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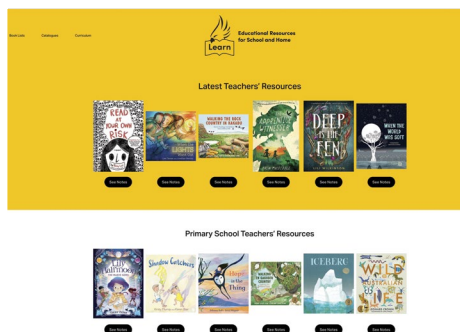


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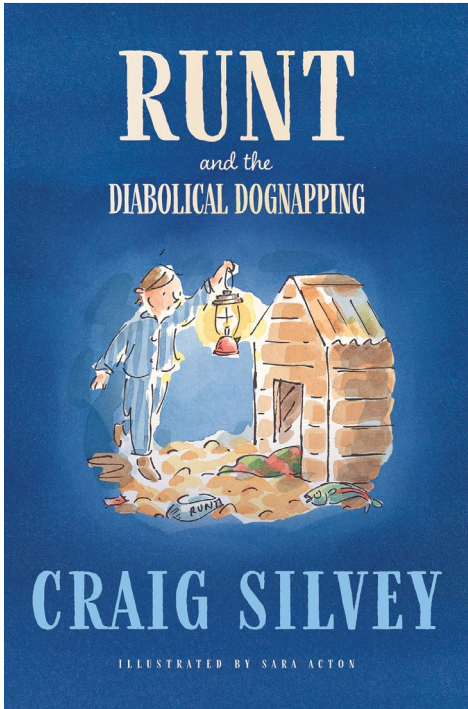
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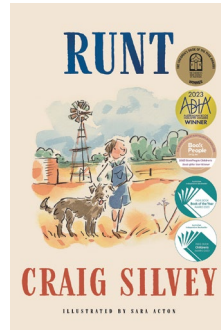
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Runt and the Diabolical Dognapping

Craig Silvey,
illustrated by Sarah Acton

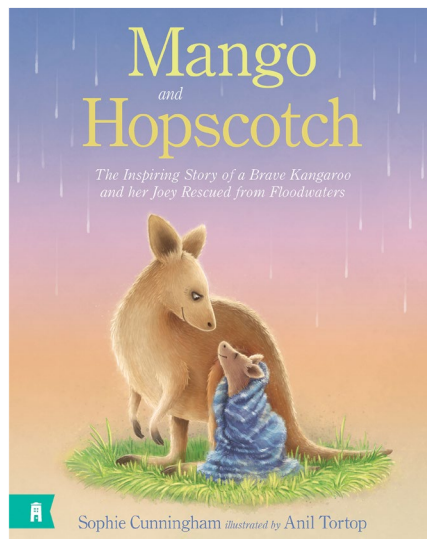
Runt and the Diabolical Dognapping returns readers to Upson Downs, and a new adventure for young Annie Shearer and her best friend Runt, the ex-stray dog with an extraordinary talent who will only obey Annie's commands if nobody else is watching. A beguiling mystery unfolds alongside the fervid world of elite canine competition, with a very different course of hurdles and hoops and obstacles for Annie and Runt to overcome.

A beautiful, tender and moving sequel to the phenomenally bestselling, multi-award-winning classic, *Runt*.

THEMES: family, dogs, tricks, rural Australia, mystery, adventure

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Mango and Hopscotch

Sophie Cunningham,
illustrated by Anil Tortop

The heartwarming tale of a brave kangaroo and her joey, inspired by true stories of courageous animal rescues around Australia, from the bestselling creators of *Tippy & Jellybean*.

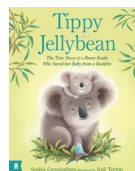
THEMES: wildlife rescue, Australian animals, floods

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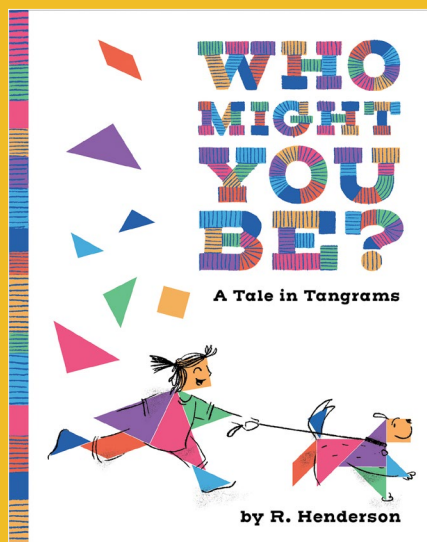
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Who Might You Be?

Robert Henderson

A lively story in which all the illustrations are tangrams; the well-known geometrical puzzle that is a square cut into seven pieces arranged to make various other shapes. It is also a delightful story about the imagination, where the words and pictures combine to tell a deeper story about the idea of self, from the highly acclaimed creator of *I See, I See*.

THEMES: identity, geometry, imagination, visual literacy, humour

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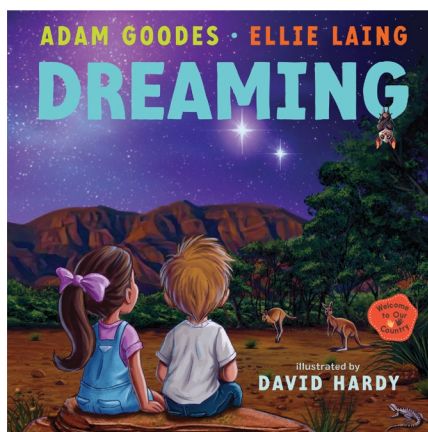
Dreaming: Welcome to Our Country

Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing,
illustrated by David Hardy

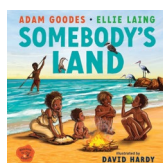
This warm and accessible title in the bestselling and award-winning Welcome to Our Country series invites children to feel the vastness of the Dreaming and its central place in the spirituality and lives of First Nations people. From Australian of the Year Adam Goodes, former journalist Ellie Laing and Barkindji illustrator David Hardy.

THEMES: First Nations, Aboriginal Culture and knowledge, Country, Dreaming

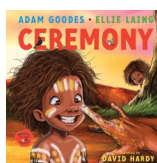
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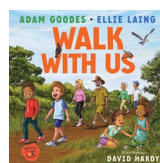
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The Enchantment of Golden Eagle

Margaret Wild, illustrated by
Stephen Michael King

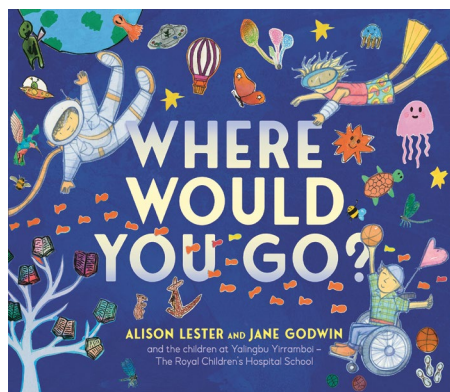
A powerful tale about a child, a golden eagle and a forgotten promise from the author of the children's classic *Fox*, illustrated by the beloved creator of *Mutt Dog*.

THEMES: trust, responsibility, punishment, consequences, family, belonging

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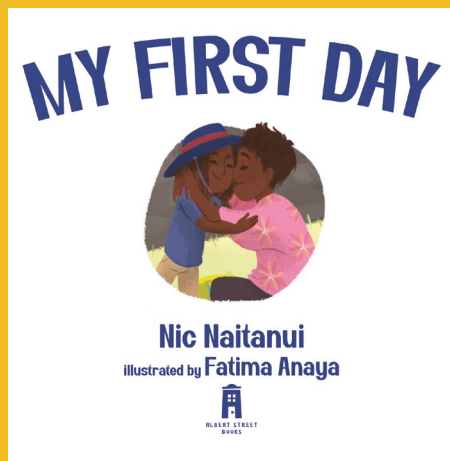
Where Would You Go?

Alison Lester and Jane Godwin

Take a journey through words and drawings in this magical adventure as the children of the Royal Children's Hospital wonder where everyone at the hospital might go – the doctors, the nurses, the teachers, and even themselves. With a lyrical text and additional artwork from much-loved creators Jane Godwin and Alison Lester (*The Silver Sea*, *Sing Me the Summer*), this unforgettable collaboration explores the magic of imagination and celebrates the joy of coming home.

THEMES: imagination, children's artwork, hospital

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My First Day

Nic Naitanui,
illustrated by Fatima Anaya

Nic is nervous about his first day ... but with the help of his mum and a whole class of new friends, it might just be the best day ever.

A perfect resource for helping kids through the anxiety and excitement of starting school.

THEMES: starting school, family, friends, diversity, inclusion, representation

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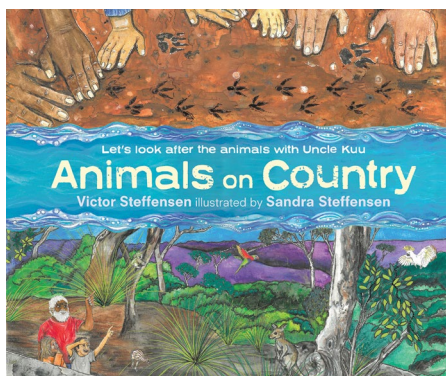
Animals on Country

Victor Steffensen,
illustrated by Sandra Steffensen

This engaging picture book from award-winning brother-and-sister team Victor and Sandra Steffensen inspires children and adults alike to look after animals through Indigenous cultural practices.

THEMES: Australian animals, Country, conservation, First Nations histories and cultures

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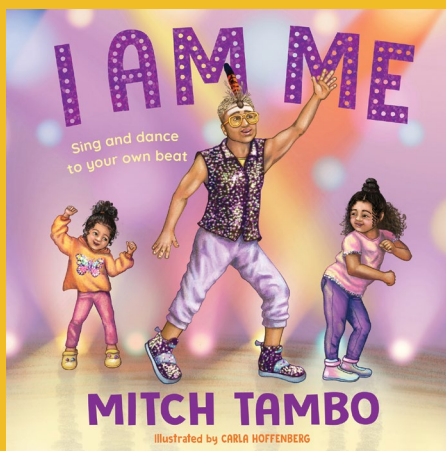
I Am Me

Mitch Tambo,
illustrated by Carla Hoffenberg

In his trademark effervescent style, musician and performer Mitch Tambo welcomes children of all ages to discover the richness of First Nations Culture. Through song, dance and Language, he shares the ways of his Gamilaraay people, offering readers space to explore their own heritage.

THEMES: First Nations Culture, being true to oneself, diversity

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Whatever the Weather We're In This Together

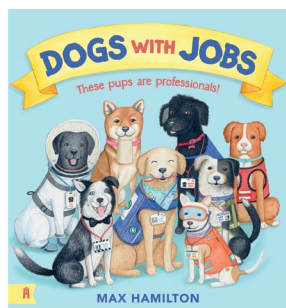
Jessica Braithwaite, Rebecca Ralfe,
illustrated by Laura Bee

A beautiful celebration of the Australian seasons, and a gorgeous affirmation of unconditional love, *Whatever the Weather We're in This Together* is a wonderful addition to the classic tradition of *Guess How Much I Love You* and *Under the Love Umbrella*.

THEMES: unconditional love, seasons, reassurance, family

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Dogs with Jobs

Max Hamilton

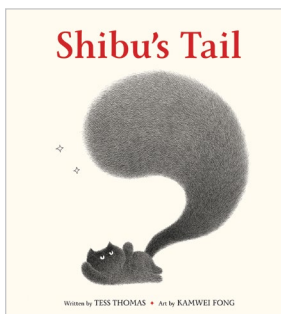
From beekeepers to brave rescuers, dogs have the most amazing jobs! A delightful exploration of the many careers of our canine companions.

THEMES: dogs, jobs, teamwork, helpfulness, pet ownership

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Shibu's Tail

Tess Thomas,
illustrated by Kamwei Fong

Shibu is a cat who uses his very demonstrative tail to express his feelings, but when he starts to feel a little judged by the other (not quite so expressive) cats, he must decide for himself whether those big feelings are okay. A picture book about the importance and joy of being yourself.

THEMES: feelings, cats, expression, identity, self-confidence

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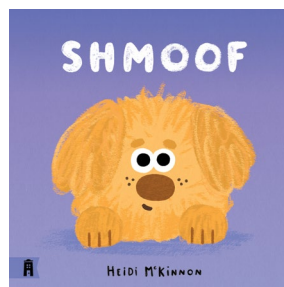
Heidi McKinnon

A dog makes a great best friend... unless you are a cat! An adorable picture book from the author of the bestselling and much-loved *Floof*.

THEMES: friendship, mischief, dogs, cats, humour

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Fox 25th Anniversary Edition

Margaret Wild,

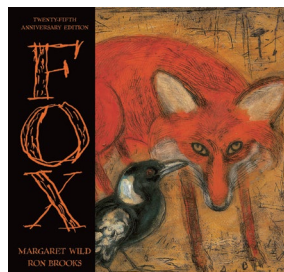
illustrated by Ron Brooks

A beautiful hardcover edition of the classic picture book to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this compelling drama about friendship, loyalty, risk and betrayal.

THEMES: jealousy, loneliness, fable-like writing

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Wrapping Things

Linda Burgess,

illustrated by Hilary Jean Tapper

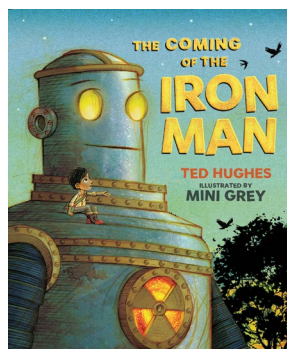
A beautiful story for young children about the arrival of a new baby into the family.

THEMES: play, family life, inner world of a child, arrival of a new baby, imagination

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The Coming of the Iron Man

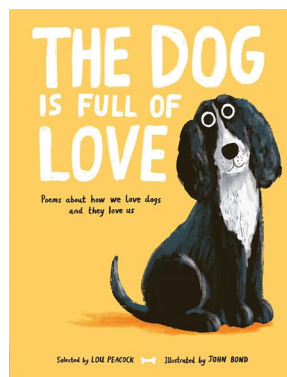
Ted Hughes,
illustrated by Mini Grey

This gorgeous abridged edition brings *The Iron Man* to a picture book audience for the very first time!

THEMES: bravery, prejudice, fear, acceptance

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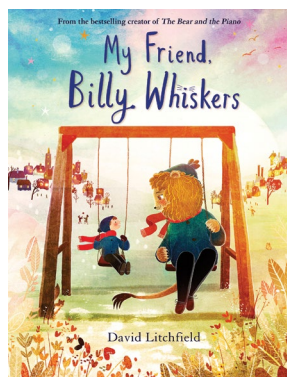
The Dog is Full of Love

Lou Peacock
illustrated by John Bond

A brilliantly illustrated collection of over 30 poems about how we love dogs and they love us right back.

THEMES: illustrated poetry, dogs, loyalty

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My Friend, Billy Whiskers

David Litchfield

A playful, heart-warming tale about the magic of imaginary friends, brimming with energy and adventure. Celebrate the fun, mischief, and comfort of friendship with award-winning author-illustrator David Litchfield.

THEMES: imagination, creativity, friendship

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New Kid on Deck: Pirate Academy 1 Justine Somper

From the award-winning author of the Vampirates series, comes a fast-paced and exciting fantasy adventure series perfect for readers of *How to Train Your Dragon* or *Artemis Fowl*.

THEMES: adventure, friendship, sailing, leadership, loyalty,

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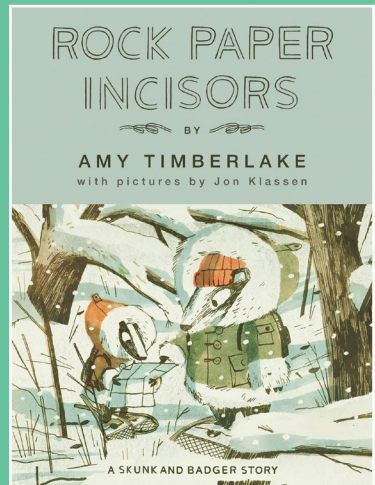


Rock Paper Incisors: Skunk and Badger 3 Amy Timberlake, illustrated by Jon Klassen

Skunk and Badger's unusual friendship continues in this delightful series written by Newbery Honor author Amy Timberlake, and illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Jon Klassen, which contains the best elements of classics such as *Frog and Toad* and *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

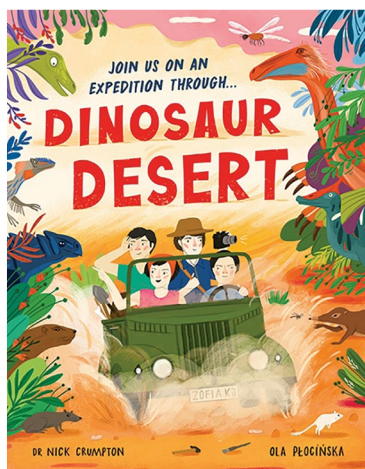
THEMES: animals, friendship, humour, hibernation, kindness

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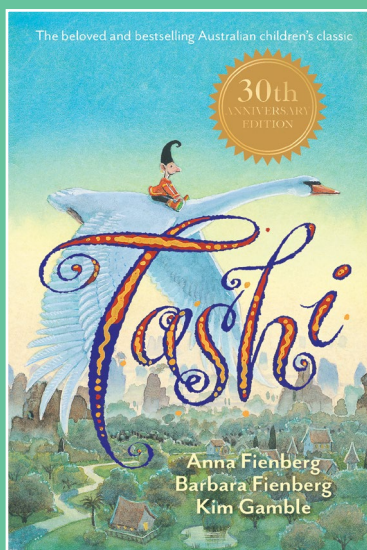
Dinosaur Desert

Dr Nick Crumpton,
illustrated by Ola Plocinska

Travel back in time with the incredible true story of Zofia Kielan-Jaworowska – a fearless scientist who uncovered some of the most astonishing fossils the world has ever seen. From the massive claws of the mysterious Deinocheirus to the delicate bones of the earliest mammals, her discoveries helped rewrite the history of life on Earth.

THEMES: STEM, biography, paleontology, adventure, narrative non-fiction

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Tashi 30th Anniversary Edition

Anna Fienberg, Barbara Fienberg
and Kim Gamble

Tashi's adventures have been loved by children all over the world for thirty years. This special bumper edition of the original Tashi book celebrates Tashi's legacy, and includes never-before-seen illustrations by Kim Gamble, the entire *Tashi and the Wicked Magician*, as well as 'Tashi and the Silver Cup', and 'Kidnapped!' from *Tashi's Storybook*.

THEMES: friendship, family, escape, adventure, magic, dragons, courage, cleverness

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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.



Wolf Girl Returns!

From Australia's bestselling author comes two thrilling new tales of survival and friendship featuring *Wolf Girl* and her fearless pack!

THEMES: adventure, fantasy, friendship, courage, identity, empowering girls, survival, dogs, communicating with animals



New Friends:

Wolf Girl 13

illustrated by Kalp Sanghvi
and Jeremy Ley

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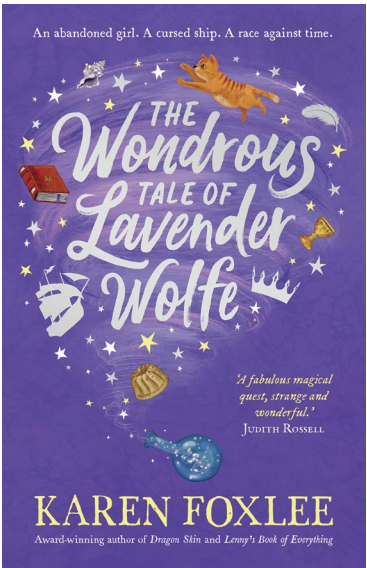
The Break In:

Wolf Girl 14

illustrated by Jeremy Ley

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The Wondrous Tale of Lavender Wolfe

Karen Foxlee

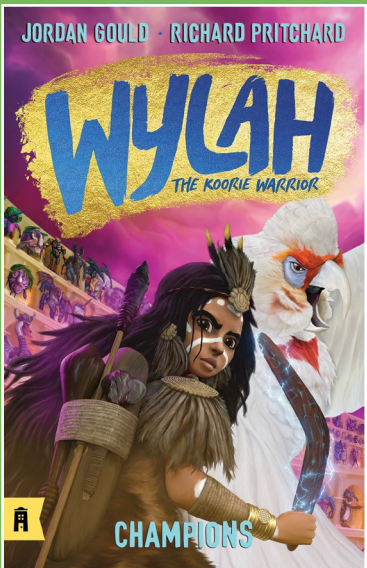
An inventive and playful fantasy-adventure set in an alternative Georgian world about an abandoned girl, a friendly ogress and a terrible curse from the multi-award-winning and bestselling author of *Dragon Skin* and *Lenny's Book of Everything*.

THEMES: magic, history, found family, identity, quest adventure, fairytales and myths

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Jordan Gould and Richard Pritchard

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THEMES: adventure, fantasy, Culture, quest, friendship, family, First Nations, dragons, megafauna

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Sonya Wilson

This thrilling sequel to *Spark Hunter* crackles with the magic of the ancient forest. It's a high-stakes adventure through a vast wonderland with a great green secret hidden from humans for thousands of years.

THEMES: magic, environmentalism, adventure, mystery

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Rachael King

Violet and her friends form a school rock band and are super excited to compete until a ghost threatens to stop the competition!

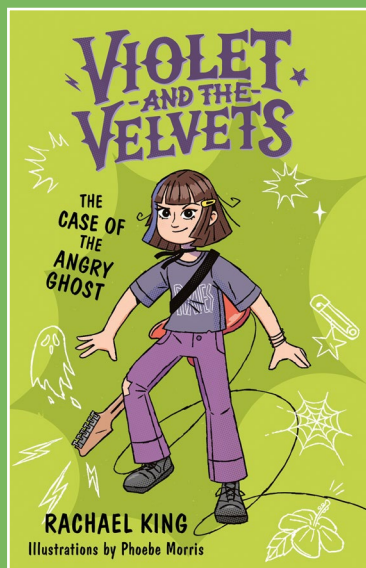
THEMES: girl power, friendship, being different, the power of music, ADHD

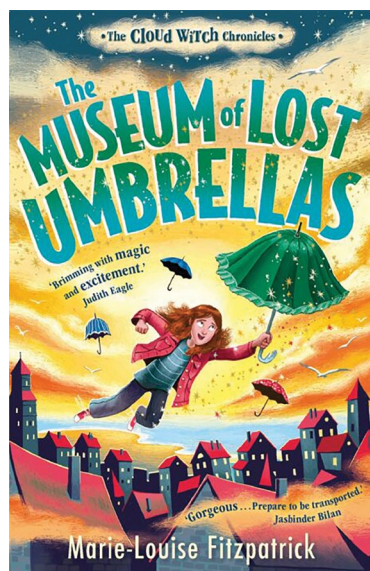
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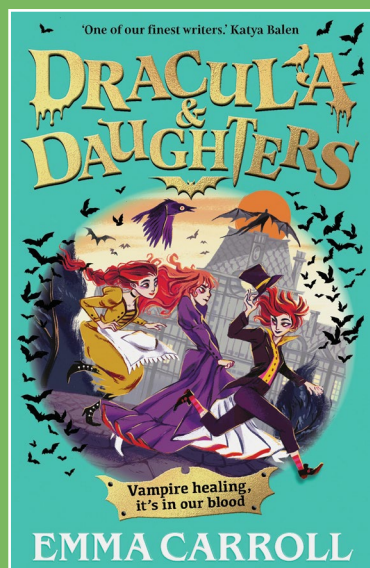
The Museum of Lost Umbrellas

Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

Discover a magical island where the houses grant you wishes and the alleyways are secret portals... The first book in a show-stopping fantasy middle-grade series from an award-winning author!

THEMES: fantasy, adventure, magic

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Dracula & Daughters

Emma Carroll

Packed full of atmosphere and deliciously gothic detail, this is the first in a brand new adventure series featuring three cousins who discover they're descendants of Dracula, and combine their powers to form an infamous vampire healing company, Dracula & Daughters.

THEMES: vampires, adventure, humour

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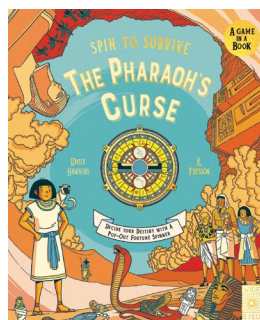
Spin to Survive: The Pharaoh's Curse

Emily Hawkins,
illustrated by Ruby Fresson

Step back into the distant past with a choose-your-own-adventure escapade that takes students on a journey through the dangerous environs of ancient Egypt.

THEMES: Ancient Egypt, choose-your-own-adventure

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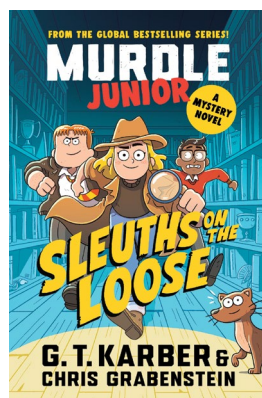
Murdle Junior Mysteries: Sleuths on the Loose

G.T. Karber and Chris Grabenstein

G. T. Karber brings you the first *Murdle* novel for young readers, based in the fiendishly mysterious world of the bestselling series. Join Jake as she investigates the sinister disappearance of one of her teachers with the help of her trusted friend, as well as the inscrutable school bully, uncovering clues, suspects and more than one secret along the way.

THEMES: logic, deduction, mystery

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Puzzle Book

Murdle Junior 2: Ready, Set, Solve!

G.T. Karber

The *Sunday Times* bestselling *Murdle* series presents the second book of fiendishly fun puzzle mysteries for young detectives

THEMES: logic, deduction, mystery

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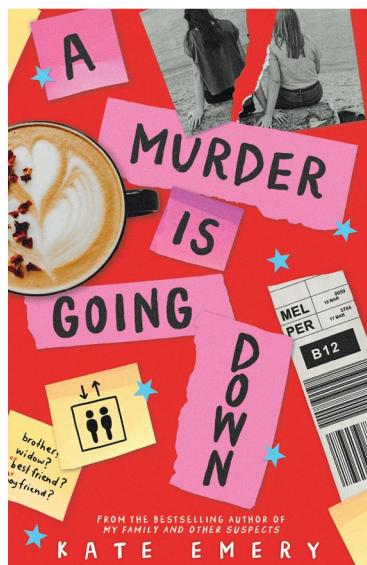
E. Lockhart

New York Times bestselling author E. Lockhart delivers a standalone novel in the world of TikTok sensation *We Were Liars*, filled with her signature beachy gothic atmosphere, family intrigue, and high stakes romance.

THEMES: thriller, crime, romance, coming-of-age, art and genius

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A Murder is Going Down

Kate Emery

A brilliant and hilarious cosy YA crime from the author of *My Family and Other Suspects*, with a mystery that will keep readers guessing to the very last page. For fans of Karen McManus and Holly Jackson.

THEMES: family, crime, love, romance, murder, humour, mystery, publishing

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Sarah Brill

A unique and irresistible YA coming-of-age story about sixteen-year-old Beth, who discovers she has a life-saving gift. A superb novel about finding out what it takes to be an unlikely hero.

THEMES: coming-of-age, speculative fiction, romance, family, basketball, dedication, self-discovery, self-belief, expectations, acceptance

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Moonlight and Dust

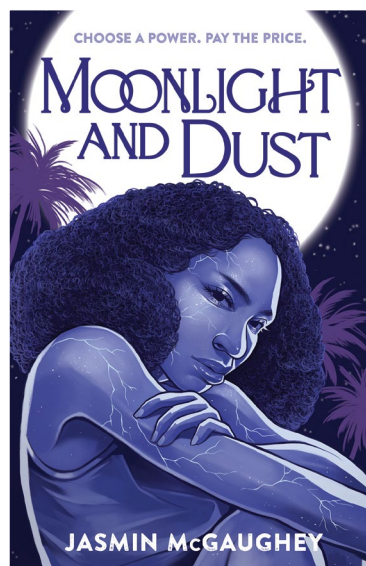
Jasmin McGaughey

An intriguing, fast-paced debut YA fantasy novel, featuring sixteen-year-old Torres Strait Islander Zillah who is caught up in the world of exclusive high school parties after her sister has a mysterious accident. For fans of kick-ass girls, enigmatic boys, true friendships, family secrets and illicit magic.

THEMES: First Nations Australians, Torres Strait Culture, fantasy, superpowers, mystery

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The Set-Up Girl

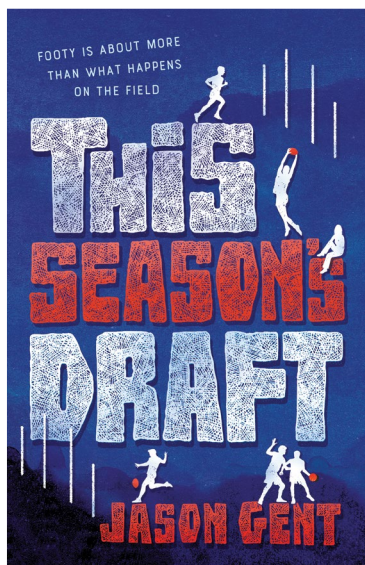
Sasha Vay

The only thing worse than having a secret crush on the hottest boy in class? Setting him up with your best friend! A fresh and contemporary romantic comedy for fans of Alice Oseman, Tobias Madden and Sophie Gonzales.

THEMES: romance, humour, LGBTQIA+ identity, friendship, family, community, sexuality

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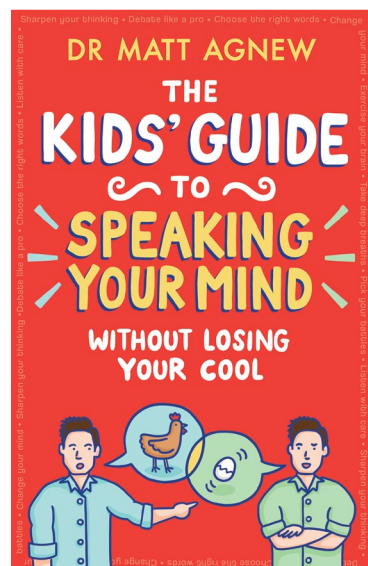
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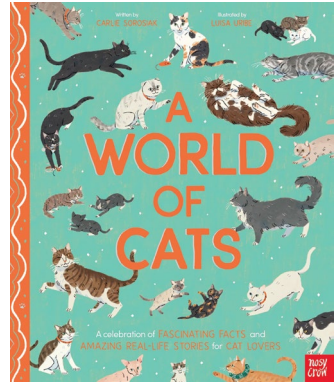
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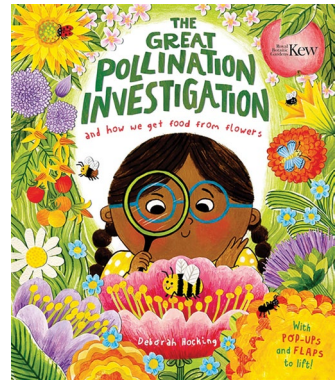


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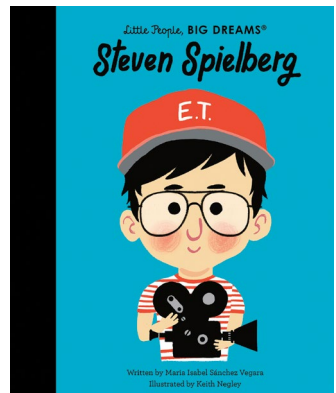
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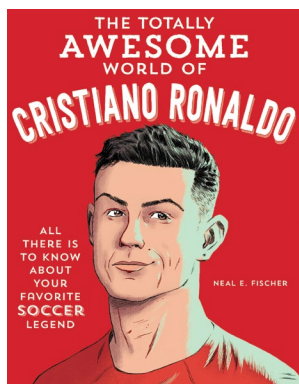
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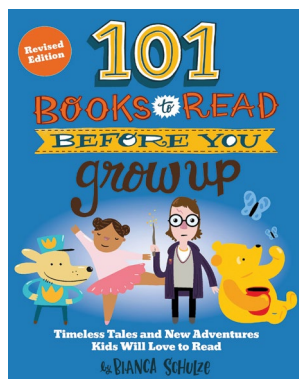
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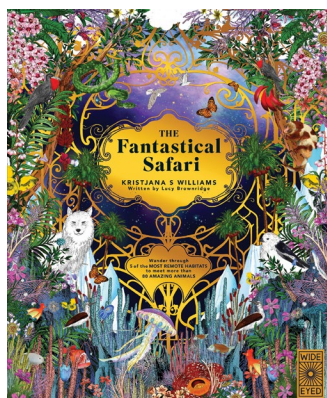


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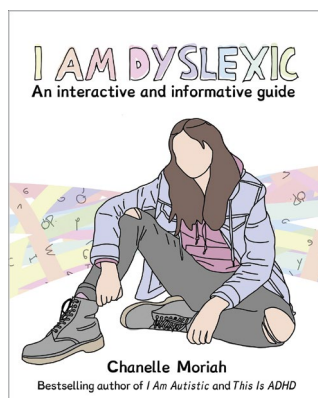
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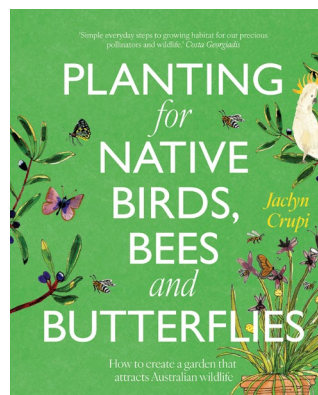


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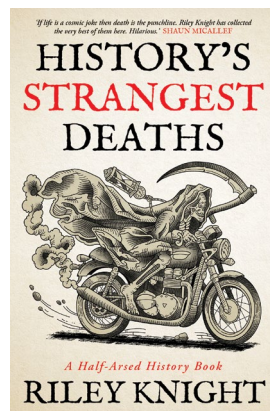


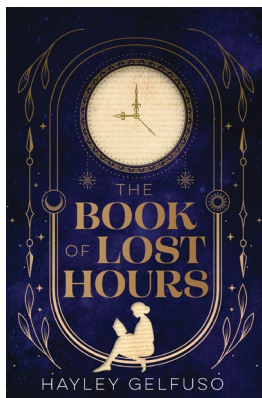
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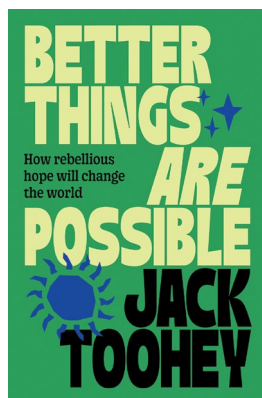


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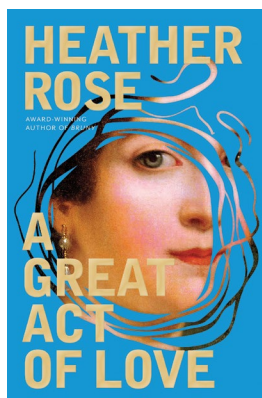


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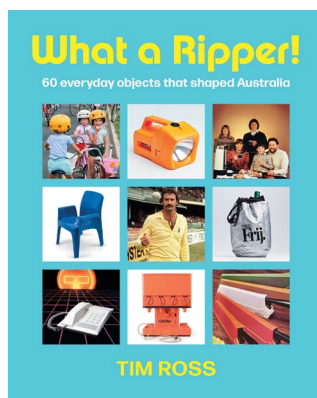
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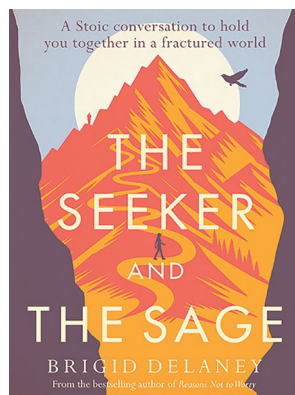


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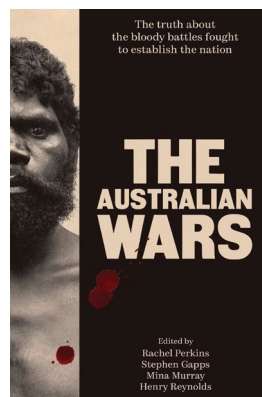


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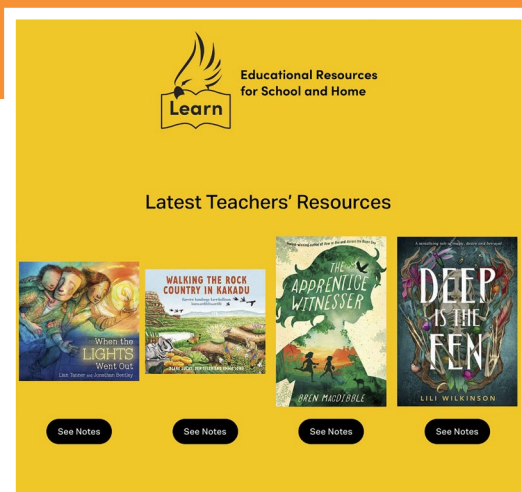




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