

PLATYPUS BEND

DIANE JACKSON HILL, ILLUSTRATED BY
CRAIG SMITH

- Another beautiful story by the award-winning duo Diane Jackson Hill and Craig Smith, whose first book with Museums Victoria Publishing (*Chooks in Dinner Suits*) won the Environment Award for Children's Literature in 2017 and was a Notable Book in both the Picture Book of the Year and Information Book of the Year categories in the 2017 CBCA Awards. Their next book, *Saving Seal*, was shortlisted for the Environment Award for Children's Literature in 2022 and was a CBCA Notable Book for Information Book of the Year in the same year
- *Saving Seal* was chosen as part of the Books in Prep Bags initiative for the Victorian Department of Education, where 65,000 copies of this book were printed and distributed to children starting Prep in 2024
- Diane Jackson Hill was a lifelong primary school teacher and takes her hands-on experience in the classroom into her work as an author, writing engaging and thought provoking books for a young audience
- With lush illustrations hand-painted by the incomparable Craig Smith, readers are drawn right in to the environment of *Platypus Bend*. Craig has had the good fortune of seeing platypus more than once in the wild, and drew the detailed environments portrayed in the book from life, based on actual Australian landscapes
- The scientific accuracy of the platypus's physical attributes, habitat, behaviours and diet have all been carefully reviewed by our museum experts



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Museums Victoria | HB | 32pp |
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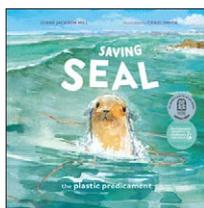
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Also Available:

SAVING SEAL

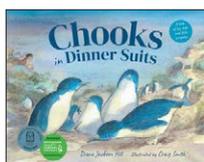
DIANE JACKSON HILL,
ILLUSTRATED BY CRAIG SMITH



9781921833540 | October 2021 | Museums Victoria | HB |
32pp | 245x245mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

CHOOKS IN DINNER SUITS

DIANE JACKSON HILL,
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9781921833380 | June 2016 | Museums Victoria | PB | 32pp |
220x280mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | DISC: GEN

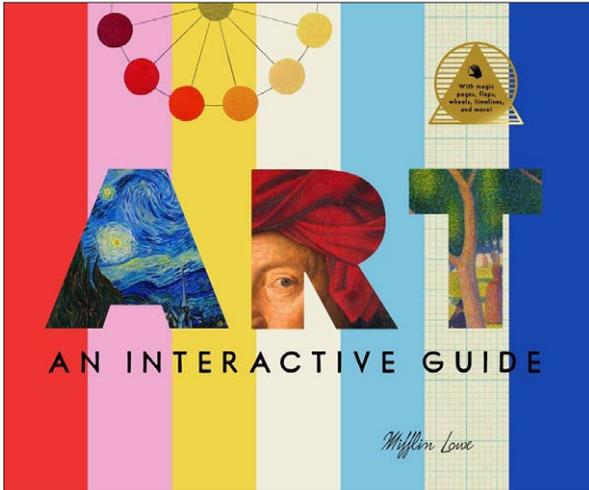
Age range 4+

The rivulet begins high on a mountain top. It twists and turns and turns and twists until it swirls around a bend and softens into a calm pool...

No-one knows – but in that pool there is a secret.

From the award-winning author and illustrator behind *Saving Seal* and *Chooks in Dinner Suits* comes a meditative story about the elusive platypus, and the need to respect and nurture the environment it calls home.





9781638190165 | January 2026 | Bushel & Peck | HB | 80pp | 254x305mm | AU \$45.00 | NZ \$49.99

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ART: AN INTERACTIVE GUIDE

A Hands-On Tour of 150 Essential Masterpieces: With Magic Pages, Flaps, Color Wheels, and More!
MIFFLIN LOWE

- Features more than 150 essential works of art that every kid should know
- A fully interactive look at the world of art, including the technique, medium, and historical context of each work
- Also includes incredible-but-true stories about the artwork and their creators!

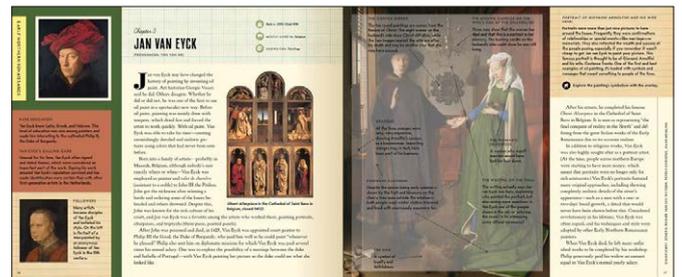
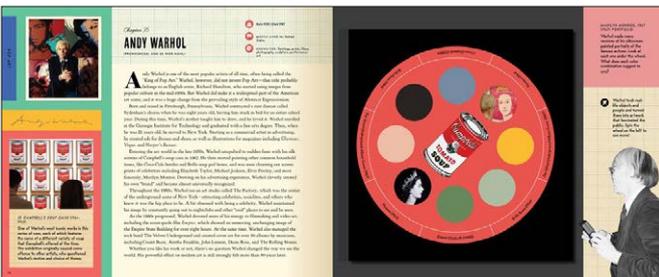
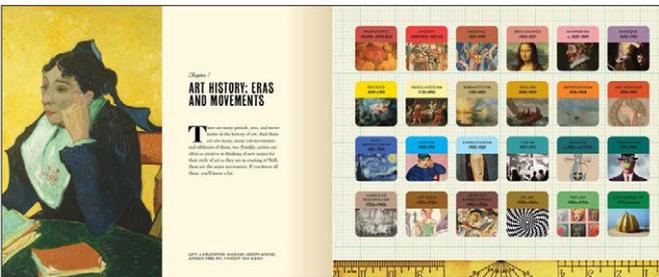
Age range 7 to 12

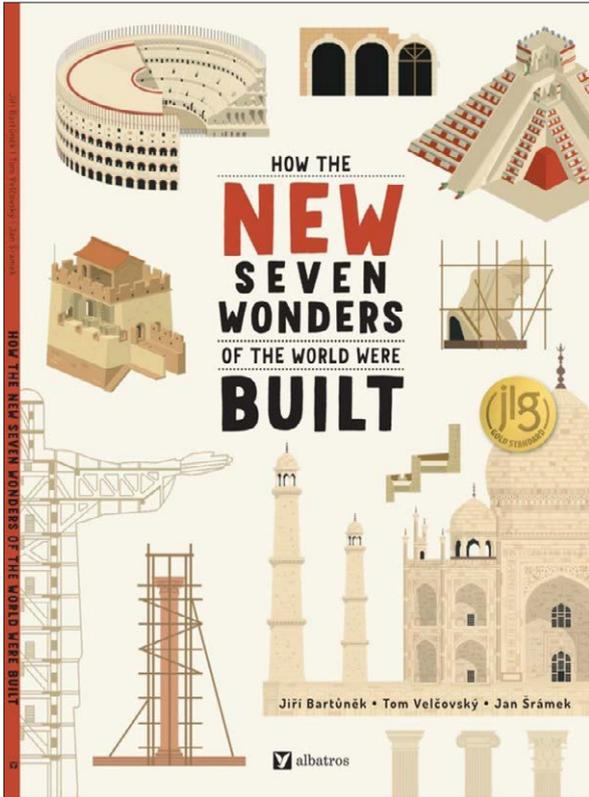
Interactively explore more than 150 of the world's greatest works of art with flaps, translucent pages, wheels, and hidden gems on every page.

In museums, we're often told, 'look with your eyes' at the famous paintings adorning the walls. But what if a child could follow their impulse, reach out, and touch a masterpiece? In this thrilling, interactive book, kids of all ages can do just that! Going beyond the world of sight, readers will explore art like never before – opening da Vinci's mysterious notebook, turning Mondrian's geometric wonder, lifting flaps, spinning wheels, peeling back translucent overlays, and much, much more! Come along on this 3-D journey and discover the secrets of the masters – their techniques, tools, and inspirations – and why these works of art are still studied, revered, and cherished to this day.

Featured artists include:

- Georges Seurat
- Vincent van Gogh
- Mary Cassatt
- Gustav Klimt
- Marc Chagall
- Georgia O'Keeffe
- Pablo Picasso
- Frida Kahlo
- Andy Warhol
- and many, many more!





HOW THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD WERE BUILT

JIRI BARTUNEK, TOM VELCOVSKY,
ILLUSTRATED BY JAN SRAMEK

- **Now in paperback!**
- *The New Seven Wonders of the World* are introduced from the architectural point of view in this fully illustrated title
- Follows first title in this series *How The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World Were Built*. This sequel is even more attractive as the buildings still stand and can be visited
- **Innovative approach:** Apart from the other books about the seven wonders available on the market, this one introduces not only the buildings, but the main focus lies on the construction techniques and tools used in various historical periods
- **Fully illustrated, large panoramic pictures, including sectional views.** Realistic, yet playful illustrations appealing to our young readers
- **Educative and fun:** The encyclopedic information is balanced out with fun facts and curiosities from the history and supported by graphic and demonstrative depictions



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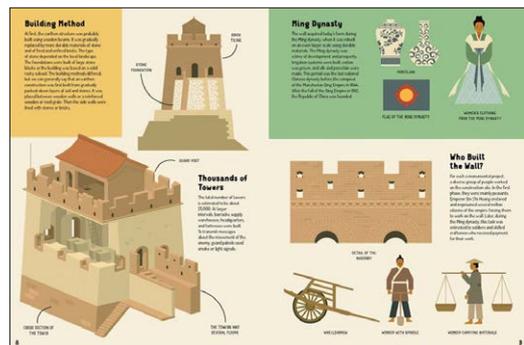
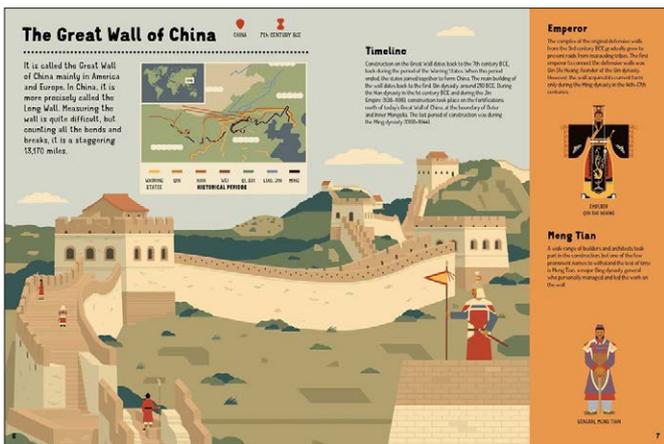
9788000076348 | January 2026 | Albatros Media | PB | 56pp | 279x203mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99

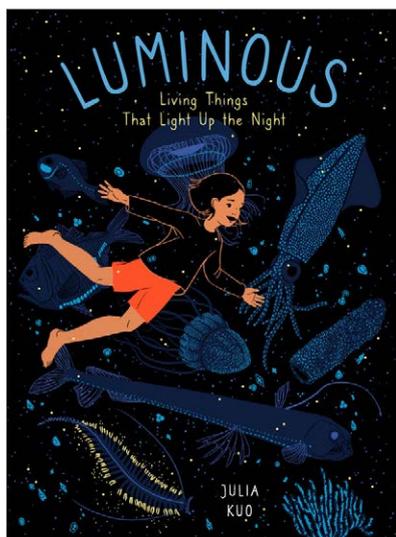
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Age range 9 to 12

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

These buildings are a unique cross-section of world architecture and offer a unique opportunity to compare the approaches, but also cultures of the entire world and different historical periods. Come and travel with us across the world and time and peek behind the curtain of the creation of the architectural monuments that have helped shape the current world.





LUMINOUS

Living Things That Light Up the Night

JULIA KUO

- **Stunning and unique illustrations:** The depiction of vibrant bioluminescent species against an unusual black backdrop creates an unforgettable visual experience for readers
- **The science of bioluminescence:** Shares the real-life magic of bioluminescence with sidebars about the various places and species in which bioluminescence is found
- **From an acclaimed author-illustrator:** Julia Kuo's previous picture book, *I Dream of Popo*, was named a Best Book of 2021 by the New York Public Library

Age range 4 to 8

In this 'surprisingly simple yet mesmerising introduction to a wonder of the natural world' (*Kirkus* starred review), kids aged 4 to 8 will marvel at the science of bioluminescence through stunning images of glowing creatures and other organisms.

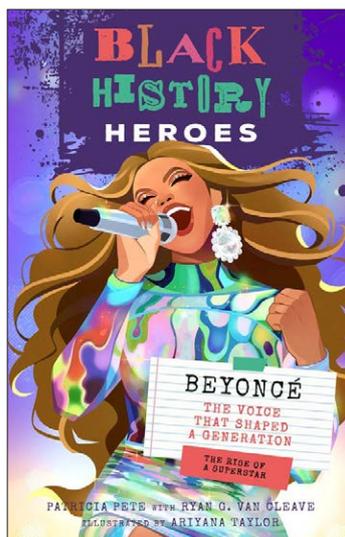
From acclaimed author-illustrator Julia Kuo comes a remarkable picture book about bioluminescence, the light made from living things, and its many forms: fireflies and foxfire, fungi and glow-worms, deep-sea fish and vampire squids.

Kuo's radiant art portrays a young child and adult discovering different bioluminescent creatures, accompanied by simple lyrical text and informative sidebars that reveal fascinating scientific facts about each of them.



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9781771648905 | January 2026 | Greystone Kids | PB | 44pp | 279x203mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



BLACK HISTORY HEROES: BEYONCÉ

The Voice that Shaped a Generation: The Rise of a Superstar

PATRICIA PETE, WITH RYAN G. VAN CLEAVE, ILLUSTRATED BY ADRIANA PEREZ PERALES

- **Series entries have starred reviews from *School Library Journal* and *Booklist***
- **Beyoncé is one of (if not the) most popular entertainer in the world and an acknowledged role model for girls, women, people of colour, and future entertainers and entrepreneurs**

Age range 8 to 10

Black History Heroes: Beyoncé shows the power of grit, perseverance, and character in a dynamic biography for kids.

Beyoncé Knowles-Carter started performing as a child, but first rose to fame as a member of the R&B girl group Destiny's Child and has gone on to sell more than 200 million records worldwide as a solo artist. Widely considered one of the greatest musical artists of all time, Beyoncé has won nearly every award in the music industry and beyond.

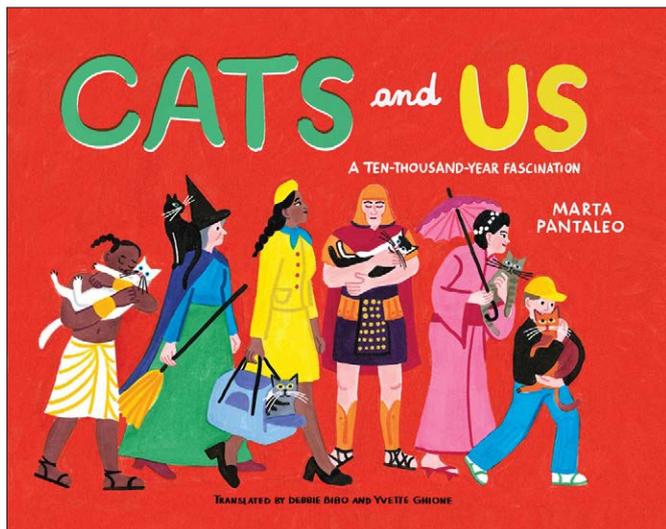
An inspiration to millions, the life of Beyoncé is indeed proof that Black history matters.

Black History Heroes shares the lives and inspirations of Black men and women who changed the world, yesterday, today, and for tomorrow.



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9781638193173 | January 2026 | Milk + Cookies | PB | 104pp | 216x140mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



9781779460394 | January 2026 | Groundwood Books | HB | 40pp | 213x267mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

CATS AND US

A Ten-Thousand-Year Fascination

MARTA PANTALEO, TRANSLATED BY DEBBIE BIBO, YVETTE GHIONE

- **Traces the special relationship between humans and cats throughout world history**
- ***Cats and Us* showcases a broad diversity of both cat breeds and human cultures, based on extensive research. From revered felines in Ancient Egypt, to cat cafés in Korea, this book demonstrates how cats continue to fascinate and intrigue us**
- **Marta Pantaleo's vivid, brightly coloured illustrations are eye-catching, making this the perfect gift book for any cat lover!**

Age range 3 to 6

Cats have always fascinated us! Over the centuries and all around the world, the cat has appeared in myths, legends, superstitions and stories. From the time we first admired cats in ancient Egypt, to the creation of cat cafés in Korea in the present day, cats continue to fascinate and intrigue us. While they allow us to understand some things about them, cats have still managed to retain an aura of mystery even today.

Based on extensive research, this narrative nonfiction picture book traces the special relationship between humans and these furry felines – a purr-fect introduction for the youngest of readers to the mysterious world of cats! Includes backmatter with further information on the cat breeds featured in the book.

HOW TO COOK FOR A DRAGON

Olde Recipes for Young Chefs

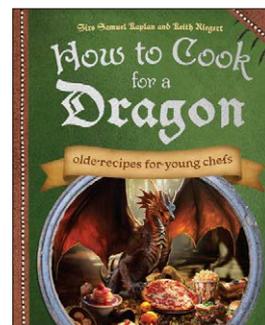
SAMUEL KAPLAN, KEITH RIEGERT

- Learn how to cook delicious, nutritious, and dragon-friendly recipes with this cookbook for kids that melds kitchen skills with dragonology
- Each page is a new discovery with easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions
- Fun dragon facts included with every recipe to keep your kids engaged
- Dive into a richly illustrated world where dragons roam free

Age range 5+

How to Cook for a Dragon is not your ordinary cookbook – it's a fantastical journey through a realm where every meal is an exciting quest and every recipe is a treasure to be unearthed. This dragon-themed cookbook is filled with fun, tasty, and nutritious recipes that kids will love to both make and eat, from the 'Dragon Egg in a Cave' that will tickle their taste buds to the 'Traveler's Mini Pizzas' that will have them breathing imaginary fire.

9781646047000 | January 2026 | Ulysses Press | HB | 128pp | 254x203mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



VICTOR AND THE GIANT

RAFAEL YOCKTENG, TRANSLATED BY ELISA AMADO

- From acclaimed creator Rafael Yockteng comes an empowering story of bravery and overcoming challenges no matter what
- Rafael Yockteng's bold and silly artwork brings the story to life

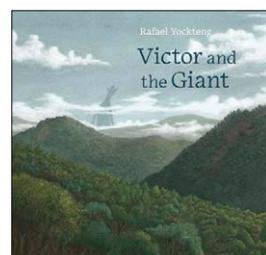
Age range 4 to 8

A moving, funny, remarkable book about what to do when a giant comes and eats up your city...including your mother!

It's an ordinary day. Victor's mother is running out the door to go to work and Victor is enjoying his milky hot chocolate when, suddenly, there is a terrible screech and a horrible shaking. When he looks out the window, Victor sees an enormous sleeping giant lying atop the city! He's eaten all the trees, buildings, cars, and people – even Victor's mother!

Can Victor find a way to save the city and get his mother back? And how can he make sure the giant goes back to sleep?

9781778400841 | January 2026 | Greystone Kids | HB | 56pp | 241x247mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



WORDS MATTER

The Story of Hans and Sophie Scholl, and the White Rose Resistance

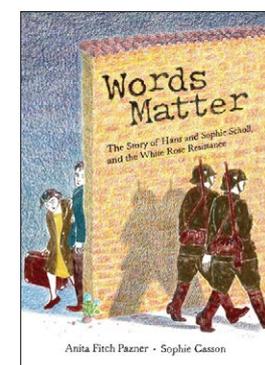
ANITA FITCH PAZNER, ILLUSTRATED BY SOPHIE CASSON

- An introduction for middle-grade readers to the White Rose Resistance, a nonviolent German resistance group that opposed the Nazis at the cost of the members' own lives. Hans and Sophie Scholl were prominent members of the White Rose and were executed by the Nazis in 1943
- This book explores nonviolent resistance and the importance of using one's words to stand against oppression and persecution

Age range 9 to 12

Written in verse and strikingly illustrated for middle-grade readers, *Words Matter* brings to life an unforgettable true story of nonviolent resistance. Hans and Sophie's story demonstrates the enduring power of words, especially in times of propaganda and fear.

9781773069708 | January 2026 | Groundwood Books | HB | 72pp | 226x152mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

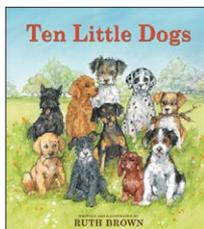


Bestselling board books

TEN LITTLE DOGS

RUTH BROWN

- Shortlisted for two categories of the Teach Early Years Awards 2021, and nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2022
- Ruth Brown is famous for picture book classics such as *A Dark Dark Tale*, *Eye Spy*, *Ten seeds* and *Snail Trail*
- Uses a fun rhyming pattern and appealing artwork to introduce concepts of counting and subtraction to very young children



Age range 3 to 6

*Ten little dogs, sitting in a line,
One chased a butterfly
And then there were...nine*

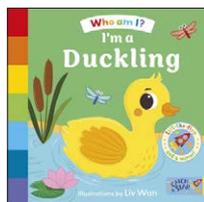
Then 8, then 7 and so on. Continue the countdown fun until only one little dog remains. Will there be none? Turn the final page to find out.

9781912650927 | June 2022 | Scallywag Press | BH | 28pp | 240x210mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

I'M A DUCKLING

LIV WAN

- Bright and colourful lift-the-flap children's board book
- Aims to help children develop early word recognition by reading the clues
- Readers will love the surprise mirror ending!
- First book in a series



Age range 0 to 3

Find out which farm animals are hiding in this colourful, interactive lift-the-flap children's board book with a surprise ending.

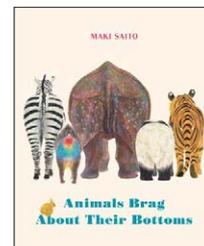
A brand-new series where little readers can guess which animals are hiding under colourful flaps by reading the clues. Perfect for reading aloud and developing early world recognition, children will want to read these books again and again.

9781912232685 | March 2024 | New Frontier | BH | 12pp | 165x165mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

ANIMALS BRAG ABOUT THEIR BOTTOMS

MAKI SAITO, TRANSLATED BY BRIAN BERGSTROM

- A perfect baby gift, this charming and funny board book features animals from around the world, each one celebrating their uniquely shaped bum!
- Celebrates self love and body positivity
- Great for an interactive read aloud



Age range 0 to 2

All bottoms are wonderful! Don't you agree? Each animal has a different reason for loving their behind – from cute and round to fashionable and striped!

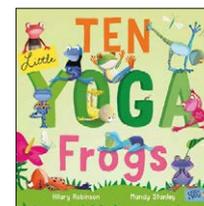
Illustrator Maki Saito's traditional Japanese art techniques add a sophisticated, beautiful feel to a book about...animal butts!

9781777840151 | March 2024 | Greystone Kids | BH | 28pp | 171x140mm | AU \$15.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

TEN LITTLE YOGA FROGS

HILARY ROBINSON, ILLUSTRATED BY MANDY STANLEY

- 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 3

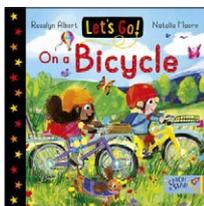
Yoga Frogs love to have fun trying all the different yoga poses. Can you count the different yoga frogs, and try out all the yoga poses?

9781912232690 | December 2023 | New Frontier | BH | 22pp | 200x200mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

Bestselling board books

LET'S GO! ON A BICYCLE

ROSALYN ALBERT,
ILLUSTRATED BY
NATALIA MOORE



- A funny, rhyming book for toddlers
- Gorgeous illustrations by Natalia Moore
- A brilliant depiction of a bicycle ride adventure



Age range 0 to 3

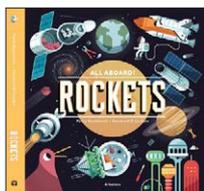
*Let's go on a bicycle
And spend the day outside,
We'll have a big adventure
It's a great day for a ride!*

Join friends for an exciting bicycle ride! The *Let's Go!* series features a mode of transport in each book and encourages children to explore the great outdoors. It is a fun and engaging read, perfect for toddlers and early learners as they begin the years of discovery.

9781922326768 | June 2023 | Catch a Star | BH | 18pp | 165x165mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

ROCKETS

PAVLA HANACKOVA,
ILLUSTRATED BY DIARMUID
O CATHAIN



- An all-time popular topic of space and space travel introduced to younger kids in a playful and encouraging way
- Using a kiwi bird as a guide through the book
- It offers just enough information about various aspects of space travel and space itself and attractive style of illustrations to catch kids attention



Age range 6 to 9

A flightless bird that wishes to fly into space? Our kiwi bird Karl will show you that you can literally reach the stars, if you are determined and work hard to follow your dreams. Together with him, the readers will learn about rockets, space travel and space itself.

9788000063492 | January 2023 | Albatros Media | BH | 20pp | 241x241mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

WE ALL PLAY

JULIE FLETT

- The beloved, critically acclaimed book, in board book format
- Features Cree words for animals throughout, and a Cree refrain, 'kimêtawânaw mîna' (we play too!)



Age range 0 to 2

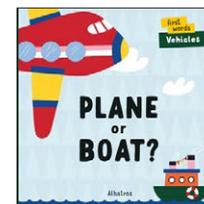
Baby animals and kids love to play! This wonderful book celebrates playtime and the connection between children and the natural world. Julie Flett's iconic illustrations celebrate birds who chase and chirp, bears who wiggle and wobble, and owls who peek and peep. A group of kids love to do the same thing, shouting, 'We play too! kimêtawânaw mîna'.

At the end of the book, the baby animals and kids gently fall asleep after a fun day of playing outside, making this book a great bedtime story. Features a glossary of Cree animal names used.

9781778402104 | October 2024 | Greystone Kids | BH | 34pp | 178x178mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

PLANE OR BOAT?

LENKA CHYTILOVA,
ILLUSTRATED BY VERONIKA
ZACHAROVA



- The main means of transport explained with a suprisingly simple but original way
- An amusing metamorphose of an illustration from one page into a different object on a next page



Age range 0 to 3

What's roaring and whirring over here? Cars zoom back and forth along the highway, ships roll over the water, and planes fly overhead. There's so much to hear and see!

On every page, there is a little surprise waiting for kids learning their first words: thanks to the cut-outs on every spread, one image transforms into another as the page turns. Combined with thoughtful and lively illustrations, this book is perfect for little ones!

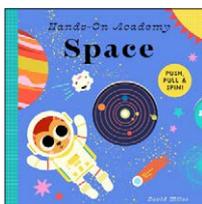
9788000061382 | May 2022 | Albatros Media | BH | 14pp | 160x160mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

Bestselling board books

**HANDS-ON ACADEMY
SPACE**

Push, Pull & Spin!

DAVID MILES



- An interactive, hands-on way to learn about space!
- Includes wheels, pull tabs, and other engaging features
- Built from thick, made-to-last artcard and board
- Covers topics like the sun, the moon, the earth, the planets, comets and asteroids, galaxies, the universe, and human space exploration
- Part of the exciting *Hands-On Academy STEAM* board book series!



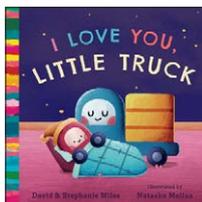
Age range 3 to 5

For every little one on your list, a 3-D book about space you can touch and move – all on your own! Help your youngest loved ones leap into STEAM and stay curious about the cosmos forever.

9781638191278 | August 2024 | Bushel & Peck | BH | 10pp | 178x178mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

I LOVE YOU, LITTLE TRUCK

DAVID MILES, STEPHANIE MILES, ILLUSTRATED BY NATASHA MOLINS



- An adorable, reaffirming story about a parent's love, even when kids make mistakes
- Features cute, colourful trucks, the perfect companions for car-loving kiddos!



Age range 1 to 4

Sometimes kids – and little trucks – need to be reassured of a parent's love. Big Truck loves Little Truck with a full heart – but Little Truck can't help but wonder. In a heartwarming exchange featuring favourite construction trucks, Big Truck shows how a parent's love overcomes oil spills, cement, and even the deepest of holes. Adorable illustrations from Natasha Mollins complement the simple and endearing rhyming text.

9781638190837 | February 2023 | Bushel & Peck | BH | 24pp | 191x191mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

**HANDS-ON ACADEMY
WEATHER**

Push, Pull & Spin!

DAVID MILES



- An interactive, hands-on way to learn about weather!
- Includes wheels, pull tabs, and other engaging features
- Bold, colourful illustrations captivate young readers
- Covers topics like temperature, clouds, air pressure and humidity, weather systems, storms, rainbows, the seasons, and even what to wear
- Part of the exciting *Hands-On Academy STEAM* board book series!



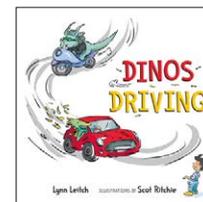
Age range 3 to 5

For every little one on your list, a 3-D book about the weather you can touch and move – all on your own! Help your youngest loved ones leap into STEAM and stay curious about the climate forever.

9781638191261 | August 2024 | Bushel & Peck | BH | 10pp | 178x178mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN

DINOS DRIVING

LYNN LEITCH, ILLUSTRATED BY SCOT RITCHIE



- A witty and whimsical board book for young fans of dinosaurs and vehicles alike
- Well-reviewed by *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, and more
- Teaches children about the names of dinosaurs in a fun and easy to learn method



Age range 2 to 5

In a smart and silly picture book enriched with preschool-friendly facts and activities, Lynn Leitch and the acclaimed Scot Ritchie propose the perfect modes of transport for eight charismatic dinosaurs

Illustrated by award-winning artist Scot Ritchie, this humorous picture book helps dinosaurs find their perfect way to get around, riding on a variety of vehicles that suit their style, anatomy, and nature.

9781772782950 | March 2024 | Pajama Press | BH | 22pp | 178x178mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN