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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

1. Millie and the Night Heron (Catherine Bateson) \$16.95 \$13.55

"The daughter of an artist and a scientist, and your own interesting self, Millie. What more could you need?" But Millie isn't sure that Tom, her mum's boyfriend, is right about that. But as her father says, change is needed, and sometimes it's the biggest changes that make us who we are. 'Millie and the Night Heron' reminds us all to stop and remember the important things in life.

2. Helicopter Man (Elizabeth Fensham) \$14.95 \$11.95

A mystery, an adventure story, and an ultimately hopeful book about a child dealing with his father's schizophrenia. Pete knows he leads an unusual life for a twelve-year-old boy, but he's never dared to ask questions before. Now he needs some answers. He's clever, he starts to piece the scraps of information together, but he isn't prepared for the truth.

3. To the Light (Pat Flynn) \$16.95 \$13.55

Jamie is determined to win the local surfing competition. Then he is almost wiped out by a huge wave while tube riding for the first time. Being inside the wave is the ultimate for a surfer. Once you've been, you'll never forget. But once you're in you have to make it out. An old Malibu rider teaches him how to become part of the wave and make it 'To the light'.

4. Once (Morris Gleitzman) \$16.95 \$13.55

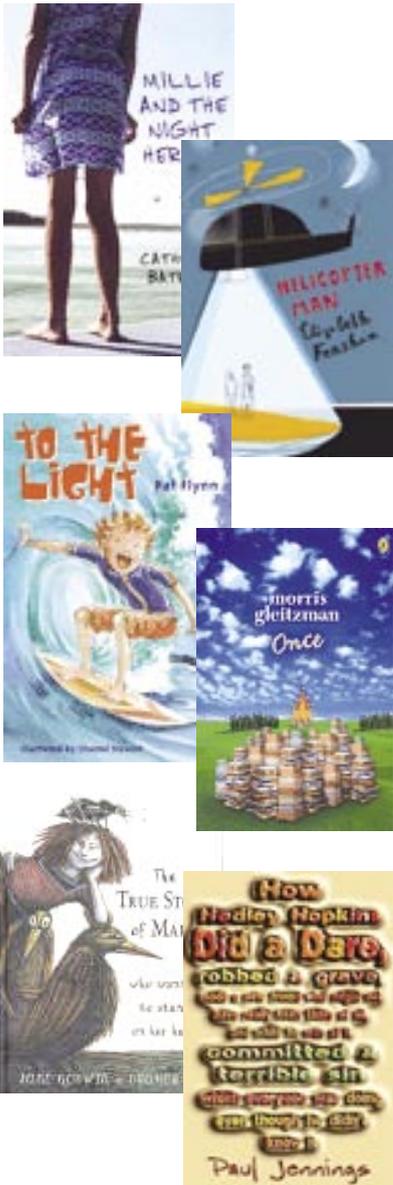
Once I escaped from an orphanage to find my Mum and Dad. Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house. Once I made a Nazi with a toothache laugh. My name is Felix. This is my story.

5. True Story of Mary, Who Wanted to Stand on Her Head, The (Jane Godwin and Drahos Zak) \$22.95 \$18.35

A spiky story in rhyme about a girl who has a unique view of the world and just can't be made to fit in! The darkly humorous illustrations by Drahos Zak make an irresistible package. Mary is an upside-down girl and there is just no stopping her. 'The True Story of Mary', told in 31 verses, is a celebration of what is wayward, wilful and extraordinary in every child.

6. How Hedley Hopkins Did a Dare (Paul Jennings) \$16.95 \$13.55

Hedley Hopkins has a few problems: he is the new kid at school, straight off the boat from England in the 1950's. If he could just fulfill a dare and dig out the hideous skull hidden in a grave behind the sand dunes, he could impress the bullies at school and become their friend. But weird things are happening to his body. Is he being punished for his terrible actions?



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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)



**7. What the Sky Knows (Nike Bourke and Stella Danalis)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

\$16.95 \$13.55

This stunning picture book invites the reader to fly with birds and angels, float with clouds and balloons, to change colours, blow breezes and stir up storms. 'What the Sky Knows' challenges the traditional way of reading picture and text. Stella Danalis has used visual tricks and jokes in a very contemporary manner which will immediately engage young readers.

***Indicates book has been shortlisted in more than one category*

8. Rex (Ursula Dubosarsky and David Mackintosh)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Meet Rex. He is the class pet. Every day, someone gets to take Rex home. What would you do if Rex came to visit you? Rex is sure to charm young readers in this delightful new picture book from the combined talents of Ursula Dubosarsky and David Mackintosh.

9. Emily's Rapunzel Hair (Cecily Matthews and Freya Blackwood)

\$27.95 \$22.35

A sumptuously illustrated storybook for pre-schoolers and primary readers about four-year-old Emily as she waits impatiently to grow long, flowing hair just like Rapunzel. While Emily waits for her hair to grow (and experiments with wearing red tights on her head to provide the illusion of Rapunzel hair), we join her on her everyday adventures.

10. Annie's Chair (Deborah Niland)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Today, Annie was boiling mad. Someone was sleeping in her chair! 'No one is allowed on my chair!' Annie tells everyone. But who has broken the rule? And what will Annie do to get her favourite chair back? From the much-loved illustrator of 'There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake' comes a little girl with a determined streak and an adorable personality!

11. Daddy's Having a Horse! (Lisa Shanahan and Emma Quay)

\$15.95 \$12.75

Caitlin is excited because Mummy is having a baby and brother Lachlan is even more excited. He thinks Daddy is having a horse! This funny, tender story about what not to expect when Mum is expecting will appeal to all. It is also a celebration of the role of fatherhood and a perfect story for all children awaiting the arrival of a new brother or sister.

12. Kisses For Daddy (Francis Watts and David Legge)

\$24.95 \$19.95

When a grumbly Baby Bear refuses to give his Father a goodnight kiss, their bedtime routine is transformed into a delightful game, as Daddy imagines all the different sorts of kisses that other animal babies give their Dads. This warm, affectionate story is perfect for children and their Daddies to share! Ages 2-5

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PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (13-18)

(In Alphabetical Order by Illustrator and Author)



13. Sound of the Sea, The (Jacqueline Harvey and Warren Crossett)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

\$26.95 \$21.55

Samuel is remembering the precious times he spent with his mother before she became ill and passed away. With the love and support of his grandparents, Samuel gradually comes to terms with his anger, grief and eventually accepts his mother's death. Heartbreakingly depicted in Warren Crossett's beautiful illustrations.

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15. Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley, The (Colin Thompson and Amy Lissiat)

\$27.95 \$22.35

Human beings live for quite a long time and for a lot of that time we are not happy. We want to be taller, shorter, fatter, thinner. We want our straight hair to be curly, our curly hair to be straight, and our brown eyes to be blue. Rats live for quite a short time and for most of that time they are very, very happy... and we think we are better than rats! Ages 5+

16. Irving the Magician (Tobhy Riddle)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Irving lives with his Aunt Irma in a big block of flats in a part of town that nobody visits unless they have to. The people who live around him are sad and lonely. When Irving overhears someone say that the magic has gone from life, Irving decides to become a magician to bring the magic back.

17. Island, The (John Heffernan and Peter Sheehan)

\$27.95 \$22.35

The People came to the pool every day. They swam and dived and paddled with the creature. But they didn't notice it was changing before their eyes. Only the urchin noticed. He knew that the life of the creature was trickling away like sand through his fingers. He helps the creature to escape, and together they disappear.

18. Run, Hare, Run! The Story of a Drawing (John Winch)

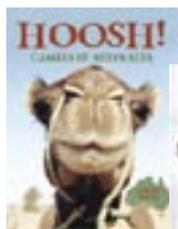
\$24.95 \$19.95

This story follows in the footsteps of the great sixteenth-century artist Albrecht Durer and his dog as they chase a hare for the artist's famous sketch. John Winch's highly detailed, stunning oil paintings brilliantly depict the early renaissance setting, while his evocative text conveys the drama of the situation from the hare's point of view.

EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

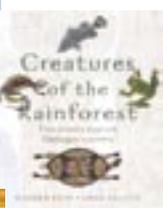
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19. Hoosh! Camels in Australia (Janeen Brian)

\$29.95 \$23.95

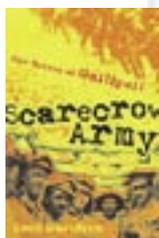
A fascinating insight into one of Australia's most important and remarkable animals - the camel. From the role of camels in Australia's modern history through to the use of camels in Australia today, and everything in between, this book is all you ever wanted to know about this humble humped mammal. Are they a pest or a resource in today's society?



20. Creatures of the Rainforest (Warren Brim and Anna Eglitis)

\$26.95 \$21.55

Have you heard about the red-eyed green tree frog that lives high in the rainforest canopy? Or the ants that weave threads of silk? Or the pigeons from New Guinea that feed on quandongs and nutmeg? Discover the secrets of a Queensland rainforest, information about each animal and Djabugay name and wordlist.



21. Scarecrow Army: The ANZACS at Gallipoli (Leon Davidson)

\$16.95 \$13.55

This book is an engaging and accessible account of the Gallipoli story. It is a blend of fiction and information that puts readers in the shoes of the Anzacs. On April 25th 1915 thousands of Australians and New Zealanders landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula to fight a battle they thought would last three days. They had gone looking for the adventure of a lifetime. Ages 9+



22. Glory Garage, The (Nadia Jamal and Taghred Chandab)

\$18.95 \$15.15

A collection of true stories that present a fascinating insight into a culture that remains mysterious to many non-Lebanese Muslims. Warm, provocative, funny and poignant, these tales of family and community life, contradictions and customs, are a vivid insight into an exotic and vibrant culture.



23. Big Picture Book, The (John Long, Brian Choo and Segei Pisarevsky)

\$29.95 \$23.95

Four billion years of evolution in 48 pages is told in lyrical text and astounding images reflecting the latest scientific research. Watch as continents shift over billions of years and the first stirrings of life appear and evolve, over millennia, into the birds, beasts, plants and fish we know today. Explore our planet's history in 'The Big Picture Book' - it's too fascinating to resist!



24. Charles Darwin's Big Idea (Robin Stewart)

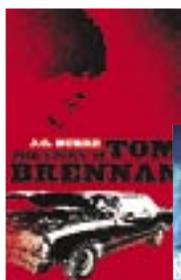
\$18.95 \$15.15

This book is as much about Charles Darwin as it is about his ideas. A keen curiosity, an open mind, courage and patience, and the ability to think differently, combined to change our view of natural history. This is the story of his discoveries and conclusions, a story full of ideas and adventure.

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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

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



25. Story of Tom Brennan (JC Burke)

\$16.95 \$13.55

For seventeen-year-old Tom, life is about rugby, his mates and his family, who are well respected in their small country town. But a night of celebration changes his life forever. Tom's older brother, Daniel, starts a fight at the 'sudden death' pre-final party, then Daniel is involved in a car accident on the way home. Their cousin, Fin, suffers spinal injuries, and the two other passengers are killed. Tom's world explodes as Daniel is sent to jail and the Brennan's are forced to leave town. While Tom and his sister, Kylie, adjust to life at a new school, their parents have trouble coming to terms with the debt of their paralysed nephew. The past is never far away. Tom is a survivor, but he needs a ticket out of the past. He will find it in many forms.



26. Double Exposure (Brian Caswell)

\$18.95 \$15.15

Chris Eveson is a genius; streetwise, artistic and sensitive, and rebelling against the domineering abuses of his father. Unlike his twin brother, Cain, who seems average in every way - at least to the outward observer. But gifts and talents run much deeper than two dimensions. Brian Caswell's extraordinary new novel will draw you into a web of mysteries, and of horrors from the past buried by lies in the present.



27. No Worries (Bill Condon)

\$18.95 \$15.15

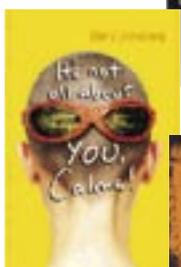
Brian Talbot: seventeen, virgin, high school dropout, nightshift worker at the local dairy, in love. When life is kicking you down, you need to kick back, but when your old man lives in the shed in the backyard, and your mum has problems of her own, that's not always easy.



28. Chasing Charlie Duskin (Cath Crowley)

\$16.95 \$13.55

Charlie Duskin is running. Fleeing from failures and memories and friends who have given up on her. And she's not only running, she's chasing things - like a father who will talk to her, friends who don't think she's as invisible as a piece of cling wrap, and an experience with a boy in which she doesn't look like an idiot. But Charlie Duskin is about to meet a friend who'll change her forever...



29. It's Not All About You, Calma! (Barry Jonsberg)

\$16.95 \$13.55

Calma Harrison is in love. Not just with herself, but also with the handsome checkout guy at Crazi-Cheep. But when Calma gets a job at Crazi-Cheep, her cynical approach to customer service makes headlines. And then there is the small matter of the rest of her life, which is fast falling apart: her absent father turns up unexpectedly and wants to "talk" to her mother, "The Fridge", is keeping secrets and her new best friend, Vanessa is hiding something horrible. Fearing the worst for her family and friends, Calma knows the only sure way to shape events is direct, personal intervention...



30. Lost Property (James Moloney)

\$19.95 \$15.95

Josh's life appears perfect - he does well at school, plays in a band, has a girlfriend, and a summer job. But his family is falling apart, since his older brother Michael, left without a word to the family. Josh comes across a clue to Michael's whereabouts and decides to take off and find him, without telling his parents.

Award Winners will be announced on Friday, 18th August 2006

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Please see the following reviews and titles/series listed for our ideas on the **Book Week Theme 2006: Book Now!** We are concentrating this year on travel, journeys, events you need to book tickets for such as the theatre or an art or magic show, and books and libraries.

We have also suggested titles for the **International Year of Deserts and Desertification** incorporating deserts, sand, ecological issues, camels, polar deserts, adaptations and survival. We're linking the two themes by travel and other places.

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31. Alphabet Wings (Ilana Kresner)

\$27.95 \$25.16

Alphabet Wings takes the reader on a world journey flying through 26 cities, beginning with A for Amsterdam and ending with Z for Zurich. Each visit introduces the reader to a unique aspect of that city by exploring festivals, foods, legends, sounds, smells and architecture. Every city comes from a different country and together they represent all the major continents.

32-37. Artists in Their World (Various)

\$19.95 \$17.96

A series that uncovers the life and times of some of the most important and influential artists of the modern world. It includes an easy to follow chronological structure, illustrated with colour and black and white contemporary photographs, timelines for quick reference, plus museum and gallery information.

32. Claude Monet

34. Pablo Picasso

36. Paul Gauguin

33. Henri Matisse

35. Paul Cezanne

37. Vincent Van Gogh

38. Baking Book, The (Jane Bull)

\$19.95 \$17.96

'The Baking Book' introduces children to the basics of baking, using simple recipes and methods such as creaming, rubbing in, batters and yeast mixtures. Find out how to make tasty breads, cakes and biscuits. Decorate cakes and cut biscuits into any shape you like - simple instructions and great recipes for all kinds of sweet and savory treats!

39. Best Ever Sleepover Fun Book, The (Janet Hoggarth)

\$11.95 \$9.95

Have the best sleepover party ever with this ultimate guide! Sleepovers are the best way to hang out with your best mates - and to make new ones! Dive inside for lots of fantastic tips and fun ideas on: invitations, yummy treats and snacks, gorgeous makeovers, games and the art of spooky story-telling. Lots of groovy stuff to make and do.

40. Beware of the Storybook Wolves (Lauren Child)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Beware of the Storybook Wolves is a wickedly funny book from one of the most exciting talents around. Herb has to think fast to outwit two very unsavoury wolves that escape from his bedtime story to gobble him up. He enlists the help of the Fairy Godmother with disastrous but hilarious results!

41. Big Big Big Book of Tashi, The (Anna Fienberg)

\$24.95 \$22.46

He's brave! He's bold! HE'S THE BEST! Tashi's too cunning for the war lord and the wicked baron, and far too clever for giants, ghosts, witches and demons. And Tashi tells the best stories ever! The first seven books rolled into one Big Big Big Book of Tashi. That's fourteen daredevil adventures.

42. Big Too Cool Book, The (Phil Kettle)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Now the first four best-selling Too Cool stories are available in one convenient volume! The irrepressibly imaginative Too Cool attracts readers of all ages and taps into children's love of sport. Kids can come along for the ride with Too Cool in Soccer Superstar, Footy Hero, Rugby Great and Cricket Legend. Will Too Cool come out on top? Ages 6+

43. Book of Changing Things and Other Oddibosities, The (Odo Hirsch)

\$24.95 \$22.46

Come on Nathan's adventure with Count Marvy and Pogue, the unreliable squirel, in a world where nothing is quite as it seems. The eggs of a Hip-of-Potsamus, a Why-Notseros and an Elypants, a pair of hares called Gustave and Gustavine, a very small monster with confusingly large teeth are only some of the marvellosities in this magical creation from Odo Hirsch.

44. Book of Everything, The (Guus Kuijer)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Shocking, funny, touching and ultimately hopeful, this is a rare gem of a story for all ages. Thomas sees amazing things that no one else can see and he writes it all down in 'The Book of Everything', including his wish: When I grow up, I'm going to be happy. One of his biggest discoveries is that happiness begins with no longer being afraid. Ages 12+

45. But Excuse Me, That is My Book! (Lauren Child)

\$16.95 \$15.26

'Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies' is Lola's absolute favourite book ever in the whole wide world. So naturally she is distraught when it's not at the library. Someone else has borrowed it! Charlie tries everything he can think of to placate her but nothing is ever going to beat Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies. That is, until Charlie finds Chimps and Chimpanzees!

46. Charlie Cook's Favourite Book (Julia Donaldson)

\$24.95 \$22.46

Charlie Cook is reading a book about a pirate captain, who is reading a book about Goldilocks, who is reading about a knight, who is reading about a frog... From kings and queens to aliens and ghosts, there's something for everyone in Charlie's amazing book! Entertaining and original, a new book from this team is always cause for celebration.

47. Crafty Art Book, The (Jane Bull)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Packed with projects to make great gifts. Brush up your printing skills, get creative with cross-stitch, and get to grips with Pirate Pete and his beanbag friends. Filled with handy skills that will lead to a host of hobbies. Fold it, knit it, snip it, stitch it - go on, get crafty!

48. Daddy Book, The (Todd Parr)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Some daddies sing in the shower. Some daddies sing to you in bed. Some daddies teach you how to walk. Some daddies teach you how to ride a skateboard. All daddies (and their kids) will love this book! With child-like smiling stick figures, bold, brilliant colour and upbeat text, picture-book creator Todd Parr celebrates the diverse, wonderful world of fathers.

49. Going on a Plane (Anne Civardi)

\$8.95 \$8.06

Designed to introduce young children to unfamiliar situations in an amusing and friendly way. Features Stephen Cartwright's delightful illustrations, providing lots to look at and talk about. An ideal starting point for young children and adults to discuss first experiences and journeys.

50. Grandma Book, The (Todd Parr)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Some grandmas have a lot of cats, some grandmas give a lot of advice, some grandmas like to make you eat a lot. All grandmas (and their grandkids) will love this book! With child-like smiling stick figures, bold, brilliant colour and upbeat text, picture-book creator Todd Parr celebrates the diverse, wonderful world of grandmothers in The Grandma Book.

51. Great Montefiasco, The (Colin Thompson)

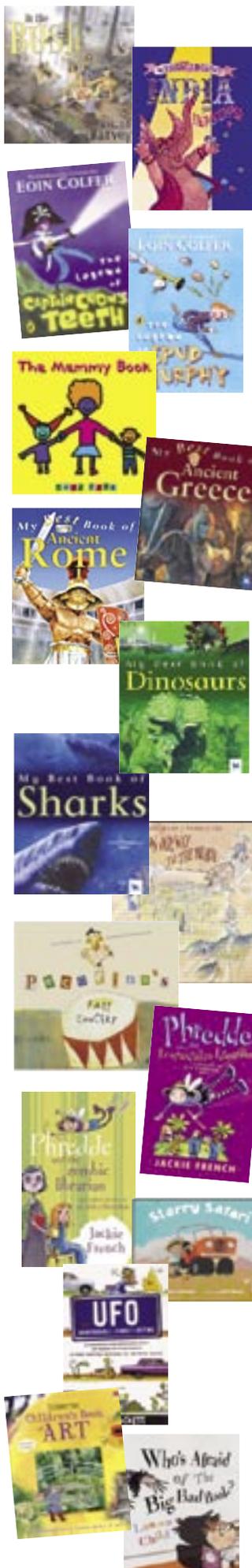
\$27.95 \$25.16

The Great Montefiasco was the worst magician in the entire history of magic. His tricks never worked and even when they looked as if they might, something always went wrong ... This made everybody laugh, but it just made the Great Montefiasco miserable. But all is not lost - the Great Montefiasco advertises for an assistant and Fabulous Betty comes into his life!



BOOK WEEK THEME 2006: BOOK NOW! (31-68)

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52. In The Bush, Postcards From Wombat Flat (Roland Harvey) \$24.95 \$21.95

India the circus elephant is an absolute whiz on the mouth organ. She's the star of the show, and she knows it. But when Oswaldo the Magnificent arrives to teach everyone new tricks, India does something very BAD. Losing her place in the limelight shows India a thing or two about the pitfalls of celebrity and the value of friends.

53. India, The Showstopper (Kerry Argent) \$24.95 \$22.46

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54. Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth, The (Eoin Colfer) \$11.95 \$10.76

Will and his brothers are on holiday in a cramped caravan on the wild Irish coast. All the boys love ghost stories, but one dark night Will's older brother, Marty, tells the bloodcurdling tale of the cutthroat pirate, Captain Crow. Will is scared, and Marty convinces him that the ghost of the evil Captain Crow is out to get him. Will Will have the last laugh?

55. Legend of Spud Murphy, The (Eoin Colfer) \$11.95 \$10.76

Will's mother decides to send Will and his brother Marty to the library during the school holidays. She obviously doesn't realize that not only is the library boring but that it's the home of the legendary Mrs Murphy, librarian. If you put a foot wrong she uses her dreaded spud gun and you don't want that! But will Mrs Murphy meet her match in Will and Marty? Ages 7+

56. Mummy Book, The (Todd Parr) \$12.95 \$11.66

Some mummies drive motorcycles, some mummies teach you to play sports, some mummies like to dance. All mummies (and their kids) will love this book! With child-like smiling stick figures, bold, brilliant colour and upbeat text, picture-book creator Todd Parr celebrates the diverse, wonderful world of mothers.

57. My Best Book of Ancient Greece (Belinda Weber) \$12.95 \$11.66

Explore ancient Greece, one of the world's greatest civilisations. Find out about ancient Greek palaces, myths, epic poems, philosophies and scientific ways of looking at the world. Learn the citizens and the non-citizens, a group that included slaves and women. Discover more about Greek warfare, and how one battle led to the invention of the marathon race. Age 6+

58. My Best Book of Ancient Rome (Deborah Murrell) \$12.95 \$11.66

Find out what it really means to live in Rome at the height of its empire. Explore the heart of the most powerful empire ever seen, ruled over millions of people in places as far apart as Britain and Egypt. Tailor made for young readers, with high-interest, fact filled text that illuminates this enthralling topic. Age 6+

59. My Best Book of Dinosaurs (Chris Maynard) \$9.95 \$8.96

Step back 100 million years and come face to face with some of the most amazing animals that ever walked the Earth! Meet the tiny babies of a Maiasaura as they hatch from their eggs, or join a herd of speedy Struthiomimus running for their lives from a bloodthirsty predator. Step-by-step illustrations explain how dinosaurs lived - and finally disappeared.

60. My Best Book of Sharks (Claire Llewellyn) \$9.95 \$8.96

A wealth of information about the deep-sea lives of a family of fascinating creatures - where sharks live, what they feed on, and how they bear their young. Plenty of illustrations of sharks for children to pour over.

61. On Our Way To The Beach (Sofie Laguna and Andrew McLean) \$14.95 \$13.46

From the author of 'Too Loud Lily' comes this wonderful holiday adventure. The family are on their way to a beach holiday. Mum, Dad, three children, the dog and Uncle Daniel all travelling in their green van, stopping at some interesting places along the way. At night they try to imagine what the beach is like. Will it meet their expectations?

62. Pecorino's First Concert (Alan Madison) \$24.95 \$22.46

Pecorino makes his first trip to a city concert with his mother and is fascinated with instruments of the orchestra. Entranced by the siren call of unmanned instruments on the empty stage, Pecorino explores the workings of the tuba a bit too deeply. Despite his attempts to wiggle, wobble, and wamboodle himself out, he is trapped!

63. Phredde and the Leopard Skin Librarian (Jackie French) \$12.95 \$11.66

In this new adventure Fairy Phredde and friends are on a school excursion to the Big Koala when things go horribly wrong as they head back into the time of the dinosaurs. What they encounter is not for the faint-hearted including a dinosaur with diarrhoea and an exploding volcano! Who will save them?

64. Phredde and the Zombie Librarian (Jackie French) \$12.95 \$11.66

There's a grey-flesh zombie librarian tending her blood-starved books in the school library and a 5000-year-old Egyptian mummy roaming the corridors. Can Phredde and Pru escape? Ages 7-12

65. Starry Safari (Linda Ashman and Jeff Mack) \$12.95 \$11.66

Beep! Beep! Beep! Racing in my sturdy jeep ... on safari! Passing fields where zebras feast, trailing herds of wildebeest. Gazing at a tall giraffe, bump into a rhino calf. Hop into a bright orange jeep for a thrilling safari adventure. Just watch out for the...!

66. UFO (Unavoidable Family Outing) (Dave Hackett) \$16.95 \$15.26

The novel's narrator is an unnamed would-be writer, whose hapless, Morris-minor-driving father has decided to take the family on a driving holiday to Cape York (the pointy bit at the top of Australia). The family consists of Mum, Dad, older sisters Jessica and Sal, and the narrator (known only by his many nicknames, e.g. 'Brainiac Boy').

67. Usborne Children's Book of Art, The (Rosie Dickins) \$24.95 \$22.46

This beautifully illustrated art book provides the perfect introduction to art for young children. Packed with colourful photographs and cartoons. Contains over 30 of the world's best-loved works of art. Written in consultation with art historian Dr Erika Langmuir. Includes approved Internet links, which can be accessed through the Quicklinks website.

68. Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book (Lauren Child) \$15.95 \$14.36

When Herb falls asleep with his head on top of a dusty book of fairy tales, he finds himself stuck inside the volume with no quick way out. All of his past mishandling of the book comes back to haunt him-Cinderella's kitchen is sticky with cookie crumbs, the Queen does not appreciate the moustache Herb has drawn on her face, and Prince Charming has been missing since he was cut out of the book and used as a birthday-card decoration.

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69. Antarctic Dad (Hazel Edwards and Kevin Burgemeestre)

~~\$27.95~~ **\$25.16**

This is an exciting and informative picture book for younger readers. Dad keeps in touch with emails, photos and maps and he has even taken his son's favourite toy, Roo, along for the ride. This is a great way to introduce children to the real life stories of the ordinary people involved in the dangers and adventures of the frozen continent.

70. Australia's Deserts (Greg Pyers)

~~\$29.95~~ **\$26.96**

Many people think of deserts as the most inhospitable environments imaginable. Yet Australia's deserts are home to a wide range of plants and animals that have learned to survive incredibly harsh conditions. Why does the ring-tailed dragon sometimes run on its two hind feet? How do desert fish migrate from one waterhole to another? Find out in this fascinating book.

71. Baby Bilby, Where Do You Sleep? (Narelle Oliver)

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

Based on her award-winning picture book Sand Swimmers, Narelle Oliver has created an intriguing hide and seek adventure for young children. With superb realistic illustrations and diecut holes to intrigue young readers, this book is both educational and fun. Baby Bilby, Where Do You Sleep? will open children's eyes to the magic of Australia's 'dead heart'.

72. Big Rain Coming (Katrina Germein and Bronwyn Bancroft)

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

In the dry Australian outback the sun beats down. Rosie's kids, the panting dogs and the fat green frogs all wait, but day after day there is still no rain. "Big rain coming", says old Stephen, but when will it come? Bronwyn Bancroft's fantastic illustrations evoke the heat, and the wait, and the quiet, until finally, the heavens open.

73. Desert (Peter Riley)

~~\$19.95~~ **\$17.96**

Discover the science that helps people, plants and animals survive in the hottest, driest places on Earth. It begins with a map showing where deserts are in the world. Each aspect of survival in the desert is supported by a science activity which readers can do using everyday materials and equipment. There is an easy-to-follow activity on every other spread.

74. Earth's Changing Deserts (Neil Morris)

~~\$33.95~~ **\$29.95**

Landscapes and People explores the landforms that make up the world around us. Each book looks at a particular type of landscape. It explains how the landscape is formed and changed by wind and water, as well as how people and settlements change and are changed by the landscape. Finally, each book looks at how change in the environment is affecting the world's landscapes.

75. Greetings from Sandy Beach (Bob Graham)

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

Winner of the 1991 Children's Picture Book of the Year! In his very own style, Bob Graham tells the story of one family's camping holiday at the beach - a beach they must share with a bus load of school kids and 'The Disciples of Death' motorbike gang! Here is a joyous blend of characters and events to delight readers of all ages!

76. Hoosh! Camels in Australia (Janeen Brian)

~~\$29.95~~ **\$23.95**

This comprehensive book tracks the presence of camels in Australia, from the vital role they played, along with Afghan cameleers, in the early exploration and development of Central Australia, through to their continued use today in the tourism and export industries, and their important role in the natural environment. Shortlisted for the CBC Eve Pownall Award 2006.

77. Mustara (Rosanne Hawke and Robert Ingpen)

~~\$27.95~~ **\$25.16**

The year is 1875. Thomas Elder of Beltana Station fits out explorer Ernest Giles final and successful expedition to find a way across the desert. Giles eventually returns, having twice traversed Australia using camels. This magnificent picture book is child-centred, being told through the voices of Emmeline, the station owner's daughter and Taj, an Afghan boy whose father is a camel driver. The simple but evocative storyline, accompanied by awe-inspiring illustrations of desert-scapes, make this an exciting read for children of all ages.

78. My Mob Going to the Beach (Sylvia Emmerton and Jaquanna Elliott)

~~\$15.00~~ **\$13.50**

This book celebrates the freedom of childhood within the security of a large family. The grown ups say that the family is going to the beach, but they don't have a car and will have to walk, so they pack some blankets and tea and set off. The children find all sorts of adventures on the way!

79. Outback, The (Annaliese Porter and Bronwyn Bancroft)

~~\$22.95~~ **\$20.66**

A stunning full-colour picture book. Annaliese Porter captures the Australian outback in all its moods in this moving bush ballad about the country's vast interior. Written when she was only eight years old, The Outback brings together a gifted young writer and one of Australia's most celebrated artists, Bronwyn Bancroft.

80. Parvana (Deborah Ellis)

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

This is the exciting and inspiring story of Parvana, a young girl growing up in Afghanistan, as she struggles to make a life for herself and her family under the harsh rule of the Taliban. When soldiers burst into her home and drag her father off to prison, Parvana is forced to take responsibility for her whole family, dressing as a boy to make a living in the marketplace of Kabul.

81. Puffin Classic - Robinson Crusoe (Daniel Defoe)

~~\$7.95~~ **\$7.16**

The sole survivor of a shipwreck, Robinson Crusoe is stranded on an uninhabited island far from any shipping routes. At first he is in despair, but slowly, with patience and ingenuity, he transforms his dismal island into a tropical paradise. But for twenty-four years he has no human company - until one Friday, he rescues a prisoner from a boatload of cannibals.

82. Puffin Classic - Swiss Family Robinson (Johann Wyss)

~~\$9.95~~ **\$8.96**

A terrible storm strands a Swiss pastor, with his wife and four sons, on a tropical island. Luckily, the Robinsons are optimistic and inventive, and with what they salvage from the wrecked ship, and the island's abundant fruits, plants and animals, they soon adapt - each day discovering new dangers, skills and delights.

83. Puffin Classic - Treasure Island (Robert Louise Stevenson)

~~\$9.95~~ **\$8.96**

When Jim Hawkins picks up the oilskin packet from Captain Flint's sea chest, he has no idea that here lies the key to untold wealth - a treasure map. He sails on the Hispaniola as cabin-boy, with the awesome Long John Silver as ship's cook and the rest of the shifty crew, and embarks on an extraordinary and dangerous quest to find the buried treasure.



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84. Sand Swimmers (Narelle Oliver)

As fascinating as the Australian outback itself. The illustrations and language help the reader understand the harshness of the desert and the life that survives within this unique environment. Captivating illustrations that demand detailed examination so as not to miss a thing.

~~\$16.95~~ **\$15.26**

85. Story of Rosy Dock, The (Jeannie Baker)

Rosy Dock is a plant introduced into Central Australia by a settler who liked its red seed pods. This book, with detailed collages, follows the spread of Rosy Dock. Shortlisted for Picture Book of the Year in 1996 and was one of the Honour books in that year.

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

86. This is the Oasis (Miriam Moss)

This is a celebration of an oasis - the green jewel of the desert - and the significance this has on the plant, animal and human life that depend upon it. Written in beautifully crafted poetic prose, this is the perfect introduction to the harsh but beautiful desert wilderness and the life that it supports. Features an information spread at the end of the book dealing with Oases and deserts.

~~\$27.95~~ **\$25.16**

87. Turtle Egg Day (Ruth Thompson and Bindi Waugh)

Wowan wakes to find her family have already left to go hunting for the day, and only her Gran is waiting for her. But they have a special task of their own to do, and soon Wowan learns how exciting it can be to show the family what you did that day!

~~\$15.00~~ **\$13.50**

88. We're Riding on a Caravan (Laurie Krebs)

Explore a world of stunning silk, delicious spices and exotic trade locations in this rhyming tale about a Chinese family's journey along the Silk Road, the trade route that ran thousands of miles through Asia.

~~\$27.95~~ **\$25.16**

89-99. We're From Series (Emma Lynch)

Join us on a tour around the world and visit a variety of exciting countries. Using real case studies, this series shows the reader what it is really like to live in these countries. Information on family life, schools, transport, landscapes, food, festivals, weather and climate is included. Great source of information for R-3.

~~\$29.95~~ **\$26.96 ea**

89. Australia

92. Greece

95. Italy

98. Mexico

90. China

93. India

96. Japan

99. Pakistan

91. Egypt

94. Indonesia

97. Kenya

INDIGENOUS STUDIES (100-126)

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100-107. Aboriginal Stories (Pamela Lofts)

Compiled by Pamela Lofts these dreamtime stories have always been told in the spoken word. Now they have been written down and illustrated in bold, bright colours.

~~\$12.95~~ **\$11.66**

100. Bat and the Crocodile

104. How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails

101. Dunbi the Owl

105. Kangaroo and the Porpoise

102. Echidna and the Shade Tree

106. Warnayarra the Rainbow Snake

103. How the Birds Got Their Colours

107. When the Snake Bites the Sun

108. A is for Aunty (Elaine Russell)

Memories of growing up on an Aboriginal mission are brought to life in this alphabet picture book with a difference. It features accounts of possums as pets and Aunty Goldie who used zinc ointment for just about every ailment.

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

109. An Australian ABC of Animals (Bronwyn Bancroft)

This is a lavishly illustrated alphabet book by well-known Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft. The book is both a delightful introduction to the alphabet, and a unique exploration of Australian wildlife, some familiar, others more unusual. Animals include kangaroo, bandicoot, wombat, echidna, cockatoo, frog and goanna and many more.

~~\$14.95~~ **\$13.46**

110. Djomi Dream Child (Chris Fry and Delphine Sarago-Kendrick)

A beautiful story of a dream child's journey to find her natural parents. On her journey she is helped by an old man who has a vision of the dream child while sleeping. Eventually the dream child finds a wonderful, young couple who have no children. The old man tells the couple that they will have a girl and soon the dream child's greatest wish is granted.

~~\$18.95~~ **\$17.06**

111-115. Dreaming Narrative (Various)

The dreaming refers to the lives of ancestral heroes, and stories from this time, whilst explaining topographical features of the landscape, also have very strong ethical and moral components that reflect different aspects of indigenous law. These stories have also been illustrated by children to whom they have been told.

~~\$11.95~~ **\$10.76**

111. Cocky, the Crow and the Hawk

113. Pangkarlangu and the Lost Child

112. Magic Fire at Warlukurlanga

114. Spotted Cat 115. Two Wallabies

116. In Your Dreams (Sally Morgan)

Susie is searching for the meanings behind her dreams and Gran, in her wisdom, gently guides her in the right direction, emphasising the importance of Aboriginal kinship.

~~\$12.95~~ **\$11.66**

117. Just a Little Brown Dog (Sally Morgan)

The little brown dog sighed, remembering the cosy warmth of his big, furry mother. He walked quietly over to Tom and his dad. He put his paws on the bottom rung of the stool, and barked gently. Tom looked down. 'It's a little brown dog,' he sniffed.

~~\$12.95~~ **\$11.66**

