

RAKALI OF THE RIVERBANK

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER, ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL GREGG

- Explores the night-time activities of the rakali – one of only two amphibious mammals in Australia
- Highlights the threats rakali face each day from feral and introduced species, as well as from humanmade fish traps, urbanisation and climate change
- Provides facts about the rakali, including tips on how to identify and help protect them
- Encourages conservation of our aquatic habitats and the native creatures that call them home

Age range 5 to 9

As the sun sets, Rakali prepares to patrol the riverbank. He is on a mission to fill his belly, protect his pups and keep his home safe. But he must face feral foxes, disease-carrying black rats and toxic cane toads. Will he make it safely back to his burrow before the sun rises?

Rakali of the Riverbank is an engaging look at a night in the life of an Australian native water rat, and the challenges that these unique and charming creatures face.



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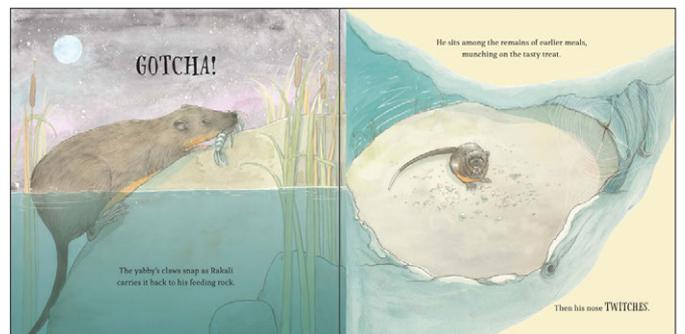
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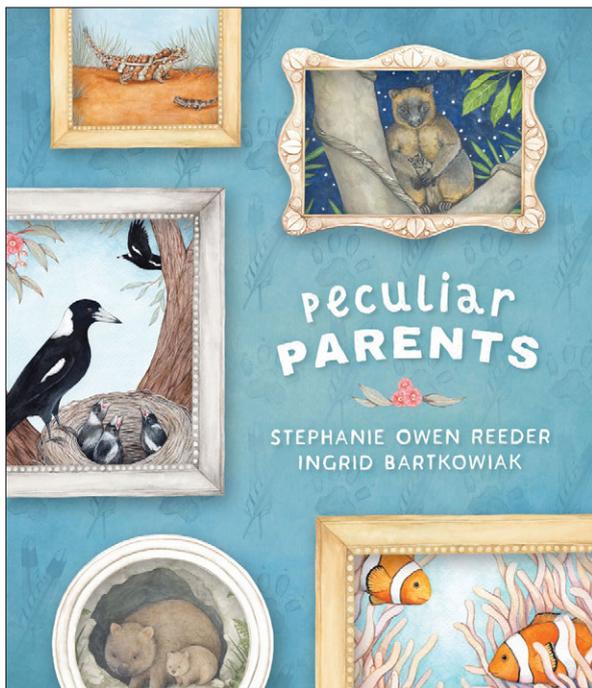
About the author and illustrator:



Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder is the author of over 20 historical and environmental books for children, including *Swiftly* and *Sensational Australian Animals*. She has won both the CBCA Book of the Year Award and the NSW Premier's History Award.

Rachel Gregg works as an illustrator, photographer, performer and educator on Gundungurra Country. She was awarded the Ian Wilson Memorial Fellowship (May Gibbs Children's Literature Trust, 2019). Rachel is also a wildlife rescuer, has six animal companions and her nickname is Rat!





PECULIAR PARENTS

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER, ILLUSTRATED BY INGRID BARTKOWIAK

- **Brand new title from multi-award-winning children's book author, Stephanie Owen Reeder, who most recently won the Whitley Commendation Award, Children's Investigative Zoology, Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales, 2024**
- **Features fun and wacky facts about animal courting and the raising of their young**
- **Accompanied by watercolour, family-portrait style artworks of each animal by talented artist Ingrid Bartkowiak, who was shortlisted for the CBCA Award for New Illustrator in 2023**
- **Connects to key areas of the national curriculum, such as biological sciences, geography and sustainability**

Age range 6 to 12

Welcome to the charmingly funny and perfectly peculiar world of Aussie animal mums and dads and their awesome kids.

Peculiar Parents explores 60 Australian native animals, focusing in particular on all things family, including their courting practices, gestation periods, births and the raising of their young.

Discover the weird and wonderful, the cute and cuddly – even the slimy and ugly! You will find parrots that play the drums and cuttlefish that can change the colour of their skin to attract a mate, as well as dancing spiders, kissing lizards, parading pelicans, plonking pobblebonks and many more.

Presented through fascinating, funny and amazing facts with an impactful family photo wall design, this book is perfect for young readers.



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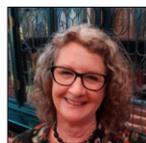


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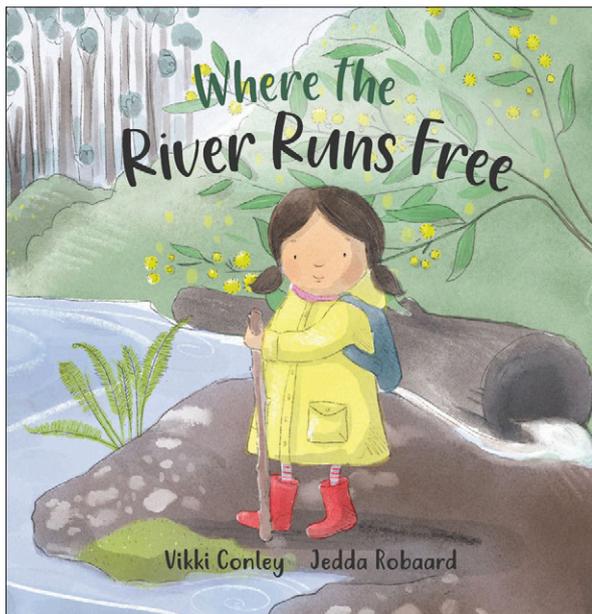
About the author and illustrator:



Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder is the author of over 25 books for children and adults. She has worked as a schoolteacher, a librarian, a book editor, a university lecturer and a Hansard Editor at Federal Parliament. Stephanie has won many awards, including the CBCA Book of the Year Award and the NSW Premier's History Award. In 2019, Stephanie was presented with the CBCA Laurie Copping Award for Distinguished Service to Children's Literature. Her latest children's books include the Heritage Heroes compilation *Courageous Kids and Their Amazing Adventures* and the non-fiction picture book *Australia's Wild Weird Wonderful Weather*.



Based in Meanjin/Brisbane, **Ingrid Bartkowiak** is an artist and illustrator who works primarily in watercolour. Her hand-painted work features native flora, fauna and fungi. Ingrid has a fascination with all things small and intricate, from tufts of moss on a footpath to the fungi sprouting from a wombat dropping. Ingrid has worked across a diverse array of projects, including picture book illustration, murals, packaging designs and even pet portraits.



WHERE THE RIVER RUNS FREE
 VIKKI CONLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY JEMMA ROBAARD

- A celebration of time spent outdoors
- An introduction to the idea of bush walking
- Great to read aloud
- Springboard to further exploration of local flora and fauna

Age range 3 to 6

Wibble-wobble over the rumble-tumble stones and past peek-a-boo trees to where the rainbows sing. You never know who's flip-flap-floating your way!

From the author of the CBCA award-winning book *Where the Lyrebird Lives* comes this delightful family adventure celebrating the magic, surprise and precious moments of a walk along the river.

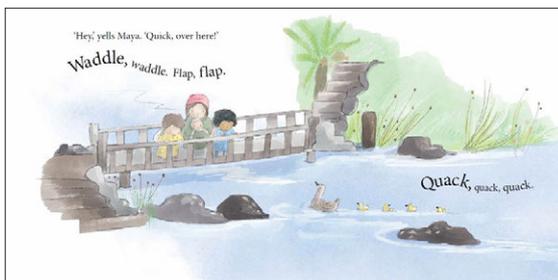
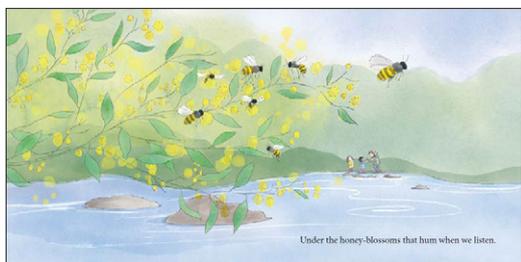


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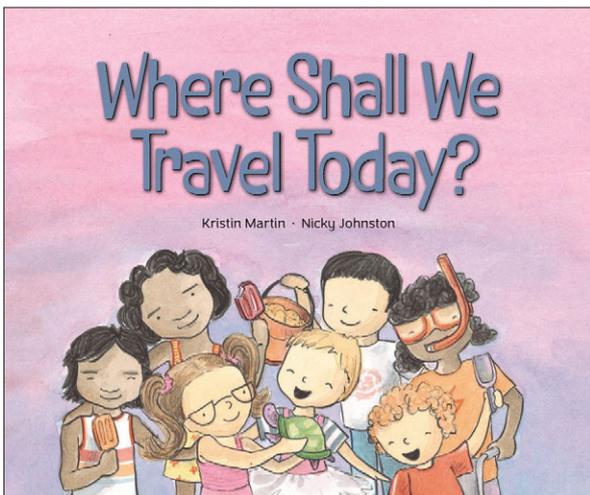
**Eltham, VIC;
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About the author and illustrator

Vikki Conley's multi-award-winning books whisk young readers away to other worlds through curiosity, playfulness and wonder. In 2023, *Where The Lyrebird Lives* won the CBCA Book of the Year, and *Amira's Suitcase* and *Little Puggle's Song* have earned Honour and Notable awards. *On The Way To School* was shortlisted for the 2023 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year. An intrepid traveller and nature lover, Vikki has explored the world's big adventures and tiny treasures as a writer and photographer, working with diverse communities in Africa, Asia and Australia for over 20 years. Her stories connect budding minds to the experiences of people and creatures around the globe, inviting them to discover the magic in both the extraordinary and the ordinary. When she's not writing, Vikki loves cartwheeling through the wilderness, searching for platypus or splashing in rivers near her home in Eltham, Australia.

Jemma Robaard is an Australian author, illustrator and designer, based in Southern Tasmania, Australia. She is known internationally for her sweet and whimsical style of illustration. Jemma studied as a commercial artist in 1992 and after an initial career in graphic design moved her focus to illustration. She has been illustrating and writing children's books since 2011 and has over 50 books published, many of them award-winning. Her books are sold internationally and have been published in many languages.



WHERE SHALL WE TRAVEL TODAY?

KRISTIN MARTIN, ILLUSTRATED BY NICKY JOHNSTON

- *Where Shall We Travel Today?* is a delightful story about the power of the imagination, of stories and of exploring the world together

Age range 3 to 8

A group of neighbourhood friends search for adventure. They climb mountains, sail through waterfalls and snorkel the reef. At night, they marvel at the sky above and wonder where to go next.

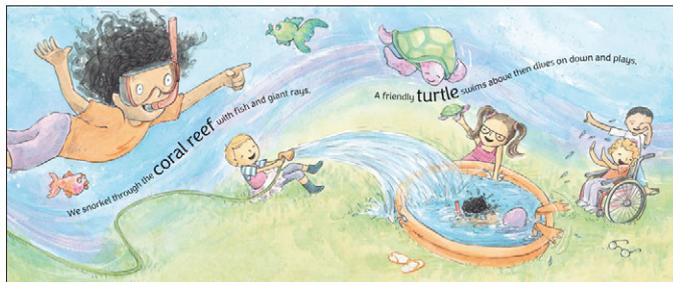
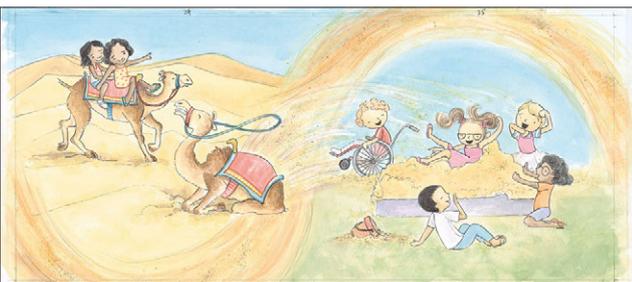


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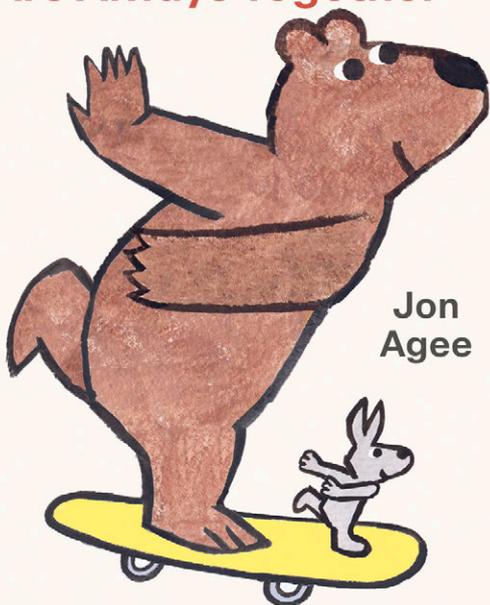
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About the author:
Kristin Martin is an author, poet and primary school teacher. She draws inspiration from the natural world and from observing her young students' imaginative play. Her books include *Honey Possum's Bush Café*, *Banjo Frog's Concert Spectacular* and *To Rhyme or Not to Rhyme?* Kristin lives in Adelaide, South Australia with her family, turtles, green tree frogs and a bearded dragon named Ash.
Nicky Johnston is an educator, speaker, and author/illustrator of children's books. She enjoys every aspect of creating books for kids, especially illustration. Nicky's illustration style is often described as whimsical, emotive, soft, and expressive. Her love of teaching sees her busy with school visits and presenting at workshops and conferences.

GEORGE & LENNY Are Always Together



Jon Agee

GEORGE AND LENNY ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER

JON AGEE

- **Wanting to be alone sometimes and together sometimes is a universal and relatable subject**
- **Appeals equally to adults and children – an adult to adult gift**
- **Empowers children to be brave enough to break away and do their own thing**
- **Wonderful bold and expressive pictures**
- **Jon has been shortlisted for the Children's Book Award, longlisted 3 times for the UKLA Award, and nominated for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration**

Age range 3 to 6

This rabbit and bear are inseparable best friends – until now, that is! An irresistible, funny read for all ages.

George and Lenny are always together. And it's terrific. They are never alone! So what happens when one of them decides it's time to try some alone time? Is there a way for them to be alone together? Award-winning picture book creator Jon Agee is at his very best in this endearing, silly story of friendship – of asserting yourself, taking a risk, and still being there for your best buddy.



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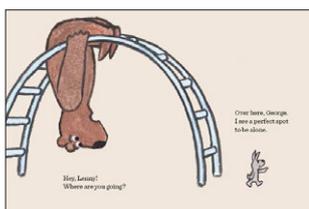
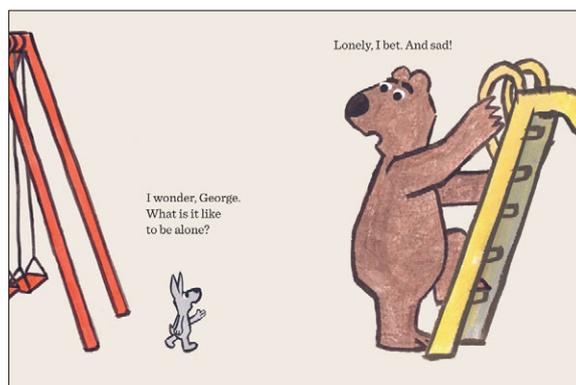
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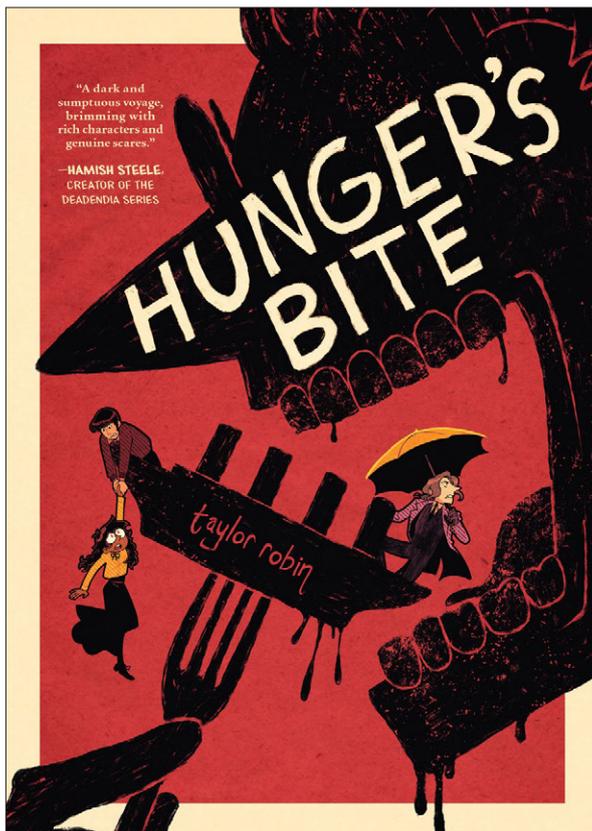
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About the author:

Jon Agee attended The Cooper Union School of Art in New York City. A full-time author, he lives with his wife in San Francisco. Jon is the author/illustrator of many acclaimed books for children, which between them have won an Irma Black Honor, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, *New York Times* Ten Best Illustrated Books, ALA Notable Book, and much more.





HUNGER'S BITE

TAYLOR ROBIN

- Author-cartoonist Taylor Robin's award-winning webcomic and book, *Never Satisfied*, has a devoted readership. His readers are bound to follow him to *Hunger's Bite*
- The intrigue and backstory of the teen characters and the moody setting create a world teen readers will not have seen before in the graphic novel space and that they will love to dig into
- *Hunger's Bite* explores ideas about sexual identity, class privilege, and growing into adulthood – all themes important to today's teen readers

Age range 13 to 17

A spectre is haunting the Atlantic!

After growing up together on the luxurious SS Lark, Neeta Pandey and Emery Botwright are ready to start their lives. Emery wants to follow in his father's footsteps and sail the Lark forever, while Neeta yearns to travel the world. But neither will have any future at all if the Lark's new owner, Mr. Honeycutt, has his way.

Mr. Honeycutt...The first-class passengers adore him, while he makes the ship a nightmare for the crew. Twisted by unnatural appetites, the rich are actually transforming into something less than human, and their insatiable demands soon push the staff toward a – quite literal – burnout.

Something otherworldly is undeniably aboard the SS Lark, something horribly hungry. But it's not Wick Farley: vampire, secret agent, and paranormal investigator. Alone and at sea, with only Neeta and Emery to help him, he must uncover the truth about Mr. Honeycutt. And fast – before a ravenous craving for power consumes them all.

Taylor Robin's debut graphic novel is a thrilling supernatural adventure told in crackling, vibrant colours.

'A jumps-off-the-page thrill ride.' – *Publishers Weekly*, **Starred Review**

'Robin's debut shines with its excellent color choices, robust onomatopoeia, and perfect balance of creepy and touching.' – *Booklist*, **Starred Review**

'...a feast for horror enthusiasts.' – *School Library Journal*



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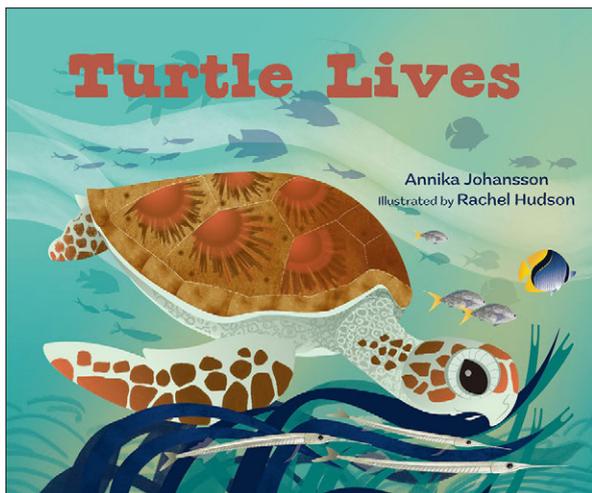
9781454950257 | July 2025 | Union Square & Co. | PB | 272pp | 215x152mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99

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About the author:

Brooklyn-based cartoonist **Taylor Robin** grew up around yacht clubs and quickly became aware of the difference between the people who belonged to them, and the people who worked for them. As a child, he nearly drowned while cleaning the underside of a sailboat and now he can't watch the sinking scene in Titanic. He's glad the next book is set on a train.





TURTLE LIVES

ANNIKA JOHANSSON, ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL HUDSON

- **This delicate story explores the life cycle of a sea turtle with an educational message about the environment, global warming, and conservation**
- **Empowers kids to take action on climate change with easy-to-understand tips and ideas that can be incorporated into their everyday lives**
- **Beautiful underwater artwork vividly brings the sea turtle's journey and the wonder of our oceans to life**
- **Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children**

Age range 5+

A touching exploration of a sea turtle's life cycle and the impact of global warming on their future.

Turtle Lives is a poignant story about the life of a sea turtle, from playful beginnings to nesting on sandy shores. Through captivating illustrations and lyrical text, this story gently introduces the life cycle of the sea turtle and how global warming will affect its future. With fascinating facts and tips on how we can help protect our planet and its fragile sea life, and gorgeously vivid illustrations, this book encourages readers to take small steps to make a big impact.

Turtle Lives aims at encouraging awareness of the fragility of our planet and Earth's changing climate, and it empowers children to make meaningful change.



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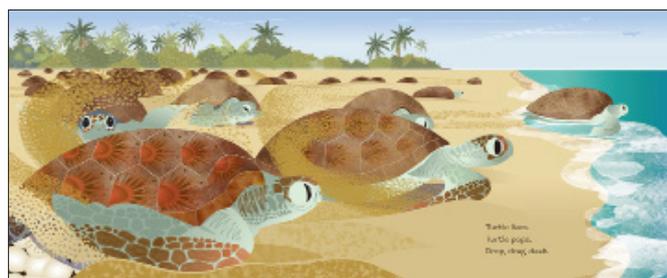


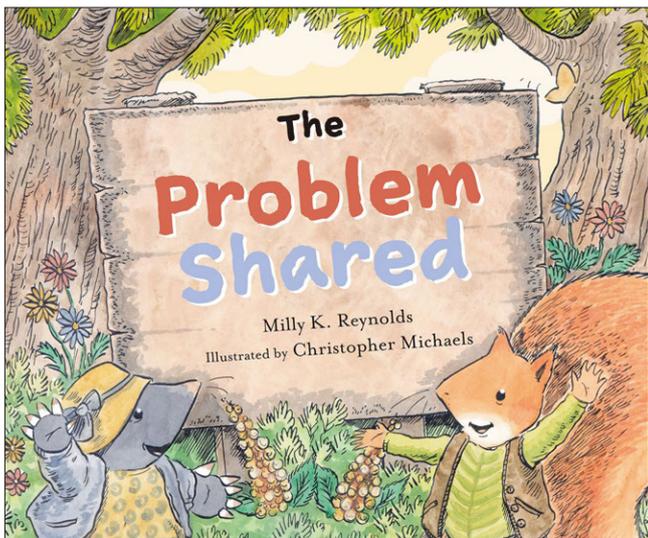
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About the author and illustrator:

Annika Johansson is an Australian author and freelance writer living in the rainforests on Bundjalung Country on the Northern Rivers of NSW. She is a selfconfessed people watcher and believes there is no better secret power than our own imaginations. She has weekly conversations with kookaburras, pythons, wallabies, green tree frogs, turtles, and echidnas, hoping they will one day come inside and join her for afternoon tea.

Rachel Hudson creates artwork that brings people closer to nature. She is the author and illustrator of *100 Endangered Species* (Button Books, 2021) and illustrator of *How to Know a Crow* (Greystone Kids, 2024). Rachel lives in Hampshire, England. Her research for *Turtle Lives* included visiting Friday the green turtle in the National Marine Aquarium.





THE PROBLEM SHARED

MILLY K. REYNOLDS, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTOPHER MICHAELS

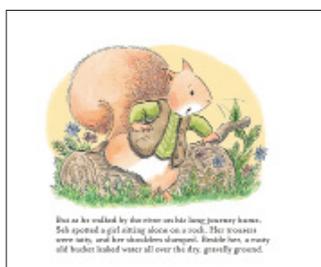
- A delightful adventure that proves that teamwork and friendships can overcome any problem
- Wonderfully engaging characters bring heart and joy to this engaging story
- Beautiful traditional illustrations capture the warmth, fun, and joy of this tender tale
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

A brave squirrel uses teamwork and some bright ideas to solve a young girl's problem.

Sebastian, a noble squirrel from the Redfoot clan, is on his way to a huge family feast when he encounters Olive, a girl in desperate need. Her farm is parched, her bucket leaks, and her future looks bleak. Torn between his plans and his kind heart, Seb thinks of ways to help Olive and enlists the help of a clever friend to solve Olive's problem.

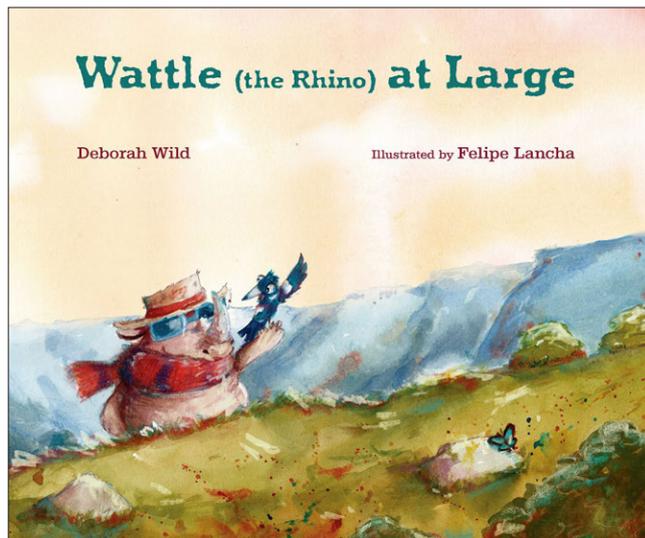
The Problem Shared is a heartwarming tale of friendship and teamwork.



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WATTLE (THE RHINO) AT LARGE

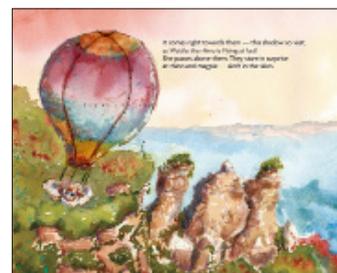
DEBORAH WILD, ILLUSTRATED BY FELIPE LANCHA

- A humorous story that will inspire readers to learn more about the world's endangered rhinos, and the important role that Australia plays in saving this lovable species
- A funny and exciting adventure that will thrill children, while the informative back matter will delight with some fun facts!
- Bold, expressive illustrations that capture the humour and excitement of this story
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

A rhino longs to return to Taronga Zoo, and she has just the plan!

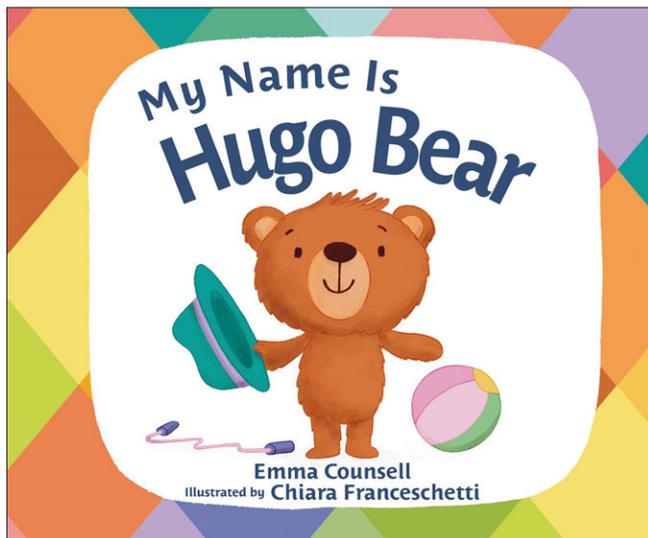
Dreaming of seeing her friends at Sydney's Taronga Zoo once more, Wattle the rhino plans a daring escape from the quiet, lonely nights at Western Plains Zoo. With help from her faithful friend, Bruce the magpie, she discovers an ingenious way to break out – and avoid the posse of zookeepers searching for her.



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MY NAME IS HUGO BEAR

EMMA COUNSELL, ILLUSTRATED BY CHIARA FRANCESCHETTI

- **The perfect story for children adjusting to a new sibling, offering comfort and reassurance through Hugo's journey**
- **Hugo Bear's expressive and humorous personality will charm readers and make him an unforgettable character**
- **Playful illustrations that are filled with character enhance the connection readers will have with Hugo Bear's journey**

Age range 5+

A teddy bear fears being forgotten – until he finds a new role in the family.

Hugo Bear is a teddy on a heartfelt journey to rekindle a connection with his owner, Ruby. Hugo always loves seeing Ruby, but when she returns home one day, she starts to ignore him. Feeling lost and wondering if Ruby has outgrown him, Hugo starts to think it might be time to leave home forever – until he realises there is still a very important role for him, especially with a new baby on the way. Join Hugo Bear in this touching story about love, acceptance, and family bonds.



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NED NEEDS TO BUILD

RHONDA OOI, ILLUSTRATED BY MARIA KRISTJANSDOTTIR

- **A delightful story about creativity and teamwork, which encourages children to work and play together**
- **Demonstrates friendly behaviour and sharing play ideas**
- **Whimsical illustrations that complement the joys of building and playing co-operatively**

Age range 4+

Ned and Sam enjoy building, and together they fill their home with creativity.

Ned loves building incredible depictions of cities with his wooden blocks, but his little brother Sam often knocks them down. When Sam rebuilds, Ned ponders what Sam's constructions might be. When visiting the local park, Ned notices strange objects and finds that they are called sculptures. Ned realises how he and his brother can team up to build the perfect city together.

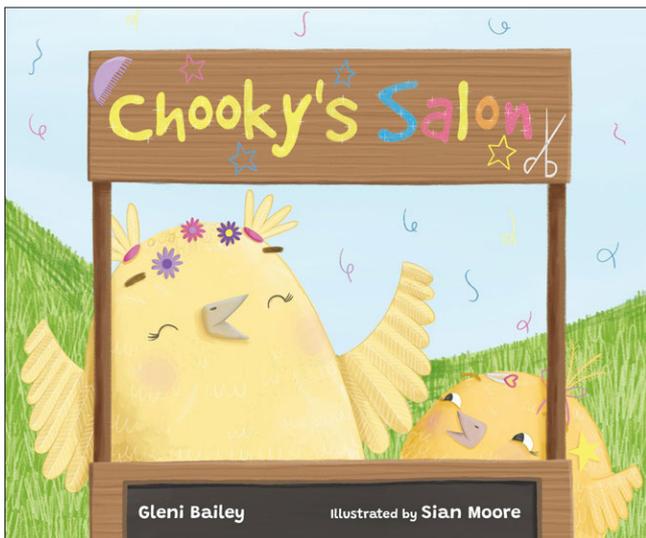
Ned Needs to Build is a joyous story about creativity, teamwork, and sibling bonds, and it features whimsical illustrations that reveal the joy of sharing ideas and playing with others.



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CHOOKY'S SALON

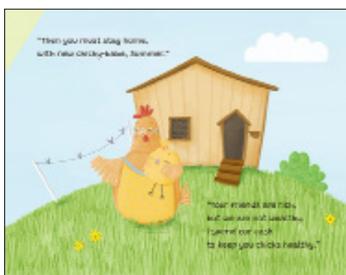
GLENI BAILEY, ILLUSTRATED BY SIAN MOORE

- A delightful rhyming story that shows the importance of teamwork and responsibility
- Encourages children to use imaginative play cooperatively to further their understanding and goals
- Humorous and colourful illustrations that are full of fun and character
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 4+

Two sisters learn the importance of teamwork and fun when opening their own hair salon.

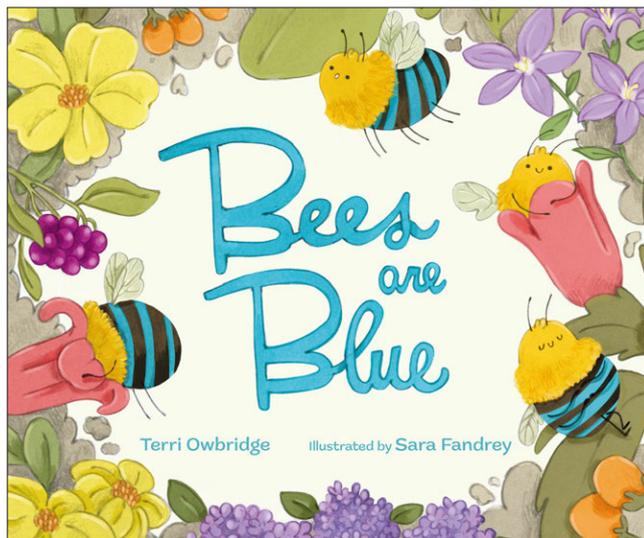
Disappointed that she can't go to the fair with her friends, Chooky decides to look on the bright side and enjoy time with her sister. Inspired by playing 'hairdressers' together, the two set up a modelling show with an entrance fee for other chickens to attend. The show is a great success, and Chooky and Summer make lots of money! With the money they have, the pair decide to set up a salon to make everyone's feather beautiful.



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BEEES ARE BLUE

TERRI OWBRIDGE, ILLUSTRATED BY SARA FANDREY

- A warm and fun story that promotes awareness of bees and their unique characteristics
- This delightful story explores how we can help to create the perfect environment for pollinators
- The rich, colourful illustrations demonstrate ways to encourage pollinators into gardens in a fun and engaging way

Age range 5+

Jack learns about blue-banded bees and helps Nanna create the perfect garden for them.

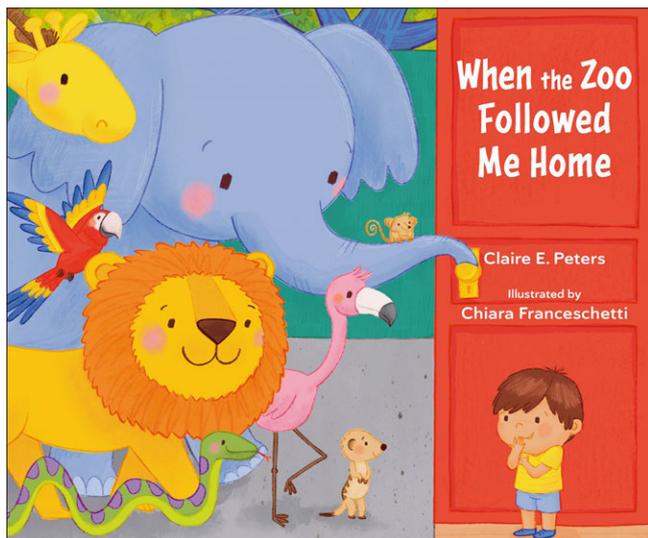
When Jack discovers that Australia's bees are not just yellow and black, but sometimes blue, he becomes determined to find them. With help from his Nanna, Jack creates the perfect garden for blue-banded bees by planting native flowers and building a bee home. Learning all he can about these fascinating insects, Jack also discovers that seeing them is going to take some patience, too! Bees are Blue is a fun, educational story about the importance of bees, the ways in which we can provide for them, and features delightfully rich illustrations.



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WHEN THE ZOO FOLLOWED ME HOME

CLAIRE E. PETERS, ILLUSTRATED BY CHIARA FRANCESCHETTI

- *When the Zoo Followed Me Home* explores emotional anxieties about changes within a family, offering reassurance and warmth
- A playful and imaginative story that features engaging rhyme and rhythm
- Children will love searching for hidden animals in the wonderfully vibrant and humorous illustrations
- Expand the reach of this story with **Teacher Notes**, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

A boy brings home a zoo full of animals and discovers there can be room for one more in his family.

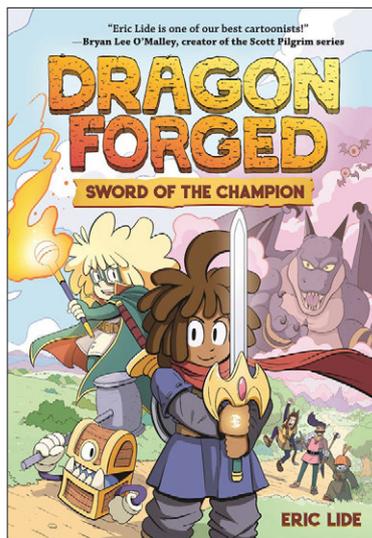
After a trip to the zoo, a young boy discovers the animals have followed him home – and are hiding around the house! There's a lion by the couch, a bat on the ceiling, and even an elephant in the garage!

With all these animals around, there isn't much room, but with a baby sibling due soon, this little boy will soon learn that there can be space for everyone. *When the Zoo Followed Me Home* is a delightfully illustrated and whimsical story that explores imagination, discovery, and growing as a family.



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DRAGON FORGED: SWORD OF THE CHAMPION

ERIC LIDE

- The bright palette, expressive characters, and dynamic panels are pure delight
- Eric Lide is a highly gifted Black cartoonist whose star is ready to rise with this broadly appealing author-illustrator debut

Age range 8 to 12

An ordinary boy must find his inner hero in this hilarious, action-packed debut middle-grade graphic novel filled with jokes, friendship, incompetent villains, and lots of heart.

Orin's life is uprooted when he discovers that he is the reincarnation of a great hero, destined to defeat the evil Fiendlord. And he just may have a shot because, in the years since he conquered the world, the Fiendlord has become lazy and complacent. He sees Orin's appearance as motivation to finally get back in shape and relive his glory years, and hopefully regain the respect of his unimpressed teenage daughter. In need of a mystical sword if he's to stand a chance against the Fiendlord, Orin teams up with a precocious, entrepreneurial sorceress who's ready to launch Orin's career as the Champion of Draeland – which would be much easier if he didn't keep befriending the Fiends they're supposed to destroy.

'Sure to appeal to middle-grade fans of quest adventures...Lively fun for sword and sorcery fans.' – *Booklist*



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9781454947752 | July 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 304pp | 215x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

IF A BUMBLEBEE LANDS ON YOUR TOE

CYNTHIA MACKEY, ILLUSTRATED BY VIKKI ZHANG

- **This story encourages children to embrace mindfulness, helping them navigate their emotions, fears, and uncertainties while fostering a sense of calm and inner peace through nature**
- **Through a beautifully woven narrative, the book highlights the deep interconnectedness between humans and the natural world**



Age range 3 to 8

The story delves into how we can embrace our fears and uncertainties through a deeper understanding of the creatures around us. It highlights the delicate yet profound bond we share with even the smallest beings, like a bumblebee. Through engaging narrative and stunning visuals, the book teaches children to appreciate the natural world and find peace in moments of fear.

9781953458742 | July 2025 | Yeehoo Press | HB | 40pp | 259x218mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



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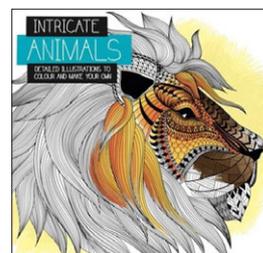
INTRICATE COLOURING ANIMALS

COMPILED BY PAUL CALVER, TOBY REYNOLDS

- **Perforated pages so pictures can be removed and displayed**
- **48 full-page detailed illustrations to colour**
- **Ideal for adults and children**

Age range 8+

Unleash your inner artist and to exercise your creativity with this large format colouring book. Inside you will find a collection of 48 beautifully elaborate animals illustrations, perfect for those who enjoy a creative challenge and delight in detail. Each page is perforated so pictures can be easily removed and displayed. *Intricate Colouring Animals* is perfect for decorating with markers, coloured pencils, gel pens, or watercolours, and is printed single-sided on high-quality bright-white paper.



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9781909244801 | July 2025 | Green Android | PB | 96pp | 285x295mm | AU \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

CLASSIC MUNSCH BOX SET

- **Five classic Robert Munsch books for less than the price of four!**

Age range 3 to 6

With over 80 million books sold across the globe, Robert Munsch is THE authority on stories kids love to hear read aloud. This fun box set with bonus poster is the authoritative collection of Munsch! Munsch's zany spins on everyday situations are the perfect gift for any kid who loves to laugh.

The Classic Munsch Box Set includes:

- *The Paper Bag Princess*
- *Pigs*
- *Purple, Green and Yellow*
- *Stephanie's Ponytail*
- *Thomas' Snowsuit*



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9781773210902 | July 2025 | Annick Press | SB | AU \$45.00 | NZ \$52.99 | DISC: GEN

MARY HAD A LITTLE JAM

TAMMI SAUER, ILLUSTRATED BY VANESSA BRANTLEY-NEWTON

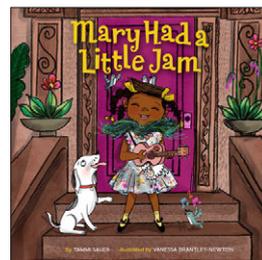
- **Tammi Sauer crafts delightful rhyme that carries subtle, important messages**
- **Vanessa Brantley-Newton's joyful, distinctive art style is the perfect complement to this modern take on nursery rhyme characters. She's created a detailed, delightful world for Mary and her friends**

Age range 3 to 7

Fashion-forward Mary is known for adding flair everywhere she goes. One day, while strumming her ukulele, she decides to make music on a grander scale. And she knows she can use her stylish talent to organise a fabulous band. Soon she's rehearsing with her friends. When the group strikes some wrong notes and chaos ensues, Mary steps up, takes the lead, and restores harmony – just in time for a big performance.

Tammi Sauer's sweet, joyful sensibilities have met their match in Vanessa Brantley-Newton's vibrant, immersive art. Together it's a symphony of storytelling!

9781454933045 | July 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 32pp | 254x762mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



ROCK

LAUREL CROZA, ILLUSTRATED BY MATT JAMES

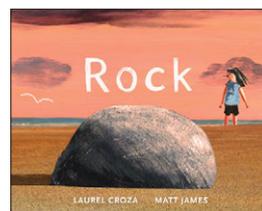
- **Rock is an existential picture book revealed through a conversation between a rock and a seagull on a beach**
- **The story explores identity, self-confidence and remaining true to yourself, even in the face of a bully**

Age range 3 to 6

Award-winning creators Laurel Croza and Matt James have come together once again to tell the story of what happens when a bullying seagull and a rock meet on the beach.

When a seagull mistakes a small rock for food, it angrily spits it out. 'What do you think you are?' the seagull demands. 'I am a rock', the rock responds. But the seagull refuses to accept this, insisting that the rock is more like a pebble, or a stone. But a child enjoying a day at the beach sees the rock differently, and their creation in the sand affirms what the rock has known about itself all along.

9781773069487 | July 2025 | Groundwood Books | HB | 44pp | 219x276mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



JULES, PENNY & THE ROOSTER

DANIEL PINKWATER

- **Beloved author Daniel Pinkwater brings his zany wit and wisdom to a new middle-grade adventure following a resourceful nine-year-old girl, her beloved collie, and a fantastical adventure in the woods**

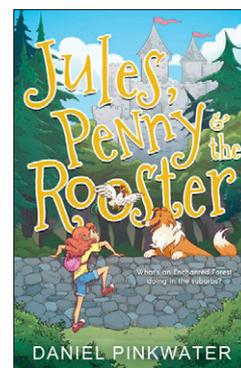
Age range 8 to 14

Jules McShultz was promised a dog. Supposedly, she'd get one once her family moved from the city to the suburbs. But then her parents decided it still wasn't the right time.

So Jules does what any intelligent girl would do. Instead of sulking, she enters an essay contest and wins first prize: A purebred Collie.

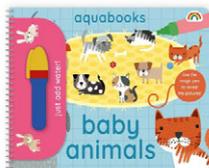
Jules and Penny are ready to spend the summer exploring the woods by the house. But the woods are not at all what they seem to be. Magic and adventure await them just on the other side of an old stone wall.

9781616964320 | July 2025 | Tachyon Publications | PB | 160pp | 216x140mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



BABY ANIMALS

PHILIP DAUNCEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY SALLY PAYNE



- Novelty activity book to be used time and time again
- Includes a refillable water pen to bring the scenes to life
- Illustrated by Sally Payne



Age range 1+

Fill the water pen with regular tap water, then draw to reveal the colour on the pages – it'll disappear when the water dries, then you can start again, just like magic!

Includes 6 easy to colour magic colour changing scenes and one reusable water pen with a spiral bound hard book.



9781784683962 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 185x225mm | AU \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

FARM ANIMALS

PHILIP DAUNCEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY SALLY PAYNE



- Novelty activity book to be used time and time again
- Includes a refillable water pen to bring the scenes to life
- Illustrated by Sally Payne



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9781784683924 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 185x225mm | AU \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

DINOSAUR

PHILIP DAUNCEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY SALLY PAYNE



- Novelty activity book to be used time and time again
- Includes a refillable water pen to bring the scenes to life
- Illustrated by Sally Payne



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9781784683948 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 185x225mm | AU \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

WILD ANIMALS

PHILIP DAUNCEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY SALLY PAYNE



- Novelty activity book to be used time and time again
- Includes a refillable water pen to bring the scenes to life
- Illustrated by Sally Payne



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9781784683931 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 185x225mm | AU \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

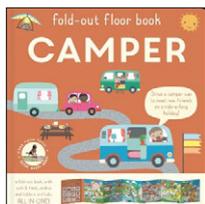
CAMPER

ILLUSTRATED BY DAWN
MACHELL, EDITED BY
PHILIP DAUNCEY

- **Interactive fold-out book for endless play**
- **Includes Snake and Ladders and Ludo games on the reverse**
- **Illustrated by Dawn Machell**

Age range 3+

Learn all about different environments with this wonderful first reference series, that includes 'can you find' activities. Cased white-board book with concertina pages that makes floor mat. Includes two fun games, with 'make your own' dice and counters.



9781784684099 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 285x285mm | AU \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

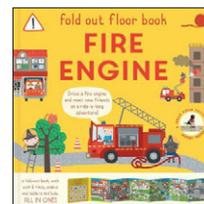
FIRE ENGINE

ILLUSTRATED BY DAWN
MACHELL, EDITED BY
PHILIP DAUNCEY

- **Interactive fold-out book for endless play**
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- **Illustrated by Dawn Machell**

Age range 3+

Learn all about different environments with this wonderful first reference series, that includes 'can you find' activities. Cased white-board book with concertina pages that makes floor mat. Includes two fun games, with 'make your own' dice and counters.



9781784684105 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 285x285mm | AU \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

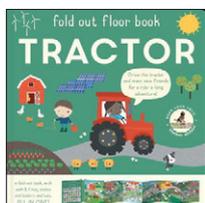
TRACTOR

EDITED BY PHILIP
DAUNCEY, ILLUSTRATED BY
DAWN MACHELL

- **Interactive fold-out book for endless play**
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Age range 3+

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9781784684112 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 285x285mm | AU \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

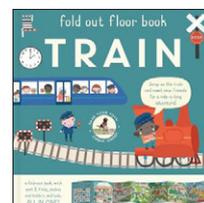
TRAIN

EDITED BY PHILIP
DAUNCEY, ILLUSTRATED BY
DAWN MACHELL

- **Interactive fold-out book for endless play**
- **Includes Snake and Ladders and Ludo games on the reverse**
- **Illustrated by Dawn Machell**

Age range 3+

Learn all about different environments with this wonderful first reference series, that includes 'can you find' activities. Cased white-board book with concertina pages that makes floor mat. Includes two fun games, with 'make your own' dice and counters.



9781784684129 | July 2025 | Really Decent Publishing | BH | 12pp | 285x285mm | AU \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

FLORA

Australia's Most Curious Plants

TANIA MCCARTNEY



- Companion to the widely successful, multi-award-winning *Fauna* (2019)
- Beautifully illustrated and designed, with brilliant colours, stylised illustrations and clever kid-friendly diagrams

****Shortlisted, ABIA 2025, Small Publisher's Children's Book of the Year****

****Shortlisted, CBCA 2025 Eve Pownall Award****

Age range 7 to 12

When it comes to flora, Australia is a land of diversity. From rainforests to deserts, mountains to the seashore, 90 per cent of our plant life is unique to this ancient land. Treasures like our wattles, eucalypts, grass trees and banksias are part of our heritage and identity – and they still flourish here today, on the oldest landmass on Earth.

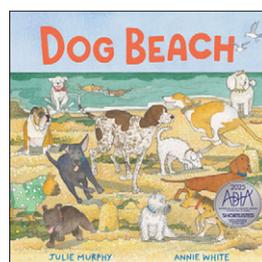


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9781922507716 | October 2024 | National Library of Australia | HB | 48pp | 280x235mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

DOG BEACH

JULIE MURPHY, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNIE WHITE



- A humorous and fun-loving story of dogs frolicking at a quintessential Aussie beach, featuring a cast of whimsical and zany dogs in all shapes and sizes
- Illustrations by Annie White in watercolour are full of nuance and character
- Backmatter includes pictures and information on all types of dogs and their owners

****Shortlisted, ABIA 2025, Small Publisher's Children's Book of the Year****

Age range 4 to 6

Going to the beach is a big part of Australian culture and, for many people, so are dogs! This book doubles the fun, celebrating all of the different types of dogs that Australians love, from working dogs to lap dogs. Follow them as they run amuck along the sunny shores of Australia.

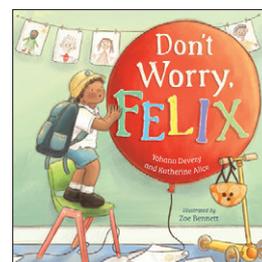


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9781922507709 | November 2024 | National Library of Australia | HB | 32pp | 260x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

DON'T WORRY, FELIX

YOHANN DEVEZY, KATHERINE ALICE, ILLUSTRATED BY ZOE BENNETT



- Reprint due in June
- Normalises children's experiences of anxiety
- Empowers children to identify and decrease symptoms of stress and worry and face their fears

****Shortlisted, CBCA 2025 Book of the Year: Early Childhood****

Age range 3 to 6

Felix has a problem. It's a big, red, round problem. A worry balloon that follows him everywhere he goes...As his heart thumps, stomach twists and toes wiggle, it grows and grows and stops him from doing what he wants to do. But when Felix learns a special trick, things start to change...



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9781923145054 | October 2024 | New Frontier | HB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

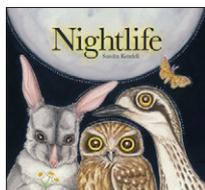


World Environment Day
June 5th 2025

NIGHTLIFE

SANDRA KENDELL

- **Great resource about nocturnal animals**
- **Blends narrative with non-fiction information on each page**
- **Stunning illustrations**



Age range 5+

'As daylight fades and twilight reaches, here creep and flutter hidden creatures.'



Australia is home to more nocturnal animals than most other countries, come on a journey across our landscapes and discover the vibrancy and diversity of the nightlife!

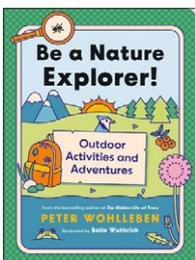
The author, Sandra Kendell, has won an award for her contribution to educating children about our environment.

9781922081117 | August 2024 | Windy Hollow Books | HB | 32pp | 265x245mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

BE A NATURE EXPLORER!

Outdoor Activities and Adventures

PETER WOHLLEBEN,
TRANSLATED BY JANE BILLINGHURST, ILLUSTRATED BY BELLE WUTHRICH



- **The activities included in this book are designed to be fun, easy-to-follow, and hassle free**

Age range 6 to 10

This nature activity guide is the perfect companion for every child's next outdoor adventure, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees* and *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?*

An excellent resource for parents, teachers, and curriculums ranging from outdoor education to homeschool and forest school. Whether you are in the forest, in your own backyard, or in the city, there are so many exciting ways to engage with nature.

9781771649698 | July 2024 | Greystone Kids | PB | 100pp | 203x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

FAUNA

Australia's Most Curious Creatures

TANIA MCCARTNEY

- **Comprehensive information about Australia's native fauna including some lesser known species**



Age range 5+

****Winner, 2020 Museums Australasia Multimedia and Publication Design Awards (MAPDA)****



****Shortlisted, 2020 Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature****

****Shortlisted, 2020 Educational Publishing Awards****

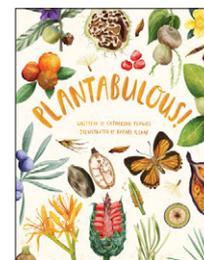
In *Fauna - Australia's Most Curious Creatures*, readers are constantly introduced to facts that delight, amaze and induce sheer wonder at the clever design and adaptability of our much-loved native fauna.

9780642279767 | February 2021 | National Library of Australia | PB | 56pp | 280x235mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

PLANTABULOUS!

More A to Z of Australian Plants

CATHERINE CLOWES,
ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL GYAN



- **Full of interesting facts about Australian native plants that will get kids excited about the plant world**

Age range 6 to 12

Did you know that Australia is home to the most 'venomous' plant in the world? That there are plants in Australia that strangle other plants to death, and some with seeds pods that explode, shooting seeds far and wide? Or that some Australian plants can dry out and shrivel up so much, they look dead, but then come back to life when they get wet?



Plantabulous! presents 26 iconic and unique native plants for you to discover in your local park, bushland or even your own backyard!

9781486317202 | June 2024 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 64pp | 280x215mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

World Environment Day
June 5th 2025

**SECRETS OF THE
SALTMARSH**

CLAIRE SAXBY,
ILLUSTRATED BY ALICIA
ROGERSON

- **Explores the wonders of saltmarsh wetlands found across Australia**

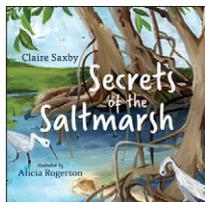
Age range 5+

You will find me where land meets sea...

Saltmarshes are full of energy and life. They protect our coastlines, and provide food and shelter for migratory birds and microscopic plants and animals. Most of all, saltmarshes are places of discovery and wonder.

With lyrical text and captivating illustrations *Secrets of the Saltmarsh* offers a close-up look at the fascinating world of saltmarsh wetlands.

9781486317141 | November 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



WOLLEMI

Saving a Dinosaur Tree
SAMANTHA TIDY,
ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL
GYAN

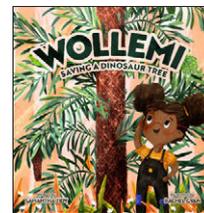
- **Presents the amazing true story of the discovery of the ancient Wollemi pine, in the Blue Mountains, Australia**

Age range 6+

Deep in the forest, an ancient wonder is about to be found. Descended from a family of trees going back 200 million years, the Wollemi pine has survived ice, fire and the passing of many generations.

Will a bushfire be the final threat to this living fossil? And how will we protect it, now that everyone wants a dinosaur tree? How can we make sure the Wollemi's secret location is not discovered and damaged?

9781486316083 | October 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



LIFE IN A HOLLOW

DAVID GULLAN,
ILLUSTRATED BY SUZANNE
HOUGHTON

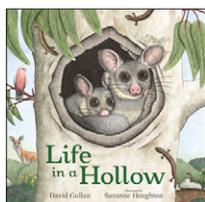
- **Highlights the importance of tree hollows for native birds and marsupials**
- **Engaging non-fiction narrative with fabulous illustrations and rhyming text to delight younger readers**

Age range 5+

Tree hollows are very special places that provide animals, both big and small, with a space to nest and feel safe.

Explore life in a tree hollow in the Australian bush and meet the native creatures who come to call a hollow a home. You'll be surprised just how many choose to move in!

9781486316342 | April 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



**SCIENCE ALL AROUND
US**

Big Questions for Curious
Kids

MEI LIU, ILLUSTRATED BY
CHRIS NIXON

- **This chunky format offers over 50 fun-filled flaps across a huge range of STEM topics**

Age range 6+

Are you ready to see how science works?

Lift the flaps to discover fascinating facts about the world around you, including answers to questions like...

How do we know what's out there in space?

What do we do with all this poo?

If we can't see it, how do we know it's real?

9781921833656 | May 2024 | Museums Victoria | BH | 14pp | 270x215mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

