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LUCKY'S STAR

The Story of a Meteorite

MARK GREENWOOD, ILLUSTRATED BY LUCIA MASIULLO

- Creatively introduces the story of an internationally significant, Australian scientific event
- Introduces the Murchison meteorite, one of the most-studied space rocks in history, containing clues about the formation of the planets, the solar system and the origins of life on Earth!
- Features detailed fact pages to inspire deeper learning and understanding

Age range 5 to 9

On a quiet spring morning, something strange falls from the sky and lands on a small country town. Lucky watches as 'stars' rain down on the fields and farms, but just what are these unusual objects? And what will Lucky do with her own special find?

Lucky's Star explores the fascinating true story of the Murchison meteorite. The pieces of space rock that were discovered in Murchison, Victoria, provided clues about the origins of life on Earth. Fragments from the meteorite contain the oldest material ever found – stardust!

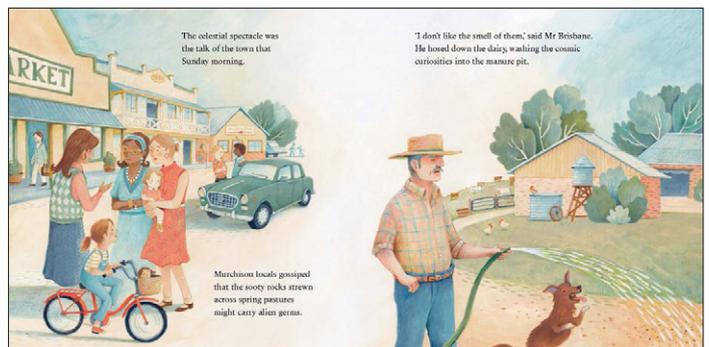
About the author and illustrator:

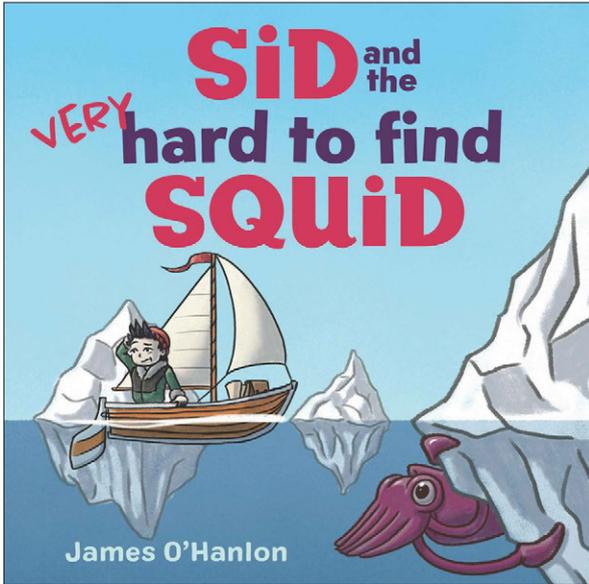


Mark Greenwood is a history hunter. His award-winning books examining history and multicultural themes have been published and honoured internationally.



Lucia Masciullo is an award-winning illustrator who loves to create whimsical characters using traditional techniques. Born and raised in Italy, she studied biology before moving to Australia where she pursued her passion for art.





SID AND THE VERY HARD TO FIND SQUID

JAMES O'HANLON

- A playful journey of exploration and unexpected discoveries
- Uncovers the secrets of the world's largest invertebrate, the colossal squid
- Fabulous illustrations featuring a cheeky colossal squid hidden in the pages

Age range 5 to 9

No one has ever seen a colossal squid in the wild, but Sid is determined to be the first. Join Sid on his quest to find this incredibly rare animal.

Along the way, Sid encounters other strange creatures until he eventually discovers...that sometimes the joy of exploration is more about the unexpected journey, and not the ending.

Look closely and you might just find a colossal squid too!



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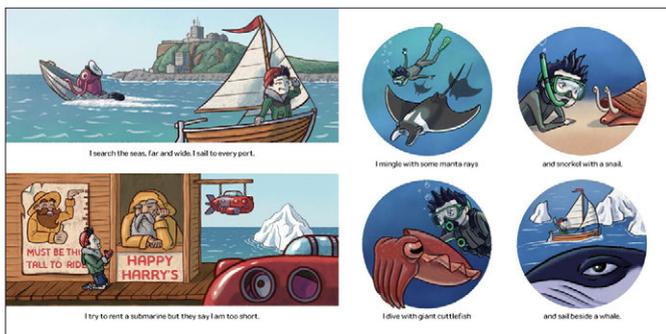


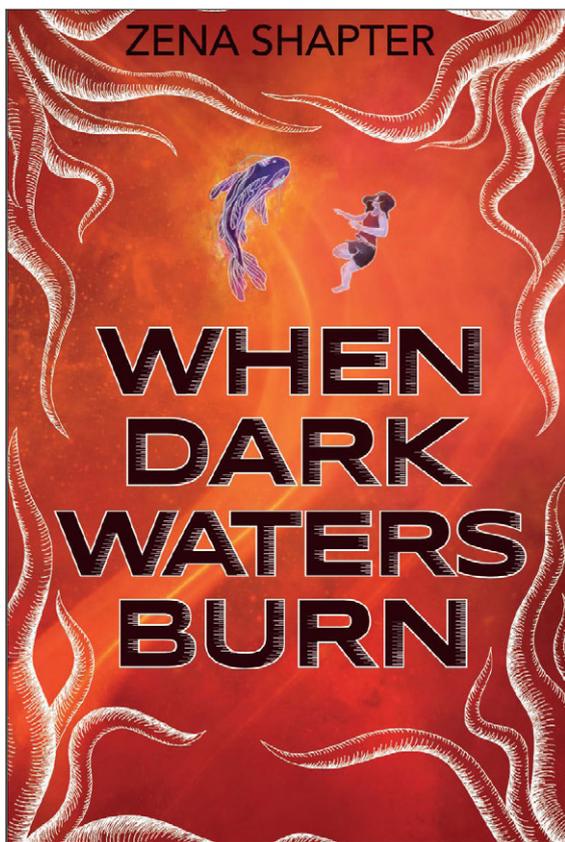
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About the author:

Dr James O'Hanlon is a scientist, writer and illustrator who has travelled the globe uncovering the secret lives of mysterious animals. If it is hard to find, and lacks a backbone, James has an insatiable desire to find out what it is and what it does.





WHEN DARK WATERS BURN

ZENA SHAPTER

- **Zena Shapter is a multi-award-winning author of *When Dark Roots Hunt* (Ditmar Award Finalist for Best Novel 2024)**

Age range 13 to 18

Stay out of sight. Stay hidden under the lake. Even as giant water-ants scout the surface, and deadly trees slop their hungry roots along the shoreline. For unrest surges in the swamps, getting closer and closer...Sala will only be safe for as long as their ship's location remains a secret.

But when a horrifying threat ignites close to home, and the lakeside hillfarms are forced to reveal a desperate truth, it unleashes a wreckage of terror and destruction on the world of Palude. What Sala fears most becomes irrelevant. All she can do is run, and make one irrevocable choice after another. If she's to have any kind of future, she must fight to accept the collapse of her past. Hiding from it was never an option.

Praise for *When Dark Roots Hunt*:

'Fresh, action-packed and utterly compelling. I loved it.' – Ian Irvine, internationally bestselling author of *The Gates of Good and Evil* series

'Filled with danger, tension, and intrigue. Blending fantasy, sci-fi, and a dash of dystopia... not to be missed. Four and a half stars (out of five)' – Jodie Sloan, *The AU Review*

'A refreshing breeze with bite.' – *Bookworm for Kids*

'An immersive, fantastical world with tension poised to snap at any moment. I couldn't put it down.' – *USA Today* bestselling author Dionne Lister, *The Circle of Talia*



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198x129mm | AU \$21.99 | NZ \$24.99



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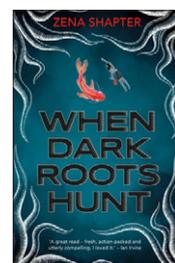
About the author:

Zena Shapter is a multi-award-winning author, high school English tutor and youth writing competition judge. Before writing *When Dark Waters Burn*, she interviewed scores of teenagers about what they wanted to read, and their concerns for the future. She was fascinated to learn they sought escapist stories that authentically represented their feelings of being unheard, fears about sustainability, threat of war, job instability... and Australian property prices! So she rolled all that into the thrilling world of Palude, a planet with carnivorous tree swamps, minimal land, few resources, and political unrest that resonates. To read more of Zena's incredible award-winning speculative and contemporary fiction, please browse the bibliography on her website at zenashapter.com.

Also available:

WHEN DARK ROOTS HUNT

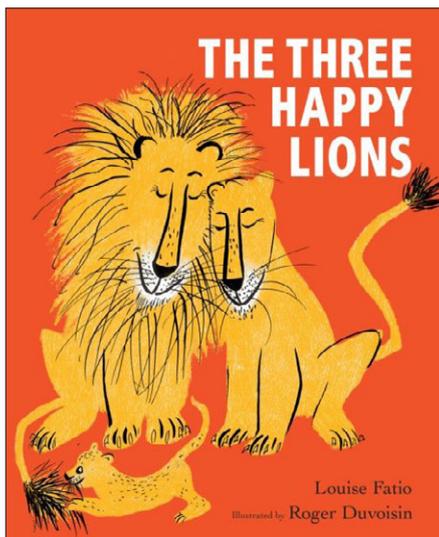
ZENA SHAPTER



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400pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



THE THREE HAPPY LIONS
LOUISE FATIO, ILLUSTRATED BY
ROGER DUVOISIN

- **Now in paperback!**
- **Classic artwork and longer text make this appealing to a wide range of ages**
- **A stand-alone title which is part of a well-loved series by one of the 'greats' of Children's literature**
- **Humorous look at different careers, with the comforting message that you should do what you enjoy most**
- **Charming and iconic cover clearly suggests the themes of 'a new family' and parenting**
- **French setting and occasional French words are great to introduce children the culture of another country**
- **Message about finding out who you are and being true to yourself**

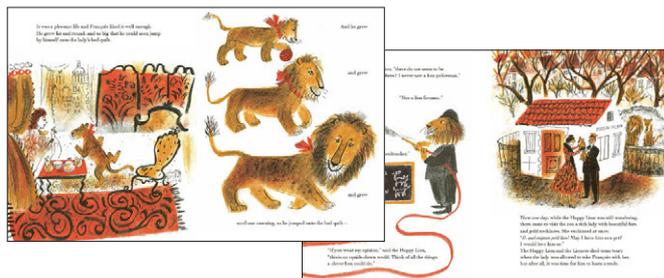
Age range 4+

'There was once ONE Happy Lion who lived in the zoo of a little French town. Then there were TWO Happy Lions, and that's better than one, because two is company. Then...one day...there were THREE Happy Lions...'

The proud parents are delighted with their new cub. But what profession could he have? How can they help launch him into the world?

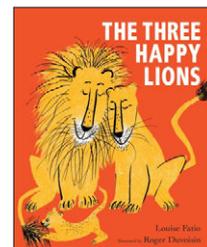


9781912650729 | June 2025 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



Also available in hardcover:

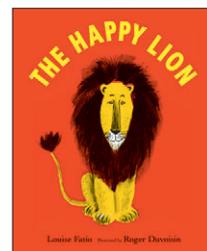
THE THREE HAPPY LIONS
LOUISE FATIO, ILLUSTRATED
BY ROGER DUVOISIN



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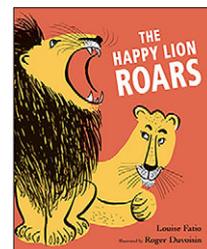
More in the series:

THE HAPPY LION
ILLUSTRATED BY ROGER
DUVOISIN, AUTHOR
LOUISE FATIO



9781912650132 | June 2020 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$21.99 | DISC: GEN

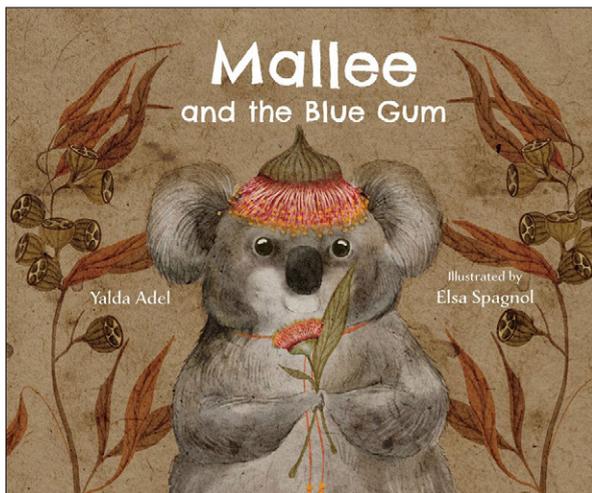
THE HAPPY LION ROARS
LOUISE FATIO, ILLUSTRATED
BY ROGER DUVOISIN



9781912650415 | June 2020 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



9781912650422 | June 2023 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 270x216mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



MALLEE AND THE BLUE GUM

YALDA ADEL, ILLUSTRATED BY ELSA SPAGNOL

- A dramatic and engaging depiction of the issues Australia faces with a warming climate
- Demonstrates how communities can work together to provide support in the most difficult of times
- Vivid and striking illustrations that depict the devastation caused by wildfires and the effects they have on the flora and fauna found in these areas
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Mallee the koala and her animal friends help restore their forest after a devastating bushfire.

When a devastating bushfire ravages the land where Mallee the koala lives, she clings to her tree, hoping for safety. As the fires die down, the land is still hot, so Mallee must wait. When she can finally venture to the ground, Mallee finds her beloved tree blackened and thirsty. Determined to save her home, she seeks help from her animal friends, and together they work to restore life to the land.

Mallee and the Blue Gum is a dramatic depiction of the effects of bushfires, featuring striking, detailed illustrations that show the devastation caused and the efforts to recover.



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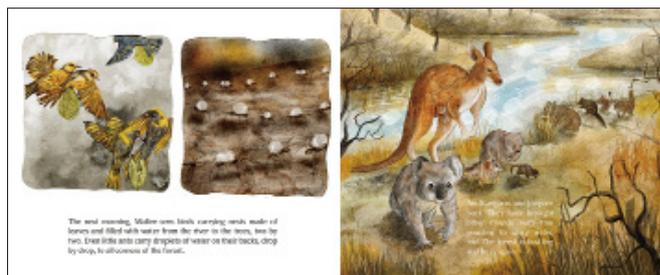
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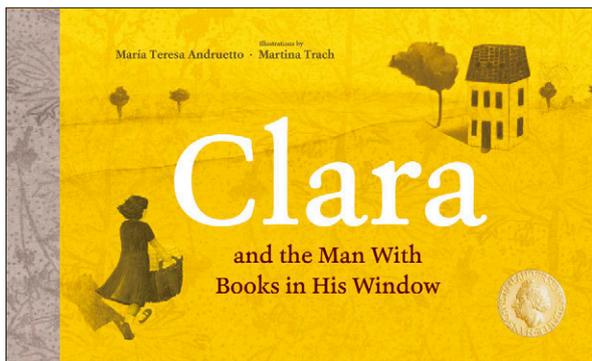
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About the author and illustrator:

Yalda Adel moved to Australia when she was two and worked as a medical scientist before having her two girls. Curious about the world around her, Yalda loves to write stories that inspire children to explore and ask questions. She enjoys spending time with her family, going for walks along the beach, eating ice cream, and painting nature. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Melbourne, surrounded by gum trees and visited occasionally by laughing kookaburras and rainbow lorikeets.

Elsa Spagnol is an Italian illustrator born in Bologna, Italy. She studied at the Editorial Illustration School in Macerata, Ars in Fabula, which gave her the opportunity to move into the world of illustrated books. She now works as a freelance illustrator.





CLARA AND THE MAN WITH BOOKS IN HIS WINDOW

MARÍA TERESA ANDRUEETTO, ILLUSTRATED BY MARTINA TRACH, TRANSLATED BY ELISA AMADO

- This heartwarming picture book is based on the real life story of the author’s mother and is a celebration of friendship and courage
- María Teresa Andruetto is a Hans Christian Andersen winner and one of the most important figures in Latin American children’s literature
- Award-winning illustrator Martina Trach’s stunning artwork makes the book a beautiful and unique object
- Developed by renowned children’s publisher Patricia Aldana to bring outstanding books from around the world to the English-speaking market, by authors and illustrators who want to communicate their own cultural realities



GREYSTONE KIDS

9781778402517 | June 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 56pp | 177x292mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

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About the author, illustrator and translator:



María Teresa Andruetto is a Hans Christian Andersen winner and one of the most important figures in Latin American children’s literature. She co-founded CEDILIJ, where she worked for a decade as part of the teaching and executive team. She is married and has two daughters. She currently lives in the mountains of Córdoba surrounded by nature.

Martina Trach is an Argentine illustrator, muralist, and compulsive maker of drawings. She has illustrated a number of books, some of them non-fiction. One of her books, *Puberty in Motion*, was selected for the White Ravens – a list of the world’s best books organised by the International Youth Library.

Elisa Amado is an award-winning translator who lives in Toronto.

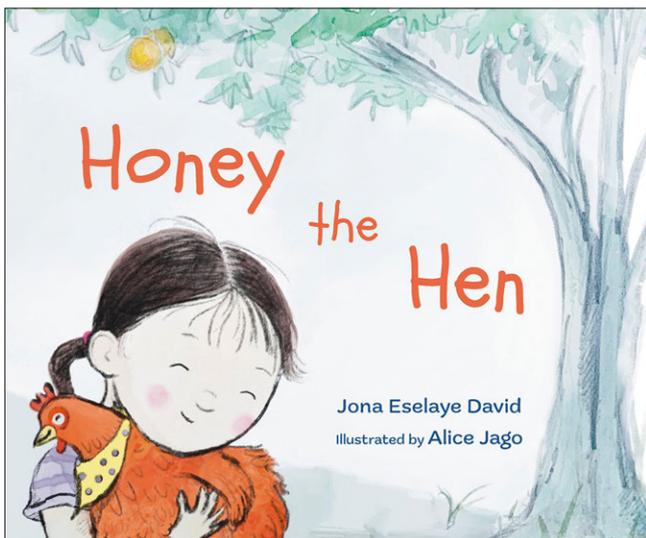
Age range 5 to 8

This is the story of my mother and her friend Juan, of how she discovered books and he the light of day.

So begins *Clara and the Man With Books in His Window*. In this beautifully illustrated book, set in rural 1920s Argentina, Hans Christian Andersen Award-winning author María Teresa Andruetto shares the true story of how her mother, Clara, the daughter of a poor laundress, meets Juan, a wealthy and bookish recluse who never leaves his house because he is afraid society will not accept who he really is.

A powerful tale about friendship and about the world available to us when we open a book, but also when we have the courage to be our true selves, *Clara and the Man With Books in His Window* was selected by the ALLJA and the Fundación Cuatro Gatos as the best book of the year. Now available for the first time in English, it is destined to transfix readers young and old.





HONEY THE HEN

JONA ESELAYE DAVID, ILLUSTRATED BY ALICE JAGO

- A tender and thoughtful story that teaches readers the importance of responsible pet ownership and friendship
- Explores ways to deal with loss and how to cope in times of sadness
- Delicate and expressive illustrations that perfectly compliment the themes of friendship and loss
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Mikaela lives a wholesome life with her family. Devoted to the care of her animals, she forges a close bond with the adorable Honey, a hen who is always happy to see her. But when Honey gets sick, Mikaela's world is thrown into turmoil.

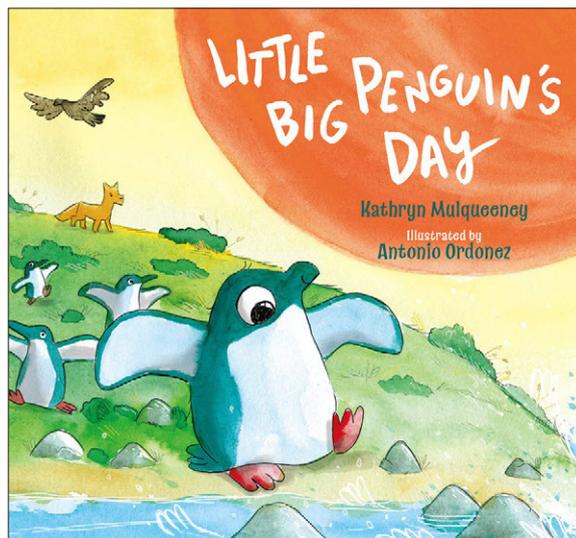
An inspiring story about friendship, compassion and overcoming grief that features delicate and contemplative illustrations. *Honey the Hen* will touch readers with its story about loyalty, devotion, and dealing with loss.



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LITTLE PENGUIN'S BIG DAY

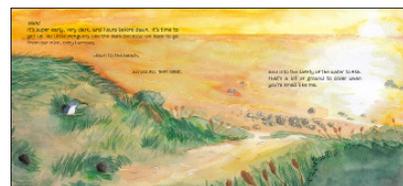
KATHRYN MULQUEENEY, ILLUSTRATED BY ANTONIO ORDÓÑEZ

- An immersive story that will captivate readers and bring depth to their understanding of little penguins
- Featuring lots of fun penguin facts, this book will educate as much as it will entertain
- The full-page traditional illustrations will immerse readers in the majestic world of little penguins
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Join Fen the little penguin as he invites readers to discover and learn more about this amazing animal. Waddle down to the beach, swim in the sea, hunt for fish...but don't forget to watch out for predators!

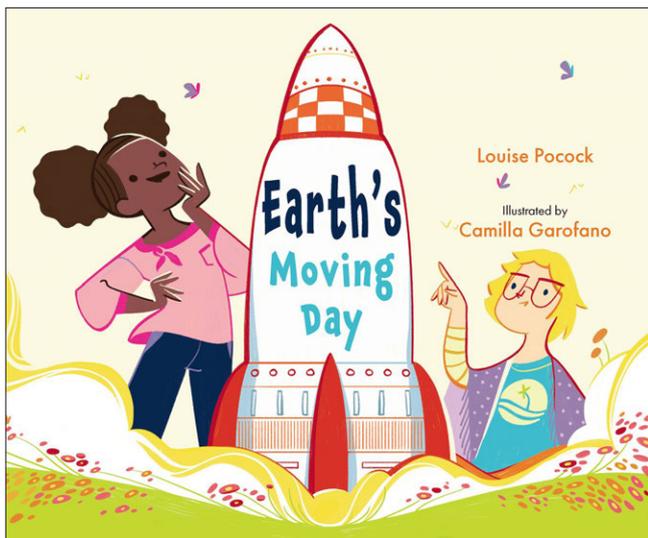
This fun, educational story dives deep into the lives of these characterful birds and provides fun facts to make this a perfect resource, whether at bedtime or in the classroom. Sweeping traditional-medium illustrations bring this day-in-the-life to vivid reality.



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9781800360754 | June 2025 | Tiny Seed Publishing | HB | 40pp | 240x260mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



EARTH'S MOVING DAY

LOUISE POCOCK, ILLUSTRATED BY CAMILLA GAROFANO

- A fun and engaging story that encourages environmental awareness by showing how small, everyday actions can help protect our planet
- Teaches children about the effects of greenhouse gasses through the story and in the informative backmatter
- Delightfully vivid and lively illustrations that capture the excitement of the story and the importance of its message

Age range 5+

Mia and her friend Zach attempt to fix Earth by cooling the planet down.

Mia loves to fix small things but decides to fix something bigger – Earth. With help from her friend Zac, Mia learns about the effects of greenhouse gasses and decides to move Earth to a cooler place in the solar system. But when her plan fails, Mia discovers that big ideas don't always solve problems, and sometimes it's the little things that help.

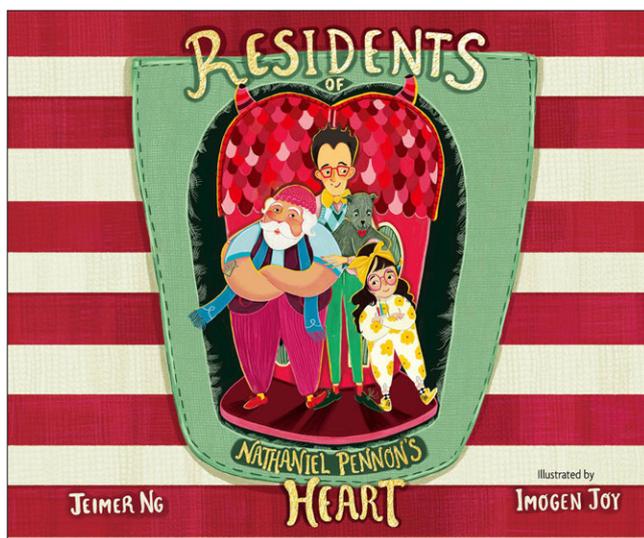
Earth's Moving Day is an entertaining and informative story that teaches children about the effects of global warming while also suggesting everyday actions we can take to create change. The vivid and lively illustrations will delight all readers.



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RESIDENTS OF NATHANIEL PENNON'S HEART

JEIMER NG, ILLUSTRATED BY IMOGEN JOY

- A poignant and endearing story that explores themes surrounding grief, healing, and heartbreak
- An original interpretation of some big emotions readers can experience
- Wildly inventive and expressive illustrations that capture the emotional themes and originality of this story perfectly
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Nathaniel Pennon's heart contains rooms for the people he loves dearly. But one day, a new room appears, and before the residents of Nathaniel's heart can understand who it is for, a flood of water rushes in, washing them away! Together they must work to stop the flood from devastating Nathaniel's heart. But what could possibly be strong enough to stop something as destructive as this?

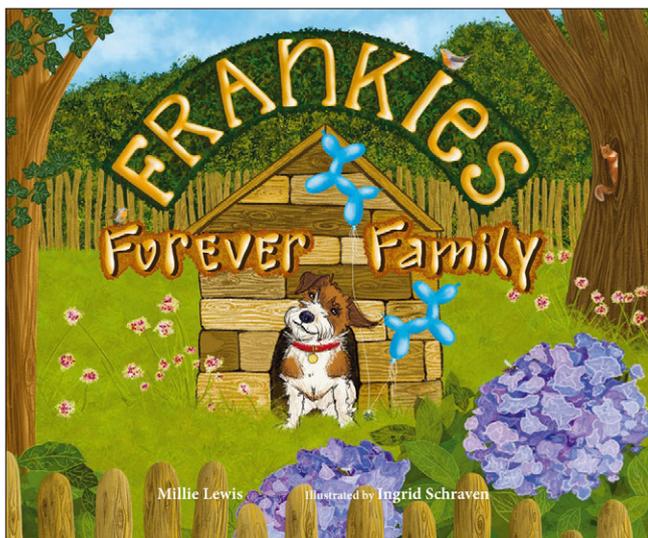
Residents of Nathaniel Pennon's Heart is an imaginative and visually captivating story that explores themes such as heartbreak, grief, and healing.



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FRANKIE'S FOREVER FAMILY

MILLIE LEWIS, ILLUSTRATED BY INGRID SCHRAVEN

- A heartwarming tale that explores the connections we have with others and the need for belonging
- Perfect for younger readers to learn about adopting animals and the bonds we share with them
- Striking, detailed artwork that compliments the fun and poignancy of the story
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 4+

Frankie's Forever Family is the heartwarming tale of a sprightly rescue dog on a quest to find a forever home. The local park hosts a Forever Friends Day, and Frankie tries to impress potential owners with his tricks and charm – but they fail to understand his joyful barks. Just as it seems that Frankie will be going home alone, a young girl named Jessie appears, and she speaks his language – Dog.

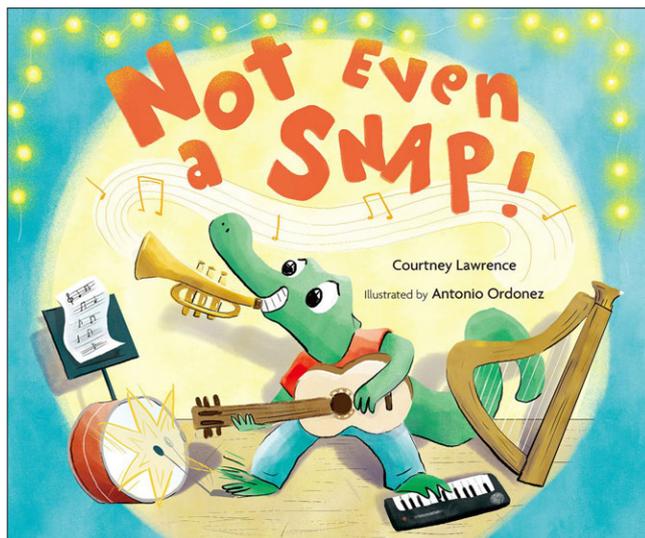
Frankie's Forever Family is a moving and joyous story that explores the connections we share with others and the need for belonging. This book features striking, detailed artwork that captures the joy and warmth of the story.



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NOT EVEN A SNAP!

COURTNEY LAWRENCE, ILLUSTRATED BY ANTONIO ORDÓÑEZ

- A wonderfully funny story that demonstrates the importance of resilience and the power of music
- Encourages children to discover and try different musical instruments, allowing them to express themselves in a fun and exciting way
- Delightful illustrations that are full of character, humour, and warmth
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Inspired by the sound of musicians at a local street festival, young Zi becomes determined to learn an instrument. With support from his family and music teachers, Zi tries out a guitar, violin, and much more. But each one ends in disaster – a SNAP or a CRACK! Just as Zi is ready to give up, a moment of rhythmic tapping gives him an idea and the discovery of an unexpected talent.

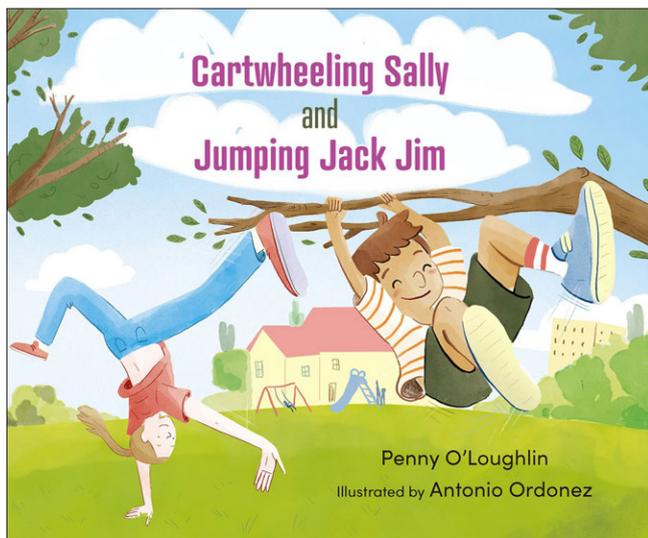
Not Even a Snap! Is a wonderfully energetic and funny story about resilience and self-discovery, with illustrations that capture the beat of this wonderful tale!



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CARTWHEELING SALLY AND JUMPING JACK JIM

PENNY O'LOUGHLIN, ILLUSTRATED BY ANTONIO ORDONEZ

- A fun-filled and energetic story about two children who come to the rescue!
- Children will love this hilarious adventure that shows the positives of having lots of energy!
- Vibrant and dynamic illustrations that capture the joy and liveliness of this wonderful book
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Cartwheeling Sally and Jumping Jack Jim just can't keep still-no matter how much they're told! Whipping and whirling, wriggling and jiggling, their bodies have a mind of their own – until the time comes when their skills are needed to help save the day!

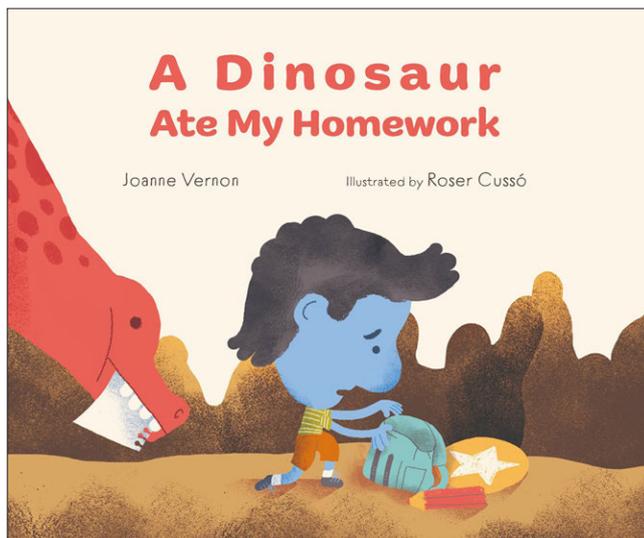
A bouncing and energetic story, filled with fun, adventure, and vibrant illustrations. This book proves that everyone can be a hero-even if they can't sit down!



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A DINOSAUR ATE MY HOMEWORK

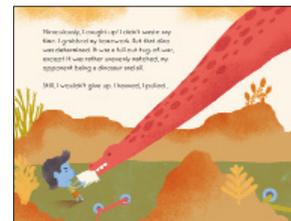
JOANNE VERNON, ILLUSTRATED BY ROSER CUSSO

- A hilarious and entertaining story about seeking challenge and being brave
- A delightful and surprising story that features a unique twist on the phrase, 'A dog ate my homework'
- Bright, bold illustrations that are full of character, perfectly complimenting the originality and charm of this story
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Did you know that dinosaurs absolutely love to eat homework? It's true! All that paper is made from trees, so it's a tasty snack for plant eaters! But when a young boy's maths assignment is suddenly snatched away, he decides to give chase – after all, he doesn't want to disappoint his teacher. But dinosaurs can be very stubborn, and who knows, maybe there is another reason for wanting to take it...

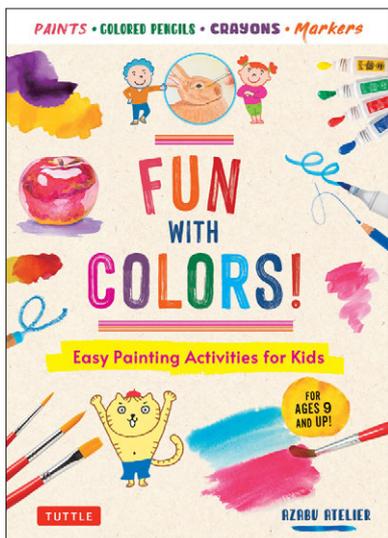
This is a hilarious and exciting story about facing up to challenges and the importance of empathy, featuring wildly expressive and entertaining illustrations.



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FUN WITH COLORS!

Easy Painting Activities for Kids (For Ages 9 and Up!) Watercolors, Colored Pencils, Pastels, Markers
AZABU ATELIER

- A charming full-colour guide with hundreds of detailed colour photos showing kids how to paint and draw with watercolours, coloured pencils, pastels and markers
- Contains a complete introduction to the basic materials and techniques
- 10 detailed lessons by experienced art teachers show kids how to create lines, textures, highlights and shadows, and how to blend, layer and blur colours

Age range 9 to 12

The ultimate art guide for kids who love painting and drawing!

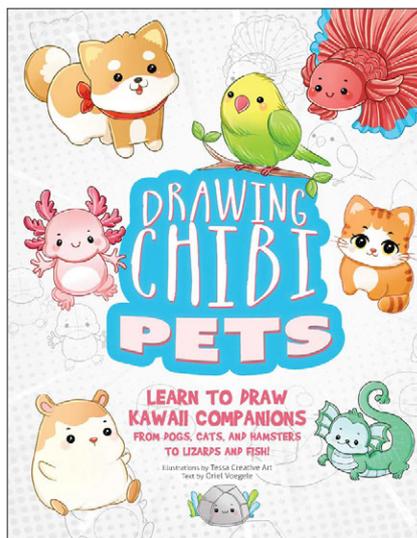
Kids have boundless creativity! This delightful book shows kids how to harness their creativity to create amazing works of art. It introduces them to the wonderful world of watercolours, coloured pencils, markers and pastels, and teaches them all the basic techniques needed to create beautiful works of art on their own!

The detailed lessons in this book have over 300 colour photos and are crafted by a team of art teachers to teach kids how to colour.



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DRAWING CHIBI PETS

Learn to Draw Kawaii Companions, from Dogs, Cats, and Hamsters to Lizards and Fish!
TESSA CREATIVE ART

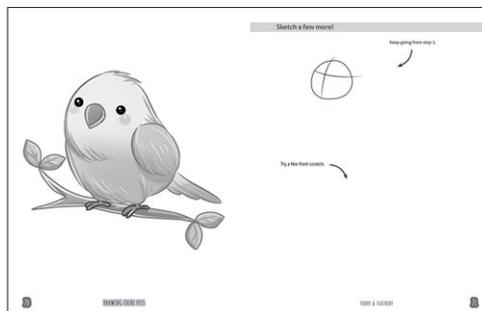
- **Drawing Chibi Pets will help budding artists build and strengthen creative muscles with every page, cultivating self-confidence in your craft and yourself**

Age range 9 to 12

In *Drawing Chibi Pets*, learn how to bring your favourite anime and manga-inspired pets to life using step-by-step instructions perfect for beginners!

Take your drawing skills to the next level with *Drawing Chibi Pets*!

Whether you're just starting out or need a refresher, this workbook is a great tool to work your way up from easy illustrations. Begin with familiar drawings like dogs and cats and steadily move toward complex animals like lizards.

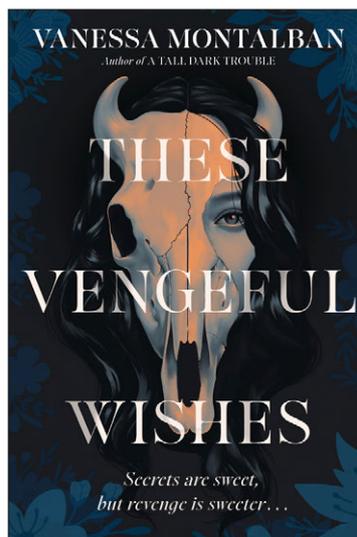


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9781646047925 | June 2025 | Ulysses Press | PB | 128pp | 229x178mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$28.99 | DISC: GEN



'Recommended Reading is swoon-worthy in every possible way!' – Julie Murphy, #1 New York Times bestselling author



'As the truth unfolds, readers will find themselves captivated, racing toward an unforgettable conclusion.' – School Library Journal

RECOMMENDED READING

PAUL COCCIA

- While queer romance has found a robust audience, it's rare to see one starring a protagonist like Bobby, who is fat, queer, and unapologetic, with the wit of Austen's *Emma* and the flair of *Clueless*' Cher
- Filled with the humour and joy of *Red, White and Royal Blue* and *Heartstopper*, Bobby's journey to love will resonate with anyone who has ever questioned if they were worthy based on their physical appearance

Age range 12+

Curvaceous, clever, and an avid reader, seventeen-year-old Bobby Ashton never misses a main character moment. So when it comes to asking out his crush, he plans a romantic gesture grand enough to go down in local history. Unfortunately, though, his extensive knowledge of every rom-com trope ever doesn't prepare him for how tragically he misreads the situation. Suddenly Bobby's very public romantic gesture turns into an ordeal so embarrassing it could be a villain origin story.

Having masterfully shattered every plan for his perfect summer before college, Bobby's last resort is working at his uncle's sleepy bookstore. Then a plot twist Bobby never saw coming walks through the door in the form of Luke, an unfairly attractive and staunchly anti-romantic lifeguard.



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9781638931492 | June 2025 | Zando Young Readers | HB | 320pp | 209x139mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THESE VENGEFUL WISHES

VANESSA MONTALBAN

- Vanessa Montalban has received glowing reviews from a 'captivating debut' (*Publisher's Weekly*) and 'utterly bewitching' (*Kirkus Reviews*) to a starred review proclaiming 'readers will ugly cry' (*School Library Journal*)
- Inspired by Nicaraguan folklore around La Cegua, a myth that has yet to be told in YA, *These Vengeful Wishes* delivers intriguing worldbuilding and magic through a feminist retelling and distinctive cultural lens about the price of vengeance

Age range 14+

A vengeful female spirit with a thirst for justice ignites a teen girl's rage in this new YA horror.

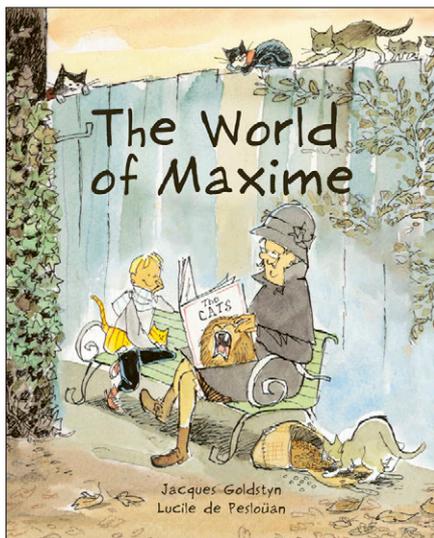
When her stepfather is arrested, aspiring artist Ceci moves back to her mother's hometown of Santa Aguas, an eccentric small town steeped in the legend of La Cegua, the specter of a wronged witch who appears on lonely roads at night, luring untrustworthy men to their deaths.

Ceci and her mother take up residence in the abandoned manor of the Sevilla family, rumoured to have been cursed by La Cegua, where she begins to uncover a past connected to her mother. The more she learns of the Sevillas, the more Ceci finds herself forming a strange affinity with the feared Cegua, who she suspects is the one inspiring her paintings of a mysterious door in the forest.



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9781638930280 | June 2025 | Zando Young Readers | HB | 320pp | 228x152mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE WORLD OF MAXIME

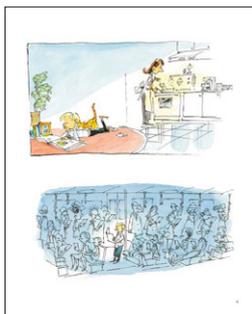
LUCILE DE PESLOÛAN, ILLUSTRATED BY JACQUES GOLDSTYN, TRANSLATED BY HELEN MIXTER

- Jacques Goldstyn is a celebrated illustrator and political cartoonist, who has won the Governor General's Award and Le Grand Prix du journalisme indépendant for editorial illustration
- The perfect book to inspire self-confidence and celebrate friendships in our communities

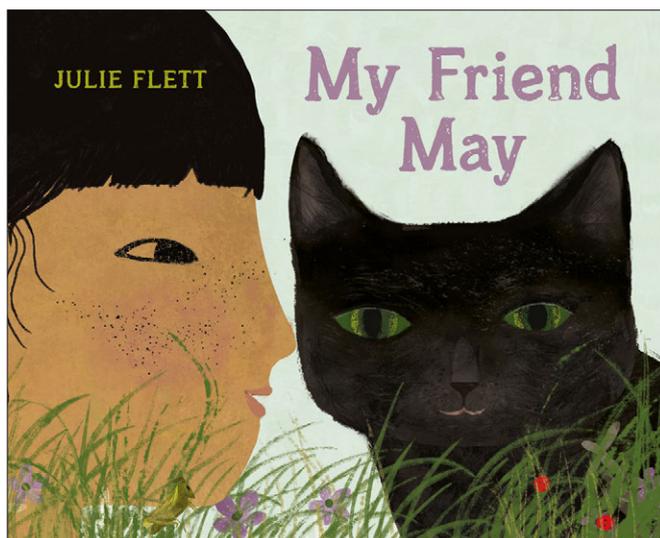
Age range 7 to 10

Maxime is ten years old. Her favourite things are her books and cats – especially her own cat, Turmeric. Like Matilda, the heroine of her favourite book, she feels different. She wouldn't mind being like other kids but they make so much noise, it hurts her ears. So, her friends are the characters in her books, and her cat. If she were brave enough, she would talk to the new girl at school, who carries a copy of Matilda in her book bag.

One day, she finds some mysterious bowls in the alley behind her house. She dresses up like a detective in order to investigate and meets an older woman, Catamou, who feeds the neighbourhood's stray cats. Soon enough, the two become friends. Maxime confides in Catamou, who encourages her to introduce herself to the new girl at school.



97817778400544 | June 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 112pp | 241x190mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



MY FRIEND MAY

JULIE FLETT

- Julie Flett is a celebrated Cree-Métis author and illustrator whose previous books, including *Still This Love Goes On*, *We All Play*, *Birdsong*, and *Let's Go!* have received many awards and starred reviews
- The book asks readers to share their own cat stories and invites children to use their critical thinking skills and connect with the book on a deeper level
- Celebrates friendship, community and the playful nature of cats

Age range 4 to 8

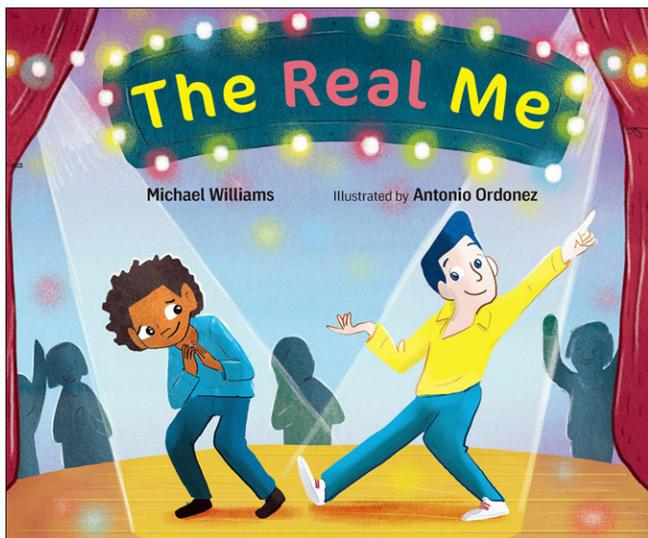
From the winner of the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book Prize and the American Indian Youth Literature Award

Margaux and her cat May became friends when Margaux was just six years old. They grew up together, sharing countless memories along the way. But one day, May is late coming home. Where is May? Is she under the porch? Maybe on the roof?

Margaux's nitôsis (the Cree word for auntie) helps search for May in the tall grass. But soon nitôsis needs to leave: she's moving away to the big city, and has to pack her things into boxes. Margaux helps nitôsis, but she can't take her mind off May. Will she ever return? nitôsis is worried, too. But little do they know, May has a surprise in store for both of them!



97817778401718 | June 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 228x279mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE REAL ME

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, ILLUSTRATED BY ANTONIO ORDONEZ

- Explores confidence and the importance of support, inspiring readers to embrace and develop their own abilities
- Charming characters and relatable situations will draw readers into this inspiring story
- Colourful and engaging illustrations that highlight the emotion and joy of this delightful read

Age range 5+

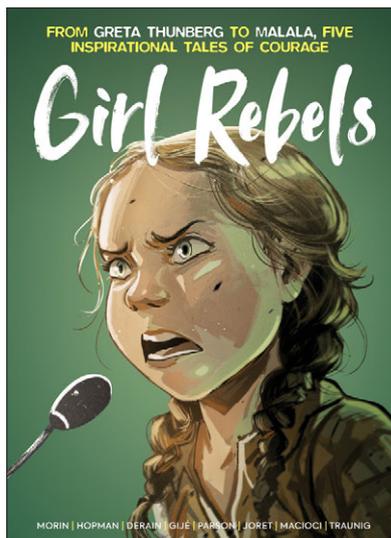
A boy wants to improve his confidence through the magic of dance.

Max isn't the most confident person in the world — and he certainly doesn't want to embarrass himself by dancing! Practicing his moves, Max just can't get it right — until his best friend Leo steps in. With some new moves and his confidence growing, Max decides it's time to show off at a pool party. But when faced with a crowd, Max freezes, and his friend leaves him alone. Will a crestfallen Max ever find his sparkle for dance?

An inspiring story — featuring colourful and expressive illustrations — that explores confidence, friendship, and the joys of dance.



9781760362638 | June 2025 | Starfish Bay Children's Books | HB | 32pp | 210x255mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



GIRL REBELS

From Greta Thunberg to Malala, five inspirational tales of female courage
JEROME GILLET, BRETT PARSON

- Features stories from notable and inspiring female figures such as environmental activist Greta Thunberg and Nobel prize winner Malala Yousafzai

Age range 12+

The *Girl Rebels* graphic novel shares the extraordinary journeys of six young women who refused to be silenced in the face of adversity and have since become symbols of change.

Through rich storytelling and stunning visuals, readers will be inspired by the unwavering spirit of Yusra Mardini, Emma 'X' Gonzalez and the Parkland Kids, and Melati and Isabel Wijsen.

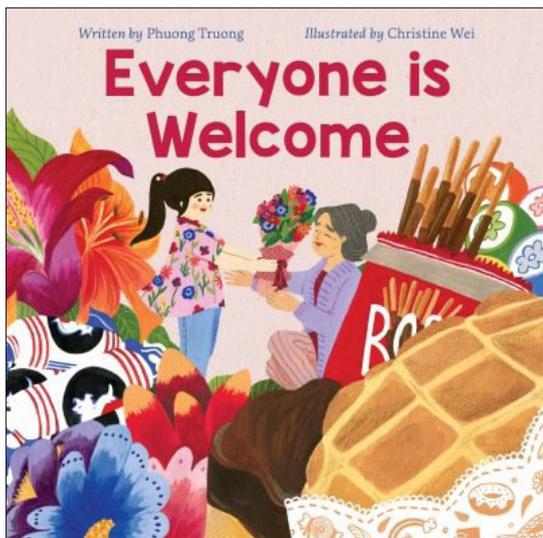
Each turn of the page will draw readers into the lives of these young girls, who never intended to become spokespeople or flag-bearers, but have now become inspiring icons and role models for thousands of young people all over the world.

Carefully crafted by a talented team of international authors.



9781787743311 | June 2025 | Titan Comics | HB | 144pp | 258x170mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN





EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PHUONG TRUONG, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTINE WEI

- A timely story that speaks to the rise of race hate
- Encourages tolerance and support in young children
- Understand how hate crimes impact families and communities
- Children from Asian backgrounds will recognise themselves

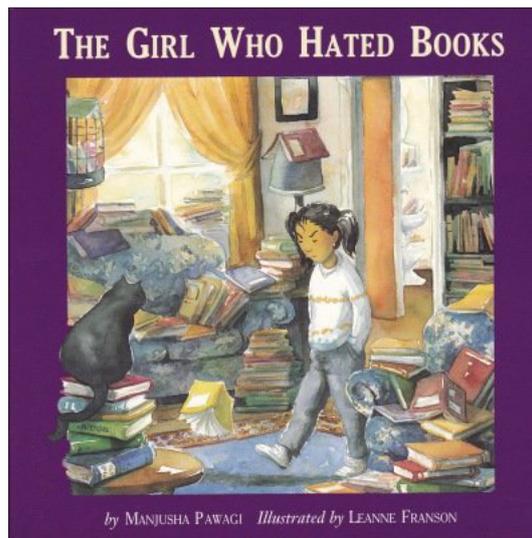
Age range 6 to 8

A little girl hears that her grandma’s friend, Mrs. Lee, was pushed on her way to the Asian market. Then she learns that Asian students at her brother’s school are afraid to walk to class, and she realises something very wrong is happening to her community. How can life be so unfair? With her mom’s support and the help of her friends, the little girl sets out to do something kind for Mrs. Lee.

Everyone is Welcome is a book to begin a conversation about the reality of anti-Asian hate. It is also a celebration of Asian families and culture.



9781772603439 | June 2025 | Second Storey Press | HB | 24pp | 212x212mm | AU \$24.99 | DISC: GEN



THE GIRL WHO HATED BOOKS

MANJUSHA PAWAGI, ILLUSTRATED BY LEANNE FRANCON

- A timeless story that has been a classic for over 25 years
- Encourages children to love reading
- Imbues the enquiring young mind with a thirst for adventure, wonder, and fun – that all can be found in the world of books

Age range 6 to 8

Many months on the bestseller list, this book has received rave reviews around the world. ‘

There were books in dressers and drawers and desks, in closets and cupboards and chests. There were books on the sofa and books on the stairs,’ and Meena hates all of them, as does her cat Max, who is shakily balanced on a giant stack. As Meena tries to rescue Max, the books come crashing down, freeing a wonderland of characters and animals who take Meena on a fanciful and funny romp through the magic of reading.



9781772602920 | June 2025 | Second Storey Press | PB | 24pp | 212x212mm | AU \$17.99 | DISC: GEN

Back in stock!

A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

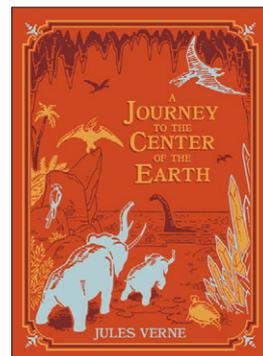
Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

JULES VERNE

- **This edition of Verne's novel features more than 50 full-page illustrations by the distinguished artist Édouard Rio**

Age range 10 to 13

Accompanied by his nephew Harry and his guide Hans, Professor Von Hardwigg follows directions in a coded message left by sixteenth-century alchemist Arne Saknussemm to the crater of the volcano Sneffels. There they descend into a subterranean world that is home to marvels from the prehistoric past that could never exist in the world above ground. One of his styled 'extraordinary voyages,' Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth* is a masterpiece of adventure that has never been out of print since it was first published in French in 1864.



9781435144736 | July 2017 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 384pp | 203x159mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES

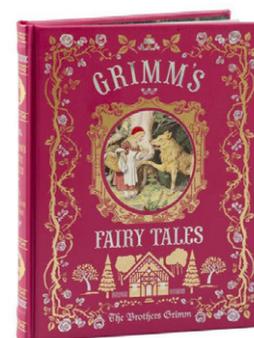
Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

BROTHERS GRIMM, JAKOB GRIMM, WILHELM GRIMM, ILLUSTRATED BY NOEL POCOCK

- **Features classic illustrations, an elegant bonded-leather binding, distinctive gilt edging, and a ribbon bookmark**

Age range 8 to 12

For most children, reading the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm is an essential experience when growing up. *Grimm's Fairy Tales* collects fifty-five of the best-known fairy and folk tales set down by the Brothers Grimm, including 'Sleeping Beauty', 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs', 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Hansel and Gretel', 'The Frog-Prince', and 'Rumpelstiltskin'. This edition features more than twenty beautiful full-colour plates by Noel Pocock.



9781435158153 | May 2015 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 352pp | 203x162mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

THE SECRET GARDEN

Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT, ILLUSTRATED BY ROBERT INGPEN

- **This illustrated edition, with full-colour plates by Charles Robinson, features an elegant bonded-leather binding, a satin-ribbon bookmark, distinctive gilded edging, and decorative endpapers**

Age range 10+

On the grounds of Misselthwaite, her Uncle Archibald's estate near the Yorkshire moors, nine-year-old Mary Lennox finds a walled-in garden that has been locked securely for years. With the help of Dickon Sowerby, a young local boy who can charm animals, Mary cultivates the garden, an experience that both improves her health and raises her spirits. Nurtured with love and tenderness, the secret garden proves it has the power to heal the heart.



9781435158184 | July 2015 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 304pp | 203x159mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

Happy Mother's Day
11 May 2025

THE BEST MUM

PENNY HARRISON, ILLUSTRATED BY SHARON DAVEY

- A beautiful celebration of mums everywhere
- Teaches children to appreciate all the things their mums do for them
- Gorgeous illustrations by Sharon Davey depict a diverse cast of mums

Age range 3 to 6

There are so many AMAZING mums in the world: the chefs, the singers, the athletes. But every mum does one special thing that makes her The Best Mum. What makes YOUR mum the BEST mum?



9781922326225 | April 2021 | New Frontier | HB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

MARVELLOUS MUMMY

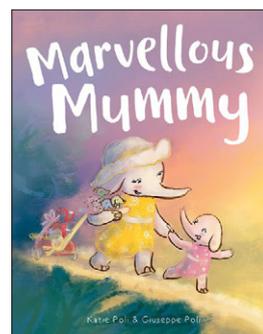
KATIE POLI, GIUSEPPE POLI

- The perfect book for children and mothers to share this Mother's Day
- Gorgeous watercolour illustrations
- A joyous book that celebrates mums everywhere

Age range 3+

My mummy is cuddly and snuggly and warm. Mums can be funny and friendly and gentle and strong...all in one day!

This sweet and simple picture book will delight mums and children everywhere.



9781925594584 | May 2019 | New Frontier | PB | 24pp | 280x250mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

PHYLLIS & GRACE

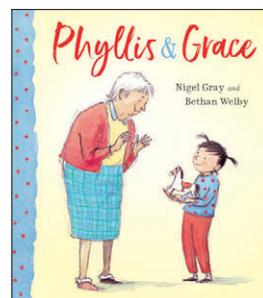
NIGEL GRAY, BETHAN WELBY

- A deeply touching story of friendship rooted in everyday life full of empathy and humour
- Nigel Gray is the author of many much-loved and award-winning picture books, including *I'll Take You to Mrs Cole*

Age range 3+

The moving story of how a little girl befriends her elderly neighbour who has dementia.

Grace is a little girl; Phyllis is the old lady next door. Phyllis lives alone and her memory is fading, but that doesn't stop Grace from liking her. They find that, despite the gap in their ages, they have much in common and a moving and enduring friendship is born.



9781912650514 | April 2022 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 280x240mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

Happy Mother's Day
11 May 2025

GRANNY PIP GROWS FRUIT

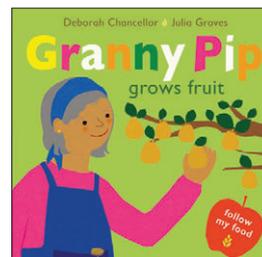
DEBORAH CHANCELLOR, ILLUSTRATED BY JULIA GROVES

- The fourth in a stylish, narrative non-fiction collection to help children understand and appreciate where their food comes from
- Introduces the topics of sustainability and environmental awareness and supports SDGs

Age range 3+

Being able to buy fruit is something we take for granted, but what if we had to grow our own? A little girl helps Granny Pip as she plants fruit bushes, feeds them with fertiliser, prunes and then harvests. Growing fruit is hard work, but eating it is delicious! The fourth title in the *Follow My Food* series about where our food comes from and how it's produced, with themes of sustainability and animal welfare.

9781912650965 | September 2022 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



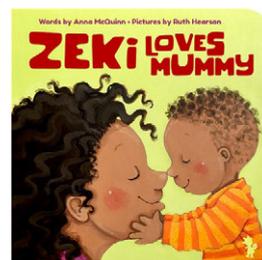
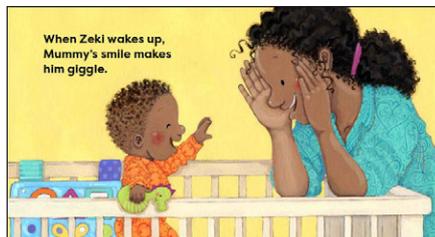
ZEKI LOVES MUMMY

ANNA MCQUINN, ILLUSTRATED BY RUTH HEARSON

- Share the delight of a day with Zeki and his mummy!

Age range 0 to 3

From when he wakes up in the morning, Zeki and his mummy fill their days with giggling, building dens, yoga, cycling, snacking, splashy painting and reading. At the end of the day, Mummy's hugs are the comfiest. This sweet companion to *Zeki Loves Daddy* is a perfect celebration of mother love for every day – as well as for special days like Mother's Day.



97819107825330 | May 2021 | Alanna Max | PB | 24pp | 200x185mm | AU \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

STILL THIS LOVE GOES ON

BUFFY SAINTE-MARIE, ILLUSTRATED BY JULIE FLETT

- Based on the beloved song from Indigenous icon and Academy Award winning singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie
- Stunning illustrations that are instantly recognisable as the work of Julie Flett

Age range 3 to 7

Based on Sainte-Marie's song of the same name, *Still This Love Goes On* combines Flett's breathtaking art with vivid lyrics to craft a stunning portrait of a Cree worldview. At the heart of this picture book is a gentle message about missing our loved ones, and the promise of seeing each other again.

Brimming with love for community and the land, *Still This Love Goes On* is destined to be read and sung for generations.

9781771648073 | February 2023 | Greystone Kids | HB | 40pp | 279x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

