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CBC NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2017

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CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: YOUNGER READERS (1-39) 39

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Intended for independent younger readers)



1. **Cybertricks (Goldie Alexander) \$16.99 \$15.30**

In the year 20,043, Planet Terra is on the cusp of The Great Disaster – fossil fuels are being wantonly consumed, flora and fauna are vanishing, war is erupting. Four ‘hatchlings’ – human life forms from the year 20,043 who have previously known only isolation within the metal walls of their individual cells – enter this 21st-century world. The hatchlings are a contrary bunch comprising two ‘fems’ (Pya and Zumi) and two ‘mascs’ (Trist and Jafet). They are tasked with learning about cooperation, and their arrival on Terra sees them joined on their quest by two Terran children, twins Rio and Charlie. In the face of societal breakdown, these six 13-year-olds join forces in a bid to survive.

2. **Rockhopping (Trace Balla) \$24.99 \$22.50**

The story of an eventful hike in Gariwerd (the Grampians), from the creator of the multi-award-winning Rivertime. Join Clancy and Uncle Egg on a rambling, rockhopping adventure in Gariwerd (the Grampians), to find the source of the Glenelg River. A story about following your flow, and the unexpected places you may go.

3. **Blueberry Pancakes Forever (Angelica Bancks) \$15.99 \$14.40**

Dealing with a terrible loss at home and faced with unknown danger in the world of story, Tuesday McGillycuddy has to muster all her resources to survive her most challenging adventure yet.

4. **Magrit (Lee Battersby and Amy Daoud) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery. She is as forgotten as the tiny graveyard that surrounds her. One night a passing stork drops a strange bundle into the graveyard. Master Puppet, her friend and advisor, tells her it is an awful, ugly, terrible thing and that she should get rid of it. But Magrit has other ideas. **Hardback**

5. **Within These Walls (Robyn Bavati) \$16.99 \$15.30**

Whatever is coming, we'll face it together, as a family. As long as we're together, we'll be okay. For Miri and her family, life in Warsaw is full of simple joys. But the Nazi's have a hold on Europe, and have stepped up their discrimination and attacks on Jews. How can Miri's family stay together, when the invading Nazis come to destroy them? Miri's world closes in on her, as she and her family are forced into the ghetto, where they must try to survive, against impossible odds.

6. **Yong: The Journey of an Unwanted Son (Janeen Brian) \$16.99 \$15.30**

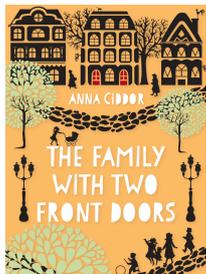
Yong doesn't want to leave Guangdong to travel to the goldfields of Ballarat. But as the firstborn son, he has no choice. On the long and treacherous journey, Yong strives to be an honourable son, while he and his father face many hardships and dangers. But in his heart he knows the shameful truth - that his honour is a lie. Can a journey change lives? Has Yong the courage to face what lies ahead?

7. **Freedom Swimmer (Wai Chim) \$16.99 \$15.30**

Ming survived the famine that killed his parents during China's 'Great Leap Forward', and lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields...When a group of city boys comes to the village as part of a Communist Party re-education program, Ming and his friends aren't sure what to make of the new arrivals. They're not used to hard labour and village life. But despite his reservations, Ming befriends a charming city boy called Li. The two couldn't be more different, but slowly they form a bond over

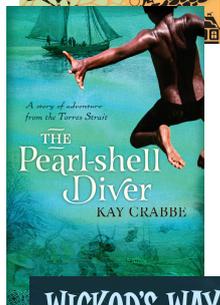


evening swims and shared dreams...But as the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll on both boys, they begin to imagine the impossible: freedom.



8. Family With Two Front Doors, The (Anna Ciddor) \$14.99 \$13.50

Meet the Rabinovitches: mischievous Yakov, bubbly Nomi, rebellious Miriam, solemn Shlomo, and seven more! Papa is a rabbi and their days are full of intriguing rituals and adventures. But the biggest adventure of all is when big sister Adina is told she is to be married at the age of fifteen - to someone she has never met...Based on the author's real family, the Rabinovitches dance, laugh and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland...In the classic tradition, this highly readable story is fascinating, engaging and as warm as freshly baked bread.



9. Pearl-Shell Diver: A Story Of Adventure (Kay Crabbe) \$16.99 \$15.30

Sario lives with his family on a remote Torres Strait island, which he never wants to leave - but the winds of change are stirring. The year is 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. When his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearling lugger, thirteen-year-old Sario must go to work as a swimming diver to support the family. He can earn more as a pump diver, and is excited by the idea of walking on the sea floor, but the competition is fierce, and the only captain who will take him on runs the worst outfit in the fleet. With the constant danger of shark attack and the storm of the century approaching, can Sario provide for his family and realise his dream?

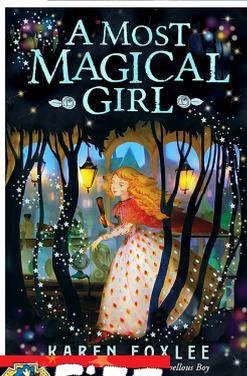


10. Wicked's Way (Anna Fienberg) \$16.95 \$15.26

Will could walk a tightrope and juggle bananas as he went. 'One day you'll be the star of a circus,' his mother told him. 'But until then, you must be a secret.' For each year pirates came to the islands to steal young boys for their crew. And if that happened to you, well, you may as well kiss your life goodbye. So what's a young lad to do when his mother disappears and pirates arrive at his door? Will takes courage from a crazy truth-telling parrot, and his mother's advice: 'Keep putting one foot in front of the other and your eyes on the prize.' But will this be enough to survive the perils at sea? And will that infuriatingly polite boy called Horrendo finally tip the balance?

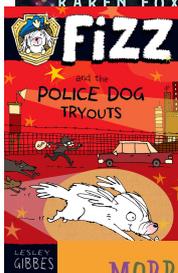
11. Most Magical Girl, A (Karen Foxlee) \$19.99 \$18.00

Annabel Grey has been brought up to be a very proper Victorian young lady. But being 'proper' isn't always easy - especially when you can sometimes see marvellous (as well as terrifying) things in puddles. But parlour tricks such as these are nothing compared to the world that Annabel is about to enter...After the rather sudden departure of her mother, Annabel is sent to live with her aunts. They claim to be Shoreditch witches, and from a very old family line of them too. They're keen to introduce Annabel to their world of transformation, potions and flying broomsticks (which seem to have strong personalities of their own) but are horrified when Annabel announces not only does she not know any magic, young ladies shouldn't believe in such things. But before Annabel has time to decide whether she does or not, she is swept into an urgent quest. The trees of Highgate have been whispering to Kitty - an extraordinary urchin of a girl, who Annabel's aunts seem very fond of - and so have the fairies. They talk of a terrible, dark magic that wants to devour all of London. And of a most magical girl who might be able to stop it...**Hardback**



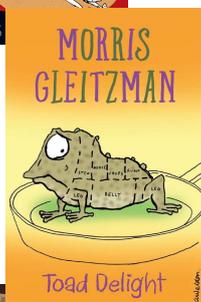
12. Fizz and the Police Dog Tryouts (Lesley Gibbes) \$12.99 \$11.70

Meet Fizz - the daring dog detective! Fizz wants to be a police dog. He's brave, clever and super-fast, but Fizz doesn't look like a police dog. His family are show dogs and companion dogs, not working dogs. Fizz longs for adventure, and he's determined to try out at the Sunnyvale City Police Station. There, he is the smallest, fluffiest dog in the line-up, and he meets fierce Amadeus, who definitely wants to be top dog.



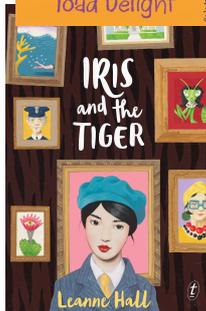
13. Toad Delight (Morris Gleitzman) \$16.99 \$15.30

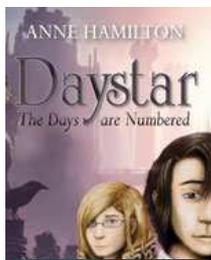
Limpy, our favourite slightly-squashed cane toad, star of Toad Rage, Toad Heaven, Toad Away and Toad Surprise, is back in another epic wart-tingling adventure for upper primary school readers. Even more desperate to save his family from ending up on his stack of squashed relatives, Limpy takes his quest to the airwaves. When a TV cooking show kidnaps Goliath to be their main ingredient, Limpy sets out to rescue him and ends up on camera himself. Can Limpy use his 15 minutes of fame to get humans to lay off the cane-toad squashing? Or will that be a recipe for disaster? A stirring saga of bravery, sacrifice and prime-time warts-and-all adventure. Tasty.



14. Iris and the Tiger (Leanne Hall) \$16.99 \$15.30

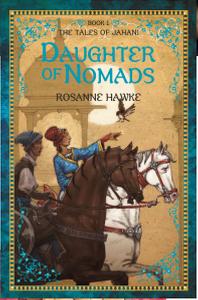
Twelve-year-old Iris has been sent to Spain on a mission: to make sure her elderly and unusual aunt, Ursula, leaves her fortune - and her sprawling estate - to Iris's scheming parents. But from the moment Iris arrives at Bosque de Nubes, she realises something isn't quite right. There is an odd feeling around the house, where time moves slowly and Iris's eyes play tricks on her. While outside, in the wild and untamed forest, a mysterious animal moves through the shadows. Just what is Aunt Ursula hiding? But when Iris discovers a painting named Iris and the Tiger, she sets out to uncover the animal's real identity - putting her life in terrible danger.





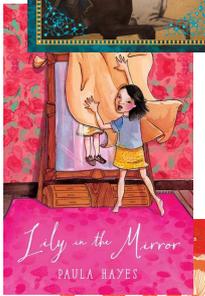
15. Daystar: The Days Are Numbered (Anne Hamilton) \$17.99 \$16.20

For centuries, the knights, dwarves, giants and sages of Auberon-Zamberg have been intent on a single quest. They're all searching for 'The King Who Guards the Gate'. Prophecy speaks of him as one of seven protectors who will defeat the armies of night and overcome the Dark Sleeper. The last thing anyone is expecting is that these seven protectors are ordinary children.



16. Tales from Jahani #1: Daughter of Nomads (Rosanne Hawke) \$16.95 \$15.26

First moon of summer, 1662: On the edge of the Mughal Empire, fourteen-year-old Jahani lives with her mother in the village of Sherwan. Surrounded by the majestic snow-topped mountains, her life is happy but simple; Jahani enjoys spending time with her best friend Sameela who is about to be married. So why is Jahani plagued by dreams of fire and a child who has lost her mother? And why does she feel like she doesn't belong? After Jahani and Sameela are attacked in the bazaar, Jahani discovers all is not as it seems. Before long, Jahani is fleeing on a warhorse with the mysterious protector Azhar. Surrounded by deceit and danger, Jahani does not know who to trust as Azhar leads her higher north over treacherous terrain towards the fabled Qurraqoram Mountains. But when they reach their destination, will Jahani find out the truth and be in control of her own destiny?



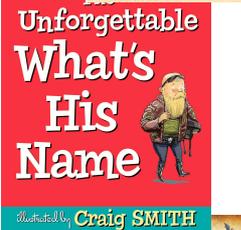
17. Lily in the Mirror (Paula Hayes) \$14.99 \$13.50

"With a new friend who needs her help, and an older brother who needs to get a life, Lily will require all eleven fingers at her disposal, plus a hefty slice of Grandad's chocolate ganache cake, to fix a long-forgotten mystery that's very close to home"



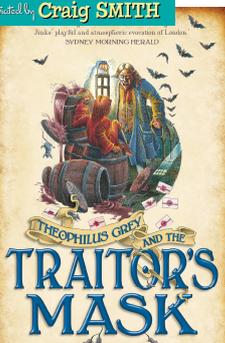
18. Fail Safe, The (Jack Heath) \$16.99 \$15.30

Everyone seems to know who Fero is - except Fero. Is he a ruthless boy soldier from Besmar, or an innocent teen recruit from Kamau?..He's running out of time to decide. If he doesn't help a renegade spy steal a politician's briefcase, his two countries could end up in a full blown nuclear war - the kind that no one wins... Age 12+



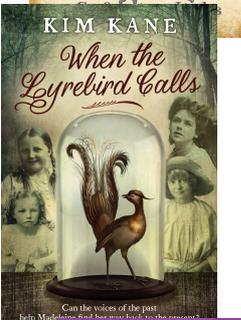
19. Unforgettable What's His Name, The (Paul Jennings) \$14.99 \$13.50

Now you see him, now you don't - an action-packed adventure about a boy who just wants to blend in, from a bestselling author/illustrator team. Even before all this happened I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen. If I climbed a tree or hid among the bins, no one could find me. 'Where's What's His Name?' they'd say. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But on the second day I changed. I mean, really changed.



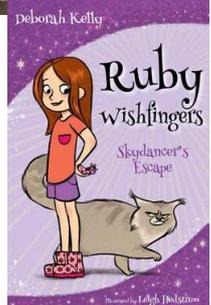
20. Theophilus Grey #2: Theophilus Grey And The Traitor's Mask (Catherin Jinks) \$19.99 \$18.00

The companion novel to Theophilus Grey and the Demon Thief is a fast-paced adventure as Philo graduates from petty fraud and street crime to high-level political espionage. In eighteenth-century London, twelve-year-old linkboy Philo Grey has spent most of his childhood out on the streets, collecting information to sell. One of his best customers, Mr Bishop, pays him good money for intelligence about the Jacobites, who are plotting to overthrow King George. But spying on the Jacobites is a dangerous business - especially when Philo becomes the target of a rival gang of linkboys. And then there's Philo's old master, Garnet Hooke, who's never forgiven Philo for leaving him. Garnet feels so betrayed, he'll stop at nothing. Luckily, Philo has friends as well as enemies. He can trust his crew of linkboys, his team of informants, and his staunch friend Nathaniel Paxton, a surgeon with a background in espionage. Even his new friend, actress and master of disguise, Caroline Cowley, is a valuable ally. But with his enemies closing in, Philo has to ask himself: where should his loyalties really lie? And how far should they take him?



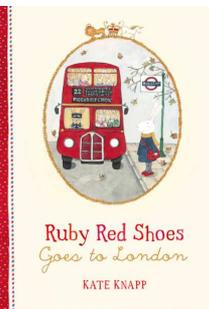
21. When the Lyrebird Calls (Kim Kane) \$19.99 \$18.00

When Madeleine is shipped off to stay with her eccentric grandmother for the holidays, she expects the usual: politics, early-morning yoga, extreme health food, and lots of hard work. Instead, Madeleine tumbles back in time to 1900, where the wealthy Williamson family takes her into their home, Lyrebird Muse...At a time when young girls have no power and no voice, set against a backdrop of the struggles for emancipation, federation and Aboriginal rights, Madeleine must find a way to fit in with the Williamson family's four sisters - beautiful, cold Bea; clever, awkward Gert; adventurous, rebellious Charlie; and darling baby Imo - as she searches desperately for a way home...Meanwhile, the Williamson girls' enchanting German cousin, Elfriede, arrives on the scene on a heavenly wave of smoke and cinnamon, and threatens to shatter everything.....



22. Ruby Wishfingers: Skydancer's Escape (Deborah Kelly and Leigh Hedstrom) \$9.99 \$9.00

Ruby Wishfingers is an ordinary girl with an extraordinary name. Only nobody else seems to think so. That is until Ruby Wishfingers wakes up with a strange feeling in the tips of her fingers. She soon finds out that there is far more to being a Wishfingers than having a funny name. Ruby can wish for whatever she wants with her wish fingers. However, she soon realises that they create more trouble than good. Ruby Wishfingers will take you on a magical adventure, featuring talking cats, jelly bean rain and pocket-sized unicorns.



23. Ruby Red Shoes Goes To London (Kate Knapp) \$19.99 \$18.00

The third book in the best-selling RUBY RED SHOES series Ruby and her grandmother love to travel and now they are in London, the home of red buses, red telephone boxes and red letter boxes. No wonder Ruby's red shoes feel especially at home in this wonderful city!

24. Elizabeth and Zenobia (Jessica Miller) \$16.99 \$15.30

"Timid Elizabeth and her unusual and fearless friend Zenobia arrive at Withering House, the old manor where Elizabeth's father and he beloved sister Tourmaline lived as children. Zenobia loves it: she's convinced it's haunted and is eager to make contact with a spirit presence. Elizabeth is relieved when her efforts seem to come to nothing. But strange things begin to happen at Withering House, especially in the East Wing, where Elizabeth and Zenobia have been forbidden to explore. Why do the flowers and vines on the wallpaper in the nursery seem to be alive? Could it have something to do with the strange book that tells a different story after midnight? And what really happened to Tourmaline all those years ago? Elizabeth and Zenobia is a wonderfully mysterious middle-grade adventure story about friendship and courage and the power of imagination."

25. Lost Sapphire, The (Belinda Murrell) \$17.99 \$16.20

Marli is staying with her dad in Melbourne, and missing her friends. Then she discovers a mystery – a crumbling, abandoned mansion is to be returned to her family after ninety years. Marli sneaks into the locked garden to explore, and meets Luca, a boy who has his own connection to Riversleigh. A peacock hatbox, a box camera and a key on a velvet ribbon provide clues to what happened long ago . . . In 1922, Violet is fifteen. Her life is one of privilege, with boating parties, picnics and extravagant balls. An army of servants looks after the family – including new chauffeur Nikolai Petrovich, a young Russian émigré. Over one summer, Violet must decide what is important to her. Who will her sister choose to marry? What will Violet learn about Melbourne's slums as she defies her father's orders to help a friend? And what breathtaking secret is Nikolai hiding? Violet is determined to control her future. But what will be the price of her rebellion?

26. Twins of Tintarfell (James O'Loughlin) \$16.99 \$15.30

Life's hard when you're an orphan stuck working in a castle all day. But it doesn't get any easier for twins Dani and Bart when they end up separated beyond the castle walls. They will meet untold dangers and an assortment of bizarre characters - a retired witch, a cowardly prince, an evil magician, a sarcastic giant and a warhog called Flango (and that's just for starters!) - while trying to save not just each other but Tintarfell itself. But who can they really trust?

27. Dragonfly Song (Wendy Orr) \$16.99 \$15.30

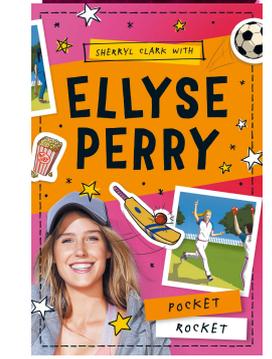
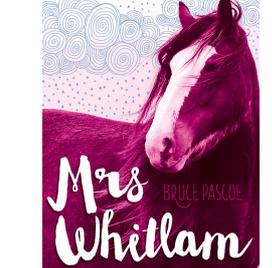
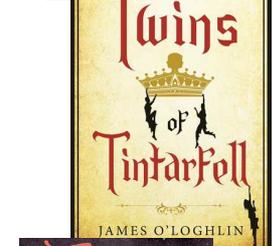
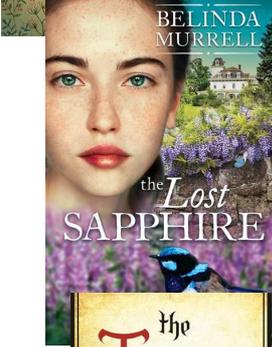
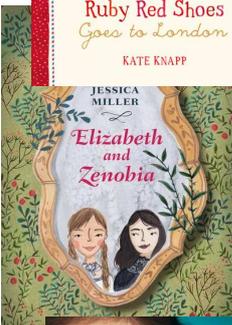
There are two ways of looking at Aissa's story. She's the miracle girl who escaped the raiders. Or she's the cursed child who called the Bull King's ship to the island. The firstborn daughter of a priestess is cast out as a baby, and after raiders kill her adopted family, she is abandoned at the gates of the Great Hall, anonymous and mute. Called No-Name, the cursed child, she is raised a slave, and not until she is twelve does she learn her name is Aissa: the dragonfly. Now every year the Bull King takes a tribute from the island: two thirteen-year-old children to brave the bloody bull dances in his royal court. None have ever returned - but for Aissa it is the only escape. Aissa is resilient, resourceful, and fast - but to survive the bull ring, she will have to learn the mystery of her true nature.

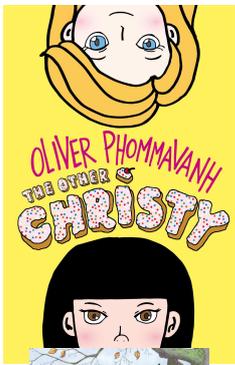
28. Mrs Whitlam (Bruce Pascoe) \$16.99 \$15.30

Marnie Clark of Curdie Vale can ride but she doesn't have a horse. She dreams of owning one and having the whole world to ride it in. Before too long Marnie is gifted Mrs Margaret Maggie Whitlam, a beautiful, big Clydesdale bold, fearless and able to jump anything. From the very first ride, Marnie and Maggie get more adventure than they bargained for. Soon Marnie is learning to negotiate newfound friendships, pony club and how to stand up for what she believes in. Will her friendship with George Costa, another outsider, make being accepted harder? Or will being true to yourself be the hardest decision Marnie makes?

29. Ellyse Perry #1: Pocket Rocket (Ellyse Perry) \$14.99 \$13.50

All Ellyse wants to do is play sport. Cricket, soccer, touch footy, athletics – you name it! But now that she's in high school, playing sport and having fun doesn't seem so simple. For starters, there's more homework, and a mix-up with her electives has her stuck with debating! Ugh. Then her friends, Jazz and Charlie, don't invite her when they go rollerskating. To top it off, mean Ms Parkes won't let her on the school cricket team because she thinks Ellyse is too small. Could life be more unfair? Luckily, she still has club cricket. Her team are a sure bet to make the grand final, and Ellyse can't wait to get out onto the pitch with her mate Jamie. Will Ellyse be able to handle the challenges of high school and still find time for all her sports?





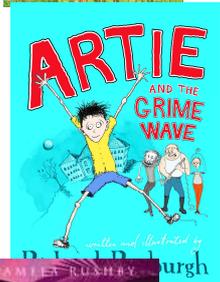
30. Other Christy, The (Oliver Phommavanh) \$16.99 \$15.30

For the last two years, Christy Ung has been in the same class as the loud-mouthed Christie Owens -- and now it's 3rd time unlucky in 6C. Christie Owens is the popular one so everybody calls Christy Ung, the Other Christy. She moved from Cambodia in Year 4 and is still a loner at school. Christy's one solace is baking with her Auntie who suggests they bake a cake for Christy to share with her class on her birthday. Maybe a sweet treat can win them over and Christy might find a friend. She just didn't expect it to be Christie. When Christie is ditched by her besties, the two girls who share a name strike an unlikely friendship. Christy lets down her guard, revealing secrets about her weird upbringing with her clean-obsessed Grandpa. But Christy soon realises that she and her new friend are worlds apart. Can she ever shake off her Grandpa's strange habits? And will the two girls ever have more in common than just their name



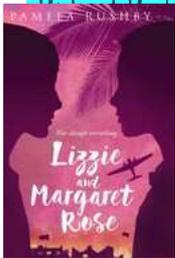
31. Stella Montgomery Intrigue #2: Wormwood Mire (Judith Rossell) \$22.99 \$20.70

When Stella Montgomery returned to the Hotel Majestic cold and wet but exhilarated by adventure, the Aunts were furious. Now they are sending Stella away to the old family home at Wormwood Mire, where she must live with two strange cousins and their governess. But within the overgrown grounds of the mouldering house, dark secrets slither and skulk, and soon Stella must be brave once more if she's to find out who - or what - she really is ... From bestselling writer-illustrator Judith Rossell comes the thrilling and magical sequel to her multi-award-winning novel, WITHERING-BY-SEA.



32. Artie and the Grime Wave (Richard Roxburgh) \$16.99 \$15.30

Artie and his best friend Bumshoe have stumbled upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, and along with it a gang of shady characters including scary Mary, fang-toothed Funnel-web and the devious Mayor Grime. Artie and Bumshoe's attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie. It's a sticky situation and if Artie's going to escape, he might need help from family, friends, a little old lady, a small dog and the Fartex 120Y.

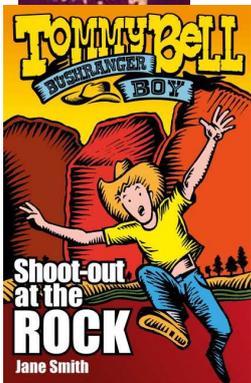


33. Lizzie and Margaret Rose (Pamela Rushby) \$16.99 \$15.30

London, 1940. Bombs are falling and 10-year-old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid, but her family home is destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, her aunt is ready to take her in, although her 11-year-old cousin Lizzie is not so sure. But first there is a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. Margaret Rose knows it's not going to be easy, and Lizzie is not about to make it any easier.

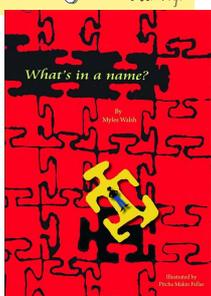
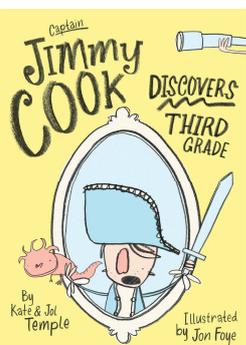
34. Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy: Shoot-Out at the Rock (Jane Smith and Pat Kan) \$14.99 \$13.50

Tommy Bell, Bushranger Boy is a series featuring Tommy's time travelling escapades that take him face-to-face with some of Australia's most notorious bushrangers. The hero of the series, Tommy Bell, lives in regional NSW in contemporary times but is able to travel back in time to the gold rush days by wearing an old bushranger's hat that he discovered on his grandfather's farm. Each book brings Tommy and his friends up close and personal with one of Australia's well known outlaws. With each adventure there is plenty of danger and excitement: armed hold-ups, sieges, frauds, shoot-outs, police chases, jailtime and much more. Each book cleverly incorporates a parallel story from Tommy's twenty-first century life that tests his friendships and develops his character. Tommy Bell has been sent to work on his grandparents' farm for the school holidays. He doesn't want to go, but when he discovers an old bushranger's hat hidden in a cave, everything changes. Suddenly he is sent back to the gold rush days and finds himself face-to-face with the bushranger Captain Thunderbolt! At first, the life of a bushranger seems full of thrills and adventure. But Tommy soon learns that it is full of danger as well...

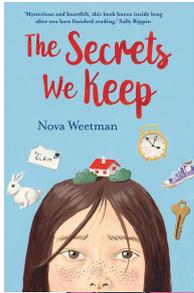


35. Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade (Kate Temple and Jon Foye) \$12.99 \$11.70

Jimmy Cook is finding History Week a bit boring until Ms Fennel starts banging on about Captain Cook. Then - bingo! Turns out he and Captain Cook have a lot in common. Here are three of the big ones: they are both named James Cook; they are both great explorers; and they both look great in a tricorn hat. Funny fiction for those who love Tom Gates and Timmy Failure. Jimmy Cook has discovered that he has quite a lot in common with the explorer Captain James Cook. No doubt they were related. So when he finds out that Captain Cook met with a sticky end in Hawaii, he's determined to travel to the island finish what he started. His parents aren't so interested but luckily Jimmy's favourite brand of cereal is running a competition. First prize: an Hawaiian Holiday. Jimmy is going to have to eat a lot of full-fibre Wheetblocks to enter, but big dreams come with a big price. And no price is too big when it comes to Captain James Cook especially if it means beating the world's most annoying person, Alice Toolie.

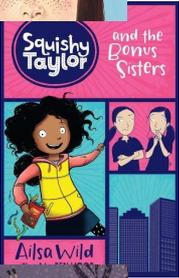


36. What's in a Name (Myles Walsh and Pitcha Makin Fellas)



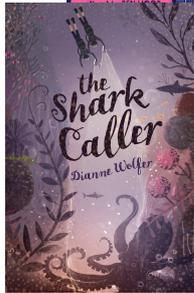
37. Secrets We Keep, the (Nova Weetman) \$16.95 \$15.26

I don't know if you've ever seen a house burn, but it's not like anything else ...Clem Timmins has lost it all - her house, possessions and clothes. Now living in a tiny flat with her dad, she has to go to a new school far from what she knows. On her first day, Clem meets Ellie. To fit in, Clem reveals a secret and immediately regrets sharing too much with her new friend. How can Clem face everything in her life when all she wants to do is run away?



38. Squishy Taylor and the Bonus Sisters (Ailsa Wild and Ben Wood) \$12.99 \$11.70

Modern Family meets Harriet the Spy in this hilarious and cheeky mystery series! Sita 'Squishy' Taylor is a cheeky, sneaky 11-year-old who lives with her dad and step-family in a very crowded apartment. Luckily for Squishy, their building is huge – and there's always plenty of mysteries to investigate! Like...Why does Squishy have to share everything with her new step-sisters? Why is her next-door neighbour the crankiest man in the world? Why are green jelly snakes the yummiest? Who's that hiding in the basement?



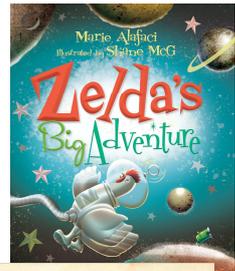
39. Shark Caller, The (Dianne Wolfer) \$17.99 \$16.20

Isabel is on a plane heading back to her island birthplace in Papua New Guinea. Izzy is looking forward to seeing her family again, but there's another tragic reason for the trip. Izzy's twin brother, Ray, died in a freak diving accident, and Izzy and her mum are taking his ashes home for traditional death ceremonies. After they arrive, Izzy realises things have changed since their last visit. Logging threatens the community's way of life and sharks no longer answer the song of the shark callers. Izzy's cousin Noah explains that the clan needs someone to undertake a traditional diving ritual. The person must be a twin from the shark calling lineage. The dive will be perilous. And Izzy is the last twin. Will she have the courage to attempt the dive? And what deep, dark secrets will the ocean reveal if she does?

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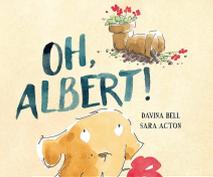
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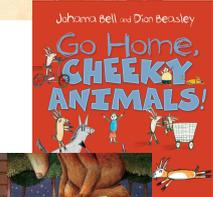
40. Zelda's Big Adventure (Marie Alafaci and Shane McGowan) \$24.99 \$22.50

A very funny story with an endearing and resourceful main character determined to live her dream of being the first chook in space. Zelda has big plans - she wants to be the first chook in space. She leaves nothing to chance and packs food, fuel and a cosy nesting box. But will she make it without the help of her friends? Great fun to read aloud, this wonderfully illustrated story shows that for a plucky chook like Zelda, the sky is never the limit.



41. Oh, Albert! (Davina Bell and Sara Acton) \$24.99 \$22.50

Following a week in the life of a busy family, the story is as much a celebration of contemporary Australian domestic life as it is the story of a greedy but loveable family pet. Many children will recognise the rhythms of their own families in the busy chaos of this household's routine, where the days of the week correspond to extracurricular activities. At its heart, this is the story of the strong bond of love that children share with animals, and the unifying role that pets play in family life.



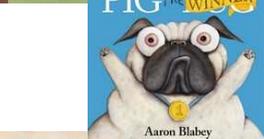
42. Go Home, Cheeky Animals! (Johanna Bell and Dion Beasley) \$24.99 \$22.50

At Canteen Creek where we live, there are cheeky dogs everywhere. But when the cheeky goats, donkeys, buffaloes and camels make mischief in the camp, the dogs just lie there - until those pesky animals really go too far. Then the cheeky camp dogs roar into action!



43. Where Is Bear? (Jonathan Bentley) \$24.99 \$22.50

Where is bear? Where can he be? No one goes to bed without their faithful bear. But this irresistible story has a surprise in store!



44. Pig the Winner (Aaron Blabey) \$16.99 \$15.30

Pig was a pug and I'm sorry to say if he didn't come first it would ruin his day. Won't he ever learn?! Pig, the world's greediest Pug, won't play fair. He'll do anything to win!



45. Little Chicken Chickabee (Janeen Brian and Danny Snell) \$14.99 \$13.50

Finally, the day has arrived! Four beautiful eggs hatch and four delightfully fluffy chickens emerge. One little chicken quickly realises she's different, but not sure why. In a quest to find answers and hopefully a friend, she sets off to explore the farm. An outstanding picture book of the highest quality which focuses on differences, perseverance, problem solving and ultimately friendship.



46. All I Want For Christmas is Rain (Cori Brooke and Megan Forward) \$24.99 \$22.50

An Australian Christmas is threatened when drought takes hold. A little girl has only one wish for rain. Will her wish come true?



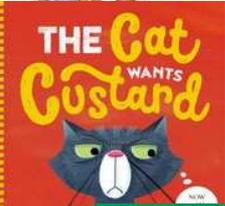
47. 12th Dog, The (Charlotte Calder and Tom Jellett) \$24.99 \$22.50

Can a dog play cricket? You bet! A raucous celebration of backyard cricket - and the family dog. In the summer holidays, a game of backyard cricket brings the whole neighbourhood together, and no one loves the game more than Arlo the dog. He's the fastest fielder there is, but there's a big problem: he never gives up the ball! Forced to watch from the sidelines, Arlo is determined to get back on the team - he just needs to prove that he is a great cricketer after all.



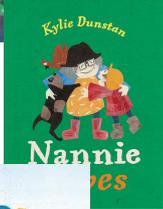
48. Snow Wombat (Susannah Chambers and Mark Jackson) \$24.99 \$22.50

An adventurous young wombat finds his way around a winter landscape before snuggling back into his own cosy burrow. Snow on the stockman's hut. Snow on the crows. Snow on the woollybutt. Snow on my NOSE! It's a big journey through the snow for a little wombat, meeting animals, birds and people along the way...but there's no place like home! A heartwarming story set in the Australian High Country.



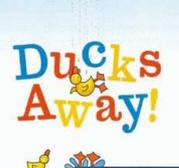
49. Cat Wants Custard, The (P Crumble and Lucinda Gifford) \$16.99 \$15.30

Meet Kevin, the opinionated feline who is full of cat-titude. Kevin has a craving. He wants custard, and he wants it NOW! Follow the hilarious antics of a cat trying to get its human companion to give him what he wants, including the extreme length of using his own body to spell the word CUSTARD! Will he succeed?



50. Nannie Loves (Kylie Dunstan) \$24.99 \$22.50

Nannie lives on a farm with rolling hills, a muddy creek, and lots of animals. But what Nannie loves most is when her family comes to stay.



51. Ducks Away (Mem Fox and Judy Horacek) \$19.99 \$18.00

Five little ducks went out one day... over the bridge, and away!



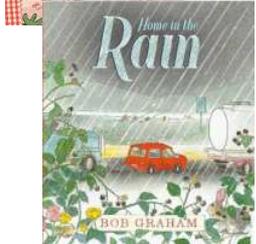
52. Little Bear's First Sleep (Lesley Gibbles and Lisa Stewart) \$24.99 \$22.50

It was time for Little Bear's first winter sleep. 'All bears sleep through winter,' said Little Bear's mother. 'And we won't wake until spring,' said Little Bear's father. 'It's a big, big sleep.' Little Bear is in the cave with his mother and father, who have settled down for their big winter sleep. But Little Bear has a problem-he can't get to sleep! He snuggles and sings and softly strokes his ear. Will Little Bear be able to get to sleep before springtime?



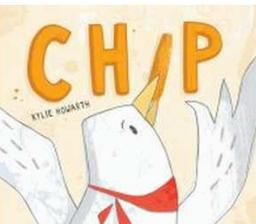
53. Bear Make Den (Jane Goodwin and Andrew Joyner) \$24.99 \$22.50

Bear is great with his hands, but not so smart when it comes to relationships. If he fixes up his den, will everything else follow? Bear loves to get things done. He can make just about anything! He even builds a wonderful den. But something is missing. What could it be? From this talented trio comes a warm, playful picture book about what truly makes a home.



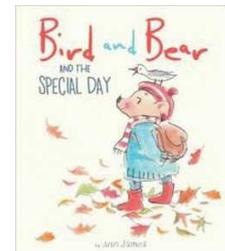
54. Home in the Rain (Bob Graham) \$24.99 \$19.99

From multi-award winning author-illustrator Bob Graham comes a tender, touching story of family life, perfect for sharing when a new baby is on the way. Francie and her mum, who is expecting a baby girl, are driving home from Grandma's in the heavy rain. When they're still far from home, they stop for a picnic. And as the car steams up, Francie presses her little finger on the window, spelling out "Daddy" and "Mummy" and leaving one space free, ready and waiting for the name of her soon-to-be sister... A beautifully observed celebration of the way inspiration can, and often does happen in the most ordinary and unlikely of places.



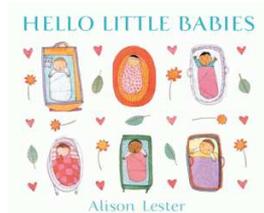
55. Chip (Kylie Howarth) \$19.95 \$17.96

Chip, like most other gulls, is wild about chips. He likes fat chips, skinny chips, sandy or crunchy or soggy chips. But, most of all, he loves Joe's chips from Joe's Chip Van beside the sea. Chip, like most other gulls, can be a little intrusive on his search for chips. So, one day, Joe erects a sign near his van warning people not to feed the seagulls. Chip is devastated, so he plans a way to get back into Joe's good books, thus gaining access once more to his favourite food. Playful repetition of text will engage the reader. Subtle message of 'do not feed wildlife human food' is reinforced in the text. Gatefold adds an extra surprise element inside the story.



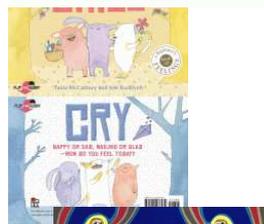
56. Bird and Bear and the Special Day (Ann James) \$19.95 \$17.96

Bird and Bear are the best of friends. It's Bird's birthday and she has a very special day planned - they are going to the park. This early learning picture book looks at opposites, shadowplay, and friendship. A beautiful follow-up picture book to Bird and Bear by award-winning illustrator Ann James. Explores early learning concepts - great for sharing! Perfect gift book for 2+ age group.



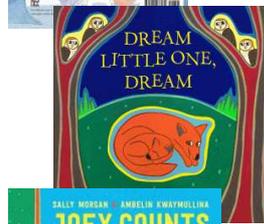
57. Hello Little Babies (Alison Lester) \$24.99 \$22.50

From the bestselling author of *KISSED BY THE MOON* and *IMAGINE* comes a book to be cherished by children and parents everywhere. Hello little babies Welcome to the world From the precious early days of a baby's life to those first tentative steps, so much changes over a year ... A warm and tender picture book for families everywhere.



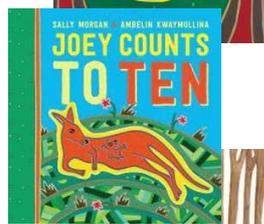
58. Smile, Cry: Happy or Sad (Tania McCartney And Jess Racklyeft) \$19.99 \$18.00

An innovative flip-format picture book for young kids that explores their emotions. Follow three cute characters as they react to a variety of events from everyday life. Young kids will respond to the whimsical illustrations, while older readers will learn more about their emotional range how we can cry with happiness or smile with trepidation.



59. Dream Little One, Dream (Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymulina) \$24.99 \$22.50

When Moon shines and earth breathes a breath of deepest night dream, little one, dream into the peace of a wonderful world. From sunrise to night-time, celebrate the wonders of nature with this rhythmic and radiant bedtime story.



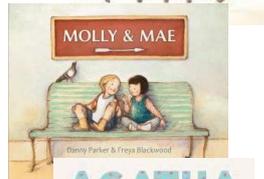
60. Joey Counts To Ten (Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymulina) \$24.99 \$22.50

Watch, look, listen and count! Experience the rhythm of life in the bush as Joey and his mum go about their day. • Bright colourful illustrations are perfect for learning to count, but this is so much more than just a counting book. • Find and learn Australian animals. • Follow the mood of the weather as the story leads Joey from dawn to starlit night.



61. Twig (Aura Parker) \$24.99 \$22.50

One, two three. One, two, three. Why won't someone play with me? Heidi is a stick insect, long and thin like the twig of a tree. It's her first day at Bug School, where she hopes to learn lots and make new friends. But no-one will talk to her... and no-one will play with her at lunch. No-one even notices her! Perhaps she's blending into the twigs a little too well? Luckily, Miss Orb comes up with a plan to help Heidi stand out.



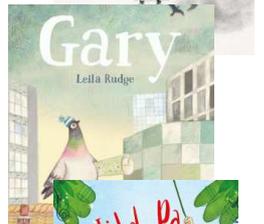
62. Molly and Mae (Danny Parker And Freya Blackwood) \$24.99 \$19.99

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63. Agatha and the Dark (Anna Pignataro) \$19.95 \$17.96

Agatha is scared of the dark, and George is just making things worse. When Agatha is accidentally locked in a dark room at kindergarten, her body trembles like jelly. How will she ever sleep in her own bed tonight? A story about learning to face your fears.



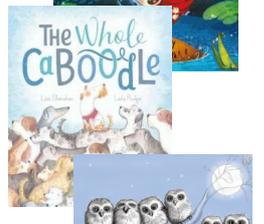
64. Gary (Leila Rudge) \$24.99 \$22.50

Any bird can find adventure. Even Gary. Gary the pigeon can't fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.



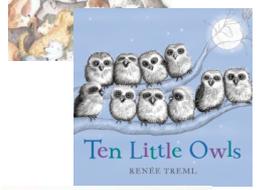
65. Wild Pa (Claire Saxby And Connah Brecon) \$24.99 \$22.50

Come celebrate the adventurer lurking in every grandad, pop and pa My Pa is not a quiet Pa, a sit-and-read-the-news Pa. My Pa is a Wild Pa u and Wild Pas are lots of fun.



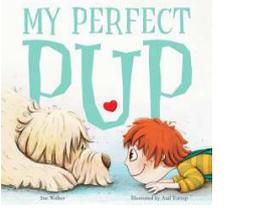
66. Whole Caboodle, The (Lisa Shanahan And Leila Rudge) \$24.99 \$22.50

Wakey-wakey Peachy Pear, my fuzzy-wuzzy Grizzly Bear, my tootsy-wootsy Fizzyjig, my hurdie-gurdie Whirligig! Who shall we see at the park today? A playful pup takes the lead on a stroll to the park, where many new friends will be found!



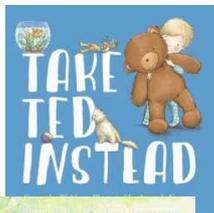
67. Ten Little Owls Board Book (Renee Tremi) \$14.99 \$13.50

Nine little dingos howl at the moon ... Ten little owls hoot a goodnight tune. What happens around Australia when the sun goes down? The cutest little animals come out to play, of course. Teach your own little critter to count to ten in this beautiful board book featuring baby native animals running, hopping, swimming, eating and playing from dusk to dawn.



68. My Perfect Pup (Sue Walker And Anil Tortop) \$24.99 \$22.50

One puppy sits excitedly in a pet shop waiting for the perfect home. Will it be the twins, Milly and Max, or Joe who takes him home?



69. Take Ted Instead (Cassandra Webb and Amanda Francey) \$24.99 \$22.50

Its bedtime for one tired little boy. Why should he go to bed when everyone else in the house is still awake? He has a plan to keep himself wide awake...



70. Together Always (Edwina Wyatt And Lucia Masciullo) \$24.99 \$22.50

What happens when the dearest of friends want to go in different directions? Edwina Wyatt's perceptive story about individuality tells how friends find ways to be together, even when they are apart. Sensitive and evocative illustrations by award-winning Lucia Masciullo bring love, bafflement and loneliness to life in this endearing ode to timeless friendship

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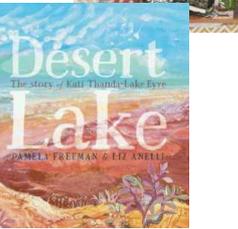
71. Sisters Saint-Claire, The (Carlie Gibson and Tamsin Ainslie) \$19.99 \$18.00

This is the tale of the sisters Saint-Claire, Who lived with their parents Odette and Pierre. Harriet, Violet, Beatrice, Minette, And little Cecile, we must not forget! A delightful rhyming tale about five fabulous French mice who love food, fashion and family, and a story about how greatness can come in any size.



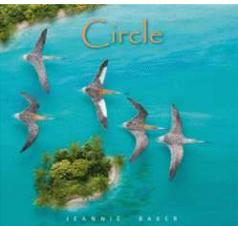
72. One Photo (Ross Watkins and Liz Aneli) \$24.99 \$19.99

Dad came home one day with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. But Dad didn't take photos of the regular things people photograph...A Poignant story about love, loss and legacy: one son, one family, one photo.



73. Desert Lake: The Story of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre (Pamela Freeman And Liz Anelli) \$24.99 \$22.50

It's raining up north and soon everything will change for the desert lake. The dry salt bed of Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre shimmers in the desert heat. But far up north, the rains have come. Water is flooding into empty riverbeds and swirling down towards the lake. Soon everything will change. Beautifully written narrative that explores the story of one of Australia's most amazing phenomenon.



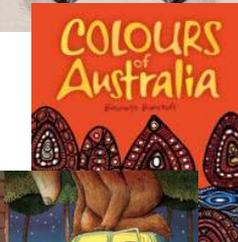
74. Circle (Jeannie Baker) \$27.99 \$25.20

This is the story of the little-known Bar-tailed Godwit who, following invisible pathways that have been used for thousands of years, undertakes the longest unbroken migration of any bird, a total of 11,000 kilometres, flying from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic... and back again. Facing hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination, their flight is one of bravery, tenacity and strength, and Jeannie's stunning mixed media collages, inspired first-hand by the spectacular landscapes of Alaska and China, will amaze readers, and take them on an extraordinary visual journey to the corners of our Earth.



75. Mechanica: A Beginner's Field Guide (Lance Balchin) \$24.95 \$22.46

At the end of the 23rd Century, Earth can no longer support wildlife. The warnings have been ignored. As many Earth species begin to disappear, a new form of life emerges as clever human designers create robotic creatures in a nostalgic link to the past. Collectors and sanctuaries across the globe collect and display these Mechanica for the general public's enjoyment. But something goes terribly wrong# This beautiful picture book, created by Australian illustrator and author Lance Balchin, is an encyclopedia of Mechnicacreatures with a strong steampunk style and fictional narrative.



76. Colours of Australia (Bronwyn Bancroft) \$24.99 \$22.50

Deep love of country inspires Bronwyn Bancroft's poetry and the richly layered hues of Colours of Australia. Each line speaks a different voice, each image stirs a different mood, and all combine to evoke the miracle of colour with which we are surrounded.



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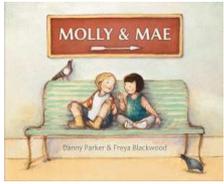
77. Blue Sky, Yellow Kite (Janet A Holmes) \$24.99 \$22.50

Sometimes we want a thing so much we can't prevent ourselves from taking it. But when a girl steals her friend's beautiful yellow kite, she is swamped with turmoil. A story about desire, guilt and forgiveness.



78. Don't Call Me Bear! (Aaron Blabey) \$16.95 \$15.26

G'day my name is Warren, and I've got something to share... Just because I'm furry doesn't mean that I'm a bear. Warren the Koala is many things, a marsupial, cute and furry, a bit of a grumpbut the one thing he's not is a bear!



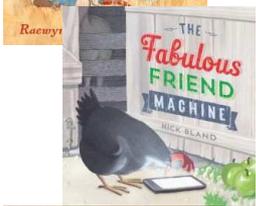
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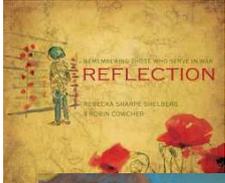
79. Hattie Helps Out (Jane Goodwin and Freya Blackwood) \$24.95 \$22.50
 Hattie is the perfect helper. Or so she thinks! An endearing picture book that any child - and parent - will relate to. It's a busy day at Hattie's house. There's a lot to do before Dad's birthday party. Hattie is being very helpful, until it's time for her afternoon nap. Hattie's not even sleepy! But Mama looks tired. Very tired... A delightfully funny story about a little girl with big ideas, from a winning combination of creators.



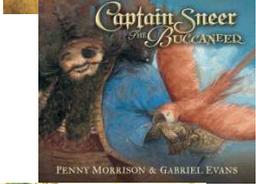
80. Something Wonderful (Raewyn Caisley and Karen Blair) \$24.99 \$22.50
 Sam likes to pull things apart and put them back together, and think about how things work. But he is sometimes so busy doing this, he forgets his chores on the family farm. Then one day he creates something truly wonderful . . . An inspirational story about discovery, invention and the importance of dreams.



81. Fabulous Friend Machine, The (Nick Bland) \$24.99 \$22.50
 Popcorn is, quite simply, the friendliest chicken at Fiddlesticks farm! When she finds a Fabulous Friend Machine in the barn, she sets about making some brand new friends. But behind the screen of the Fabulous Friend Machine, maybe her new friends are not so friendly after all... A cautionary tale from the globally best-selling Nick Bland.



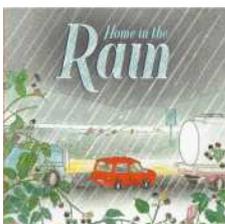
82. Reflection: Remembering Those Who Serve In War (Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg and Robin Cowcher) \$24.99 \$22.50
 This poignant picture book is about remembering those who serve at war. Left! Left! Left! Right! Left! We make our way in the dark. A family journeys through the early morning darkness... A group of young men huddle in a cold muddy trench... Reflection is a powerful tribute to those who have served their country.



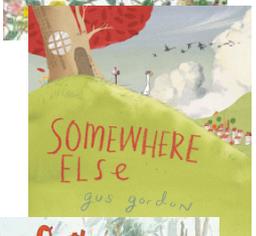
83. Captain Sneer the Buccaneer (Penny Morrison and Gabrielle Evans) \$24.99 \$22.50
 ARRR! Captain Sneer and his hardy crew of buccaneers are in for adventure - and a big surprise - in this rollicking rhyming treasure hunt. Ahoy there, me hearties! Meet CAPTAIN SNEER - a most boastful buccaneer! He's ROUGH and TOUGH. He's BRAVE and BOLD. He SAILS the SEAS in SEARCH of GOLD!



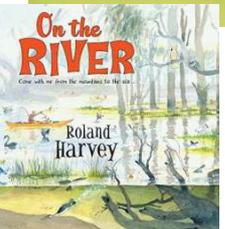
84. Patch from Scratch, A (Megan Forward) \$24.99 \$22.50
 Jesse and Lewis want to grow their own fruit and veggies, just like people do on a farm. They're going to dig and build, plant and grow, and when they're finished they're going to have a feast!



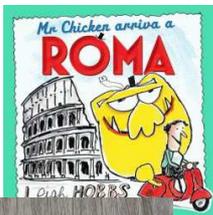
Home in the Rain (Bob Graham) \$24.99 \$22.50 (No 54 from Early Childhood)
 From multi-award winning author-illustrator Bob Graham comes a tender, touching story of family life, perfect for sharing when a new baby is on the way. Francie and her mum, who is expecting a baby girl, are driving home from Grandma's in the heavy rain. When they're still far from home, they stop for a picnic. And as the car steams up, Francie presses her little finger on the window, spelling out "Daddy" and "Mummy" and leaving one space free, ready and waiting for the name of her soon-to-be sister... A beautifully observed celebration of the way inspiration can, and often does happen in the most ordinary and unlikely of places.



85. Somewhere Else (Gus Gordon) \$24.99 \$22.50
 From award-winning author and illustrator Gus Gordon comes this irresistible story about a duck called George, the possibility of adventure, and taking risks to realise what you value most. George has no interest in exploring the world. He's far too busy at home baking fine pastries. Or so he tells everyone when they invite him along on their wonderful adventures. But when his friend Pascal digs a little deeper, the real reason George won't leave home is finally revealed.



86. On the River (Ronald Harvey) \$24.99 \$22.50
 Follow the mighty Murray River from the mountains to the sea on an epic journey with Roland Harvey and his pelican friend, in this glorious picture book full of humorous, intricate illustrations and fascinating information. Roland Harvey and his new pelican friend are off on an adventure to walk, fish, canoe, raft, windsurf, sail, paddle-steam, houseboat and even fly their way along the Murray River, from its smallest beginnings in the high country to where it meets the sea. Together they discover the story of the river: its secrets, history, ecology, people and animals. And you're invited, too!



87. Mr Chicken Arriva A Roma (Leigh Hobbs) \$24.99 \$22.50

'Welcome to Rome,' says Mr Chicken's guide, Federica...'Climb aboard my Vespa and hold on to your hat...'Mr Chicken's childhood dream is about to begin.....Another triumph from the Australian Children's Laureate, acclaimed creator of Mr Chicken Goes to Paris and Mr Chicken Lands on London...

88. My Brother (Dee Huxley) \$24.99 \$22.50

When a grieving brother sets out to find his lost sibling, his quest takes him on an ethereal journey across land and sea – to fantastic, floating cities, and mediaeval towns full of dark alleyways and winding staircases– to vast open grasslands and eerie, silent forests– until eventually he arrives in place of timeless beauty and light. My Brother is a metaphorical picture book story for older children that looks at loss and grief from a sibling's perspective.

89. Grandpa's Big Adventure (Paul Newman and Tom Jellett) \$19.99 \$18.00

A warm and funny story shared by grandfather and grandson, from new-comer Paul Newman and award-winning illustrator Tom Jellett. With glimpses of water safety and overcoming fears, this book is full of jokes and visual enjoyment for the whole family to read together, and perfect for Father's Day.

90. Blue, The Builders Dog (Jennifer Storer and Andrew Joyner) \$24.99 \$22.50

Meet Blue, the Builder's Dog. On the construction site, he's part of the team. He guards the tools, signs the concrete slabs and keeps stickybeaks away. But Blue doesn't have a house of his own. The builder has one. The chippie has one. The architect and the big bosses have one. So he decides to quit and build one himself...

91. Welcome to Country (Joy Murphy And Lisa Kennedy) \$24.99 \$22.50

This is an expansive and generous Welcome to Country from a most respected Elder, Aunty Joy Murphy, beautifully given form by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy. Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri People. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik. Welcome to Country.

92. A Soldier, A Dog and a Boy (Libby Hayhorn And Phil Lesnie) \$24.99 \$22.50

A moving story, told completely in dialogue, about a young Australian soldier in the battle of the Somme. Walking through the fields away from the front, he finds what he thinks is a stray dog, and decides to adopt it as a mascot for his company. Then he meets Jacques, the homeless orphan boy who owns the dog. The soldier realises that Jacques needs the dog more - and perhaps needs his help as well. With stunning illustrations from Phil Lesnie, this is a deeply moving celebration of friendship in times of war.

93. Archie No Ordinary Sloth (Heath McKenzie) \$19.95 \$17.96

'It is widely known that sloths like to sloth! All day and all night. Well, most sloths, that is. Archie was a sloth. But, while all the other sloths like to flop and snooze and sloth about, Archie liked to leap and swing...' Archie - No Ordinary Sloth is the story of a little sloth who is very energetic. Archie loves to leap and swing and dance about! However the other sloths eventually tire of his busy antics and ask him to leave. Archie leaves and discovers some new friends who are also different in their own special ways. But Archie still misses his sloth friends. Acting on some sage advice from an elephant Archie returns home to find his friends in danger. Will his fast-thinking and fast-action ways save them?

94. Melbourne Word by Word (Mike McMahon) \$29.99 \$27.00

Word by word, sound by sound, sight by familiar sight, this is a book that evokes the spirit of Melbourne. Take a meander through Melbourne's iconic landmarks and hidden gems, and soak up the distinct Melbourne atmosphere, page by page. No ordinary word-book, and no ordinary city guide, Melbourne Word by Word is the celebration of a city, created by an illustrator who lives and works in the heart of it.

95. Snail and Turtle Rainy Days (Stephen Michael King) \$24.95 \$22.46

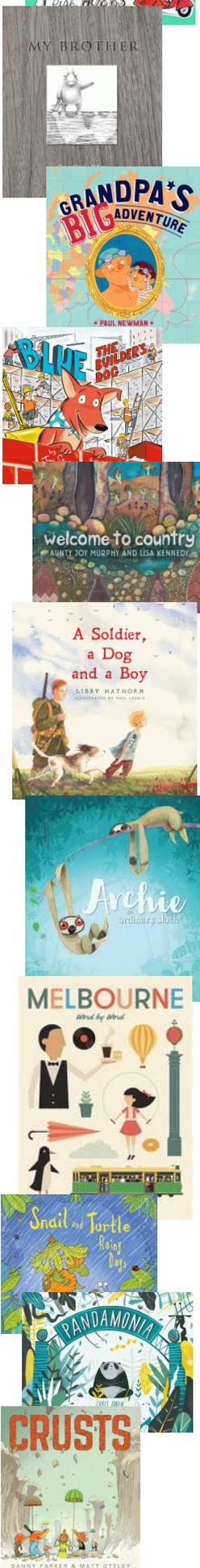
It's a rainy day and Turtle loves to splish, splosh, splash through the puddles. 'Good morning, Snail!' he cries. But Snail doesn't feel like coming out of his shell. Turtle waits patiently and creates a beautiful shelter for his friend from the rainy days. Maybe Snail and the sun will come out tomorrow...

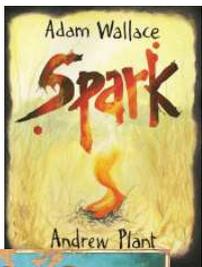
96. Pandamonia (Chris Owen and Chris Nixon) \$24.99 \$22.50

When visiting the zoo, whatever you do, don't wake the panda! Join in the fantastic fun as one grumpy panda sets off a frenzy of wild partying

97. Crusts (Danny Parker And Matt Ottley) \$24.99 \$22.50

Jacob is just one of millions who won't eat their crusts. But he is one in a million when it comes to bright ideas. When tiny creatures from a distant crumbling planet seek Jacob's help, he sets out to do what he can with his big box of uneaten crusts. A story about crusts and intergalactic travel by powerhouse creative duo Danny Parker and Matt Ottley.





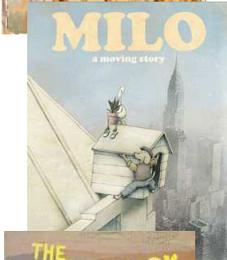
98. Spark (Adam Wallace and Andrew Plant) \$14.95 \$13.46

I began as a tiny spark in the dry grass. All I wanted was a friend. I found one in the wind, who helped me grow, who helped me fly! In the end, though, was the wind really my friend at all?"Through personification, a first-person perspective and superb illustrations that give life to the text as Wind did to Spark, Wallace and Plant bring the fire to life - something that has no control over its journey or its destiny, focusing on the here and now rather than reflecting on the aftermath and the afterwards as most stories with such a focus do...This is a powerful book that will not only resonate with many readers but which can also play an important role in keeping those in our care safe." - Barbara Braxton, Teacher Librarian



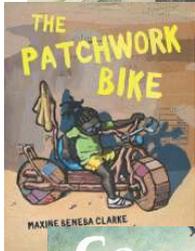
99. Smeck (Ben Redlich) \$25.99 \$23.40

Welcome to the world of Smeck -- a fantastical, piratical adventure on the high seas. Australian author/illustrator Ben Redlich's original and unforgettable illustrations will captivate, amaze and delight readers of all ages.



100. Milo A Moving Story (Toahby Riddle) \$29.99 \$27.00

A sweet and funny story about a city-dwelling dog, a day when everything goes wrong, a curious rescue and a surprising gift. Milo's life is almost entirely unremarkable. He lives in a solid kennel in an okay part of town. Every other day he has a job delivering parcels. Then Milo's life is turned upside down by an argument with his friend Snombo, followed by a strange wild storm that leaves him and his kennel in a precarious place. So begins Milo's surprisingly remarkable journey back to his friends. A warm and whimsical adventure by the acclaimed creator of My Uncle's Donkey and Nobody Owns the Moon.



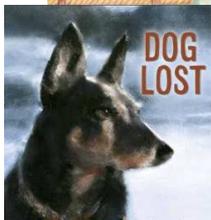
101. Patchwork Bike, The (Maxine Beneba Clarke And Van T Rudd) \$26.99 \$24.30

When you live in a village at the edge of the No-Go Desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot (maybe mum is still using it, maybe not) and a used flour sack. You can even make a numberplate from bark, if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for going bumpity-bump over sandhills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home.



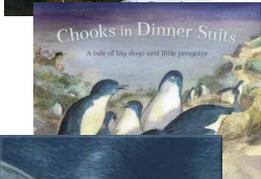
Gary (Leila Rudge) \$24.99 \$22.50 (No 64 from Early Childhood)

Any bird can find adventure. Even Gary. Gary the pigeon can't fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.



102. Dog Lost (Jam Ramage And Brian Simmonds) \$25.99 \$23.40

This story is inspired by the heroic accounts of dogs that miraculously find their way home after long periods of being lost. Some inner sense of knowing guides them back home. A longing and bond of love and loyalty drives them forward. Makind owes so much to our faithful best friend.



103. Chooks in Dinner Suits: An Oddball Tale of Big Dogs and Little Penguins (Diane Jackson Hill and Craig Smith) \$19.99 \$18.00

On a tiny island lives a waddle of Little Penguins. But their numbers are dwindling. Swampy Marsh knows what to do, but no one will listen. Soon he can count the last few penguins on the fingers of one hand. The desperate townsfolk give Swampy, and his friends Max and Mimi, one chance. Will his solution work? Will Swampy save the Little Penguins of Middle Island? A warmly funny account of one mans quest to save a penguin colony, with two very unusual helpers.



104. Out (Angela May George and Owen Swan) \$24.99 \$22.50

I'm called an asylum seeker, but that's not my name. A little girl and her mother have fled their homeland, making the long and treacherous journey by boat to seek asylum. Timely, powerful and moving, Out celebrates the triumph of the human spirit in the darkest times, and the many paths people take to build a new life.



105. Stanley (Colin Thompson) \$24.99 \$22.50

'It was very quiet in Stanley's house. there were no brothers or sisters, no dads or grannies, not even a cat, a budgie or a goldfish.' Stanley lives with his human, Gerald, and Gerald's mum. Life is peaceful, but sometimes Stanley feels quite lonely ... But then one day another dog steals his favourite red rubber ball at his park, and sets in motion a chain of events that will change Stanley's life forever.



106. Small Things (Mel Tregonning) \$29.99 \$27.00

An ordinary boy in an ordinary world...With no words, only illustrations, Small Things tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries, but who learns that help is always close by...A universal story, told simply and with breathtaking beauty, about dealing with sadness, anxiety, depression, heartache or loss, and finding your way in the world.



107. Cyclone (Jackie French and Bruce Whatley) \$24.99 \$22.50

Pile the presents by the tree Though clouds spiral out at sea. Wind snarls, skies weep grey But Santas sleigh is on its way! Christmas Eve 1974 is marked indelibly into the Australian psyche, as the night tropical Cyclone Tracy devastated the city of Darwin. Now, over 40 years later, Jackie Frenchs lyrical rhyming text tells the story of a citys indomitable spirit, and Bruce Whatleys sumptuous illustrations bring to life the powerful force of the storm to a whole new generation of readers.



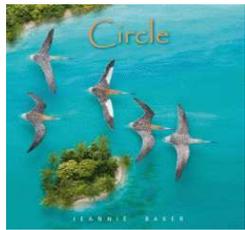
108. New Year Surprise (Christopher Cheng and Di Wu) \$24.99 \$22.50

Little Brother is told by his brother and his friends that hes too small to help out at the Spring Festival. Hes too little to fly a kite and hes not strong enough to hold a dragon pole. But Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be? He knows its not hanging the lanterns up, as Father has already done that. He knows its not choosing the treats from the hawker as Father has already chosen a duck. He knows its not serving tea or lighting fire crackers as he did those jobs last year. Follow Little Brother through the village to find out what his special job is. Teachers' Notes available.

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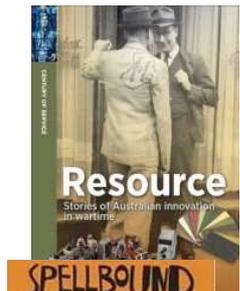
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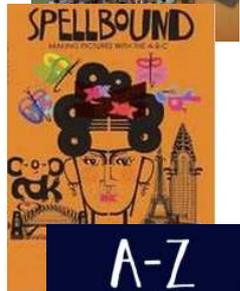
Circle (Jeannie Baker) \$27.99 \$25.20 (No 74 from Picture Book of the Year)

This is the story of the little-known Bar-tailed Godwit who, following invisible pathways that have been used for thousands of years, undertakes the longest unbroken migration of any bird, a total of 11,000 kilometres, flying from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic... and back again. Facing hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination, their flight is one of bravery, tenacity and strength, and Jeannie's stunning mixed media collages, inspired first-hand by the spectacular landscapes of Alaska and China, will amaze readers, and take them on an extraordinary visual journey to the corners of our Earth.



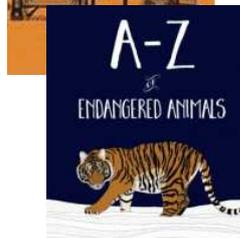
109. Resource: Stories of Australian Innovation in Wartime (Jennet Cole-Adams and Judy Gauld) \$19.99 \$17.96

Over the last century, Australians have demonstrated resourcefulness during wartime in many ways, from surviving in harsh environments without specialist equipment, to deceiving the enemy with ingenious plans or inventing new and effective weapons. This book explores examples of Australian wartime innovation, some of which occurred in Australia – in laboratories, offices and homes – and some on the battlefields where Australians have fought. Many Australians have received honours or awards during wartime for innovations. Resourcefulness, however, is a quality so frequently displayed by service men and women from all nations that it often goes unnoticed. This book recognises the innovation, ingenuity, and creativity displayed by many Australians during wartime. Soft cover, photographs, 257 pages.



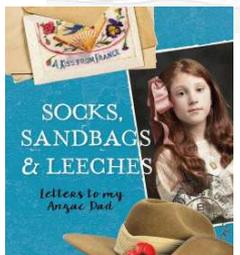
110. Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C (Maree Coote) \$39.95 \$35.96

A brand new take on Typographic Design creates unique Letter Art pictures. Every image is made with the letters that spell its very name. Features famous faces, places and things from all around the world, plus famous people and places from Melbourne and Australia.



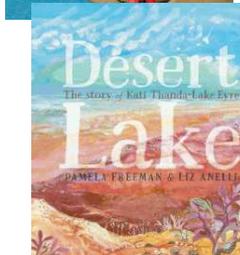
111. A-Z of Endangered Animals (Jennifer Cossins) \$25.00 \$22.50

On this journey through the alphabet you will encounter some of the world's most beautiful, rare, and endangered animals, from the majestic Amur Tiger of the Siberian plains, to the shy Zebra Duiker in the rainforests of Africa.



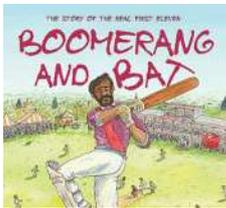
112. Socks, Sandbags & Leeches: Letters to My Anzac Dad (Pauline Deeves) \$24.99 \$22.50

My Anzac Dad is different from most children's books set in the First World War as, rather than telling the story of war experiences from a soldier's point of view, it describes life for the people on the home front and the attitudes towards the involvement of Australia in the war. In the 20 letters, written between 1914 and 1918, Ivy covers a range of topics, such as increasing prices and rents, war work, the Cheer Up Society, cramped living conditions, entertainment and sport during wartime, the battle of Broken Hill, attacks on German shops and churches, school during wartime, conscription and coo-ee marches. It is easy to relate to Ivy whose chatty letters make the book very accessible to readers. It is an appealing way to describe to children what life was like 100 years ago, in wartime.



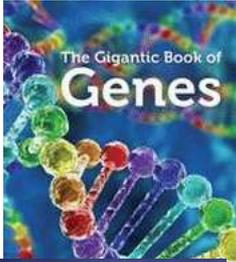
Desert Lake: The Story of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre (Pamela Freeman and Liz Anelli) \$24.99 \$22.50 (No 73 from Picture Book of the Year)

It's raining up north and soon everything will change for the desert lake. The dry salt bed of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre shimmers in the desert heat. But far up north, the rains have come. Water is flooding into empty riverbeds and swirling down towards the lake. Soon everything will change. Beautifully written narrative that explores the unique story of one of Australia's most amazing phenomenon.



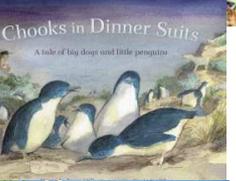
113. Boomerang and Bat: Story of the Real First Eleven (Mark Greenwood and Terry Denton) \$29.99 \$27.00

The first Australian cricket team to tour England was a group of Aboriginal stockmen. This is their story. In 1868 a determined team of Aboriginal cricketers set off on a journey across the world to take on England's best. Led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh, and wearing caps embroidered with a boomerang and a bat, they delighted crowds with their exceptional skill. From the creators of Jandamarra, this is the remarkable story of the real first eleven.



114. Gigantic Book of Genes, The (Lorna Hendry) \$27.99 \$25.20

Genes are the blueprint for life. They are found inside the cells of all living organisms, and are responsible for how a plant or animal looks and grows. Welcome to the gigantic book of genes!



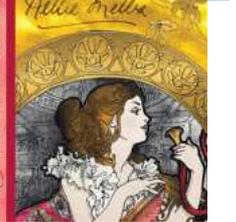
Chooks in Dinner Suits: A Tale Of Big Dog And Lit (Diane Jackson Hill and Craig Smith) \$19.99 \$18.00 (No 103 from Picture Book of the Year)

On a tiny island lives a waddle of Little Penguins. But their numbers are dwindling. Swampy Marsh knows what to do, but no one will listen. Soon he can count the last few penguins on the fingers of one hand. The desperate townsfolk give Swampy, and his friends Max and Mimi, one chance. Will his solution work? Will Swampy save the Little Penguins of Middle Island? A warmly funny account of one mans quest to save a penguin colony, with two very unusual helpers.



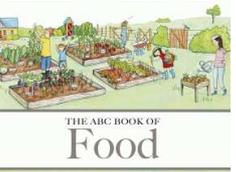
115. Hello! (Tony Flowers) \$24.99 \$22.50

Yiasou! That's hello in Greek! Or would you like to speak Chinese? What about Italian or Korean? Murinhpatha or Kaurna? Meet 12 Australian friends who can speak different languages. They tell us how to count from 1 to 10, say hello and goodbye and lots of other words in their languages about play, food, hobbies and clothes. The languages are: Chinese, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kaurna, Korean, Lebanese Arabic, Murrinhpatha, Thai and Vietnamese. Illustrated in a cartoon style, the pictures add humour and fun to language learning. Each language and culture is introduced by a child character - and you might spot a koala or two Selamat tinggal! That's goodbye in Indonesian!



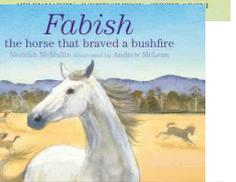
116. Nellie Melba: Australia's Nightingale (Cassy Liberman and Emma Borghesi) \$29.99 \$27.00

Nellie Melba: Australia's Nightingale tells the story of how a young Australian woman overcame hardship, tragedy and other struggles to become one of the greatest international opera singers of all time.



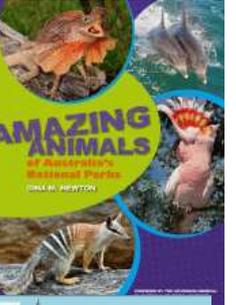
117. ABC Book of Food, The (Helen Martin and Cheryl Orsini) \$24.95 \$22.46

Latest in the much-loved ABC BOOK OF series, written by two early childhood experts • A perfect introduction to the world of food -- ideal for use in pre-school and kindergarten classrooms • Feeds into the ongoing obsession with farm-to-table and our love of kitchen gardens



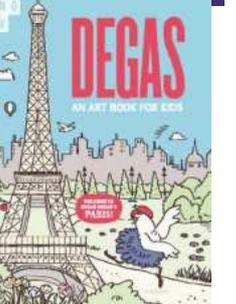
118. Fabish: The Horse that Braved a Bushfire (Neridah McMullin and Andrew McLean) \$24.99 \$22.50

This is the true story of a brave horse called Fabish. In his racing days, he always tried his hardest. And when he retired, Fabish took care of the flighty young horses. One hot summer day, a wild wind blew up and the yearlings were restless. Then Fabish smelled smoke. Fire was coming, fast. The trainer threw open the gate and said, 'Go now!' Fabish neighed to the young ones and they galloped away. All through the night, the fire raged and the trainer battled to save the racehorses in the stables. But what would become of Fabish and the yearlings? Could he save them from the firestorm?



119. Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks (Gina Newton) \$29.99 \$27.00

This book brings together 55 national parks, selected across all Australian states and territories, and over 120 animals. It is divided into seven sections according to habitat (woodlands and grasslands; forests; rainforests; arid zones; mountains; wetlands and waterways; coasts, oceans and islands), each including a number of national parks and a selection of the fish, reptiles, frogs, birds and mammals that inhabit them. Each animal has its own page, which has a stunning colour photograph of the species, a map of its distribution range, its conservation status and scientific information about the species.

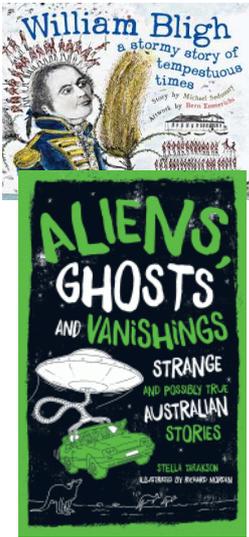


120. Degas: An Art Book for Kids (Kate Ryan) \$14.95 \$13.46

Degas: An Art Book for Kids is a lively and fun book written and developed specifically for children. Guided by two illustrated characters, Snail and Pigeon, this publication invites young readers to discover the artist Edgar Degas, and explore the arrondissements of Paris where he grew up, lived and sourced inspiration. Featuring gorgeous illustrations, alongside reproductions of Edgar Degas's work, children are provided with interesting facts about Degas's artistic techniques and French culture. Each chapter includes imagery of famous Parisian landmarks such as the Louvre, the Palais Garnier - home of the ballet - and the Eiffel Tower, enabling children to take a visual tour of Paris while learning about its relevance to Edgar Degas.

121. William Bligh: A Stormy Story of Tempestuous Times (Michael Sedunary and Bern Emmerichs) \$29.95 \$26.96

William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times, the third in a series of books from Berbay Publishing on the British settlement of Australia, peels back the layers of some of the most incredible circumstances in Australia's colonial history, and invites young readers to examine what lies below the surface.



122. Aliens, Ghosts and Vanishings (Stella Tarakson and Richard Morden) \$27.99 \$25.20

Have you heard the most bizarre tales from around Australia? Did a UFO drag a family's car off the road in the middle of the outback? How did rocks rain from the sky in WA? And what became of the prime minister who went into the surf and was never seen again? Explore the strangest tales, most incredible encounters and creepiest urban legends in Australia's history. Read about the investigations and weigh up the facts – do you believe the official explanations for these weird and wonderful events?

CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: OLDER READERS (123-140) 18

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(These books are for intended for Secondary School aged readers, please consider the age recommendations when ordering)

123. The Hounded (Simon Butters) \$24.99 \$22.50

Eliza wasn't at the bus stop that morning. The bus drove right on past and all Eliza's friends peered out to see where she'd gone. It was a mystery. A scandal. Eliza's disappearance was the hottest trending topic online. People knew something was up, but what? Nobody knew she was with me, Montgomery Ferguson, the lowest of the low. So it was that I first got to hang out with Eliza Robertson, the hottest girl in school with a heart of sheer contempt. I couldn't have been happier. On his fifteenth birthday, Monty is at rock bottom. Ignored by his parents, bullied at school, and with a brain that's prone to going walkabout, he's all by himself. Until he meets the black dog for the first time. It's just like any other dog, except that only Monty can see it. And it talks. And Monty's not sure whether it's a friend - or a foe. But the black dog gets him talking to pretty, popular Eliza Robertson for the first time. It takes him to places he's never been. And eventually it will take him, and the people around him, to the very edge. The Hounded is a book about depression and working out who you really are, from one of Australia's most prolific children's television writers.

124. Waer (Meg Caddy) \$19.99 \$18.00

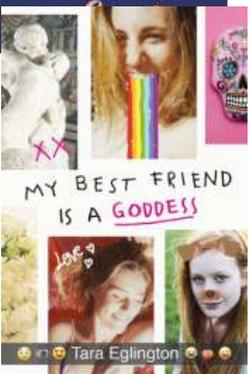
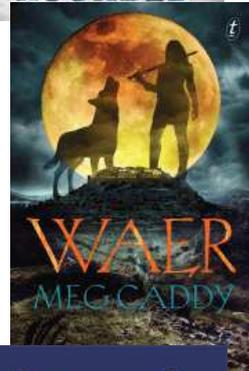
As night fell, something stirred the darkness. Birds shrieked, rising into the air as the peace cracked and fell apart. Flashes of crimson uniform cut the smothering black of the woods. The smell of smoke lifted through the boughs and choked the leaves. The prisoner ran. When Lowell Sencha finds the strange girl lying as if dead on the riverbank, he is startled to find that she is like them: waer. Human, but able to assume the form of a wolf. The Sencha family's small community has kept itself sequestered and unnoticed, free from persecution. The arrival of a fellow traveller, and a hunted one at that, threatens their very survival. Sure enough, the soldiers of the blood-purist Daeman Leldh soon descend on the village searching for her, burning and slaughtering. Lowell and the mysterious stranger are among the few to escape. And now they must find their way to the city of Luthan where, she says, they will find people to help them bring down Daeman Leldh. If she can persuade them not to kill her. This brilliant young adult fantasy debut from young Australian writer Meg Caddy sees the emergence of an exciting new talent in speculative fiction.

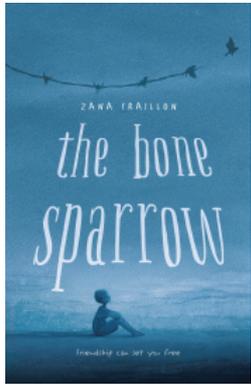
125. Words in Deep Blue (Cath Crowley) \$18.99 \$17.10

Second-hand bookshops are full of mysteries This is a love story. It's the story of Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets, to words. It's the story of Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie. They were best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore, grieving for her brother Cal. She's looking for the future in the books people love, and the words that they leave behind. Sometimes you need the poets.

126. My Best Friend is a Goddess (Tara Eglington) \$19.99 \$18.00

When Adriana's mother dies, very suddenly, everything changes. Adriana's father accepts a job in Borneo and the girls spend Year 10 apart. Despite the rubbish internet connection (on Adriana's side of things) the girls manage to stay in touch. And then Adriana returns home. And she has gone from awkward to AMAZING and turned into a goddess! Emily just wishes that one guy, any guy, would want to get to know her for some other reason besides being Adriana's best friend. In the meantime, she's committed to helping Adriana manage the throngs of potential suitors that are texting, emailing and adding Emily on Facebook in the hope of an introduction to 'the goddess', as Adriana is still pretty shy around boys and no-one's made her want to step out of her shell. That is, until she sees the brand new and super cute guy in Emily's art class. The one who really is called Theo James and makes Emily laugh. The one who doesn't seem all that affected by Adriana's appearance. Two best friends crushing on one very cute guy ... someone's going to get their heart broken. MY BEST FRIEND IS A GODDESS is about what happens to a friendship when two girls change - and not just on the outside.





127. Bone Sparrow, The (Zana Frallion) \$19.99 \$18.00

Sometimes, at night, the dirt outside turns into a beautiful ocean. As red as the sun and as deep as the sky. I lie in my bed, Queeny's feet pushing up against my cheek, and listen to the waves lapping at the tent. Subhi is a refugee. Born in an Australian permanent detention centre after his mother fled the violence of a distant homeland, life behind the fences is all he has ever known. But as he grows, his imagination gets bigger too, until it is bursting at the limits of his world. The Night Sea brings him gifts, the faraway whales sing to him, and the birds tell their stories. The most vivid story of all, however, is the one that arrives one night in the form of Jimmie, a scruffy, impatient girl who appears from the other side of the wires, and brings a notebook written by the mother she lost. Unable to read it, she relies on Subhi to unravel her own family's love songs and tragedies. Subhi and Jimmie might both find a way to freedom, as their tales unfold. But not until each of them has been braver than ever before.

128. Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club (Alison Goodman) \$19.99 \$18.00

London, April 1812. Lady Helen Wrexhall is set to make her debut at the court of Queen Charlotte and officially step into polite Regency society and the marriage mart. Little does Helen know that step will take her from the opulent drawing rooms of Mayfair and the bright lights of Vauxhall Gardens into a shadowy world of missing housemaids and demonic conspiracies. Standing between those two worlds is Lord Carlston, a man of ruined reputation and brusque manners. He believes Helen has a destiny beyond the ballroom; a sacred and secret duty. Helen is not so sure, especially when she discovers that nothing around her is quite as it seems, including the enigmatic Lord Carlston. Against a backdrop of whispered secrets in St James's Palace, soirees with Lord Byron and morning calls from Beau Brummell, Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club is a delightfully dangerous adventure of self-discovery and dark choices that must be made ... whatever the consequences.

129. Yellow (Megan Jacobson) \$19.99 \$18.00

Utterly unique and beautifully written, Yellow pulls you into the rhythms of life in a small coastal town; its beauty and its harsh realities. But it's the supernatural element that illuminates the story, weaving through the loves and hopes of characters you care for deeply. If fourteen-year-old Kirra is having a mid-life crisis now then it doesn't bode well for her life expectancy. Her so-called friends bully her, whatever semblance of a mother she had has been drowned at the bottom of a gin bottle ever since her dad left them for another woman, and now a teenage ghost is speaking to her through a broken phone booth. Kirra and the ghost make a pact. She'll prove who murdered him almost twenty years ago if he makes her popular, gets her parents back together, and he promises not to haunt her.

130. Becoming Aurora (Elizabeth Kasmer) \$19.95 \$17.96

Sixteen-year-old Rory is at a crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war, Rory is sentenced to spend her summer at an aged care facility. She's proud of taking the rap for a crime her gang committed and reading to a feisty old boxing champion isn't going to change that. But what happens when Rory's path intersects with migrant boxer Essam's and she becomes the victim, not the perpetrator? Can she find the courage to face her past and become the girl her dad called Aurora?

131. Sidekicks (William Kostakis) \$19.99 \$18.00

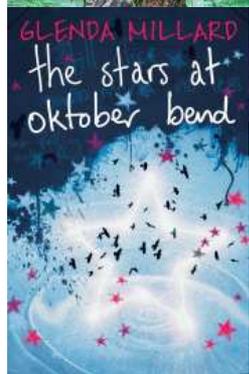
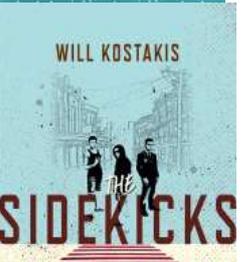
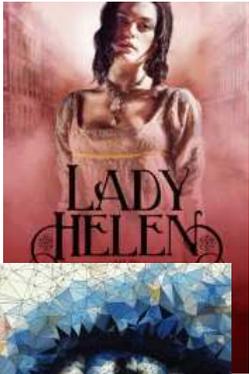
The Swimmer. The Rebel. The Nerd. All Ryan, Harley and Miles had in common was Isaac. They lived different lives, had different interests and kept different secrets. But they shared the same best friend. They were sidekicks. And now that Isaac's gone, what does that make them? Will Kostakis, award-winning author of The First Third, perfectly depicts the pain and pleasure of this teenage world, piecing together three points of view with intricate splendour.

132. Ocean of the Dead, The (Andrew McGahan) \$24.99 \$22.50

The cataclysmic final book in the Ship Kings series. In search of a new world, Dow and Nell must face the final frontier - the treacherous Doldrums. Their journey will be filled with wonders; the rewards could be great - but the cost might be everything, for there are good reasons why none who have sailed the Ocean of the Dead have returned to tell the tale.

133. Stars at Oktober Bend, The (Glenda Millard) \$19.99 \$18.00

A powerful, captivating story about Alice, who is reaching out to express herself through her beautiful-broken words, and Manny who is running to escape his past. When they meet they find the tender beginnings of love and healing. Alice is fifteen, with hair as red as fire and skin as pale as bone, but something inside her is broken. She has acquired brain injury, the result of an assault, and her words come out slow and slurred. But when she writes, heartwords fly from her pen. She writes poems to express the words she can't say and leaves them in unexpected places around the town. Manny was once a child soldier. He is sixteen and has lost all his family. He appears to be adapting to his new life in this country, where there is comfort and safety, but at night he runs, barefoot, to escape the memory of his past.



134. A Toaster on Mars (Darrell Pitt) \$19.99 \$18.00

For fans of Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett comes a hilarious new space and time adventure Neo City, 2509. After a series of operational bumbles, as well as the accidental death of his partner, special agent Blake Carter's career at the Planetary Bureau of Investigation is in trouble. To make matters worse, he's just been assigned a new partner—and the beautiful and brilliant Nicki Steel happens to be a cyborg. When universe-famous criminal Bartholomew Badde steals a weapon capable of destroying whole planets at a time, Blake and Nikki must work together to recover it, an investigation that takes them to all corners of the weird and wonderful galaxy. But things get serious when Badde kidnaps Blake's teenage daughter, Lisa. Can Blake prove he's still a first-rate agent—not to mention father—and save Lisa in time?

135. Frankie (Shivaun Plozza) \$17.99 \$16.20

Frankie Vega is angry. Just ask the guy whose nose she broke. Or the cop investigating the burglary she witnessed, or her cheating ex-boyfriend or her aunt who's tired of giving second chances... When a kid shows up claiming to be Frankie's half brother, it opens the door to a past she doesn't want to remember. And when that kid goes missing, the only person willing to help is a boy with stupidly blue eyes ... and secrets of his own. Frankie's search for the truth might change her life, or cost her everything.

136. Our Chemical Hearts (Krystal Sutherland) \$19.99 \$18.00

Henry Page has never been in love. The slo-mo, can't-eat-can't-sleep kind of love he's been hoping for just hasn't been on the cards: at least not yet. Henry's too busy trying to get into a semi-decent college and become editor of his school newspaper, a dream three years in the making. The rest of his spare time he spends with his best friends, Lola and Murray, playing video games and advising them on their own sordid love lives. Then he meets Grace Town, the elusive new girl in school, who wears oversized boys' clothing, walks with a cane, rarely seems to shower, and is hiding crushing secrets. She's hardly who Henry expected his dream girl to be, but when the two are chosen to edit the paper together, sparks fly. After all this time, Henry's about to learn firsthand just how disastrous the road to first love can be: and that sometimes it's the detours that end up mattering much more.

137. Forgetting Foster (Dianne Touchell) \$19.99 \$18.00

The powerful story of a young boy whose father develops Alzheimer's disease, from the highly acclaimed author of *A Small Madness*. Foster suddenly recognised the feeling that rolled over him and made him feel sick. It was this: Dad was going away somewhere all on his own. And Foster was already missing him. Foster Sumner is seven years old. He likes toy soldiers, tadpole hunting, going to school and the beach. Best of all, he likes listening to his dad's stories. But then Foster's dad starts forgetting things. No one is too worried at first. Foster and Dad giggle about it. But the forgetting gets worse. And suddenly no one is laughing anymore. A heartbreaking story about what it means to forget and to be forgotten.

138. Everything is Changed (Nova Weetman) \$19.95 \$17.96

Lifelong friends Jake and Alex are torn apart when they make a terrible split-second decision that ends in tragedy. As guilt closes in on Jake, he becomes increasingly determined to confess to the police. But Alex just wants to move on with life. He's got a cool new girlfriend, fancy new house and posh new school, and doesn't want his future to be ruined by a mistake in his past. Told backwards in alternating viewpoints, this gritty novel takes us through the wreckage of a broken friendship, back to the moment when everything changed.

139. Invisible War: A Tale on Two Scales (Alisa Wild) \$29.99 \$27.00

An illustrated science-history graphic novel exploring parallel experiences during WWI. The story takes place on two different physical scales - the macro-scale, from the point of view of a Victorian nurse supporting troops in the trenches of the Western Front - and simultaneously on the micro-level, from the point of view of the gut microbes which fight to keep her body alive when she contracts dysentery. This fictional story is based on accurate scientific and historical facts, in consultation with academic experts from Australia, France, UK and the USA.

140. One Would Think the Deep (Claire Zorn) \$19.95 \$17.96

Sam stared at the picture of the boy about to be tipped off the edge of the world: the crushing weight of water about to pummel him. Sam knew that moment exactly, the disbelief that what was about to happen could even be possible. The intake of breath before the flood. Sam has always had things going on in his head that no one else understands, even his mum. And now she's dead, it's worse than ever. With nothing but his skateboard and a few belongings in a garbage bag, Sam goes to live with the strangers his mum cut ties with seven years ago: Aunty Lorraine and his cousins Shane and Minty. Despite the suspicion and hostility emanating from their fibro shack, Sam reverts to his childhood habit of following Minty around and is soon surfing with Minty to cut through the static fuzz in his head. But as the days slowly meld into one another, and ghosts from the past reappear, Sam has to make the ultimate decision ... will he sink or will he swim.

