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FLIPPER AND FINNEGAN

The true story of how tiny jumpers saved little penguins

Sophie Cunningham,
illustrated by Anil Tortop

Albert Street Books

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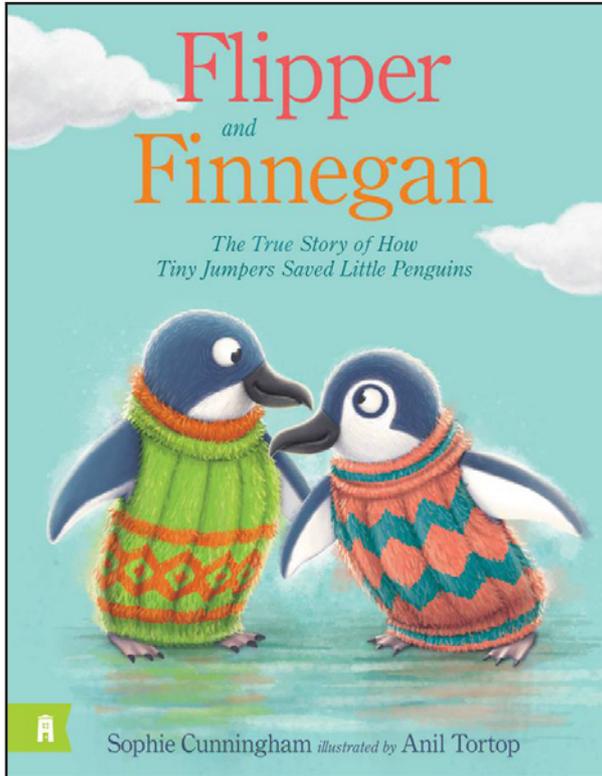
This affirming and delightful tale is based on a true story of animal rescue and community cooperation

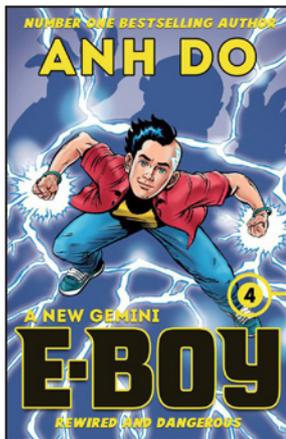
Flipper and Finnegan live on a beautiful island. Every morning they hunt for fish in the clear blue ocean waters. Every evening they waddle up the beach together with all their friends—it's a penguin parade. But one day, when Flipper comes up for air, she gets covered in something that is black and smelly and sticky—and Finnegan is nowhere to be seen . . .

The wildlife rangers hear the news that a big ship has spilled oil into the sea. They know that oily feathers cannot keep the wild penguins warm, and that swallowing oil will make them sick. So they put out the call: please knit tiny jumpers to help save the penguins!

This is the miraculous true story of how a viral knitting campaign helped save the lives of Phillip Island's Little Penguins. For ages 3-6.

Sophie Cunningham and Anil Tortop are the bestselling creators of *Tippy & Jellybean—the True Story of the Brave Koala Who Saved Her Baby From A Bushfire*.





A NEW GEMINI: E-BOY 4

Anh Do, illustrated by
Tim McEwen

Allen & Unwin

9781760879037 | \$15.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

E-boy is back in an electric new adventure

Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the ability to hack into any electronic device—with his mind!

When Ethan's link to Gemini breaks down after a mid-air battle, he decides to fix the android. But all the equipment he needs is with the enemy!

Can Ethan, Doctor Penny and Gemini work together to outsmart the dangerous Agent Ferris and infiltrate enemy headquarters? An electrifying adventure series from the bestselling author Anh Do. For ages 10-14.

Anh Do is one of Australia's best-loved storytellers. His series, including *Wolf Girl*, *E-Boy* and *WeirDo* are adored by millions of kids around the country. Tim McEwen is a comic co-creator, educator, storyboard artist and illustrator.

THE LAST GLADIATOR: RISE OF THE MYTHIX 5

Anh Do, illustrated by
Chris Wahl

Allen & Unwin

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What happens when three ordinary teenagers discover they are destined to be . . . the Unicorn, the Minotaur, the Griffin?

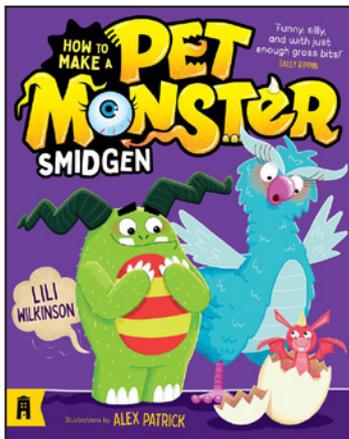
The Mythix are united at last, but things are NOT going according to plan!

Could there be something . . . or someone . . . missing from the prophecy?

The Collector is close on their tail, Jimmy is in terrible danger, and the Gladiator Games are in full swing—the Mythix are definitely going to need help.

But when the Kraken rises, whose side will he be on? For ages 10-14.

Anh Do is one of Australia's best-loved storytellers. Chris Wahl is an award-winning Australian illustrator and comic artist.



SMIDGEN: HOW TO MAKE A PET MONSTER 3

Lili Wilkinson, illustrated by Alex Patrick

Albert Street Books

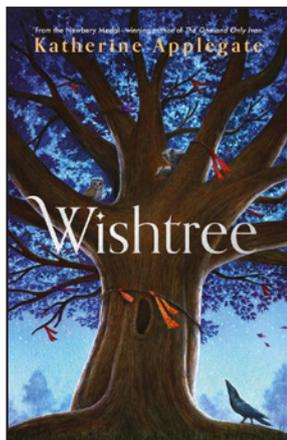
9781761067433 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Junior Fiction

*'Funny, silly, and with just enough gross bits!
Everyone needs their own pet monster!'—Sally Rippin*

Have you ever wanted a pet monster?
If you are like me, the answer is NO, because
you think monsters don't exist.
If you are like Willow, the answer is YES
DEFINITELY.

Willow and I found an ancient spell book called
the BIGGE BOKE OF FETCHING MONSTERS,
which shows you how to make REAL
MONSTERS. We made HODGEPODGE, who's a
bit furry and a bit stinky. He's my best friend.
Then Willow made FLUMMOX, but they didn't
get along all that well, and FLUMMOX went
to live with one of our friends. So now Willow
wants to TRY AGAIN. I do NOT think this is a
very good idea . . . For ages 7-10.

Lili Wilkinson is the award-winning author of
That Christmas Feeling and *Clancy the Quokka*.
She lives in Melbourne.



WISHTREE

Katherine Applegate

Welbeck

9781801300704 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

*Funny, deep, warm and nuanced, a story of
tolerance and kindness*

Trees can't tell jokes, but they can certainly tell
stories . . .

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is
the neighbourhood wishtree—people write their
wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's
branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and
other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows,
this wishtree watches over the neighbourhood.
You might say Red has seen it all.

Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is
welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree
is more important than ever. For ages 8+.

Katherine Applegate is the Newbery Medal-
winning author of *The One and Only Ivan*. She
lives in California.



A LITTLE SPARK

Barry Jonsberg

Allen & Unwin

9781760526924 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

From the bestselling, multi-award-winning author comes another wonderful middle fiction novel that is warm, upbeat, intriguing and wholly absorbing

I don't tell Mum and Sam anything about my weekends with Dad. It would be giving them tickets into that world. The world Dad and I have created. And I don't want to do that. It's ours. It's all we have. It's all we've been allowed since my parents got divorced.

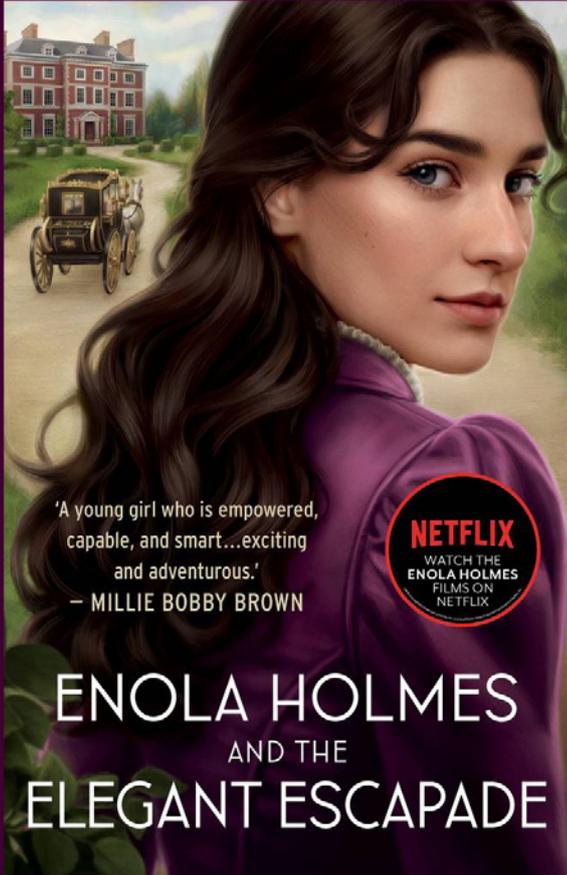
Cate gets to spend every second weekend with her dad, and each time something special and surprising happens. Something that fires the creative spark that Cate channels into her writing. And everything is fine until Cate's stepdad, Sam, gets offered his dream job in London and her mum decides they are going to move to England with him.

Cate must decide what she wants for herself. She loves both her parents—but she must choose between them.

A warm and funny novel full of unexpected twists and turns, joy and heartbreak. For ages 10-14.

Barry Jonsberg is the bestselling, multi-award-winning author of *My Life as an Alphabet* and *A Song Only I Can Hear*. He lives in Darwin.

NANCY SPRINGER



'A young girl who is empowered, capable, and smart...exciting and adventurous.'

— MILLIE BOBBY BROWN



ENOLA HOLMES AND THE ELEGANT ESCAPADE: ENOLA HOLMES 8

Nancy Springer

Allen & Unwin

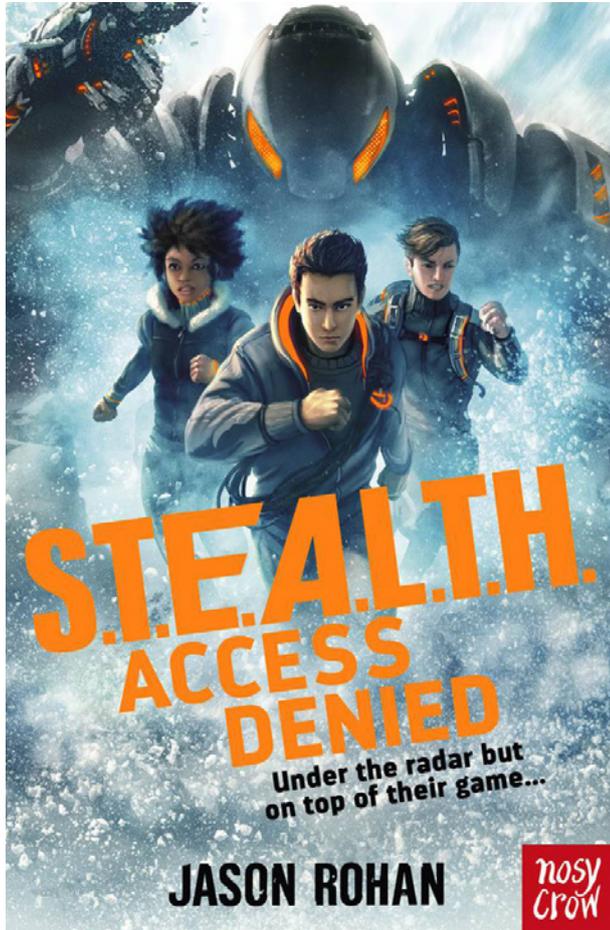
9781761066245 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

Enola Holmes, Sherlock's much younger and feistier sister, returns in this new adventure in the internationally bestselling series and breakout Netflix sensation

Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of Sherlock, is now living independently in London and working as a scientific perditorian (a finder of persons and things). But that is not the normal lot of young women in Victorian England. They are under the near absolute control of their nearest male relative until adulthood. Such is the case of Enola's friend, Lady Cecily Alastair. Twice before Enola has rescued Lady Cecily from unpleasant designs of her caddish father, Sir Eustace Alastair, Baronet. And when Enola is brusquely turned away at the door of the Alastair home, it soon becomes apparent that Lady Cecily once again needs her help.

Even worse, Lady Cecily has a secret that few know. She has dual personalities—one, which is left-handed, is independent and competent; the other, which is right-handed, is meek and mild. Now Enola must find Lady Cecily again before one of her personalities gets her into more trouble than she can handle. Once again, for Enola, the game is afoot. For ages 10-14.

Nancy Springer is the award-winning author of the bestselling Enola Holmes novels as well as more than 50 other books for children and adults.



S.T.E.A.L.T.H.: ACCESS DENIED

Jason Rohan

Nosy Crow
9781839943386 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

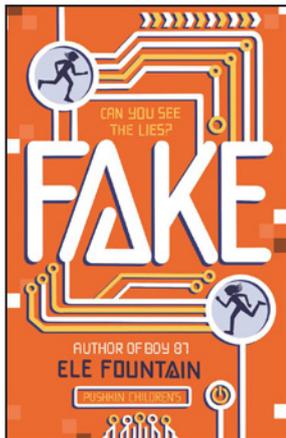
They're in a race to save his dad . . . and the world

Arun, Donna and Sam are ordinary school kids with an extraordinary secret. They are S.T.E.A.L.T.H., a crack team of agents in charge of the most cutting-edge piece of tech the world doesn't know exists: MANDROID. Always flying under the radar, they solve crimes, prevent disasters and rescue the innocent—and they STILL have to get their homework in on time!

When his dad disappears, Arun is amazed to discover that he was secretly working on a classified project and has been kidnapped by people intent on stealing it.

Along with his geeky best friend Sam and tough-talking Donna, Arun is plunged into a race to rescue his father and find the project before the thieves can turn it into a destructive global weapon. Full of thrilling high-octane car chases and more, this is the first in an explosive new action-adventure series. For ages 9+.

Jason Rohan is a project engineer. He lives in London.



MAX COUNTS TO A MILLION

A funny, heart-warming story about one boy's experience of lockdown
Jeremy Williams

Nosy Crow

9781839947308 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

This funny, poignant, uplifting story about lockdown celebrates how—sometimes—just keeping on going makes you a hero

Do you like epic quests of amazing counting? Do you dislike global pandemics, being stuck at home, and the number 7?

Then I have a story for you. It's about how I counted to a million during lockdown—with help from Mum and Dad, friends and neighbours, and Grandad. And some birds. And a bucket of marbles. And an awesome TV reporter. Sometimes, just keeping on going makes you a hero.

An uplifting story that reflects the experiences shared by so many during the Covid pandemic and celebrates how ordinary people accomplish epic things. For ages 7+.

Jeremy Williams writes serious books for adults and less serious books for children.

FAKE Ele Fountain

Pushkin Children's

9781782692904 | \$16.99 | © | PB | YA

In a digital world it's hard to know what's real

Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. This is Jess's world.

But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the 'real' world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is 'perfect' after all.

Back home, her sister Chloe's life-saving medication is getting ever more expensive. Determined to help, Jess risks everything by using skills forbidden in the cyber-world, only to stumble on something explosive. Something that will turn her whole world upside down.

It's up to Jess to figure out exactly what is real, and what is fake—Chloe's survival depends on it. For ages 11+.

Ele Fountain is the award-winning author of *Boy 87*. She lives in the UK.

'Ingeniously constructed ...wildly hilarious.' *The Australian*

Untwisted

The Story of My Life

'A personal invitation into the remarkable head of a quirky genius.' MEGAN DALEY



PAUL JENNINGS

'A vibrant, funny and moving picture of an amazing life.' EMILY RODDA

UNTWISTED

Paul Jennings

Allen & Unwin

9781761065903 | \$22.99 | © | NEW IN PAPERBACK

Honest, insightful, funny—a brilliant memoir about writing and teaching and life from one of Australia's most loved children's authors

Sometimes, rather than making you laugh or cry out in surprise, a story will instead leave you wondering about human fragility . . .

In the telling of his own tale, children's author and screenwriter Paul Jennings demonstrates how seemingly small events can combine into a compelling drama. As if assembling the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, he puts together fragments, memories and anecdotes to reveal the portrait of a complex and weathered soul.

The accounts of the trials and joys of turning his stories into episodes of the television program *Round the Twist* will be of special interest to the millions of fans of this series. *Untwisted* is revealing, moving and very funny. Paul Jennings has crafted perhaps his most masterful story yet . . . the story of his life. For ages 15+.

Paul Jennings has written more than one hundred stories and sold over ten million books. In 2019 he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Children's Book Council of Australia. He lives in Victoria.



DEAR GRANDPA

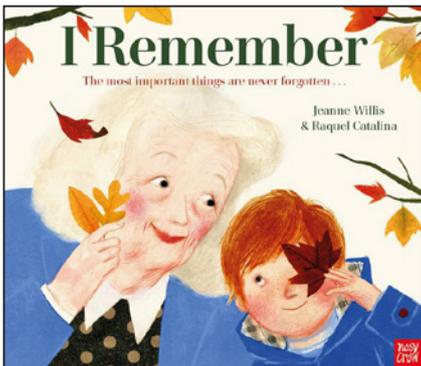
Kate Simpson, illustrated by
Ronojoy Ghosh

Allen & Unwin

9781761065934 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

Perfect for Father's Day, especially for those families who are separated by distance, Dear Grandpa celebrates the bond between grandpa and grandson

Henry lives 2,003 kilometres from his grandpa—that's longer than all the world's blue whales placed end to end and as uncatchable as a goodnight kiss on a shooting star. But Grandpa knows that even from a long distance, love can be closer than you think. For ages 4-8.



I REMEMBER

Jeanne Willis, illustrated by
Raquel Catalina

Nosy Crow

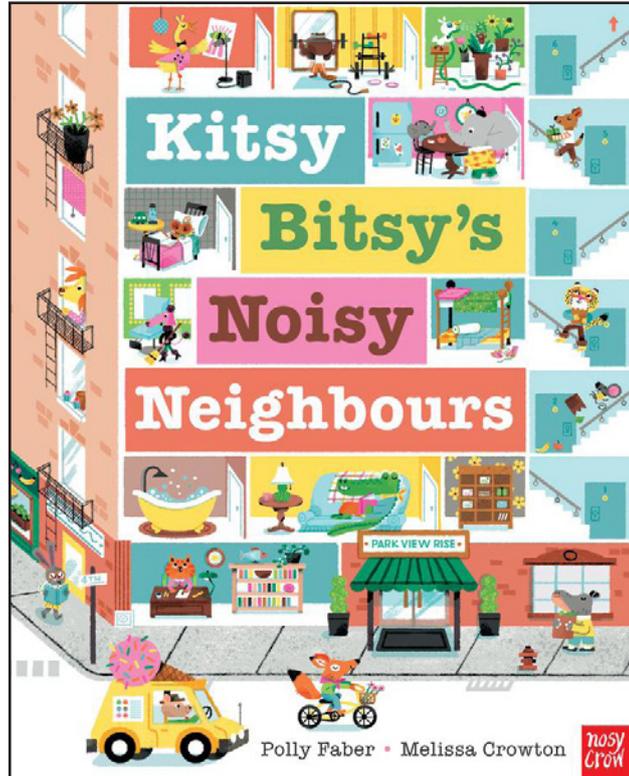
9781839941221 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

A poignant story full of love and gentle humour to help young children understand dementia

George's granny is quite forgetful. Sometimes, she can't even remember George's name. But George doesn't mind. Together they play in the garden, dance and share chocolate biscuits. Granny might not always remember the little things, but George knows she loves him more than words can say.

A celebration of the unforgettable love between a grandparent and grandchild, proving that even though the mind can sometimes forget, the heart will always remember. For ages 3-5.

Jeanne Willis is a bestselling and award-winning writer of over 300 books. Raquel Catalina is a Spanish illustrator.



KITSY BITSY'S NOISY NEIGHBOURS

Polly Faber, illustrated by Melissa Crowton

Nosy Crow

9781839943669 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

A comic, timely tale about the importance of community spirit!

The animals of Park View Rise all love their high-rise home. It's peaceful, calm and quiet—no one here would cause a riot . . . But when Honky Tonk sings much too loudly, Smart Alec's DIY goes all wrong and Sugar Plum's freshly baked treats are ruined and, well, all hell breaks loose!

Luckily, Kitsy Bitsy arrives just in time to teach her neighbours about the importance of kindness . . . and an enormous cake brings everyone together for a party!

Roll-off-the-tongue rhyming text and bright, lively artwork combine in this comic, timely tale. And readers can make their own Good Neighbour Cake using the recipe at the end of the book! For ages 3-5.

Polly Faber is an English writer. Melissa Crowton is an American illustrator.

MAKE TRACKS: CARS

Johnny Dyrander

Nosy Crow

9781839942129 | \$19.99 | © | BD BK | Novelty Book

Get to know five things that go in this chunky board book series with sliding counters

Discover five different cars in this series of interactive board books with easy-to-use moving parts—a car, a sports car, a racecar, a four-wheel drive and a taxi!

Learn vehicle vocabulary with simple first words, clear diagrams and helpful text prompts to encourage discussion. Then trace five types of transport around five different tracks with a moving counter on every spread and the cover.

The perfect book for children who love race cars—and being in the driving seat! For ages 2-5.

Johnny Dyrander is an illustrator based in Stockholm, Sweden.





OUR TOWER

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by
Richard Johnson

Frances Lincoln Children's

9780711268821 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

This magical story is a modern-day fable that shows the children of a tower block travelling to a strange, magical world inside a tree and meeting an old man with supernatural powers, only to realise that the magic they'd been looking for had been in their tower all along. Beautiful illustrations complement the poetic narrative, creating an enchanting story about how society separates 'urban' spaces from the countryside, but the reality is that nature is everywhere, and everyone should have access to it. For ages 6-10.

Joseph Coelho is an award-winning poet and performer. Richard Johnson is an illustrator. They live in the UK.



THIS BOOK WILL SAVE THE PLANET

Dany Sigwalt, illustrated by
Aurélia Durand

Frances Lincoln Children's

9780711268876 | \$19.99 | © | PB | Science

A rousing and radical investigation into the climate crisis, its causes, and how to fight for the most vulnerable people affected by it, *This Book Will Save the Planet* is a vibrantly illustrated study of one of humanity's most significant threats. With this third title in the #1 best-selling Empower the Future series, young adults will gain a deeper understanding of climate change and climate justice. At the end of each chapter, there are activities and calls to action to provide all the tools needed to go out and make a difference. For ages 12-16.

Dany Sigwalt is Co-Executive Director of Power Shift Network. Aurélia Durand is a French graphic artist.



POWERED BY PLANTS

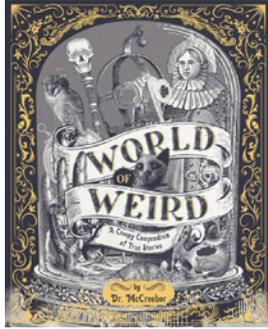
Clive Gifford, illustrated by
Gosia Herba

Wide Eyed Editions

9780711270060 | \$29.99 | © | HB | Buildings

Powered by Plants explores the world of plants and how they are increasingly helping to shape the cutting edge of human technology and design. Plants exhibit an incredible range of diversity in their shape, structures and how they interact with other living things and their environment. Some of this great diversity is being increasingly studied and copied, inspiring innovation in science, design, engineering and technology. Lively illustrations and pop-out fact boxes in the book bring science to life and show how much we can learn from the natural world. For ages 7-10.

Clive Gifford is the award-winning British author of more than 200 books. Gosia Herba is an illustrator and art historian.



WORLD OF WEIRD

A creepy compendium of true stories
Tom Adams, illustrated by
Celsius Pictor

Wide Eyed Editions

9780711269521 | \$29.99 | © | HB | Mysteries

In the 21st century, a scientist uncovers their Victorian ancestor's notebook in a box. This ancestor is Dr McCreebor—an eminent explorer, philosopher and collector of the very strange and truly creepy. This is his notebook—filled with the dark and disturbing stories he has collected on his travels. From shrunken heads to witches' charms, saints' blood to graverobbers' remains, it is a peek into our grisly and macabre past. And now, after over 125 years in a dusty attic, Dr McCreebor's writings can be read . . . by only the bravest. For ages 8-12.

Tom Adams is an award-winning television producer and author. Celsius Pictor is a freelance illustrator and visual artist. They live in the UK.



SPIN ME RIGHT ROUND

David Valdes

Bloomsbury

9781526642196 | \$16.99 | © | PB | YA

All Luis Gonzalez wants is to go to prom with his boyfriend, something his 'progressive' school still doesn't allow. Not after what happened with Chaz Wilson. But that was ages ago, when Luis's parents were in high school; it would never happen today, right? When a hit on the head knocks him back in time to 1985 and he meets the doomed young Chaz himself, Luis concocts a new plan. A sharp and funny YA novel that's *Back to the Future* with a twist, as a gay teen travels back to his parents' era to save a closeted classmate's life. For ages 12+.

David Valdes is the author of *Homo Domesticus*. He lives in the USA.



THE DEADLY DAYLIGHT

An Alice England Mystery
Ash Harrier

Pantera

9780648987673 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

An original and engaging mystery series starring a neurodiverse girl detective. Twelve-year-old Alice England is curious, truthful and smart, but when you work in your father's funeral home and you get messages from the dead, it can be difficult to make friends. When she comes across the peculiar case of George Devenish, who was allergic to sunlight, Alice is convinced there's more to his death than meets the eye. It seems the truth of George's death may never see the light of day unless Alice can put the clues together and solve a mystery much bigger than anybody expected. For ages 7-12.

Ash Harrier is an Ambassador for the Books in Homes Australia charity. She lives in Perth.

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