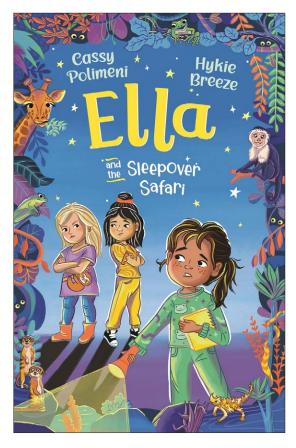
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MARCH 2025 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT







9781760803018 | March 2025 | UWA Publishing | PB | 96pp | 198x128mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



Warrane (Sydney)

ELLA AND THE SLEEPOVER SAFARI

CASSY POLIMENI, ILLUSTRATED BY HYKIE BREEZE

- Book 2 in the Ella and the Frogs four-book junior fiction series from CBCA Notable author Cassy Polimeni (The Garden at the End of The World, UQP 2023, illus. Briony Stewart)
- Teaching notes for Ella and the Amazing Frog Orchestra (book 1) and Ella and the Sleepover Safari (book 2) available on publication
- Exciting and fun illustrations by Hykie Breeze, (Sydney-based Hong Kong-born graphic designer and illustrator) feature on the front and back cover with accompanying illustrations throughout the text
- National publicity campaign by KEAN & Creative

Age range 5 to 8

Ella's worlds collide when her old friend Viv and new friend Mai finally meet at Ella's birthday party – a sleepover at the zoo!

Ella can't wait to explore and learn about the animals, but it's hard to have a good time when your two best friends aren't getting along. The search for an escaped animal threatens to drive them all even further apart, or can they learn to work together?

Also available:

ELLA AND THE AMAZING FROG ORCHESTRA

CASSY POLIMENI







9781760802899 | July 2024 | UWA Publishing | PB | 96pp | 198x128mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

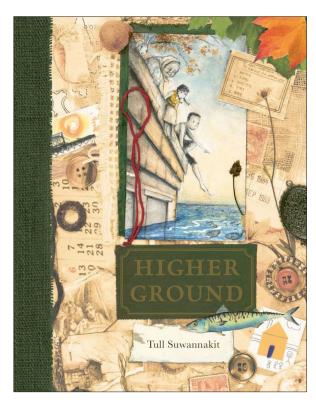
About the author and illustrator:



Cassy Polimeni is a freelance editor and the author of *The Garden at the End of the World* (picture book) and *Ella and the Frogs* (junior fiction series). Cassy has presented story times and workshops at kindergartens, libraries and festivals. Cassy lives on Bunorong country.



Hykie Breeze is a Hong Kong born graphic designer and illustrator living in Sydney (Dharawal Country), Australia. After several years working in marketing, events and program management Hykie decided to switch careers and become a designer. She has worked with Canon, Australia Council for the Arts, PETAA, and CommBank.







9781922326997 | March 2025 | New Frontier | HB | 136pp | 230x170mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



HIGHER GROUND

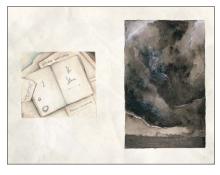
TULL SUWANNAKIT

- Beautifully illustrated by award-winning author/ illustrator whose books have been translated into many languages throughout the world
- Higher Ground combines elements of a graphic novel with illustrated picture book and diary, which provides a unique and innovative reading experience
- The use of sparse text and prose not only captures the mood and tone of the narrative but also aids readers with learning differences
- The story teaches readers the importance of family values, independence and life lessons
- A wonderful starting point for exploring themes of resilience, strength in the face of adversity and sustainability

Age range 5 to 8

After a great flood, a grandmother, her two grandchildren and their pet rabbit must learn to survive living on their rooftop garden, relying on scarce resources and limited space. Days turn into weeks, and weeks into months, but through life lessons and words of wisdom, hope emerges.

Higher Ground is an inspiring coming-of-age tale of resilience, courage and spirit that illuminates how life can be beautiful even in the darkest of times.



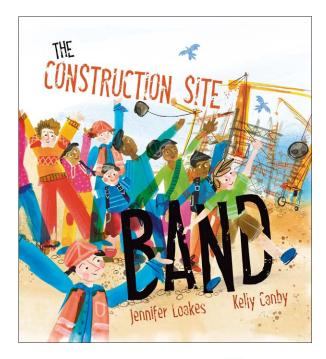




About the author:

Tull Suwannakit is an author and illustrator of books for children. He is a graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia, and has illustrated and written numerous children's picture books that have been translated into many languages throughout the world. His publishing clients include New Frontier Publishing, Walker Books, Candlewick Press and Scholastic Press.

Working predominantly with watercolour and graphite, Tull's books have been featured in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The New York Times* and on ABC's Mornings radio and *Play School* on ABC Kids. Some of his books were included among the Notables list as part of The Children's Book Council of Australia Awards and shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards and The Crystal Kite Awards. Along with his bookmaking, Tull is an art teacher and uses his experience in visual arts and storytelling to promote creative expression for people of all ages. He lives a quiet life with his son and their dog in a rural town nestled among the trees and nature outside Melbourne. For more information about Tull, please visit:www.TullSuwannakit.net







9781922998156 | March 2025 | Windy Hollow Books | HB | 32pp | 215x235mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



'I enjoyed thinking about how the machinery sounds would interact with people's day. Perhaps one of the most special things for me about this book, is the idea that people can hear music in their lives if they listen closely and use their imagination.' – Jennifer Loakes

About the author and illustrator:

Jennifer Loakes is an internationally published children's author based in sunny Brisbane. *The Construction Site Band* is her fourth book with Windy Hollow Books. Since she was a little girl, Jennifer's been listening to stories, reading stories, and thinking up stories of her own. When stories take a back seat, Jennifer works as a psychologist and enjoys spending time with her family and being at the beach.

Kelly Canby is an award-winning internationally published illustrator and author of over two dozen books for children. Kelly was born in London, England, but has lived in Australia since the age of three, which is probably around the same age she started playing with pencils and crayons, and it was probably only a few years after that that she decided playing with pencils and crayons was something she wanted to do for the rest of her life.

THE CONSTRUCTION SITE BAND

JENNIFER LOAKES, ILLUSTRATED BY KELLY CANBY

- Fun noisy read aloud for young children
- · A celebration of the activity in the city
- A book at the way people live with the sound of machinery in their lives
- Kelly Canby just won the CBCA Book of the Year award for her book *Timeless*

Age range 3 to 6

The construction site band is ready.

It's time for the day to begin.

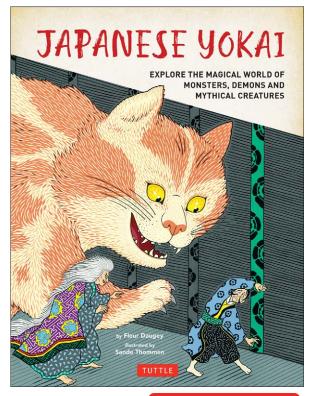
A delightfully noisy book that celebrates all the noise and colour of city life.















9784805318911 | March 2025 | Tuttle Publishing | HB | 48pp | 279x215mm | AU \$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the authors:

Fleur Daugey trained in psychology and ethology, working at several NGOs before turning to writing. She has published numerous books for young people, including *Animals of Japan, Animal Dads* and *The Love Lives of Animals*.

Sande Thommen studied at the Ecole Estienne in Paris then entered the illustration workshop at the Ecole Superieure des Arts Decoratifs in Strasbourg. He has illustrated numerous works for children including *Animals of Japan, Globe-Trotting Birds and Waking Volcanoes.*



JAPANESE YOKAI

Explore a Mythical World of Monsters, Demons and Magical Creatures
FLEUR DAUGEY, ILLUSTRATED BY SANDE

THOMMEN

- A richly illustrated guide to 30 mythical and magical Japanese creatures in picture book format by a French writer/illustrator team known for their Japanese-themed children's books
- Japanese yokai monsters feature in animated films and video games, and are hugely popular with kids
- Targets upper elementary readers, yet is appealing for YA and older readers as well
- Combines charming illustrations with creepy tales and overviews of creatures from the yokai world
- For fans of rude (ill-mannered) humour and body humour: contains references to flatulence and oversized scrotums

Age range 8+

Have you ever seen a yokai?

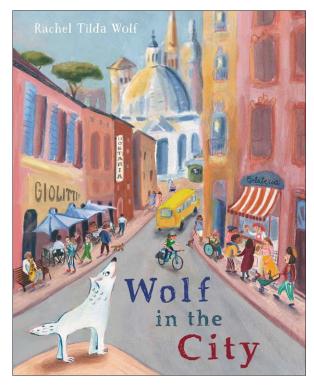
In Japanese, the word yokai refers to magical apparitions and mysterious events. These mythical creatures give a name and a form to the strange and uncanny things happening all around us.

This colourful guide in picture book format is a funny, fast and slightly scary introduction to the stars of the Japanese yokai world.

The classic tales and descriptions by Fleur Daugey combine with Sande Thommen's delightful illustrations to introduce over 30 wild and weird creatures, including:

- **The Kitsune**, a freaky fox with paranormal, supernatural powers
- The Kasa-obake, a one-eyed one-legged umbrella with a long, slithery tongue
- **Kurokamikiri**, a shaggy bearlike beast that sneaks up on you and cuts your hair
- **Nuppeppo**, a flabby, wrinkly blob that lives in graveyards and smells of rotten meat
- Hanako, a creepy little girl who haunts the toilets of elementary school bathrooms
- And many more!

Yokai are out there, lurking among us – creating mischief and mayhem, or in some cases helping us or just having fun. With *Japanese Yokai*, the next time something eerie or strange happens, you'll know who's responsible!





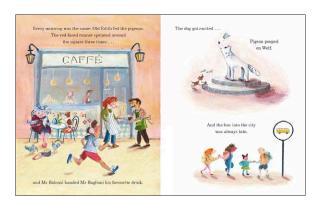


9781915252838 | March 2025 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author:

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



WOLF IN THE CITY RACHEL TILDA WOLF

- Gorgeous colour and soft, attractive artwork from a debut author and artist
- An appealing main character who goes on a quest for fulfilment
- Explores the need to be appreciated, and the importance of finding out where you belong
- Humourous, with a dig at vanity and selfishness
- Rachel has been shortlisted for the World Illustration Award

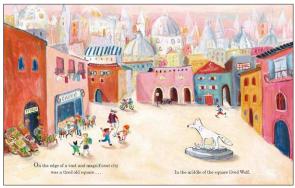
Age range 3 to 6

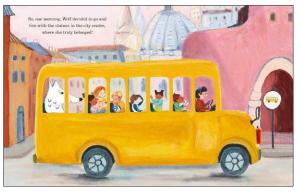
A warm and amusing story about learning to appreciate what you already have, by a talented debut picture book artist.

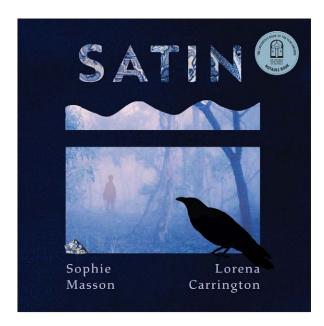
Wolf lived on a plinth in a tired old square on the edge of a vast and magnificent city. Taken for granted and pooped on by Pigeon, she longs to be admired and to find her place amongst the famous statues in the City Centre. One day she sets off on the bus to do just that, but she discovers that the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

With warmth and humour, this delight of a debut picture book by author and illustrator Rachel Tilda Wolf explores the need to be appreciated and the importance of finding 'home'.











9781922858559 | March 2025 | MidnightSun Publishing | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99



DISCOUNT: GEN

Warrane (Sydney)

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About the author and illustrator:

Born in Indonesia of French parents, and brought up in France and Australia, **Sophie Masson** is the award-winning and internationally published author of over seventy books for children, young adults and adults. A former Chair of the Australian Society of Authors and current Chair of the New England Writers' Centre, in 2019 Sophie received an AM award in the Order of Australia honours list.

Lorena Carrington is an illustrator whose books have been published in Australia and internationally. Her works are created using photography and digital montage techniques to form richly layered images. She has worked with the likes of Kate Forsyth, Sophie Masson and Carmel Bird, and has illustrated fairy tale collections, picture books, and created covers for novels and anthologies. She also exhibits her work in galleries around Australia, and holds workshops on illustration, books and story. She is recipient of the 2020 Australian Fairy Tale Society award, for her 'outstanding contribution to the field of Australian Fairy Tales.'

SATIN

SOPHIE MASSON, ILLUSTRATED BY LORENA CARRINGTON

- Same beautiful book, now in paperback!
- Notable Book in the Children's Book Council Awards

Age range 4+

Every morning early, when no-one's about, Satin slips out of the forest and walks along the sleepy sunrise streets, looking for blue...

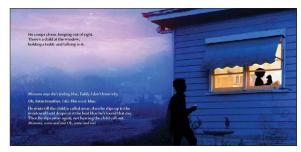
He's collected all kinds of blues, from all kinds of places. He's making something beautiful, with all those blues. But something's missing, and he doesn't know what it is. And then, one day, he comes to a street he's never been in before. And what he finds there will change his lonely life forever.

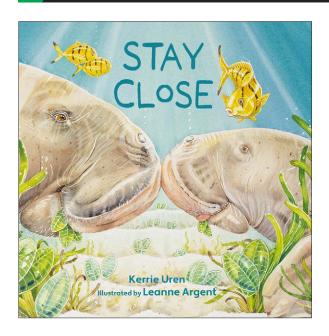
A beautiful, haunting fable by award-winning writer Sophie Masson and acclaimed illustrator Lorena Carrington.













9781760361891 | March 2025 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 40pp | 254x254mm | AU \$24.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



STAY CLOSE

KERRIE UREN. ILLUSTRATED BY LEANNE ARGENT

- Explores the issue of food loss in ocean biomes, following a mother dugong and her calf as they travel the real-life journey dugong make to a sanctuary where seagrass still thrives
- The gripping action points demonstrate the dangers dugongs face from human activity
- Stunning seascape spreads illustrate beauty and diversity of the ocean, and contextualises what is at stake if we do not protect our sea creatures
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Roly and Mum must find a new home where seagrass still grows abundant, but the journey promises to be perilous.

A peaceful bay once brimmed with dugongs, but now it's only Roly and his Mum. Pollution has killed all the food, and everyone else has moved away. Starving from the scarce seagrass, Mum tells Roly that soon, when he is old enough, they will set out in search of a haven for dugongs like them where seagrass still thrives. But the journey is perilous, she warns. To survive, he must stay close. Stunning seascape illustrations serve as a reminder of the hidden beauty that we could lose.

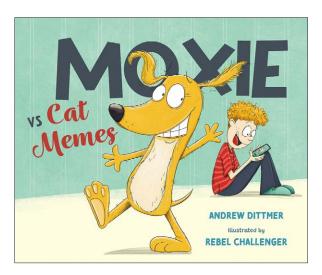




About the author and illustrator:

Working as a Teacher Aide, often reading with students and seeing the joy books brought to the children, **Kerrie Uren** knew she wanted to write a book of her own for children to enjoy. Kerrie knows the importance of keeping our oceans healthy to ensure the survival of the animals that call it home, and she believes picture books are not only a joy for the reader but a valuable learning tool. With a love of the ocean and a passion for animals, Kerrie feels very lucky to live on the doorstep of Moreton Bay in Queensland, Australia, where wildlife abounds.

Leanne Argent is an illustrator and artist based in South Australia. Leanne realised her passion for illustration when she created a children's book while at high school. The support, encouragement and excitement that followed has led to Leanne illustrating over 50 children's books, mostly in watercolour. Her love for people and the environment are displayed beautifully within her illustrations.





9781800360723 | March 2025 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author and illustrator:

Andrew Dittmer is an Australian children's author who loves zooming down hills on his bike, sliding down waves on his surfboard and spotting the incredible animals found in Australia. He writes picture books that he hopes kids will hound their parents to read again and again. His stories aim to be fun and help kids know they are infinitely valuable, highly capable and that they each have special talents they'll use to make the world a better place.

Rebel Challenger is an artist and wildlife carer from Queensland, Australia. Her illustrations are filled with humour and heart, and are mostly inspired by the animals who wander around her backyard and animals from all over the world who she would love to meet one day.

MOXIE VS CAT MEMES

ANDREW DITTMER, ILLUSTRATED BY REBEL CHALLENGER

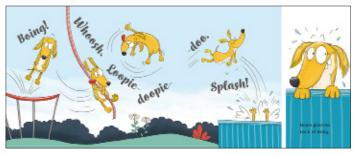
- A fast-paced, bouncing story bound to sweep up young readers
- A story that gets to grips with the modern age of memes
- Dynamic characters brilliantly carry the amusing action to the story's conclusion
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 4+

Moxie wants cuddles, but Wally only wants to watch cat memes! How will she get his attention?

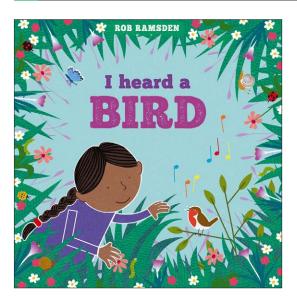
Moxie wants her snuggly cuddles, but Wally is too busy watching...cat memes! It's more than a dog can take. Moxie tries everything she can to attract his focus, but Wally barely notices her amazing tricks. It's going to take something really special to get Wally's attention off his phone and onto Moxie where it belongs.

Fun, action-filled illustrations will enrapture and captivate.









I HEARD A BIRD

ROB RAMSDEN

- Now in paperback!
- Mindfulness and meditation will be appreciated by adults and children alike
- Wellbeing via the sights and sounds of the natural world
- A simple text using poetry and repetition which will be a joy to re-read many times
- Cover with texture and embossing and high production values

Age range 3 to 7

I heard a bird. I breathed in – listening.

I heard my breathing, my heart beating...

A little girl hears a bird which is frightened away by some cats fighting. As she searches for her bird, she encounters many other intriguing animals and insects. Then, after sitting down to listen to and enjoy the sounds of nature all around, suddenly her bird comes back!

This enchanting exploration of the sights and sounds of the natural world brings in themes of music, mindfulness and meditation, and will be appreciated by adults and children alike.





9781915252814 | March 2025 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$18.99 | NZ \$21.99 | DISC: GEN



LALA THE MEMORY COLLECTOR A Graphic Novel SUI KOHNO

- A poignant tale about a girl who cannot prevent herself from becoming personally involved in the stories of those who have perished!
- Will be of great interest to fans of manga fantasy, adventure and the supernatural
- Reads right-to-left, in the Japanese style

Age range 12 to 18

Is death really the end if memories live on?

Like most girls, Lala loves music, her friends and her family. However, Lala is not like most girls. Lala is a 'collector' from the Memory Clan, a mysterious group of enchanted beings who have one purpose in life – they visit humans who have recently died or are on the verge of death to collect and preserve their memories.

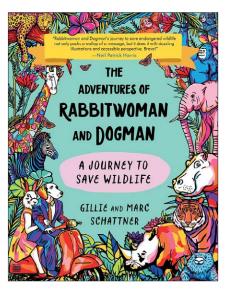
Unique lives create unique endings. No two are the same. The Memory Clan's purpose is to keep each person's stories alive. However, the clan also has a simple rule: 'Do not get involved in human affairs.' For

Lala, this isn't easy since she is easily entranced by humans and their stories. But in the process, she risks losing everything and everyone she loves.





9784805319154 | March 2025 | Tuttle Publishing | PB | 224pp | 203x139mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



'Rabbitwoman and Dogman's journey to save endangered wildlife not only packs a wallop of a message, but it does it with dazzling illustrations and accessible perspective.

Bravo!' – Neil Patrick Harris

THE ADVENTURES OF RABBITWOMAN AND DOGMAN

A Journey to Save Wildlife GILLIE SCHATTNER, MARC SCHATTNER

 The book successfully merges the worlds of art and education, advocating for conservation and inspiring everyone to make a real difference, whether through tree planting, waste reduction, or supporting conservation organisations

Age range 4 to 8

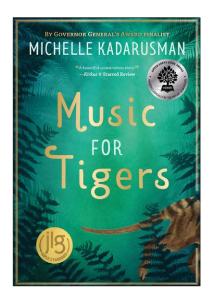
Ready for adventure? Join explorers Rabbitwoman and Dogman on a whirlwind trip around the world to meet endangered animals that need our help. Learn about how each one plays a vital role in the life of our planet and how their survival rests in our hands.

Acclaimed international artists Gillie and Marc's new children's book, *The Adventures of Rabbitwoman and Dogman: A Journey To Save Wildlife*, is an exhilarating global adventure suitable for readers of all ages, seamlessly bringing art and education together. This beautifully illustrated book not only tells heartwarming tales of endangered species but also features never-before-seen artworks by the acclaimed artist duo.

'Quirky and ultimately compelling...Lisa Frankesque illustrations explode off pages...This eyecatching kid magnet will bring new energy to animal collections.' – **Booklist**



9781510780538 | March 2025 | Sky Pony Press | HB | 48pp | 279x216mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



MUSIC FOR TIGERS MICHELLE KADARUSMAN

- Now in an enhanced paperback edition!
- STEM themes, and a refreshing partnership of science and art with Louisa's focus on violin eventually marrying with the conservation efforts of her family
- Critically praised presentation of a main character's Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Compelling setting in the Tasmanian rainforest; includes a map of the world with Tasmania inset

Age range 8 to 12

Shipped halfway around the world to spend the summer with her mum's eccentric Australian relatives, middle schooler and passionate violinist Louisa is prepared to be resentful.

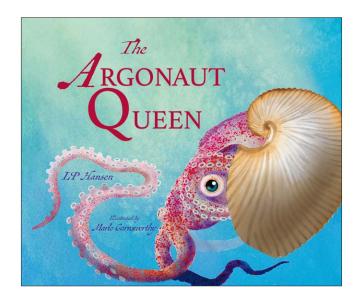
But life at the family's remote camp in the Tasmanian rainforest is intriguing, to say the least. There are pig-footed bandicoots, scary spiders, weird noises and odours in the night, and a quirky boy named Colin who cooks the most amazing meals. Not the least strange is her Uncle Ruff, with his unusual pet and veiled hints about something named Convict Rock.

Finally, Louisa learns the truth: Convict Rock is a sanctuary established by her great-grandmother Eleanor – a sanctuary for Tasmanian tigers, Australia's huge marsupials that were famously hunted into extinction almost a hundred years ago. Or so the world believes.





9781772783285 | March 2025 | Pajama Press | PB | 216pp | 203x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



THE ARGONAUT QUEEN

L. P. HANSEN, ILLUSTRATED BY MARLO GARNSWORTHY

- Science, education and history are subtly and smoothly entwined in this illustrated book on argonauts to lower the barrier of entry for learning
- True-to-life illustrations of argonauts show off the beauty as well as the science of these small creatures, demonstrating concepts described in the text with vibrant and brilliant artwork
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 6+

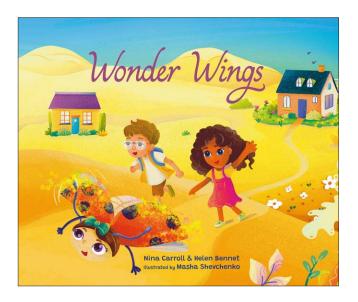
Dive into the oceans – and into the depths of history – with the Argonaut Queen, an expertly-told story that weaves together the marine science of these fascinating creatures and the woman who we have to thank for it, Jeanne Villepreux-Power, one of the earliest studiers of this subspecies of octopus and the many features that make it so unique.







9781760362348 | March 2025 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 40pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



WONDER WINGS

NINA CARROLL, HELEN BENNET, ILLUSTRATED BY MASHA SHEVCHENKO

- An environmentally-conscious action story that will engage readers while demonstrating the need to care for our planet
- Teaches children the effects of littering by showing them consequences, and demonstrates that they have the ability to help
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

When Murtle the Turtle becomes trapped in plastic, Zelda the magic ladybug and her friends are there to save the day.

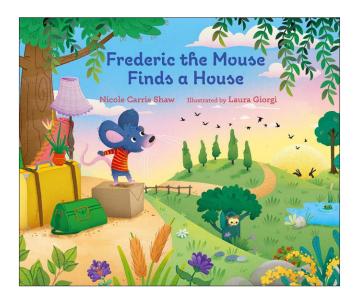
Follow Poppy and Enviro Joe as they work together with Zelda, the magic ladybug, to protect the environment. When Zelda's glowing wings lead them to Murtle the Turtle, trapped in plastic and struggling to breathe, they face their biggest challenge yet – and Zelda's magic wings have started to fail! Will they be able to save Murtle before it's too late?







9781760362300 | March 2025 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



FREDERIC THE MOUSE FINDS A HOUSE

NICOLE CARRIE SHAW, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA GIORGI

- Fast paced and amusing rhyming verse that encourages phonological awareness
- A fun story that teaches children the importance of trying new things and valuing what you possess
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Tired of his house, Frederic the mouse sets out to find another but learns that there is no place like home.

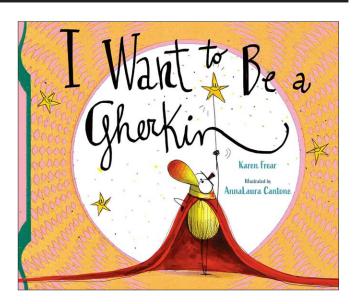
Bored of living in a hole in the floor, Frederic the mouse decides that it is time to move out and find a new house. There are many options to choose from – Pigeon's sunny rooftop apartment, Frog's stylish lily pad, a quiet cave...but could any really be called 'home'? A fun and engaging story about self-discovery and recognising the value in what you have, *Frederic the Mouse Finds a House* will delight readers with its witty rhyming verse, lively and vibrant illustrations, and charming story.







9781760362317 | March 2025 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



I WANT TO BE A GHERKIN!

KAREN FREAR, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNALAURA CANTONE

- A delightful story about acceptance and finding yourself
- This fun story about pickles is an easy-tounderstand way of explaining gender identity to young children
- Delightfully expressive artwork that brings joy and humour to this wonderful story
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Dilbert the Dill longs to be a pickle, but are others willing to accept this?

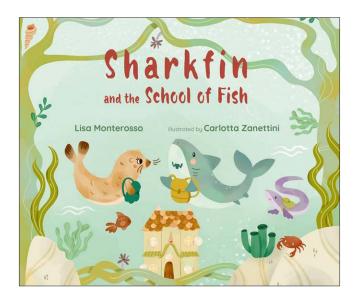
Dilbert the Dill has always felt different to the other Dills — wonderfully different. Longing to become a Gherkin, Dilbert sets off to tell those he is close to. But in the land of Pickleton, a Gherkin is a Gherkin, and a Dill is a Dill, and that's how it's always been — that is until he meets his friend Ginger, who gives him the confidence to finally show who he truly is. A beautiful story about acceptance and identity that features

expressive, joyous artwork.

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9781800360785 | March 2025 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 40pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



SHARKFIN AND THE SCHOOL OF FISH

LISA MONTEROSSO, ILLUSTRATED BY CARLOTTA ZANETTINI

- Follow Sharkfin on his first days of school a great story for appeasing that early anxiety
- Practical moral lessons on how to form friendships in an engaging and fun format
- Serene surroundings with cute ocean characters taking the spotlight
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

When Sharkfin's new schoolmates seem afraid of him, he must learn that true friends should like him for who he is.

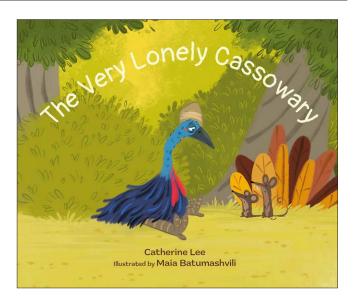
Sharkfin's starting school, but all the other fish seem afraid of him. When he gives them gifts, they swim away. When he does tricks he fumbles and they laugh at him. But with some words from his parents and a chance to reach out to a new friend, Sharkfin might just learn that friends should love him for who he is and not what he brings them.







9781800360693 | March 2025 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 40pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



THE VERY LONELY CASSOWARY

CATHERINE LEE, ILLUSTRATED BY MAIA BATUMASHVILI

- Children and parents will enjoy sharing this uplifting tale which explores themes of selfbelief and celebrating uniqueness
- A touching story that introduces readers to the diverse animals and environments found in Australia
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

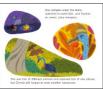
Age range 5+

A lone cassowary journeys north to be with others of her kind and learns that being different can be a strength.

Connie is a cassowary living on Australia's Gold Coast. Unable to fly, she feels different to the birds around her. But when Connie discovers that cassowaries can be found living in the tropical far north of Queensland, she embarks on a determined journey to meet her kin, making friends and enjoying new experiences along the way. *The Very Lonely Cassowary* is a touching story that encourages readers to celebrate their individuality and the qualities that make us special. The story also

features striking artwork that complements the themes, characters, and setting.

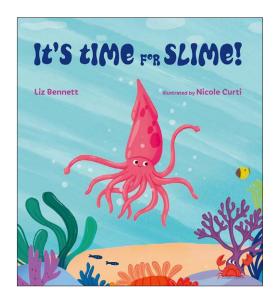








9781760362492 | March 2025 | Starfish Bay | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



IT'S TIME FOR SLIME!

LIZ BENNETT, ILLUSTRATED BY NICOLE CURTI

- Informs children about some of Earth's fascinating lesser-known creatures that create and use slime for survival
- Explores the importance of representation, equality, and diversity
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Squid and his friends can't find books about slimy characters like them, so Squid writes a book about slimy superheroes.

Squid searches the library for books with characters like him. He reads about furry creatures, feathery creatures, and farmyard creatures, but can't find any books with slimy heroes. His friends Slug, Newt, and Hagfish have the same problem, so Squid decides to write a slimy superhero story, one in which his friends can see themselves. In this tale about representation, equality, and diversity, children will learn about some of Earth's fascinating lesser-known creatures, which

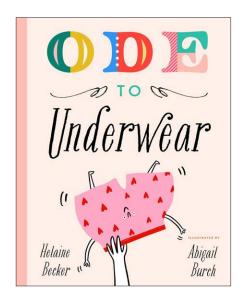
are boldly depicted in the engaging and humourous illustrations.







9781800360655 | March 2025 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 40pp | 260x240mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



ODE TO UNDERWEAR

HELAINE BECKER, ILLUSTRATED BY ABIGAIL BURCH

- Potty joke-adjacent kids love to laugh about underwear!
- Underwear books are perennial favourites for this age group
- · Works as a potty training encouragement

Age range 3 to 8

Let the rump-us begin!

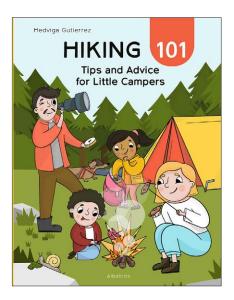
With its cheeky pictures and riotous rhymes, *Ode to Underwear* gets behind that most overlooked, underappreciated wardrobe essential – underwear!

In brief: Be prepared to laugh your butt off.

Let's hear it for our underwear Our fun to wear best underwear It keeps us warm and dry down there So give a cheer for underwear!



9781638191940 | March 2025 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 32pp | 279x229mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



LET'S GO HIKING

Tips and Advice for Little Campers HEDVIGA GUTIERREZ

- A compact guide for little explorers, covering gear choices and wilderness navigation for a safe and exciting outdoor experience
- Prioritise safety with basic first aid tips, empowering readers to confidently handle minor injuries during outdoor exploration
- Rounded corners and a conveniently compact size to slip effortlessly into backpacks of young explorers

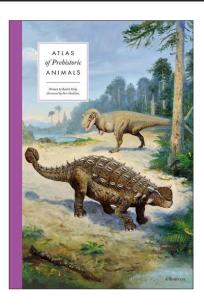
Age range 6 to 9

An interactive guide for young explorers that imparts essential outdoor skills, safety tips, and exciting challenges, ensuring a memorable hiking experience.

Hiking 101: Tips and Advice for Little Campers is the ultimate guide for young adventurers, designed to transform every hike into an exciting journey of discovery. Set against the backdrop of the picturesque countryside, this book takes kids on an interactive learning adventure.



9788000072944 | March 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 40pp | 215x165mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



ATLAS OF PREHISTORIC ANIMALS

RADEK MALY, ILLUSTRATED BY PETR MODLITBA

- The pages of this book come alive with vivid descriptions and meticulously crafted illustrations that breathe life into longextinct creatures
- Through captivating narratives, the book seamlessly connects the past with the present. By drawing parallels between ancient and modern ecosystems, readers gain a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of life on Earth

Age range 9 to 12

Delve into the world of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures in the fourth installment in the *Large Encyclopedias* series, featuring stunning illustrations and engaging scientific narratives.

Embark on a fascinating odyssey through the annals of time with *Atlas of Prehistoric Animals*, a captivating addition to the Large Encyclopedias series. Authored by Radek Maly and reviewed by a renowned Czech paleontologist, this book meticulously unfolds the story of life on Earth, from its inception 3,900 million years ago to the emergence of the first organisms with hard

shells and skeletons 60 million years later.





9788000072920 | March 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 88pp | 330x228mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99 | DISC: GEN



SHADOW PLAY

Guess What It Is HELENA HARASTOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY SERAFIMA KOSIKAVA

- Transform learning into a thrilling guessing game, encouraging critical thinking and observational skills as kids discover the secrets behind each shadow
- Empower kids to explore the outdoors, observe shadows, and unravel mysteries themselves, fostering curiosity and a connection with nature

Age range 3 to 6

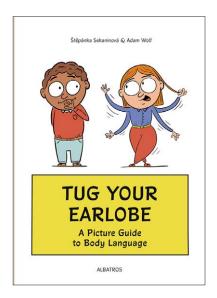
Explore the fascinating world of shadows in an interactive guessing game, fostering creativity, observational skills, and a deeper connection with nature in this engaging children's book.

Through an interactive novelty format with fold-out pages and cutouts, children engage in a guessing game, unraveling the secrets behind each shadow. The play of light and darkness creates an imaginative journey, challenging kids to recognise familiar objects while sparking creativity and spatial perception.





9788000072876 | March 2025 | Albatros Media | BK | 24pp | 220x220mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



TUG YOUR EARLOBE

A Picture Guide to Body Language STEPANKA SEKANINOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY ADAM WOLF

 Kids learn to empathise with others by recognising and understanding emotions conveyed through body language, fostering kindness and emotional intelligence

Age range 7 to 10

Discover the secrets of non-verbal communication with this pocket-sized guide, offering graphic illustrations and practical insights for understanding body language in various situations.

Whether deciphering a friend's honesty, detecting nervousness, or identifying confidence, this book serves as a visual vocabulary guide to the language the body speaks without words.



9788000072937 | March 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 56pp | 210x147mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

Also available:

SAY WHAT? HOW WE COMMUNICATE RADKA PIRO, ILLUSTRATED BY CHARLOTTE MOLAS





9788000070919 | October 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 48pp | 279x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

MANDEEP'S CLOUDY DAYS

KULJINDER KAUR BRAR, ILLUSTRATED BY SAMRATH KAUR

- Mandeep shows a range of emotions and learns how to cope with turbulent feelings and changes at home
- Mandeep uses journaling as a coping strategy and her exhibits self-regulation

Age range 4 to 7

A beautiful picture book exploring how to cope with difficult and complex emotions when we're away from the people we love.

Spending time with her dad makes Mandeep's days shine. They have cha parties, perform Bhangra shows, and best of all, they write jokes together in her favourite unicorn journal. But when Dad starts a job as a truck driver, he starts being away from home most of the week. Without Dad, storm clouds start taking over Mandeep's sunny days, casting a shadow on all the things she used to love doing. Can anything help Mandeep feel better?





9781773219059 | March 2025 | Annick Press | HB | 32pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

15 Women Fighting for Your Future RACHEL SARAH

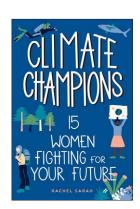
'This book promises an introduction to 15 women climate champions, but it delivers far more...the women's stories offer hope and inspiration.' – *Booklist*, starred review

- Now in paperback!
- · New price point and format ideal for school library collections
- Accessible and energetic profiles of the victories and struggles of scientists who are working on behalf of the planet

Age range 12+

These 15 contemporary climate champions are on the frontlines of science to create a sustainable future on Earth.

They are climate scientists, journalists, professors, academics, researchers, and policy makers from around the world who draft policies with real-world impact, run science labs to find new answers to old problems, and lead organisations at the forefront of change. These women do not shy away from showing how racial and social injustices lie at the root of so many climate-related issues.





9798890680099 | March 2025 | Chicago Review Press | PB | 224pp | 215x139mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

SCHOOLAPALOOZA

A Silly Symphony of Schooltime Rhymes

EDITED BY RYAN G. VAN CLEAVE, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA VIT RIA J. GER

- Includes twenty-six of the best children's poets working today, including Jane Yolen, Marilyn Singer, Charles Waters and more
- Kids writing their own classroom poems, as well as those who'd rather be out in the sun, will find lots to relate to in these lines





Age range 5 to 10

Twenty-six poets from Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple to Charles Waters and Marilyn Singer cheer, wail and salute the classroom in this silly tribute to school.

Calculators and erasers, school buses and pop quizzes, recess and a school holiday countdown – nothing about the school day (or school year) is out of bounds in this poetry collection from today's best children's poets.

9781638192138 | March 2025 | Moonshower | HB | 64pp | 229x279mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

SELF-REGULATION WORKBOOK FOR 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

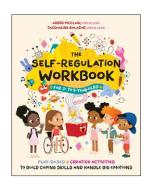
Play-Based and Creative Activities to Build Coping Skills and Handle Big Emotions ABBRE MCCLAIN, JACQUELINE SALAZAR

• Discover play-based activities and coping strategies to help children ages 3 to 5 with social and emotional functioning, attachment patterns, and handling anxiety and other strong emotions!

Age range 3 to 5

Children aged 3 to 5 years are experiencing a period of rapid growth, and play is the key medium in which all aspects of their development, especially social and emotional development, occur.

This evidence-based workbook acts as a resource for trusted adults and caregivers, providing playful and creative activities that will help foster self-regulation skills necessary for healthy emotional development in their children.





9781646047291 | March 2025 | Ulysses Press | PB | 128pp | 254x203mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

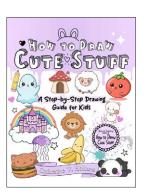
HOW TO DRAW CUTE STUFF

A Step-By-Step Drawing Guide for Kids CATHERINE V. HOLMES

- A step-by-step approach to cute art, making it easy for children to bring to life adorable characters and scenes
- Perfect for both beginners and those eager to expand their artistic horizons, this book promises to be a cherished addition to any young artist's library, continuing the series' legacy of inspiring new generations of artists



Do you have a little Picasso at home who is fascinated by the world of cute and cuddly creatures, enticing food, and lovable aliens? Discover a new world of creativity and self-expression with *How to Draw Cute Stuff*, specially designed to introduce the principles of drawing to kids aged 6 to 11.





9781956769722 | March 2025 | Library Tales | PB | 93pp | 279x216mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN $^{\circ}$

THE FARM

EDITED BY PHILIP DAUNCEY. ILLUSTRATED BY FIONA POWERS

- Chunky lift the flap books, great for little hands
- Case bound with flap section and spacers on each spread
- Vibrant illustrations with scenes to reveal

Age range 1+

Peek inside! With ten chunky flaps and peepo surprises, your child will love learning all about the farm.







9781784682552 | March 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 10pp | 185x185mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

THE OCEAN

EDITED BY PHILIP DAUNCEY. ILLUSTRATED BY FIONA POWERS

- Chunky lift the flap books, great for little hands
- Case bound with flap section and spacers on each spread
- Vibrant illustrations with scenes to reveal

Age range 1+

Peek inside! With ten chunky flaps and peepo surprises your child will love learning all about the ocean and animals.







9781784682569 | March 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 10pp | 185x185mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

THE TOWN

EDITED BY PHILIP DAUNCEY, ILLUSTRATED BY FIONA POWERS

- Chunky lift the flap books, great for little hands
- Case bound with flap section and spacers on each spread
- Vibrant illustrations with scenes to reveal

Age range 1+

Peek inside! With ten chunky flaps and peepo surprises your child will love learning all about the town outside.





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THE WILD

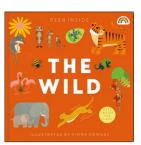
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- Vibrant illustrations with scenes to reveal

Age range 1+

Peek inside! With ten chunky flaps and peepo surprises your child will love learning all about the wild world.







9781784682576 | March 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | HB | 10pp | 185x185mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

Introducing Union Square and Co's *Children's Signature Clothbound Classics*Beautiful unabridged, illustrated cloth hardcover editions of reading list staples

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY

• Vibrant cloth cover with intricately patterned sprayed edges, plus a ribbon

Age range 8+

When Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert ask the orphanage for a boy to help on the farm, they are surprised to receive Anne – a talkative, dreamy, redhaired, freckle-faced girl. Despite Anne's imaginative antics, her presence fills the small town of Avonlea with joy and laughter.

Filled with evocative descriptions of Prince Edward Island, this beloved classic is now available in a collectible clothbound edition, complete with black-and-white illustrations that bring the story to life.





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BLACK BEAUTY

ANNA SEWELL

 Attractive package and affordable pricing make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments





Age range 8+

Despite *Black Beauty* being her only published work, Anna Sewell is widely regarded as one of the most successful children's novelists from England. *Black Beauty* chronicles the life of a horse in Victorian England. At the hands of different owners, he experiences discipline, friendship, overwork, and, ultimately, love. Young readers will be moved by this empathetic novel about animal hardship – a story that's still relevant even today.





9781454957324 | March 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 272pp | 165x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

HEIDI

JOHANNA SPYRI

 Perfect for collectors, gift giving, and library building Age range 8+

When Heidi's parents die and she can no longer live with her aunt, she must stay with her ill-tempered grandfather who lives alone in the Swiss Alps. The townspeople worry that such a young girl has been left with a bad-tempered hermit. But Heidi thrives in the mountains and loves living with her grandfather. She is happiest playing with the mountain goats, picking wildflowers, and making friends. Then Heidi is taken away to serve as a companion to a lonely woman. Will she ever get back to the people and the mountains she loves so much?









9781454957348 | March 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 392pp | 165x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE LITTLE MERMAID AND OTHER TALES

HANS CHRISTIAN **ANDERSEN**

 Vibrant cloth cover with intricately patterned sprayed edges, plus a ribbon

Age range 8+

Hans Christian Andersen's iconic fairy tales have been shared and treasured for generations. Readers across the world know his poignant tale 'The Little Mermaid', whose title character chooses love above all, and 'Thumbelina', about the very tiny girl who goes on a big adventure. Now, fifteen of his beloved stories, including 'The Ugly Duckling', 'The Princess and the Pea', and 'The Snow Queen', are collected in this illustrated edition.









9781454957362 | March 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 272pp | 165x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE WIND IN THE **WILLOWS**

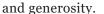
KENNETH GRAHAME

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

Age range 8+

Mole, Ratty, Toad, and Badger are four friends living in the Wild Wood. From racing in a motorcar

to getting lost in the forest, their days are always full of high-energy antics and adventures. Today's young readers will be charmed by this story of friendship







9781454957409 | March 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 256pp | 165x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE STORY OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS **KNIGHTS**

HOWARD PYLE

· Attractive package and affordable pricing make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments



Although the folklore of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table is centuries old, their spirited adventures continue to capture the hearts of young readers today. Camelot, Merlin, Morgana, the Holy Grail - all originating from Arthurian legend - have been widely adapted in media and modern fantasy world-building.







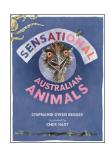
9781454957386 | March 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 464pp | 165x139mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

SENSATIONAL AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER. ILLUSTRATED BY CHER HART

Showcases over 145 fascinating and intriguing insects, birds, arthropods, mammals, sea creatures and other animals







Age range 8 to 12

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

Covering more than 145 truly astounding animals from sharp-eyed whale sharks to sticky-bellied green tree frogs - Sensational Australian Animals showcases the strange things these creatures can do with their eyes, ears, noses, mouths and skin!

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

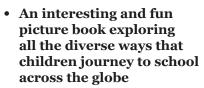


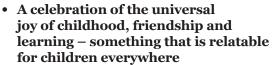
Back to School Favourites!



ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

VIKKI CONLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY LUCIA MASCIULLO











Age range 3 to 6

Every day, children all over the world are travelling to school – by bus, by canoe, through valleys, over mountains and snow. How do you get to school?

With themes of diversity and culture, *On the Way to School* celebrates the joy and challenges of travelling to school.

9781922326928 | September 2023 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x280mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

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KING OF THE CLASSROOM

DERRICK BARNES, ILLUSTRATED BY VANESSA BRANTLEY-NEWTON

 Newbery Honor-winning author Derrick Barne's empowering story will give new kindergarteners a reassuring confidence boost

Age range 3 to 6

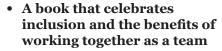
An upbeat story about a confident little boy who takes pride in his first day of nursery.

Starting kindergarten is a big milestone – and the hero of this story is ready to make his mark! He's dressed himself, eaten a pile of pancakes, and can't wait to be a part of a whole new kingdom of kids. The day will be jam-packed, but he's up to the challenge, taking new experiences in stride with his infectious enthusiasm. And afterward, he can't wait to tell his proud parents all about his achievements – and then wake up to start another day.

9781912650361 | February 2021 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 254x223mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

TWELVE DAYS OF KINDNESS

CORI BROOKE, ILLUSTRATED BY FIONA BURROWS



• The book includes a list of twelve things to help children remember to be kind to each other, with friendship and kindness as core themes



Shortlisted, 2021 West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards (WAYRBA)

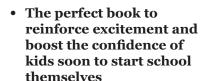
Age range 3 to 6

One little girl realises that a girl in her class is struggling to make friends. With the help of their football coach they came up with a plan. Can their school football team bring them together, and expand their friendship group?

9781922326201 | January 2021 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 280x240mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

QUEEN OF THE CLASSROOM

DERRICK BARNES, ILLUSTRATED BY VANESSA BRANTLEY-NEWTON







• A positive and empowering message about being your best self

Age range 3 to 6

Get ready for your first day at nursery school with this exuberant little girl!

MJ is more than ready for her first day of school! With her hair freshly braided and her 'first day at school' outfit, she also knows all the good things she's going to bring to the classroom, stuff like her kindness, friendliness, and impressive soccer skills, too!

9781912650941 | October 2022 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 254x228mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



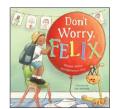
Back to School Favourites!



DON'T WORRY, FELIX

YOHANN DEVEZY, KATHERINE ALICE, ILLUSTRATED BY ZOE BENNETT

- Normalises children's experiences of anxiety
- Empowers children to identify and decrease symptoms of stress and worry and face their fears
- Celebrates self-empowerment, emotional regulation and the importance of helping others







Age range 3 to 6

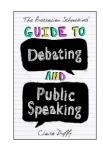
Felix has a problem. It's a big, red, round problem. A worry balloon that follows him everywhere he goes... As his heart thumps, stomach twists and toes wiggle, it grows and grows and stops him from doing what he wants to do. But when Felix learns a special trick, things start to change...

9781923145054 | October 2024 | New Frontier | HB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLKIDS' GUIDE TO DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

CLAIRE DUFFY

 Practical step-by-step advice along with tips from current and ex-debators and public speakers information, as well as being lots of fun





Age range 10+

Welcome to the world of school debating and public speaking, the best training ground for speaking, reasoning, arguing and looking critically at the big issues of today.

Claire Duffy not only demystifies the process of debating and public speaking, but makes it fun by drawing on her many years of experience working directly with students, using language to which they relate.

9781742234236 | September 2015 | NewSouth | PB | 288pp | 210x135mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

WHEN I AM AT KINDERGARTEN

KATIE WHITFIELD, ILLUSTRATED BY MAIA BATUMASHVILI

 Provides comfort for children transitioning to kindergarten and children anxious about kindergarten or with separation anxiety







Age range 4+

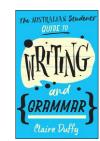
While at kindergarten, Sarah sometimes worries that her family is having fun without her, then she realises that each member of her extended family is busy with work, school, and other activities. This narrative and concept story will comfort children, while exploring family relationships and kindergarten activities, and it's the perfect companion for children first transitioning to kindergarten, those who worry about kindergarten, or for children who are just curious about what happens while they are away for the day.

9781800360563 | July 2024 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

THE AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS' GUIDE TO WRITING AND GRAMMAR

CLAIRE DUFFY

- Bestselling grammar books like Eats, Shoots and Leaves and Sin and Syntax are written for adults, this is the first Australian book for school students
- Easy-to-use, informative and packed with fun examples, breakout boxes and tips







Age range 12+

Has anyone ever asked you to catch a red big ball? No. Because in English we would say 'big red ball'. Why is that?

After the success of her bestselling *The Australian Schoolkids' Guide to Debating and Public Speaking*, Claire Duffy turns her hand to helping students write well.

9781742236001 | February 2019 | NewSouth | PB | 288pp | 210x135mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



Back to School Favourites!



KID REPORTER

The secret to breaking news SAFFRON HOWDEN, DHANA QUINN

- First Australian guide for kids on journalism
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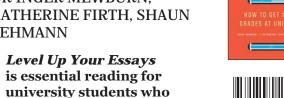
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