

Picture Books, Junior Fiction, Older Readers,  
Teens & YA and much more

# WELCOME

Dear reader,

Nurturing a love of books and reading is the best way of enlarging your child's world. Books are an endless source of entertainment and learning, they fire up a child's imagination and provide hours of pleasure, enjoyment and education.

On the pages of this guide, you'll find a great selection of books for children of all ages – from picture books, to junior fiction and middle grade readers, to more sophisticated texts for teens and young adults. Included in this guide are the best contemporary Australian and international children's writers.

The cover illustration of our guide come from the jacket image of Lou Carter and Deborah Allwright's new picture book *There Is No Dragon In This Story* (Page 3).

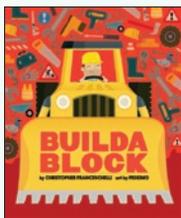
Happy reading!

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## FOR THE VERY YOUNG



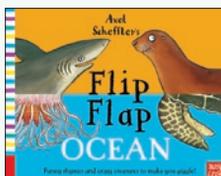
### Buildablock

Christopher Franceschelli

Board Book RRP \$21.99

September release, advance orders welcome

In this companion to *Alphabetblock*, *Countablock*, *Dinoblock*, and *Cityblock*, children are introduced to more than 24 construction machines. Featuring die-cut shapes on every other spread and charming art, *Buildablock* explores construction sites and machines in a truly exciting and unique way. **Age: 3+**

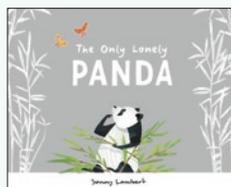


### Axel Scheffler's Flip Flap Ocean

Axel Scheffler

Hardback RRP \$15.99

What do you get if you cross a squid with a fish? A squish, of course! How about a shark and a turtle? That's a shurtle! Discover endless underwater creations, silly names and strange noises to make you giggle through this new flip flap creation from Axel Scheffler. **Age: 2+**



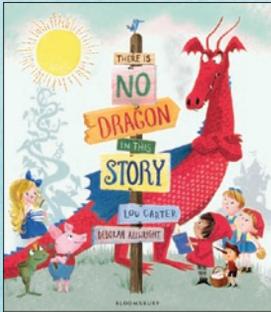
### The Only Lonely Panda

Jonny Lambert

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Deep in the dewy forest sits an only, lonely panda bear: "I wish I had a friend," Panda sighs, as playful sifakas and graceful flamingos dance around him. But who's that peeking through the bamboo? And can Panda work out how to be her friend? **Age: 3+**

# LOVELY PICTURE BOOKS



## There Is No Dragon In This Story

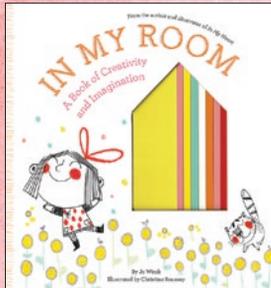
Lou Carter & Deborah Allwright

Paperback RRP \$12.99

August release, advance orders welcome

Poor old dragon. Nobody wants him in their story. Not Goldilocks, not Hansel and Gretel - NO ONE. But this brave Dragon will not give up! A glorious story about all your favourite fairy tale characters, dragons, heroes and ice-cream with sprinkles.

Age: 3+



## In My Room

Jo Witek Hardback RRP \$21.99

August release, advance orders welcome

From the author-illustrator team of *In My Heart*, comes a picture book that celebrates creativity and imaginative play. This latest addition to the Growing Hearts series celebrates the power of the imagination - she can become a doctor, teacher or sail the seven seas, the skys the limit. And when the day is over, she can become a little girl again, safe in her room. Age: 3+

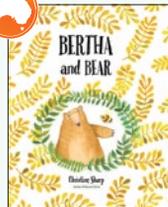


## Whatcha Building?

Andrew Daddo & Stephen Michael King (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

The old milk bar on the corner is coming down to make way for something new. Little Davey Durak is gathering scrap - a short piece of wood here, a long piece there. But what's Davey building? Age: 3+



## Bertha and Bear

Christine Sharp  
Hardback RRP \$24.95

September release, advance orders welcome

*Bertha and Bear* is a heartfelt picture book about the courage of one brave little bee. There's a storm brewing and the hive must find a new home. Bertha bravely rises to the occasion... until she meets BEAR, that is! Age: 2+

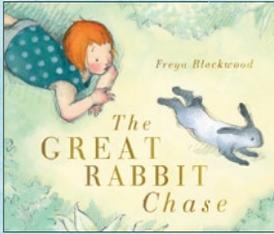


Australian author



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# MORE



## The Great Rabbit Chase

Freya Blackwood **Hardback RRP \$24.99**

September release, advance orders welcome

Gumboots is a beautiful pet rabbit, but he likes to escape. A story that celebrates what it means to live in a community and a reminder that life is full of surprises. **Age: 3+**



## Storm Whale

Sarah Brennan & Jane Tanner (Illus)

**Hardback RRP \$24.99**

*Bleak was the day and the wind whipped down when I and my sisters walked to town...*

With powerful, poetic text, and illustrations full of life and movement, *Storm Whale* celebrates the majesty and vulnerability of nature and our place in it. **Age: 4+**



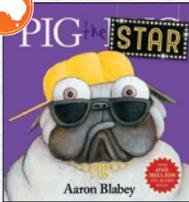
## The Very Sleepy Bear

Nick Bland

**Hardback RRP \$16.99**

*On a Jingle Jangle Mountain, as the snow fell on the rocks  
A sleepy bear was being followed by a very sneaky fox.*

*But Bear was in a hurry, he was running very late  
Winter had arrived and it was time to hibernate!  
The Very Cranky Bear is back and he has a mischievous fox to contend with....* **Age: 3+**



## Pig The Star

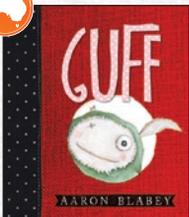
Aaron Blabey

**Hardback RRP \$16.99**

September release, advance orders welcome

Pig just LOVES attention. In fact, he's a great, bit SHOW-OFF. But when

ANOTHER star appears at the photo shoot, Pig doesn't like it. No, Pig doesn't like it at ALL... **Age: 3+**



## Guff

Aaron Blabey

**Hardback RRP \$16.99**

August release, advance orders welcome

Aaron Blabey combines beautifully rendered illustrations with brilliantly chosen text to bring a huge

amount of heart and humour to this special story. A funny and delightful picture book for anyone who's ever had a little fabric friend. **Age: 3+**



## What's Up Top?

Marc Martin

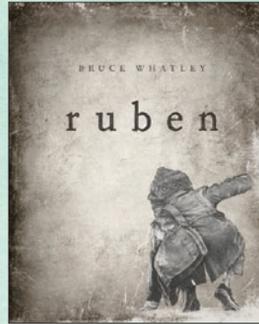
**Hardback RRP \$24.99**

September release, advance orders welcome

What's at the top of the ladder? Is it a hat? Is it a cat? Is it a snail on a whale? Simple, playful and absurdist, this new picture book

by award-winning author Marc Martin embraces imagination and creativity. **Age: 3+**

# PICTURE BOOKS



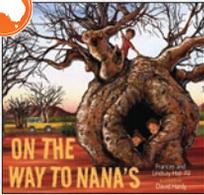
## Ruben

Bruce Whatley

Hardback  
RRP \$29.99

August release,  
advance orders  
welcome

Ruben lives in a safe place in a city that takes everything and gives nothing back. He begins to feel that he is in danger and ventures to Block City where he meets Koji. She too has been hiding from the dangers of the industrial city and its excesses. Ruben and Koji realise that if they combine their knowledge of how the city works they can find a way to escape... together. *Ruben* is a triumph of Bruce Whatley's imaginative and technical skills. **Age: 5+**



## On the Way to Nana's

Frances Haji-Ali, Lindsay  
Haji-Ali & David Hardy  
(Illus)

Paperback RRP \$17.99

Inspired by their own

road trips to visit Nana, Frances and Lindsay Haji-Ali take us on a spectacular journey through the magnificent Kimberley landscape counting backwards from fifteen to one. From bulbous boabs and wild brumbies to weary travellers, flying magpie geese and flowing waterfalls, the striking illustrations capture the awe and excitement of this special family adventure. **Age: 4+**



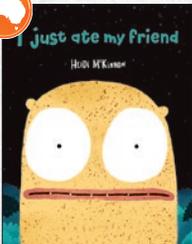
## A is for Australian Animals

Frané Lessac

Hardback RRP \$24.99

August release, advance  
orders welcome

Australia is full of the most amazing animals on the planet! What animal has six thumbs? What animal produces square poo? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this factastic tour of Australian animals. **Age: 5+**



## I Just Ate My Friend

Heidi McKinnon

Hardback RRP \$24.99

August release, advance  
orders welcome

*I just ate my friend. He was a good friend. But now he is gone. Would you be my friend?* A hilarious story

about the search for friendship and belonging. An innovative picture book, sure to make you laugh out loud! **Age: 2+**



## Feathers

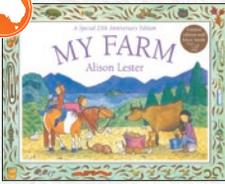
Phil Cummings &  
Phil Lesnie

Hardback RRP \$24.99

August release, advance  
orders welcome

The sandpiper stretched its wings in the chilling breeze. It knew it was time to leave... so it took flight. Follow the feathers as they fall along this exquisite journey of heartache, hope and home. The story reveals the resilience of the human spirit and the universal importance of home and finding safe shelter. **Age: 4+**

# CLASSICS AND FAVOURITES



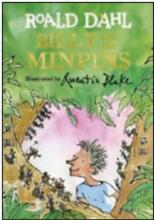
## My Farm 25th Anniversary Edition

Alison Lester

Hardback RRP \$19.99

August release, advance orders welcome

A special 25th Anniversary edition in hardback of Alison Lester's classic story *My Farm*, featuring a fold-out frieze to pin up. **Age: 3+**



## Billy and the Minpins

Roald Dahl

Hardback RRP \$22.99

September release, advance orders welcome

From *Matilda* to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to *The BFG*, the collaboration between Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake

has captured millions of children's imaginations for decades. *Billy and the Minpins* is a magical new interpretation of Roald Dahl's very last story. **Age: 6+**



## Oh, Baby, The Places You'll Go!

August release, advance orders welcome

## The Cat in the Hat 60th Birthday Edition

August release, advance orders welcome

Dr Seuss

Hardbacks RRP \$29.99 each

A perfect gift for baby showers and newborns, *Oh, Baby, The Places You'll Go!* is the ideal way to nurture a love of reading and Dr. Seuss in the very youngest children! Also available is a very special slipcase edition of the one and only *Cat in the Hat* for his 60th birthday, complete with original sketches from the making of the book. **Age: 4+**



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# NON-FICTION AND NOVELTY



## Unfolding Journeys - Following the Great Wall of China

## Unfolding Journeys - Secrets of the Nile

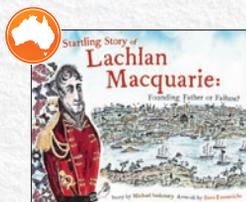
Stewart Ross

Paperbacks RRP \$24.99 each

Get ready for a truly unforgettable adventure with these two Unfolding Journeys. With stunning illustrated detail on one side and incredible

facts on the other, these books are sure to delight.

Discover the breathtaking wonders as you follow the Great Wall of China or cruise along the Nile and discover Egypt with these beautiful pull-out wall friezes. **Age: 7+**

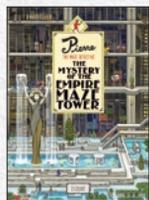


## The Startling Story of Lachlan Macquarie: Founding Father or Failure?

Michael Sedunary & Bern  
Emmerichs (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$29.95

Lachlan Macquarie is celebrated for his inspired infrastructure building and his enlightened treatment of convicts and emancipists, but his treatment of the Indigenous population was far from enlightened. So how are we to think of this towering figure of Australian history: founding father or failure? **Age: 9+**



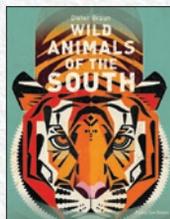
## Pierre the Maze Detective and the Mystery of the Empire Maze Tower

Hiro Kamigaki

Hardback RRP \$29.99

September release, advance  
orders welcome

Mr X the Phantom Thief is back, with a new evil plan! He wants to steal the shining light from the top of the Empire Maze Tower. Pierre and Carmen are called to New Maze City to help solve the puzzles, protect the treasure and stop Mr X. But can you help them make it in time? **Age: 7+**



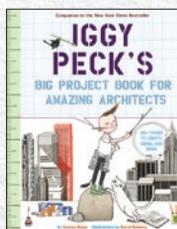
## Wild Animals of the South

Dieter Braun

Hardback RRP \$39.99

Through his beautiful and colourful illustrations, readers will be dazzled by the giraffes and elephants

in Africa, koalas and kangaroos in Australia, huge blue whales in the open oceans, and many more! **Age: 4+**



## Iggy Peck's Big Project Book for Amazing Architects

Andrea Beaty &  
David Roberts

Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance  
orders welcome

Creativity meets curiosity and critical thinking in this hands-on project book from the bestselling team. Aspiring architects and young dreamers of all kinds will get a sense of the unique mix of science, technology, and art skills used to create lasting structures. Packed with the same quirky humour and gorgeous illustration that made *Iggy Peck, Architect* a hit. **Age 7+**



## Dinosaur Detective's Search-and-Find Rescue Mission

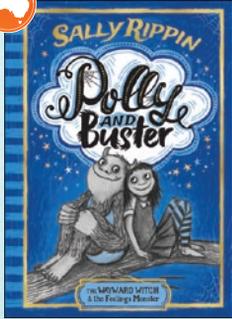
Sophie Guerrive

Hardback RRP \$19.99

August release, advance  
orders welcome

With his red airplane, the Dinosaur Detective travels the world in search of lost animals - can you help him? A rich and whimsical "hide and seek" picture book, which takes the reader on a puzzle-packed tour of many different destinations. **Age: 3+**

# JUNIOR

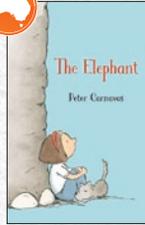


## Polly and Buster: The Wayward Witch and the Feelings Monster

Sally Rippin  
Hardback RRP \$19.99

Everyone knows that witches don't mix with monsters. Witches are

educated, clever, sophisticated. But monsters? Monsters are just uncouth. Some are even dangerous. But Polly the witch and Buster the feelings monster have been best friends forever. It's the sort of friendship that makes your heart squeeze with happiness. Somehow, they've managed to keep their friendship a secret. Until one day, when everything changes... **Age: 7+**



## The Elephant Peter Carnavas Paperback RRP \$14.95

Olive's father has a sadness so big that she imagines it as an enormous elephant following him around. Every day Olive sees the elephant, and every day she wishes it would go. Beautifully

written, this novel will stay with you. **Age: 7+**



## Patty Hits the Court: Game Day! Book 1 Patty and The Shadows: Game Day! Book 2

Patty Mills & Jared Thomas  
Paperbacks RRP \$14.99 each  
*August release, advance orders welcome*

fun basketball series by Australian Olympian and NBA star Patty Mills, certain to entertain young readers, inspire kids to achieve their goals through sport, and showcase Patty's pride in his Indigenous heritage.



**Age: 6+ WIN a family trip to the US to see Patty Mills play basketball! For more details on how to enter, including Terms & Conditions, go to [allenandunwin.com/gameday](http://allenandunwin.com/gameday)**

I am so excited for you to read my newest book - "The Wayward Witch and the Feelings Monster." It feels like such a long time since I have created an entirely new story and even longer since I have illustrated my own work. I have loved exploring the friendship between Polly and Buster and writing about the themes that matter to me most. The world may sometimes seem like a scary place for children but I hope they will see through reading about this unusual, and often challenged, friendship, that kindness, compassion and integrity will always win out in the end.

Very best wishes,

★ ★ ★  
Sally Rippin ★ ★ ★  
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## Miniwings: Glitterwing's Book Week Blunder, Book 1

Paperback RRP \$6.99

## Miniwings: Whizz's Internet Oopsie, Book 2

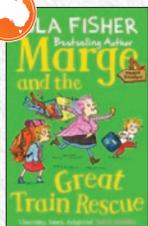
Paperback RRP \$12.99

Sally Sutton

Sshh... NOT for parents! You can keep a SECRET, right? Clara and I have a herd of tiny, talking, glitter-twinkly, flying horses - and they're REAL!

It's true. Those naughty Miniwings get us into so much TROUBLE. *Book Week Blunder* and *Whizz's Internet Oopsie* are the first two books in a fun new series. **Age: 7+**

# FICTION



## Marge and the Great Train Rescue

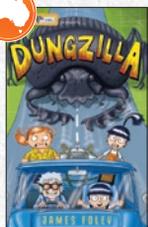
Isla Fisher

Paperback RRP \$14.99

August release, advance orders welcome

Marge is back and this time she's taking the Button kids on an adventure of their own. Jakey's

always longed to drive a train - and with Marge around to turn ordinary life extraordinary, there's a good chance his wish might come true! **Age: 7+**



## Dungzilla

James Foley

Paperback RRP \$14.99

September release, advance orders welcome

Sally Tinker – creator of Brobot and the world's foremost inventor under the age of twelve – is back.

Sally has built a machine capable of enlarging any object, but when she tries resizing a slice of pizza she accidentally enlarges a dung beetle to scary proportions. **Age 6+**



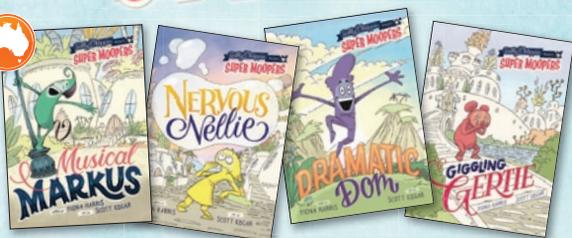
- D-Bot Squad: Dino Hunter, Book 1**
- D-Bot Squad: Sky High, Book 2**
- D-Bot Squad: Double Trouble, Book 3**
- D-Bot Squad: Big Stink, Book 4**

Mac Park & James Hart (Illus)

Paperbacks RRP \$9.99 each

A super-exciting series about dinosaur robots from the creators of the bestselling *Boy vs Beast* series. Dinosaurs are back, and on the loose! It's up to D-Bot Squad to catch them. Dino Corp is depending on Hunter to do the job. Will the D-Bot he made be up for the job? **Age: 5+**

## Sally Rippin PRESENTS... SUPER MOOPERS



## Sally Rippin Presents Super Moopers: Musical Markus; Nervous Nellie; Dramatic Dom; Giggling Gertie

Fiona Harris & Scott Edgar (Illus)

Paperbacks RRP \$12.99 each

August release, advance orders welcome

Welcome to Moopertown! In Moopertown, everyone is special – in their own special way!

In each book of this exciting new series we are introduced to a new Mooper – Musical Markus, Nervous Nellie, Dramatic Dom and Giggling Gertie. At first they seem to have a really silly trait – Markus loves to sing...all the time, Nellie is always nervous, Dom is overly dramatic and Gertie just can't stop giggling – but it's these very traits that eventually transform these Moopers to superhero status! **Age: 5+**

# POPULAR



## Alice-Miranda in Hollywood

Jacqueline Harvey  
Paperback RRP \$16.99

September release, advance orders welcome

From bestselling and beloved Australian author Jacqueline Harvey, Alice-Miranda is back in the USA in this exciting new

adventure. Can our perpetually positive heroine save the day? **Age: 8+**



## 2017 Alice-Miranda Journal

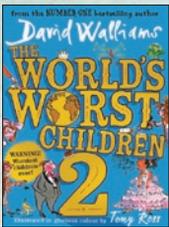
Jacqueline Harvey  
Hardback RRP \$17.99

August release, advance orders welcome

Keep your secret hopes and dreams safe in the gorgeous new Alice-Miranda Journal, the most positively perfect place for all your secrets! **Age: 7+**

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jacqueline Harvey is the author of the bestselling *Alice-Miranda* and *Clementine Rose* series. She was a teacher for many years at girls' boarding schools and is now a full-time writer based in Sydney. She relishes any opportunity to get back into school and work with the children who inspire her writing. In her spare time she likes to play golf in exotic locations.



## The World's Worst Children 2

David Walliams & Tony Ross (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$22.99

Ten more stories about a brand new gang of hilariously horrible kids from everyone's favourite children's author,

illustrated in glorious full colour by Tony Ross. If you thought you had read about the World's Worst Children already, you're in for a rather nasty shock. The beastly boys and gruesome girls in this book are even ruder, even more disgusting and WORSE than you could ever imagine! **Age: 7+**



## Skulduggery Pleasant, Book 10: Resurrection

Derek Landy  
Paperback RRP \$19.99

Skulduggery and Valkyrie are back in the tenth instalment in the bestselling *Skulduggery Pleasant* series – an incredible and

unexpected treat for the legions of fans around the world. Get ready for an adventure that takes the story to truly global proportions... **Age: 11+**



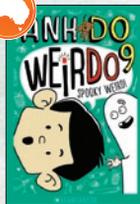
## Friday Barnes, Book 7: Bitter Enemies

R.A. Spratt  
Paperback RRP \$15.99

August release, advance orders welcome

When four former headmasters visit Highcrest Academy, the students are warned to be on

their best behaviour. Unfortunately, no one told the headmasters to stay out of mischief too! Which means Friday Barnes has a case to solve. Can Friday find the facts among the mayhem? **Age: 11+**



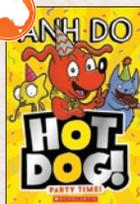
## WeirDo, Book 9: Spooky Weird

Anh Do  
Paperback RRP \$14.99

September release, advance orders welcome

Halloween's coming up, and Bella and Weir are busy working on

their costumes. But everything will be turned upside-down when Weir Do finds out his family are moving away! **Age: 7+**



## Hotdog, Book 2: Party Time!

Anh Do  
Paperback RRP \$12.99

It's Kev's birthday, so Hotdog and Lizzie are throwing him a surprise party! There'll be cake, games and magic tricks! But will a rude

rooster and a cranky donkey ruin the day? **Age: 5+**

# KIDS SERIES



## The Land of Stories, Book 6: Worlds Collide

Chris Colfer

Hardback RRP \$26.99

The gripping and highly anticipated conclusion to *The Land of Stories* series by New York Times bestselling

author Chris Colfer, featuring fan favourites, Mother Goose, Queen Red Riding Hood, Alex, Conner, and many more. **Age: 9+**



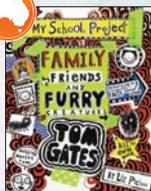
## The Misadventures of Max Crumbly, Book 2: Middle School Mayhem

Rachel Renée Russell

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Poor Max Crumbly is completely surrounded by three ruthless criminals! Will he be shredded to bits like

mozzarella cheese on the hard and crunchy pizza crust of doom? Can his friend and sidekick, computer whiz Erin, help get him out of this sticky situation alive? **Age: 9+**



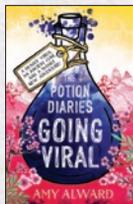
## Tom Gates, Book 12: Family, Friends and Furry Creatures

Liz Pichon

Paperback RRP \$16.99

In the next hilarious instalment of *Tom Gates*, Mr Fullerman has a class

assignment: a family tree! Tom's ready to learn all about the Gates family, his friends and a furry creature (or two!). But just what is that squeaking sound coming from Tom's shoes? **Age: 9+**



## The Potion Diaries, Book 3: Going Viral

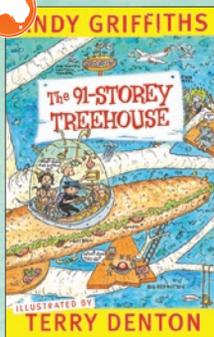
Amy Alward

Paperback RRP \$14.99

September release, advance orders welcome

Sam is now a Master Alchemist and is looking forward to a break from her hectic experiences but her dear friend

Princess Evelyn who is newly married has started showing symptoms of the Gergon illness and needs Sam's help. It looks as though there will be no rest and Sam's next adventures are just beginning... **Age 10+**



## The 91-Storey Treehouse

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$14.99

August release, advance orders welcome

Go for a spin in the world's most powerful whirlpool, take a ride in a submarine sandwich, get marooned on a desert island, hang out in a giant spider web, and decide whether or not to push the mysterious big red button. Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up! **Age: 6+**



## Seven Signs, Book 5: Crimewave

Michael Adams

Paperback RRP \$14.99

RoboWorld's robots are strong, armed and perfectly safe... until now. Now, they're deadly weapons, with one thing

on their minds... 'Defend, destroy!' While Zander lies dying on the ground, the rest of the DARE Seven are left to defend themselves. **Age: 10+ Book 6, Terrortide coming September.**



# MIDDLE



## Funny Kid For President

Matt Stanton

Paperback RRP \$9.99

For fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Tom Gates* and *Big Nate*, *Funny Kid* is the hilarious new series from bestselling author and illustrator Matt Stanton.

Every kid wants to laugh, but Max is the boy who can make it happen. He's the class clown, the punch line and he's even volunteered his bottom to be the butt of the joke. Max is the funny kid... and he's running for class president. **Age: 8+**

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator, with over a quarter of a million books in print. He is the co-creator of eight bestselling picture books, including the mega-hits, *There is a Monster*

*Under My Bed Who Farts* and *This is a Ball*. He is launching his much-anticipated middle-grade series, *Funny Kid*, around the world in 2017.



## Super Con-Nerd

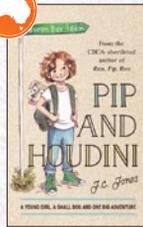
Oliver Phommavanh

Paperback RRP \$16.99

In his follow-on book from *Con-nerd*, Oliver Phommavanh delivers this hilarious take on starting high school. When Connor is accepted into a selective high school, he finds

himself competing with other super nerds, and suddenly he doesn't feel so bright anymore...

**Age: 9+**



## Pip and Houdini

J.C. Jones

Paperback RRP \$14.99

August release, advance orders welcome

Ten-year-old Pip, the girl with 'nerves of steel and a heart of gold', is on another adventure.

This time she is on the road to

Byron Bay with her dog, Houdini, hoping to find her real mother. From the prize-winning and CBC shortlisted author of *Run, Pip, Run*. **Age: 8+**



## Halloween Queen: Starring Olive Black

Alex Miles & Maude Guesne

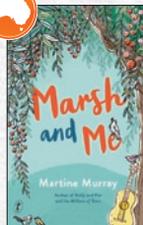
(Illus)

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Olive Black, everyone's favourite ten-year-old actor, is starring in her latest movie, *Halloween*

*Queen*. Her real life is also full of magic – a magazine cover shoot, the school talent quest and the Halloween Ball.

**Book four, *Puppy Planet*, coming September 2017. Age: 8+**



## Marsh and Me

Martine Murray

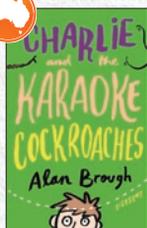
Paperback RRP \$14.99

From the award-winning author of *Molly and Pim* and the *Millions of Stars* comes a wonderful new novel about friendship, trust and learning to believe in yourself.

Martine Murray's beautifully

rounded characters, with all their self-doubts, yearnings and wise insights, will delight readers young and old. **Age: 7+**

# FICTION



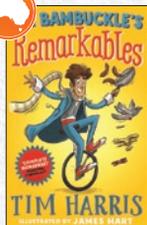
## Charlie and the Karaoke Cockroaches

Alan Brough

Paperback RRP \$14.99

It begins with an interrupted story. Then, a mysterious box that sings. Add unusually unusual teachers, incredible lurking from the Lurker, an insect orchestra and bungling burglar and it's up to Charlie and Hills to save three innocent bugs from the forces of evil.

Age: 8+



## Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables

Tim Harris

Paperback RRP \$14.99

September release, advance orders welcome

The class in Room 12B has a new teacher, and nothing is ever going to be the same. When

Mr Bambuckle arrives, laughs, thrills, silliness and imagination are guaranteed to follow!

The first in a rambunctious new series from the bestselling author of *Exploding Endings*. Age: 9+



## Rose Raventhorpe Investigates: Rubies and Runaways

Janine Beacham

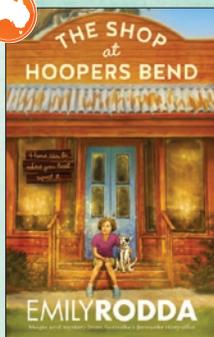
Paperback RRP \$14.99

August release, advance orders welcome

When Rose and her butler Heddsworth meet an orphan

boy named Orpheus who tells them that his sister has been kidnapped, Rose vows to help. But the investigation is more complicated than Rose has anticipated. Expect fancy tea-rooms, horrible factories, secret underground passages and more...

Age: 9+



## The Shop At Hoopers Bend

Emily Rodda

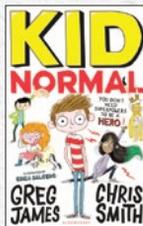
Paperback RRP \$16.99

August release, advance orders welcome

When Quil Medway gets on the train, she thinks she knows where and how her journey will end. At camp. But feeling alone. But Quil doesn't know anything about the shop at Hoopers Bend. Or the magic. But it won't be long now... Age 9+

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emily Rodda is one of the most successful children's authors in Australia and around the world. She has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year (Younger Readers) Award a record five times.



## Kid Normal

Greg James & Chris Smith

Paperback RRP \$12.99

August release, advance orders welcome

When Murph Cooper rocks up to his new school, he can't help but feel a bit out of his depth. And it's not because he's worried about making friends... It's because his mum has enrolled him at a school for superheroes by mistake! But just because you don't have superpowers, it doesn't mean you can't save the day. It's time for Kid Normal to become a hero! Age: 9+





# MIDDLE FICTION



## The Explorer

Katherine Rundell

Paperback RRP \$16.99

September release, advance orders welcome

After crashing hundreds of miles from civilisation in the Amazon rainforest, Fred, Con, Lila and Max are utterly alone and in grave danger. They have no food, no water and no

chance of being rescued. But they are alive and they have hope. As they negotiate the wild jungle they begin to find signs that something - someone - has been there before them. Could there possibly be a way out after all? **Age: 9+**

### AUTHOR KATHERINE RUNDELL SHARES HER INSPIRATION FOR THE EXPLORER

'The plot for *The Explorer* made its first appearance while I was in the sky, up above the Amazon River. I knew already that I wanted to write something akin to the books I had loved as a child; survival stories, in which mud-spattered children struggled to stay alive against the odds. And that first day in Brazil, looking down over the jungle, I saw a green world large enough to fit a thousand adventure stories.'



## Goodbye Mr Hitler

Jackie French

Paperback RRP \$16.99

This is the story of Johannes, and Frau Timmins, and the strange girl now known as 'Helga'. It is also the story of how they survived the death camps, the vast wilderness faced by refugees

in World War Two, and how they eventually found happiness in Australia. **Age: 10+**



## The Witching Hours: The Vampire Knife

Jack Henseleit

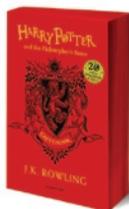
Paperback RRP \$16.99

September release, advance orders welcome

*The Spiderwick Chronicles* meets *Stranger Things* in this thrilling new series for only the bravest

of children. After a chance encounter in a dark and stormy forest, two siblings are caught up in the dangerous underworld of fairies and must fight their way free. **Age: 8+**

## HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE SPECIAL HOUSE EDITIONS



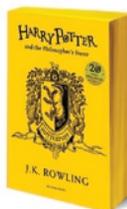
Gryffindor Edition



Ravenclaw Edition



Slytherin Edition



Hufflepuff Edition

Celebrate 20 years of Harry Potter magic with four special editions of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. These stunning editions will each feature the individual house crest on the jacket and line illustrations exclusive to that house. Exciting new extra content will include fact files and profiles of favourite characters, and each book will have sprayed edges in the house colours. A must have for all Harry Potter fans! **Age: 9+**

J.K. Rowling

Paperbacks RRP \$16.99 each

# OLDER READERS

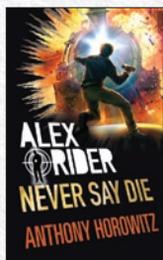


## The Fall

Tristan Bancks

Paperback RRP \$16.99

From the award-winning author of *Two Wolves* comes a fast-paced, action-packed story that will have readers on the edge of their seats. After Sam sees a body fall from the sixth-floor balcony he finds himself on a gripping journey to discover the truth. **Age: 11+**

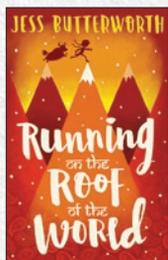


## Never Say Die

Anthony Horowitz

Paperback RRP \$16.99

In this brand new, explosive adventure, Alex Rider is trying to get his life back on track after the traumatic events of his last mission. But even Alex can't fight the past...especially when it holds a deadly secret. **Age: 9+**



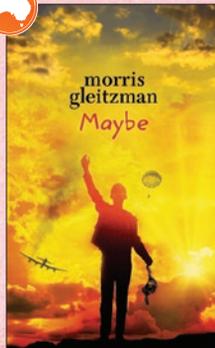
## Running on the Roof of the World

Jess Butterworth

Paperback RRP \$15.99

Join 12-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam in a story of adventure, survival and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. Filled with friendship, love and

courage, this is the story of a young girl's thrilling journey to save her parents. **Age: 9+**



## Maybe

Morris Gleitzman

Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance orders welcome

The next compelling chapter in the life of Felix, hero of the award-winning *Once, Then, After, Soon* and *Now*. When Felix is offered the chance to leave war-torn Europe for Australia, he seizes

the opportunity. But before he can embrace his new land, he must confront the murderous urge for revenge still alive in the old. **Age: 10+**



## Chase

Linwood Barclay

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Chipper is a very special dog. He is part of a top-secret experiment to create the ultimate canine spy technology, then he escapes and goes on the run with 12 year old orphan Jeff. An edge-of-your-seat

thriller full of danger, secrets and thrilling suspense in Linwood Barclay's action-packed first novel for children. **Age: 9+**

# TEENS AND



## Because of You

Pip Harry

Paperback  
RRP \$19.95

August release, advance orders welcome

'Books can save anyone if they are the right ones.'

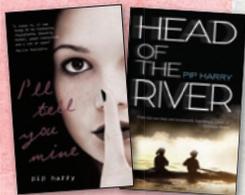
Tiny is an eighteen-year-old, running from her small-town past. At a homeless shelter she meets Nola, a student on volunteer placement. Both girls share a love of words. Can they share their secrets, too?

Told through the eyes of both Tiny and Nola as they negotiate their way through homelessness, shifting friendships, betrayals, addiction and a little bit of romance, *Because of You* explores two vastly different coming-of-age stories.

'Pip Harry's exploration of teen homelessness, mental health, self-acceptance and friendship left me fighting back tears.' Gabrielle Tozer, author of *Remind Me How This Ends*.

'This story speaks for those who are voiceless; its message one of empathy and hope. I loved it.' Kirsty Eagar, author of *Summer Skin*. **Age: 14+**

**Also available by Pip Harry, I'll Tell You Mine and Head of the River.**



## Tell It to the Moon

Siobhan Curham

Paperback RRP \$16.99

August release, advance orders welcome

To make a dream come true, tell it to the moon. The sequel to *The Moonlight Dreamers* continues the dynamic story of friendship among Amber, Maali,

Sky and Rose. Once again the four girls band together to help one another overcome their individual challenges and fulfill their dreams. **Age: 12+**



## Sparrow

Scot Gardner

Paperback RRP \$19.99

August release, advance orders welcome

When a juvenile detention exercise off the coast of the Kimberley goes wrong, sixteen-year-old Sparrow must swim to shore. There are sharks and crocs but the monsters he fears most live in the dark spaces in his mind. With no voice, no family and the odds stacked against him, Sparrow has nothing left to lose. **Age: 12+**



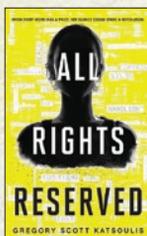
## The Undercurrent

Paula Weston

Paperback RRP \$19.99

August release, advance orders welcome

Paula Weston returns with an action-packed futuristic thriller with heart-burning characters, probing questions about where technology is taking us, and a plot that zips and zings like an electrical current itself. This is a writer at the peak of her powers. **Age: 16+**



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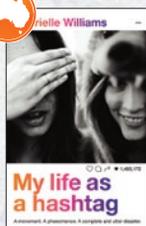
Gregory Scott Katsoulis

Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance orders welcome

In a world where every word and gesture is copyrighted, patented or trademarked, one girl elects to remain silent rather than pay to speak, and her defiant and unexpected silence threatens to unravel the very fabric of society. **Age: 14+**

# YOUNG ADULT



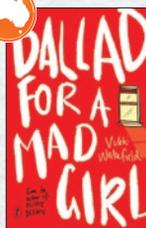
## My Life as a Hashtag

Gabrielle Williams

Paperback RRP \$19.99

What's a girl to do when her parents have split up; her mum's trawling Tinder; and one of her best friends has decided not to invite her to the biggest party of the year, which she then has to

watch unfold on everyone else's social media? A funny, heartfelt novel for anyone who's ever wished they hadn't pressed send. **Age: 13+**



## Ballad for a Mad Girl

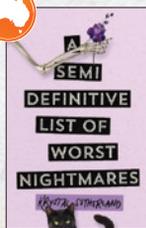
Vikki Wakefield

Paperback RRP \$19.99

Everyone knows seventeen-year-old Grace Foley is a bit mad. She's a prankster and a risk-taker, and she's not afraid of anything – until she's drawn into a twenty-year-old mystery surrounding a

missing girl. An action-packed page turner about survival and the different ways we deal with grief.

**Age: 14+**



## A Semi-definitive List of Worst Nightmares

Krystal Sutherland

Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance orders welcome

From the bestselling author of *Our Chemical Hearts* comes the hilarious, reality-bending tale of

two outsiders who team up to face their greatest fears one debilitating phobia at a time, including one that they hadn't counted on: love. **Age: 14+**



## Wreck

Fleur Ferris

Paperback RRP \$19.99

When Tamara is caught between a bitter rivalry and dangerous family secret, who can Tamara trust? Or should she trust herself?

Bad things happen. Fight to make things right. Or let it wreck your life.

From the bestselling author of *Risk* and *Black* comes a thrilling new novel. **Age: 13+**

## AUTHOR FLEUR FERRIS SHARES HER INSPIRATION FOR WRECK

Whenever I heard of the discovery of a floating note at sea I wondered how long it had been floating for, how far it had travelled, who sent it, were they still alive, what did the note say? Often the discovery of these notes made world news and sometimes the sender, or members of their family, were tracked down.

These stories got me thinking... What if the floating note wasn't a wonderful discovery? What if it revealed something sinister? What if the person who found it was unknowingly thrust into danger simply because they had possession of it, simply because they had seen it?



## Tower of Dawn

Sarah J. Maas

Paperback RRP \$17.99

September release, advance orders welcome

In the next installment of the global bestselling *Throne of Glass* series, follow Chaol on his sweeping journey to a distant empire. Be swept away by this incredible fantasy epic, ahead of the release of the final *Throne of Glass* coming in May 2018! **Age: 12+**

# MORE TEENS AND YA



## In the Dark Spaces

Cally Black

Paperback RRP \$19.99

August release, advance orders welcome

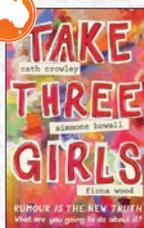
The latest winner of the Ampersand Prize is a genre-smashing hostage drama about 14-year-old

Tamara, who's faced with an impossible choice when she falls for her kidnappers.

Yet this is no ordinary kidnapping. Tamara has been living on a star freighter in deep space, and her kidnappers are terrifying Crowpeople – the only aliens humanity has ever encountered. No-one has ever survived a Crowpeople attack, until now – and Tamara must use everything she has just to stay alive.

But survival always comes at a price, and there's no handbook for this hostage crisis. As Tamara comes to know the Crowpeople's way of life, and the threats they face from humanity's exploration into deep space, she realises she has an impossible choice to make.

Should she stay as the only human among the Crows, knowing she'll never see her family again... or inevitably betray her new community if she wants to escape? **Age: 12+**



## Take Three Girls

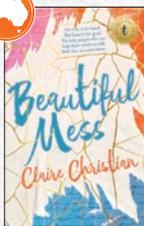
Cath Crowley, Fiona Wood & Simone Howell

Paperback RRP \$18.99

September release, advance orders welcome

Ady, Kate and Clem couldn't be more different, but they have one thing in common: they're all targeted by PSST - Private School Secrets Trackr. What can three girls do when faced with an anonymous online enemy? Become friends and fight back. Sometimes all it takes is three girls. *Rumour is the new Truth. What are you going to do about it?*

**Age: 13+**



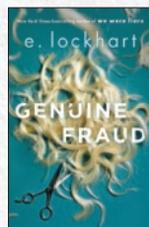
## Beautiful Mess

Claire Christian

Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance orders welcome

Gideon lives in his head. Ava lives in her grief. The only people who can help them move on with their lives are each other. Winner of the 2016 Text Prize, *Beautiful Mess* is a raw, funny and truthful take on grief, loss and first love. **Age: 16+**



## Genuine Fraud

E. Lockhart

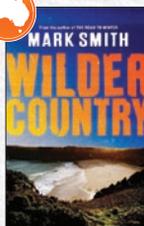
Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance orders welcome

How far would you go to become someone else?

Imogen is an heiress, a runaway, and a cheat. Jule is a fighter, a

chameleon, and a liar. Imogen is done pretending to be perfect, and Jule refuses to go back to the person she once was. A masterful YA thriller from the author of *We Were Liars*. **Age: 13+**



## Wilder Country

Mark Smith

Paperback RRP \$19.99

September release, advance orders welcome

From the author of highly acclaimed *The Road to Winter* comes an exciting, action-packed sequel about friendship and loyalty, and how far we would go to protect the ones we love when survival is at stake. **Age: 16+**

# The Children's Book Council of Australia SHORTLIST 2017

For over 70 years, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has promoted the best of Australian literature for children and young people. Each year the CBCA run the Book of the Year Awards, announcing the winners and honour books at the commencement of Book Week on Friday 18th August. Here is this year's shortlist titles by category:



## Early Childhood

### Go Home, Cheeky Animals!

(Johanna Bell, illus by Dion Beasley, Allen & Unwin)

### All I Want for Christmas is Rain

(Cori Brooke, illus by Megan Forward, New Frontier Publishing)

### The Snow Wombat

(Susannah Chambers, illus by Mark Jackson, Allen & Unwin)

### Nannie Loves

(Kylie Dunstan, Working Title Press)

### Chip

(Kylie Howarth, Bonnier Publishing)

### Gary

(Leila Rudge, Walker Books)

## Older Readers

### Waer

(Meg Caddy, Text)

### Words in Deep Blue

(Cath Crowley, Pan Macmillan)

### The Bone Sparrow

(Zana Fraillon, Hachette)

### Yellow

(Megan Jacobson, Penguin)

### Frankie

(Shivaun Plozza, Penguin)

### One Would Think the Deep

(Claire Zorn, UQP)

## Younger Readers

### Rockhopping

(Trace Balla, Allen & Unwin)

### Within These Walls

(Robyn Bavati, Scholastic)

### A Most Magical Girl

(Karen Foxlee, Allen & Unwin)

### Dragonfly Song

(Wendy Orr, Allen & Unwin)

### Mrs Whitlam

(Bruce Pascoe, Magabala Books)

### Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade

(Kate Temple & Jol Temple, illus by John Foye, Allen & Unwin)

## Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

### Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C

(Maree Coote, Melbournestyle Books)

### A-Z of Endangered Animals

(Jennifer Cossins, Red Parka Designs)

### The Gigantic Book of Genes

(Lorna Hendry, Wild Dog Books)

### Fabish: The Horse that Braved a Bushfire

(Neridah McMullin, illus by Andrew McLean, Allen & Unwin)

### Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks

(Gina M. Newton, NLA Publishing)

### William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times

(Michael Sedunary, illus by Bern Emmerichs, Berbay Publishing)

## Picture Book of the Year

### One Photo

(Ross Watkins, illus by Liz Anelli, Viking)

### Mechanica

(Lance Balchin, Bonnier Publishing)

### Home in the Rain

(Bob Graham, Walker Books)

### My Brother

(Dee Huxley & Tiffany Huxley, illus by Oliver Huxley, Working Title Press)

### The Patchwork Bike

(Maxine Beneba Clarke, illus by Van T Rudd, Hachette)

### Out

(Angela May George, illus by Owen Swan, Scholastic)



## Recent Children's Bestsellers

- 1 **Intergalactic Gas: Bad Guys Episode 5** by Aaron Blabey
- 2 **Lord of Shadows: The Dark Artifices, Book 2** by Cassandra Clare
- 3 **The Dark Prophecy: The Trials of Apollo, Book 2** by Rick Riordan
- 4 **A Most Magical Girl** by Karen Foxlee
- 5 **Really Weird!: WeirDo, Book 8** by Anh Do
- 6 **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio
- 7 **In My Heart: A Book of Feelings** by Jo Witek
- 8 **Family, Friends and Furry Creatures: Tom Gates, Book 12** by Liz Pichon
- 9 **A Court of Wings and Ruin: A Court of Thorns and Roses, Book 3** by Sarah J. Maas
- 10 **I'm Australian Too** by Mem Fox & Ronjoy Ghosh (Illus)

Source: Nielsen BookScan

# MORE GREAT BOOKS



## Whimsy & Woe

Rebecca McRitchie & Sonia Kretschmar (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

September release, advance orders welcome

After being abandoned by their thespian parents, Whimsy and Woe are left in the care of their austere Aunt Apoline. Forced to work in Apoline's boarding house, they lose all hope that their parents will someday return, until they stumble upon a letter that sets them on a course to freedom and finding their parents. **Age: 9+**

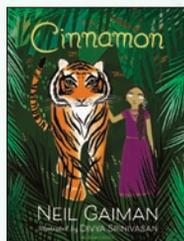
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rebecca McRitchie would love to tell you that she was raised by wolves until she stumbled upon and saved a village from the fiery peril of a disgruntled dragon. But, truthfully, she works as a children's book editor and lives in Sydney.



### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sonia Kretschmar is an award-winning illustrator and artist who also lectures in Communication Design at Billy Blue College of Design in Melbourne.



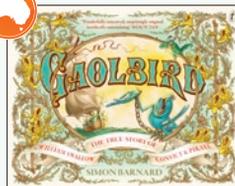
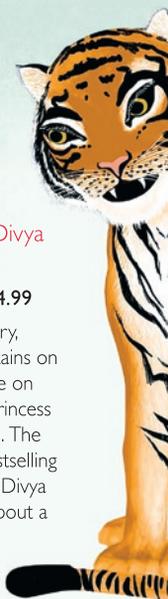
## Cinnamon

Neil Gaiman & Divya Srinivasan (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

In a hot, hot country, ringed with mountains on one side and jungle on the other, lives a princess called Cinnamon... The award-winning, bestselling

Neil Gaiman is paired with illustrator talent Divya Srinivasan in this vibrantly illustrated fable about a princess and a tiger. **Age: 5+**



## Gaolbird

Simon Barnard

Hardback RRP \$24.99

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Convict William Swallow has completed the voyage from

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