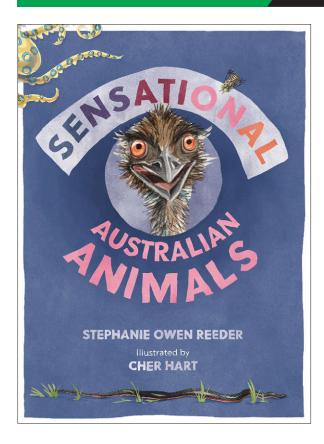
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FEBRUARY 2024 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT







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

About the author & illustrator:

Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder is the author of historical novels and picture books for children, including *Swifty: The Super-fast Parrot*. She has won the NSW Premier's History Award and the CBCA Book of the Year Award for information books.

Cher Hart is a nature illustrator, graphic designer and spatial analyst with a background in biology and a sense of fun. She has created scientific communication material for journals, exhibitions and government. This is her first published children's book.

SENSATIONAL AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER, ILLUSTRATED BY CHER HART

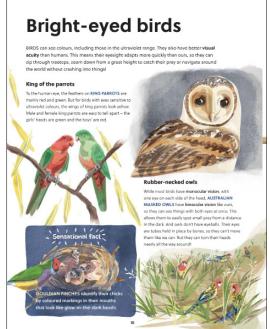
- Highlights the rich diversity of unique and amazing animals that inhabit Australia
- Showcases over 145 fascinating and intriguing insects, birds, arthropods, mammals, sea creatures and other animals
- Encourages us to explore our world and to appreciate, help conserve and look after our wildlife

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! Meet birds that laugh, frogs that quack and fish that sing. Discover mammals that glow in the dark and seahorses disguised as seaweed. Be surprised by turtles that breathe through their bums and squirm at lizards that clean their eyes with their tongues. And then there's the dangerous creatures that bite and sting!

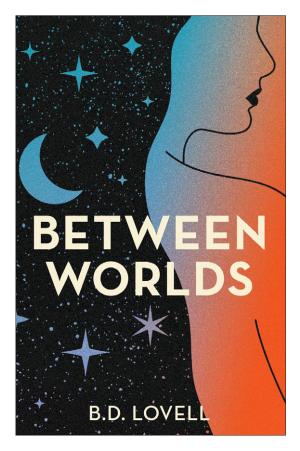
Be intrigued, amazed and astonished by what insects, birds, spiders, fish and many other animals are capable of! Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 8 to 12.















9781760802288 | February 2024 | UWA Publishing | PB | 120pp | 210x140mm | AU\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

BETWEEN WORLDS

B. D. LOVELL

• This verse novel will appeal to readers of YA, Science Fiction, poetry and good stories

Age range 13+

The chance to travel to Mars is every budding astronomer's dream.

When the opportunity to join the Alpha crew on a oneway trip to Mars arises, Australian astronomer Del doesn't hesitate.

This is her chance to skyrocket to the forefront of her field.

Del's dream to live among the stars also means having to leave Earth forever.

Beyond Worlds follows Del and the Alpha Crew on their mission to Mars where they soon learn the cosmic reality of life aboard a spaceship without the comforts of Earth. And how everything that once seemed mundane in their Earth-life is now their deepest longing.

Beyond Worlds is B. D. Lovell's feminist ode to space and the complexities of human connection.

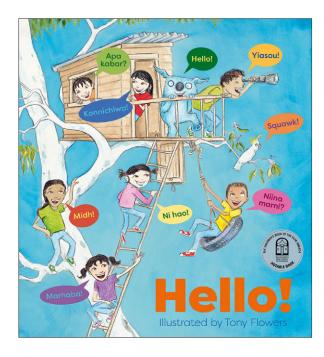
A daring verse novel that is out-of-this-world.

About the author:

Dr Bronwyn Lovell is an Adelaide-based writer and researcher, originally from the Western suburbs of Sydney.

Bronwyn's poetry has appeared in several publications, including *Borderless: A transnational anthology of feminist poetry, Best Australian Poems, Australian Love Poems, Meanjin, Southerly, Strange Horizons* and *Cordite.* She has won the Val Vallis Award and been shortlisted for the Speculate Prize, Dorothy Hewett Award, Judith Wright Poetry Prize, Newcastle Poetry Prize, Bridport Prize, and Montreal International Poetry Prize. Her debut poetry collection, *In Bed with Animals*, is published by Recent Work Press.

Bronwyn's academic research explores the roles of women in science fiction space narratives, as well as non-fictional gender discrimination in the space industry. Her essays have been published by *Science Fiction Film and Television, The Journal of Feminist Scholarship*, the National Gallery of Victoria, and *The Conversation*. She is currently working on an academic monograph.







9781922507426 | February 2024 | National Library of Australia | PB | 60pp | 240x220mm | AU\$17.99 | NZ\$19.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the illustrator:

Tony Flowers loves to draw and is an internationally acclaimed illustrator and artist. He has illustrated six books in the popular *Saurus Street* series. His drawings are loved in Japan for their detail and humour and he has won an award in the USA for his street chalk art. Tony has a master's degree in Visual Communication.

HELLO!

ILLUSTRATED BY TONY FLOWERS

- Curriculum emphasis on language learning at primary and preschool age
- Fun and colourful watercolour illustration that brighten up the page
- An introduction to the 9 languages most commonly spoken in Australian homes, plus 3 Indigenous languages
- Pronunciation guide made with the help of native speakers and a linguistics expert
- Multicultural representation
- Updated internal spreads published for the first time in paperback

Age range 3 to 6

Yiasou! That's hello in Greek!

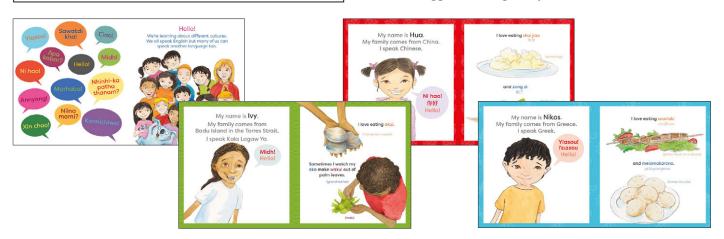
Or would you like to speak Chinese? What about Italian or Korean? Murinhpatha or Kaurna?

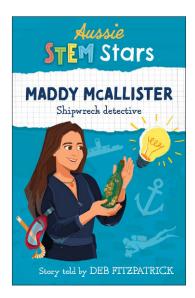
Meet 12 Australian friends who can speak different languages. They tell us how to count from 1 to 10, say hello and goodbye and lots of other words in their languages about play, food, hobbies and clothes.

Once we've said hello, we can watch Emiko playing the Japanese drum and Pilinh performing an Aboriginal dance. We can see how to make gnocchi with Sophia and flat bread with Amal.

This book is an introduction to 12 languages spoken most frequently in Australian homes, plus three Indigenous languages. The languages are: Chinese, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kaurna, Korean, Lebanese Arabic, Murrinhpatha, Thai and Vietnamese. Illustrated in a cartoon style, the pictures add humour and fun to language learning. Each language and culture is introduced by a child character — and you might spot a koala or two...

Selamat tinggal! That's goodbye in Indonesian!





AUSSIE STEM STARS: MADDY MCALLISTER

DEB FITZPATRICK

- A perfect series for school libraries
- A fresh and unique series that focuses on our Australian STEM heroes. Science is more important than ever as we look to our inventors and innovators to solve the contemporary problems facing the planet
- Strong role model and inspiration to young scientists to dream the impossible

Age range 9 to 13

Maddy spent her early years in the Northern Territory before her family moved back to Western Australia. Maddy's love of the sea and everything in it was nurtured by her beloved grandfather who would take her fishing and snorkelling in the ocean off Busselton, south of Perth.

Still only a 14-year-old teenager and already a certified SCUBA diver, her passion for maritime archaeology in particular, was sparked by a lecture she attended in Busselton where her family had finally settled.

Dr Maddy McAllister is now the Senior Curator of Maritime Archaeology at Queensland Museum Network and is based in the Museum of Tropical Queensland in Townsville. Her PhD research was on the notorious Batavia shipwreck of 1629 in the Houtman Abrolhos Islands of Western Australia.





9781925893823 | February 2024 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 160pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

More in the Aussie STEM Stars series!

AUSSIE STEM STARS: MICHELLE SIMMONS

NOVA WEETMAN







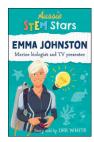
9781925893496 | October 2023 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 176pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

AUSSIE STEM STARS: EMMA JOHNSTON

DEE WHITE







9781925893762 | July 2022 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 176pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

AUSSIE STEM STARS: SUZY URBANIAK

CRISTY BURNE







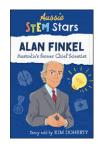
9781925893786 | February 2023 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 176pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

AUSSIE STEM STARS: ALAN FINKEL

KIM DOHERTY



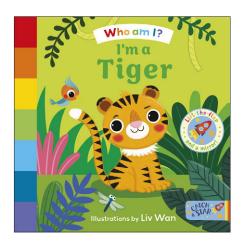




9781925893434 | September 2021 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 168pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

ABOUT THE SERIES

Who Am I? is a brand-new series where little readers can guess which animals are hiding under colourful flaps by reading the clues. Perfect for reading aloud and developing early word recognition, children will want to read these books again and again.



I'M A TIGER

LIV WAN

- Bright and colourful lift-the-flap children's board book
- Aims to help children develop early word recognition by reading the clues
- Readers will love the surprise mirror ending!

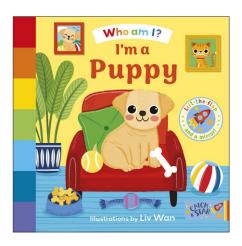
Age range 0 to 3

Find out which jungle animals are hiding in this colourful, interactive lift-the-flap children's board book with a surprise ending.





9781922326874 | February 2024 | New Frontier | BH | 12pp | 165x165mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN



I'M A PUPPY

LIV WAN

- Bright and colourful lift-the-flap children's board book
- Aims to help children develop early word recognition by reading the clues
- Readers will love the surprise mirror ending!

Age range 0 to 3

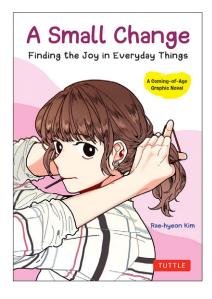
Find out which pets are hiding in this colourful, interactive lift-the-flap children's board book with a surprise ending.







9781922326867 | February 2024 | New Frontier | BH | 12pp | 165x165mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN



A SMALL CHANGE

Finding the Joy in Everyday Things (A Coming-of-Age Graphic Novel) RAE-HYEON KIM

- A heartwarming graphic novel sketching a young woman's life over the course of a year
- Korean graphic novels are increasingly popular, spurred by the strong interest in K-pop, K-drama and K-beauty

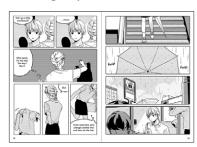
Age range 12+

'When I tie up my hair, it feels like I'm wearing a new pair of shoes.'

A young woman is out in the world for the first time, living on her own. When she decides to tie up her hair one day, she embarks on a journey of small, almost imperceptible but important changes. Relationships develop, problems emerge and decisions are made.

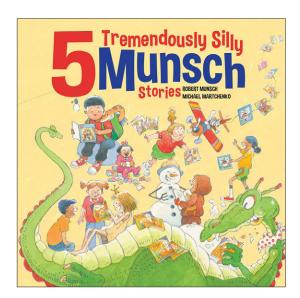
As the year progresses and she navigates the ins and outs of daily life, she also discovers new ways of styling her hair. Because nothing stays the same — and

sometimes, changing your hairstyle can have a deep impact on your life.





9780804857086 | February 2024 | Tuttle Publishing | PB | 200pp | 215x152mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



5 TREMENDOUSLY SILLY MUNSCH STORIES

ROBERT MUNSCH, ILLUSTRATED BY MICHAEL MARTCHENKO

- A new look for our treasuries of the bestloved classic Munsch stories! The fresh package helps readers understand these stories are funny. This is the first of an 8x8 anthology series
- Robert Munsch books have sold over 80 million copies worldwide!

Age range 4 to 7

Five tremendously silly and utterly timeless Munsch stories — all in one hilarious collection!

This affordable treasury is a valuable resource for any shelf, full of empowering stories where kids rule and

each predicament is more outrageous than the last.

Includes:

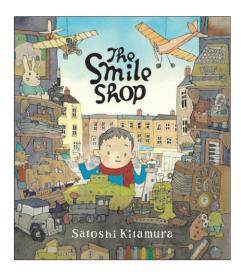
- The Paper Bag Princess
- · Angela's Airplane
- Thomas' Snowsuit
- Stephanie's Ponytail
- Show and Tell

Get the inside scoop on the real life kids who inspired each main character and how Munsch's original super silly stories came to be!



9781773218175 | February 2024 | Annick Press | HB | 136pp | 203x203mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

aper Bag Princes



THE SMILE SHOP

SATOSHI KITAMURA

- Now in paperback!
- Wonderful detailed illustrations, full of humour and observation. Vintage Satoshi Kitamura style
- A playful anti-capitalist parable to be savoured at any age
- Prize-winning artist whose books are translated into many languages

Age range 3 to 6

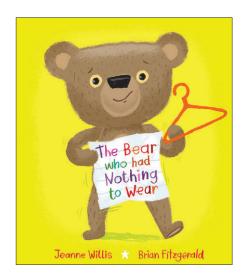
Award-winning artist Satoshi Kitamura delivers the powerful message that kindness is more important than money. Nominated for the Greenaway Medal 2021. Celebrate the power of a smile in this deceptively simple story set in a multi-ethnic market. A small boy is planning how to spend his first ever pocket money when disaster strikes and he's left with only one coin. His day seems to be ruined until he sees a Smile Shop. In a surprise ending, the world is put to rights and suddenly the whole world is smiling again.







9781912650972 | February 2024 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 260x230mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



THE BEAR WHO HAD NOTHING TO WEAR

JEANNE WILLIS, ILLUSTRATED BY BRIAN FITZGERALD

- Now in paperback!
- Jeanne Willis's trademark verse makes this a delight to read aloud
- Children will love all the dressing up outfits, recognising we have agency to create our own identity
- Confidence boosting as Albie eventually discovers that he prefers just to be himself

Age range 3+

'Albie arrived wearing NOTHING but fur, he could have been either a Him or Her... Most teddy bears let their owner decide, but Albie would not, for a bear has its pride.'

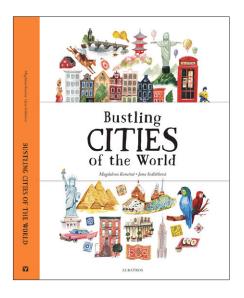
But each outfit that Albie purchases — from fairy to pirate, from cowboy to elegant city gent — proves unsuitable in some way, and by the end of the week his bedroom is heaped with discarded clothes. How will he dress in order to feel like himself?

'This laugh-out-loud rhyming story blends funny, powerful and highly-engaging themes of empowerment, roles and sharing with hilariously bold illustrations.' — *School*

Reading List



9781915252579 | February 2024 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



BUSTLING CITIES OF THE WORLD

JANA SEDLACKOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY MAGDALENA KONECNA

- Little readers' first contact with the bestknown cities of the world
- Children can look for the objects mentioned in the texts
- The whole family can choose their next vacation destination with the help of this book

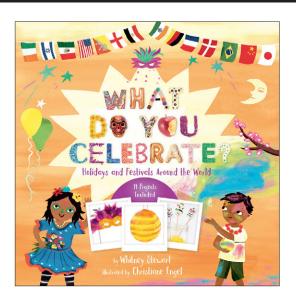
Age range 9 to 12

A unique guide to 30 of the world's most beloved cities, including 5 U.S. cities, accompanied by more than 1,000 gorgeous watercolour illustrations, matched by a vibrant writing style.

From the rain-soaked streets of London to the blooming cherry blossoms of Kyoto and the sun-scorched alleys of Cairo, this captivating book takes kids on a globe-trotting journey through the world's most picturesque cities.



9788000070025 | February 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 64pp | 279x239mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



WHAT DO YOU CELEBRATE?

Holidays and Festivals Around the World WHITNEY STEWART, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTIANE ENGEL

- Helps children to learn about diversity, different cultures, and heritage
- The fourteen detailed spreads offer background and cultural context, vocabulary words, photographs, and instructions for festive projects that kids and adults can enjoy together

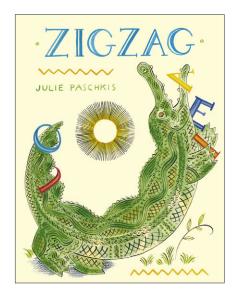
Age range 4 to 8

Fourteen holidays celebrated around the world come alive in this kid-friendly guide of how to celebrate each holiday.

The wide-ranging collection of holidays includes Holi, Purim, Halloween and more!



9781454950639 | February 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 40pp | 254x254mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



ZIGZAG

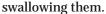
JULIE PASCHKIS

 Help ZigZag the alligator get his vowels back in this playful picture book from beloved author-illustrator Julie Paschkis!

Age range 3 to 7

There's nothing ZigZag enjoys more than tasting his words as he uses them, plays with them, and enjoys them, for ZigZag is a lover of words! But one day, excited and energised, he gulps down all his vowels while exploring and enjoying the word 'tambourine'. Without A, E, I, O, and U, ZigZag's life is turned upsidedown: no more lovely tambourines, only tasteless and dull tmbrns; no more tart green apples, only disappointing ppls. Poor ZigZag can't even get any sleep in his comfy, cozy bed, which is now a too short bd. But vowels are all around ZigZag, from his grandmother's satisfied 'Aaahs' to his best friend Beanie's amazed 'Ooohs'. Can you help ZigZag find his vowels again?

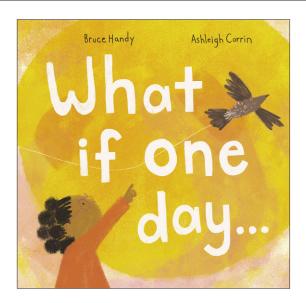
This is a wonderful romp through language that reminds readers to taste their words, even at the risk of







9781592704026 | February 2024 | Enchanted Lion Books | HB | 44pp | 280x216mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



WHAT IF ONE DAY...

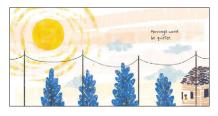
BRUCE HANDY, ILLUSTRATED BY ASHLEIGH CORRIN

 Author Bruce Handy's debut picture book The Happiness of a Dog with a Ball in Its Mouth was a NYT Best Children's Book of 2021, and illustrator Ashleigh Corrin won the Ezra Jack Keats Award for Illustration for her debut Layla's Happiness

Age range 5 to 8

'What if one day, all the birds flew away? Mornings would be quieter. Skies would be plainer. Worms could relax.'

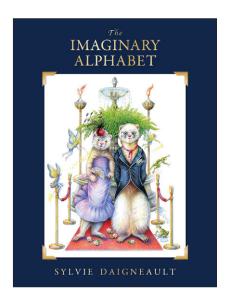
By asking how our world would change if it lacked birds, water, or people, and how we would feel about that, this playful text invites readers to celebrate the beauty and wonder of existence, and all that makes our world what it is. So often, our gaze is on the future, on that better world to come, but what if the world as it is — with light and water, salt, earth and animals, plants and insects, air and stars and French fries — is sufficient, and it is only us who have not known how to cherish it, or to love it all well enough? This book reminds us that all we need is here, if only we attend!







9781592703838 | February 2024 | Enchanted Lion Books | HB | 80pp | 254x260mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



THE IMAGINARY ALPHABET

SYLVIE DAIGNEAULT

- A worthy successor to Graeme Base's Animalia
- Encourages language and literacy development
- Connects the knowledge of sounds and letters to specific objects, animals and images
- Encourages the practice of reciting, identifying and producing sounds for individual letters

Age range 5 to 10

Agile alligators attempting an arabesque are just the beginning of this alphabetical adventure. Keep your eyes sharp and you might just spot the accordion, apple trees and acorns hiding in the art. When you've read about the sleepy sloths swinging by the sea, stick

around to spy the sailboat, snorkel and sandals too.

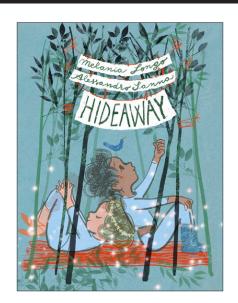
In *The Imaginary Alphabet*, whimsical art brings the alphabet to life. Keen-eyed readers and listeners of all ages will enjoy finding everything there is to discover in each fantastical scene.







9781772782998 | February 2024 | Pajama Press | HB | 64pp | 305x229mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99 | DISC: GEN



HIDEAWAY

MELANIA LONGO, ILLUSTRATED BY ALESSANDRO SANNA, TRANSLATED BY BRENDA PORSTER

- For parents who are looking to inspire their children to unplug from the modern world and let the Imaginations take over
- · The perfect book for bedtime reading

Age range 3 to 6

'Our hideaway is a house made of slender branches and singing leaves. No one can enter, except my little brother and I. Even though there's not much room, for us it has no limits. We can travel to the savanna or to snow capped lands, enjoy a five o'clock tea or sleep beneath the stars.'

This charming excursion to the world of imaginative play features poetic text accompanied by exquisite illustrations by a recent Italian Children's Laureate.

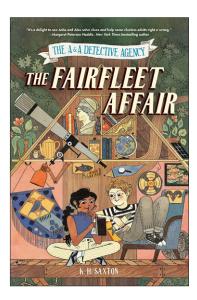
This timeless ode to creative play provides a welcome reminder to unplug from the distractions of the modern world, be present in the moment, and ready to travel wherever our imaginations might take us.







9781636550848 | February 2024 | Red Comet Press | HB | 48pp | 305x235mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



THE A&A DETECTIVE AGENCY: THE FAIRFLEET AFFAIR

K. H. SAXTON

- Alex and Asha's world is populated with believable characters from a variety of cultural backgrounds
- The novel makes literature and history compelling while also grappling with the topic of repatriation of cultural artifacts

Age range 8 to 12

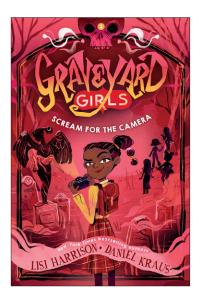
Follow clues, solve puzzles, crack the code...find the missing millionaire.

The celebrated museums of the Fairfleet Institute are known for curating the mysteries of humanity. But they don't *solve* mysteries. Luckily, twelve-year-old friends Alex Foster and Asha Singh of the A&A Detective Agency do. Or they will...once they get a real case to test their skills as sleuths.

When Dr. Alistair Fairfleet, the institute's eccentric chairman, disappears on the first day of Alex and Asha's summer vacation, they receive a letter written by the missing millionaire himself inviting them to a game involving complicated clues and puzzles. It is just the sort of case they've been waiting to tackle. But nothing in the Fairfleet case has a simple solution. As the kids track down clues, they uncover art forgeries, archaeological crimes, and Fairfleet family secrets. All of this tests their partnership and forces them to confront the complicated legacies of the people and places they admire most.



9781454950134 | February 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 272pp | 209x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



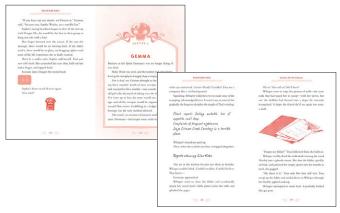
SCREAM FOR THE CAMERA

LISI HARRISON. DANIEL KRAUS

- These are stories about middle school girls with agency. Their issues, interests and actions are relatable
- Each story focuses on a different girl in the friend group, allowing readers to find a protagonist and point of view to connect with

Age range 8 to 12

It's been a month since the events of *1-2-3-4, I Declare* a *Thumb War*, when the Graveyard Girls — Gemma, Whisper, Sophie, Frannie, and Zuzu — discovered Silas Hoke's empty grave. A month, and no answers. That changes when messages from the other side start to creep up on the Graveyard Girls. The good news: There might be one person with some answers. The bad news: She's a mortician...with a deadly secret.





9781454945185 | February 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 256pp | 209x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

FOR GIRLS WHO WALK THROUGH FIRE

KIM DEROSE

- Each girl is vibrant and highly memorable, and their friendships, family members, and personalities are more in focus than their trauma
- Most teen girls have experienced sexual assault or harassment or know a peer who
 has giving survivors magical powers is a brilliant way of recentring the narrative

Age range 14+

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. Elliott recruits a coven of fellow survivors from the group. She, Madeline, Chloe, and Bea don't have much in common, but they are united in their rage at a system that heaps judgments on victims and never seems to punish those who deserve it.





9781454948872 | February 2024 | Union Square Kids | HB | 320pp | 209x139mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

DRAGGING MASON COUNTY

CURTIS CAMPBELL

- Highlights queer small-town life, with an emphasis on community
- The laugh-out-loud humour and drama that follows Peter makes *Dragging Mason County* the perfect summer read

Age range 14+

Peter Thompkins needs a public image overhaul. After a tense confrontation with one of the few other queer kids in his small-town high school, rumours about him are becoming more elaborate by the day. Meanwhile, his best friend Alan (aka teen drag queen Aggie Culture) is throwing Mason County's debut Drag Extravaganza. Although Peter is a self-described 'dragnostic', he decides to help produce the show, hoping to prove that he isn't a self-hating gay. In the process, he finds himself facing down angry guard dogs, angrier bigots and a very high-strung church lady. As backlash grows, Peter begins to wonder whether he's setting fire to his already damaged reputation and if his friendship with Alan will survive past curtain call.





9781773217888 | February 2024 | Annick Press | PB | 264pp | 229x152mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

OUTCASTS

A Starcrossed Novel

JOSEPHINE ANGELINI

- The much-anticipated continuation to Scions, the prequel to the Starcrossed series, the #1 international bestseller. This Greek mythology series is ideal for fans of Alexandra Bracken and Chloe Gong
- · Starcrossed was the single bestselling YA debut novel of 2011 in the UK

Age range 14+

Presumed dead, Daphne and Ajax try to steal away what happiness they can while living as Outcasts, when they discover that the Fates aren't done with them yet.

Like mice in a maze, both are led back to New York City, where Daphne must find a way to keep the Fates from killing Ajax. But returning to the city puts them both in grave danger, and they are forced to seek help in the unlikeliest of places.





9780999462881 | February 2024 | Sungrazer Publishing | PB | 410pp | 210x140mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE WORDS WE SHARE

JACK WONG

- · Cantonese is used throughout the book and featured on the cover
- Strong themes of community and communication make this an excellent classroom resource
- Based on Jack's experiences as a child, this is a story of the deep connections between parent and child, and the importance of individual agency

Age range 4 to 7

Angie is used to helping her dad. Ever since they moved to Canada, he relies on her to translate for him from English to Chinese. Angie is happy to help: when they go to restaurants, at the grocery store, and, one day, when her dad needs help writing some signs for his work. Building off her success with her dad's signs, Angie offers her translation skills to others in their community. She's thrilled when her new business takes off, until one of her clients says he's unhappy with her work. When her dad offers to help, she can't imagine how he could.





9781773217970 | February 2024 | Annick Press | HB | 44pp | 279x216mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

P.I. BUTTERFLY

Disappearing Daisy

KAREN KILPATRICK, ILLUSTRATED BY GERMÁN BLANCO

• The third installment of the popular award-winning early graphic novel series!

Age range 6 to 11

It's the opening night of the school play but Daisy, the lead of the show, has disappeared! There's no way Daisy would ever miss her starring role. With a class full of suspects, and a mysterious feather trail, can P.I. Butterfly crack the case before showtime?

Readers love becoming P.I.'s in training and solving mysteries with P.I. Butterfly! Perfect for building problem-solving and observational skills through humour and mystery.

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9781938447747 | February 2024 | Genius Cat Books | PB | 112pp | 203x152mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

THE MOST SERIOUS FART

MIKE BENDER. ILLUSTRATED BY CHUCK DILLON

• Featured on episode 2 of *Bedtime Stories with Ryan* (Reynolds)! Age range 4 to 8

The Most Serious Fart is a seriously fun children's illustrated picture book about not taking ourselves so seriously.

Meet Siegfried, a most serious fart who is sick and tired of farts being a laughing matter. When he sets out on a most serious mission to change the fart as we know it, he ends up learning to embrace his fartness and the fun and friendship that come with it. The book also includes over 300 hidden butts.

'Hilarious and thought-provoking...I can't believe I'm saying this, but these farts are clever, funny and gorgeous.' — Stuart Gibbs, author of *Spy School*









9781938447730 | February 2024 | Genius Cat Books | HB | 32pp | 216x216mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

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Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

JOHANNA SPYRI

- · Back in stock!
- This edition of Johanna Spyri's classic novel features illustrations in full colour by Jessie Wilcox Smith

Age range 10 to 13

Heidi is the timeless tale of an orphan girl who comes to live with her cold and frightening grandfather in the mountains of Switzerland — and who, in the end, brings cheer and comfort into the hearts of everyone who knows her.





9781435144668 | August 2017 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 344pp | 210x162mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

GREEK MYTHS: A WONDER BOOK FOR GIRLS & BOYS

Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

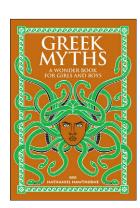
NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

- Back in stock!
- Greek Myths: A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys features six classic tales written especially for children by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Age range 10 to 13

Tales of Greek mythology have entertained countless generations of young readers with their accounts of brave heroes and heroines and the monsters and marvels that they encounter.

Tales include: the legends of *Pandora* and the Box of Troubles, King Midas and the Golden Touch, Perseus and the Medusa, Philemon and Baucis, Bellerophon and Pegasus, and the labours of Hercules, all illustrated magnificently in colour by Walter Crane.





9781435158146 | March 2015 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 216pp | 203x159mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE STORY OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS

Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

HOWARD PYLE, ILLUSTRATED BY SCOTT MCKOWEN, AFTERWORD BY ARTHUR POBER

- Back in stock!
- The legendary adventures of King Arthur, his Knights of the Round Table, and the court of Camelot come to life in a lively and accessible retelling by Howard Pyle



When the young Arthur pulls the embedded sword from the stone, his future as the King of England is foretold. This imaginative retelling of the classic legends recounts the story of Arthur's formation of the Knights of the Round Table, his securing of the enchanted sword Excalibur, his wooing of the Lady Guinevere, and many other beloved Arthurian tales.





9781435162112 | June 2016 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 456pp | 203x159mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO FORTNITE 2024

NAOMI BERRY

 Fortnite has been going strong as one of the gaming industry's most popular and successful titles since it burst onto the scene in 2017

Age range 10+

We're on Chapter 3 now, and trust us, this is not a 'reinvention in hopes of keeping things fresh' — this is giving more of a Pokemon consistently evolving into a stronger, more powerful form.

Yeah, *Fortnite* isn't going anywhere anytime soon. That's where we come in: perfect for both newbies and vets alike, *The Definitive Guide to Fortnite 2024* covers core mechanics and new gameplay flairs to earn you your victory crown, regardless of how far into your Battle Royale journey you are.





9781914536908 | February 2024 | Grange Communications | HB | 64pp | 285x190mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO MINECRAFT 2024

NAOMI BERRY

 With over 238 million copies sold, the sandbox game is officially the bestselling video game of all time, allowing nearly 140 million monthly players the power to build the land of their dreams, try their mettle against the Ender Dragon, or just hang out with the iconic Steve

Age range 10+

Trends come and go, games flash and burn, but at the end of the day, only one has stood the test of time: Minecraft is eternal.

The world is your oyster in Minecraft, and *The Definitive Guide to Minecraft* is here to help all kinds of players — from surviving through your first night, to digging for diamonds, understanding the relationship between bookshelves and enchantment, and reaching the End dimension. So, grab your trusty pickaxe; it's time to build.





9781914536915 | February 2024 | Grange Communications | HB | 64pp | 285x190mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO ROBLOX 2024

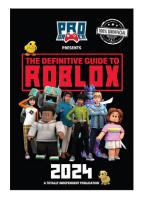
NAOMI BERRY

• The gaming scene has been dominated by the same few names for the last few years, and while new challengers come along every now and then, it wasn't until 2020 that a contender finally broke through: Roblox

Age range 10+

Roblox has well and truly taken its place among the gaming greats, and it comes bearing endless possibilities.

So where do you begin with a platform that's only limit is the extent of your imagination? That's where *The Definitive Guide to Roblox 2024* comes in: we've got you covered from surfing game genres, understanding from 'ABC' all the way to 'XD' (trust us, it'll make sense soon) and even having a go at making your own game.





9781914536922 | February 2024 | Grange Communications | HB | 64pp | 285x190mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

BLACK COCKATOO

CARL MERRISON, HAKEA HUSTLER

- Reprint available now!
- Highly original Australian story set in a small community main character, Mia, will resonate with girls and reluctant readers

Age range 8+

Honour Book in the 2019 CBCAs for Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Black Cockatoo is a vignette that follows Mia, a young Aboriginal girl as she explores the fragile connections of family and culture.

Mia is a 13-year-old girl from a remote community in the Kimberley. She is saddened by the loss of her brother as he distances himself from the family. She feels powerless to change the things she sees around her...until one day she rescues her totem animal, the dirran black cockatoo, and soon discovers her own inner strength.

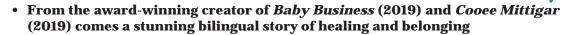




9781925360707 | August 2018 | Magabala Books | PB | 40pp | 198x128mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

OPEN YOUR HEART TO COUNTRY

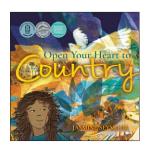
JASMINE SEYMOUR



Shortlisted, Prime Minister's Literary Awards 2023, Children's Literature

Shortlisted, NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2023, Indigenous Writers' Prize

Shortlisted, Karajia Award for Children's Literature 2023



Age range 4+

Told in English and Dharug, *Open Your Heart to Country* is a moving account of reconnection to Country from a First Nations perspective. Sharing the nourishing power of returning home and being immersed in the language of Country, this picture book invites readers to reflect on the importance of place, not only for First Nations' peoples but for everyone.



9781922613769 | June 2022 | Magabala Books | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

SWIFTY

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER, ILLUSTRATED BY ASTRED HICKS



- Captivating story of one of the world's fastest parrots, the critically endangered swift parrot
- Provides facts about the swift parrot, including tips for kids on how to spot one in their backyard



Age range 6 to 9

Swifty grows from a hatchling to a fledgling in the blue-gum forests of Tasmania. She is then ready to make a challenging migration, following the blossom trail across Bass Strait to mainland south-eastern Australia.

Swifty faces many threats and dangers, but she must return home. Will she make it?



9781486315918 | October 2022 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

