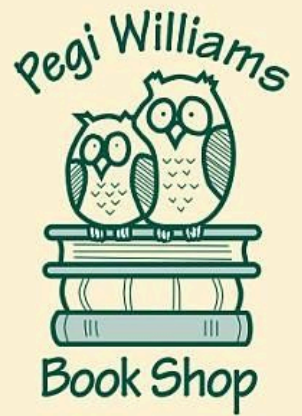


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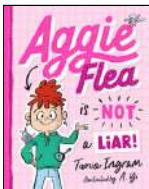
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1. AGGIE FLEA IS NOT A LIAR! AGGIE FLEA

Tania Ingram | A Yi (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Meet Aggie Flea—a girl with a big imagination ... that lands her in even bigger trouble! When a mysterious new neighbour arrives in the middle of the night, Aggie's convinced he's a vampire! Can she prove it? Or will everyone think she's a liar?

Categories: [Imagination](#), [Adventure](#), [Mystery](#), [Humour](#), [Community](#), [Neighbours](#), [Teamwork](#)



2. BEING JIMMY BAXTER

Fiona Lloyd | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A gently funny yet powerful coming-of-age middle grade novel about surviving the odds, unlikely friendships and the magical music of Elvis. It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause- The real Jimmy's hiding inside Ned Kelly's giving him the evil eye Mum's stopped going to work and stays in bed There's no eggs in the fridge - or anything else. AND there's new jobs, bad-at-school brains and a whole lot of trouble called Duke. But then . . . there's Mac.

Categories: [Friendship](#), [Music](#), [Coming of Age](#), [Grief](#), [Depression](#), [Resilience](#)

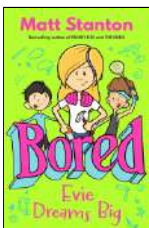


3. DIRRARN

Carl Merrison | Hakea Hustler (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Durrarn follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school and the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home, family, and the big sky country she loves. Mia along with her best friend, Naya, negotiate new friends, new ways of thinking and new ways of being in a different world. As Mia wrestles with all that is unfamiliar, she soon must learn to stand in her truth when confronted with unending challenges. The durrarn (black cockatoo) is Mia's totem animal. It provides her with the strength and freedom to stay connected to her world, even when she is a long way from home. It is this totem she draws upon. Durrarn is a sensitive story on the power of place, personality and the honour of standing up for the truth.

Categories: [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Adventure](#), [Challenge](#), [Community](#), [Culture](#)



4. EVIE DREAMS BIG BORED

Matt Stanton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Sometimes feeling bored is just the beginning ... My name is Evie and I'm making plans. Actual plans. I'm going to build my own house. I'm not talking about some silly treehouse either. I'm going to build a real house. Only it seems everyone else who lives in Turtle Place has an opinion they'd like to share. Frog and Milo want to build something totally different, Mr Santos is grumpy, Mrs Katz is spying on us, my sister is the most annoying person on earth and my parents don't believe in me at all. But I have a plan! I have big dreams when I'm bored ... From million-copy bestseller Matt Stanton, author of FUNNY KID and THE ODDS, comes this laugh-out-loud series about the complicated business of being a kid.

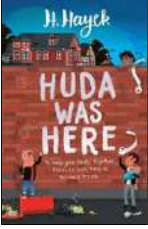


5. HARRIET HOUND

Kate Foster | Sophie Beer (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Meet Harriet Hound. She's eight years old and loves dogs! But Harriet has something else that makes her super ... the power to summon the dogs from her family's rescue shelter every time there's trouble afoot. Whether it's a carnival catastrophe, a sudden storm, or vanishing vegetables, Harriet and her best dog friends use their super special talents and problem-solving skills to save the day!

Categories: [Autism](#), [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#), [Dogs](#), [Adventure](#), [Neurodiversity](#)



6. HUDA WAS HERE

H Hayek | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

When her dad loses his job as a security officer and has to work interstate, Huda convinces her brother Akeal to sneak out at night to make mischief. They hope that introducing some minor crime activity into the neighbourhood will force their dad's bosses to hire him back. The dynamic duo begin their crime spree by pushing over bins the night before rubbish collection. They're almost caught - but that's only the beginning of the hot water they end up in. As their activities escalate, will they be able to outsmart the authorities? Huda is brave, but how much is she willing to risk for family unity - and what else might she and Akeal uncover along the way?

Categories: [Adventure](#), [Humour](#), [Identity](#), [Culture](#), [Family Unit](#)



7. MEET ME AT THE MOON TREE

Shivaun Plazza | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

For Carina Sugden, there is nothing more special than a moon tree - a tree grown from the seeds taken on the 1971 Apollo mission into space. Her father taught her everything she knows about them. But he passed away before they found one together. When Mum relocates the family to a small town in the Otway Ranges, Carina becomes determined to find a moon tree on her own. Like a scientist, she methodically searches the forest behind her new house. But after a mysterious encounter with a black cockatoo, Carina realises there's magic in this forest. And if magic really exists, anything is possible, like seeing her dad one last time...

Categories: [Science](#), [Magic](#), [Grief](#), [Death/Bereavement](#), [Environment](#)



8. MING AND HILDE LEAD A REVOLUTION [GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD](#)

Jackie French | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Ming finds herself in relative luxury, heading to an unknown destination on a ship carrying royal Saxon sheep, travelling with the girls who care for them. What do female shepherds have to do with history? And is it even possible for sheep to be royal? As Ming knows only too well, change is never easy, so how can one girl - and a sheep - change the world?

Categories: [History](#), [Adventure](#), [Time Travel](#)



9. PEARLY AND PIG AND THE LOST CITY OF MU-SAVAN [PEARLY AND PIG](#)

Sue Whiting | Rebecca Crane (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

A fast-paced adventure series perfect for readers 8+, from award-winning author Sue Whiting. Pearly Woe is a worrier. But there is no room for worries when you are trying to prove yourself. Yet this is little comfort to Adventurologist-in-training, Pearly Woe, as she motors down the mighty Mekong River on another adventure. Pearly, Pig and the entire Woe family are destined for the kingdom of Anachak, where they plan to search for the lost city of Mu Savan. A jungle adventure! What could go wrong? Everything. Of course!

Categories: [Adventure](#), [Jungle](#)



10. REAL PIGEONS FLAP OUT [REAL PIGEONS](#)

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

The Real Pigeons love flapping around the city and fighting crime. But when lunches start mysteriously DISAPPEARING from tummies, a LOOKALIKE pigeon makes evil plans and a dangerous DOVE starts DESTROYING the city, the pigeons will need to use all the powers they have - and more! Can the Real Pigeons stick together through the chaos? Or will someone fly away for good? One thing is for sure: the squad will never be the same again!

Categories: [Mystery](#), [Adventure](#), [Danger](#), [Teamwork](#)



11. RUNNING WITH IVAN

Suzanne Leal | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Yearning to escape the new family he never wanted, thirteen-year-old Leo Arnold is transported to wartime Europe where he must draw on his courage to save himself and those around him. From award-winning author Suzanne Leal comes a gripping timeslip novel inspired by true stories. Thirteen-year-old Leo Arnold hates his life. He doesn't want a new school, a new house or a new family. And he definitely doesn't want to be sharing a room with his new stepbrother, Cooper. What Leo wants is to be somewhere else, far away. So when he uncovers an old music box and turns the key, he is astonished to find himself in Prague, surrounded by whispers and fears of a second world war. A war that ended decades ago. In Prague, Leo meets Ivan, a Czech boy, and the two become friends. But when World War Two finally erupts, the unimaginable becomes real and the boys are imprisoned. Fearing the worst, Leo and Ivan frantically search for an escape. A search that sends them running. Running against time. Running for their lives.

Categories: [War Stories](#), [World War 2](#), [Timeslip](#), [Survival](#)



12. SAVING CHARLI

Di Walker | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Who are you when your other half is gone? Twelve-year-old Charli knows no other way of being than as a twin. But when her twin sister, Freya, succumbs to a lifelong battle with illness, Charli, consumed by grief, retreats into a tent in her backyard. Closed off from her family and friends, Charli risks losing not only her other half but her whole self. Without her twin, who is left to save Charli?

Categories: [Death/Bereavement](#), [Friendship](#), [Grief](#), [Twins](#), [Guilt](#), [Identity](#), [Family Unit](#), [Siblings](#), [Sisters](#)



13. SCAR TOWN

Tristan Bancks | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

A missing father. A drowned town. A buried secret. Three friends on a dangerous mission to uncover the truth. Seven years after Old Scarborough was drowned, a house is emerging from the water. Will and his friends Dar and Juno dare each other to explore it. But when they find bones – and a stash of cash – they realise they're not the only ones interested in its secrets. Now they're fighting for their lives against the men who want what they found. Will can't leave the mystery alone, though. What if the bones belong to his missing dad?

Categories: [Friendship](#), [Crime](#), [Loyalty](#), [Justice](#), [Moral Dilemma](#), [Adventure](#), [Survival](#), [Mystery](#)

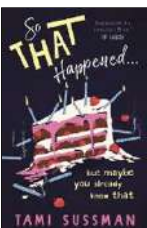


14. SCOUT AND THE RESCUE DOGS

Dianne Wolfer | Tony Flowers (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$15.99** | **School Price \$12.79**

The summer holidays have finally arrived and Scout can't wait for her adventure in the big rig with Dad. They're on a mission to deliver donations of dog food to animal rescue shelters right across the state. There'll be lots of music, dad-jokes and a brilliant plan that will make sure everyone's got a friend for the holidays. There might even be a special four-legged friend in it for Scout. But Scout and her dad get more than they've bargained for. It's bushfire season – and it's not just the dogs who need rescuing .

Categories: [Community](#), [Natural Disaster](#), [Dogs](#), [Kindness](#), [Volunteering](#), [Climate Change](#)



15. SO THAT HAPPENED: BUT MAYBE YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT

Tami Sussman | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

This hilarious and heart-warming middle-grade debut tackles how to be a good friend (and realise when you've been a bad one), leaving childhood behind, and, most importantly, how to get back up when it feels like the world has knocked you down. Natalie (Nuttu to her friends) knows turning 12 is a big deal, and even though she doesn't like change AT ALL, she's prepping for: a) having the best bat mitzvah party anyone has ever been to b) graduating from primary school and c) hopefully getting a boyfriend. But there's even more headed Nuttu's way that might change everything, like her parents running out of money and selling her childhood home, along with the reassuring family smell. Or when her best friend no longer feels like a girl and wants to leave the bat mitzvah group altogether. It seems only Natalie can keep her family, her friendships and her party from falling apart.

Categories: [Friendship](#), [Change](#), [Family](#), [Judaism](#)

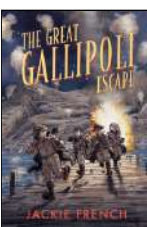


16. SUNSHINE ON VINEGAR STREET

Karen Comer | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Freya's world is turned upside down when she and her mum move to inner-city Melbourne. Now she's ... Stuck in a new apartment on the eleventh floor and Freya is afraid of lifts. Stuck in a new basketball team where not everyone likes a killer new player. Stuck in a classroom of kids who don't know Freya is a donor-conceived baby. Stuck, just like little Audrey in the Skipping Girl sign suspended in mid-air over the suburb of Abbotsford. Being the new girl makes Freya feel like a dark cloud on a summer's day. Can she figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street?

Categories: [Verse Novel](#), [Resilience](#), [Family Unit](#), [Moving House](#), [Friendship](#)

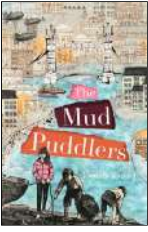


17. GREAT GALLIPOLI ESCAPE, THE

Jackie French | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Sixteen-year-old Nipper and his Gallipoli mates Lanky, Spud, Bluey and Wallaby Joe are starving, freezing and ill-equipped. By November 1915 they know that there is more to winning a war than courage. The Gallipoli campaign has been lost. Nipper has played cricket with the Turks in the opposing dugout, dodged rocket fire and rescued drowning, freezing men when the blizzard snow melted. He is one of the few trusted with the secret kept from even most of the officers: how an entire army will vanish from the Peninsula over three impeccably planned nights. Based on first-hand accounts of those extraordinary last weeks of the Gallipoli campaign, this is the fascinating 'lost story' of how 150,000 men – and their horses and equipment – were secretly moved to waiting ships without a single life lost. An unforgettable story told through the eyes of a boy who lied about his age to defend his country.

Categories: [Australian History](#), [World War 1](#), [Gallipoli](#), [Anzac Day](#)

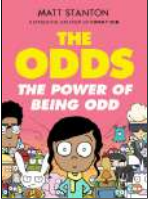


18. MUD PUDDLERS, THE

Pamela Rushby | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Twelve-year-old Nina is not happy. Her scientist parents are spending a year in Antarctica. And Nina's being sent to London to stay with her Aunt Bee, an intertidal archaeologist, who lives on a converted barge on the Thames. She's also a keen mud larker, combing the river mud for fascinating, long-forgotten articles from past lives. Nina arrives with an Attitude. Her parents have never left her behind before. It takes time for her to settle in, helped by the MudPuddlers, a local group of enthusiastic amateur mud larks, and especially by Molly, an elderly MudPuddler living on a nearby barge. Molly draws Nina into the magic and mystery of the ancient river and its treasures. When she finds herself stranded in time, in the Blitz in 1940, Nina and a very unwilling fellow traveller, Tom, become runaways, fumbling their way across wartime England, desperate to return to London. Will they ever see their families again?

Categories: [Timeslip](#), [World War 2](#), [Mudlarking](#)



19. ODDS: POWER OF BEING ODD GRAPHIC NOVEL THE ODDS

Matt Stanton | Paperback | Age 7+ | **RRP \$15.99** | **School Price \$12.79**

Kip, Dad and the Odds have been taken to Kip's Imaginorium -- a mysterious building in the middle of the desert. This is her imagination in real life. Going in is easy. Getting out might be impossible. KIP AND THE ODDS DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE IMAGINATION! A place filled with magnificent new characters, unbelievable rooms, secret doors, terrifying Fears and the incredibly strange Dots, could this finally be the way for the Odds to get back to their own worlds? And will the greatest adventure of Kip's life be inside her own mind?

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Friendship](#), [Humour](#), [Family Unit](#), [Identity](#)

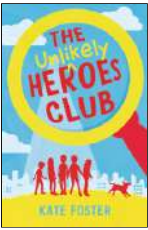


20. SIDEWAYS ORBIT OF EVIE HART, THE

Samera Kamaledine | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Evie Hart likes rules. A lot. But as she embarks on her very last year of primary school, it feels like all the rules around her are being broken. When Evie's class starts learning about the Earth's place in the universe, it makes Evie think about her own place in the world and where she belongs. Which has her more worried than ever. When your mum writes a horoscope page for a living, it's hard not to think about what the future holds. Especially when she and the only dad Evie has ever known are acting like they're on different planets. But the more Evie learns about the sky and the stars, the more she learns that changes in the world can't always be controlled. And maybe that's not a bad thing.

Categories: [Friendship](#), [Family Unit](#), [Anxiety](#)



21. UNLIKELY HEROES CLUB, THE

Kate Foster | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Eleven-year-old Oli is spending his school holidays at Heroes Club, where kids can build friendships and learn about their emotions, but Oli just wants to be home ... where it's familiar, not-so-boring and he can play his favourite game. But when Oli and the other kids at the club see a stray dog who keeps disappearing into a soon-to-be-demolished building across the street, Oli and his four fellow heroes hatch a daring rescue plan to save the dog before it's too late. It's going to take bravery, some seriously smart teamwork ... and a few broken rules.

Categories: [Adventure](#), [Mystery](#), [Teamwork](#)



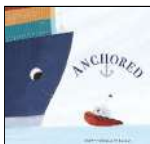
22. UNCLE XBOX

Jared Thomas | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Dusty spends a lot of time playing games online, and usually with his stepdad, Marcus. One Saturday morning, Marcus loads his things into his car and leaves, taking his Xbox with him. Dusty is determined to buy an Xbox of his own and tries odd jobs that don't quite work out. That is until cool Uncle Rick turns up. Uncle Rick introduces Dusty to surfing and teaches him about his culture and connection to Country. Dusty swiftly discovers that there is more to life than gaming.

Categories: [Family](#), [Culture](#), [Gaming](#)

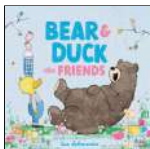
EARLY CHILDHOOD



23. ANCHORED

Debra Tidball | Arielle Li (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Despite being oceans apart, Tug and Ship are connected by strong bonds in *Anchored*, a tale of love and connection told through the relationship of a tugboat and a cargo ship. *Anchored* honours the intrinsic value and worth of a child and the sustaining power of love. It's an empowering story that will give children a sense of pride and strength to get through the 'missing you' days.



24. BEAR AND DUCK ARE FRIENDS

Sue Degennaro | Hardback | **RRP \$20.99** | **School Price \$16.79**

Bear and Duck are best friends, but they are very different. Duck likes to try new things, and Bear ... well, Bear likes not to. ?? When Duck needs a friend for her dance class, Bear reluctantly agrees. Bear's big size causes problems at first, but he soon discovers that he might just be a very good dancer. ?? Bear and Duck is a story about friendship, confidence, and overcoming the fear of trying new things.

Categories: [Feelings/Emotions](#), [Anxiety](#), [Fear](#), [Confidence](#), [Friendship](#)

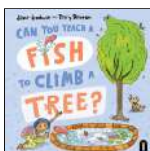


25. BIG DOG IS A BIG HELP

Sally Rippin | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Big Dog can't wait to go camping with Little Dog for the first time and show him how it's done. Big Dog is very good at helping! But things don't go as planned ... A warm, funny picture book about newly blended families and learning to get along, from two of Australia's most beloved and award-winning storytellers.

Categories: [Pets](#), [Humour](#), [Camping](#), [Family](#), [Adventure](#), [Dogs](#)



26. CAN YOU TEACH A FISH TO CLIMB A TREE?

Jane Godwin | Terry Denton (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

So ... can a fish climb a tree? Can a horse drive a car? Can a baby bake a cake? And if they can't, what wonderful things can they do? From bestselling creators Jane Godwin and Terry Denton comes a quirky and inspiring book about celebrating who YOU are and the power and peace to be found in not trying to be anyone else.

Categories: [Comparisons](#), [Differences](#), [Uniqueness](#), [Diversity](#), [Individuality](#)



27. DUCKLING RUNS AWAY

Margaret Wild | Vivienne To (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Duckling is running away and she's never, ever coming back! Or is she? Luckily, no matter how far Duckling roams, a mother's love is always near. A reassuring story about love and trust.

Categories: [Defiance](#), [Conflict Resolution](#), [Family](#), [Belonging](#)



28. GRACE AND MR MILLIGAN

Caz Goodwin | Pip Kruger (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$15.99** | **School Price \$12.79**

Grace lives next door to old Mr Milligan and his goat Charlie. They are the best of friends. But when Mr Milligan's beloved goat dies, everything changes. Will Grace be able to help her friend overcome his sadness? *Grace and Mr Milligan* is a heart-warming story of grief, love and the healing power of friendship.

Categories: [Death/Bereavement](#), [Grief](#), [Loss](#), [Empathy](#), [Pet](#)

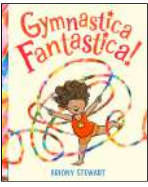


29. GURRIL STORM BIRD

Trevor Fourmile | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Gurril could not understand why everyone was afraid of a snake, even if it was Gudju-gudju, the rainbow serpent! But he was soon to discover just how powerful Gudju-gudju really was and why it is not a good idea to torment the rainbow serpent. *Gurril, Storm Bird* is a Gimuy Walubara (pronounced ghee-moy-wah-la-burra) Yidinji traditional story that helps to explain the cultural beliefs held by the Yidinji First Nations People of Cairns. The Gimuy Walubarra are the traditional custodians of Cairns and the surrounding regions. This story has been told orally by many generations over thousands of years and is intrinsic to the Yidinji culture, both past and present. The call of the storm bird helps the Yidinji people prepare for the arrival of rain or the wet season. During the dry season the Gimuy Walubara people would dance and mimic the storm bird to bring in the rain.

Categories: [Cautionary Tale](#), [Aboriginal Studies](#)



30. GYMNASTICA FANTASTICA!

Briony Stewart | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Join Gymnastica, a small person with big energy, as they bend and balance, bounce and roll, attempt a cartwheel and a spectacular trapeze flip-out finale. Written in playful rhyming text and with brightly energetic and appealing illustrations, this is a book that kids and parents alike will find irresistible to read aloud and delight in its energy and humour. Gymnastica Fantastica! is a joyful and exuberant picture book about a child discovering and attempting new physical skills and putting on wonderfully imperfect shows for whoever will watch them.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Performance, Gymnastics



31. HAIR!

Mike Dumbleton | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Everyone's hair is unique and fabulous! Hair! is a vibrant and uplifting celebration of wildly different hair – individual colours, textures, styles, lengths and shapes – all of which are cause for applause! Told in rhyming text and brought to life in hilarious and surprising ways, Hair! will leave all readers – young and old – with a bursting sense of pride. With a fun fold-out page!



32. IN THE ROCKPOOL BOARD BOOK

Andrea Rowe | Hannah Sommerville (Illustrator) | Board Book | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

One little rockpool. Two little eyes. Three little urchins, bobbing with the tide. Little people love to explore little worlds! Dive into the rockpool with this glittering and gorgeous board book for our smallest nature-lovers, from the CBCA award-winning creators of Jetty Jumping, Andrea Rowe and Hannah Sommerville.

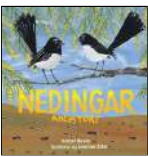


33. LADYBIRDS DO NOT GO TO DAYCARE

Ali Rutstein | Nina Nill (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

Mum says it's the first day of day care, but Ravi's dressed up as his favourite insect, and he is quite certain that ladybirds do not go to day care. In fact, this ladybird would rather stay home and eat aphids, thank you very much! Can an anxious and unsure Ravi find the bravery he needs to take flight?

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Bravery, Courage



34. NEDINGAR: ANCESTORS

Isobel Bevis | Leanne Zilm (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

'Please Mum, I want to meet my ancestors, I want to learn from them so I know who I am.' This lyrical, dual language picture book from two debut First Nations creators celebrates the beauty of Country and family. Inspired by traditional Indigenous teachings, every family will relate to this beautiful bilingual picture book as brought to life by Noongar storytellers Isobel Bevis and Leanne Zilm highlighting the rich cultural heritage we all share. The book features gorgeously hand painted images of Australian flora and fauna.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Ancestors, Family, First Nations



35. ONE LITTLE DUCK

Katrina Germein | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

One little duck went out one day, over the hills and far away. Mother Duck said ...'Moo Moo Moo Moo,' and Cow said, 'Wait! Now I'm coming too.' Oh no, Mother Duck has forgotten how to quack! Every day, she tries a new barnyard call, and every night Little Duck returns with a new farm friend.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Counting, Friendship



36. OUR MOB

Jacinta Daniher | Seantelle Walsh (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.95** | **School Price \$21.56**

Join our yarning circle and listen to our stories. Our Mob proudly celebrates our Aboriginal culture. Our Mob explores Aboriginal culture and how it is practised within families today through the perspective of a preschool child.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Belonging, Home, Culture, First Nations, Stories



37. RUBY'S REPAIR CAFÉ

Michelle Worthington | Zoe Bennett (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Ruby loves to fix things, rather than throwing them away. When a shiny new department store opens next door to Ruby's Repair Cafe, everyone in town soon forgets about fixing things. But will Ruby be able to save her family business from big business before the rubbish takes over the town?

Categories: Sustainability, Recycling, Community, Friendship, Problem Solving

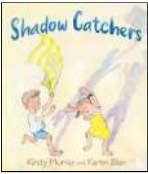


38. RUN PUPS RUN

Kerri Day | Nicky Johnston (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

When a family heads to the beach with their dogs an adventurous summer day unfolds. A lost kite, riding the waves, sandcastles, ice-cream, hiding from their parents and a thunderstorm! A rollicking, rhyming adventure story to read aloud and share with the whole family. Run Pups Run celebrates the simple joys of childhood and the bond between children and their dogs. Illustrator Nicky Johnson perfectly brings to life this whimsical text about a runaway day at the beach.

Categories: Dogs, Pets, Family, Rhyming Text, Beach

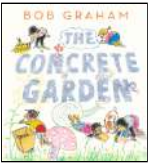


39. SHADOW CATCHERS

Kirsty Murray | Karen Blair (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

On sunny mornings, we go shadow catching. Inside, outside, in our home and in our neighbourhood, shadows dance around us from morning through to night. Our shadows are so tall, then small, then tall again in sunlight, lamplight and even in the moonlight. A wonderful picture book about playfulness and the joy of light and movement.

Categories: Family Unit, Siblings, Shadows, Imagination Play, Imagination



40. CONCRETE GARDEN, THE

Bob Graham | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

After a cold, dark winter, doors opened. Children spilled out like sweets from a box. Amanda was last one out of the tower block. She brought some chalk with her. On every inch of the concrete outside, the children drew pictures of everything they could think of, from flowers and snails, to spaceships and queens. Before long, a beautiful and exotic garden spread out across the concrete. From master storyteller Bob Graham comes a charming, and gently post-pandemic story about finding optimism after a dark spell, and the nurturing power of community friendships in an urban setting.

Categories: Community, Connectivity, Neighbourhood, Belonging, Teamwork, Technology



41. LITTLE THINGS, THE

Penny Harrison | Hannah Sommerville (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The Little Things is a reassuring reminder that there is plenty in the world to make us smile and give us hope. On days the sunshine stays away, you wake up feeling sad and grey, you'll find the small things can delight – those little things that feel just right. The Little Things celebrates the joy and comfort to be found in life's simple moments, whether it's spitting cherry pips or bubbly baths on rainy nights. A rhyming text that calls on our senses and travels through the seasons, The Little Things is beautifully illustrated and invites readers to find solace and delight in the small but special moments of our everyday lives.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Seasons, Mindfulness



42. TREES: LEARNING TREE KNOWLEDGE WITH UNCLE KUU, THE

Victor Steffensen | Sandra Steffensen (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Take a walk with Uncle Kuu in The Trees, a picture book about caring for Country and respect for Indigenous knowledge. Looking after the trees is important for keeping Country happy and healthy. First Nations People have cared for the trees on Country for thousands of years. In return, the trees look after the people and provide them with gifts of seeds, flowers, wood and more. This creates the balance between giving and taking from the land. Featuring stunning artwork by Sandra Steffensen, The Trees is a powerful and timely story to help future generations manage our landscapes and ensure that they thrive.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Aboriginal Studies, Ecosystems, Trees, Nature



43. WHEELBARROW EXPRESS, THE

Sue Whiting | Cate James (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

The Wheelbarrow Express is a heartfelt and rollicking tale about the special love between a grandparent and a child. It's Tommy's last day at Pa's farm and it's time to say goodbye. Tommy doesn't want to go. Not yet. He loves the farm and its playful pigs and clucking chickens and galloping goats and the dam that is deep and blue and perfect for skimming stones. And he loves Pa. But Pa has a plan: there's time for one last run on the Wheelbarrow Express. Toot! Toot! All aboard!

Categories: Grandparents, Grandfather, Relationships, Rural, Farm, Love, Adventure



44. THESE LITTLE FEET

Hayley Rawsthorne | Briony Stewart (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

These little feet, so tiny and new. The places they'll go, the dances they'll do. The mountains they'll climb, the dreams they'll pursue. These little feet, so tiny and new. A delightful celebration of love, hope and promise, this beautiful picture book perfectly captures the precious dreams of childhood and parenting.

Categories: New Baby, Hope, Optimism, Love



45. WE'RE MOVING AWAY

Nina Nill | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Our family is moving to a new country. We can't take all our things, so we need to make a list ... In this warm-hearted and lovingly detailed picture book, Nina Nill weaves a story about the pieces of ourselves we bring along when we move, the things we have to leave behind, and how we rebuild a sense of home.

Categories: Migration, Home, Moving House

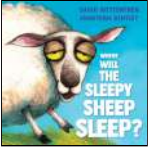


46. WHEN I'M BIG

Karen Blair | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Filled with humour and imagination, When I'm Big is a delightful, warm-hearted celebration of becoming a sibling. From award-winning picture-book creator Karen Blair comes the perfect gift for every family welcoming a new baby. Everyone keeps telling me I'm going to be a big girl soon, but I wonder . . . Just how BIG will I be?

Categories: [New Baby](#), [Family Unit](#), [Siblings](#)



47. WHERE WILL THE SLEEPY SHEEP SLEEP?

David Metzenthén | Jonathan Bentley (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep on top of this wild and windy hill? No-o-o, this windy hill is far too high and wild for a sleepy sheep to sleep on! Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep deep down in this steep and stony valley? No-o-o, this valley is far too deep, steep, and stony for a sleepy sheep to sleep in! So where will the sleepy sheep end up sleeping? A delight from beginning to end - bedtime reading at its best.

Categories: [Bedtime](#)

PICTURE BOOKS

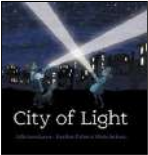


48. BOWERBIRD BLUES

[Aura Parker](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) Join us as together we read Bowerbird Blues on Wednesday 22nd of May 2024 at 12:00 pm AEST / 2:00 pm NZST. I am a collector. Always looking, finding ... and keeping! Bowerbird loves BLUE. Magnificent cobalt. Brilliant, vibrant blue! But something is missing. What could it be? This picture book from Aura Parker stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for blue! It's a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches vibrant treasures for his collection, and soon his bower—a mix of natural and unnatural objects—attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have imagined.

Categories: [Patience](#), [Persistence](#), [Environmental Issues](#), [Home](#), [Mateship](#)



49. CITY OF LIGHT

[Julia Lawrinson](#) | [Heather Potter](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

On Monday 20 February 1962, the people of Perth lit up their city overnight to acknowledge the special mission of American astronaut John Glenn – the first American to orbit the Earth. Glenn, in turn, observed that the city was clearly visible from space, and Perth became known worldwide as 'The City of Light'. This true story is a snapshot in time that captures the excitement of human's first forays into outer space. It is a time of Hills Hoists, friendly neighbours, and small TVs in the family lounge room. It's a time when we received our news through newspapers, radio and television... or shared it with a neighbour over a cuppa or the back fence. This is a story of two small children with one big idea: an idea that captured the imagination of a city. It is also a story about connection – the connection of a community that came together to achieve a goal, and their connection with John Glenn who was travelling far from home.

Categories: [Space](#), [Moon](#), [Space Travel](#), [Astronauts](#), [Astronomy](#), [History](#), [Perspective](#)

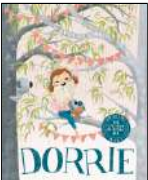


50. DESERT JUNGLE

[Jeannie Baker](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Chico's grandpa has taken him on holiday where he grew up as a child, out in the desert. Chico has no interest in exploring the land – the desert jungle frightens him, and he'd much rather play on his his tablet. Grandpa decides that it is time to show Chico the secrets and the wonders that the desert has to offer so that he will not fear it but, instead, welcome it, embrace it and help protect it. Grandpa shows Chico paths through the cactus and the scrub, teaches Chico the plants' names – ocotillo, cholla, cirios, pin cushion, fishhook – and, soon, Chico begins to understand the wonders of the wild. He learns the value of watching, waiting and listening for all the life that hums within his desert home.

Categories: [Biodiversity](#), [Nature](#), [Desert](#), [Habitats](#)



51. DORRIE

[Tania McCartney](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

From the award-winning author-illustrator of Mamie comes a beautiful and inspiring picture book that celebrates Dorothy Wall, creator of the beloved Australian icon, Blinky Bill. In the land of long, white clouds and snowy peaks, a little girl is born. Her name is Dorothy, but her family calls her Dorrie. When Dorrie moves to a land of flat red deserts and squeaky beaches, a koala appears in a gumtree outside her window. This lovable larrikin brings a bundle of mischief ... and changes Dorrie's life forever. From the award-winning creator of Mamie, Dorrie celebrates the beloved and talented Dorothy Wall, and her treasured Australian icon, Blinky Bill.

Categories: [Famous People](#), [Australian History](#), [Authors](#), [Artists](#), [Dorothy Wall](#), [Blinky Bill](#)



52. EVERY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT

[Peter Cheong](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Every night at midnight, Felix turns into a wolf. His hands and feet become velvety paws and he grows a long, bushy tail. Felix has the night-time world to himself. There's no one else like him. Felix isn't a wolf during the day, but it still feels like there's no one else like him. That's okay. Felix is just fine on his own. But after a chance encounter, this little lone wolf starts to wonder whether he might find his pack after all... A tender and whimsical picture book about finding friendship in unexpected places.

Categories: [Belonging](#), [Friendship](#), [Companionship](#), [Differences](#), [Individuality](#)



53. GOOD MORNING, MY DEER!

[Melanie Amon](#) | [Sophie Beer](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Join Banjo and his mum on what starts as a straightforward day out, only to have it upended by homophones (two words with the same pronunciation but with different meanings), turning the narrative into the delightfully absurd. Kids and adults alike will love this joyful new wordplay extravaganza from debut author Mel Amon with illustrations by international superstar Sophie Beer. The hilarious wordplay combined with delightful illustrations have kids 'in on the joke' from the very beginning.

Categories: [Language](#), [English](#), [Homophones](#), [Humour](#)



54. IF I WAS A HORSE

Sophie Blackall | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

If you were a horse, what would you do? Could you fit in your clothes? Would you give your little sister a ride? Would your brother even notice? Gallop along with two-time Caldecott Medallist Sophie Blackall through this riotous day in the life of a child who imagines their life as a horse. Sophie's delightful text and resonant illustrations that feature a giant horse in familiar settings offer a visual feast, a grand dose of joy and a celebration of the real power of imagination to help us navigate the world.

Categories: [Horse Lovers](#), [Imagination](#)



55. LEAF-LIGHT: STORY ABOUT CARING FOR EACH OTHER

Trace Balla | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Join Miri in her special spot, high up among the dappled leaf-light, and below with her neighbour Wingo, two joeys, a wombat and a baby emu! A story about friendship, taking down barriers and creating community, finding your own path in the world and inspiring others along the way – from one of Australia's most unique creative talents.

Categories: [Environment](#), [Community](#), [Connectivity](#), [Nature](#), [Habitats](#), [Wildlife](#), [Wetlands](#)



56. LITTLE TREASURE

Chanelle Gosper | Jennifer Goldsmith (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Inside the small bowl of your hands, I see your treasure. A mother and child explore a deserted beach on a windy day. It is an afternoon they will both treasure always. A poetic and tender book about how the small moments spent together are often the most precious.



57. MIZUTO AND THE WIND

Kaye Baillie | Luisa Gioffri-Suzuki (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Mizuto is a young boy living an ordinary life in Japan until one day, something extraordinary happens. Following a deadly tsunami, Mizuto's father is missing. Could a mysterious telephone connected only to the wind help him find his father? Based on real events, Mizuto and the Wind is a story about the forces of nature, grief, family, and the importance of hope.

Categories: [Death/Bereavement](#), [Grief](#), [Earthquake](#), [Natural Disaster](#), [Hope](#)



58. PAPER-FLOWER GIRL, THE

Margrete Lamond | Mateja Jager (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.95** | **School Price \$21.56**

The Paper-flower Girl creates elaborate flowers out of paper, but she has few customers. When the Giant from the Hill brings her to work for him, they soon discover they want very different things. Before long, the Paper-flower Girl is forced to create things she no longer recognises as flowers. When the exasperated Giant throws her from the Hill, the Paper-flower Girl takes with her something belonging to the Giant, incorporates it into her elaborate flowers, and attains greater success than the Giant.

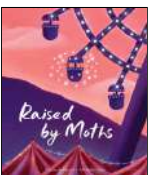


59. PLAGUE

Jackie French | Bruce Whatley (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Grass and wheat-lands spread to the horizon, and so did we, with too few ibis to control us. We could rage across the land. We ate the grass, the leaves, the wheat ...

Categories: [Natural Disasters](#), [Locust Plague](#), [Caring For Country](#), [Plague Management](#)

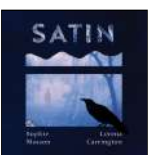


60. RAISED BY MOTHS

Charlie Archbold | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Willow jumps on the Ferris Wheel and is intrigued to see a boy surrounded by moths. As they travel high above the fairground he tells her the reason why the moths love him so much: he was raised by moths. Wonderfully fantastical and thought-provoking with stunning illustrations, Raised by Moths is quite unlike anything you've read before.

Categories: [Adoption](#)

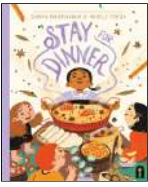


61. SATIN

Sophie Masson | Lorena Carrington (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

He's collected all kinds of blues, from all kinds of places. He's making something beautiful, with all those blues. But something's missing, and he doesn't know what it is. And then, one day, he comes to a street he's never been in before. And what he finds there will change his lonely life forever. A beautiful, haunting fable by award-winning writer Sophie Masson and acclaimed illustrator Lorena Carrington.

Categories: [Fable](#)



62. STAY FOR DINNER

Sandhya Parappukkaran | Michelle Pereira (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Reshma loves dinnertime with her family. Her family eat with their hands – not just finger food type-eating, but hands-on squishy eating. When she's invited to stay for dinner at her friends' places, she finds out that they all eat in different ways. Some go ting ting with their cutlery, and others go click clack with their chopsticks. So what will her friends say when they see her family eat with their hands?

Categories: Multicultural, Culture, Community, Food, Friendship, Community, Inclusivity



63. THAT BIRD HAS ARMS!

Kate Temple | Ronojoy Ghosh (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

Roy is an ordinary bird in every way. He is not the biggest, or the smallest. His squawk is not the loudest or the quietest. He even follows the same football team as everyone else. He was very normal except for one thing – he has ARMS. Absolutely nobody knows – and Roy would like to keep it that way...

Categories: Humour, Techology, Cautionary Tale, Identity



64. BLACK COCKATOO WITH ONE FEATHER BLUE, THE

Jodie McLeod | Eloise Short (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.95** | **School Price \$19.96**

What happens when the one thing that makes you special is stolen? Join the Black Cockatoo in this fun, read-aloud adventure through the Australian bush as she searches for her missing feather... and discovers what's truly important. "Do you know who took my one feather blue?" From the award-winning author and illustrator of Leonard the Lyrebird and Lilah the Lyrebird comes this uplifting story about friendship, kindness and the magic of giving.



65. GARDEN AT THE END OF THE WORLD, THE

Cassy Polimeni | Briony Stewart (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Isla and her mother go on an enchanting journey to the Global Seed Vault in Norway to discover a garden waiting at the end of the world. At the end of the world is an island covered in ice. On the island is a mountain. Inside the mountain is a vault. And inside the vault are millions of seeds. When Isla makes a special discovery, she and her botanist mother adventure to the Global Seed Vault in Norway. Isla is going to leave her precious package there, so children who haven't even been born yet can grow and eat the food we all enjoy. What else will they encounter along the way? The Garden at the End of the World is a hopeful story about protecting nature's treasures for the future.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Preservation, Climate Change, Nature



66. LUCKY SHACK, THE

Apsara Baldovino | Jennifer Falkner (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Surrounded by natural beauty, a seaside shack is lovingly cared for by a fisherman, until one day everything changes. The Lucky Shack is a heartfelt and uplifting journey through the seasons, the cycle of life, and the beauty and power of nature. If you are brave enough to let the light in, love and gratitude will triumph.

Categories: Seasons, Nature, Rejuvenation

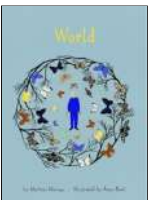


67. TIMELESS

Kelly Canby | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

This vibrant new picture book by award-winning author and illustrator Kelly Canby is all about time – making it, losing it and subverting the whole darn concept; Emit (whose parents turned back time to name him) is surrounded by busyness. Dad is too busy to read stories, Mum is too busy to play games and Emit's brother and sister are simply too busy doing nothing to do anything, at all. Emit tries everything he can think of to get more time, he tries to catch it, wait for it, but it's not until Emit tries to buy some time that he learns the secret which is, if you want time, you have to make it;

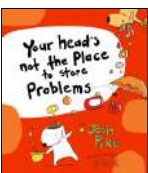
Categories: Mindfulness, Family, Time, Perspective



68. WORLD

Martine Murray | Anna Read (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.95** | **School Price \$23.96**

A children's picture book with ecological themes in which a man is persuaded not to cut a tree down, by the tree's quiet revelation of the beauty of the world housed by the tree.



69. YOUR HEAD'S NOT THE PLACE TO STORE PROBLEMS

Josh Pyke | Stephen Michael King (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Some problems seem heavy, they can weigh you down. Your mind feels too cluttered, the world seems too loud! Sometimes your brain feels full up and crowded. Your mood swings from sunny to suddenly cloudy. We're full to the brim with unknowable things, but your head's not the place to store problems in. A whimsical and wise picture book on navigating life's ups and downs.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Rhyming Text, Problems, Positivity, Mental Health

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70. ALL ABOUT THE HEART

Remi Kowalski | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

Does your heart really stop when you sneeze? Is the love heart we see a human heart or an animal heart? What kind of creature has the largest heart of all? Curious kids will find the answers to all their questions and more in All About the Heart by paediatric cardiologist Dr Remi Kowalski.

Categories: [Human Body](#), [Heart](#)

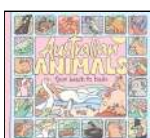


71. AUSTRALIA: COUNTRY OF COLOUR

Jess Racklyeft | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Bestselling creator Jess Racklyeft celebrates Australian animals, plants and landscapes through the lens of the colour wheel. With its vivid red dirt, big blue skies, wild green bushland and golden sandy beaches, Australia is a country of extraordinary colour. Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of this colourful country, from vibrant pink Flame Peas to startling blue Fairy Wrens, electric yellow Billy Buttons, glossy black Tasmanian Devils, and many more.

Categories: [Australian Animals](#), [Australiana](#), [Flora](#), [Fauna](#), [Colours](#)



72. AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS: FROM BEACH TO BUSH

Brentos | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Australia is home to many unique animals. Let's see how many we can meet! Find Humpback Whales in coral reefs, seek out Australian Sea Lions in kelp forests, search for Short-Nosed Wombats on mountains and spot Saltwater Crocodiles in wetlands. This is Australia's native wildlife as you have never seen before: a dreamy, pastel-popping meditation on these special animals, their conservation status and what we can do to protect them, from award-winning artist Brentos.

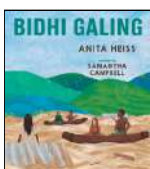
Categories: [Australian Animals](#), [Australiana](#), [Wildlife](#)



73. AUSTRALIAN BACKYARD BIRDS

Myke Mollard | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Myke Mollard's signature illustrations and engaging text bring kids up close and personal with over 150 of Australia's colourful and characterful backyard birds. These are birds most commonly seen in our gardens and surrounding bush and parks. The birds are not only beautifully drafted, but the accompanying text also vividly describes their lifestyles and habits. The wonderment of these stunning creatures, delivered in an engaging cinematic punch, will excite the imaginations of children for life, and fully engage any adult with a love of birds.

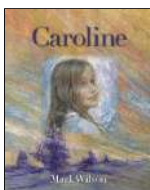


74. BIDHI GALING (BIG RAIN)

Anita Heiss | Samantha Campbell (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Bidhi Galing (Big Rain) celebrates the Wiradyuri heroes of the Great Flood of Gundagai in 1852, told through the eyes of a young girl who is rescued from the raging floodwaters by her father. Wagadhaany grew up near the Marrambidya Bila. She loved dancing in the rain and listening to her father, Yarri, tell her stories about life on Wiradyuri ngurambang. When white people started building on the floodplains, Yarri was worried. He knew the power of the bila and tried to warn the strangers, but they would not listen. Years later, when the big rains came, Yarri and his brother, Jacky Jacky, jumped into their bark canoes and paddled through raging floodwaters, risking their lives to save countless others.

Categories: [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Australian History](#), [First Nations](#), [Flood](#)



75. CAROLINE

Mark Wilson | Hardback | **RRP \$28.99** | **School Price \$23.19**

Caroline is the true story of Caroline Chisholm. All who went before her did their part in helping shape Australia into a confident, progressive and vibrant society. But when Caroline arrived in Australia, she thrived on the challenges facing her to help the many orphans, migrants and destitute girls she found living on the streets of Sydney. Mark Wilson's book gives the reader an insight into her life of service which was evident from when she was a young girl. He traces her life from childhood through to adulthood, retelling her story for young readers.

Categories: [Volunteer Work](#), [Poverty](#), [Immigrants](#), [Challenge](#), [Orphans](#), [Homelessness](#), [Australian History](#), [History](#)

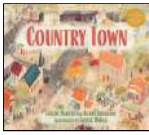


76. COUNTRY TELLS US WHEN

Tsheena Cooper | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Some cultures around the world have four seasons that they look out for on a calendar; Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. Us Yawuru mob, we don't have four seasons that are told to us by a calendar. We have six seasons and Country tells us when they have arrived by what we feel, see, taste, smell and hear.

Categories: [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Dual Language](#), [Bilingual](#), [Dhurga Language](#), [Yawuru](#), [Broome](#), [Seasons](#)



77. COUNTRY TOWN

Isolde Martyn | Louise Hogan (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.95** | **School Price \$23.96**

Happy times, sad times, boom times and gloom times! From the First Peoples camp at the river crossing in the 1820s through to Carols by Candlelight at the showground in today's world, this is a decade by decade wonderfully illustrated story of a small country community.

Categories: [Australian History](#)

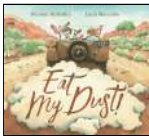


78. DEMOCRACY!

Philip Bunting | Paperback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

What you say (and how you say it) has the power to change the world. Democracy gives you that power. Democracy is people power. But does democracy really matter? How does it work? And what exactly is democracy, anyway?! Get set to speak up and learn how you can create positive change in your corner of the world. The brilliant new picture book from bestselling Australian author-illustrator Philip Bunting, created in consultation with The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Canberra. Democracy! is full of fascinating and engaging information about democracy, and provides young readers with easily digestible information about the importance of their voice. It is filled with handy tips on how to engage in community discussions, from petitions to peaceful protests, and explains the history of democracy in a funny and positive way.

Categories: [Government](#), [Democracy](#)

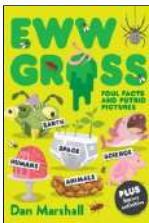


79. EAT MY DUST!

Neridah McMullin | Lucia Masciullo (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

In 1928, girls don't drive cars, let alone race them, until two fearless and intrepid best friends make history, racing across Australia and beating the land speed record ... with Barney the dog in tow! The amazing true story of Jean Robertson and Kathleen Howell, who helped map Australia.

Categories: [Australian History](#), [Adventure](#), [Friendship](#), [Determination](#), [Mapping](#)

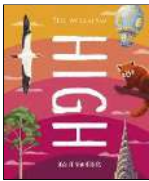


80. EWW! GROSS: THE FOULEST SCIENTIFIC FACTS AND ICKIE

Dan Marshall | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Did you know your kitchen is dirtier than your toilet seat? Or that there is a mound of poo bigger than the Statue of Liberty? And that there is a parasitic fungus that turns ants in zombies? This is a disgustingly wonderful guide to all things yuck, filled to the brim with facts and activities that will make you say Ewwwww Gross!

Categories: [Facts](#), [Science](#)



81. HIGH: SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Jess McGeachin | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

What wonders are soaring far above your head? Come on a journey to meet the creatures who live high in the treetops, the birds that ride the wind, the people who have braved the highest mountain summits, and the stories we tell to explain the night-time's dazzling stars. There is a whole world in the sky, waiting to be discovered... High is an illustrated non-fiction book that explores the natural world above us and the efforts humans have made to venture high above the Earth, from early flying machines to modern skyscrapers. Linking seemingly diverse subject matter, it invites the reader to explore the wonder of the universe.

Categories: [Nature](#)



82. HOW WE CAME TO BE: CREATURES OF CAMOUFLAGE

Sami Bayly | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Discover the secrets behind some of the natural world's most unusual creatures of camouflage and mimicry. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings. You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators!

Categories: [Natural World](#), [Environment](#), [Habitats](#), [Camouflage](#), [Communication](#)



83. LAST MAN OUT

Louise Park | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The evacuation from Gallipoli of Australian and New Zealand troops was a logistically incredible undertaking. The exhausted young men were to slip away by ship in the dead of night. But... Someone needed to remain behind to cover for their fellow soldiers. This was a mission that almost certainly meant death. Would it be you? Would you volunteer to be the last man out? And so, the rivalry begins. Who will be chosen to stay on until the end? Who will hold fast to the last to allow tens of thousands to slip away silently from Gallipoli? Only the fittest, the most gallant and capable will be chosen. The pick of the whole force, we are told. And the message is clear: the rear guard of honour will be killed or captured. The rear party, the most daring men of all, doomed. John Alexander Park grew up in England and served in Africa, the Afghan War, and the Boxer Rising before settling in Australia. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in 1914 sparked The Great War – or World War I. On 1st March 1915, John joined the Australian Army in Sydney and was promoted to Sergeant before being assigned to the 19th Battalion. He was 36 years old and a seasoned serviceman when he arrived at Gallipoli.

Categories: [Anzac Day](#), [Australian History](#), [War](#), [World War I](#), [Gallipoli](#)

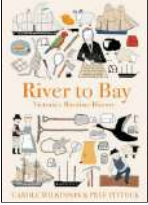


84. WHERE HISTORY HAPPENED OUR COUNTRY

Mark Greenwood | Frane Lessac (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

In every corner of Australia, history happened. The pages of this book are a journey through tens of thousands of years. Our history is recorded in ancient rock art, in the flag flown at the Eureka Stockade, by Burke and Wills' tree. All around our coastline history unfolded in shipwrecks and ship arrivals. Sometimes tragic, often regrettable, always formative, history is commemorated from Tasmania and throughout the mainland at the sites of prisons and massacres. From the birthplace of a new federated nation at the beginning of the twentieth century in Sydney's Centennial Park to Eddie Mabo's struggle for acknowledgement of land rights in the 1990s, history happened all around Our Country.

Categories: Australian History

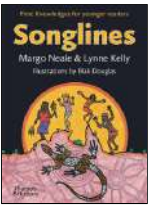


85. RIVER TO BAY: VICTORIA'S MARITIME HISTORY

Carole Wilkinson | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Kulin Nation country is abundant with waterways essential to the way the traditional owners have lived for more than 40,000 years. Those same crucial waterways are where the first ships of European settlers found safe harbour in their trips of exploration. What they found would determine the development of Victoria.

Categories: Australian History, Convicts, Aboriginal Studies, Exploration

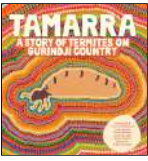


86. SONGLINES FIRST KNOWLEDGES

Margo Neale | Blak Douglas (Illustrator) | Paperback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

How do you find your way around, get your food and drink, connect with your friends and family? How do you know the right and safe way to do things, or how to make things? Before the white people came to the continent, all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples knew how to do all these things – and much, much more. Margo Neale and Lynne Kelly invite you on a journey through the oldest, biggest library of knowledge on Earth. This knowledge isn't held in books: you will find it in Songlines of the land, sea and sky. Learn about history, art, song, science and more in this engaging and inviting introduction to Indigenous traditional knowledges, how they apply today and how they can help all people thrive into the future.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, History, Art, Song, Science, Tradition, First Nations



87. TAMARRA: STORY OF TERMITES ON GURINDJI COUNTRY

Compilation | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Did you know there are four types of termite poo? Or that a warm paste made from termite mound is used to strengthen a Gurindji baby's body and spirit? Or that spinifex (which termites eat) is one of the strongest plants in the world? Created as a collaboration between over 30 First Nations and non-Indigenous contributors, the story and artworks explore how termites and their mounds connect different parts of Country, from tiny Gurindji babies and their loving grandmothers, to spiky spinifex plants growing in the hot sun. Written in traditional Gurindji, Gurindji Kriol and English, Tamarra is a truly original story with beautiful artwork that takes readers on an educational and cultural journey through Gurindji Country.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dual Language, Kriol, Termites, Tradition

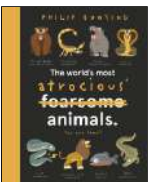


88. FORGOTTEN SONG: SAVING THE REGENT HONEYEATER

Coral Vass | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The song of the regent honeyeater has been heard in the bush for many generations – but could it soon be lost forever? Regent's father had learnt the song from his father, who learnt it from his father too. But with Regent's species now facing extinction, there is no one around to teach him. Regent tries to mimic the sounds of different birds but without success. Will Regent learn his mating call before it's too late? Or will his ancient song be forgotten forever?

Categories: Endangered Species, Conservation

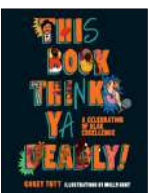


89. WORLD'S MOST ATROCIOUS ANIMALS

Philip Bunting | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

The third title in The World's Most series from the hilarious Philip Bunting is filled with facts about some of the scariest creatures in the natural world. Meet the enormous murder hornets of east and southeast Asia, the poisonous blue-ringed octopus, Africa's hungry but deadly hippos and some shocking electric eels, among many more truly scary creatures!

Categories: Adaptation, Nature, Environment, Animals, Humour



90. THIS BOOK THINKS YA DEADLY! CELEBRATION OF BLACK

Corey Tutt | Molly Hunt (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$34.99** | **School Price \$27.99**

This Book Thinks Ya Deadly! is an inspirational, illustrated compendium that celebrates the diversity and success of First Nations People. Written by Corey Tutt, author of The First Scientists, this book features the profiles of 80 Blackfellas who are doing deadly things across sport, art, activism and science, through to politics, education and literature. It showcases the careers and Corey's personal stories of First Nations People who have done great things in their respective fields, including Professor Marcia Langton, Miranda Tapsell, Tony Armstrong, Dr Anita Heiss, Danzal Baker (Baker Boy), Adam Goodes and Blak Douglas. Molly Hunt's deadly illustrations make this book the perfect gift for all ages. A celebration of Blak excellence, it will inspire future generations to create change and leave readers to ponder, 'What makes ME deadly?'

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, First Nations People, Culture, Biography



91. UNIVERSAL GUIDE TO THE NIGHT SKY

Lisa Harvey-smith | Sophie Beer (Illustrator) | Paperback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Wherever you are in this world – whether that be in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere, in the city or a remote region – this book guides you through the remarkable features of planet Earth's starry sky. Receive a personal tour through the wonders of the universe from astrophysicist Lisa Harvey-Smith. Explore comets and meteors, stars, planets and moons. Find galaxies and glowing gas clouds. Spot supernovae and enjoy eclipses. Learn everything you need to know about binoculars, telescopes and photographing the stars. You will never look up at the stars in the same way again. Featuring intergalactic illustrations by Sophie Beer, this global guide to the sky is your ticket out of this world.

Categories: [Night Sky](#), [Stars](#)



92. WILDLIFE COMPENDIUM OF THE WORLD

Tania McCartney | Hardback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$32.99** | **School Price \$26.39**

Divided by continent, and with a handy map opener, you can explore some of the wildest, weirdest and cutest animals that call Earth home. Each animal profile includes the Latin name, type, diet, size, weight, conservation status, curious facts about the species, and the collective noun or baby name for that animal. This book also features sections on animal types and environments, animal rights, a word glossary and the conservation status of each animal.

Categories: [Natural World](#), [Nature](#), [Environment](#), [Habitats](#), [Continents](#), [Animals](#)



93. WILDLIFE OF AUSTRALIA'S GREAT BARRIER REEF

Myke Mollard | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Myke Mollard's signature illustrations and engaging text bring kids up close and personal with hundreds of the creatures found on Australia's Great Barrier Reef: corals, fish including sharks, turtles and other marine reptiles, whales and dolphins, birds, molluscs, crustaceans, even the animals found on the reef's 900-odd islands. The creatures are not only beautifully drawn and coloured, but the accompanying text vividly describes their lifestyles and habits. The wonderment of these stunning animals, delivered in an engaging cinematic punch, will excite the imaginations of children for life and fully engage any adult with a love of Australia's wildlife.



94. WOLLEMI: SAVING A DINOSAUR TREE

Samantha Tidy | Rachel Gyan (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Deep in the forest, an ancient wonder is about to be found. Descended from a family of trees going back 200 million years, the Wollemi pine has survived ice, fire and the passing of many generations. Will a bushfire be the final threat to this living fossil? And how will we protect it, now that everyone wants a dinosaur tree? How can we make sure the Wollemi's secret location is not discovered and damaged? Wollemi: Saving a Dinosaur Tree explains the unique and critically endangered status of the Wollemi pine and explores what actions can be taken today to contribute to the conservation of this rare and beautiful tree.

Categories: [Conservation](#), [Climate Change](#), [Bushfire](#), [Trees](#), [Endangered](#)

OLDER READERS



95. HUNGER OF THORNS, THE

Lili Wilkinson | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. But Maude grew up and lost her magic. Then two weeks ago Odette went missing, and everyone believes she is dead. Everyone except Maude. Maude is sure she can find Odette inside the ruins of an abandoned power plant built over an ancient magical forest – a place nobody else seems to remember is there. Soon she discovers that wild magic is both deeply enchanting and terrifying. Can she find her friend – and stop the horrors of corrupted magic from overtaking everyone and everything she loves?

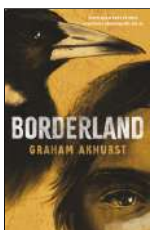
Categories: Fantasy, Friendship, Magic, Feminism



96. BLIND SPOT

Robyn Dennison | Paperback | Age 16+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Dale is grappling with guilt and intense regret after stumbling in on what looked to be a rape in a bedroom at a party. In his drunken confusion, he froze—and then bolted. Why didn't he do anything? Why didn't he tell someone? He can't stop thinking about what happened. He wants to make things right—but he doesn't know how. There's no way he can talk to his dad. His mum walked out four months ago. And his best friend, Kieran, wouldn't understand. Dale's not even sure Kieran would see a problem with what happened. Kieran is so casual about sex. And drugs. And life in general. The opposite of Dale. Then Max arrives, Dale's cousin. She's older, smart, cool—with her own perspective on Dale's problem. But she's also suffering from an eating disorder, and Dale once again is powerless to help. Meanwhile, Dale meets Brent— he's a year older, and hot. And they hook up. It's intense and intimate and seems destined to become the perfect relationship. And Dale holds on tight—too tight. Blind Spot is a nuanced and insightful exploration of the responsibility that comes with being a witness, the culpability of inaction and the complex nature of friendship—from an exciting new voice in Australian YA literature.



97. BORDERLAND

Graham Akhurst | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community. Luckily, he's got his best friend, Jenny, who has been by his side through their hectic days at St Lucia Private. After graduating, Jono and Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking — interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the wild western Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares? Jono is stoked just to be part of something meaningful. Plus, he gets to be the lead presenter! Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the hustle and bustle of the city. Suddenly, Jono's intuition becomes his best guide. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun — a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming. What's the real story behind the gas mining venture?

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Horror



98. ELEANOR JONES IS NOT A MURDERER

Amy Doak | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Eleanor Jones has just started at her ninth high school in less than five years. Since she and her mum are always moving on, Eleanor likes to stay on the outer, to stay invisible. So maybe it's just bad luck that the very first person she talks to at Cooina Secondary College, Angus Marshall, is stabbed and left for dead the same day. The last message on Angus's phone is from Eleanor Jones. After being interviewed by the police, Eleanor realises they don't have all the facts and decides to investigate. In trying to understand what happened to Angus, Eleanor inadvertently becomes involved with an eclectic group of fellow students – all of whom have their own reasons to want to solve the mystery. As they slowly unravel Angus's secrets, Eleanor discovers the true meaning of friendship – and uncovers a danger lurking at the heart of the town...

Categories: Mystery, Murder, Investigation, Friendship, Secrets



99. ETA DRACONIS

Brendan Ritchie | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

Elora is leaving her hometown for university. Leaving behind friends, family, and safety to follow her dream of studying theatre while she still has the chance. Together, Elora and her older sister, Vivienne, set out by road for the city and the upcoming semester. The relationship between them is fractured and fading, turned upside down by Eta Draconis: the violent meteor shower that has rained across Earth since the beginning of their adolescence. In a land scarred by craters and shockwaves, to travel anywhere is to risk everything. As the showering intensifies and their way forward becomes threatened, the sisters are forced to confront their relationship and recalibrate their hopes for the future. Do they return home or press on in the face of the meteors? Can life ever be normal with the world crashing down all around you?



100. GRACE NOTES

Karen Comer | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

This song has a grace note, a tiny note that's there for embellishment but can easily be ignored, not played. Tonight, I add it in – just because. We can all do with an extra note of grace. Grace Dalfinch is a talented violinist who longs to play contemporary music in bars, but her mum forbids her. James Crux is an aspiring street artist who promised his dad he wouldn't paint in public until he's finished school. When Crux witnesses Grace's impromptu performance on a deserted tram, he's inspired to paint her and her violin; and when Grace stumbles across her portrait in a Melbourne alley by an anonymous street artist, she sets out to find its creator. Grace Notes is a debut YA verse novel, set in one of the most locked-down cities in the world – Melbourne, 2020.

Categories: Verse Novel



101. I AM THE MAU AND OTHER STORIES

Chemutai Glasheen | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

This enticing collection of contemporary fiction is a celebration of our ubuntu– the invisible ties that bind us all together. From ancient forest guardians to modern cultural warriors, from grappling with ageold traditions to championing hair identity, these evocative stories explore the duality of Kenyan life and how to find a way between two cultures, both of which are yours. Chemutai Glasheen's unforgettable characters are drawn from her early life in Africa, with all its richness, diversity and complexity.



102. IF YOU TELL ANYONE, YOU'RE NEXT

Jack Heath | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

An exclusive group chat. A deadly challenge. How far would you go to join? Jayden Jones is missing. Everyone thinks he ran away. His best friend, Zoe Gale, knows they're wrong. Zoe's search leads her to The 17—a secret group chat, used by anonymous teens to blackmail the powerless. To join, you have to put on a mask and record yourself completing a challenge. The challenges are always illegal. Sometimes dangerous. Maybe deadly. Who are The 17? What have they done to Jayden? And what will they do to silence Zoe?

Categories: Psychological Thriller, Mystery, Danger, Blackmail, Identity, Trust



103. INKFLOWER

Suzy Zail | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

Lisa's father has six months to live. And a story to tell about a boy sent to Auschwitz. A boy who lost everything and started again. A story he has kept hidden – until now. But Lisa doesn't want to hear it, because she has secrets too. No one at school knows she is Jewish or that her dad is sick. Not even her boyfriend. But that's all about to change. And so is she.

Categories: Holocaust, War, Survival, Family



104. LET'S NEVER SPEAK OF THIS AGAIN

Megan Williams | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Winner of the 2022 Text Prize, Let's Never Speak of This Again is the big-hearted YA debut of the year, celebrating the depths and strengths of friendship through all of life's ups and downs. Ella and I have been best friends since grade one. We can spend hours talking about everything and nothing. We know each other's greatest fears, things that irrationally annoy us, and ideal career if money and skill weren't an issue. If there was only one Hartford Bakery brownie left in the whole world and it was somehow in my possession, Ella is the only person I'd consider sharing it with. Life is pretty good for sixteen-year-old Abby. Okay, her grandma doesn't remember things anymore, her relationship with her mum is increasingly strained and she accidentally kissed her cousin's cousin on the weekend, so things aren't exactly perfect. But everything is manageable with her best friend, Ella, by her side. And with Ella's brother, Will, interesting and attentive, on the sidelines. When new girl Chloe arrives, Abby is pleased to be the one to show her around, to welcome her to the group. But Abby doesn't imagine Chloe fitting in so well or quite so quickly. And before long Abby is feeling just a little left out, a little unsure of Ella's friendship. In a moment of anger and confusion she wishes something bad would happen. When it does—with tragic consequences—everything shifts again. And Abby has to face her own feelings and work out what friendship really means.



105. NIGHTBIRDS

Kate Armstrong | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Magic may be illegal in Simta, but you can find it if you know which whispers to heed. None as tantalising as the ones about the Nightbirds, Simta's best kept secret. These privileged girls have the ability to gift their magic to others with a kiss – something the church would have them killed for. But protected by the Great Houses, their identities safe behind masks, the Nightbirds are well-guarded treasures. Matilde, Aesa, and Sayer spend their nights bestowing their unique brands of magic to well-paying clients. But this Season's Nightbirds find themselves at the heart of a political scheme that threatens their secrets and their safety. When they discover that their magic is far more than they were ever told, they see the carefully crafted Nightbird system for what it is: a gilded cage. Now they must make a choice – to remain kept birds or take control, remaking the city that dared to clip their wings

Categories: Magic, Politics, Fantasy, Female Empowerment

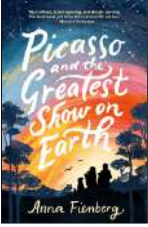


106. ONE SONG

AJ Betts | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Aspiring singer-songwriter Eva has one last chance to enter Triple J Unearthed High and break into the music industry. But after three failed attempts, she needs some help. Cue the band: perfectionist Eva, charismatic Cooper, easy-going Ant and moody Ruby. Plus fly-on-the-wall Mim, who's filming them for her school Media project. Five people who have nothing in common but music. One emotionally and creatively charged weekend. Can they record the most important song of their lives?

Categories: Romance, Music, Writing, Storytelling, Mental Health



107. PICASSO AND THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Anna Fienberg | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Frances is in a new house in a new neighbourhood and going to a new school, but no amount of new can make her forget the old, sad secret dragging at her heart. Not the pictures of bacteria that she draws with painstaking precision, not even Picasso, the puppy. Then Frances meets Kit, the tall, quiet boy with the two-coloured eyes. Kit is a real artist. His coloured pencils fill page after page of exercise books. He sees wonder in the rocks and ferns and sky. Though Kit has worries of his own. But when secrets are spilled, Frances's life turns grey and drab. Not even Picasso's wet nose can brighten her up. Frances and Kit will need to face the truth of their pasts to find colour in their world again. After all, don't the most brilliant sunsets need a cloudy sky?

Categories: Friendship, Happiness, Grief, Death/Bereavement, Mental Health



108. STUCK UP AND STUPID

Angourie Rice | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

The quiet coastal community of Pippi Beach is rocked when a party of young Hollywood movie stars and influencers arrives for the summer. Like most of the locals, mum Lydia is thrilled but her teenage daughter Lily finds the Hollywood types are superficial and arrogant – especially Dorian Khan, the most famous of them all. Lily's opinion is confirmed by handsome backpacker Alex, who has quite the story about Dorian's past. On a holiday to Los Angeles, Lily stays with family friend Wilson, an ambitious player who introduces her to powerful movie producer Stacy Black. Lily is in turns amused and appalled by the excesses of the movie business, and more than a little surprised when Dorian Khan seeks her out. Could they actually become friends? And what's more, has she been what she hopes never to be ... stupid?

Categories: Coming of Age, Romance, Family Unit, Humour

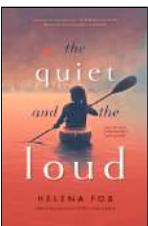


109. ISLES OF THE GODS, THE

Amie Kaufman | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Selly has saltwater in her veins. So when her father leaves her high and dry in the port of Kirkpool, she has no intention of riding out the winter at home while he sails to adventure in the north seas. But any plans to follow him are dashed when a handsome stranger with tell-tale magician's marks on his arms commandeers her ship under cover of darkness: He is Prince Leander of Alinor, and he needs to cross the Crescent Sea without detection so he can complete a ritual on the sacred Isles of the Gods. Selly has no desire to escort a spoiled prince anywhere, and no time for his entitled demands or his good looks. But what starts as a leisure cruise will lead to acts of treason and sheer terror on the high seas, bringing two countries to the brink of war, two strangers closer than they ever thought possible and two dangerous gods stirring from centuries of slumber...

Categories: Fantasy, Romance, Religion, Faith



110. QUIET AND THE LOUD, THE

Helena Fox | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

George's life is loud. On the water, though, with everything hushed above and below, she is steady, silent. Then her estranged dad says he needs to talk, and George's past begins to wake up, looping around her ankles, trying to drag her under. Everything is a blaring, blazing mess. Could Calliope, the girl who has just cartwheeled into George's world and shot it through with brilliant, dazzling colour, be her calm among the chaos?

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, Forgiveness, Trauma, Love, LGBTQIA



111. SINISTER BOOKSELLERS OF BATH, THE

Garth Nix | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

There is often trouble of a mythical sort in Bath. The booksellers who police the Old World keep a careful watch there, particularly on the entity who inhabits the ancient hot spring. Yet this time it is not from Sulis Minerva that trouble starts. It comes from the discovery of a sorcerous map, leading left-handed bookseller Merlin into great danger. A desperate rescue is attempted by his sister, the right-handed bookseller Vivien, and their friend, art student Susan Arkshaw, who is still struggling to deal with her own recently discovered magical heritage. The map takes the trio to a place separated from this world, maintained by deadly sorcery performed by an Ancient Sovereign and guarded by monstrous living statues of Purbeck marble. But this is only the beginning, as the booksellers investigate centuries of disappearances and deaths and try to unravel the secrets of the murderous Lady of Stone, a serial killer of awesome powers. If they do not stop her, she will soon kill again. And this time, her target is not an ordinary mortal. A wintry return to the somewhat alternate 1980s England of The Left-Handed Booksellers of London.

Categories: Family, Magic, Fantasy, Adventure, Bookshops



112. THIS TIME IT'S REAL

[Ann Liang](#) | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

When seventeen-year-old Eliza Lin's essay about meeting the love of her life unexpectedly goes viral, her entire life changes overnight. Now she has the approval of her classmates at her new international school in Beijing, a career-launching internship opportunity at her favourite magazine ... and a massive secret to keep. Eliza made her essay up. She's never been in a relationship before, let alone in love. All good writing is lying, right? Desperate to hide the truth, Eliza strikes a deal with the famous actor in her class, the charming but aloof Caz Song. She'll help him write his college applications if he poses as her boyfriend. Caz is a dream boyfriend -- he passes handwritten notes to her in class, makes her little sister laugh, and takes her out on motorcycle rides to the best snack stalls around the city. But when her relationship with Caz starts feeling a little too convincing, all of Eliza's carefully laid plans are threatened. Can she still follow her dreams if it means breaking her own heart?

Categories: [Romance](#), [Humour](#)



113. TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME

[Leanne Yong](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

How did I let my sister talk me into going out when I have a game to fix and a jerkface to destroy? Sam Khoo has one goal in life: create cool indie games. She's willing to do anything to make her dream come true - even throw away a scholarship to university. All she needs is that super-rare ticket to a game design workshop and she can kickstart her career. So when Jaysen Chua, otherwise known as Jerky McJerkface, sneakily grabs the last ticket for himself, Sam is left with no choice. It's war. Knowing all too well how their Australian-Malaysian community works, she issues him an ultimatum: put the ticket on the line in a 1v1 competition of classic video games, or she'll broadcast his duplicity to everyone. Thank you, Asian Gossip Network. Meeting in neutral locations, away from the eyes and ears of nosy aunts and uncles, Sam and Jay connect despite themselves. It's a puzzle that Sam's not sure she wants to solve. But when her dream is under threat, will she discover that there is more than one way to win?

Categories: [Culture](#), [Family](#), [Ambition](#), [Gaming](#), [Humour](#), [Romance](#)

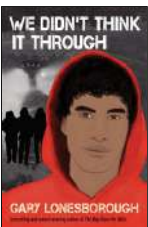


114. WE COULD BE SOMETHING

[William Kostakis](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Harvey's dads are splitting up. It's been on the cards for a while, but it's still sudden. Woken-by-his-father-to-catch-a-red-eye sudden. Now he's restarting his life in a new city, living above a cafe with the extended Greek family he barely knows. Sotiris is a rising star. At seventeen, he's already achieved his dream of publishing a novel. When his career falters, a cute, wise-cracking bookseller named Jem upends his world. Harvey and Sotiris's stories converge on the same street in Darlinghurst, in this beautifully heartfelt novel about how our dreams shape us, and what they cost us.

Categories: [LGBTQIA](#), [Friendship](#), [Relationships](#), [Romance](#), [Grief](#), [Identity](#)



115. WE DIDN'T THINK IT THROUGH

[Gary Lonesborough](#) | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Jamie lives in Dalton's Bay with Aunty Dawn and Uncle Bobby. He spends his downtime hanging out with his mates, Dally and Lenny. Mark Cassidy and his white mates - the Footy Heads - take every opportunity they can to bully Jamie and his friends. On Lenny's last night in town before moving to Sydney, after another episode of racist harassment, Jamie, Dally and Lenny decide to retaliate by vandalising Mark Cassidy's car. And when they discover the keys are in the ignition... Dally changes the plan. But it's a bad plan. And as a consequence, Jamie ends up in the youth justice system where he is characterised as a 'danger to society', but he's just an Aboriginal kid, trying to find his way through adolescence. Jamie must find a way to mend his relationships with himself, his friends, his family and his future.

Categories: [Friendship](#), [Family Unit](#), [Racism](#), [Belonging](#), [Inequality](#), [Brutality](#)