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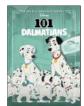
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#### 1. 101 DALMATIONS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Dodie Smith | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Dalmatians Pongo and Perdita have just become parents to fifteen lovely puppies. Everything is going great until one day wretched Cruella De Vil captures Pongo and Perdita's puppies, along with all the other Dalmatian pups in London! With the help of the Twilight Bark, and lots of great canine friends, Pongo and Perdita set out on an exciting journey to hunt down the evil pup-napper and rescue their little ones.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Dogs



#### 2. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FANTASTIC FACTS ABOUT

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

Rapid advances in AI technology threaten to leave us behind if we don't make an effort to keep up with them. In this book, find out the facts you need to know so you can understand what all the fuss is about and then enjoy the ride!

Categories: Artificial Intelligence, Technology, STEM



## 3. BASIL DREAMS BIG

Lu Fraser | Sarah Warburton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Basil the bat doesn't believe he can fly. No matter how hard he tries, he just can't do it. But when a thundering storm threatens the safety of his beloved friend, Moth, will Basil find his wings and believe in the bat he CAN be?

Categories: First Experiences, Achievement, Self Esteem/Resilience, Encouragement, Determination, Rhyming Text, Friendship



## 4. BOAT OF STARS: NEW POEMS TO INSPIRE AND ENCHANT

Natalie jane Prior | Margaret Connolly (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Open worlds of imagination and explore the magic of everyday life with this enchanting new collection of poetry from some of Australia's most-loved writers and illustrators. Perfect for the classroom and the home, A Boat of Stars will bring a love of language, rhythm and rhyme to every child.

**Categories: Poetry** 



#### 5. BOX FULL OF MURDERS, A

Janice Hallett | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When siblings Ava and Luke discover a mysterious box of papers in their dad's attic they are instantly intrigued. And, as they read through letters, diary entries, newspaper cuttings and notarised secret recordings, they realise that a decades-old, still unsolved, murder case is unfolding right in front of them... Determined to discover what really happened, Ava and Luke turn detective to try and crack the case. But soon they realise that the killer might still be out there - and might be closer than they think...

Categories: Mystery, Murder, Intrigue, Crime, Interactive



## 6. BUILT FOR SPEED MARVELLOUS MACHINES

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

Fast machines thrill us with the noise of their roaring engines as they race past us in a blur. Machinery is everywhere in our modern world and even way out in space. Designed by scientists and engineers, the marvellous machines they have created shape our lifestyles and show us how important technology is for us all.

Categories: STEM, Technology, Science



#### 7. CATTLE MUSTER

Dianne Wolfer | Frane Lessac (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

It's time to muster the cattle. Mum's in the ute. Charlie's in the chopper. Dad leads the jackaroos. Sis rides canters on the wing. Everyone has a job, everyone except me. But whose job will it be to save the day?

Categories: Outback, Rural, Responsibility, Farm Life, Droving, Teamwork, Cattle

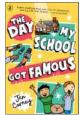


#### 8. COLT FROM OLD REGRET, THE

Dianne Wolfer | Erica Wagner (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

You may have heard the story of the man from Snowy River and his fearless ride through the mountains. This is Colt's story, of nickering mares and a rearing stallion. How did Colt escape the man? What did Colt see, feel and smell as he charged through the bush? Endmatter includes the full text of Banjo Paterson's poem, along with additional information on Paterson himself, brumbies and the Snowy Mountains, and bush poetry

**Categories:** Poetry, Horse Lovers



## 9. DAY MY SCHOOL GOT FAMOUS, THE

Jen Carney | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Since Ferris Foster's dog got famous, life has taken another surprising turn: 1. Ferris's new foster brother, Nile, has arrived with a BANG, causing mischief wherever he goes! 2. An unexploded Second World War bomb has been discovered under Ferris's school, causing it to CLOSE DOWN! 3. Ferris is still a cartooning genius, but between temporary homeschooling and Nile's noisy science experiments, it's practically impossible to draw anything! When the headteacher sets the school a design challenge, Ferris realizes he MUST find a way to work with Nile. But can the boys put their differences aside in order to win the once-in-a-lifetime prize? Or will this partnership be EXPLOSIVE?

Categories: Humour, Adventure, School, Family, Friendship



## 10. DON'T TRUST CATS (LIFE LESSONS FROM CHIP THE DOG)

Dev Petty | Mike Boldt (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Chip the dog is going to share his tips on how to live your best life, namely—don't trust cats. Not even the little, fluffy ones with big eyes. Nohow, no meow. Trust the squirrel you always chase, trust grandpa (sure, he cheats at cards but he always has treats), and trust that skunk (he seems nice. What could possibly go wrong?).

Categories: Humour



## 11. FROG: STORY OF LIFE ON EARTH, THE

Isabel Thomas | Daniel Egneus (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

If frogs come from eggs, and eggs come from frogs, where did the first frog come from? This is the incredible story of how frogs came to be. To find out, we go all the way back to the very beginning. Before frogs, dinosaurs, planet Earth - before even the stars existed . . . back 13.7 billion years to the moment just before the universe began. And from there we are transported through time to the evolution of the very first frogs. The story of frog is an epic; an adventure in space and time. It's a story still being told, in every garden, every pond and every corner of our extraordinary planet.

Categories: Planet Earth, Evolution, Big Bang, Amphibians, Space, Science, Narrative Non Fiction



## 12. GIRL AND THE GHOST, THE

Jacqueline Harvey | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When almost-thirteen-year-old Josephine Eloise Thomas moves from Sydney to a chateau in the southwest of France, she does not expect to find a beautiful gold locket with the ghost of Louis XVII trapped inside! After being accidentally released into the twenty-first century, the young prince proves to be annoying, strange and obviously from another time. He also believes that Josephine is not who she says she is. Then, there's Gabriel. The grandson of the local baker - French, beautiful, an artist and definitely not a ghost. When Josephine and Gabriel venture to the shadowy Chateau Du Lac next door to her home, the secrets become more sinister. With Louis's help, can Josephine and Gabriel discover what her neighbours are really up to and solve the mystery of Louis and the locket too?

Categories: Friendship, Mystery, History



#### **13. GONE**

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

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

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Grief, Sadness, Lifecycles, Understanding



#### 14. HARRY STYLES LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

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

From a young age, little Harry loved singing and performing, and he sparked joy in the hearts of his audience. When he auditioned to sing on a TV talent competition, he got a place in the boy band One Direction. The time came for Harry to embark on his solo career, and when he stepped out onto the stage on his own, he became a true superstar. Through his heartfelt lyrics, daring fashion and adventurous spirit, Harry sends a message of love and kindness to the world. This book features quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of Harry's life.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music



#### 15. HATCH

Heidi Cooper Smith | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

What kind of animals lay eggs? Where do they lay them, and how do they look after them? Meet some of Australia's incredible egg-laying animals. Starting at the sea, 'Hatch' takes us on a journey inland and underground, to the treetops high above, and back down to a waterhole, till finally we reach the sea once more. With detailed and vibrant illustrations, 'Hatch' provides a glimpse of these amazing egg-laying creatures, the unique habitats in which they live and how they look after their young.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Environment, Eggs, Predators, Australian Animals, Habitats



#### 16. HELLO, I'M HERE! AVA SPARK

Alex Field | Joanna Bartel (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

My name is Ava Spark, and I probably speak in a different way to you. Come and join me and my friends as we welcome the super awesome new girl, Liv, to our school. Are you ready? Because I am and I'm here! #sparkaconversation

Categories: Friendship, School, Communication, Inclusion, Diversity



#### 17. HOW TO SAIL SOMEWHERE

Ashleigh Barton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

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

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, Mystery, Hope



## 18. HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN SCARAB TIME KEYS

MG Leonard | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Sim and his mum never live anywhere long. When dangerous strangers appear one night, Sim finds out why. His mum has been keeping secrets: she has the power to open doors in time. Running for their lives, Sim and his friends are determined to outwit the sinister Council of Keys and be the first to find Nefertiti's lost tomb and a powerful door to Ancient Egypt. They must piece together long-hidden clues if they are to solve the mystery of her golden heart scarab. Can they find it before the Council finds them?

Categories: Time Travel, Adventure, Ancient Egypt, Secrets



#### 19. INKED GRAPHIC NOVEL

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

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

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour, Bullying, School



#### 20. LUCKY'S STAR: THE STORY OF A METEORITE

Mark Greenwood | Lucia Mascuillo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

On a quiet spring morning, something strange falls from the sky and lands on a small country town. Lucky watches as 'stars' rain down on the fields and farms, but just what are these unusual objects? And what will Lucky do with her own special find? Lucky's Star explores the fascinating true story of the Murchison meteorite. The pieces of space rock that were discovered in Murchison, Victoria, provided clues about the origins of life on Earth. Fragments from the meteorite contain the oldest material ever found stardust!

Categories: Space, Meteorites, Solar System



## 21. MING AND MARIA EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

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

Ming has travelled through history to meet girls who have changed the world. However, this time is different as Herstory, History's sister, promises to reveal to Ming something of her own past: her long-lost mother. When Ming washes up on the icy shores of Nantucket Island in 1836 she is saved by the elderly Mrs Sloe and the wealthy Miss Reynolds, but there is no sign of a woman who might be her mother. The island is home to Maria Mitchell, who at seventeen has already published her first papers on astronomy and will go on to inspire scientists around the world for generations to come. Maria's future holds extraordinary promise and fame. But what about Ming? And who is her mother?

Categories: History, Space, Astronomy



## 22. MOON: A VISITOR'S GUIDE, THE

Ben Lerwill | Patrick Corrigan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

What's this floating high in the starry sky? We call it the Moon. But has it always been there? What's the weather like? And how many giraffes would it take to reach it?! Discover the answers to these questions and many more in this engaging visitor's guide to the Moon.

Categories: Space, Moon, Space Travel, Universe



#### 23. MY COUSINS, MY WORLD

Sharara Attai | Michelle Pereira (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

I have more cousins than I can count on my fingers and toes. Quiet cousins and loud cousins. Dark cousins and fair cousins. Young cousins and old cousins. I have cousins who are near. And some who are far. But even those who are far feel near. Because memories of them surround me, wrapping me up like a warm blanket

Categories: Family Unit, Multicultural, Cousins, Diversity, Siblings, Culture



## 24. ONE DAY

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

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

Categories: Lifecycles, Mindfulness, Feelings/Emotions, Joy, Gratitude



## 25. ONE WORD AND A BIRD

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

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

Categories: Journey, Language, Friendship, Home, Love



#### **26. ONLY BRANCH OF THE FAMILY TREE, THE**

Sherryl Clark | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

It's always been Gemma and her mum - just the two of them. As close as best friends. But while researching a class project about family, Gemma makes a life-changing discovery. Her nan is not dead, like Mum told her, but alive and well and living close by. Gemma now has huge question marks hanging over her. Why would Mum lie about this? What is her nan like? And what would happen if Gemma tried to find her?

Categories: Family, Relationships, Secrets, Verse Novel, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Lies



#### 27. PAPERBARK TREE COMMITTEE, THE

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

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

Categories: Growing Up, Bullying, Moving House, Friendship



#### 28. SILVERBORN: MYSTERY OF MORRIGAN CROW, THE NEVERMOOR

Jessica Townsend | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Morrigan Crow is ready for a new adventure. In Silverborn: The Mystery of Morrigan Crow, we will travel to places in Nevermoor that we've never seen, meet people from Morrigan's past who will be very important in untangling the mystery of who she is ... and see Morrigan aligning herself with someone very dangerous to learn more of the Wundrous Arts.

Categories: Fantasy, Friendship, Resilience, Mystery

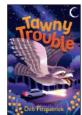


#### 29. STAY CLOSE

Kerrie Uren | Leanne Argent (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

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



#### **30. TAWNY TROUBLE**

Deb Fitzpatrick | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

When Tessa's family accidentally hit a tawny frogmouth while driving through the bush at night, they feel terrible. But the tawny is alive and needs their help. What Tessa doesn't know is where that help will lead...

Categories: Family, Wildlife, Rescue, Birds, Owls



#### 31. TOTALLY AWESOME WORLD OF STEPH CURRY, THE

Neal E Fischer | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Steph Curry is a beloved basketball player in the NBA; along with being the number #1 top-selling jersey, he is a four-time NBA champion, a multiple-time MVP, winner of multiple ESPY and BET awards, and more. His talent is undeniable-same as his generosity. His positive influence extends beyond the basketball court with his foundation Eat. Learn. Play. as well as investing in women's college athletics. This book covers all the major highlights of Steph Curry's career on and off the basketball court, including play-by-plays of Curry's athletic achievements, his masterful entrepreneurship, and extensive philanthropy.

Categories: Sport, Basketball, Famous People



#### 32. TRAIN AT THE END OF THE STREET, THE

Tom Jellett | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

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

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



## **33. TRUE SOUTH**

Gisela Ervin-Ward | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

When twelve-year-old Nell crashes her sailboat into a submerged house in the lake, she stumbles into a treasure hunt that plunges her into a generations-old family feud. Things begin to take a sinister turn as the adults get involved, and Nell has no choice but to team up with her neighbour and family rival, Charlie. As friendships begin to morph and stretch, can these two unlikely allies end the feud and work out the treasure's secrets, or will their rivalry lead to one last epic betrayal?

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Secrets, Betrayal, Treasure



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

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

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

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



#### 35. VOLCANO

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

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

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



#### 36. WHAT IS A DOT?

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

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

Categories: Art/Craft, Drawing, Creativity, Rhyming Text, Imagination, Interactive

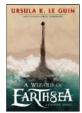


#### **37. WINSTON'S SPECIAL DAY**

Gabriel Evans | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Winston is wearing his brightest, yellowest sweatsuit today because it's an important day for him. It's the kind of day that only happens once a year. He hopes his friends will remember and help him celebrate. But everyone is busy, even his good friend Miles. Miles is working on a special mission that requires an awful lot of help. Winston didn't plan to hide in a bin, crawl through a hedge and wear a disguise on his special day. Luckily Miles is as good at surprises as he is at secret missions in this story about expectations and friendship.

Categories: Friendship, Birthdays, Surprise



#### 38. WIZARD OF EARTHSEA GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Ursula Le Guin | Fred Fordham (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

This story has been considered a classic of children's fantasy since 1971. It follows the story of Ged, a poor smith's son, who discovers a magical talent and is sent away from home to a wizard school. During a duel with a fellow student, he summons a terrible shadow creature which he tries to banish, but it continues to haunt him long after he finishes his magical training. Finally he seeks advice from his old master Ogion, who tells him to confront the creature rather than flee it – that fears and shadows are to be faced, and that darkness is as much a part of us as the light.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Fantasy



#### 39. WORLD WE CAN BUILD, THE

Sally Rippin | Daniel Gray-Barnett (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Carla and Sam want to play together, but there's nowhere in their neighbourhood that's accessible to them both! That is, until Carla and Sam put their heads together to dream up a place where all kids can play together, and a wonderful new space is born. This fun, child-centred romp through a local neighbourhood belies a powerful picture book about accessibility, and what it truly means to be disabled. It demonstrates the social model of disability; namely, that people are disabled not by their own bodies, but by their environments.

Categories: Equality, Fairness, Disability, Friendship, Problem Solving



## **40. YILDAAN: OUR DREAMING TRACK**

Uncle Bud Marshall | Hannah Smith (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Giinagay, welcome, I'm Uncle Bud. I'm a Gumbaynggirr man, an Aboriginal Elder from Nambucca Heads. This is my Country. I want to tell you about this place and about my Elders. I want everyone who comes here to know where they are. I want them to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and be part of Yildaan, our Dreaming track. Using a mix of Gumbaynggiirr and English language, and combining photography and illustration, Yildaan includes artwork from Aunty Shaa's nieces and Uncle Bud's great nieces, Hannah Smith and Elaine Carmady, as well as a special story from Aunty Shaa who holds stories from the region.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Aboriginal Studies, Connectivity, Country, Reconciliation, Community

# **Australian Picture Books**



## **41. BOOKSHOP ON LEMON TREE LANE, THE**

Mike Lucas | Sofya Karmazina (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

A little boy adores visiting the old bookshop down Lemon Tree Lane with his grandpa – its nooks and crannies, its endless stories, and even the bookshop dog at the back. That is, until the day the owners box up the books, take down the shelves and lock the doors, and the bookshop is no more. But then something wonderful happens...

Categories: Rhyming Text, Books, Reading, Change, Grandparents, Relationships, Community



#### 42. FARM BY THE SEA, A

Jillian Packer | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Imagine living on a farm by the water. After you finish your chores with your family, it's time to play on the beach, where the rockpools are meant for sipping on sea grass tea and dancing to the music of the waves. This picture book shows us how a child's day spent first with family and then in nature makes her childhood rich with confidence, freedom, imagination and love.

Categories: Farms, Farm Life, Family, Rural, Adventure



#### 43. GIRL IN THE PAINTING, THE

Dee White | Sarah Anthony (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Susie lives on a sheep station and does all she can to help out alongside her sister and her rowdy brothers - collecting firewood, feeding the chickens and helping make the bread. But nobody - not the stockman nor the shearers nor the swaggies - ever notices Susie. Until one day, a painter arrives at the sheep station - the famous Tom Roberts - and that all changes.

Categories: Australian History, Painting



#### 44. GOODNIGHT SHEEP

Sally Barton | Cherie Dignam (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Lilly May tries to count calming, soothing sheep to help her get to sleep, but Lilly May's sheep aren't the calmly kind. All 10 of them are up to no good and it takes a lot of finagling before all of them are tucked up in bed and fast asleep.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Bedtime, Sleep



#### 45. GOTCHA!

Jack Henseleit | James Hart (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

A gang of burglars just escaped. They're coming to your town! Perhaps they've left some clues behind... Can you track them down?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Crime, Detective, Interactive



## 46. GRANDMOTHER FROM THE EAST, GRANDMOTHER FROM THE WE

Jacinta Liu | Freda Chiu (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

I have two grandmothers. One with brown eyes, and one with blue eyes. One makes dumplings, and one bakes bread. They are my grandmothers. One lives in the East, and one lives in the West. A joyous celebration of multicultural identity and the many ways our grandparents shape who we are.

Categories: Multicultural, Grandparents, Grandmother, Family Unit, Kindness, Culture, Identity



## 47. I DON'T NEED A LITTLE BROTHER

Nat Amoore | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Dive into this hilarious story from two award-winning Australian talents that perfectly captures the essence of sibling relationships - the squabbles, the pranks and, ultimately, the love. After trying all the usual ways to dispose of a sibling, one bewildered big brother discovers his little brother might actually be the one person he can't live without.

Categories: Sibling Rivalry, Siblings, Brothers, Family Unit, Humour



#### **48. JIGSAW: A PUZZLE IN THE POST**

Bob Graham | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

"Oh, let's do it!" say Kitty and Katy and Mum when a thousand-piece jigsaw puzzle mysteriously arrives in the post. "I have time on my hands," agrees Dad. Starting in winter with the edges, by autumn they're almost done, only to discover that one piece is missing. Mum is sure that it must have accidentally gone out with the rubbish, so the Kellys pile into the car to comb through the local tip. There they uncover forgotten letters, train tickets, discarded newspapers, and old photos yellow with age, but finding the missing piece is starting to seem like wishful thinking. "Let's wish, then," says Katy. Is it sheer luck – or perhaps the power of hope – that creates an ending to the story?

Categories: Family, Perseverance, Determination, Hope, Recycling



#### 49. JOBS AND PLACES AND HAPPY FACES! SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | Chris Kennett (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers, by Australian Children's Laureate Sally Rippin! Sam's mum is a baker, Pete's brother is a librarian, and Dom's nan is a doctor. In this exciting deep-dive into the world of monsters and beyond, discover the different jobs monsters do all day and the incredible places they work. In the tradition of Richard Scarry's classic What Do People Do All Day?, every spread is filled with busy, detailed illustrations of the world and its characters.

**Categories:** Occupations



#### **50. KOALA KOALA**

John Williamson | Jonathan Bentley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Based on the popular song by iconic Aussie entertainer John Williamson, with gorgeously cute illustrations from Jonathan Bentley, comes a classic picture book about our beloved but endangered national treasure, the koala. Koala, Koala - we love you So soft in the fork of your tree . . . Koala, Koala - where will you go If we take your gum trees away?

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Koalas, Habitats



#### 51. LAST EGG, THE

Sofie Laguna | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When Mother Bird and Father Bird discover a large blue egg in their nest, they treat it as their own. A beautiful story about love and kindness and loyalty in the face of adversity. Mother Bird sat over her eggs. 'Not long now,' she said to Father Bird. Father Bird brought her worms and seeds. 'Not long at all.' When an extra egg appears in their nest and takes too long to hatch, Mother Bird and Father Bird must risk their lives to keep it warm. And as the freezing winter takes hold and it seems all hope is lost, only something miraculous will save them.

Categories: Resilience, Love, Courage, Commitment, Honour, Dragons, Migration, Acceptance, Loyalty, Trust, Caring, Parenthood



#### **52. LEMON FOR SAFIYA, A**

Jemima Shafei-Ongu | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

They reached a giant lemon tree. The old woman sat up, tapping an urgent finger against the window. 'Hay! Hay! Hanna zarr'et ha. Hay! 'She's saying that Hanna planted this tree,' Mama said as Dad pulled over. 'It's a beautiful tree, shajrah hhelweh,' Mama said to the old woman. When a little girl, Safiya, and her family help Maryam, a lost and confused stranger by the side of the road, to find her way home, they begin to understand who she is and the rich and remarkable life she has lived. Through kind-natured Safiya, we come to see Maryam, a woman who had been made invisible by society because of her ethnicity, race, religion, language, age and now dementia. With Arabic text interspersed throughout, A Lemon for Safiya is a wonderful exploration of language, diversity and culture.

Categories: Prejudice, Discrimination, Diversity, Culture, Dementia



## **53. LETTER WRITER, THE**

Binny Talib | Hardback | RRP \$29.95 | School Price \$25.46

Jasper has just moved to a new school and feels invisible. Next door Juniper is afraid of creatures lurking in the shadows at night. When Juniper writes a letter to the night creatures, it mysteriously lands on Jasper's bed. Jasper knows what he must do. A story of fears, friendship and a little bit of outer space.

Categories: Friendship, Writing, Stars, Humour



#### **54. LITTLE ELECTION, A**

Danny Katz | Mitch Vane (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

From the world of Little Lunch - a funny and informative picture book about politics. A definite vote winner! One day at lunchtime, Rory decides to become the Prime Minister because then he can do anything he wants. Before you know it, the whole class is having an election. But can you become the Prime Minister if you show everyone your undies? Find out in A Little Election!

Categories: Government, Politics, Election



#### **55. LONE PINE 110TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

Susie Brown | Margaret Warner (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

A moving story about mateship, bravery, and the Australian spirit. When a soldier on a World War I battlefield sends a pine cone home to his mother in Australia, he could not know that his simple gift would become a symbol of history and remembrance. Suzie Brown and Margaret Warner's sensitive text is evocatively illustrated by Sebastian Ciaffaglione and tells a story that is about both personal experience and a nation-defining event. In this breathtaking book, the history of the Battle of Lone Pine is detailed along with the lives of the real-life people who inspired the story, creating a valuable resource for Anzac Day conversations.

Categories: Australian History, War, Anzac Day



#### **56. LUCKY**

Amelia Tonta | Peter Baldwin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

On her birthday, Frankie blows out her candles and finally gets her wish - a puppy! But the puppy sets off a chaotic chain of events involving a hungry python, the fire brigade and one surprised stray cat. It sure is lucky that Frankie always looks on the bright side!

Categories: Family, Humour, Birthdays, Calamity, Pets



## **57. MAGGIE THE DRAGON: CHASE OUR DREAMS**

Tony Armstrong | Emma Sjaan Beukers (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Maggie the Dragon is the BEST flyer. She LOVES to do skydives, barrel rolls and heaps of loop-de-loops! Maggie's job is to guard the most FARAWAY edges of the kingdom. She's not scared of any creature, big or small, even the SCARY ones. Really, all she wants is to travel the world and have new ADVENTURES. The problem is that other creatures are sometimes SCARED of Maggie. One day, when green lightning starts FLASHING in the sky, Maggie knows she has to get to the nearest village and raise the alarm before the storm hits and DESTROYS everything. But can Maggie convince everyone she is there to help and not to harm?

Categories: Dragons, Adventure, Acceptance, Belonging, Identity



#### **58. MALLEE AND THE BLUE GUM**

Yalda Adel | Elsa Spagnol (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When a devastating bushfire ravages the land where Mallee the koala lives, she clings to her tree, hoping for safety. As the fires die down, the land is still hot, so Mallee must wait. When she can finally venture to the ground, Mallee finds her beloved tree blackened and thirsty. Determined to save her home, she seeks help from her animal friends, and together they work to restore life to the land. Mallee and the Blue Gum is a dramatic depiction of the effects of bushfires, featuring striking, detailed illustrations that show the devastation caused and the efforts to recover.

Categories: Survival, Bushfires, Resilience, Australian Animals, Climate Change, Regeneration, Environment



#### **59. MEATBALL GOES TO SCHOOL**

Tom Jellett | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

From the bestselling illustrator of the My Dad series, Tom Jellett, comes this hilarious tale of a very clever canine. Meatball is the newest member of our family. And he LOVES eating everything. But when he ate Mum's slippers, he was sent to Dog School. It seems that Meatball has done so well at Dog School, that now he's going to MY school. With me! A story that goes straight to the top of the class.

Categories: Pets, Dogs, Family Unit, Companionship, School



#### **60. MY MUM IS A BIRD**

Angie Cui | Evie Barrow (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

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

Categories: Anxiety, School, Family, Acceptance, Differences



#### **61. MY NAME IS JEMIMA**

Olivia Muscat | Allison Colpoys (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

While she loves playing with her favourite yellow bone and getting lots of cuddles, Jemima is also a fully trained guide dog who helps her handler navigate the world. Through playful adventures and heartwarming moments, discover how Jem balances her fun-loving nature with the focused dedication needed to be a guide dog extraordinaire.

Categories: Disability, Blindness, Vision Impairment, Guide Dogs



#### **62. 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



## **63. OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD**

Sarah Speedie | Margeaux Davis (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

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

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



#### **64. QUEENIE THE BANTAM**

Bob Graham | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

An adventurous little chicken's entanglement with a thoroughly modern and, at times, quirky family.

Categories: Family Unit



#### **65. SAVE THE GUM TREES, BEES AND BIG BLUE SEAS**

Luke Arnold | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

A colourful call to action to love the land and everything upon it, from iconic Australian visual artist Luke John

Matthew Arnold.

Categories: Environmental Issues



## 66. SID AND THE VERY HARD TO FIND SQUID

James O'Hanlon | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

No one has ever seen a colossal squid in the wild, but Sid is determined to be the first. Join Sid on his quest to find this incredibly rare animal. Along the way, Sid encounters other strange creatures until he eventually discovers...that sometimes the joy of exploration is more about the unexpected journey, and not the ending. Look closely and you might just find a colossal squid too!

Categories: Exploration, Discovery, Adventure, Sea Creatures



#### **67. SIDNEY OF SYDNEY**

Sue Whiting | Liz Anelli (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

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

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



#### **68. SUSURRUS, THE**

Genevieve Young-Evans | Cate James (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

Frankie doesn't know what a susurrus is. She knows it not it's not a platypus, an octopus, or even a kind of saurus. So Frankie searches for the susurrus, while her friend Andy has suggestions as to what a susurrus might be. Everyone has a go at guessing what a susurrus is. But no one has ever seen one. What is a susurrus? Frankie now knows. Do you?

Categories: Imagination, Noise, School



## **69. THIS IS FAMILY**

Zanni Louise | Sasha Haddad (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

A heartfelt ode to families from the creative duo behind the bestselling This is Love Family's warm, like hot buttered toast. Family's here when you need them most. Family are the people (and animals!) who love you. Whether your family is big or small, near or far, related or not, they are there for you through life's ups and downs.

Categories: Family Unit, Differences, Rhyming Text, Inclusivity



## 70. TONY THE MOANY GROANY PONY

Sean E Avery | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Tony is a moany groany pony. When the farmyard animals have a fabulous and fantastical parade, Tony is not impressed. Will he keep his opinions to himself... or tell us how he really feels?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour



## **71. TOO MANY DOGS**

Maura Finn | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Percy is tired of being one dog all alone in a house full of cats! They are rude and messy and they blame Percy for things that definitely aren't his fault. He's leaving for a magical place where he can be free: the dog park. Now he can have fun all day, with no cats to make a fuss! But it's hard out there for a top dog, and soon Percy realises that there might be something missing...

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Dogs, Cats, Home, Belonging



## 72. WOMBAT DREAMING

Caz Goodwin | Chloe Bennet (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Lil desperately wanted to join in the class. But each time she tried, she'd land PLONK on the grass. ? Lil loves doing yoga with her friends, but some poses aren't easy when you're a roly-poly wombat with short legs.? Take a deep breath, salute the sun and watch as Lil finds her own way to lead the bush yoga class. An affirming story to remind us of our individual and unique talents.

Categories: Diversity, Individuality, Resilience, Perseverance, Creativity, Belonging

## **Overseas Picture Books**



## 73. BEAR AND THE HARE AND THE FAIR, THE

Em Lynas | Matt Hunt (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Join the fun of the fair as bickering best friends learn to share and compromise in this hilarious rhyming story about friendship, from the talented duo behind the critically-acclaimed The Cat and the Rat and the Hat and The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat. Hare and Bear are at the fair, but Bear does NOT like rides that swirl and twirl and Hare does NOT like rides that go bump and thump. Will the two friends ever find something they BOTH like? Step this way for ribtickling, tongue-twisting fun where friendship always comes first!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Nonsense, Cumulative Text



#### 74. BOB AND DOB

Sean E Avery | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

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

Categories: Relationships, Family Unit, Sibling Rivalry



#### 75. BRAVE BEARS DON'T GET SCARED

Suzy Senior | Eleanoro De Pieri (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Surely NOTHING can spook brave bears, fierce dragons or tough scorpions? Well, you'd be surprised . . . ! Fierce or tough – we ALL get scared – however big or small, but how we face our fears can be the BRAVEST thing of all! Brave Bears Don't Get Scared is the perfect book to help children tackle their phobias, and leaves kids with the encouraging message that while we all get scared, the bravest thing of all is facing our fears.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Anxiety, Rhyming Text



#### 76. CHICK, CHICK, CHICK, CHICKEN!

Vivian French | Nanette Regan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

Chickens are not just any regular bird. They are smart, friendly, cuddly and incredibly soft! And if they like you, they might just follow you around. One sunny day while visiting Grandpa, Julie and Bob go out to the yard to see the chickens that live in the little wooden house. Brown feathered Lola, silvery Lulu, and Marvin the noisy rooster are all puttering around. But where is Lottie? She's nestled cozily in the nest box caring for her eggs. Will Julie and Bob see the adorable chicks hatch before their trip to Grandpa's is over? Join these siblings as they learn fascinating facts about one of the world's most beloved farm animals.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Grandparents, Grandfather, Chickens, Family



#### 77. DAY THE CRAYONS MADE FRIENDS, THE

Drew Daywalt | Oliver Jeffers (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Duncan's crayons just can't seem to stay put! This time they've gone into his room to make friends. From Red Crayon, who fulfils his dream of driving a fire engine, to Blue Crayon, who meets a fashion doll desperately in need of a head, to fan favourite Esteban, who is off to tame a teddy bear (or as he would call it, a wild beast), each crayon has an exciting story to share about the new objects they've met and the new adventures they've had.

Categories: Friendship, Humour

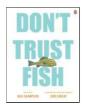


## 78. DON'T EAT BEES (LIFE LESSONS FROM CHIP THE DOG)

Dev Petty | Mike Boldt (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Are you a dog in need of advice? Fear not: Chip the dog is ON IT in this super-silly guide to living your best canine life. Chip is only seven (which is really like 50!) but has already figured out several important dog things. Like what to eat (important papers, the fancy bird the humans cooked for the fancy dinner, Grandpa's teeth), and what not to eat (bees). He won't get those mixed up, will he?

Categories: Humour



#### 79. DON'T TRUST FISH

Neil Sharpson | Dan Santat (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Why, dear reader, must you NEVER EVER trust fish? 1. They spend all their time in the water where we can't see them. 2. Some are as big as a bus-that is not okay. 3. We don't know what they're teaching in their "schools." 4. They are likely plotting our doom. This nature-guide-gone-wrong is a hilarious, off-the-rails exploration of the seemingly innocent animals that live in the water.

Categories: Humour, Paranoia, Fish, Nature



#### **80. ENDLESS SEA, THE**

Chi Thai | Linh Dao (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

This picture-book tells the true story of Chi Thai's refugee crossing from Vietnam to the UK, at just four years old... leaving her home behind, and setting out across the vastness of the sea in a tiny boat. It's a deeply personal account, rooted in important history – and yet, her story resonates with those of families all over the world today, forced to make perilous journeys of their own.

Categories: Refugees and Migration, Asylum Seeker, Freedom, War, Displacement



## **81. GIRAFFE THE GARDENER**

Kimberly Andrews | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When workaholic, green-hoofed Giraffe has a pruning disaster and injures his neck, he is very worried about what will happen to his life's work. But Giraffe Junior comes up with a plan to save the beautiful garden - and to save Giraffe's neck.

Categories: Gardening, Family, Community, Connection



#### 82. GOZZLE

Julia Donaldson | Sara Ogilvie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

It's springtime. Bear has woken up hungry and finds a lost egg outside his cave. Breakfast? No! Out hatches Gozzle, a very sweet little gosling who is convinced that Bear must be her daddy – and that she should be able to climb, dig and eat honey just like him. Follow Bear on his journey from reluctant carer to parent in this heartwarming and joyous picture book about what home and family truly mean.



#### 83. HOME THAT MEANS THE WORLD, A

Victoria Turnbull | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Flora slept and woke. She felt sun and wind and every day she searched the horizon for something small that would grow into a home. 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. 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



#### **84. IN-BETWEEN PLACES**

Alex Killian | Grady McFerrin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

A gorgeously illustrated and inspiring picture book about confidently navigating "in-between" times and places in life. Sometimes you know just where you are going. Sometimes you don't. Sometimes you find yourself in an in-between place. A place that is neither here nor there. A place where you can go up or down, left or right. So how do you know which way to go? Poetic and reassuring, In-Between Places reminds us that sometimes we just need to take a leap to land exactly where we're meant to be.

**Categories: Mindfulness** 



## 85. MAISY GOES ON A BIKE RIDE MAISY

Lucy Cousins | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Ready, steady, wobble ... GO! Saddle up for a bike ride with Maisy! Maisy has a new bicycle and can't wait to go on a bike ride with her friends. There are so many adventures to be had whizzing around on wheels, whether it's on a bike, trike, scooter or even a tandem! Uphill and down, through puddles, and with just the odd wobble, Maisy has a wonderful time. This 24th Maisy First Experiences story is a treat to read with your little one and will encourage confidence, independence and a love of pedal power!

Categories: First Experiences, Cycling, Bike Riding



#### **86. MARCHING BAND**

Kael Tudor | Kate Hindley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

This band gets bigger and louder on every page! Watch out for wrecking balls on the building site, tigers roaring in the jungle and yetis on the mountain. Everyone wants to join the fun... even aliens in outer space! Then it's time to zoom back home, wishing everyone goodnight, one by one. Addictive rhyming text and fun repeated words with a wind-down to bedtime at the end of the story. Get ready to stomp your feet and march along in time with the band and have lots of adventures and laughs along the way!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Adventure, Music, Bedtime, Humour



## **87. MOUSE JUST ATE MY HOUSE! A**

Kes Gray | Sebastien Braun (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

A mouse in a house. We've all been there. It's a relatable tale. But this time, it's different... this mouse stops at nothing. She's even nibbled this book! Her first course was my skirting board. I thought one hole was all she'd do – but that was my mistake. She waited till I'd gone to bed. And then without me knowing, she made another mousey hole. And then just kept on going.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour



#### **88. 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



## 89. ONCE I WAS A TREE

Eoin McLaughlin | Guilherme Karsten (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Get ready to meet Barbara the beetle and Derek the squirrel who (through the power of poo) help a wise-cracking seed turn into a handsome tree... and become a wonderful book! And GUESS WHAT? It's the book that you're holding!

Categories: Lifecycles, Environment, Humour, Adventure



#### 90. 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



#### 91. ONE AND ONLY YOU, THE

Shane Hegarty | Ben Mantle (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

In this whole wide world of people and animals, and plants and flowers, and oceans and lakes, and so, so many things, there is only one YOU. Take an incredible trip across space and time to discover just how special you are. A heartfelt picture book about celebrating individuality.

Categories: Individuality, Identity, Family Tree, Ancestors, History



#### **92. ONE UP**

Ben Sanders | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Green and Blue are best friends. But ... who is the bestest? Green builds a bigger, better shell. And then Blue builds a biggerer, betterer shell! Uh-oh – I think we can guess where this is going. Who, or what, will ultimately triumph? This furiously fast-paced and witty picture book warns of the dangers of comparing yourself to others, especially your friends! Packed with lots of visual humour, children will hoot with laughter at Blue and Green's ever-growing silly shells.

Categories: Friendship, Competition



## 93. OUR PEBBLES

Jarvis | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

With sweets stuffed in their pockets, a boy and his grandad take the trip down to the beach: through the wonky woods, across the railway track – stopping for a chat with the spotty dogs! – over the stile, and there... peeking out beyond the dunes, the sea and "their" beach. They pick pebbles, wash them clean in the waves and paint their memories from the day, placing them in a special place – a secret place.

Categories: Relationships, Family Unit, Grandparents, Aging, Memories



## 94. SHORT STORIES

Silvia Borando | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

'Short Stories' presents eleven hilarious encounters between unexpected animal pairings, each told with remarkable economy. From the unseen dangers of a hedgehog at a birthday party to the unexpected uses of a chameleon's colour-changing abilities, these bite-sized narratives showcase the art of storytelling at its most precise and playful.

Categories: Humour



## 95. SING WITH YOUR BABY EVERY DAY

Chloe Giordano | Claire Grace (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

A keepsake volume of 30 classic nursery rhymes and songs to share with your baby, illustrated with enchanting hand-embroidered artwork.

Categories: Nursery Rhymes



#### 96. TASTE OF HOME, A

Maryam Hassan | Anna Wilson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Tariq loves food, from delicious dinners with his big family to scrumptious surprises in his lunchbox at school. But when he's asked to bring in a special dish for his class picnic, Tariq begins to worry about how he'll choose just one tasty favourite! As his family inspire him with stories of their favourite foods, Tariq soon realises that choosing the perfect dish is about more than just how it tastes. What special story would Tariq like his food to tell?

Categories: Multicultural, Culture, Community, Food, Sharing, Family, Memories



## 97. TEN ON THE BUS

Clare Fennell | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

A counting book with a difference! Welcome aboard Bunny's Bus! There are 10 noisy animals on board until, "DING! DING!" goes the bell, "Next stop, please!" One by one, the animals leave the bus, counting down as they go . . . and when everyone has reached their stop, the bus is very quiet and Bunny Bus Driver is very bored. Good thing he's going back the other way. Time to count back up!

Categories: Counting, Numbers, Maths, Mapping



#### 98. TERRAKEET, THE

Jo Van Der Borgh | Jo Beasley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

Dr Seuss meets The Gruffalo as imaginative language and charming illustrations combine in a tale of meeting the best kind of new friend - the one you least expect! In the shade of the gobi trees on the edge of Pincer Sea, live a family of Finlocks as peaceful as can be. They lomf and fish and eat and hope that they will never meet ... the Frimbulitic Terrakeet! A story of legend and adventure, remarkable bravery and unexpected friendship.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Adventure, Xenophobia, Bravery, Acceptance



#### 99. THAT'S NOT FUNNY, DAVID!

David Shannon | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

David is determined to get laughs out of everyone -- even from those who might not find his antics amusing! From cannonballs into the pool to slurping his spaghetti to telling funny jokes during class, David is a natural comedian. But David learns that not all of his tricks are funny... like sticking things up his nose! Still, this troublemaker will always have the last laugh and, of course, the enduring love of his mom.

Categories: Behaviour, Humour



## 100. THIS IS US: STORY OF A FAMILY

Emily Hamilton | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Some days are tough, some days are fine, And sometimes days are just sublime! Welcome to a family like any other, where life is full of ups and downs, picnics and swimming lessons, tickles and tantrums, board games and laughter. Universal, celebratory and quietly revolutionary, this is an uplifting picture book about family, love and living with disability. Written from parent to child and inspired by the author's own family, it is an uplifting story of love and family life.

Categories: Family Unit, Disability, Differences, Love

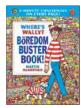


#### 101. WHERE DID SHE GO?

Cariad Lloyd | Tom Percival (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

When a little girl hears people saying how sorry they are that she's lost her very special grandma, she only has one question... where did she go? Grandma's not under the sofa, behind the flower patch, or even at their favourite spot in the park, so where is she? Perhaps Mum can help her daughter to understand what has happened and find comfort in the memories left behind.

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Family Unit, Grief, Grandmother, Family Unit



## 102. WHERE'S WALLY? BOREDOM BUSTER BOOK WHERE'S WALLY?

Martin Handford | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Flying off on vacation or taking a long car ride? Stuck inside for hours on a rainy day? Fend off boredom with this hefty compendium of searches and activities featuring everyone's favourite wanderer and his wily friends. You'll find mazes, matching games, connect-the-dots, colouring pages, word searches, quizzes and more, all guaranteed to occupy sharp-eyed fans.



#### 103. WILD CHILD

Annabel Tempest | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

There are some days when Minnow wakes up and she feels wild. She roars as she dances and shrieks as she prances – she's a wonderful, tremendous party of wild! But sometimes people aren't fond of this wild Minnow... So Minnow tries something different and sees that being wild can be more than just being loud, fierce and proud. It's also wild to be gentle, thoughtful, funny and sweet – and the wildest thing of all is being true to who you are.

Categories: Individuality, Acceptance, Rhyming Text



#### **104. WISH IN A TREE**

Lynda mullaly Hunt | Nancy Carpenter (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Oliver's brain is a volcano of ideas-always bubbling with questions. This makes it hard to focus at school, and sometimes he worries he won't ever fit in there. So it's a good thing he has a friend who reminds him that great minds don't think alike. And that a brain that blazes with curiosity and imagination is a glorious thing.

Categories: Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, ADHD, Friendship, Diversity, Individuality, Acceptance



#### **105. WRONG TIME ROOSTER**

Michael Parkin | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO! Ronnie the rooster arrives at Farmer Tony's farm to help wake up the animals. But something isn't right – Ronnie just cannot tell the time right! The animals band together to help teach Ronnie and soon his COCK-A-DOODLE-DOOs were perfectly on time...mostly!

Categories: Friendship, Empathy, Time, Kindness, Helping, Telling the Time, Mistakes

# **Aboriginal Studies**



#### **106. BAPA'S LAST CANOE**

Maree McCarthy Yoelu | Samantha Campbell (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

A simple, touching children's picture book about Bapa (Grandfather), a traditional canoe maker, and the making of his very last canoe. Bapa takes his three daughters away on a long canoe ride to go to school. They travel for many months to get to the city, seeing many animals and sights along the way and enjoying each other's company.



#### **107. EARTH SPEAK**

Sean McCann | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

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

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Nature, Environment

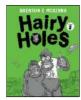


#### 108. FAST FISH

Gregg Dreise | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

In the Dreamtime there lived the Goodoo and Thuggai peoples. They looked different to the Murri people who lived near by. While the Murri s lived in the rocky overhangs and hunted bigger animals, the Goodoo people lived under the shade of the Coolabah trees and would dig up witchetty grubs. The Murri feared the Goodoo and Thuggai, and their differences. It is up to the Ancestral Beings and the Clever Man, Biamme, to teach the Murris, Goodoo and Thuggai and to remind them that differences are part of the Dreaming Creation.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories, Creation, Differences



## 109. HAIRY HOLES GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK 2 HAIRY HOLES

Brenton E McKenna | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

In the thrilling sequel of Hairy Holes, readers finally meet the mysterious keyboard warrior, Ned AKA Crypt\_hunter19, on his journey to prove the supernatural beings known as Hairy Holers do exist. But what happens when he catches the attention of a shady private government sector spearheaded by none other than Lieutenant Major Bartholomew Tuxedo AKA Major Bart Tux? Meanwhile in the outback, Begley becomes more versed in using the world wide web and the new social media platform Headtwerk, raking in followers but no friends. Redley on the other hand, has no intention of changing and continues to believe skinnies (humans) can t be trusted. Will their first encounter with Major Bart Tux prove him right?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Social Media, Artificial Intelligence



#### **110. LEARNING COUNTRY**

Ryhia Dank | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Laugh joyfully like a kookaburra in Canberra. Watch your toes turn red in Rubibi. And walk soft under the bunya pines in Meeanjin. From Gudanji/Wakaja artist Ryhia Dank comes Learning Country, a vibrant and contemporary picture book that celebrates the traditional names of well-known Australian places.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Aboriginal Studies, Country, People and Places



#### **111. OUR DANCE**

Jacinta Daniher | Janelle Burger (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Under the moon, by the big gum tree, let's dance and sing in the corroboree. With ochre on our bodies, Our dance awaits, Our mob, Our culture, let's celebrate. Join in the fun as we come together and dance in the corroboree! Learn how to slither like a snake, jump like a kangaroo, crawl like a goanna, run like an emu and fly like an eagle.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Culture, Dance, First Nations

# **Graphic Novels**



#### 112. ADVENTURES IN CAT TOWN GRAPHIC NOVEL DETECTIVE BEANS

Li Chen | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

In between playing Scrabble, having sleepovers and trips to the beach, there's always time for crime solving. Whether it's who ate Mum's donuts, who has lost their handbag in the park, which pigeon stole King Chip, or even a burgled diamond ring, Beans is ready for anything. He's so ready that he's even starting a detective school - if he can find any students...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery, Detective, Crime



#### 113. ALANNA GRAPHIC NOVEL SONG OF THE LIONESS

Tamora Pierce | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Alanna of Trebond, a young noblewoman from the kingdom of Tortall, isn't like other girls from noble families—what she really wants is to become a knight and earn her shield, something women definitely aren't allowed to do. But Alanna will not be deterred, and she arrives in the capital disguised as a boy to begin training as a page. Despite the tough conditions and grueling work, Alanna's skills and stubbornness win her friends amongst the nobility and the denizens of the lower city. But not everyone wishes her well...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Fantasy



#### 114. BAND NERD GRAPHIC NOVEL

Sarah Clawson Willis | Emma Cormarie (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

For twelve-year-old Lucy Carver, music isn't just a way of life, it's an escape from homework and home life with her alcoholic father. When Lucy starts seventh grade it becomes much harder to keep everything in tune. As things spiral out of control with her parents and her schoolwork, Lucy grows desperate for a win and focuses all her energy on beating snobby Tolli Claybourne for first chair flute. But just when she thinks she's hitting all the right notes, an accident leaves Lucy unable to play, and her mother threatens to withdraw her for poor grades. Now Lucy must choose: sabotage Tolli or give up on her dream.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Family, Friendship, Music



#### 115. BOTTICELLI'S APPRENTICE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Ursula Murray Husted | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Life as a chicken girl isn't so bad, but Mella wants more. Though girls can't be official apprentices to artists in Florence, Mella has been secretly teaching herself to paint while tending to artist Sandro Botticelli's chickens. When one of Botticelli's actual apprentices discovers Mella's work, he threatens to take full credit for it. With the help of unexpected allies, an important patron, and a tenacious stray dog named Blue, Mella must summon all her courage, smarts, and skills to prove her worth and demand the recognition she deserves.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Empowerment, History



## 116. 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



## 117. BUGGED! GRAPHIC NOVEL ACADEMY FOR ROBLOX PROS

Louis Shea | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Are you a Roblox Pro?! Jai, Bea, Tash and Mitch sure are. But what happens when the friends are sucked into Roblox? After summer break, the four friends are excited to get back into their normal routines at the Academy for Roblox Pros! But Principal Borelock is acting more unusual than ever, and there seems to be a strange amount of creepy crawlies taking over both the real world, and the Roblox world. The friends are starting to bug out! Will avatars Dash, Bee, Play and Glitch (as well as Fritz) be able to handle the insidious infestation of insects? Or will they themselves be exterminated?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Action



#### 118. CAPTURE GRAPHIC NOVEL ANIMORPHS GRAPHIC NOVEL

KA Applegate | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

It was bad enough when Jake found out his older brother was one of them. It was even worse when Tobias stayed in his morph too long. But nothing compares to the horror the Animorphs are about to face—nothing. The Animorphs have discovered the location of the Yeerks's new base. They've even figured out how to get in—and they have a plan to hit those alien slugs where it hurts. But they were never prepared for Jake to fall into a Yeerk pool. For Jake to become a human controller. The enemy. It's a race against the clock as the Animorphs face their biggest challenge yet: Save Jake before the Yeerk can expose them all...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Science Fiction, Aliens, War



#### 119. CARTOONISTS CLUB GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Rania Telgemeier | Scott Mccloud (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Makayla is bursting with ideas but doesn't know how to make them into a story. Howard loves to draw, but he struggles to come up with ideas and his dad thinks comics are a waste of time. Lynda constantly draws in her sketchbook but keeps focusing on what she feels are her mistakes, and Art simply loves being creative and is excited to try something new. They come together to form The Cartoonists Club, where kids can learn about making comics and use their creativity and imagination for their own storytelling adventures!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Creativity, Storytelling, Cartoons, Drawing



## 120. CASSI AND THE HOUSE OF MEMORIES GRAPHIC NOVEL

Dean Stuart | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Cassi loves spending time with her grandfather. His games, songs, and stories have always brought her endless joy. This visit with him, though, is different- Grandpa seems to be losing track of things, including everything from the stories they're sharing to who Cassi herself is. So when he goes missing after wandering off from his own backyard, Cassi knows she has to figure out where he's gone. What she discovers is a world filled with memories, none of them her own. As she leaps from one memory to the next, she knows she's getting closer and closer to finding her grandfather-but only if she can make sure he doesn't slip away forever.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Family, Grandparents, Grandfather, Dementia, Memories



#### 121. COMIC STRIP HISTORY OF PLANET EARTH GRAPHIC NOVEL COMIC STRIP HISTORY

Anna Claybourne | Rikus Ferreira (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Take a whirlwind comic strip trip through 4.5 billion fascinating years of Earth's history, discovering how Earth and the solar system formed, how the first life evolved in the oceans, LUCA, the ancestor of all living things, what became of the dinosaurs, and much, MUCH more. Each book works as a timeline, combining information spreads with comic strip stories, and supported throughout by high-interest facts and plenty of humour.

Categories: Graphic Information, Planet Earth



#### 122. COVEN GRAPHIC NOVEL

Soman Chainani | Joel Gennari (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Call the Witch Coven. Hester, Anadil, and Dot are legendary across the Endless Woods as vigilante detectives and protectors of the peace. The famed trio are not only talented witches, but also ride-or-die friends who've never left a case unsolved. That is, until the Coven answers a call for help from a mysterious new world—Red Isle, where the Light and Dark Lands are on the brink of all-out war, each blaming the other for a grim spree of deaths. Now the Coven must work together and unmask the killer before Red Isle tears itself apart. Little do they know: the real enemy might be hiding in plain sight ...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Witches



## **123. CREATURE CLINIC GRAPHIC NOVEL**

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

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

Categories: Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Acceptance, Emergency Services, Hospital, Compassion



## **124. DADBOT GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Jack Noel | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

What do you get when you mix workaholic parents, a car boot sale and a mad scientist together? DADBOT, that's who! With super-strength, hot chocolate on tap and a printer for a butt, Dadbot might be the most exciting thing Josh and Daisy discover - and he only cost 3! With this major parenting upgrade, Josh and Daisy's summer holidays just went from dull to dynamite. But the evil Doctor Egg is lurking to steal Dadbot for his own plans of world domination... Can Josh and Daisy protect their new robo-parent before it's too late?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Robots, Family, Parents



#### 125. DETECTIVE STANLEY AND THE MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM DETECTIVE STANLEY

Hannah Tunnicliffe | Erica Harrison (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Chaos at the Art Museum, can Detective Stanley solve the case? Highly illustrated animal detective mystery for young readers. Detective Stanley has barely sat down for his breakfast pancakes when he receives an invitation he cannot refuse. The Art Museum has been raided on the opening day of the Bleat Mondrian show and Stan has been called to investigate. The most perplexing thing about the case: nothing has been stolen! But now Stan finds himself in a tight spot even his powers of deduction could not detect. Can he get himself out of trouble and can he solve the mystery of the Art Museum?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery

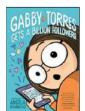


#### 126. ENTIRELY EMMIE GRAPHIC NOVEL EMMIE AND FRIENDS

Terri Libenson | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Crushes. Camping. MIDDLE SCHOOL These days, Emmie doesn't feel so invisible. At least not around her best friends and her crush, Tyler. Class-clown Joe's jokes aren't landing the way they used to. Who doesn't love a good prank. Apparently not his so-called friends, who don't even seem to care if he's around. When their class goes on an end-of-year camping trip, Emmie and Joe find themselves stuck together—and expect the worst. But what happens instead turns out to be entirely unexpected.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Friendship, Camping



#### 127. GABBY TORRES GETS A BILLION FOLLOWERS GRAPHIC NOVE

Angela Dominguez | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Gabby Torres is nine years old and ready to conquer the world. She's already joined the Sea Musketeers, the environmental protection club founded by her idol, Stella Díaz, and plans to be their best (and youngest) member ever. Gabby's latest and greatest idea: start a social media page for her club. But her parents think she's too young! Nothing stops Gabby though... until some online meanies get her in some serious trouble! But she's totally got everything under control all on her own. Right?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Bullying, Social Media



#### 128. GIGANTIC JOKE FIGHT! GRAPHIC NOVEL BUNNY VS MONKEY

Jamie Smart | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

The forest is alive with the most massive of arguments - who is the funniest animal in the woods? Bunny, Monkey and co are battling to decide... is it Bunny with his dad jokes, Monkey with his burn jokes, Le Fox with his riddles, Ai with her knock-knock jokes, Pig and Weenie with their food jokes, Skunky with his gloriously inventive 'what do you get if you cross a...' jokes, or Action Beaver with his Blebble\* (\*a whole lot of nonsense!)? It could even be Metal Steve and Metal Eve, who are just learning what jokes are... One thing's for sure, this contest will brighten ALL our days.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Joke Book



## 129. GREAT MOLASSES FLOOD, 1919 GRAPHIC NOVEL, TH I SURVIVED GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lauren Tarshis | Karen De La Vega (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

A deadly and strange disaster... It's been four years since Carmen and Papa moved from Italy to Boston. Life here is exciting, but not always easy. And then there's the massive metal tank that rises up over their crowded North End neighbourhood. The ugly tank, filled with sticky brown molasses, has always leaked. But nobody imagined that it could one day explode apart, sending a tsunami of molasses into the streets. Caught in the flood, Carmen must fight for her life -- the life that she and Papa built together in America. But will she find the strength?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Survival



## 130. GREEN EGGS AND HAM TAKE A HIKE DR SEUSS GRAPHIC NOVEL

James Kochalka | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

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

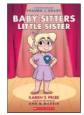


## 131. KAREN'S GHOST GRAPHIC NOVEL BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Ann m Martin | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Karen thinks there's a ghost in her house! But she has never really seen the ghost of Old Ben Brewer ... until now. Karen and her stepsister, Kristy, have found out that Ben Brewer and his spooky friends are going to have a birthday party in their attic on Halloween night! It used to be fun having a ghost around, but now Karen isn't so sure!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Halloween



#### 132. KAREN'S PRIZE GRAPHIC NOVEL BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Ann m Martin | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Karen loves to spell words. She is very good at it, too. First, she wins the spelling bee in her class. Then Karen wins another spelling contest. And another... and another! Soon Karen might be the best junior speller in the state of Connecticut. She's even going to be on TV! Karen thinks that is so great. But her friends don't. They think Karen is a show-off!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Spelling, Spelling Bee



#### 133. KATIE THE CATSITTER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Colleen Venable | Stephanie Yue (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Katie is dreading the boring summer ahead while her best friends are all away at camp—something that's way out her mum's budget, unless Katie can figure out a way to earn the money herself. But when Katie gets a job catsitting for her mysterious upstairs neighbour, life gets interesting. First, Madeline has 217 cats (!) and they're not exactly ... normal cats. Also, why is Madeline always out exactly when a notorious villain commits crimes?! Is Katie's upstairs neighbour really a super villain?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Growing Up, Mystery, Friendship



#### 134. LEMONADE WAR GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Jacqueline Davies | Karen De La Vega (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Evan Treski is people smart. He's good at talking to people, even grown-ups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math smart—but not especially good at understanding people. She knows that feelings are her weakest subject. With just five days left of summer vacation, Evan and Jessie launch an all-out war to see who can sell the most lemonade before school starts. As the battleground heats up, there really is no telling who will win—and, even more important, if their fight will ever end.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Friendship, Maths, Business



## 135. MAKE IT SNAPPY! GRAPHIC NOVEL BROCK THE CROC

Adrian Beck | Dean Rankine (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

When small helpful robots turn up during a swamp disco, all of Brock's friends are THRILLED, but Brock wonders why these metallic creatures have REALLY arrived... Brock discovers the robots have been sent by the evil Mayor Grunter when they all combine to create a giant furious metallic beast called GRUNTZILLA! If Brock can't figure out a way to lead his friends to overcome GRUNTZILLA, their home will be stomped flat by the huge angry robot! Brock needs a solution and he'd better MAKE IT SNAPPY!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Adventure, Music, Sustainbility, Environmental

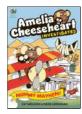


## 136. MECHANICAL ARMS GRAPHIC NOVEL MECHA-UDE

Yoshino Koyoka | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

An ordinary middle-school student's life takes a thrilling turn when he encounters a powerful mechanical being in this exciting new manga series! Kita-Kagami City is a pretty normal town... except that some people have gotten their hands on Mecha-Ude: powerful, sentient, mechanical beings that attach themselves to their human hosts and have awesome capabilities. When middle school kid Hikaru accidentally activates Alma, a robotic arm Mecha-Ude that has no memory of its past, they must team up to uncover the mystery of Alma's identity and prevent the powerful Mecha-Ude from ending up in the wrong hands.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Manga, Friendship, Technology, Robots



#### 137. MUMMY MAYHEM! GRAPHIC NOVEL AMELIA CHEESEHEART INVESTIGATES

Cat Weldon | Nene Lonergan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

A comic-form mystery series for emerging readers starring sparky mouse aviator, Amelia Cheeseheart and her best friend Webster, a banana-loving spider; they investigate mysterious goings-on in their home at the museum - things are going missing, and are found in the Ancient Egyptian room. What on earth is Cleo the Cat Mummy up to? Amelia Cheeseheart saves the day!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery, Detective, Crime, Investigation



## 138. NOTHING TO SEA HERE GRAPHIC NOVEL SQUID SQUAD

Aoife Dooley | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Join naughty best friends Ollie the vampire squid and Zing the toxin-squirting sea bunny as they cause chaos in the deep sea with the rest of their undersea crew! Ollie and Zing live in a town called Nowhere, deep under the sea - a place that's home to the wackiest and weirdest creatures of the ocean, like the stinky Blob, crafty Hypno-snail, and the mysterious Snakey Unicorn Thing... Ollie and Zing's antics with their colourful neighbours always keep things lively - especially when they get the better of dastardly old Thornelius, the thorn-shooting sea snail!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Mystery



#### 139. OUTSIDER KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL PARACHUTE KIDS

Betty Tang | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

After seven months on their own as undocumented immigrants, the Lin siblings have settled into their new lives in California. Jia-Xi (Jesse) has a new job, Ke-Gang (Jason) has a new crush, and Feng-Li (Ann) is excited to celebrate her eleventh birthday with her new friends. Their parents still await visa approval in Taiwan, so the trio is trying to take better care of one another and stay under the radar of immigration authorities. But when their stuck-up cousin Josephine—a violin prodigy—arrives with her privilege and demands, their world is suddenly upended. Will they have to give up the life they worked so hard to achieve?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Immigration, Stereotype, Same Sex Relationship, Immigration



#### 140. REACH FOR THE STARS GRAPHIC NOVEL THE FLOOFS

Penelope O'Neill | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Meet The Floofs. A Floof is a Floof. Not a rabbit, not a rat, not even a mouse. Join them as they go on adventures full of fun, new friends and just a little bit of magic. From figuring out why the stars in the night sky are disappearing and helping someone who finds themselves far from home, to joining a friend on their quest to find a quiet place to read their book. With three short stories inside, children will enjoy dipping in and out of this world without having to commit to a longer read.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Kindness, Resilience, Acceptance



#### 141. ROCK OUT! GRAPHIC NOVEL PIZZA AND TACO

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

Pizza and Taco love music! They love bands, and it looks like being in one is fun! So they decide they should form their own band. Band name? Check! Instruments? Check—sort of. And once they have more bandmates, they'll take on the rock 'n' roll scene by storm! At least, they think so. Will this garage band ever write some songs and make it out of the garage?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



#### 142. 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



#### 143. SPEECHLESS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Aron Nels Steinke | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Middle school was supposed to be a fresh start for Mira, who struggles to speak in class even though she can speak at home without a problem. Her former best friend, Chloe, has become her worst enemy, and Mira's only solace is making videos for her secret stop-motion animation channel. But when Chloe's mum has to travel for a family emergency, Mira is horrified to learn that her family has volunteered to let Chloe stay with them. When it feels like everything is going wrong, will Mira ever find her voice?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship



## **144. SUPA NOVA GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Chante Timothy | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A brand new, bright and bold full colour graphic novel series fizzing with fun and invention. This is perfect for every graphic novel fan! Meet Nova! She's a scientist. Some people say she's a genius. Some people even call her Supa Nova - get it? Like a supernova. Basically she's a huge star, exploding right at you with her adventures! When Nova invents a plastic-eating monster, she thinks she's solved the world's pollution problem. But she doesn't expect her monster to start rampaging through the city! Can Nova find a way to save the day? It will take a genius to figure it out!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Inventions, Technology, Science, STEM, Creativity



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

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

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

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



#### 146. WARRIORS: PROPHECIES BEGIN GRAPHIC NOVEL 2 WARRIORS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Erin Hunter | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Allegiances are shifting among the Clans of warrior cats that roam the forest. With tensions so delicately balanced, friends can become enemies overnight, and some cats are willing to kill to get what they want. Fireheart is determined to find out the truth about the mysterious death of the former Thunder Clan deputy Redtail. But as he searches for answers, he uncovers secrets that might be better left hidden. In the heat of a blazing summer, Fireheart struggles to handle sinister omens, an apprentice with a shocking secret, and a devastated Clan leader who is a shell of her former self. And as the forest gets hotter and hotter, every cat braces for the coming storm....

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Fantasy



#### 147. WILD GHOST CHASE GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE AGENTS OF S.U.I.T.

John patrick Green | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Get ready to dive into the third volume of Agents of S.U.I.T., featuring the weird and wacky coworkers, Mango and Brash! Now, new recruit Zeb the sheep joins the flock to help crack the greatest mystery of all! But, uhh... just what is the greatest mystery of all? Pondering that conundrum is what has kept the dearly departed General Inspectre tethered to Earth long after he should have moved on. Having a ghost haunting the halls of S.U.I.T. wouldn't be so bad... except he's possessed Monocle to serve as his Earthly form! Zeb – along with Cilantro, Bongo, Marsha – must decipher the series' biggest mystery EVER to free their pal and finish the Inspectre's unfinished business!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour

## **Australian Novels**

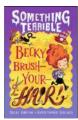


#### 148. ASTER'S NEXT GOOD THING

Kate Gordon | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

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



#### 149. BECKY BRUSH-YOUR-HAIR! SOMETHING TERRIBLE

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

Becky Culpepper lives at 34 Rufus Street. You might be surprised to know that is her name, because most people think her name is Becky Brush-your-hair. But no matter how many people tell her, or how often, Becky never brushes her hair. One morning, just as Becky was leaving for school, her mum called, 'Becky! Brush your hair. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of the something terrible that did. Sally Barton weaves a brush-with-disaster pony-tale of do's and do-knots in this tangled mess of the terrible things that happen in Rufus Street.

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Humour



#### 150. BIG BOOK OF TIGGY! VOLUME 1 TIGGY AND THE MAGIC PAINTBRUSH

Zanni Louise | Gillian Flint (Illustrator) | 3 in 1 | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Whether she's getting a new pet, going to her first day of school, or solving a birthday party problem, Tiggy knows her trusty magic paintbrush can help! Though, even with her paintbrush, sometimes Tiggy feels emotions that seem overwhelming. But with her creativity and the help of her friends, Tiggy can overcome anything!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Friendship, School, Emotions

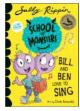


#### 151. BIG BOOK OF TIGGY! VOLUME 2 TIGGY AND THE MAGIC PAINTBRUSH

Zanni Louise | Gillian Flint (Illustrator) | 3 in 1 | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Whether she's starring in a school performance, dealing with a wobbly tooth, or feeling nervous at a sleepover, Tiggy knows her trusty magic paintbrush can help! Though, even with her paintbrush, sometimes Tiggy feels emotions that seem overwhelming. But with her creativity and the help of her friends, Tiggy can overcome anything!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Friendship, School



## 152. BILL AND BEN LOVE TO SING SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | Chris Kennett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

Bill and Ben both love to sing, but each one sings a different thing! Can Bill and Ben learn to sing in harmony? Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers! Start by reading only the last word on every line and work your way up to reading the whole story.

Categories: Friendship, Music



## 153. BIN CHICKEN'S WIPE-OUT! TRASHY TALES

Kate Temple | Ronojoy Ghosh (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Surf's Up! Benny, Scrap and Tweeter are off for a day at the seaside. But the squawky seagulls think they own the beach... and they have a pesky plan to get rid of bin chickens once and for all! Is this trashy trio headed for a total wipe-out?!

Categories: Friendship, Humour



## 154. BIRTHDAY WISH FOR BEE, A SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | Chris Kennett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

It's Bee's birthday, and her friends have given her a special wishing cake! But what will they do when Bee's wish gets out of control? Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers! Start by reading only the last word on every line and work your way up to reading the whole story.

Categories: Self Esteem/Resilience, Friendship



#### 155. BRAIN FREEZE EBB AND FLO

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

Ebb eats his ice-cream in one big gulp. Oh no! Brain freeze! Can Ebb and Flo find a way to enjoy a bite without the fright? 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

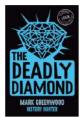


## 156. CROUCHING KANGA, HIDDEN HIPPO! GRAPHIC NOVEL KUNG FU ROO

Anh Do | Jeremy Ley (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Kai, Charley and Harry are beyond excited to discover that the Ninja Ridas will be performing on gold bikes at Hollybrook Fair. But spending the day at the fair means our heroes need cash fast. As they work on their money-making scheme, Harry struggles to control his new powers. Meanwhile the Crocka gang is making plans of their own for the fair... One thing's for certain - the Ninja Ridas performance will go off with a bang! But can Harry help his friends when they need him the most?

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



#### 157. DEADLY DIAMOND, THE HISTORY HUNTER

Mark Greenwood | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

When an enormous blue diamond is extracted from a remote, snake-infested Indian mine in the 1600s, it begins its mysterious journey from eye of a temple god to jewellery of royalty to esteemed exhibition piece. Over time, it gains the world's attention as the immensely valuable Hope Diamond. But the diamond's potency for bad luck is said to have its origins in an ancient curse.

Categories: History, Adventure, Mystery



#### 158. DETECTIVE GALILEO DETECTIVE GALILEO

Peter Helliar | Andrew Joyner (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

For as long as he can remember, it has been Galileo's dream to become a police horse. But when his dream comes true, he soon realises he's not there to solve crimes, but merely as a vehicle to carry around the 'real' human detectives. When Galileo witnesses a crime, he decides to take matters into his own hands. He has a lot to learn, but each crime he solves is sure to take him one step closer to becoming a real detective...

Categories: Detective, Crime, Investigation, Humour, Police



## 159. DOG PEOPLE, UGH! PAW PRINTS

Danny Katz | Mitch Vane (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Dog people, ugh. They want to pat dogs play with dogs, cuddle dogs, talk to their dogs, jog with their dogs, kiss their dogs. How they're happy to carry around dog poop in little plastic bags like they've just gone shopping at a poop-supermarket. Yuck. I don't get it. A tail, umm, tale, of someone who doesn't get dogs, or get people who get dogs. Until they do.

Categories: Humour, Dogs



## **160. DOWN THE PLOT HOLE**

Annaleise Byrd | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A fun-filled fractured fairytale adventure in a very surprising, Grimm world. Neighbours and reluctant reading partners Basil and Terry are once again reading The Complete Fairytales of the Brothers Grimm. Last time, they found themselves plunged into the fairytale world, where everyone was losing the plot. This time, words – well, chickens – are disappearing! Realising their fairytale friends are in danger of being sucked into oblivion by plot holes, the boys don't hesitate before diving back into the Grimm world to warn them. It's up to Basil and Terry to find out what's going on and how to stop the plot holes from destroying everything ... including their way home.

**Categories:** Twisted Fairytales



## 161. ESCAPE FROM MARIGOLD MANOR

Rachel Jackson | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

You are the greatest detective in the land and you're facing your biggest mystery yet. After receiving an anonymous invitation, you discover that—along with all the other guests—you are locked inside the iron gates of an opulent mansion. Who has trapped you there, and why? You'll need to solve the mystery in order to receive the key to the gates and escape from Marigold Manor.

Categories: Interactive, Adventure, Humour



#### 162. FANTASTIC FLOOR GYMNASTICS DIARIES

Georgia Godwin | Camilla Frescura (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Georgia is 10 years old and loves gymnastics. She wants to be an international gymnastics star and this is her diary. Join Georgia as she chases her dreams! There is a lot happening in Georgia's world with clashes in her school and elite gym schedules. At school, it's time to vote for the leadership team and Georgia wants to go for Sports Captain... but so does her bestie, Bri! In the gym, Georgia is learning a new floor routine with harder skills for an upcoming competition. Will Georgia figure out how to balance it all? Or will she have to make some tough choices?

Categories: Sport, Gymnastics, Competition, Friendship, Relationships



#### 163. FOAL IN THE WIRE, THE

Robbie Coburn | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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

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



#### 164. FRIDAY BARNES: IN PLAIN SIGHT FRIDAY BARNES

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

When Princess Ingrid is kidnapped, along with her fiance, Binky Pelly, it's all over the international news. The King of Norway is distraught. The people of Norway are bewildered. And Ingrid's bodyguard is fired. So he calls on his least favourite Interpol agent for help – Friday Barnes. Can she unravel the mystery of the disappearing lovebirds? In this day of CCTV and modern security, where could you hide a royal princess with nobody knowing? The trail soon leads them to New York City, where finding a princess is harder than finding a tiara in a haystack.

Categories: Mystery, Detective



#### 165. FRIEND NEXT DOOR MEET ELLA

Rebecca McRitchie | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$7.99 | School Price \$6.80

Ella has a new neighbour! But he is not very interested in playing together. Can Ella make a friend next door?

Categories: Friendship, Family



## 166. GIRL WHO CRIED BIRD TOO-TALL TALES OF ALMA T BEST

Katherine Collette | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

The problem with Bird Day is that all everyone does is go birdwatching. Alma's not very interested in birds. But when she manages to see an extremely rare purple-bellied parrot, it's big news. She's practically, almost, nearly, entirely famous! The only problem is no one else saw the parrot ...And no one saw Alma see the parrot ... And no one has seen the parrot since. When some so-called 'experts' suggest Alma didn't see the bird at all, she's determined to prove them wrong, no matter what.

Categories: Humour, Individuality



## 167. GREAT CHOCOLATE CAPER, THE HEIST

Joel McKerrow | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Meet the Heist squad. AKA a motley crew of misfits who all HATE each other but LOVE chocolate. Until they discover that chocolate in their high school is being used by an alien race to take over human bodies, threatening the survival of the ENTIRE WORLD. Can they put aside their differences to achieve the most audacious chocolate heist EVER and save the world?

Categories: Humour, Teamwork



## 168. HAIR BRAIN SAVES THE OCEAN HAIR BRAIN

Danny Katz | Mitch Vane (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

This is a story about how I came up with a MASSIVELY brainy plan to CLEAN UP all the disgusting pollution on the beach to help save the whole WORLD!!!!!! (And also save my whole school holidays) (Which is not as important as saving the world, I know) (But thought I'd mention it anyway) (In case you guy are interested)

**Categories:** Environmental Issues, Humour, Siblings, Volunteering, Pollution



#### 169. HAUNTING OF HINDMARSH HALL, THE SECRET DETECTIVES CLUB

Kate Gordon | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

In the small town of Table Cape Bay, Rocko Jarvis is the least cool kid there is. With his best friend, Cosmo, he has tried everything to turn that around. Mingus – the second coolest kid in town –, Rocko and Cosmo soon discover they are all keen fans of the Trio of Sleuths books. It's a shame there aren't any mysteries in a quiet little place like Table Cape Bay, or so they thought. Soon enough, the boys vow to help renowned author, PD Watkins, uncover what is going on. They soon discover that there is a lot more going on at Hindmarsh Hall than they ever imagined... As they unravel the mystery of who is scaring Watkins—and why—The Secret Detectives Club is born.

Categories: Mystery, Detective, Adventure

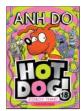


#### 170. HIDDEN LAYERS! CAT ON THE RUN

Aaron Blabey | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Brains washed! Internet wiped! Villains unmasked! Who knew being the World's #1 Cat Video Star could be so dangerous?! This is it! Princess Beautiful has had enough! It's time to clean out the litter tray.

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Comedy, Crime, Action



#### 171. HOT DOG! ROBOT TIME! HOT DOG!

Anh Do | Dan Mcguiness (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Hotdog and his friends are off to the Robot Museum! They're buzzing to see the amazing Gorilla Bots! But what happens when the bots go batty?! Those robots need a re-boot!

Categories: Friendship, Teamwork, Robots, Technology, Courage



## 172. INTO THE FAERIE REALM SEVEN WHEREWITHAL WAY

Samantha-ellen Bound | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

When their beloved home comes under siege, the Wherewithal crew flee through the portal to the Realm of Fae. Behind the walls of the Faerie Market, they search for ways to stop the increasingly powerful Red Cap from achieving Realms-wide domination. But Red Cap's army is growing stronger. Old and new enemies are rising, the Realms are in disarray, and Celeste's powers are gone. With a battle on the horizon, and the lives of all those she loves at risk, Celeste will require every bit of cleverness and cunning she has picked up from the Realms for this last fight. Journey to the Realms of Seven Wherewithal Way in this heart-stopping conclusion to Samantha-Ellen Bound's epic fantasy series

Categories: Magic, Mystery, Adventure, Fantasy

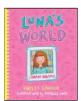


#### 173. KIP OF THE KAROO KIP

Emma Gourlay | Hardback | Age 9+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Kip lives on a mountain in South Africa. She rides horses at Sunnybrook Ranch and a magical creature called Buffel is her loyal companion. Life is good. But when her roof falls in, and her dad can't afford to fix it, Kip vows to save the day. Luckily her friends have found an ancient map in a cookie jar. There's treasure in the Karoo desert! But are the dangers of the Karoo worth the risk?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Action, Friendship, Danger



#### 174. LIBRARY DREAMS LUNA'S WORLD

Hayley Gannon | Michelle Conn (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Hi, I'm Luna! This diary you're reading? My mum's idea. She said it will help me to focus. You see, my mind is always racing with a million thoughts! I'm going to use this diary to show you EVERYTHING that's going on in my world ... Luna Merrian is a ten-year-old with BIG dreams. This year, Luna is desperate to become a library monitor. AKA a Little Librarian! The only problem? Her school enemy: Jade Jones. There can only be ONE Little Librarian from their class, and Luna has to prove she's the best person for the job. But the contest between Luna and Jade reveals parts of Luna she's not proud of ... Will Luna ever achieve her library dream?

Categories: Reading, Books, Library, Dreams

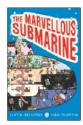


#### 175. LOST PONIES, THE MILLIE AND STELLA BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Josephine Moon | Jedda Robaard (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Join best friends Millie and Stella for a week of friendship, adventure and a little bit of mystery. Millie and Stella's very favourite thing is riding their ponies together. But gates are being left open in their paddock, and Millie and Stella are being blamed! Can the girls figure out who is behind the mischief before their beloved ponies are put in danger?

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Mystery, Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, Creativity

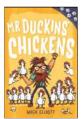


#### 176. MARVELLOUS SUBMARINE, THE MARVELLOUS SUBMARINE

Clayton Zane Comber | Conor McCammon (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Readers, be warned! This book is set on Monkey Island and contains a super-smart gorilla called Harold, two regular kids called Poppy and Billy, and the world's greatest inventor, who happens to be their mum. BUT, it also features a villainous kidnapping, a secret volcano, pirates on yachts, a hungry blue whale, exploding basketballs – and a whole lot of water. Plus, there's Mum's greatest invention yet: a Marvellous Submarine.

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Kidnapping, Inventions, Family



#### 177. MR DUCKINS' CHICKENS PAW PRINTS

Mick Elliot | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Meet Mr Duckins. Not only is he the funniest, silliest strangest, year 4 teacher in the universe, he's also the most EPIC. That's because Mr Duckins isn't like other teachers. He doesn't believe in tests. Or homework. Or opening doors before he runs through them. But when he hatches a plan to break the WORLD RECORD for eating THE MOST EGGS IN A DAY, Mr Duckins and his loyal class of misfits embark on a chicken-filled adventure that could turn rotten.

Categories: Humour, Adventure



#### 178. MUSIC CAMP

Penny Tangey | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Miley lives in a caravan because she lost her home in a flood the year before, so she's excited to win a scholarship to attend the five-day Music Camp. This is her chance to prove to everyone that the recorder is a serious musical instrument. Flautist Juliet's late father was an esteemed clarinet player and she wants to honour his legacy. She's also keen to make friends with people who don't know about her tragic past – though perhaps not with that girl who thinks the recorder is a serious musical instrument. Can Miley and Juliet put their differences aside and face the music together?

Categories: Friendship, Differences, Flood, Music, Teamwork, Acceptance



## 179. MYSTERY OF MISSING BILLIE, THE NETBALL BESTIES

Jo Weston | Sam Loman (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

When a new family moves into the property next to the Weston farm, suddenly Jo and her beloved dog Billie have a new best friend and netball buddy, Ava. But strange things are happening in Talma Valley... Farm gates are left open, Jo's escape-artist cow Moo-dini is on the loose, mountain bikers are going missing - and then ... Billie disappears! Jo and Ava will have to use all their wits to solve the mysteries.

Categories: Sport, Netball, Friendship, Adventure, Mystery



#### **180. ON GALLANT WINGS**

Helen Edwards | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Thirteen-year-old Ava lives in Darwin with her family and their homing pigeons, of which Essie is Ava's favourite. A Japanese family live next door and their son, Kazuo, is Ava's best and only real friend. When Darwin is bombed in 1942, Ava and her mother are evacuated in a cattle train with the remaining women and children. Kazuo is transferred to the men's camp, separating him from his parents and siblings. Living by rules and rituals has always been how Ava has felt safe, but when Kazuo escapes, she is faced with the hardest decision of all—whether to report a 'potentially dangerous' escapee to the authorities, or to protect a beloved friend...

Categories: War, World War 2, Darwin, Evacuation



#### 181. PERFECT HARMONY ELLA AND OLIVIA

Yvette Poshoglian | Gisella Bohorquez (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$7.99 | School Price \$7.20

Meet Ella and Olivia. Big sister. Little sister. Best friends. Ella and Olivia both try out for the girls' choir. But only one of them gets a spot! Can the sisters stay in perfect harmony?

Categories: Encouragement, Singing, Dancing, Music

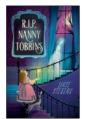


#### 182. PUPPY PARADE, THE ELLA AND OLIVIA'S PUPPY CLUB

Yvette Poshoglian | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$8.99 | School Price \$7.65

Meet Bob the puppy, and his humans, Ella and Olivia! Bob is competing in the Grand Puppy Parade! But so are all the other puppies in the neighbourhood! Can Bob learn his new tricks in time? Will he and Ella be on TV? Or will the competition be pawsitively tough?

Categories: Pets, Dogs, Competition



#### **183. R.I.P. NANNY TOBBINS**

Lucie Stevens | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

When Nanny Tobbins fell off a horse and broke her neck, the grown-ups told nine-year-old Albertine she'd never see her beloved governess again. But it simply isn't true. For every night, when the clock strikes twelve, Nanny returns to the nursery. Yet in her new ghostly state, Nanny Tobbins quickly causes chaos in the household - and the timing couldn't be more inconvenient. Albertine's new stepmother is struggling to settle in, and Papa is much occupied working with Prince Albert on the Great Exhibition. To make matters worse, the grown-ups don't believe in ghosts at all, leaving Albertine to take the blame for Nanny's unruly antics. How will Albertine restore peace to her home before the unthinkable occurs?

Categories: Mystery, Ghosts, Accident



## 184. READY, SET, GO! JET SET PETS

Maddy Mara | Kyla May (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Violet Voom has three pets, one jet and an itch to travel. Wherever Violet goes in her fabulous purple jet, her fabulous (but not purple) pets go too. The pets – a sleek cat, a goofy poodle and a parrot with a terrible case of beak leak – are called the Jet Set Pets. And the jet? It's called the Pet Jet. Of course. From Hawaii to the Swiss Alps – via a movie set – Violet and the Jet Set Pets jet all around the world. The Jet Set Pets are good at many things, but the thing they are best at is FINDING stuff.

Categories: Pets, Humour



## 185. RISE OF THE WITCH EVERGLADE

Kitty Black | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Everglade loves to hate witches. And as the daughter of the last witch, Wren Westerly is the most hated person in town. She can only imagine what would happen if the townspeople found out she can actually see magic ... even if she has no idea how to use it. But when magic leads Wren to an enchanted necklace and reveals her secret, it's not just Everglade chasing her. It's the Eater - a terrifying creature who is determined to drain all magic from the world, and who really, really wants that necklace. Leaving Everglade with nothing but the necklace, two accidental travel companions, and directions from a goat, Wren finds herself in a new and infinitely more magical world. And she's the only one who can save it from the Eater. That is, if she can figure out magic. No pressure. Welcome to the world of Everglade, where the truth about witches is tangled with lies and being yourself is the biggest risk of all.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Humour



## **186. SECRET KEEPER**

Di Walker | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Change was coming. Possibly sooner than any of the friends were prepared for. Nell and Eden have been best friends forever. But now they are at the end of Year 6 and on the cusp of high school. Nell has been scouted to play in a new netball club the following year, but she doesn't feel like she can tell Eden. And then there's Birdie. A mysterious girl who has moved onto Nell's street. She is quiet and reserved and doesn't appear to go to school. When Nell meets Birdie, their friendships begins to grow. But what secrets is Birdie hiding? And why doesn't Nell feel she can tell Eden about netball or Birdie?

Categories: Friendship, Relationships, Sport, Netball, Grief, Loss, Love, Change, Mystery, Anxiety



## 187. SET SAIL JUNKYARD FAIRIES

Edwing Wyatt | Lauren O'hara (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Fur, Tip and Nug are junkyard fairies. They are messy, bossy and never eat their vegetables. Having left their corner of the junkyard, the fairies and their friends sail down the junk river on the back of a turtle called Old in search of a new place to live. Join them as they navigate life on the river, meet new friends and learn what truly makes a home

Categories: Friendship, Fairies, Magic



#### 188. SHORT CUT EBB AND FLO

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

After a bad haircut, Ebb lets his hair grow long, long, long! Can Flo help her friend realise his hair is out of control? 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



## 189. SINK OR SWIM FROG SQUAD

Kate Temple | Shiloh Gordon (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Frog Squad dives into the treacherous waters of the Bermuda Triangle to find Captain Froggy Longbottom's shipwreck. It's filled with stolen treasure, including the world's largest pearl! But The Organisation of Amphibious Devious Scoundrels (TOADS) is hunting for the treasure, too. Will the brave rescue frogs reach it first, or will they be swallowed by quicksand?

Categories: Adventure, Action, Humour



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

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

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

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Humour

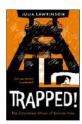


#### 191. TIME TO FLY SMARTY PUP

Anh Do | Anton Emdin (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When Miss Anne announces the whole class will be dancing at the Awesome Schools Concert, everyone's excited! But the amazing routine finishes in a pyramid... with JJ at the very top. JJ would love to be a su-PAW-star! Can he conquer his fears and become top dog?

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Kindness, Cooperation, Martial Arts, Courage



#### 192. TRAPPED! ENTOMBED MINER OF BONNIE VALE

Julia Lawrinson | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

In 1907, the mining town of Bonnie Vale experiences a sudden deluge of rain that floods a gold mine while miners are still at work down the shaft. Joe's dad is one of them. And it soon becomes clear that he's the only one who hasn't made it back out. Where is he? Why didn't he escape with the others? And more importantly, how will they rescue him?

Categories: Australian History, Mining, Verse Novel, Accident, Rescue, Flood



#### 193. VILLAIN

Adrian Beck | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Gaming fanatic Jay receives a strange phone call on a school trip to Titanium Tower. The voice on the other end calls himself Z. And he has trapped Jay's classmates in the elevator at the very top of the skyscraper. Jay finds himself with no choice but to try and solve Z's deadly riddles. Not only that, he has the worst person possible helping him: Hudson Hamm, the school's star athlete and resident tough guy. Soon Jay and Hudson are on a high-stakes scavenger hunt around the city. Can they team up to beat Z at his own game? If not, their classmates and family members will pay with their lives.

Categories: Thriller, Action, Artificial Intelligence



#### 194. WEIRDO 24: WEIRD POWER!

Anh Do | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Dad's at it again, helping Weir and his friends train for the athletics carnival! Weir's not sure he'll win anything, but maybe he'll find another calling! Would that be so bananas? It won't be easy ... but it will be funny!

Categories: Humour



## 195. WILLOW BRIGHT'S SECRET PLOT

AL Tait | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

I feel her in the breeze that makes the dahlias bob, and in the scent of the roses...' After moving to the city from the country, Willow Bright feels like she's lost her mum all over again—and landed on another planet. Her clothes are wrong, her taste in music is wrong, and even the food she eats is wrong. But when Willow spots a pattern in a series of puzzling accidents and mishaps, she forms an unlikely friendship—and finds new purpose. Can Willow solve the mystery and find room to be herself along the way? Or will her plot to run home to the wide-open spaces and memories of her mum land Willow in even more trouble?

Categories: Growing Up, Family, Grief, Friendship, Mystery

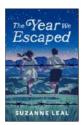


## 196. WONDER HORSE, THE HISTORY HUNTER

Mark Greenwood | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

In the late 1920s, Phar Lap rocketed to international fame. Under the care of his handler, Tommy, Phar Lap won many victories, but acquired many myths surrounding his name and nature, too. Join the History Hunter as he tackles questions big and small, like what gives someone - or some horse - that special something? Why do some humans and the animals in their care develop a close bond? And how did Phar Lap really die?

Categories: History, Adventure, Mystery



#### 197. YEAR WE ESCAPED, THE

Suzanne Leal | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

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

Categories: War Stories, World War 2, Adventure, Danger, Family, Friendship, Intrigue

# **Younger Novels**

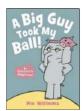


#### 198. BAD KITTY GETS A PHONE BAD KITTY

Nick Bruel | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Kitty has almost everything a cat could want—a warm bed, plenty of fresh litter, a machine that dispenses food whenever she wants! Everything... except for a phone! To get a device of such magic and beauty, Kitty must do extra chores around the house for three whole months without complaining. Desperate times call for desperate measures, after all! Is Kitty up for such a Herculean task?! And can she handle the responsibility?

Categories: Technology, Humour, Responsibility



#### 199. BIG GUY TOOK MY BALL! A AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Perfect for children just learning to read, this highly original book is told entirely in speech bubbles with a repetitive use of familiar phrases. Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. Piggie is devastated when a big guy takes the ball she has been playing with. Gerald is big too – but is he big enough to help his best friend? Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

**Categories: Bullying** 



#### 200. BUNNY AND CLYDE BUNNY AND CLYDE

Megan McDonald | Scott Nash (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Get ready for a wild ride with Bunny and Clyde! These by-the-rules buddies, a rabbit and a chipmunk, are sick and tired of being good. For once, they want to know what it's like to be baddies — rotten to the core! They want thrills and excitement! But to get really good at being bad, they're going to need some experience. What if the dastardly duo started returning library books late on purpose? Or borrowing markers without asking? Everyone knows it's a swift downhill slide from there — as long as there's an unprotected piggy bank in town! Unless, of course, their best attempts at mastering bad deeds are strangely misconstrued...

Categories: Humour, Adventure



#### **201. BUZZ SAUSAGE WOLF**

Jim Beckett | Aurelie Lise Anne (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Buzz Sausage Wolf is keen to win the love (and biscuits) of his New Family. He wants to be the perfect pet and impress them, but who is Pack Leader? Is it Britney, the small but shouty one? Her brother who secretly gives Buzz delicious and definitely not-for-dogs snacks? Or Mum, the one who holds The Lead ... With the help of his wise friend, Trilby, Buzz must decide whether to be a silly Sausage or a brave Wolf to win their hearts – because too much of either ends in chaos! A warmly funny story for fans of Rabbit and Bear, large dollops of silliness and the occasional unexpected dog parp.

Categories: Humour, Dogs, Pets



## 202. CREEPY CAPERS STORY SHOP

Tracey Corderoy | Tony Neal (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

When fun-loving lion cub Rex bursts into the shop, Wilbur has the perfect thing – a FANG-tastic spooky adventure, with plenty of thrills and spills! Join fun-loving Rex as he helps the sacked Ghost Gang get back on stage, meets his prank-playing match on a school outing to a vampire castle and finds himself stuck in the middle of two feuding vetis.

Categories: Adventure, Spooky



#### 203. DAISY AND THE TROUBLE WITH SHOPPING DAISY BOOK

Kes Gray | Garry Parsons (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Daisy is NOT excited about today's plan. Her mum and nan are taking her clothes shopping because of all the "incredible" sales. What could be more BORING than that?! And everyone knows Daisy doesn't handle boring very well. It always leads to TROUBLE...

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Shopping



## 204. HAPPY PIG DAY! AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Perfect for children just learning to read, this highly original book is told entirely in speech bubbles with a repetitive use of familiar phrases. Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In Happy Pig Day!, Piggie celebrates her favourite day of the year. But will Gerald the elephant be included in the festivities...? Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

**Categories:** Repetition



#### 205. LAUGHING LYNX, THE ZOE'S RESCUE ZOO

Amelia Cobb | Sophie Williams (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Zoe loves living at her uncle's rescue zoo because there's always something exciting going on. And Zoe also has an amazing secret... She can actually TALK to the animals! Lia the lynx can't stop laughing at the other animals - and it's making them cross. Can Zoe help her to make friends?

**Categories:** Animal Stories



#### 206. MERCY WATSON IS MISSING! MERCY WATSON

Kate DiCamillo | Chris Van Dusen (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

When Mercy Watson the pig goes missing, all of Deckawoo Drive is in an uproar. The Watsons are inconsolable, and the local police department, fire department, and Animal Control are no help whatsoever. Bossy neighbour Eugenia Lincoln is not quite as sad as she might be, but thankfully her sister, Baby Lincoln, has the idea to hire a private investigator. Granted, Percival Smidgely, Pl, may be more bumbler than gumshoe, but his pigeon, Polly, is there to point the way. Meanwhile, Frank and Stella Endicott and Stella's friend Horace Broom are ready to do some investigating of their own. Will the clever neighbourhood sleuths manage to follow the trail of hoofprints to recover their porcine wonder?

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Investigation



## 207. MISSION IMPROBABLE SQUIRREL AND DUCK

Tom Percival | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Squirrel and Duck might seem strange housemates but they are drawn together by their secret they are the only two talking animals in the world. When bulldozers arrive to redevelop the abandoned theme park they call home, they flee with nothing but Mr Spikes, Duck's beloved 'pet' cactus. Overhearing a conversation between two nincompoop art thieves puts them on the trail of untold riches (according to Squirrel) or a great deed to help the nation (as far as Duck's concerned). Only some surprisingly unhelpful woodland creatures and a temporary lack of transport stand in their way!

Categories: Humour, Friendship



## 208. ORRIS AND TIMBLE: LOST AND FOUND ORRIS AND TIMBLE

Kate DiCamillo | Carmen Mok (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 6+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Orris the rat and Timble the owl are unlikely friends. Each night, Timble visits Orris in the barn and listens to his stories. But Timble is growing up, and one evening when the owl doesn't appear as usual Orris wonders if Timble has forgotten him. Is their friendship over? Or could it be that Timble has a tale of his own to share?

Categories: Friendship, Humour, Rescue, Trust



#### 209. PUG WHO WANTED TO BE A DINOSAUR, THE

Bella Swift | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Everyone's favourite little pug embarks on a dinosaur hunt in this roaringly funny dino adventure story. Peggy the pug's family are going on a camping holiday to Dino Cove. Peggy's best friend, Chloe, is determined to find dinosaur fossils, and Peggy would do anything to help her. So Peggy sets off on a dinosaur hunt of her own - but what if she can't find one before they go home? Get ready for a roarsome dinosaur adventure with Peggy the Pug in this adorable story featuring fun black and white illustrations throughout.

Categories: Humour, Adventure



## 210. TEETHING TROUBLE HUGH DUNNIT MYSTERY

Guy Bass | Lee Cosgrove (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

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

## **Middle Novels**



#### 211. ALICE WITH A WHY: RETURN TO WONDERLAND

Anna James | Matthew Land (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

England, 1919. Alyce – with a Y – lives with her grandmother, the original Alice, having lost her father during the Great War. When a mysterious invitation to a tea party hits her square in the face, Alyce realises her grandmother's strange stories of a place called Wonderland might have some truth to them after all. But the land Alyce finds herself in feels different – for it is trapped in its own war, and Alyce is soon tasked with setting it right. With the help of the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and a Sailor Fox, Alyce will have to solve Wonderland's problems and, eventually, find her way back home.



#### 212. DARK SWARM TRANSCENDENT

Patrick Gallagher | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

JOIN THE TEAM. SAVE THE WORLD. Join twin geniuses Jacob and Kira on an out-of-this-world mission to protect the planet in the second book in the Transcendent series. Jacob and Kira have been launched into space by a top-secret agency called Transcendent. Their mission? Finish work on an invention with the power to clean up the Earth and stop climate change for good. But they soon lose all communication with mission control and discover that a mysterious creature is closing in on them. Meanwhile, an evil billionaire is determined to get rid of Transcendent so he can unleash a terrifying, mind-bending technology on the planet. With two disasters looming, how will Jacob and Kira save the day when everything is at stake?

Categories: Adventure, Action, Thriller, Conspiracy, Science Fiction

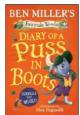


#### 213. DIARY OF A FUTURE BILLIONAIRE

Pamela Butchart | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Just how far will one boy go to become a fully-fledged billionaire? So here's the thing about me. I'm a billionaire. An actual real-life billionaire! And you know how some people who get rich say stuff like, "I can't believe it!" and "I never thought it would happen to me!" Well. I can believe it. And I knew it would happen to me. Because I planned it. I planned to become the world's richest ten-year-old. And you know what? It worked.

**Categories: Humour** 



## 214. DIARY OF A PUSS IN BOOTS FAIRYTALE WOODS

Ben Miller | Elisa Paganelli (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

First it's no more milk for breakfast. Then he's forced to sleep in a windowless shed. And now he has to use a LITTER TRAY?! Not happening! Mittens knows a cat of his calibre should be living it up in a castle, and he's determined to make his dream reality. His master certainly isn't going to be much help, so it's up to Mittens to charm the king and queen, defeat a shapeshifting ogre, and outwit the princess's own cunning kitty. But first things first, he has his eye on a very fetching pair of boots...

Categories: Fairytale, Magic, Adventure, Humour



#### 215. DOOM OF THE DARKWING HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON SCHOOL

Cressida Cowell | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Join Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third and his dragons, Toothless and Windwalker, in their hilarious, hair-raising adventures at the Isle of Berk's Training School for Vikings and Dragons. Where they are BOTTOM in pretty much everything. Disastrous Lesson Number One: The Art of Battle. It was supposed to be a quiet, SENSIBLE lesson. Hiccup never MEANT to get into TROUBLE. But things take an unexpected turn along the way and Hiccup and his friends soon find themselves adrift on stormy seas, in a sinking ship, facing imminent DOOM, in one of their BIGGEST adventures ever...

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Dragons



#### 216. END OF THE STORY, THE CHRONICLES OF NEVER AFTER

Melissa De La Cruz | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

With Olga drawing ever nearer, Filomena and her friends race to find the last surviving fairy, Sabine, and protect her at all costs. For if Sabine dies, so does all of Never After. Without a moment to lose, Fil, Jack, Alistair, Gretel, and the rest of the gang – along with some new pals like Captain Hook – set off for Neverland to find Sabine. But even in Neverland, there's mischief afoot. With Olga's evil forces closing in, will Fil find a way to protect the magic of Never After once and for all, and ensure a happily-ever-after for the End of the Story?

Categories: Fantasy, Fairytales, Twisted Fairytales, Family

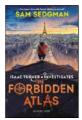


#### 217. FELIX AND THE FUTURE AGENCY

Rachel Morrisroe | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Felix Green has a talent – a talent that often gets him into A LOT of trouble – he can forsee the future. And he's not the only one! When his latest prediction comes true, he soon finds himself whisked off to join the secret underground Future Agency. Here he starts to learn the tools to protect the country from the natural disasters set to befall it – summoning animal star constellations down from the sky, dream weaving and speaking to ghosts. When a dark spectre infiltrates the Future Agency, only Felix can unmask the culprit and save the agency from destruction...

Categories: Futuristic, Fantasy, Adventure, Natural Disasters

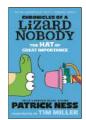


## 218. FORBIDDEN ATLAS, THE ISAAC TURNER INVESTIGATES

Sam Sedgman | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Isaac and Hattie have been invited to a high-profile event at the French National Archives in Paris to finally celebrate their achievement in saving time. But as Isaac prepares to make his speech, the lights go out and a single shot is fired. The police think it was an assassination attempt on the infamous businessman Balthazar Blaise, but Isaac and Hattie realise that something very different is going on when they discover a boy taking something from the archives before vanishing without a trace. As they investigate, Isaac and Hattie are pulled into an underground world, searching secret and forgotten places for a stolen letter, a missing sister and a map that will unearth a long buried secret ...

Categories: Action, Adventure, Mystery, Science, Codes, Inventions



#### 219. HAT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, THE CHRONICLES OF LIZARD NOBODY

Patrick Ness | Tim Miller (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

When Daniel arrives at the school bus stop sporting a salmon-coloured hat, Zeke is shocked. Don't only birds wear hats? As if this isn't strange enough, the school suddenly has a new student – a fish of all things – and a mysterious new Guidance Counsellor. Meanwhile, Zeke's friends seem to have ditched him, and even his old nemesis won't give him the time of day. So when somebody melts his house with the Death Ray of Death – twice – Zeke has had enough. Just who is sabotaging his life – and why?

Categories: Humour, Adventure, School, Bullying, Friendship



## 220. IMPOSSIBLE TRIALS, THE THE WHISPERWICKS

Jordan Lees | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Ever since Benjamiah returned from his spectacular adventure in Wreathenwold, he's been desperate to go back. When he discovers a strange fragment of witchstone, he is transported back to the labyrinthine streets of Wreathenwold and soon finds himself on another dangerous quest involving a strange collection of fairytales - The Book of Barely Believable Stories. Reunited with Elizabella Cotton and helped by two new friends - Mea and Silas the mapmaker - the gang undertake a series of magical trials to save the missing children of Wreathenwold before Midsommer ends and they are lost forever...

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Parallel World



## 221. JAYBEN AND THE DRAGON STONE JAYBEN

Thomas Leeds | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

As the Ninth Dreamer, Jayben is the only one who can defeat Null, the evil villain who has been making everyone in the Elf World forget. But the crystals that give Jayben his power are quickly fading, and he needs to uncover the missing words from the Book of Dreamers to finally free everyone from Null's curse. When Jayben finds an electrifying blue stone that can transport him anywhere, Jayben sets out on a quest with his friends to find a magical elixir that can restore his crystals and uncover the missing words. But it seems as if something – or someone – is preventing Jayben from succeeding and the words are scattered across the five realms of the Elf World...

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Quest, Courage

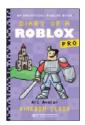


#### 222. KID WHO FELL THROUGH TIME, THE

Greg James | Chris Smith (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

History has always seemed pretty boring to Angus. Who cares about things that happened thousands of years ago? That's what Angus thinks until the day he accidentally falls into a shopping trolley and ends up travelling through time with Marge, the lady who runs the cheese counter at the local supermarket. And so begins the most epic adventure of his life – exploring a market in Roman Britain, hanging out with Shakespeare, making new friends in Ancient Egypt. Oh, and trying to escape the Evil Emperor Kragg from the 99th Century who is determined to destroy the planet. Can Angus and his new friends make it out of the past unscathed and is camel cheese really as bad as you imagine?

Categories: Adventure, Time Travel, Humour, History, Ancient Civilizations



#### 223. KINGDOM CLASH 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 discover a new portal after school one day. When they enter the different world, they are plunged into medieval madness! Now responsible for an entire kingdom, can Ari and his friends survive the battle to come, and go home to tell the tale?

Categories: High Interest, Adventure, Roblox, Reluctant Readers



#### 224. LOST NOTES OF THE SOUL SPINNERS, THE AN ELSTON-FRIGHT TALE

Reece Carter | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

When a ghost-eating wraith appears in the forgotten seaside town of Elston-Fright searching for the magical Notes, it's enough to make any kid ghost a bit nervous. Faye de Corail may have the townsfolk under her spell, but Girl, Corpse and their friends are determined to stay out of her way. After old foes resurface and a child is snatched, Girl and Corpse begin to piece together a sinister plan that not only threatens the lives of their friends, families and the people of Elston-Fright, it may send them all to Death Proper too...

Categories: Friendship, Family, Compassion, Ghosts, Witches



#### 225. MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN

Kyla Zhao | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

The clock is ticking for May Li, whose middle-school chess team just earned a victory at the state championship, kicking them into high gear in preparation for nationals. What's more exciting for May is that her win came with a special award for being the top female player in the tournament. An award that earns her a spot on a splashy Lingard Middle School campaign celebrating student achievements. May should be thrilled. But some of her teammates, including her supposed-to-be-friend Ralph, aren't too keen on the special attention she's getting-and they're even questioning her skills. Backed into a corner, but not one to back down, May makes a move- She bets Ralph she can win Lingard's internal chess tournament and become team captain for nationals. Under the pressure of her teammates and school's expectations, May starts to crumble under pressure. Anxious feelings begin to take the fun out of chess and even affect her game. Now finding the joy in chess may be just what May needs to do in order to win the bet.

**Categories: Chess** 



## 226. MECH BRIGADE

Jamie Russell | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

On his thirteenth birthday, Miles joins the war against alien Spinners. As a child soldier piloting a mech robot, he's humanity's last hope. But Miles is no ordinary recruit – he's the son of Professor Riley, the missing genius behind the mechs. Now, Miles must master a rogue mech called Ironclad, find his father and save the world. Some birthday.

Categories: Science Fiction, Adventure, Action, Robots, High Interest, Prejudice



#### 227. ONE WRONG STEP

Jennifer A Nielsen | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

For a climber, looking back can mean the difference between survival... and a fall. Twelve-year-old Atlas Wade has been trying to forget the memory of his mother by climbing mountains ever since she died three years ago. When his father signs them up for an expedition group hoping to be the first to ever summit the unconquerable Mount Everest, Atlas can't wait for the chance to prove himself to his father. But Atlas and another girl named Maddie are left behind, and it's up to them to undertake the dangerous journey up the mountain in hopes of finding survivors after an avalanche cuts them off from the climbing party. They must rely on their wits and each other before it's too late.

Categories: Adventure, Survival, Grief, Accident, Expedition, Danger



## 228. PINCH PERKINS AND THE NIGHTMARE TREE PINCH PERKINS

Cathy Fitzgerald | Chloe Dominique (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Pinch Perkins is very excited that her Spark magic is finally here, but with magic comes responsibility. Then Pinch starts to have strange dreams, feeling like someone – something – is watching her. Surely it can't be the strange tree, the one with bewitching red leaves, that has appeared on Tricky Dragon Lane? When Pinch awakens one night deep in the forest – an enchanted place full of dangerous and mysterious creatures – she realises that she has been trapped by an evil, ancient spirit bound to the heart of a tree. The only way Pinch can defeat this spirit is by embracing her Spark magic. The future of the magical world depends on it!

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Villains



#### 229. RESIST: A STORY OF D-DAY

Alan Gratz | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Samira Zidane lives in Nazi-occupied France during World War II... and she has a secret: She and her mother are spies for the underground resistance. They crack codes and trade messages that will help sabotage the Nazis' plans. When her mother is captured by enemy soldiers, Samira must travel through the war-torn countryside on a desperate and daring rescue mission. And today just happens to be D-Day: the pivotal moment when Allied forces are landing in France. Battles rage all around her, and Samira only has a small dog named Cyrano for company. Can she save her mother from the Nazis before time runs out?

Categories: War Stories, World War 2, D Day



## 230. RISE OF THE ENDER DRAGON DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE

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

Ever wonder what life is like for a Minecraft Zombie? When Zombie discovers that Blaze Blazelton battled an Ender Dragon to get a Dragon Egg, he's super jealous. He wants to become the next Dragon Rider of Minecraft! So... he takes the Dragon Egg to teach Blaze a lesson about showing off. But when the Egg hatches and the baby Ender Dragon goes missing, Zombie realises his huge mistake. And when the baby Ender Dragon begins terrorising the Villagers, Zombie must find a way to tame it before it's too late!

Categories: High Interest, Adventure, Minecraft, Reluctant Readers



## 231. ROSWELL JOHNSON SAVES THE GALAXY! ROSWELL JOHNSON

Chris Colfer | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When eleven-year-old Roswell Johnson was accidentally abducted in a spaceship, he not only learned that aliens are real, he teamed up with a quirky gang of extra-terrestrials to defeat an evil army of Reptoids and save the world! Now, people, spaceships, and whole stars are disappearing without a trace and it's down to Roswell and his eccentric alien team to solve the mystery on another action-packed adventure. But when Roswell discovers new technology that puts the entire solar system in grave danger, he realises problem is closer than he ever thought possible... Can Roswell and his other-worldly friends save not just the world, but the entire galaxy?

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Space, Action

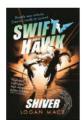


## 232. SHADY BUSINESS DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE SUPER SPECIAL

Zack Zombie | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Take a peek into the diary of thirteen-year-old Zack Zombie. When Slimey finds a pair of sunglasses that looks good on everyone, Zombie and his friends decide to take turns wearing them. The sunglasses take them all on epic adventures, but when it's Zombie's turn, his time seems much less eventful. That is, until he swears he sees a Phantom fly through the night sky. But nothing is simple with Zombie, and the sighting leads him right into the hands of an Enderman with grand plans to take over the Overworld. Can Zombie and his friends work together to defeat the threat? Or will it all end in disaster?

**Categories:** Adventure



# 233. SHIVER SWIFT AND HAWK

Logan Macx | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Evil organization Razor have triggered the final stages of their plan for world domination – and teen spies Swift and Hawk are the only people who can stop them. As Razor instructs their superhuman assassins the Shiver to take out their enemies, Swift and Hawk race to Berlin to track down the only tech capable of standing in their way. Time is running out fast – and if they fail, the world will never be the same again...

Categories: Adventure, Action, Spies, Artificial Intelligence



# 234. SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT: HEART FULL OF HATRED SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT

Derek Landy | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A killer is stalking and murdering sorcerers, and Valkyrie Cain is next on his list. While hunting down a cult of magical terrorists intent on taking their revenge on the mortal world, Skulduggery and Valkyrie are drawn into a murder investigation with unsettling similarities to a case they just closed – the case that nearly took the lives of both Valkyrie's sister and girlfriend...

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Murder



# 235. SKY BATTLES DUNGEON RUNNERS

Kieran Larwood | Joe Todd Stanton (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Kit can hardly believe he's now a professional Dungeon Runner. With his teammates Sandy and Thorn, they set off to a city in the clouds to compete. But with new dangers at every turn, Kit and his friends will need their wits and bravery to take on enemies as well as monsters. Are they ready for the big leagues? There's only one way to find out!

Categories: Adventure, Action



## 236. TIME TRAVEL TWINS, THE

James Patterson | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

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



## 237. WORLD'S WORST ALIEN, THE

Alice Primmer | Fred Blunt (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When alien "Sky" creates planet Earth as part of a school project, she's delighted by her success. Those dinosaurs roaming about the place are top-mark material! Then humans sweep in and it's farewell dinosaurs, hello destruction. This disappointing evolutionary twist calls for drastic measures: Sky, the laziest student in class, is going to have make an effort, go down to Earth and fix humanity...

Categories: Humour, Aliens, School

# **Australian Information**



## 238. ALL ABOUT THE GUT

Liz Bannister | Beck Feiner (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

How does your gut turn the food you eat into the nutrients your body needs? What's the mind-body connection? And why do we burp? Dr Liz Bannister takes us inside the body to show us how food is digested, where everything goes and what you can do to keep the energy engine of your body in top form. Like all of the books in the All About the Body series, this is a celebration of the incredible systems we have in our very own bodies.

Categories: Health, Gut Health, Digestion, Human Body, Food



#### 239. AT SEA MARVELLOUS MACHINES

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The oceans of the world are the last great wildernesses but even they are now full of marvellous machines that allow humans to survive on and under the water.

Categories: Machinery, Technology, STEM



## **240. AUSTRALIA'S MOST EXTREME**

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

The creatures in this book are the superheroes of Australia's animal world. They are some of the world's deadliest, freakiest and most extreme creatures, beating all the records when it comes to size, speed, length, strength, intelligence and survival. What animal runs so fast it goes blind? Which sea creature has a tongue that weighs as much as an elephant? What insect carries a bomb in its rear end?

Categories: Australian Animals, Individuality, Uniqueness



#### 241. BATTLE STATIONS MARVELLOUS MACHINES

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Military machinery is exciting and awe-inspiring. The weapons machinery and equipment used by armed forces around the world all depend on the skills of engineers and designers for their effectiveness. Find out how the armed forces use their technology and what it looks like up-close.

Categories: Machinery, Technology, STEM



# 242. BUILD, DIG, DEMOLISH MARVELLOUS MACHINES

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The machines that dig build and demolish are big noisy and fascinating. In this book you will see the best of them the biggest and the most amazing. Whether they are at work in mines on building sites or in your own street these machines are STEM in action.

Categories: Machinery, Technology, STEM, Engineering, Construction



# 243. BUTTERFLIES UP CLOSE

Mary doria Russell | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Take a closer look at one of the most beautiful creatures on the planet. You will be fascinated by their amazing transformation during their life cycle to emerge as the most colourful and brilliantly patterned winged insect on the planet.

Categories: Insects, Butterflies



# 244. CASSOWARY AUSTRALIA'S REMARKABLE WILDLIFE

John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The cassowary has a reputation for being the most dangerous bird in the world. Find out why and whether this reputation is deserved or not. Related to the emu and the little kiwi the cassowary manages to look beautiful scary and dangerous all at once.

Categories: Australian Animals, Australiana, Cassowary



#### 245. CYBER SECURITY STEM IS EVERYWHERE

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

Discover how to use your digital technology safely and avoid dangerous contacts and websites. Young people are often targeted online in a variety of ways. Find out how to stay safe online while enjoying all that computers have to offer us. STEM stands for science technology engineering and mathematics and it is not just for scientists. The existence of the whole Universe including us and our daily lives can all be described with the wonderful scientific facts that make up the topics included in STEM. In this series you will find out how easy STEM is to understand and also discover how you can see it in action every second of every day.

Categories: STEM, Technology, Computers, Cyber Security, Internet Safety



## 246. FARM ANIMALS ON THE FARM

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Children love to pat baby farm animals at petting zoos, but they rarely think about all the work that farmers have to do to raise those animals so that we have food to eat. In this book, children will learn all the facts about where meat and skins come from in a way that is sensitive and will not tarnish their love of little lambs and calves.

Categories: Farms, Farm Animals



#### 247. FILLING IN THE MAP

Carole Wilkinson | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

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

Categories: Australian History, Explorers, Maps, Geography



## **248. FLYING FOX** AUSTRALIA'S REMARKABLE WILDLIFE

John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Are flying foxes really foxes? If not what are they exactly? There are many strange myths about bats but the truth is much more interesting. Find out about these misunderstood bats and what their role in the forests really is. Australia has been an island continent surrounded by oceans for millions of years. During this long long time its animals have evolved into species that are unique and precious. Covered with feathers fur spikes or scales Australia's wild creatures can be beautiful frightening and even dangerous. Although all Australians know what kangaroos or koalas look like and where they live there are many other local animals whose ways of life are still a mystery even to scientists. Find out about Australia's wonderful animals in this series then look at them in a whole new way the next time you have a chance to get up close at a zoo in the wild or in your own backyard.

Categories: Australian Animals, Flying Fox



## 249. FROGS ARE OUR FRIENDS

Toni D'alia | Madeline White (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

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

Categories: Frogs, Amphibians, Habitats



# 250. FROM FARM TO PLATE ON THE FARM

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

Your best-ever birthday cake may have been bought from a cake shop but where did all the contents of the cake come from? Find out what is in the food you love or hate and who grows it for you to eat.

Categories: Farms, Farm Life, Food, Rural, Farming



# 251. GERMS MAKE US SICK STEM IS EVERYWHERE

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

Microorganisms are among the main causes of disease but most of us know very little about what they do and how they infect us and grow. These creatures are microscopic but they can make us very sick and even kill us. Discover the range of natural and technological defences we have against them and why we can never let our guard down when they are around. STEM stands for science technology engineering and mathematics and it is not just for scientists. The existence of the whole Universe including us and our daily lives can all be described with the wonderful scientific facts that make up the topics included in STEM. In this series you will find out how easy STEM is to understand and also discover how you can see it in action every second of every day.

Categories: Health, Hygiene, Cleanliness, Germs



## 252. HIGH IN THE SKY MARVELLOUS MACHINES

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The skies are full of amazing aircraft. Some are huge and heavy making us wonder how they can stay up there! Some are secret spy planes or super-fast jets. Find out about the world's most fascinating aircraft in this book, which includes many photos you might never have seen before.

Categories: STEM, Technology, Transport, Flight, Engineering



## 253. INCREDIBLE ROBOTS FANTASTIC FACTS ABOUT

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

Are robots our helpers or will they take our jobs and destroy us? Find out how robots function and what their limitations if any really are.

Categories: Robots, Technology, STEM



#### 254. KIDS ON FARMS ON THE FARM

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Being surrounded by open spaces and lots of farm animals sounds like a dream come true for city kids. Find out about the joys of living on a farm farms around the world and the difficulties of living in isolated places.

Categories: Farms, Farm Life, Family, Rural



#### 255. LIZ WATSON NETBALL LEGENDS

Kit Cross | Leigh Hedstrom (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Everything young readers are dying to know about Liz Watson - the stats, the facts and the amazing stories. Is Liz Watson your favourite netballer? Did you know that Liz Watson is one of the best midcourters in the world? Did you know she has played over 90 games for the Australian Diamonds? Did you know her favourite colour is purple? Liz is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about her. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.

Categories: Sport, Netball



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

Eleri Harris | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

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

Categories: Australian History, Politics, Government, Women's Rights, Feminism, Equality, Activism



## **257. MARCUS BONTEMPELLI** FOOTY LEGENDS

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

Everything young readers are dying to know about Marcus Bontempelli - the stats, the facts and the amazing stories. Is Marcus Bontempelli your favourite AFL player? Did you know that Marcus Bontempelli is one of the best midfielders in the competition? Did you know he's made the All-Australian team 6 times? Did you know he has a pet dog named Mya? The Bont is a TOTAL legend, and this book will tell you all about him. Filled with exciting facts, fun stories, and all the stats to share at lunchtime.

Categories: Sport, AFL, Football, Aussie Rules



# 258. MIGHTY FARM MACHINES ON THE FARM

Warren Singer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

When we think of farms we imagine trees, fields and animals, but massive noisy machines are also important on modern farms. Find out how big they really are and how robots have a role in farming too.

Categories: Farms, Farm Life, Farming, Machinery, Technology



## 259. OUT IN SPACE MARVELLOUS MACHINES

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

Find out about the spacecraft that humans have used to travel to the Moon explore the surface of Venus and Mars and venture into the Universe beyond. Closer to Earth, discover the satellites that glide across the skies and keep us connected with each other.

Categories: STEM, Technology, Space



# **260. SCHOOL RULES AND ROUTINES** BEHAVIOUR MATTERS

Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

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

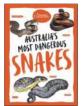


#### 261. SHARKS AUSTRALIA'S MOST DANGEROUS

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From the zebra shark to the wobbegong shark and the great white to the hammer head, delve into the depths and discover the toothy grins and pointy fins of Australia's most dangerous sharks. Packed full of detailed illustrations and beautiful images, interesting fact files and information about what sharks eat, where they live, what their eggs look like and much more!

**Categories: Sharks** 



#### 262. SNAKES AUSTRALIA'S MOST DANGEROUS

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From the gwardar to the python, and from sea snakes to the red-bellied black snake, slither through the stories of Australia's most dangerous snakes. Packed full of detailed illustrations, beautiful images from Australian Geographic, interesting fact files and information about what snakes eat, where they live, how they see and hear, what their eggs look like and much more!

Categories: Reptiles, Snakes



## 263. SPIDERS AUSTRALIA'S DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From big, hairy spiders and intricate, delicate spiders to pointy fangs and sticky webs - welcome to the world of Australia's creepy-crawly spiders! With fast facts, full-colour illustrations and images from Australian Geographic, this book has everything you need to know about spiders, such as how different spiders use their webs, how and what they eat, how they see, which ones are deadly to humans and why they don't stick to their own webs.

Categories: Minibeasts, Bugs, Insects, Spiders



## **264. STUFF I'M NOT SORRY FOR**

Maxine Beneba Clarke | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

The unbearable itch of chicken pox. The annoyance of sharing a Spotify account with your parents. The delight of smearing tomato sauce over everything you eat. The bright rainbow lights of the roller derby. The glorious sticky sweetness of fairy floss. The rebellion of the fake tattoo you know your nan will hate. The satisfaction of turning your childhood Barbie into a punk-novelist. The shock of accidentally smashing a neighbour's window with a cricket ball. The shame of cheating on a test. The feeling of wearing your afro high and proud. The anxiety of reading text messages before school. The joy in Mum's solo standing ovation on concert night. The blowfly in the school toilets that none of the boys can catch...

**Categories:** Poetry



# **265. WOMBAT POOS ARE SQUARE**

Sophie Gillies | Karen Erasmus (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

All Australian creatures from galahs and potoroos, to stingrays and goannas, do their own distinctive poos. Discover which animal has sparkly poo, who poos hundreds of times a day and, of course, whose poos are square! With whimsical illustrations and humorous text, 'Wombat Poos Are Square' explains the important role poo plays in our environment

Categories: Australian Animals, Environment, Humour, Rhyming Text



# 266. WONDERFUL WORLD OF CARNIVOROUS PLANTS, THE

Suzanne Houghton | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

Have you ever heard of a meat-eating plant? Or a plant that traps spiders and flies? Welcome to 'The Wonderful World of Carnivorous Plants', where sticky leaves and slippery stems are just some of the fascinating ways some plants capture their food. Explore the unique features and adaptations of these plants and the important role they play in our environment.

Categories: Survival, Ecosystems, Rhyming Text, Adaptation

# **General Information**



## **267. ARIANA GRANDE ULTIMATE SUPERSTARS**

Liz Gogerly | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

This is the story of Ariana Grande's incredible journey to superstardom! Discover how a young girl from Florida began her career in musical theatre, before a big break on television propelled her to international stardom, becoming very, very Popular, indeed. Find out how Ariana went from Daydreamin' and became a Disney star before becoming a world-famous singer and Dangerous Woman, landing her dream role of Glinda in the 2024 blockbuster Wicked.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music



#### 268. BOOK OF SNAKES, THE

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Explore the amazing world of snakes like never before! Read the notes, sketches and photographs of a globe-trotting snake expert and discover her amazing journey of discovery, as she gets up close with over 20 different snake species from all over the world, with details on their habitat, size, unique features, and prey. As well as fantastic, close-up photography, the book also includes annotated sketches of the snakes and thrilling stories of encountering each one – it's like having access to a real explorer's journal. Told as a fictional story of snake encounters across the globe, this realistic account is a fantastic visual guide to the world's deadliest, fastest, most unusual, and rarest snakes.

Categories: Reptiles, Snakes



## 269. BUTTERFLIES WATCH ME GROW

Sara Forster | Bianca Austria (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly! With colourful and engaging illustration and simple explanations split into two levels of reading ability, this is a fun and informative introduction to the natural world. This book will take the reader on a journey through the animal's life cycle, learning about how it eats, its habitat and how it grows and defends itself.

Categories: Minibeasts, Insects, Butterflies, Chrysalis, Metamorphosis, Lifecycles

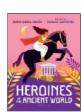


#### **270. DK COOKING STEP-BY-STEP**

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

Fun, colourful step-by-step instructions and photographic images make it so simple to follow the 50 mouth-watering recipes and build confidence, making children feel at home in the kitchen in no time! This book includes scrumptious recipes for all occasions and tastes, including an array of light bites, main meals, and sweet treats. From tasty pizza muffins and delicious squash and coconut curry, to raspberry ice and fun chocolate mug brownies, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Pages on kitchen equipment, kitchen safety, and cooking tips and tricks help children to safely master cooking basics whilst having a great time making a selection of simple snacks, balanced meals, and sweet treats to share with friends and family.

Categories: Cooking, Cookbook, Baking, Recipes



# 271. HEROINES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Honor Cargill-martin | Margaux Carpentier (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$29.75

Celebrate the stories of incredible women from the ancient world in this beautifully illustrated gift book. Featuring powerful retellings of courageous women, including the ruler Cleopatra, Mary Hebraea the first known alchemist and the warrior queen Boudica, this stunning collection of epic stories will get children fascinated by ancient history.

Categories: Ancient Civilizations, Mythology



## 272. IT'S OK TO SAY NO LET'S TALK

Molly Potter | Sarah Jennings (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

This book is all about asking for, giving and not giving permission. Using child-friendly explanations and colourful illustrations, this book helps you to teach children that it's OK to say no when they feel uncomfortable, and that they should respect when others say no to them too. From personal space to sharing, and from privacy to asking for help, It's OK to Say No explains why learning to respect yourself and others is so important. Featuring extra notes for grown-ups on tackling these sensitive topics with little ones, this reassuring picture book is the perfect resource to read with children aged 4+ and start important conversations about respect and consent.

Categories: Consent, Permission, Privacy, Respect, Personal Space



#### 273. LIGHT: EXTRAORDINARY ENERGY THAT ILLUMINATES OUR W

Jess Wade | Ana Sanfelippo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

A vibrant introduction to the science of light – the extraordinary energy that illuminates our world. Have you ever watched the sky at night? Even when it looks very dark outside, the night sky is never completely black. There is always LIGHT on our planet. From the author of bestselling Nano, comes a fascinating non-fiction picture book exploring the science of light. From the complexities of the night sky to the inner workings of rainbows, learn all about the mind-bending science of light. With words by Dr Jess Wade and beautiful, dynamic pictures by artist Ana Sanfelippo, this is the perfect book for budding young scientists and engineers: a way of stepping beyond their school textbooks to fascinating "real-world" science.

Categories: STEAM, Science, Light



#### 274. MAGIC AND MYSTERY OF SPACE, THE

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

Stars burn, asteroids orbit, and rockets launch across the pages of this colourful book. Stunning illustrations are combined with the dazzling and up-to-date photography to help young enthusiasts learn all there is to know about space. From the planets in our Solar System to distant black holes, they'll discover incredible facts as they take an unforgettable journey through space. Readers will also learn about how stars die, what scientists do in space, and what life could look like on other planets. Children will see incredible views from space telescopes, discover what it's like walking on the Moon, and learn how to star-gaze. They'll even get to meet some of the animals who have been to space!

Categories: Space, Solar System, Universe, Planets



## 275. MARY EARPS LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

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

Champion, Advocate, Lioness - Mary Earps' legacy is as powerful off the field as it is on. Little Mary loved playing football with her dad and brother, but it wasn't until she joined her first team that she discovered her talent for goalkeeping. She dreamt of growing up to play professionally, though she knew how challenging that would be as a female player. Yet Mary never gave up. Since those early days, she has played for several international teams, facing many highs and lows along the way. Today, she inspires kids everywhere, showing them that they can achieve anything they set their minds to! So, get out there, follow your dreams, and enjoy the journey along the way!

Categories: Famous People, Football, Soccer, Sport



#### 276. MBAPPE V HAALAND FOOTBALL GOAT

Matt Oldfield | Seth Burkett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Mbappé vs Haaland: which of these footballing legends is the Greatest Of All Time? 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. Action-packed and full of detailed facts, trivia, stats and funny illustrations, this is a collectable new series that's perfect for fans of Ultimate Football Heroes and Football School.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer

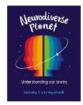


# 277. MEASUREMENTS MATHS ALL AROUND YOU

Rob Colson | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Maths is all around you; it can be seen everywhere in nature and in the human-made world. In Measurements, discover why we use the metric system, how to measure area, volume, speed and temperature, and why the number 60 is so important for measuring time. Simple artworks illustrate each concept to help visual learners get to grips with mathematical concepts and to encourage children to open their minds to how maths is an important part in the buildings we live in, the games we play and the ways we live our lives. This series is designed for readers aged 7 and up, to complement the content of traditional maths textbooks. Readers are also encouraged to have a go at some simple maths exercises, putting into practice what they have learned.

Categories: STEM, Maths, Measurement

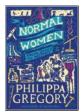


## **278. NEURODIVERSE PLANET**

Anna Claybourne | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Everyone on our planet is unique. Our bodies and faces are all slightly different from one another and so are our minds and personalities. A lot of these differences exist because of how our brains work. People who experience and process the world around them a little differently are known as neurodivergent. Neurodiverse Planet offers a positive, accessible look at neurodiversity for readers aged 9 and up by exploring what neurodivergence is and the many different ways in which it can impact people. It looks at some more widely recognised ND conditions, such as autism and ADHD, alongside some lesser known ones, such as synaesthesia and dyscalculia. It highlights the challenges that neurodiverse people may face, as well as the unique abilities that they can sometimes have, and explores what we can all do to make the world a better, more accepting places for neurodiverse people. It also looks forward to what the future might hold for neurodiversity.

Categories: Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, Autism, ADHD, Brain

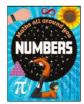


#### 279. NORMAL WOMEN: MAKING HISTORY FOR 900 YEARS

Phillippa Gregory | Alexis Snell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Today, when we think of women of the past, we often think of the 1800s and 1900s – crinolines and stage coaches, bonnets and balls – a time when women were told they were naturally inferior to men, and must stay at home while men went out to work and have fun. HUGE MISTAKE! There is so much more to women's history than bonnets and big dresses! Ordinary women have been doing extraordinary things FOR EVER – it just didn't make the history books (written by men!). Join multi-award-winning author Philippa Gregory as she tells the story of ordinary English women, making history for 900 years. Meet farmers, highwaywomen, pirates, 'female husbands', slaves, soldiers, criminals, writers, inventors, rioters and more – protesting, working, playing, taking risks, getting rich (and getting even!)

Categories: Famous People, Famous Women



#### 280. NUMBERS MATHS ALL AROUND YOU

Rob Colson | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Maths is all around you; it can be seen everywhere in nature and in the human-made world. In Numbers, find out how binary numbers help computers to run games and videos, how square numbers are used for measuring the space in a building, and how musical rhythms are counted through sequences of beats. Simple artworks illustrate each concept to help visual learners get to grips with mathematical concepts and to encourage children to open their minds to how maths is an important part of the buildings we live in, the games we play and the ways we live our lives. This series is designed for readers aged 7 and up to complement the content of traditional maths textbooks. Readers are also encouraged to have a go at some simple maths exercises, putting into practice what they have learned.

Categories: STEM, Maths, Numbers



## 281. PATRICK MAHOMES LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

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

Little Patrick grew up in Texas. His dad was a legendary baseball player and he dreamt of following in his footsteps. As a child, he excelled at all sorts of sports: from baseball to basketball to ping-pong, but it was American football which captured his heart. In college, he dedicated himself to building his skills and strength on the field. His hard work soon paid off when he was asked to join the Kansas City Chiefs. Just two years later he won his first super bowl ring! The next few years bought two more Superbowl victories as well as some losses. But whether he wins or loses, Patrick knows that the most important thing is being a good teammate and a strong leader. Alongside his football career, he is a dedicated husband and father. He is passionate about improving the lives of children and through his foundation, 15 and the Mahomies, supports a range of charitable causes. A sporting legend who is loved by all, Patrick's achievements reflect his tenacity, drive and belief in himself.

Categories: Famous People

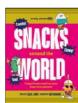


# 282. RAINFOREST

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$37.99 | School Price \$34.20

Rainforest reveals the dizzying diversity of life in these fascinating forests. Caiman and capybara crowd Amazon riverbanks, ants scare off elephants in the Congo, and birds and butterflies flit through the treetops of Costa Rica. Mountain gorillas feast on bamboo in Rwanda, bears bound through Alaskan temperate rainforest, and orangutans swing in Indonesia. Of course, none of these would exist without the lush plant life - soaring kapok trees, sturdy teak, and tenacious epiphytes throng the forests. A thousand orchids bloom in dazzling colours, and emerald-bright mosses coat damp branches. Packed full of iconic animal species, this book shows life on Earth at its most vivid and vibrant.

Categories: Rainforest, Habitats



# 283. SNACKS AROUND THE WORLD LONELY PLANET KIDS

Lisa M Gerry | Toby Triumph (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

Explore our planet one unique treat at a time! From lip-smacking lollipops to bizarre chocolate concoctions, kids will discover the many magnificent sweet, crunchy, chewy, and salty nibbles that stock kitchen cupboards around the world. Packed with fun facts, awesome illustrations, and fascinating insights into food traditions, it's time to dig in!

Categories: Food

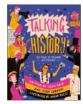


# **284. SON RULES** FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS

Simon Mugford | Dan Green (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

In this fun and fact-filled book, Football Superstar's dynamic duo, Dan and Simon shine their spotlight on Asia's biggest soccer star of the 21st century, Son Heung-min. They chart the South Korean's rise to superstardom, from his early days when he was trained by his father to his move to the Bundesliga which paved the way for a career defining decade at Tottenham. Along the way, you'll learn about the people who helped him on his journey, plus get all the exciting facts and stats that make Son a global footballing hero.. True to the Football Superstars brand, the book is filled with fun cartoons, inspirational stories, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



#### 285. TALKING HISTORY: 150 YEARS OF SPEAKERS AND SPEECHE

Joan Lennon | Andre Ducci (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Great speeches have formed milestones in modern history, inspiring and engaging generations on important issues including war, women's rights, climate change and civil rights, and helping to shape the world we live in. Featuring 17 influential speeches from the past 150 years, Talking History explores the events leading up to each speech, how the spoken word was used to great effect, and the impact it had on the world, presented in graphic novel style to put the reader at the heart of the action.

Categories: Famous People, History

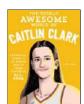


## **286. TITANIC: SHIP OF DREAMS**

Sean Callery | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Explore every inch of the doomed Titanic in this fact-filled book, with photos of the ship, its interiors and other fascinating objects. This book encourages children to think for themselves about what caused this great disaster, and how it could have been averted. It presents evidence that allows readers to determine who the heroes and who the villains of the tragedy were. The book introduces all the key players—the owners, the builders, the crew and the passengers—and tackles the controversies at the centre of the drama. Unique, specially commissioned artwork explores the ship, deck by deck. And moving eyewitness accounts from survivors help the reader understand their plight in the countdown to disaster.

Categories: Titanic, History, Disasters



## 287. TOTALLY AWESOME WORLD OF CAITLIN CLARK, THE

Sara Weiss | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Caitlin Clark has already accomplished so much, and she's just getting started! In this book, discover: Caitlin's early life and her first successes on the court, her dazzling college basketball career at the University of Iowa, her current stats in the WNBA, her pursuits off the court, her business endeavours, and her philanthropic efforts! The Totally Awesome World of Caitlin Clark is jam-packed with fun facts, basketball stats, and thought-provoking questions for young readers, sure to inspire any basketball fan to live their own totally awesome life.

Categories: Sport, Basketball, Famous People, Biography



#### 288. WE ARE ALL ANIMALS

Ben Hoare | Mark Ruffle (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Find out how similar you are to your favourite animal and how. Did you know that most animals (including us) are shaped like tubes? That animals get a lot of the same diseases (and medical treatments) we do? Or that we are distant cousins to every animal on Earth, including jellyfish! We Are All Animals celebrates our whole furry, scaly, slimy, slippery extended family, smashing to smithereens the idea that humans are very different from the rest of the animal kinadom.

**Categories:** Comparisons

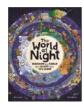


# 289. WILLIAM KAMKWAMBA LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Kirsti Beautyman (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Discover the life of William Kamkwamba, the Malawian inventor and engineer, who overcame poverty and famine to build windmills from recycled materials that brought electricity to his village. Little William grew up in a small village in Malawi with his parents, who were farmers, and his siblings. One day, he found a book that gave him a great idea: using the wind to make electricity and pump water for the corn! It was an invention that would eventually transform life for people across Malawi. This thoughtful book features quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of William's life.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Engineering, Inventions



## 290. WORLD AT NIGHT, THE

Paula Bossio | Ben Lerwill (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

At night, magic is all around in the natural world, from bioluminescent seas in the Caribbean to the Northern Lights on Arctic winter nights. Explore the lives of animals under the cover of darkness, including the perilous journey taken by baby turtles in the moonlight and the global migration of bearded pigs. Discover nocturnal plants that have evolved to only bloom in the moonlight, and wild mushrooms that depend on their glow-in-the-dark superpower for survival. Follow the people who work hard through the night in towns and cities – hospital staff, fishing crews, bakers, postal workers and security guards. Learn about our reliance on electric light across the world, and the human body clock's vital connection to light and darkness.

Categories: Natural World, Nature, Environment, Habitats, Nocturnal, Occupations

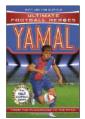


## 291. WRECKED: DEEP DIVE INTO THE WORLD'S SHIPWRECKS

Rebecca Siegel | Howard Gray (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$36.99 | School Price \$33.30

There are over three million shipwrecks on Earth. They are many things at once: memorials to lives lost, science experiments, treasure chests, works of art, and home to millions of living creatures. They are time machines, allowing modern explorers a glimpse into the past. From spacecraft and fighter planes to exploration vessels, merchant ships and cruise liners, discover the gripping stories of conflict and courage behind some of the world's most iconic shipwrecks.

Categories: Shipwrecks, History



## 292. YAMAL ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

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

Meet Lamine Yamal - Ultimate Football Hero. Proving a gifted footballer from the age of four, Lamine Yamal overcame adversity to sign with La Masia at the age of seven. A talented right winger, Yamal's pace and powerful long-range shots have propelled him in his career to become one of the best young footballers in the world. Follow the story of Lamine Yamal, ultimate football hero, from humble beginnings in Catalonia all the way to being named as UEFA Euro 2024's Young Player of the Tournament.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



#### 293. YVES SAINT LAURENT LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

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

Discover the incredible story of Yves Saint Laurent, the trailblazing designer who shaped the world of fashion with his fearless creativity. From a young boy sketching designs, to becoming one of the most celebrated names in the world of fashion, Yves' journey shows the power of staying true to your dreams – even when it's challenging. Inspiring and beautifully told, 'Little People, BIG DREAMS: Yves Saint Laurent' teaches children how to be creative and courageous, while staying true to yourself. This book features quirky illustrations, extra facts, a timeline of Yves's life with historical photos and a detailed profile of his inspiring journey. It's the perfect gift for young creatives and fashion-lovers.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Fashion