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## CBC NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2018

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we have listed the title on each occasion, but only given it a number once for ordering purposes.

### CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: YOUNGER READERS (1-37) 37

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Intended for independent younger readers)



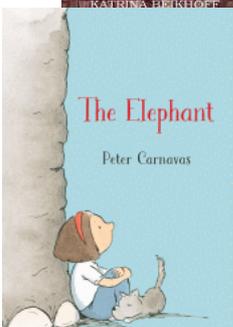
#### 1. Too Many Friends (Kathryn Apel) \$14.95 \$13.46

At school I have lots of friends. I have so many friends that sometimes I don't know who to play with. Tahnee wants everyone in her Year 2 class to get along and be happy. But what happens when all of Tahnee's friends want her attention at the same time? And how can Tahnee be friends with Lucy, when Lucy doesn't seem to want any friends? A novel about friendship and school life, and the balance we all need to find to be the best friend we can be.



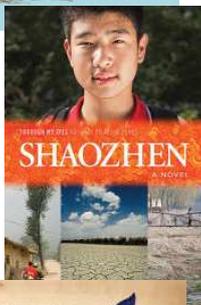
#### 2. New Australian: May Tang (Katrina Beikoff) \$16.99 \$15.30

Born in the Year of the Snake, May Tang is like flowing water when she should have more fire. A dreamer, she will never be sensible and obedient like her elder sister Jie Jie or clever like her brother Peter, studying in Australia. But her parents are worried by rumoured events in China, and May finds herself on her way to a new life in Australia. It is so different that May wonders if she will ever be able to love this new country.



#### 3. Elephant, The (Peter Carnavas) \$14.95 \$11.96

Olive's father has a sadness so big that she imagines it as a large grey elephant following him around. With the help of her cheery grandfather and her best friend, Arthur, Olive sets out to chase away her father's elephant. Beautifully written, this novel from acclaimed author and illustrator Peter Carnavas will stay with you long after you finish.



#### 4. Through My Eyes Natural Disasters: Shaozhen (Wai Chim) \$16.99 \$15.30

Shaozhen has no intention of staying in his remote Henan village and becoming another poor farmer: he'll finish school, and then, hopefully, work in a factory in one of the major cities, just like his father. But when Shaozhen returns home for the summer holidays, imagining days filled with nothing but playing basketball with his friends, he's in for a shock. The worst drought in over sixty years threatens the crops that the entire village relies on for income. As the water situation becomes dire, Shaozhen realises he must come up with a plan. But will it be enough to save his family and friends and secure the future of his village?



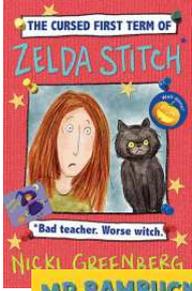
#### 5. Blue Cat, The (Ursula Dubosarsky) \$19.99 \$15.99

A boy stood in the playground under the big fig tree. 'He can't speak English,' the children whispered...Sydney, 1942. The war is coming to Australia - not only with the threat of bombardment, but also the arrival of refugees from Europe. Dreamy Columba's world is growing larger. She is drawn to Ellery, the little boy from far away, and, together with her highly practical best friend Hilda, the three children embark on an adventure through the harbour-side streets - a journey of discovery and terror, in pursuit of the mysterious blue cat .....



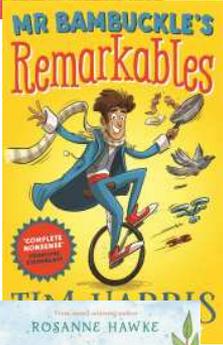
**6. Australia's Great War: 1917 (Kelly Gardiner) \$16.99 \$13.59**

The German planes patrolled in hunting squads. They flew fast fighting craft streaking across the sky in tight formation. The greatest of them was the Red Baron, the deadliest ace on the Front. He'd shot down twenty-one of our planes in a single month. And now we were in his firing line. The war in France rages in the skies, and support for the war in Australia turns cold. Alex flies high above the trenches of the Western Front, while a world away his sister Maggie finds herself in the midst of political upheaval. Somehow, both must find the courage to fight on.



**7. Cursed First Term of Zelda Stitch, The (Nikki Greenberg) \$14.99 \$13.50**

Zelda Stitch isn't much of a witch - she's hoping she'll make a better primary school teacher. But if the vice principal finds out about her, her dream will go up in a puff of smoke. Keeping her magic secret isn't the only trouble bubbling in Zelda's classroom: there's wild-child Zinnia, lonely Eleanor, secretive Phoebe (who MUST be a spy for her aunt, the vice principal!) and a hairy, eight-legged visitor called Jeremy. Not to mention the nits... With NO HELP AT ALL from her disagreeable cat Barnaby, Zelda must learn to be a better teacher, a better friend and a better witch - even if that means taking broomstick lessons. From a house bursting with enchanted cinnamon doughnuts to a crazy collision with a giant inflatable slide, Zelda's diary of her first term is a cauldron full of laughs.



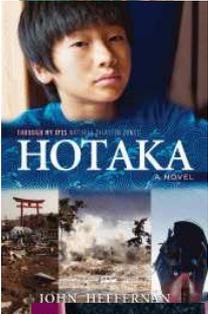
**8. Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables (Tim Harris) \$14.99 \$13.50**

He's the only person who isn't afraid of Canteen Carol. I heard he swam in piranha-infested waters in the Amazon. He lets us use our phones in class! Is his spark-maker beetle really that dangerous? I heard he drank yak's milk in Mongolia. My mum says he used to be in the circus. He's the only teacher who cooks us breakfast. The class in Room 12B has a new teacher, and nothing is ever going to be the same . . .



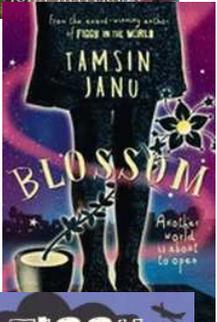
**9. Jehan and the Quest of the Lost Dog (Rosanne Hawke) \$14.95 \$13.46**

Jehan closed his eyes to pray, then opened them again. It wasn't a dream. The water was still there – the biggest flood he had seen in his life. For nine-year-old Jehan, life in Pakistan is just as it should be. He attends school, plays cricket with his little brother and fetches water for his family. But when the monsoon unleashes a catastrophic flood, Jehan is swept away from his village and becomes trapped in a tree.



**10. Through My Eyes: Natural Disaster Zones: Hotaka (John Heffernan) \$16.99 \$15.30**

When the tsunami strikes the Japanese seaside town of Omori-wan, the effects are utterly devastating. Three years later, much of what happened on that day is still a mystery. As Hotaka sets about convincing local performers to appear at the town's upcoming Memorial Concert, he finds himself increasingly haunted by memories of best friend, Takeshi, who perished without trace in the tsunami. Then his friend Sakura becomes involved in an anti-seawall movement, and all too quickly the protest gets serious. As the town and its people struggle to rebuild their lives, can Hotaka piece together what happened that day - and let go of the past?

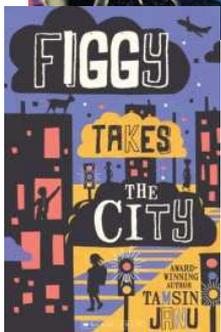


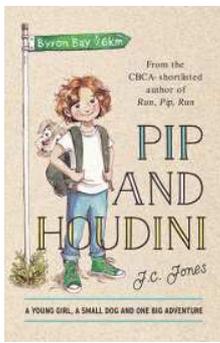
**11. Blossom (Tamsin Janu) \$16.99 \$13.59**

Lottie is excited when a lost little girl, Blossom, arrives on her doorstep. Lottie, who only has Uncle Bobby in the world, has always wanted a sister. But Blossom isn't like other kids. She doesn't speak and is obsessed with her flower, refusing to go anywhere without it. But everything changes when Blossom gets sick, and she is taken away. Lottie, with the help of her friends, must do whatever it takes to rescue her.

**12. Figgy Takes the City (Tamsin Janu) \$16.99 \$13.59**

Both Nana and Figgy receive scholarships to attend the Hope College in Ghana's big city, Accra. Figgy and Nana will have to leave behind the village and family they love, meet lots of new people and learn new things. Figgy does not want to go, but Grandma Ama says she must. But Nana begins acting strange and he will not tell Figgy what he is doing when he disappears from school on the weekends. When Figgy follows him one day, to a place that is scary and sad, she must convince him that he will always be a part of her family, no matter where he comes from. And she learns that sometimes change is not so bad-especially if you have somewhere and someone to go home to.





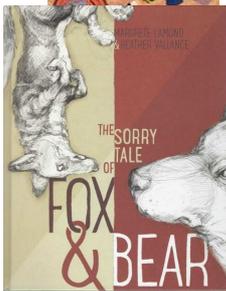
**13. Pip and Houdini (J.C Jones) \$14.99 \$11.99**

Ten-year-old Pip, the girl with 'nerves of steel and a heart of gold', is on another adventure. This time she is on the road to Byron Bay with her dog, Houdini, hoping to find her real mother. Pip has one clue about the whereabouts of her birth mother, Cass - an old postcard from Beautiful Byron Bay. She's been settled with the Brownings, who are planning to adopt her-at least, that's until Pip gets into trouble once again! Now, Pip is sure she won't find a home with the Brownings. There's only one place she might belong, and that's with her mother. With her faithful hound Houdini by her side, Pip sets off north, to find out once and for all what became of Cass. It's a journey filled with interesting people, including a mysteriously musical young woman and a friendly, sun-bitten surfer. But as Pip draws ever-closer to Byron Bay, is she prepared for what she will find when she gets there?



**14. Dog's Tale, A (Barry Jonsberg and Tom Jellett) \$12.99 \$11.70**

Michael wants a dog. His mum and dad say no. No way. Never. They say dogs smell and get under your feet. But Michael is never going to give up. Ever.

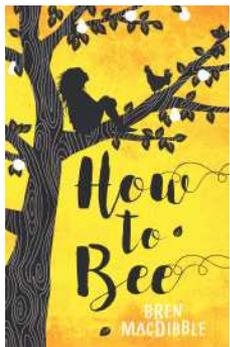


**15. Sorry Tale of Fox and Bear, The (Margrete Lamond and Heather Vallance) \$29.99 \$27.00**

Fox and Bear were true friends. They were close-as-can-be friends, through and through friends... except for one thing. Fox was quick and slick and sly, and Bear was dumber than a pile of rocks. But that's how it was. And it didn't matter. Then Fox stretched the string of friendship until it snapped and they weren't friends any more. The Sorry Tale of Fox and Bear is the story of two friends who fall out with one another, and about what happens next. It is outrageous, passionate and poignant, and the bittersweet ending is as ambiguous as any friendship in real life. A mash-up of several Norwegian folk tales, The Sorry Tale of Fox and Bear is told with wit and verve by Margrete Lamond, and the darkly brooding charcoal illustrations are by acclaimed artist Heather Vallance.

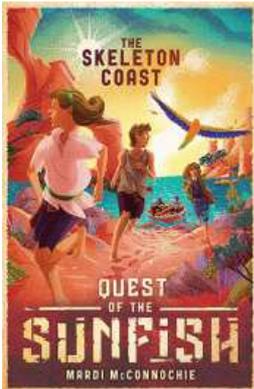
**16. How To Bee (Bren MacDibble) \$16.99 \$15.30**

Sometimes bees get too big to be up in the branches, sometimes they fall and break their bones. This week both happened and Foreman said, 'Tomorrow we'll find two new bees.' Peony lives with her sister and grandfather on a fruit farm outside the city. In a world where real bees are extinct, the quickest, bravest kids climb the fruit trees and pollinate the flowers by hand. All Peony really wants is to be a bee. Life on the farm is a scramble, but there is enough to eat and a place to sleep, and there is love. Then Peony's mother arrives to take her away from everything she has ever known, and all Peony's grit and quick thinking might not be enough to keep her safe. How To Bee is a beautiful and fierce novel for younger readers.



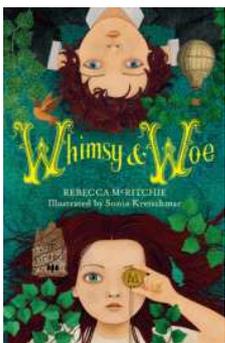
**17. Quest of the Sunfish Book 3: Skeleton Coast, The (Mardi McConnochie) \$14.99 \$13.50**

The adventures of the Sunfish conclude as twins, Annalie and Will, discover the truth of what was behind their father's disappearance and face even more dangers on land than they did at sea. Annalie and Will's father, Spinner, is still on the run from the Admiralty. With their friends, Essie and Pod, and the talking parrot, Graham, their journey has taken them through dangerous waters, ferocious storms and marooned on abandoned islands. They've come heartbreakingly close to Spinner, only to be driven apart once again by their old nemesis, Beckett. While the Sunfishcrew loses precious days to yet another pirate attack, Spinner is fleeing south, to the mysterious land of Sundia. Now, the terrifying emptiness of the Outer Ocean lies between the Sunfish and Spinner. Even if they manage to cross it-with Beckett still hot on their tail-Sundia is a land forbidden to all outsiders. What awaits them beyond Sundia's Skeleton Coast-the greatest danger they have yet faced, or answers and journey's end at last?



**18. Whimsy and Woe (Rebecca McRitchie and Sonia Kretschmar) \$24.99 \$22.50**

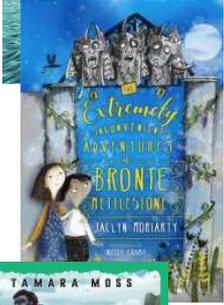
After being abandoned by their thespian parents one afternoon while playing their weekly family game of hide-and-seek, Whimsy and Woe Mordaunt are left in the care of their austere Aunt Apoline. Forced to work in her boarding house, looking after the guests, sharpening the thorns of every plant in the poisonous plant garden and listening to off-key renditions of 'Fish Are Friends Too' - an aria made famous by the legendary Magnus Montgomery - Whimsy and Woe lose all hope that their parents will someday return. Until one day, quite by accident, the siblings stumble upon a half-charred letter that sets them on a course to freedom and finding their parents. Dark, funny, darkly funny and funnily dark, Whimsy & Woe takes readers on an adventure with two intrepid siblings in a tale of mischief, monocles, mice and mist.





**19. Fighting Stingrays, The (Simon Mitchell) \$17.99 \$14.39**

Charlie, Masa and Alf are best mates – loyal and adventurous. They're the Fighting Stingrays. In between school, swimming and fishing on idyllic Thursday Island, they have a ripper time role-playing bombing missions and other war games. But when Japan enters World War II, the Fighting Stingrays are told that one of their own is now the real-life enemy. Drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse in the Torres Strait, their friendship and loyalties are tested as the threat of invasion looms closer.



**20. Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone (Jaclyn Moriarty) \$22.99 \$18.39**

I was ten years old when my parents were killed by pirates. This did not bother me as much as you might think - I hardly knew my parents. Bronte Mettlestone's parents ran away to have adventures when she was a baby, leaving her to be raised by her Aunt Isabelle and the Butler. She's had a perfectly pleasant childhood of afternoon teas and riding lessons - and no adventures, thank you very much.

**21. Lintang and the Pirate Queen (Tamara Moss) \$16.95 \$15.26**

Lintang dreams of having adventures on the high seas. When a deadly mythic attacks the same day the infamous Captain Shafira visits her island, Lintang gets her chance, defending her village with a bravery that earns her a place on the pirate queen's ship. But they've barely left the island when Lintang discovers her best friend, Bayani, has stowed away. Telling Captain Shafira means betraying her friend, but keeping Bayani's secret risks everything . . . including their lives.

**22. Looking Up (Sally Murphy) \$14.99 \$13.50**

Pete is hoping – desperately hoping – for a telescope. There's nothing he wants more for his birthday. But when a mysterious card arrives in the mail, what Pete wants is turned totally upside down.

**23. Marsh and Me (Martine Murray) \$14.99 \$11.99**

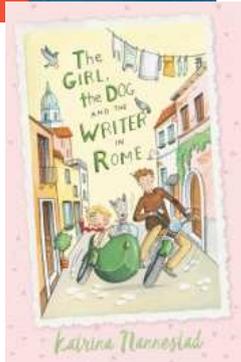
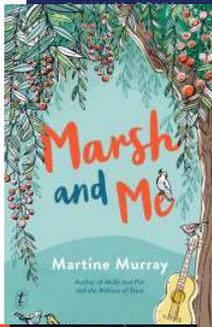
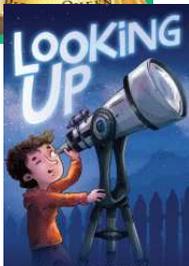
There's a hill out the back of Joey's house. Hardly anyone goes there—it's not a beautiful place, just a covered-over old rubbish tip. But Joey likes it up there. It's his hill—somewhere he likes to go to wonder about life. He longs to be the best at something, to be a famous astronaut, or mountain climber, to stand out. When Joey discovers a tree house in an old peppercorn tree on the hill, he is annoyed that someone has invaded his special place. But he is also curious about who the intruder could be. But making contact isn't easy. The tree-house girl is wild and hostile and full of secrets—Joey needs to work out a way to win her over. And as he does, he finds a way to shine. Marsh and Me is a story about friendship and trust and learning to believe in yourself and what makes you special. Martine Murray's beautifully rounded characters, with all their self-doubts, yearnings and wise insights, will delight readers young and old.

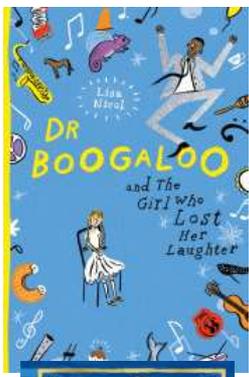
**24. Henrietta and the Perfect Night (Martine Murray) \$16.99 \$15.30**

Hello everybody, it's me. Henrietta the Great Go-Getter, and I'm having a big think. Right now I'm thinking I'd like a baby sister, so I can dress her up in different sorts of hats. But Mum says we'll have to wait and see. I'm terrible at waiting. Meanwhile, I'm an explorer of life, and that includes trees, bugs, animals and all mysteries. I'm going to school for the very first time, which means I might have to go as a spy so that I can have a secret peep inside... When Henrietta sees Olive Higgie crying in the classroom, she goes on a rescue mission and finds that you only need one friend in a room full of strangers to feel perfectly happy. Henrietta's stories are full of funny thoughts and discoveries, and maybe the best are the ones that take a long time to come.

**25. Girl, the Dog and the Writer In Rome, The (Katrina Nannestad) \$16.99 \$13.59**

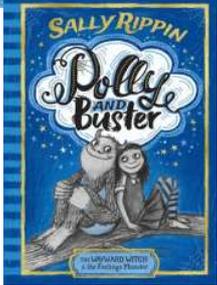
He's the world's vaguest novelist. She's a shy and unusual child. Together, they're travelling the world, one book a time. For the first ten years of Freja's life, she and her mother Clementine have roamed the Arctic in search of zoological wonders. Happy, content, together. Freja and Clem. Clem and Freja. But now, everything is changing, and Clementine must send Freja away to live with her old friend Tobias, a bestselling crime writer and, quite possibly, the most absent-minded man on earth. Tobias isn't used to life with a child, and Freja isn't used to people at all, but together they'll stumble into an Italian adventure so big that it will change things forever ... Award-winning Australian author Katrina Nannestad returns with a delicious new series about family, friendship and finding yourself.





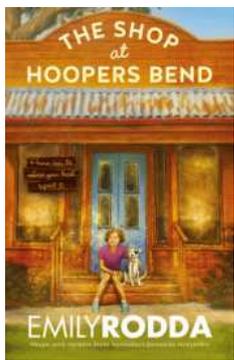
**26. Dr Boogaloo and the Girl Who Lost Her Laughter (Lisa Nicol) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Dr Boogaloo was no ordinary doctor. He treated folks who suffered from rather unusual complaints. And how did he treat them? Why, with the most powerful medicine known to mankind . . . Music! Blue was no ordinary girl. For starters, her name was Blue. But what was truly extraordinary about Blue was the fact that she hadn't laughed for 712 days. Not a hee hee, a ho ho or even a tiny tee hee. According to Dr Boogaloo, music can cure anything. (Of course, you need the right dose of the right music. No point listening to a jive if you're in need of some boogie-woogie, and you can't just substitute a toot for a blow!) But no laughter was definitely a case for alarm. Can Dr Boogaloo compose a cure before Blue loses her laughter forever?



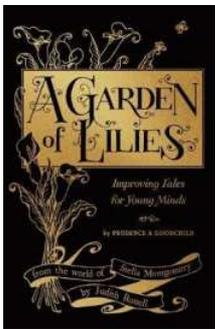
**27. Polly and Buster Book 1: Wayward Witch and the Feelings Monster, The (Sally Rippin) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Who ever heard of a witch and a monster being friends? Everyone knows that witches don't mix with monsters. Witches are educated, clever, sophisticated. But monsters? Monsters are just uncouth. Some are even dangerous. But Polly the witch and Buster the feelings monster have been best friends forever. It's the sort of friendship that makes your heart squeeze with happiness. Somehow, they've managed to keep their friendship a secret. Until one day, when everything changes ...



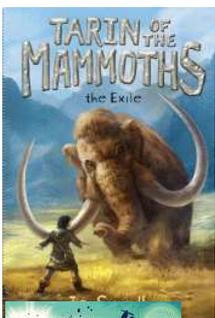
**28. Shop at Hoopers Bend, The (Emily Rodda) \$16.99 \$13.59**

Eleven-year-old Jonquil (known as Quil) Medway is a girl with more than an unusual name. Quil's parents died in a car accident when she was a baby and she now goes to boarding school, but spends her holidays with an aunt - or at camp, which is where Quil is heading when she decides to get off early at a train stop called Hoopers Bend. It is there that Quil meets Pirate, a chunky little white dog with black spots who immediately adopts her and Bailey, a crabby older lady who has gone to Hoopers Bend to check out the shop that has been left to her by an uncle. There is something magical about the shop at Hoopers Bend though, and once it casts its spell on Quil and Bailey they are drawn together in an unlikely friendship and their fight to save the shop from developers. From one of Australia's most renowned children's authors, this is a story about coming home when you didn't even know that was where you belonged.



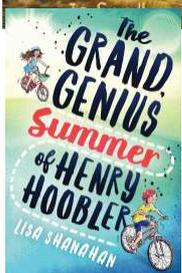
**29. Garden of Lilies: Improving Tales for Young Minds, A (Judith Rossell) \$19.99 \$18.00**

In Wormwood Mire, award-winning author Judith Rossell introduced us to the lessons of fictitious Victorian writer Prudence A Goodchild ... Now the book comes to life as the perfect gift for any Stella Montgomery fan. From the bestselling world of Stella Montgomery comes an illustrated alphabet of startling cautionary tales for the discerning young reader. Filled with uncommon facts for the novice conversationalist, prudent advice for house and garden, and rigorous lessons in etiquette and manners, A Garden of Lilies will transform any wayward child into the very picture of Victorian decorum and grace.



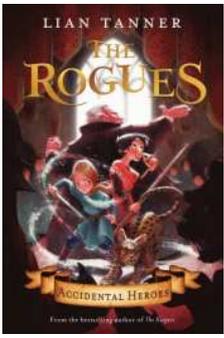
**30. Tarin of the Mammoth Book 1: Exile, The (Jo Sandhu) \$16.99 \$15.30**

Tarin longs to be a hunter, but his twisted leg means he is feared and bullied. After a disastrous mishap, Tarin is forced to leave his family and travel alone across wild, unknown land to save the Mammoth Clan. Battling the hostile and savage Boar Clan, a deadly illness and treacherous terrain with twins Kaija and Luuka and their wolf cubs, Tarin realises that if they are all to survive he must conquer his greatest fear – his true self – and embrace the magic that is hiding within him.



**31. Grand Genius Summer of Henry Hoobler, The (Lisa Shanahan) \$14.99 \$13.50**

It struck Henry that perhaps he was waiting for the exact right moment to be daring and brave. The exact right moment where he felt no worry at all, not one tiny flicker. But what if that moment never came?..Henry Hoobler is a reluctant adventurer worried about his summer holiday: camping at the beach, bugs, spiders, snakes, stingers, blue ringed octopi and sharks. Worst of all, his family and friends are pushing him to ride his new silver bike without training wheels. But when Henry meets Cassie, he discovers that courage is there to be found when you have a friend who is straight up and true...



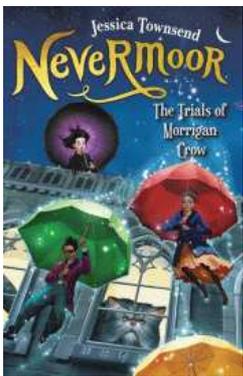
**32. The Rogues Book 1: Accidental Heroes (Lian Tanner) \$19.99 \$18.00**

In the city, strange things happen. People disappear, trees sprout overnight. But no one believes in magic. No, to believe in magic would be disloyal... The devious Lord Rump and his granddaughter, Duckling, need a disposable boy, and Pummel, a farm boy looking for work in the city, fits the bill perfectly. Duckling is happy to tangle him in her grandpa's web, as long as Grandpa keeps his promise - that this is his very last Scheme. Lord Rump's machinations take both children into the Strong-hold of Berren - where time has stopped and no one can leave - and before long they are entwined in a plot to kill the heir to the Faithful Throne. If they want to protect the Young Margrave, and save themselves from an awful death, Duckling and Pummel must learn to use the magic that no one else believes in.



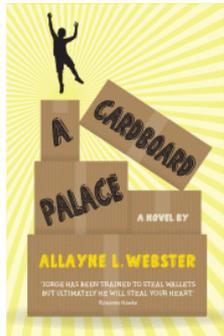
**33. Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers X Marks the Spot (Jol Temple and Kate John Foye) \$12.99 \$11.70**

Meet Jimmy Cook - he's an explorer (he discovered Grade Three was full of surprises), an eccentric (he looks great in a tricorn hat) and someone who takes adventure very seriously. The second hilarious book in the Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers series.



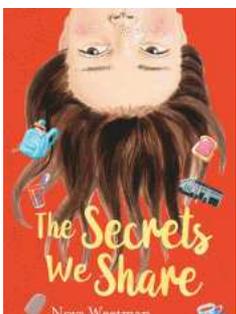
**34. Nevermoor: The Trials Of Morrigan Crow (Jessica Townsend) \$16.99 \$15.30**

A breathtaking, enchanting new series by debut Australian author Jessica Townsend, about a cursed girl who escapes death and finds herself in a magical world - but is then tested beyond her wildest imagination. Morrigan Crow is cursed. Born on an unlucky day, she is blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks - and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on Eventide. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor. It's there that Morrigan discovers Jupiter has chosen her to contend for a place in the city's most prestigious organisation: the Wondrous Society. In order to join, she must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent that sets them apart. Except for Morrigan, who doesn't seem to have any special talent at all. To stay in the safety of Nevermoor for good, Morrigan will need to find a way to pass the tests - or she'll have to leave the city to confront her deadly fate.



**35. Cardboard Palace, A (Allayne L Webster) \$17.99 \$16.20**

Jorge lives in a shanty town on the outskirts of Paris. Bill, a controller, has an army of child thieves at his command—and Jorge is one of them. But soon Jorge faces an even bigger threat. His home is to be bulldozed. Where will Jorge sleep? What will happen to his friends, Ada and Gino? Could a burgeoning friendship with Australian chef, Sticky-Ricky, help Jorge to stop Bill and save the army of child-thieves? And will he do it before he loses Ada forever? Jorge can't keep fighting to live—now he must live to fight. A harrowing, humbling story about one boy's desperation to escape a life of crippling poverty.



**36. Secrets We Share, The (Nova Weetman) \$16.95 \$15.26**

You've probably figured out by now that I love this tree. I love it because it's no longer beautiful, no longer a tree that would stop a tourist, begging to be photographed. And I love it because it reminds me of my mum. Clem is slowly rebuilding her life after a house fire destroyed everything. She's about to start high school with her best friends, Bridge and Ellie, and she's happy living with her dad in their tiny flat. So when her mum unexpectedly moves back in, Clem feels like there's no space for her anymore. But then she meets Matt, a funny and rebellious fourteen-year-old who has family troubles of his own. Clem feels like she can tell him anything ... all except her deepest fear. When everything starts to unravel, Clem must decide which secrets to keep and which to share.



**37. Trouble and the New Kid (Cate Whittle and Stephen Michael King) \$9.99 \$9.00**

Nina the New Kid at school thinks that dragons don't exist. Trouble is still banned from the schoolyard, so he can't show her she is wrong. It's no fun when people don't believe in you, but believing in things is good for everyone, as Georgia is about to find out.

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(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Intended for Children in the pre-reading to early reading stages)

### 38. Thank You Dish, The (Trace Balla) \$19.99 \$18.00

It's dinnertime at Grace's place...'Thank you, alpaca,' says Grace...'Alpaca?' asks Mama. 'Why would you thank an alpaca?'. A playful mealtime conversation becomes a joyful act of giving thanks. From the multi-award-winning creator of Rivertime, Rockhopping and Shine...'A heartwarming book filled with the joys of being part of a community that values growing food and sharing meals with loved ones.' Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation

### 39. Shapes of Australia (Bronwyn Bancroft) \$24.99 \$19.99

From boulders to bee hives, from mountains to coral, Bronwyn Bancroft explores the shapes that form our land.

### 40. Rodney Loses It (Michael Gerard Bauer and Chrissie Krebs) \$24.99 \$19.99

Rodney was a rabbit who loved nothing more than drawing. He never found it tiresome, tedious or boring. But then one day, disaster struck, the one thing Rodney feared, while working at his drawing desk his pen just...DISAPPEARED! A truly hysterical search for a missing pen, by award-winning author Michael Gerard Bauer.

### 41. Busting (Aaron Blabey) \$16.99 \$15.30

Lou is BUSTING for the loo. But the loo has quite a queue. So what on earth is Lou to do?

### 42. Guff (Aaron Blabey) \$16.95 \$13.59

This is my Guff. He's really nice. I've known him since I was little. And I still know him even now I'm big...A funny and delightful picture book for 4+ for anyone who's ever had a little fabric friend. From the award-winning and best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.

### 43. Pig the Star (Aaron Blabey) \$16.99 \$13.59

Pig just LOVES attention. In fact, he's a great, bit SHOW-OFF. But when ANOTHER star appears at the photo shoot, Pig doesn't like it. No, Pig doesn't like it at ALL...

### 44. Very Sleepy Bear, The (Nick Bland) \$16.95 \$13.59

On a Jingle Jangle Mountain, as the snow fell on the rocks A sleepy bear was being followed by a very sneaky fox. But Bear was in a hurry, he was running very late Winter had arrived and it was time to hibernate! The Very Cranky Bear is back and he has a mischievous fox to contend with....

### 45. You Can't Catch Me (Nicola Bolton) \$20.00 \$18.00

The sun is up, it's a brand new day. Time to go outside and play ... This delightful, rhythmic story is full of fun and energy. Two dogs spend their day chasing the Blackbird while she darts from tree to tree collecting mulberries to feed her babies three. Will they catch her?

### 46. Busy Little Creatures (Fiona Bowden) \$15.99 \$14.40

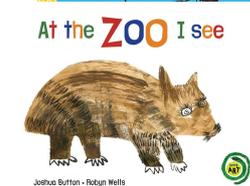
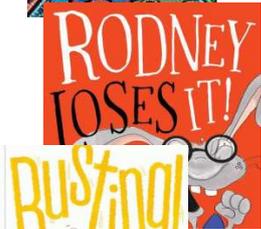
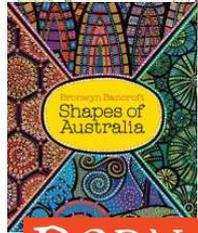
An engaging book full of busy little creatures sure to delight and fascinate both children and adults. A fun way to explore movement, colours, patterns, sizes and numbers whilst supporting your child's learning and encouraging outdoor play and adventure.

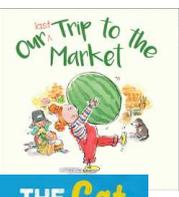
### 47. At The Zoo I See BOARD BOOK (Joshua Button and Robyn Wells) \$9.99 \$9.00

This delightful book for early childhood will enthrall young children and their older readers. The vibrant illustrations are accompanied by a soft lyrical text and together they introduce some of the diverse native and exotic animals to be found in Australian zoos. The 'doleful lion', the 'pacing jaguar', the 'trumpeting elephant' and the 'cheeky cassowary' are just some of the zoo animals that will tug at the heartstrings in this fabulous animal parade.

### 48. Heads and Tails (John Canty) \$26.95 \$24.26

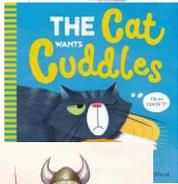
Heads and Tails by John Canty is an extraordinary children's picture book. Leveraging the natural and universal fascination that children have with animals, the book utilises hints and recognition to build a sense of anticipation on each page, that is resolved on the following page when the identity of the animal is discovered. Young readers are engaged in the process of deduction by drawing on visual prompts and clues such as where an animal may live, what the animal may look like and sounds the animal makes. The effect is that each page presents an engaging yet accessible mini mystery for the child to solve. Accordingly, the young reader's inevitable participation in the process of discovery ensures the book's enjoyment.





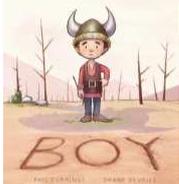
**49. Our Last Trip to the Market (Lorin Clarke and Mitch Vane) \$24.99 \$22.50**

What a fabulous morning to go to the market. That busker is dressed as a clown! And there's fruit and a baker. There are people on bikes. Annabelle, please put that down.....This boisterous family excursion is full of warmth, humour and delicious mischief...



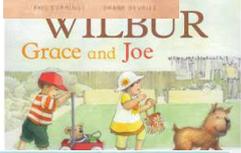
**50. Cat Wants Cuddles, The (P Crumble and Lucinda Gifford) \$16.99 \$13.59**

Kevin doesn't want a pat. He doesn't want a tickle. And he definitely does NOT want a cuddle. There's absolutely no way this hilarious cat is going to change his mind about that. Or will he?



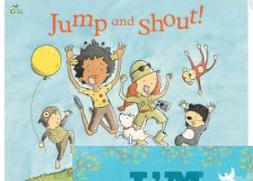
**51. Boy (Phil Cummings and Shane DeVries) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The king's battles with the dragon were always mighty and loud... CLING CLANG CLONG! ROAR! Boy lived in a silent world and couldn't hear the fighting. But Boy could see the fear around him... and how everyone would be much happier.



**52. Wilbur, Grace and Joe (Phil Cummings and Amanda Graham) \$14.99 \$13.50**

A heart-warming story following the tale of Wilbur, Grace and Joe. Join Wilbur, a fun-loving family pet as he shares the joy of Grace and Joe's first years. He worries when they fall, he rejoices with their first steps... and faithfully joins in all their adventures.



**53. Jump and Shout (Mike Dumbleton and Peter Carnavas) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Jump and shout.... clap and cheer on this rollicking adventure with a lively family. Join them as they swing, skip and tumble through the neighbourhood on a joyful day out.



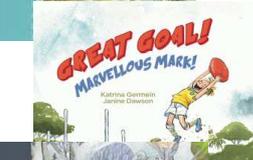
**54. I'm Australian Too (Mem Fox and Ronojoy Ghosh) \$19.99 \$18.00**

I'm Australian! How about you? Many people from many places have come across the seas, to make Australia their home. How Australian is that?



**55. Stitches and Stuffing (Carrie Gallasch and Sara Acton) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Adeline's beloved Bunnybear goes with her everywhere, but one night he is damaged by the dog. Nanna sews Bunnybear back together, but this new Bunnybear is stiff and strange and Adeline puts him on a shelf and leaves him there. Then Nanna goes away, and Adeline realises it is not just stitches and stuffing that holds Bunnybear together ... it is love.



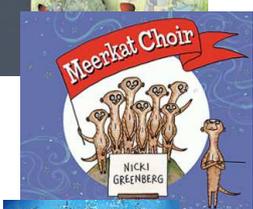
**56. Great Goal! Marvellous Mark! Katrina Germein and Janine Dawson) \$24.95 \$19.96**

Get ready for a great game of footy. There's plenty of action and masses of mud. Who will kick the first goal? Who will take the best mark? And will the yellow team win? A zippy, colourful, wet and muddy children's weekend footy game that relates to all budding AFL champions & their families.



**57. Clare's Goodbye (Libby Gleeson and Anna Pignataro) \$24.99 \$22.50**

We all have our own way of saying goodbye. Libby Gleeson tells a poignant story about letting go, with evocative illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Anna Pignataro.



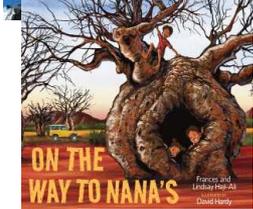
**58. Meerkat Choir (Nikki Greenberg) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The meerkat choirmaster will only allow meerkats in his choir. But singing is fun and all the other animals want to join in too. A wonderfully funny picture book about the folly of excluding others from your group.



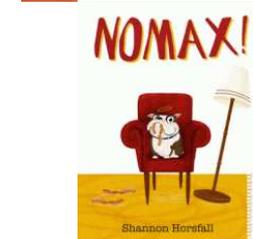
**59. Second Sky, The (Patrick Guest and Jonathan Bentley) \$24.99 \$22.50**

The first thing Gilbert sees when he hatches from his egg is the sky. It is love at first sight and from that moment on Gilbert longs to fly like other birds. But Penguins don't fly, they waddle, and so begins Gilbert's quest to find his place in the world. Great things happen when you reach for the sky.



**60. On the Way to Nana's (Frances Haji-Ali and David Hardy) \$17.99 \$16.20**

Frances and Lindsay Haji-Ali take us counting backwards from FIFTEEN to ONE on this spectacular journey in the far north of WA. When Frances and Lindsay lived with their family in Broome, they often set out to visit Nana in the tiny outback town of Wyndham over 1,000km north. These road trips took them across the magnificent Kimberley landscape and inspired this counting story. On the way to Nanas is a standout counting book. Counting backwards from fifteen to one is a challenging concept for children to grasp. Each double-page spread includes numbers and words and will enthrall readers, parents and educators as they find and count the objects on each page. From bulbous boabs and wild brumbies to weary travellers, flying magpie geese and flowing waterfalls, David Hardys striking illustrations capture the awe and excitement of this special family adventure.



**61. Nomax! (Shannon Horsfall) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Max is a dog who lives life to the full, which is why his master is so often calling out to him - 'No Max!' From the author of WAS NOT ME, comes another very funny book about life - as Max the dog sees it.



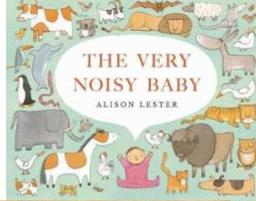
**62. 1,2, Pirate Stew (Kylie Howarth) \$19.99 \$18.00**

1,2, Round up the crew. 3,4, Now grab an oar. Take one large cardboard box, two imaginative kids, add a splash of pirate pets and you have a recipe for adventure! Count along from 1 to 22 to discover the secret of the missing treasure and some very special pirate stew.



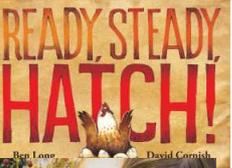
**63. Me and You (Deborah Kelly and Karen Blair) \$24.99 \$22.50**

A delightful rhyming picture book that celebrates all the special relationships and fun-filled activities in a child's life, their special bonds with parents, grandparents, cousins, neighbours and pets, as well as all the wonderful fun-filled days they enjoy together: from beach and baking days, to cycling and footy-kicking or simply lazy days. This is a joyous, accessible picture book perfect for sharing with children.



**64. Very Noisy Baby, The (Alison Lester) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Here is the story of a very noisy baby. She could bellow like a buffalo. And roar like a lion. And howl like a wolf for a very long time. The baby loves to make all kinds of sounds. She's really very loud. But when some animals in the town go missing, can the very noisy baby help? Find out in this wonderfully boisterous story, full of action, fun (and noise!).



**65. Ready, Steady, Hatch! (Ben Long and David Cornish) \$16.95 \$15.26**

Round and bright, and creamy white, amid the pumpkin patch, a clutch of eggs was sprouting legs. Ready, steady, hatch! Ten chicks are excited to discover the world outside their eggshells, but the smallest is soon separated from the rest. Where can she be? A rollicking adventure about curiosity, camaraderie and, above all, having a play along the way!



**66. Olivia's Voice (Mike Lucas and Jennifer Harrison) \$26.99 \$24.30**

Listen. Silence. Love, words, friendship and colour need no sound. My name is Olivia and this is my world.



**67. What's Up Top? (Marc Martin) \$24.99 \$19.99**

What's at the top of the ladder? Is it a hat? Is it a cat? Is it a snail on a whale? Simple, playful and absurdist, this new picture book by Marc Martin is about imagination and creativity. Reminiscent of Press Here by Herve Tullet, Dr Seuss and I Want my Hat Back by Jon Glasson.



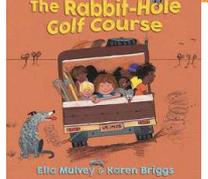
**68. Two Rainbows (Sophie Masson and Michael McMahon) \$24.99 \$22.50**

All the colours of the rainbow are explored against the striking backdrop of two different worlds. A stunning exploration of colour by internationally acclaimed author Sophie Masson and emerging illustrator Michael McMahon.



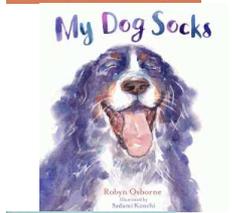
**69. Hello to You, Moon (Sally Morgan) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Not all creatures are night animals, but all creatures respond to the moon. Beautiful counting verse and luminous artwork bring to life the mystery and wonder of moonlight's effect on us all.



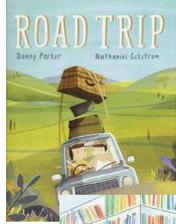
**70. Rabbit-Hole Golf Course, The (Ella Mulvey and Karen Briggs) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A warm and funny story about a unique Australian experience with a fantastic rhythmic read-aloud text. In the big old ute, on the long red road, in the desert of my home, we all set off for the rabbit-hole golf course. It's the best place around here to find rabbits. We sit by the holes, we dig, we wait ... Thump tick, thump tick, thump tick. Where are all the rabbits? A warm and funny Australian story.



**71. My Dog Socks (Robyn Osborne and Sadami Konchi), \$24.95 \$22.46**

Join Socks in his secret world, where imagination rules and the everyday becomes extraordinary. While most people think Socks is just an ordinary dog, through a child's eyes he becomes an enchanted character of many disguises - a chameleon who changes with his environment. One day he's a contented cow rolling in grass, the next a sleek seal basking on rocks, or even a terrible tiger, sprinting from hunters and searching for prey. Regardless of his many guises however, Socks offers a dog's unconditional love and loyalty, for 'when he is by my side, he is my best friend'.



**72. Road Trip (Danny Parker, Nathaniel Eckstrom) \$24.99 \$22.50**

The only thing worse than a long and boring road trip is driving with someone who loves long and boring road trips. Even when that someone is your dad.



**73. Lucy's Book (Natalie Jane Prior and Cheryl Orsini) \$26.99 \$24.30**

Lucy's mum takes her to the library every Saturday. Lucy loves to read, but there is one special book that she borrows over and over again. The book is shared between friends, dropped in the ocean, flown to China and even made into a banana sandwich. But what will happen when everyone's favourite book goes missing?



**74. Hark, It's Me, Ruby Lee! (Lisa Shanahan and Binny) \$26.99 \$21.59**

Ruby Lee is a little girl with a very big imagination. Every week Ruby's teacher, Mrs Majestic-Jones, asks special people to do special jobs in her class. Ruby would do anything to be the messenger, as she's the best in her class at announcing. But will her wild imagination get in the way?

**75. Eric the Postie (Matt Shanks) \$16.95 \$15.26**

Eric had a dream . . .he knew he could be the best postman ever. There was one big obstacle-he didn't have any mail to deliver. Eric is not going to let that stop him . . . An adorable, heartwarming story about chasing your big dreams, no matter how little you are

**76. Molly the Pirate (Lorraine Teece and Paul Seden) \$17.99 \$16.20**

Molly the Pirate is a swashbuckling tale that will delight anyone who ever wanted to be a pirate. Young Molly's imagination knows no bounds when she transforms her Australian backyard into an adventure playground on the high seas. Molly conjures up a pirate ship on her inland horizon and takes her loyal cat and dog along for the ride as she rows across the choppy ocean to the unsuspecting pirates. On board, she meets a feisty crew of salty buccaneers who look suspiciously like her own farmyard chickens. They are no match for Molly's daring exploits as she walks the plank, dances jolly jigs, scrambles up the rigging (or is that a clothesline?) and steers the ship like a true seafaring adventurer.

**77. Scared Book, The (Debra Tidball and Kim Siew) \$16.99 \$15.30**

This gorgeously designed, interactive picture book is a fun shared experience that puts the child in charge of the story. It's story time, but this book has bad news - as soon as it realises there are monsters in it, it's too scared to tell you the rest of the story! Can you help it feel better? It needs you to rub away its goosebumps, blow away the giant butterflies in its tummy, and fan away the yucky smell the monsters have left behind. A fun and quirky interactive story, with distinctive and stylish illustrations from an innovative young illustrator and muralist.

**78. Why Can't I Be A Dinosaur? (Kylie Westaway and Tom Jellett) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Mum, Dad and baby Riley are all busy getting ready for Aunt Daisy's wedding and no one has time to listen to Nellie. But Nellie can't wear her flower girl dress today. Today, she's a dinosaur. Luckily Nellie might just have a brilliant idea ... Why Can't I be a Dinosaur? is a warm family story about determination and ingenuity - and a wedding with a difference.

**79. One Keen Koala (Margaret Wild and Bruce Whatley) \$16.99 \$15.30**

One keen koala and all the animal friends are ready for school! Count along in this beautiful introduction to the fun of school from two of Australia's favourite award-winning picture book creators.

**80. That Christmas Feeling (Lili Wilkinson and Amanda Francey) \$19.99 \$15.99**

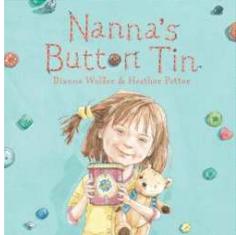
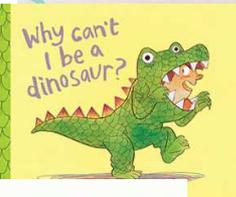
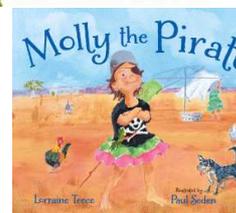
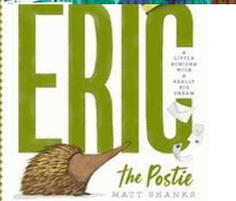
A warm family story that will give you those special Christmas tingles. Dottie is waiting for the Christmas feeling to arrive - that fizzy, excited feeling, where everything is a bit magical. But this year, Dottie, her brother, Jem, and their dog, Shortbread, are staying with Grandma and Grandpa. Grandma and Grandpa are trying hard, but Christmas just isn't the same... A gorgeous, heart-warming story about misplacing the Christmas spirit, and finding it again.

**81. Can You Find Me? (Gordon Winch and Patrick Shirvington) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Search for an echidna, a powerful owl, a frog and many more animals hidden on every page. Pat Shirvington's striking illustrations hide each one of the animals just enough for the guessing to begin.

**82. Nanna's Button Tin (Dianne Wolfer and Heather Potter) \$24.99 \$19.99**

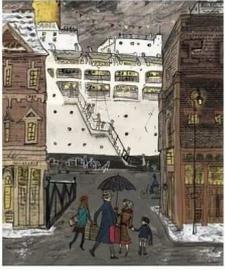
I love nanna's button tin. It is full of stories. Nanna's button tin is very special. It has buttons of all shapes and sizes and they all have a different story to tell. But today, one button in particular is needed. A button for teddy. A beautiful story about memories and the stories that shape a family. Gorgeous text by award-winning author Dianne Wolfer - perfectly depicting the relationship between and grandchild and nanna.



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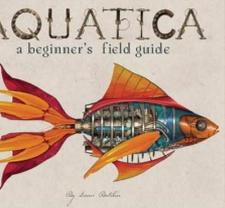
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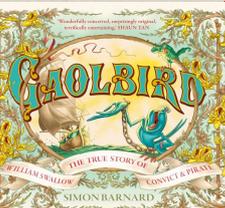
### 83. Ten Pound Pom (Liz Anelli and Carole Wilkinson) \$24.99 \$19.99

Part of the new-look award-winning Our Stories series, this is a modern Australian immigration story. I don't want to go to Australia. I have just started grammar school. My best friend Sally goes there too. But it looks like there could be another war and Dad has convinced Mum to go. Because we're migrants, the voyage is costing Mum and Dad only £10 each. My brother Brian and I are travelling free. It's a long way to Australia. What if we never come back to England? In the 1950s and 60s Australia welcomed thousands of British immigrants as part of the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme. Ten Pound Pom is the true story of award-winning author Carole Wilkinson's immigration to Australia.



### 84. Aquatica (Lance Balchin) \$24.99 \$22.50

Description: Welcome to future Earth. Despite repeated warnings, the environment has become polluted to such an extent that many areas of the globe have become uninhabitable and wildlife is now extinct. From the ashes, a new style of 'wildlife' is created. Wildlife that will not remain harnessed by humankind.



### 85. Gaolbird: The True Story of William Swallow, Convict and Pirate (Simon Barnard) \$24.99 \$22.50

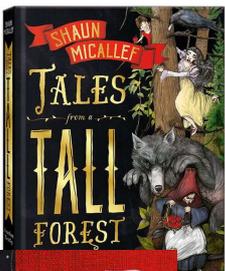
It's 23 October 1821 and convict William Swallow stands on the deck of the Malabar for muster. He is wearing a canary yellow convict uniform and his legs are chained. He's just completed the 121-day sea voyage from London to Hobart Town, but his wild and audacious adventures have barely begun. He'll soon ditch the convict uniform and the chains, take part in a mutiny, become a pirate captain and fool the world in what just might be the most outrageous and unbelievable true story in Australia's convict history.



### Second Sky, The (Jonathan Bentley and Patrick Guest) \$24.99 \$22.50

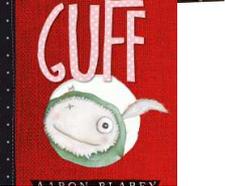
(No 59 from Book of the Year: Early Childhood)

The first thing Gilbert sees when he hatches from his egg is the sky. It is love at first sight and from that moment on Gilbert longs to fly like other birds. But Penguins don't fly, they waddle, and so begins Gilbert's quest to find his place in the world. Great things happen when you reach for the sky.



### 86. Tales from a Tall Forest (Jonathan Bentley and Shaun Micallef) \$29.99 \$27.00

Once upon a time being, forever and ever ago, there lived a forest tall of tales ... When an innocent princess wanders into the forest, she finds herself trapped between a wolf with a ravenous appetite and a sweet little house with a secret. Meanwhile, a desperate fisherman enters into a very bad bargain with a power-hungry monkey. And meaner while still, a tiny tricky tailor promises a promise that not even the most magic of beanstalks can help him escape. In this rich and rambunctious tapestry of tales, satirist Shaun Micallef unravels the traditional fairy story and nimbly weaves your favourite characters into new and surprising adventures. Illustrated by award-winning artist Jonathan Bentley, this subversively silly trilogy will captivate parents and children alike – and indignant fairytale authors too. More grim than Grimms', less soppy than Aesop.



### Guff (Aaron Blabey) \$16.95 \$13.59

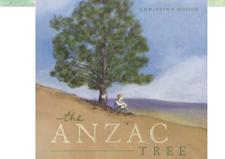
(No 42 from Book of the Year: Early Childhood)

This is my Guff. He's really nice. I've known him since I was little. And I still know him even now I'm big...A funny and delightful picture book for 4+ for anyone who's ever had a little fabric friend. From the award-winning and best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.



### 87. Great Rabbit Chase, The (Freya Blackwood) \$24.99 \$19.99

Gumboots is a beautiful pet rabbit, but he likes to escape. A story that celebrates what it means to live in a community and a reminder that life is full of surprises.



### 88. Anzac Tree, The (Christina Booth) \$24.99 \$19.99

Inspired by the story of two soldiers who planted two trees on their farm before they headed to the Great War, the story of the Anzac Tree is one that looks at the lives of those left behind in times of war.



**89. Mopoke (Philip Bunting) \$24.99 \$22.50**

This is a Mopoke. Mopoke loves peace and quiet. He is about to find out that you can't always get what you want. Visually brilliant, and hysterically funny, Philips pictures tell a thousand words, with the support of some very sparse, but hilarious, text. This is a book destined to become a classic.

**Heads and Tails (John Canty) \$26.95 \$24.26**

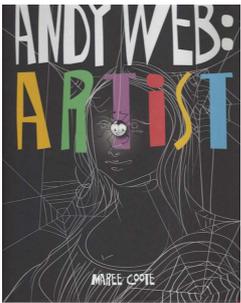
**(No 48 from Book of the Year: Early Childhood)**

Heads and Tails by John Canty is an extraordinary children's picture book. Leveraging the natural and universal fascination that children have with animals, the book utilises hints and recognition to build a sense of anticipation on each page, that is resolved on the following page when the identity of the animal is discovered. Young readers are engaged in the process of deduction by drawing on visual prompts and clues such as where an animal may live, what the animal may look like and sounds the animal makes. The effect is that each page presents an engaging yet accessible mini mystery for the child to solve. Accordingly, the young reader's inevitable participation in the process of discovery is ensures the book's enjoyment.



**90. Andy Web: Artist (Maree Coote) \$29.95 \$26.96**

Andy Web studied Art at the National Gallery. It was his dream to exhibit there one day. This delightful book tells the story of Andy Web, a tiny, talented spider who loves to draw and is determined to make it big. But there is one creative skill he cannot master... Colour! How will he ever achieve his dream? Join Andy, the original artist-in-residence, as he gets up close and personal with the great masters to learn all he can about art. This charming tale of creative fulfillment through passion and ingenuity is centred around the journey of a lovable character. Delivered with humour and unique illustrations, it offers a gentle introduction to Art Practice and Art Appreciation. Includes: -Teachers notes -Hide-and-find fun. "Andy Web is the ultimate Artist-in-Residence." - Robyn Archer ao, Performer, writer, public advocate for the Arts. "Observation + Dedication + Inspiration = Genius!" - Dr Olivia Meehan, Art Historian, University of Melbourne



**91. Millie Loves Ants (Sue deGennaro, Jackie French) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Emily is intrigued to know why Millie the echidna loves ants so much. And so Emily carefully observes Millie until she discovers her secret. Millie is collecting food for her baby puggle! Created by talented duo Jackie French and Sue deGennaro, this delightful book explores the fascinating behaviour of these mammals.



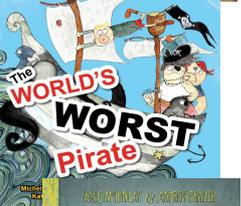
**92. Jerome's Gift (Trent Denham) \$30.00 \$27.00**

Jerome's Gift is local Melbourne Artist's debut masterwork, a unique and exquisitely illustrated adventure story that shows us the power of creative problem solving in times of despair. A feast of quality artwork and storytelling, this is a work of beauty, profound detail, and elegant subtlety that will reward you with every successive reading.



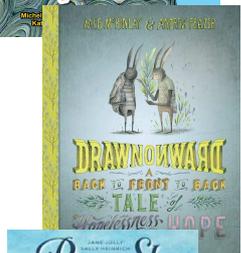
**93. World's Worst Pirate, The (Katrin Dreiling and Michelle Worthington) \$24.95 \$22.46**

Pirates are swashbuckling, treasure hunting, buccaneers of the seven seas. But if your mother is the Pirate Captain and you can't stand on deck without getting seasick... that makes William The World's Worst Pirate. When the ship is attacked, can he use his own special talent to save the day?



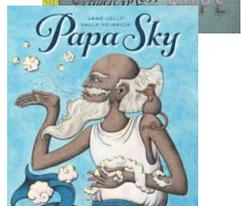
**94. Drawn Onward (Andrew Frazer and Meg McKinlay) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The text is a palindrome: in the first half reading as a dire denunciation, and in the second, reversed, is a call to hope. It graphically and cleverly illustrates that the very same situation can be viewed quite differently depending on perspective. From the glass half empty: 'There is no light on the horizon and it is foolish to think you can change anything at all'; to the glass half full: 'you can change anything at all. It is foolish to think there is no light on the horizon.'



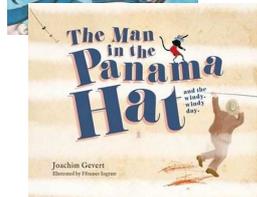
**95. Papa Sky (Sally Heinrich and Jane Jolly) \$27.99 \$26.20**

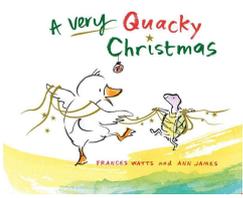
Another stunning picture book from the award-winning team who brought you One Step at a Time, Honour Book in the CBCA Awards 2016. Papa Sky sits where earth meets sky, until one night the wind blows him down, down, down through the cloud forest, where he lands with a bump. What will happen next? Who will help him?



**96. Man in the Panama Hat and the Windy, Windy Day, The (Ffranses Ingram and Joachim Gevert) \$16.95 \$15.26**

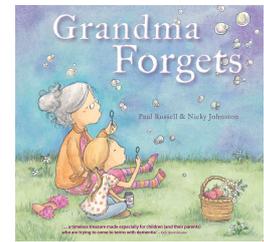
The Man in the Panama Hat would love nothing more than staying indoors. Every time he leaves the house, something goes wrong. Can Mr Black Cat convince his friend to venture outside and have some fun? A windy, windy day awaits!





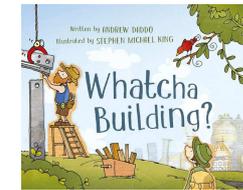
**97. Very Quacky Christmas, A (Ann James and Frances Watts) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The only Christmas quacker you'll need this holiday season! 'We wish you a quacky Christmas ...' Samantha Duck is getting ready for Christmas. 'I'm going to give presents to animals all over the world!' Her friend Sebastian tells her not to bother. 'Christmas is not for animals,' he says. But with the help of her farmyard friends, Samantha sets out to prove that Christmas is for everyone. A joyous tale of giving and sharing from two award-winning Australian creators.



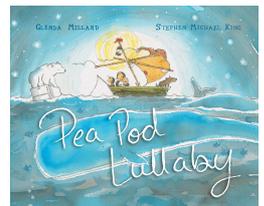
**98. Grandma Forgets (Nicky Johnston and Paul Russell) \$24.99 \$22.50**

When your grandmother can't remember your name it should be sad, but maybe it is just an opportunity to tell her more often how much you love her. Grandma Forgets is the heart-warming story of a family bound by love as they cope with their grandma's dementia. Over the years, the little girl has built up a treasure trove of memories of time spent with Grandma: sausages for Sunday lunch, driving in her sky-blue car to the beach, climbing her apple trees while she baked a delicious apple pie, and her comforting hugs during wild storms. But now, Grandma can't remember those memories. She makes up new rules for old games and often hides Dad's keys. Sometimes Dad is sad because he has to hold onto the memories for both him and his mother now, but fortunately his daughter is only too happy to help him make new memories to share. This is a warm, hopeful story about a family who sometimes needs to remind their grandmother a little more often than they used to about how much they care. She might not remember any of their names but she will always know how much she is loved



**99. Whatcha Building? (Stephen Michael King and Andrew Daddo) \$24.99 \$19.99**

An Australian picture book event - a special new work from two extraordinary talents. The old milk bar on the corner is coming down to make way for something new. Little Davey Durak is gathering scrap - a short piece of wood here, a long piece there. But what's Davey building? Bruce the builder wants to know, but Davey won't tell ...



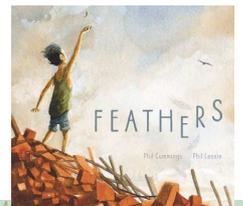
**100. Pea Pod Lullaby (Stephen Michael King and Glenda Millard) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Words sing over the pictures in this evocative story: a beautiful lullaby about what we can be for each other. A mother and baby, a boy and a dog run for their lives. A little boat carries them across the sea. A polar bear, too, has come adrift. When will they find land? Where will they find friends? Who will welcome them in? The Pea Pod Lullaby is an inspiring and timely story of courage, endurance, and hope... for a world in which we can reach out and embrace one another



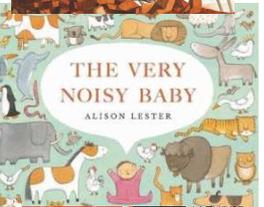
**101. Danny Blue's Really Excellent Dream (Max Landrak) \$26.99 \$24.30**

A book about creativity, comfort zones - and colour. A story about a curious and inventive boy that will make kids think about how each of us sees the world. Danny Blue lives in a world where everything is blue. And while there are many different shades and hues, everything is essentially the same. But then one night Danny sees something in a dream that is unlike anything else. He tried to describe it, but no one can understand what he means, and so he decides to create the thing he saw in his Really Excellent Dream (or R.E.D.). A wonderfully illustrated, off-beat story about invention, dreams and thinking outside the box.



**102. Feathers (Phil Lesnie and Phil Cummings) \$24.99 \$19.99**

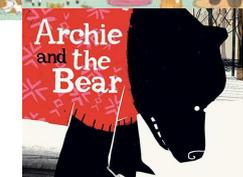
The sandpiper stretched its wings in the chilling breeze. It knew it was time to leave...so it took flight. Follow the feathers as they fall along this exquisite journey of heartache, hope and home.



**Very Noisy Baby, The (Alison Lester) \$24.99 \$19.99**

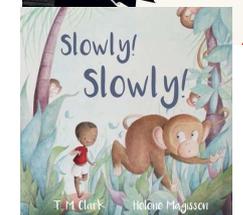
**(No 64 from Book of the Year: Early Childhood)**

Here is the story of a very noisy baby. She could bellow like a buffalo. And roar like a lion. And howl like a wolf for a very long time. The baby loves to make all kinds of sounds. She's really very loud. But when some animals in the town go missing, can the very noisy baby help? Find out in this wonderfully boisterous story, full of action, fun (and noise!).



**103. Archie and the Bear (David Mackintosh and Zanni Louise) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Archie has something to say, but no one is listening. So Archie leaves home ... and discovers someone else with something to say. And because they both know how that feels, they both listen. This is a quirky story about being who you are (even when you're not), by Zanni Louise and with illustrations by the inimitably wonderful David Mackintosh



**104. Slowly! Slowly! (Helene Magisson and Tina Clarke) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Slowly, slowly, you catch a monkey ... Bongani wants to go to school but he is too young. To prove to his family that he is big and strong just like his cousins, he tries to catch a monkey. Slowly, slowly, he must go. Luckily his family is there is to school him in the lessons of patience and compassion.



**What's Up Top? (Marc Martin) \$24.99 \$19.99**

**(No 67 from Early Childhood Book of the Year)**

What's at the top of the ladder? Is it a hat? Is it a cat? Is it a snail on a whale? Simple, playful and absurdist, this new picture book by Marc Martin is about imagination and creativity. Reminiscent of Press Here by Herve Tullet, Dr Seuss and I Want my Hat Back by Jon Glasson.



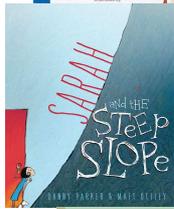
**105. Big Fella Rain (Fern Martins and Beryl Webber) \$17.99 \$16.20**

Big Fella Rain is a celebration of northern Australia as animals, birds, trees and a parched earth await the first rain. It is almost as if country stands still as the sparse yet evocative text pays homage to the transition from dry season to wet season in a country that is like no other place in the world. Fern Martins illustrations seamlessly portray the dramatic skies, the thirsty animals and tiny creatures whose very existence rely on the monsoonal changes. Her exquisite rendering of the big landscape against the subtle shifts in the environment have a timeless quality that will capture the hearts of all readers.



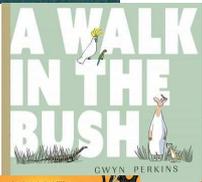
**106. Henry's Pirate Adventure (Heath McKenzie and Livinia Nixon) \$19.95 \$17.96**

Follow Henry and his wondrous imagination as he builds a ship fit for a pirate. Written by Channel 9 TV presenter Livinia Nixon and illustrated by Heath McKenzie.



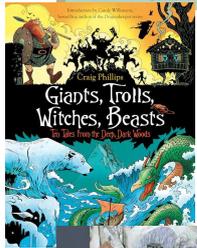
**107. Sarah and the Steep Slope (Matt Ottley and Danny Parker) \$24.99 \$19.99**

When everything feels like an uphill battle, your friends will get you through. Sarah wakes to find a steep hill has sprung up around the house overnight, preventing her from leaving. No matter what she tries, the hill won't budge. When the Hill Doctor suggests she gets in touch with her friends, Sarah discovers how the healing power of friendship can transform the steepest slope



**108. Walk in the Bush, A (Gwyn Perkins) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Little Iggy doesn't want to leave the house, but Grandad insists – they always have fun together. What follows is a wonderful journey in the great Australian outdoors with singing birds, wallaby surprises, secret caterpillar messages and oodles of grandad humour. Here is a story about the wonders of nature, the funny side of life and spending time with the ones we love.



**109. Giants, Trolls, Witches, Beasts (Craig Phillips) \$24.99 \$22.50**

A cobbler girl tricks the Wavel Dragon, after all the king's knights fail...The Polar Bear King loses his skin...Momotaro, born from a peach, defies the ogres everyone else is too scared to face...Snow White and Rose Red make friends with a bear...From Poland to Iceland, Japan to Germany, these ten fairytales from across the globe re-told as comics will have you enthralled. Giants! Trolls! Witches! Beasts! You will encounter them all in this visual cornucopia of a book.



**Clare's Goodbye (Libby Gleeson and Anna Pignataro) \$24.99 \$22.50**

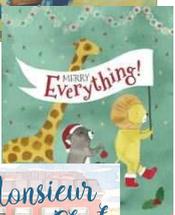
**(No 57 from Early Childhood Book of the Year)**

We all have our own way of saying goodbye. Libby Gleeson tells a poignant story about letting go, with evocative illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Anna Pignataro.



**110. Glitch (Andrew Plant and Michelle Worthington) \$16.95 \$13.56**

Glitch spends his life searching through mountains of mouldy mess at the dump. He wants to make the fastest billycart ever. This year, he will be competing in the Big Race! But will his twitch stop him from winning?



**111. Merry Everything (Jess Racklyeft and Tania McCartney) \$25.99 \$23.40**

Beginning on Christmas Eve and ending on Christmas night, this poignant story with lyrical text and whimsical illustrations, is one to treasure. It reminds us that no matter where we are in the world, this special time of year brings friends and family together as one.



**112. Monsieur Chat (Jemma Robaard) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Once there were two very lonely people who lived in a very old apartment block, in a very busy city. Although they had lived there a very long time, theyd never met. Their names were Josephine and Pierre and each spent their days wistful and alone until Monsieur Chat arrived! Each feels less lonely with him around, but when he disappears a desperate search unites them and changes their lives forever.



**113. Once Upon a Small Rhinoceros (Leila Rudge and Meg McKinlay) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Once, there was a small rhinoceros who wanted to see the big world. So she built a boat. And sailed away ... From the duo behind award-winning picture book No Bears comes a simple yet inspirational tale about challenging the norm, pushing boundaries and being true to oneself.

**114. Gus Dog Goes to Work (Craig Smith and Rachel Flynn) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Every day Gus Dog goes to work in the back of the Ute with his owner, Tom the shearer. But one morning Gus wakes up to find Tom and the Ute gone. So Gus Dog decides to go to work on his own. Gus Dog Goes to Work is the warm and comical story of a not-so-usual day in the life of a sheep dog.

**115. Swan Lake (Anne Spudvilas) \$29.99 \$27.00**

The iconic ballet Swan Lake, the tragic love story of a princess transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer, has been revered for more than a century. In this atmospheric adaptation, Anne Spudvilas reimagines the classic tale of passion, betrayal and heartbreak in the dramatic riverscape of the Murray-Darling.

**116. Fish (Jane Stadermann) \$25.00 \$22.50**

A story about a little penguin, a boy and some fish. a boy and some fish.

**117. My Friend Tertius (Owen Swan and Corinne Fenton) \$24.99 \$22.50**

A delightful and heartwarming picture book about a WWII code-breaker and his pet gibbon, from best-selling creators Corinne Fenton and Owen Swan. One question kept echoing in my mind - if I had to leave, what would I do with Tertius?.. This is the true story of two lives brought together by chance. Arthur Cooper, working in intelligence for the British Government in pre-war Hong Kong, rescues a small gibbon and names him Tertius. Together they escape to a safe place - but is it for always?..

**118. Storm Whale (Jane Tanner and Sarah Brennan) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A captivating and beautifully illustrated story about three sisters who find a stranded whale on the beach. Bleak was the day and the wind whipped down when I and my sisters walked to town ... So begins the story of three sisters who find a whale stranded on a windswept beach and try to save it. With a powerful, poetic text, wonderful to read aloud, and illustrations full of life and movement, Storm Whale celebrates the majesty and vulnerability of nature and our place in it.

**119. Sloth Who Came to Stay, The (Vivienne To and Margaret Wild) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A wryly amusing story about a fast family who are taught to slow down when an adorable sloth comes to stay by the award-winning author of Fox and Ruby Roars. Amy's family is speedy! They are always in such a rush that there is no time to talk or play - until the afternoon Amy brings home a sloth. Then things start changing very, very slowly ... A timely tale about enjoying the little things in life

**120. Sleeping Beauty, The (Gabriela Tylesova and David McAllister) \$29.99 \$27.00**

The story of The Sleeping Beauty spills over with fairies and princes, passion and despair, magnificence and splendour, and the ballet version of this classic tale is the most romantic and spectacular of all.

**121. Florette (Anna Walker) \$24.99 \$22.50**

When Mae has to move house from the country to the city, she feels lonely and sad - until she discovers a beautiful place full of green in the centre of Paris. What she finds there sparks something special and beautiful that will make her feel much more at home.

**122. Koala Bare (Bruce Whatley and Jackie French) \$24.99 \$19.99**

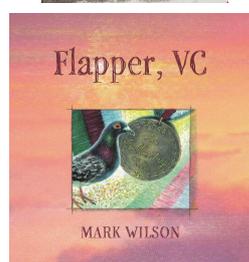
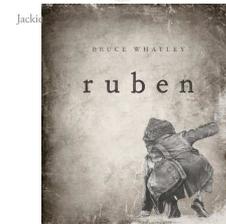
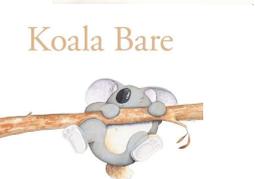
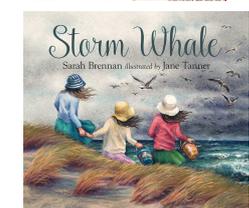
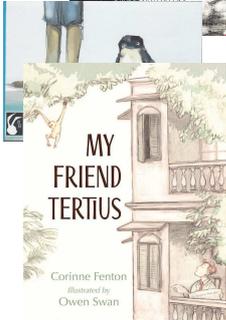
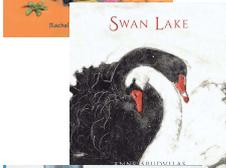
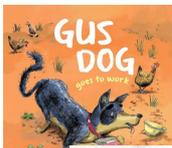
Some bears wear pants and live in cottages in the woods ... but this koala is out to prove to the world that he is BARE! And that never, ever ever can a koala be a bear... From the internationally renowned author of the bestselling Diary of a Wombat comes a hilariously funny picture book that Jackie French has created with talented new illustrator Matt Shanks.

**123. Ruben (Bruce Whatley) \$29.99 \$23.99**

Ruben is a young boy surviving in a futuristic derelict city. He ventures out everyday to find what he needs to survive but it is getting harder and harder. He has to go deeper and deeper into the heart of Block City. Escape is essential. Ruben's dreams were of places that made no sense to him. Places that didn't exist. At least not anymore. Ruben is a triumph of Bruce Whatley's imaginative and technical skills.

**124. Flapper, VC (Mark Wilson) \$24.99 \$22.50**

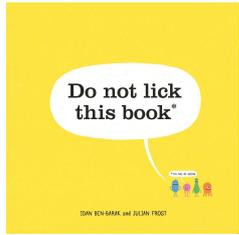
An inspiring story of animals at war, written and illustrated by award-winning author Mark Wilson. FLAPPER, VC is based on the true story of an Australian carrier pigeon during World War II. Raised and trained in Australia, Flapper is sent off to war in the Pacific. While on patrol deep in the jungle, Flapper's unit find themselves surrounded by enemy troops. With no other means of communication, the men's only hope of survival is Flapper, who has to evade enemy snipers and machine guns to get a message through to save the patrol. Flapper was awarded the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross for his actions that day, and his medal is proudly displayed at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. This memorable tale, illustrated with Mark Wilson's beautifully crafted and evocative artwork, is a moving story of animals in war.



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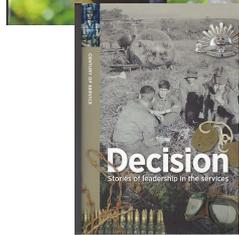
### 125. Do Not Lick This Book (Idan Ben-Barak and Julian Frost) \$19.95 \$15.99

Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact so small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before - like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle that is your shirt. The perfect book for anyone who wants to take a closer look at the world.



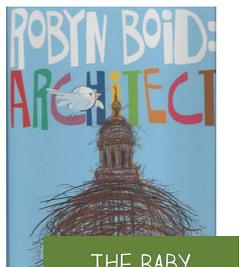
### 126. Tears in the Jungle: Fight For Survival (Daniel Clarke) \$29.95 \$26.96

This new episode in Daniel and William's quest to save the orangutan can be explored with the new release of their second book "Tears in The Jungle: Fight for Survival". This book covers their latest trip to the Jungles of Borneo, Indonesia to see where the funds they have raised have been used to rescue, rehabilitate and release orangutans back into the wild. It is filled with wonderful photos and is an inspiring story of determination and success against all odds. This beautiful Hard Cover book will compliment their first best selling book "Tears In The Jungle: A Children's Adventure to Save the Orangutan", and is an extraordinary coffee table styled book and comes with a stunning, high gloss dust jacket, suitable for all ages. This beautiful book is a great conversation starter and educational resource for many schools and students.



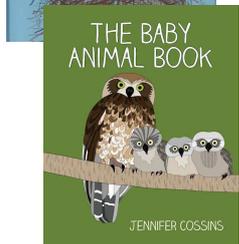
### 127. Decision: Stories of Leadership in the Services (Jennet Cole-Adams) \$19.99 \$18.00

We all make decisions every day – they shape the lives we lead. In times of war, decision-making can take on a greater significance. Many Australians over the past century of service have demonstrated leadership with the decisions they have made.



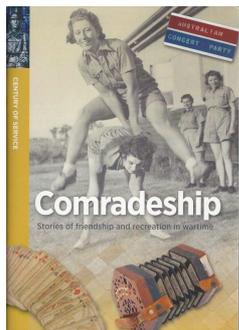
### 128. Robyn Boid: Architect (Maree Coote) \$29.95 \$26.96

Robyn Boid studied Architecture at the National University, and dreamed of becoming an architect. Meet Robyn Boid - a small, dedicated bird who loves to build nests and dreams of becoming an architect. She lives at the University, where she listens to the architecture class through the window each day. Eager to learn, Robyn practises building all the important architectural shapes, but all the while, she seeks the perfect design for her very own nest. This encouraging tale of creative achievement is centred around the journey of a lovable character. Paired with unique and involving illustrations, this is a gentle introduction to the world of architecture.



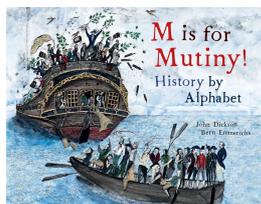
### 129. Baby Animal Book, The (Jennifer Cossins) \$26.99 \$24.30

What do you call a baby penguin? Or a baby owl? Or a baby platypus? Come along on an illustrated journey through the animal kingdom with Tasmanian artist Jennifer Cossins and find out!



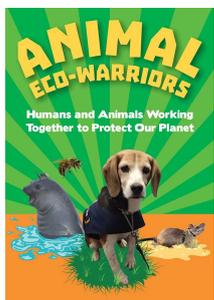
### 130. Comradeship: Stories of Friendship and Recreation in Wartime (Kathleen Cusack) \$19.99 \$18.00

Millions of Australians have been affected by war. Many servicemen and servicewomen have faced extraordinary dangers, while their loved ones waiting at home suffered months and even years of uncertainty. Yet, despite the difficulties, a strong sense of shared experience, friendship, and camaraderie often developed. The stories in this book are about comradeship. Corporal Leslie "Peter" Chitty BEM provided a welcome distraction on the sporting field for those longing for home; Lorræ Desmond MBE took the stage, drawing smiles from a grateful crowd; and Trooper David "Poppy" Pearce provided comforting words and a listening ear. Some friendships lasted well beyond the war years. Many of these men and women travelled across the world for reunions, while others held onto mementoes, a lasting reminder of the bond they had once shared. The individuals in these stories share many qualities: an unshakeable optimism, a sense of humour, and a determination to help others. Even in the darkest days, these men and women found joy and laughter through simple pleasures like sport, music, games, and conversation. This sense of comradeship brought comfort, strength, and hope for a brighter future.



### 131. M is for Mutiny! History by Alphabet (John Dickson and Bern Emmerichs) \$29.95 \$26.96

In the late 18th century, ragtag groups of Europeans started to arrive in Australia. Most were convicts, some were soldiers, a few had just run out of choices. They blundered onto an ancient land that had been peopled for 60,000 years. They wanted to make it just like home. They cleared the land, they fenced it, they paved it, and they put buildings on it. All the while, the country's first peoples watched on, bewildered by these clumsy immigrants and their mysterious ways... M is for Mutiny! History by Alphabet is a taste of the intriguing history of Australia and the many entry points for children to explore further. Why did Sir Joseph Banks hate bananas? Did anyone like William Bligh? Where is Yemmerrawanne?



**132. Animal Eco-Warriors (Nic Gill) \$24.95 \$22.46**

Come On An action-packed adventure with an amazing mob of animal eco-warriors as they use their special talents to help solve our planets environmental problems! From the nosy noses of biosecurity beagles at airports to rats learning to sniff out landmines in war-torn landscapes, animals are using their unique abilities to help make the world a better and safer place. With fantastic colour photos of animal eco-warriors at work, this book is full of fun facts on how animals are helping humanity work towards a more sustainable future. There are also plenty of tips on how you can make a difference to the planet. Join the animal eco-warrior team today!

**133. Exploring Soils: A Hidden World Underground (Samantha Grover and Camille Heisler) \$24.95 \$22.46**

Have you ever wondered what happens in the earth underneath us? James has, and he wants to be a soil scientist. In Exploring Soils: A Hidden World Underground, James discovers that soil is not just dirt for digging in, but an essential part of our world. He explores how plants and animals live in soil, how soils are formed, how they differ, and the ways that soil is essential in our lives. Written by Samantha Grover, a soil scientist and parent, and with engaging illustrations from Camille Heisler, Exploring Soils will take you to an underground world filled with activity and discoveries.

**134. Left and Right (Lorna Hendry) \$27.99 \$25.20**

Left and right are all around us. From our hands and feet to our eyes and ears, the notion of left and right is inescapable. Left and right control how we travel and play sport, and even how we eat. The vast extent of how this deceptively simple subject shapes our lives is revealed in the Left And Right book!

**135. Big Book of Antarctica, The (Charles Hope) \$27.99 \$25.20**

Antarctica is the driest, coldest and windiest continent on Earth. Even though it is a harsh and difficult place to live, Antarctica is home to more than a thousand plant and several hundred animal species. Antarctica has 90 per cent of Earth's ice and plays a major role in our weather. Scientists from around the world live and work in Antarctica to better understand the future of our planet. Welcome to The Big Book of Antarctica.

**136. A is for Australian Animals (Frane Lessac) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A factastic tour of Australian animals, by award-winning author-illustrator Frané Lessac! Australia is full of the most amazing animals on the planet! What animal has six thumbs? What animal produces square poo? What animal is made up of 95 per cent water and is highly venomous? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this factastic tour of Australian animals.

**137. Story of Australia, The (Robert Lewis) \$34.99 \$31.50**

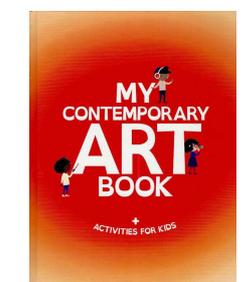
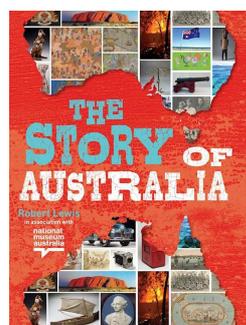
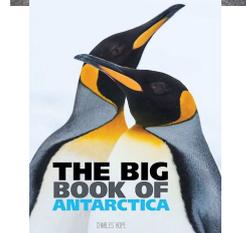
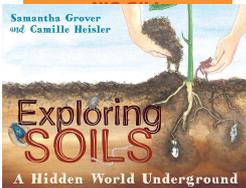
How did Australia's earliest human inhabitants reach the island continent? Which discovery ushered in a new era of immigration, prosperity and technological advancement? How did a far-flung colony and military outpost transform into one of the wealthiest and most peaceful nations in the modern world? Dip into the pages to discover these answers and more ... This detailed illustrated history of Australia journeys from the formation of the continent to the growth of a modern, thriving nation. Clear, accessible text offers explanations of key events and the people behind them. From the enduring cultures of Australia's Indigenous people, European exploration and colonisation, and the tragic impacts of two world wars, The Story of Australia concludes with the exciting fast-paced development of the last decades of the 20th century. Produced in partnership with the National Museum of Australia, The Story of Australia draws on the museum's rich collection of objects, photographs and artefacts. Entertaining, colourful and inviting, The Story of Australia is the essential history resource for every home and library.

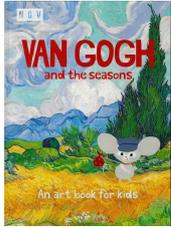
**138. Amazing Australians in Their Flying Machines Prue Mason and Tom Jellett) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Author and licensed pilot Prue Mason shares how a handful of early aviators helped Australia reach beyond its borders to lands far away. Imagine what it was like to travel to far-off places before there were aeroplanes. For early 20th-century Australians, it could take days, weeks, or months just to get where they were going. Amazing Australians and Their Flying Machines tells the stories of ten brave Australians, including the youngest licensed woman pilot Nancy Bird, who took to the skies and changed the face of aviation forever. Entertaining and informational text, alongside archival photography and humorous illustrations from Tom Jellett, make this a perfect read for young readers interested in aviation and Australian history.

**139. My Contemporary Art Book (Kate Ryan and Cally Bennett) \$24.95 \$22.46**

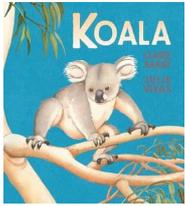
Meet some of today's leading artists and designers from different parts of the world. Read their stories, find out what inspires them and discover the ideas behind their works of art. Each artist has included an art activity for kids to make at school or at home. This engaging and accessible activity book features the following NGV Triennial artists and designers: Jorge Méndez Blake, Louisa Bufardeci, Kushana Bush, Campana Brothers, Nick Cave, Olga Chernysheva, Shilpa Gupta, Alexandra Kehayoglou, Ron Mueck, Uji (Hahan) Handoko Eko Saputro, Sissel Tolaas and Xu Zhen





**140. Van Gogh and the Seasons (Kate Ryan and Cally Bennett) \$19.95 \$17.96**

Van Gogh and the Seasons: An Art Book for Kids is a new and exciting book for young art enthusiasts. Join Theo, a little field mouse, to find out about Vincent's lifelong love of the seasons and the world around him. Along the way, there are activities and quizzes for kids to do with family and friends. A selection of iconic works by Van Gogh such as A wheatfield, with cypresses early September, 1889, and Orchard in blossom April, 1889, are featured throughout and these are paired with interesting facts about the changing seasons, Van Gogh's life and artistic techniques.

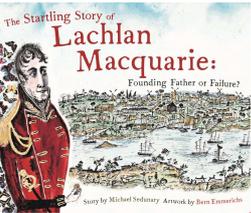


**141. Koala (Claire Saxby and Julie Vivas) \$24.99 \$19.99**

It is time for Little Koala to leave the protection of his mother. But many challenges and dangers lie ahead for him as he searches for his own home eucalypt and learns to be independent. During his search he encounters other territorial koalas, wanders through a bushfire-ravaged landscape and endures a night of storms. Koala is written by award-winning nonfiction picture book specialist Claire Saxby, and illustrated by the much-celebrated Julie Vivas, one of Australia's premier illustrators.

**142. Startling Story of Lachlan Macquarie: Founding Father or Failure? (Michael Sedunary and Bern Emmerichs) \$29.95 \$26.96**

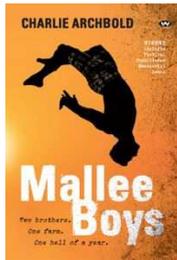
The story of Lachlan Macquarie is an important story in the history of modern Australia that has been largely lost to the current generation of school children. Whilst we've all seen many things named after Macquarie, few realise the important role he played in the Australia we know today. Macquarie was critical in transforming Australia from a penal colony to a free settlement; steered the colony to economic independence by establishing Australia's first bank and currency and also implements one of the most ambitious and broad infrastructure projects, including redesigning the layout of Sydney and constructing over 250 new buildings including hospitals, schools and churches.



**CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: OLDER READERS (143-167) 25**

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

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



**143. Mallee Boys (Charlie Archbold) \$24.99 \$22.50**

Sandy knows that life at 15 is hard, but it's even harder when your mum died a year ago and nothing's gone right since. His brother Red is 18 and working the farm. As Sandy and Red deal with girls, dirt biking, footy and friendship, both have to work out who they want to be, without their mum. It turns out this is going to be one hell of a year. **Ages 15+**



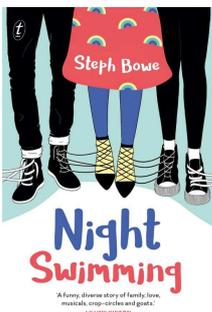
**144. Fall, The (Tristan Banks) \$16.95 \$13.59**

In the middle of the night, Sam is woken by angry voices from the apartment above. He goes to the window to see what's happening - only to hear a struggle, and see a body fall from the sixth-floor balcony. Pushed, Sam thinks. Sam goes to wake his father Harry, a crime reporter, but Harry is gone. And when Sam goes downstairs, the body is gone, too. But someone has seen Sam, and knows what he's witnessed. The next twenty-four hours could be his last. **Ages 12+**



**145. In the Dark Spaces (Cally Black) \$19.99 \$18.00**

The latest winner of the Ampersand Prize is a genre-smashing hostage drama about 14-year-old Tamara, who's faced with an impossible choice when she falls for her kidnappers. Yet this is no ordinary kidnapping. Tamara has been living on a star freighter in deep space, and her kidnappers are terrifying Crowpeople – the only aliens humanity has ever encountered. No-one has ever survived a Crowpeople attack, until now – and Tamara must use everything she has just to stay alive. But survival always comes at a price, and there's no handbook for this hostage crisis. As Tamara comes to know the Crowpeople's way of life, and the threats they face from humanity's exploration into deep space, she realises she has an impossible choice to make. Should she stay as the only human among the Crows, knowing she'll never see her family again ... or inevitably betray her new community if she wants to escape? **Ages 14+**



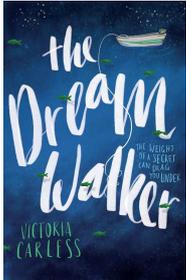
**146. Night Swimming (Steph Bowe) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Imagine being the only two seventeen-year-olds in a small town. That's life for Kirby Arrow - named after the most dissenting judge in Australia's history - and her best friend Clancy Lee, would-be musical star. Clancy wants nothing more than to leave town and head for the big smoke, but Kirby is worried: her family has a history of leaving. She hasn't heard from her father since he left when she was a baby. Shouldn't she stay to help her mother with the goat's-milk soap-making business and look after her grandfather who suffers from dementia? And how could she leave her pet goat, Stanley, her dog Maude, and her cat Marianne? But two things happen that change everything for Kirby. She finds an article in the newspaper about her father, and Iris arrives in town. Iris is beautiful, wears crazy clothes, plays the mandolin, and seems perfect, really, thinks Kirby. Clancy has his heart set on winning over Iris. Trouble is Kirby is also falling in love with Iris... **Ages 15+**



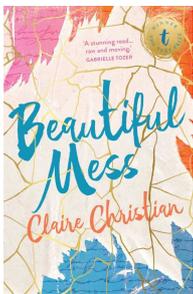
**147. Things We Promise, The (J.C. Burke) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Gemma's older brother Billy made her a promise that he would ensure she looked fabulous for her first school formal. But his circumstances change dramatically and Billy's promise becomes the least of the family's concerns. There are two things you need to know about me. The first is that I remember life by what I was wearing. The second is that I think too much. It's the early 1990s and all Gemma can think about is looking perfect for her first school formal. Gemma's brother Billy - New York's up and coming hair and make-up artist - has made her the ultimate promise: he's returning home especially to 'create magic' on her and two friends for their end-of-year formal. Gemma's best friend, Andrea, is convinced it'll be their moment to shine; Gemma hopes it's the night Ralph will finally notice her. But when Billy arrives home from New York, Gemma's life becomes complicated. Her family's been keeping secrets; friendships are forged and broken; and suddenly the length of her formal dress is the least of her worries. Set in a time of uncertainty and fear, *The Things We Promise* is a beautifully told novel that sings with emotion, humour and heartbreak. **Ages 14+**



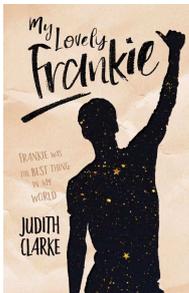
**148. Dream Walker, The (Victoria Carless) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Sixteen-year-old Lucy Hart has been counting the days till she can get the hell out of Digger's Landing - a small Queensland fishing hamlet home to fifteen families, a posse of mongrel dogs, and Parkers Corner Store (no apostrophe and nowhere near a corner). But just like the tides Lucy's luck is on the turn, and as graduation nears her escape plans begin to falter; her best friend, Polly, is dropping out of school to help pay the bills, and Tom has been shipped off to boarding school, away from the flotsam of this place. And then there's Lucy's nightlife, which is filled with dreams that just don't seem to belong to her at all . . . When the fish stop biting, like they did when her mum was still around, Lucy realises she isn't the only one with a secret. **Ages 14+**



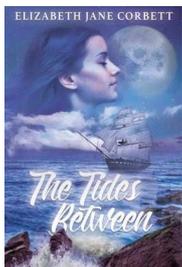
**149. Beautiful Mess (Claire Christian) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Since Ava lost Kelly, things haven't been going so well. Even before she gets thrown out of school for shouting at the principal, there's the simmering rage and all the weird destructive choices. The only thing going right for Ava is her job at Magic Kebab. Which is where she meets Gideon. Skinny, shy, anxious Gideon. A mad poet and collector of vinyl records with an aversion to social media. He lives in his head. She lives in her grief. The only people who can help them move on with their lives are each other. **Ages 14+**



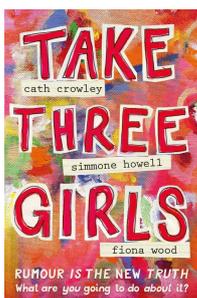
**150. My Lovely Frankie (Judith Clarke) \$19.99 \$18.00**

A masterful, moving story about a teenage boy caught between faith and love, by one of Australia's finest YA writers. 'Frankie believed in Heaven quite literally, as if it was another lovely world out past the stars. And when he spoke the word "love", it seemed to spring free and fly into the air like a beautiful balloon you wanted to run after. But I couldn't tell my parents about Frankie, not properly. I told them I'd made friends with the boy in the room next to mine, and how he'd come from this little town out west. I couldn't tell them how he was becoming the best thing in my world. I couldn't tell anyone, I hardly admitted it to myself.' In the 1950s, 'entering' the seminary was for ever, and young boys were gathered into the priesthood before they were old enough to know what they would lose. Tom went to St Finbar's because he was looking for something more than the ordinary happiness of his home and school. But then he discovered that being able to love another person was the most important thing of all. For Tom, loving Frankie made him part of the world. Even when Frankie was gone... **Ages 16+**



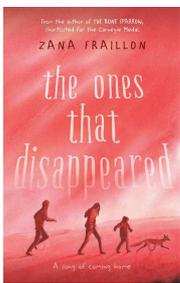
**151. Tides Between, The (Elizabeth Jane Corbett) \$23.99 \$21.60**

In 1841, fifteen-year-old Bridie Stewart and her family leave their grim existence in Covent Garden and travel to a prosperous new life in Port Phillip. Bridie's mother and stepfather expect Bridie to grow up during the long months at sea, forget her dead father, and prepare for a sensible marriage in colonial Australia. But Bridie doesn't want to grow up, or ever forget her dad. She's determined to smuggle a notebook filled with his fairytales to the far side of the world. **Ages 14+**



**152. Take Three Girls (Cath Crowley) \$18.99 \$17.10**

"This beautifully crafted, lively novel captures the good and the bad of female friendship" Bec Kavanagh Books + Publishing, 5 stars. Kate, a quiet boarder, making some risky choices to pursue the experimental music she loves. Clem, shrugging off her old swim-team persona, exploring her first sexual relationship, and trying to keep her annoying twin, Iris, at arm's length. Ady, grappling with a chaotic family, and wondering who her real friends are; she's not the confident A-lister she appears to be. When St Hilda's establishes a Year 10 Wellness Program in response to the era of cyber-bullying, the three girls are thrown together and an unlikely friendship is sparked. One thing they have in common: each is targeted by PSST, a site devoted to gossip and slander that must have a source within St Hilda's. Who can you trust when rumour is the new truth? **Ages 14+**



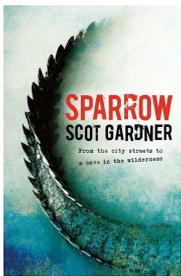
**153. Ones That Disappeared, The (Zana Fraillon) \$19.95 \$17.96**

A powerful and moving story of three trafficked children searching for freedom and hope. Around the world, millions of people - including many children - are victims of human trafficking. These modern-day slaves often go unseen even in our own cities and towns, their voices silent and their stories untold. In this incredible book, Zana Fraillon imagines the story of three such children, Esra, Miran and Isa. The result is powerful, heartbreaking and unforgettable. This is a SKELLIG for this generation; beautiful, magical and with Zana Fraillon's incredible talent for combining important global issues with extraordinary storytelling. **Ages 12+**



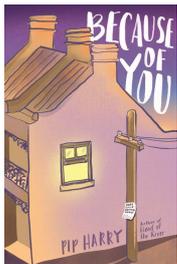
**154. Third Witch (Jackie French) \$16.95 \$13.59**

A searing story of passion, betrayal, battles and love, this is Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' stripped of superstition, and its power and beauty refined into fewer words where good balances the evil and there is a happy ending - for some. Following on from OPHELIA, QUEEN OF DENMARK and I AM JULIET, this is the third title in the series for young people that focuses on the reinterpretation of Shakespeare's classic and enduring plays. 'I didn't mean to do it'. Annie is not a witch, but when her mistress Lady Macbeth calls for a potion to 'stiffen Macbeth's sinews', Annie is caught up in plots that lead to murder, kingship and betrayal. Annie must also not only choose between Rab the Blacksmith and Murdoch, Thane of Greymouth, but discover where her loyalty lies. **Ages 12+**



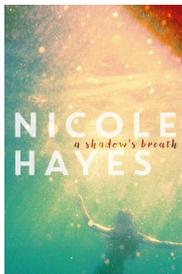
**155. Sparrow (Scot Gardner) \$19.99 \$18.00**

An exceptional and compelling novel from one of Australia's most acclaimed and much-loved authors. One, two, three, breath. When a juvenile detention exercise off the coast of the Kimberley goes wrong, sixteen-year-old Sparrow must swim to shore. There are sharks and crocs around him but the monsters he fears most live in the dark spaces in his mind. He's swimming away from his prison life and towards a desolate, rocky coastland and the hollow promise of freedom. He'll eat or be eaten, kill or be killed. With no voice, no family and the odds stacked against him, Sparrow has nothing left to lose. But to survive he'll need something more potent than desperation, something more dangerous than a makeshift knife. Hope. **Ages 14+**



**156. Because of You (Pip Harry) \$19.95 \$17.96**

Everyone has a story. Tiny is an eighteen-year-old girl living on the streets in Sydney, running from her small-town past. At a temporary homeless shelter she meets Nola, a high school student on volunteer placement. Both girls share their love of words through the Hope Lane writing group. Can they share their secrets, too? Told through the eyes of both Tiny and Nola as they negotiate their way through homelessness, shifting friendships, betrayals, addiction and a little bit of romance, Because of You explores the vastly different coming-of-age stories of two girls who are learning to find their individual strengths. **Ages 14+**



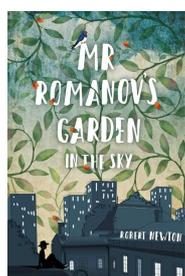
**157. Shadow's Breath, A (Nicole Hayes) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Then, things were looking up for Tessa. Her mum was finally getting her life back on track. Tessa had started seeing Nick. She was making new friends. She'd even begun to paint again. Now, Tessa and Nick are trapped in the car after a corner taken too fast. Injured, stranded in the wilderness, at the mercy of the elements, the question becomes one of survival. But Tessa isn't sure she wants to be found. Not after what she saw. Not after what she remembered. **Ages 14+**



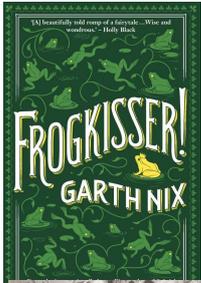
**158. Secret Science of Magic, The (Melissa Keil) \$19.99 \$18.00**

From award-winning YA author Melissa Keil comes this heartwarming contemporary novel about what it means to be extraordinary. Joshua is good at magic tricks, ignoring his homework, and not thinking about life after year twelve. He's not so good at talking to Sophia, the genius in his class who he's had a crush on for years. But with their time together in high school running out, he has to do something about it, soon - because if he's learned one thing, it's that timing is everything, Sophia is smart enough to know that geniuses like her can end up as socially inept recluses. In fact, maybe she's halfway there already, what with the panic attacks and her best (and only) friend Elsie drifting away. All Sophia can do is seek refuge in what she understands best: maths, science, logic. But there's no logical explanation for the odd, almost magical things happening around her. And there are some things no amount of study can prepare you for... **Ages 14+**



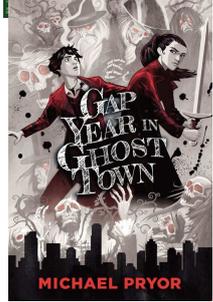
**159. Mr Romanov's Garden In The Sky (Robert Newton) \$17.99 \$16.20**

Living in the commission, Lexie is left to fend for herself. Her mother is mostly absent, out searching for something to help her forget the tragic death of Lexie's dad. But then, after witnessing the aftermath of a shocking incident, Lexie finds solace in the most unlikely of places - in a troubled old man called the Creeper. A chance, life-saving encounter on the commission's roof seeds a friendship between the two and when they enlist the help of Lexie's friend Davey, the three set off on an epic journey, one that will change their lives and the lives of those around them. **Ages 13+**



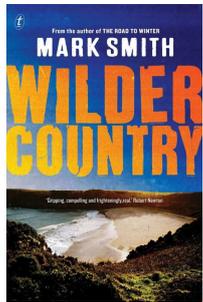
**160. Frogkisser! (Garth Nix) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Talking dogs. Mischievous wizards. An evil stepstepfather (her evil stepmother's new husband). Loads and loads of toads. Such is the life of a Frogkisser... Princess Anya needs to see a wizard about a frog. It's not her frog, it's her sister's. And it's not a frog, it's actually a prince. A prince who was once in love with Anya's sister, but has now been turned into a frog by their evil stepstepfather. And Anya has made a 'sister promise' that she will find a way to return Prince Denholm to human form.....So begins an exciting, hilarious, irreverent quest through the Kingdom of Trallonia and out the other side, in a fantastical tale for all ages, full of laughs and danger, surprises and delights, and an immense population of frogs... **Ages 12+**



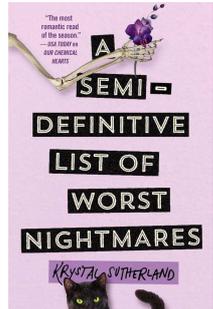
**161. Gap Year in Ghost Town (Michael Pryor) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Let's get this straight - ghosts are everywhere. I can see them. You can't. And, see them or not, they're dangerous. This is why my family has hunted ghosts for hundreds of years to protect people like you. The Marin family are outcasts of the ghost hunting world. They run a two-man operation in inner city Melbourne. Anton has the Ghost-sight, but his father does not. Rani Cross is supremely skilled in hand-to-hand combat, with enhanced speed and strength thanks to her magical initiation into the Company of the Righteous. When it comes to ghost-hunting methodology, Anton and Rani don't see eye to eye - Anton likes to 'ease their passage' to the next world, while Rani's all about the slashing. But Melbourne is under threat; with a massive spike in violent ghost manifestations, Anton and Rani must find a way to work together to keep supernatural forces at bay. And what with all the blindingly terrifying brushes with death, Anton must decide if he really wants in on the whole ghost hunting biz anyway. **Ages 14+**



**162. Wilder Country (Mark Smith) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Finn, Kas and Willow have survived the winter of storms. Severe winds and cold have kept the Wilders at bay. Now that spring has come, everything has changed. They're being hunted again, and they won't be safe while Ramage wants their blood. But Finn and Kas made a promise to Rose - to find her baby and bring her back. And finding Hope means finding Ramagea Wilder Country is the exciting, action-packed sequel to Mark Smith's highly acclaimed The Road to Winter. **Ages 14+**



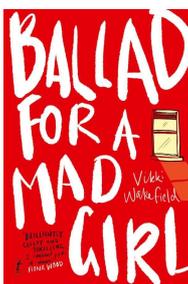
**163. Semi-Definitive List Of Worst Nightmares, A (Krystal Sutherland) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Ever since Esther Solar's grandfather was cursed by Death, everyone in her family has been doomed to suffer one great fear in their lifetime. Esther's father is agoraphobic and hasn't left the basement in six years, her twin brother can't be in the dark without a light on, and her mother is terrified of bad luck. The Solars are consumed by their fears and, according to the legend of the curse, destined to die from them. Esther doesn't know what her great fear is yet (nor does she want to), a feat achieved by avoiding pretty much everything. Elevators, small spaces and crowds are all off-limits. So are haircuts, spiders, dolls, mirrors and three dozen other phobias she keeps a record of in her semi-definitive list of worst nightmares. Then Esther is pickpocketed by Jonah Smallwood, an old elementary school classmate. Along with her phone, money and a fruit roll-up she'd been saving, Jonah also steals her list of fears. Despite the theft, Esther and Jonah become friends, and he sets a challenge for them: in an effort to break the curse that has crippled her family, they will meet every Sunday of senior year to work their way through the list, facing one terrifying fear at a time, including one that Esther hadn't counted on: love. **Ages 14+**



**164. Remind Me How This Ends (Gabrielle Tozer) \$17.99 \$16.20**

Layla Montgomery's life fell apart at thirteen. After her mum died in a shock accident, Layla's grieving father packed their bags and forced her to leave behind everything she'd ever known. Milo Dark has been stuck on pause since the Year 12 exams. His long-term girlfriend moved 300 kilometres away for uni, his mates bailed for bigger things, and he's convinced he missed the reminder to plan out the rest of his life. As kids, Layla and Milo shared everything - their secrets, a treehouse and weekends at the river. But they haven't spoken since her mum's funeral. That is, until Layla shows up five years later in his parents' bookshop without so much as a text message. Pretty soon they're drawn into a tangled mess that guarantees someone will get hurt. And while it's a summer they'll never forget, is it one they'll want to remember? **Ages 14+**



**165. Ballad for a Mad Girl (Vikki Wakefield) \$19.99 \$18.00**

Everyone knows seventeen-year-old Grace Foley is a bit mad. She's a prankster and a risk-taker, and she's not afraid of anything—except losing. As part of the long-running feud between two local schools in Swanston, Grace accepts a challenge to walk the pipe. That night she experiences something she can't explain. The funny girl isn't laughing anymore. She's haunted by voices and visions - but nobody believes a girl who cries wolf. As she's drawn deeper into a twenty-year-old mystery surrounding missing girl Hannah Holt, the thin veil between this world and the next begins to slip. She can no longer tell what's real or imagined - all she knows is the ghosts of Swanston, including that of her own mother, are restless. It seems one of them has granted her an extraordinary gift at a terrible price. Everything about her is changing - her body, her thoughts, even her actions seem to belong to a stranger. Grace is losing herself, and her friends don't understand. Is she moving closer to the truth? Or is she heading for madness? **Ages 15+**

