

NEW YEAR SURPRISE!

CHRISTOPHER CHENG, ILLUSTRATED BY DI WU

- Released in paperback for the first time to celebrate 2024 Lunar New Year
- Award-winning author, Christopher Cheng, and illustrator, Di Wu, of Chinese heritage
- Beautifully illustrated with culturally sensitive artwork using traditional Chinese techniques and colours
- Shortlisted for the 2018 West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards (WAYRBA) and CBCA Book of the Year Notables 2017

Age range 6 to 9

Little Brother is told by his brother and his friends that he's too small to help out at the Spring Festival. He's too little to fly a kite and he's not strong enough to hold a dragon pole. But Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be?

He knows it's not hanging the lanterns up, as Father has already done that. He knows it's not choosing the treats from the hawker as Father has already chosen a duck. He knows it's not serving tea or lighting fire crackers as he did those jobs last year. Follow Little Brother through the village to find out what his special job is.

Christopher Cheng's story and Di Wu's paintings recreate the magic of celebrating New Year in snowy rural northern China. Di's stunning artwork reflects Chinese traditional techniques, using rice paper, Chinese brushes and the colours of traditional paintings. At the back of the book, read about some of the different festivals held in China and about the rural setting of the book. Images from the National Library of Australia's collection illustrate this section.



9781922507419 | January 2024 | National Library of Australia | PB | 36pp | 255x245mm | AUS\$17.99 | NZ\$19.99

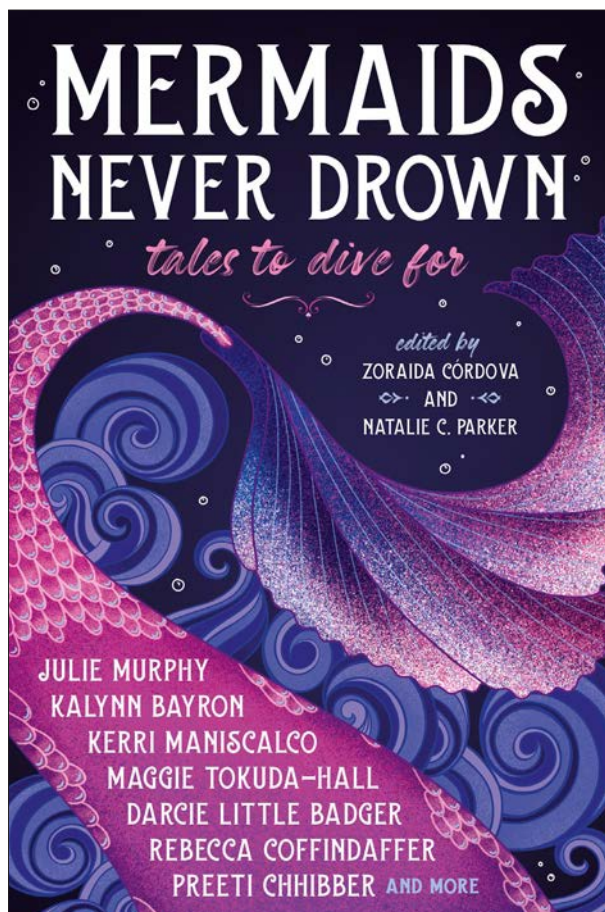
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About the author & illustrator:

Christopher Cheng is an award-winning author of many children's books including non-fiction, picture books and Chinese-themed historical fiction titles. He is co-chair of the Advisory Board for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and a recipient of the Lady Cutler Award for Children's Literature. Christopher is also an ambassador for the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature.

Born in China, **Di Wu** was an editor and illustrator in one of the biggest Chinese fine arts publishing companies before coming to Australia. He won awards for the books he published in China, and his first Australian picture book, *Rebel* (with Allan Baillie), was short-listed for the Children's Book Council Picture Book of the Year. He has since released *Ali Baba*, *Old Magic* (with Allan Baillie) and *Grandpa's Mask*, with text by Jing Jing Guo. More recently, Di Wu collaborated with Jane Jolly to create *Star of Anise*.





9781803368122 | January 2024 | Titan Books | PB | 320pp | 198x130mm | AU\$19.99 | NZ\$22.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the editors:

Zoraida Córdova is the editor of *Vampires Never Get Old: Tales with Fresh Bite* and the author of the award-winning *Brooklyn Brujas* series.

Natalie C. Parker is the editor of *Vampires Never Get Old: Tales with Fresh Bite* and the author of the acclaimed *Seafire* trilogy.

MERMAIDS NEVER DROWN

Tales to Dive For

EDITED BY ZORAIDA CÓRDOVA, NATALIE C. PARKER

- Retellings of folklore and fairytales are evergreen, with current authors including T. Kingfisher, A. G. Slatter, the *Classics Remixed* series, and mermaids appearing in books by Rivers Solomon, Erin A. Craig and Christina Henry
- Classic folklore reinvigorated by a diverse set of authors bringing new life to much-loved tropes
- Expect high-stakes fantasy, sweeping romance and gripping twists in the tail
- Features YA superstars such as Kerri Maniscalco, Kalynn Bayron and Julie Murphy
- Featuring an female-dominated line up with authors calling from a wide range of backgrounds and identities

14 Young Adult short stories from bestselling and award-winning authors make a splash in *Mermaids Never Drown* — the second collection in the *Untold Legends* series edited by Zoraida Córdova and Natalie C. Parker — exploring mermaids like we've never seen them before! A gripping new anthology about mermaids, *Mermaids Never Drown* features beloved authors like Kerri Maniscalco, Julie Murphy, Kalynn Bayron and many more.

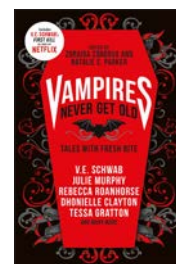
A Vietnamese mermaid caught between two worlds. A siren who falls for Poseidon's son. A boy secretly pining for the merboy who saved him years ago. A storm that brings humans and mermaids together. Generations of family secrets and pain.

Find all these stories and more in this gripping new collection that will reel you in from the very first page! Welcome to an ocean of hurt, fear, confusion, rage, hope, humour, discovery and love in its many forms.

Also available:

VAMPIRES NEVER GET OLD

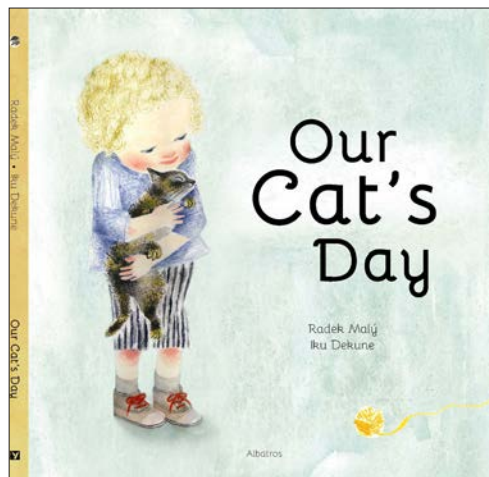
EDITED BY ZORAIDA CÓRDOVA, NATALIE C. PARKER



9781789096958 | August 2021 | Titan Books | PB | 296pp | 198x130mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



'Cochran works in dynamic, pixelated art that pulses with color... Merging fantasy and reality, the creators pay tribute to the way Sylvester's love helps to process longing and sorrow.'
— *Publishers Weekly*



SYLVESTER'S LETTER

MATTHEW BURGESS, ILLUSTRATED BY JOSH COCHRAN

- Responding to loss with imaginative joy
- A beautiful, intergenerational story
- A go-to book for handling the death of a grandparent
- Dynamic author-illustrator team

Age range 6+

From the superb, creative duo behind *Drawing on Walls, A Story of Keith Haring* comes this heartfelt story about the loss of a beloved grandparent that yet centres enthusiasm, adventure, and an ebullient creativity rarely seen in books about loss.

Some letters can't be delivered in the usual way...but Sylvester has a plan: if it's couriered by some energetic parachutists, a train speeding through the jungle, and a river packed with piranhas and pink dolphins, his letter is sure to reach its final destination.



9781592703807 | January 2024 | Enchanted Lion Books | HB | 52pp | 270x237mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

OUR CAT'S DAY

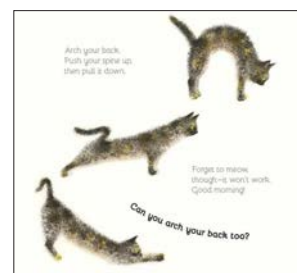
RADEK MALÝ, ILLUSTRATED BY IKU DEKUNE

- A unique fusion of a poetic picture book full of non-fiction information that has a big appeal to little readers
- One day in the life of a little kid compared to one day in the life of a kitten, discovering amusing similarities
- The reader can join the story by answering questions along the storyline. There is also a search and find quest throughout the book
- The painter Iku Dekune has thousands of followers on social media and has won several international awards

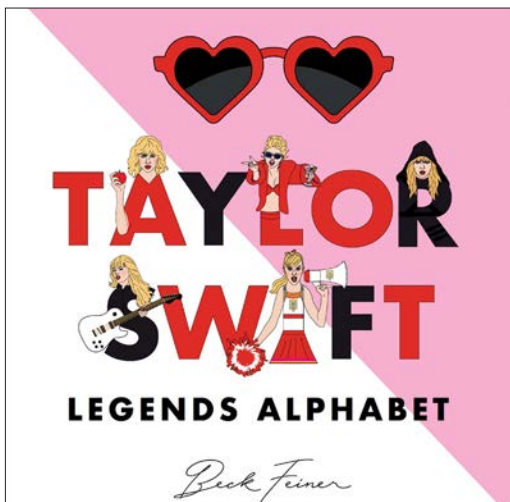
Age range 3 to 6

One day in a life of a little boy and his pet cat is portrayed in this poetic picture book with dreamlike illustrations.

In this book the readers follow the actions of a little boy and his kitten in the course of one day and during this time we discover that there are more similarities between humans and animals than we would think — from sleeping and eating to playing and taking care of yourself.



9788000067940 | January 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 210x210mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



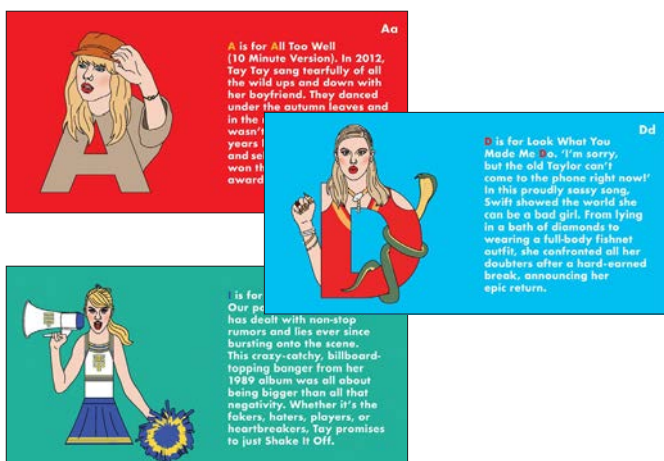
TAYLOR SWIFT LEGENDS ALPHABET

BECK FEINER, CREATED BY ALPHABET LEGENDS

- Beck Feiner is an acclaimed Australian illustrator and author. She illustrates with a vibrancy and a joie de vivre that is infectious, while tackling subject matter that is poignant and ‘of the moment’ — but always with a smile

From Shake It Off to Lover, Blank Space to I Knew You Were Trouble, *Taylor Swift Legends Alphabet* is an enchanting journey through the heart and soul of the greatest pop-country singer ever.

So grab your acoustic guitar and get ready to fall in love with and feel empowered by T-Swift.



9780645851489 | January 2024 | Alphabet Legends | HB | 56pp | 203x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE DANCING LETTERS

TEXT BY EVELYNE FOURNIER, ILLUSTRATED BY AURÉLIEN GALVAN

- A story field with love showcasing the bond between a grandmother and her grandchild
- The main character overcomes the challenge at hand in a positive way, helping readers foster social-emotional learning
- A book tackling dyslexia with finesse and creativity, including an inspiring letter from the author presenting a couple of tools that could help kids dealing with dyslexia
- Special font to ease the reading and approved by a clinical remedial teacher

Age range 3+

An endearing family story about love and dyslexia. Olivia is a little girl full of life and imagination. But when her grandmother asks her to write a story for her birthday, Olivia feels a little unsure. Because when it comes to writing, things never go as she intended. Words thumb their noses at her. Lowercase letters turn into uppercase letters. Subjects and verbs don't always agree. How can Olivia write a story when words and letters won't cooperate? A sweet story that tackles the theme of dyslexia with sensitivity and highlights our ability to overcome difficulties with the support of those who love us.



9782898024917 | January 2024 | CrackBoom! Books | HB | 44pp | 285x222mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

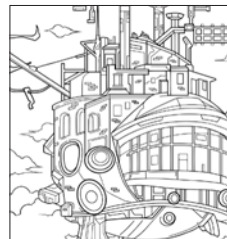
LAND OF SPIRITS

An Unofficial Coloring Book

ILLUSTRATED BY SUHENDRA

- Celebrate your love for Studio Ghibli with this unique collection of hand-drawn illustrations inspired by the whimsical and ethereal settings from Hayao Miyazaki's most beloved animated films

Travel to the land of spirits (*Yomi-no-kuni*) to visit castles floating on the wind, water-bound homes, quiet hillside villages, and magnificent bathhouses with this adult colouring book crafted for fans of Japanese anime and the Studio Ghibli collection.



9781646045884 | January 2024 | Ulysses Press | PB | 48pp | 216x216mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN FIRM SALE

MAGICAL GIRL'S SELF-CARE COLORING BOOK

Color Your World and Embrace Your Inner Power

JACQUE AYE, ILLUSTRATED BY VENUS BAMBISA

- Perfect for fans of *Sailor Moon*, *Cardcaptor Sakura* and *Tokyo Mew Mew*

Calling all *Sailor Moon* fans, *Cardcaptor Sakura* fans, *Tokyo Mew Mew* fans, and all magical girls to colour in a self-love, self-esteem-boosting adventure with this unique colouring book for adults! Be empowered on your adventure to find your best self with *The Magical Girl's Self-Care Coloring Book!*

Inspired by the iconic magical girls of your childhood, this follow-up colouring book contains over thirty gorgeous illustrations designed to guide you on your self-care journey!



9781646044924 | January 2024 | Ulysses Press | PB | 80pp | 235x191mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN FIRM SALE

SLEEP

A Whimsical Word Adventure into the Imaginative World of Sleep

KAREN KILPATRICK, ILLUSTRATED BY GERMÁN BLANCO

- *SLEEP* captures the magic of childhood and imagination through a unique and creative perspective, revealing the whimsy of dreams through word and letter concepts that will be sure to delight readers both young and old

Age range 3 to 7

Once there was a girl who couldn't sleep. She had trouble catching her Zs. When she decides to follow them, she is led on an extraordinary word adventure over mountains, down waterfalls, and into caves...until she finally catches the Zs, falling asleep under the pale light of the moon.



9781938447754 | January 2024 | Genius Cat Books | HB | 32pp | 127x177mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

WHERE DID MOMO'S HAIR GO?

STÉPHANIE BOYER, ILLUSTRATED BY CAROLINE HAMEL, TRANSLATED BY CARINE LAFOREST

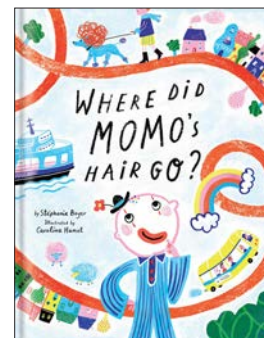
- A hilarious situation comedy featuring dogs wearing wigs
- Full of unexpected silly twists and turns
- Easy text is ideal for children learning to read
- Perfect for read aloud; children can make predictions about what happens next and stay engaged

Age range 3+

The laugh-out-loud journey of a little clown's wig

Hurry up! Momo the Clown is in a rush. He runs so fast to catch the bus that his hair flies off his head...Oh, no! Where did Momo's hair go?

9782898024160 | January 2024 | CrackBoom! Books | HB | 44pp | 285x222mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



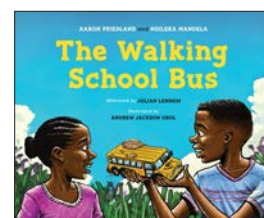
THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

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

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

Age range 4 to 8

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



9781771644693 | January 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 44pp | 228x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

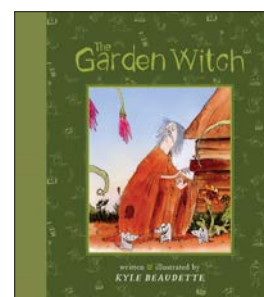
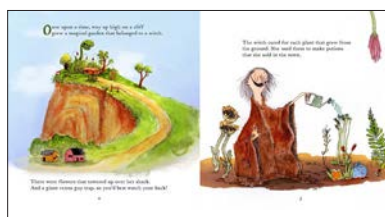
THE GARDEN WITCH

KYLE BEAUDETTE

- This 32-page casebound picturebook is a whimsical retelling of the 'Hairy Toe' fairy tale
- It features themes of bullying (the rats are bullies) and standing up for oneself/self-worth
- There are elements of environmentalism as the Witch's powers and the turnip boy are from the garden itself, which is a living entity in the background of the story

Age range 4 to 7

The Garden Witch is lonely, no one shops at her stall, no one visits her magical garden, and there is no one to talk to — except for the three evil rats she lives with. The rats will eat her if she upsets them, so she lives day in and day out the same until one evening she cries in her garden.



9781777791841 | January 2024 | Eye of Newt Books | HB | 32pp | 279x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE BIGGEST MISTAKE

CAMILLA PINTONATO

- This tongue-in-cheek tale offers a new delight on each page, then ends with the biggest surprise of all
- A perfect storytime pick about success, failure, and the danger of assumptions

Age range 3 to 7

'It's time to catch your own gazelle,' Papa Lion tells his little lion one morning. The cub thinks the task will be easy — which is his first mistake. He leaps on a gazelle, but it gets away from him. So the little lion laces up his sneakers, thinking he just has to outrun the gazelle — and makes his second mistake. Once again, his prey escapes! So the little lion tries to lure the gazelle into a trap. He tries to snag its horns in a net. He even tries asking nicely. But every idea fails. Maybe the little lion needs the gazelle to make a mistake of her own...



9780802856111 | January 2024 | Eerdmans Publishing | HB | 48pp | 251x203mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

LATER, WHEN I'M BIG

BETTE WESTERA, ILLUSTRATED BY MATTIAS DE LEEUW, TRANSLATED BY LAURA WATKINSON

- A playful, humorous look at being small but dreaming big

Age range 4 to 8

As a child and her mother walk up to the swimming pool, she dreams about everything she'll do when she's older. Maybe she'll dance with jellyfish. Maybe she'll fly to Saturn in a space rocket. She could even play with the monster under her bed! But for now, she'll have to face that terrifyingly tall diving board...

With alliterative language and explosively colourful illustrations, *When I'm Big* is an amusing journey through all sorts of fantastical futures. As readers travel to tropical rainforests, the North Pole, and beyond, they will start to dream about what their tomorrows could bring.



9780802856104 | January 2024 | Eerdmans Publishing | HB | 40pp | 279x210mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

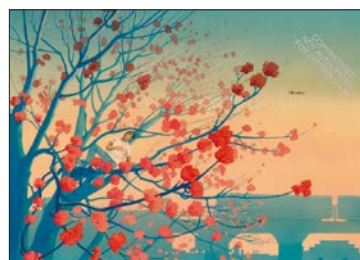
A WISH IS A SEED

JESSICA YOUNG, ILLUSTRATED BY MARIA CRISTINA PRITELLI

- **Backlist highlight**
- A poetic tale about courage and connection in unexpected places
- Serves as a springboard for further introspection and creative-writing opportunities
- Follow the journey in this visual representation of the transference of hope

Age range 8+

When a child makes a wish, where does it go? Borne on a tiny seed, it floats with the wind across the world. Like many dreams, it passes through dark and crowded places before it tumbles down, 'still and unseen', to take root and grow.



9781568463384 | November 2022 | Creative Editions | HB | 32pp | 305x216mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

THE SECRET GARDEN

FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

- **New friendships and new beginnings abound in *The Secret Garden*, now available as an unabridged paperback edition for today's young readers**
- **Affordable pricing, unabridged text, and discussion questions make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments**
- **This edition is perfect for readers who want to build their reading collection**

Age range 8+

When Mary Lennox begins living with her uncle in the English countryside, she feels bored and lonely. Before long, however, she discovers many mysteries hiding within the walls of the estate. What will it take for Mary to unearth these secrets?

This unabridged edition of the beloved twentieth-century classic is perfect for young readers' libraries.

9781454951186 | January 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 272pp | 203x133mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON

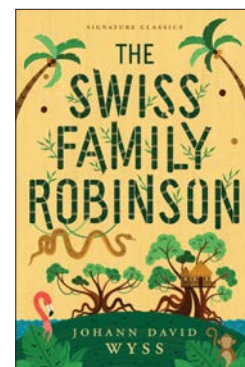
JOHANN DAVID WYSS

- **Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life**
- **Affordable pricing, unabridged text, and discussion questions make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments**
- **This edition is perfect for readers who want to build their reading collection**

Age range 10+

If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you do? Young readers can read and imagine in this unabridged paperback edition of *The Swiss Family Robinson*. After their ship crashes onto a deserted island, the Robinson family begins a castaway life of adventure, scientific exploration, and the primal instinct to survive. As the years pass, the family begins to wonder: do they want to be rescued and return to civilisation, or continue their island life forever?

9781454951193 | January 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 480pp | 203x133mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



TREASURE ISLAND

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

- **Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life**
- **Affordable pricing, unabridged text, and discussion questions make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments**
- **This edition is perfect for readers who want to build their reading collection**

Age range 8+

Sail the high seas and search for treasure in this paperback edition of the classic novel — but beware of pirates! Jim Hawkins sets sail with a treasure map in hand, but he eventually discovers that his crewmates are pirates-in-hiding, hungry for gold. Will Jim be able to safely find the treasure, or will the infamous Long John Silver beat him to it?

9781454951209 | January 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 256pp | 203x133mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



A CALL TO CTHULHU

ARTIST NORM KONYU

- **Stunning artwork from the creator of *The Junction***
- **A fun and informative introduction to the classic works of H.P. Lovecraft**
- **Great for parents to read with kids**

Age range 7 to 10

Even Cosmic Gods fear an unknown caller!

When Cthulhu, the Great Old One, receives a phone call in the middle of the night, he is not prepared for the conversation that is about to take place. Part comic book, part artbook, part children's storybook, *A Call To Cthulhu* is a fun, irreverent trip through the classic stories of H.P. Lovecraft, the influential horror writer, and a perfect introduction to his work for your little terrors!



9781787740655 | January 2024 | Titan Comics | HB | 48pp | 257x168mm | AU \$21.99 | NZ \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

1-2-3-4, I DECLARE A THUMB WAR

LISI HARRISON, DANIEL KRAUS

- ***Graveyard Girls* is at the nexus of a wildly popular genre, and it features stellar writing by two powerhouse authors and a fresh/contemporary sensibility**
- **Strong, girl-centric storytelling — These are stories about young teen girls with agency**
- **The new and unexpected yet perfect blend of friendship story and horror**

Age range 9 to 12

This first installment of *Graveyard Girls* series is part mystery book and part friendship story, centred around five young teen girls in for the fright of their lives. Meet Whisper, Frannie, Sophie, Gemma, and Zuzu, five friends who tell eerie tales by night and navigate middle school drama by day.



9781454945178 | January 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 256pp | 210x140mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

SAM THE SLOTH AND THE POOP THAT WOULDN'T COME

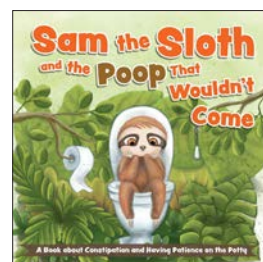
A Book about Constipation and Having Patience on the Potty

EDITORS OF ULYSSES PRESS

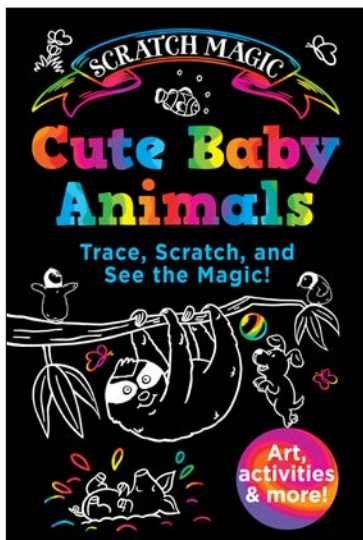
- **Kids will be able to relate to Sam's story and learn dozens of fun activities to do while they wait for the poop to come**

Help kids learn to have patience on the potty and deal with constipation with this delightful story about Sam the Sloth who finds different fun ways to take their mind off going to the toilet.

Sam the Sloth loves to eat, but Sam does NOT like to poop. After lunch, Sam needs to use the potty — but pooping has been no fun at all and that's made going to the bathroom a little bit scary. Sam's mum comes to the rescue, sitting with Sam patiently and playing different bathroom games while waiting for the poop to come.



9781646045853 | January 2024 | Bloom Books for Younger Readers | BH | 20pp | 152x152mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



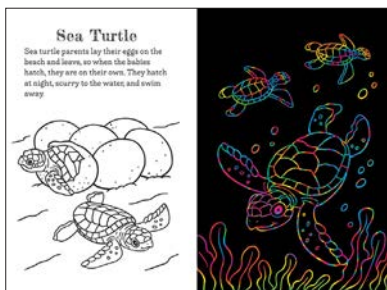
CUTE BABY ANIMALS

SUSAN BUESCHER, ILLUSTRATED BY SCOTT DUBAR

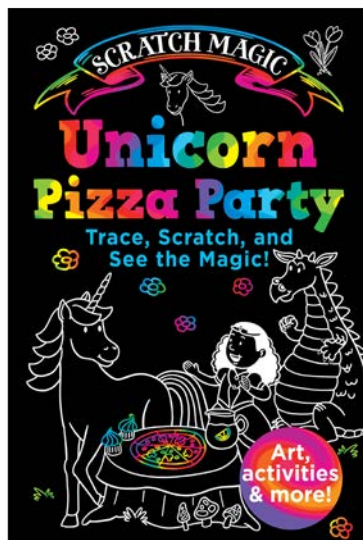
- Includes a wooden stylus for 20 scratch-off cards that reveal rainbow swirls or shiny foil underneath
- 20 colouring pages to colour in with crayons, coloured pencils, or markers
- Includes a wide variety of baby animals to colour and trace

Age range 5+

This fun and engaging activity book full of scratch-off art pages, colouring pages, games, puzzles, and more provides hours of entertainment for kids — and educates them with facts about adorable baby animals. Readers use the wooden stylus that comes with the book to trace illustrations of adorable baby animals, scratching off the magic ink to reveal rainbow swirls or sparkly foil underneath.



9781684620685 | January 2024 | Get Creative 6 | HB | 64pp
| 215x161mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



UNICORN PIZZA PARTY

SUSAN BUESCHER, ILLUSTRATED BY SCOTT DUBAR

- Includes a wooden stylus for 20 scratch-off cards that reveal rainbow swirls or shiny foil underneath
- 20 colouring pages to colour in with crayons, coloured pencils, or markers
- Engaging story about a unicorn that teaches kids the power of teamwork

Age range 5+

This fun and engaging activity book full of scratch-off art pages, colouring pages, games, puzzles, and more provides hours of entertainment for kids — and tells the story of a unicorn who learns the power of teamwork and friendship. Pippa the unicorn loves pizza, but she needs all her friends' help to learn how to make it!



9781684620692 | January 2024 | Get Creative 6 | HB | 64pp
| 216x162mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN