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BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS (1-6)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)



1. Wish Pony, The (Catherine Bateson)

Ruby's mum is having a baby, but why does she need one of those when she's already got a Ruby? To make matters worse, her best friend Sarah has just found another, BETTER friend. It seems like everyone is abandoning her. But when Ruby meets the mysterious Magda, who gives her a special gift that might, just MIGHT be bit magical, everything begins to change.

2. Polar Boy (Sandy Fussell)

Set in a 13th century polar community, a young boy's destiny transforms him from a frightened child into a courageous hero. Illuak, a Thule (too-lee) boy, has been told by his grandmother that it is his fate to save his people from a bear. But the mere thought of a polar bear makes Illuak's stomach churn and he lives in fear of this destined encounter.

3. Then (Morris Gleitzman)

Then is the second story of Felix and Zelda. They escaped from the Nazis, but how long can they now survive when there are so many people ready to hand them over for a reward? Thanks to the courage of a kind, brave woman they are able to hide for a time in the open, but Felix knows he has a distinguishing feature that identifies him as a Jew and that it is only a matter of time before he is discovered, which will mean death for them all.

4. Audrey of the Outback (Christine Harris and Ann James)

A story about identity and independence, Audrey tries being a swagman, a man, a teacher and a pirate – all with dire consequences! She is shadowed by the ever-loyal Stumpy, a character who will take the reader by complete surprise! Determined, mischievous and inquisitive, Audrey will have every girl in the country wishing she were a swaggie.

5. Perry Angel's Suitcase (Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King)

It has taken Perry Angel almost seven years to find the place where he belongs. Perry arrives at the Kingdom of Silk one day on the 10.30 express, carrying only a small and shabby suitcase embossed with five golden letters. What do those letters mean? And why won't Perry let go of his case? This is a gentle and moving story about finding your place in the world. Perry Angel's Suitcase is the third book in the multi award-winning Kingdom of Silk series

6. Wizard of Rondo, The (Emily Rodda)

The fantastic world of Rondo can be perilous, but Leo and Mimi know they can't keep away. They have to play their part in the continuing battle to keep Rondo safe from their deadly enemy, the remorseless Blue Queen. Plunging once more into the magic world within the antique music box, they are determined to stay out of trouble. But Rondo's spell soon draws them in, and their quest to find a missing wizard becomes something far more dangerous as they try to track the Blue Queen's henchman, Spoiler, and confront an ancient terror lurking in the skies of the north.

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BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD (7-12)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

Intended for children in the pre-reading to early reading stages

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7. How To Heal a Broken Wing (Bob Graham)

\$27.95 \$22.35

When Will helps an injured bird, he learns that a little kindness can go a long way. No one in the busy city sees the bird lying on the pavement, its wing broken. No one but a small boy called Will. He and his mum carry it home and, with time, rest, and a little bit of hope, the wing mends...and they set the bird free to soar over the city once more.

8. Leaf (Stephen Michael King)

\$19.99 \$15.99

A boy who hates having his hair combed discovers an extraordinary side-effect of messy, matted hair when a seed falls on his head and begins to grow. A wordless picture book.

9. Special Kev (Chris McKimmie)

\$29.95 \$23.95

On the day I was born, Mum planted red roses and rolled out the red carpet. She called me Special Kev. I am the only one of all my eleventy million cousins who has curly red hair, and freckles. Anyway that thing that happened with Nicky Bathgate, well, it wasn't my fault. Chris McKimmie's work cuts straight to the heart of childhood.

10. Applesauce and the Christmas Miracle (Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Once upon an orange evening, tiger-striped with blackened trees; a pig sat upon a dam bank, fondly reminiscing. Against a rural Australian setting of drought and bushfire, a little pig called Applesauce learns that Christmas comes from the heart.

11. Tom Tom (Rosemary Sullivan and Dee Huxley)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Tom Tom is an engaging contemporary story that traces a day in the life of a small boy living in a typical Aboriginal community in the Top End of the Northern Territory. It follows the adventures of Tom Tom as he goes to preschool, eats lunch with Granny Annie in the bottom camp, swims in the Lemonade Springs in the afternoon and spends the night with Granny May and Grandfather Jo in the top camp.

12. Puffling (Margaret Wild and Julie Vivas)

\$27.99 \$22.39

Puffling is a baby-small and white and very hungry. Puffling dreams of the day when he will leave the burrow and fly away-but he isn't ready yet, not until he is tall and brave enough to fend for himself. Every day Puffling asks his parents, but every day they say he must wait until he has grown taller and stronger. Then he must walk along the cliff top and jump into the water before the gulls can catch him. Will he ever be brave enough?

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (13-18)

(In Alphabetical Order by Illustrator and Author)

Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years (some books may be for mature readers)

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13. Sunday Chutney (Aaron Blabey)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Sunday Chutney has the most extraordinary life - she has lived all over the world! Moving around means she's always the new kid at school and never really has a place to call home. But Sunday Chutney doesn't care about that. Or does she?

14. **Collecting Colour (Kylie Dunstan)

\$28.99 \$23.19

****Also shortlisted for the Crichton Award (No 116)**

Collecting Colour tells the story of a day spent collecting colour in the Top End of the Northern Territory, narrated by a white Australian girl, Rose. Rose's best friend Olive's mother, Karrang, makes beautiful coloured baskets, mats and bags from leaves from the pandanus palm, a tall, thin tree with very long, spiky leaves. Rose and Olive spend a day out bush helping to gather the pandanus leaves and stringy bark for making into strong bags and baskets.

15. Home and Away (Matt Ottley and John Marsden)

\$28.99 \$23.19

April 26, Dad burns the toast, yells at Toby, thanks me for cleaning the cab of the truck, kisses Mum and Toby, then he's gone. April 27, the war starts. Everyone wants a place of safety, a place to share with the people they love. What would happen if a typical Australian family found themselves refugees?

16. Nobody Owns The Moon (Tohby Riddle)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Clive Prendergast is a fox with a regular job and a place to call home. His friend Humphrey is a struggling donkey with no fixed address. Life in the city is a mixed bag for these two, but a special-looking blue envelope is about to change everything - at least for one night. Set in a bustling big city, Nobody Owns the Moon is a whimsical story about friendship and belonging.

17. Captain Congo and the Crocodile King (Greg Holfeld and Ruth Starke)

\$24.95 \$19.95

An anthropologist searching for the legendary Treasure House of the Queen of Sheba is missing, and Captain Congo is sent by the Agency to Abyssinia to find him. Danger and intrigue lie ahead - just what Captain Congo loves. Also lying in wait, to the dismay of his pint-sized assistant Pug, are mosquitoes, scorpions and the biggest crocodiles in Africa. In the style of Tin Tin, the first book in this new series will engage and excite young readers, especially boys.

18. Big Little Book of Happy Sadness, The (Colin Thompson)

\$24.95 \$19.95

George lives with his grandmother and a big empty space where his mother and father should be. One Friday on his way home from school, George visits the animal shelter. There, in the very last cage, is Jeremy, a sad dog who looks as lost and lonely as George feels. When Jeremy comes home to live with George and his granny, their whole lives change, and they learn that when it comes to love, it's quality not quantity that counts . . .

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EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years (some books may be for mature readers)



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19. Word Spy, The (Ursula Dubosarsky and Tohby Riddle)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Discover the meaning of acronyms, clichés and spoonerisms. Find out the history of the alphabet, punctuation, pen names and plurals. Learn how to trick your friends by speaking in Pig Latin or rhyming slang. This entertaining, quirky and enlightening look at the English language is full of games, puzzles, facts and riddles.

20. Simpson and His Donkey (Mark Greenwood and Frane Lessac)

\$27.95 \$22.35

A poignant account of the story of John Kilpatrick Simpson and how he and his donkey, Duffy, rescued over 300 men during the campaign at Gallipoli. Backed by detailed research, the text includes a brief biography of the man, details of his work at Gallipoli and also the little known story of how, without realising, he rescued his childhood friend.

21. Alive in the Death Zone: Mount Everest Survival (Lincoln Hall)

\$29.95 \$23.95

Lincoln Hall's story of climbing the world's highest mountain, being left for dead near the summit and his subsequent return to life and safety, is an incredible and exciting adventure that will inspire anyone who reads it. It's a story of survival against all odds using sheer willpower, courage and determination.

22. Chicken: The Story of Chicken in Australia

(Catriona Nicholls, Janet Paterson and Ron Waller)

\$26.95 \$21.55

This book covers the production of chicken meat in Australia, the management of chickens for meat production, chicken meat processing and consumption, the nutritional value of chicken and the effects of chicken production on the environment.

23. Tuart Dwellers (Jan Ramage and Ellen Hickman)

\$26.95 \$21.55

From the break of dawn to nightfall, the tuart is not as it appears. Leaves and bark, trunk and branches - all are places of pretence, traps and trickery. Find out what surprise a "moon crater" might hide and why a bullseye borer drills holes; how a crab spider goes shopping and a jewel beetle becomes a seedpod; why a dragon wears a beard and how a gecko talks. And meet the "mad hatterpillar", who does a very clever hat trick.

24. Every Picture Tells a Story: Adventures in Australian Art

(John Ross and Anna Booth)

\$29.95 \$23.95

A project of the National Gallery of Australia, this book features paintings from the gallery that capture Australian history. Art works are discussed under 26 themes. Paintings, prints, drawings and photographs represent Australian icons, events and movements. Ned Kelly, the gold rush, the land, bushfires, war, strikes, sport and suburban life are featured. Facts, activities and links to websites are highlighted on the pages.

BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS (25-30)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Note: Most of these books are for mature readers)



(RRP) (SCHOOL)

25. Monster Blood Tattoo Book Two: Lamplighter (David Cornish)

\$29.99 \$23.99

The Half-Continent is becoming even more unsafe - monster attacks are on the rise, and every far-flung village or town is calling for help to fight them. Into this dangerous landscape the lamplighters must venture daily, keeping the roads safely lit for travellers. As Rossamnd begins to make new friends in this sinister world, he also seems to make more enemies. He finds himself pushed towards a terrible destiny, a fate beyond anything he could ever have imagined.

26. Into White Silence (Anthony Eaton)

\$23.95 \$19.16

During the winter of 1922, the Exploration Vessel RAVEN became trapped in the Antarctic icepack, entombing twenty-eight men aboard it through the dark polar night. Into White Silence tells their story - a story of a lost past, of a tragic future, of ice, ambition and madness. It captures the terrible, fascinating beauty of Antarctica, both as it was then and as it is today, and is a journey into the mind of every person who has ever set foot upon those ice-bound shores.

27. Rose for the Anzac Boys, A (Jackie French)

\$15.99 \$12.79

The 'War to end all Wars', as seen through the eyes of three young women. It is 1915. War is being fought on a horrific scale in the trenches of France, but it might as well be a world away from sixteen-year-old New Zealander Midge Macpherson, at school in England learning to be a young lady. Desperate to do their bit - and avoid the boredom of school and the restrictions of Society - Midge and her friends Ethel and Anne start a canteen in France, caring for the endless flow of wounded soldiers returning from the front.

28. Finnikin of the Rock (Melina Marchetta)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Finnikin of the Rock and his guardian, Sir Topher, have not been home to their beloved Lumatere for ten years. Not since the dark days when the royal family was murdered and the kingdom put under a terrible curse. But then Finnikin is summoned to meet Evanjaline, a young woman with an incredible claim: the heir to the throne of Lumatere, Prince Balthazar, is alive.

29. Kill the Possum (James Moloney)

\$19.95 \$15.95

Dylan Kane has liked Kirsty for a long time, but he has only just found out the secret about her stepfather Ian that she and her brother Tim are keeping from everyone else in school. As Dylan is drawn into the maelstrom of emotion, he becomes determined to help get rid of Ian for good - no matter what it takes. For ages 14+.

30. Tales From Outer Suburbia (Shaun Tan)

\$35.00 \$28.00

Do you remember the water buffalo at the end of our street, or the deep-sea diver we found near the underpass? Do you know why dogs bark in the middle of the night? A new picture book from the international award-winning illustrator Shaun Tan, "Tales from Outer Suburbia" is a unique and inspiring collection of original stories and illustrations. Shaun Tan, creator of "The Arrival", "The Lost Thing" and "The Red Tree", reveals the quiet mysteries of everyday life: homemade pets, dangerous weddings, and secret rooms filled with darkness and delight!

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BOOK WEEK THEME 2009: Book Safari (31-50)

Please see the following reviews and titles/series listed for our ideas on the Book Week Theme 2009 'Book Safari'.

Safari: Dictionary definition – a journey or expedition, for hunting, exploration or investigation.

The International Year of Astronomy and the International Year of the Gorilla blend perfectly with the definition of 'Safari' and we've included a page of suggested titles with an African theme.

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31. Billy and Bella (Jane Bowring and Leonie Worthington)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Big sister elephant Bella teases little brother Billy because he can't squirt water through his trunk. But when Bella's mischief lands them both in trouble, Billy not only comes to her rescue, but gives Bella her comeuppance as well. Both siblings are surprised to discover that the most challenging achievements sometimes happen by accident.

32. Dig 3FT NW: The Legendary Journey of Burke and Wills (Sarah Murgatroyd)

\$22.95 \$20.66

In 1860, an eccentric Irish police officer named Robert O'Hara Burke led a cavalcade of camels, wagons and men out of Melbourne. Accompanied by William Wills, a shy English scientist, he was prepared to risk everything to become the first European to cross the Australian continent. A few months later, an ancient coolibah tree at Cooper Creek bore a strange carving: 'Dig 3ft NW'. Burke, Wills and five other men were dead. The expedition had become an astonishing tragedy.

33. Elmer and the Hippos (David McKee)

\$16.95 \$15.26

The elephants are not happy, the hippos have come to live in their river, because their own has dried up. "Strange," thinks Elmer, so he goes to investigate. He discovers the dry river could be solved, but only if the hippos and the elephants drop their prejudices and work in unison.

34. Explorers: Filling in the Map of Australia (Christopher Miles)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Exploring Australia wasn't easy. First, someone had to find it. Then someone had to work out how much of it there was. Then someone had to find out what was in it. From ocean voyages to desert crossings, discover how European explorers put their lives on the line to fill in the map of Australia.

35. Eyewitness Guide – Explorer (Dorling Kindersley)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Be an eyewitness to the daring and danger-filled adventures of explorers who risked all to set out across oceans, ice, and even into space. Discover what a sailor's life was like. See an early diving helmet. Find out what happened when Stanley met Dr Livingstone.

36. Eyewitness Guide Book and CD – Jungle (Theresa Greenaway)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Learn all about the jungle using the new edition of this fact-packed guide with a giant wallchart, interactive clip-art CD and dedicated website. From how a gecko can get airborne, to the way a cobra uses poisonous venom to kill its prey.

37. Famous Journeys (Anna Nilsen)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Discover the epic journeys of the world's greatest explorers in this superbly illustrated puzzle and maze book. History comes alive in Famous Journeys; dare to dive deep into the trenches of the ocean with Jacques Cousteau; join Neil Armstrong for his historic walk on the moon; and cross the alps with Hannibal and his elephants.

38. Hidden Forest, The (Jeanne Baker)

\$15.95 \$14.36

The Tasmanian kelp forest is recreated in miniature, with natural materials of rock, sand, wood, feathers and seaweed itself combined with clay paint and resin. As Ben explores underwater with mask and snorkel he discovers a world of mysterious beauty which he previously feared. A book that may be appreciated by the youngest readers for the simple, gentle adventure story, and by older readers for the exploration of a delicate, little known ecosystem.

39. Journey to The River Sea (Eva Ibbotson)

\$14.95 \$13.46

It is 1910 - Maia, orphaned at 13, travels from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. Unhappy with her exceptionally bizarre new family, Maia befriends Finn, a mysterious English boy who lives with the local Indians and shares her passion for the jungle. Then Finn's past life catches up with him and they are forced to flee far upriver in a canoe, pursued by an assortment of brilliantly eccentric characters that only Eva Ibbotson could invent.

40. Jungle Book, The (Rudyard Kipling and Robert Ingpen)

\$39.95 \$35.96

Rescued as an infant from Shere Khan, the tiger with the blazing eyes, Mowgli is brought up by the Laws of the Jungle. He learns how to hunt and how to speak the languages of the Jungle creatures. But Mowgli is a man, and as he grows up he learns that he must take his place among his own kind. Kipling's animal favourites are brought to life in stunning illustrations by the award-winning illustrator, Robert Ingpen.

41. Jungle Drums (Graeme Base)

\$19.95 \$16.95

Little Ngiri is the smallest Warthog in Africa. Tired of being teased by his bigger brothers and sisters, he wishes things could be different. When Old Nyumbu the Wilderbeest gives Ngiri a set of magic drums, he is sure his wish is about to come true. But all the animals of the jungle are in for a BIG surprise as Ngiri's wish is granted in a most unexpected way. Jungle Drums is a gloriously illustrated storybook, with a fun puzzle element, set in the African jungle.

42. Lonely Giraffe, The (Peter Blight and Michael Terry)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Poor giraffe is feeling left out. His long neck means that he's just too far away from the action. The other animals on the jungle floor can barely hear his distant voice, and when they are up in the trees the giraffe startles them with his big head so high off the ground. But when the river bursts its banks and only the monkeys and the birds can climb or fly to safety, it's time to forget old prejudices and work together.

43. Nice Walk in the Jungle (Nan Bodsworth)

\$14.95 \$13.46

As Miss Jellaby takes her class on a nice nature walk through a most extraordinary jungle, she does not realise that they are being followed by a very hungry boa constrictor.

44. Picture History of Great Explorers (Gillian Clements)

\$19.95 \$17.96

This is a fun, informative, chronological guide to the history of world explorers. The book begins with the ancient explorers, such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar, through to Magellan and Drake, and comes right up to the present day with Ranulph Fiennes. Each page puts an explorer in the context of his or her own time, with details of other important contemporary events and figures.

45. Rumble In The Jungle (Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz)

\$16.99 \$15.30

A collection of animal poems featuring a variety of jungle-dwelling animals and birds. Illustrated in full colour by David Wojtowycz.

46. Tiger's Story (Harriet Blackford and Manya Stojic)

\$13.99 \$12.60

Tiger is a small, strong striped cub. He lives in the forest in India. He walks quietly on his big soft paws and twitches his long striped tale. A perfect introduction to an endangered species through one tiger's growing-up experiences.

47. Twenty-Seventh Annual Hippopotamus Race, The (Morris Lurie)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Eighty-four champion hippopotamuses hit the Zamboula River. The crash was like thunder! It was the start of the Twenty-Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race. This is an eyewitness account of that great swimming marathon and a thrilling story of just what it takes to be a champion.

48. We All Went On Safari (Laurie Krebs and Julia Cairns)

\$12.99 \$11.70

The beautiful illustrations and rhyming text make this much more than just a counting book. The reader takes a journey through the countryside of Tanzania discovering all kinds of African animals and learning to count in Swahili. Additional information and pronunciations make this a fascinating way to learn about Tanzania.



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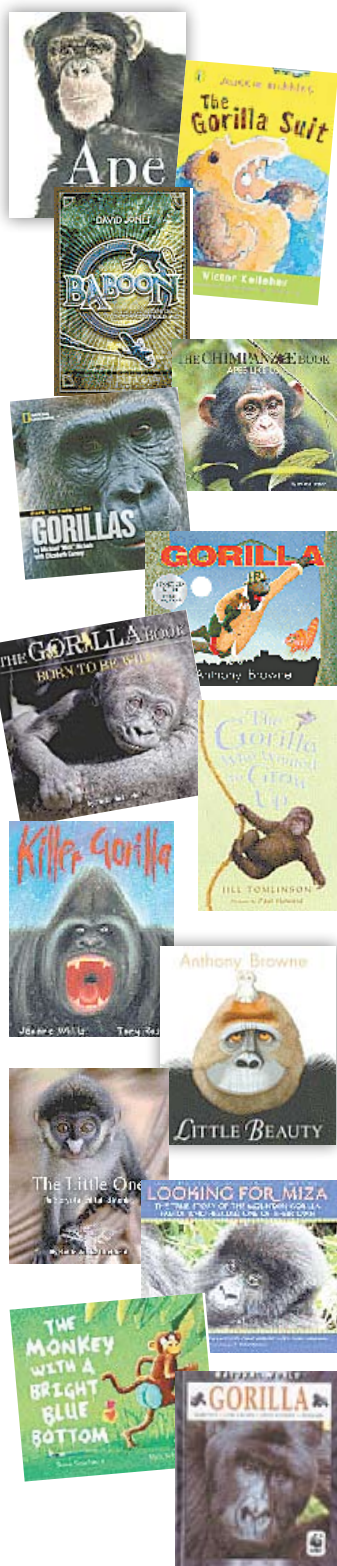


49. We're Going On a Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury) \$15.95 \$14.36
It's never easy going on a bear hunt, as the five prospective hunters in this story (including one baby, but not counting the dog) soon find out. It's a beautiful day, and they keep saying they're not scared, as they cross a field of long grass, wade through a deep cold river, drag themselves through mud, find their way through a forest, pass through a swirling snowstorm, and tiptoe into a narrow cave.

50. Where is Here? 350 Years of Exploring Australia (Tim Flannery) \$22.95 \$20.66
Tom loved the gorilla suit he was given for his birthday. He even wore it the day he visited the zoo. When they reached the zoo, Tom went looking for gorillas. He was so excited that he started jumping up and down, and fell into the gorilla pen. The keeper rescued him at once. But was it really Tom?

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE GORILLA (51-70)

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51. Ape (Martin Jenkins) \$16.95 \$15.26
Orang-utan, Chim, Bonobo, Gorilla – the great apes are some of the biggest and most extraordinary animals on our planet. Meet all four in this stunningly illustrated, large-format picture book, and find out how the fifth great ape – the human – impacts on the lives of these increasingly rare species.

52. Aussie Nibble – Gorilla Suit (Victor Kelleher and Stephen Michael King) \$12.95 \$11.66
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53. Baboon (David Jones) \$15.99 \$14.40
Fourteen year-old Gerry and his parents are returning to the African savannah after six months in London when their plane crash lands in the jungle, killing the pilot. When Gerry wakes, he has a terrifying shock. He is now a baboon. Using his human intellect and powers of reason, he ensures his survival and growing acceptance by a baboon troop. Just when things are getting comfortable, a shock attack by a leopard triggers Gerry's re-entry into his own body. In hospital, Doctor's tell him he has awoken from a coma - but does Gerry have the scars to prove otherwise?

54. Chimpanzee Book: Apes Like Us (Carla Litchfield) \$16.99 \$15.30
Chimpanzees are our closest living animal relatives. They can use language; they make and use tools, and have traditions, which they pass from one generation to the next. Children and adults will be fascinated by these extraordinary creatures, who are 'like us' and 'like them' in so many ways.

55. Face to Face With Gorillas (Michael Nichols) \$24.99 \$22.50
Deep in the jungle-you're suddenly face to face with the great gorilla. It's clear that even here, you are sharing a moment with one of man's closest relatives. He's staring at you with those eyes that look so...human. Experiences like this have made National Geographic photographer Nick Nichols a fierce advocate for conservation of shrinking wildlife habitats.

56. Gorilla Book and CD (Anthony Browne) \$15.95 \$14.36
Hannah loves gorillas and wants more than anything to go to the zoo to see one, but her father is always too busy to take her. When Hannah gets a toy gorilla for her birthday she is disappointed. But in the night, something extraordinary happens – the toy becomes a real gorilla who takes her on a magical trip to the zoo!

57. Gorilla Book: Born To Be Wild, The (Carla Litchfield) \$16.99 \$15.30
Gorillas are the most emotionally fragile of the great apes. They have strong family bonds, grieve for their dead, and rarely survive if separated from their families. This book is the latest addition to the award-winning 'Wild Planet' series and features maps, sidebars, diagrams and fact-boxes.

58. Gorilla Who Wanted To Grow Up, The (Jill Tomlinson) \$14.95 \$13.46
Pongo is a young and mischievous gorilla living in the mountains of Africa. He wants to grow up to be brave and clever like his dad, and perhaps even become leader of the pack one day. But it is not until his little sister, Whoopsie, is born that Pongo discovers that growing up isn't just about having a big chest to thump! Can he prove that he isn't as young and irresponsible as everyone thinks?

59. Killer Gorilla (Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross) \$17.95 \$16.16
A little mouse loses her baby, but just as she starts looking for it, out of the rainforest looms a huge gorilla, so she starts running for her life. And so begins a chase that takes her all over the world: to China, Australia, North America, and even the Arctic! But when the gorilla finally catches up with her at the North Pole, it turns out that all he has been trying to do is return her baby to her!

60. Little Beauty (Anthony Browne) \$16.95 \$15.26
The heart-warming tale of a gorilla and his tiny friend, from the master picture book-maker. A very special gorilla is taught a very special skill: sign language. He appears to have everything he needs, but one day he signs that he is sad and needs a friend. His keepers bring him a tiny cat called Beauty and the two of them become inseparable. But when the gorilla gets angry and causes damage to the TV, will his keepers think him unfit to be friends with such a small, defenceless animal? Not if Beauty can think fast and prove what a special friendship they share.

61. Little One: The Story of a Red-Tailed Monkey (Kaitie Afrika Litchfield) \$16.99 \$15.30
Kaitie was four years old when she traveled with her mother to Uganda where her mum was going to study chimpanzees. One day, a two-week-old orphaned red-tailed monkey was bought to their sanctuary. As the adults were all busy, Kaitie was placed in charge of caring for the tiny monkey. This is the true story of their friendship.

62. Looking For Miza (Craig Hatkoff and Peter Greste) \$25.99 \$23.40
In a magical place called the Congo, in the beautiful forests and jungles of Virunga National Park, lives a young female mountain gorilla named Miza. She was just like any other baby gorilla, riding on her mother's back, playing, taking naps. Then, one day, when Miza and her mother were out searching for food, Miza's mother disappeared, leaving her baby alone and frightened. Miza's father, a fierce silverback named Kabirizi and the leader of Virunga's largest family of mountain gorillas, sets out to find Miza.

63. Monkey with the Bright Blue Bottom (Steve Smallman and Nich Schon) \$13.99 \$12.60
A long time ago, when the world was quite new, a monkey sat watching the birds as they flew. Like feathery rainbows they flashed through the sky. If they can be pretty, he thought, why can't I? When the mischievous monkey discovers a paint box he has a brilliant idea, but things don't go quite as Monkey has planned.

64. Natural World – Gorilla (Stephen Brend) \$24.99 \$22.50
Follow a baby mountain gorilla as it takes its first steps on its journey through life in Africa's Volcanoes National Park. Join the young gorilla as it learns to find its favourite foods and to build its own night-nest to sleep in. Meet some of the other animals that share the gorilla's mountain habitat, and find out about the threats facing gorillas and what can be done to protect these gentle giants.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE GORILLA (51-70)

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65-70. Willy Series (Anthony Browne)

How could any topic on Gorillas be complete without Willy, a chimpanzee living in a world of gorillas! Willy is kind and gentle, and bullied by the suburban gorilla gang who call him "Willy the Wimp". Desperate to do something about his situation, Willy answers a bodybuilding advert and grows big and strong, determined no one will ever call him "wimp" again.

65. Willy and Hugh	\$17.95 \$16.16	68. Willy the Wimp	\$15.95 \$14.36
66. Willy the Champ	\$15.95 \$14.36	69. Willy the Wizard	\$17.95 \$16.16
67. Willy the Dreamer	\$16.95 \$15.26	70. Willy's Pictures	\$16.95 \$15.26

AFRICA (71-120)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

71. A is for Africa (Ifeoma Onyefulu)

\$15.95 \$14.36

From Beads to Drums to Masquerades, from Grandmother to Yams, this photographic alphabet captures the rhythms of day-to-day village life in Africa. Ifeoma Onyefulu's lens reveals not only traditional crafts and customs, but also the African sense of occasion and fun, in images that will delight children the world over.

72-75. Akimbo (Alexander McCall Smith)

\$12.95 \$11.66ea

Alexander McCall Smith takes young readers on a safari to his beloved Africa in these perfect first chapter books.

72. Akimbo and the Crocodile Man

74. Akimbo and the Lions

73. Akimbo and the Elephants

75. Akimbo and the Snakes

76. Africa (Amanda Graham)

\$12.95 \$11.66

There are 53 countries in Africa. If you visited one country each week, it would take over a year to see them all. Africa is a continent filled with contrasts. What if you lived in Egypt's large and modern capital city, Cairo? What would life be like as a Maasai nomad in Tanzania? Imagine life in a small village in Nigeria or on a small family farm in Ethiopia. Experience the diversity, rich history and dynamic cultural life of Africa today.

77. Chasing the Sun: Stories From Africa (Veronique Tadjo)

\$16.95 \$15.26

A wonderful collection of short stories, both traditional and modern, by 12 authors from all across Africa. Old fables that have been passed down through the decades sit alongside contemporary tales, giving a stirring insight into the continent and its storytelling tradition. The book includes maps and is boldly illustrated by Veronique herself, giving it an authentic ethnic feel.

78. Chidi Only Likes Blue Big Book (Ifeoma Onyefulu)

\$39.95 \$35.96

Chidi has a favorite colour, blue. He says it is the best colour in the world. His older sister, Nneka, decides to teach him about other colours seen in their village.

79. Dear Olly (Michael Morpurgo)

\$13.95 \$12.56

Olly's brother Matt wants to go and work with children who have been made orphans through war in Africa. He wants to be a clown and make them laugh. His mother and sister want him to stay in England and go to university. Hero a swallow has a journey to make too. He must fly to Africa for the winter to join all the other swallows. His journey is difficult and fraught with danger. Three separate stories are woven into one powerful and moving novel whose central theme not only exposes the horrors of war and of landmines but also the endurance of the human spirit.

80. Emeka's Gift Big Book (Ifeoma Onyefulu)

\$39.95 \$35.96

Emeka sets off to visit his grandmother in the next village. He would like to buy her a special present and on the way he looks at all kinds of things, from six beautiful beaded necklaces to nine pestles and mortars.

81. For You Are a Kenyan Child (Kelly Cunnane)

\$32.95 \$29.66

You wake to the sound of a rooster's crow, instead of an alarm clock. Your afternoon snack is a tasty bug plucked from the sky, instead of an apple. And rather than kicking a soccer ball across a field, you kick a homemade ball of rags down a dusty road. But despite this, things aren't that different for a Kenyan child. With so much going on around you, it's just as easy to forget what your mama asked you to do!

82. Ikenna Goes to Nigeria (Ifeoma Onyefulu)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Ikenna is looking forward to lots of sun when he goes to Nigeria - even though he and his mum are going during the rainy season. In Lagos, he plays with his cousins before driving to Onitsha to see other relatives. Then the rain starts! But there is still lots to do including meeting Great-Uncle Hillary, who drove the royal train across Nigeria in 1956, and going with his mum to the Osun Festival at Osogbo, where he is surrounded by the sights and sounds of age-old ceremonies and traditions.

83-85. Letters From Around the World (Various)

\$34.95 \$29.95ea

These volumes explore the lives of children from countries around the world, by way of their correspondence with a pen-pal. The children introduce their families and describe their everyday activities. In doing so, they allow the reader to understand something of the geography of the title nation, as well as the food, education system, leisure activities and types of employment available to its inhabitants.

83. Egypt

84. Kenya

85. South Africa

86. Lila and the Secret of Rain (David Conway and Jude Daly)

\$27.95 \$25.16

For months the sun has burned down on Lila's Kenyan village. Without rain the well will run dry and the crops will fail. Lila is so worried that when her grandfather whispers to her the secret of rain, she decides to go and talk to the sky herself. Lila saves the village by telling the sky the saddest thing she knows.

87. Sahwira: An African Friendship (Carolyn Marsden)

\$24.95 \$22.46

Set in a volatile Southern Rhodesia in the 1960s. This is a story of an interracial friendship tested. Like his best friend, Blessing - a Shona boy whose father is the church pastor - twelve-year-old Evan, a white American, lives on a Methodist mission in what is now Zimbabwe. As Martin Luther King Jr. marches a world away, local headlines announce the murder of a white farmer by African independence fighters. Evan's school friends immediately side with the whites, and Evan is forced to choose.

88. One Child One Seed: A South African Counting Book (Kathryn Cave)

\$15.95 \$14.36

One child, one seed...Two hands to plant the seed...Three ways to help it grow...Here is a counting book to widen the horizons, packed with information about the life and culture of South Africa, and accompanied by stunning, full-colour images from Oxfam's photographers.

89. Tin Tin in the Congo (Herge)

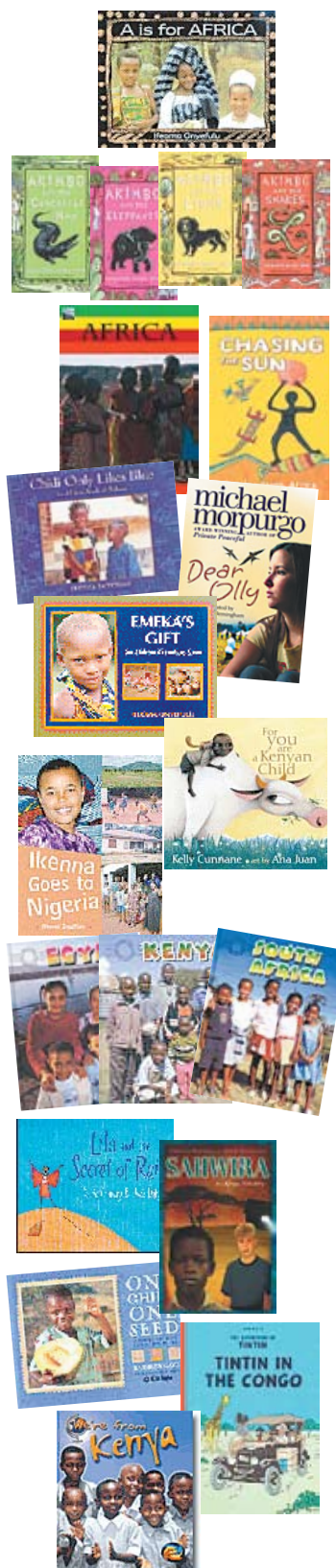
\$29.95 \$26.96

Young reporter Tintin and his faithful dog Snowy set off on assignment to Africa. But a sinister stowaway follows their every move... Tintin and Snowy are off on another adventure in which they encounter witch doctors, hostile tribesmen, crocodiles, boa constrictors and numerous other wild animals before solving the mystery and getting their story.

90. We're From Kenya (Emma Lynch)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Join us on a tour around the world and visit a variety of exciting countries. Using real case studies, this series shows the reader what it is really like to live in these countries. Information on family life, schools, transport, landscapes, food, festivals, weather and climate is included.



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY (91-111)

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91. A is For Astronaut Exploring Space From A – Z (Traci Todd)

\$26.95 \$24.26

An out-of-this-world mix of vintage illustrations and contemporary photos makes this book about space as entertaining to look at as it is to read. With simple information about everything from the planets to animals in space, to the food astronauts eat, "A Is for Astronaut" is sure to excite young readers' natural curiosity and imagination.

92. Amazing Facts About Australia's Southern Skies (Doug Welch)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Planets, moons, comets, constellations, shooting stars, galaxy clusters, there are so many incredible objects in our Universe, but most of us know so little about them, and even fewer can identify them! This book gives a comprehensive look at the celestial objects visible in the Southern Hemisphere. A must-have for every home library with more than 150 photographs and illustrations, accompanied by easy-to-follow text suitable for children, adults and educators.

93. Aussie Nibble – Blast Off! (Margaret Clark)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Adam wants to be an astronaut. He reads books about astronauts, he watches TV shows about astronauts, he talks about astronauts at home, and he talks about astronauts at school. When Adam goes to his aunt's for afternoon tea dressed in his space suit (which looks rather like his brother's parka) he meets Mad Marvin, who has a spacecraft in his back shed. Adam might just get his wish - but is being an astronaut quite what he imagined?

94. Australian Backyard Astronomy (Ragbir Bhathal)

\$24.95 \$22.46

Written by award-winning writer and astrophysicist Dr Ragbir Bhathal and his daughter Jenny Bhathal, this book reveals Australia's Aboriginal and European night-sky heritage to children from their own backyards, recommended for ages 10–14 years

95. Encyclopedia of Space 2nd Edition (Heather Couper)

\$39.95 \$35.96

Blast off into space to discover the galaxies and beyond with the new edition of this out-of-this-world reference. Send your students on an amazing journey into space. They'll see the Hubble telescope orbiting the Earth, discover the birth of our solar system and follow the search for life on Mars.

96. Eyewitness Guide – Space Exploration (Dorling Kindersley)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Be an eyewitness to man's spectacular race to explore space - the amazing rockets that propel astronauts there and out-of-this-world discoveries that they make. See an astronaut repairing an orbiting spacecraft from the outside. Find out about the landing craft used to probe and explore planets. Discover what happens at lift off.

97. Eyewitness Guide and CD - Astronomy (Dorling Kindersley)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Learn all about astronomy using the new edition of this fact-packed guide with a giant wall chart, interactive clip-art CD and dedicated website. From the man whose children helped him to invent the telescope, to the incredible connection between Earth's seas and the moon.

98. Faust in Space (Matt Ottley)

\$28.99 \$25.99

Bad luck could be Faust's middle name. Faust's family decide to go on a holiday and leave poor Faust behind. Then, out of the blue, Faust's friends (the troublesome aliens) come to visit him and take him to their planet. Find out what sort of trouble Faust manages to get himself into in outer space.

99. George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt (Lucy A Hawking)

\$29.95 \$26.96

Following the smash-hit success of GEORGE'S SECRET KEY TO THE UNIVERSE comes a second out-of-this-world adventure! Join George and Annie at Space Camp in America, where they discover a mysterious riddle that will send them on an action-packed rollercoaster trail across the universe, involving Martian sunsets, far-distant star systems and a dangerous enemy...

100. Google e.explore – Space Travel (Dorling Kindersley)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Learn how a rocket blasts off, see inside the Space Shuttle, read about a day in the life of an astronaut, and visit the rocky surface of Mars in a NASA exploration rover. e.explore Space Travel lets you do all this and more, with fantastic double-page spreads that go into each topic in depth. Databoxes, timelines, annotated and step-by-step photography, digital images and artworks all combine to provide a comprehensive, authoritative and visually arresting reference book.

101. Horrible Science – Space, Stars and Slimy Aliens (Nick Arnold and Tony De Saulles)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Follow Oddblob the alien on his grand tour of outer space and discover why space makes our guts explode, which galaxies eat each other and what the moon smells like! With a fantastic new cover look and extra horrible bits at the back of the book, this bestselling title is sure to be a huge hit with a new generation of Horrible Science readers.

102. Jack Stalwart – Deadly Race to Space: Russia (Elizabeth Singer Hunt)

\$12.95 \$11.66

On the eve of the first manned mission to Mars, a madman has kidnapped its chief engineer. Can Secret Agent Jack Stalwart save the day and keep his cool when he finds out who the missing engineer is?

103. Living Sunlight How Plants Bring the Earth to Life (Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm)

\$27.99 \$25.20

Living Sunlight shows children, teachers and parents the remarkable magic of what makes us human. This informative yet dramatic book will mesmerise readers and help further a child's understanding of the energy we share with all living things in nature. We are all dancing sunlight. A perfect addition to any library!

104. Mega Spacecraft (Chez Pitchall and Christiane Gunzi)

\$9.99 \$9.00

With stunning photographs and simple, easy-to-read text, Mega Spacecraft encourages young readers to discover and explore the exciting world of space. Developed in conjunction with educational specialists, this encourages young children, especially boys, to take an interest in reading and enjoying books. Will help build communication, comprehension and cognitive skills and give children confidence for their first encounters in the classroom environment.

105. Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 (Brian Floca)

\$22.99 \$20.70

Simply told, grandly shown, here is the flight of "Apollo 11," here for a new generation of readers and explorers are the steady astronauts, clicking themselves into gloves and helmets, strapping themselves into sideways seats. Here are their great machines in all their detail and monumentality, the ROAR of rockets, and the silence of the Moon. Here is a story of adventure and discovery - a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away.

106. Puzzle Journey into Space (Lesley Sims and Annabel Spenceley)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Journey through space, under the sea and even through time solving fun puzzles along the way! A boring school trip turns into a thrilling adventure for Nat and Joe when a model spaceship takes off with them inside. Follow them into space visiting the first humans ever to land on Mars. Ages 7+

107. Q Pootle 5 (Nick Butterworth)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Q Pootle 5 is on his way to a moon party when his rocket falls to Earth in need of some repairs...Q Pootle 5 thinks he knows what the problem is, in fact he is sure. The problem is that the rocket is broken, it needs a new rocket booster. But where on earth will this little alien find a rocket booster?

108. Q Pootle 5 in Space (Nick Butterworth)

\$17.95 \$16.16

A high-speed space-chase unfolds as Q Pootle 5 and his friend, Oopsy, flee from three hungry bladder monsters. Anxious they might be eaten, Q Pootle 5 and Oopsy fly their spaceships to safety on their huge friend, Planet Dave. Hiding behind Dave's nose, they shake the bladder monsters off their trail.

109. Story of Astronomy and Space, The (Louie Stowell and Peter Allen)

\$19.99 \$18.00

This book explores the solar system and beyond and the science and technology astronomers use to discover its secrets. It covers subjects such as telescopes and technology, the origins of the universe, the solar system, the history of space exploration and black holes. It contains a full glossary of technical terms and internet-links to encourage further learning.

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110. There's No Place Like Space! (Trish Rabe and Aristides Ruiz)

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\$9.99 \$9.00

Join the Cat in the Hat as he introduces beginning readers to important concepts about our solar system. By presenting the facts in a lively and rhythmic manner, they provide the critical foundation upon which complex facts and ideas can eventually be built.

111. Zac Power – Lunar Strike (Hi Larry)

\$9.95 \$8.96

Astronauts are given three years to train for their first trip into outer space – Zac is given three hours to get the hang of zero gravity! An enemy agent is out to sabotage the worldwide webcast of a rock festival, and steal billions of dollars from the bank computer that orbits the Earth. Zac is rocketed into outer space to stop the robbery. Will Zac be able to stop the theft without being blasted to space dust?

CRICHTON AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATORS (112-117)



112. Jessica's Box (Peter Carnavas)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

\$24.95 \$21.95

This is a fabulous first book by a new author. Peter has portrayed with depth the trauma of a child's first day at school and written a witty and warm book about finding new friends. This book will capture the heart of every child and parent.

113. Miss Llewellyn-Jones (Moir Court and Elaine Forrestal)

\$16.95 \$14.95

Miss Llewellyn-Jones has a lot of trouble keeping her washing on the line. She loses jeans, tops, socks, knickers ... but when she hangs out Teddy, things take a surprising turn. A delightfully rhythmic text and gorgeous, quirky illustrations make this a book to read again and again.

114. Mending Lucille (Sarah Davis and J.R Poulter)

\$28.99 \$24.99

Mending Lucille charts the process of grief and healing through the young girl's attachment to a broken doll, Lucille. One day, she and her father meet Chrissie, a kind waitress who mends the doll. Will she also be able to help them overcome their grief?

115. How Weird is That... (MS Dawson and Gyan Evans)

\$39.95 \$34.95

A fantastic tale woven around Australian native animals, 'How Weird is That...' is both a children's book and an art book.

116. **Collecting Colour (Kylie Dunstan)

****Also shortlisted for the CBC Picture Book of the Year (No 14)**

\$28.99 \$23.19

Collecting Colour tells the story of a day spent collecting colour in the Top End of the Northern Territory, narrated by a white Australian girl, Rose. Rose's best friend Olive's mother, Karrang, makes beautiful coloured baskets, mats and bags from leaves from the pandanus palm, a tall, thin tree with very long, spiky leaves. Rose and Olive spend a day out bush helping to gather the pandanus leaves and stringy bark for making into strong bags and baskets.

117. Pilgrim (Jo Oliver)

\$24.95 \$21.95

The story of a father and son sharing precious moments together as they embark on their first fishing trip. Pilgrim is their boat and was built by the Grandfather, an Anzac. A beautiful children's book which depicts a child overcoming fear and embracing his new experience.

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