

THE LETTER WRITER

BINNY TALIB

- Story about feeling alone, facing fears and finding friendship
- Shows that even if we are different we can find connection with others
- Celebrates the lost art of letter writing
- Binny's books have been published internationally

Age range 4 to 8

Jasper has just moved to a new school and feels invisible. Next door Juniper is afraid of creatures lurking in the shadows at night.

When Juniper writes a letter to the night creatures, it mysteriously lands on Jasper's bed. Jasper knows what he must do.

A story of fears, friendship and a little bit of outer space.



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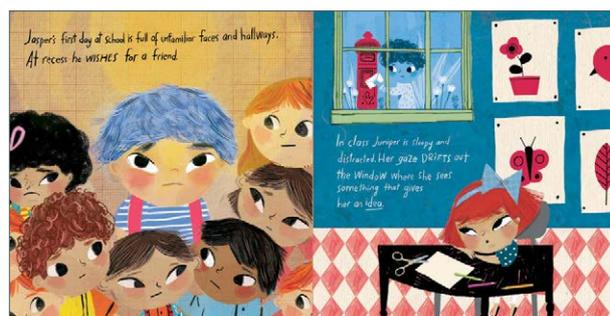
Windy Hollow Books

9781922998187 | May 2025 | Windy Hollow Books | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$29.95 | NZ \$34.99



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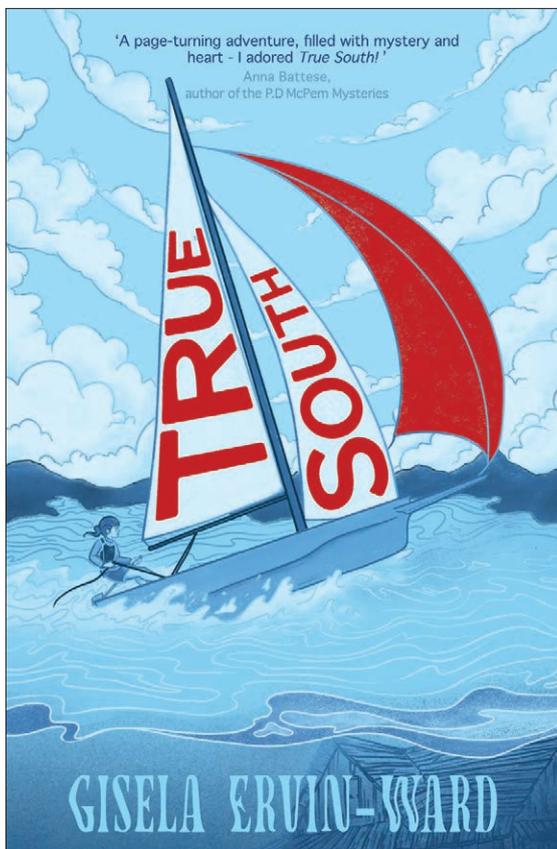


About the author:

Binny Talib is an award-winning author/illustrator with a whimsical, contemporary style, she has illustrated over 30 books here and internationally,

ranging from picture, baby board, non-fiction and chapter. Binny creates happily on beautiful Sydney harbour with other lovely creative folks drinking copious amounts of dandelion tea and her studio assistant Paddington the Border Collie. There has never been a dessert she hasn't liked, seriously. www.binny.com.au Instagram: binnyillustration

‘This story is a treasure submerged in character, mystery and heart.’ – Nean McKenzie, author of *Cryptosight*, *Xenoflight* and *Timefire*



TRUE SOUTH

GISELA ERVIN-WARD

- Gisela has had short stories published in the *School Magazine*, won an Australian Society of Authors Mentorship prize and has been a literacy and learning difficulties advisor for several children's publications

Age range 9 to 12

When twelve-year-old Nell crashes her sailboat into a submerged house in the lake, she stumbles into a treasure hunt that plunges her into a generations-old family feud.

Things begin to take a sinister turn as the adults get involved, and Nell has no choice but to team up with her neighbour and family rival, Charlie. As friendships begin to morph and stretch, can these two unlikely allies end the feud and work out the treasure's secrets, or will their rivalry lead to one last epic betrayal?

‘A page-turning adventure, filled with mystery and heart I adored *True South!*’ – Anna Battese, author of the *P.D McPern Mysteries*

‘*True South* capsizes the notion of a sleepy rural life when friendships (and long-standing grudges) are put to the test in the race to resurface drowned secrets. As much adventure of the heart as high-stakes competition between feuding families.’ – Michael Earp, bookseller and editor of *Kindred*, *Everything Under the Moon* and *Avast!*



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MidnightSun Publishing | PB | 192pp |
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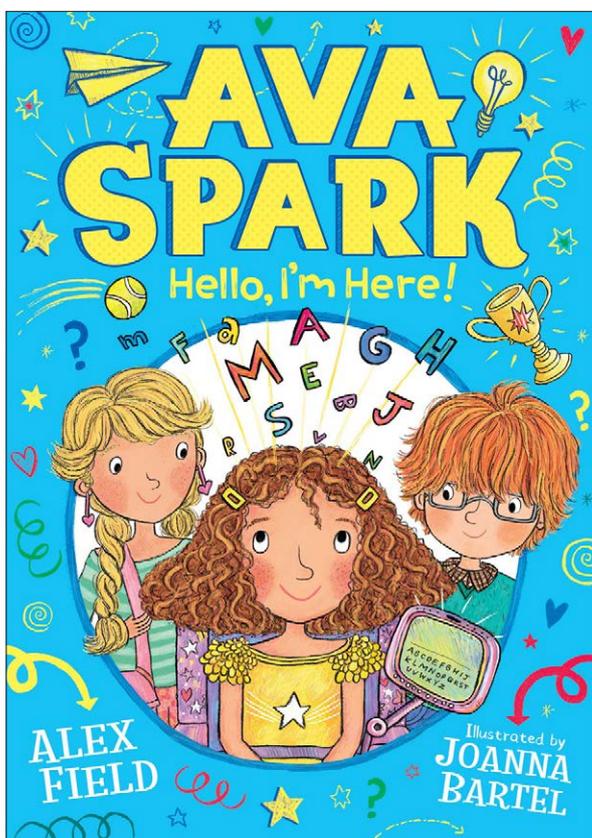


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About the author:

Gisela Ervin-Ward writes stuff for kids to read and teaches them how to read it. She grew up on a farm in Western Victoria and moved to South-East Asia to be an aid worker for many years before returning to Australia with her family to live in the Macedon Ranges. She's now a writer of children's tales and specialist literacy teacher, teaching neurodivergent children how to read. Gisela loves writing and reading stories with rural settings where children are free to have real adventures. Gisela has had short stories published in the *School Magazine*, won an Australian Society of Authors Mentorship prize and has been a literacy and learning difficulties advisor for several children's publications. She also writes educational materials for Sally Rippin's books. *True South* is her debut novel. Gisela can be found on Instagram at @giselaerwinward or on her website www.giselaerwinward.com.

'A real feel-good story that beautifully captures the power of friendship.'
 – Danielle Brown MBE, 2 x Paralympic gold medallist, speaker, inclusion champion, award-winning author



AVA SPARK

Hello, I'm Here!

ALEX FIELD, ILLUSTRATED BY JOANNA BARTEL

- Inspiring, uplifting brand new junior fiction series following life through the eyes of 10-year-old Ava Spark as she navigates the trials and tribulations of home, friendships and school
- Focuses on different ways of communication
- Celebrates inclusion and offers discussions about kindness and strong friendship bonds
- Features a host of diverse characters
- Playful, humorous illustrations by talented illustrator
- First in a series

Age range 7+

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

#sparkaconversation



9781923145924 | May 2025 | New Frontier | PB | 160pp | 183x129mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99

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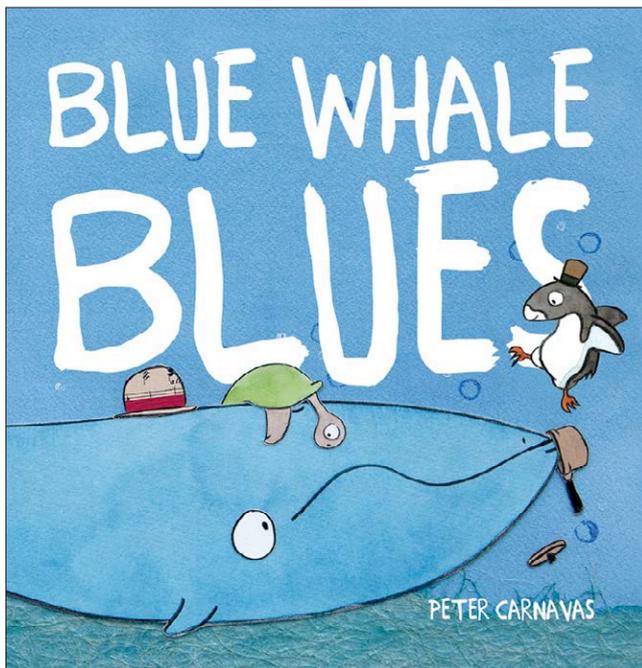
Warrane (Sydney)



About the author & illustrator:

Alex Field has written twelve books. *I'm a Tiger* was shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award. Alex's son used a communication aid much like the one Ava uses to speak. Alex and her son had lots of conversations about really important things like cricket and food, especially cake. Alex has spent half her life living in Sydney, Australia and the other half living in London, England. She wishes there was a plane that could take her from London to Sydney in two hours instead of 21 hours! Alex can be contacted on Instagram: alexfield_author

Joanna Bartel is an Australian illustrator with a background in graphic design and secondary school art/design and English teaching. She draws much of her inspiration from everyday family life with three young kids, experiences in teaching, and childhood memories of fun with three brothers and lots of cousins. Joanna has a particular love for character design and celebrating diversity. Joanna can be contacted on Instagram: @joanna_emily_illustrates or on her website: joanna-emily.com



BLUE WHALE BLUES

PETER CARNAVAS

- Humorous story by award-winning author/illustrator, Peter Carnavas
- Highlights learning to deal with worry, anxiety and 'the blues' in a light hearted way
- Simple, playful text with quirky illustrations

Age range 3 to 6

When Penguin hears Whale singing the blues, he tries to help.

But how do you stop a blue whale feeling blue? A delightful story about a whale with bike trouble and the happy-go-lucky penguin who cheers him up.



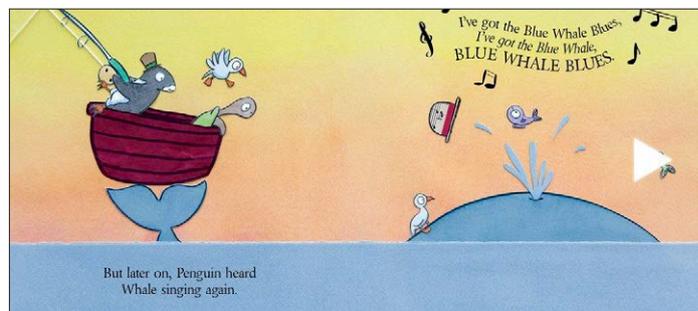
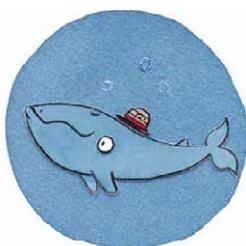
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Frontier | PB | 32pp | 254x254mm |
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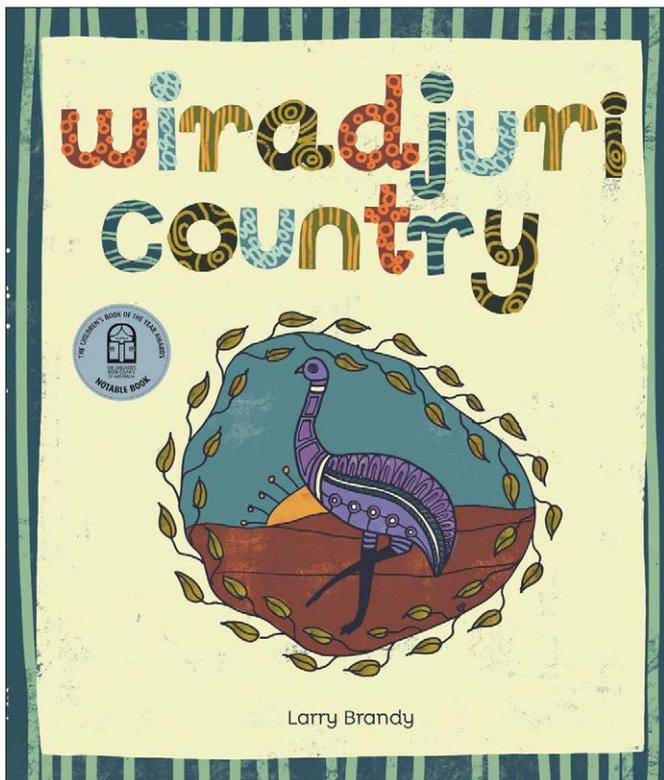
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Sunshine Coast,
Queensland



About the author:

Peter Carnavas writes and illustrates books for children. He has created many picture books, including *The Children Who Loved Books*, *Last Tree in the City* and *Sarah's Heavy Heart*, as well as several novels, *The Elephant* and *My Brother Ben*. Peter's books have been published widely across the world and have won many awards, including a Queensland Literary Award and the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Peter also works as a teacher librarian, and he lives on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, with his wife, two daughters, a dog and a cat.



WIRADJURI COUNTRY

LARRY BRANDY

- New paperback edition of a highly successful title that has sold over 10,000 copies
- Features more than 100 Wiradjuri words throughout the text, compiled in an index
- Contains information on the people of three rivers, Wiradjuri plants and animals from the woodlands, grasslands, rivers and rocky outcrops, and three traditional Wiradjuri dreamtime stories
- Appeals to general audiences wanting to expand their knowledge of Wiradjuri culture, while also being a valuable classroom resource

Age range 6+

****CBCA 2022 Notable Book: Eve Pownall Award****

****Longlisted for the ABIA Book Awards 2022: Small Publishers' Children's Book of the Year****

Welcome to Wiradjuri Country.

The Wiradjuri are the people of the three bila (rivers) and their nguram-bang (Country) is the second largest in Australia. Come with Uncle Larry Brandy on an enlightening journey through his Country's rivers, woodlands, grasslands and rocky outcrops, as well as the murri-yang (sky world).

Along the way, young readers will encounter animals such as bila-durang (platypus), and maliyan (wedge-tailed eagle), plants like the maybal (grass tree) and yirany (yam daisy), and discover stories like that of Tiddalik the giant frog. They will learn how Wiradjuri people lived on their Country, using the flower spikes of the grass tree as spears, soaking its flowers in water to make a sweet drink and weaving its leaves into baskets.

This is a unique book combining language, culture, Indigenous history and storytelling, written by a Wiradjuri author. It features colour photographs of animals, plants and habitats, as well as illustrations by Indigenous artists Kristie Peters and Scott 'Sauce' Towney.



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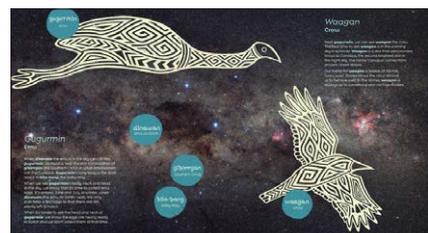
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Ngambri
(Canberra)

About the author:

Larry Brandy is a Wiradjuri man from Condobolin, central New South Wales. He lives in Canberra and performs storytelling throughout Australia, sharing the rich and continuing traditions of Wiradjuri culture. This is his fourth children's book.





GOOD GOLDEN SUN

BRENDAN WENZEL

- An ebullient exploration of the life-giving power of our nearest star
- Bold, young collage-style art perfect for fans of Eric Carle
- Brendan Wenzel’s mastery of visual storytelling is on full display

Age range 3+

From the bestselling and award-winning creator of *They All Saw a Cat* comes a bold and playful exploration of how the sun touches all life on earth perfect for celebrating Earth Day!

Good golden sun, there is much we’d like to know! Are you happy? Are you lonely? Are you feeling well today? Does your belly ever ache? Won’t you come down to play?

From sunbeam, to flower, to insect, to animal, to plant, to soil, and the earth itself...the sun makes, moves, and transforms life all around us. Celebrate the mysteries of light from sunup to sundown as it weaves its way through creation inspiring change, hope, wonder, and curiosity.

Using a bold, young collage-style art perfect for fans of Eric Carle, Brendan Wenzel’s mastery of visual storytelling is on full display in this ebullient exploration of the life-giving power of our nearest star.



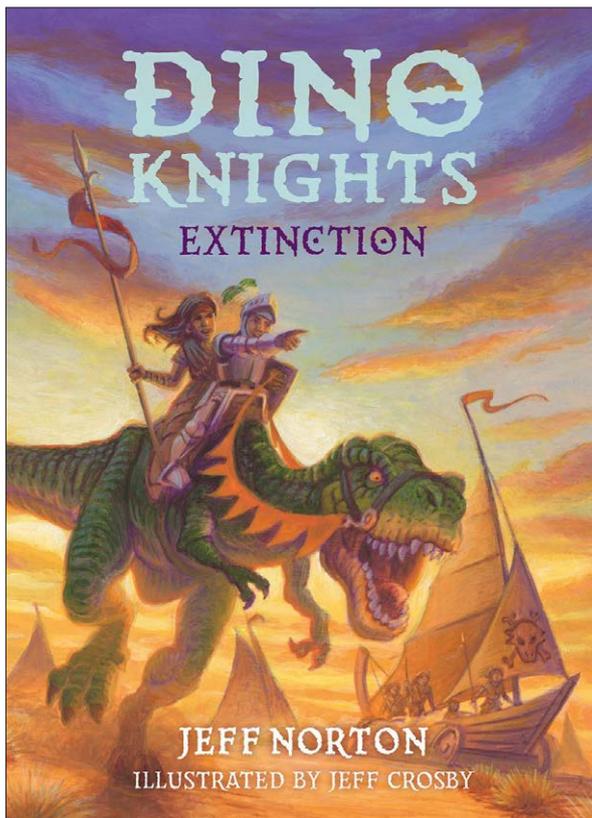
9781836300304 | May 2025 | Sallywag Press | HB | 40pp | 203x254mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author:

Brendan Wenzel is a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator, creator of the Caldecott Honor book *They All Saw a Cat*. Brendan is an ardent conservationist and proud collaborator with organisations working to ensure the future of wild places and threatened creatures.



DINO KNIGHTS

Extinction

JEFF NORTON

- A fast-paced action-adventure series about bravery, friendship, and being your best self
- Explores themes of family, conservation and duty
- For reluctant readers but not only. For fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Beast Quest*
- Dramatic black & white illustrations by Jeff Crosby with map, gallery of characters, playful chapter headings and dino glossary

Age range 7 to 10

From the champion of reluctant readers, Jeff Norton, a new title in this fast-paced fantasy series, set in a medieval land where dinosaurs still roam. Now an established Dino Knight, Henry Fairchild sets off to find his lost parents, but is soon caught up in a battle to save the environment of the dinosaurs and to uphold the duty of conservation.

This action packed adventure explores themes of family, conservation and duty, and contains a map, gallery of characters, playful chapter headings and a field guide to the different dinosaurs to be found in the book.



97818336300083 | May 2025 | Scallywag Press | PB | 160pp | 178x126mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99

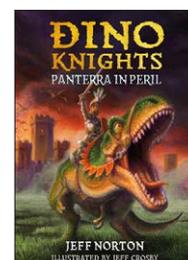
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Also available:

**DINO KNIGHTS:
PANTERRA IN PERIL**

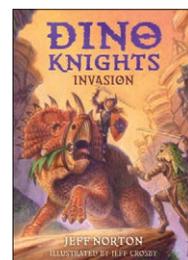
JEFF NORTON, ILLUSTRATED BY JEFF CROSBY



9781912650736 | September 2021 | Scallywag Press | PB | 168pp | 178x126mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

**DINO KNIGHTS:
INVASION**

JEFF NORTON, ILLUSTRATED BY JEFF CROSBY



9781912650880 | July 2022 | Scallywag Press | PB | 160pp | 178x126mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

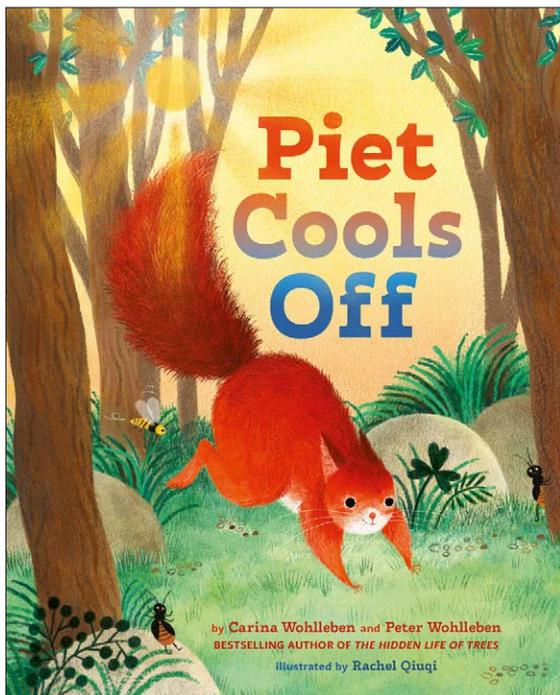


About the author:

Jeff Norton is originally from Canada, and lives partly in North London.

He is an award-winning author and television writer producer. As an author, Jeff has written ten books including *MetaWars: Fight For The Future* (Orchard), and *Memoirs of a Neurotic Zombie* (Faber).





GREYSTONE
KIDS

9781771649384 | May 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 36pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

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About the authors & illustrator:

Peter Wohlleben's books about forests and conservation have delighted readers around the world. His children's books include *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?*, a young reader's edition of his *New York Times* bestseller, *The Hidden Life of Trees*, *Do You Know Where the Animals Live?*, and the picture book *Peter and the Tree Children*.

Carina Wohlleben joined the Wohlleben Forest Academy founded by her father, where she leads forest-themed events for children and adults.

Rachel Qiuqi is an illustrator and author passionate about storytelling for children. Her other illustrated books include *Fiona the Fruit Bat*, written by Dan Riskin, and *What Will I Discover?*, written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi.

Jane Billingham is the co-author of *Forest Walking* and the translator of the international bestseller *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben.

PIET COOLS OFF

PETER WOHLLEBEN, CARINA WOHLLEBEN,
TRANSLATED BY JANE BILLINGHURST

- Peter Wohlleben is the internationally bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, as well as the books for middle readers *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?*, *Do You Know Where the Animals Live?*, *What's Wild Outside Your Door?* and *Be a Nature Explorer*
- This adorable picture book offers an accessible, engaging and entertaining introduction to the science of forests and animals

Age range 3 to 7

The bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees* partners with his daughter to introduce kids to the countless ways animals cool down and the importance of forests in hot weather.

It's a hot day, VERY hot! Piet the squirrel needs to find a good way to cool down and he can't eat ice cream, like his friend Peter the forester, so he bounds off into the woods to search for another solution.

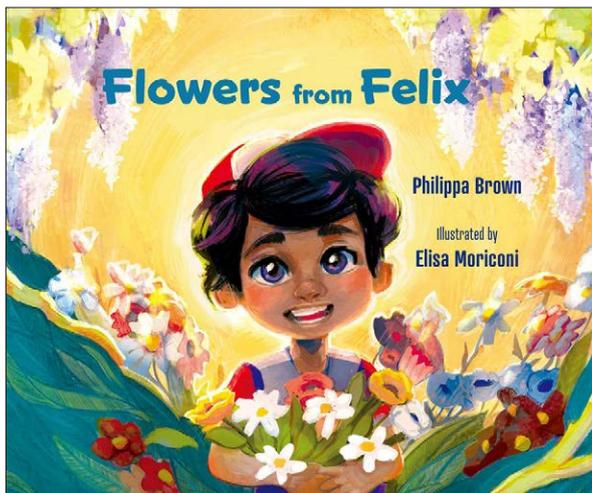
Soon he meets some other animals and discovers all the ways they keep cool how wasps spit water into their nests, wild pigs roll in the cool mud, and rabbits hide in their burrows underground. But none of these work for Piet. Just as he's about to give up he realises he may have found the perfect way after all!

Piet Cools Off brings to life amazing facts about the forest and features:

- Informative side bars that teach readers about the importance of forests and temperature regulation
- Engaging backmatter that explores other ways animals cool down around the world
- A fascinating introduction to learning about animals, nature and forests for younger kids

In this engaging book by bestselling author Peter Wohlleben and Carina Wohlleben, with adorable images by Rachel Qiuqi, readers can discover how animals and the forest work hard to stay cool in the hot weather.





FLOWERS FROM FELIX

PHILIPPA BROWN, ILLUSTRATED BY ELISA MORICONI

- A touching story that celebrates kindness, caring and acceptance
- A gentle and engaging exploration of common feeling and emotions
- An uplifting story exploring themes of empathy and compassion
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 4+

Through simple acts of kindness, Felix brightens the day of everyone he meets.

Felix is excited. He has a beautiful bunch of flowers to give Nanna for her birthday. On the way to Nanna's house, Felix discovers his friend Olivia is feeling sad, so Felix gives her a flower. As he continues to Nanna's house, Felix meets Sophie, Grace and Ben, who all need cheering up. One by one, kind Felix gives his flowers away. Will he still have a gift special enough to give his Nanna?

A gentle and touching celebration of kindness and compassion, *Flowers from Felix* explores a range of emotions and the importance of caring for those in need.



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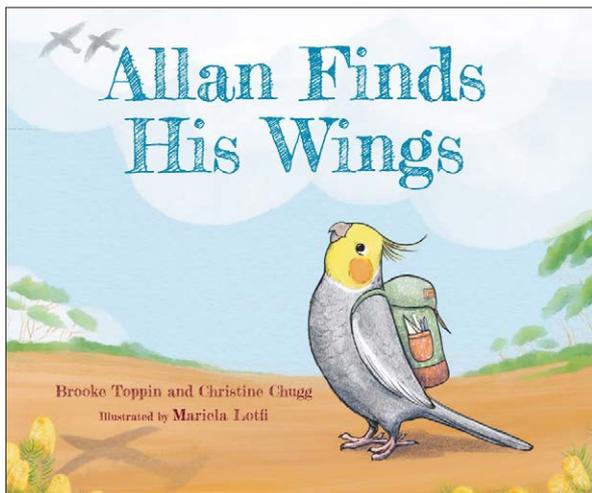
Warrane (Sydney)



About the author & illustrator:

Philippa Brown lives in Sydney, Australia. Together with her husband she has raised three children, and over this time has fallen deeply in love with children's literature. Philippa has worked for twenty years as a general practitioner. As a doctor, she especially loved helping children, but her love of children's stories eventually won, and she retired early from general practice to write. *The New Baby's Bunny* was Philippa's first published story. *Flowers from Felix* is her second.

Elisa Moriconi is an Italian illustrator and concept artist living in London, UK, who started to work on children's books and magazines in 2007. She loves soft, bright and warm colours and takes inspiration for new palettes from quiet places like gardens, parks, cute shops, and metal tea tins (which she collects!). Her illustrations are often realised in digital painting, but she also loves to work with gouaches and watercolours.



ALLAN FINDS HIS WINGS

BROOKE TOPPIN, CHRISTINE CHUGG,
ILLUSTRATED BY MARIELA LOTFI

- A positive story that explores diversity and self-belief
- Wonderfully written, this book demonstrates the importance of positive thinking, embracing your abilities, and overcoming obstacles
- Rich, detailed, and emotive illustrations will draw readers into Allan's story
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Born with one wing larger than the other, Allan the cockatiel is unable to fly. Watching his friends in the sky, he worries about his future after he finishes school. But when a friendly pilot Mr. Doyle learns of Allan's troubles, he offers the chance of a lifetime and a way to overcome Allan's concerns.



A story filled with hope and positivity, Allan's adventure explores themes of perseverance, self-belief, and achieving your goals no matter your ability, with emotive and detailed illustrations that all readers will relate to.



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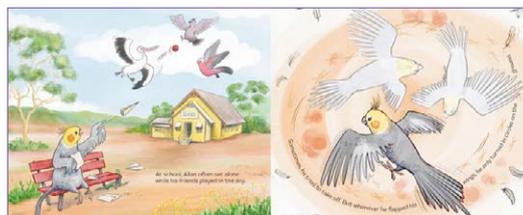
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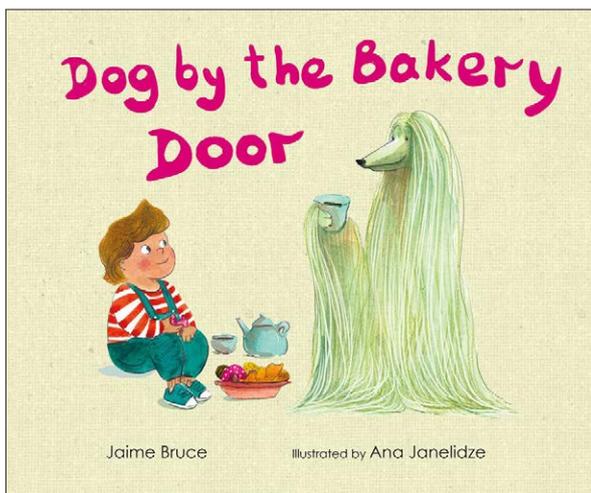
About the authors & illustrator:

Brooke Toppin is an Early Childhood Teacher and became interested in writing stories while studying for her degree. She hopes to spark children's sense of wonder and connection to stories. Brooke loves walking in nature, gardening and travelling overseas. She lives in Tasmania, Australia, with her husband, two daughters and lovable labradoodle, Polly.

Christine Chugg adores animals, so it's only natural that they feature in her writing. She can often be found reading books about them and is amazed by their astonishing ways. She is also a maker with a creative mind and enjoys upcycling materials to make useful items and giving them a new life. She lives with her husband in Tasmania, Australia.

Mariela Lotfi was born in Mendoza, Argentina and has always been captivated by the enchanting illustrations found in books. After graduating from the Faculty of Visual Arts at the National University of Mendoza, Mariela became a freelance illustrator, expressing her love of animals, people and nature through a variety of artistic techniques.





DOG BY THE BAKERY DOOR

JAIME BRUCE, ILLUSTRATED BY ANA JANELIDZE

- Playful and amusing rhyme that encourages phonological skills in young readers
- Children and families will enjoy revealing the unexpected things the dogs are doing in this charming tale
- The colourful illustrations perfectly juxtapose everyday events with the hidden talents of these delightful animals
- Expand the reach of this story with **Teacher Notes**, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 4+

A child observes a variety of dogs displaying surprising talents outside a busy bakery.

On an ordinary morning, Rudie and his mother visit a bakery. As they sit outside with Mum enjoying a coffee, customers arrive with their dogs. As Rudie observes, each reveals an unexpected talent. From juggling, playing a ukelele and even ordering a pastry, these dogs are full of surprises. This charming rhyming story features warm and playful artwork that reveals the extraordinary in every turn of the page.



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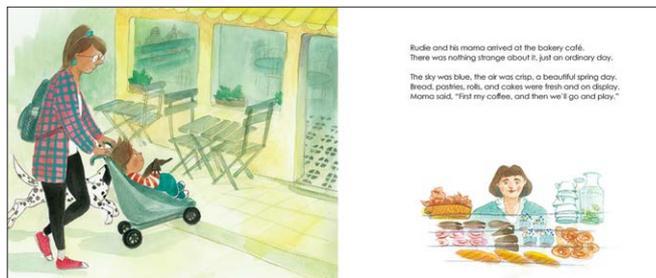
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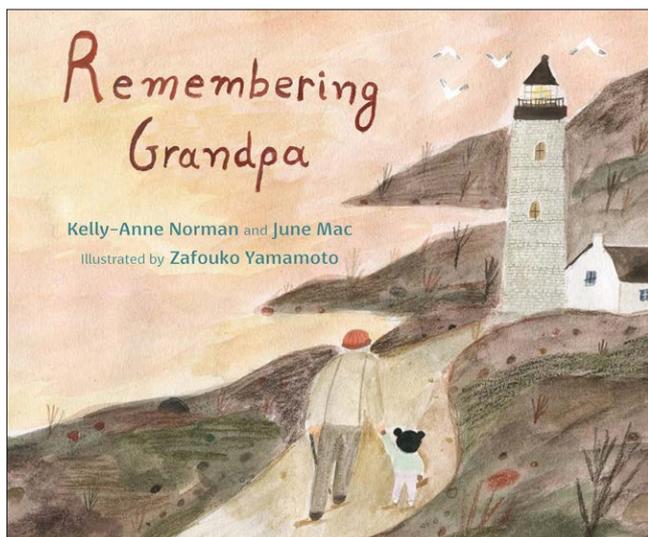
Naarm (Melbourne)

About the author & illustrator:

Jaime Bruce studied Education at the University of Melbourne, before completing courses in early years arts education, painting, and play therapy. Whilst living in London, she worked as a teacher and teaching assistant at a primary school and spent weekends wandering up the canal to Broadway Market. After almost a decade abroad, Jaime moved back to Melbourne and is now often spotted in the park with her toddler, eating a pastry, sipping a coffee, and watching the dogs run by.

Ana Janelidze is an early childhood education specialist and children's book illustrator living in Tbilisi, Georgia. With an MA in Children's literature and Illustration from Goldsmiths, University of London, she has illustrated several picture books. Ana uses traditional and mixed media techniques to create memorable characters and dramatic compositions that represent child empowerment and play with intertextuality and humour.





REMEMBERING GRANDPA

KELLY-ANNE NORMAN, JUNE MAC,
ILLUSTRATED BY ZAFOUKO YAMAMOTO

- A moving and heartfelt story about dealing with loss and celebrating connections to family
- Demonstrates the importance of family support and understanding
- Tender, captivating illustrations that perfectly reflect the themes and emotion of this story
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

A young girl searches for memories of her beloved grandfather.

Aria has a fantastic memory. At five, she can recall many special moments, but is unable to remember her grandfather, who passed away several years earlier. As she talks to her family, Aria learns about Grandpa John yet the warmth, adventure, and fun remain missing from her mind. But, when Mum reads from Grandpa's notebook, Aria finally discovers the best memory she could possibly have.

Remembering Grandpa is a thoughtful and moving story about remembering loved ones and cherishing special moments together. Featuring captivating artwork that highlights the themes and emotions within.



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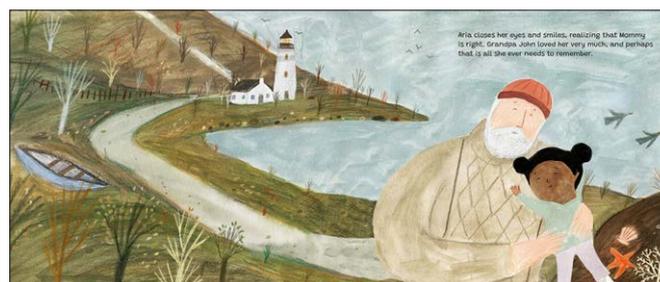
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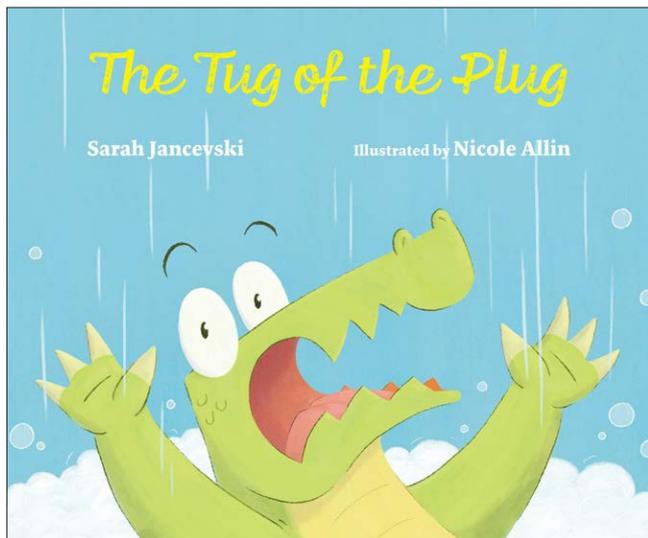
About the authors & illustrator:

Kelly-Anne Norman has always had a passion for reading. Growing up, she was usually found in the school library reading fantasy novels. Kelly-Anne is passionate about promoting a love of reading to children of all ages, believing that books have the power to change lives. She lives in Brisbane, Australia with her husband, five children and puppy, Mia.

June Mac discovered her love of storytelling as a child, weaving tales that transported her to worlds of wonder and possibility. Now, she channels that same creativity into her writing, crafting stories while cherishing life's adventures with her husband and three daughters, and inspiring readers of all ages to explore the magic of their own imaginations.

Zafouko Yamamoto was born in Thessaloniki, Greece where she studied architecture at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Using the alias Zafouko Yamamoto, her work has been published throughout the world. She lives with her cat and dog, loves walks in nature, coffee and animals.





THE TUG OF THE PLUG

SARAH JANCEVSKI, ILLUSTRATED BY NICOLE ALLIN

- An exciting and funny story told in fast paced rhythm and rhyme
- Humorous language that encourages phonological awareness and language skills
- Expressive and colourful illustrations that will delight and engage readers of all ages
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 5+

Bathtime for Wiley is turned into adventure when he gets sucked down the plughole.

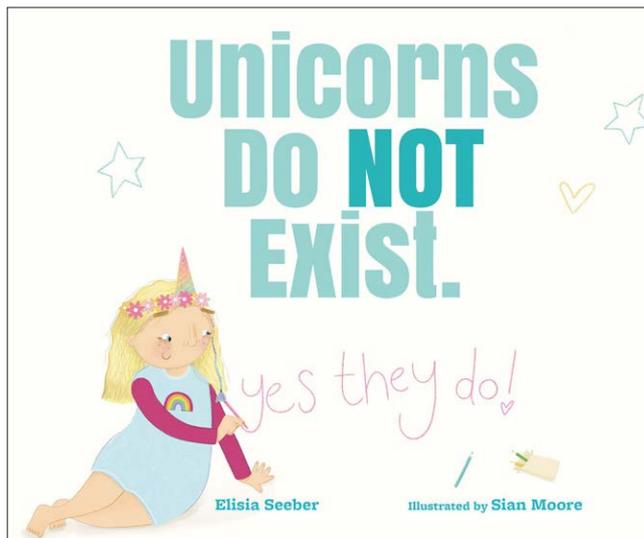
Join Wiley the crocodile on a wild adventure that starts with a belly flop and ends with a daring escape. Wiley loves bathtime but does not expect to get sucked into an underground lair with a hideous creature, become a potential meal for granny in a bustling city, and a daring circus performer for a cunning ring master. Will the help of some new friends ensure that Wiley returns to his beloved bath? A hilarious and exciting rhyming story, with expressive illustrations that perfectly depict the danger, thrills and fun of this wonderful story.



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UNICORNS DO NOT EXIST (YES, THEY DO!)

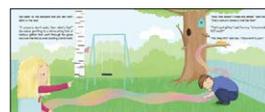
ELISIA SEEBER, ILLUSTRATED BY SIAN MOORE

- A magical tale about how important it is to believe
- Isla shows off some fun and creative unicorn-related ideas for kids to help make the magic just that bit more real!
- Sibling mischief is portrayed to perfection in these funny and fun-filled illustrations
- Expand the reach of this story with Teacher Notes, featuring discussion prompts and fun activities for children

Age range 4+

Unicorns DO exist, and Isla is going to prove it – even if she has to tell a few fibs along the way.

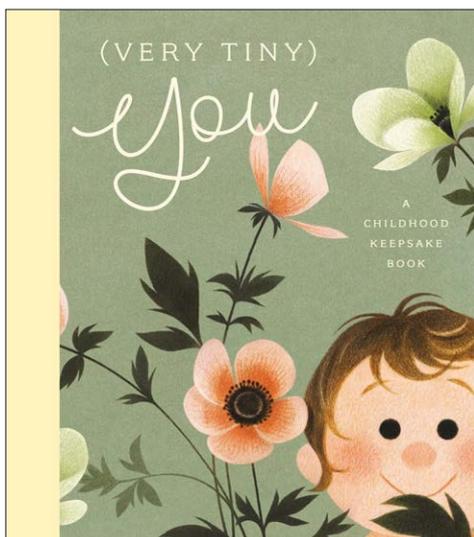
Unicorns DO exist, and Isla is going to prove it. She tries everything she can think of to convince Tommy that unicorns are real: trails of glitter, a fake horn from a unicorn costume, and she even whips up some sparkly unicorn poo. But no matter what scheme Isla tries, Tommy just doesn't want to BELIEVE... How can Isla convince Tommy that unicorns really ARE real? Immerse readers in magical mischief with these fun-filled illustrations bringing the unbelievable to life.



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(VERY TINY) YOU

A Childhood Keepsake Book

ODILE ARCHAMBAULT, MARIANNE PRAIRIE,
ILLUSTRATED BY GENEVIÈVE GODBOUT

- Beautiful, vintage look
- A childhood journal for the entire family
- The child contributes to the art and other content
- The perfect gift for new parents-to-be
- Uniquely, the book starts before birth and goes through 12-years-old

Age range 0 to 12

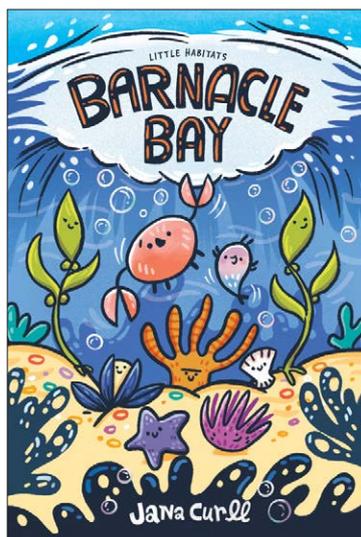
Full of whimsy and beauty, this modern baby book goes beyond tradition, inviting families to recount tender moments and funny bloopers in an interactive way!

As excited new (or soon-to-be) parents, this lushly illustrated keepsake book will guide you in collecting many memories of your child. Compiling cute childhood escapades, magical first times, and so very many cherished moments forever.

Geneviève Godbout's magnificent illustrations are imbued with gentleness, warmth and playfulness. And family members can go beyond the 'traditional baby book', filling in the empty spaces with notes, photos, drawings and traditions. Better yet, your child can contribute as they grow alongside their documented memories!



9781638191742 | May 2025 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 128pp | 248x210mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE



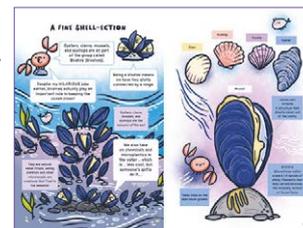
BARNACLE BAY

JANA CURLL

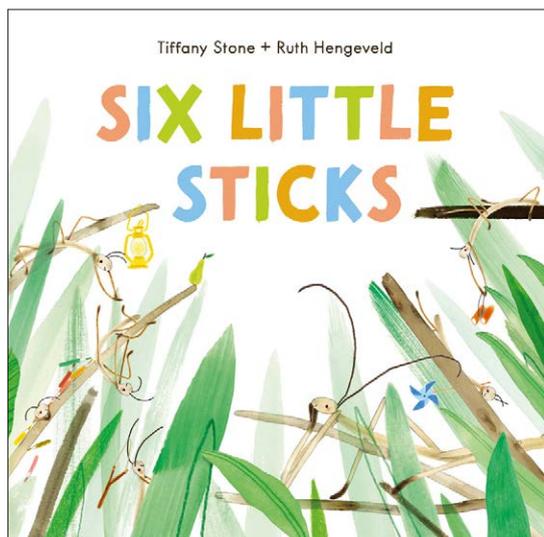
- **Information sidebars:** Interesting facts throughout the book share extraordinary science about tiny ecosystems
- **Graphic-style illustrations:** Jana Curll's fun and vibrant graphic-style illustrations captivate readers with a unique format
- **Reviewed by experts:** Learn about the fascinating lives of underwater creatures and plant life reviewed by two marine experts
- **The first instalment in the 'Little Habitats' series that introduces children to nature's small and vital ecosystems**

Age range 6 to 9

For fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*, this hilarious new graphic novel from the *Little Habitats* series explores the ecosystem of a bay and the marine creatures and plant life that call it home. Crab is fed up with the bay. Each day is the same; nobody cares for him or appreciates his sense of humour. So he's leaving. Just when he is about to go, he bumps into Larva, who is looking for a home. Crab agrees to show Larva around the bay, exploring its many places and residents, on his way out. Together, Crab and Larva visit the sea kelp, a fine shell-lection of oysters, mussels, clams, and a bickering group of sea anemones, amongst many more neighbours in the bay.



9781778401022 | May 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 76pp | 228x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



SIX LITTLE STICKS

TIFFANY STONE, ILLUSTRATED BY RUTH HENGEVELD

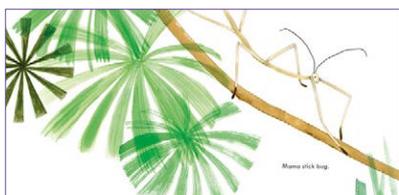
- This hands-on picture book introduces young children to the basics of addition and subtraction and teaches counting
- Kids will love searching for insects on each page, teaching them to count along the way!
- Fascinating backmatter and side bars throughout the book introduce readers to facts about stick bugs and other insects

Age range 0 to 6

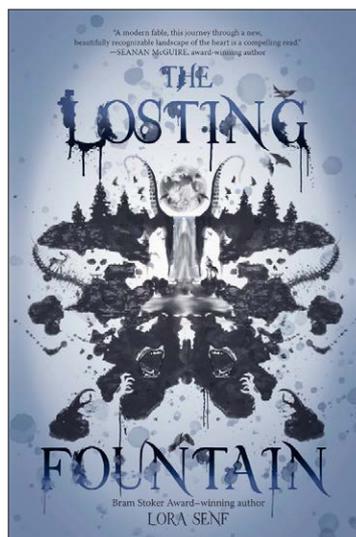
This charming search and find picture book helps young kids practice counting and subtracting and is a fascinating introduction to the unique world of stick bugs!

Meet Mama stick bug and her six little sticks. Mama's going to teach them how to hide so six little sticks stay safe outside.

But when Mama counts her little ones, she can find only five. When she tries again, there are just four. Each time Mama counts, one more stick bug is gone! It seems the six little sticks are already experts at hide-and-seek. Can you help Mama spot them?



9781778401237 | May 2025 | Greystone Kids | HB | 36pp | 228x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE LOSTING FOUNTAIN

LORA SENF

- Lora Senf has already received numerous accolades and high praise for her MG novels including the Bram Stoker Award for Superior Middle Grade Novel
- *The Losting Fountain* is her debut YA novel and a great opportunity to get in early with a stunningly talented writer
- Dark fantasy and horror are always popular with teen readers, and fans will delight in Lora's beautiful yet horrific prose that is reminiscent of *The Hazel Wood* and *Daughter of Smoke and Bone*. *The Losting Fountain* will appeal to fans of both genre and lyrical literary writing

Age range 14+

Ember, Miles, and Sam have been called home only home is a place none of them have ever been before. The choices they make will not only determine their own futures but will also have vast and permanent consequences they will either restore a cosmic balance or destroy the dams that separate two worlds, ending them both. Ember was called because she belonged, Miles because his mother belonged, and Sam...well, Sam arranged his own invitation.

The Fountain itself is beautiful and alluring yet so is the light of an anglerfish. Hidden below the surface, the world of the Fountain is vast: unexplored and unmapped and full of wild things leviathan and tiny, scuttling things and all manner of creature in between.



9781454955290 | May 2025 | Union Square & Co | PB | 352pp | 209x139mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

'[A] dark fairytale about the struggle between good and evil in each person's heart.' – *Booklist*

'A devious twist, gloriously horrific monsters, and gentle explorations of grief bring this fable to an emotional close.' – *Publishers Weekly*

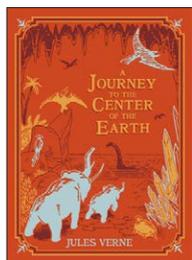
Barnes & Noble Collectable Editions – Back in stock!

A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

JULES VERNE

- **A classic masterpiece of adventure. Features over 50 full-page illustrations by the distinguished artist Edouard 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.

9781435144736 | July 2017 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 384pp | 203x159mm | 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 8+

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.

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

AESOP'S FABLES

Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

AESOP

- **Decorative, durable, and collectible, these books offer hours of pleasure to readers young and old and are an indispensable cornerstone for any home library**



Age range 8 to 12

This beautiful volume features more than 200 of Aesop's fables, selected for young readers and illustrated with engravings and colour plates by Arthur Rackham, Walter Crane, and Ernest Griset.

It includes such classics as: *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The City Mouse and the Country Mouse*, and *The Fox and the Grapes*. Each fable is a polished gem whose luster never dulls.

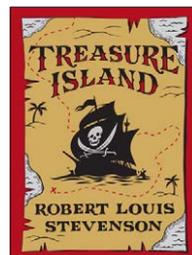
9781435163829 | June 2017 | Barnes & Noble Inc | HB | 240pp | 198x160mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

TREASURE ISLAND

Barnes & Noble Collectible Classics: Children's Edition

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON,

ILLUSTRATED BY N.C. WYETH



- **This action-packed adventure established the classic pirate story as it was written for more than a century afterward, and made the literary reputation of author, Robert Louis Stevenson**

Age range 8 to 12

When he attends a dying patron of his family's boarding house, young Jim Hawkins has no idea that the man was once a pirate, or that the man's possessions include a map that will lead whoever has it to the island where the notorious buccaneer, Captain Flint, buried his treasure. Jim and his guardians hire a boat to sail to the island, unaware that crew they have hired includes many members of Flint's pirate band, among them former quartermaster Long John Silver, and that they hope to claim the treasure for their own.

9781435160644 | June 2016 | Barnes & Noble Inc | BG | 272pp | 210x162mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN



ALBATROS MEDIA

Albatros was established in 1949 and has played an essential part in the history of Czech literature for children. Our amazing books are playful like a toy and educative at the same time, aiming to develop young readers curiosity and thirst for knowledge.



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE ORDINARY THINGS

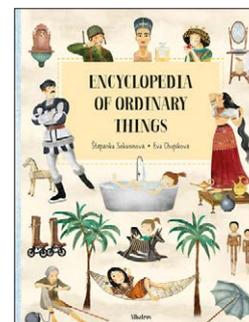
STEPANKA SEKANINOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY EVA CHUPIKOVA

- **Origin, evolution, and inventors of ordinary objects such as shoes, perfumes, or toilets**

Age range 6 to 9

Who said ordinariness is boring? This book shows ordinary things, along with their origins and inventors, in a new light. Come explore their secrets!

They're all around us. We use them daily, pass them by, and it never occurs to us to stop and think about where they came from. What, you ask? The most ordinary things in the world, of course! Shoes, umbrellas, toothbrushes, toothpicks, socks, dolls, and so on and so forth. How did they come to be? Who invented them? How did they develop and change over time? To learn the answers to these questions, peek behind the curtain that drapes the most ordinary things in mystery. Then read on and learn the story of common things.



9788000061283 | April 2022 | Albatros Media | HB | 96pp | 279x215mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

HOW THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD WERE BUILT

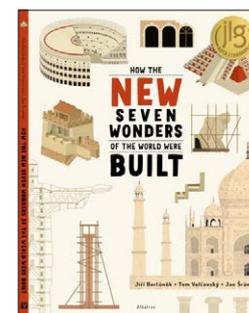
JIRI BARTUNEK, TOM VELCOVSKY, ILLUSTRATED BY JAN SRAMEK

- **The first title in this series *How The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World Were Built* sold out within several months. This sequel is even more attractive as the buildings still stand and can be visited**

Age range 9 to 12

The New Seven Wonders of the World are introduced from the architectural point of view in this fully illustrated title.

The Great Wall of China, Petra, The Colosseum, Chichén Itzá, Machu Picchu, The Taj Mahal, and Christ the Redeemer were selected as the new seven wonders of the world by over 600 million people who participated in a vote between 2000 and 2007. But have you ever wondered how these monumental structures were built centuries ago without using the modern technologies and heavy machinery that is available today?



9788000068435 | November 2023 | Albatros Media | HB | 56pp | 317x241mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

HOW KIDS CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

PAVLA HANACKOVA, HELENA HARASTOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY MICHAELA BERGMANNOVA

- **Shows the variety of the different celebrations and holidays in different parts of the world**

Age range 5 to 9

This series takes young readers to different parts of the world, showing a wide range of cultures and traditions. See how varied the world is! Are you curious how people make merry in other countries? Good company, great food and drink, and most importantly, lots of fun – we all like celebrating holidays! But have you ever wondered how people spend holidays across the world? Together we'll join in with many celebrations, all of them different.



9788000061306 | January 2022 | Albatros Media | HB | 36pp | 279x215mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

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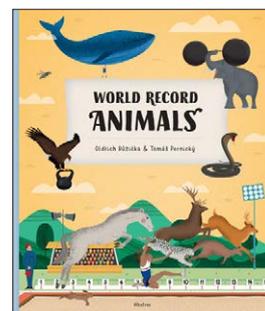
WORLD RECORD ANIMALS

OLDRICH RUZICKA, ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS PERNICKY

- **This title is filled with up-to-date info and fun facts about the animal record holders that will help children put things into the perspective**
- **Presented in simple language, accompanied by comparisons to the human world, this book is a winner when it comes to learning something the fun way**

Superheroes, record holders, and fascinating facts from the animal kingdom! Welcome to our animal Olympics! The animal world has almost infinite variety. Many of its creatures have strengths similar to superheroes.

Fastest, slowest, strongest, largest, smallest, longest living, furthest jumping, most dangerous, most beautiful, ugliest, deepest diving – these and many other record holders from the animal kingdom fill this book with unexpected, fascinating facts.



9788000059310 | October 2021 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 304x254mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

MEANS OF TRANSPORT THAT ALMOST CHANGED THE WORLD

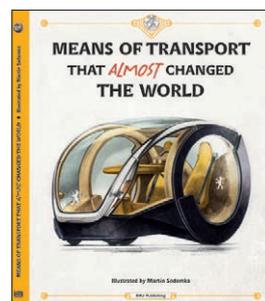
TOM VELCOVSKY, STEPANKA SEKANINOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY MARTIN SODOMKA

- **Breath-taking designs of infamous ideas, prototypes, and crazy attempts that should have changed the world, but did not succeed**
- **Realistic and technically accurate depictions**
- **The illustrations may also appeal to older readers – a great book for a wide range of readership**

Age range 12 to 15

Realistic illustrations accompany the stories behind various more or less peculiar vehicles that were invented but in the end, they did not make the cut.

We all travel sometimes – by car, by public transport, or by plane. But there are some means of transport that we will never be able to use.



9788000068459 | November 2023 | Albatros Media | HB | 64pp | 269x218mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ANIMALS FOR YOUNG READERS

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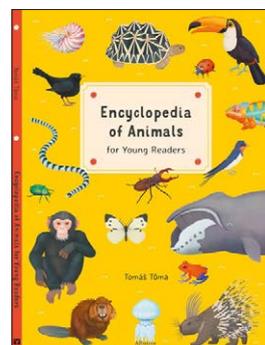
TOMAS TUMA, ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS TUMA

- **Large size, methodical concept, different background colour for each category or group of animals**
- **New approach to teach children the classification of the animal species**
- **Over 200 colourful illustrations**

Age range 6 to 9

Learn how to classify various animals from big-sized illustrations!

Vast numbers of animals live here on Earth, from tiny insects to large mammals. The animal world is varied and quite interesting. This encyclopedia will introduce you to several hundreds of the best known and most interesting animals on the whole planet, and to top it off, it will help you put each one of them into the right group.



9788000063522 | November 2022 | Albatros Media | HB | 48pp | 374x273mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

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BUSTLING CITIES OF THE WORLD

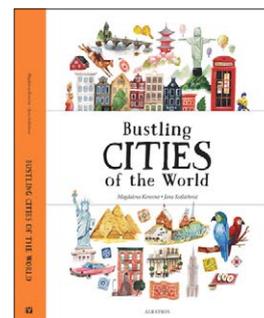
JANA SEDLACKOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY MAGDALENA KONECNA

- From the same illustrator of the best-selling series *Nature's Wonderful Colors*
- Little readers' first contact with the best-known cities of the world
- The whole family can choose their next holiday destination with the help of this book

Age range 9 to 12

A unique guide to 30 of the world's most beloved cities, including 5 U.S. cities, accompanied by more than 1,000 gorgeous watercolour illustrations, matched by a vibrant writing style.

From the rain-soaked streets of London to the blooming cherry blossoms of Kyoto and the sun-scorched alleys of Cairo, this captivating book takes kids on a globe-trotting journey through the world's most picturesque cities.



9788000070025 | February 2024 | Albatros Media | HB | 64pp | 279x239mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN

THE STORIES OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

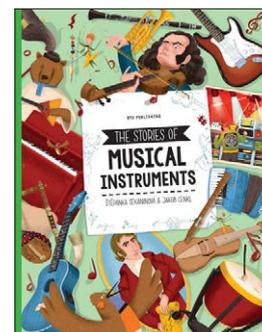
STEPANKA SEKANINOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY JAKUB CENKL

- This book provides a comprehensive overview of the origination of the world's best-known musical instruments, presenting many fascinating, curious facts along the way

Age range 6+

A comprehensive overview of the origin of the world's best-known musical instruments, presenting many fascinating facts along the way.

Niccolo the cricket would like to become a musician. But which instrument should he start with? The violin? The guitar? The trumpet? All at once? Well, he does have six limbs, so why not? In any case, Niccolo and his trusty companion Luciano the nightingale travel the world as they learn about musical instruments of all kinds, from simple drums to the most sophisticated church organs.



9788000059327 | April 2022 | Albatros Media | HB | 68pp | 279x203mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

HUMANS AND ANIMALS

What We Have in Common

PAVLA HANACKOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY DASHA LEBESHEVA

- Minimalistic but expressive illustrations smooth lines, angular silhouettes, precise geometry, shapes and colours

Age range 6 to 9

Enter a world where we shine a light on the similarities between ourselves and other living beings. Like us, many animals learn and can use tools. They experience emotions, have friends and show their love for one another. They can construct majestic buildings that provide shelter for many families. They can also communicate with their companions and do all kinds of different jobs. Do you know who we're talking about? If you guessed humans, you are mistaken. No, in this case we're talking about termites!



9788000063577 | October 2022 | Albatros Media | HB | 36pp | 279x228mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN