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JANUARY 2025 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT NEW ZEALAND







9781837840755 | January 2025 | 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.

COMPOUND FRACTURE

ANDREW JOSEPH WHITE

- Andrew Joseph White has instantly hit the New York
 Times bestseller list with both of his previous novels,
 Hell Followed With Us and The Spirit Bares Its Teeth
- Compound Fracture is a timely, violent, and brutally honest scream against issues plaguing trans teens today
- Drawing on influences from Appalachian and Southern Gothic, *Compound Fracture* sees the restless ghosts of dead miners embroiled in a never-ending class war in the mountains of West Virginia
- This book stars an #OwnVoices autistic trans main character, drawing on the author's own experiences for a sense of authenticity and nuance

Age range: 14+

On the night Miles Abernathy – sixteen-year-old socialist and proud West Virginian – comes out as trans to his parents, he sneaks off to a party, carrying evidence that may finally turn the tide of the blood feud plaguing Twist Creek: Photos that prove the county's Sheriff Davies was responsible for the so-called 'accident' that injured his dad, killed others, and crushed their grassroots efforts to unseat him.

The feud began a hundred years ago when Miles's great-great-grandfather, Saint Abernathy, incited a miners' rebellion that ended with a public execution at the hands of law enforcement. Now, Miles becomes the feud's latest victim as the sheriff's son and his friends sniff out the evidence, follow him through the woods, and beat him nearly to death. In the hospital, the ghost of a soot-covered man hovers over Miles's bedside while Sheriff Davies threatens Miles into silence. But when Miles accidently kills one of the boys who hurt him, he learns of other folks in Twist Creek who want out from under the sheriff's heel. To free their families from this cycle of cruelty, they're willing to put everything on the line — is Miles?

Also Available

HELL FOLLOWED WITH US

ANDREW JOSEPH WHITE



9781837840694 | November 2024 | Daphne Press | PB | 384pp | 198x130mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



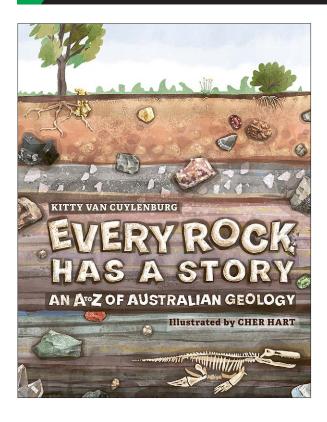
THE SPIRIT BARES ITS TEETH

ANDREW JOSEPH WHITE



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



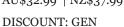






9781486316731 | January 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 64pp | 280x215mm |

AU\$32.99 | NZ\$37.99



Sunderland Bay, VIC; Rivett, ACT

About the author & illustrator:

Kitty van Cuylenburg is a teacher, writer and geologist. She has worked at mines across Australia, and is currently curating a geological collection for her secondary school.

Cher Hart is a nature illustrator with a background in biology and visual communication. She has created material for journals, exhibitions and government. This is her second children's book, with her first being *Sensational Australian Animals* (CSIRO Publishing, 2024).

EVERY ROCK HAS A STORY

An A to Z of Australian Geology KITTY VAN CUYLENBURG, ILLUSTRATED BY CHER HART

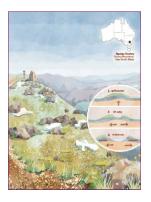
- Includes fun facts, incredible history and fascinating insights of Australian geology across millions of years
- Explores key geological sites around Australia, including Bald Rock, Mount Augustus and Uluru
- Features beautiful full-colour illustrations of formations, rocks and gemstones
- Includes a comprehensive glossary of key terms
- Outlines where each location can be found on a map of Australia, including sites to explore

Age range 8 to 12

Australia. It's filled with rocks! *Every Rock Has a Story* takes you on an adventure right across Australia to explore 26 iconic landforms, minerals, fossils or resources all with interesting tales to tell.

Discover pink diamonds and stromatolites, the Great Artesian Basin and Uluru, and granite rocks formed billions of years ago. With stunning illustrations, engaging text and packed with fun facts, this is the perfect book for anyone curious about Australian geology.















9781921833694 | January 2025 | Museums Victoria | HB | 32pp | 280x230mm | AU\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN







WHEN THE STARS COME OUT

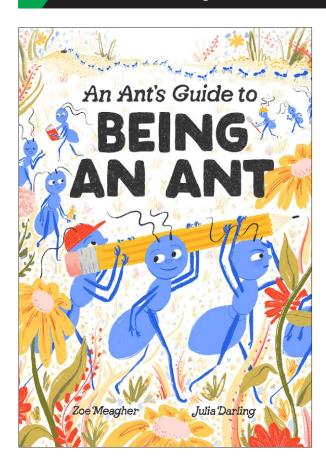
TANYA HILL, ILLUSTRATED BY SYLVIA MORRIS

- The debut picture book from Tanya Hill, Senior Curator of Astronomy at Museums Victoria. Tanya develops award-winning shows for the Melbourne Planetarium at Scienceworks, gives frequent talks and lectures, regularly speaks on the radio and writes an astronomy column called 'Look Up' for *The Conversation*
- Award-winning Australian illustrator Sylvia Morris (Shortlisted for the CBCA Award for New Illustrator in 2023) imbues this special story with her signature warmth, bringing the night sky to life with heart, magic and gentle humour
- The story is based on Tanya's own personal story
 of overcoming her childhood fear of the dark
 to become one of Australia's most celebrated
 astronomers. The book features an extended
 author bio expanding on Tanya's STEM journey,
 inspiring young readers to dream big and follow
 their own pathways into STEM
- This book is imbued with scientific knowledge that is current and research-based, curated in close consultation with expert staff from the Melbourne Planetarium. Parents can rest assured that this book is grounded in trustworthy science
- Endpapers include additional Australian constellation maps for an engaging and child friendly introduction to the world of astronomy
- Tanya is an incredibly enthusiastic author and speaker, and will be promoting the book across a number of museum channels and external channels

Age range 3+

Lily loves her family's tradition of taking after-dinner walks together, but as summer rolls by and the sun dips lower in the sky, Lily's fear of the dark begins to grow. Her mother points out the wonders of the – night sky from the sparkling constellation of Orion to the bright glow of the International Space Station passing overhead – but will Lily be able to look up and see the beauty all around her?

Written by astronomer Tanya Hill, who overcame her own childhood fear of the dark and has gone on to spend her career sharing the wonder of the night sky with others.







9781921833700 | January 2025 | Museums Victoria | HB | 32pp | 245x171mm | AU\$19.99 | NZ\$22.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



AN ANT'S GUIDE TO BEING AN ANT

ZOE MEAGHER, ILLUSTRATED BY JULIA DARLING

- Learn all about ants in this book dedicated to improving ant PR – ants are an important part of our natural world and we can learn so much from them about community, working together and caring for each other
- With facts approved by the resident entomologists at Melbourne Museum, families can rest assured that not only is this book an entertaining visual feast, it's also highly educational

Age range 3+

This book is for ants. If you are not an ant, DO NOT READ this book.

Ants achieve incredible things by working together, looking after each other and – most importantly – following the 11 ant rules. If you haven't memorised the ant rules yet, don't worry! This book is here to help.

Find out the importance of having a secret signature smell (good for telling your friends about cool things you've found).

Learn how to take care of ant eggs (hint – although they're shaped like footballs, you definitely should not kick them).

Discover the delicacies of ant cuisine (the joys of vomit soup are best shared with friends).

A laugh-out-loud look at the wonderful world of ants, guaranteed to have you welcoming ants to your next picnic instead of shooing them away.

About the author & illustrator:

Zoe Meagher is an experience developer at Melbourne Museum, with many years under her belt creating engaging and educational scientific content for the museum's diverse audiences.

Julia Darling's vibrant illustrations bring to life the quirks and delightful specifics of ant life. The bright, detailed illustrations are bursting with humour and warmth, with plenty of tongue-incheek jokes sprinkled throughout.





'Pure storytelling at its best.' - Kirkus Reviews, starred review







9781454954187 | January 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 304pp | 209x139mm | AU\$16.99 | NZ\$19.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author:

Samantha San Miguel grew up on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Living sandwiched between ocean and estuary gave her a wholehearted respect for wildlife, especially the kind that can eat you. She's spent countless hours scanning for sea monsters, but the only ones she's seen so far have been in her imagination. Samantha dreams of one day seeing with her own eyes the landscapes from her abuelito's stories of Cuba. She can be found online at samanthasanmiguel.com.

FATHOMLESS

SAMANTHA SAN MIGUEL

- Ghostly pirates, lost treasure, and high adventure abound in *Fathomless*, the sequel to *Spineless*, set in glittering Gilded Age Florida
- Samantha San Miguel is the author of *Spineless*, a B&N monthly pick for April 2023
- Samantha's writing is full of fast-paced and high stakes adventures that will appeal to a wide audience. Pirates and hidden treasure are always interesting and cool, and Samantha puts her excellent research skills to use to infuse her story with real historical details and facts about ecology
- Subtle themes of respect, compassion, and community blend naturally into the narrative. Good representation of disability

Age range 8 to 12

After months away at boarding school, Lulu Davenport was looking forward to summer vacation at her home on the southwest Florida coast, especially since her best friend, Algie Emsworth, will be spending his vacation with the Davenport family. But since his widowed mother has fallen on hard times, he's gotten a job nearby that keeps him away from the house most of the day. And Frankie, Lulu's sister and usual companion, is out of commission after injuring herself while sailing. But when Lulu hears about a possible haunting in a nearby abandoned fort and rumours of hidden treasure, she decides it's time to strike out on her own and solve the mystery herself.

In the process, she meets Vic, a blind boy who's just moved to town, and the two of them embark on a hunt for clues about the ghostly appearances. Soon enough, Frankie and Algie join them, and the four friends uncover all sorts of very real dastardly deeds going on, and the villain is much closer to home than they expected!

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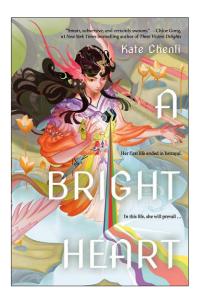
SPINELESS

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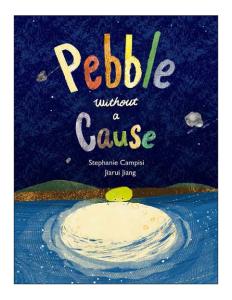




9781454946151 | August 2023 | Union Square Kids | PB | 256pp | 209x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



'The clever premise and intriguing and suspenseful plot will keep readers engaged. A fresh and compelling voice.' – Kirkus Reviews



A BRIGHT HEART

KATE CHENLI

- Highly compelling, aspirational premise:
 Who wouldn't want the chance to take down
 the man who betrayed and killed her? It is
 impossible not to become deeply invested
 in Mingshin's second-chance vengeance
 mission, which was inspired by a popular
 trope in Chinese storytelling
- Slow-burn romance: Mingshin has vowed to never fall in love again but fate keeps bringing her and arrogant, handsome Prince Jieh together
- Talented debut author: Kate Chenli is a natural storyteller with impeccable pacing, colourful characters, and tons of teen accessibility

Age range 14 to 17

What if you could avenge your own murder? A brilliant young woman gets a second chance at life in this debut YA tale of vengeance, court intrigue, and romance, inspired by classic Chinese tropes.

Mingshin outsmarted three princes to help the man she loved become king. But she doesn't see Ren's betrayal coming, not until she's lying in a pool of her own blood on the palace steps.

As she's dying, Mingshin makes a desperate plea to the gods to turn back time and give her a chance to make things right.



9781454949947 | January 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 344pp | 209x139mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

PEBBLE WITHOUT A CAUSE

STEPHANIE CAMPISI, ILLUSTRATED BY JIARUI JIANG

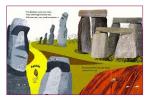
- This book offers a delightful exploration into how a unique perspective can lead to discovering one's true potential, teaching children the importance of embracing their individuality
- Follow Tiny Pebble's journey from feeling out of place in his family of Boulders to finding his purpose and value, a relatable and inspiring story for young readers learning about self-worth and acceptance
- A heartwarming reminder that everyone, no matter their size or appearance, has a unique role to play in the world, making it a valuable addition to any child's library for fostering self-esteem and understanding of diversity

Age range 3 to 8

A delightful exploration of the power of perspective.

Tiny Pebble feels purposeless among his family of rockstar Boulders. No matter how he tries to get involved, he's not the right fit for the job. But when the dam his

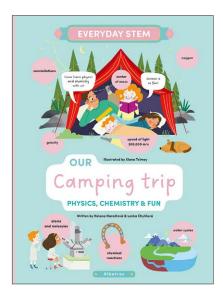
cousin Dustin is constructing springs a leak, Pebble uses his unique stature and problemsolving skills to save the day in his own pebbly way.







9781953458704 | January 2025 | Yeehoo Press | HB | 40pp | 259x218mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



OUR CAMPING TRIP

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

- STEM for the Classroom and Beyond: Supports learning of STEM 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
- Real-World Application: Connect theoretical concepts to everyday life by showcasing how science plays a role in practices like cooking, baking, travelling, etc
- Story-Based Exploration: Invite children on a journey through a story that unravels the science facts behind holidays and celebration activities
- Topic: Concerns physics and chemistry
- · Activities for kids to try at home

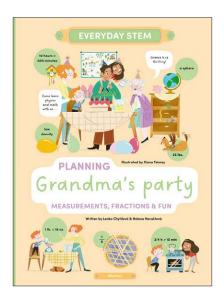
Age range 6 to 9

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. Set against the backdrop of a family camping trip, *Our Camping Trip: Physics, Chemistry, and Fun* from the *Everyday STEM* series is a captivating exploration for young minds aged 6-9.





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



PLANNING GRANDMA'S CELEBRATION

Measurements, Fractions, and Fun LENKA CHYTILOVA, HELENA HARASTOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY XIANA TEIMOY

- STEM for the Classroom and Beyond: Supports learning of STEM 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
- Real-World Application: Connect theoretical concepts to everyday life by showcasing how science plays a role in practices like cooking, baking, travelling, etc
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- Topic: Concerns physics and math
- · Activities for kids to try at home

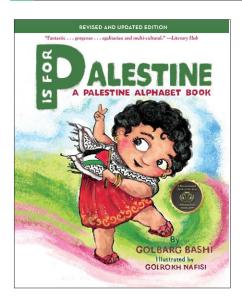
Age range 6 to 9

Unlock the wonders of STEM in a festive adventure, exploring physics and math while planning a birthday party, blending real-world applications and engaging content for curious young minds. Join Teresa, Cooper, and the Bright family in *Planning Grandma's Party: Measurements, Fractions, and Fun,* the exciting sequel in the *Everyday STEM* series for kids aged 6-9.





9788000072869 | January 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 318x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



P IS FOR PALESTINE

A Palestine Alphabet Book GOLBARG BASHI, ILLUSTRATED BY GOLROKH NAFISI

• Embark on an alphabetic odyssey through culture and heritage

Age range 4 to 8

Imagine a world where every letter of the alphabet unlocks the colourful tapestry of a rich and ancient culture. This enchanting book does just that, guiding young readers on a journey through language, history, and traditions with each turn of the page.

Can we sing the ABC anywhere? With a woolly bear or on thin air? Set off on an alphabetic adventure to Palestine, a land that tells a story with every letter. From the A that stands for Arabic, a beautiful language sung by millions, to the Z for za'atar, a flavour that's as bold as the history it accompanies, *P Is for Palestine* is more than just an ordinary ABC.

It's also an odyssey through heritage, a cultural immersion that connects young minds to the world beyond their own. It's where the traditional T for thob dresses meets the modern, where the ancient Q for Quds (Jerusalem) sits at the heart of spirituality, and where the resilience symbolised by I for intifada teaches the value of standing up for what is right.





9798887440767 | January 2025 | PM Press | PB | 64pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



BRAVE LIKE FIREWEED

JESSE WHITE

- A perfect blend of STEM and inspirational themes to encourage and equip young readers to honour and harness their inner emotions
- With illustrations reminiscent of Carson Ellis meets Diana Sudyka, debut creator Jesse White is poised to make her mark and standout in the picture book art world
- White's background as an art educator lends itself to ideas and themes that are easy for little ones to grasp among the whimsical, wonder-filled text and art

Age range 4 to 8

The journey begins in a young girl's bedroom, the night before a big performance. Excited but nervous, she dreams her way through North American flora and discovers the resilient, powerful, and radiant nature of plants and builds her confidence.

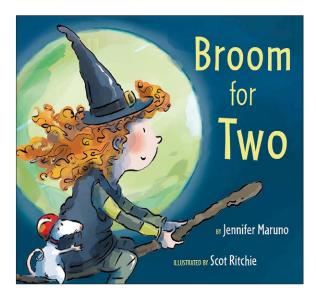
Using a blend of social-emotional learning concepts and a poetic interpretation of the natural world, White showcases the complexities of nature alongside her stylistic and emotive art, encouraging readers to explore their feelings and emotions no matter how big or small.







9781454949718 | January 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 40pp | 254x254mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



BROOM FOR TWO

JENNIFER MARUNO, ILLUSTRATED BY SCOT RITCHIE

- Strong themes of empathy, friendship, trust, and forgiveness
- This is a mighty girl story that shows the power of perseverance and creative thinking
- Highly acclaimed illustrator Scot Ritchie (Zander Stays, Dinos Driving, and On the Line) has published more than 70 books
- Clever artwork that captures the feel of humour, Autumn, and Halloween

Age range 3 to 7

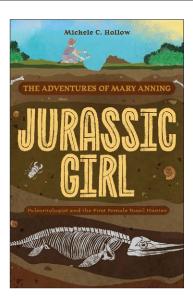
Friendship and empathy charm as a little witch learns to fly on a not-so-perfect broom.

While practicing for her flying test, Little Witch sometimes forgets her broom in places she shouldn't. By the time she finds her broom in the woods by Ramshackle Rat's house, the broom has been chewed and bent. When Little Witch tries to fly home, the broom is sinking, spinning, and bumping along. Unable to fix her broom, Little Witch must find a way to pass her test despite her setbacks. With help from an unlikely friend, Little Witch may find a way to soar again. Illustrations showcase a whimsical duo, while utilising a rich seasonal colour palette, bringing this magical world to life as a little witch zooms across the sky.





9781772783209 | January 2025 | Pajama Press | HB | 32pp | 241x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



JURASSIC GIRL

The Adventures of Mary Anning, Paleontologist and the First Female Fossil Hunter

MICHELE C. HOLLOW

 Discover the fascinating life of 12-year-old Mary Anning, a fossil hunter who would grow up to be a famous paleontologist, in this historical fiction book for children interested in learning about dinosaurs, fossils, and women in STEM, like Grace Hopper, Marie Curie, and Jane Goodall

Age range 8 to 12

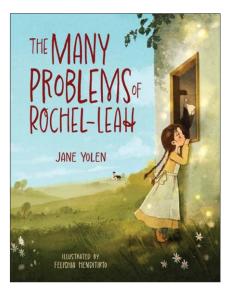
At age 12, Mary Anning found the skeleton of the first ichthyosaurus, a fish-like creature that lived during the Jurassic Period. It was more than 17 feet long! But according to many of the men in London's Geological Society, the fossil could not be real due to several reasons:

- · Mary was female
- She was 12 years old
- · She had no formal education
- · She was poor

But that didn't stop Mary! This story follows her journey with the ichthyosaurus and offers a look into the childhood of someone who would eventually become the 'Mother of Paleontology'.

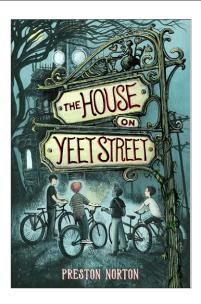


9781646047178 | January 2025 | Ulysses Press | PB | 128pp | 216x140mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



'A rousing historical tale' - Publisher's Weekly

'This picture book is a delight!' -Historical **Novel Society**



'Here's a pleaser for anyone fond of finding ghosts, gay teens, dead teens, gay ghosts, unsolved murder, excellent snarky banter, creepy horror, rib-tickling satire, plot twists, tight friendships, and/or happy endings in their fiction.' - Booklist, starred review

THE MANY PROBLEMS OF ROCHEL-**LEAH**

JANE YOLEN, ILLUSTRATED BY FELISHIA **HENDITIRTO**

- Based on a true story from Jane Yolen's family
- A perfect back-to-school book
- Includes an author's note about 19th century Russia, determination, and how this story connects to today

Age range 4 to 7

Once upon a time, girls were not allowed to learn to read. This is the story of a girl who decided to change that. Inspired by a true story from award-winning author Jane Yolen's family history, The Many Problems of Rochel-Leah is a stirring tale of what it feels like to be denied equality and the persistence it takes to work for change and fair treatment.

More than anything, Rochel-Leah wanted to learn to read. She wanted to read stories, and recipes, and poems that set your hair on fire. But in her small Jewish village in 19th century Russia, only boys learned to read, as they had for centuries. Still, Rochel-Leah was determined. She asked her mother and her aunties, but they couldn't read either. Her father told her to learn to cook instead. She even asked the rabbi, who said there were rules. But Rochel-Leah knew something important she knew that rules could be changed.



9781681156392 | January 2025 | Apples & Honey Press | HB | 32pp | 276x213mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE HOUSE ON YEET STREET PRESTON NORTON

• This wildly original, genuinely hilarious storytelling is a perfect blend of sweet, funny, and entertaining

- Preston Norton is a critically acclaimed YA author with a natural flair for the energetic voice, swift pacing, and friendship dynamics that make middle-grade readers tick
- Aidan's anxiety over his crush on his friend Kai is handled with flawless sensitivity and humour that will feel relatable to any tween with a secret crush, and especially vital for queer tween readers looking to see themselves in a funny, thrilling story
- This highly original ghost story will appeal to middle-grade readers who love supernatural mysteries and light horror

Age range 10+

A hilarious ghost story about a group of thirteen-yearold boys whose friendship is tested by supernatural forces, secret crushes, and a hundred-year-old curse.

When Aidan Cross yeeted his very secret journal into the house on Yeet Street, he also intended to yeet his feelings for his best friend, Kai, as far away as possible. To Aidan's horror, his friends plan a sleepover at the haunted house the very next night. Terrance, Zephyr, and Kai are dead set on exploring local legend Farah Yeet's creepy mansion.



9781454950417 | January 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 336pp | 209x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



The rich depiction of all four girls and how each works to find the power of their interconnected magic, along with an attentive handling of sexual assault, make the novel an important one to add to any collection.' -School Library Journal, starred review

The LIES of ALMA BLACK WELL

'A phenomenal occult thriller.' – School Library Journal, starred review

'Moody and atmospheric, this modern gothic tale by Glaze (The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond) is packed with twists.' – Publishers Weekly

FOR GIRLS WHO WALK THROUGH FIRE

KIM DEROSE

- Fresh, compelling take on a tough and timely subject: The girls' use of witchcraft to seek revenge is a new angle on how victims usually exercise agency over their attackers. The story meets teen readers where they are with raw, biting humour and with an aspirational magical twist
- Diverse cast reflects range of survivor experiences: Each girl is vibrant and highly memorable, and their friendships, family members, and personalities are more in focus than their trauma
- Talented debut author: Kim DeRose writes in an absorbing, compulsively readable voice that is simultaneously sensitive, raw, and cool

Age range 14+

Those who would suppress and destroy you stand not a chance when confronted with the power that lies within these pages...

Elliott D'Angelo-Brandt is sick and tired of putting up with it all. Every week, she attends a support group for teen victims of sexual assault, but all they do is talk. Elliott's done with talking. What she wants is justice. And she has a plan for getting it: a spell book that she found in her late mum's belongings that actually works. Elliott recruits a coven of fellow survivors from the group.



9781454948896 | January 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 320pp | 209x139mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

THE LIES OF ALMA BLACKWELL AMANDA GLAZE

- Amanda Glaze's debut YA, The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond, was a B&N YA Book Club selection and received glowing trade reviews that praised the novel as 'cinematic and spine-tingling' and 'an impressive and eerie debut'
- This dark and mysterious setup plays to all of Amanda Glaze's strengths, as she explores an old house haunted by a wronged spirit, in a moody seaside setting
- Loosely inspired by the real-life Winchester Mystery House, this novel builds off a familiar legendary haunted house to create a strikingly original creepy tale

Age range 14+

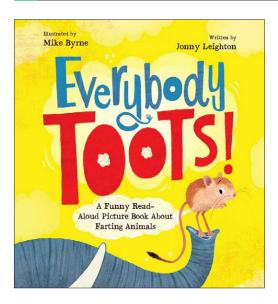
Atmospheric and sweepingly romantic, this gothic YA mystery tells the story of a girl poised to inherit a famously haunted California mansion and a stranger who arrives with a dark warning...

For over a century, the Blackwells have protected the town of Hollow Cliff from vengeful spirits.

Seventeen-year-old Nev is ready to take over for her ailing grandmother as the town's witch protector unlike her mother, who left when Nev was a child and never looked back. When a stranger arrives at Blackwell House of Spirits to fill a tour guide opening, Nev reluctantly offers him the job.



9781454951926 | January 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 384pp | 209x139mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



EVERYBODY TOOTS

A Funny Read-Aloud Picture Book about Farting Animals JONNY LEIGHTON, ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE BYRNE

• Teaching kids not to be ashamed of their natural bodily functions, this laugh-outloud picture book features cows, monkeys, dinosaurs, and other tooters from the animal kingdom and beyond!

Age range 3 to 5

Jerboa feels shocked and embarrassed when he unexpectedly lets out a stinky, squeaky toot. Luckily, the wise Elephant is there to remind the shy creature that, whether big or small, animal or human, dinosaur or monster, *Everybody Toots!*

Featuring hilarious rhyming text and entertaining illustrations, this cheeky picture book will leave kids bursting with laughter while also teaching them that passing gas is totally normal and okay.

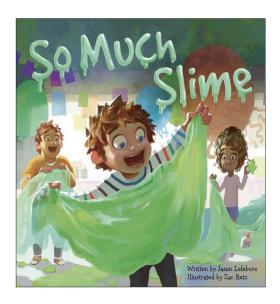








9781646047147 | January 2025 | Ulysses Press | HB | 32pp | 216x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



SO MUCH SLIME

JASON LEFEBVRE, ILLUSTRATED BY ZAC RETZ

 Kids LOVE slime, and a slime disaster in a classroom, illustrated in a fresh digital paint style, will have listeners stuck to their seats during reading time

Age range 5 to 7

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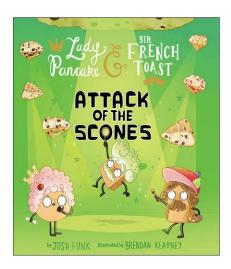








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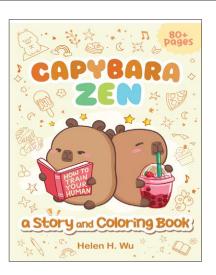
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