12

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9781510771222 | December 2024 | Sky Pony Press | PB | 192pp | 228x152mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

MOUSETOWN

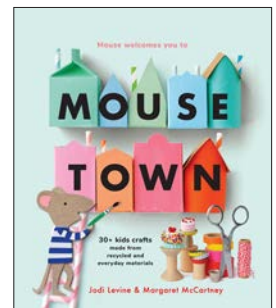
30+ Kids Crafts Made from Recycled and Everyday Materials

JODI LEVINE, MARGARET MCCARTNEY

- This book uses found objects and items straight from the recycling bin to promote imaginative play in children while also teaching them how to upcycle to reduce waste
- Topics like climate change, eco-friendly living, and recycling are trending
- The design aesthetic of the book surpasses what's currently available in the marketplace, making this a stand-out product that will be perfect for gifting

Age range 6 to 8

Welcome to Mousetown! In this inventive craft book, kids follow Mouse through his day in Mousetown, from getting ready to traveling to work, closing shop, grocery shopping, party prep, and throwing a surprise party for his friend Ginger. There are over 30 activities throughout the book that use recycled materials to recreate the story's scenes so kids can follow along or make new stories set in Mousetown with Mouse and friends.



9781454952152 | December 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 112pp | 254x216mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

HEY, THAT'S MY MONSTER!

AMANDA NOLL, ILLUSTRATED BY HOWARD MCWILLIAM

- Companion book to the strong seller, *I Need My Monster* (which sold over 180,000 copies)
- The dramatic cover image of a boy and younger girl peering upside-down, under a bed, pulling readers into this new night-time scenario with spooky-fun atmosphere and outrageous monsters

Age range 5 to 7

When Ethan looks under the bed for his monster, he finds this note instead: So long, kid. Gotta go. Someone needs me more than you do. Gabe How will Ethan ever get to sleep without his monster's familiar, comforting snorts? And who could need Gabe more than Ethan does? Ah! Gabe must have gone to Ethan's little sister's room! She has been climbing out of bed every night to play, and obviously needs a monster to help her get to sleep but not HIS monster!



9781947277380 | December 2024 | Flashlight Press | PB | 32pp | 203x203mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN



THE DARK WE KNOW

WEN-YI LEE

- Led by the genre-defining author of *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn Books publishes gasp-inducing page-turners from deserving yet unexpected authors. The list's inaugural title, *Scorched Grace*, was an Indie Next Pick and a Barnes & Noble Best Book of 2023
- Dazzling Debut Voice: Wen-yi has built a loyal following in the SF/F community with her acclaimed short stories, and her debut novel displays her stunning prose and deft ability to explore difficult, even disturbing truths with empathy

Age range 14+

Growing up in Slater, Isadora Chang never felt at ease in the repressive small town, even before she realized she was bisexual but after the deaths of two childhood friends, Slater went from feeling claustrophobic to suffocating. So, Isa took off before the town could swallow her, too.



9781638930587 | December 2024 | Zando Gillian Flynn Books | HB | 336pp | 229x152mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



TRICK OR TREAT ON SCARY STREET

LANCE BASS, ILLUSTRATED BY ROLAND GARRIGUE

- Well-known and loved by the public, Lance Bass has moved far beyond his boy band days. He has an incredible following, which provides ample opportunities for marketing and promotional efforts
- Reminiscent of *Grimm's Fairy Tales* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Trick or Treat on Scary Street* brings a fresh spin to Halloween-themed picture books and is sure to catch the attention of kids who enjoy spookier stories

Age range 4 to 8

From musical superstar Lance Bass, this quirky and surprising Halloween story is perfect for trick-or-treaters who love extra tricks and treats.

Come one.

Come all.



9781454952176 | December 2024 | Union Square Kids | HB | 40pp | 254x254mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

NAOMI'S SAD DAY

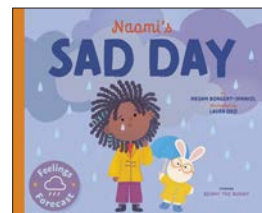
MEGAN BORGERT-SPANIOL, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA DEO

- Expert-backed approach of externalising and reframing emotions
- Mayo Clinic Expertise: Created in collaboration with Emily McTate, Ph.D., L.P., Pediatric Psychologist at the Mayo Clinic Children's Center
- Diversity throughout series including disability representation
- A charming story of sadness developed with a Mayo Clinic pediatric psychologist

Age range 5 to 7

When Naomi wakes up feeling like she's surrounded by clouds, she knows it's a sad day. But the good thing about clouds is that they don't last forever. How can kids manage feelings of sadness? They can prepare and watch for signs of sadness, just like preparing for a cloudy day! Approachable text and friendly characters guide young readers through everything they need to know about managing this familiar emotion.

9798887702124 | December 2024 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 203x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



OLIVE'S ANGRY DAY

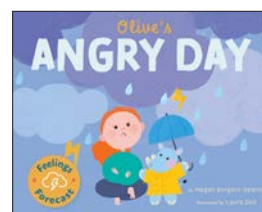
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Age range 5 to 7

Olive learns she needs to clean her room before reading her new book, and anger rolls in like a storm. But like the weather, feelings come and go. This delightful take on a familiar emotion helps young readers understand that feelings are never forever. And when anger happens, kids have everything they need to manage that feeling. Friendly characters and accessible text introduce the emotion of anger and the idea that feelings can be externalised and managed, a tried-and-true method backed by the pediatric psychologists at Mayo Clinic.

9798887702179 | December 2024 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 203x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



JAVI'S EXCITED DAY

MEGAN BORGERT-SPANIOL, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA DEO

- Expert-backed approach of externalising and reframing emotions
- Mayo Clinic Expertise: Created in collaboration with Emily McTate, Ph.D., L.P., Pediatric Psychologist at the Mayo Clinic Children's Center
- Diversity throughout series including disability representation
- A charming story of sadness developed with a Mayo Clinic pediatric psychologist

Age range 5 to 7

When Javi learns that his favorite cousin is coming to visit, he can't contain his excitement. Being excited can be fun. The energy! The anticipation! But, excitement is still a feeling that needs to be managed. Luckily for kids, they have everything they need to manage their enthusiasm in all kinds of situations. This playful story takes on a familiar emotion and helps kids see that feelings can come on pretty strong, just like the weather.

9798887702322 | December 2024 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 203x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



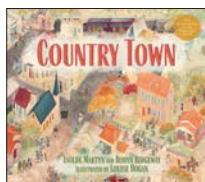


Backlist Christmas Highlights



COUNTRY TOWN

ISOLDE MARTYN, ROBYN RIDGEWAY, ILLUSTRATED BY LOUISE HOGAN



- Major themes in Australian history are interwoven into the story of a fictional inland town

****Shortlisted, NSW Premier's History Awards 2024, Young People's History Prize****

****Winner, 2024 CBCA Eve Pownall Award****



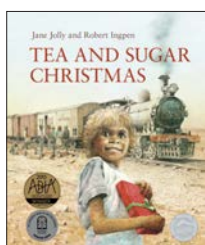
Age range 9 to 12

Happy times, sad times, boom times and gloom times! From the First Peoples camp at the river crossing in the 1820s through to Carols by Candlelight at the showground in today's world, this is a decade by decade wonderfully illustrated story of a small country community.

9781922696342 | September 2023 | Ford Street Publishing | HB | 48pp | 245x280mm | AU \$29.95 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

TEA AND SUGAR CHRISTMAS

JANE JOLLY, ILLUSTRATED BY ROBERT INGPEN



- Recognised by CBCA, ABIA and MAPDA awards

Age range 5+

The Tea and Sugar train only came once a week on a Thursday. But the special Christmas train only came once a year.

Today was Sunday.

Four more days without sugar.

Four more days until the Christmas train. Please, please be on time. Please don't be late.



For 81 years, from 1915 to 1996, the Tea and Sugar Train travelled from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie once a week. It serviced the settlements along the Nullarbor Plain, a 1050-long rail link. It was a lifeline. There were no shops or services in these settlements.

9781922507402 | October 2022 | National Library of Australia | PB | 36pp | 270x225mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

AYLA'S CHRISTMAS WISH

PAMELA JONES, ILLUSTRATED BY LUCIA MASCIULLO



- A beautifully written and illustrated Australian-themed Christmas story that works as a beautiful gift



Age range 3 to 6

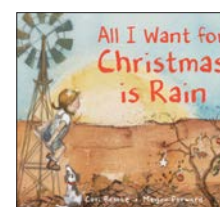
Christmas is coming and Ayla wants a snowman just like in her book, but there is no snow to be found in her drought-stricken town, not even a drop of rain. Only bales of hay.

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.

9781922507617 | November 2023 | National Library of Australia | HB | 32pp | 260x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS RAIN

CORI BROOKE, ILLUSTRATED BY MEGAN FORWARD



- Reprint available now!

Age range 5 to 9

An Australian Christmas is threatened when drought takes hold. A little girl has only one wish-for rain.

Will her wish come true?



9781925059953 | November 2020 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 241x280mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN



Backlist Christmas Highlights



LITTLE PUGGLE'S CHRISTMAS

VIKKI CONLEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY HÉLÈNE
MAGISSON



- *Little Puggle's Christmas* takes the reader into a fantastical bush Christmas experience
- A celebration of inclusivity and diversity – Little Puggle feels wanted and treasured in the end
- Stunning illustrations throughout by award-winning Hélène Magisson



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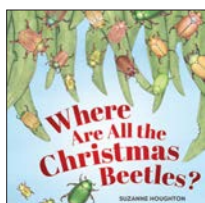
Age range 3 to 6

Christmas in the Australian bush is Puggle's favourite time of year. All the animals return to decorate the oldest tree, and to prepare for the big day. Every year, Puggle tries to help. But even though Puggle tries hardest, none of the special Christmas jobs seem to suit him.

9781923145313 | August 2024 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

WHERE ARE ALL THE CHRISTMAS BEETLES?

SUZANNE HOUGHTON



- Explores the life cycle and various species of the Christmas beetle through stunning illustrations
- Perfect Christmas present for nature lovers – though the plight of Christmas Beetles is an important story all year round
- Discusses possible reasons for the decline in sightings of Christmas beetles



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Age range 5 to 9

Sparkling, brightly coloured Christmas beetles usually appear in the heat of December – a sign that the festive season has begun. But recently they have been hard to find. We aren't seeing them in the eucalyptus trees, or dancing around lights at night. These shimmering, shiny beetles are disappearing from our summers.

9781486317905 | November 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

AUSSIE ABC CHRISTMAS

NANCY BEVINGTON



- Learn the alphabet through exploring Australian animals, activities and objects
- The unique experience of a sunny Australian Christmas
- Funny, vibrant illustrations by Nancy Bevington



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Age range 3 to 6

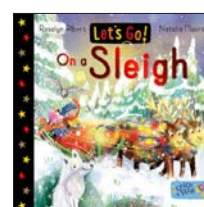
Going to the beach, eating ice cream and having a barbecue are just some of the things that make an Aussie Christmas great. Explore the Australian way of celebrating Christmas whilst navigating each letter of the alphabet.

With kangaroos, koalas, the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge – learning the alphabet has never been so much fun!

9781925594256 | October 2018 | New Frontier | HB | 28pp | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

LET'S GO! ON A SLEIGH

ROSALYN ALBERT,
ILLUSTRATED BY NATALIA
MOORE



- A funny, rhyming book for toddlers
- Gorgeous illustrations by Natalia Moore
- A fun, festive depiction of a sleigh ride



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Age range 0 to 3

Let's go on a sleigh ride

And race across the snow.

The reindeer guide our sleigh tonight

Oh, how their noses glow!

Join friends for a sensational sleigh ride in a winter wonderland!

9781922326720 | November 2022 | Catch a Star | BH | 18pp | 165x165mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN



Backlist Christmas Highlights



DINO LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

MICHELLE WORTHINGTON,
ILLUSTRATED BY MS
VERONICA MONTOYA



- A bright, colourful story featuring a host of adorable dinosaurs as they get ready for Christmas
- Family and friendship are key themes
- Fun and gentle bedtime reading for babies and toddlers
- Engaging and cute illustrations



Age range 0 to 3

Treat yourself to this colourful Christmas story, as the adorable dinosaurs come together to celebrate. With festive fun and kindness, Christmas love is all around.

9781922326348 | October 2021 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN

A CHRISTMAS CAROL IN 20 MINUTES A DAY

A Read-With-Me Book with Discussion Questions, Definitions, and More!
BUSHEL & PECK BOOKS



- A brilliant, simple way to introduce your kids to classic literature
- Includes the full, unabridged text and breaks the story down into daily, 20-minute chunks, the usual educational recommendation for parent-child reading time

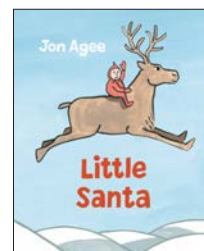
Age range 8 to 12

Reading with your kids has a profound impact on their development, and now it's easier than ever! In *A Christmas Carol in 20 Minutes a Day*, the unabridged text of the beloved story of old Scrooge and the three Christmas ghosts is broken down into easy, twenty-minute chunks – perfect for daily read-alouds.

9781952239670 | December 2021 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 180pp | 216x140mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

LITTLE SANTA

JON AGEE



- Perfect to read to pre-schoolers – big pictures, few words, and a compelling story
- Seeing Santa as a child allows children to project themselves into the story and get engaged

Age range 3 to 6

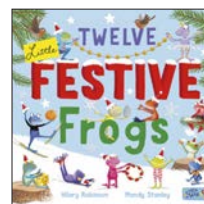
The story of Santa is re-imagined in a contemporary and hilarious way that will charm both children and adults.

Little Santa loves, loves, loves the North Pole. The rest of his family? Not so much. So, when they decide to move to Florida, Santa is miserable. Lucky for him, a blizzard foils their plans. The only way out of the house is up the chimney.

9781912650781 | October 2021 | Scallywag Press | HB | 40pp | 298x241mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

TWELVE LITTLE FESTIVE FROGS

HILARY ROBINSON,
ILLUSTRATED BY MANDY STANLEY



- A celebration of the festive period featuring our favourite frog friends
- Based on the traditional Christmas verse, *The 12 Days of Christmas*, perfect for practising counting and ordinal numbers in a fun way
- Introducing two new frogs to the original 10 yoga frogs
- Colourful and engaging illustrations by an award-winning illustrator

Age range 0 to 5

Celebrate the twelve days of Christmas with these fun and delightful little festive frogs.

9781922326355 | October 2021 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN