

OUR WORLD FULL OF WONDER
JEVITA NILSON, ILLUSTRATED BY JESS
RACKLYEFT

- Uses lyrical narrative, vibrant illustrations and fascinating facts to encourage kids to learn more about the natural world
- Introduces readers to a diverse range of places and phenomena found across Earth that they may not have heard of
- Provides strong alignment with the school curriculum in the areas of English and Science
- Has broad appeal to both younger children as a read-aloud story and primary children who take an interest in non-fiction texts

Age range 5 to 9

Shall we go explore?

Our world is full of amazing natural wonders. From sparkling seas and towering trees, to valleys, lakes and waterfalls, there are extraordinary places that seem too magical to be true but can be found right here on planet Earth.

There are ghostly green lights of the aurora borealis near the North Pole, and exquisite rainbow mountains in China. There is a lake in Australia so pink it looks like fairy floss, and giant crystal caves hidden below Mexico.

These are just some of the incredible places you will discover in *Our World Full of Wonder*.

Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5 to 9.



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Publishing | HB | 32pp | 280x215mm |
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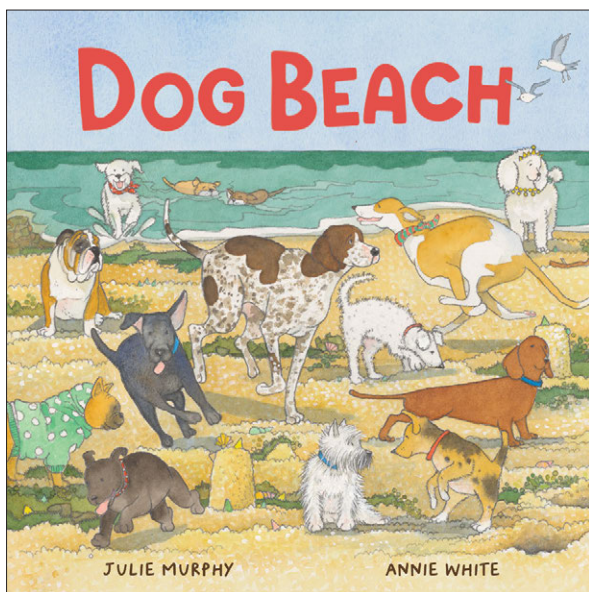
Butler, WA;
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About the author & illustrator:

Jevita Nilson is a children's author based in Perth with a love for nature, words and all things wondrous. She writes heartfelt lyrical fiction and non-fiction picture books to inspire curious kids.

Jess Racklyeft is an author and illustrator based in Melbourne. She particularly loves illustrating plants and animals and sharing her love of the Australian bush. She is the illustrator of *Iceberg* (Allen & Unwin), which won Picture Book of the Year in the 2022 CBCA Awards, and *The Forgotten Song* (CSIRO Publishing, 2023) (Notable Book, The CBCA Awards 2024).



DOG BEACH

JULIE MURPHY, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNIE WHITE

- A humorous and fun-loving story of dogs frolicking at a quintessential Aussie beach, featuring a cast of whimsical and zany dogs in all shapes and sizes
- Illustrations by Annie White in watercolour are full of nuance and character
- Backmatter includes pictures and information on all types of dogs and their owners, from sledge-driving huskies in Antarctica to fun and wacky dogs driving cars

Age range 4 to 6

*Look who's at the dog beach!
Strong dogs, long dogs,
Playing dogs, staying dogs,
Black dogs, brown dogs, go-to-town dogs,
Bit-of-a-clown dogs, upside-down dogs,
Mopey dogs, dopey dogs,
Shaggy dogs, waggy dogs...*

Going to the beach is a big part of Australian culture and, for many people, so are dogs! This book doubles the fun, celebrating all of the different types of dogs that Australians love, from working dogs to lap dogs. Follow them as they run amuck along the sunny shores of Australia.

With bright and dreamy illustrations by Annie White, this short, rhythmic story will capture the attention of all beach and dog loving children, and even their parents!

Educational backmatter closes the book, with sections on huskies in Antarctica, guide dogs, farm dogs, and more. Accompanying this text are images of both fun and wacky, and serious and strong dogs found in the National Library of Australia's pictures collections.



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National Library of Australia | HB | 32pp
| 260x260mm | AUS\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99

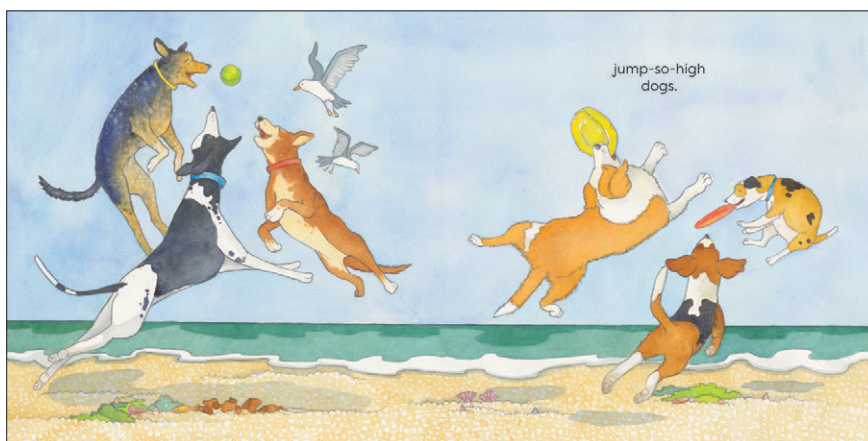
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About the author & illustrator:

Julie Murphy has been a children's book author for over 20 years. Often inspired by animals and nature, she first trained as a zoologist and zookeeper. Other books of Murphy's include *Cheer up, Blobfish!, I've Got a Tail!, I've got Eyes!* and *Tiny Possum and The Migrating Moths*.

Annie White works from her studio in Melbourne, Australia, where she has illustrated over 90 books for children. Her picture books have appeared on the CBCA Notables list, the Speech Pathology short list and the Prime Minister's Literary Awards short list. Her latest picture book is *Clementine's Treasure* was listed in the CBCA Early Childhood Book of the Year Notables 2023.



'Hell Followed With Us bristles with energy and intensity, written with a kind of gleeful ferocity...It shines in crystalline moments when Benji considers himself and his body, the viciousness of the virus taking hold and the irony of its unexpected gifts.' – *The New York Times*



HELL FOLLOWED WITH US

ANDREW JOSEPH WHITE

- This debut was a *New York Times* and indie bestselling title, with starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Kirkus*, *ALA Booklist*
- *Hell Followed With Us* is a timely, violent, and brutally honest scream against issues plaguing trans teens today
- Horror fans who enjoyed the visceral horror and mutations of *Annihilation* or the Christian-inspired horror of *Midnight Mass* will be in for a gruesome ride
- The Christian cult- and virus-ravaged, dystopian America that Benji must survive is perfect fans of *The Last of Us*, *The Walking Dead*, and *Fallout*
- Beneath the guts and gore, at the the book's heart is a young adult story about a trans boy finding community with queer friends and falling in love with an autistic kindred soul

Age range 14+

Prepare to die. His kingdom is near.

Sixteen-year-old trans boy Benji is on the run from the cult that raised him – the fundamentalist sect that unleashed Armageddon and decimated the world's population. Desperately, he searches for a place where the cult can't get their hands on him, or more importantly, on the bioweapon they infected him with.

But when cornered by monsters born from the destruction, Benji is rescued by a group of teens from the local Acheson LGBTQ+ Center, affectionately known as the ALC. The ALC's leader, Nick, is gorgeous, autistic, and a deadly shot, and he knows Benji's darkest secret: the cult's bioweapon is mutating him into a monster deadly enough to wipe humanity from the earth once and for all.

Still, Nick offers Benji shelter among his ragtag group of queer teens, as long as Benji can control the monster and use its power to defend the ALC. Eager to belong, Benji accepts Nick's terms...until he discovers the ALC's mysterious leader has a hidden agenda, and more than a few secrets of his own.

'This fast-paced adventure is chaotic in the best way, featuring diverse and relatable characters that readers will fall in love with, despite their flaws, and a heartrending love story that reminds us that humanity seeks comfort even in the most painful of times.' – *Booklist*, Starred Review



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

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ORIGAMI MONSTERS & MAGIC

Scary Creatures, Skeletons, Talismans, Weapons and Treasure – Plus Magic Tricks and Novelties!
ISAMU SASAGAWA

- A kid-friendly book presenting 53 origami folding projects for ages 10 and up with an exciting game-like storyline and fun activities
- Features instructions for folding scary creatures, skeletons, zombies, talismans, weapons and treasure – plus magic tricks and novelties!
- A QR code for each project links to an instructional video showing you how to fold it
- Each item has a stats chart like those in role-playing games, so folders can see how the model stacks up against the others, and a pair of chibi cartoon characters provide comic relief as they guide you through the projects and the challenges

Age range 10+

Spine-chilling monsters, magical weapons, ferocious dragons and a fabulous prize – this book has it all! Do you dare to face the perils and claim the prize? Open this book and find out. Your destiny awaits you!

On every page of *Origami Monsters & Magic* you'll encounter unexpected activities and instructions to make an entire world of enchanted paper models. And by folding these, you will help keep the dark forces of magic at bay as you battle an army of supernatural creatures and zombies!

Origami Monsters & Magic comes with a checklist for kids to record their achievements as they level-up – from adventurer to knight to master to hero! Young folders ages 10 and up will have great fun following the narrative in the book as they use origami to defeat imps in the Magical Forest, conjure defenses in the School of Magic, prepare weaponry in the Armory, do battle in the Graveyard and ultimately defeat a fearsome foe hoarding a valuable prize in the Dungeon!

The 53 eerie, otherworldly origami models in this book encompass a broad range of items and themes:

- Scary Creatures from an intimidating Werebear and slimy Loch Ness Monster to the Deadly Spider!
- Ghostly Remains like the Disembodied Head, the horrifying Skeleton, Zombies, The Face of Dracula and the unnerving Poltergeist
- Magical Tools & Weapons that you can wield, like the powerful Witch's Hat, the Shield of Invisibility, the razor-sharp Sword and a hefty War Hammer
- Magic Tricks & Novelties that will cut the tension with silly gags like the Springing Eyeballs and Wagging Tongue
- Enchanted Creatures like the Cat Familiar and Unicorn can be trusted companions

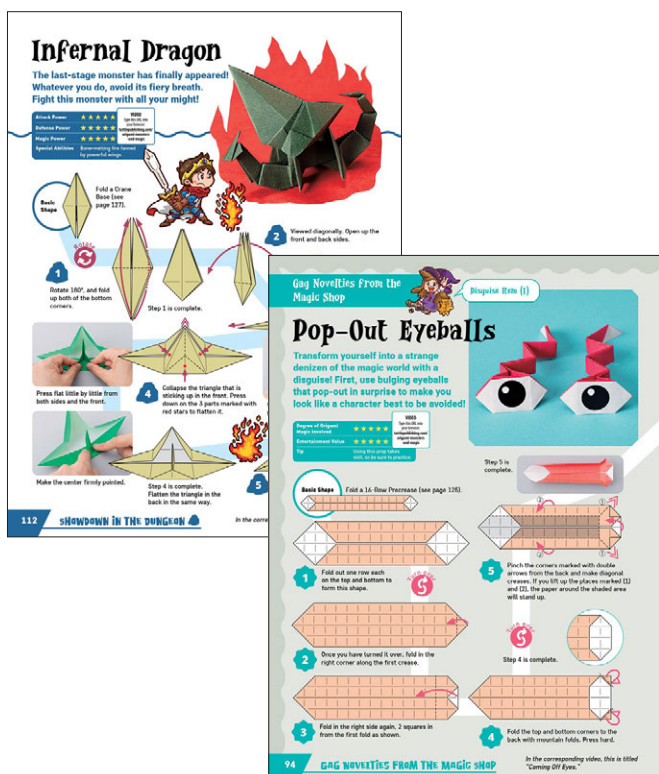


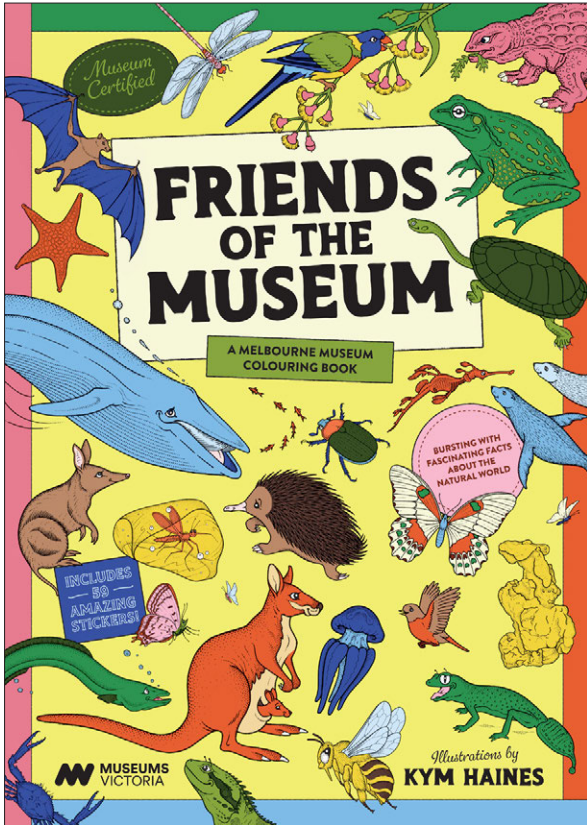
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TUTTLE

9784805318782 | November 2024 | Tuttle Publishing
| PB | 128pp | 254x190mm | AU\$24.99

DISCOUNT: GEN





FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM
A Melbourne Museum Colouring Book
ILLUSTRATIONS BY KYM HAINES

- 40 pages of incredibly detailed, scientifically accurate illustrations for colouring, fascinating facts and species identification activities *plus 2* removable sticker pages makes this incredible value at the price point of \$14.99
- With facts approved by each of the in-house curators and collection managers at Melbourne Museum, from palaeontologists and ornithologists to entomologists and geologists, families can rest assured knowing that not only are these facts and illustrations fun and engaging, they are also grounded in science
- Species chosen for these illustrations are all Australian, making it an appealing prospect for a souvenir for international visitors or something to send overseas
- The species identification keys on each spread encourage critical thinking and pattern recognition, as well as offering readers the opportunity to identify different local species
- Kym Haines has worked at Melbourne Museum in the sciences department as a preparator for over 40 years and his traditional ink pen illustrations are so unique and detailed, children and adults alike will have hours of fun colouring them in



9781921833687 | November 2024
| Museums Victoria | PB | 40pp |
295x210mm | AU\$14.99 | NZ\$16.99

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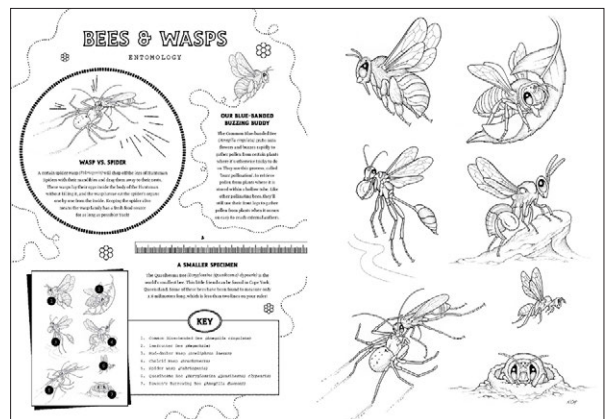
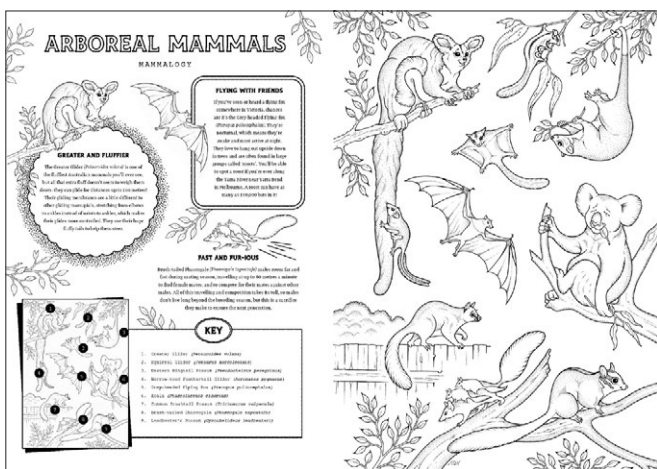


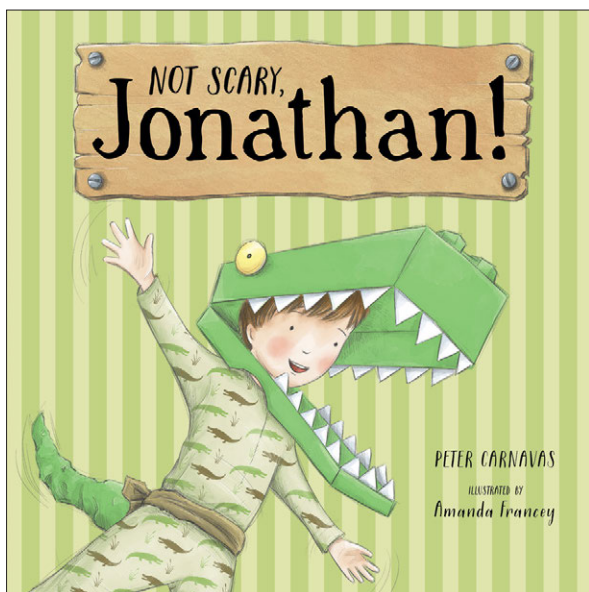
Age range 6+

Explore Australia's spectacular natural world!

Colour along as you discover fascinating facts about Australia's wondrous wildlife, from birds and butterflies to wallabies and whales, along with crystals, fossils and other marvels of nature.

This one-of-a-kind colouring book features exquisite illustrations from Melbourne Museum expert Kym Haines, along with detailed species guides and a rich selection of museum certified facts.





NOT SCARY, JONATHAN!

PETER CARNAVAS, ILLUSTRATED BY AMANDA FRANCEY

- **Humorous story by award-winning author, Peter Carnavas**
- **Key themes are imagination and family**
- **Warm, vibrant illustrations by talented illustrator**

Age range 3 to 6

Jonathan loves to dress up and scare his family, but they insist that he is just not scary. What happens when Jonathan is too scary?



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Sunshine Coast (Kabi Kabi / Jinibara land)

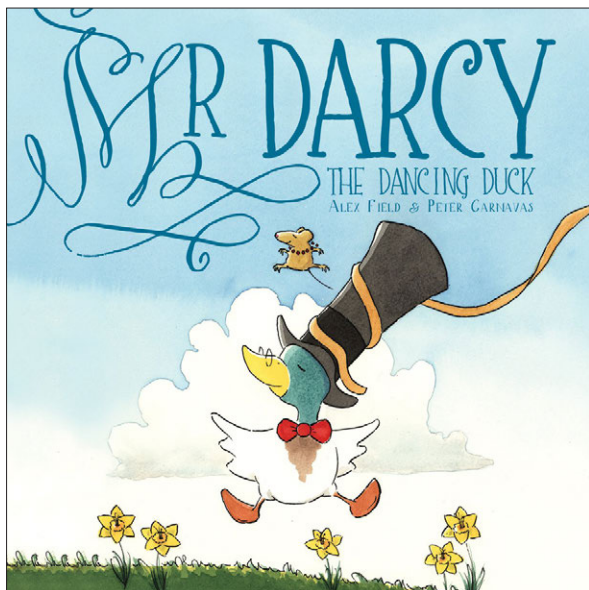
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About the author & illustrator:

Peter Carnavas writes and illustrates books for children. He has created many picture books, including *The Children Who Loved Books*, *Last Tree in the City* and *Blue Whale Blues*, as well as several novels, *The Elephant* and *My Brother Ben*. Peter's books have been published widely across the world and have won many awards, including a Queensland Literary Award and the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Peter also works as a teacher librarian, and he lives on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, with his wife, two daughters, a dog and a cat. Peter can be contacted on Facebook: Peter Carnavas Author/Illustrator.

Amanda Francey studied at Queensland College of Art and worked for many years in graphic design and art direction before returning to her childhood dream of illustrating children's books. Her more recent picture books, *Take Ted Instead*, written by Cassandra Webb, and *That Christmas Feeling*, written by Lili Wilkinson, were listed as Notable Books by the Children's Book Council of Australia, 2017 and 2018 respectively. Amanda can be contacted via her website: www.amandafrancey.com



MR DARCY THE DANCING DUCK

ALEX FIELD, ILLUSTRATED BY PETER CARNAVAS

- **Now in paperback!**
- **The latest in the *Mr Darcy* series of books from author Alex Field and illustrator Peter Carnavas**

Age range 3 to 6

Mr Darcy dreads the first sign of spring. Flowers blooming means only one thing – dancing season, and Mr Darcy simply cannot dance. Can Lizzy convince Mr Darcy to take a turn around the maypole?

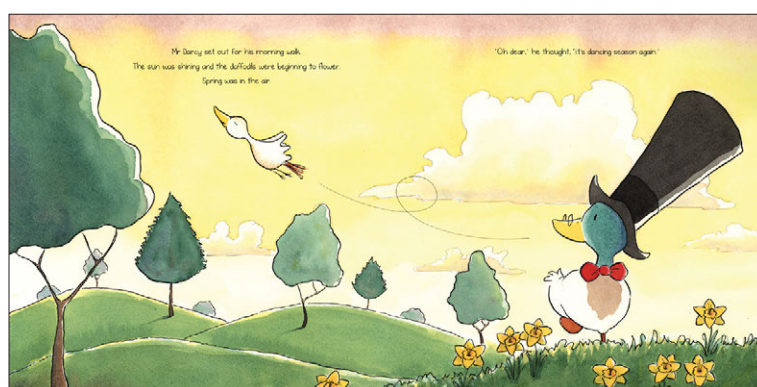


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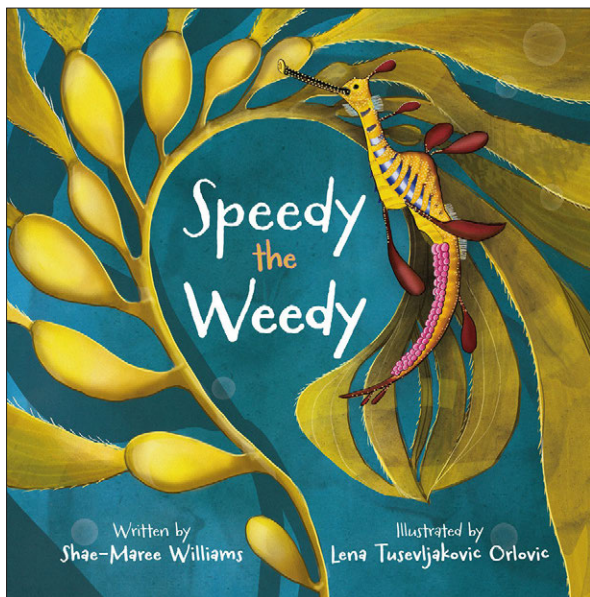


About the author & illustrator:

Alex Field has written for numerous newspapers and magazines. With a passion for *Jane Austen*, the *Mr Darcy* series seemed quite appropriate. Alex delights in writing children's books, and has recently penned the *Who Am I?* series for toddlers.

Peter Carnavas writes and illustrates books for children. He has created many picture books, including *The Children Who Loved Books*, *Last Tree in the City* and *Blue Whale Blues*, as well as several novels, *The Elephant and My Brother Ben*. Peter's books have been published widely across the world and have won many awards, including a Queensland Literary Award and the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Peter also works as a teacher librarian, and he lives on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, with his wife, two daughters, a dog and a cat. Peter can be contacted on Facebook: Peter Carnavas.





SPEEDY THE WEEDY

SHAE-MAREE WILLIAMS, ILLUSTRATED BY LENA TUSEVLJAKOVIC ORLOVIC

- A heart-tugging story that emphasises the plight of some of Australia's most unique sea species
- An educational narrative supplemented by a fun and informative ocean critter facts
- Sea creatures are painted with textured realism, swimming in front of scenic seascapes showing the diversity of life on the ocean floor

Age range 5+

Urchins are eating Speedy's home, so he sets off with his eggs to find a safe place for them to hatch.

Speedy the weedy seadragon spends his days posing for divers in his seafloor home – until a new current sweeps in invasive urchins! Carrying his eggs on his tail, he bravely sets off in search of a safe place for them to hatch. Along the way he meets all kinds of critters to kindly point him in the right direction on his hunt for the ideal habitat – Giant Kelp.

Learn about these special sea critters via beautifully textured realistic illustrations that bring the speedy the seadragon and his surroundings to vivid life.



9781760362140 | November 2024 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 40pp | 254x254mm | AUS\$24.99



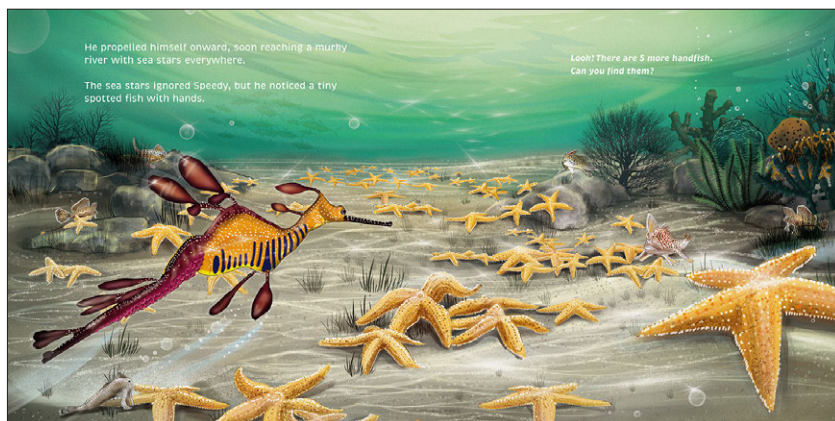
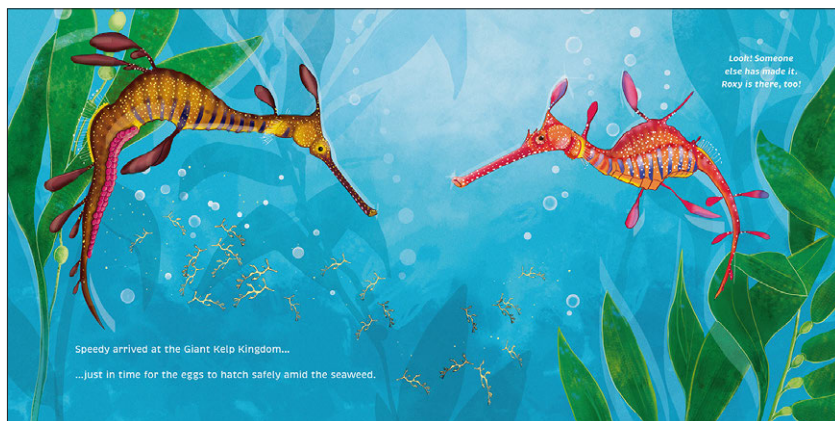
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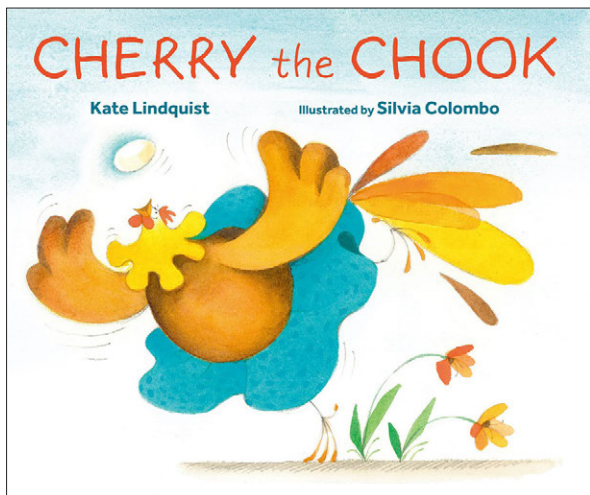
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About the author & illustrator:

Shae-Maree Williams is a Tasmanian ocean enthusiast. She completed a Bachelor of Nursing and is an open water diver. Her husband and two children share her love of diving, snorkelling and exploring the seaside. She has participated in the Northern Pacific seastar cleanups in Hobart, Tasmania, to protect the spotted handfish. Shae-Maree's passion for marine life gave her inspiration to write and share with children, the unique and threatened creatures beneath the sea.

Lena Tusevljakovic Orlovic was born in Makarska, Croatia. A professional graphic designer with more than 10 years experience, Lena has recently focused on illustrating and designing books for children and young adults. She finds inspiration in nature, animals and children. Lena currently lives and works in Belgrade, Serbia.





CHERRY THE CHOOK

KATE LINDQUIST, ILLUSTRATED BY SILVIA COLOMBO

- **Upbeat lyrical verse and onomatopoeia make this an appealing read-aloud**
- **Laugh-out-loud humour will keep kids wanting to re-read the story**
- **Colourful and energetic watercolour illustrations bring this humorous story to life**

Age range 5+

A chicken searches everywhere to find her lost egg and sees it everywhere with hilarious consequences.

A chicken named Cherry wakes up after a nap to find her egg has disappeared from her nest, so she sets off to find it with increasingly hilarious consequences. Cherry thinks she sees her egg, but finds a hatching crocodile egg, a lost white balloon, a ball, a vanilla ice cream and more, until she gives up and finds her egg hidden right where she left it.

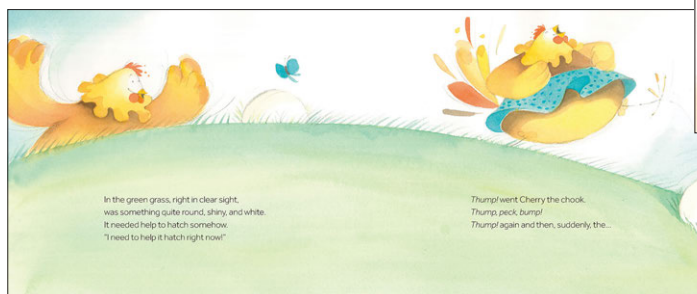
This story, written in lyrical verse and onomatopoeia, features beautifully dynamic watercolour illustrations that will make leaders laugh out loud.



9781760362089 | November 2024 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 40pp | 210x255mm | AUS\$24.99

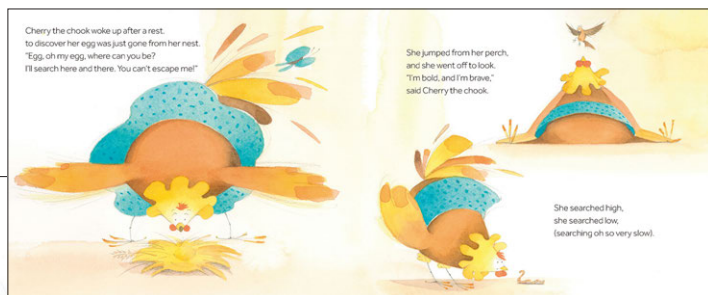


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In the green grass, right in clear sight, was something quite round, shiny, and white. It needed help to hatch somehow. "I need to help it hatch right now!"

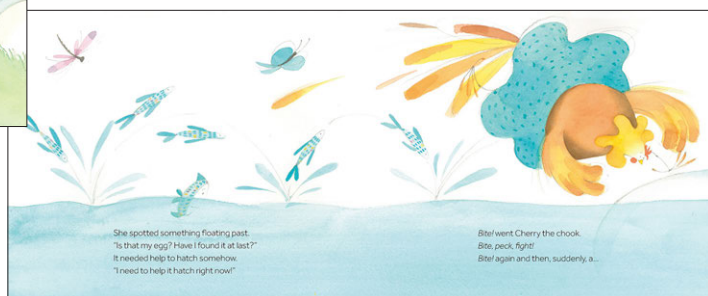
Thump! went Cherry the chook. Thump, peck, bump! Thump! again and then, suddenly, she...



Cherry the chook woke up after a rest, to discover her egg was just gone from her nest. "Egg, oh my egg, where can you be? I'll search here and there. You can't escape me!"

She jumped from her perch, and she went off to look. "I'm bold, and I'm brave," said Cherry the chook.

She searched high, she searched low, (searching oh so very slow).



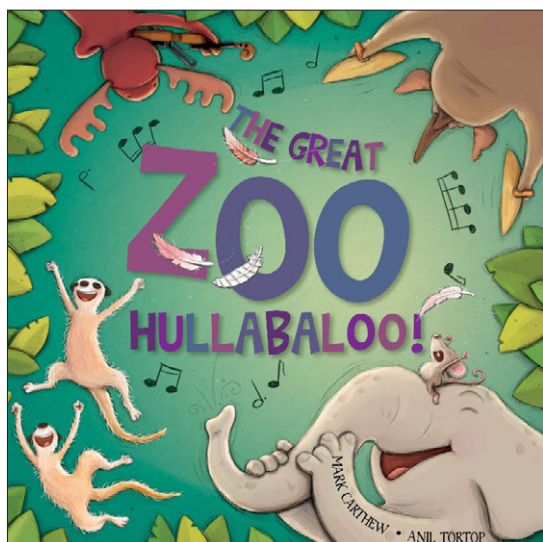
She spotted something floating past. "Is that my egg? Have I found it at last? It needed help to hatch somehow. "I need to help it hatch right now!"

But! went Cherry the chook. Bite, peck, fight! Bite! again and then, suddenly, she...

About the author & illustrator:

Kate Lindquist lives with her husband and young family in a small coastal town in regional Australia. She spends each day with her three little muses, who love exploring local rivers and beaches, fossicking in rockpools and mudlarking in the mangroves. In the evenings, with salty hair and sand between their toes, Kate and her children relive their adventures through storytelling. Kate draws inspiration for her writing by looking at the world through the lens of children, making observations of everyday happenings and celebrating life's simple moments.

Silvia Colombo was born near Milan, Italy. She attended Giovanni Manna and Linda Wolfgruber's classes at the International School of Illustration in Sàrmede and, in 2015, the workshop of Mauro Evangelista at Mimaster. She currently lives and works in Milan, Italy.



THE GREAT ZOO HULLABALOO
MARK CARTHEW, ILLUSTRATED BY ANIL TORTOP

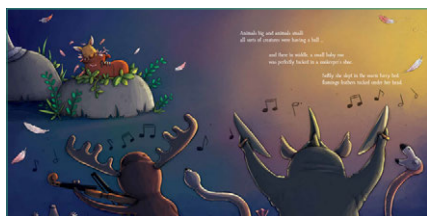
- **Reprint due November**
- **Includes lots of different animals for children to recognise and discuss**
- **Written in playful rhyme**
- **A number of instruments feature throughout the book, as well as musical notes**
- **Lively illustrations from talented illustrator**
- **Shortlisted for Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year**

Age range 3 to 6

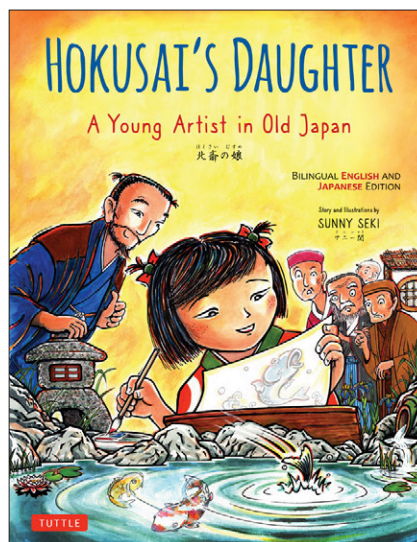
When Jess and Jack open the gates to the Zoo, it was strangely deserted. Nobody said BOO!

Can Jess and Jack discover the mystery of the missing animals?

This magical picture book by award-winning author Mark Carthew, brought to life by Anil Tortop's illustrations, evokes the spirit of adventure in enchanting rhyme.



9781925594126 | May 2018 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$18.99 | DISC: GEN



HOKUSAI'S DAUGHTER
A Young Artist in Old Japan – Bilingual English and Japanese Text
SUNNY SEKI

- **A bilingual picture book celebrating Japanese art, girl power, and the value of determination**
- **This book brings an important 19th century female artist, Kastushika Oi (Eijo), to the attention of young readers. It also introduces the work of Hokusai, one of Japan's greatest artists**
- **Beautiful illustrations offer a kid-friendly introduction to the world of Japanese woodblock prints**
- **Includes an appendix. Samples of Eijo's work will include images from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Menard Art Museum, and the Tokyo National Museum**

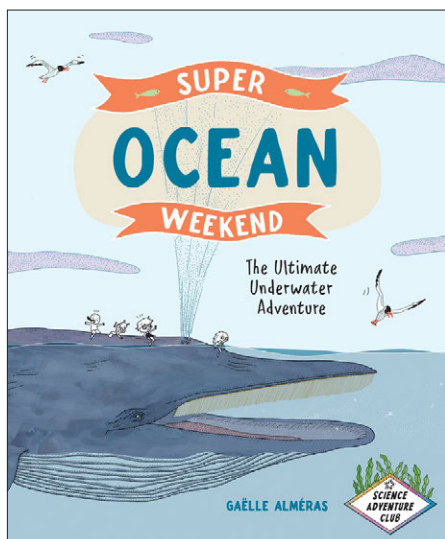
Age range 5 to 14

A girl with grit, determination, passion and a paintbrush – can achieve amazing things!

Whether working in his studio or out in the field, Japanese artist Hokusai had a constant companion – his youngest daughter, Eijo. Wherever they went, Eijo brought along her own bag of brushes and the same artistic brilliance and passion as her dad. *Hokusai's Daughter* tells the story of a clever girl who refuses to believe that only men can create great works of art.



9784805318614 | November 2024 | Tuttle Publishing | HB | 40pp | 279x215mm | AU \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



SUPER OCEAN WEEKEND

The Ultimate Underwater Adventure

GAËLLE ALMÉRAS, TRANSLATED BY DAVID WARRINER

- Eye-catching comic-style illustrations
- Expertly reviewed by oceanography scientists
- Reveals the mysterious world of oceanography – from how oceans form to water cycles – and explores how we can protect those who call it home
- Second book in the *Science Adventure Club* book series, following *Super Space Weekend*, with new Australian character, Echid

Age range 7 to 12

Friends Castor and Squeak are camping out on a rocky island with Orni and her cousin, Echid, when they begin to wonder: what really goes on in the depths of the oceans?

Join four friends as they explore the mysterious underwater world; revealing the incredible creatures that live there, the importance of taking care of our oceans, and what we can do to help them thrive!

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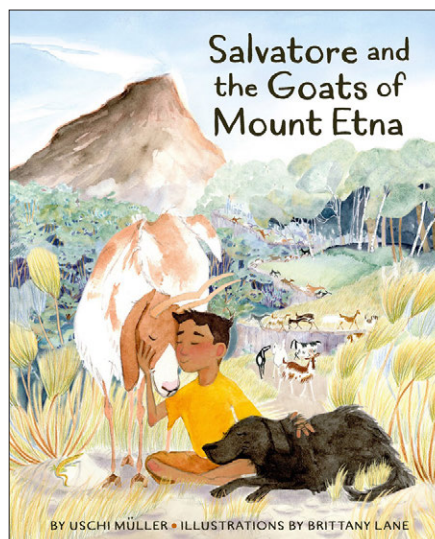


9781778400681 | October 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 172pp | 247x203mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

Paperback:



9781778402081 | October 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 172pp | 247x203mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



SALVATORE AND THE GOATS OF MOUNT ETNA

USCHI MÜLLER, ILLUSTRATED BY BRITTANY LANE

- This thrilling picture book is based on real research into animal behavior that enabled scientists to predict impending seismic activity
- Shares incredible new research about animal senses in an accessible, engaging way for kids
- Backmatter on the extraordinary findings of the ICARUS project, which is currently studying animal senses

Age range 4 to 8

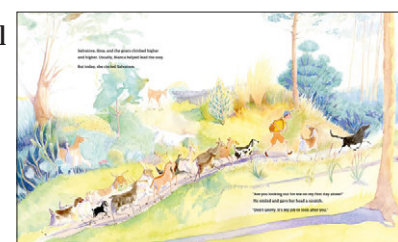
The first book in an educational and fun series about the 'sixth sense' of animals!

It's Salvatore's first time herding the goats in his home, located at the foot of the still very active volcano, Mount Etna. With instructions from his papa that he must not let the goats boss him around, Salvatore is determined to do a good job and make sure they follow his command.

But today something seems wrong. The goats become restless, and run away, which they have never done before. Do the goats sense something that Salvatore doesn't? As he soon discovers, their special 'sixth sense' may just save the day.



9781771649285 | November 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 279x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN





THE AWESOME PHYSICS IN YOUR HOME

THE AMAZING THEATRE OF PHYSICS,
ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS KOPECKY

- **Eye-catching design featuring captivating illustrations reminiscent of graphic novels, as well as UV spot lamination on the cover**
- **Presents physics, often misunderstood as dull, in a fresh and entertaining manner**
- **Hands-On Learning: Offers step-by-step instructions for safe, interactive experiments at home, enhancing the learning experience**
- **Includes a glossary with clear explanations of key terms, making complex concepts accessible**

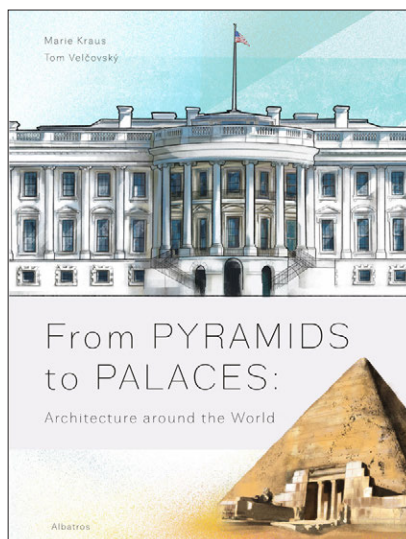
Age range 9 to 12

This fully illustrated children's book reveals the hidden physics in our everyday lives and our homes, from the kitchen to the bathroom.

Step into the extraordinary world of everyday physics with *The Awesome Physics in Your Home*, a fully illustrated non-fiction children's book that reveals the physics that surrounds us within the comfort of our homes, thereby transforming the mundane into the extraordinary. By exploring real-life situations in the kitchen, living room, garage, bathroom, and garden, this book demystifies complex scientific concepts through relatable scenarios and provides safe, hands-on experiments for curious young minds.



9788000070940 | November 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 48pp | 279x228mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



FROM PYRAMIDS TO PALACES: ARCHITECTURE AROUND THE WORLD

TOM VELCOVSKY, ILLUSTRATED BY MARIE
KRAUS, AUTHOR JIRI BARTUNEK

- **Explore architectural styles with vivid illustrations and informative global comparisons**
- **A handy and informative tool for aspiring architecture students**
- **Experience architecture beyond the Western viewpoint, uncovering its diversity worldwide**

Age range 10 to 14

Explore the fascinating world of architecture, from ancient monuments to modern structures, and decode architectural styles and history in this engaging non-fiction book.

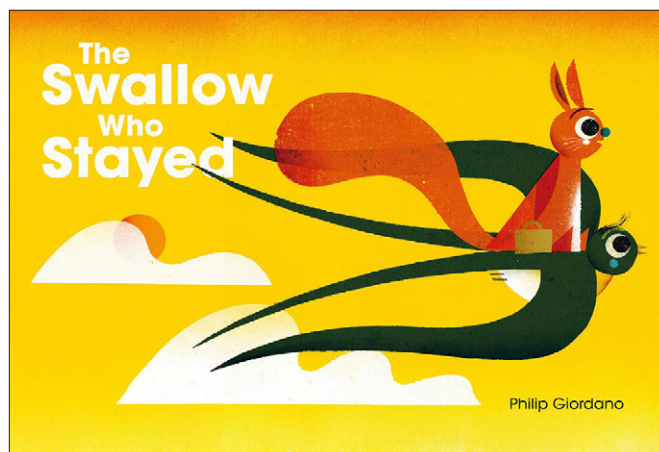
This non-fiction compendium takes readers on a global tour of architectural wonders, from ancient monuments that have withstood the test of time to the new streamlined modern structures that define our contemporary landscape. Explore iconic buildings by uncovering the intricate secrets of architectural styles and the rich histories they represent. From the timeworn exterior of the Great Pyramid of Giza to the smooth sleek lines of the White House, this book offers an immersive exploration of architectural diversity, offering readers a lens through which to decipher the architectural language of the structures that surround us.



9788000070964 | November 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 80pp | 320x241mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



'Dramatic glowing illustrations on black pages...A captivating read that shines a light on a fascinating phenomenon sure to spark kids' curiosity and encourage them to embrace – rather than fear – the dark.' – *Hakai Magazine*



THE SWALLOW WHO STAYED
PHILIP GIORDANO, TRANSLATED BY
ARIELLE AARONSON

LUMINOUS
Living Things That Light Up the Night
JULIA KUO

- **The depiction of vibrant bioluminescent species against an unusual black backdrop creates an unforgettable visual experience for readers**
- **Shares the real-life magic of bioluminescence with sidebars about the various places and species in which bioluminescence is found**
- **Julia Kuo's previous picture book, *I Dream of Popo*, was named a Best Book of 2021 by the New York Public Library**
- **Text can be read on two levels: Kuo's simple and poetic narrative is accompanied by scientific facts about bioluminescence**

Age range 4 to 8

In this 'surprisingly simple yet mesmerising introduction to a wonder of the natural world' (*Kirkus*, starred review), kids aged 4 to 8 will marvel at the science of bioluminescence through stunning images of glowing creatures and other organisms.

When it's dark out, we need light to see. But what if your body could make its own light?

From acclaimed author-illustrator Julia Kuo comes a remarkable picture book about bioluminescence, the light made from living things, and its many forms: fireflies and foxfire, fungi and glow-worms, deep-sea fish and vampire squids.



9781771648905 | November 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 44pp | 279x203mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

- **Philip Giordano has won several awards for his illustrations, including the International Award for Illustration at the Bologna Book Fair, the 2017 Andersen Prize**
- ***The Swallow Who Stayed* beautifully depicts the seasons, including the transition to winter**
- **Kids will learn how birds migrate and when – and why!**

Age range 3 to 7

A gorgeously illustrated story of a swallow who goes against the flock, and the wonderful friendship that emerges from her decision. For kids 3-7, *The Swallow Who Stayed* is a beautiful celebration of the seasons and what happens when we have the courage to be different.

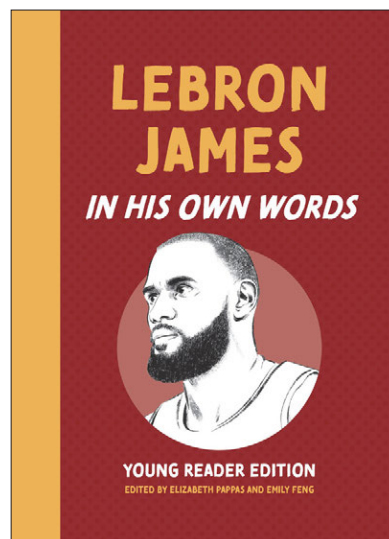
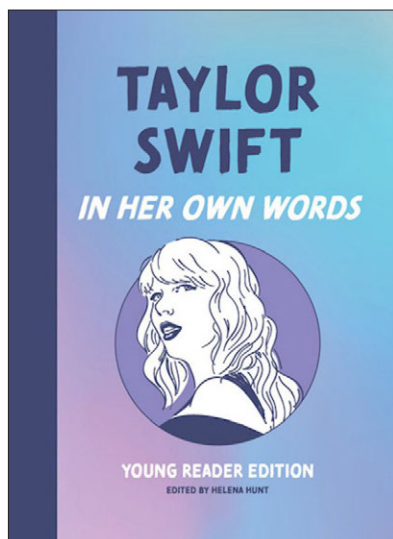
Iris asked the other birds, "What happens to the forest when we leave?"

But nobody knew the answer. No swallow had ever stayed long enough to see.

It's time for the swallows to fly South for the winter. But not for Iris, a curious swallow, who has always wondered what the winter is like and decides to stay. One by one, the leaves fall from the trees and the cold begins to settle. Soon an icy wind blows and big snowflakes tumble from the sky. Maybe staying for the winter was a mistake... Though everything changes when Iris stumbles into the home of a squirrel.



9781778400865 | October 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 48pp | 190x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



TAYLOR SWIFT: IN HER OWN WORDS
 EDITED BY HELENA HUNT

- One of the newest titles in the *In Their Own Words for Young Readers* quotation book series, presented in an appealing, hardcover package perfect for libraries and classrooms
- Builds on the overwhelming success of previous *In Their Own Words* series titles, such as the New York Times bestseller *I, Steve: Steve Jobs In His Own Words* and the Los Angeles Times bestseller *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: In Her Own Words*, now with educational resources and materials for young readers
- Features more than 150 quotes from pop culture icon and music superstar Taylor Swift, along with educational resources for teachers and librarians with lessons and exercises aimed at young readers in grades 7–12

Age range 13 to 18

Get inside the head of one of the most influential musicians of our time, a pop music phenomenon turned titan of industry and cultural icon: Taylor Swift.

This collection of quotes has been carefully curated from Swift's numerous public statements – interviews, op-eds, social media posts, and more, specifically geared toward middle and high school readers. It's a comprehensive picture of her meteoric rise to the top, her ever-savvy business sense, and her increasingly outspoken perspective on the music world and beyond.



9781572843387 | November 2024 | Agate B2 | HB | 200pp | 177x127mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

LEBRON JAMES: IN HIS OWN WORDS
 EDITED BY ELIZABETH PAPPAS, EMILY FENG

- One of the newest titles in the *In Their Own Words for Young Readers* quotation book series, presented in an appealing, hardcover package perfect for libraries and classrooms
- Agate B2's *In Their Own Words* series has sold more than 180,000 copies to date
- More than 100 quotes from LeBron James, basketball all-star, activist, philanthropist, and cultural icon, along with educational resources for teachers and librarians featuring lessons and exercises geared at young readers in grades 7–12

Age range 13 to 18

Get inside the head of LeBron James: basketball star, activist, philanthropist, and one of the most influential athletes in the world.

This collection of quotes has been curated from LeBron James's numerous public statements – interviews, social media posts, television appearances, and more. It's a comprehensive picture of his legacy as one of the world's most recognisable and influential athletes, specifically geared toward middle and high school readers. The quotes in the collection touch on sports, community, life lessons, opportunity, equality, justice, and more. This edition includes educational materials and resources for lesson plans designed to provoke discussion and thought for readers in grades 7–12 about LeBron James's ideas.



9781572843394 | November 2024 | Agate B2 | HB | 144pp | 177x127mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



SLEEPING BEAUTY

MAGDA GARGULAKOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY SHUNSUKE SATAKE

- Introduces the youngest readers to a beloved fairytale
- Pages shaped to mimic scenes from the story for a tactile experience
- Perfect size for small hands
- Lasting Quality: A book that's also a toy made of sturdy materials for enduring usage

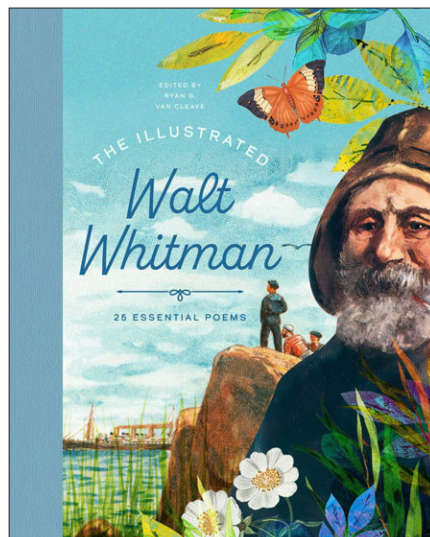
Age range 3 to 5

Experience the classic fairy tale of *Sleeping Beauty* like never before in a board book for young readers shaped like scenes from the story.

Once upon a time, in a faraway kingdom, a timeless fairy tale awakens. Journey with *Sleeping Beauty* through an ingeniously crafted board book, shaped to mirror scenes from the story. Each page unveils a new setting, adding a tactile and visual dimension to this beloved tale of a kind-hearted princess, true love, and good vs. evil that teaches kids that perseverance can help you overcome adversity. While *Sleeping Beauty* sleeps, her story unfolds on each page, providing an engaging reading experience for the littlest readers.



9788000071039 | November 2024 | Albatros Media | BH | 10pp | 144x119mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



THE ILLUSTRATED WALT WHITMAN

EDITED BY RYAN G. VAN CLEAVE

- A beautiful introduction to Walt Whitman!
- Each poem is fully illustrated and includes definitions and critical-thinking questions
- Backmatter includes a brief bio and timeline of Walt Whitman's life and significant publications

Age range 7 to 10

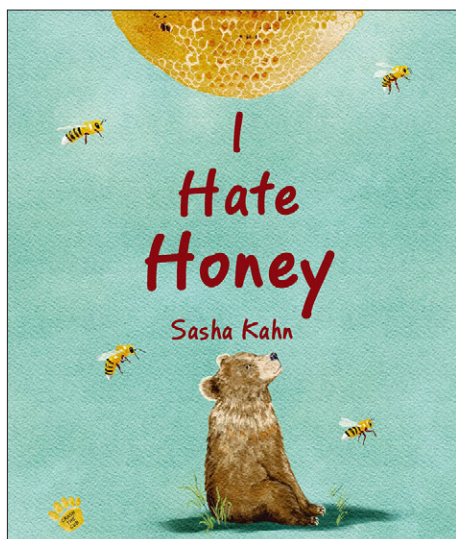
Lush and evocative, this treasury of Walt Whitman's classic poetry will be a household favourite for generations. Bound and curated, this full-colour collage illustrated beauty will educate young readers while delighting the senses.

Whitman is considered one of the most influential poets in American history. Incorporating both transcendentalism and realism earned him the much lauded title of father of free verse, a form beloved among poets and students today. Whitman's influence remains strong in modern day poetry. Art historian Mary Berenson wrote, 'You cannot really understand America without Walt Whitman'. And modernist poet Ezra Pound called Whitman 'America's poet...he is America'.

Hand selected classics included in this collection include 'O Captain! My Captain!', 'I Hear America Singing', and many other essentials. Brief commentary and helpful definitions accompany each poem, making *The Illustrated Walt Whitman* among the most accessible – and beautiful – introductions to Walt Whitman available.



9781638192121 | November 2024 | Moonshower | HB | 64pp | 279x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



I HATE HONEY

SASHA KAHN

- A fun and educational story that promotes environmental awareness and the important role animals and insects have in maintaining a healthy ecosystem
- Relatable characters whose journey will present readers with valuable life lessons about cooperation and understanding
- Richly detailed illustrations bring the characters and setting to life, allowing readers the chance to experience the beauty and wonder of the natural world

Age range 5+

Crash, a grumpy bear cub, discovers the vital role bees have in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

In *I Hate Honey*, a grumpy Crash's dislike for rain, breakfast, and honey leads him to confront a hive full of bees. When trying to stop their honey production, Crash learns about the crucial role bears and bees have in maintaining a balanced ecosystem. This charming tale explores the importance of cooperation and the interconnectedness of nature, allowing children to understand how crucial it is to care for our environment.



9781760361853 | November 2024 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 32pp | 254x215mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



ILLUSTRATED GIRL

JOSEPHINE ANGELINI

- From bestselling author Josephine Angelini comes a whimsical cosy fantasy read with loads of adventure and none of the triggers
- Perfect for fans of Olivia Atwater and Travis Baldree

Age range 14+

Ever wish you could travel inside your favourite book and become the main character? Of course you have. Everyone has. But if you ever manage to pull it off, here's a tip. Timing is everything...

Take Holly for example, who after saying a spell is transported inside a fairytale called *The Chronicles of Lucitopia*, a magical world infested with grifter grandmas, halitosis-riddled bandits, and devoid of any functioning toilets.

Holly becomes Princess Pleasant exactly as she wished, but she gets there too late, right after an evil sorcerer turns Lucitopia into a tetanus-ridden hellhole. And now, it's up to Holly to make things right.

With the help of a freakishly handsome, yet frustratingly virtuous knight, Holly sets out to fix her story, but she only has fifteen days left to do so or she risks being stuck in Lucitopia for the rest of her life, which may prove to be a short one considering she's overdue for her shots.



9798987832127 | November 2024 | Sungrazer Publishing | PB | 264pp | 209x139mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

'An adorable and whimsical young adult romance! Filled with nods to fairytales, this cozy fantasy – reminiscent of *Ella Enchanted* – is a quirky fast-paced adventure.'
– Valia Lind, USA Today Bestselling author of *The Poisoned Princess*

NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

TALYA BALDWIN

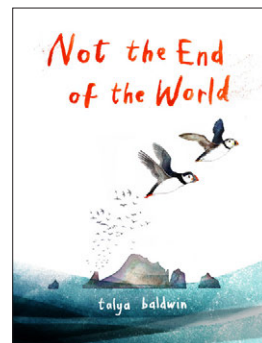
- **By the illustrator of the bestselling *The Golden Mole***
- **This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the story of St Kilda and its wildlife and the people that once lived there**
- **Imaginative, engaging and cleverly conceived, this book will delight young readers and keep grown-ups equally intrigued**

Come on an adventure to the edge of the world!

This is a true story about a real place. A place hidden behind the waves. The Vikings saw it in their dreams, and sometimes sea birds call its name. It's a dot on a map. The blink of an eye. The beat of a wing. Storms and songs and stickleback stop by on their travels.

This is St Kilda. A tiny group of islands; an archipelago: Hirta, Boreray, Soay, Dùn. They call them The Islands at the End of the World.

9781780278889 | November 2024 | BC Books | PB | 32pp | 259x224mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



THE SECRET GARDENS OF FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

ANGELICA SHIRLEY CARPENTER, ILLUSTRATED BY HELENA PEREZ GARCIA

- **The first picture book biography of Frances Hodgson Burnett**
- ***The Secret Garden* continues to be one of the best-loved children's books**
- **Book two in the *Heroes Remembered* series**

Age range 4 to 8

Frances Hodgson Burnett – best known for writing *The Secret Garden*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, and *The Little Princess* – had a difficult childhood, losing her father when she was very young and moving with her family from England to Tennessee in hopes of a better life. She'd been making up stories her entire life but didn't try to write professionally until she was a teenager to help feed her family. Her first submissions to a magazine were published and she eventually became well known all over the world. This is Hodgson Burnett's life story, told in lyrical prose evoking some of the same magic of her own stories.

9781638191506 | November 2024 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 32pp | 279x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE LOCATORS

Adventure in Oceania

KYLE BAUER, COLLEEN CONNER, ILLUSTRATED BY WESLEY JONES

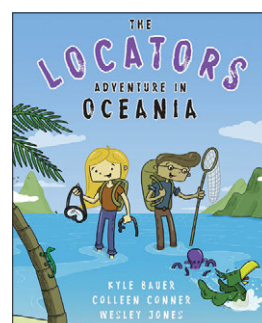
- **Explore the Great Barrier Reef, Papua New Guinea, and more with *The Locators!***
- **A fun adventure story featuring map-based activities, puzzles, full colour illustrations and interesting facts about endangered species, habitats and more**

Age range 8 to 12

Lucy, Oliver, and Moe the Parrot are on another mission, this time to Oceania. A group of kids solving problems in the world using maps, technology, and spatial thinking, the Locators are determined to help those who need it.

From finding and growing healthy coral in the Great Barrier Reef to rescuing unique species in danger from wildfire in New South Wales, Lucy's team has their hands full. Experience scuba diving in the ocean, explore a wombat's burrow, and even follow a pod of whales along with the team as they work to successfully complete their mission.

9781589487567 | November 2024 | ESRI | PB | 132pp | 234x190mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO FORTNITE 2025

PBR, NAOMI BERRY

- **The world has gone mad for Fortnite with millions of people around the world heading into battle. If you fancy yourself a Fortnite pro-gamer there's no better way to sharpen your skills than with *The Definitive Guide to Fortnite 2025***

Give yourself the upper hand and learn everything from the basics on gathering, building and surviving, to how to navigate the map and pro survival tips. There's all the tactics, tricks and strategies you need to give you an edge in the world's most popular online game!

And if that's not enough there are puzzles, quizzes and games to test your knowledge and sharpen your wit before you proceed into battle...



9781915994417 | November 2024 | Pillar Box Red Publishing | HB | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO MINECRAFT 2025

PBR

- **The go-to guide for everything in Minecraft, the best-selling video game, updated for 2025**

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. With over 238 million copies sold, the sandbox game is officially the best-selling 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.

The world is your oyster in Minecraft, and this guide 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.



9781915994424 | November 2024 | Pillar Box Red Publishing | HB | 64pp | 290x195mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO ROBLOX 2025

PBR

- **With 40 million daily players, Roblox has a dedicated fanbase, this detailed and updated guide can answer any questions they have**

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 – hey, who can argue with over 230 million registered players? Roblox has well and truly taken its place among the gaming greats, and it comes bearing endless possibilities.

But where do you begin with a platform that's only limit is the extent of your imagination? That's where this guide 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. So boot up Roblox, grab this guide and get ready to join over 40 million other daily players in whatever world you choose – it's all up to you.



9781915994431 | November 2024 | Pillar Box Red Publishing | HB | 64pp | 290x195mm | AU \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

DECIDE & SURVIVE: AGENT 355

Can You Win the Revolution?

RYAN G. VAN CLEAVE

- Explore history through interactive stories, this time featuring Agent 355, a female spy during the American Revolution
- Extensive backmatter on each subject
- Fun, informative, and sometimes just a bit wacky

Age range 8 to 10

Agent 355 was one of the first spies for the United States. While the true identity of 355 remains unknown, here, young readers make decisions and determine their own survival by joining secret Agent 355 as the intrepid and brave American patriot spy. Along the way, readers can choose to thwart a counterfeiting scheme, warn General Washington of an assassination plot, or even save the day with Harry Potter's 11" wand.



9781638191810 | November 2024 | Milk + Cookies | PB | 128pp | 216x140mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

DECIDE & SURVIVE: ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

Can You Stop the Attack?

JARRET KEENE

- Explore history through interactive stories, this time featuring the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor
- Extensive backmatter on each subject
- Fun, informative, and sometimes just a bit wacky

Age range 8 to 10

The surprise military strike by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, was a devastating and horrific moment in American history. Young readers make decisions, and determine their own survival, by joining forces on the ground in the days and hours before and after the devastation in *Decide and Survive: Attack on Pearl Harbor*.



9781638191797 | November 2024 | Milk + Cookies | PB | 128pp | 216x140mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

DECIDE & SURVIVE: DESTRUCTION OF POMPEII

Can You Change Pompeii's Fate?

SYLVIA WHITMAN

- Explore history through interactive stories, this time featuring the destruction of Pompeii
- Extensive backmatter on each subject
- Fun, informative, and sometimes just a bit wacky

Age range 8 to 10

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in southern Italy in 79 A.D. is perhaps the most famous disaster in world history. Young readers make decisions and determine their own survival by joining the inhabitants of Pompeii in the days and hours before and after the devastation in *Decide and Survive: Destruction of Pompeii*. This time, you're eleven-year-old Quentus, a Roman scribe and slave who's tasked with saving civilisation, and himself, from a huge obstacle – a live volcano!



9781638191803 | November 2024 | Milk + Cookies | PB | 104pp | 216x140mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

FILM MAKERS

15 Groundbreaking Women Directors

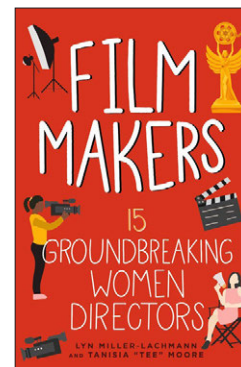
LYN MILLER-LACHMANN, TANISIA MOORE

- **New price point and format ideal for school library collections**
- **Features contemporary female filmmakers representing a diversity of countries, cultures, and perspectives**

Age range 12 to 18

In Hollywood, women don't have to be in front of the camera to shine. Each of the 15 women profiled in *Film Makers* shares a common trait: she is, as Shonda Rhimes says, 'First. Only. Different.'

These phenomenal women have redefined the film and television industry, winning awards historically given to a male counterpart, being the only woman in a writers' room, or portraying stories no one else could tell. While their resumes are impressive, it is how they live their lives that has made a greater impact in the communities they serve.



9798890680051 | November 2024 | Chicago Review Press | PB | 224pp | 216x140mm | AU \$22.00 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

SHADOW

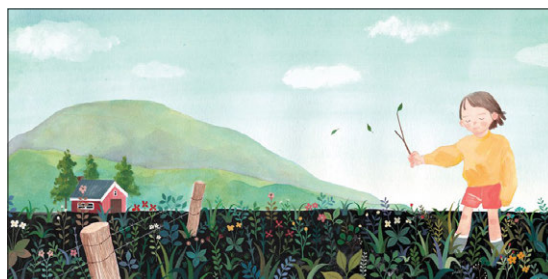
RISA HUGO

- **Risa Hugo has previously illustrated children's books such as *Why Are You So Quiet?* and *Leopold's Leotard***

Age range 4 to 8

Sometimes a shadow doesn't look like a shadow.

A little girl is not ready to welcome her younger sibling – the bigger her mother's tummy grows, the lonelier she feels. So when a mysterious figure who looks just like herself invites her to explore the woods, she chooses to follow.



9781772290936 | September 2024 | Simply Read Books | HB | 44pp | 229x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

LITTLE MONSTER

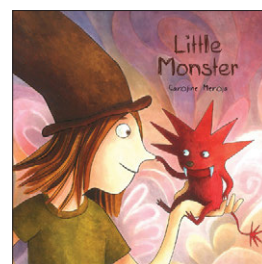
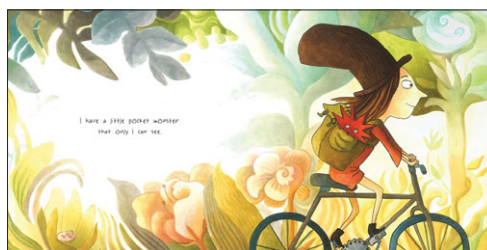
CAROLINE MEROLA

- **Caroline Merola has written and illustrated some 40 books that have been translated into various languages**

Age range 4 to 8

Little monster is the imaginary friend, the little rascal in every child's mind! The one only children can see! A must-read album on children's imaginary friends and mischievous spirit.

*I have a little pocket monster
that is very naughty and very ugly.
He's here, I see him
But I won't show him to you.*



9781772290882 | September 2024 | Simply Read Books | HB | 32pp | 229x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE YOGA GAME

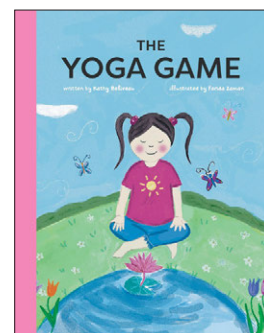
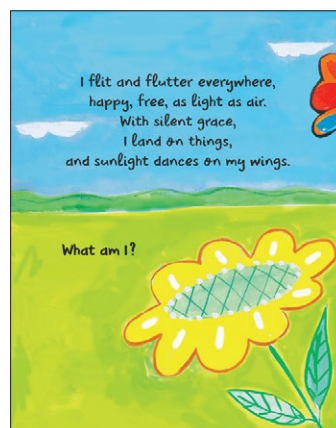
KATHY BELIVEAU, ILLUSTRATED BY FARIDA ZAMAN

- **A fun riddle book introducing young children to the healthy practice of yoga**

Age range 4 to 8

The Yoga Game invites children of all ages to play with the words, guess the riddles and enjoy an actual yoga practice, while introducing the concepts of balance, breath and focus.

Entertaining rhymes, enchanting riddles and vibrant illustrations create a rich, multi-layered experience.



9781772290660 | October 2024 | Simply Read Books | HB | 44pp | 267x210mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

EARLY READERS FOR MINECRAFTERS – THE PHOENIX CHRONICLES BOX SET

Unofficial Graphic Novels for Minecrafters

MEGAN MILLER, CARA J. STEVENS

- **Fun First Reads for Fans of Minecraft! A Perfect Gift for Motivating Reluctant Readers!**
- **This compilation of bestselling graphic novels for Minecrafters includes six titles**

Age range 7 to 12

Join the young hero Phoenix as she navigates the world of Minecraft.

Phoenix longs to see the world outside of her village. One day, she risks a trip over the town's wall to see the dark forest. Her quick adventure releases a monster that turns her brother into a zombie! It's up to Phoenix to save him by leaving her village and finding the enchanted golden apple.

9781510780057 | November 2024 | Sky Pony Press | PB | 192pp | 228x152mm | AU \$44.99 | NZ \$49.99 | DISC: GEN



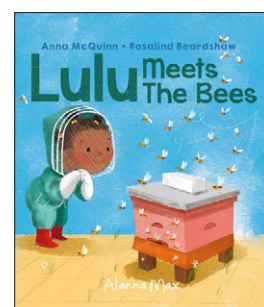
LULU MEETS THE BEES

ANNA MCQUINN, ILLUSTRATED BY ROSALIND BEARDSHAW

- **Perfect for preparing children for family visits**
- **Celebrates the cultural exchange between generations**
- **Naturally inclusive family story**

Age range 3+

Lulu is really excited! She is off to visit beekeeper Auntie Zora to meet her bees. Lulu wears a special suit so she can get up close: she sees the queen bee, the workers and even the baby bees. She tastes the honey – it is sweet and sticky, and delicious. It inspires Lulu to do what she can to help the bees.



9781907825569 | November 2024 | Alanna Max | HB | 32pp | 245x210mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

SEA TO SKY ALPHABET

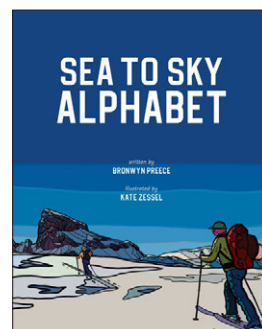
BRONWYN PREECE, ILLUSTRATED BY KATE ZESSEL

- **This beautiful book takes readers on a lyrical journey through the alphabet, travelling from ocean's edge up into the snowy slopes of the alpine**

Age range 5 to 8

Sea to Sky Alphabet highlights a unique and beloved part of the world nestled in the Coast Mountains of southwest British Columbia. It courses down river rapids, traipses along trails, gazes upon glinting glaciers, climbs cliffs, and revels in the sights that surround. Locals and visitors alike are invited to explore, to experience, and to glimpse the richness of this place's history and myriad landscapes.

Incorporating words from the local Lil'wat and Squamish First Nation languages, this book encourages respectful engagement with these Lands, fuelled by curiosity and awe.



9781772291032 | September 2024 | Simply Read Books | HB | 56pp | 267x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

ANIMALS BRAG ABOUT THEIR BOTTOMS

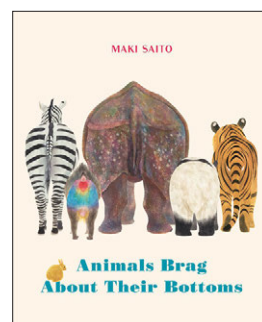
MAKI SAITO, TRANSLATED BY BRIAN BERGSTROM

- **Back in stock!**
- **The board book edition of the popular, much loved children's book**
- **A perfect baby gift, this charming and funny board book features animals from around the world, each one celebrating their uniquely shaped bum!**

Age range 0 to 2

All bottoms are wonderful! Don't you agree? Each animal has a different reason for loving their behind – from cute and round to fashionable and striped! Illustrator Maki Saito's traditional Japanese art techniques add a sophisticated, beautiful feel to a book about... animal butts!

Now available as a board book, this celebration of self love and body positivity will have the tiniest of readers (and their parents) laughing out loud at the backsides of hippos, zebras, pandas, and more.



9781778401510 | March 2024 | Greystone Kids | BH | 28pp | 171x140mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

THE GIRL AND THE CATHEDRAL

The Story of Notre Dame De Paris

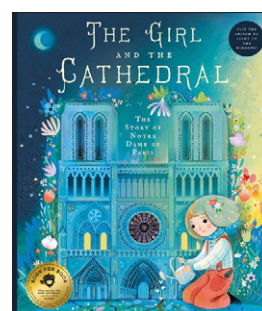
NICOLAS JETER, ILLUSTRATED BY SARA UGOLOTTI

- **Reprint due October**
- **The book includes a fold-out timeline of Notre Dame's history with period paintings and photographs and the front cover has built-in plastic windows that shine when help up to the light!**

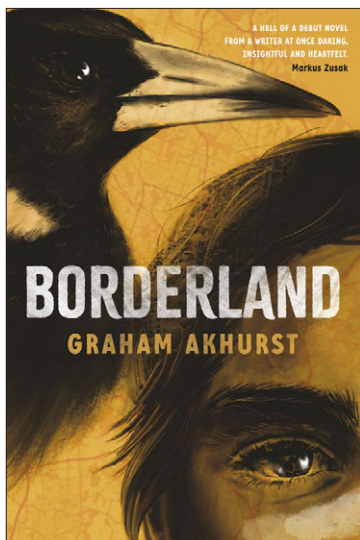
Age range 7 to 10

In the spirit of *The Little Prince*, *The Girl and the Cathedral* is a moving story about life, freedom, love, loss, and the glory of new beginnings. It is a story about Notre Dame, but much deeper, it is a story about all that Notre Dame stands for.

On an island in the Seine, a little girl plants a garden – but not a garden of flowers. It will be a garden of people, she says: Paris. And in the centre of that garden will stand its guardian.



9781733633550 | May 2020 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 32pp | 279x229mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



BORDERLAND
GRAHAM AKHURST

- Speculative, eco-horror YA fiction
- First Nations protagonist and characters
- **Shortlisted, Queensland Literary Awards 2024, Premier's Award for a Work of State Significance**
- **Shortlisted, Queensland Literary Awards 2024, Young Adult Book Award**

Age range 13+

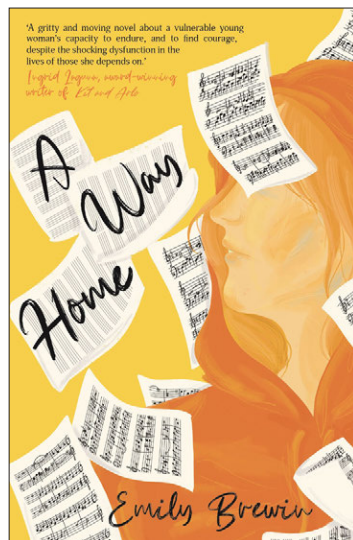
Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community. Luckily, he's got his best friend, Jenny, who has been by his side through their hectic days at St Lucia Private.

After graduating, Jono and Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking — interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the wild western Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares?

Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the hustle and bustle of the city. Suddenly, Jono's intuition becomes his best guide. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun — a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming.



9781760802646 | October 2023 | UWA Publishing | PB | 210x140mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN



A WAY HOME
EMILY BREWIN

- *A Way Home* is a big-hearted novel that explores the complexities of growing up with a parent who is struggling, and about the places and people we call home
- **Shortlisted, Readings Young Adult Prize 2024**

Age range 13+

Sixteen-year-old Grace lives under a bridge in Melbourne's CBD. It's cold and wet, but hidden. Safe, at least, until she can go home.

When winter drives her to the City Library one morning, Grace meets Louie, a weird kid with his own problems, and discovers a community piano. The piano reminds Grace of her mum, a celebrated pianist whose mental illness makes life a rollercoaster — and not always a fun one.

When Grace comes up with a plan to find the help she and Mum need, life begins to look up. But things don't work out as Grace imagines and suddenly her world's turned upside down again, and maybe for good this time.

A Way Home is a big-hearted novel that explores the complexities of growing up with a parent who is struggling, and about the places and people we call home.



9781922858382 | April 2024 | MidnightSun Publishing | PB | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

'A page-turning, gritty story full of hope and compassion. The writing is assured and gripping, and Grace is a memorable and compelling character, beautifully realised... Both insightful and heartbreakingly real.' – Mark Smith, award-winning author of the *Winter Trilogy*



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aussiebirdcount.org.au



**AUSSIE STEM STARS:
 GISELA KAPLAN**

Bird and primate scientist
 EMILY GALE

- **Aussie STEM Stars is an inspiring children's series that celebrates Australia's experts in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**



Age range 9 to 14



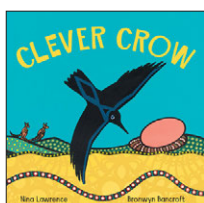
Gisela Kaplan's story begins in post-World War II Germany. Despite incredible challenges as a child, she retained a profound curiosity, care and compassion for all living things. Her captivating, ground-breaking scientific research on Australian magpies, tawny frogmouths and other iconic bird species, as well as primates, make Prof. Kaplan a world-leading expert in animal behaviour, especially of Australian birds.

9781925893465 | April 2021 | Wild Dingo Press | PB | 168pp | 198x129mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

CLEVER CROW

NINA LAWRENCE,
 ILLUSTRATED BY BRONWYN BANCROFT

- **Celebrates the Australian bush and the humorous characteristics of its iconic animals**
- **Djambarrpuynu language integrated into design; translation reproduced in backmatter**



Age range 3 to 9



Clever Crow is an endearing and witty tale that follows the exploits of a hungry and very clever crow. Crow searches in the bush for food but he can find none. It is only when he comes across people preparing for a ceremony that his luck changes. Crow spots a big turtle egg waiting to be cooked, and he cries out, 'Yummy, food for me!' But it is not an easy task stealing a turtle egg – even for a clever crow.

9781922142610 | November 2018 | Magabala Books | HB | 36pp | 260x260mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

LITTLE BIRD'S DAY

SALLY MORGAN,
 ILLUSTRATED BY JOHNNY WARRKATJA MALIBIRR

- ****CBCA 2020 Notable Book of the Year: Early Childhood****
- ****CBCA 2020 Notable Book of the Year: Picture Book****
- ****Shortlisted, 2020 ABIA Small Publishers' Children's Book of the Year****



Age range 3 to 6



A simple, universal story of a day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars. Sally Morgan's beautiful words and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr's sensitive artwork combine to make this a beautiful, distinctive publication with global appeal. Johnny infuses his illustrations with his fine-art aesthetic, his traditional motifs and a quirky sense of humour.

9781925768923 | April 2019 | Magabala Books | HB | 40pp | 250x250mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

GURRIL

Storm Bird
 TREVOR FOURMILE,
 ILLUSTRATED BY JINGALU

- **A morality tale, set in the context of a Creation story, featuring Australia's unique and stunning birds**



Age range 4+



Gurril could not understand why everyone was afraid of a snake, even if it was Gudju-gudju, the rainbow serpent! But he was soon to discover just how powerful Gudju-gudju really was and why it is not a good idea to torment the rainbow serpent.

Gurril, Storm Bird is a Gimuy Walubara (pronounced ghee-moy-wah-la-burra) Yidinji traditional story that helps to explain the cultural beliefs held by the Yidinji First Nations People of Cairns. This story has been told orally by many generations over thousands of years.

9781922613455 | June 2023 | Magabala Books | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

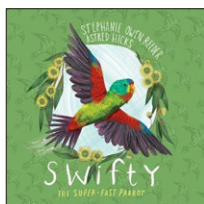


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SWIFTY

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER,
 ILLUSTRATED BY ASTRED
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- 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, and how to help protect them



Age range 6 to 9

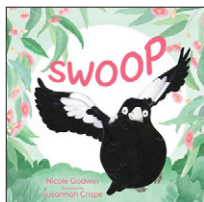
Swiftly grows from a hatchling to a fledgling in the blue-gum forests of Tasmania. She is then ready to make a challenging migration, following the blossom trail across Bass Strait to mainland south-eastern Australia.

Swiftly faces many threats and dangers, but she must return home. Fly with Swiftly in this beautifully illustrated story, and learn how to spot a swift parrot and help protect them.

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

SWOOP

NICOLE GODWIN,
 ILLUSTRATED BY
 SUSANNAH CRISPE



- Explores why one magpie swoops, and helps readers to understand and be less afraid of this action
- Includes fun and surprising facts about this iconic Australian songbird



Age range 5 to 9

Magpie has one job, one desire, one purpose: KEEP THE EGGS SAFE.

Always on alert for danger, will Magpie's determination be enough when rock-carrying intruders arrive?

Why do magpies swoop and why do we have such a fascination with them? Discover more about these clever, and cheeky songbirds through this delightful book.

9781486315697 | September 2022 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE FORGOTTEN SONG

Saving the Regent
 Honeyeater
 CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED
 BY JESS RACKLYEFT



- Introduces readers to the concept of how and why a species can become endangered
- Shows how conservation work is proving hope for the Regent Honeyeaters, and helping them learn their song



Age range 5+

The song of the regent honeyeater has been heard in the bush for many generations – but could it soon be lost forever?

Regent's father had learnt the song from his father, who learnt it from his father too. But with Regent's species now facing extinction, there is no one around to teach him. Will Regent learn his mating call before it's too late?

9781486316403 | April 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

LITTLE BOOK OF BIRDS OF THE WORLD

A Guide to the World's Most Fascinating Birds
 CHRISTIN FARLEY



- Simple text details each bird's habits, diet, habitat, and more
- Filled with stunning vintage art by some of nature's most enduring illustrators
- Graphs and maps included!

Age range 7 to 12

Take flight with some of the world's most unique birds in one gorgeous book!

The Little Book of Birds of the World, part of My Little Library of Natural History, introduces kids to dozens of the world's most interesting birds with details on their habitats, diets, wingspan, and more.

9781638190035 | November 2022 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 96pp | 210x148mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN