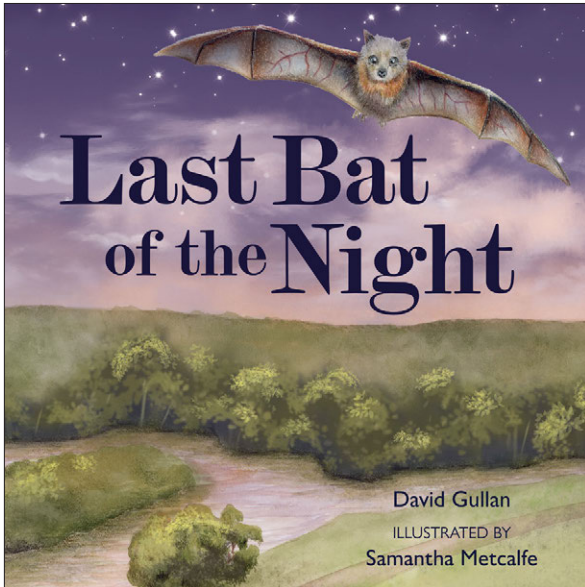


'This beautiful book is a charming introduction to Australia's bats for young readers. *Last Bat of the Night* encourages us all to pause and appreciate some of the incredible wildlife that we are so lucky to share our environment with.' – Dr Pia Lentini, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Ecology, *Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research*.



LAST BAT OF THE NIGHT

DAVID GULLAN, ILLUSTRATED BY SAMANTHA METCALFE

- Discover Australia's native megabats, also known as fruit or nectar bats, including the Grey-headed, Black, Spectacled and Little Red Flying-foxes, Eastern Blossom Bat and Eastern Tube-nosed Bat
- Highlights the important role megabats have for pollination
- Engaging poetic text with captivating illustrations
- Encourages readers to help find the 'last bat'

Age range 5 to 9

'There it is! That's it! That's the last bat!...Or could it be those ones? Or this one, or that?'

As the stars come out for the night, a colony of bats passes overhead. Where are they going and what will they do on their nocturnal adventures?

Last Bat of the Night follows native Australian megabats through the night, as they glide across our skies to feed, drink and pollinate. Will you be the one to spot the last bat?

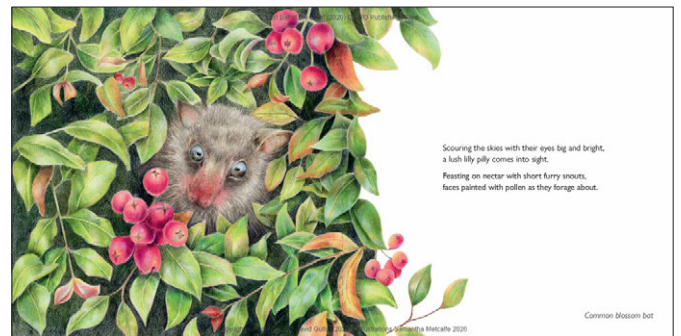
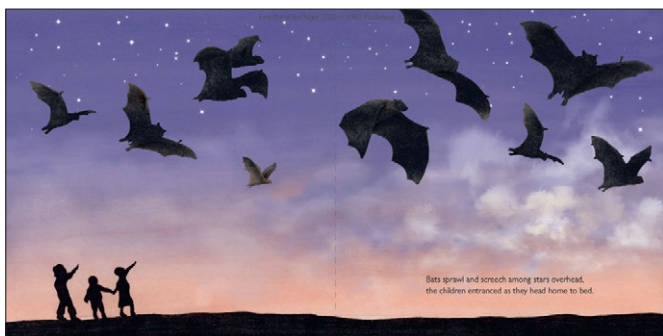


9781486318728 | August 2026 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99



Port Macquarie, NSW

DISCOUNT: GEN



Scouring the skies with their eyes big and bright, a lush lily pilly comes into sight.
Feasting on nectar with short furry snouts, faces painted with pollen as they forage about.

Common Blossom bat

About the author and illustrator:

David Gullan is an educator and a writer who enjoys creating stories that introduce young learners to Australian wildlife. He hopes that his books will encourage children to look up, look down and then take another look as they walk through the natural world.

Samantha Metcalfe is a natural history illustrator who finds inspiration in the unique biodiversity of the Australian bush. Working primarily in colour pencil, her realistic and detailed illustrations often focus on capturing Australia's native flora and fauna. Samantha has illustrated several children's picture books including *Alight* and *The Voyage of Whale and Calf*, and she was also shortlisted for the 2019 Children's Book Council of Australia Award for New Illustrator.



JEN SHERRINGTON • H EL ENE MAGISSON



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MidnightSun Publishing | HB | 32pp |
216x256mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



Boorloo
(Perth)

STUFF

JEN SHERRINGTON, ILLUSTRATED BY H EL ENE MAGISSON

- Inspired by real events, *Stuff* is a story about having enough, being enough and finding ways to make enough go around

Age range 3+

Morri is chuffed when Birdee gives him stuff. Having stuff is fun!

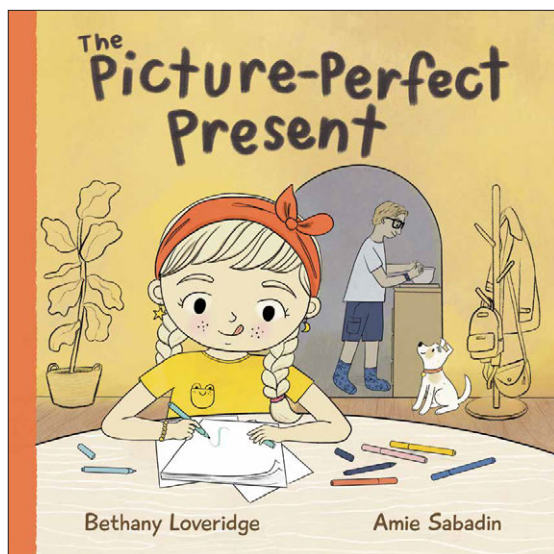
Morri looks up to those with lots of stuff. He looks down on those with less stuff. Morri wants more stuff because he thinks he doesn't have enough. Morri wants better stuff. Morri wants space to stuff piles of stuff. Will Morri ever have enough?



About the author and illustrator:

Jen Sherrington is a children's writer, educator and presenter based in Perth, Western Australia. She enjoys creating stories where the wonders of reading, writing and creative thinking are celebrated. Jen is the author of *Grandma Love* and *Grandpa, Read This Book*. During workshops, presentations and community events, Jen has fun sharing ideas, tips and discoveries.

H el ene Magisson is a critically acclaimed French-Australian illustrator of many books for children. Before H el ene turned to book illustration, she was a painting restorer in Paris, where she was also trained in the art of medieval illumination. H el ene's children's books are widely known and loved across the world. Her timeless style lends itself beautifully to classics, such as *The Velveteen Rabbit* (New Frontier, 2021), and also universal contemporary stories, such as *Before You Were Born* (HarperCollins, 2020). H el ene is frequently recognised by the Children's Book Council of Australia. Most recently, she was awarded the CBCA 2020 Notable Picture Book of the Year Award for *Little Puggle's Song*, written by Vikki Conley.



THE PICTURE-PERFECT PRESENT

BETHANY LOVERIDGE, ILLUSTRATED BY AMIE SABADIN

- Ideal for children who love to draw
- Inspires a child's imagination, especially when it comes to finding the perfect gift for Dad
- Explores alternate ways children can express their feelings through actions and creativity
- Celebrates dads and their positive impact as role models for kids growing up
- Perfect gift for fathers day to celebrate with family

Age range 3 to 6

With one day to find a special gift for her dad, Meg thinks of ideas by drawing his favourite things, and special moments they've shared.

Would Dad like a fully automatic coffee machine, an indoor ice-skating rink, or a pet hippo? Unfortunately all of Meg's gift ideas are too expensive, dangerous, or impossible to find. By the end of the day, Meg is out of time, and out of ideas. What will she do?

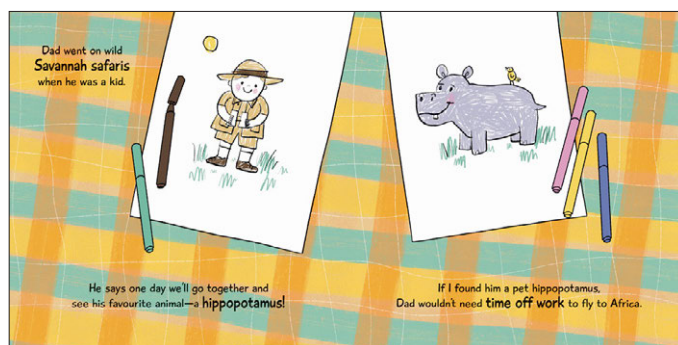
The Picture-Perfect Present is a picture book for children who love drawing, using their imagination, and their dads! It inspires readers to think outside the box when finding a gift. The perfect present doesn't need to be big or expensive or even wrapped in fancy paper. The best presents come from the heart!



9781761113215 | August 2026 | Wombat Books | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99



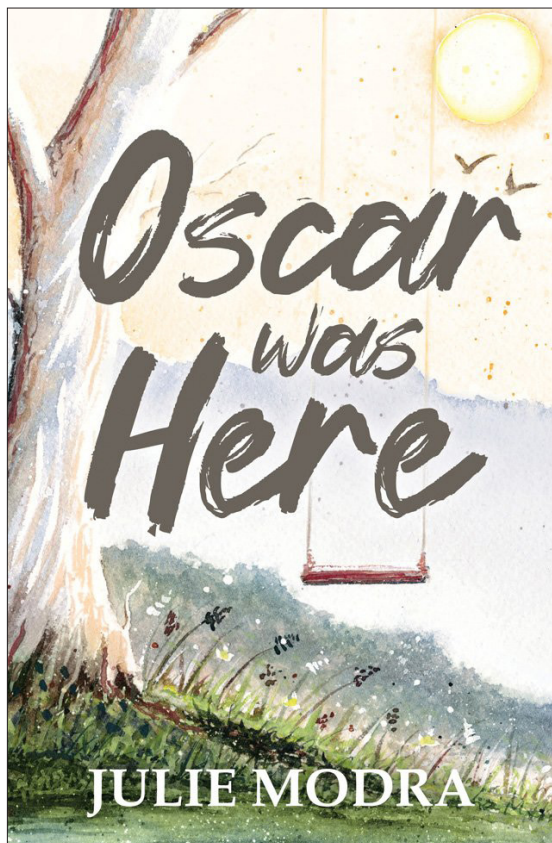
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About the author and illustrator:

Bethany Loveridge is an author-illustrator, film and art teacher who has always loved storytelling and the natural world. Her work includes arts curriculum and advocacy and educational resources. Bethany won the Chapter Books – Older Readers category at the CYA Conference in 2024 and was the winner of the Book Links Queensland Mentorship in 2023. Bethany lives in Queensland, Australia with her trivia-loving husband and two creative kids. *Josie Mack and the MEGA Division* is Bethany's debut novel. You can find out more about her on her website: <https://bethanyloveridge.com/>

Amie Sadabin has been scribbling and splashing paint since forever. With a background in design and a handbag always stocked with art supplies, she finds inspiration everywhere. She works in traditional and digital mediums to create joyful illustrations. Amie lives in Queanbeyan, New South Wales, with her husband, their two children and their miniature schnauzer. When she's not drawing, she enjoys organising her art supplies, walking and spending time with her family.



OSCAR WAS HERE

JULIE MODRA

- A story that encourages young people to become empathetic and kind towards others
- Clean and wholesome in content and tone
- The story strongly references *The Chronicles of Narnia* series and shares similar themes with *Bridge to Terabithia* and *Wonder*, which are all bestsellers
- Set in rural Australia, it's immersed in cultural and environmental elements that young Australian readers will find relevant, and overseas readers will find interesting and exotic
- Keep Teens Reading! Rhiza Shorts are teen novellas created for quick reads. They are suitable for every day readers wanting a quick story, as well as reluctant teen readers. Reading age of 10 +, Interest age 12+

Age range 12+

When 13-year-old Milo is sent to spend the summer holidays with his grandmother on the outskirts of a quiet town, he meets Oscar – a boy who has a serious heart condition, a dog-eared copy of Prince Caspian, and an imagination as vast as Narnia itself.

When Oscar is bullied, Milo must find the courage to be the friend he's always wanted to be. And when the summer holidays draw to a close, Milo faces the hardest battle of all: saying goodbye and believing that life – like the best stories – never truly ends.



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9781761113512 | August 2026 | Rhiza Edge
| PB | 124pp | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$17.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author:

Julie Modra grew up in the New South Wales town of Taree and the idyllic seaside community of Forster-Tuncurry. Later, she settled in the bayside area of Redland City, Brisbane, with her husband and three daughters, and studied to become a secondary English and history teacher. She also taught as a sessional tertiary lecturer on Western Literary Tradition and Australian Literature, immersing herself in her love of English literature and poetry. Julie writes middle-grade fiction, as well as adult fiction in the genres of inspirational fiction, literary fiction, historical fiction and romance. She's a graduate of the Australian Writers' Centre and champions other writers in their creative pursuits whenever possible.

Having experienced her middle daughter's battle with cancer and her first husband's passing from cancer, Julie aims to write stories that are full of heart and spread messages of hope. When Julie isn't writing, she procrastinates by sewing garments to wear, camping off-grid in nature with her wonderful husband, Brian, watching her backyard chickens whilst sipping tea or babysitting her precious grandchildren.



THE NARDI PUZZLE

GABRIELLA PAGE

- Interactive, allowing readers to solve the puzzles alongside the protagonists
- Fast-paced mystery with an international cast that celebrates diversity
- Gently explores impact of divorce on children and addresses problems with posting videos of others online
- Introduces readers to famous historical figures
- For kids who like mystery and action
- For fans of *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and *The Westing Game*
- Similar in style to popular games based games (like *The Inheritance Games*) but for younger readers

Age range 9 to 12

When 12-year-old Sebastian Walker is invited to legendary game-maker Elisabetta Nardi's mansion in Sardinia, he thinks he can finally leave his troubles behind. Instead, he's thrust into a real-world escape game with the other twelve guests, and the prize could change his life.

If Sebastian wants to solve the clues hidden around the mysterious East Wing and find the secret exit, he must team up with the bubbly Lali and brilliant Vita. Even as a team, though, it won't be easy...and elimination is always just around the corner.

Sebastian and his friends must solve the puzzles and escape the East Wing. Can you beat them to it?



9781761112966 | August 2026 | Wombat Books | PB | 248pp | 203x133mm | AU \$18.99 | NZ \$19.99



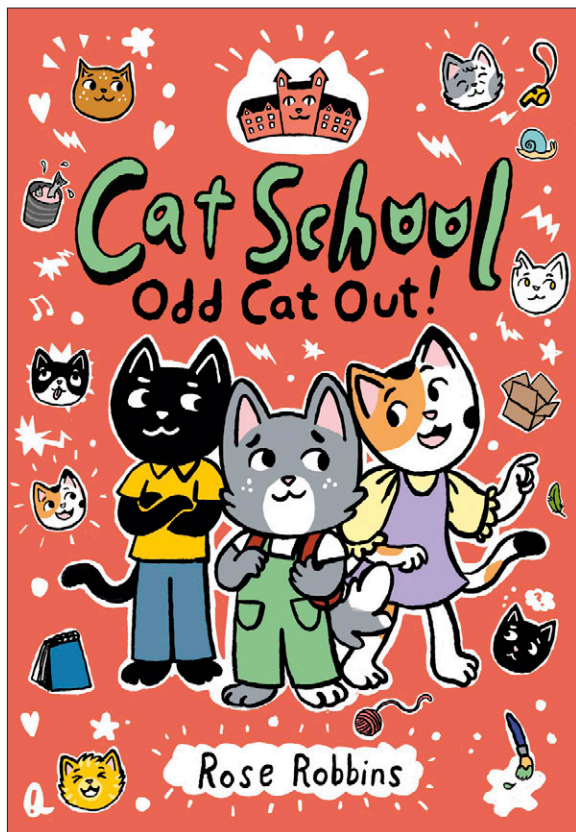
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About the author:

Gabriella Page is a West Australian singer and children's author based in Italy. Since completing her master's degree in classical music, she's worked as an opera chorister, English teacher and occasional translator.

In 2022, Gabriella was selected to take part in the ASA/CA Award Mentorship programme. She has a penchant for puzzles and mystery, and she blends humour and darkness in her novels.

When Gabriella isn't singing or writing, you can find her trawling the gelato shops around Cagliari, hoarding books or applying sunscreen.



CAT SCHOOL: ODD CAT OUT!

ROSE ROBBINS

- Boy and girl characters dealing with new experiences, anxiety, feelings, friendship and community
- A storyline that welcomes a neuro-diverse character but is a fun narrative for a general audience, with lots of humour, empathy and inclusiveness
- Core age is primary/upper primary, but a secondary school library could see this getting a lot of use from nervous year sevens
- Lots of fun extra features like a map of the school, Cat school rules, a Cat Herbarium...
- Graphic novel page layout that's easy to read
- Matt laminated cover with embossing and spot UV

Age range 7 to 9

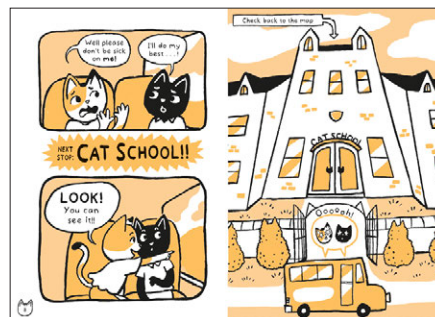
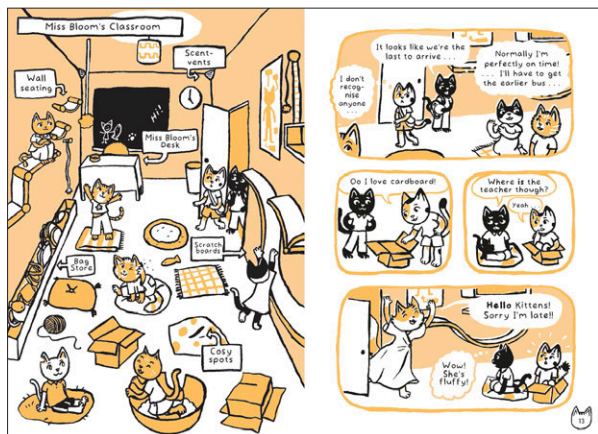
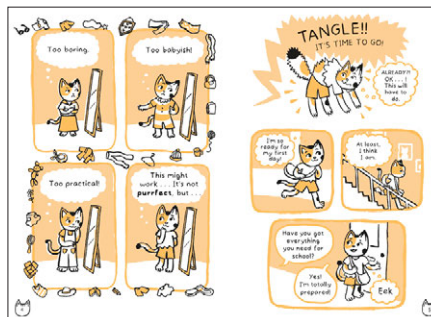
First in a new graphic novel trilogy featuring young kittens Tangle and Eno, and their new and neurodivergent friend Pelly.

It's a new year at Cat School! Tangle and Eno are anxious, but soon settle back in. New kitten Pelly arrives late, and seems strange. She feels alienated and stays home, but is sought out and brought back into the main mix by the efforts of Tangle and Eno. Now they are firm friends!



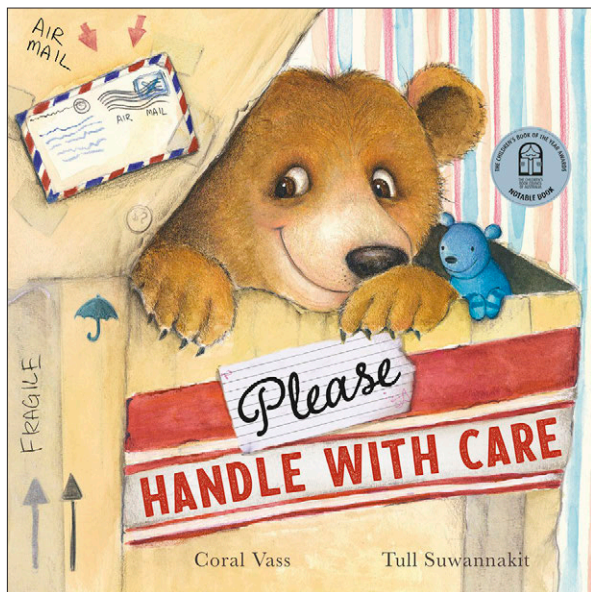
9781836300397 | August 2026 | Sallywag Press | PB | 144pp | 203x140mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author:

Rose Robbins is based in North London. Rose is a qualified teacher and has taught people of all ages with disabilities. She is a young ambassador for Inclusive Minds. Rose has gained a reputation for creating upbeat books about disability, which have been short listed for the Waterstones Children's Book Award, nominated for the Greenaway and chosen as a 2021 IBBY Outstanding Book for Young People with Disabilities.



PLEASE HANDLE WITH CARE
CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED BY TULL SUWANNAKIT

- **Now in paperback!**
- **A heart-warming story about an adorable bear who is having a tough time and, at the end of the day, just needs love and care**
- **Celebrates emotions and empathy, and helps children understand how to reset after a bad day**
- **Resilience, self-empowerment and growth mindset are key themes**
- **A great teaching resource for parents and teachers**
- **Tender, sensitive illustrations by award-winning illustrator**

Age range 3 to 6

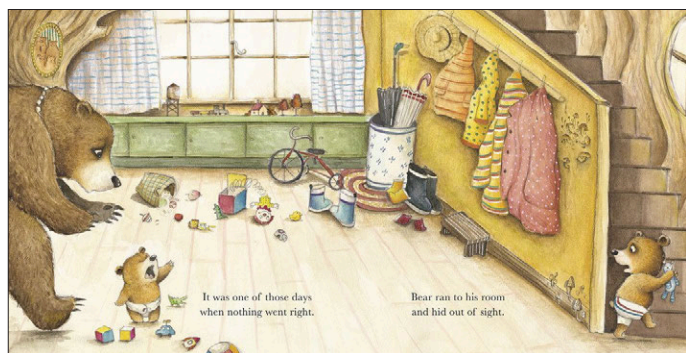
Bear is having a bad day. Nothing is going right, and he wishes he was somewhere else...a long way from home. What will it take for Bear to feel better?

An uplifting tale about a bear discovering what truly matters at the end of the day.



9781923331563 | August 2026 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



About the author & illustrator:

Coral Vass is an award-winning Australian children's author. Her titles include bestselling *Goodnight Possum* and the 2019 CBCA Book of the Year Eve Pownall winner, *Sorry Day* (illustrated by Dub Leffler). She loves to visit schools, often running writing workshops and inspiring young people with a love for literature. Coral is an ambassador for Reading Out of Poverty and is passionate about giving all children an equal opportunity to read. You can find her on: Facebook @ coralvassauthor, Instagram @coralvass and Twitter @coralvass. Website: www.coralvass.com

Tull Suwannakit is an Australian book illustrator and author for children with a background in animation and fine art. Working predominantly with watercolour, graphite and coloured pencils, Tull's books have been featured in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *ABC Mornings Radio*, *Play School on ABC4Kids* and *The New York Times*. When Tull is not writing and illustrating his books, he runs art classes and workshops for children and adults at his art school in Melbourne. His book, *Higher Ground*, published by New Frontier Publishing, has been longlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Illustration as well as winning the Australian Aurealis Awards for Best Graphic Novel and Illustrated Work. Tull can be contacted on Instagram: @tull_suwannakit or on his website: www.tullsuwannakit.net



THE FLYING MACHINE OF DREAMS

Come Aboard for a Magical Poetry Ride!

KATE WAKELING, ILLUSTRATED BY VIVIANE SCHWARZ

- First picture-book poetry collection for young children from a prize-winning poet
- Illustrated by internationally acclaimed illustrator Viviane Schwarz
- Perfect for sharing and reading aloud
- Kate Wakeling is a popular performer in schools, libraries and at book festivals

Age range 3+

Who will win the Magnificent Race of the Animals? Frog on roller-skates or zebra on a scooter? Find a morning moon, six ways to look at a leaf, beautiful bubbles and amazing shapeshifters. Have a feast of words, make a den and then guess the names of the night animals...

Kate Wakeling's wonderful talent for revealing the excitement that hides in everyday things, combined with her soaring imagination and special way with words, make this a poetry book that fizzes with ideas and inspiration for young children, perfectly matched by Viviane Schwarz's exciting and inventive illustrations.



Otter-Barry BOOKS

9781915659989 | August 2026 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99

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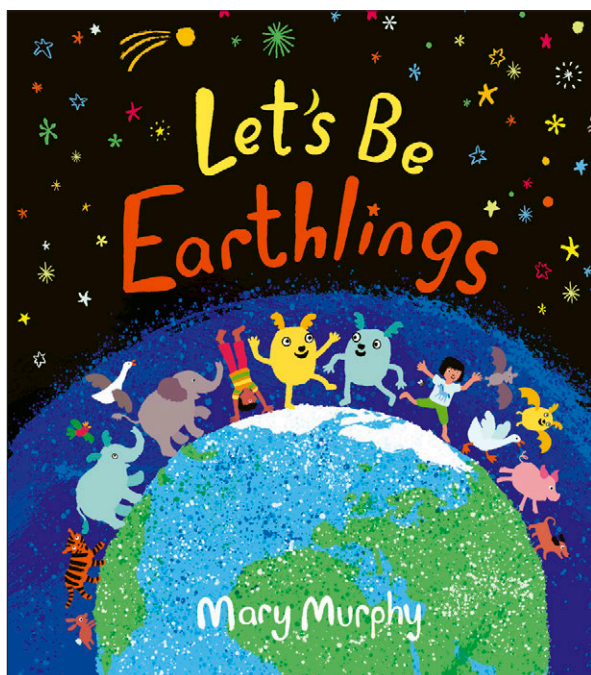


About the author & illustrator:

Kate Wakeling's first collection of children's poems, *Moon Juice*, won the CLiPPA Prize in 2017 and was nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Her second, *Cloud Soup*, was a Book of the Month in the *Guardian* and the *Scotsman* and was shortlisted for the 2022 CLiPPA. Kate has performed her poems at Shakespeare's Globe, Southbank Centre and the Cheltenham Literature Festival among others. Kate's most recent poetry collection is *A Dinosaur at the Bus Stop: Poems to have Fun with*, which was shortlisted for the 2024 CLiPPA Award, and won *The Week Junior* Best Children's Poetry Book of 2024. She lives in Oxford.

Viviane Schwarz is an author and illustrator, described by Chris Riddell as 'One of the most innovative and creative picture book makers we have' (*Guardian*). Her many picture books include *There are Cats in this Book* and *I Am Henry Finch* by Alexis Deacon. Viviane has been twice shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal, has won the Little Rebels Award and gained an IBBY Honours nomination. She lives in Brighton.

‘What a joy to indulge in some childlike wonderment at all of the things that make our Earth a special place, particularly in these difficult times.’ – *Irish Times*



LET'S BE EARTHLINGS

MARY MURPHY

- A book full of joy and delight in our natural world, by a much-loved creator of picture books for the very young

Age range 3+

A joyful celebration of life on planet Earth as experienced by one little alien.

A little alien touches down on our amazing planet. Able to shape-shift into every form of Earth life, he becomes all kinds of Earth creatures, from a beaver to a chameleon, from a frog to a kangaroo, a puppy, even a flea – and then a flower-bud and a tree. The visitor finds a constant succession of exciting surprises on our Earth – there is only one thing missing. A friend to share it all with.

Mary Murphy's simple yet profound words and images show young children the beauty and diversity of life on Earth – and in doing so, help them understand that they need to look after our precious planet.

‘Young readers will marvel at Earth’s diversity and think deeply about how to care for it. It’s a warm, thoughtful introduction to nature and our place within it. Highly recommended.’ – *School Reading List*

‘A joyful introduction to the natural world for early years.’ – *Armadillo*



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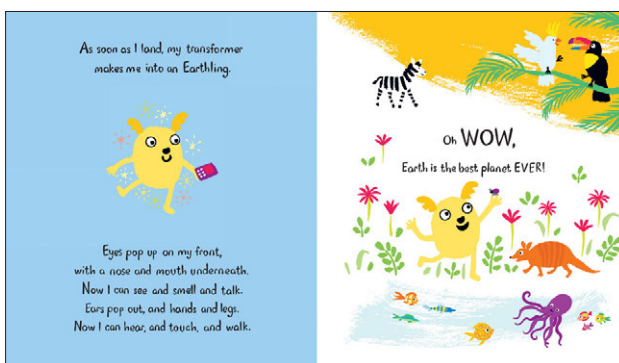
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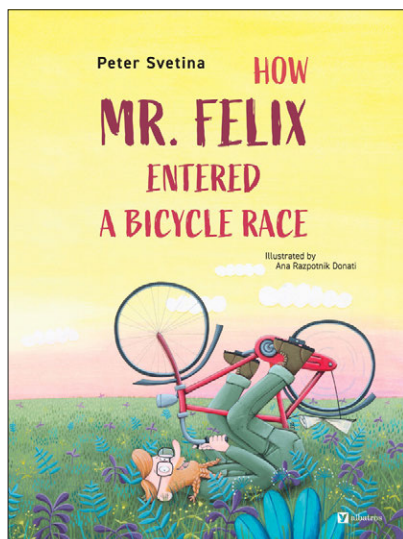
9781917865159 | August 2026 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 32pp | 275x240mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author:

Mary Murphy is celebrated internationally for her colourful, bold and simple images matched with words which speak directly to young children. She is the author-illustrator of over 50 books, which have been sold all over the world. Her previous book for Otter-Barry Books is *Only a Tree Knows How To Be a Tree* (2021). Mary lives in her home city of Dublin, Ireland.





HOW MR. FELIX ENTERED A BICYCLE RACE

PETER SVETINA, ILLUSTRATED BY ANA RAZPOTNIK DONATI

- Peter Svetina's playful and witty writing style makes this book a great choice for kids who enjoy exciting, unpredictable stories
- A delightful, eccentric protagonist: Mr. Felix's laid-back attitude and humorous antics will have kids laughing as they follow his bicycle race journey
- Children will learn the value in being true to oneself and finding joy in the journey, not the finish line

Age range 5 to 8

Slow and steady wins the...fun! Discover the hilarious story of Mr. Felix's unconventional bicycle race!

Get ready for an exciting adventure with Mr. Felix, a charmingly eccentric man who stumbles his way into a bicycle race! Forget about speed and competition; Mr. Felix pedals to the beat of his own drum, happily pausing for refreshing lemonade breaks, spontaneous swims in the lake, and delightful detours along the way. Young readers will be captivated by Mr. Felix's carefree spirit and learning that embracing life's little joys and going at your own pace can lead to the most unexpected and delightful victories. Perfect for young readers who love a good laugh and stories that celebrate individuality.



9788000076041 | August 2026 | Albatros Media | HB | 24pp | 246x191mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



GROWING UP LADYBUG

ŠTĚPÁNKA SEKANINOVÁ, ILLUSTRATED BY LINH DAO

- Peek into the bold and beautiful world of Anna the ladybug – where tiny legs, spotted wings, and big adventures await!
- Perfect for classrooms, homeschoolers, and curious kids who love bugs, beetles, and backyard science
- Complete life cycle coverage – follows Anna from egg to adult, highlighting her role in nature and the importance of biodiversity
- Part of the trusted *Little Heroes* series

Age range 6 to 9

Anna may be small, but her life is anything but quiet. From the moment she hatches, she's on the move – growing, changing, and learning how to survive in a world full of surprises.



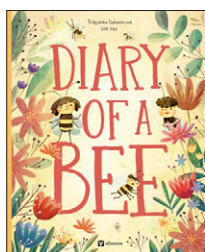
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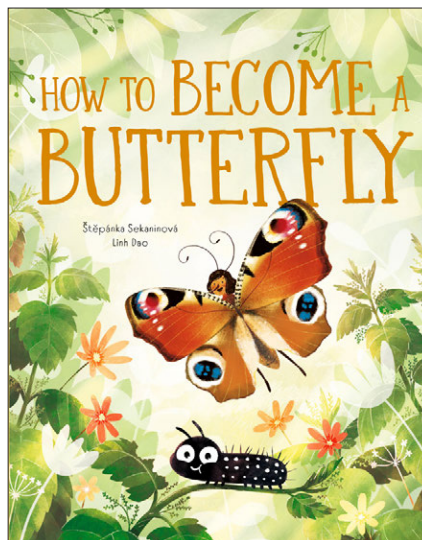
DIARY OF A BEE

ŠTĚPÁNKA SEKANINOVÁ, ILLUSTRATED BY LINH DAO



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HOW TO BECOME A BUTTERFLY

ŠTĚPÁNKA SEKANINOVÁ ILLUSTRATED BY LINH DAO

- Discover the magical journey from tiny caterpillar to brilliant butterfly in this heartwarming and educational picture book!
- Fascinating butterfly facts – dive into the real-life science of metamorphosis, told through Amanda's imaginative and relatable story
- STEM learning made fun
- Captivating artwork brings Amanda's world to life, making learning feel like an adventure
- A gentle message about change, bravery, and becoming who you're meant to be
- Part of the Trusted *Little Heroes* series

Age range 6 to 9

Meet Amanda – a determined little caterpillar with a big dream: to fly. She wiggles through leaves, munches on greens, and hides from danger in the great big world of the garden. But something amazing is about to happen. With patience, courage, and a touch of nature's magic, Amanda's struggles lead to a breathtaking transformation.

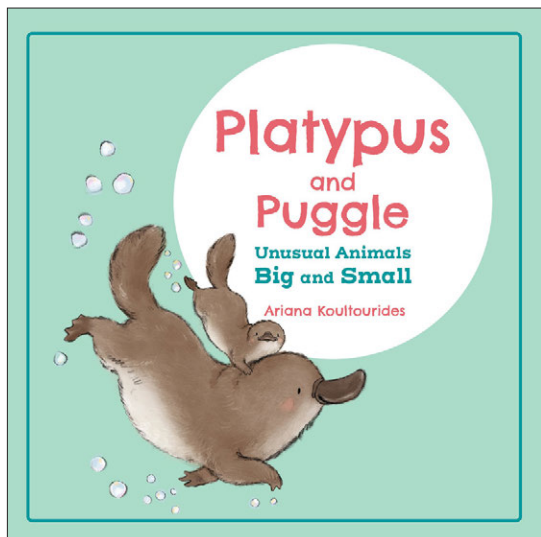
Whether your child is a budding scientist, a nature lover, or simply enjoys a good story, *How to Become a Butterfly* is a must-have for your bookshelf.



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9788000078359 | August 2026 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 259x216mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN





PLATYPUS AND PUGGLE: UNUSUAL ANIMALS BIG AND SMALL

ARIANA KOULTOURIDES

- Explores the concept of size and scale, moving from small creatures to big ones! Perfect for early learning
- Uses lyrical alliteration, fun facts, and whimsical illustrations to help toddlers expand their language skills in a joyful way
- Sturdy, case-bound board book built to last through repeated reading (and chewing!)

Age range 2 to 4

From tiny jerboas to giant elephants, this animal-themed board book will teach toddlers the names of some unusual and adorable animals and their babies.

Platypus and Puggle: Unusual Animals Big and Small introduces toddlers to the names of animals and their babies with lyrical alliteration and fascinating fun facts. Moving from small to big, this collection of animal families helps build vocabulary and illustrates the concept of size. A charming companion to Ariana's hit board book *Llamas With Lemonade: An Unusual Animal ABC*, the book's oversized, case-bound board book format and irresistibly cute animals in soft pastel colours make it a perfect addition to any nursery library.



9781834020808 | August 2026 | Annick Press | BH | 32pp | 178x178mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



MY DAD KNOWS BEST (SOMETIMES!)

Lift the Flap and Laugh Along

MARIESSA SHEIN, ILLUSTRATED BY HEDVIGA GUTIERREZ

- A playful board book that celebrates the silly, sweet, and sometimes surprising wisdom of dads
- Lift-the-Flap surprises – sturdy flaps on every page keep toddlers engaged as they guess what dad will say next
- Perfect Father's Day gift – a heartwarming and humorous gift for dads, grandpas, or father figures – great for storytime all year long
- Age range 1 to 3

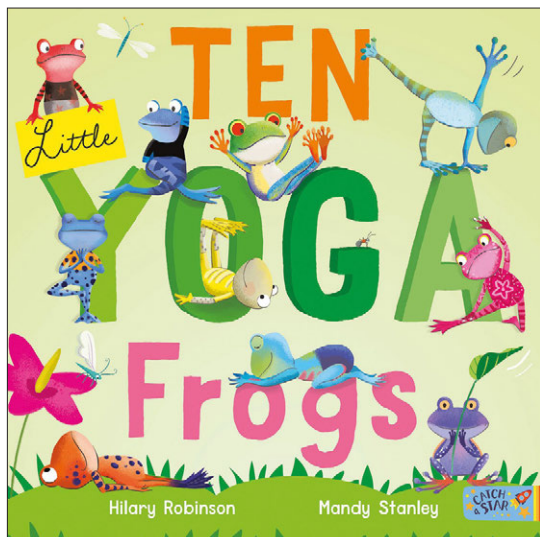
Get ready to giggle with *My Dad Knows Best (Sometimes!)*, a hilarious and heartwarming lift-the-flap board book starring an inquisitive Baby Panda and their loveable, know-it-all Dad. Whether it's answering big questions like 'Why is the sky blue?' or solving everyday mysteries like 'Where did my sock go?', Dad always has an answer...even if it's not exactly right!

With sturdy flaps on every page and playful surprises underneath, this interactive book invites toddlers to explore, laugh, and bond with Dad through silly questions and even sillier answers.

Warning: May cause excessive giggles. (Thanks, Dad!)



9788000078892 | August 2026 | Albatros Media | BH | 12pp | 152x152mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



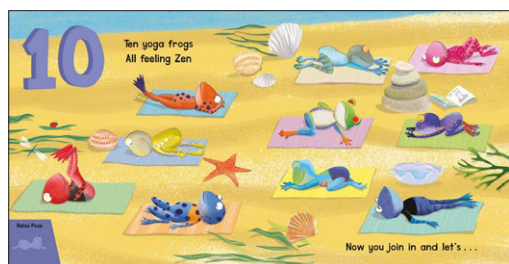
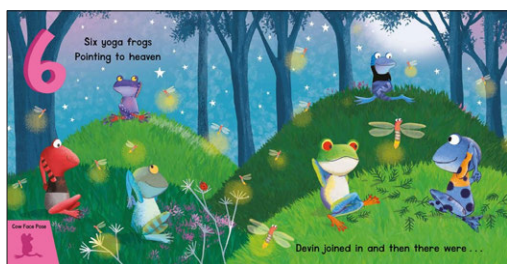
TEN LITTLE YOGA FROGS

HILARY ROBINSON, ILLUSTRATED BY MANDY STANLEY

- **Reprint due August!**
- **A bright, colourful story featuring a cast of adorable frogs**
- **A perfect first counting book**
- **Introduces babies and toddlers to yoga and provides an example of ten basic poses**

Age range 0 to 5

Yoga Frogs love to have fun trying all the different yoga poses. Can you count the different yoga frogs, and try out all the yoga poses?



9781922326126 | February 2021 | Catch a Star | PB | 24pp | 240x240mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FOREST

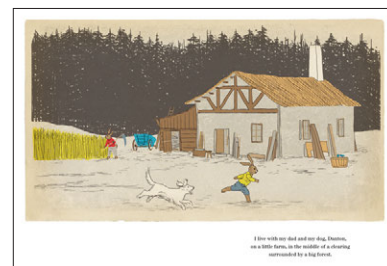
NADINE ROBERT, ILLUSTRATED BY GÉRARD DUBOIS

- **Now in paperback!**
- **Nostalgic: For fans of Beatrix Potter, *On the Other Side of the Forest* tells the story of two curious rabbits with illustrations reminiscent of classic children's books**
- **Encourages cooperation and teamwork: A heartwarming and beautifully crafted story that helps children understand concepts of cooperation, friendship, and the importance of connecting with others**

Age range 3 to 8

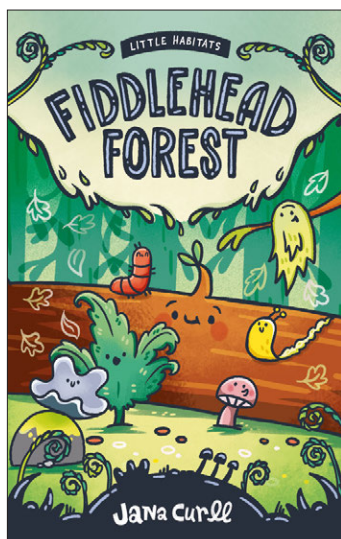
What's on the other side of the forest? A young rabbit and his father are determined to find out in this modern picture book that 'feels like a vintage gem' (*New York Times*), calling to mind the tender work of Beatrix Potter.

Some say that wolves, ogres, and giant badgers live in the forest beside Arthur's house. That's why no one ever goes in there, to see what's on the other side. But one day, Arthur's dad has an idea – a magnificent idea! Build a tower to look over the treetops! But a magnificent idea takes a lot of work. Will the villagers join and help them? And when the tower takes shape, what will they see on the other side?



9781778403729 | August 2026 | Greystone Kids | PB | 72pp | 279x203mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

'Absorbing storytelling.'
– *Publishers Weekly*, starred review
'A riveting read.' – *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review



FIDDLEHEAD FOREST

JANA CURLL

- **Book 2 in the *Little Habitats* series, following the beloved *Barnacle Bay*. Each book in this series explores a different ecosystem, from oceans to forests, and more!**
- **For fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*, this hilarious graphic novel explores the beautifully diverse ecosystem created by nurse logs**

Age range 6 to 9

When a tree falls in the forest, Fern is determined to step up and lead a rescue mission to raise it back up to its grand height. With the help of her quirky and ambitious forest friends – Millipede, Moth, Slug, Lichen, and Mushroom – the crew springs to action in search of LOG-ical solutions to restore the tree to its upright position. Will they succeed in their mission? You'll never be-LEAF what happens next!



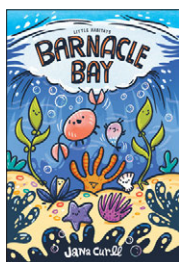
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9781778401046 | August 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 92pp | 229x152mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

Also available:

BARNACLE BAY

JANA CURLL



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



LITTLE BEE: THE BUZZ ABOUT THE PARTY

DANNY NEVILLE, ILLUSTRATED BY COLLEEN MCKEOWN

- **Bee's story highlights a range of non-traditional families: two dads, single parents, blended families, and more, creating space for all kids to see themselves reflected and affirmed**
- **Kid-friendly exploration of egg donation and surrogacy**
- **Each book emphasises a different bug, and this first one is all about BEES!**
- **First in a new series: The *Little Bee* series will explore friendship, identity, and classroom dynamics with humour and heart**

Age range 6 to 9

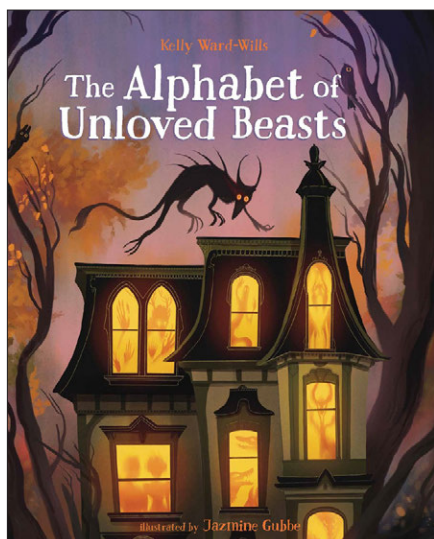
A bug-tastic and social justice-filled new early chapter book series! Bee and her friends love parties, but her third grade class's upcoming Mother's Day celebration makes her feel all squirmy inside: are she and her dads even allowed to go?

Bee and her best friends Sarah and Tiam – the Winged Wonder gang – love parties almost as much as they love bugs. So when their Grade 3 teacher announces that the class must come up with a winning party idea, the friends are so excited. But when Bee realises that it's to celebrate the upcoming Mother's Day weekend, she is confused and worried: Bee has two dads.



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9781834020471 | August 2026 | Annick Press | PB | 136pp | 191x152mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



THE ALPHABET OF UNLOVED BEASTS

KELLY WARD-WILLS, ILLUSTRATED BY JAZMINE GUBBE

- An unusual alphabet book that is also the story of loneliness and friendship
- An easy, gentle read-aloud that is also a beautiful addition to any book lovers' shelves
- Perfect for that monster-lover, gamer, or fantasy fan with young children
- Kelly Ward-Wills brings her years of experience honing stories for children to this clean and crisp text, in addition she has one previous publication, *Keep it Beautiful*, a work of short stories

Age range 5 to 8

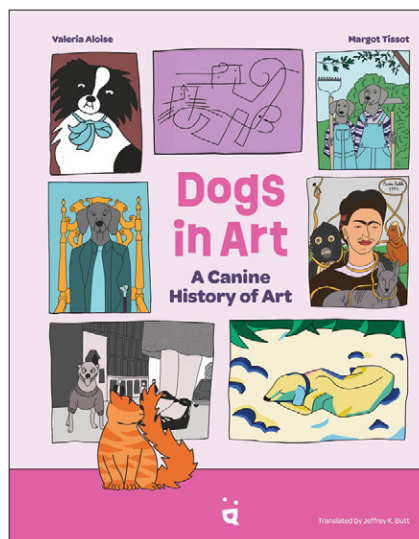
In an old house, you'll find spiders, mice, and dust. But in the oldest houses you'll find things far worse than bugs. A house that's lived enough years will gather in its eaves a crew of several monstrous things that settle and won't leave.

They moan and scratch and knock the walls. They rattle in the drains. When little humans shake with fear, they think, 'Well, that was a very fun game!' But as houses get older, their children do, too. And soon all those creatures are simply left in a household of unloved beasts.

Playful, alliterative text that highlights one monstrous ghoul for each letter of the alphabet takes readers through the corners and crannies of an old house.



9781777791889 | August 2026 | Eye of Newt Books | HB | 32pp
| 254x203mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



DOGS IN ART

A Canine History of Art

VALERIA ALOISE, ILLUSTRATED BY MARGOT TISSOT

- Perfect for budding artists – often the best inspiration is what we love most – our dogs!
- A doggy art history course – centuries of art featuring our four-legged friends
- What do Banksy, Thomas Gainsborough and Annie Leibovitz and Basquiat have in common? Dogs become a simple way to discuss a vast array of styles rarely seen together

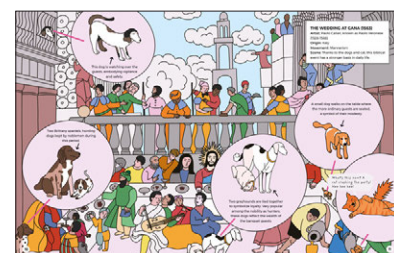
Age range 6 to 10

Calling all art and animal lovers! Join Harriet, the museum cat, on a playful tour of artwork from around the world and across time – all of which feature dogs!

- Over 30 artworks that all include dogs
- Art from many cultures, from Indigenous art to classic paintings to modern street art and sculpture
- Famous artists including Frida Kahlo, Banksy, Keith Haring, and Jeff Koons
- Colourful illustrations, fun facts, surprising stories, and a humorous feline tour guide
- An accessible introduction to art styles and time periods



9783039641239 | August 2026 | Helvetiq | HB | 64pp
| 267x216mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



'A child-friendly approach to art history, likely to spark interest in the originals and inspire gallery visits.'
– Kirkus



THRONERUNNER

The Predator's Stone, Book 2

G. R. BODEN

- Perfect for fans of *Percy Jackson*
- Norse gods are more popular than ever (thanks to the *Avengers*)
- Strong, female lead character (the girl gets to lead the fight!)
- Second book in a series

Age range 10 to 13

In *The Predator's Stone* series, 12-year-old Cinder Moss wants nothing more than to belong – and perhaps go three days in a row without getting into a fight. Fortunately, headlining in the starring role of an ancient prophecy foretelling the destruction of the Nine Realms, leaves Cinder little time to dwell on her misery. Odin has the most to lose (his words, not ours) and putting his trust in Cinder has him questioning his immortality.



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9781638192336 | August 2026 | Bushel & Peck | PB | 448pp | 216x140mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

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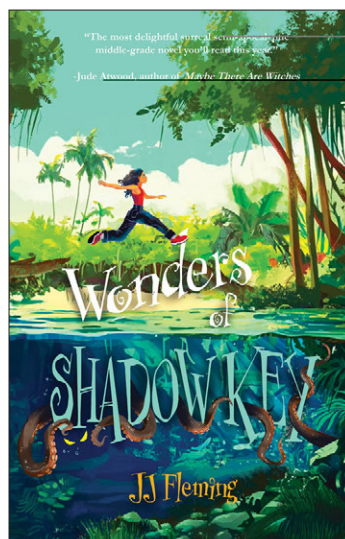
STORMBRINGER

G. R. BODEN



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9781638191605 | September 2023 | Bushel & Peck | PB | 448pp | 216x140mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



WONDERS OF SHADOW KEY

J. J. FLEMING

- Lyrical prose and gifted storytelling: author is a 'gifted storyteller' with a 'rich style and language', who spins tales like 'the state's coolest scout leader', according to *Library Journal* and the *Sun Sentinel*
- Creepy fun with a message: tackles themes of isolation and climate change with vivid prose, quirky supernatural creatures, and a dose of humour
- Environmental theme: perfect for introducing middle grade readers to some of the dangers of climate change and the importance of making your voice heard

Age range 9 to 12

In a near-future world where hurricanes are weekly events, Eleanor escapes with her family to an abandoned beach town on Shadow Key after a storm destroys her school. There, she stumbles upon a strange and eerie discovery – a small colony of ghosts, each with their own peculiar story: a homesick pirate, a lovesick countess, the mysterious Nameless Mute Gentleman, and The Fabulous Singing Siren Sisters.

But the ghosts are in danger. Tentacled sea monsters called Oldies are stalking their souls, and with rising sea levels and more storms on the way, the ghosts' time is running out. As a terrifying new storm approaches, Eleanor must rescue a ghost lost at sea and save her friends in a final, storm-chased battle of song against darkness.



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9781646036653 | August 2026 | Fitzroy Books | PB | 186pp | 216x140mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



Introducing Eye Books

Eye Books is an independent UK publisher championing bold fiction and powerful non-fiction.

THE BOY WHO BIKED THE WORLD PART 1

On the Road to Africa

ALASTAIR HUMPHREYS

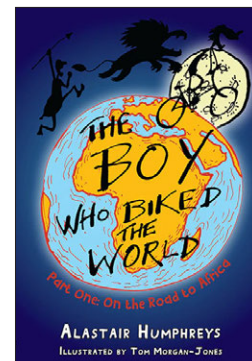
- **Part one of the bestselling trilogy**
- **Discover Africa by bicycle in Book One of a children's adaptation of Alastair Humphreys' journey around the world**

Age range 9 to 12

In this charming caricature of the author's own circumnavigation by bike, we meet Tom, an adventurous boy who feels there must be more to life than school.

We follow him as he leaves England, cycling through Europe and all the way through Africa to the tip of South Africa. Along the way, young readers are introduced not only to the various fascinating landscapes he passes through, but also to the people who embrace him as he travels.

9781903070758 | August 2011 | Eye Books | PB | 128pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



THE BOY WHO BIKED THE WORLD PART 2

Riding the Americas

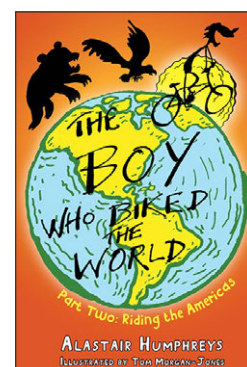
ALASTAIR HUMPHREYS

- **Part two of the bestselling trilogy**
- **Based on the author's personal experiences, this book provides an immersive experience for any young adventurer**

Age range 9 to 12

Tom dreamed of being an adventurer, but people told him he was crazy, so he decided to prove them wrong by cycling round the world. In Part Two, he pedals north from the tip of South America up through the Americas towards Alaska. He must contend with deserts, jungles and the massive mountains of the Andes. He meets grizzly bears, fascinating locals and even a memorable guinea pig.

9781903070871 | February 2015 | Eye Books | PB | 128pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



THE BOY WHO BIKED THE WORLD PART 3

Riding Home Through Asia

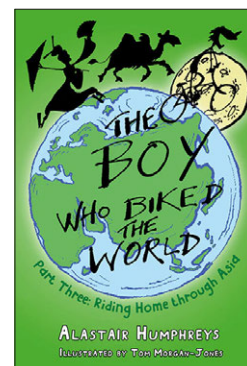
ALASTAIR HUMPHREYS

- **The final part of the bestselling trilogy**
- **Based on the author's own personal adventure, and with engaging illustrations, maps and handwritten journal entries throughout**

Age range 9 to 12

In Part Three, the final leg of his journey, he continues to have amazing experiences. He braves the freezing temperatures of Siberia, rides behind reindeer in Russia, floats in a Japanese pool watched by monkeys and follows the Great Wall of China. Finally, he bikes back home to England.

9781785630088 | January 2016 | Eye Books | PB | 128pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



SOCCEROLOGY

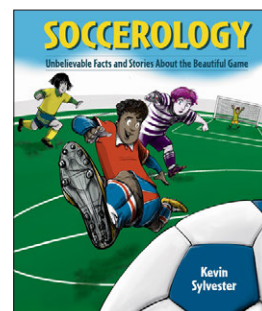
Unbelievable Facts and Stories About the Beautiful Game

KEVIN SYLVESTER

- **Uncover everything you never knew about the beautiful game in this full colour, illustrated soccer compendium – from the science of a perfect backspin to soccer heroes who changed the sport forever**

Age range 9 to 12

Colourful illustrations, fun infographics, and supercool trivia reveal all about the most popular sport in the world. Begin with the game's startling origins or turn to any short chapter and dive in! You'll discover historic firsts, trailblazing athletes, and the weirdest soccer records. Read unforgettable stories about players who pushed the boundaries of the game – sometimes by bending the rules – and learn why soccer had to become more welcoming before it could truly bring people together. Packed with charts, timelines, and further reading, *Soccerology* is a must-have that's equally fascinating for soccer newbies and diehard fans.



9781834020662 | August 2026 | Annick Press | PB | 92pp | 241x203mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

IN YOUR HANDS

A Kid's Guide to Palmistry

P. V. DAI, ILLUSTRATED BY ELISSA MARIE

- **An illustrated palmistry guide targeted toward children ages 8-12 but appropriate for all ages**
- **Includes sections on energy exchange, setting the tone for a reading, and palmistry history**

Age range 8+

In Your Hands: A Kid's Guide to Palmistry is an all-encompassing, illustrated palmistry guide written just for kids. Join professional palmist P. V. Dai as you learn about the lines, mounts, and symbols of the palm with sample palms based off of real readings. Alongside child-friendly information about what the different features of the palm and hand say about a person's potential, this guide includes novel sections about energy exchange, setting the tone for any divinatory reading, and a fun approach to palmistry history.



9781956712186 | August 2026 | Moon Dust Press | HB | 144pp | 203x152mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

DRAWING SWEET AND CUTE CHIBI

Learn How to Draw Cozy Animal Characters, Adorable Foods, and More Kawaii Things (How to Draw Books)

TESSA CREATIVE ART

- **Learn to draw the cutest, most whimsical chibi scenes, including delicious fruits, adorable sweet treats, kawaii animals, dancing ballerinas, and more!**
- **'How to draw anime' is a top search term online, with over 30,000 searches a month. 'Sweet and cute' and 'cozy' colouring and drawing books have surged in popularity**

Age range 9 to 12

Crack open your sketchbook, grab your pens and pencils, and get ready to draw the most charming chibi creations imaginable! *Drawing Sweet and Cute Chibi* is your step-by-step guide to crafting darling chibi characters, foods, animals, and more in an irresistibly adorable kawaii style. Perfect for beginners and budding artists of all ages.



9781646048670 | August 2026 | Ulysses Press | PB | 128pp | 229x178mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

THE NATURE OF PLAY

A Handbook of Nature-Based Activities for all Seasons

DELFINA AGUILAR, CLARE AITKEN, ILLUSTRATED BY SABRINA ARNAULT

- Features 34 hands-on activities and recipes organised by season and interwoven with poems, plant guides, and fascinating interviews
- Perfect resource for outdoor education, homeschool, and Montessori learning
- Filled with stunning sophisticated illustrations that are sure to spark imagination and evoke creativity

Age range 6 to 12

Filled with bespoke crafts and seasonal activities for readers young and old, *The Nature of Play* is the perfect resource for exploring and engaging with nature and your creative side – whether you're at home, in your backyard, or a local park.

Discover seasonal recipes, hands-on projects, and detailed guides to plants and animals.

9781778403088 | August 2026 | Greystone Kids | PB | 180pp | 228x177mm | AU \$39.99 | NZ \$44.99 | DISC: GEN



THE MOTH DREAMER

AMY LYNN FARRELL

- Grief, guilt, and premonitions: *Moth Dreamer* is the story of a 16-year-old girl coming of age with a supernatural ability that allows her to see premonitions of the future

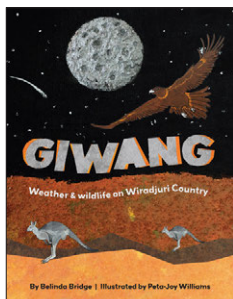
Age range 12 to 15

Sixteen-year-old Aubrey is horrified when a vision about her cousin's death comes true. Overcome with grief, Aubrey begins to see more troubling visions about the futures of those around her. To make matters worse, a mysterious Trickster keeps visiting her dreams with cryptic messages she doesn't understand.

As Aubrey's well-being unravels, a dark creature – one that feeds on suffering – begins stalking her. With the help of her Kokum, a medicine woman, Aubrey learns to tap into her spiritual strength. But when the creature crosses into the real world, Aubrey must find the strength to protect her family, and in doing so, confront her guilt and find peace.

9781774921616 | August 2026 | HighWater Press | PB | 272pp | 210x140mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN





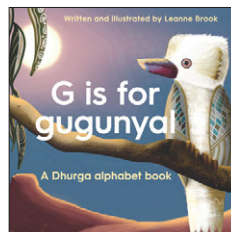
GIWANG
Weather and wildlife on
Wiradjuri Country
BELINDA BRIDGE,
ILLUSTRATED BY PETA-
JOY WILLIAMS

Age range 3+

Take a journey through
Wiradjuri Country.



9781922752031 | November 2025 |
Aboriginal Studies Press | PB | 32pp |
276x213mm | AU \$24.95 | NZ \$29.99 |
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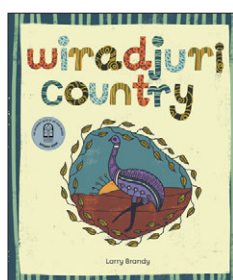


G IS FOR GUGUNYAL
A Dhurga alphabet book
LEANNE BROOK

Teaches readers to correctly
pronounce the 24 Dhurga sounds
and phonemes, and Dhurga
words.



9781922102805 | May 2022 |
Aboriginal Studies Press | PB |
32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.95 |
NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



WIRADJURI COUNTRY
LARRY BRANDY

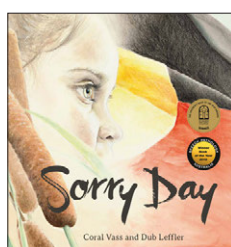
Age range 6+

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).

9781922507525 | May 2025 |
National Library of Australia | PB |
96pp | 250x210mm | AU \$19.99 |
NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



SORRY DAY
CORAL VASS, ILLUSTRATED
BY DUB LEFFLER

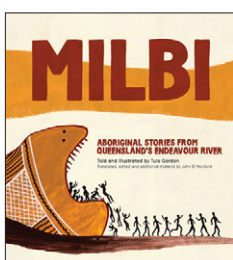
Age range 7+

Two stories entwine in this
captivating retelling of the
momentous day when

the then Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin
Rudd, acknowledged the sorrows of past and
said *Sorry*.



9780642279651 | December 2019
| National Library of Australia | PB
| 34pp | 255x245mm | AU \$17.99 |
NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



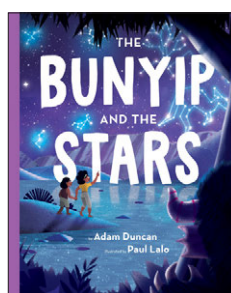
MILBI
Aboriginal stories
from Queensland's
Endeavour River
TULO GORDON, EDITED
AND TRANSLATED BY
JOHN HAVILAND

Age range 8+

A long time ago, in the land of Guugu
Yumithirr people, mythic creatures hunted,
danced, played and gathered food.



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



THE BUNYIP AND THE STARS
ADAM DUNCAN,
ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL
LALO

Age range 0 to 6

Biripi man Adam Duncan brings
to life the bunyip, an animal from

First Nations mythology that holds great
fascination for children.



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

