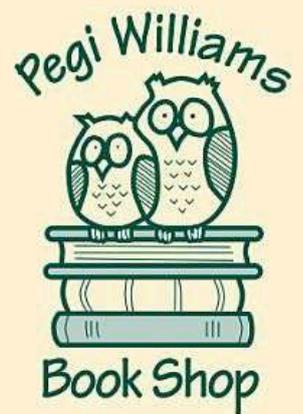
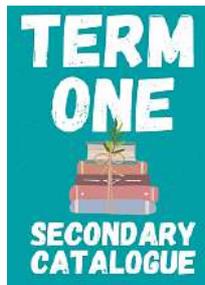


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# Younger Readers

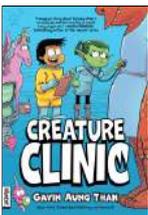


### 1. CHICKENPOX GRAPHIC NOVEL

Remy Lai | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Abby is sick of being trapped at home with her FOUR younger siblings! All she wants is to spend more time with her friends, far away from the sticky fingers and snooping eyes of her annoying brothers and sisters. But when a case of chickenpox leaves the Lai kids covered in scratchy red spots and stuck at home for two weeks of nonstop mayhem, Abby thinks this might be the end ... of her sanity. Will the itch to escape her siblings overwhelm Abby or will she realise being a big sister isn't all bad?

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Siblings](#), [Quarantine](#), [Disease](#), [Health](#)



### 2. CREATURE CLINIC GRAPHIC NOVEL

Gavin Aung Than | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Welcome to Creature Clinic, where a team of dedicated doctors and nurses at the world's finest—and only—hospital look after mythical creatures. Although, there is one exception: humans are absolutely, 100% not welcome. So when doctor-in-training Kara Orc discovers an injured human child at the hospital, her world is turned upside down. Sure, most humans are dangerous, destructive beasts, but Kara took an oath to help all creatures. Even humans deserve care and compassion! But how long can she keep such a big secret from her boss... who happens to be her mother? And what happens when the human child – whose name is Mitch – decides that he wants to stay at Creature Clinic

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Fantasy](#), [Acceptance](#), [Emergency Services](#), [Hospital](#), [Compassion](#)



### 3. FRANCES BLOOM FRANCES BLOOM

Katrina Nannestad | Marina Zlatanova (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

When Frances Bloom posts her bossy parents in a large box to the South Sandwich Islands, her schoolteacher, Ms Thistle, declares that she cannot live alone. To avoid being sent away to Bleak Island Home for Unwanted Children and Dogs, Frances must choose a new family quick smart. But as hard as Frances looks, she can find no-one who meets her high standards... until she stumbles across a bear eating from the bins... and spots a garden gnome fishing in the flowerbed. Newly named Grandma Maude and Grandpa Harold will make the perfect family... right?

Categories: [Adventure](#), [Humour](#), [Family](#), [Mischievous](#)

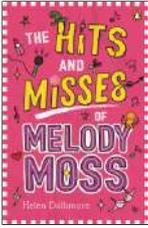


### 4. GHOST GUITAR DEAD SCARY

TJ Doom | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Do you dare to be scared? Jake Jensen wants to become a rock 'n' roll legend. Instead, he's stuck in detention. His punishment? Cleaning out the creepy old school attic. That's where he finds the instruments. And then . . . the three ghosts who used to play them. Now Jake is the ghost band's only shot at escaping a terrible demon who has trapped them in Limbo. With his best mate Zoe, can he help them rock their way to the afterlife - or will his first gig be his last?

Categories: [Horror](#), [Ghosts](#)



## 5. HITS AND MISSES OF MELODY MOSS, THE MELODY MOSS

[Helen Dallimore](#) | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Melody Moss is starting high school and EVERYTHING is going WRONG! Her BFF has forgotten the Forever bit and has found New Friends (aka The Clones). Her mum is taking food experimentation to a disgusting level. Her big sister pretends she doesn't even exist. Her dog farts ALL THE TIME. And, her new crush has pushed her firmly into the Friend Zone. She's holding it together, but only just. When a competition is announced to see who can write and direct the school musical, Melody JUMPS at the chance. Will dancing octopuses (octopi?), a possibly life-threatening babysitting gig and a new friendship with a fellow musical-theatre tragic be just what Melody needs to get out of this mess?

**Categories:** [Friendship](#), [School](#), [Performing Arts](#)

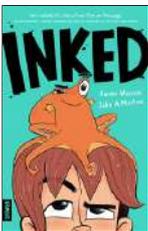


## 6. HOW TO SAIL SOMEWHERE

[Ashleigh Barton](#) | Paperback | Age 8+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Summer is when Bea's favourite person in the entire world, her fun and hilarious uncle, Byron, comes to stay in her tiny fishing village. On their last day together the previous summer, Byron had given Bea an intriguing antique book containing a map of Somewhere, a mysterious island off the coast, and promised that next summer they'd sail to Somewhere together. That was last year. Now summer has arrived, but Byron hasn't. And it looks like he never will. Are the book and Byron's disappearance linked? Byron has left some clues for Bea - a scavenger hunt of sorts designed to bring her and her new friend, Arabella, together and give Bea one last magical summer. Could Somewhere hold the key to both Bea's and Arabella's future?

**Categories:** [Friendship](#), [Family Unit](#), [Mystery](#), [Hope](#)

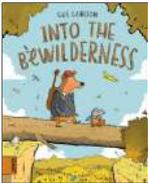


## 7. INKED GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Karen Wasson](#) | [Jake a Minton](#) (Illustrator) | Paperback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

When 12-year-old Sid discovers a talking octopus in his family's fish shop, he is NOT happy. Sid is trying to keep a low profile from the bullies at school while he waits to get into the art school of his dreams - so the last thing he needs is a pesky, know-it-all, opera-singing octopus called Otto following him around! But when auditions open in town for a new TV talent show, Sid and Otto have the chance to win enough prize money to solve all their problems. Can these frenemies work together to win so they can go their separate ways, or will it end in a full-blown televised disaster? Or will Sid and Otto realise they actually make a great team?

**Categories:** [Graphic Novel](#), [Friendship](#), [Humour](#), [Bullying](#), [School](#)



## 8. INTO THE BEWILDERNESS GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Gus Gordon](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A funny, life-affirming graphic novel from award-winning Australian creator Gus Gordon. Best friends Luis and Pablo spend their days wandering through nature, playing songs on the guitar, and eating pinecone porridge. But Luis wonders if there's more to life than just the woods and the rivers and the sky. Sure, life is good. but maybe it could be ... better? When adventure in the big city calls, will the friends find what they're looking for?

**Categories:** [Graphic Novel](#), [Adventure](#), [Friendship](#), [Humour](#), [Nature](#)



## 9. JUNGLE ESCAPE

[Nathan Luff](#) | Paperback | Age 8+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

When Branson's parents announce a ski trip to Aspen, he's thrilled - until he learns he won't be going with them. Instead, Branson is being sent to an exclusive retreat in the Daintree Rainforest that promises poolside luxury, cuisine classes, and lessons in interior decoration. Not his idea of a holiday. But, when they arrive at the resort, Branson and the other kids learn they've been duped! The building is in ruins, the bathroom's covered in slime, and the pool is empty. It turns out the owners have lured the kids to Jungle Escape to work as free labour and restore the resort. Branson and his new friends need to find a way out of this hell hole and the Daintree Rainforest.

**Categories:** [Action](#), [Adventure](#), [Danger](#), [Humour](#)



## 10. KEEPER OF THE OCTOPUS, THE

[Neridah McMullin](#) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Uncle Isaac is the only family Pippy has left. Together they spend their days fishing off the coast, until one day Pippy is knocked into the sea and rescued by a gentle, giant creature... Uncle Isaac knows it's time to tell Pippy the truth. Pippy is the descendent of a long line of Keepers - the Keeper of the Octopus, responsible for the giant octopus who protects the fisherfolk of the village. But when the Calamary Brothers come to Portablow, she learns of their search for a particular giant octopus. It's up to Pippy - and some animal friends - to rescue Octavia, the octopus is sharing her dreams with Pippy, from the Calamary's clutches.

**Categories:** [Environmental Issues](#), [Grief](#), [Relationships](#), [Magic Realism](#)

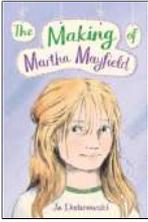


## 11. LITTLE BONES

[Sandy Bigna](#) | Paperback | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Since the accident, eleven-year-old Bones spends her time drawing animal skeletons and scavenging for dead things to add to her collection. She's drifted away from her friends and doesn't want to make new ones, especially not with her chatty new neighbour, Tenny. One night, under a full moon, Bones accidentally resurrects the skeleton of a baby bird. Bird wants to return to his natural (dead) state, so Bones agrees to reverse the curse - not that she knows how. As she and Bird work out the secrets of the magic, Bones remembers what it's like to have a friend. How can she let Bird go when she doesn't want to say goodbye?

**Categories:** [Verse Novel](#)

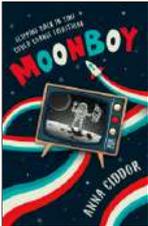


## 12. MAKING OF MARTHA MAYFIELD, THE

Jo Dabrowski | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Martha Mayfield has always been the quiet kid. Martha is, after all, her mother's daughter. The shy child of an even shyer mum. And she likes it this way. That is, until Martha's mum loses her job. And Martha's teacher overlooks her at school. And soon, Martha realises something has to give. Can she really go through life being so quiet that nobody takes her seriously? Should she really keep all her good ideas to herself forever? Putting yourself out there is every quiet kid's worst nightmare, but Martha is determined to make the most of it. And perhaps to make something of herself along the way...

**Categories:** Family Unit, Change, Humour, Relationships, Courage, Unemployment



## 13. MOONBOY

Anna Ciddor | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

When a boy called Keith pops up from nowhere in Letty's bedroom and accuses her of invading his room, Letty is astonished - but things get even stranger when she realises she is caught up in an incredible adventure, able to slip back and forth in time! Keith lives in the world of 1969, and Letty joins in the thrill and excitement of the first astronauts about to land on the moon. But when she discovers her trips to the past are changing history, she starts to worry. What if something she says or does causes a disaster - or even messes up the moon landing?

**Categories:** Timeslip, Family, Relationships, Dementia, Moon Landing, History

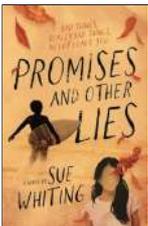


## 14. PAPERBARK TREE COMMITTEE, THE

Karys McEwen | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Twelve-year-old Art and his younger brother Hilary are best friends. When they move to Melbourne from a small town in Queensland things seem to be easy for Hilary but Art struggles to fit in, and he's become a target for school bully Jack. His dad is too busy to give him much attention, but Art's stepmum, Sally, is always ready to listen. And there's paperbark tree. Art and Hilary climb into its branches and hold a secret meeting whenever they need to sort things out. The only problem is Art's not sure he still wants to be part of the paperbark tree committee. He's getting older and he thinks he needs to solve his problems on his own.

**Categories:** Growing Up, Bullying, Moving House, Friendship



## 15. PROMISES AND OTHER LIES

Sue Whiting | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

One year on from a devastating bushfire, the small coastal town of Wangaroo Bay is still reeling. Fletch's family lost their home, and his best friend Immie lost her beloved dad, a volunteer firefighter. Throughout it all, Fletch and Immie have had each other ... Immie's grandparents push for the Bayfire investigation to be reopened, but Fletch's mum, dad and elder brother Cooper want to put the past behind them. And when a local, one of their own, is charged with arson, emotions flare, sides are taken, and promises - and secrets - are at stake.

**Categories:** Community, Bushfire, Family



## 16. RUN

Sarah Armstrong | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$18.99** | **School Price \$15.19**

For fans of Tristan Banks and Katherine Rundell comes this electrifying middle-grade novel about a twelve-year-old called Cas, who runs away to avoid a reunion with his estranged father. Cas soon finds himself lost in the wilderness, completely alone and without help. Or is he? Cas thought running away from home would solve all his problems. But he didn't count on getting hopelessly lost in the tangled Australian bush. Alone and afraid, Cas has given up all hope of rescue when he stumbles upon a strange family hiding out in the wilderness. He won't survive without their help. But when he discovers they're also on the run - from something so big, they won't even talk about it - he realises his problems are just beginning.

**Categories:** Suspense, Thriller, Adventure, Intrigue, Mystery, Moral Dilemma



## 17. FUNNY KID SERIOUSLY SOCCER FUNNY KID

Matt Stanton | Paperback | Age 8+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Every kid wants to laugh, but Max is the boy who can make it happen. When Max discovers that everyone is more interested in watching soccer than his stand-up routine, he needs to come up with a plan fast. How can he compete with the world's favourite game? Max is the funny kid, but can he score his comedy goal? Half-time shows, terrible coaches and little kids who pee on the goal posts are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends in this brand-new Funny Kid adventure.

**Categories:** Humour, Soccer, Sport



### 18. SERPENT RIDER, THE

Yxavel Magno Dino | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Tani dreams of fulfilling her destiny as a Serpent Rider, fighting alongside an elemental serpent to defend her village against monsters and protect her little sister Ligaya, the village princess. After a devastating monster attack, Tani makes a desperate deal with a stranger who promises her a serpent of her own, which puts her sister in major danger. Tani must find a way to save Ligaya! All the while, in the depths of the sea, Great Bakunawa, is stirring. It is the most powerful and feared sea serpent that swallowed six of the world's seven moons, who is stirring and threatening to devour the last moon and plunge the night sky into eternal darkness

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#), [Protection](#), [Beasts](#)

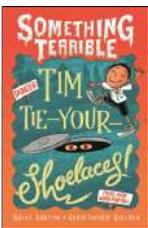


### 19. SILKEN THREAD, THE

Gabrielle Wang | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Moonie lives in Melbourne and dreams of designing dresses for movie stars. Eight thousand kilometres away, on Chongming Island in China, peasant boy Little Dipper cares for the silkworms on his family's farm and hopes to learn English. On the day Moonie's beloved Ma Mi goes away, Little Dipper appears in her house. Before they can speak, he is whisked back home. Aided by a magical silk cocoon, Little Dipper's visits become a regular event and although neither knows how or why they are connected their bond grows each time. Will the silken threads of friendship be enough to help Moonie bring Ma Mi home, or to save Little Dipper from the troublesome ghosts who stand between him and his dream of learning English?

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Friendship](#), [Resilience](#), [Diversity](#), [Discrimination](#), [Culture](#)



### 20. TIM TIE-YOUR-SHOELACES! SOMETHING TERRIBLE

Sally Barton | Christopher Nielsen (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | **RRP \$15.99** | **School Price \$12.79**

Tim Mulligan lives at 25 Rufus Street. You might be surprised to know that is his name, because most people think his name is Tim Tie-your-shoelaces. But no matter how many people tell him, or how often, Tim never ties his shoelaces. One morning, just as Tim was leaving for school, his mum called, 'Tim! Tie your shoelaces. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of the something terrible that did. Sally Barton weaves a tale of mayhem, mess and beasties, in this flip-flappin' street-slappin' first instalment of the terrible things that happen in Rufus Street.

**Categories:** [Cautionary Tale](#), [Humour](#)



### 21. SONG OF A THOUSAND SEAS

Zana Fraillon | Paperback | Age 8+ | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$11.99**

Houdini the octopus lives in an aquarium, but she misses her home in the wild Sea. She doesn't like the visitors who bang on her tank. Or the way she can't feel the sun on her skin or the wind rippling the water. It's a dull existence for a creature with nine brains. Then one day she meets someone who is different to the other visitors. Juno's busy brain buzzes with so many questions and thoughts that Houdini's skin tingles with wonder. But the singing of the Sea is growing stronger and harder to resist. Can Houdini make Juno understand what she needs before it's too late?

**Categories:** [Verse Novel](#), [Relationships](#)

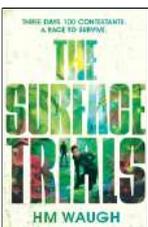


### 22. SPIRIT OF THE CROCODILE

Aaron Fa'Aoso | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Twelve-year-old Ezra is an ordinary boy who lives on Saibai, an extraordinary Australian island. He loves a laugh, he loves his family, and – almost more than anything – he loves a dare. But when one of his dares goes wrong, Ezra realises he needs to make some decisions about helping out and measuring up. He learns that there's more than one way to look at, well, nearly everything. And as ever-increasing climate disasters threaten Saibai, Ezra and his best mate Mason must draw on their resilience and courage to help the community survive a massive out-of-season storm. Set in today's Torres Strait, this novel explores the importance of culture, community and place to a carefree kid on the cusp of growing up.

**Categories:** [Climate Change](#), [First Nations](#), [Courage](#), [Resilience](#), [Culture](#), [Identity](#), [Community](#)

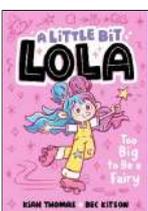


### 23. SURFACE TRIALS, THE

Hm Waugh | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$18.99** | **School Price \$15.19**

Welcome to the Surface Trials – the only way into Starquest Academy. For Amethyst Antares, Starquest Academy offers an escape from the prison of her home planet. For Rian – the uber-famous and expertly-disguised heir to the universe's two greatest dynasties – failure to get into his own academy is not an option. And Deneb? Well, he's an outlier... But this year not everything goes to plan, and Amethyst and her squad find themselves playing for more than Starquest admission. To survive, they'll have to outsmart carnivorous creatures, share dangerous secrets, maintain trust and embrace the most shocking truth in the galaxy.

**Categories:** [Reality TV](#), [Adventure](#), [Survival](#), [Teamwork](#), [Quest](#), [Competition](#)

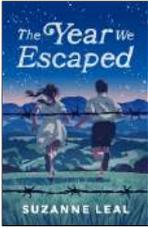


### 24. TOO BIG TO BE A FAIRY LITTLE BIT LOLA

Kiah Thomas | Bec Kitson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | **RRP \$12.99** | **School Price \$10.39**

Everyone in Lola's family has wheels except Lola. So, when she spots the perfect pair of roller skates, she has to have them! There's just one problem: Lola doesn't have any money. But the tooth fairy does ... Can Lola figure out how to shrink down to the size of a fairy so she can be rich too? Youngest sibling Lola inspires and delights with her limitless imagination, inventive problem-solving and determination to prove she's NOT as little as she looks. No matter the obstacle, Lola always finds a way to be whatever she dreams and to be herself.

**Categories:** [Fairies](#), [Humour](#), [Siblings](#), [Conflict Resolution](#), [Problem Solving](#)



## 25. YEAR WE ESCAPED, THE

[Suzanne Leal](#) | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Europe, 1940. With war on their doorstep, German classmates Klara and Rachel, and French brothers Lucien and Paul, are forced to leave their homes. They are taken to Gurs, a French detention camp in the south-west of France. It's a crowded place, with little comfort and even less food. When Klara and Rachel are promised safe refuge in a remote French village, Lucien and Paul are anxious to join them – and will risk their own lives to get there. Filled with adventure, danger and intrigue, this is the story of four unlikely friends desperate to escape from a war that keeps coming closer.

**Categories:** [War Stories](#), [World War 2](#), [Adventure](#), [Danger](#), [Family](#), [Friendship](#), [Intrigue](#)

# Early Childhood



## 26. BIN MONSTER, THE

[Annabelle Hale](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

Our street is perfect! Well, it would be perfect if we didn't have a BIN MONSTER! The Bin Monster flaps and clacks and squawks all night, and throws our rubbish everywhere! I've had enough! I've got a plan to get rid of this Bin Monster once and for all. I just have to find it first ... A story about curiosity, determination and the elusive 'bin monsters' that exist all over Australia.



## 27. CASTLE CRASHING

[Andrea Rowe](#) | [Hannah Sommerville](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Bonnie knows how to build sandcastles best, but her friends insist on building their own castles every way but Bonnie's way. They sift and sculpt and burrow in the soft, white sand, happily playing by their own rules. No-one listens to Bonnie. Soon, her anger boils over and she storms off across the dunes. Bonnie's friends are patient and understanding; they will wait for her to navigate her feelings. But can Bonnie show herself the same kindness?

**Categories:** [Teamwork](#), [Beach](#), [Kindness](#), [Frustration](#), [Forgiveness](#), [Understanding](#)

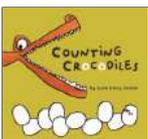


## 28. COLOURS OF HOME, THE

[Sally soweol Han](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

When Bomi moves to a new country everything seems different except for the silver moon. Making a faraway place feel like home isn't easy, but as she explores, Bomi finds comfort in matching new with old. Soon she discovers the colours of home everywhere she looks.

**Categories:** [Culture](#), [South Korea](#), [Australia](#), [Family](#), [Diversity](#), [Home](#)

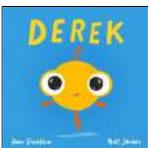


## 29. COUNTING CROCODILES

[Compilation](#) COMPILATION | Board Book | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$11.99**

Mumma Crocodile has laid ten eggs! Learn to count from one to ten, as ten cheeky crocodiles hatch from their eggs . . . and then count back down to one again! With its adorable, fun illustrations by children from Bulla Camp Primary School, this is an ideal early learning board book.

**Categories:** [Early Learning](#), [Counting](#), [Writing](#)



## 30. DEREK

[Anne Donaldson](#) | [Matt Shanks](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Derek is a fish with many questions. Why is the universe round? Where do bubbles come from? Why does food rain down from above? But the question Derek asks himself more than any other is: 'Why am I alone?' From new talent Anne Donaldson and bestselling illustrator Matt Shanks comes an adorable adventure about curiosity, courage and connection.

**Categories:** [Curiosity](#)

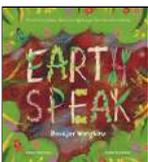


## 31. DROPBEAR

[Philip Bunting](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

They say Dropbear is mean, Dropbear is savage. But they are the gossips ... Meet Dropbear, if you dare, and decide for yourself!

**Categories:** [Rhyming Text](#), [Humour](#), [Urban Myth](#)

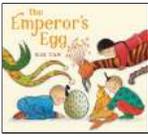


## 32. EARTH SPEAK

[Sean McCann](#) | [Jade Goodwin](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

A joyful story celebrating the natural world, the sharing of culture through Noongar language and the awe that comes from seeing, hearing and feeling how elemental forces shape the earth. Papa says we're going to a special place today. 'If we djinang (look), ni (listen), goordoo (feel), we might hear boodjar wangkiny (earth speak). We might even feel her heartbeat.' I wonder what that will sound like? Will the earth's heart beat just like ours? A bush walk in a stunning landscape becomes a heartfelt invitation for children to engage with their senses, care for the environment, and learn some Noongar language words along the way.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [First Nations](#), [Nature](#), [Environment](#)



### 33. EMPEROR'S EGG, THE

Rae Tan | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A wondrous reimagining of an ancient Chinese folktale about integrity, courage and patience. Looking for a worthy successor to his throne, an ageing emperor gives all the children in his kingdom an egg. After thirty days, he will judge what each child delivers to him and choose his heir. Ren brings his egg home and takes the best care of it. He reads to it, sings to it, sleeps with it and keeps it warm. Ren waits and waits, but his egg never hatches, while all around him wondrous hatchlings are emerging from other children's eggs. In a hall full of magical creatures, how can Ren present his unhatched egg to the emperor?

**Categories:** [Patience](#), [Honesty](#), [Integrity](#), [Courage](#)



### 34. FLY, MAMA, FLY! BOARD BOOK

Anna McGregor | Board Book | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Fly, Mama, Fly! takes young readers on a magical nocturnal journey with a Grey-headed flying fox and her pup. As they glide through the moonlit Australian landscape, this enchanting tale celebrates the unbreakable bond between mother and child while subtly weaving in themes of wildlife conservation. Anna McGregor, award-winning author and illustrator of *Anemone is Not the Enemy* and *Who's Afraid of the Light?* brings her signature bold style to both text and artwork. Her lyrical rhymes and vibrant illustrations, featuring fluorescent colours against deep night hues, capture the wonder of Australia's nocturnal world.

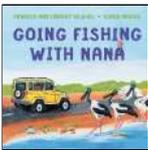


### 35. FROGS ARE OUR FRIENDS

Toni D'alia | Madeline White (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Down in the garden, away from the sun, a little green frog is having some fun!

**Categories:** [Frogs](#), [Amphibians](#), [Habitats](#)

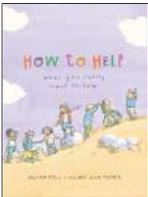


### 36. GOING FISHING WITH NANA

Frances Haji-Ali | Karen Briggs (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

This beautifully illustrated story takes readers on an exciting fishing trip with nana in the far north of Australia. Through repetition and rhyme, readers are introduced to early education concepts such as ordinal numbers, counting by twos, and adjectives, all while seeing many cute and cheeky outback animals along the way.

**Categories:** [Rhyming Text](#), [Adventure](#), [Family](#), [Maths](#), [Counting](#), [Multiplication](#), [First Nations](#), [Fishing](#)

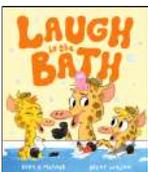


### 37. HOW TO HELP WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP

Davina Bell | Hilary Jean Tapper (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Open arms. A friendly face. Showing how. Showing up. A warm-hearted exploration of some of the big and small ways we can all make a difference in the world, no matter our age - at home, around the neighbourhood, at school and in the community. *How to Help When You Really Want to Help* explores everyday situations, sharing how to spot opportunities for helping others and showing the comfort, happiness and satisfaction that helping can bring.

**Categories:** [Feelings/Emotions](#), [Helping](#), [Caring](#)

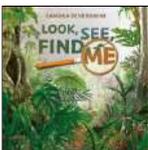


### 38. LAUGH IN THE BATH

Rory H Mather | Brent Wilson (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Follow this playful family of giraffes as they splash and laugh through their bedtime routine with jokes, songs and bathtime bubbles. This hilarious story and rollicking rhyme is bound to have your little one giggling all the way to the tub!

**Categories:** [Bathtime](#), [Health](#), [Hygiene](#), [Cleanliness](#)

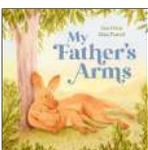


### 39. LOOK, SEE, FIND ME

Sandra Severgnini | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Take a journey into the world of animal camouflage and uncover what may be right under your nose! Discover frogs that look like leaves, spiders disguised as flowers, crabs concealed as sponges and seahorses hidden in coral. See if you can spot the species hidden among stunning illustrations, and learn about these elusive animals in *Look, See, Find Me*.

**Categories:** [Camouflage](#), [Habitats](#)

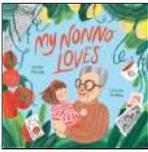


### 40. MY FATHER'S ARMS

Toni D'alia | Mimi Purnell (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

My father's arms are magic. They tell me he loves me. In my father's arms is my favourite place to be. From bestselling Australian creators Toni D'Alia and Mimi Purnell comes a joyous celebration of all the tender, connected and loving dads out there.

**Categories:** [Family Unit](#), [Father's Day](#), [Fathers](#)

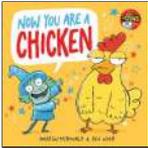


#### 41. MY NONNO LOVES

Adelle Frittitta | Claudia Frittitta (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

This uplifting and gently funny ode to grandfathers celebrates everything they love ... especially their grandchildren! My nonno loves being in his garden, with a coffee in hand and songs in the air. But most of all, my nonno loves me! Perfect for grandparents to read aloud to their grandchildren, this joyful picture book is the ideal keepsake for grandfathers everywhere. With tenderly drawn illustrations and heartfelt text, the book highlights how grandfathers fill each day with play, see the magic in ordinary moments, and cherish their family above all else. A story of joy, love and togetherness, My Nonno Loves ... will be treasured by everyone in the family!

**Categories:** Grandparents, Grandfather, Family, Happiness, Father's Day, Tradition

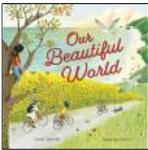


#### 42. NOW YOU ARE A CHICKEN

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

'WELCOME to the only book that turns you into a CHICKEN. I'll just wiggle my fingers and say the magic words ...' 'WAIT!!!' From the creators of bestselling series Real Pigeons comes this hilarious, interactive and totally transformational picture book that will turn readers into chickens! Helped along by a cheerful wizard and a begrudging chicken, readers young and old will be endlessly entertained by this fourth-wall-breaking, delightfully irreverent story. There's a surprise around every corner! Can the wizard REALLY turn you into a chicken just by saying the magic words? What if you don't believe in the spell? And who will do an egg??

**Categories:** Humour, Magic



#### 43. OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Sarah Speedie | Margeaux Davis (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Join us on a colourful journey of discovery to every corner of our amazing world. From the vibrant red rocks of Australia, to the glittering gold dunes of Morocco, to the tropical blue oceans of Fiji, our earth is awash with a dazzling rainbow of natural colours. Our Beautiful World is a lyrical celebration of the many cultures and colours found on this awe-inspiring planet that we call home.

**Categories:** Culture, Diversity, Multicultural, Rhyming Text, Planet Earth

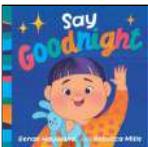


#### 44. POTION COMMOTION

Rebecca Grant | Nina Nill (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

It starts with a witch, a dragon and a potion. It ends with a commotion! Prepare to be charmed by this story of a spell gone wrong and the whirlwind of magical mayhem that follows.

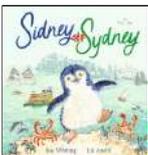
**Categories:** Cumulative Text, Humour, Fairies



#### 45. SAY GOODNIGHT BOARD BOOK

Renaë Hayward | Rebecca Mills (Illustrator) | Board Book | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$11.99**

The third book in the Say series, this new board book comes from award-winning author Renaë Hayward, and celebrates the wonderful world of baby bedtimes. Exploring all the things babies love to do as they get ready for bed - from bedtime stories to massages from mum - the simple, high-contrast illustrations feature many recognisable words, like mum, dad and pyjamas.



#### 46. SIDNEY OF SYDNEY

Sue Whiting | Liz Anelli (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Sydney is a big city with a busy harbour. Sidney is a young penguin... and he's trouble. Sidney doesn't mean to be trouble, he's just curious. And one day that curiosity takes Sidney all over Sydney and on a grand adventure that lands Sidney in... TROUBLE! Based on a true story ...

**Categories:** Curiosity, Adventure, Bravery, Danger, Penguins, Rescue

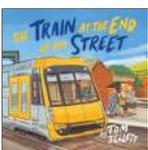


#### 47. THE THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS, THE

Jo Dabrowski | Briony Stewart (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The Thing About Christmas is a warm and joyful picture book that reminds us of what really matters during the holiday season. Brimming with festive spirit, it celebrates love, togetherness and the magic of making the season your own - no matter how big or small. Perfect for families starting new traditions or cherishing old ones, this modern holiday tale carries a timeless message at its core. There's no right or wrong, whatever you do - Christmas in your home is unique, just like you.

**Categories:** Christmas, Celebrations, Individuality, Differences

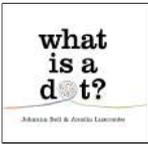


#### 48. TRAIN AT THE END OF MY STREET, THE

Tom Jellet | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

There are big trains and small trains, long trains and fast trains. There are old stations, and new ones. I love them all! But my favourite train and station are the ones at the end of my street.

**Categories:** Family, Community, Trains, Transport, Infrastructure, Engineering, Belonging

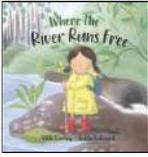


#### 49. WHAT IS A DOT?

Johanna Bell | Amelia Luscombe (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

What is a dot when a dot is not? Is it a swish? A sweep? Or a swirl? Is it a scurry? A wave? Or a pearl? Explore the joy of drawing in this lively book where a dot can be anything you want it to be.

**Categories:** [Art/Craft](#), [Drawing](#), [Creativity](#), [Rhyming Text](#), [Imagination](#), [Interactive](#)



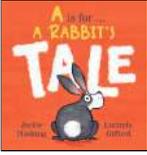
#### 50. WHERE THE RIVER RUNS FREE

Vikki Conley | Jemma Robaard (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.95** | **School Price \$23.96**

Wibble-wobble over the rumble-tumble stones and past peek-a-boo trees to where the rainbows sing. You never know who's flip-flap-floating your way! From the author of the CBCA award-winning book *Where the Lyrebird Lives* comes this delightful family adventure celebrating the magic, surprise and precious moments of a walk along the river.

**Categories:** [Nature](#), [Adventure](#), [Outdoors](#), [Exercise](#)

# Picture Books

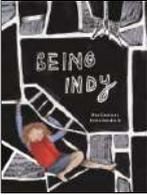


## 51. A IS FOR A RABBIT'S TALE

Jackie Hosking | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A quirky, funny and clever alphabet book with a twist - with bright and colourful illustrations by much loved illustrator Lucinda Gifford A is for A rabbit. B is for Buy this book! A hilarious alphabet story - for anyone who ever wanted a pet ... and for everyone who loves a wonderful tail, um, tale with a twist!

**Categories:** Humour, Rabbits, Pets, Alphabet



## 52. BEING INDY

Zoe Gaetjens | Estee Sarsfield (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.95** | **School Price \$23.96**

This is a story of trying to fit in, and discovering the true worth of being yourself. There was no finer place to live than on North Mountain. Folks came from everywhere wanting to live there including Indy. But the mountain was ruled by Percival, and he had rules. He didn't let anyone in. Set in Estee Sarsfield's bold and surprising world of playgrounds, big hair and defiant colour, Zoe Gaetjen's insightful and heartfelt text charts Indy's journey to independence.



## 53. BETWEEN

Anna Walker | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Between day and night... A cabbage moth and a cricket meet for the first time in the quiet space between twilight and dawn. As the unlikely pair discover each other's worlds, friendship blooms in unexpected places. From award-winning creator Anna Walker comes a poetic tale of connection and understanding. With masterful illustrations in stunning spot colours, Between invites readers to explore what happens when we bridge the spaces that divide us. A tale that will resonate with readers of all ages and spark conversations about empathy, friendship, and the beauty of reaching out to others.

**Categories:** Friendship, Empathy

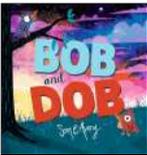


## 54. BIGFOOT VS YETI: A LOVE STORY

James Foley | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The Bigfoots and the Yetis live on either side of the great rift. They have been fighting for as long as anyone can remember. Every day, the Bigfoots throw fruit at the Yetis, and the Yetis throw snowballs at the Bigfoots. But one day, one Bigfoot and one Yeti decide to find what lies at the end of the rift. But what they find at the end of the rift is something completely unexpected. And the relationship between the Bigfoots and the Yetis is about to change forever.

**Categories:** Conflict Resolution, Friendship, Love, Understanding, Stubbornness

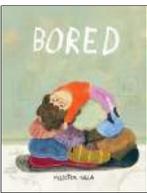


## 55. BOB AND DOB

Sean E Avery | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

There was once a small bird called BOB. BOB had a brother. BOB's brother was named DOB. DOB enjoyed telling tales that got his brother BOB in trouble. Because DOB was... a DOBBER.

**Categories:** Relationships, Family Unit, Sibling Rivalry

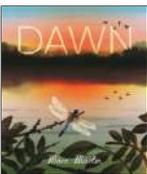


## 56. BORED

Felicita Sala | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Rita is bored. So, so, so bored. Flopped in her bedroom, limp and tragic, Rita tries everything to cure her malaise. But time drags on, and there she remains: catatonic with boredom. If only there were a special place, a non-boring place just for bored people ... From award-winning creator Felicita Sala comes a slyly brilliant ode to boredom and imagination, and a guaranteed antidote to the doldrums.

**Categories:** Feelings/Emotions, Boredom, Humour, Imagination

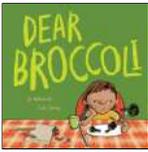


## 57. DAWN: WATCH THE WORLD AWAKEN

Marc Martin | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

As the sun slowly rises, many things happen in a small window of time. The world comes alive with the actions of animals, plants, clouds, and sky. A deer drinks, an owl wakes, a dandelion shimmers in the light. A ladybug climbs, a fish jumps, birds call in a chorus. Geese fly away in formation. A flower blooms. Beautifully illustrated with glowing imagery and written with a charming simplicity holding appeal for new readers, Marc Martin's ode to the slow-blooming beauty of a sunrise and the life that unfolds in its radiance narrows the lens to show the wonder of time passing.

**Categories:** Natural World, Nature, Environment, Habitats



### 58. DEAR BROCCOLI

Jo Dabrowski | Cate James (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Dear Broccoli, Last night at dinner you were on my plate. AGAIN. Please don't come back. From, Frank. Dear Frank, I am afraid I cannot grant your request. The matter is out of my florets. Most respectful regards, Broccoli A deliciously funny picture book that is sure to make even the pickiest of eaters look at their dinner in a new light.

**Categories:** [Humour](#), [Friendship](#), [Health](#), [Food](#), [Letter Writing](#)



### 59. FROG'S FIRST SONG, THE

Jazz Money | Jason Phu (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

First, the world is all dark. A little bit muddled and confused. The only sound dripping water and small bubbles gurgling. In that darkness and quiet, everyone is alone. This is the world in the well. And so begins the tale of how frogs came to croak in chorus at night-time. Inspired by Chinese parables and Dreaming stories, this debut picture book is a unique and melodic ode to taking chances, using your voice and coming together in song and dance.

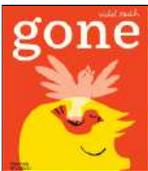


### 60. GOING FOR PIPPIES

Hunter Laurie Wilaaran | Tori-jay Mordey (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Going for Pippies is a beautifully illustrated children picture book that welcomes readers to a First Nations narrative about family, culture, traditions and a way of life. Join Wilaaran and his family as they venture on country to collect Pippies for dinner.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Culture](#), [Tradition](#), [First Nations](#), [Country](#)



### 61. GONE

Michel Streich | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

An honest and beautiful guide for curious children about life's biggest mystery. My fluttering, chirping, hopping bird was gone. Its body was still there, a silent, feathery shape, but all life had left it. Long or short, every life on earth comes to an end some day. But what happens when we die?

**Categories:** [Death/Bereavement](#), [Grief](#), [Sadness](#), [Lifecycles](#), [Understanding](#)



### 62. HELLO COCKY: A STICKYBEAK AT THE COCKATOO

Hilary Bell | Antonia Pesenti (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

From treetops to rooftops, follow Australia's most mischievous bird in this exuberant celebration of the cockatoo. Who rules the skies from back garden to bush, Launching from trees with a screech and a whoosh? Bossy and smart, loves to put on a show, Who could it be now? Why, Cocky - hello! With playful rhyming text and bold, graphic illustrations, award-winning creators Hilary Bell and Antonia Pesenti celebrate the unique spirit and curiosity of the cockatoo.

**Categories:** [Rhyming Text](#), [Cockatoos](#), [Australian Animals](#), [Habitat](#)

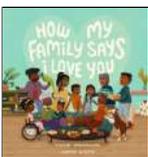


### 63. HERE COME THE COUSINS

Maggie Hutchings | Sarah Zweck (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

I count down the days all year until seven smiling cousins bounce through Pop's door... Finally the cousins have arrived! Get ready for races to the beach, duck-dives in the waves and snoozy afternoons in the hammock. Last one home for lunch gets the wobbly chair! A nostalgic story celebrating cousins, summertime and special family moments together at your favourite place.

**Categories:** [Family Unit](#), [Cousins](#), [Summer](#), [Beach](#), [Holidays](#)

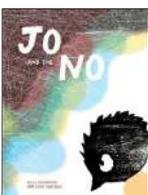


### 64. HOW MY FAMILY SAYS I LOVE YOU

Yvonne Sewankambo | Aureore Mcleod (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

There are so many ways to say I love you, without saying any words at all... From lending a hand, extending a hand, offering a gift, giving a hug, sharing a skill and sharing a meal... there are so many ways to express our love to family, and friends. An insightful, and delightful, celebration of how we show we care.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Love](#)



### 65. JO AND THE NO

Kyle Mewburn | Judy Watson (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$28.95** | **School Price \$23.16**

A gentle fable about overcoming our resistance to the unknown. Jo has come across a No. It will not let them pass, no matter how hard they try to get under, over, through or around it. How will Jo overcome the No?

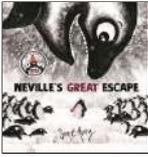


#### 66. MY MUM IS A BIRD

Angie Cui | Evie Barrow (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A delightfully absurd and touching story about celebrating differences and loving your family – feathers and all. Today is Parents' and Carers' Day at school. I don't want to bring anyone, but my mum is coming anyway. She is a bird. With hand-drawn artwork from beloved illustrator Evie Barrow, Angie Cui's debut picture book, My Mum is a Bird, is sure to swoop into your heart.

**Categories:** [Anxiety](#), [School](#), [Family](#), [Acceptance](#), [Differences](#)



#### 67. NEVILLE'S GREAT ESCAPE

Sean E Avery | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

Neville was a penguin known for being somewhat of a risktaker. He was brave, bold, and beloved by all. Until the day he was eaten by a whale. Or so it seemed ... Because that was only the beginning of the story. A delightful – and daring – companion tale to the award-winning and bestselling Frank's Red Hat.

**Categories:** [Determination](#), [Friendship](#), [Humour](#)



#### 68. ONCE I WAS A GIANT

Zeno Sworder | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

When a picture-book maker runs out of stories, his pencil decides it's time to tell her own... 'My first memories were of darkness and reaching for sunlight. My roots connected me to everything. I was small but I was also the forest.' Here is the story of a green giant and a small wanderer who formed a friendship that spanned lifetimes.

**Categories:** [Conservation](#), [Environment](#), [Nature](#)

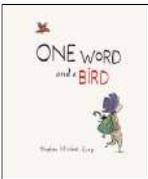


#### 69. ONE DAY

Shirley Marr | Michael Speechley (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Early one morning, a mayfly takes flight. Her one day is the day, and is a day filled with possibility. There are things to see, places to go, and friends to meet. Mayfly makes the most of every single moment, marvelling at what her life has to offer.

**Categories:** [Lifecycles](#), [Mindfulness](#), [Feelings/Emotions](#), [Joy](#), [Gratitude](#)

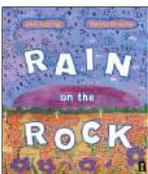


#### 70. ONE WORD AND A BIRD

Stephen Michael King | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

From out of the sky, like a clear idea, flew a bird. She landed on my nose...

**Categories:** [Journey](#), [Language](#), [Friendship](#), [Home](#), [Love](#)



#### 71. RAIN ON THE ROCK

Jodi Toering | Valerie Brumby (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Rain on the Rock celebrates the impact of rain on Uluṛu and the Kata Tjuṛa National Park. Told using vivid imagery, and in harmony with Aṅangu's connection to Country, Rain on the Rock depicts the unique beauty of one of Australia's most iconic landscapes.

**Categories:** [First Nations](#), [Culture](#), [Habitats](#), [Identity](#), [Wildlife](#)

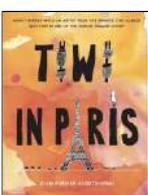


#### 72. SOME DAYS YOU'LL HAVE DAYS LIKE THESE

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

Some days you'll wake up with fair-weather eyes and spring from your bed into butterfly skies. Some days feel bumpy and strangely confusing, and it feels like the ground that you've gained, you're now losing. From glumness to glee, you know you'll push through. Some days are like this, yes, some days that's true.

**Categories:** [Feelings/Emotions](#), [Rhyming Text](#), [Moods](#), [Wellbeing](#)



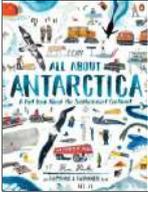
#### 73. TIWI IN PARIS

Glen Farmer Illortaminni | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

My name is Glen Farmer Illortaminni and I'm telling my story. Once I went to Paris as an interpreter for the old fella, the famous artist named Timothy Cook. It was October ... When Glen travels from his remote Tiwi Island home all the way to Paris, his trip takes an unexpected turn when he gets lost on his first night there. What follows is an epic journey through famous French landmarks and into the homes of kind strangers, telling an incredible story of resilience, humour and home.

**Categories:** [Travel](#), [Paris](#), [First Nations](#), [Humour](#), [Originality](#), [Resilience](#), [Tiwi Islands](#), [Adventure](#), [Lost](#), [Kindness](#), [Home](#), [Belonging](#)

# Eve Pownall Award



## 74. ALL ABOUT ANTARCTICA

Marc Martin | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Antarctica is a fragile and fascinating world that most of us will never see . . . and it's disappearing. Learn all about it before it's too late. From colossal squids and active volcanoes to research vessels and cricket matches, there's a lot more to the South Pole than just penguins and icebergs. Discover how humans survive in the coldest, driest, windiest place on Earth and in this endlessly fascinating book. A thrilling illustrated adventure that allows readers to get a deeper understanding of this unique place and learn about the global importance of the southernmost continent. Offering a look at the world of Antarctica, a place where curiosity meets science. Great for readers ages five to ninety-five!

**Categories:** Exploration, Discovery, Adventure, History, Antarctica, Environment, Conservation, Science, STEM

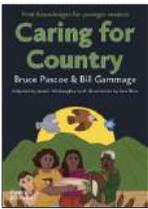


## 75. BEE SQUAD: BOOSTING BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Judy Friedlander | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

From the coast of Western Australia to Sydney's suburbs, young people are discovering nature in their neighbourhoods and setting up nesting boxes for birds, cleaning up waterways, planting to attract bees and koalas, and building insect hotels. They're learning about amazing native species and finding ways to protect them. The Bee Squad inspires you to take part in these exciting adventures by doing things like learning how to put together a nature sleuth toolkit, planting to attract pollinators, and following the tips to ace your wildlife photography. The best part is, you don't need to live near a national park or protected area to get involved you can make a difference from your balcony, backyard, local park or school.

**Categories:** Environmental Issues, Biodiversity, Nature

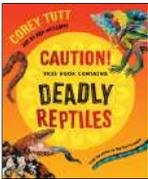


## 76. CARING FOR COUNTRY FIRST KNOWLEDGES

Bruce Pascoe | Savi Ross (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Join writer and farmer Bruce Pascoe and historian Bill Gammage as they generously share their knowledge about the amazing way that First Nations people cared for Australia and how closely humans have been connected with nature for thousands of years. From the careful use of fire to sustainable hunting and farming, there is so much we can learn to make sure we have a beautiful country today and for the future. The First Knowledges series for younger readers celebrates the wisdom and ingenuity of the First Peoples of this land. These books provide children with the building blocks to better understand our history and look to the future with fresh eyes.

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Culture, Country

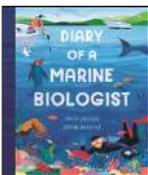


## 77. CAUTION! THIS BOOK CONTAINS DEADLY REPTILES

Corey Tutt | Ben Williams (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

This is the ultimate children's science book by DeadlyScience founder Corey Tutt, bestselling author of The First Scientists. Bursting with vibrant illustrations and cool facts about more than 60 reptiles, Corey celebrates First Nations knowledge about animals found on Country, from lizards and snakes to turtles and crocodiles.

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Science, Reptiles



## 78. DIARY OF A MARINE BIOLOGIST

Anita Thomas | Sarah Wilkins (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

Follow a week in the adventures of a marine biologist, and learn about our magical, mysterious watery world. Full of amazing facts, incredible creatures, and beautifully illustrated, this book gives you insights into: whale monitoring and how these enormous creatures talk to each other, how clownfish populations are increasing with the help of hatcheries, how giant cuttlefish are the chameleons of the sea and communicate by changing their skin colour; discovering a new species of sea snakes, how humans are building reefs to help protect diverse marine life from extinction, and how surfing teaches how to ride the waves and understand the ocean.

**Categories:** Marine Biology, Oceans, Ocean Animals, Habitats, Environmental Issues



## 79. FILLING IN THE MAP

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

When the First Fleet arrived in Australia in 1788, Governor Arthur Phillip selected a sheltered cove as the site of Australia's first colony. Australia is a big place. It covers 7.7 million square kilometres. 'Filling in the Map' is a history of the explorers who charted the coastlines, scaled the mountains and crossed the deserts in search of farmland and freshwater – and filled the map of Australia.

**Categories:** Australian History, Explorers, Maps, Geography



## 80. FLUTE: A DOPHIN'S WILD JOURNEY HOME

Kasey Whitelaw | Jenni Goodman (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Flute loves to frolic, splash and play. But when a high-speed boat separates her from her party, she is alone and in danger. Flute embarks on a wild journey, determined to find her way back home to safety. This heartwarming and hopeful story is based on true events and friendships, celebrating themes of togetherness, support, determination.

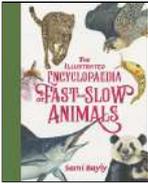


### 81. GREAT SHARK EGG CASE HUNT, THE

Kasey Whitelaw | Sylvia Morris (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

It's time to go on an egg hunt. But not a chocolate egg hunt, or a chicken egg hunt we're going on a shark egg case hunt! Some sharks and their close relatives lay eggs, which are protected in egg cases that come in lots of shapes and sizes. Once a baby shark has wriggled out, these egg cases wash up on beaches around the world just waiting to be found. Join our citizen scientists as they enjoy a day at the beach and discover some weird and wonderful shark egg cases. You may even be inspired to become an egg case hunter yourself! Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5-9.

**Categories:** [Ocean Creatures](#), [Sharks](#)

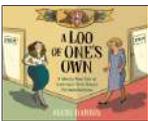


### 82. ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FAST AND SLOW ANIMALS

Sami Bayly | Hardback | **RRP \$32.99** | **School Price \$26.39**

Is the Australian tiger beetle faster or slower than a basset hound? Whether you like to take things fast or slow, you will lose yourself in this stunning encyclopaedia filled with incredible detailed illustrations and fun facts about some of the most fascinating fast and slow animals in the natural world. Featuring facts and astonishing illustrations about sixty amazing fast and slow animals, including the super speedy black marlin, the cheetah and the gentoo penguin, and the oh-so-slow dwarf seahorse, the gila monster and the immortal jellyfish. Children and adults alike will wonder at these speedy and not-so-speedy animals.

**Categories:** [Natural World](#), [Animals](#), [Comparisons](#)



### 83. LOO OF ONE'S OWN, A

Eleri Harris | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

The fascinating (and sometimes hilarious) story of the first women elected to federal parliament and the rather pressing issue they discovered on their first day on the job: there were no women's loos in Parliament House! In 1943, the first two women were elected to the Australian parliament. Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney had very different political views, but they soon discovered they had at least one problem in common: none of the loos for elected officials in Parliament House were marked 'Ladies'. Award-winning cartoonist Eleri Harris tackles an important moment in Australian history in a humorous and lighthearted way, illuminating themes of equality and accessibility for readers of all ages.

**Categories:** [Australian History](#), [Politics](#), [Government](#), [Women's Rights](#), [Feminism](#), [Equality](#), [Activism](#)

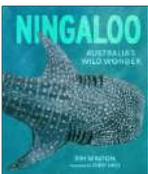


### 84. MIND-CONTROLLING BUGS

Aidan Doyle | Astred Hicks (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

A captivating non-fiction picture book for kids ages 6 and up that explores the bizarre world of parasites and their mind-controlling techniques.

**Categories:** [Minibeasts](#), [Bugs](#), [Insects](#), [Spiders](#)

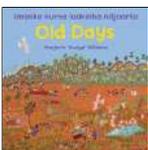


### 85. NINGALOO: AUSTRALIA'S WILD WONDER

Tim Winton | Cindy Lane (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Join award-winning author and passionate conservationist Tim Winton and watercolourist Cindy Lane as they dive into this incredible part of the world. From enormous whale sharks to minuscule Cape Range Millipedes, and from colourful coral reefs to muddy mangroves, the biodiversity and interconnectedness of each distinctive ecosystem will fill young readers with wonder and awe. Most importantly, as the next generation of custodians of Ningaloo, they'll discover how to support and protect the region in the years to come.

**Categories:** [Conservation](#), [Environment](#), [Biodiversity](#), [Sea Creatures](#), [Ecosystems](#)



### 86. OLD DAYS

Margery Williams | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Old Days depicts the author's childhood memories while spending her time between Iwupataka (Jay Creek) and Ntaria (Hermannsburg), as well as frequently visiting Tempe Downs, her mother's Country. Her vibrant artwork brings her memories to life and includes animals and birds, soaring eagles, goannas, echidnas and horses, Elders on Country, Hermannsburg mission days, play and of course fishing and picnicking. They are all brought to the forefront of her expansive landscapes.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Nature](#), [Family](#), [First Nations](#), [Memories](#), [Country](#), [Culture](#), [Bilingual](#), [Western Arrente](#)

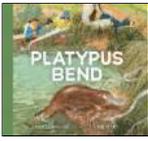


### 87. PECULIAR PARENTS

Stephanie Owen Reeder | Ingrid Bartkowiak (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Welcome to the charmingly funny and perfectly peculiar world of Aussie animal mums and dads and their awesome kids. Peculiar Parents explores 60 Australian native animals, focusing in particular on all things family, including their courting practices, gestation periods, births and the raising of their young. Discover the weird and wonderful, the cute and cuddly even the slimy and ugly! You will find parrots that play the drums and cuttlefish that can change the colour of their skin to attract a mate, as well as dancing spiders, kissing lizards, parading pelicans, plonking pobblebunks and many more.

**Categories:** [Australian Animals](#), [Geography](#), [Sustainability](#)

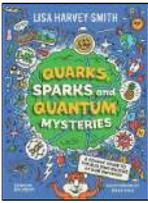


### 88. PLATYPUS BEND

Diane Jackson Hill | Craig Smith (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The rivulet begins high on a mountain top. It twists and turns and turns and twists until it swirls around a bend and softens into a calm pool... No-one knows but in that pool there is a secret. From the award-winning author and illustrator behind Saving Seal and Chooks in Dinner Suits comes a meditative story about the elusive platypus, and the need to respect and nurture the environment it calls home.

**Categories:** Habitats, Environment, Platypus, Lifecycles



### 89. QUARKS, SPARKS AND QUANTUM MYSTERIES

Lisa Harvey-Smith | Paperback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Have you ever wondered about atoms, wormholes, and antimatter? Our universe is governed by the laws of science, but nature can still act in unexpected ways. Quantum physics has helped us solve some BIG cosmic mysteries and there are still so many secrets waiting to be uncovered. Meet the invisible forces that guide everything from the smallest particles to the shape of the cosmos. Blow your mind with theories of space and time. Travel through the galaxies to discover black holes, gravitational waves, strange stars and so much more with Professor Lisa Harvey-Smith and her trusted guinea pig guide, Biscuit.

**Categories:** Science, Physics



### 90. THERE'S A PRAWN IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE: DEMOCRACY

Annabel Crabb | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Every three years, Australians come together on a Saturday to elect a government. We do this because having a government is the best way for large groups of people to live in peace and enjoy things like roads and airports and hospitals and delicious food without having to personally arrange all the boring stuff. But how do we elect a government? How does the government make decisions? And what is so special about our system of democracy? A funny and informative account of how Australia's democracy works, written by one of Australia's best-known and most entertaining political writers and documentary makers, Annabel Crabb. Helpful and hilarious illustrations supplied by First Dog on the Moon, Australia's only marsupial Walkley award-winning cartoonist.

**Categories:** Government, Democracy, Politics, Voting, Australian History

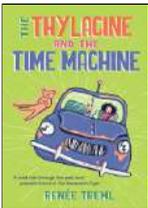


### 91. THIS BIRD: NOTICING OUR URBAN BIRDS

Astred Hicks | Holly Parsons (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$32.99** | **School Price \$26.39**

Discover the birds that share our urban spaces. What's so fancy about this bird? What's so clever about that bird? Perhaps it's a weightlifter, a marathon flier, an artist, or even a liar. You don't need to go far to see intriguing birds, even in the city. From colourful parrots to artistic bowerbirds and fancy fairy-wrens, there's lots to notice in our local backyards, streets and parks. Written by Astred Hicks in collaboration with bird scientist Dr Holly Parsons, This Bird features fun facts about some remarkable Australian native birds and hints on where (and how) to find them!

**Categories:** Australian Birds, Nature, Urban, Identification, Habitats

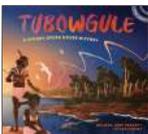


### 92. THYLACINE AND THE TIME MACHINE GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Renee Trembl | Paperback | Age 7+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Violet is researching the Tasmanian Tiger for a school project when she is visited by the ghost of the last Thylacine, who takes her on an amazing trip in a time machine. A fascinating and funny graphic novel exploring the past and future of the most enigmatic extinct Australian native animal.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel, Australiana, Mystery, Time Travel, Extinction

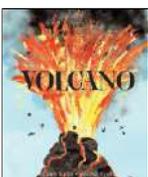


### 93. TUBOWGULE: SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE HISTORY, A

Melissa-Jane Fogarty | Dylan Finney (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The Sydney Opera House is an Australian icon and a building recognised all around the world, but the land on which it stands has a long history. We step back in time to when Tubowgule was a ceremonial place for the Gadi people and we follow along as the land is claimed by the colonisers and then takes on various forms and uses before it comes back around again as a place to gather and share song, dance and culture.

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies, Australian History, Gadigal, Ceremony, Narrative Non Fiction



### 94. VOLCANO

Claire Saxby | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Deep in the ocean, far beyond the reach of even the brightest sun, the earth quakes. Hagfish scatter and snailfish flutter. Lava pillows flash and fade, rumpling the seabed as a new volcano births a mountain. Where hot meets cold, a chimney forms. Here begins a colony of unexpected creatures. Other chimneys grow and cool, grow and cool, while the mountain stretches ever upwards. A rumble becomes a roar and the sea boils. Lava fireworks the sky. A new island is born.

**Categories:** Narrative Non Fiction, Volcano, Environment, Ecosystems, Habitats, Geology

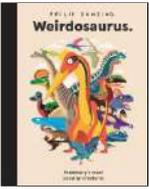


### 95. WEAVING COUNTRY

Aunty Kim Wandin | Ashleigh Pugh (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Around and around they go,' says Walert looking at Gugung's hands turning the wheel of woven reeds, growing slowly and surely, bigger and bigger. Walert's grandmother, Gugung, is collecting reeds (djirra) to weave a basket (binak) and finally, Walert is big enough to take part and learn this important cultural practice. But when a pair of blue wrens interrupt them, Walert realises that the birds have something to teach her, too.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Culture](#), [Connectivity](#), [First Nations](#), [Weaving](#), [Country](#), [Creativity](#), [Knowledge](#), [Tradition](#), [Nature](#)

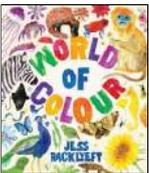


### 96. WEIRDOSAURUS

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

Taking a playful peek at some of prehistory's most peculiar and fabulous dinosaurs, Weirdosaurus explores the world as it would have looked during the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods. The three great ages help to order the book into three chronological chapters, with maps subtly prompting the reader to take in the first principles of plate tectonics and 'continental drift' along the way. Each chapter will describe the most bizarre dinosaur residents of that period, with Bunting's trademark humour and style; including funny annotations, witty jokes and fabulous facts.

**Categories:** [Prehistoric World](#), [Dinosaurs](#)



### 97. WORLD OF COLOUR

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

No matter where you go on Earth, you can find colour. Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of our wonderful world, from bright pink American Flamingoes to warm yellow Sunflowers, glowing green Leaf Sheep, vivid orange Sumatran Orangutans, stripy black-and-white Plains Zebras, and many more. Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life all around the world, from one of Australia's best-loved picture book creators.

**Categories:** [Planet Earth](#), [Habitats](#), [Animals](#), [Plants](#), [Insects](#)

# Older Readers



## 98. CATCH

Sarah Brill | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

The summer Beth turns sixteen, she grows. She grows so fast her bones hurt and she feels like throwing up. Everyone – including Etienne, the boy who lives over the road – looks at her differently. Then she starts catching people. People who are falling out of trees or from tall buildings. Soon Beth discovers that helping strangers sometimes hurts. Sometimes it also hurts or annoys the people she loves. It isn't great for her school grades, either. Is there a way to balance family and friendship and basketball and romance and ... catching? An extraordinary story about finding out who you are, and discovering who you want to be.

**Categories:** [Coming of Age](#), [Family](#), [Romance](#), [Drama](#), [Acceptance](#), [Basketball](#)



## 99. CRUEL IS THE LIGHT

Sophie Clark | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

A brutal war between demons and humanity has raged across Europe for over a century. At its heart are two elite soldiers– SELENE ALLEVA, a powerful exorcist trained at the prestigious Vatican Academy, and foot soldier, JULES LACROIX, unrivalled in battle. When their paths cross, despite initial distrust – then unwelcome attraction – Jules and Selene discover a terrible secret at the heart of the holy Vatican City... Soon Jules is forced to question everything he's ever known – including himself. And Selene, unable to ignore her growing feelings for Jules, must make an impossible choice between love and duty.

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#)

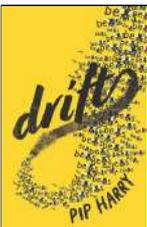


## 100. DARKEST NIGHT, BRIGHTEST STAR

Barry Jonsberg | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Thirteen-year-old Morgan lives with his dad and his older brother, Mitch. He hasn't heard from his mum since she left when he was two. He works hard on his football skills, striving to meet his father's high expectations and 'be a man'. But what that means isn't always clear-cut. When Morgan makes a friend at school, gets injured in a game, and his long-lost mum turns up, everything changes. Then, when he meets an old woman in need of help, Morgan must decide what kind of man he wants to be.

**Categories:** [Domestic Violence](#), [Sport](#), [Resilience](#), [Friendship](#), [Hope](#), [Dementia](#), [Equality](#)



## 101. DRIFT

Pip Harry | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Fourteen-year-old Nate has just moved back to Australia and is finding it hard to navigate a new city, school and changed home life. His next-door neighbour, Luna, is dealing with her own issues: a viral video, friends who have dropped her, and a subsequent anxiety disorder. When a swarm of 20,000 bees unexpectedly settle in the walls of Nate's family's house, Nate and Luna come together to save the hive, befriending local beekeeper Tyler. Over the course of one summer, their loyalties will be tested and their lives will be forever changed.

**Categories:** [Coming of Age](#), [Change](#), [Anxiety](#), [Friendship](#), [Verse Novel](#)



## 102. EDGE OF EVERYTHING, THE

Miranda Luby | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

When a rare and highly endangered bird flies into Lucy's bedroom window, she feels it's a sign. Maybe it means she'll get her life back on track after the sudden death of her brother a year ago. Maybe she'll work out her place in the randomness of existence. Maybe she'll find a way to stop the wild stunts she's been pulling with Jacinta just to keep her thoughts from spiralling for a few moments. She takes the injured bird to a local wildlife sanctuary, and there she meets Ben. He's cute, a tiny bit flirty, and he cares as much about the bird's survival as Lucy does. He could be the distraction she needs. But when unrelated events collide, Lucy realises things are not going to be that simple.

**Categories:** [Death/Bereavement](#), [Family Unit](#), [Grief](#), [Romance](#), [Survival](#)



## 103. ELEANOR JONES IS PLAYING WITH FIRE ELEANOR JONES

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

Eleanor Jones isn't looking for trouble. But someone is starting fires in Cooinda – and the first one looks like a murder. Eleanor is determined not to get involved, but when she receives a note warning her to 'keep quiet' she can't help but work out who sent it. Who had motive to murder Eleanor's neighbour? Could it really be one of her classmates? And are the fires connected to the car thefts in town? The more Eleanor tries to do the right thing, the more danger she finds herself in . . .

**Categories:** [Mystery](#), [Murder](#), [Investigation](#), [Friendship](#), [Secrets](#)



#### 104. FOAL IN THE WIRE, THE

Robbie Coburn | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Sam, a teenager, lives on a farm with his mother and emotionally distant father, a horse trainer. Haunted by trauma and depression, struggling with school and disillusioned with his home life following the death of his older brother, Sam's life changes when he finds a wounded foal tangled in barbed wire in one of the paddocks at the edge of their property. In the course of rescuing and caring for the foal he becomes close with Julia, a troubled girl from the next property. The Foal in the Wire is the deeply moving and inspiring story of Sam, his love for a girl and the horse that brings them together.

**Categories:** Verse Novel, Depression, Horses, Animal Rescue, Relationships



#### 105. GOLDEN

Jade Timms | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

When you work in the juice bar of your small coastal town. When your twin brother is the fun one with all the friends. When something happened a year ago that you can't talk about, but everything makes you remember it. When it might have been all your fault. When going to the beach, to that beach, takes all the air out of your lungs. When you're drawn to colours and pencils and paint, but you're not an artist. When the new guy in town, the one who makes you feel you're charged with electricity, seems to want to hang out with you. When it comes time to let your friends back in.

**Categories:** Relationships, Family Unit, Grief, Love, Friendship, Accident, Forgiveness

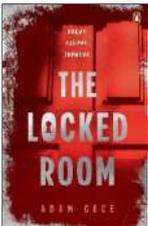


#### 106. HOW TO BE NORMAL

Ange Crawford | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$17.59

Astrid is about to start her last year at high school. And her first. When her dad loses his job, Astrid's homeschooling comes to an end. Until now, she has lived within the confines of a tightly controlled, contracted world where there's no room for anything ... except following her father's rules and pretending that everything is normal. As Astrid, and her mum, tentatively expand their world, they struggle to break free of their ingrained wariness and self-doubt. But with hope, new friends, and the strength of a promise, Astrid has a chance to find out what she wants, who she loves, and who she really is.

**Categories:** Coercive Control, LGBTQIA, Family, Coming of Age, Sympathy

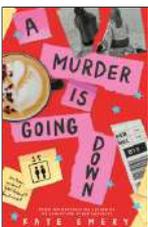


#### 107. LOCKED ROOM, THE

Adam Cece | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

The clock is ticking . . . Andy and three other kids wake up in a locked room. The room has no windows, but it has a locked green door, with a countdown clock above it. They have less than an hour to figure out how to get out of this room. But when they do . . . ? There's another locked room, and more locked doors. And they can't go back. High concept, high stakes, high emotions - this story packs a punch and you won't be able to put it down.

**Categories:** Thriller, Suspense, Trust, Forgiveness, Challenge, Resilience

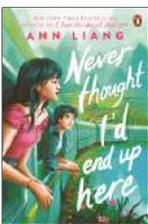


#### 108. MURDER IS GOING DOWN, A

Kate Emery | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Heidi's meant to be having the time of her life on exchange in Switzerland, but instead she's cold, alone and on an involuntary dairy-free diet. So when she hears the news of her brother Felix's death, who honestly wasn't that much of a brother, she jumps on the first plane home to Perth. Heidi's not crying buckets - but she's not exactly happy either. Thanks to an epic betrayal by her (ex) best friend and (ex) boyfriend, Heidi has absolutely no one to talk to. That's until Patrick, the younger brother of Felix's widow, convinces her that they need to investigate her brother's mysterious death. Will Heidi and Patrick get to the bottom of Felix's death - and do they want to?

**Categories:** Mystery, Crime, Humour

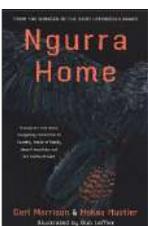


#### 109. NEVER THOUGHT I'D END UP HERE

Ann Liang | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Leah Zhang has spent her whole life in LA - it's all she's ever known. But after accidentally wishing her cousin ill health, forgetting most of her Mandarin, and having zero regard for etiquette, her parents stage an intervention. They send her on an intensive two-week travel program across China's most beautiful cities. To Leah, it's simply a much-needed escape. Leah finds her former classmate is also on the trip. Cynical, sarcastic Cyrus has somehow only gotten more annoyingly handsome since they last saw each other. While Leah might be tempted to shove him off the peak of the Yellow Mountain, she might never get another chance to get revenge on the boy who ruined her life.

**Categories:** Relationships, Family Unit, Romance, Identity, Culture, Heritage, Love



#### 110. NGURRA HOME

Carl Merrison | Dub Leffler (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

We first met Mia in Black Cockatoo as she navigated her way through culture, Country and familial ties. The second book Durrarn, follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school navigating the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home and family and maintaining her sense of identity and belonging. In this final book, Mia is now studying Conservation and Wildlife Science at university whilst working part-time for a wildlife sanctuary when she is suddenly called upon to return home to her family. She is faced with the responsibility to protect the country, which her Jiwajji has given her. It is time for Mia to fight for country, and her education, knowledge and experience in wildlife science will guide her.



### 111. OF FLAME AND FURY

Mikayla Bridge | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

A fiery alliance. An explosive secret. The race is on. Phoenix racing: it's profitable, it's deadly. No one knows this better than Kel Varra and her crew, the Crimson Howlers. They live on the edge of survival. When a mysterious tech billionaire offers them a place at his training facility, it gives them hope but also forces Kel to team up with Coup, her arrogant, infuriating rival. Embroiled in political scheming, volatile phoenix magic and a smouldering romance, Kel and Coup discover a conspiracy that threatens them all. For in this world of extreme stakes, there are two options only: win or burn.

**Categories:** [Action](#), [Danger](#), [Racing](#), [Conspiracy](#), [Romance](#), [Mystery](#), [Adventure](#), [Fantasy](#)

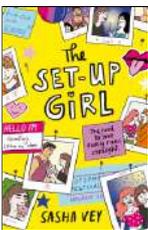


### 112. PULL OF THE MOON, THE

Pip Smith | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Coralie threw the life jackets one by one, as hard as she could, and watched them catch on the wind and blow into the sea. Coralie is thirteen years old and lives on Christmas Island, where sea birds circle the sky and the seasons are marked by the migratory patterns of crabs. But life on the island isn't always paradise. During a fierce tropical storm, a fishing boat carrying eighty-nine asylum seekers crashes into the island's cliffs. Coralie locks eyes with Ali, an eleven-year-old Iranian boy, as his mother pulls her life jacket over his head. But soon Ali disappears beneath the waves and when his body isn't recovered, Coralie resolves to do everything she can to find him. Pip Smith's The Pull of the Moon explores what happens when the urge to help collides with the unfathomable uncertainty of loss.

**Categories:** [Refugees and Migration](#), [Asylum Seeker](#), [Relationships](#), [Family](#), [Grief](#), [Detention](#)

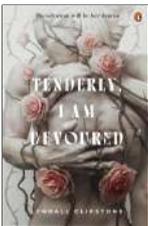


### 113. SET-UP GIRL, THE

Sasha Vey | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Amalia's life runs like clockwork: school, family book club, hanging out with her best (and only) friend Mae. So when Mae announces she's ready to start dating, Amalia's world is thrown into chaos. Forever the dutiful friend, she agrees to help set Mae up with the hottest boy in class: Kasun. The only problem? He's Amalia's secret crush. Amalia does her best to navigate an unfamiliar world of parties and romantic drama. Meanwhile, she grows closer to Kasun's best mates, Jake and Laeli. When misunderstandings (and secret kisses) threaten to derail relationships, Amalia is left more confused than ever. Can the set-up girl ever become the main character of the story? A romantic comedy of errors, where the road to love rarely runs straight!

**Categories:** [Romance](#), [Humour](#), [LGBTQIA](#), [Identity](#), [Family](#), [Community](#)

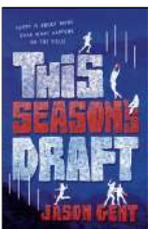


### 114. TENDERLY, I AM DEVoured

Lyndall Clipstone | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Expelled from her prestigious boarding school, eighteen-year-old Lark returns home to discover her family on the brink of financial ruin. Desperate to save them, she accepts a marriage of convenience... to Therion, an underworld god worshipped by Lark's isolated hometown. Her only hope is to seek help from Alastair Felimath, the brilliant, arrogant boy who was her first heartbreak, and his alluring older sister, Camille. As the trio delve into the folklore of the gods, Lark falls under the spell of the Felimath siblings. Ensnared by a fervent romance, they perform a hedonistic ritual to repair the connection between Lark and her bridegroom. Instead, they draw the ire of something much darker, which seeks to destroy both Therion and Lark.

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#), [Gothic](#), [Resilience](#), [Betrayal](#), [Coming of Age](#), [Friendship](#), [Romance](#)



### 115. THIS SEASON'S DRAFT

Jason Gent | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Set in the year leading up to the AFL Draft and following the experiences of six teenagers who are in its orbit, this YA novel is unique, authentic and full of footy. As the year unfolds, AFL footy season starts and the dreams of six teenagers play out on and off the field. Elias. Team player. Running keeps him calm. Zac and Fletcher. Best mates. Top 5 Draft picks? Mason. Perfect practice with Dad makes perfect play. Dane. Great footballer. Terrible boyfriend. Beth. It's always been 'Dane and Beth'. What does 'just Beth' look like? Plans unravel and life bounces in unexpected directions. A novel about coming of age, and the love of the game with all its triumph, heartbreak and hope.

**Categories:** [Sport](#), [AFL](#), [Grief](#), [Future](#), [Hope](#), [High Interest](#)

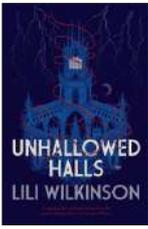


### 116. THIS STAYS BETWEEN US

Margot McGovern | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Four girls share a cabin on their school retreat - in an abandoned town where the ghost of Smiling Jack is known to haunt the isolated campers. Shelley is the new girl with her own haunted past. Mack made things awkward by kissing her best friend. Priya thinks she's ready to take the next step with her boyfriend. Raffi has a flair for drama, and convinces them all to hold a seance. But when you call on the darkness, sometimes the darkness replies...

**Categories:** [Mystery](#), [Thriller](#), [Suspense](#), [Horror](#), [Trauma](#)

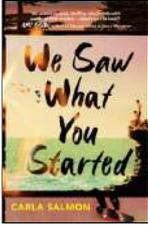


### 117. UNHALLOWED HALLS

[Lili Wilkinson](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

After a deadly incident at her old school, Page enrolls in Agathion College, an exclusive boarding school, only to find that it's built over centuries of secrets - including an ancient society potentially linked to demonic magic.

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#), [Magic Realism](#), [Mystery](#), [Romance](#), [School](#)



### 118. WE SAW WHAT YOU STARTED

[Carla Salmon](#) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Three deadly fires. One suspect. A thriller of surf and sea. Otto was a star surfer back in California, but now he just wants a fresh start. When fires break out in Red Sands, the locals are suspicious. It's no coincidence that Otto's at the scene every time. Is it? Milly isn't so sure. Small town talk isn't always right - especially when it comes to her 'perfect' brother, who doesn't deserve to become captain of the surf lifesaving club. What if the new boy is innocent? Can Otto and Milly trust each other to find the truth behind the fires? And what happens when you do the wrong things for the right reasons?

**Categories:** [Thriller](#), [Crime](#), [Suspense](#), [Mystery](#), [Ambition](#), [Surf Lifesaving](#), [Arson](#), [Fire](#), [Survival](#), [Suspicion](#), [Family](#)



### 119. WORST PERFECT MOMENT, THE

[Shivaun Plozza](#) | Paperback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Equal parts hilarious and heartbreaking, tender and edgy, this inventive romance asks what it means to be truly happy. Tegan Masters is dead. She's sixteen and she's dead and she's standing in the parking lot of the Marybelle Motor Lodge, the single most depressing motel in all of New Jersey and the place where Tegan spent what she remembers as the worst weekend of her life. Tegan isn't particularly happy about this. At all. In the front office, she meets Zelda, an annoyingly cute teen angel with a snarky sense of humour and an epic set of wings. According to Zelda, Tegan is in heaven, where every person inhabits an exact replica of their happiest memory.