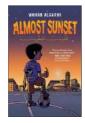




1. ALAN, KING OF THE UNIVERSE GRAPHIC NOVEL ALAN, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Tom McLaughlin | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Alan is King of the Universe. Well, not yet. But he WILL be. An orange cat blessed with opposable thumbs, Alan is convinced he was born to rule and spends his days scheming up brilliant plans to fulfil his destiny – from creating a brand-new country, Alanland, to cloning himself in an attempt to raise an entire army of Alans. And his hapless dog sidekick Fido is just happy to be along for the ride! Join these two loveable characters on their hilarious adventures as they try to take over the universe – as long as they're home in time for tea, of course.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour



2. ALMOST SUNSET GRAPHIC NOVEL

Wahab Algarmi | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Navigating a month of school, an upcoming soccer championship while fasting for Ramadan, can be tough. Luckily, Hassan has a winning combo of family, friends and faith - and his goals in sight! **Categories:** Graphic Novel, Soccer, Ramadan, Family, Friendship, Faith



3. 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



4. BIG BACKYARD PLAN, THE

Kirsten Ealand | Laura Stitzel (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Azumi, Theo, Bree and Jack live side-by-side and back-to-back. Being best friends as well as neighbours is fun - but imagine if instead of sharing backyard fences, they could share one BIG backyard! Now, they just need a plan to convince their grown-ups ...

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Neighbours, Community, Sharing



5. 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

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6. BLING JOLLYGOOD BLING JOLLYGOOD

Nick Bland | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Meet Bling Jollygood: half-penguin, half-canary, full-time undercover reporter. Bling discovers that an egg-shaped comet is hurtling towards Earth! So, she puts together a makeshift crew to blow it up and save the planet. Everyone they meet along the way is extremely helpful. Perhaps too helpful ... A witty and slapstick junior-fiction adventure from bestselling creator Nick Bland.

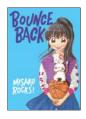
Categories: Humour, Adventure, Disaster

7. BOLD BEN HALL OUR HISTORY

Sophie Masson | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Lily and her parents are travelling performers are delayed in Canowindra, just as famous bushranger Ben Hall and his gang arrive. The gang hold everyone in town hostage- but instead of threats, hold a strange, giant three day party, and Lily is in enthralled. She writes a secret play 'Bold Ben Hall' and dreams of sending it to a famous theatre company ... Meanwhile, in Forbes, stable boy Sam works for Sir Frederick Pottinger, Ben Hall's nemesis. Sam dreams of helping Sir Fred to catch Ben Hall... When Lily and Sam meet, the two are soon at loggerheads about their heroes determined to prove the other wrong...and to try any means to do so!

Categories: Historical Fiction, Adventure, Gold Rush, Australian History, Bushrangers, Robbery



8. BOUNCE BACK GRAPHIC NOVEL BOUNCE BACK

Misako Rocks | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Lilico's life in Japan is going well. She has great friends and is the captain of the school's basketball team. She's happy! Then comes her parents' news: they're moving to America! Before she knows it, Lilico finds herself in Brooklyn, New York, forced to start all over. And that won't be easy with her closest friends thousands of miles away and a school bully who immediately dislikes her. Luckily, anime-loving Nala and Henry eventually befriend Lilico and with help from them– along with her guardian spirit who looks a lot like her cat, Nicco–Lilico just might figure out where she fits in.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Sport, Basketball, Friendship



9. BRAVE IN EVERY WHICH WAY

Maddy Mara | Lauren Degraaf (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Being brave isn't always about doing big, dramatic things. It's small, everyday acts that show your bravery! Whether it's saying sorry, trying something new, or asking for help - there are many ways to be brave. This is an uplifting reminder that you are braver than you think.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Bravery, Courage, Resilience



10. BRIGHTEST WILD

Tania Crampton-Larking | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A gently lyrical story about discovering Country and the importance of family, friendship and the magic of the bush. When eleven-year-old Alex moves to Adelaide from London after her mother gets engaged to a man across the globe, Alex must negotiate a new country, a new school, and (most difficult of all) a new stepbrother, the prickly teenaged Koen. What sustains Alex in this strange new world is the wonder of the natural world around her, particularly a magnificent tree that comes to represent magic, resilience and strength. Alex discovers the mystery of the bush, the true impact of climate change and a passion to fight for what is right.

Categories: First Nations, Community, Family, Friendshop, Country, Resilience



11. CASSOWARY DAD

Beverley McWilliams | Julian Teh (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Tap, tap, CRACK! Three stripy chicks hatch... After patiently incubating his mate's eggs, Cassowary Dad must raise the chicks alone. Cassowary Dad nurtures, teaches and protects his chicks. But looking after three chicks is not easy. When a cyclone tears through their rainforest home, will this devoted dad be able to save his family? A heart-warming tale about the magnificent Australian cassowary.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Endangered Animals, Rainforest, Conservation, Family



12. 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.



13. 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



14. CRUMBLE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Meredith McLaren | Andrea Bell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Emily, her mom, and her aunt Gina have a very special magical power: they can bake emotions into the desserts they sell at their family bakery. There is only one rule: never bake a bad feeling. But when Aunt Gina dies in an accident, Emily's life is turned upside down. Not knowing what to do, Emily breaks the rule and bakes her bad feelings into... a crumble. It looks gross. Her best friend, Dae, says it tastes gross. But they can't stop eating it and neither can Emily's classmates. With her grief and pain baked into the crumble, Emily gets the comfort of being at least a little numb. But baking (and eating) bad feelings doesn't really make them go away...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Feelings/Emotions, Death/Bereavement, Friendship



15. DAVID BECKHAM LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Fernando Martin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Little David always knew that he wanted to be a footballer. Growing up, he and his family supported Manchester United, and he dreamt of being part of their team. He spent years playing for local clubs and joined Manchester United's youth academy as a teen. After entering the first squad under the leadership of Alex Ferguson, it soon became clear that David was a star on the pitch. This powerful book features quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the footballer's life.

Categories: Famous People, Sport, Football, Soccer



16. 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

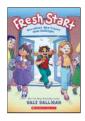


17. EVIL DUCK AND THE FEATHER OF FORTUNE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Chris Judge | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Twins Flo and Eddie are staying with their grandad while their mum travels for work. Nosing around in Grandad's attic, they find a villainous-looking duck frozen inside a special, temperature-controlled chamber. Eddie accidentally presses the defrost button and releases super-villain Evil Duck! It turns out that Grandad, aka Fearless Frank, is a retired superhero duck who captured his nemesis, Evil Duck, many moons ago, saving society from his sinister schemes. But now Evil Duck has escaped, and Grandad is too old to recapture him alone. So Eddie and Flo are going to have to help him track the super-villain down before he gets back to his evil ways!

Categories: Adventure, Action, Humour, Twins



18. FRESH START GRAPHIC NOVEL

Gale Galligan | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Ollie Herisson's dad is a diplomat, which means her family moves around a lot. When Ollie starts at a new school, she doesn't worry about making a good impression because she knows she'll get a fresh start when they move again. It doesn't matter if everyone thinks she's weird, or if the most popular girl in her class hates her, or if she does something hugely embarrassing! And it definitely doesn't matter that her mum wants Ollie to be a proper Thai daughter. But after a mortifying first day at her new school, Ollie learns that her parents are going to buy a house so that she and her sister can finish school in one place. Can Ollie learn to be herself and make real friends when she can't just run away?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour, New School



19. FROG, LOG AND DAVE ALMOST SAVE THE DAY! FROG, LOG AND DAVE

Trent Jamieson | Brent Wilson (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 6+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Meet Frog, Log and Dave – three new almost-heroes (and Jeremy) for kids to really rally behind as the trio (and Jeremy) hustle their way through Count Evil von Evil's plot to wreak havoc on the city. Can they convince Pollutobomb to NOT explode and save the day? Almost...?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour, Music



20. GETTING DUSTY UNCLE XBOX

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

When Dusty bloodies his bully's nose in a soccer tournament, he finds himself grounded for a week. Feeling this is unfair, Dusty gets upset and it's up to Uncle Xbox to help him understand why his actions have consequences and that he can learn from his mistakes. If this lesson includes catching some nice waves, who is he to argue.

Categories: First Nations, Bullying, Peer Group Pressure



21. HANK GOES HONK

Maudie Powell-Tuck | Duncan Beedie (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99** Meet Hank the Goose. He's never met a balloon he didn't pop, or a conversation he didn't – HONK! – interrupt. Hank! You're RUINING everyone's fun!

Categories: Behaviour Problems, Manners, Humour, Friendship, Obnoxious, Considerate



22. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM THE CRAYONS

Drew Daywalt | Oliver Jeffers (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Red Crayon loves his mum because she works extra hard, especially during the holidays. Yellow and Orange Crayons love their grandma, who has a been like a mum to them. And White Crayon loves his mum very much, even if he can't always see her. In this inclusive celebration of all kinds of families, the crayons from The Day the Crayons Quit show how much they love celebrating their mums – and other family members – on Mother's Day.

Categories: Mother's Day



23. HARMONY DAY SPECIAL DAYS

Caroline Thomas | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Australians celebrate or commemorate a number of special days throughout the year. These special days give us the chance to reflect on the past appreciate our lives and look to the future together. On 21 March each year Australians recognise Harmony Day. This is a vital day of action towards the elimination of racial discrimination that falls within Harmony Week. Discover the value of multiculturalism and the benefits of learning about other cultures.

Categories: Harmony Day, Peace, History, Discrimination, Culture



24. HARRY AND GRAN BAKE A CAKE

Fiona McIntosh| Hardback| RRP \$19.99| School Price \$15.99Harry and Gran are going to bake a cake. What could possibly go wrong? A funny and charming story of a gran and
her grandchild sharing the joy of baking together... and embracing the hilarious mishaps that occur along the way.

Categories: Grandparents, Grandmas, Family, Cooking, Recipes, Relationships



25. HIGHER GROUND

Tull Suwannakit | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

After a great flood, a grandmother, her two grandchildren and their pet rabbit must learn to survive living on their rooftop garden, relying on scarce resources and limited space. Days turn into weeks, and weeks into months, but through life lessons and words of wisdom, hope emerges.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Family, Survival, Natural Disaster, Flood, Resilience, Sustainability



26. HOW TO ROLLER-SKATE WITH ONE LEG

Ella Dove | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When Maya finds a list she made before losing her leg, she decides she's still going to do everything on it – even though her former bestie has ditched her for the cool kids. Before she turns 13, she's going to: Get her ears doublepierced, learn how to roller-skate, stay up all night at a sleepover, go viral, have the best birthday party ever, and MAKE HER EX-BEST-FRIEND SOPHIE REALISE WHAT SHE'S MISSING!!

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, Anxiety



27. INSIDE DOG, THE

Pip Harry | Carolyn Davis (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Cuddles loves warm laps, snuggly couches and soft beds. He is most definitely an inside dog. So when his family decides to bring him along on a farm holiday, Cuddles is horrified to find himself outside with the farm dogs. Will this inside dog ever be ready for outside adventures?

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Bravery, Courage, Holidays



28. 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



29. KENNETH AND QUEENIE GRAPHIC NOVEL KENNETH AND QUEENIE

Raymond McGrath | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Kenneth is on a mission. Queenie is almost the queen of her hive. Together with their pollinating pals, they're going to save the world, one flower at a time ... and have fun along the way! A charming, funny first graphic novel series about bee besties, in the spirit of Narwhal and Jelly.

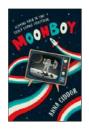
Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



30. MEET THE MUBBLES GRAPHIC NOVEL MEET THE MUBBLES Liz Pichon | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Welcome to the Isle of Smile – home of The Mubbles, where the beautiful island runs on SUN, WIND and FLOWER POWER. Like the Wibbles of Wobble mountain, the Earworms and the one-eyed Drib Drabs, everyone on the Isle of Smile lives in perfect harmony – most of the time. Until the Clouds of Joy BUMP together making a wonky rainbow that means one thing: someone or something is coming to VISIT.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour



31. 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



32. MY BIG SECRET

Felice Arena | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Everyone in my family goes for the RED team. My dad goes for the RED team. My mum goes for the RED team... EVERYONE goes for the RED team. But . . . I go for the BLUE team! Will this little pig ever have the courage to tell everyone his big secret? And will that be okay?

Categories: Family, Secrets, Humour, Sport



33. NEEKA AND THE MISSING KEY WILDER ZOO

Tina Strachan | Max Hamilton (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals. She wants to be a vet one day, like her mum who is the head vet at Wilder. With her two best friends, Rumi and Hudson, she takes videos of exciting events at the zoo to spread the message about the importance of wildlife conservation. When the videos are nominated for the National Zoo Association Awards, Neeka wants to make one more video that will help her win the award. But when Rebel, the cheeky red panda, won't co-operate, her zoo key goes missing and she's grounded for a month, creating a new video in time for the awards seems impossible ...

Categories: Adventure, Family, Animals, Zoo



34. 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



35. NINJA GIRL NINJA GIRL

Anh Do | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Niki is having the WILDEST week – she stumbles across a mysterious gem, her kitten goes missing and... SHE DISCOVERS SHE'S A NINJA! Can Niki work out how to use her new powers to save the town? And WHO ON EARTH is Niki's wisecracking NINJA SIDEKICK?!

Categories: Martial Arts, Ninja, Mystery, Humour



36. NO MORE ROOM IN THE BED!

Deborah Abela | Marina Verola (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

When a thunderstorm strikes in the middle of the night, all sorts of creatures, including a school of piranhas, a whale, a troupe of pirouetting ballerinas and some aliens, try and let dad convince them to come inside out of the rain. But what happens when there is no more room in the bed? This wonderful read aloud book will be loved by young readers and educators for its wacky characters, repetition and word play!

Categories: Cumulative Text, Repetition, Calamity

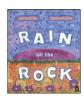


37. ONE DAY: A TRUE STORY OF COURAGE AND SURVIVAL

Michael Rosen | Benjamin Phillips (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

"Get through one day and then on to the next. One day at a time. One day after another." Eugène Handschuh was a Jewish member of the Resistance in occupied Paris. After he was captured by the Nazis, he was placed on a convoy to Auschwitz. Against all the odds, with the help of strangers and fellow members of the Resistance, Eugène and his father escaped the convoy and survived – when so many others did not. Former Poet Laureate Michael Rosen was inspired to tell this story after discovering his father's uncle and aunt were on the same convoy as Eugène, but never returned.

Categories: World War 2, Holocaust, Survival, Courage, Resistance, History, Resilience



38. 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 Ulu?u and the Kata Tju?a National Park. Told using vivid imagery, and in harmony with A?angu'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



39. ROALD DAHL LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Francis Martin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Little Roald loved to spend time reading with his family and visiting the local sweetshop for yummy chocolatey treats. Roald grew up and travelled the world. He served his country in World War II, although became blind for a period of time due to a plane crash. Roald wrote about his experience of the crash, and enjoyed doing it so much that from then on, he knew he wanted to be an author. Roald began crafting books for children and captivated generations of readers with his wonderful stories. The antisemitic remarks that Roald Dahl made during his lifetime are also addressed, highlighting the power and impact that our words can have: both to delight or cause lasting harm. This thoughtful book features quirky illustrations, a biographical timeline and historical photos.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Author, Writing



40. ROBBIT THE JOB-HOPPING FROG

Michael Gerard Bauer | Katrin Dreiling (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Robbit the frog hopped down from his log, and popped into town in pursuit of a job. But finding employment can be super tricky, When you're tiny and green and a little bit sticky! A heart-warming and hilarious tale about courage, perseverance and never giving up on your dreams!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Occupations, Perseverance, Determination



41. SEA LEGS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Jules Bakes | Niki Smith (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Janey's family is about to set sail for the adventure of a lifetime! The only problem? Janey must leave her school, her life, her best friend, the entire country behind for new adventures – coral reefs, colourful markets, and new cultures. Life at sea is exhilarating, but there's a major downside: when you're raising anchor every few days with sights on a new harbour, it's almost impossible to make new friends. Finally, Janey meets the cool and aloof Astrid – a fellow boat kid who's equally starved for friendship. But Astrid can be a challenging friend to navigate, and beyond that, hurricane season has only just begun...

Categories: Adventure, Family, Friendship, Travel



42. SEARCHING FOR TREASURE

Johanna Bell | Emma Long (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A lush, joyful picture book celebrating the wonders of a walk on the beach and the treasures to be found on the high tide line, with a gloriously surprising gatefold finale.

Categories: Nature, Environment, Beach, Imagination Play, Creativity



43. SOARING WITH THE SUGARBIRD LADY

Dianne Wolfer | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Imagine flying solo, crisscrossing the north-west of Australia in your own plane, and single-handedly delivering lifesaving vaccines to remote communities. Robin Miller did this, and at a time when most people didn't think women should be pilots at all. Her arrival seemed like magic to the outback children who received her polio vaccine on sugar cubes. Before long, she became known as the Sugarbird Lady. And this was just the start of Robin's extraordinary reallife adventures!

Categories: Vaccination, Polio, Australian History, Aviation, Rural, Isolation, Community



44. STAR WARS: MANDALORIAN GRAPHIC NOVEL STAR WARS Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Relive the action of the galaxy's favourite duo! Join the Mandalorian, Grogu and the heroes and villains of the Star Wars universe in this graphic novel collection that retells the first three seasons of the award-winning television show. Experience the adventure as you never have before!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Action, Science Fiction



45. SUNNY AND SHADOW

Helen Milroy | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Calla is born with a precious gift - she can talk to the dingoes. It is her special job to learn their ways and to look after them. But when new people come to her land, Calla and her family are forced to move away from her beloved dingoes. Meanwhile, one of Calla's favourite dingoes, a cheeky little pup named Chichi, escapes from danger through a special cave. When he emerges in a different time and place and is befriended by a young girl named Sunny, she takes him to meet her grandmother, and discover that they already know each other! Together they work to get the dingoes safely back to country.

Categories: Conservation, Time Travel, Dingoes



46. SWING GRAPHIC NOVEL

Audrey Meeker | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Marcus McCalister wants to fit in. So much so that he's still playing on a soccer team with his childhood friend Ted, despite not liking soccer—or Ted—all that much. Izzy Briggs wants to stand out. Being labelled the "weird kid" for her bold fashion choices is the price an aspiring designer must pay for a life of greatness—but being confident isn't always easy. So when Izzy and Marcus are paired together to perform a swing dance routine for a gym project, it's no surprise that everything goes up in flames, including their grade in the class. Until their gym teacher proposes a deal...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Relationships, Teamwork



47. WASHPOOL

Lisa Fuller | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Bella is shy and thoughtful. Her big sister, Cienna, is popular and brave. One thing they have in common is their love for Washpool, the local swimming spot. But one weekend when they dive into Washpool, Bella and Cienna surface in the strange new world of Muse. Lost and confused, the sisters find themselves working with magical creatures on an eye-opening quest. Lady Dragon – keeper of the land where an important Summer Feast is held – has lost her egg. Can Bella and Cienna save the egg in time? And how will they ever find their way home?

Categories: First Nations, Community, Family, Fantasy, Country, Adventure



48. WHEN PANCAKES GO BAD (REALLY BAD!) GRAPHIC NOVEL MAX MEOW John Gallagher | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Kittyopolis is in chaos! Pancakes are turning monstrous and FLIPPING out. Mindy's inventing in her sleep! And a bunch of Max's old foes are organizing themselves into a Legion of Nasty to put our favorite feline on PERMANENT PAWSE. Luckily, Max's pal Rex Rocket, Cosmic Weiner Dog, is here to help. But will their combined efforts be enough to clean up such a massive mess?! Will Agent M be able to stay a good guy and resist joining the Legion of Nasty?! Will breakfast ever be the same?! Stay strong, heroes – Kittyopolis needs you more than ever!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



49. WHEN THE WILD CALLS

Nicola Penfold | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Having escaped their city, Juniper and her brother Bear have settled in Ennerdale with their dad. Every day the Wild introduces them to a new wonder, but Juniper can't stop worrying about her grandmother and best friend left behind. Trapped in a city riddled with disease and run by a ruthless leader, Etienne longs for the Wild. With the guards becoming more aggressive to counteract the growing rebellion, Etienne's prepared to fight for his freedom. But will he be able to protect himself and keep those around him safe until Juniper returns from the Wild?

Categories: Adventure, Nature, Ecology, Disease, Dystopian



50. WORLD NEEDS THE WONDER YOU SEE, THE

Joanna Gaines | Julianna Swaney (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Inspired by Joanna's young son's insistence to "look up!" and the shift to a slower perspective she enjoyed after having her last child, this book shares the delight of taking a friend by the hand, getting your boots muddy, and discovering the secrets just waiting to be uncovered.

Categories: Connectivity, Nature, Rhyming Text

Australian Picture Book



51. ALL THE COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW

Rae White | Sha'an D'Anthes (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

People are like rainbows - each colour is different, and you can choose to be any colour of the rainbow. Jem is a kid who sometimes loves wearing yellow dresses and sometimes loves wearing blue jeans. They feel like a girl when searching for bugs and lizards in the rain, and like a boy when running around under the sun. And when there's a rainbow in the sky, they feel like a boy and a girl, like both and neither. Some adults in Jem's life only want to see in black and white, leaving Jem confused about what choices they have, until Mum helps them with a different and wonderful way of seeing the world.

Categories: Gender Identity, Non Binary



52. ANOTHER BOOK ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

The Easter Bunny doesn't have time to do everything. She isn't magic.* She can't deliver eggs all around the world and perform in all of these fancy Easter books... The Easter Bunny is eggasperated. She's hopping mad. And she quits! Now you'll have to find a new Easter hero to read about. *May or may not be magic. No bunny knows.

Categories: Easter, Humour



53. ASLAN AND BENNY

Jemima Shafei--Ongu | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Aslan is fearless! But when his cousins get a new dog, he doesn't feel so brave. A warm and relatable picture book for anyone who's ever felt stuck by their worries and needed help to do what matters most to them. With vivid and bright illustrations by First Nations artist Jade Goodwin, the acclaimed illustrator of Ash Barty's Little Ash series and picture book, My Dream for You.

Categories: Anxiety, Fears, Dogs, Resolution



54. BILBY'S EASTER SURPRISE

Miranda Birthisel | Cate James (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00** Bilby is super excited to help the Easter Bunny deliver eggs this year. But when things don't go to plan, she'll have to use some quick thinking to stop Easter morning becoming a disaster! **Categories:** Easter, Celebrations, Australiana



55. BIN CHICKEN GOES FOR GOLD! BIN CHICKEN

Kate Temple | Ronojoy Ghosh (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00** With a wobbly dive and a gangly leap, here comes Bin Chicken in a feathery heap! 'Shoo!' say the kids as she flaps on her way. 'Bin Chickens aren't welcome at school sports day!' Go Team Ibis! It's sports carnival time and Ibis has teamed up with some friends. But they aren't running to the finish line... they're racing to lunch!

Categories: School, Sports Day, Humour, Competition, Teamwork



56. CONSTRUCTION SITE BAND, THE

Jennifer Loakes | Kelly Canby (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50 The construction site band is ready. It's time for the day to begin. A delightfully noisy book that celebrates all the noise and colour of city life.

Categories: Construction, Building, Engineering, STEM, Diggers, Machinery, Onomatopoeia



57. COSTA'S GARDEN

Costa Georgiadis | Brenna Quinlan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

'Hello! I'm Costa, and welcome to my garden. Let's discover the joy of nature together.' Flowers are the part of a plant that smiles. Flowers make us smile too! There are so many different kinds of flowers – all the colours of the rainbow. Join Australia's favourite garden gnome as he shares the magic and wonder of the natural world with young readers.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Plants, Gardening



58. DANCING WITH GRANDMA

Rosemary Mastnak | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

When little Anya dresses up, she and her Grandma dance their way around the house. Dancing with Grandma is an enchanting story full of warmth and joy, and captures those precious, playful moments that bond children and their grandparents.

Categories: Mother's Day, Grandparents, Grandmother, Family Unit



59. ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET MINI AND MILO

Venetia Dimos | Natashia Curtin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

Mini has the best memory in the whole animal kingdom. She remembers the good stuff, the bad stuff and everything in between. And because Mini remembers everything, she also remembers mistakes. Usually other people's mistakes. So when her best friend Milo accidently loses Mr Cuddles, Mini has to learn how to forgive ... and forget.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Forgiveness



60. GISELLE GIRAFFE

Richard Turner | Ben Clifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Unhappy with her height, Giselle the Giraffe decides to change her style to hide her major flaw. But the hats don't work, the rings are too small, and the scarves nowhere NEAR long enough. And don't even ask her about the bikini! Dejected, Giselle slinks off home to hide herself away...but a chance encounter leaves her seeing her height from a new perspective. Funny dress-up illustrations make Giselle's self-esteem mishaps a lesson readers will laugh while leaning.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Identity



61. KIDS WHO RESCUED EASTER, THE

Jackie Hosking | Nathaniel Eckstrom (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

The Easter Bunny has dropped his eggs! The kids in the neighbourhood gather to save the day ... but are they really helping? A deliciously sweet – and hilarious – spin on an iconic tale, from the best-selling team behind An Aussie Christmas Gum Tree.

Categories: Easter, Humour



62. LAUGH IN THE BATH

Rory H Mather | Brent Wilson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

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



63. LITTLE LOVE LIST

Bethany Clark | Summer Macon (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55A heartwarming reminder that unconditional love persists through the ups and downs of daily life.Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Rhyming Text, Family, Love



64. LUCKY SHACK, THE

Apsara Baldovino | Jennifer Falkner (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

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

Categories: Seasons, Nature, Rejuvenation



65. MAGIC BEACH 35TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION Alison Lester | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

A beautiful hardcover edition to celebrate the 35th anniversary of everyone's all-time favourite Australian beach book, by much-loved author Alison Lester, and the release of the beautiful feature film.

Categories: Holidays, Adventure, Beach



66. MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Meredith Costain | Michelle MacKintosh (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

My First Day at School is designed to help reassure and prepare school-age children for that magical first day in an unfamiliar environment. It follows the experiences and emotions of four very different children from their first teary farewells to their parents through to the joy of making new friends and the discovery that school can be an exciting and enjoyable place, however challenging.

Categories: Starting School



67. MY MUM IS THE BEST!

Nic McPickle | Tommy Doyle (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

"My mum is a Super Mum, the best l've ever known. She loves her trackies and her uggs, her coffee and her phone. She comes to my concerts, and pins up my art. She helps me be brave and follow my heart." This hilarious and warm-hearted picture book full of vibrant illustrations with energetic rhyme is a richly deserved celebration of mothers everywhere.

Categories: Mother's Day



68. MY SHADOW IS BLUE

Scott Stuart | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Girls being treated differently to boys is not a new concept, but what if the boys took action? My Shadow is Blue is a gentle and beautiful book that empowers children to stand up for what is right. This book gently explores toxic masculinity and how we are redefining masculinity to be inclusive and empathetic.

Categories: Equality, Individuality



69. NIGHT ANIMALS

Gianna Marino | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Something's out there in the dark! First Possum hears it. Then Skunk. Then Wolf comes running. 'What could it possibly be?' asks Bat. 'Night animals!' the animals declare. 'But you are night animals,' Bat informs this not-so-smart crew. In this reassuring twist on a cosy bedtime book, there really is nothing to be afraid of in the dark.

Categories: Humour, Fear, Noctiurnal Animals



70. OVER OR UNDER?

Pip Harry | Hilary jean Tapper (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

I'm jumping waves at the beach with Dad. If they're small I can leap over their frothy peaks. Easy! But further out, when they're big, you have to duck dive under. Maisie is learning about ocean swimming at the beach. The small waves are easy, but how will she know when to dive under the bigger ones? And will she be brave enough to try? Lucky Dad is there to help her.

Categories: Swimming, Water Safety, Beach



71. PRESENT FOR JUNKET, A

Mandy Wildsmith | Nancy Liu (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When Gherkin is woken early by the garbage truck outside, her first thought is: yum, rubbish! Then she remembers that it's her best friend Junket's birthday ... and Gherkin needs a present for her. But what would Junket love? A new toy? A new jacket? Gherkin keeps hunting, and soon realises the perfect present has been right in front of her all along. From an exciting new picture-book duo comes this entertaining neighbourhood adventure about friendship, generosity and the secret lives of dogs. Packed with gentle humour, a subtle 'make do and mend' message, and glorious watercolour artwork, this sweet picture book is perfect for toddlers, doggy fans and rubbish-truck enthusiasts alike!

Categories: Dogs, Pets, Friendship, Sustainability



72. SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Natalie Kate Forbes | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Contrasting the frenetic energy of a busy Saturday with the leisurely pace of a slow Sunday, this lively rhyming picture book assures us that fast days and slow days are an equally exciting part of family life.

Categories: Family Unit, Weekends, Adventure



73. SHEARER

Neridah McMullin | Michael Tomkins (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Jack Howe had hands the size of tennis racquets, legs like tree trunks and wrists made of steel. Despite his size, he was light on his feet and did an excellent Irish Jig. But what Jack was really good at, was shearing sheep." A rollicking Australian story, set in 1892, about the charismatic, Jack Howe - the greatest shearer in the world who set the world record for shearing sheep by hand.

Categories: Australian History, Shearing, Sheep, Challenges

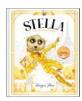


74. STAY CLOSE

Kerrie Uren | Leanne Argent (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

A peaceful bay once brimmed with dugongs, but now it's only Roly and his Mum. Pollution has killed all the food, and everyone else has moved away. Starving from the scarce seagrass, Mum tells Roly that soon, when he is old enough, they will set out in search of a haven for dugongs like them where seagrass still thrives. But the journey is perilous, she warns. To survive, he must stay close. Stunning seascape illustrations serve as a reminder of the hidden beauty that we could lose.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Pollution, Rubbish, Waste, Ocean, Plastic



75. STELLA THE MEERKAT BURGLAR WORLD OF CLARIS

Megan Hess | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

She stumbled upon a cool tunnel inside the most famous museum in France, where she spied rooms full of beauty, and crowds on the move. They were jostling to see the best art at the Louvre! When Stella the meerkat escapes her life as an unwanted pet, she wants to find two things: a home, and another creature to be her friend. But what happens when she finds the most wonderful home in Paris – the Louvre Museum! – where animals are not allowed inside?

Categories: Freedom, Friendship, Art, Rhyming Text



76. VERY NOISY BABY, THE

Alison Lester | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Here is the story of a very noisy baby. She could bellow like a buffalo And roar like a lion And howl like a wolf for a very long time. The baby loves to make all kinds of sounds. She's really very loud. But when some animals in the town go missing, can the very noisy baby help?

Categories: Community, Rhyming Text, Family Unit



77. VINNIE THE (NOT-SO-NICE) GUINEA PIG

Chrissie Krebs | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Meet Vinny. A guinea pig who isn't very nice. He steals food from small babies; he's done that more than twice. You cannot teach him any tricks; he ignores all your commands. And he hates it when you hold him, so he'll fart into your hands. And when Vinny takes an accidental trip to school one day, pandemonium erupts!

Categories: Toilet Humour, Pets, Rhyming Text



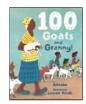
78. YOU ARE A WILDLIFE WARRIOR: SAVING ANIMALS

Bindi Irwin | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Calling all Wildlife Warriors! Step inside the Australia Zoo and see what nature has to offer. There are lemurs and rhinos, kangaroos, and--of course--crocodiles. On your tour, learn about these amazing animals and their habitats. Observe how they live and grow and all the ways we can protect them. Get inspired to take part in nurturing your own environment and all that inhabit it. Most importantly, discover the Wildlife Warrior within!

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Nature, Activism

Overseas Picture Book



79. 100 GOATS AND GRANNY!

Atinuke | Lauren Hinds (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Granny's beloved goats follow her wherever she goes – to the tailor, to the salon, and even on the bus. The children help her to keep count of them all... Oh wait! Oh no! Where did goat 100 go? Follow the trail of clues and chaos through the bright, bustling market to help find the missing goat!

Categories: Community, Family, Counting, Humour, Africa, Goats



80. AMAZING MUM

Alison Brown | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

A pitch-perfect rhyming celebration of mums! Amazing mums are all around! They are chatty, practical, funny, sporty ... and everything between. Mums find your lost treasures. They celebrate your achievements. They love us no matter what. Discover the ULTIMATE inclusive celebration of the mums and care-givers, packed full of irresistible, aw-factor artwork and a heart-warming rhyming text.

Categories: Mother's Day, Family, Mums, Rhyming Text



81. ARE YOU SMALL?

Mo Willems | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Are YOU small? A little question sends readers on a BIG adventure to see the smallest of the small. From an averagesize kid... to a cookie crumb... to a water molecule... all the way down to a single quark, readers discover that size is a matter of perspective. The perfect companion title to Mo Willems' breakout title, Are You Big?, this early-learning concept book features bold text, expressive art, and real-world science.

Categories: Comparisons, Size, Perspective



82. BIGGEST BREAKFAST, THE

Richard Jones | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

One day, a child meets a little bird and feeds it some breakfast. The next day, the little bird comes back with two pinktailedmice, and the next day they are joined by foursquirrels and then eight kind-eyed wolves and then sixteenelephants until eventually, one day, there are 247 animals to feed for breakfast! But who, wonders the child, will make breakfast for me?!

Categories: Maths, Counting

83. BOING! A BOUNCY BOOK OF BUGS

James Carter | Neal Layton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Best-selling poet James Carter loves bugs. He has written many poems about them, and now here is a whole book devoted to bugs and minibeasts. Buzzing with energy and fun, it celebrates them in all their glorious bugliness – grasshoppers, moths, ladybirds, dung beetles, flies, wasps, even bedbugs get a look in, and finishes with the extraordinary tardigrades who can live in outer space.

Categories: Poetry, Bugs, Minibeasts



84. BOTHERED BY BUGS

Emily Gravett | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Pete the Badger is choosing a delicious recipe from his new fruit cookbook when his peace is interrupted by a teeny tiny fly. The fly becomes a swarm and soon all the animals are being bothered by bugs and insects of all kinds . . . before helping Pete to rid the forest of every single one. Disaster! Now nobody's around to clean up the poo, and come autumn, there's not a berry or a cherry to be found. But the lesson is learned, the bugs are released, and order is restored to the forest once again.



85. CAMEL WHO HAD THE HUMP, THE

Rachel Bright | Jim Field (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

In the shimmering desert, a joyful herd of camels are out to find an oasis for a drink and a play. All, that is, except Cuthbert. He hasn't woken up in such a good mood. He's hot, he's tired and he certainly WON'T be walking today! There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING that will get him out of his grump. Or is there? Might the desert's hoppiest, happiest creature be able to help?

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Moods



86. CHANGING TIDES

Julia Moscardo | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When Theo and his mother, Simone, become part of Lula's family, she isn't sure what to expect. As they all spend a holiday at the seaside, the new siblings learn to work together to create a beautiful sandcastle. But once disaster strikes, will their relationship weather the storm?

Categories: Blended Family, Feelings/Emotions, Jealousy, Siblings, Change, Holidays



87. FILO'S BUTTERFLIES

Litea Fuata | Myo Yim (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25** Filo's Butterflies is a charming picture book about how a young Samoan boy calms his nerves before his first siva performance at a family wedding.

Categories: Cultural Celebrations, Feelings/Emotions, Nervousness, Wedding, Culture



88. FRANK AND BERT: THE ONE WHERE FRANK PLAYS FOOTBALL Chris Naylor-Ballesteros | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Frank is teaching Bert to play football. But things keep going a little wrong... Then Frank goes off for a kick-about with Barbara, the best football player in the worls, and Bert feels a little... betrayed. But will Bert still be there for his best friend when things go terribly wrong? Of course he will be!

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Football, Soccer



89. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LITTLE WOMBAT!

Charles Fuge | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

It's Little Wombat's birthday! His friends plan to make it the best day ever. They have a few surprises planned for Little Wombat and he cannot wait to experience them all. Well, almost all ... An endearing story of how friendship makes birthdays so much better. Especially if there's a boat!

Categories: Birthday, Celebrations, Friendship



90. HATTIE PECK

Emma Levey | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Hattie Peck loved eggs! All she wanted was an egg of her own. One day, Hattie left her coop to find all the abandoned eggs of the world. A heart-warming story about family, love and triumph in the face of adversity. Hattie Peck can be used to help children and adults to talk about the importance of family, including adoption and fostering. **Categories:** Adoption



91. HELP! WE NEED A STORY

James Harris | Mariajo Ilustrajo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

It's a dull day in the jungle and Artie the macaque's friends are bored, bored, BORED! But with paper, pens and ink, a splash of inspiration, and a pinch of imagination, Artie creates something magical . . . a book! Filled with hordes of zombie hens, a fire-breathing dragon and robot sharks (yikes!), Artie's newly-created book busts the friends' boredom, and the next day they can't wait to do it all over again.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Drawing, Art/Craft, Jungle Animals, Humour, Creativity



92. HOME THAT MEANS THE WORLD, THE

Victoria Turnbull | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

One day, a weaver ant family's world is turned upside down when their home is destroyed. With only a few belongings on their backs, they set off in search of a place to live, meeting many creatures on the way. Some are kind, some are not so kind. Some of the places are warm, some are cold. Sometimes the creatures they meet are friendly, sometimes they are not. And some are on similar journeys, moving across the land. They stay here and there, under and over ground, up high and down low. But none of the places feel quite right. Will the weavers ever find somewhere they can call home again?

Categories: Refugees and Migration, Asylum Seeker, Freedom, Home



93. I AM WE: A BOOK OF COMMUNITY

Susan Verde | Peter H Reynolds (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Sometimes we may wonder, how does caring for ourselves help anyone else? But then we realize that the better we feel inside, the more we can be there for others—our friends, families, and communities. We are part of something bigger than ourselves, and when we each turn our goodness and compassion outward, we can create, learn, and love.

Categories: Community



94. LIBRARY OF BEARS, THE

Cat Rabbit | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Book lovers and bear lovers alike will be charmed by the this story of the only bear at the Library of Bears who has never been borrowed.

Categories: Books, Libraries, Reading, Adventure, Friendship

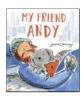


95. MESS THAT WE MADE, THE

Michelle Lord | Julia Blattman (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Young readers will learn how trash affects marine life and be inspired to make a difference. The Mess That We Made explores the environmental impact of trash and plastic on the ocean and marine life, and it inspires kids to do their part to combat pollution. Simple, rhythmic wording builds to a crescendo 'This is the mess that we made. These are the fish that swim in the mess that we made.' and the vibrant digital artwork captures the disaster that is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Children can imagine themselves as one of the four multi-ethnic occupants of the little boat surrounded by swirling plastic in the middle of the ocean, witnessing the cycle of destruction and the harm it causes to plants, animals, and humans. The first half of the book portrays the growing magnitude of the issue, and the second half rallies children and adults to make the necessary changes to save our oceans, before it is too late. Facts about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, ocean pollution, and how kids can help are included in the back matter. Age range 5 to 9

Categories: Environmental Issues, Pollution, Rubbish, Waste, Plastic



96. MY FRIEND ANDY

Emma Chinnery | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Nobody seems to see a little dog, lost in the city. Nobody except Andy. Every morning on the way to the park, Fluffy walks past Andy and his owner, who are homeless. But Fluffy is never allowed to play with Andy. Until one day, this changes forever... A beautifully observed story that challenges us to re-evaluate perceptions of homelessness.

Categories: Homelessness



97. MY PATH

Jana Curll | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

A joyful, empowering celebration of choice with an adorable snail protagonist - follow the snail's sparkly silver trail on every page and join their amazing adventure!

Categories: Mindfulness, Confidence, Positivity, Decision Making



98. ONCE UPON A BIG BAD WOLF

Leigh Hodgkinson | Adam Ming (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Have you ever wondered why the Mean Old Witch is mean? Or why the Big Bad Wolf is bad? They weren't always that way... The Big Bad Wolf used to be small and sweet. But when a witch was mean to him, everything changed ... The Mean Old Witch used to be young and kind, singing to the birds and picking up litter, until an unfortunate encounter with a Horrible Stinky Troll ... Discover how unkind words and actions can have consequences – and how a simple apology has the magical power to transform everything!

Categories: Twisted Fairytales



99. ROAR FOR READING

Beth Ferry | Andrew Joyner (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Libraries and lions have a history so long no one's quite sure how it began—maybe because books were once rare and needed fierce protectors? Still, it's been a very long time since lions had to roar in the name of books. But when young Julius finds out that books are being banned at his local library, he becomes so filled with emotion that he ROARS! Not all lions are librarians, but all librarians are lions in this inspiring tale of protecting the stories that connect us and defending books that hold ideas that can change the world.

Categories: Activism, Censorship, Books, Stories, Reading, Library

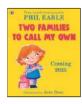


100. TREE NEXT DOOR, THE

Charlie Moyler | Martin Stanev (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When a little girl moves into her new home, the first thing she notices is the magnificent tree next door. Helping her neighbour tend to her garden through the seasons, the girl learns what an important place both the tree and her neighbour hold in the hearts of their community.

Categories: Friendship, Seasons, Community, Nature, Connectivity, Neighbourhood



101. TWO FAMILIES TO CALL MY OWN

Phil Earle | Jess Rose (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

A perfect picture book showing the beauty of blending families together. Florrie now lives in two different houses-One with her mum. One with her dad. And everything finally feels just right. Until Florrie's dad gets a new girlfriend... who's not her mum! Will having two families be too much for Florrie? A comforting picture book tackling the tricky emotions that surface when blending families after a separation, while celebrating new connections. Brought to you by best-selling and award-winning author, of When the Sky Falls and Two Places To Call Home, Phil Earle.

Categories: Blended Family, Change



102. TWO LITTLE GORILLAS

Jo Weaver | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

A beautiful story about welcoming others and overcoming feelings of jealousy, told through the eyes of a little gorilla. Little Toya finds another young gorilla hiding in the bushes and can't wait to show him off to her family. But when her daddy and cousins pay Umu too much attention, Toya starts to feel jealous and left out. Wanting to hide away with her feelings, Toya climbs the tallest tree in the forest. But high up and under heavy rain, Toya's too scared to get down again. As the branches shake, Toya is surprised to see who has come to her rescue . . .

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Jealousy



103. WE CAN! MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Alexandra Strick | Steve Antony (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

What kind of world do children want to live in? Can we all come together to make a difference and make our world a better, safer, greener, kinder place? YES, we can! Join 15 children as they plan and deliver an amazing We Can! festival - a joyous, peaceful call to action, with green activities, mural-making, mindfulness and kindness along the way, beautifully depicted in words and pictures by the bestselling creators of You Can! We Can! was created with real children, who sent messages of hope and practical suggestions for helping to make our world the best it can be. **Categories:** Activism, Kindness, Leadership, Responsibility

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104. WORRY BOOTS

Lisa Thompson | Aysha Awwad (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Connie slipped her feet into her new, shiny boots. They felt hard and awkward and very, very different. 'Let's get going,' said Connie's mum. 'It's an exciting day today - your first day at school!' As Connie and Mum make their way to the bus stop, they realise that their journey to school is going to be very unusual. Why? Because there is something surprising in Connie's shoe! And that means she can't possibly go to school until she's sorted it out ...

Categories: Starting School, First Experiences, Feelings/Emotions



105. YOU CAN'T PAT A FISH

Ruth Paul | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

If it's wet, it isn't a pet! You can play with a puppy and snuggle a bunny, but as much as you wish, you can't pat a fish. A visit to the pet shop is just the beginning of this delightful, insightful and fun-filled story of not getting what you wished for!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Pets

Aboriginal Studies



106. AWESOME EMU

Gregg Dreise | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Way back, before once-upon-a-time time, there was the Dreamtime, and during this period lived a very confident emu called Dinewah. He was tall, fast and colourful. Most animals thought he was a show-off, but he was too busy talking about himself to take any notice... Dinewah was determined to run and fly the furthest and the fastest. He even tried to fly to the Sun, but he never made it. Today, he is still up there in Father Sky. If you look carefully on dark nights, when the Moon isn't very bright, you can see the Awesome Emu. Many people know him as the Milky Way. We still know it as Djiraboo Dinewah – Awesome Emu.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories, Morality



107. BUSH BUBS

Helen Milroy | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

This delightful collection of illustrated Australian baby animals is sure to capture the hearts of readers big and small. From adorable numbat joeys to fuzzy little wombats, this is a cute and educational early reader picture book introducing tiny readers to tiny bush babies.

Categories: Australia, Australiana, Australian Animals



108. BUSH SURVIVAL SKILLS ASK AUNTY

Aunty Munya Andrews | Charmaine Ledden-lewis (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Do you know how to survive in the bush? Aboriginal People have lived in the bush for a long, long time. They love and look after Country, and in return, Country looks after the people. In this book, Aunty Munya explains the things you need to survive in the bush: water, food and shelter. Learn how to find water from waterholes or native wells, and protect them from contamination. Discover which plants are safe to eat and which are not, and which can be used as medicine! Find out how to build a shelter that protects you from the sun, rain and wind. Aunty Munya also tells you how you can find your way without a map and teaches the many uses of fire.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Survival, Culture



109. CATERPILLAR AND BUTTERFLY

Ambelin Kwaymullina | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

There was once a caterpillar who lived all alone. Everything around Caterpillar seemed large and strange, and she was full of fear. Determined to escape any possible danger, Caterpillar hides away in the safety of her chrysalis. There, she finally discovers the inner strength she needs to truly live. **Categories:** Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories



110. CROW AND THE WATERHOLE

Ambelin Kwaymullina | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

There was once a crow who lived in a tree by a waterhole. Each morning, she stared into the water and saw another crow staring back. Crow thought Crow-in-the-waterhole was the most wonderful bird she had ever seen.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories



111. FIRST SUNRISE, THE FIRST PEOPLES FIRST SCIENCES Nessa Stevens | Charmaine Ledden-lewis (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

The First Sunrise is a Mbabaram creation story from Mbabaram Country in Far North Queensland and is an engaging and beautiful book for curious minds. The story centres around the Creator Spirit, Mulungh, directing Emu and Kangaroo how to make the first returning boomerang, which, when thrown, causes the sun to arc across the sky, forming the creation of day and night. The arrival of the first sunrise teaches Emu and Kangaroo how to read shadows, follow directions and understand the orbit of the earth around the sun, making this book perfect for use in the classroom. The First Sunrise is the inaugural title in the new Magabala series First Peoples • First Sciences – children's picture books that pair fun science with First Nations knowledge.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Creation Story



112. KOOKOO KOOKABURRA

Gregg Dreise | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Refusing to listen to the sage advice of his uncle, Kookoo gradually alienates all his friends until he finds himself alone and ignored by the other animals. When he finally listens to the sounds of his own laughter echoing around the bush and realises it has become an unhappy sound, Kookoo is forced to remember his uncle's words and change his ways - kindness is like a boomerang - if you throw it often, it comes back often.



113. SILLY BIRDS

Gregg Dreise | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

In this humble, charming and humorous morality tale, Maliyan is a proud eagle who always looks, listens and sees things from a long way away. One day he meets the turkey Wagun, who is a silly bird, and together these two new friends begin to do silly-bird things. The Elders and Maliyans parents become very disappointed and soon the local billabong becomes a mess. The silly birds do not care for anyone and seem to have eaten all the food. Maliyan begins to see the error of his ways and tries to talk to Wagun and the other birds about their actions. No one listens. So Maliyan flies away and begins the journey of listening again. Maliyan soon becomes a proud leader and all the silly birds begin to follow his example. They all help clean up the messes they have made. All except one In this quintessential Australian fable, Silly Birds combines richly textured and striking illustrations of Australian animals with the gentle humour of an Aussie truism that it is hard to soar like an eagle when you are, in fact, surrounded by turkeys.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies



114. TWO-HEARTED NUMBAT, THE

Ambelin Kwaymullina | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A beautiful First Nations picture book from the award-winning Indigenous creators Ambelin and Ezekiel Kwaymullina, The Two-Hearted Numbat is an uplifting tale about identity and balancing the needs of others with your own. There was once a numbat who had two hearts. Numbat's first heart was a feather, and when he wore it he felt soft and gentle. His second heart was a stone, and when he wore it he felt powerful and strong. But it was troublesome to have two hearts. Numbat decided it would be better to have only one - but which heart should he choose?

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories

Graphic Novel



115. 500 MILLION DOLLAR HEIST: GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE UNSOLVED CASE FILES Tom Sullivan | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

The third book in this graphic nonfiction series about real FBI cases details the Isabella Stewart Gardner heist-the largest, and one of the most famous, art thefts in the world. CASE NO. 003: THE GARDNER MARCH 18, 1990 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 1:24 a.m. Two thieves posing as Boston Police officers gain entry to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Once inside, they steal thirteen pieces of art, including several rare Rembrandts. Eighty-one minutes later, these men walk off with \$500 million worth of art. This heist is the single largest private property theft in the United States-and despite decades of investigation and dozens of false leads, the case remains unsolved to this day. Don't miss the first two gripping installments in this thrilling series, Unsolved Case Files: Escape at 10,000 Feet and Unsolved Case Files: Jailbreak at Alcatraz.

Categories: Graphic Novel



116. ATTACK OF THE ZOMBEES GRAPHIC NOVEL MAX MEOW

John Gallagher | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Welcome to Kittyopolis! Where cats rule and science is cool! Book 5 in the fur-ociously funny, secret super-hero graphic novel series with serious cat-itdue, for fans of Dog Man and Bunny vs Monkey. Buzzz off bad guys! There's a new villain in Kittyopolis- Dr. ZomBEE! And he has it in for the city's bees! (Boy, does that sting!). Why would anyone want to hurt bees?! And who is Dr. ZomBEE? It's a Kittyopolis mystery! Can Max and Mindy get to the bottom of it or are they about to BEE stung?!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



117. BEACH BALL BEDLAM GRAPHIC NOVEL BLUE, BARRY AND PANCAKES

Dan Abdo | Jason Patterson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

After a series of wacky mishaps, Blue, Barry and Pancakes find themselves inside a Roller Duck Ball stadium. Forced to compete in this nonsensical yet highly popular sport, the gang discovers a natural talent for the game. Soon enough, they find themselves hurtling towards athletic stardom! Will our heroes be able to stay humble and hold onto their friendship? Or will the pressures of fame and success tear them apart?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour



118. BLAKE LASER GRAPHIC NOVEL BLAKE LASER

Keith Marantz | Larissa Brown (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Blake and her family are headed for a vacation out in deep space for some rest, relaxation, and a whole lot of family bonding time. It's uncharted territory, and Blake is excited for the new adventure. But the trip is cut short when the Interplanetary Space Control Center flags them down to warn them of danger. Someone—or something—is draining energy from the sun, threatening to plummet Earth to unlivable temperatures in just under forty-eight hours. Blake and her family are the only ones close enough to investigate. They must put their trip on hold to figure out what's going on and, more importantly, stop it. If they don't, the fate of the entire planet hangs in the balance.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Science Fiction



119. BOY WHO DIDN'T WANT TO DIE GRAPHIC MEMOIR, A

Peter Lantos | Victoria Stebleva (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Peter, a boy of five, makes an extraordinary journey through wartorn Europe, travelling with his parents from a small Hungarian town, through Austria and on to Germany. Along the way, unforgettable images of adventure flash one after another: sleeping in a tent and then under the night sky, discovering a disused brick factory, catching butterflies in the meadows, before Peter realizes that the adventure is really a nightmare, as he watches bombs fall from the blue sky outside Vienna and starts lessons with his mother in Bergen-Belsen. Drawn against a background of terror, starvation, and his father's and grandmother's deaths, this is a story of survival; of love between mother and son; and of enduring hope in the face of unspeakable hardship.

Categories: Graphic Novel, History, War, Family, Love, Hope, Survival



120. BUNNY BONANZA! GRAPHIC NOVEL BUNNY VS MONKEY

Jamie Smarts | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

Monkey and the gang are on a hunt to find Bunny after he mysteriously disappeared... On their search they'll be bamboozled by Old Bunny, Neanderbunny, the mysterious Shadow Bunny and the always confusing Not Bunny. Will they ever fins their faithful friend? It's a rollicking race to the rightful rabbit in this cornucopia of chuckles.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



121. CAT OUT OF WATER GRAPHIC NOVEL DR SEUSS GRAPHIC NOVEL Art Baltazar | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Discover Dr. Seuss's whimsical world like never before in this colourful graphic novel companion to The Cat in the Hat! It's a normal day with normal chores for Sally and her brother . . . Until everything turns topsy-turvy when the Cat in the Hat arrives! With a whirlwind of fun, and the hilarious but chaotic antics of Thing 1 and Thing 2, the day promises to be anything but boring. Yet Sally's wise pet, the Fish, warns them about letting the Cat stay. The question looms- Can they wrap up their tasks before their parents return, or will the Cat's zany escapades throw them off course?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



122. CHICKENPOX GRAPHIC NOVEL

Remy Lai | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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



123. CURSE OF THE SWAMP MONSTER GRAPHIC NOVEL THE GLITCH FORCE

Megan Miller | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

The Glitch Force: Three kids interested in Minecraft. There's Duncan, a genius redstoner, Miranda, a sharpshooter with encyclopedic knowledge of Minecraft, and Zed, an expert builder with a prankster heart. Oh, and Duncan happens to a genius at repurposing his scientist mother's quantum electronic gizmos. When he happens to find a quantum glitch in the Minecraft programming code, it creates an opening for the three kids to visit Minecraft worlds FOR REAL. The problem is, the glitch technology isn't quite stable yet, and dangerous anomalies in their new world threaten their ability to return home. They will have to repair each world before they have any chance of returning to reality. There's rumor of a major anomaly in a swamp in Sector Z-D71508, and the Glitch Force must investigate. Everything looks normal, until nighttime, when a bubbling green ooze begins to seep from the swamp, infecting everything it touches. But Miranda, Zed, and Duncan's efforts to contain it only make the problem worse — The green slime solidifies and mutates into an enormous hostile mob that engulfs everything in its path. But is this green swamp monster the real enemy? A frog tornado, a pack of hissing feral cats, and a hidden trove of deadly potions suggest that the anomaly is more complicated than they imagined.



124. DOG MAN: BIG JIM BEGINS GRAPHIC NOVEL DOG MAN

Dav Pilkey | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$19.80

In Dog Man: Big Jim Begins, discover the origin of our beloved characters from the Dog Man series as they join forces to stop the Space Cuties from destroying the city. Will the past predict the future for Dog Man and his friends? Will goodness and bravery prevail? Can anything happen if you truly believe? For more heartfelt and humorous adventures, join Flippy and Li'l Petey in the Cat Kid Comic Club series. Have fun with creativity with the official colouring book, Dog Man With Love. And don't forget about the series that started it all: Captain Underpants!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



125. ESCAPING PERIL GRAPHIC NOVEL WINGS OF FIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL Tui T Sutherland | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A question of loyalty... Peril has always been loyal. First to Queen Scarlet, even when she used Peril's fatal firescales to kill countless dragons in her violent SkyWing arena. Now Peril is loyal to Clay, the only dragonet who has ever been her friend. So when Scarlet threatens Jade Mountain Academy and everything Clay cares about, Peril sets off to find her former queen, stop her, and save the day, no matter what it takes. But on the way, Peril is offered a chance at a completely new life, free of her firescales and the pain they've brought her. All she has to do is decide where her loyalty really belongs... and whether her own scales might actually be worth saving.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Fantasy

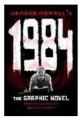


126. FIRST CAT IN SPACE AND THE SOUP OF DOOM GRAPHIC NO FIRST CAT IN SPACE

Mac Barnett | Shawn Harris (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

The Moon Queen has been poisoned—by SOUP. With few she can trust in her own royal court, she and First Cat will have to journey alone to find the antidote. If only LOZ 4000 were still with them . . . But our once-heroic toenail clipping robot is on the run, looking for new purpose in this vast universe. Unbeknownst to our trio, secret forces are working against them. In a world of villainous cowboys, high-speed chases, and falling pianos, can our iconic trio find their way back to one another and save the Moon Queen before it's too late?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour



127. GEORGE ORWELL'S 1984 GRAPHIC NOVEL

George Orwell | Paperback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

Winston Smith is a low-ranking member of the ruling Party in the nation of Oceania. Everywhere Winston goes, even his own home, the Party watches him through telescreens; everywhere he looks he sees the face of the Party's seemingly omniscient leader, Big Brother. The Party controls everything in Oceania, even the people's history and language. Now, the Party is forcing the use of an invented language called Newspeak which will prevent political insurgency by eliminating all words related to it. Even thinking rebellious thoughts is illegal. Such thoughtcrime is, in fact, the worst of all crimes. But a seed of dissent grows in Winston – one that will bring him into direct conflict with the Party, and with devastating consequences.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Dystopian, Political



128. GERONIMO STILTON REPORTER 3 IN 1 GRAPHIC NOVEL GERONIMO STILTON REPORTER Geronimo Stilton | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Born in New Mouse City, Mouse Island, Geronimo Stilton is Rattus Emeritus of Mousomorphic Literature and of Neo-Ratonic Comparative Philosophy. He is the director of The Rodent's Gazette, New Mouse City's most widely read daily newspaper.



129. GREEN EGGS AND HAM TAKE A HIKE DR SEUSS GRAPHIC NOVEL James Kochalka | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Sam-I-Am's grumpy best pal Walter is stuck indoors, missing out on the wonderful world around him. But does he care? Nope! Sure, it might be nice to have a green-eggs-and-ham picnic on a hike... But doesn't Sam-I-Am know about all of the bugs? And what about the flowers that make you sneeze? Or the rivers that block your way? No, Walter is not a fan of the outdoors, he certainly is not. And nothing Sam-I-Am can do or say will change his mind. Too bad for Walter, Sam-I-Am is always up for a challenge!

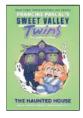
Categories: Graphic Novel



130. GRINCH TAKES A VACATION GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE DR SEUSS GRAPHIC NOVEL Kaeti Vandorn | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

He's mean, green and grumpy, and now Dr. Seuss's beloved and iconic character, The Grinch, is starring in his very own chapter book graphic novel! It's vacation time in Whoville but The Grinch is feeling a bit baffled. For starters, he doesn't know what a vacation actually is . . .Determined to learn what the Whos seem so excited about, The Grinch decides to give a vacation a try! Unfortunately, the mountains are too snowy, the beach is too sandy and the theme park is too loud . . . Perhaps vacations are just something that Grinches do not do? Thankfully, his dog Max isn't letting the Grinch give up that easily!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



131. HAUNTED HOUSE GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE SWEET VALLEY TWINS

Francine Pascal | Knack Whittle (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

There's a new girl in Sweet Valley... is she a witch?! Join twin sisters Jessica and Elizabeth as they discover if the rumours match reality. The buzz at Sweet Valley Middle School is all about Nora Mercandy, the new girl living in the town's infamous haunted house. Jessica is convinced there's something witchy about her, but Elizabeth thinks there's more to the story. Caught in a whirl of rumours and a rift with her twin, can Elizabeth discover the truth before friendships are torn apart?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Family, Humour, Twins



132. HUNT FOR PIRATE'S GOLD GRAPHIC NOVEL MAX AND CHAFFY

Jamie Smart | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Full of delight, super bright artwork and interactive search and find pages to keep any new reader engaged. A treasure hunt and a secret cove are adventure enough, so imagine Max and Chaffy's delight when they discover a Puffa-Chaffy who can blow bubble that allow them to go on undersea adventures that lead them to GOLD!

Categories: Adventure, Humour



133. LAST KIDS ON EARTH GRAPHIC NOVEL LAST KIDS ON EARTH GRAPHIC NOVEL

Max Brallier | Brian Churilla (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew scavenged from abandoned stores. But Jack alone is no match for the hordes of Zombies and Winged Wretches and Vine Thingies, and especially not for the eerily intelligent monster known only as Blarg. So Jack builds a team: his dorky best friend, Quint; reformed middle school bully, Dirk; Jack's loyal pet monster, Rover; and the fiercest girl Jack knows, June. With their help, Jack is going to slay Blarg, achieve the ultimate Feat of Apocalyptic Success, and be average no longer!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Action



134. MADDEST CAT IN THE WORLD GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE LOOSHKIN Jamie Smart | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Looshkin might look like a cute blue cat, but you've never met a cat like Looshkin before. If you look away for just a moment, your house will be full of foamy bubbles, there are pigs on your roof and a portal to a hell-dimension has opened in your loft. And there are bees everywhere! Life is never going to be boring while Looshkin is around, but one thing is for sure- it will be very, very funny!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour



135. MALLORY AND THE TROUBLE WITH TWINS GRAPHIC NOVEL BABY-SITTERS CLUB GRAPHIX Ann m Martin | Arley Nopra (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Mallory knows she's a good baby-sitter. She's been looking after her seven younger brothers and sisters for years. So when Kristy offers her a steady job baby-sitting for the Arnold twins, Mal thinks it'll be easy money. The twins sure are cute in their matching outfits. But once Mrs. Arnold leaves, Marilyn and Carolyn turn into twin terrors! They trick Mallory so that she can't tell them apart and they act like spoiled brats. Taking care of Marilyn and Carolyn is a baby-sitting nightmare. But Mallory is a responsible member of the Baby-sitters Club and she's not giving up!

Categories: Behaviour Problems, Siblings, Twins, Family



136. MEGA MYSTERY SOLVER NINA PEANUT Sarah Bowie | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Nina Peanut is in the running to be Class Captain, and of course her main rival is mean girl Megan Dunne, who is taking every chance to sabotage Nina. Plus Nina and Brian have turned ghost hunters and detectives extraordinaire as they investigate the mystery of a haunted shoe in a series of vlogs.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour



137. MIA'S BAKERS DOZEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CUPCAKE DIARIES GRAPHIC NOVEL Coco Simon | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Mia loves all her friends in the Cupcake Club, and things are good at home with her new stepdad and stepbrother and going to her dad's house on the weekends. School is okay too with one exception: Mia is failing Spanish! She can speak it at home with her family, but writing is a different story. And when it's parent-teacher night, Mia has a new dilemma: Who goes to that? Mom and Eddie? Mom and Dad? All of them? Mia soon realizes that sometimes having an extra (or a "baker's dozen") of something can be a very good thing.

Categories: Blended Family, Change, Graphic Novel

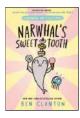


138. MONSTER LOCKER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Jorge Aguirre | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

For hundreds of years, something in the basement of Glenfield Middle School has waited for its chance to open a portal into the realm of monsters. Now its time has come, and the school is going to need a hero. Pablo Ortiz . . . isn't that guy. All he wants to do is lie low and get through middle school in one piece. So when Pablo accidentally opens the portal and summons a vengeful Aztec goddess, he'll need the butt-kicking skills of his new friends and the wisdom passed down by his abuela to take her on.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horror



139. NARWHAL'S SWEET TOOTH GRAPHIC NOVEL NARWHAL AND JELLY BOOK Ben Clanton | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Everyone knows that Narwhal is a big fan of sugary treats — but Jelly is shocked when Narwhal's tusk-tooth isn't looking so pearly white anymore and is feeling a little funny. It turns out, Narwhal has been using it as a "snack saver"! Thankfully, no one knows more about dental hygiene than Shark — she has seven rows of teeth, after all! Meanwhile, Jelly and Crab try to show Narwhal that it's fine to frown if you're feeling down. Can Narwhal's friends convince the happiest creature in the ocean that it's okay to have a bad day?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour



140. NIGHT LIBRARIAN GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Christopher Lincoln | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Meet siblings, Page and Turner. The New York Public Library has always been their favourite place, but lately things have become weird . . . things like a dragon imprint on the ceiling and a giant beanstalk! It turns out that the books are bursting with magic, and suddenly all sorts of villains are escaping from their books and threatening to destroy the whole library. Now it's up to Page and Turner— as well as a mysterious Night Librarian and a motley crew of escaped storybook characters—to save this beloved library from destruction before it's too late!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Family, Siblings, Appreciation



141. PHANTOM FRENZY GRAPHIC NOVEL KITTY QUEST Phil Corbett | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

After returning from a mission at a nearby haunted house, the Kitty Quest team discovers that Meowminster has become overrun with ghosts! And even worse, their trusted phantom mentor Mortimore has somehow been split into nine different personalities, each more bizarre than the next. What could have opened this pandora's box of paranormal peril?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



142. ROBO-RABBIT BOY, GO! GRAPHIC NOVEL PRESS START! Thomas Flintham | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Sunny's favourite game is Super Rabbit Boy, where his carrot-loving friend must thwart all the plots the evil King Viking of Boom Boom Mountain comes up with. Oh no! Queen Spooky and her ghosts have kidnapped Super Rabbit Boy. Only a TRUE HERO can stop her. Robo-Rabbit Boy is fast and strong like Super Rabbit Boy. But can a robot really be a true hero? You'll have to read and find out...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Reluctant Readers



143. SCRAM: SOCIETY OF CREATURES REAL AND MAGICAL GRAPH SCRAM Rory Lucey | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Rockhurst is your average suburban town. It has everything you'd expect: happy families, fun shops...and magical creatures! In the hopes of learning more about the local cryptids, three friends, Jenny, Emiko, and Brian, start the Society of Creatures Real and Magical–S.C.R.A.M.! Their first order of business? To meet a troll! As they venture into the unknown, our heroes learn valuable lessons about friendship, perseverance, and the importance of keeping a fish head in an old boot.

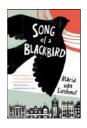
Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Perseverance



144. SECRET OF THE FANG GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE MEESH THE BAD DEMON Michelle Lam | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Meesh the Bad Demon is no stranger to saving the world - but she never thought she'd have to do it twice! Can she defeat the darkness once and for all in this sequel of epic proportions?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure



145. SONG OF A BLACKBIRD GRAPHIC NOVEL

Maria Van Lieshout | Paperback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Emma is a young student about to be drawn into what will become the biggest bank heist in European history: swapping 50 million guilders' worth of forged treasury bonds for real ones – right under the noses of the Nazis. Emma's life – and the lives of thousands, including a little girl named Hanna – hangs in the balance. Almost seventy years later, Annick discovers something surprising about her family. Her grandmother needs a bone marrow donor but none of her relatives are a match. In fact, they are not even related. Desperate to find a living blood relative, Annick dives into the past, aided by her grandmother's only childhood possession, five copper etchings, and the name of their maker: Emma Bergsma.

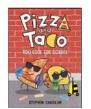
Categories: World War 2, Holocaust, Family, History, Trauma, Resistance



146. TINY DANCER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Siena cherson Siegel | Mark Siegel (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A teenage ballet dancer struggles to find her next step, and her place in the world, in this exquisite graphic memoira follow-up to the Sibert Honor-winning To Dance. All her life, Siena has dreamed of being a ballerina. Her love of movement and dedication to the craft earned her a spot at the School of American Ballet, with hopes of becoming a member of George Balanchine's world-famous New York City Ballet company. Siena has worked hard for many years to be a professional ballet dancer, but injury and doubt are starting to take their toll. Maybe it's time to look beyond the world of dance-but Siena's whole identity has been shaped by ballet. When you have spent your entire life working toward something, how do you figure out what comes next? And how do you figure out who you are without the thing that defined you? This is a moving and beautifully drawn memoir of a dancer struggling to find her next step-and a young woman finding her true footing in the world.

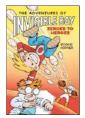


147. TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL GRAPHIC NOVEL PIZZA AND TACO

Stephen Shaskin | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

New backpacks? Check! Best friends? Check! Pizza and Taco are ready to go back to school. But are they ready to meet the cool new kid? B.L.T. wears sunglasses—even in school! He's not even worried about being late to class. So cool! Pizza and Taco quickly pick up on what's cool—and what's not—by watching B.L.T.'s every move. Will that spell t-r-o-u-b-l-e for Pizza and Taco with their teacher, Mr. Apple?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



148. ZEROES TO HEROES GRAPHIC NOVEL ADVENTURES OF INVISIBLE BOY

Doogie Horner | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Being invisible comes with great responsibility... and great fun! Stanley and Gene have joined forces and finally figured out how to control their invisibility. It's obvious to Stanley what the duo should do with this newfound control – fight crime of course! Gene, on the other hand, is not so sure. When the only crime around is stealing a pen from the bank, fighting it isn't all that exciting. But when a new pair of villains rob Stanley's family store, things get personal. Can Stanley and Gene track down the thieves and recover the stolen goods before his family is forced to sell their home? And who is the mysterious supervillain boss instigating all of this trouble?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Problem Solving, Bravery

Australian Novel



149. ALL THE WAYS MUM WILL BE THERE FOR YOU

Sarah Ayoub | Kate Moon (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25** A joyous and energetic picture book about all the fun and loving ways mums are there for you, by Sarah Ayoub, author of The Love That Grew, and Kate Moon, illustrator of Our Home, Our Heartbeat.

Categories: Mother's Day



150. ASTER'S NEXT GOOD THING

Kate Gordon | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Things have changed in Aster's life, and she's really not okay. Her dad is the one person who has always been there for her, but now Aster feels like she's being pushed out—like the space that used to be hers is getting smaller and smaller. The good, right things – she did them because she was scared of not being seen, of being left, but they don't work anymore. Instead of waiting for someone else to do the leaving—like her mum did—Aster decides she'll be the one to make that change. Overwhelmed, she makes a decision that could have awful ramifications for two families, not just hers...

Categories: Family Unit, Love, Change



151. BABY BOOM TARONGA PRESENTS

Kristen Darell | Laura Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Sophia and Ollie are zookeepers for a day . . . and there's a new addition to the family! The holidays have finally arrived and so have lots of new babies. Taronga's Wildlife Hospital is filled with excitement. Sophia and Ollie might even get the chance to look after the cutest baby of them all! Part of a publishing program supporting Taronga's critical conservation work to secure a shared future for wildlife and people.

Categories: Animals, Zoo Animals, Zoo, Conservation, Volunteering, Wildlife



152. BIG BOO-BOO, A EBB AND FLO

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | **RRP \$11.99** | **School Price \$10.20** Ebb can't sleep without his snuggle toy, Boo. But where is Boo? Can Flo fix her big boo-boo before it's time for bed? Each stand-alone story features a hilarious and relatable friendship story; decodable phonetic words; essential sight words and high-frequency words; phoneme manipulation to boost phonological awareness ... and lots of fun!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Friendship, Humour



153. BIRTHDAY GIRL GO GIRLS #17

Meredith Badger | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Every year Annabelle has a pool party for her birthday. Her uncle makes the invitations, her mum bakes the cake, and nearly her whole class comes! But this year she decides to do something different and to invite her friends from outside of school as well. But what if no one comes? And what if they do come but no one gets along? Age 6+.

Categories: Family, Friendship



154. BRAVEPAW AND THE CLAWSTONE OF ROTWOOD MIRE BRAVEPAW

Lili Wilkinson | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Titch and Huckleberry are on an epic quest. They have followed their hearts... right into the path of a terrifying swamp monster, and a village full of brainwashed squirrels! Maybe their hearts aren't to be trusted? Maybe Titch is just an ordinary little mouse and not Bravepaw after all? But Bravepaw or not, Titch is not about to give up. Can she defeat the greedy turtle controlling the squirrels, and discover what his glowing green gem has to do with the legend of Bravepaw and her quest to save Alluria?

Categories: Adventure, Bravery, Quest, Friendship



155. BUNGLE IN THE JUNGLE FROG SQUAD

Kate Temple | Shiloh Gordon (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | **RRP \$16.99** | School Price **\$15.30** Alert! When a distress signal comes in from Croakomo Island, there's only one team brave enough to leap to the rescue! Frog Squad must face an angry swarm of stink bugs to find out who's been stealing poisonous jungle plants. Could it be Professor Cain and The Organisation of Amphibious Devious Scoundrels (TOADS)?

Categories: Adventure, Action, Humour



156. DANCING QUEEN GO GIRLS #10 Thalia Kalkipsakis | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Charlie is buzzing – she's just had her first ever modern dance class! But it's not all perfect. She's in the wrong dance clothes. The trendy girl's tease her. And now there's the concert to worry about. But none of that seems to matter, once Charlie starts to dance.

Categories: Friendship, Dancing, Confidence



157. DEADLY FANG, THE SUPER EPIC DRAGON QUEST

Adam Wallace | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Arlo is a brave, hard-working farmboy who dreams of doing more than brushing the unibrows of his unicows. Julia's a plucky adventurer who is tired of having no-one to talk to but her onesie-wearing father. With nothing in common but embarrassing dads, Arlo and Julia find themselves on a quest to save the land of Ticklebrook from eternal grumpiness and disgusting lemonade. All they have to do is find an invisible island, face a freaky foe, and bring home a Super Epic Dragon treasure!

Categories: Humour, Fantasy, Adventure



158. DRAGONKEEPER MOVIE TIE-IN DRAGONKEEPER Carole Wilkinson | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Ancient China, Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon make an epic journey across China carrying a mysterious stone that must be protected. This is the story of a young slave girl who believes she is not worthy of a name but finds within herself the strength and courage to make this perilous journey – and do what must be done. This beautiful book by award-winning author Carole Wilkinson will enchant every reader.



159. DREAM GOAL KICKKING IT FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Jess Black | Mario Gushiken (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Alex has only ever wanted one thing: to attend Kicking it Football Academy so that one day her dream of becoming a professional footballer can come true. Alex's dream is to attend Kicking It Football Academy—the best football academy in the country. Now that she's eleven, she's finally the right age to try out. But her mum and dad are set on her going to another school... will she be able to convince them? Or will she have to say goodbye to her dream before she's even had a chance to make it a reality?

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Friendship, Challenge, Teamwork



160. DYLAN ALCOTT GAME ON GAME ON

Dylan Alcott | Nahum Ziersch (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When old and new friends collide, a teacher called Grumps is on his tail, and the school talent show looks like turning into a real-life drama, twelve-year-old Dylan discovers his family motto has never been more true -- it's not all about you.

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, School, Humour, Disability, Adversity



161. ELLA AND THE SLEEPOVER SAFARI ELLA

Cassy Polimeni | Hykie Breeze (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Ella's worlds collide when her old friend Viv and new friend Mai finally meet at Ella's birthday party a sleepover at the zoo! Ella can't wait to explore and learn about the animals, but it's hard to have a good time when your two best friends aren't getting along. The search for an escaped animal threatens to drive them all even further apart, or can they learn to work together?

Categories: Friendship, Teamwork, Forgiveness

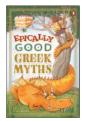


162. ELOISE THE FLAME DRAGON DRAGON GIRLS

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

We are Dragon Girls -- hear us roar! Three friends, Eloise, Ash and Maya, have just discovered that they share an amazing gift. They can transform into powerful Fire Dragons when they travel to the Magic Forest. Once there, Eloise learns that she is the mighty Flame Dragon. She must lead Ash and Maya on an epic quest to a place in the forest called the Fire Realm, which only appears once every thousand years. But an evil queen is gaining power there. She must be stopped. And Eloise and her friends are just the dragons for the job!

Categories: Dragons, Adventure



163. EPICALLY GOOD GREEK MYTHS

Ra Spratt | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Featuring sword-happy heroes, badly-behaved Gods, a monstrous minotaur, a narcoleptic dragon and more nymphs than you can poke a stick at! Master storyteller, R.A. Spratt, weaves her comedic magic through this captivating collection of epic tales. The indomitable Nanny Piggins casts aside classical accounts to reveal what really happened all those years ago on Mount Olympus, and it involves way more cake than you would imagine.

Categories: Mythology, Greek, Humour

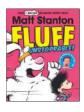


164. EYE OF THE DRAGON DRAGONS VS WOLVES

Glenn Dakin | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

An ancient prophecy is in play... Dark forces are at work in Hunter's Reach. Strange dragons lurk in the catacombs of Howling Rock, and signs of ancient sorcery have left their mark upon its walls. Prince Lyricon is no longer a prisoner, but nor is he allowed fly freely. He suspects his brother's smug commands conceal a more sinister purpose. Meanwhile, Rana and the wolves find themselves in exile in the secret paradise of Ungoria. And with their warriors all missing, those remaining look to Rana to lead the strike against the dragons who've burned their lands. But how could they possibly win against such powerful foes? Little does Rana realise, a secret weapon is right under her nose...

Categories: Fantasy, Dragons, Mystery



165. FLUFF: UNSTOPPABLE! FLUFF

Matt Stanton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

The hilarious and unmissable new series about Gilbert, a boy whose best friend is an imaginary giant fluffy bunny called Fluff, from the creator who brought us The Odds, Funny Kid and Bored. Gilbert is determined to win the local surfing competition and he will do anything to make it happen. To be a real winner, maybe he needs ... A BUNNY TO BEND THE RULES!

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Surfing

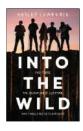


166. I WANT THAT ONE EBB AND FLO

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$11.99 | School Price \$10.20

Ebb wants a yumball. There are lots of green ones, but Ebb is set on purple. How can Flo help her friend see that all yumballs are yum? Each stand-alone story features a hilarious and relatable friendship story; decodable phonetic words; essential sight words and high-frequency words; phoneme manipulation to boost phonological awareness ... and lots of fun!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Friendship, Humour

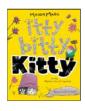


167. INTO THE WILD

Hayley Lawrence | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

There are places in the world so remote, that if you get lost, you may never be found. Olive, Ted, Knox, Birdie and Silas enter a challenge to survive in the wild, without technology. Their stage? The majestic Blue Mountains. Working as a team, they must read maps, build fires, camp and trek through the most dangerous of terrain, in subzero temperatures. But when the teenagers are split over a decision to climb a dangerous rock, disaster strikes. And in their quest for survival, one of them makes an unforgivable choice. With catastrophic consequences. Nobody is blameless. And they may not all make it home. But those who do, may never forgive each other.

Categories: Suspense, Thriller, Survival, Trust, Consequences



168. ITTY BITTY KITTY 5 ITTY BITTY KITTY

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Itty Bitty Kitty LOVES leaves, chin tickles and chicken sandwiches. She HATES being called cute. She is almost a tiger, after all! She may still be a kitten, but Itty Bitty is ready to take on the world. And she knows all the Cat Laws. So it's Itty Bitty's job to teach her humans everything! But with surprise visitors, new adventures and even another kitten around, it's Itty Bitty's turn to learn a new trick or two ...

Categories: Animal Stories, Cats, Adventure



169. LEAD ROLE, THE STAGE STARS: MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Penny McNamee | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

After years without true friends, Millie von Trapp has finally met 'her people' at Stage Stars Musical theatre club. And she's extremely excited to be putting on a new show, which is a modern telling of the Cinderella story. But when new girl, Roxie, shows up, Millie worries Roxie will take the lead role and her new friends away from her. Will Millie get the main part she's always dreamed of having? Or will Roxie steal the show? A book about loving who you are and finding your people.

Categories: Friendship, Belonging, ADHD, Acting, Singing, Music



170. LITTLE BONES

Sandy Bigna | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

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

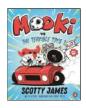


171. MIM AND THE MOTHER MUDDLE TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

Katrina Nannestad | Cheryl Orsini (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Mim has arrived in Salzburg -- the town of Mozart and mountains, gardens and castles, Sacher torte and sausages ... and Mum! Why is she here? And why doesn't she recognise Mim and Nat? Mim knows they're here to help Mum remember. To show her love and patience. To fix her muddled mind. If only they could find Mum the right book. If only Dad would stop giving everyone the same silly book.

Categories: Books, Reading, Adventure



172. MOOKI VS THE TERRIBLE TOYS MOOKI

Scotty James | Dave Atze (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40 Join MOOKi and his best friends Cindy and Ralph as they discover an AMAZING toy store, meet COOL new friends, face TERRIBLE new foes and go on a DARING rescue mission!

Categories: Adventure, Advice



173. NEW GIRL, THE GO GIRLS #9

Rowan Mcauley | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Zoe can't wait to meet Isabelle, the new girl. What will she be like, and will they be friends? No matter what, Zoe is going to make sure Isabelle feels welcome at their school. But it turns out Isabelle has no trouble fitting in right away. And when she starts being really mean, Zoe has to choose between being mean too, or standing tall and being a good friend.

Categories: Family, Friendship



174. NIGHT OWLS TARONGA PRESENTS

Kristen Darell | Laura Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Sophia and Ollie are zookeepers for a day . . . and a night! When Sophia and Ollie get a chance to stay at the Zoo after dark they can't believe their luck. But it's not easy being nocturnal! What are those strange sounds? What's out there in the shadows? But when the keepers need help, Sophia and Ollie won't rest until the job is done.

Categories: Animals, Zoo Animals, Zoo, Conservation, Volunteering, Wildlife



175. NINJA KID: NINJA TALENT! NINJA KID

Anh Do | Mario A Gonzalez (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60 It's time for the Tip-Top Talent Quest! And, thanks to their secret Super Spray, Nelson and Kenny have the best act ever. They can dance, do backflips ... and they look like rock stars! Until the Super Spray suddenly fails and all they can do is fall over! Can the boys find a way to save Duck Creek ... and their dignity?!

Categories: Adventure, Action, Inventions, Ninjas



176. OOPSY DAISY EBB AND FLO

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$11.99 | School Price \$10.20

When Ebb squashes Flo's flowers, Flo feels sad. And, maybe, a little bit mad. Ebb feels bad. How can he make Flo feel happy again? Each stand-alone story features a hilarious and relatable friendship story; decodable phonetic words; essential sight words and high-frequency words; phoneme manipulation to boost phonological awareness ... and lots of fun!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Friendship, Humour



177. PARROT PALACE

Susanne Gervay | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Three inventive and daring kids, along with their families, live in a three-story apartment block called' Parrot Palace'. Hari, Lily-Rosa, and Mikey come from different cultures, but their differences unite them as they form a close-knit team. They share their secrets as they navigate their dreams and challenges. Will Mikey become a joker or follow in his dad's footsteps as a builder? Can Lily-Rosa balance her dreams of becoming a firefighter, and a ballerina? And will Hari fix the disaster he created for his Nani and mother? They join together and confront their arch enemy, the neighbour Mr Crabtree. It is here, that they eventually find the real answers to friendship.

Categories: Culture, Tradition, Love, Multicultural, Inclusivity



178. PRINCE OF FORTUNE, THE

Lisa Tirreno | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Shy Prince Edmund will be a great king one day: it has been Seen again and again. With rare magic giving him dominion over the nation's plants and weather, Edmund feels a great deal of pressure to live up to his nation's many expectations. That is, until he meets Lord Aubrey Ainsley. Charming, romantic, and politically insignificant, Aubrey is a Seer, but not even he could have predicted catching the eye of Edmund, the Prince of Fortune—nor that the anxious prince who talks to plants more than people could feel so right for him. Aubrey's dream-visions have been full of battle, not love, but to say that Prince Edmund has captured his fancy would be a grand understatement.

Categories: Fantasy, Romance



179. READING ROCKS EBB AND FLO

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$11.99 | School Price \$10.20

Flo thinks reading rocks. Ebb thinks lots of things rock, but reading is not one of them. Can Flo find a way to help Ebb see how good reading can be? Each stand-alone story features a hilarious and relatable friendship story; decodable phonetic words; essential sight words and high-frequency words; phoneme manipulation to boost phonological awareness ... and lots of fun!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Friendship, Humour, Reading, Books



180. REVENGE OF THE TOXIC SPACE POTATO GRAPHIC NOVEL

Andrew Marlton | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A hilarious full-colour illustrated cosmic adventure featuring teen superheroes, a wobbegong and a sourdough starter with a real punch intent on saving the world from climate disaster, from Australia's best-loved marsupial cartoonist.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



181. ROBIN CAMP DIARY OF A NETBALL STAR

Liz Watson | Laura Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Liz Watson loves reading, baking, and hanging out with her BFF, Katie. But there's one thing she loves the most... netball. Read all about it in her diary! Liz is so excited to go on her very first netball camp! The Panthers are joining a round robin tournament and get to stay overnight at a campsite. But when an old injury starts to hurt, Liz has to make a big decision. Can the Park Panthers win the tournament?

Categories: Family, Friendship, Teamwork, Netball



182. SCHOOL STORIES ELLA AND OLIVIA

 Yvette Poshoglian | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | 4 in 1 | Age 6+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

 Meet Ella and Olivia. Big sister. Little sister. Best friends! Join Ella and Olivia in four of their best school stories, as together they make new friends and special memories!

Categories: Friendship, School



183. SHADOWS AND SECRETS WOLF GIRL

Anh Do | Jeremy Ley (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When Gwen discovers her dad has escaped from Snake Dungeon in Winter Hill, she and her pack race to the town, desperate to find out whether her mum is still being held there. But when they arrive they realise the Braxans are watching them, and when they split up, the dogs start disappearing . . . Gwen isn't sure who she and her pack can trust in Winter Hill. Will they find a way to Snake Dungeon – and if they do make it, who will be waiting for them?

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Danger



184. SPELLING TEST MEET ELLA

Rebecca McRitchie | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | **RRP \$7.99** | **School Price \$7.20** Ella and her class have a spelling test tomorrow. But Ella forgets to finish her homework! Will she know how to spell all the words?

Categories: Persistence, Determination

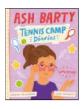


185. SPIRIT OF THE CROCODILE

Aaron Fa'Aoso | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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



186. SUPERSTAR TENNIS CAMP DIARIES

Ash Barty | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Ash is back at TENNIS CAMP and so HAPPY to see her friends again. When they all find out that they will COMPETE at the end of camp in a singles tournament and the WINNERS will get to be a ball kid at the local grown-ups tournament, they all get SUPER EXCITED! Especially when there's a chance they'll get to meet their tennis heroes AND go on TV!

Categories: Sport, Tennis, Teamwork, Friendship, Competition



187. SURF'S UP! GO GIRLS #7

Chrissy Perry | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Lucy is so excited about going on a beach holiday with her best friend Bonnie. They will have five whole days to learn how to become surfie girls together. But their friendship will also be tested – and not just by the waves!

Categories: Sport, Surfing, Friendship



188. TIGG AND THE BANDICOOT BUSHRANGER

Jackie French | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Orphaned twelve-year-old Tigg is the Bandicoot Bushranger, the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859. When a robbery goes wrong, Tigg must flee in disguise as one of the tens of thousands of Chinese men and boys braving heat, thirst, starvation and murderous attacks on the long road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria. But even further danger threatens. Who has offered a large sum of money for Tigg's capture? And is the mysterious Henry Lau a friend or enemy? To be safe, Tigg must solve the greatest mystery of all. Who is Tigg?

Categories: Australian History, Bushrangers, Gold Rush, Robbery, Mystery



189. TIM POSSIBLE AND THE TIME-TRAVELLING T.REX TIM POSSIBLE Axel Maisy | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Tim and Tito are best friends whose world gets upended when a time-travelling T-Rex named Oskar suddenly appears in Tim's backyard. That's right, a time-travelling T-Rex, who knows too much for his or Tim and Tito's good. Sure, Oskar's prehistoric spaceship is awesome. But when Tim mistakenly gulps down something called Impossible Juice, the boys find themselves not only battling a loony, robotic lunch lady, but also Oskar's evil AI assistant. Is humanity as they know it on the brink of doom? Or can Tim, Tito and Oskar save the day?

Categories: Time Travel, Adventure



190. TREASURE TRAIL ELLA DIARIES SUPER SPECIAL

Meredith Costain | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Warning: You are about to read my utterly biggest secrets. Can I trust you? OK then. I'm Ella, and this is my diary. Ella is on holiday in beautiful Bali! The whole family wear sarongs, and visit super special temples and gardens. Ella even meets girls her own age who are amazing dancers. But when Ella stumbles upon a mysterious treasure map, she knows just what she wants to do next... find the treasure!

Categories: Mystery, Family, Treasure, Secrets



191. UNHALLOWED HALLS

Lili Wilkinson | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

After a deadly incident at her old school, Page enrols 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



192. WILDSMITH: INTO THE DARK FOREST

Liz Flanagan | Joe Todd-Stanton (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00 When war threatens Rowan's beloved city, she and her mother move to the Dark Forest to live with the grandfather she has never met. Rowan struggles to adjust to her new life until she rescues a baby dragon from poachers and discovers an extraordinary family secret: like her grandpa, she's a wildsmith - a person who can heal and speak to

Categories: Mystery, Adventure

animals!



193. ZORA THE SNOW DRAGON DRAGON GIRLS Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

The Storm Dragons are being called back to the Magic Forest for one last adventure. Zora and her cousins, Mina and Hana, have to protect the forest from the Chaos Queen's reign. The harmony of the forest and its snowstorms depend on the bravery of the girls. Can they find a way to beat the Chaos Queen at her own game, once and for all?

Categories: Dragons, Adventure

Younger Novel



194. ALICE ALONE THE CURIOSITY CLUB

Sally Harris | Janette Hill (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

"Where do you run when your former best friend tips their lunch straight into your lap?" When Alice Chang starts out at her new school, everything isn't quite as rosy as she'd dreamed. First, she falls out with previous best friend, Gigi, and then she ?nds that the only after-school club still available is GAS (Girls Achieving at STEM) which Alice considers extremely uncool. However, with the help of an inspirational teacher and two new best friends, Alice discovers that being cool isn't always what it looks like in teen magazines and that being yourself and being smart can be the coolest thing of all.

Categories: Friendship, Individuality, Acceptance



195. BEING BEE THE CURIOSITY CLUB

Sally Harris | Janette Hill (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

'I don't think I've found my thing yet. Other than being a girl, of course. It sometimes feels like that's my job in this family, just being the only daughter, the little princess.' Bee, Alice and Cleo met at the after-school club GAS (Girls Achieving at STEM) and are now inseperable. Together they have entered the prestigious Think League Challenge and Bee is determined to win. However, it sometimes feels like an uphill battle. Alice and Cleo don't seem to be taking the competition as seriously as her, and her family are more interested in her role as bridesmaid at her aunt's upcoming wedding. Bee sets out to achieve her dreams on her own, but soon discovers that going solo isn't all it's cracked up to be and that friends and family are more important than she thought.

Categories: Friendship, Individuality, Acceptance



196. CASE OF THE MISSING STUFF, THE VIOLET AND THE VELVETS

Rachael King | Phoebe Morris (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Meet Violet Grumble: a music-loving, guitar-toting tween whose dream is to compete at BandChamps. The problem is that none of her friends can play an instrument. Violet won't let that stop her! But things get tougher when the band's gear starts to go missing - what's going on? Can Violet solve the mystery and harness her ADHD powers? Can she help the Velvets overcome stage fright AND beat The Alphas at the final showdown? After all, you only need three chords to play a song... how hard can it be?

Categories: Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, ADHD, Mystery, Music



197. DOUBLE FELIX

Sally Harris | Maria Serrano (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Felix skips every second step, taps door handles twice and positions objects in pairs. Now it looks as though Felix will be expelled from school because the principal has had enough of his very specific rules. Brand new edition with 'how to make your own comic' back section.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Anxiety, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Identity



198. ELIZA AND THE FLOWER FAIRIES FAIRY DOOR DIARIES

Megan McDonald | Lenny Wen (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 6+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

To some, the low door in Eliza's bedroom might look like an ordinary entrance to a crawl space under the stairs. But to a believer like Eliza of the Elves, it's the door to the Land of UnderStair, a secret hideout all her own. And in that crawl space is another door, a teeny-tiny one that can transport Eliza to a world of tangerine sun and lemonpudding sky, a place where flower fairies perch on every bloom and a new flower springs up whenever you pick one. But in a far corner of that world, Eliza tries to pick a strangely beautiful flower—"Nooooo!" cries her friend Poppy—and things soon go terribly awry.

Categories: Fairies, Magic, Fantasy, Adventure



199. GHOSTLY SURPRISE! THE DRAGON TOWERS

Pip Bird | David O'Connell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

At Dragon Towers every child is paired with their very own dragon best friend, and every dragon has their own special magic power, from fire-breathing to going invisible and even making slime. Theo's dragon Wanda is a bit different to the other dragons – she's more friendly than fearsome, she gets distracted by her tail when flying, and when Theo first met her she didn't seem to have any powers at all. But Wanda is Theo's best friend, things are NEVER boring when she's around – and in fact she has the rarest power of all... a magical bum.

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Dragons, Friendship

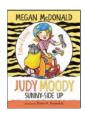


200. JOKES FOR EVERY DAY

Toby Reynolds | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Q: What did the horse say when it fell over? A: "I've fallen and I can't giddy up!" Q: What happened when the two waves had a race? A: They tide. The ultimate collection of jokes, with more than 1,000 jokes, knock knocks and puns to give you the giggles. Whether you're a fan of animals, school pranks, the mysteries of the ocean or all things disgusting like poo, boogers and zombies, there's something in here for every jokester and their friends. And it's fully illustrated for even more laughs.

Categories: Joke Books



201. JUDY MOODY SUNNY-SIDE UP JUDY MOODY

Megan McDonald | Peter H Reynolds (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 6+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Mr. Todd has Class 3T looking for the Five Ws in the newspaper, but all Judy can see is how much bad news there is. Climate change! Deadly virus! Sea turtles endangered by straws stuck in their noses! The good news is that Judy is taking all the bad news as a call to action. She gets out her notebook, clicks her six-year pen, transforms into a Kid Reporter, and goes out in search of happier stories. Rare bird sighting in Virginia Beach! Escaped bearded dragon found! Plastic straws banned at Virginia Dare School!

Categories: Adventure, Community



202. MINNIE HOME ALONE PUPPY CLUB

Catherine Jacob | Rachael Saunders (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | **RRP \$12.99** | **School Price \$11.05** Harper's puppy Minnie hates being home alone and it's stressing out the whole family. Can the Puppy Clubbers help with Minnie's separation anxiety so that Harper can join them on the school residential trip?

Categories: Pets, Dogs, Separation Anxiety, Friendship

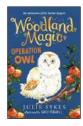


203. MYSTERIOUS MISHAPS MAGIC KEEPERS

Linda Chapman | Hoang Giang (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Ava and her friends have been practising magic so that they're ready to protect the powerful curios left by her great aunt. But when her mum's friend Jo comes over to take a picture of them, Ava is nervous. The artefacts can be unpredictable! Then the town is met with a sudden stream of accidents, including a tree collapsing, burst water mains leading to roads being blocked off, and falling set pieces from the local theatre almost injuring the staff. Ava suspects that the curios have something to do with it, but can she, Sarah, Lily and Pepper the puppy find out what is causing the town's sudden spate of bad luck?

Categories: Friendship, Magic



204. OPERATION OWL WOODLAND MAGIC

Julie Sykes | Katy Riddell (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

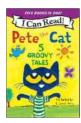
The Keepers are a secretive tribe of little people who live in the middle of Whispering Woods, caring for the countryside and rewilding it when humans (or Ruffins as they know them) are careless with it. On their very first venture into the Big Outside as fully trained Keepers, Cora and Jax come across a barn owl caught in a tree by a discarded fishing line. Determined to help free it, Jax climbs on to the owl's back to loosen the line but the owl takes to the air - with Jax on board. Will Cora ever see him again?



205. PAINTING PUZZLE, THE FAMOUS FIVE COLOUR SHORT STORIES Enid Blyton | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The Five are excited to go to the opening of a brand new museum, but their visit takes a turn when they notice one of the paintings has been replaced with a fake! Who could have taken the priceless art piece, and can the Five find out before it's too late? This adventure story is broken down into short chapters with vibrant, full-colour illustrations to be enjoyed.

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Crime, Detective



206. PETE THE CAT: 5 GROOVY TALES I CAN READ

James Dean | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Enjoy five favorite Pete the Cat Level 1 I Can Reads in one! From the New York Times bestselling author-illustrator team Kimberly and James Dean. Join Pete the Cat as he makes a new friend, goes camping, saves money, and more in this collection of five Pete-tastic stories bound up into one groovy book! This bind-up includes the following favorite Level One I Can Reads starring Pete the Cat. Pete the Cat Goes Camping Pete the Cat and the Cool Caterpillar Pete the Cat: Rocking Field Day Pete the Cat's Not So Groovy Day Pete the Cat Saves Up

Categories: Readers



207. PINKALICIOUS: LOST IN PARIS MY FIRST I CAN READ BOOK

Victoria Kann | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Young readers will be swept up in Pinkalicious's pinkatastic Parisian adventure in this Level One I Can Read! Pinkalicious gets distracted and loses track of Mommy, Daddy, and Peter on a family trip to Paris. But fortunately, Pinkalicious remembers Mommy's advice and knows what to do! Pinkalicious: Lost in Paris is a Level One I Can Read, which means it's perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences. Whether shared at home or in a classroom, the short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts of Level One books support success for children eager to start reading on their own. Readers can watch Pinkalicious and Peter on the funtastic PBS Kids TV series Pinkalicious & Peterrific!

Categories: Readers



208. PUG WHO WANTED TO BE A SUPERHERO, THE Bella Swift | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

When a superhero movie are filming in town, Peggy can't wait to meet the cast. But things don't go to plan as Peggy tries to prove that she can be a super dog, just like the superheroes in the movie. Peggy the pug soon learns that real superheroes don't wear capes or have super powers, but are just the people who love us and who are kind to others.



209. TEETHING TROUBLE HUGH DUNNIT MYSTERY

Guy Bass | Lee Cosgrove (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Hugh Dunnit is a schoolboy who only takes on the toughest cases. Like the case of the missing Tooth Fairy. Hugh's cousin is owed a small fortune for his baby teeth, but the fairy has never coughed up. Hugh must sink his teeth into another conspiracy, and this one runs deeper than a root canal. Has Hugh bitten off more than he can chew? A brilliantly funny detective story with comic-book art throughout by Lee Cosgrove.

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Detective



210. TINY AND THE CAVE GHOST CALL THE PUFFINS

Cath Howe | Ella Okstad (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Muffin, Tiny and the rest of the trainees are busy learning the skills they need to become rescue puffins on the island of Egg. The friends are delighted to practise all the things they've learnt on a celebratory day called Puffin Power. But when a chick goes missing the young rescuers must put their training into practice, and before long they're deep in the cave network searching for the lost chick. It's dark and spooky – what if the legend of the ghost puffin that haunts these caves is true? Muffin, Tiny and the others need to gather their courage and work as a team to rescue the chick and lead everyone to safety!

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Rescue



211. WOLFBOY IS SCARED

Andy Harkness | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Wolfboy is NOT afraid of the Grumble Monster. He's just in a hurry to get home. Except . . . the rabbits should go first. Wolfboy needs to watch their backs after all! Wait, are those monster claws? Are those monster eyes? Maybe Wolfboy IS scared! With bold, bright art, Wolfboy Is Scared hilariously encapsulates how fear itself can be scarier than any monster!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Fear

Middle Novel



212. AFTER

Padraig Kenny | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Jen and her father are making their way across a deserted world after a technological collapse brought civilization as people knew it to an end. The Flood took out all all technology, but also many people who were connected to a central information hive. Those who are left behind must find each other and build a new life. But Jen's father isn't related to her by blood – he is a human-appearing AI, a glitch in the system, and a secret that must be kept, even from those she wishes she could trust...

Categories: Dystopian, Fantasy, Survival, Hope, Family



213. ALIEN MISSION DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO

Ari Avatar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Ari is just a regular avatar from Blockville who loves hanging out with his two best friends – Zeke, an obby and parkour pro, and Jez, the ultimate hacker and Queen of Tech. Ari, Jez and Zeke are enjoying watching a meteor shower when they see something they don't expect–a UFO! After discovering that aliens have arrived in Blockville, the friends' mission is clear: they must be stopped. But all is not what it seems, and the enemy is not who they expected. Can Ari and his friends pull off a successful mission?

Categories: High Interest, Adventure, Roblox, Reluctant Readers



214. ALONE ON A WIDE WIDE SEA

Michael Morpurgo | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

How far would you go to find yourself? The lyrical, life-affirming novel from the nation's favourite storyteller 'Michael Morpurgo's best book in years' Observer When six-year-old Arthur is shipped to Australia after the Second World War, he loses everything he knows. Subjected to brutal hardship on a working farm before finding a home with the eccentric Aunty Megs, Arthur is eventually called back to the sea. Now Arthur has built a yacht for his daughter, Allie, who is determined to sail to England to find her father's long-lost sister. Will love stretch across time and oceans and reveal how Arthur's life began?

Categories: Identity, Family, Belonging, Migration, Origins



215. AMULET TROUBLE DIARY OF A MINECRAFT CREEPER

Zack Zombie | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Ever wonder what life is like for a Minecraft Zombie? When Zombie and his friends go on an excursion to an archaeological site, they uncover pieces of the Good Luck Amulet of Ancient Minecraftia. They hand them in to the museum... except, Zombie sneakily keeps a piece for himself. And that's when his good luck starts to roll in! How far will Zombie go to keep his amulet piece and good luck? And will he sacrifice his friends in the process?

Categories: High Interest, Adventure, Minecraft, Reluctant Readers



216. ASGARDIANS: THOR GRAPHIC NOVEL

George O'Connor | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Following the smash-hit Olympians series, George O'Connor embarks on a new saga about the Norse gods. This second volume tells the story of Thor, god of thunder! Perfect for fans of Percy Jackson! Welcome to the Nine Worlds, home of Gods, Valkyries, Dwarves, and more! Follow the journey of the mighty Thor as he sets off into the blackest sea in search of the Midgard serpent, Jormungandr; thunders across fjords and hills in his chariot to the land of the Jotnar; and is united with his trusty hammer, Mjollnir, for the very first time. But will Thor's tales of brawling and bravado earn him his crossing from the mysterious ferryman?

Categories: Graphic Novel

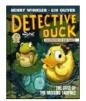


217. BLACK DEATH, 1348 I SURVIVED

Lauren Tarshis | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

The deadliest disease in the history of the world... Elsie dreams of becoming a brave warrior like her father, who is an archer fighting in England's war against France. But life isn't fair in 1348 Europe. Peasant girls like Elsie can't be archers or knights or anything exciting. Then one day in the forest, Elsie and her best friend discover a chest filled with stolen treasures – and a dangerous secret. At last, Elsie has a chance to prove that she's as brave as any knight. Little does she know that a horrific deadly illness – the Black Death – has begun its attack on England. It's already killed millions around the world. And now it's come for Elsie.

Categories: Survival, Plague, Disease



218. CASE OF THE MISSING TADPOLE, THE DETECTIVE DUCK

Henry Winkler | Dan Santat (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$19.80

When Tad the Tadpole goes missing, Detective Duck and her friends in the Pond Squad are on the case. What first seemed like a simple search and rescue mission gets more complicated when her friends find a pipe leaking a strange brown liquid and a cluster of peculiar blue-green plants that make it difficult for the pond creatures to breathe. Fortunately, Detective Duck is on the job, solving these puzzling mysteries before they get out of hand and destroy their habitat! The Pond Squad will have to work together to clean up their environment and bring Tad home in this charming new mystery.

Categories: Detective, Mystery



219. CASE OF THE STRANGE SPLASH, THE DETECTIVE DUCK

Henry Winkler | Dan Santat (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$19.80

Willow Feathers McBeaver, aka Detective Duck, is a crime-solving (and very precocious) little duck. She and her animal pals live on beautiful Dogwood Pond, which is adjacent to Lazy Days, a human campground in New England. A pristine spot with clear water, abundant wildlife, and shady willow trees, Dogwood Pond is encountering puzzling problems—mysteries that arise from human-caused disruptions in nature such as water pollution, garbage, warming climate, and human encroachment. Fortunately, Detective Duck is on the job, solving these puzzling mysteries before they get out of hand and destroy their habitat! Armed with her ever-present satchel for collecting clues, her logical mind, and endless curiosity, she boldly goes where no pond creature has before, determined to unravel the mysteries and solve any environmental problem that besets her beloved Dogwood Pond!

Categories: Detective, Mystery

CHARLIE CHRISTMAS FACTORY Tr

220. CHARLIE AND THE CHRISTMAS FACTORY

Roald Dahl | Rikin Parekh (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

Twelve amazing new Christmas stories from the worlds of Roald Dahl. Written by the very best and biggest children's authors.

Categories: Christmas



221. CHILDREN OF THE QUICKSANDS

Efua Traore | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

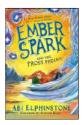
Simi is sent to stay with her grandmother in a remote village deep in the forests of Nigeria. Witch-like and tightlipped about the past, her grandmother hints at a tragic family secret—but won't tell Simi the truth. Simi is desperate to discover it for herself, but it's only when she's caught in the red quicksand of a forbidden lake that her adventure truly begins. Along with new friends, Jay and Bubu, Simi must bring her family back together and restore peace to the village.



222. DAREDEVILS, THE

Rob Buyea | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Loretta and her twin brother, Waylon, are headed to middle school. Loretta has always been quick with her fists and her wits. Since Waylon is on the small side, Loretta doesn't let anyone mess with him. But now she worries he won't survive without her by his side. Her secret plan- bulk him up with muscle over the summer. Little does she know that Waylon has a plan of his own. He'll show his sister he can take care of himself. As each puts their strategy in motion, Loretta and Waylon spend the summer going into the woods behind their house, even sneaking there late at night. That's where they first encounter Louie. Louie is homeschooled, he explains, when Loretta gives him the third degree. Loretta, Waylon, and Louie fall into a comfortable friendship and continue their nightly forest adventures. When they unearth a mysterious box, the past collides with the present, propelling the trio on a quest that will forever change their lives.



223. EMBER SPARK AND THE FROST PHOENIX EMBER SPARK

Abi Elphinstone | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Ember Spark has been working as an apprentice to Rusty Fizzbang, vet to magical creatures. When a baby frost phoenix guides her north to the Arctic circle, she soon realises that the migrating Neverwhales are at risk. And with arch-villain, Jasper Hornswoggle, tracking her, danger is afoot not just for the Neverwhales, but for ALL of the magical creatures.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Dragons



224. ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ ESCAPE FROM

Andy Marino | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

May 1962... In the middle of San Francisco Bay looms Alcatraz, home to America's most infamous prisoners. Also home to Chip Carter and his dad, who works at the high-security prison. Their neighbours are former mobsters, gangsters, and murderers, but Chip finds it to be a pretty boring place to live. After all, the inmates can't hurt him—they're locked up in an impenetrable fortress. Or are they? Inmate AZ1441, aka the Watcher, has a genius plan to break out of Alcatraz with three other inmates. Foolproof. Or so he thought until one of the guard's kids stumbles into the middle of it. Chip is stunned. No one can break out of the Rock. Not unless they have an inside guy. Which it seems like they do... Chip's dad.

Categories: Prison, Escape, Danger, History



225. EVIE'S GHOST

Helen Peters | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Evie couldn't be angrier with her mother. She's only gone and got married again and has flown off on honeymoon, sending Evie to stay with a godmother she's never even met in an old, creaky house in the middle of nowhere. It is all monumentally unfair. But on the first night in her godmother's spare room, Evie notices a strange message scratched into the windowpane, and everything she thought she knew gets turned upside down. After a ghastly night's sleep Evie wakes up in 1814, dressed as a housemaid, and certain she's gone back in time for a reason. A terrible injustice needs to be fixed. But there's a housekeeper barking orders, a bad-tempered master to avoid, and the chamber pots won't empty themselves. It's going to take all Evie's cunning to fix things in the past so that nothing will break apart in the future

Categories: Time Travel, History, Past and Present, Family



226. EXPLORING ANCIENT EGYPT THE TIMEKEEPERS SJ King | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

The Timekeepers are a secret organisation of kids who keep the course of history on track – and history needs them – a villain called DeLay is causing chaos! In this instalment, the Timekeepers travel back to Ancient Egypt and become wrapped up in an effort to track down some medicine to heal Queen Nefertiti. It'll be a race against time, but our heroes know they're up to the challenge!

Categories: History, Adventure, Time Travel, Mystery



227. FARM BOY

Michael Morpurgo | Michael Foreman (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Farm Boy is the extraordinary sequel to the beloved modern classic, War Horse. "There was an old green Fordson tractor in the back of Grandpa's barn, always covered in cornsacks. When I was very little, I used to go in there, pull off the cornsacks, climb up and drive it all over the farm" Fifty years ago, Grandpa's horse Joey was sent away from the family farm to be a warhorse in World War I, and Grandpa joined the cavalry to find Joey and fight with him. Now Grandpa is telling his grandson all about Joey and revealing a secret which he has kept to himself all these years ...



228. FIVE AND THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE NEW FAMOUS FIVE

Chris Smith | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

When Fran, Tom, Maddy and Gilbert the dog stay with Professor George Kirrin for the holidays, they soon find themselves caught up in a robbery of a top-secret treasure map. Professor George will have to tell them about an old case of the Famous Five if they're ever going to catch the thief and rescue the forgotten treasure...

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Crime, Detective



229. FLORA STORMER AND THE MYSTIC PEARL FLORA STORMER

Isabella Harcourt | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Flora Stormer and her friend Pavan are racing to the North Pole by dog sled, trying to find their friend's missing parents. When they hear about a magical pearl that can show the past and future, Flora realises it could help them solve the mystery. But their arch-enemy Lord Granville is determined to get his greedy hands on it first. Soon, the race to the Arctic becomes a race to the mystic pearl! With polar bears, fierce mermaids, and ferocious sea storms, the Arctic is a dangerous place – even without Lord Granville trying to eliminate the competition. Luckily, Flora has friendship – and magic – on her side!

Categories: Magic, Adventure, Mystery



230. GOING TO BAT MIND AND ME

Sunita Chawdhary | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Maya is excited to join Cricket Club at school, but between sports superstars, the big green monster, and her ACTUAL MUM coming to coach the team, she has a lot to handle. And on top of that, Mind thinks they've forgotten something important... like sending a letter to Grandad in India! Can Maya and Mind work it all out in time for their big cricket game? Funny, and with heaps of heart, this is a delightful story for younger readers accompanied by beautiful and dynamic illustrations.

Categories: Sport, Cricket, Mindfulness, Family



231. HAUNTING RETURNS, THE GOOSEBUMPS

Kate Howard | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

Once upon a scary time ... Thirty years ago, Harold Biddle died in a tragic accident. Now the teenage kids of Harold's classmates are determined to find out what really happened to him all those years ago ... as long as Harold's spirit doesn't exact his revenge first! But Harold Biddle isn't the only thing threatening the town of Port Lawrence.

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Danger



232. HEADLESS GHOST, THE BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES

Marcus Rashford | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

There's only a week to go before the school play when things start going wrong in rehearsals. Sets crash over, lights go on and off and the fog machine has a mind of its own. There are rumours that a headless ghost has been haunting the dressing rooms and ruining rehearsals with its ear splitting screech. Marcus and his friends must work together to solve the mystery before opening night. The show must go on, so it's a good thing the Breakfast Club Investigators never give up!

Categories: Detective, Crime, Investigation, Mystery, School



233. HIDDEN TREASURE

Jessie Burton | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

For the people who live on the banks of the Thames, the river is a living, breathing thing. It can take your treasures. It can hide your treasures. And, sometimes, it can give them back. Bo and Billy are two children who have never met. Billy is an orphan. Bo's dad died when she was small and now her brother is off to war. Both children are poor, but they have each found half of a priceless treasure, given up by the river. A treasure which – when the pieces are reunited – holds the power to give back to one of them the most precious thing they have ever lost. But should the treasure be put back together again? And why has the river given it up now?

Categories: Adventure, World War 1, Mystery, Mudlarking, Poverty



234. ICE APPRENTICES

Jacob North | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Tundra is the last settlement in a world of ice. Oswin Fields is its only stray, rescued from the Endless Expanse. So, when he's summoned to the school for ice apprentices, he sets out to prove his worth. But all isn't as it seems in this enchanted place. When the beasts begin to strike, Oswin has to risk everything he holds dear. Can he look deep within himself to find the strength to prove that he belongs?

Categories: Fantasy, LGBTQIA



235. ICE CHILDREN, THE

MG Leonard | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

A sparkling, elegant homage to Hans Christian Andersen Illustrated in black and white throughout by Penny Neville-Lee. At the stroke of midnight on the dawn of December, five-year-old Finn Albedo is found frozen on a pedestal of ice. His heart is beating, he is smiling, but no one can wake him. Finn's big sister, Bianca, suspects that the tall mysterious stranger who first discovered Finn knows more than they will admit? Bianca's quest to discover the truth and rescue her little brother hurls her into a fantastical winter wonderland, full of beauty, danger and irresistible spirit animals, where all is not as it seems.

Categories: Fantasy, Mystery, Magic



236. JOURNEY TO THE ANCIENT CITY MINECRAFT

Danny Lore | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Jump back into the Overworld with the next blockbuster Minecraft novel, Journey to the Ancient City. An official Minecraft adventure! Opal has almost done it all – fighting monsters, protecting people from pillagers and even defeating the legendary Ender Dragon! But that's all in the past. Now, Opal has hung up their adventuring hat and is living the life of a happy crafter, far more likely to build you a bed than fight a Wither. In fact, Opal has decided that their time is best spent building their Dream Manor outside the very village that displays the Ender Dragon Skull they brought back from the End! Meanwhile, Opal's sister, Lisa, is beginning her own unique journey. She's ready to be a hero. Just ask her. Or don't ... She'll tell you anyway. She knows every single story ever told about her sibling, and probably a few other heroes as well. She has always admired her sister, Opal, but now it's her turn to have an adventure! And that adventure might be bigger than she could ever have imagined. One day, a travelling adventure named Braun arrives in town, claiming to know how to defeat a Warden – a fearsome mob that not even Opal has defeated. Lisa jumps at the chance to join Braun on his epic quest, and Opal reluctantly agrees to accompany the duo – only to protect their sister, of course. But along the way, Opal might just rediscover their love of adventure, and realize that it's even more fun when someone else is there to share in the story ...

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure



237. LAST DRAGON ON MARS, THE

Scott Reintgen | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

For Lunar and his crew of fellow orphans, every day on Mars is a fight for survival. They scavenge for scraps in a wasteland ravaged by wars and storms, hoping they'll have enough to eat. Like most kids, Lunar knows the legends about dragons. How there's one for every planet, every moon and every star. But no dragon is coming to rescue them. Until one day, a scavenging mission goes dangerously wrong, forcing Lunar to hide underground. There, he finds the only hope left for a dying planet: the last dragon. And when the dragon won't let him go, it becomes alarmingly clear: LUNAR JONES HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO SAVE MARS.

Categories: Science Fiction, Adventure, Fantasy, Dragons

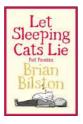


238. LET IT GLOW

Marissa Meyer | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

When Aviva Davids and Holly Martin meet at the holiday pageant tryouts for their local senior's center, they think they must be seeing double. While they both knew they were adopted, they had no idea they had a biological sibling, let alone an identical twin! The similarities are only skin deep, though, because while Aviva has a big personality and even bigger Broadway plans, Holly is more the quiet dreamer type who longs to become a famous author like her grandfather. One thing the girls do have in common is their curiosity about how the other celebrates the holidays. What better way to discover the magic of the holidays than to experience them firsthand?

Categories: Twins, Siblings



239. LET SLEEPING CATS LIE: PET POEMS

Brian Bilston | Hardback | Age 8+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

A hilarious collection of pet poems by wordplay wizard Brian Bilston. When you've got a bad case of the 'mews' and are in desperate need of a 'pup'-lifting read, this book is the 'ulti-mutt' remedy. The perfect gift for a dog person, cat person and every pet lover in between. Please don't think me lazy, I'm not trying to slack – it's just that I'm stuck, you see, under this cat. Let Sleeping Cats Lie is a collection of poems following the funny lives of our furry – and not so furry – friends. Stars include Wilf, the hypnotist Labracadabrador, a philosophically inclined goldfish penning a profound haiku, a hen named Barbara receiving an adoring tribute, and an 'octopussy' cat that seems to have all its paws in plenty of odd little pies.

Categories: Poetry



240. MAGICALIA: THIEF OF SHADOWS MAGICALIA

Jennifer Bell | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When Kosh is accused of being the notorious thief the Shadowsmith, he and Bitsy must go into hiding before Kosh is arrested. Determined to prove his innocence, Bitsy, Mateo and Kosh set out to find the real villain. But they have something the Shadowsmith desperately wants, something the conservatoire also needs for protection. Can Bitsy, Kosh and Mateo figure out the true culprit before time runs out and someone catches them?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic



241. MAISIE VS ANTARCTICA

Jack Jackman | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

A cross between Adventures on Trains and My Brother is a Superhero, this first book in a brilliant new series takes you on a non-stop adventure in Antarctica. Filled with humour, heart and a touch of the supernatural, this book is perfect for the most intrepid of readers!

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Action, Antarctica, Superpower, Time, Survival



242. MARNIE MIDNIGHT AND THE GREAT CRITTER CONTEST MARNIE MIDNIGHT

Laura Ellen Anderson | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Marnie is having so much fun at Minibeast Academy, a school for bugs tucked into a giant tree at the bottom of the museum gardens. And this term it's time for something really exciting – the Great Critter Contest! The contest sees minibug students set off to explore the school in teams, searching for clues. The winners get an incredible prize and Marnie and her team – best friends Floyd the bee (who is really an A) and Star the super-strong princess ant – are determined to be first to cross the finish line. But when Veronica gets into trouble and needs rescuing, Marnie and her team have to decide whether winning really is the most important thing ...

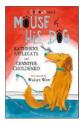
Categories: Adventure, Magic



243. METICULOUS JONES AND THE SKULL TATTOO

Philippa Leathley | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

On her tenth birthday, Meticulous 'Metty' Jones receives her fate, as all children do, in the form of a magical tattoo on her hand. She hopes that her tattoo will reveal an exciting destiny: travel, discovery or adventure. What appears is a skull in the palm of a violet glove – Metty's fate is to be a murderer. When Metty's father disappears in mysterious circumstances, Aunt Magnificent takes her to the glittering city of New London, filled with magic, wonder and enchantment. But when Metty hears rumours of a shadowy organisation known as the Black Moths, she begins to suspect they are connected to her own dark fate ...

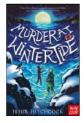


244. MOUSE AND HIS DOG DOGTOWN

Katherine Applegate | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Dogtown is a shelter for stray dogs, misbehaving dogs, and discarded robot dogs, whose owners have outgrown them. Buster is a big-hearted dog who couldn't attract more trouble if he tried. Stewie is a huge, loveable dog whose ex-owner said he was mean. And Mouse is a mouse, who has the run of Dogtown and happens to be Buster's best friend in the world. Determined to help Buster find his forever home, Mouse, Stewie, Buster and a robot-dog called Smokie embark on a bold quest in search of the perfect family. With peril, adventure and lots of laughter along the way.

Categories: Adventure



245. MURDER AT WINTERTIDE

Fleur Hitchcock | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Cosy crime for kids! Murder and mayhem disrupt a family Christmas by the sea - perfect for snuggling up with this festive season!

Categories: Mystery, Murder



246. MY AWESOME JAPAN ADVENTURE

Rebecca Otowa | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Dan is a typical American fifth grader, who travels to Japan to live with a Japanese family as an exchange student. He loves to write and doodle in his diary, and kids will love reading about all the adventures he had while he was in Japan, told in his own words. With the help of his Japanese foster brother and sister, Daisuke and Mari, Dan experiences life in a traditional Japanese village, tries new foods, and gives his readers the inside scoop on Japanese school life.

Categories: Multicultural, Japan, Culture



247. PAPER MUSEUM, THE

Kate Simpson | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

In a world where paper is obsolete and magic is all but forgotten, Lydia has moved into the Paper Museum with her Uncle Lem following the disappearance of her parents. Convinced the key to finding them lies in the museum's book collection, Lydia spends her days digitally scanning her way through the museum's library. But when Uncle Lem is called away and her Uncle Renald is put in charge of the museum, Lydia's scanning project comes to an abrupt halt. Uncle Renald takes her aer reader — the personal device that everybody uses for reading, shopping, messaging, and more — but not before Lydia makes a desperate attempt at filing a missing persons report for her parents. The report activates a countdown, and now with nothing but a secret typewriter in her dogwood fort and a cryptic message, Lydia has thirty days to find her parents and stop the mayor from commandeering the museum. Otherwise, both her family home and the Paper Museum itself will be reassigned to someone else. With aer readers on the fritz and the town descending into chaos, Lydia needs to find her parents before the Paper Museum — and her parents — are lost for good.



248. PERIL ON THE PITCH GOLD MEDAL MYSTERIES

Ellie Robinson | James Lancett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

It's been a year since Seb, Hannah and Maria solved the mystery of the gold medal thief at the Tokyo Games. Now they are reunited at the World Football Championship but Brazil's star goalie has gone missing. Finding a lost medal was one thing, finding a missing person is much more difficult. Can the trio team up again to find out what happened before the final game?

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Detective, Sport



249. PERNICKETY BOO

Sally Gardner | Chris Mould (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Brought to life by a careless sorcerer, Pernickety Boo is a well-educated umbrella with unexplored magical powers – and after he is left behind on the London Underground by his forgetful creator, Pernickety must find an owner: someone who will truly love him. So when Pernickety meets young Sylvie Moonshine and is welcomed into her home, he thinks that all of his prayers have been answered. But there are plenty of other people who are also interested in the magical umbrella, and who threaten to separate Pernickety from his beloved Sylvie, unless he can find a way to stop them.

Categories: Humour, Friendship, Imagination



250. RIVER THIEF, THE

Hannah Peck | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

When Adderley discovers Ef - a being who seems part human and part fish - in the river by her home, she is drawn into an adventure that challenges everything she's learnt about the world. Ef is searching for a special stone that she says has been stolen from her people. Could this be the key to the drought that is destroying Adderley's home? Together, Adderley and Ef resolve to recover the stone and return it to its true home, but the river waters are not always on their side and the journey is filled with danger.

Categories: Mystery, Danger, Nature

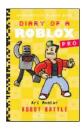


251. RIVERSTAR'S HOME WARRIORS SUPER EDITION

Erin Hunter | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

When a storm-tossed river sweeps Ripple away from the park he's always known, he commits himself to the life of a peaceful loner. Still, as his new island home starts to become a sanctuary for other rogues, he can't help but feel responsible for their safety, and for the community—and Clan—they are beginning to build. But when an old friend from the park resurfaces with terrible news just as the forest cats' fights begin to escalate into bloodshed, the cat now known as Riverstar will have to decide which home he is truly committed to protecting: his new Clan or his old family.

Categories: Fantasy



252. ROBOT BATTLE DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO

Ari Avatar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$9.00

Ari is just a regular avatar from Blockville who loves hanging out with his two best friends – Zeke, an obby and parkour pro, and Jez, the ultimate hacker and Queen of Tech. While shopping in Brickmart one night, Ari and his friends encounter a nasty surprise: Brickmart has replaced all their avatar store assistants with robots! When the school bully locks them in, they are trapped inside the store ... and they're not alone!

Categories: High Interest, Adventure, Roblox, Reluctant Readers, Gaming



254. SCORPION'S STING, THE PREY ZONE

Wilbur Smith | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

In the remote South African bush, the Ballantynes have captured the villainous Josef Gerhard and made him their prisoner. After his monstrous predasaurs unleashed a deadly virus on the world, and he framed the Ballantynes for it, he deserves to pay. But Robyn and Ralph are also racing to get the newly-created vaccine for the disease out before it's too late, and stop Gerhard's partner in crime, President Mbato, from snatching power once again. It's time to leave the wilderness and head to the city for the final showdown. But predators stalk the streets there too, and this time they've got a killer sting ...

Categories: Adventure, Action, Science Fiction

255. SHIPWRECKED

Jenny Pearson | Nick East (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Three kids face shipwrecks, survival and pirates in the latest adventure from bestselling and award-winning author Jenny Pearson. Sebastian Sunrise and his two best friends, Lina and Etienne, are in a bit of trouble. They are stranded on a desert island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, after a rowing race went very, very wrong. The friends have no idea how long they might have to stay on the island, so they make a plan. They will try to survive, look after the island's baby turtles, and have fun, if they can. But Sebastian's life has never gone to plan, and they quickly face jellyfish stings, burnt burns and an out-of-control goat. But when a boat arrives, bringing pirates who want to hunt the island's baby turtles, the friends face their greatest danger yet...

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Survival, Shipwreck, Pirates



256. STARLING AND THE CAVERN OF LIGHT FIREBORN

Aisling Fowler | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Following the shocking battle at Icegaard, Phoenix and her friends gather with the Hunters, desperate to unite the warring clans before their enemy, the Master, attacks Ember. The Cavern of Light may offer hope in the form of a legendary weapon, but it lies deep in goblin territory, in the terrifying dark zone of the underground caves. The friends must brave the unknown, facing new and deadly creatures in search of a way to save their world. As an epic final showdown draws near, Phoenix struggles to protect her friends, determined not to lose anyone else she loves. But the Master is crueller and more powerful than she ever imagined and as Phoenix's past and present collide, unthinkable sacrifices will have to be made to defeat him.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure



257. TERROR TOWER DREAD WOOD

Jennifer Killick | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Dread Wood High is suffering from an infestation of caterpillars. But these are no ordinary caterpillars. These creepy creatures grow into giant, mutant, killer moths with a taste for BLOOD! They'll stop at nothing until everything – and everyone – is destroyed. It's Club Loser's toughest battle to date. It's all to play for … and everything is at stake.

Categories: Horror, Humour

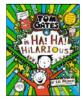


258. TIME TRAVEL TWINS, THE

James Patterson | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Twins Pew and Basket Church dream of escaping the gloomy orphanage where they grew up. Or, even better, the return of their unknown parents. But even in their wildest dreams, they never imagined the truth. They can travel through time! Armed only with perplexing clues to their past and a time travel talisman that is key to their future, Pew and Basket embark on an epic quest. Their voyage takes them from battlefields to pirate colonies, all in a race to uncover the secrets of their family – and outsmart time's greatest villain.

Categories: Time Travel, Adventure, Twins, Siblings, Mystery



259. TOM GATES IS HA! HA! HILARIOUS TOM GATES Liz Pichon | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Tom Gates is Ha! Ha! Hilarious! He's created a brand-new comic, 'Ants In Pants', to make everyone (even Delia) laugh. Inspiration for his new comic is everywhere! There's Mr Keen's unicycle mishap and the new supply teacher, Miss Jam (whose first name is not Strawberry or Traffic—but it should be). Class 5F love Miss Jam's lessons. Mr Fullerman, not so much. BUT when Tom's comic falls into the wrong hands, everything starts to go wrong. How will he get himself out of this mess? How will he make everyone laugh again? Will Marcus help him out? Hmmm... maybe.

Categories: Humour



260. UNDER THE HOWLING MOON SHIVER POINT

Gabriel Dylan | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Oli can't wait for his birthday camping trip to Howlmoor Forest with his friends. They're going to toast marshmallows and tell scary stories under the full moon and it'll be great! That is until the first night when Oli's woken by a terrifying beast slashing at the tent. And then his dad goes missing... All alone in the woods, it's up to the Shiver Squad to find him. But with a sense that something sinister is stalking them through the woods, will they succeed? And as the moon rises once again, will they even manage to get out alive?

Categories: Horror, Mystery



261. UNRAVELLED 9.5 KEEPER OF THE LOST CITIES

Shannon Messenger | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Unravelled is a new, full-length novel in the New York Times bestselling Keeper of the Lost Cities series, following fanfavourite Keefe on his adventures in the human world during the events of Stellarlune. While his friends faced their own challenges in Stellarlune, Keefe was in the human world. Where did he go, who did he see...and what shocking secrets were revealed to him?



262. WAR OF THE WURMS, THE CELESTE EXPRESS

Alexander Slater | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

In the kingdom of Galaxandria, Princess Celeste Starwing is in BIG trouble. After one bratty incident too many, her father decides she needs to learn a lesson - and so she's packed off to the Intergalactic Post Office, and given a mission to whip it into shape. Otherwise it's goodbye to being a princess forever - gulp!

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic



263. WHISPERING WORLDS, THE ARTEZANS

LD Lapinski | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Elodie and Ed Crane are twin Artezans, possessors of Hidden and Unseen magic. While Ed has the power to control dreams, Elodie can hear the thoughts of every living thing around her. Bombarded by the incessant chatter, Elodie struggles with overwhelming noise. But that's far better than the sinister Whispers she hears. The twins set off to seek out lost Artezan Masters, but shipwrecked on a remote isle, they await an uncertain rescue as storms rage around them. The islanders are welcoming, but all is not as it seems. Troubled new friend, Laurie, knows more than they are willing to tell. And as The Whispers grow louder, Elodie fears the nightmarish legends of the past are closer than anyone realises.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Dreams

Australian Information



264. AT HOME KIDS' SAFETY

William Day | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Houses and gardens are full of potential dangers for children. Whether in the kitchen bathroom or swimming pool safety involves ensuring children learn safe behaviours and how to keep an eye on younger siblings. Children need to be able to recognise when the family pet could become aggressive, decide if food is safe to eat and know when to ask for help. Recognising when someone else needs a helping hand and knowing what to do in an emergency are vital skills that children can learn as they grow into citizens of the future.

Categories: Safety



265. AT SCHOOL KIDS' SAFETY

William Day | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

All schools have procedures and rules for keeping children safe. Even where there are teachers to look after them, children still need to learn about safety and behaving thoughtfully towards others. Recognising when someone else needs a helping hand and knowing what to do in an emergency are vital skills that children can learn as they grow into citizens of the future.

Categories: Safety



266. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The systems of government of Australia are based on traditions that are centuries old and on a Constitution that only came into being in 1901. Every day, all across Australia, governments are making changes that affect the lives of every resident and citizen. Find out how it all works and what role you might have once you turn eighteen.

Categories: Government, Democracy



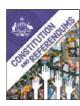
267. AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Do you know the difference between the Australian Parliament and the Government? Why are they organised the way they are and how can we all get involved in government matters that interest us? Find out the answers to these questions in this book, and discover everything you need to know about Parliament House in Canberra! **Categories:** Government, Democracy



268. BOSS OF YOUR OWN MIND TEENY TINY STEVIES

Byll Stephen | Simon Howe (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$22.50** You're not the boss of what other people think, what they say and how they exist. You're not the boss of how someone else behaves -- the positions they take and the decisions they make. But you ARE the boss of one thing ... **Categories:** Individuality, Difference



269. CONSTITUTIONS AND REFERENDUMS GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Australia's Constitution is the unique document that resulted in the formation of modern Australia and continues to shape how the government can operate. Find out what is in the Constitution, plus what was left out and why. **Categories:** Government, Democracy



270. COURAGEOUS KIDS BEHAVIOUR MATTERS

Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Being courageous is not showing off by doing dangerous activities. It means being able to overcome fears and stand up for what is right even when others criticise you for it. In this book, children will discover what sort of behaviour is expected but also how they can always ask for help if they need it.

Categories: Behaviour, Courage

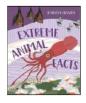


271. ELIZABETH: STORY OF AN AUSTRALIAN PIONEER

Mark Wilson | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

Elizabeth Macarthur was a true Australian pioneer. This book celebrates her life and achievements, as well as the many setbacks she endured. In a society that was dominated by men, she thrived as a mother, businesswoman and farm manager. Elizabeth Macarthur wasn't just a pioneer in the traditional sense, but a pioneer of the Women's Rights Movement that gained momentum later in the 1800's. In times when women had no rights, when they were actually owned (in Australian Iaw) by their fathers or husbands, many thrived in a predominately man's world, enduring centuries old prejudices, and overcoming them to find their rightful places in our history. This book celebrates their courage and determination.

Categories: Australian History, Women's Rights, Prejudice, courage, Determination



272. EXTREME ANIMAL FACTS

Jennifer Cossins | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Explore over 140 of the world's most extraordinary animals in this beautifully illustrated book from CBCA awardwinning author-illustrator Jennifer Cossins. Did you know the immortal jellyfish has the longest lifespan of any creature on Earth? Or that the dung beetle is the strongest animal for its body size? Get ready to explore the recordholders of the animal kingdom, from the animals that can dive the deepest in the ocean to those that can fly the highest in the sky. Perfect for readers aged 7+ who love learning about the world around them.

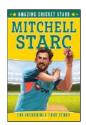
Categories: Animals



273. GOVERNOR-GENERAL OR PRESIDENT? GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

What does a Governor-General do? You may have seen images of Australia's Governor-General handing out awards such as the Order of Australia. But the Governor-General also has a very important role in the functioning of the government and in making laws for all Australians.

Categories: Government, Democracy



274. MITCHELL STARC: INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY, THE AMAZING CRICKET STARS

Clive Gifford | Carl Pearce (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Mitchell Starc's love of cricket started when he was just a boy growing up in New South Wales – and it only grew, until he had become one of the most accomplished and respected fast-bowlers in the game. He has thrilled crowds and sent balls rocketing past the crease all over the world, in Test, ODI and T20 international games. Follow his journey, playing for the Australian national team, Royal Challengers Bangalore and others, enjoying incredible wins and learning from defeats.

Categories: Sport, Cricket, Famous People, Biography



275. ONLINE KIDS' SAFETY

William Day | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Hackers, trolls and stalkers all represent the ugly side of the Internet, which children using social media, the Internet and emails are likely to encounter. This book provides practical ways to deal with cyberbullying and threats from the digital world. Learn about fake news and passwords to ensure that all your online activity is safe and enjoyable. Recognising when someone else needs a helping hand and knowing what to do in an emergency are vital skills that children can learn as they grow into citizens of the future.

Categories: Internet Safety



276. ONLINE BEHAVIOUR BEHAVIOUR MATTERS

Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Good online behaviour keeps us and our computers safe. It also contributes to better schools and communities when people behave well towards each other in cyberspace. In this book find examples of good and bad online behaviour and what children can do if they feel unsafe online.

Categories: Behaviour, Online, Internet Safety



277. OUR WORLD OF WILD WONDERS

Jevita Nilson | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Earth's wildlife is nothing short of extraordinary. There are colour-changing chameleons in the forests of Madagascar and cliff-climbing goats in the European Alps. There are fluorescent fish in the depths of the Mariana Trench and wildfire-surviving echidnas in the Australian bush. Our World of Wild Wonders explores the unique animal species that inhabit our planet. Some mighty, some meek, but all wondrous in their own special way. Shall we go explore?

Categories: Habitats, Environment, Wildlife

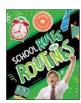


278. OUT AND ABOUT KIDS' SAFETY

William Day | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Children who ride their bikes to school, walk to the shops by themselves or take the bus to visit a friend's home need to be aware of a few basic safety rules. Taking care of their own safety is a part of growing up, and keeping safe involves using common sense and being aware of what is happening around them. Whether they are at the beach, the shops, the park or on public transport, this book will help children learn to be self-reliant and confident when they are away from home.

Categories: Safety



279. SCHOOL RULES AND ROUTINES BEHAVIOUR MATTERS

Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

School rules and routines contribute to a safe and calm learning environment. Discover why these rules exist and what might happen in situations where there were no rules or instructions on how to behave. In this book, children will discover what sort of behaviour is expected but also how they can always ask for help if they need it.

Categories: Behaviour, School, Rules



280. SPECTACULAR SNAKES

Tim Flannery | Katie Melrose (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

There's more to snakes than them being venomous and cold-blooded. Did you know a snake can still grow even when it hasn't eaten for months? Or that snakes have flexible jaws that allow them to eat prey that's much larger than them? Or that snakes are masters of disguise? With more than 3,700 sub-species around the world, there's a snake to delight and frighten every kind of reader, from Australia's deadly Eastern brown snake to the green anaconda, the heaviest snake in the world.

Categories: Reptiles, Snakes



281. STARLIGHT

Solli Raphael | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Following on from the success of Limelight and Spotlight, this new book from award-winning poet Solli Raphael, hopes to ignite a conversation around identity and belonging for young people. It covers topics from Australia's identity to the influence of social media, as well as Solli's experience of self-discovery and gaining a handle on the idea of belonging. Packed with ideas, tips and plenty of activities for kids and teens, Solli encourages readers to find their voice and reflect on their own individuality. The book also contains 35 new poems from Solli exploring these topics.

Categories: Poetry, Slam Poetry, Writing, Identity, Belonging



282. WHAT IS GOOD BEHAVIOUR? BEHAVIOUR MATTERS Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Good behaviour is not always easy for children. Help them know what is expected of them at school and elsewhere, and exactly what good behaviour looks like, with explicit examples that are easy to understand **Categories:** Behaviour

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283. WOMEN'S SOCCER WOMEN IN GREAT AUSSIE SPORTS

Tony La Torraca | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Soccer is one of Australia's fastest-growing women's sports. The growing enthusiasm for soccer is evident in the increased participation of amateurs in local teams and leagues. Learn all about soccer including understanding the rules and the different roles of each playing position to discovering the tactics of the game and using training tips. This book includes player profiles so you can learn all about your favourite players.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



284. WONDERS UNDER THE MOON: NIGHT-TIME CREATURES Tai Snaith | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

What happens in the animal kingdom when the moon is out? There are the Party Animals who love to get festive and make lots of noise. Watch out for the Biters and Bloodsuckers, Nimble Night-time Ninjas and Prickly Personalities ... you might also want to avoid the Slimeballs and Slippery Characters. These are just a few of the quirky groupings artist Tai Snaith uses to categorise her favourite animals from around the world. Discover the habits, traits and fantastic features of over 200 night-time creatures. Including facts and information about the curious nocturnal animals found inside, Wonders Under the Moon is a delightfully illustrated field guide for all the aspiring explorers, artists, environmentalists and taxonomists.

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Nature, Nocturnal



285. YOUR BODY IS AMAZING LIFE LESSONS FOR LITTLE ONES Jess Sanders | Christine Cuddihy (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00 A timely book that reminds us to that our bodies are amazing because of what they allow us to do, not because of what they look like.

Categories: Growth and Development, Human Body

General Information



286. ABC'S OF RACING

Andy Amendola | Wei Ren (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

P is for Podium! Every letter brings the excitement of FI racing to life. Whether your young racing enthusiast is a Hamilton or Verstappen superfan, just curious about cars, or about to be born into an FI-mad family – this book is the perfect gift!

Categories: Sport, Motorsports, Formula One



287. ALL ABOUT RACE CARS

Andy Amendola | Wei Ren (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Ignite the passion for racing in young minds 6+! An age-appropriate deep dive into the science and technology that powers FI race cars, packed full of facts about aerodynamics, engines, tyres, brakes, safety features and more! **Categories:** Sport, Motorsports



288. ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPERY LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Le Lapin Martin (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99** Little Antoine grew up in Lyon, France. Ever since his first flight as a young boy, he dreamt of becoming a pilot. When he joined the French army during WWI, he finally got his chance. However, in 1935, he crashed in the desert during a

The Joined the French army during WWI, he finally got his chance. However, in 1935, he crashed in the desert during a flight from Paris to Saigon. With little food and water to hand, he became very ill. Fortunately, after four days, he was found by a passerby and nursed back to health. This experience influenced much of Antoine's future writing. In WWII, he moved to the United States where he campaigned for Frances freedom from Nazism. During this period, he wrote the Little Prince, a captivating story of love and loss, which went on to become one of the bestselling children's books of all time.

Categories: Famous People, Author



289. BARCELONA RULE FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS

Simon Mugford | Dan Green (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

This fun and fact-filled book contains the story of footballing giants Barcelona, charting the club's amazing history – from its formation by immigrants in 1899 to how it grew into a major European side in the 70s. Then, there was the club's evolution in the 2000s under master coach Pep Guardiola and his talisman Lionel Messi, and of course its lifelong rivalry with Real Madrid. Along the way, you'll learn about the other legendary players, managers, matches, and much more that tell the story of the football institution admired around the world.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



290. BUKAYO SAKA FOOTBALL LEGENDS

Ben Lerwill | Stanley Chow (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Be inspired by Football Legend, Bukayo Saka! Discover the inspiring story of how this London-born legend used teamwork, dedication and perseverance to become on Arsenal's leading players, an FA Cup winner and the youngest member of the England squad.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



291. CRISTIANO RONALDO FOOTBALL LEGENDS

George Maudsley | Stanley Chow (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

From goal scoring records, and iconic celebrations to bicycle kicks, Ballon d'Or and beyond, discover how Cristiano Ronaldo rose from humble beginnings to become one of the greatest football players the world has ever seen, plus one of the planet's most notable philanthropists and charitable ambassadors.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



292. CROWDED PLANET: HOW HUMANS TOOK OVER THE WORLD Anna Claybourne | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

There are over 8 billion human beings living on Earth. That's a LOT of people! And the world's population is still growing, which leads to a big question ... are there too many of us? The human population has been rising since ancient times, but it has zoomed up especially fast over the last 100 years or so. While humans have been on Earth, we've made huge changes to the planet. We've built cities and taken over wild areas, affecting the other living things we share our world with. We've polluted our skies, land and seas and are fast using up Earth's precious natural resources. How can we lessen our impact on Earth, before it's too late?

Categories: Environmental Issues, Population



293. DRIVE TO VICTORY: INCREDIBLE TRUE STORIES

Karun Chandhok | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Discover the most amazing stories, incredible stats and facts about the fastest and most exciting sport on the planet. From trackside to podium, Formula I driver Karun Chandhok showcases the best teams, drivers, tracks, cars, jaw-dropping moments and more. Featuring the iconic drivers on the circuit today, including Lewis Hamilton, Max Verstappen, Lando Norris and George Russell, plus iconic drivers from the past including the trailblazing female drivers – and not forgetting the great teams and impressive tracks that push drivers to their limit. Karun takes readers behind the scenes and under the bonnet to show what it really takes to drive to success in the world of FI and how you can be a part of it.

Categories: Sport, Motorsports, Formula One



294. ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIRDS

Namasri Niumim | Jules Howard (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Packed with over 300 species of bird, this beautiful encyclopaedia will take you on an incredible journey through the world of birds, helping you find out about the amazing feathered creatures that share our planet. From tropical parrots and toucans to sea birds and eagles, find out all about birds with this informative first guide and reference book. Handsome enough to treasure in a beloved home library and thorough and rigorous enough to be returned to in the classroom or school library again and again.

Categories: Birds



295. FERNANDO ALONSO RACING LEGENDS

Maurice Hamilton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

Find out how Fernando Alonso became a racing legend! Covering his rise through the ranks, records, and rivalries, this book tells you everything you need to know about the Spanish superstar. Easy to read and fun to share, Racing Legends: Fernando Alonso is perfect for fast and curious minds, whatever their reading ability. Check out the rest of the Racing Legends series for more books to speed through!

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Sport, Motor Racing



296. FIVE RULES OF FRIENDSHIP, THE

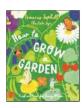
Jess Sanders | Cesar Barcelo (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$22.50** Friendship is one of the best parts of life! But friendship can be tricky too, and even the best of friends can argue and upset each other. That's when you need The Five Rules of Friendship! This book will help you find your way through the ups and downs of friendship and show you how to be the best friend you can be!

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Friendship



297. HARRY KANE FOOTBALL LEGENDS

Emily Hibbs | Stanley Chow (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70Be inspired by Football Legend, Harry Kane! Discover the inspirational story of this top player's journey from his early
life in London to his success with the Spurs youth team and dream role as England captain.Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



298. HOW TO GROW A GARDEN

Frances Tophill | Charlotte Ager (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$25.50** Come on a growing adventure with one of the world's favourite gardeners, Frances Tophill. Discover every kind of garden and the plants that grow there. Then, follow the activities for every season, and learn how grow your own vegetables, welcome wildlife and care for the planet!

Categories: Gardening, Plants, Nature



299. JUDE BELLINGHAM FOOTBALL LEGENDS

Ben Lerwill | Stanley Chow (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

From Jude Bellingham's early life in the West Midlands to becoming the youngest first-team player for Birmingham City, the youngest goal scorer for Borussia Dortmund, a creative magician for Real Madrid and a force to be reckoned with in the England National Team - this talismanic midfielder is an inspiration to kids everywhere.

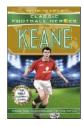
Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



300. KATHERINE JOHNSON LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Jemma Skidmore (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | School Price **\$15.99** From the bestselling biography series Little People, BIG DREAMS, discover the life of Katherine Johnson, the legendary mathematician who helped NASA get to the moon!

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Maths, STEM, Space

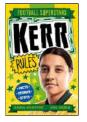


301. KEANE CLASSIC FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

At 14 years old Roy Keane was told he was too small to be a professional footballer. For the next four years, club after club turned him down, until Cobh Ramblers finally took a chance on him. His performances for the semi-professional lrish team caught the eye of a scout from Nottingham Forest, and Keane's determination, skill and grit impressed their legendary manager Brian Clough.Having established himself at Forest as one of the best young midfield prospects around, he was snapped up by Alex Ferguson's Manchester United, where he developed into a world-class player and a fiery, formidable captain.

Categories: Famous People, Sport, Football, Soccer



302. KERR RULES FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS

Simon Mugford | Dan Green (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

Is Sam Kerr your ultimate soccer hero? The Australian forward is one of the all-time legends in the history of the sport. She holds the distinction of being the only female football player to win the Golden Boot in three different leagues across three different continents? having played in Australia, USA and England. Read the amazing story of how Kerr switched from Aussie rules football to association football at the age of 12 and grew into a global icon in the game. Filled with lots of facts and stats, the inspiring narrative features fun cartoons, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



303. LIONEL MESSI: ALL ACCESS ALL ACCESS

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Get to know the real Lionel Messi in the biography that's packed with awesome facts, stats, trivia and more! Follow Lionel's all-star journey from his start in youth leagues at just thirteen years old to becoming a World Cup champion. It's all inside this book – everything you want to know about Lionel's records and stats, plus the scoop on his family, teammates, rivals and fans. You'll even discover all his faves – foods, training tips, career highlights and much more! With eight pages of full-colour photos, this book is set to score a winning goal!

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



304. LUNAR NEW YEAR

Natasha Yim | Jingting Wang (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30 A celebratory, inclusive and educational exploration of Lunar New Year for both children that celebrate and children

who want to understand and appreciate their peers who do.

Categories: Asian Studies, China, Chinese New Year, Lunar New Year, Tradition, Culture



305. MEN'S FOOTBALL LEGENDS 2025

David Ballheimer | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Who are currently the best players in world football? Is Erling Haaland still the most prolific in front of goal or is it Harry Kane at Bayern Munich? Which midfielder has the most impact on a game - Real's Jude Bellingham with his attacking play, or Barcelona's Pedri with his vision and passing? Who's the one to beat in between the sticks - is Alisson Becker still the world's premier keeper or has AC Milan's Maignan taken the top spot in 2025? While every fan has an opinion, back yours up with the latest stats featured in Football Legends 2025 (Men's) and show them who's the best football pundit!

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



306. MESSI VS RONALDO FOOTBALL GOAT

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

The brand-new series from Matt Oldfield, the bestselling author of Ultimate Football Heroes, and Seth Burkett, a former professional footballer, tackles the question that every football fan wants answered: who is the GOAT? Each book will pit two of the biggest and best players in the world head-to-head in a battle for the crown, kicking off with the superstar clash of Messi vs Ronaldo. Action-packed and full of detailed facts, trivia, stats and funny illustrations, this is the collectable new series that's perfect for fans of Ultimate Football Heroes and Football School.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



307. MIND-CONTROLLING BUGS

Aidan Doyle | Astred Hicks (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$25.50** 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



308. MY BOOK OF BUGS

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Grab your magnifying glass and head out to discover all about insects - their different types, body-structures, and behaviours. Filled with eye-catching images and bite-sized information, every young nature enthusiast will marvel at the mind-boggling facts about these adaptable creatures. The book covers the seven major insect groups and includes profiles for over 40 amazing insects, such as the stag beetle, monarch butterfly, and honey bee.

Categories: Minibeasts, Bugs, Insects

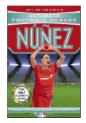


309. NATURE EXPLAINED

Helen Brown | Claire Scully (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$29.75

In 'Nature Explained', art and science blend together in a fascinating visual tour of more than 20 nature cycles. Split into six sections – trees, leaves, flowers, seeds, mushrooms and seasons – the book's spreads present different scenes and explain the stories of nature, from pollination to photosynthesis and germination to decomposition, in a simple way. Discover how trees lose their leaves, what makes flowers bloom, why seeds travel and many more incredible processes.

Categories: STEM, Science, Nature, Lifecycles



310. NUNEZ ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Darwin Nunez always had to fight to realise his dreams, overcoming adversity and serious injury to dominate the Portuguese Primera Liga, before Liverpool made him their record signing. A powerful, unpredictable striker, Darwin's goals have propelled his team to the top of the league – and made him a fan favourite at Anfield. Follow the story of Darwin Nunez, ultimate football hero, from humble beginnings in Uruguay all the way to starring for a title-chasing Premier League side.

Categories: Sport, Soccer, Football, Famous People



311. OSCAR PIASTRI RACING LEGENDS

Maurice Hamilton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

Discover how Oscar Piastri became a racing legend in this fun, illustrated, fact-filled book! Read about his wins, losses and find out about the history of Formula One. Easy to read and fun to share, Racing Legends: Oscar Piastri is perfect for fast and curious minds, whatever their reading ability. Check out the rest of the Racing Legends series for more books to speed through!

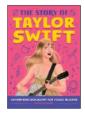
Categories: Famous People, Biography, Sport, Motor Racing



312. RISE AND FALL: GREAT EMPIRES THAT SHAPED THE WORLD Peter Allen | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$29.75

You may know of the Vikings, the Aztecs and the Mongols - perhaps even Minoa, Mali and Benin. But what about Kamakura, Achaemenid and Ayutthaya? This captivating collection of histories uncovers the secrets behind nine of the world's greatest empires. With exciting stories to tell of power-hungry leaders, incredible riches and legendary battles, Rise and Fall reveals why each empire rose to power, what life was like, and what led to their eventual downfall. Not forgetting the legacies - and lessons - they left behind for us.

Categories: Ancient Civilizations



313. STORY OF TAYLOR SWIFT, THE AN INSPIRING BIOGRAPHY FOR YOUNG READERS Rachelle Burk | Paperback | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$13.50**

Taylor Swift is one of the most famous musical artists in the world! Before she became a big star, she was a little girl who loved country music and writing stories. Explore how she went from growing up on a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania to being an international role model and the youngest person ever to win the Entertainer of the Year award.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music



314. ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES 2025 ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

John Murray | Emily Stead (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Relive the goals, games and glories of the 2023-24 season, including titanic three-way battles for the Premier League and Women's Super League, a rollercoaster Champions' League campaign, and all the action from around the biggest European competitions. Packed with stories of football heroes from across the world, plus stats and quizzes to test your knowledge, this is the ultimate yearbook for fans of the beautiful game.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



315. UNLOCKING THE UNIVERSE

Suzanne Slade | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

Building the James Webb Space Telescope was no easy feat. It started with a big dream and an even bigger teamthousands of engineers and scientists across the country and world. The team solved design challenges, built prototypes, and ran test after test. They experienced frustration, page-turning suspense, and, ultimately, triumph. After decades of work, a rocket catapulted the Webb Telescope into space. With Webb, we can now see farther than we've ever seen before.

Categories: Space, Universe, Astronomy, Space Travel, STEM



316. VINICIUS JUNIOR RULES FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS

Simon Mugford | Dan Green (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Is Vinicius Jr your ultimate football hero? The Brazil winger and Real Madrid star has become a household name since scoring the winning goal in the 2022 UEFA Champions League final and partnering up with Bellingham in 2023 to create the ultimate strike force. Read the amazing story of how Vini Jr honed his skills as a boy and caught the eyes of major scouts and has since followed in the footsteps of Pele, Ronaldo and Neymar Jr, primed to become a hero at the World Cup in 2026. Filled with lots of facts and stats, the inspiring narrative features fun cartoons, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



317. YAYOI KUSAMA LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Ryoko Ichikawa (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Little Yayoi grew up in Japan and loved creating art. Although her parents didn't approve of her pastime, Yayoi continued to express herself through painting and drawing. One day, at around ten years old, she had an intense vision. All of a sudden, she felt as though she was in a field of talking flowers, their heads looked like little dots going on forever and ever, and she was becoming part of them ... This vision influenced Yayoi's art for decades to come. An icon who changed the world of art, Kusama's story encourages us to follow our dreams and embrace our uniqueness.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Artists, Art

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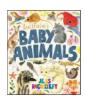


318. AFLOAT

Kirli Saunders | Freya Blackwood (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Against a backdrop of a changed environment, an Elder leads a child along the waterways, sharing her People's knowledge and gathering community along the way. Afloat is an uplifting and inspiring picture book that uses the practice of weaving as a powerful metaphor for the honouring and teaching of First Nations wisdom, and the coming together of all people to survive, thrive and create a more hopeful future.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Climate Change, First Nations, Community, Unity, Togetherness, Tradition, Homelessness, Social Issues

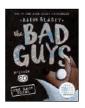


319. AUSTRALIA'S BABY ANIMALS

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

From underground burrows to treetop nests, and from sandy beaches to riverbeds, Australia's unique landscapes provide homes for baby animals to live and thrive in. Here is a celebration of the animals that are born in this incredible country, from Snubfin Dolphin calves to Pygmy Possum joeys, Rainbow Lorikeet fledglings, Huntsman spiderlings, Thorny Devil hatchlings, and many more.

Categories: Australian Animals, Australiana, Habitats, Home



320. BAD GUYS: ONE LAST THING BAD GUYS Aaron Blabey | Paperback | Age 7+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59** It's the Final Episode ... The Bad Guys, Episode 20.

Categories: Humour



321. BARNEY GUMNUT AND FRIENDS

Tamsin Ainslie | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Barney Gumnut, the koala, lives in Scribbly Gum Forest with his friends Wilfred the budgie, Hoppity the kangaroo, Edith the echidna, Charles the cockatoo and Robert the wombat. Join them on a joyful adventure through the forest. Just watch out for the rain! A gentle and sweet tale about friendship between beloved Australian animals from bestselling creator Tamsin Ainslie.

Categories: Friendship, Imagination, Adventure



322. BEST IDEA YET WILLA AND WOOF

Jacqueline Harvey | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

When Willa accidentally learns that Sunset Views Retirement Village, home of her best old-age friend, Frank, is about to be sold, she has a feeling something isn't right. Trouble is she's super busy with Clubs and soccer matches, and there's a fete to prepare for. With her suspicions confirmed, Willa will need to enlist her best four-legged friend, Woof, and her best same-age friend, Tae, to help solve the trouble next door and save Sunset Views.

Categories: Friendship, Mystery

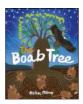


323. BLUE MONSTER

Petr Horacek | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

Blue Monster wants to play with Rabbit – but Rabbit is sleeping and doesn't want to play. SO... what should Blue Monster do? Blue Monster does something you should NEVER do and then... he does it again and again! Now he DEFINITELY has no one to play with! He feels sad, lonely and VERY guilty. But when Blue Monster opens his mouth and YAWNS... what a surprise! Things may get better after all! If Blue Monster only says he's sorry.

Categories: Humour, Friendship, Forgiveness, Loneliness, Behaviour, Consequences



324. BOAB TREE, THE

Helen Milroy | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Award-winning, bestselling Indigenous creator Helen Milroy is a master storyteller, and her vibrant digital artwork captures the colours of Country in her picture book, The Boab Tree. Little Boab is lost and far, far from home. Surrounded by tall, unfriendly trees, he feels all alone. But the friendship of some of the small forest dwellers gives him hope. With a little luck, some clever planning and the help of his new friends, Boab might just find his way back to Country.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Friendship, Hope, Country

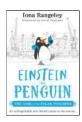


325. BOWERBIRD BROOD

Aura Parker | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

I am a protector. Always watching, guarding ... and shielding. Bowerbird's nest is full. These fine eggs, whole and smooth ... the perfect three! But will they hatch? From the creator of the best-selling Bowerbird Blues, comes this heart-warming ode to nature and a mother's love for her young.

Categories: Anticipation, Family, Belonging, First Experiences, Patience, Courage, Love



326. CASE OF THE POLAR POACHERS, THE EINSTEIN THE PENGUIN

long Rangeley | David Tazzyman (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Imogen has been taking a step back from penguin activities since she started her new school, leaving her brother, Arthur, in charge of visiting their feathered friends. But when penguins start to go missing from the wild, she knows she has to spring into action. Could old adversaries be behind the random disappearances? With the help of their old friend, Einstein, it's time for Imogen and Arthur to turn detective again . . . Einstein the penguin is back in this future-classic and fantastically funny story for all the family to enjoy.

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Mystery, Humour, Detective



327. CHEESE!

Felice Arena | Beatrice Cerocchi (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

A delightful picture book celebrating a firm favourite food (and the perfect companion to Pasta!) - Cheese! Cheese tastes delicious, but do you know that cheese names are also fun to say? Grab yourself a cracker and get stuck into this rhyming feast. It's enough to make anyone hungry for CHEESE!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Food, Cheese



328. CLIVE PENGUIN

Huw Lewis Jones | Ben Sanders (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Who's ever heard of a penguin that doesn't like the cold? Surrounded by the same old snow day in day out and always bloomin' freezing, Clive Penguin wishes he was somewhere else. SOMEONE else. But, with an epic discovery just around the corner, the solution might be easier than he thinks...

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Penguins, Discovery



329. COME TOGETHER AGAIN: A CELEBRATION OF FIRST NATION

Isaiah Firebrace | Jaelyn Biumaiwai (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | School Price **\$19.99** The follow-up to Isaiah Firebrace's hugely successful picture book, Come Together, that explores First Nations music song and dance.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Culture, Music, Dance, Community, Connectivity, Culture



330. DANIEL RICCIARDO F1 LEGENDS

Kit Cross | Leigh Hedstrom (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

Did you know that Daniel Ricciardo has won eight Grand Prix races and finished on the podium 32 times? Did you know he's entered more FI Grand Prix than any other Australian driver? Did you know he can eat half a litre of icecream in one go? Daniel is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about him.

Categories: Sport, Motorsports, Formula One

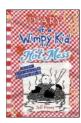


331. DESIGN AND BUILDING ON COUNTRY FIRST KNOWLEDGES

Alison Page | Blak Douglas (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

What do you need to know to prosper as a people for 65,000 years or more? Join designer and artist Alison Page alongside anthropologist and architect Paul Memmott as they share some of the incredible inventions created by the oldest continuing culture in the world.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Culture, STEM, Inventions, Technology



332. DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: HOT MESS DIARY OF A WIMPY KID Jeff Kinney | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

International bestselling author Jeff Kinney serves up heaps of laughs in Hot Mess, the 19th book in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. Greg Heffley is caught in the middle as the two halves of his extended family come together in a sidesplittingly relatable summer story!

Categories: Humour



333. DIG DEEP JUNKYARD FAIRIES

Edwina Wyatt | Lauren O'hara (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Fur, Tip and Nug live in a chipped, china teapot at the bottom of the junkyard. They are messy, bossy and never eat their vegetables. With the help of a burping toad, a sleeping giant and a monstrous caterpillar, the junkyard fairies can find a way to fix just about anything. Join them as they navigate life at the bottom of the heap, making rusty magic and turning trash into treasure.

Categories: Fairies, Magic, Treasure, Fantasy

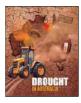


334. DON'T THINK OF TIGERS

Alex Latimer | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

This book is magical. Whatever you think of, the narrator will draw it on the next page. There's just one problem: they're really bad at drawing tigers. Hilariously bad. So please, don't think of tigers! But of course, soon all you'll be able to think of is tigers . . . so the narrator will draw them, more and more ridiculous as they go: a tiger in a mermaid outfit, one carrying a coffee and a briefcase, some just plain awful. But with practice, will they get better?

Categories: Humour, Art/Craft, Artists, Painting, Drawing, Persistence, Interactive



335. DROUGHT IN AUSTRALIA NATURAL DISASTERS IN AUSTRALIA John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Drought is one of the natural forces of nature that have shaped Australia's landscapes. In this book find out how Australia responds to drought and how farmers and people in cities are all affected when a drought is declared. Droughts floods cyclones and bushfires have influenced Australia for thousands of years. Some native plants and animals have even adapted to the unavoidable recurrence of these destructive forces of nature. How is climate change affecting these cycles of nature and how are Australia's farms cities and bushland affected?

Categories: Natural Disasters, Fire, Bushfire

336. FIVE-MINUTE AMAZING TRUE FOOTBALL STORIES UNBELIEVABLE FOOTBALL

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Each five-minute story is the perfect length for reading at breakfast, bedtime, in the car or on the bus. Mega football fans can dip in and out, or have a full match day experience - reading the entire book in the time it would take to watch a match!

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Short Stories



337. FLORA: AUSTRALIA'S MOST CURIOUS PLANTS

Tania McCartney | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

When it comes to flora, Australia is a land of diversity. From rainforests to deserts, mountains to the seashore, 90 per cent of our plant life is unique to this ancient land. Treasures like our wattles, eucalypts, grass trees and banksias are part of our heritage and identity and they still flourish here today, on the oldest landmass on Earth. Flora celebrates and highlights these diverse and curious plants, looking into the history, quirks and uses of our native plants, and how vital they are for our unique ecosystems.

Categories: Flora, Plants



338. GEORGE THE WIZARD: LET YOUR MAGIC SHINE!

Tony Armstrong | Emma Sjaan Beukers (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

George the Wizard loves life on top of his mountain. He loves speeding around on his flying cloud, playing hide-andseek with the animals and looking after his crystal gardens. The only thing missing from life on George's mountain is friends to share it all with. But does George have the courage to show others who he really is? An uplifting story about friendship and the rewards that come from being the real you

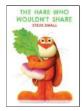


339. GREG THE GALAH, SUPERSTAR!

Patrick Guest | Jonathan Bentley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Galahs love to boogie and act like a clown, They always pull faces or hang upside down. As soon as they hatch and crawl from their egg, Galahs are hilarious ... and then ... there was Greg. Everyone knows that galahs are hilarious. They're silly, loud and love attention! But then there's Greg ... who's nothing like the rest of the flock.

Categories: Humour, Rhyming Text, Calamity, Differences, Competition



340. HARE WHO WOULDN'T SHARE, THE

Steve Small | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

There was once a hare who did NOT like to share. What is the point of sharing? thinks the hare. The more I give away the less there is for ME. But even the hare can appreciate the lovingly tended carrot patch created by the neighbouring rabbits. So, when a huge boar threatens to destroy the patch, will this hare come to see that giving things up for others means that you can gain so very much MORE of the most important things in life?

Categories: Sharing, Humour, Greed, Community, Friendship, Acceptance



341. HAUNTED MASK GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE GOOSEBUMPS GRAPHIC NOVEL

RL Stine | Maddi Gonzalez (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$18.99** | **School Price \$15.19** Now in graphic novel format-prepare to be scared like never before! You have been warned. Carly Beth needs the perfect Halloween mask. One that will scare everyone she comes across-including her annoying little brother and

the bullies from her school. A visit to a strange costume store provides just the right one. An ugly green one with fierce fangs, the mask makes Carly Beth feel powerful and scary. But when the mask won't come off, will the monster

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horror



342. HAZEL'S TREEHOUSE

take over?

Zanni Louise | Jude Watson (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Hazel is nine years old, as long as her bunk bed and as kind as a marshmallow. She and her friends - Odette, a pademelon, Walter the wombat, Tiny, a honey possum and Poky – an echidna who changes colour depending on Hazel's mood – live together in a treehouse in the bush. Every day brings new adventures, sometimes mistakes ... and always, always, imagination and friendship.

Categories: Adventure, Friendship, Imagination, Bush



343. HOT DOG! SCARY TIME! HOT DOG!

Anh Do | Dan Mcguiness (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

A bushwalk to the famous Banana Waterfall sounds like fun ... until it turns into a Banana Water-fail! There's something spooky going on! What could it be?!

Categories: Adventure, Humour



344. HOUSE

Dan Giovannoni | Charlotte Lane (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

House is the story of a lonely little house, all by itself in the world, without anyone to open its front door. House abandons its foundations and launches into the sky in search of a friend. From its aerial vantage it can see the whole world - and then, it comes across someone just like it; someone lonely; a child, all by herself in the middle of a storm.

Categories: Loneliness, Friendship, Resilience, Imagination, Home, Belonging, Mental Health, Security, Magic, Adventure



345. ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF EXTINCT ANIMALS, THE Sami Bayly | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

Pore over beautifully detailed illustrations of some of the most fascinating extinct and critically endangered animals in the natural world. Discover how these species fit into the history of the animal kingdom and why they have become extinct or are under threat. Featuring facts and astonishing illustrations about sixty amazing animals, including the Western black rhino, thylacine, dodo, South Island giant moa and Tapanuli orangutan, as well as megafauna such as the giant wombat-like diprotodon and the crocodile-like Quinkana. Plus creatures with mysterious origins like Delcourt's giant gecko. Children and adults alike will wonder at the contribution these animals have made to the natural world while being reminded of the importance of wildlife conservation.

Categories: Extinction, Environmental Issues, Conservation, Endangered Animals



346. INTO THE ICE: REFLECTIONS ON ANTARCTICA

Alison Lester | Coral Tulloch (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$35.00 | School Price \$28.00

Bestselling creators Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch share their fascination with Antarctica through a personally selected mix of their own and others' work, from the early age of exploration through to the present day. **Categories:** Narrative Non Fiction, Antarctica, History, Environment, Exploration



347. KUNG FU ROO GRAPHIC NOVEL ENTER THE ROO

Anh Do | Jeremy Ley (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

With their incredible kung fu skills, Kai, Harry and Charley already make an unstoppable team. Then their train is hit by a meteor, and they discover they can transform into animals. Mastering their new powers is no easy task, but someone needs to stop the Crocka Gang! It's Kung Fu Roo and his team to the rescue! Can they fight crime and keep their new identities secret?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Friendship, Martial Arts, Courage



348. MARY FOWLER FOOTBALL LEGENDS

Kit Cross | Leigh Hedstrom (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | **RRP \$12.99** | **School Price \$10.39** Did you know that Mary Fowler is one of the youngest players to ever join the Matildas? Did you know she scored her first World Cup goal in Melbourne in a 4-0 win? Did you know she can speak Dutch fluently? Mary is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about her.

Categories: Sport, Soccer, Football, Famous People

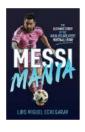


349. MEERKAT MAYHEM

Mem Fox | Judy Horacek (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

One day, after another hearty meal, Meerkat decided to leave his burrow and take a walk. But he found himself, all at once...stuck fast! 'Mother of all meerkats!' he said. And that is where the mayhem began...

Categories: Humour, Problem Solving, Teamwork



350. MESSI MANIA

Luis Miguel Echegaray | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Inspiring and celebratory, Messi Mania is packed full of the latest, up to date info on the world's biggest soccer icon. iscover the seismic effect Leo has had on MLS and global football, woven through with fascinating insights into his family background, childhood, teenage years and career to date.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



351. MR LEMONCELLO'S FANTABULOUS FINALE MR LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY

Chris Grabenstein | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

It's time for one last fantabulous challenge with Mr. Lemoncello-the world's most famous gamemaker! This time everything is on the line-literally! Mr. Lemoncello has invited thirteen lucky 13 year-olds to compete in the final games. The winner will become the new owner of Mr. Lemoncello's ENTIRE GAME EMPIRE!!! But uh-oh--someone is trying to destroy Mr. Lemoncello empire and all it stands for- imagination, games, books...knowledge! Can Kyle Keeley stop them and make his dreams come true?

Categories: Adventure, Mystery



352. NOT SCARY, JONATHAN!

Peter Carnavas | Amanda Francey (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59** Jonathan loves to dress up and scare his family, but they insist that he is just not scary. What happens when Jonathan is too scary?

Categories: Humour, Rhyming Text, Dinosaurs, Family Unit, Grandparents



353. OUR WORLD FULL OF WONDER

Jevita Nilson | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | School Price **\$19.99** Our world is full of amazing natural wonders. From sparkling seas and towering trees, to valleys, lakes and waterfalls, there are extraordinary places that seem too magical to be true but can be found right here on planet Earth. **Categories:** Narrative Non Fiction, Natural World, Nature, Environment, Habitats



354. PUMPKIN PATCH PICNIC! GRAPHIC NOVEL DUCKY THE SPY Sean E Avery | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Mr Pig's giant pumpkin, Brunhilda (Hildy for short), in trouble. A powerful device stolen from a secret lab. A once-evil cat turned loyal friend ... All in a day's adventuring for and Donny "The Distraction" Donkey. **Categories:** Graphic Novel, Humour, Mystery, Spy

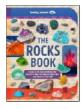


355. REAL PIGEONS POWER UP REAL PIGEONS

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

The REAL PIGEONS are all about pigeon powers. But what happens when a CURSED HOLE opens up in the park, a TONGUE MONSTER terrorises the city, and the pigeons discover that their powers have suddenly DISAPPEARED? There's only one thing to do, and that is for the Real Pigeons to figure out where their powers come from ... so that they can hopefully get them back!

Categories: Humour, Crime, Mystery



356. ROCKS BOOK: GUIDE TO ROCKS AND MINERALS, THE Nancy Dickmann | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

Get ready to rock with this complete guide to minerals, gemstones and rocks around the world. Packed with amazing facts and knowledge, fun features, an epic directory of almost every type of stone including amphibolite, quartz, diamonds, and so much more. Come explore the ground beneath our feet and discover what our planet is made of - let's go!

Categories: Rocks and Minerals, Fossils, Geology

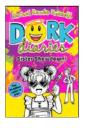


357. SECRET OF THE STONE, THE

Kathryn Lefroy | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

When Olive and her friends find a mysterious stone and discover it grants wishes, they think their lives are made. Sure, they're going to save the world and all that stuff, but there are a few fun things they want to do first. Then they realise other people are looking for the stone. People who will stop at nothing to get it... As the stakes get higher, secrets are kept, loyalties are questioned, and promises are broken. How much are Olive and her friends willing to risk to make all their dreams come true?

Categories: Mystery, Secrets, Danger, Loyalty, Adventure, Dilemma



358. SISTER SHOWDOWN DORK DIARIES

Rachel Renee Russell | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

She's back! Nikki Maxwell returns for her 16th Dork Diaries adventure and has to deal with . . . a bratty younger sister. Join the jokes, the drama and the aDORKable BFFs in this mega-selling series with over 50 million copies in print worldwide!

Categories: Humour, Siblings, Sibling Rivalry



359. SNACK ATTACK 18,000 HOLES IN THE UNIVERSE Adam Wallace | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Noah, Jordie and their Golf Squad friends are still trying to rescue Grandpa Galileo. And now the most incredible golf course in the universe is threatening to swallow THEM whole! Will they be squished by giant cabbages? Will they be turned into huge hand-burgers? Will anyone survive this snacktacular quest? There's only bun way to find out...

Categories: Parallel World, Friendship, Humour, Adventure, Fantasy, Golf



360. SPECTACULAR SPACE FANTASTIC FACTS ABOUT

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

The Universe is huge and has billions of galaxies and stars as well as black holes nebulas and other mysterious space objects. Find out where we all came from and where we are heading as our Solar System hurtles through space along with all the other space objects we can see and others that are invisible.

Categories: STEM, Space, Science, Space Exploraion

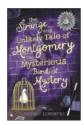


361. SPEEDY SLOTH MEETS HER MATCH, THE

Rebecca Young | Heath McKenzie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Spike was a sloth, and, yes, she was slow. But unlike the others, she wanted to go! Then Spike meets Dash, just what she needs— someone to play with who goes at her speed! A joyful story about finding friends in unexpected places by award-winning creators Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour



362. STRANGE AND UNLIKELY TALE OF MONTGOMERY, THE

Antony Elworthy | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Gramps had what they call a 'Chequered Career' which he insists on regaling to his sceptical grandson. He's been a stuntman and a deep-sea diver, but his most exciting, and discombobulating, career was when he was a magician. Known as The Astounding Alfredo, and he became famous throughout the world, especially for the disappearing trick with his dove – Montgomery, The Mysterious Bird of Mystery. Unfortunately, Montgomery is not just mysterious, but malevolent, envious and ambitious. And Gramps and Montgomery discover that fame has a way of changing people – and places.

Categories: Mystery, Magic



363. TURTLE MOON

Hannah Gold | Levi Pinfold (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Silver Trevelon's parents aren't happy. They haven't been happy since the nursery they decorated started gathering cobwebs, waiting for the baby brother or sister that never came. So when Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs. Under the hot tropical sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn. Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? It'll mean journeying into the heart of the jungle and uncovering long-buried secrets .

Categories: Adventure, Wildlife Rescue, Turtles, Secrets, Friendship, Activism



364. WAGNIFICENT GRAPHIC NOVEL

Bethanie Deeney Murguia | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Thunder the dog likes to take naps by the sunny window, sniff around for hidden treats, play fetch, and get cuddles from her favorite human, Sage. Though Thunder wants to be good for Sage, she's having a ruff time stopping herself from doing things she knows are wrong – like barking, digging, and chasing suspicious furballs around the yard. She's shocked when her inner Wolf appears one day and reveals the truth behind these irresistible impulses. It's all because dogs are really wolves! (That is, they're descended from them.) The big question is: Will Thunder choose to be a loyal pet to Sage, or embrace the wild animal within?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Wild Animals, Wolves, Pets



365. WE ARE ALL BRAVE

P Crumble | Jonathan Bentley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Sometimes we face failure or we need to try new things. Sometimes we need to show our feelings or we have selfdoubt. This book celebrates resilience and shows the many different ways that ... we are all brave.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Bravery, Courage, Resilience



366. WE DO NOT WELCOME OUR TEN-YEAR-OLD OVERLORD Garth Nix | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

All Kim wants to do is play Dungeons & Dragons with his friends and ride his bike around the local lake. But he has always lived in the shadow of his younger sister. Eila is a prodigy, and everyone talks about how smart she is, though in Kim's eyes, she has no common sense. So when Eila finds an enigmatic, otherworldly globe which gives her astonishing powers, Kim not only has to save his sister from herself, he might also have to save the world from his sister!

Categories: Fantasy, Thriller, Science Fiction, Aliens



367. WHERE TO HIDE A STAR

Oliver Jeffers | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

Once there was a boy who would often play hide-and-seek with his friends the star and the penguin. The star was always easy to find, but one day it went missing. So, the boy radioed the Martian for help and soon found himself on an exciting spaceship rescue mission to the North Pole! But there, he discovered that he wasn't the only one who had always dreamed of having a star as a friend...The out-of-this-world, long-awaited sequel to the much-loved Boy stories, loved all around the world – now introducing a brand-new character!

Categories: Adventure, Friendship



368. WILD AUSTRALIA: MARINE AND NATIONAL PARKS

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

Australia's marine and national parks are our natural treasures. Fly with Galahs above Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre, dive with dolphins off Lord Howe Island, find Short-Beaked Echidnas in the Daintree Rainforest, spot Sunset Wrasses on the colourful Ningaloo Reef, and traipse with kangaroos through the eucalyptus of the Blue Mountains. These are Australia's natural environments as you've never seen them before: a dreamy pastel-popping testimony to the importance of conservation and biodiversity protection.

Categories: Australia, Australiana, Landmarks, Nature, Marine Life, Natural World

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369. TRUCK CAT, THE

Deborah Frenkel | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Some cats are house cats. Some are apartment cats. But Tinka is a truck cat. Tinka lives everywhere. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. Yacoub drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape of a new country along the way, and longing for connection. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and, in doing so, might find more than they expected ...

Categories: Immigration, Family, Culture, Pets, Cats, Identity, Home, Belonging