

**ALL ABOARD!**

Discovering Sydney's Central Station

JACKIE FRENCH, ILLUSTRATED BY MARTINA HEIDUCZEK

- An informative and engaging illustrated history of Sydney's Central Station for 5 to 8 year olds
- Each spread is crammed full of fabulous facts and fun flaps to lift. Spot Jim the Train Inspector Cat on every spread too!
- An excellent interactive book to help children learn about Sydney, the station and trains
- Written by award-winning author Jackie French and illustrated by talented Martina Heiduczek

Age range 5 to 8

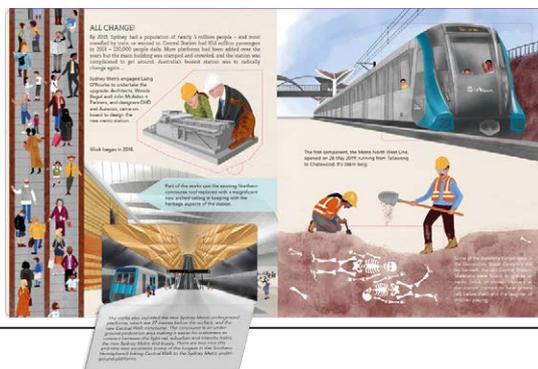
ALL ABOARD! Journey through time and discover when Sydney Central station was first created right up until the opening of the modern Sydney Metro. From buildings to passengers, steam to electric, World War Two, overland to underground, this book will bring history and the station to life with engaging text by Jackie French, stunning illustrations by Martina Heiduczek, fun flaps and fabulous facts.

Similar to Usborne's lift-the-flap series for 6+ years.



9781923145382 | August 2025 | New Frontier | BH | 275x240mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

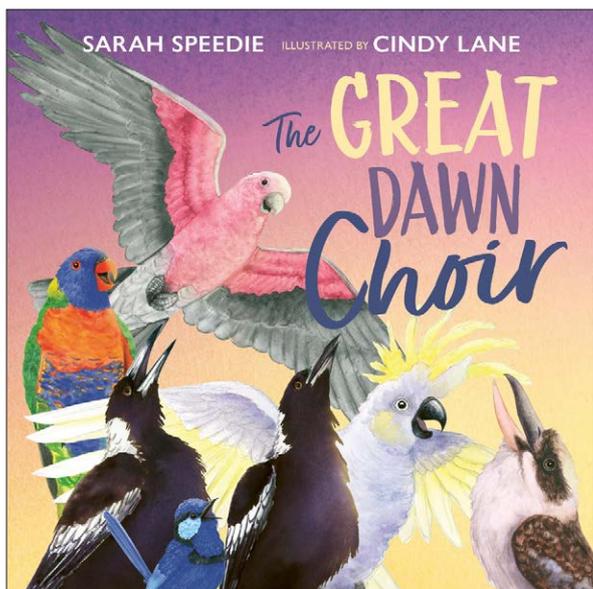
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**About the author & illustrator:**

**Jackie French AM** is an author, historian, ecologist and honorary wombat, part time. She has written over 300 books, with over 100 awards and shortlistings in Australia and overseas. Some of her books have been bestsellers and others have been eaten by the wombats. She has been Senior Australian of the Year, Australian Children's Laureate, Australian Literacy Ambassador, and is an Adjunct Professor of the University of Queensland in 'any area you want to be' because she works in so many fields. As well as successfully campaigning to change the way young people are taught to read and preserving authors' and publishers' copyright, she works with literacy programmes in Australia and overseas and has set up a conservation reserve in the valley that is her home, for the wombats and many endangered species. The wombats were not grateful. Wombats never are. She is still not dead. Jackie also really loves trains, and Central Station.

**Martina Heiduczek** grew up in a small village on the Baltic Sea in Germany. Here you could find her galloping with flying pigtails through the forests on her Shetland pony, drawing or reading. These days she lives in Australia and works as an illustrator. Her illustrations are a mixture of digital and traditional media. With a passion for colour and textures, she aims to create happy images to evoke emotion and thought in young and old minds alike. She has received numerous awards for her books, including, *What do you call your grandma?* (2022 CBCA shortlisted in Early Childhood category), *We Are Wolves* (2021 Winner ABDA Best Designed Children's Fiction Book), *What do you call your grandpa?* (2021 CBCA Notable Book) and *Duck, Apple, Egg* (2020 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards shortlisted in Birth to 3 Years category).



## THE GREAT DAWN CHOIR

SARAH SPEEDIE, ILLUSTRATED BY CINDY LANE

- Engages readers with a sing-song, lyrical narrative that is perfect for reading out loud
- Features stunning illustrations by Cindy Lane of beautiful native Australian birds. Illustrator of *Oceans at Night*
- Explores an event that will be familiar to many readers, who have heard the dawn chorus or birdsong at some time
- Includes fascinating facts about the chorus members, and the importance of their birdsong

Age range 5 to 9

*Each day the Great Dawn Choir  
greet the morning sun.  
Together in the growing light,  
their voices join as one.*

*The Great Dawn Choir* celebrates the dawn chorus and the beautiful native Australian birds that take part in it each morning.

Discover the chorus members, and find out what inspires them to sing and call with such passion as the sun rises on a new day.

Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5 to 9.



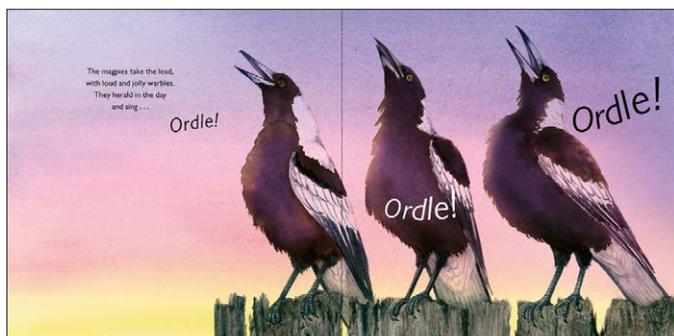
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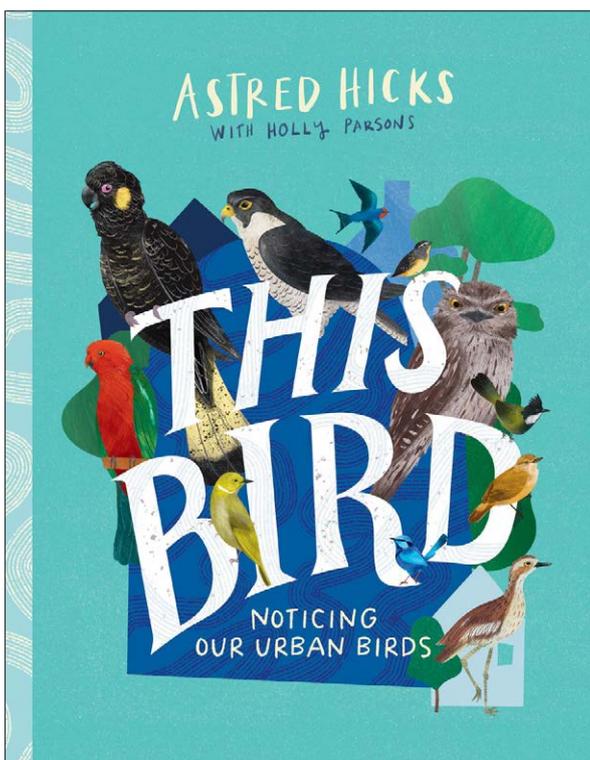


### About the author & illustrator:

**Sarah Speedie** is an internationally published children's author. She loves to write inspiring and uplifting stories that entertain and spark the imagination.

**Cindy Lane** is an award-winning artist and illustrator, with a passion for the ocean and its inhabitants. Nature provides Cindy with inspiration as well as materials to make her own paints, which she has used in this book.

**‘Sometimes experienced birders can forget what first sparked our interest in birds. This beautiful book is a delightful reminder of the wonder that birds inspire in us.’ – Sean Dooley, BirdLife Australia**



**THIS BIRD**

Noticing Our Urban Birds

ASTRED HICKS, WITH HOLLY PARSONS

- Fun and engaging format which shows the unique characteristics of each bird
- Highlights key identification features, habitat and behaviour, and provides hints on where and how to find each bird
- Outstanding content from award-winning illustrator Astred Hicks. Illustrator of *Swiftly* and *Hollow is a Home*
- Includes contributions from bird expert Dr Holly Parsons
- Encourages birdwatching as a way to connect with nature and the world around us

**Age range 6 to 12**

Discover the birds that share our urban spaces.

What’s so fancy about this bird? What’s so clever about that bird? Perhaps it’s a weightlifter, a marathon flier, an artist, or even a liar. You don’t need to go far to see intriguing birds, even in the city. From colourful parrots to artistic bowerbirds and fancy fairy-wrens, there’s lots to notice in our local backyards, streets and parks.

Written by Astred Hicks in collaboration with bird scientist Dr Holly Parsons, and featuring Astred’s distinctive and engaging illustrations, *This Bird* features fun facts about some remarkable Australian native birds and hints on where (and how) to find them!

Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 6 to 12.

**‘Charming, eye-catching, fresh and informative. *This Bird* explores iconic Australian birds as well as some of the more overlooked species, sharing fun facts and important stories as they go.’ – Sami Bayly, author of *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals***



9781486318452 | August 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 64pp | 280x215mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99

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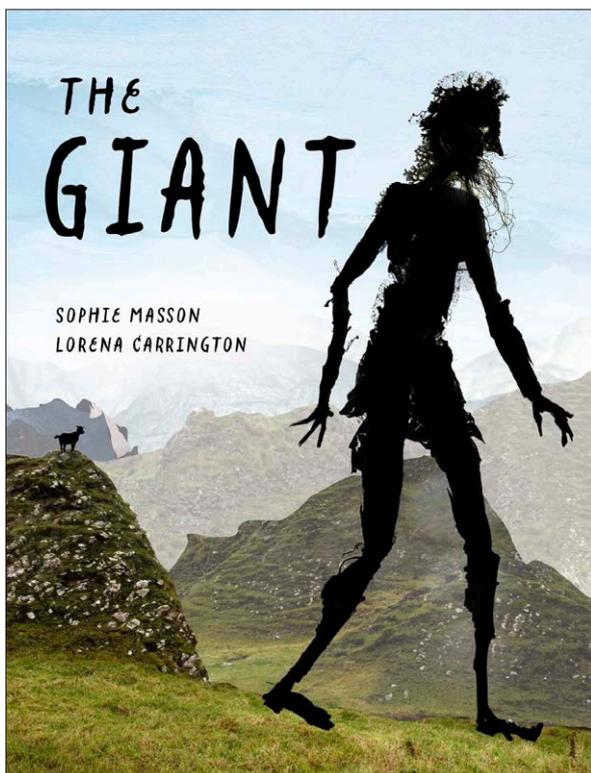
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Dapto, NSW



**About the authors:**

**Astred Hicks** is a best-selling illustrator, highly awarded book designer, emerging author and complete bird nerd. She is excited about noticing the world around her and hopes to inspire others to do the same.

**Dr Holly Parsons** is a bird-loving scientist who spends her days studying the amazing Australian bird life that lives in our towns and cities and sharing her passion with everyone she meets.



## THE GIANT

SOPHIE MASSON, ILLUSTRATED BY LORENA CARRINGTON

- A beautiful, touching story of memory, inclusion and friendship, by the award-winning creative duo of writer Sophie Masson and illustrator Lorena Carrington, whose previous picture book *Satin with MidnightSun Publishing* was a Notable Book in the 2024 CBCA Book of the Year Awards

Age range 4+

On the day the giant wakes from a long sleep, he's filled with joy at the thought of seeing his friends in the town again. But he's slept so long that nobody remembers him, everyone hides from him, and his joy turns to a sadness that might engulf the whole town...

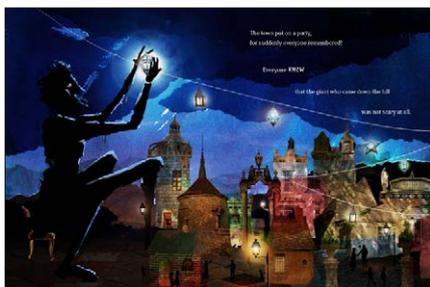
Until he hears the voices, calling to him.



9781922858658 | August 2025 |  
MidnightSun Publishing | HB | 32pp |  
290x220mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99



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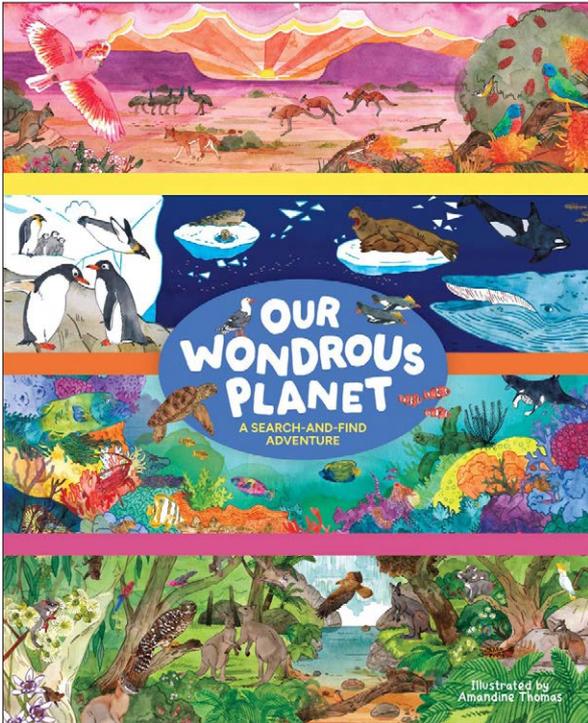


### About the author & illustrator:

**Sophie Masson AM** was born in Indonesia of French parents, brought up in France and Australia and now lives in regional NSW. She is the multi-award-winning author of many books, for children, young adults and adults, and in 2019 received an AM award in the Order of Australia honours list for her significant service to literature. Her most recent titles for children include *Sabina and the Cats of Rome*, illustrated by Laura Wood, Christmas Press 2024, and *Satin*, illustrated by Lorena Carrington, MidnightSun Publishing 2023, which received a Notable Books citation in the 2024 CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

**Lorena Carrington** is an acclaimed illustrator and writer based in regional Victoria, known for her intricate photographic montage illustrations. Some of her recent books include *The Grown-Up's Guide to Picture Books* with Lara Cain Gray (author) and Timothy Ide (co-illustrator), *Leaf Letters*, *Kate Forsyth's Long Lost Fairy Tales*, and *Satin* with Sophie Masson. Her work has earned her numerous accolades, including a 2024 Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Notable Book of the Year for *Satin*.



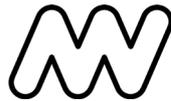


**OUR WONDROUS PLANET**

A Search-and-Find Adventure

ILLUSTRATED BY AMANDINE THOMAS

- With over 200 different species illustrated in beautiful scientific detail, each spread is brought to vivid life by local Melbourne illustrator Amandine Thomas
- Largely focused on hyper-local content, with biomes from the NT, VIC, QLD and WA
- The book features some of Australia's most iconic species, including kangaroos, echidnas, koalas and kookaburras. It also highlights some of the key species that researchers and conservation groups are working to protect, such as the Plains-wanderer, Growling Grass Frog and Earless Dragon
- The species identification keys on the answer pages offers readers the opportunity to identify different local species. A common and scientific name is provided for every animal in the book – well over 200 species



9781921833731 | August 2025 | Museums Victoria | HB | 24pp | 326x263mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99



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**About the illustrator:**

**Amandine Thomas** is an award-winning illustrator based in Melbourne's leafy Eastern suburbs. She has a passion for drawing native Australian flora and fauna, with a particular interest in biodiversity and conservation.

**Age range 6+**

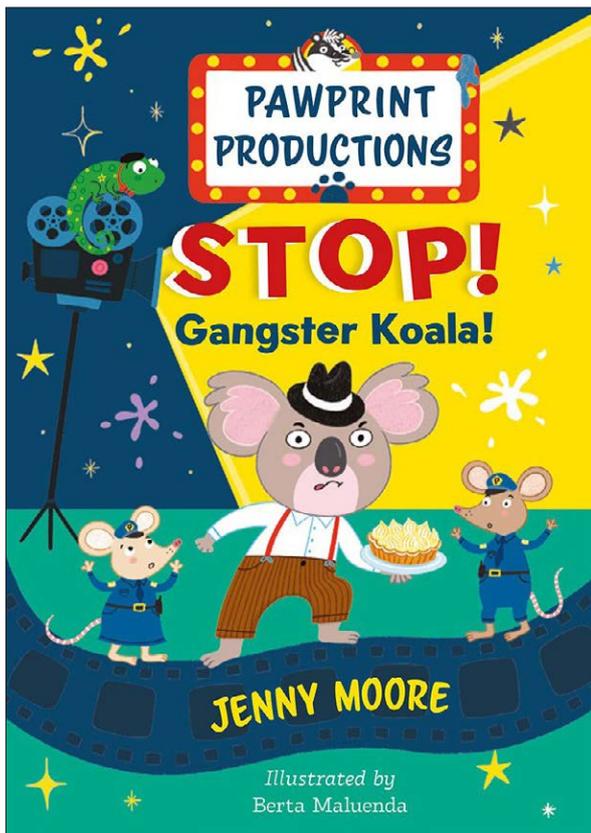
Are you ready to go on an adventure through some of Australia's most beautiful landscapes? With each turn of the page, keep your eyes open for creatures big and small – you never know what might be hidden behind a leaf or beside a rock.

Discover the marvels of the natural world, from coral reefs and towering rainforests down to the incredible critters living in your own backyard!

With 80 animals to find, the lush landscapes featured in this book include over 200 exquisitely illustrated animals alongside a stunning array of plant life. Including fascinating facts about the biomes that cover this wondrous planet, this search-and-find is certified by museum experts.

You'll visit: the Daintree Rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef, the Gibson Desert, the grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain, the mangroves of Darwin Harbour, Antarctica and the Grampians, along with a bonus look at the wonderful world of soil.





**STOP! GANGSTER KOALA!**

JENNY MOORE, ILLUSTRATED BY BERTA MALUENDA

- An exciting new junior fiction series by award-winning author
- Will appeal to animal lovers and fans of humorous fiction
- Engaging, diverse set of characters
- Quirky and fun illustrations by talented illustrator
- First in a series

Age range 6 to 8

Squeaky Minders actor Archie is the nicest, cuddliest koala in town. But he wakes up after a filming accident convinced he's Hoodlum Pie-Claw, his lemon-meringue-pie-throwing gangster character from the show. And there's nothing cuddly about Hoodlum, as the other animals at the Pawprint Productions studios are about to discover...

Whееееее!! Whoomp! SPLAT!!!

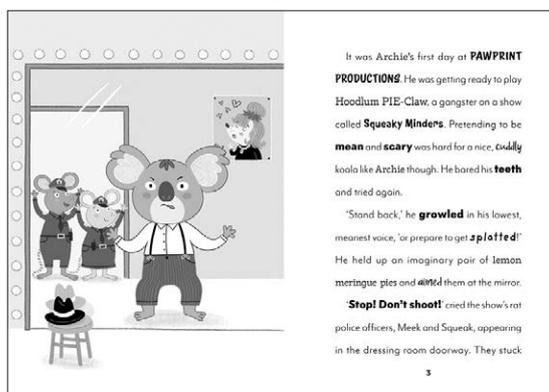
Meek and Squeak are hot on Hoodlum's tail but can they stop the gangster koala's reign of terror before calamity strikes?

*Pawprint Productions* is a hilarious brand new series by award-winning author, Jenny Moore. *Pawprint Productions* studios are home to all sorts of exciting animal TV shows, but sometimes the stories behind the shows are even more exciting...



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DISCOUNT: GEN



It was Archie's first day at PAWPRINT PRODUCTIONS. He was getting ready to play Hoodlum PIE-Claw, a gangster on a show called Squeaky Minders. Pretending to be mean and scary was hard for a nice, cuddly koala like Archie though. He bared his teeth and tried again.

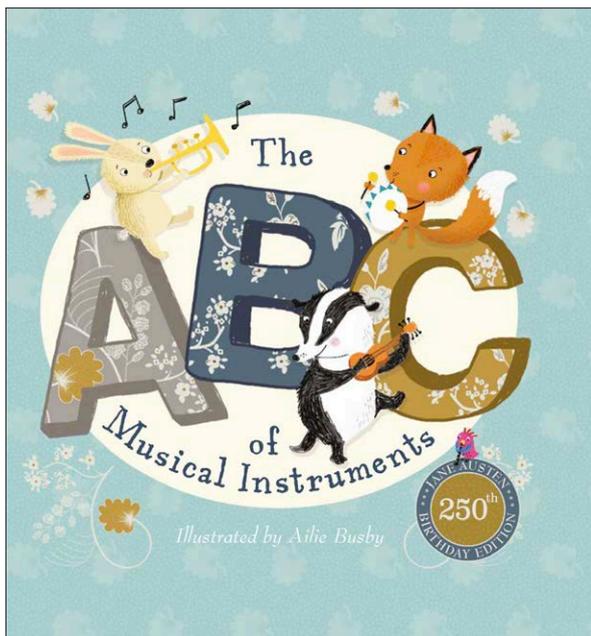
"Stand back," he growled in his lowest, meanest voice, "or prepare to get splatted!" He held up an imaginary pair of lemon meringue pies and aimed them at the mirror.

"Stop! Don't shoot!" cried the show's rat police officers, Meek and Squeak, appearing in the dressing room doorway. They stuck

**About the author & illustrator:**

**Jenny Moore** is a novelist and children's author from Devon, writing for all ages from toddlers up to adults. Her numerous children's books include *Odelia and the Varmint* (also published by New Frontier Publishing) and *Emba Oak and the Terrible Tomorrows* which was shortlisted for the James Reckitt Hull Children's Book Award 2024. She lives in an old house by the river, where she spends her days plotting, planning and paragraph-pruning...and drinking lots of tea! Jenny can be contacted on Instagram @jennymoorewrites

**Berta Meluenda** is a Spanish illustrator living in her hometown, Zaragoza. She has a degree in Fine Arts and a Master's in Drawing and Video creation from the University of Granada. She also obtained a postgraduate degree in Children's Illustration in Barcelona. She has worked in various fields of visual arts, including animation for music videos, archaeological drawing in Egypt, mural painting, and numerous editorial projects, mainly for children and young audiences. She loves live music, listening to the radio, travelling and reading, and is inspired by people around her, art, tea and animals. Berta can be contacted on Instagram @bertamaluenda\_ilustracion



**THE ABC OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Jane Austen 250th birthday edition

ILLUSTRATED BY AILIE BUSBY

- **Bright and beautiful colours, patterns and illustrations**
- **The board book style is easy for small children to handle**
- **A fun and creative way to promote letters and learning**
- **Special edition celebrating Jane Austen's 250th birthday**

**Age range 0 to 3**

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with this delightful book.

Join these loveable animals as they play musical instruments in the perfect first alphabet book. Jane Austen, the world famous author, spent most of her life in Hampshire. Its houses, countryside and people inspired her writing. The book design draws on the repeating pattern of oak leaves from a Pelisse Coat in the care of Hampshire Cultural Trust which is thought to have belonged to Jane Austen.



9781923331075 | August 2025 | New Frontier | BH | 28pp | 165x165mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99

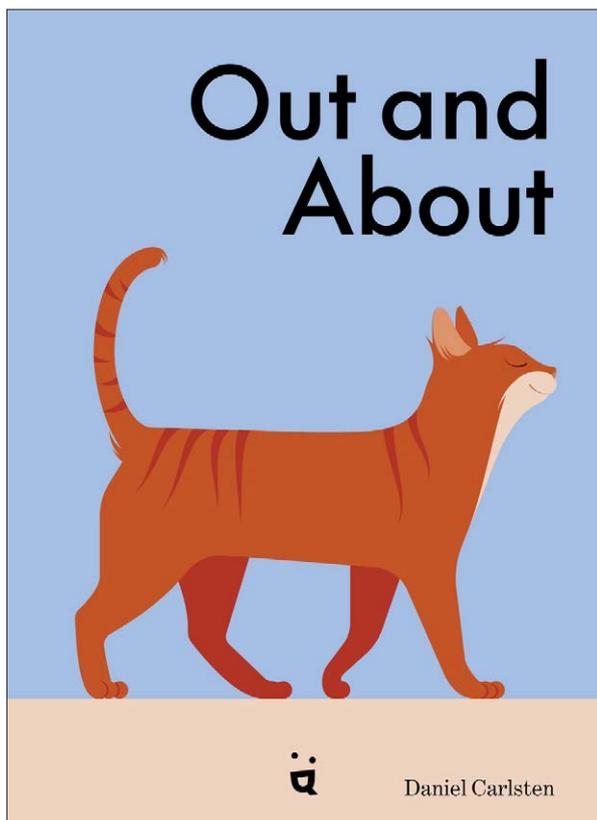
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**About the illustrator:**

**Ailie Busby** studied graphic design, and then specialised in illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Ailie uses a mixed media approach to her work – including a combination of acrylic paint, and pencils mixed with collage and photoshop. Many things influence her work: nature and animals are a constant inspiration, plus 1950s and 60s children's books, patterns and colour.





## OUT AND ABOUT

What Cats Do When We're Away

DANIEL CARLSTEN

- **Spy on the secret lives of cats in this sophisticated romp by Scandinavian illustrator Daniel Carlsten – known for his work with brands such as Hermès, Google and Van Cleef & Arpels**
- **Haute-Cat-oure is such great fun: combining the snobbish elegance of high-design with the whimsical narcissism of our cats**
- **Entertaining ending with fold out page**

**Age range 5 to 7**

What do cats do when their owners are away? They go out and about! And you'll never believe what they get up to: Poppy at the supermarket, Aggie at the movies and even Oscar at yoga class and Luna in space. With his singular eye for unique characters, Daniel Carlsten imagines some very unique cats as they set about their day. A beautifully illustrated celebration of doing your own thing – for cat lovers everywhere!



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9783039640836 | August 2025 | Helvetiq | HB | 32pp | 259x185mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

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**GUARDIAN OF THE SKY REALMS**  
GERRY HUNTMAN

- A highly imaginative middle grade novel, focused on action and adventure

**Age range 9 to 12**

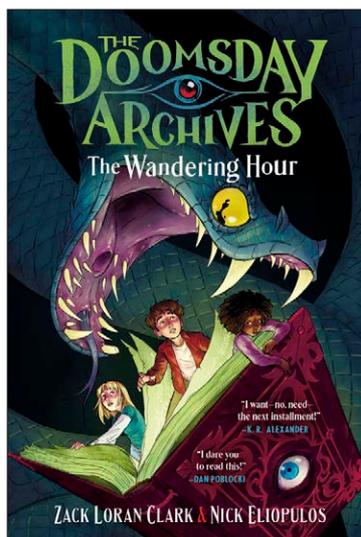
Maree Webster-an ‘almost-emo’ from the western suburbs of Sydney – hates school, has few friends, and is obsessed with angels and fallen angel stories. Life is boring until she decides to steal a famous painting from a small art gallery that has been haunting her dreams: swirling reds, grays and oranges of barely discernible winged figures. There, she meets a stranger who claims to know her and stumbles into a world where cities float in the sky, and daemons roam the barren, magma-spewing crags of the land far below. And all is not well – Maree is turning into something she loves but at the same time, fears. Most fearful of all is the prospect of losing her identity – what makes her Maree, and more importantly, what makes her human. *Guardian of the Sky Realms* takes the reader on a journey through exotic fantasy lands, as well as across the globe, from Sydney to Paris, from the Himalayas to Manhattan. At its heart, it is a novel about transformation.

**About the author:**

**Gerry Huntman** is a writer and publisher based in Australia, living with his wife and daughter. He has over fifty short stories to his credit, as well as two novels.



9781925956856 | June 2025 | ifwg Publishing International | PB | 212pp | 229x152mm | AU \$24.95 | NZ \$29.95 | DISC: GEN



**THE DOOMSDAY ARCHIVES: THE WANDERING HOUR**

ZACK LORAN CLARK, NICK ELIOPULOS

- **Now in paperback!**
- **Updated cover design to reflect the beautifully illustrated new directions for books 2 and 3**
- **A Junior Library Guild Selection, an Indie Next Pick, and receiving rave reviews as an ‘engaging start to a promising new series’ (Kirkus Reviews)**
- **With eerie illustrations and chilling creepypasta interstitials, this is the first in a deliciously creepy series, perfect for readers of Jonathan Stroud, Christian McKay Heidicker, and Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark**

**Age range 8 to 12**

**What if your favourite scary story was real?**

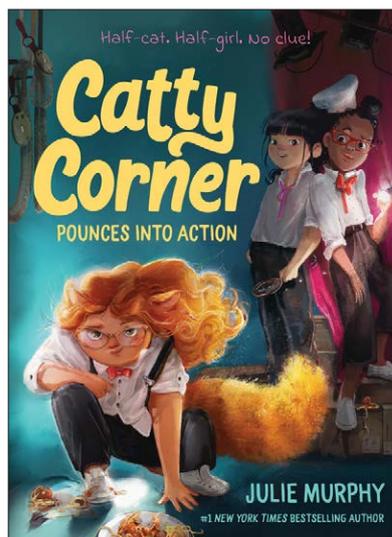
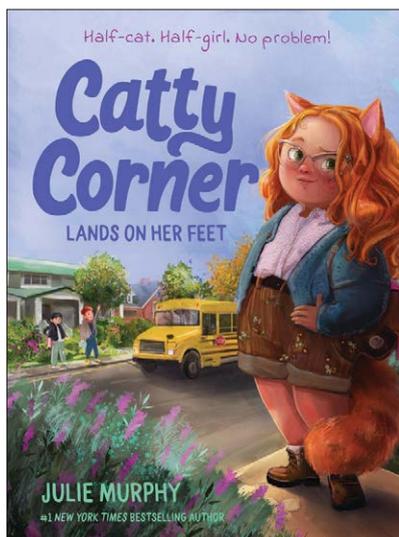
New Rotterdam is no place for a kid – and that’s what Emrys Houtman likes about it. Emrys obsessively documents his town’s urban legends and cryptid sightings in a Wiki, along with his neighbors and fellow horror fans Hazel and Serena. It’s all in good fun until one day, the trio stumbles upon the Domsday Archives, a collection of relics with dazzling powers and dangerous consequences.

When a mysterious blood-red hourglass begins appearing around town and children begin to go missing, the trio must band together to stop the horrors plaguing New Rotterdam, or risk losing their home... and possibly their lives.



9781638932369 | August 2025 | Zando Young Readers | PB | 224pp | 209x139mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

‘A superb choice for fans of Jonathan Stroud’s *Lockwood & Co.* series, Tom Booth’s *Eerie-on-Sea* books, and creepypastas.’  
– *Booklist*, Starred Review



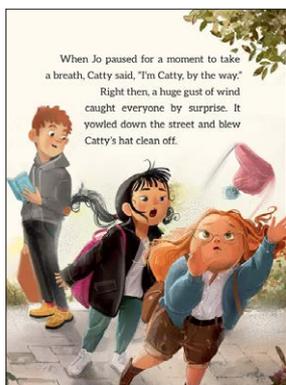
## CATTY CORNER LANDS ON HER FEET JULIE MURPHY, ILLUSTRATED BY EVE FARB

- **Julie Murphy, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dumplin'*, brings her signature warm positivity and message of empowerment to her chapter book debut: a series about a big-hearted girl who is half-human, half-cat**
- ***Catty Corner* combines the character-driven charm of chapter book mainstays like the *Junie B. Jones* and *Ivy & Bean* series with fantasy-lite series like *Mia Mayhem* and *Dory Fantasmagory***

Age range 6 to 8

Introducing Catty! She's a confident second grader who happens to be half-cat, like her mother and grandmother. In this series debut, Catty hits a few rough patches at her new school. So she turns to her fuzzy diary – AKA her 'scratch pad' – where she shares her big feelings and documents her adventures. Luckily for Catty, this special diary sometimes writes back with helpful advice. Before long, Catty is making friends and learning to love her new school.

*Catty Corner* is the natural next read for fans of character-driven chapter books like *Junie B. Jones*, *Ivy & Bean*, and *Judy Moody*.



9781454956488 | August 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 128pp | 191x141mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN

## CATTY CORNER POUNCES INTO ACTION JULIE MURPHY, ILLUSTRATED BY EVE FARB

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- **Julie Murphy is a popular, highly promotable author who writes for all ages. Her books are populated with realistic, empowering characters, and her stories are known for sensitively exploring issues of self-esteem and self-acceptance**
- **Early chapter book readers adore stories with diary/journal features, like those in the popular *Owl Diaries*, *Unicorn Diaries*, and *Diary of a Pug* series. *Catty's* diary offers readers more complex storytelling in a familiar format**

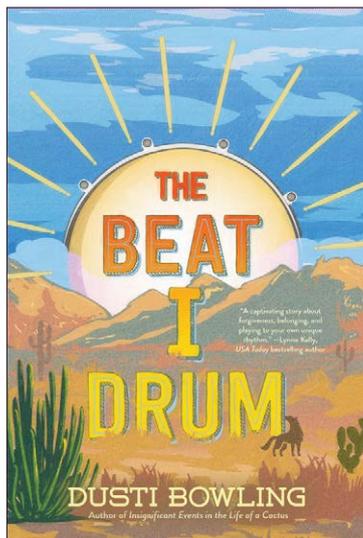
Age range 6 to 8

Holy macaroni! Someone is stealing tasty snacks and crafty food art at Friendswood elementary school. Luckily Catty Corner and her best friends, Jo and Bebe, are on the case. Soon they're following clues and tracking down leads. But the three friends can't agree on much – is it a ghost, some very hungry mice, or a sneaky thief with a big appetite known as the Gobbler Bandit? Can they catch the culprit before their school's big Meatball Mania fundraiser, or will it be a foodie fiasco?

Julie Murphy creates another unforgettable protagonist for a whole new audience! Voracious chapter book readers will fall for the funny, fearless Catty, who faces each new adventure with humour and emotional honesty – learning when it's appropriate to pounce into action.



9781454956501 | August 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 128pp | 189x141mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN



**‘This story was everything I wanted it to be. Heartfelt, thoughtful, and most of all...full of hope. I loved it!’**  
 – Lindsay Currie,  
*New York Times*  
 bestselling author  
 of *The Mystery of Locked Rooms*

**THE BEAT I DRUM**  
 DUSTI BOWLING

- Connor, beloved best friend of Aven Green from *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*, tells his own story in this poignant and heartwarming tale about overcoming the challenges of life with Tourette’s
- *The Drum I Beat* is a standalone novel, making it a great new entry point into this world for those who haven’t read the *Cactus* duology, and fans of Aven will love having new insight into her best friend
- HBO has optioned the film and TV rights for *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*

**Age range 10 to 14**

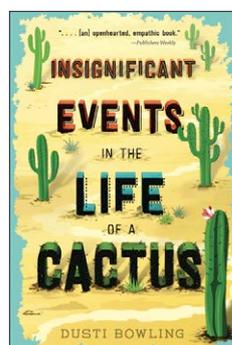
Connor Bradley is dreading the first day of high school. Not just because he is new, or because he misses his best friends, but because he knows the other kids won’t understand his barking and tics. Connor has Tourette Syndrome, and every day has been a challenge – from the mimicking to the laughing, the questions, and the stares. It turns out school isn’t quite as bad as he expected. Connor forms a fast friendship with a girl who also has Tourette’s and is welcomed into her accepting circle of friends. He also meets a special music teacher who encourages him to take up the drums to manage his stress, and maybe get a break from his tics.

Endearing and authentic, *The Beat I Drum* offers an empathetic look at a misunderstood syndrome, the therapeutic value of music, and the power of forgiveness.



9781454957065 | August 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 272pp | 206x140mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

**Also available:**



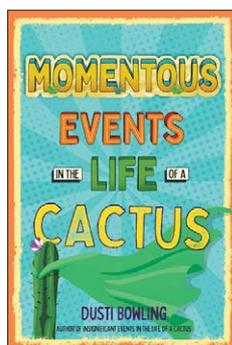
**INSIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF A CACTUS**

DUSTI BOWLING, DUSTI BOWLING

Aven Green was born without arms – so when her dad takes a job running a dying western theme park in Arizona, she knows she’ll become the centre

of unwanted attention at her new school. But she bonds with Connor, a classmate with his own disability to conquer. Then they discover a room at the park that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. Can Aven face her fears, solve a mystery, and help her friend, too?

9781454932994 | June 2019 | Sterling Children’s Books | PB | 272pp | 194x130mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN



**MOMENTOUS EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF A CACTUS**

DUSTI BOWLING

This sequel to the critically acclaimed *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*, now in paperback, follows Aven Green as she confronts yet another challenge: high school.

9781454943358 | July 2021 | Sterling Children’s Books | PB | 336pp | 193x130mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN



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## Introducing Boundless Publishing Group

Formerly Unbound, they are the home of unexpected stories – a place where bold ideas and brave voices thrive.



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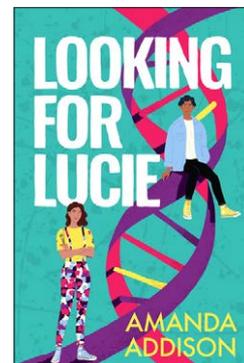
### LOOKING FOR LUCIE

AMANDA ADDISON

- *Looking for Lucie* is a contemporary YA novel that explores identity, self-discovery, and newfound friendship as an 18-year-old girl sets out to uncover her ethnic heritage and family history
- Lucie's art class portfolio in the end matter with a QR code to the author's own artwork

Age range 12 to 18

'Where are you really from?' It's a question every brown girl in a white-washed town is familiar with, and one that Lucie has never been able to answer. All she knows is that her mother is white, she's never met her father, and she looks nothing like the rest of her family. She can't even talk about it because everyone says it shouldn't matter!



9781911107682 | February 2025 | Neem Tree Press | PB | 272pp | 198x130mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

### UNDERDOGS

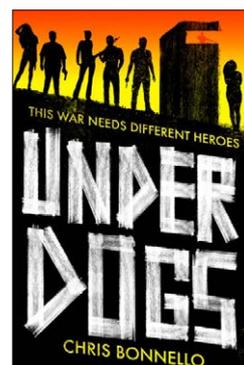
CHRIS BONNELLO

- A near-future war novel, where neurodiverse teenagers who escaped an attack on their school become the last hope of freeing the British people
- The second instalment in the *Underdogs* series, *Tooth and Nail*, was a top-three finalist for the *Guardian* Not the Booker Prize

Age range 12 to 18

One million cloned soldiers. A nation imprisoned. A group of neurodiverse rebels fighting back.

Britain as we know it lies destroyed. In the aftermath of the most daring military coup in history, the surviving population is crammed inside giant Citadels, watched over by an army of cloned soldiers. The hope of a nation lies in a tiny number of freedom fighters hidden in the abandoned countryside – most of whom are teenagers who escaped the attack on their special school.



9781789650358 | February 2025 | Unbound | PB | 304pp | 198x129mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

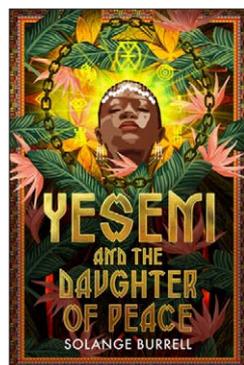
### YESENI AND THE DAUGHTER OF PEACE

SOLANGE BURRELL

- A powerful debut that combines historical fiction with fantasy and explores themes of enslavement and empire
- For fans of *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn, *The Deep* by Rivers Solomon, *The Gilded Ones* series by Namina Forna and *Raybearer* by Jordan Ifueko

Age range 14 to 18

The year is 1748. Elewa, known as 'the Daughter of Peace', bears a heavy responsibility on her young shoulders: to maintain the fragile truce between the warring peoples of her West African kingdom. But as she begins to understand her role in the peace negotiations, even greater pressures emerge. Elewa discovers that she has Yeseni, a powerful gift that allows her to see events from any point in time, and to travel into the past and future.



9781800182219 | June 2025 | Unbound | PB | 272pp | 197x128mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



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**THE UNWINDING**

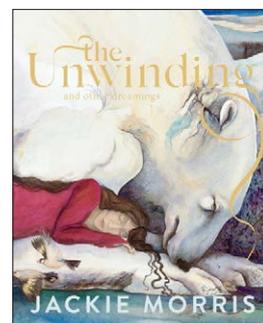
and other dreamings

JACKIE MORRIS

- A highly illustrated pillow book to prompt dreaming and creativity by Kate Greenaway Medal-winning artist and co-author of *The Lost Spells*
- Jackie Morris's many beloved books include *Tell Me a Dragon*, *The Snow Leopard* and *The Quiet Music of Gently Falling Snow*

This book is not meant to be read from cover to cover. Instead, it is a book for dreamers. Its purpose? To ease the soul. Half-story, half-fairytale, Jackie Morris has created an enchanting tome, to keep on the bedside table, to give as a gift to young and old alike. Threaded through the curious world of *The Unwinding* are words, there to set the reader's mind adrift from their own troubles and into peaceful harbours where imagination can stretch.

9781783529353 | February 2022 | Unbound | HB | 192pp | 177x139mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



**THE SONG OF THE GOLDEN HARE**

JACKIE MORRIS

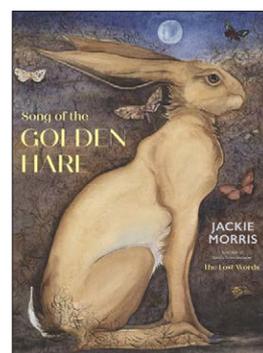
- For fans of *The Lost Words*, Jackie's collaboration with Robert Macfarlane, which was a *Sunday Times* bestseller, won of the Beautiful Book Award 2017, and was shortlisted for the Wainwright nature writing prize in 2018

Age range 5 to 10

He had been waiting all his life, hoping to hear the hare's song...

The boy and his family are special. While others hunt the hares, his family search for leverets orphaned by the hunt and keep them safe. When the hares begin to move across the land, the boy and his sister know that their greatest challenge has begun. They must follow and watch and wait until the time comes for the old queen to leave and her child to reign in her place. But others are searching for the golden queen of the hares, a hunter with two hounds, one silver, one black. Can two children, on their own, keep the golden queen safe from the man and his hounds?

9781783528851 | May 2024 | Unbound | HB | 32pp | 267x197mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



**EAST OF THE SUN, WEST OF THE MOON**

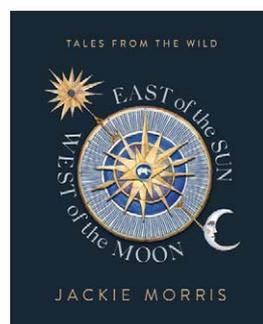
JACKIE MORRIS

- Jackie Morris is an award-winning artist who was the recipient of the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019 (and was nominated again in 2021)
- This edition has been comprehensively redesigned by Alison O'Toole, and features brand new illustrations

Age range 11 to 14

From the moment she saw him, the girl knew the bear had come for her. How many times had she dreamed of him? Now, here he was, as if spelled from her dreams. This encounter marks the beginning of a long and extraordinary journey. At the bear's secret palace in faraway mountains, she is treated courteously but troubled by the bear's unfathomable sadness. As the bear's secret unravels, another adventure unfolds, which takes her to the homes of the four winds and beyond, to the castle east of the sun, west of the moon.

9781783528868 | January 2023 | Unbound | HB | 336pp | 178x143mm | AU \$44.99 | NZ \$49.99 | DISC: GEN



## ASTRO

MANUEL MARSOL, TRANSLATED BY LIZZIE DAVIS

- **An astronaut grapples with the absence of his otherworldly friend in this poignant tale of loss and acceptance from an award-winning Spanish illustrator**
- **A unique exploration of grief: Narrated from the perspective of a departed loved one, this picture book takes an innovative approach to confronting the complex emotions that manifest in the wake of loss**

**Age range 3 to 8**

When Astro arrives on a faraway planet, everyone wants to meet him. Who's this strange person, and why is he here? But one kind creature in particular is especially drawn to him.

Together, they form an unlikely bond and navigate the world's curious terrains – mountains, caves, oceans. When the creature is taken from him, Astro must confront the difficult questions that underlie our existence: Why are we here? What is our life for?

9798893389043 | August 2025 | Transit Books | HB | 64pp | 241x326mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



## DIARY OF A BEE

STEPANKA SEKANINOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY LINH DAO

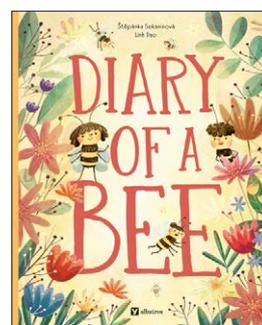
- **Follow the delightful daily adventures of Matilda the bee in this fully illustrated diary that reveals the vital role bees play in nature and their life cycle**

**Age range 6 to 9**

Step into the buzzing world of bees with *Diary of a Bee*, a fully illustrated non-fiction book that takes young readers on an engaging journey through the life cycle of Matilda, a hardworking bee, and her friend Thomas. Presented in a diary format, this captivating narrative combines story with fascinating facts, exploring how bees live, their daily activities, and the various roles they play within the hive. From gathering nectar to tending to the queen, kids will discover the fascinating jobs that bees undertake throughout their lives, all illustrated with lively pictures that bring the story to life.

Perfect for curious minds aged 6 to 9, this book not only entertains but also educates about the crucial importance of bees in our ecosystem.

9788000074467 | August 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 259x215mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



## GIANT STEPS

ANAÏS LAMBERT

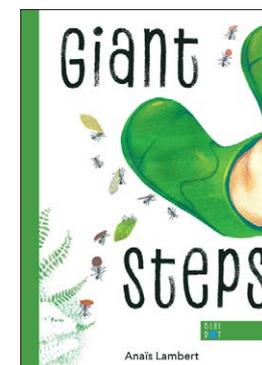
- **A young child puts on boots and heads outside to explore – and finds a tiny world of battling beetles, racing snails, and ants on the move in this STEAM-focused picture book for nature lovers**
- **Sustainably printed, with 1 percent of sales donated to environmental causes**

**Age range 3 to 7**

Each small step into the backyard garden leads to a new and wondrous find that unlocks the imagination, magnifying the world – and even the adventurer! – until the child is taking giant steps through whole forests, tracking a bear, and even pausing to watch a parade of wild creatures dance across the sky. Then an even bigger giant appears to lead the young explorer home!

*Giant Steps* is full of bright, whimsical illustrations and paper cutouts of plants, insects, and animals that will inspire young readers to play and seek new experiences outdoors.

9798989858828 | August 2025 | Blue Dot Kids | HB | 40pp | 279x190mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



## THE WORLD OF ANIMALS

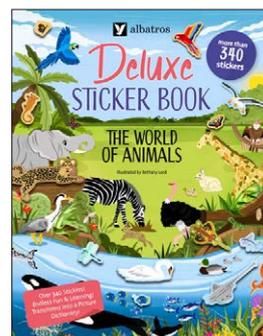
Deluxe Sticker Book

JOLI HANNAH, BARBARA POSPISOLOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY BETHANY LORD

- **This delightful sticker book features 11 vibrant scenes with over 340 stickers, inviting children to explore diverse animal habitats while discovering fascinating ecosystems and reinforcing their knowledge through creative activities**

Age range 3 to 7

In this vibrant sticker book from the *Deluxe Sticker Books* series, children are invited to explore a variety of animal habitats, including the American desert, coral reefs, and the Amazonian rainforest. Each of the stunningly illustrated scenes features colourful landscapes, waiting to be filled with different animals, allowing kids to learn about which creatures belong to each environment. Children can either read informative texts to understand the connections between animals and their ecosystems or simply enjoy placing stickers in imaginative ways, fostering both learning and creativity.



9788000074665 | August 2025 | Albatros Media | PB | 24pp | 304x236mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

## VACATIONS

Deluxe Sticker Book

JOLI HANNAH, ILLUSTRATED BY KUBRA TEBER

- **This engaging sticker book features 11 vibrant scenes with over 380 stickers, inviting young adventurers to explore various vacation destinations around the world while learning about travel, diverse landscapes, and cultures**

Age range 3 to 7

In this exciting addition to the *Deluxe Sticker Books* series, children set off on a globe-trotting adventure, exploring vibrant scenes such as bustling airports, sunny beaches, majestic mountains, and ancient pyramids. Each chapter presents a unique location where kids can use their creativity to arrange a variety of stickers, from camping gear to desert landscapes. This interactive experience encourages kids to discover what makes each place special while fostering their imagination and fine motor skills.



9788000074672 | August 2025 | Albatros Media | PB | 24pp | 304x236mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

## PLAYING AND LEARNING

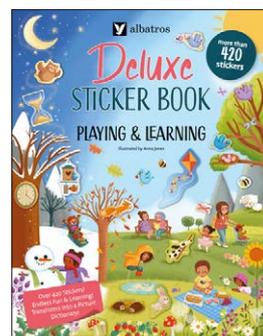
Deluxe Sticker Book

JOLI HANNAH, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNA JONES

- **This engaging sticker book features 11 vibrant scenes with over 420 stickers, teaching young children essential concepts about time while encouraging creativity and imaginative play**

Age range 3 to 7

In this brightly illustrated sticker book from the *Deluxe Sticker Books* series, children are invited to explore vivid scenes filled with colourful scenarios, from busy playgrounds to cosy homes. With a wide array of stickers, kids can learn about concepts like parts of the day and days of the week while creatively arranging stickers in delightful settings. This interactive experience allows children to practice their knowledge and discover new information, making learning both fun and imaginative.



9788000074696 | August 2025 | Albatros Media | PB | 24pp | 304x236mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: FIR FIRM SALE

## THE SELF-REGULATION WORKBOOK FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 8

A Parent-Child Resource for Engaging in Healthy Coping Skills and Building Connection

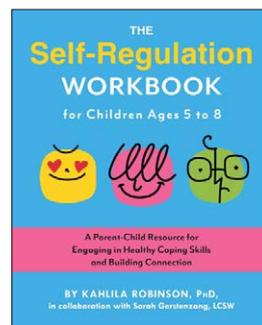
KAHLILA ROBINSON, CONTRIBUTIONS BY SARAH GERSTENZANG

- **Both caregivers and children can benefit from this workbook offering helpful guidance on essential emotional regulation skills such as co-regulation, frustration tolerance, expressing feelings, caregiver reflection, and child self-control, through fun and engaging activities**

Age range 5 to 8

Written by experienced child therapists who are parents themselves, this workbook uses the foremost knowledge and methods to help both caregivers and children build strong relationships and instill useful regulation tools in their everyday lives. Follow along with fun activities used to teach caregivers how to realistically adapt to meet children's emotional needs.

9781646047604 | August 2025 | Ulysses Press | PB | 144pp | 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



## POP! GOES THE NURSERY RHYME

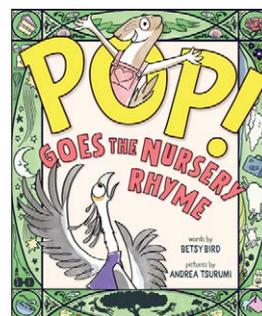
BETSY BIRD, ILLUSTRATED BY ANDREA TSURUMI

- **In this laugh-out-loud spin on a classic nursery rhyme collection, a feisty weasel continuously interrupts the narrator's carefully prepared recitation – adding exuberant mischief to the timeless rhymes we all know and love**
- **Featuring two competing narrators, outrageous page turns, and multiple opportunities for kids to chime in, *POP! Goes the Nursery Rhyme* is bound to become a read-aloud favourite!**

Age range 3 to 5

The sensible Secretary Bird wants nothing more than to get on with their job of properly narrating a classic nursery rhyme book. But something is afoot in the orderly land of nursery rhymes...a zippy little Weasel has entered the scene! As the Secretary Bird tries to get through the rhymes – from Little Miss Muffet to Jack and Jill – the Weasel bursts in, throwing everything into a comical tailspin. Can the Secretary Bird put an end to the chaos?

9781454960461 | August 2025 | Union Square Kids | HB | 48pp | 286x228mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



## KING'S LEGACY

L. C. ROSEN

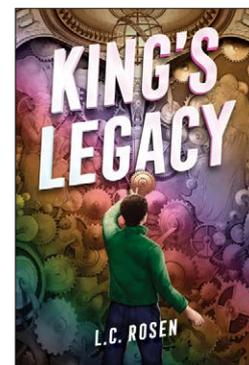
- **The sequel to *Lion's Legacy*, with twists and turns evocative of those found in the *Indiana Jones* and *National Treasure* film franchises**
- **The *Tennessee Russo* duology brings attention to fascinating parts of queer history, highlighting historically marginalised communities and reclaiming their stories**

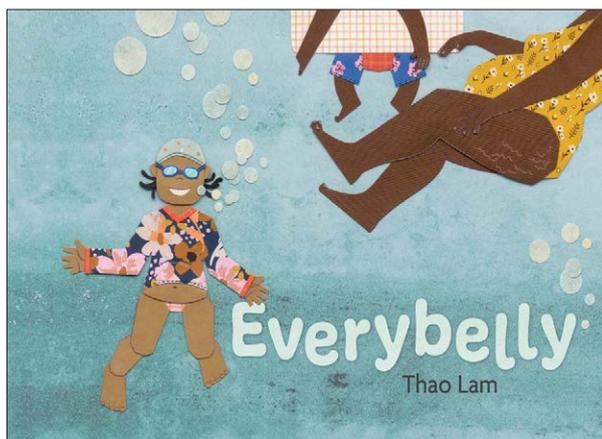
Age range 14+

Tennessee Russo has done more difficult things than this before.

He's evaded traps, found lost treasures, become kind of famous, gotten over a bad relationship, and survived all that. Filming a new season of his artifact-hunting reality show for a major international streaming service should be easy, right? His archeologist dad even said Tennessee is in charge of what artifacts they go after. Plus, Ten's awesome best friend (and sometimes more), Gabe, gets to come along on the adventure.

9781454948087 | August 2025 | Union Square & Co | HB | 256pp | 220x149mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN





## EVERYBELLY

THAO LAM

- From acclaimed picture-book artist **Thao Lam** comes a joyful celebration of an oft-maligned body part – the belly!
- *Everybelly* joins a growing canon of award-winning picture books that celebrate body-positivity, such as *Boobies* by Nancy Vo, Vashti Harrison's *Big*, Jess Hong's *Lovely* and Matthew A. Harrison's *Hair Love*

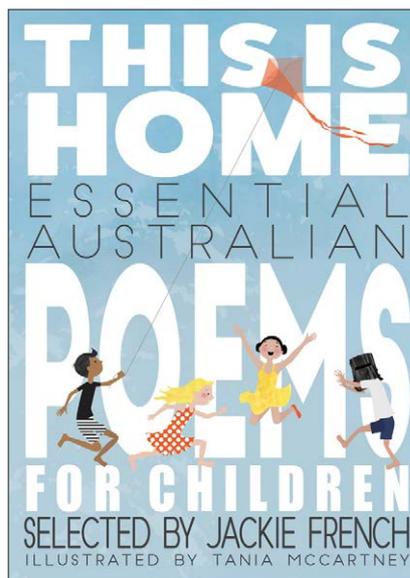
Age range 3+

Maddie and her mom spend a sunny day at the local public pool where she meets and greets friends and neighbours. Maddie is waist-high on most of them, and she knows there's an interesting person behind every belly she passes – like Jackie, the artist with a splatter of ice cream across their belly. Maddie's splatter painting often leaves Mama speechless, too!

As Maddie dances, swims and makes the long climb up to the diving board, Thao Lam's celebrated cut-paper collage portrays bellies and bodies of all shapes and sizes, proving that every belly deserves its place in the sun.



9781773067643 | August 2025 | Groundwood Books | HB | 40pp | 177x279mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



## THIS IS HOME

Essential Australian Poems for Children  
SELECTED BY JACKIE FRENCH, ILLUSTRATED  
BY TANIA MCCARTNEY

- **Back in stock!**
- Poems chosen by Australian Children's Laureate Jackie French
- Poems include beloved Australian classics alongside those by well-known and new contemporary poets
- **Bright, eye-catching and funny illustrations throughout**

Age range 7+

In *This Is Home*, much-loved author Jackie French has gathered a poem for every child and every mood. What do you feel like doing today? Sit beside a bush campfire with Oodgeroo Noonuccal, watch people going by with Henry Lawson, float away with Alison Lester, learn to read with Andy Griffiths or be brave with Shaun Tan.



9780642279385 | April 2019 | National Library of Australia | HB | 160pp | 264x188mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



## THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

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### HOW MOTHER KANGAROO GOT HER POUCH

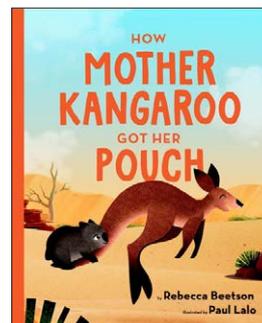
REBECCA BEETSON, ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL LALO



- **Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi woman, Rebecca Beetson debuts exciting adventure tale, featuring striking illustrations in a distinctive 3D collage style**
- **Series builds on the innovation of the National Museum's Discovery Centre, and encourages conversations around place, identity and Australian stories in a dynamic and exciting way**

Age range 0 to 6

*How Mother Kangaroo Got Her Pouch* follows Mother Bunda and her spirited little joey, Baabay, as they adventure across the vast Australian landscape where they meet Wambad, the wise old wombat. When Mother Kangaroo's bravery and quick thinking save Baabay and Wambad from hunters, Wambad repays their kindness with an unexpected gift that will change their lives forever.



9781921953507 | June 2024 | National Museum of Australia | HB | 32pp | 280x225mm | AU \$26.95 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

### THE BUNYIP AND THE STARS

ADAM DUNCAN, ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL LALO

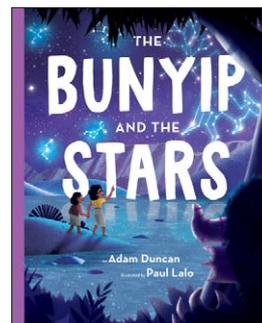


- **Debut author and Biripi man Adam Duncan brings to life the bunyip, an animal from First Nations mythology that holds great fascination for children**

Age range 0 to 6

On a starless night Little Brother leaves the safety of the campfire and is captured by the fearsome bunyip. Big Sister will need everything she has learnt about the bush and her Country to rescue Little Brother and escape the bunyip.

Part Sky Country creation story, part exciting adventure tale, *The Bunyip and the Stars* is the first in a series of five picture books featuring stories from Australia inspired by the National Museum of Australia's new immersive play space for children – the Tim and Gina Fairfax Discovery Centre.



9781921953460 | April 2023 | National Museum of Australia | HB | 32pp | 280x255mm | AU \$26.95 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

### THE LEGEND OF THE SEVEN SISTERS

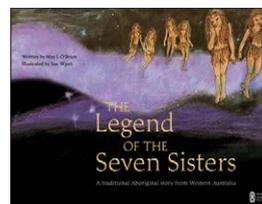
A Traditional Aboriginal Story from Western Australia

MAY L. O'BRIEN, ILLUSTRATED BY SUE WYATT



- **Traditional story told by Indigenous elders to teach children about the stars**

As you look up into the sky at night you can see many stars. The Wongutha people of the Eastern Goldfields area in Western Australia tell stories about the stars explaining how the stars came to be where they are. Some stars are grouped together and have special names. One of these groups of stars is called the Seven Sisters. The Sisters were beautiful women who used to visit the earth and wander the land. This is the story of why they appear in their position in the night sky.



9780855756994 | July 2009 | Aboriginal Studies Press | PB | 20pp | 210x270mm | AU \$19.95 | NZ \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

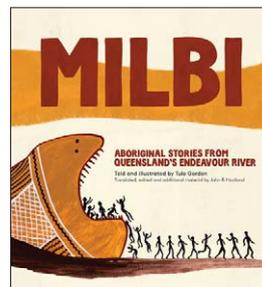


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## MILBI

Aboriginal stories from Queensland's Endeavour River  
TULO GORDON, EDITED AND TRANSLATED BY JOHN HAVILAND



- Told and illustrated in a traditional painting style by an elder of the Nugal clan of the Guugu Yimithirr speaking people of north Queensland
- Bilingual edition in both English and Guugu Yimithirr
- Includes stories of the origins of sacred sites in the Cooktown region

Age 8+

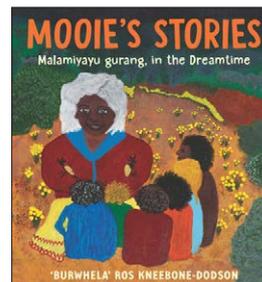
A long time ago, in the land of Guugu Yumithirr people, mythic creatures hunted, danced, played and gathered food. The Magpie brothers chased the giant Dingo, the greedy White Cockatoo stole food from two Night Owl sisters, Stormcloud threw lightning at Frill Lizard and Eagle walked on the ground. As they roamed about, they created the world we see today.



9781922102904 | August 2021 | Aboriginal Studies Press | HB | 52pp | 279x250mm | AU \$24.95 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

## MOOIE'S STORIES

Malamiyayu gurang, in the Dreamtime  
'BURWHELA' ROS KNEEBONE-DODSON



- Charming traditional Dja Dja Wurrung Ancestors' stories from Central Victoria
- First-time published stories that have been handed down orally for generations

Age range 5 to 10

*Dja Dja Wurrung Ancestors' stories as told to me by my mother, my grandmother, my great-grandmother and my great-great-grandmother before her.*

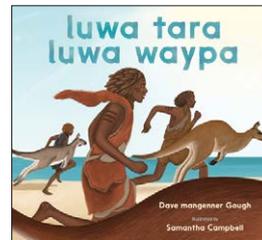
*How did Wabbee, the freshwater crayfish, get its bright red spots? Why does Wehla, the ringtail possum, have a curly tail? How were Waripi Yaluk, the backwaters of Bulatjal Yaluk Woodlar, the Loddon River, formed? Bunjil, the all-powerful, knows the answers.*



9780855751258 | May 2023 | Aboriginal Studies Press | HB | 32pp | 250x230mm | AU \$24.95 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

## LUWA TARA LUWA WAYPA

three kangaroos three Tasmanian Aboriginal men  
DAVE MANGENNER GOUGH, ILLUSTRATED BY SAMANTHA CAMPBELL



- Themes include First Nations history and culture, masculinity, growing up, courage, spirituality

Age range 7 to 12

With rhythmic intensity, *luwa tara luwa waypa* tells the captivating story of niyakara's journey from boy to man, a story of courage and transformation.

Dave mangenner Gough's powerful words and Samantha Campbell's expressive artwork bring to vivid life the ancestral spirit and enduring strength of the palawa people of Tasmania.



9781922752062 | July 2022 | Aboriginal Studies Press | HB | 32pp | 257x277mm | AU \$26.95 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN