

ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE
AUNTY FAY MUIR, SUE LAWSON

- Celebrates the achievements of Australian First Nations heroes
- Educates about significant social movements within Australian history
- Informative and accessible for all audiences
- Great introduction to the history of First Nations activism
- Teacher notes available

'Each protest has been a stepping stone to the next battle...'

From the very first protest of January 26th as a Day of Mourning in 1938, to the Pilbara Strike of 1946, to the struggle for the right to vote and be counted; the fight for justice for First Nations people takes many forms.

Always Was, Always Will Be takes a closer look at some of the iconic First Peoples protest movements of the last 200 years, celebrating the strength, wisdom, and bravery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people defending their land and asserting their right to self-determination through history.



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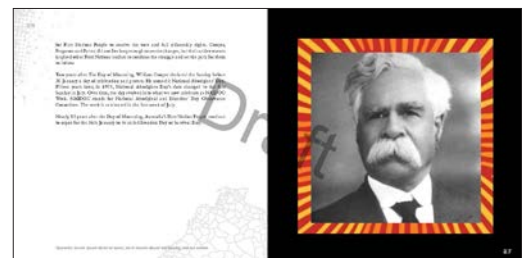
9781922777614 | June 2024 | Magabala Books | HB | 90pp | 240x240mm | AUS\$27.99 | NZ\$32.99

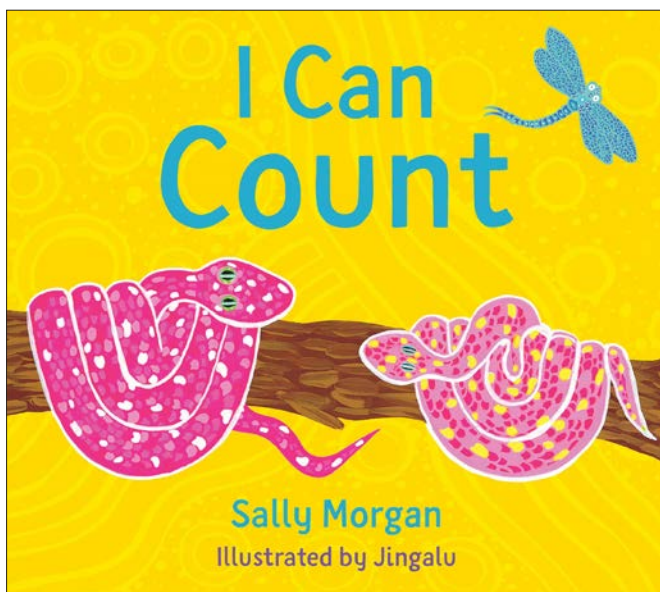
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About the author and illustrator:

Aunty Fay Muir OAM is a Boonwurrung Elder who cares about sharing her culture and stories with all, to enjoy and take on a journey of learning. Muir has worked for the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL) for over 10 years as a Cultural Educator and language specialist, specialising in the Boon Wurrung language and being on the journey of language revitalisation, which she shares with audiences when invited to speak on the subject.

Sue Lawson writes fiction and non-fiction books for children and young adults. Her books have won and been shortlisted for numerous awards, including the Family Therapists Award, the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the Children's Book Council of Australia awards.





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I CAN COUNT

SALLY MORGAN, ILLUSTRATED BY JINGALU

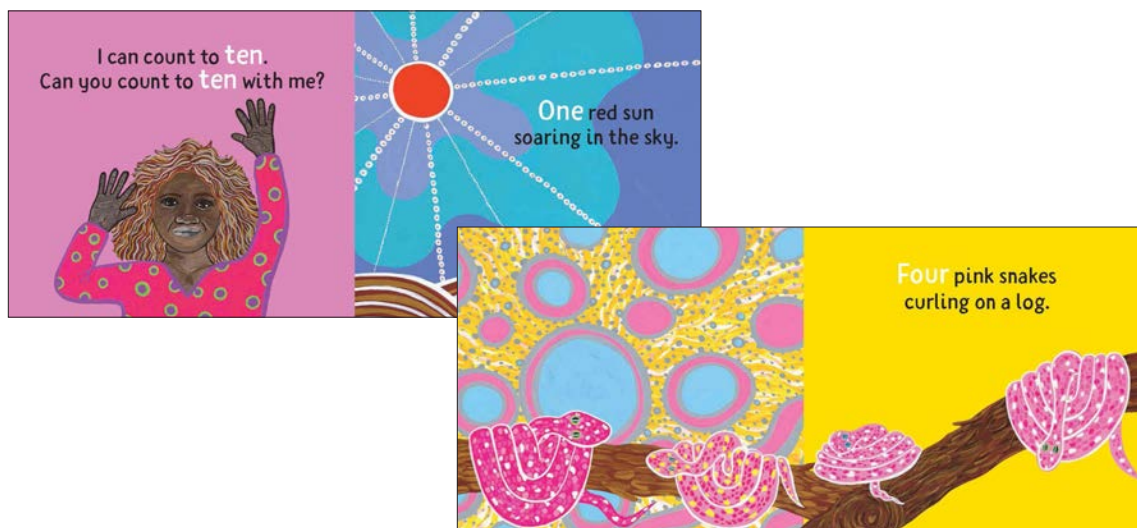
- A fun and colourful board book encouraging babies and children to count to ten
- Stunning, quirky illustrations
- Sally is a passionate advocate for early literacy learning through bold art
- Well suited to those who love anything by Magabala Books

Age range 0 to 5

'I can count to ten! Can you count to ten with me?'

Another testament to Sally Morgan's advocacy for early literacy learning, *I Can Count* is a fun and interactive way for families and young readers to learn to count together. With a soaring sun, coral clouds, purple frogs, pink snakes, lime birds, blue dragonflies, peach butterflies, yellow possums, orange owls and green stars this is a visual feast for young eyes. Jingalu's unique artwork is quirky, contemporary and vibrant — emphasising fun in learning.

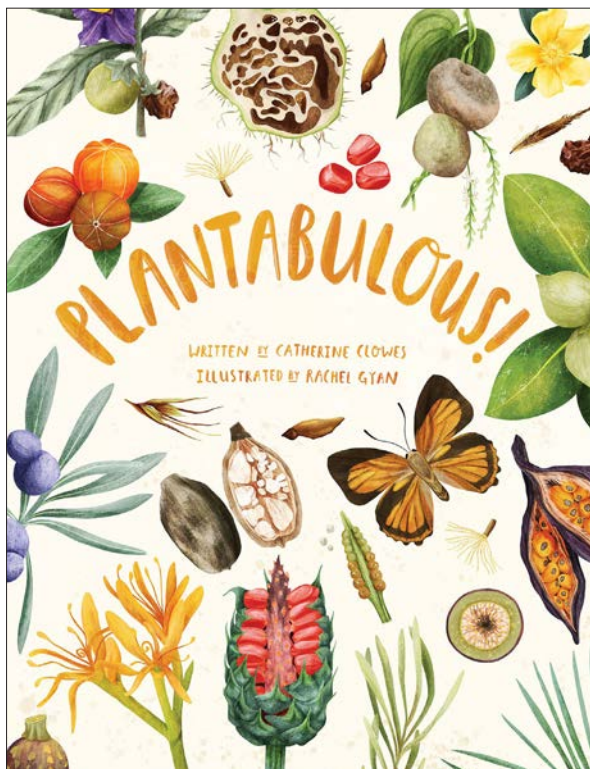
The perfect gift for young children, this book will be an absolute joy to share over and over again.



About the author and illustrator:

Sally Morgan is one of Australia's best-known writers. She belongs to the Palyku people from the eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia. Her widely acclaimed first book, *My Place*, is one of Australia's most celebrated works. She has also illustrated and published numerous books for children including *This is me!*, *Welcome Child!*, *Thank you rain!*, *The River*, *Girls Can Fly* and *Little Bird's Day*.

Jingalu is a Bagawa woman from Gumbayggirr and Yaegl Country. She grew up in Coffs Harbour, in the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, and travelled around Australia with her art career as a young adult before returning home to raise her family. Jingalu has been painting since the age of 16 and creates to share stories and important messages about Culture. This is Jingalu's second book, her first being *Gurril, Storm Bird*.



9781486317202 | June 2024 | CSIRO Publishing | HB
| 64pp | 280x215mm | AUS\$29.99 | NZ\$34.99

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Also available:

PLANTASTIC!

CATHERINE CLOWES,
ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL GYAN



9781486313211 | February 2021 | CSIRO Publishing | HB |
64pp | 280x215mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

PLANTABULOUS!

More A to Z of Australian Plants

CATHERINE CLOWES, ILLUSTRATED BY
RACHEL GYAN

- **Full of interesting facts about Australian native plants that will get kids excited about the plant world and gently introduce general scientific concepts**
- **Provides a Plantabulous Activity for each featured species to encourage kids to search for and engage with the plants in their local area**
- **Explains traditional Indigenous uses for some plants – including hunting, fishing, building and medicine**
- **Includes common plants with wide distributions so that kids can discover more about their local flora, no matter where they live in Australia**
- **A fabulous companion book from the amazing team behind *Plantastic!***

Age range 6 to 12

Did you know that Australia is home to the most 'venomous' plant in the world? That there are plants in Australia that strangle other plants to death, and some with seeds pods that explode, shooting seeds far and wide? Or that some Australian plants can dry out and shrivel up so much, they look dead, but then come back to life when they get wet?

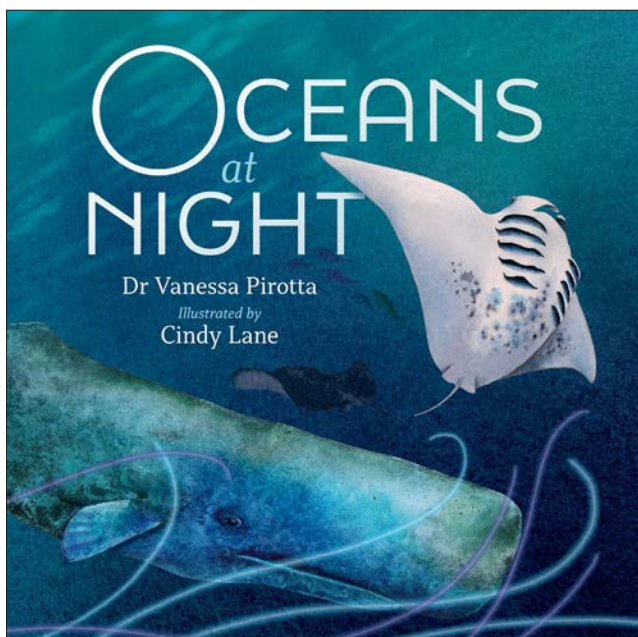
Plantabulous! presents 26 iconic and unique native plants for you to discover in your local park, bushland or even your own backyard! Filled with fabulous facts, activities and illustrations, *Plantabulous!* will prove just how fabulous Australia's native plants really are!



About the author and illustrator:

Catherine Clowes is a botanist with a passion for Australian native plants. She works as a biodiversity officer, has a PhD in systematic botany and spends a good chunk of her spare time in her very own Australian native plant garden!

Rachel Gyan is an illustrator passionate about artful storytelling. Her heart-warming characters are empowered by whimsy, texture and vibrant colour palettes. Rachel enjoys studying Australian flora and wildlife, drawing inspiration from her surroundings to capture the beautiful and sometimes quirky nature of Australia in her work.



9781486317233 | June 2024 | CSIRO Publishing | HB
| 32pp | 250x250mm | AUS\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



OCEANS AT NIGHT

VANESSA PIROTTA, ILLUSTRATED BY CINDY LANE

- Explores the world's oceans from dusk to dawn
- Lyrical text and beautiful illustrations of the world under the waves
- Introduces fascinating sea animals and their unique features
- Praise for the authors previous book *Voyage of Whale and Calf* which was a notable in The CBCA Eve Pownall Award for Information Books 2023: 'As usual, CSIRO Publishing have given us another superb read, one that asks more questions than it answers, and to the curious mind of the child, that is a perfect book!' — Barbara Braxton, *The Bottom Shelf*
- Author Vanessa Pirotta has filmed an episode of *Playschool* due to be aired in 2024

Age range 5 to 9

As night-time nears, a world of creatures come alive in our oceans.

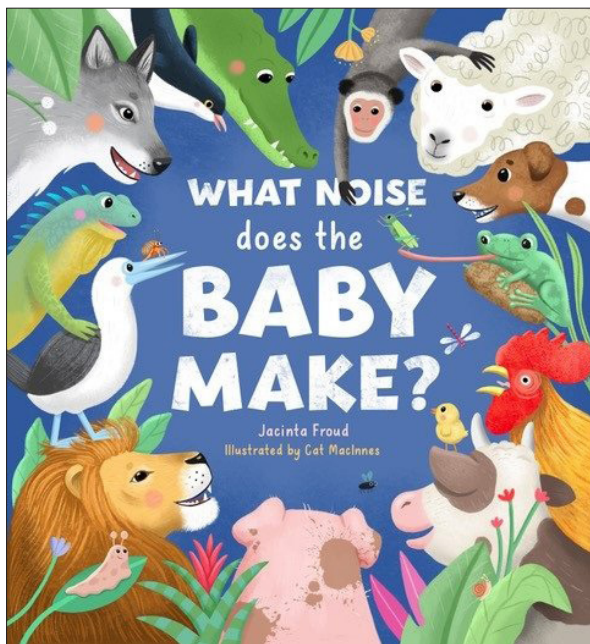
Settle in and explore the wonderful world under the waves, and see what animals do from sunset to sunrise. From penguins to sharks, giant squid and plankton, discover the fascinating after-dark lives of ocean creatures.

Oceans at Night showcases the beauty and wonder of life below the sea, so dive deep and discover what happens while you sleep!

About the author and illustrator:

Dr Vanessa Pirotta is a wildlife scientist, science communicator and author. Her work is primarily focused on the use of innovative technologies for wildlife conservation. Vanessa has encountered many wonderful sea creatures through her research on whales around the world. Vanessa is also the proud author of *The Voyage of Whale and Calf*.

Cindy Lane is an award-winning artist and illustrator, with a passion for the ocean and its inhabitants. Nature provides Cindy with inspiration as well as materials to make her own paints, which she's used in this book.



WHAT NOISE DOES THE BABY MAKE?
 JACINTA FROUD, ILLUSTRATED BY CAT MACINNES

- Noisy book that makes for a perfect read aloud
- Great book for toddlers
- Visually appealing with turn the page moments, and hints in the illustrations as to what comes next

Age range 0 to 4

*If a monkey goes oo-oo
 and a lion goes, ROAR!*

What noise does the baby make?

This wonderfully noisy book will delight readers with all the different sounds animals make from the common to the unexpected.

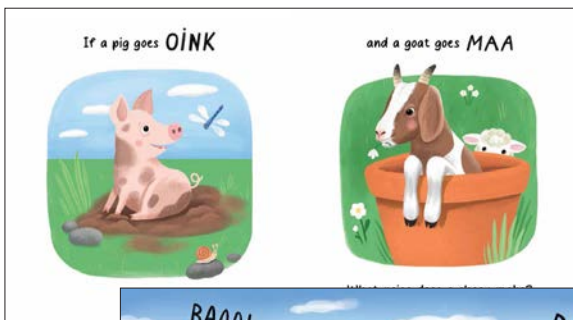


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9781921136740 | June 2024 | Windy Hollow Books |
 HB | 32pp | 235x215mm | AU\$29.95 | NZ\$34.99

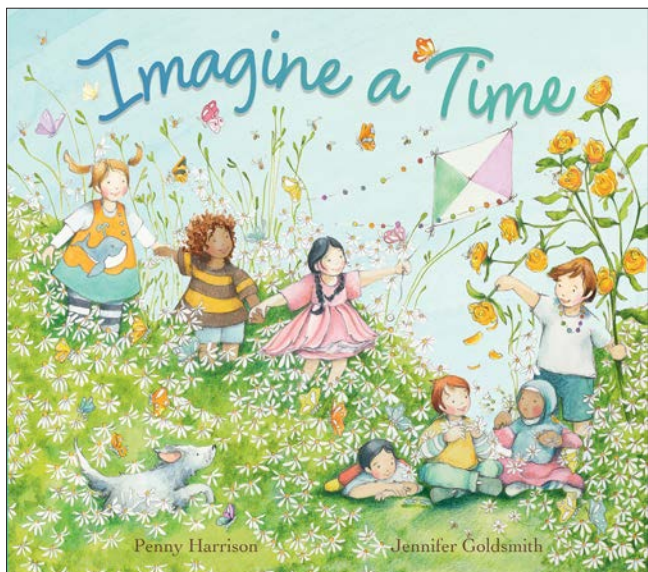
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About the author and illustrator:

Jacinta Froud has been writing stories and poems since she was knee high to a grasshopper. She is a teacher and a Mum to three children, who love listening to her silly stories and provide constructive criticism when poked. Jacinta calls Canberra home with her husband and children, a boisterous beagle and a few rogue chooks. Jacinta is the author of *Jingle Belly* and *The Perfect Book*, which are both rhyming picture books. Her favourite past-times include, hanging out with her family and friends, writing stories, quiet time, laughing until she's crying and making silly animal noises.

Cat MacInnes is a freelance illustrator, based in Melbourne. Born to an artist father and ceramicist mother, she was always going to be into art. Her works are gentle and whimsical, with use of strong bright colours and polished vectors. Cat illustrates all sorts, including books, greeting cards, magazine covers and portraits (of people AND pets). When Cat is not working, she likes gardening, thrifting, and sticking googly eyes on things around the house! But mostly Cat loves hanging out with her family, and her little dog named Fizzy.



IMAGINE A TIME

PENNY HARRISON, ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER GOLDSMITH

- Encourages mindfulness and slow living
- Teaches children to appreciate the wonder of nature and the need to protect our planet
- A celebration of the world's diversity and natural beauty
- Delightful watercolour illustrations by award-winning illustrator

Age range 3 to 6

*Imagine a time when all the world stops,
when all of the clocks no longer tick-tock,
and all of the maps are starting to fade,
as the need to be somewhere drifts far away.*

A glorious celebration of nature's healing powers and a timely reminder for us all to slow down.



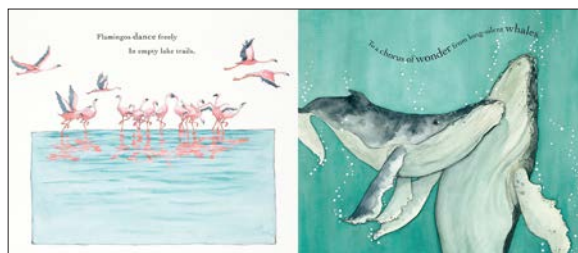
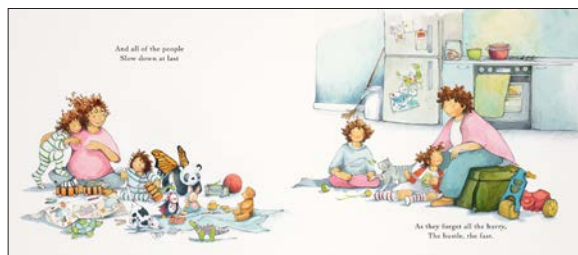
9781922326966 | June 2024 | New Frontier | HB | 32pp | 240x280mm | AUS\$26.99 | NZ\$32.99

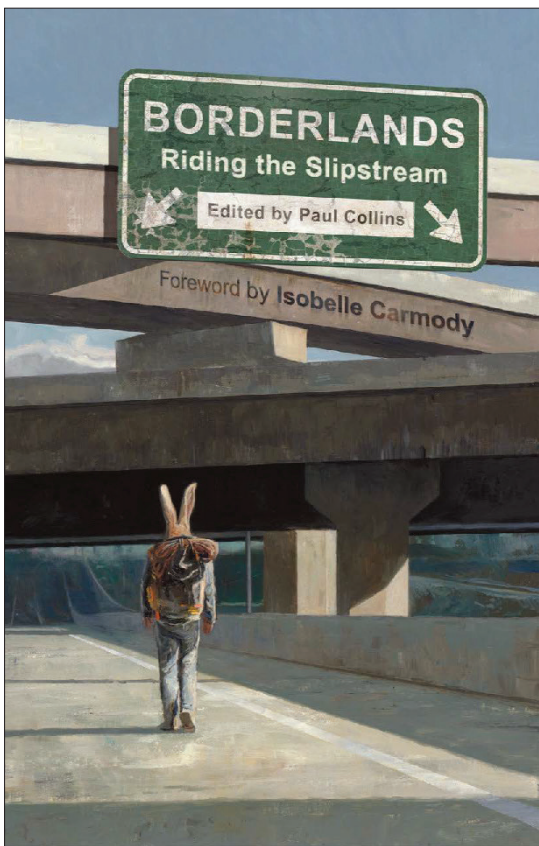
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About the author and illustrator:

Penny Harrison is a children's author, journalist and experienced daydreamer, living in Naarm, Melbourne, Australia. She has been playing with words and pictures since she was little, growing up on a cattle farm in remote NSW. Penny contributes to a range of leading magazines and newspapers, and has written more than 10 internationally published picture books. In her spare time, she loves foraging in the garden, dabbling in any kind of craft activity and making plenty of mess.

Jennifer Goldsmith came to visual storytelling trailing fluff and threads from years of toy making. She used to bring characters to life in her hands one stitch at a time, but now scribbles them into the world with a 2B pencil on satisfyingly heavy paper. She's always drawn to gentle stories that are comforting and tread lightly on the hearts of children. For Jennifer, the process of sitting with a story and letting it wash over her as they get to know each other is a privilege she tries not to take for granted. Spending days losing track of time, chasing watercolours across paper while clutching coloured pencils is a dream come true.





BORDERLANDS – RIDING THE SLIPSTREAM

EDITED BY PAUL COLLINS, FOREWORD BY ISOBELLE CARMODY

- Award-winning editor
- Fully illustrated
- Comprises over 40 original stories, poems and art from leading Australian authors and illustrators
- Collection covers text types and genres

Age range 11+

Borderlands – Riding the Slipstream is an anthology for readers young and old.

Featuring over forty short stories and poems by some of Australia’s best-loved authors – including Ursula Dubosarsky, Steven Herrick, Leigh Hobbs, Barry Jonsberg, Sophie Masson and Shaun Tan, and illustrated by quirky artist Anne Ryan – this unique collection spans a kaleidoscope of genres and themes.

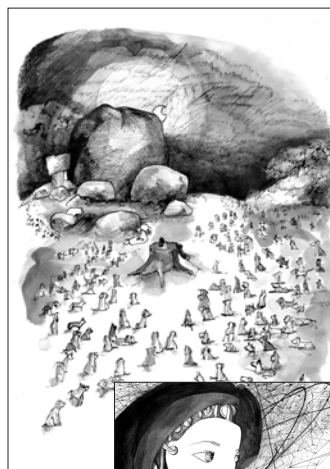


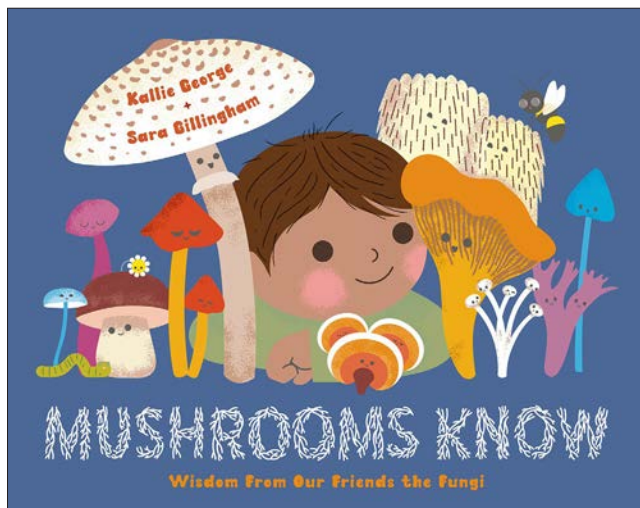
9781922696403 | June 2024 | Ford Street Publishing | PB | 560pp | 198x129mm | AU\$29.95 | NZ\$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author:

Paul Collins has edited numerous anthologies – including Australia’s first fantasy collection, *Dream Weavers* – along with *Fantastic Worlds*, *Rich & Rare* and *Trust Me Too*, and together with Meredith Costain, 60 short anthologies in the *Spinouts* and *Thrillologies* series. During his career, he has received the A Bertram Chandler, Peter McNamara, William Atheling and *Aurealis* awards for his writing and editing work. In 2021 he was awarded the Leila St John citation and medal by the Children’s Book Council of Australia for services to children’s literature.





MUSHROOMS KNOW

Wisdom From Our Friends the Fungi
KALLIE GEORGE, ILLUSTRATED BY SARA GILLINGHAM

- Author Kallie George is a prolific and award-winning children's book author, and illustrator Sara Gillingham is an award-winning children's book illustrator, author, and designer
- *Mushrooms Know* stands out among other books about fungi for kids because it focuses on the special wisdom mushrooms have, and what we can learn from them
- *Mushrooms Know* shares the science of fungi in an accessible way for kids

Age range 4 to 8

An adorable, STEM-themed picture book for kids 4 to 8 that reveals the wisdom mushrooms have to teach us.

Mushrooms always wear their thinking caps. They know so many things. This vibrant and informative book shares the fascinating lessons that fungi can teach us: that small can be mighty, being unique is a reason to celebrate — and staying connected is key. Sara Gillingham's lively art and Kallie George's charming text captures the wondrous world of mushrooms, and everything we can learn from it.



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9781778400773 | June 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 203x254mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THIS TABLE

ALEX KILLIAN, ILLUSTRATED BY BROOKE SMART

- For readers of Sophie Blackall's *Farmhouse*, and other books that celebrate the ordinary gathering places of family and friends
- *This Table* beautifully portrays how we come together for ordinary moments and celebrations big and small. Perfect for facilitating discussions about the normal, everyday objects in our lives, and the special role they play in our own memories and special occasions
- Follows the making of one object, and its connection to our planet

Age range 4 to 8

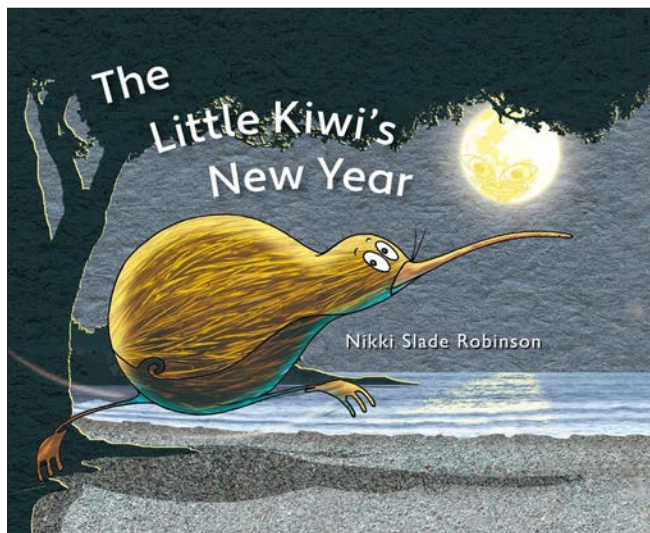
For fans of Sophie Blackall's *Farmhouse* comes a gorgeous story of one table and the life that grows around it.

This moving picture book traces a table and its transformation: from a seed to a tree to a treasured object in a home. Strong and stable through the years, the table becomes a space for being together: for birthday parties and science projects, and meals big and small. With captivating text and lush illustrations, *This Table* will inspire conversations about the everyday, ordinary objects in our lives, and their role in creating lifelong memories.



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9781771645829 | June 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 36pp | 229x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE LITTLE KIWI'S NEW YEAR
 NIKKI SLADE ROBINSON

- An exciting story about native New Zealand animals waiting for the Maori New Year that is fun and educational

Age range 5+

The Maori New Year is a time for celebrating, food and family. A little Kiwi in the New Zealand coastal bush wakes up in the middle of her sleep because she can feel it coming. One by one, she runs to her friends to wake them up so that they can spend the Maori New Year together.



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9781760361952 | June 2024 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | PB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$15.99 | DISC: GEN



LUNA THE LOON AND HER MARVELOUS TUNE

CHELSEA JOHNSON FISCHER, ILLUSTRATED BY SHARON CAMPBELL

- A poignant, heartwarming story of family, friendship and self-identity
- Explores themes of kindness, acceptance and self-discovery

Age range 5+

Luna wishes she was a clever kiwi like her friend Kare but learns to embrace her differences as she discovers some unique and wonderful talents of her own.

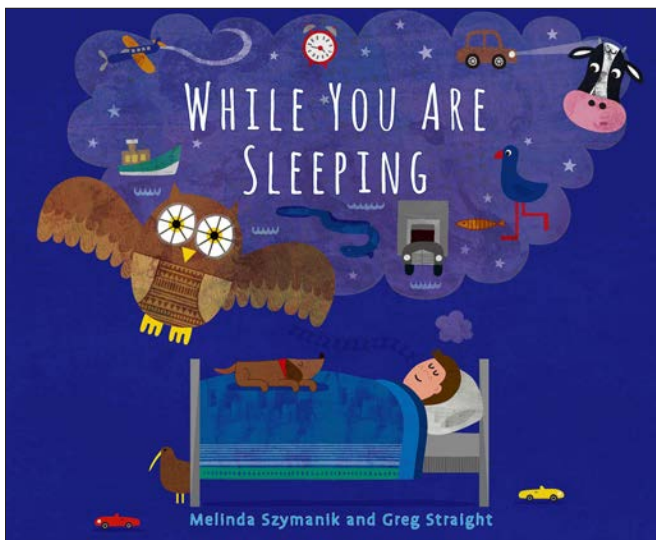
Luna is a loon who sings beautifully, but wishes she was special like her kiwi friend Kare, who has a unique long beak, perfect for digging for bugs on the forest floor. When Kare is lost, Luna takes flight to search for him, discovering that she too has unique skills and talents that make her special in her own way. Through her friendship with Kare, Luna learns to embrace her differences, while discovering the spirit of being a kind-hearted kiwi. This heartwarming story of self-discovery features striking, jewel-toned illustrations that bring to life the glorious birdlife and stunning natural beauty of New Zealand.



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9781800360501 | June 2024 | Starfish Bay | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN





WHILE YOU ARE SLEEPING
MELINDA SZYMANIK, ILLUSTRATED BY GREG STRAIGHT

- This story explores numerous intriguing concepts for young children including time, night and day, dark and light, nature and nocturnal animals, industry, transport, and even the human body

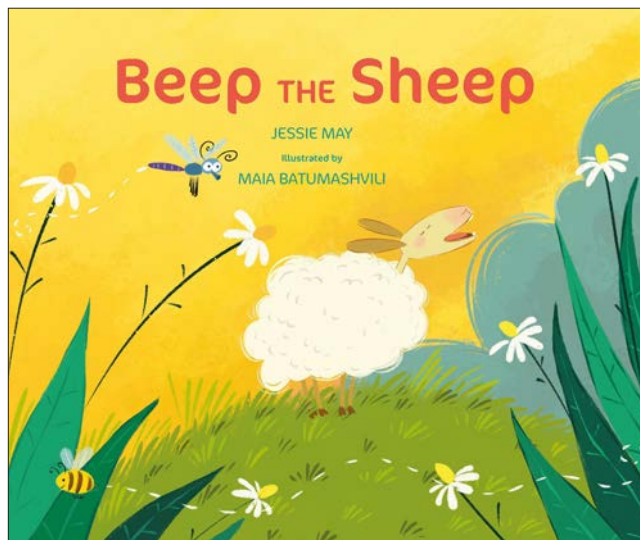
Age range 3+

When toddlers look outside and see the inky blackness, they might well imagine that night is nothing but a dark, empty and scary place. *While You Are Sleeping* is a very reassuring bedtime story which shows that night has a life of its own.

This book brings to light all the interesting and amazing things that happen during the darkness of the night when we are all fast asleep in our beds.



9781760361938 | June 2024 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | PB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$15.99 | DISC: GEN



BEEP THE SHEEP
JESSIE MAY, ILLUSTRATED BY MAIA BATUMASHVILI

- An endearingly earnest sheep named Beep sets off on a hilarious farm adventure to find her true voice

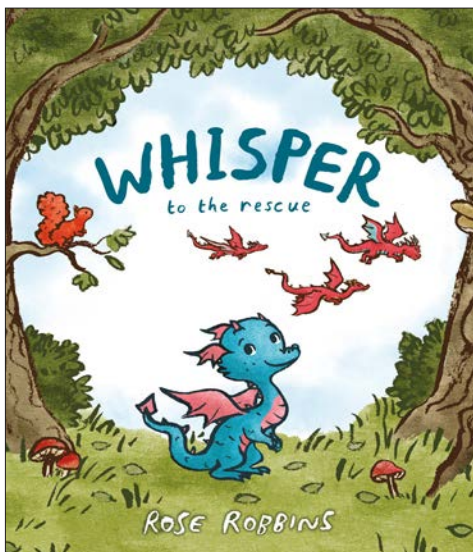
Age range 4+

Beep is a little confused. As the only sheep on the farm, she doesn't quite know what sound to make. Every morning, mimicking the tractor's horn, Beep greets Farmer Paul not with a 'baa' but a 'beep'! But Beep doesn't feel that this sound is quite right for her, so she sets off to gather different noises from all the animals. How about a 'neigh'? Maybe a 'moo' will do?

This delightfully funny farm tale about finding your voice will engage young readers and make a perfect read-aloud book. Vibrant illustrations bring the animals and the farmyard setting to life.



9781800360556 | June 2024 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



WHISPER TO THE RESCUE
ROSE ROBBINS

- From the Waterstones Prize shortlisted author of *Me and My Sister, Talking is not my thing* and *Loud!*
- Themes of responsibility for the environment, specifically forest fires
- Empowers quieter children to think and act and believe in themselves
- Highlights the value of courage, perseverance and co-operation
- Shows the usefulness of creativity to help get a message across – in this case the power of pictures

Age range 3 to 7

A picture book about making oneself heard, and taking care of our environment.

Whisper is a quiet dragon who notices everything. When he sees that his family's fires are damaging their forest neighbourhood, he knows he must persuade them to change their ways. But nobody will listen to him.

How will he get his message across?

It will take all Whisper's resourcefulness and courage, and some help from his friends, to save the mountainside in time.



9781915252203 | June 2024 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 280x240mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



SAR WYLDA AND THE LEGENDARY GOLDBREAKER

JAKE R. WILSON, ILLUSTRATED BY KIMBERLEY LAURA WALKER

- Action-packed prehistoric adventure
- Features a diverse cast of characters and exciting dinobeasts
- Set in a unique world and setting
- Explores themes of diversity, inclusion, friendship, family ties and determination
- Eye-catching artwork by talented Kimberley Laura Walker
- First in a trilogy

Age range 9+

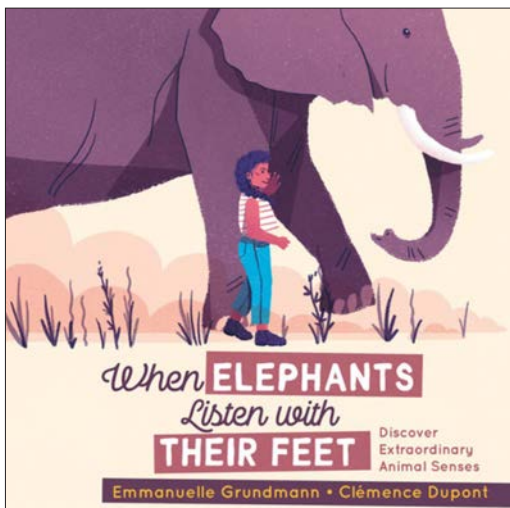
On the prehistoric continent of Pangeum one sport dominates all entertainment: DINOBEAST RACING. To compete is to court certain death but for those daring few nothing is more thrilling than seeing the chequered flag drop at Goldbreaker Superspeedway.

Sar Wylda is a twelve-year-old girl whose dream is to become a racer. But after losing her eyesight she has had to pursue a different life: one on her family's farm.

Will she have the courage to follow in the footsteps of the greatest racers of all time?



9781923145016 | June 2024 | New Frontier | PB | 326pp | 198x129mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



WHEN ELEPHANTS LISTEN WITH THEIR FEET

Discover Extraordinary Animal Senses
EMMANUELLE GRUNDMANN, ILLUSTRATED BY CLÉMENCE DUPONT, TRANSLATED BY ERIN WOODS

- **This edition updated to clarify that there are, in fact, more than five senses, through explicit copy and through labelling each section by the sense covered in addition to the original fun section headers**
- **Enthusiastically reviewed by *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Midwest Book Review*, recommending it for elementary curriculums and library collections**

Age range 8 to 12

Explore the wild and wonderful world of animal senses with a dynamic work of children's nonfiction.

Humans experience the world through sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. But what if you had the compound eyes of a fly, the whiskers of a cat, or a whale's ability to sense magnetic north? There's a whole world of surprising senses out there, and fascinating adaptations that have allowed animals to make use of them. We can't interpret the faint vibration of an elephant's faraway stomp, but learning how they keep in touch with family across the wide savannah helps us understand that we are more alike than different.



9781772783032 | June 2024 | Pajama Press | PB | 40pp | 241x241mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



NATURE

Why We Need to Care for Our Planet
JOLI HANNAH, ILLUSTRATED BY AMELIA HERBERTSON

- **Raises awareness of ecological issues and explains them in a comprehensible way**
- **Rich and colourful illustrations create an emotional footprint to remember the information from the book**
- **Complex introduction to basic environmentally friendly behaviour and how to find balance in the ecosystem**

Age range 7 to 11

Using little stories about environmental protection, this beautifully illustrated book will enchant readers with its vivid landscapes.

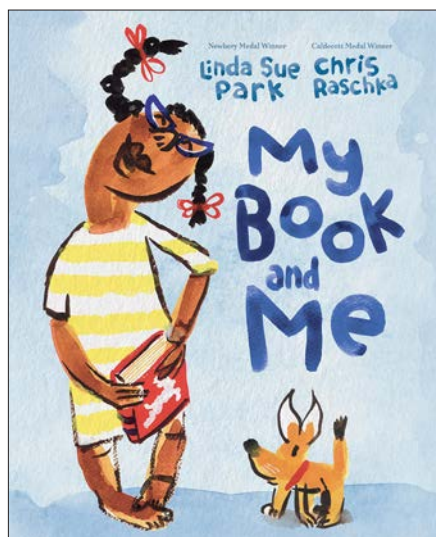
In this book, young readers will embark on an inspiring ecological journey to learn about the importance of protecting our planet. Through a series of captivating stories, kids will learn about topics such as biodiversity, deforestation, and how each and every person can make a positive impact on our environment.

Each page is filled with illustrations that vividly bring to life the natural world, from lush green forests to deep blue oceans. The stories and images create a powerful and inspiring message about the beauty and fragility of our planet. Young readers are encouraged to think deeply about their own impact on the environment and are asked to consider important questions about how they can make a difference.



9788000070070 | June 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 44pp | 267x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN





MY BOOK AND ME

LINDA SUE PARK, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS RASCHKA

- **Unique pairing of two hugely popular award-winning celebrated children's book creators working together for the first time**
- **Features a diverse range of children, including racially, and in physical ability — there's a child reading braille and a child in a wheelchair playing dress up**
- **A stunning celebration of books and reading for very young readers**
- **A great gift for book lovers and budding bibliophiles everywhere**

Age range 3 to 6

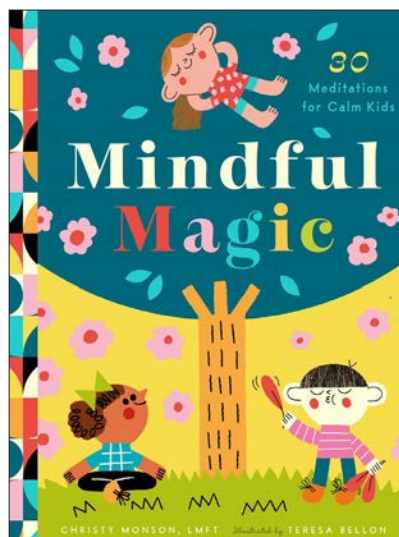
Meet the child who loves books in this lyrical tribute to the joys of books and reading by Newbery medalist Linda Sue Park and featuring the jubilant illustrations of celebrated Caldecott artist Chris Raschka.

My Book and Me invites us to reflect on beloved books which are friends we hold dear; books we read over and over again; books that may take us to places afar to experience the world in different ways, and books that comfort and reassure us. This jubilant paean to literature is a celebration of our favourite authors, characters, and stories; those that we cherish the most and are friends for life...which books are your favourite? *My Book and Me* features a diverse group of children, all enjoying their favourite books.



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9781636550947 | June 2024 | Red Comet Press | HB | 36pp
| 273x222mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



MINDFUL MAGIC

23 Meditations for Calm Kids
CHRISTY MONSON, ILLUSTRATED BY TERESA BELLÓN

- **Meditation is a powerful tool that even kids can do!**
- **Includes 23 simple meditations that kids can do on their own or with the help of a grown-up**
- **Meditations can be done anywhere — at home, at school, even on the go!**
- **Filled with adorable watercolour illustrations**

Age range 3 to 6

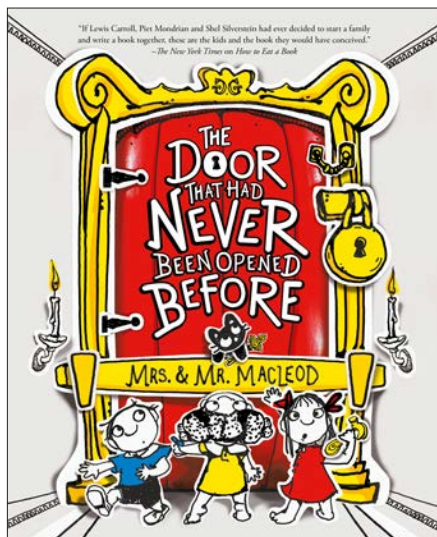
Mindfulness and meditation are powerful tools — especially for kids! In *Mindful Magic*, parents and teachers will find thirty simple meditations that kids can use to feel more calm, more loved, more grateful, or more at peace.

Written by therapist Christy Monson, each meditation takes only a few minutes and includes deep breathing, relaxation, and positive affirmations. Accompanied by colourful, charming watercolour illustrations, meditations are organised into several easy-to-use sections.



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305x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE DOOR THAT HAD NEVER BEEN OPENED BEFORE

MRS. & MR. MACLEOD

- **Husband-and-wife team Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod (Mac-Cloud), self-described children's bookmakers, are poised for success. Their addictive storytelling sensibility and one-of-a-kind style have broad-reaching intrigue and series-driven hit potential**
- **Serious Sheila, timid Gerald, and spirited Geraldine Grunion have a lot more stories to tell and adventures to take, each as surprisingly peculiar as the last**

Age range 3 to 8

Mrs. & Mr. MacLeod, authors of the award-winning *How to Eat a Book*, present a whimsical, thought-provoking picture book about coming face-to-face with the unknown.

The Grunions' house had many doors. But there was one door, that had never been opened before!

The door that had never been opened before was built closed shut, locked tight, and never opened for a reason. A reason that nobody knew.

Geraldine opened every door she ever found. Geraldine opened every door and went everywhere and met everyone and did EVERYTHING. Everything, except ONE THING. Geraldine had never opened the Door that had NEVER been opened before...NOT yet!



9781454945451 | June 2024 | Union Square Kids | HB | 48pp | 276x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



WHEN THE RAIN COMES

ALMA FULLERTON, ILLUSTRATED BY KIM LA FAVE

- **Themes of courage, social-emotional learning, growth mindset, and contributing to the community**
- **From the author of perennial favourites *Community Soup*, *A Good Trade*, *In a Cloud of Dust*, and *No More Plastic***

Age range 4 to 8

It is time to plant the rice crop in Malini's Sri Lankan community, and the little girl is both excited and nervous to help for the first time. What if she does it wrong? Will she be responsible if the crop fails? When the oxcart rumbles in loaded with seedlings, she reluctantly agrees to watch the big, imposing animal while the driver takes a break. Suddenly, the skies go dark with monsoon rain. A flash flood pours down the road, separating Malini from the driver and her family. They are shouting for her to run for higher ground, but what about the rice? Summoning courage she never dreamed she possessed, Malini resolves to save ox, cart, and seedlings, no matter what it takes.

'Although set in faraway Sri Lanka, Fullerton's rhythmic tale holds a universal message: that even the smallest and youngest among us can summon up the courage to face, and overcome, the most gargantuan challenges.' —*Kirkus Starred Review*



9781772783049 | June 2024 | Pajama Press | PB | 32pp | 229x254mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



A POETIC A-Z OF AWESOME ANIMALS!
EMILIE LAUREN JONES

- Each letter has an animal poem with lots of fascinating facts
- Lovely black and white illustrations of each animal from Jenna Herman
- Contains glossary of poetic terms, challenges — how to write your own poetry and fun quizzes!

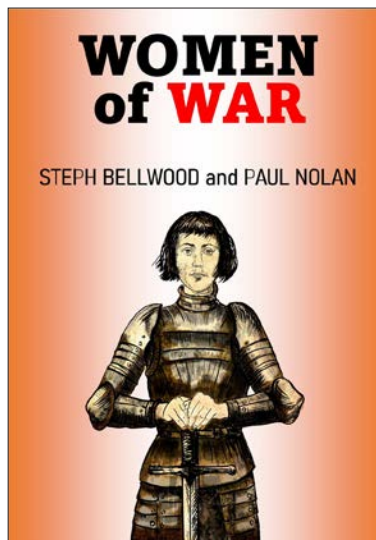
Age range 7 to 14

From African Wild Dog through to Zebra, there's a poem for all the alphabet animals!

Tough toothed
fluffy fringed
hay muncher
crunching on sunshine strands
Carrot wisher, lip curler
begging for treats
Curious explorer
dust roller
tickling the sky with hooves.
Children carrier
tail swisher
fuss seeker
hoping for human hands to rub behind ears...
Donkey ;)



9781919614878 | June 2024 | Caboodle Books | PB | 96pp | 198x129mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



WOMEN OF WAR
STEPH BELLWOOD, PAUL NOLAN

- With all the features of a non-fiction book it is an ideal Guided Reading text
- The language rich text will help extend and expand children's vocabulary
- Dyslexic friendly font and layout
- Full of illustrations and photographs to aid understanding

Age range 10+

Six true stories of six brave women who risked everything during the horrors of war.

Joan of Arc, who overcame the might of the English armies to claim victories for France.

Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen, who defied the English soldiers in her occupied Ireland.

Harriet Tubman, who having helped many slaves to freedom, became a fearless leader of a spy network during the American Civil War.

Florence Nightingale, the Angel of Mercy, who helped save thousands of lives during and long beyond the Crimean War.

Mairi Chisholm, the daredevil motorcyclist, who risked her life to rescue wounded and dying soldiers from the trenches of WWI.

Noor Inayat Khan, the first female wireless operator sent into occupied France during WWII, who risked all sending secret messages home.



9781914426070 | June 2024 | Mogzilla Books | PB | 278pp | 198x129mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

THE PERFECT ONE

SUE LANCASTER, ILLUSTRATED BY ROCÍO CAPUTO, DIEGO VAISBERG

- **Siblings often grow up comparing themselves or being compared, which can be difficult on mental health. This book not only serves as a way to learn empathy for others, but as a way to help siblings overcome relationship difficulties**

Age range 4 to 6

Cami and Isa are very different sisters.

Cami always wants to be perfect. She worries about it every single day! She follows all the rules, does all her homework on time, and never makes a fuss.

Isa, on the other hand, is confident *everything* she does is perfect, even when it's most definitely not. Her drawing on the wall? Perfect. Her bowling ball bouncing into the other lane? *Perfect-er*.



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9798887700977 | June 2024 | Mayo Clinic | HB | 32pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DOOMSDAY ARCHIVES

The Wandering Hour

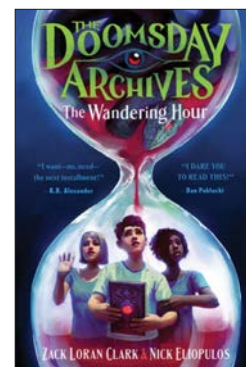
ZACK LORAN CLARK, NICK ELIOPULOS

- **Spooky sells, and the authors put a modern twist on classic middle-grade chills by weaving in Wikis, creepypastas, and illustrated elements that feel true to how kids seek out the creepy corners of TikTok and Reddit**
- **The authors have nailed that elusive balance of quirky humor, genuine scares, and fast-paced adventure**

Age range 8 to 12

What if your favourite scary story was real?

New Rotterdam is no place for a kid — and that's what Emrys Houtman likes about it. Emrys obsessively documents his town's urban legends and cryptid sightings in a Wiki, along with his neighbors and fellow horror fans Hazel and Serena. It's all in good fun until one day, the trio stumbles upon the Domsday Archives, a collection of relics with dazzling powers and dangerous consequences.



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9781638930303 | June 2024 | Zando Young Readers | HB | 224pp | 210x140mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

RED

A Novel

ANNIE CARDI

- **Red tackles the controversial enacting of strict abortion laws in the US with care and sensitivity**
- **Annie Cardi's Red showcases the insidious nature of the subtle behaviours often perpetrated on young women**

Age range 14 to 18

A Christian girl is stigmatised by her peers after seeking an abortion in this modern retelling of *The Scarlet Letter* for the #MeToo era.

Moving to Hawthorne was something Tess and her mom never anticipated, but after Tess's mum loses her job, it's their only option. Tess's grandparents welcome them into their home, on the condition that Tess and her mom attend church, something Mum isn't too pleased about. But Tess enjoys the church community, finding a place in youth group and the church choir. Faith fills a void Tess didn't know she had.



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9781454951308 | June 2024 | Union Square & Co | HB | 256pp | 210x140mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

ALTERATIONS

RAY XU

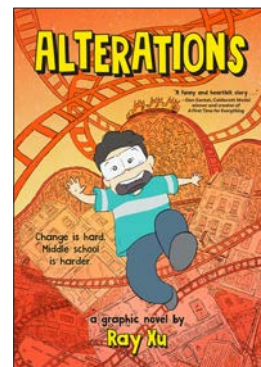
- **A Cartoon Network show based on the book is in development**
- **Raymond Xu's extensive experience in animation is on full display in this vibrant, emotive, semi-autobiographical immigration story**

Age range 8 to 12

For fans of Gene Luen Yang's *American Born Chinese* and Svetlana Chmakova's *Awkward*, this funny yet poignant middle-grade coming-of-age story highlights the struggle of feeling invisible while yearning to be seen by all.

Kevin Lee is having a really bad week. Although he lives in a crowded Toronto apartment above the family's alterations and dry-cleaning store, he mostly goes unnoticed. School isn't exactly an oasis either — being one of the few Asian kids makes for some unwelcome attention. But when Kevin's class plans a trip to Thrill Planet, a spectacular theme park, will he finally have a chance to turn his life around, or will it just be another day for Kevin Lee?

9781454945857 | June 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 240pp | 216x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



YOUR ALIEN

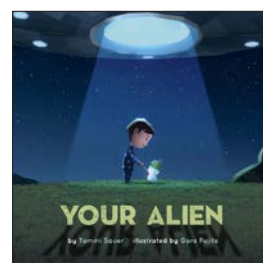
TAMMI SAUER, ILLUSTRATED BY GORO FUJITA

- **Tammi Sauer has a stellar track record, and is a favourite of teachers, booksellers, and librarians**
- **With its heartwarming storyline, *Your Alien* is an ideal candidate to further establish our paperback program**
- **This book has terrific themes of the power of friendship, cooperation, and creative problem-solving that readers of all ages will enjoy**

Age range 4 to 8

A little boy meets a stranded alien child and the two instantly strike up a fabulous friendship. They go to school, explore the neighbourhood, and have lots of fun all day. However, when bedtime rolls around, the little boy must comfort his homesick new friend. This funny, heartwarming story proves that friends and family are the most important things in the universe...no matter who or where you are.

9781454950622 | June 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 36pp | 254x254mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



HEDGEHOG AND THE LOG

PAM FONG

- **With a minimalist art palette and an adorable main character, *Hedgehog and the Log* is destined to stand out in the marketplace**
- **Hedgehog's own emotional journey provides a gentle and reassuring reminder for readers of all ages to feel their emotions and face their challenges**
- ***Hedgehog and the Log* is perfect for use in classrooms, libraries, and homes to discuss social-emotional tools such as radical acceptance and growth mindsets**

Age range 4 to 8

Hedgehog loves his new home. But even before he can set foot inside, his house is destroyed. No matter how much he cries, yells, complains, worries, or even feels sorry for himself, Hedgehog is powerless to change the situation. It isn't until he learns to see things differently that Hedgehog turns his obstacle into an opportunity.

9781454948537 | June 2024 | Union Square Kids | HB | 40pp | 254x254mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

