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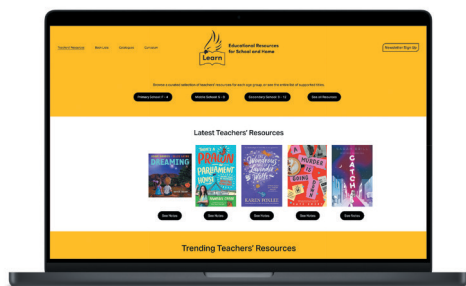


Educational Resources for School and Home

A&U Learn is a dedicated hub for educators, parents and caregivers that will assist you in nurturing a love for reading in children, whether in schools or at home.

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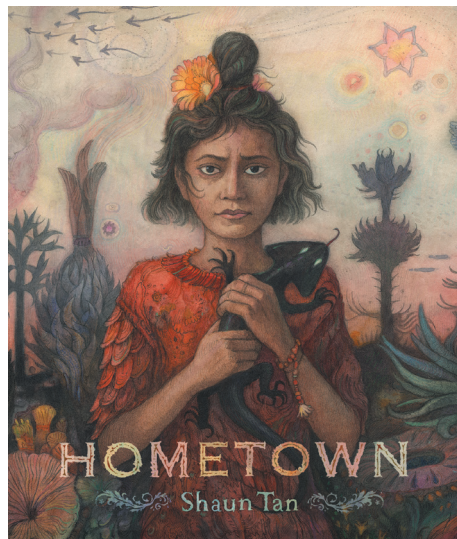
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A GRAPHIC NOVEL FOR ALL AGES

HOMETOWN

Shaun Tan



Imagine living in a perfect world.

You have a loving family, a beautiful home and awesome friends. Everything is just as it should be. Until one day, when a stranger arrives. A stranger who looks just like you. A stranger with a troubling message. . .

From the creator of *The Arrival* and *Tales from Outer Suburbia* comes a visually stunning, moving and humorous graphic novel on all the things that make us who we are and how we choose to live.

Loved it!! Chockfull of magic!! – Guillermo Del Toro

I can't overstate how much Shaun's work has meant for me and my family over the years. And now, his latest is a passionate, clever and inspiring tale about how we choose which family to love. I am so excited to share this one with mine. – Darren Aronofsky

Themes: family, identity, home, fantasy, graphic novel, art

9781761180811 • HB • A\$35.00 • NZ\$38.00

Ages 10–18 • October • A&U

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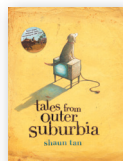
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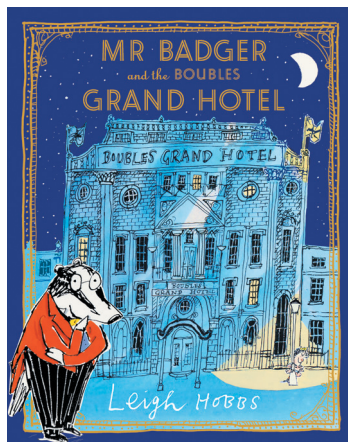


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MR BADGER AND THE BOUBLES GRAND HOTEL

Leigh Hobbs



The Boubles Grand Hotel is turning one hundred and seventy-five years old and Mr Badger is organising a party – for grown-ups only. But there is one little person who is definitely not invited ...

A delightful, classic picture book, showcasing the olde worlde charm of one of Leigh Hobbs's most beloved characters, amidst all the fun and adventure of a grand hotel.

Themes: work, hotels, friendship, London, family, parties and special events

9781761182228 • HB • A\$26.99 • NZ\$29.99

Ages 6–11 • November • A&U



FOUND IN AUSTRALIA

Joanne O'Callaghan | Illustrator: Kori Song



An enchanting counting adventure celebrating iconic Australian places, animals and experiences from the bestselling creators of *Found in Melbourne* and *Found in Sydney*.

Themes: Australia, counting, friendship, travel, tourism, multiculturalism, search-and-find

9781761182563 • HB • A\$26.99 • NZ\$29.99

Ages 3–6 • December • A&U



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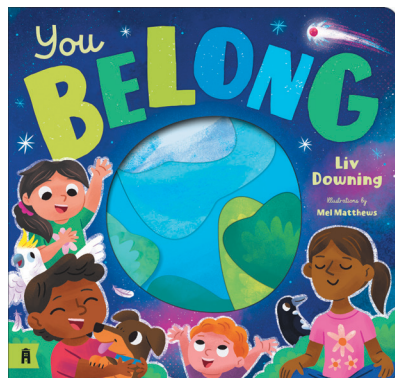
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YOU BELONG

Liv Downing | Illustrator: Mel Matthews



A joyful celebration of connection and community from the bestselling creators of *You Are Loved*.

Die-cut pages form a beautiful globe, making this book a special experience for very young students.

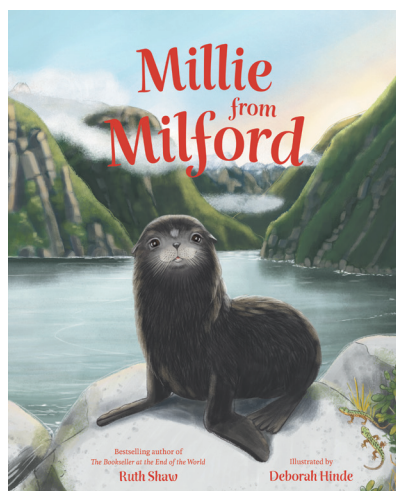
Themes: connection, community, compassion, natural world, environment, unconditional love, mindfulness, anxiety, reassurance

9781761181702 • Board Book • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99
Ages 3–6 • September • Albert Street Books

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MILLIE FROM MILFORD

Ruth Shaw | Illustrator: Deborah Hinde



The heart-warming true story of a badly injured baby seal that was nursed back to health and returned to her home in NZ's Milford Sound.

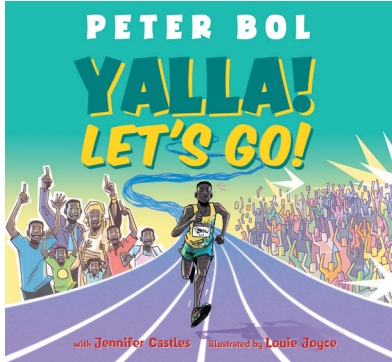
Themes: animal conservation, wildlife, rescue, animal stories, true life stories, the environment, caring for nature

9781991142504 • PB • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99
Ages 4–8 • October • A&U NZ

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YALLA! LET'S GO!

Peter Bol and Jennifer Castles | Illustrator: Louie Joyce



The incredible story of young Peter Bol, who migrated with his family from Sudan to Australia and went on to become the first Australian in 53 years to reach the 800 metre Olympic Games final.

The perfect sports picture book to inspire young readers to dream their own big dreams, celebrate the joy of athletic achievement and encourage kids to find their own path.

Themes: sport, family, Olympics, athletics, determination, dreams, immigration

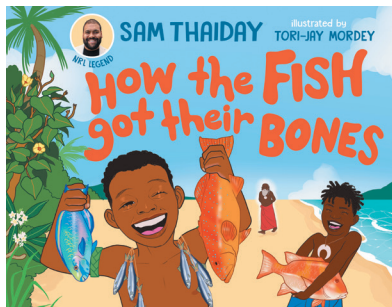
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Ages 5–10 • October • A&U

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HOW THE FISH GOT THEIR BONES

Sam Thaiday | Illustrator: Tori-Jay Mordey



From the big heart of beloved NRL Broncos legend Sam Thaiday comes this wonderful rhyming picture book showcasing Torres Strait Islander storytelling and the importance of sharing, brought to life by Tori-Jay Mordey's stunning illustrations.

Themes: First Nations, Indigenous Australians, Torres Strait Islander storytelling, natural world

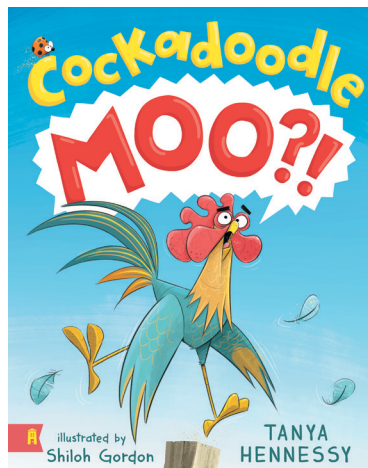
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Ages 4–8 • August • A&U

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COCKADOODLEMOO

Tanya Hennessy | Illustrator: Shiloh Gordon



A rooster only has ONE line – how hard can it be to get it right? This hilarious picture book will appeal deeply to students who love a bit of silliness... and a chance to correct their teachers.

Themes: performance, making mistakes, word play, humour, self-confidence

9781761181603 • HB • A\$19.99 • NZ\$22.99

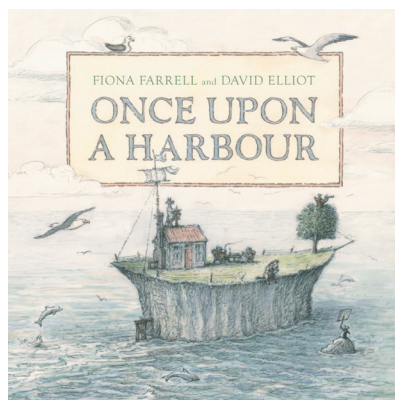
Ages 5-7 • August • Albert Street Books

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ONCE UPON A HARBOUR

Fiona Farrell | Illustrator: David Elliot



This extraordinary book of funny, clever stories and stunning illustrations is by an internationally acclaimed illustrator and celebrated author.

Themes: monsters, adventure, fantasy, wild imaginative ideas, poetic stories

9781991142276 • HB • A\$32.99 • NZ\$35.00

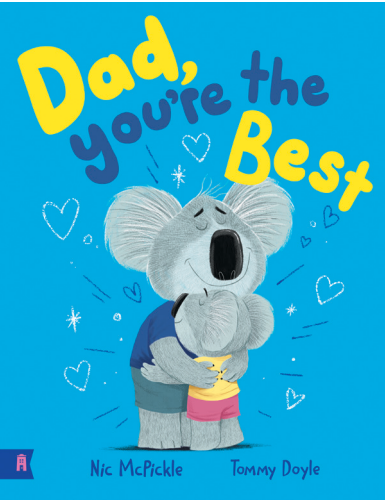
Ages 5-10 • September • A&U NZ

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DAD, YOU'RE THE BEST

Nic McPickle | Illustrator: Tommy Doyle



All the farmer's clothes have gone off the line! Who has taken them? With a joyous and bouncy rhyme, this is the perfect book to delight infant school students.

Themes: Father's Day, family, fathers, dads, dad jokes

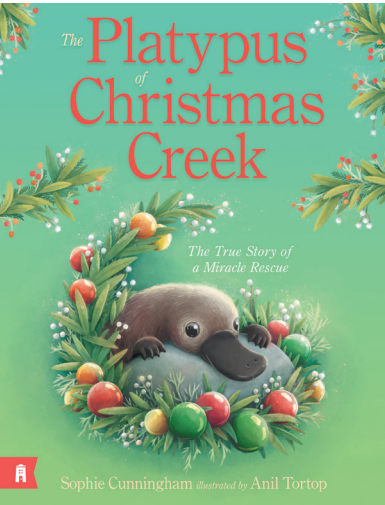
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Ages 3-7 • July • Albert Street Books



THE PLATYPUS OF CHRISTMAS CREEK

Sophie Cunningham | Illustrator: Anil Tortop

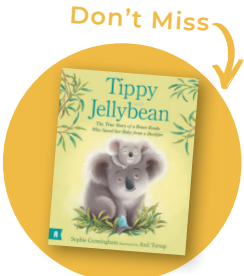


The heartwarming true story of a lost-and-found baby platypus, from the bestselling creators of *Tippy & Jellybean*.

Themes: wildlife rescue, Australian animals, vets, hope, resilience, rehabilitation

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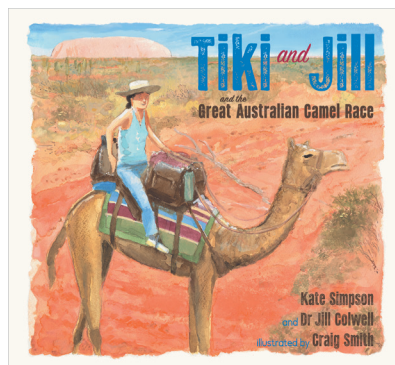
Ages 3-7 • September • A&U



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TIKI AND JILL AND THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN CAMEL RACE

Kate Simpson and Dr Jill Colwell | Illustrator: Craig Smith



This amazing true story about the bond between a camel called Tiki and his rider, Jill, and the extraordinary endurance race that captured the imagination of Australia in the 1980s is an ideal way to explore key HASS subjects, including Australian history and geography.

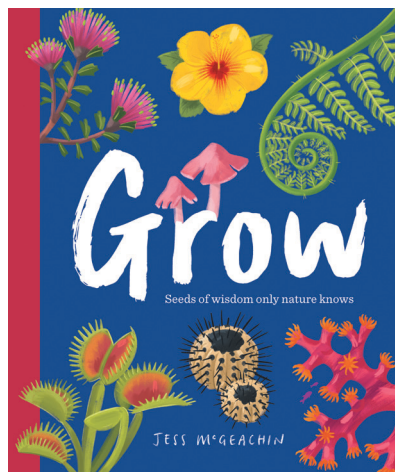
Themes: Australian history, camels, Australian outback, Australian bicentenary, Australian geography, animals, endurance, extreme sports

9781761182334 • HB • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99
Ages 5–10 • July • A&U



GROW

Jess McGeachin



A fascinating exploration of the plant life wonders of the natural world, and what it means to grow, from one of Australia's most talented picture book creators and the award-winning author of *Kind*.

Themes: Plants, nature, environment, sustainability

9781761182389 • HB • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99
Ages 3–8 • July • A&U



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BAH HUMBUG!

Andy Geppert



In the tradition of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* comes a funny, feel-good festive story about everything we love about Christmas.

The perfect read-aloud to engage very young students during late Term 4.

Themes: humour, Christmas, family, tradition, friendship

9781761182617 • HB • A\$22.99 • NZ\$24.99
Ages 3–7 • September • A&U

SPLISH, SPLASH, SPLOSH!

Renae Hayward | Illustrator: Briony Stewart



From sprinklers to mud pies to paddling pools, there's nothing kids love better than messing around with water. Three delightful children splish, splash, splosh through the day in this charming rhyming picture book.

Themes: water games, rhyme, friendship

9781761181757 • HB • A\$22.99 • NZ\$24.99
Ages 3–7 • November • A&U

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ALL THE WAYS I SEE

Nas Campanella and Eliza Hull | Illustrator: Sophie Beer



This incredibly accessible Australian picture book is a groundbreaking collaboration between Nas Campanella, the National Disability Affairs Reporter for ABC News, and writer, musician and disability advocate, Eliza Hull OAM, gorgeously illustrated by the award-winning Sophie Beer.

All the Ways I See is a joyful, lyrical story about a day at the beach from a blind child's perspective as she experiences the baking heat, the sticky sand, the hum of the ocean, the smell of hot chips and the splash of the waves.

This book has been designed with blind, low vision, D/deaf and/or hard-of-hearing audiences in mind, as well as families who are looking for stories about mindfulness and living in the moment. Innovative accessibility features include easy-to-turn pages with rounded corners, textured elements for a tactile experience, a link to access audio and sign language—interpreted readings, and a link to order a braille translation produced by Braille House.

Themes: inclusion, acceptance of difference, disability, joy, curiosity and exploration, celebration of diversity, playfulness and personal expression, challenges stereotypes of blind people

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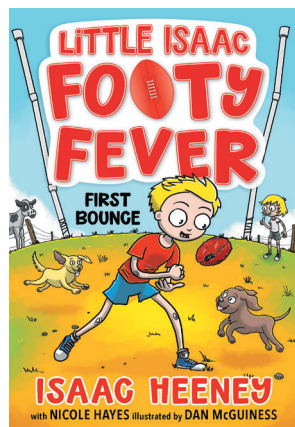


Photo © Nas Campanella and Eliza Hull in front of Richard Dunn's painting, *Redbank Gorge, MacDonnell Ranges, c. 1936-37* (after Albert Namatjira), 2002-2010, from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Collection. Copyright The Estate of Richard Dunn, courtesy Charles Nodrum Gallery. Photograph by Tim Harris, Red Antler Photography.



FIRST BOUNCE: LITTLE ISAAC FOOTY FEVER 1

Isaac Heeney and Nicole Hayes | Illustrator: Dan McGuinness



A brilliant sports series that will entertain young readers, inspire kids to be active and healthy, and encourage them to find fun and friendship in sport, by All-Australian Sydney Swans AFL superstar Isaac Heeney.

Themes: sport, AFL, footy, sports stars, self-belief, teamwork

9781761182631 • HB • A\$16.99 • NZ\$18.99

Ages 7-10 • August • A&U

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Book 2
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Book 3
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BRAVEPAW AND THE SONGSTONE OF THE DEEP: BRAVEPAW 4

L.M. Wilkinson | Illustrator: Lavanya Naidu



The final battle is upon us – can one small mouse stand against what rises from the deep? The epic conclusion to the beloved and bestselling Bravepaw quartet.

Perfect for fans of Redwall, Narnia, Lord of the Rings and Wings of Fire.

Themes: adventure, quests, bravery, friendship, good vs evil

9781761182167 • PB • A\$16.99 • NZ\$18.99

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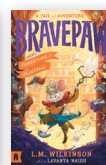
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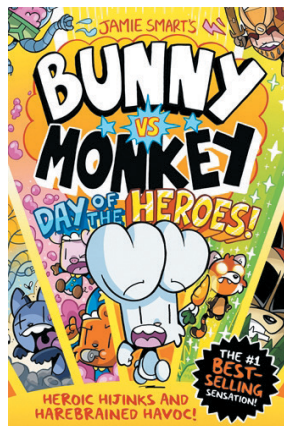
Book 2
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Book 3
9781761182150

DAY OF THE HEROES!: BUNNY vs MONKEY 12

Jamie Smart



Bunny and his friends lived a peaceful life in the forest – until Monkey's rocket crash-landed and he decided to take over! Now Monkey is causing mayhem and Bunny is determined to put a stop to it. The funniest fight ever has begun!

This latest installment in one of the most beloved graphic novel series in Australia is sure to be on constant rotation in your school library.

Themes: adventure, empathy, embracing diversity

9781788454452 • PB • A\$19.99 • NZ\$24.99
Ages 8–12 • October • DFB Phoenix

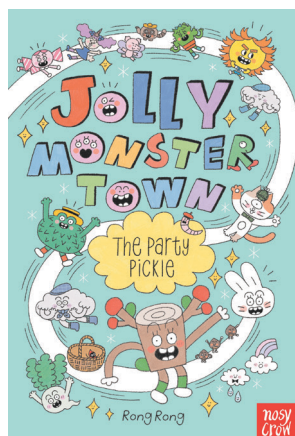
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THE PARTY PICKLE: THE JOLLY MONSTER TOWN

Rong Rong



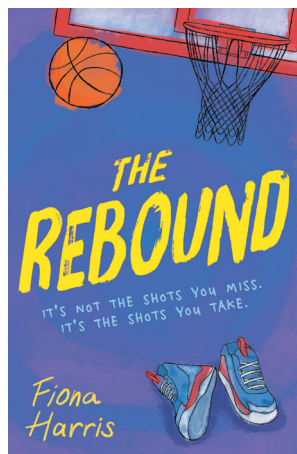
Make the transition from picture to chapter books fun for emerging readers with this highly original new full colour book series that perfectly mixes reading for pleasure and encouraging imaginative play.

Themes: adventure, creative play, humour

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Ages 5–7 • October • Nosy Crow

THE REBOUND

Fiona Harris



'Hoop wizard' Harry is relegated to his school's worst basketball team when he misses tryouts, but his new team has some surprises for him in this triumph-over-adversity story.

High interest and low word count makes this perfect for readers of any level. Ideal for sports-mad kids and anyone who loved *Ted Lasso* on television.

Themes: overcoming adversity, team sport, resilience, grief, competitiveness, friendship, self development

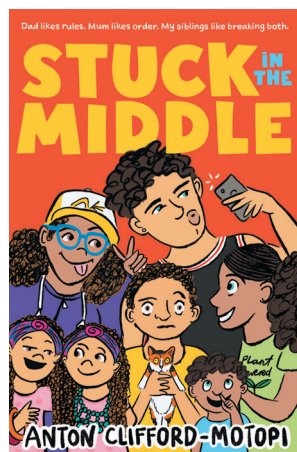
9781761182303 • PB • A\$17.99 • NZ\$19.99

Ages 10–14 • July • A&U



STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

Anton Clifford-Motopi



A delightfully funny novel about what it's like to be the middle child of a big, raucous and loving family in a small house with only one toilet, from the CBCA-shortlisted author of *To and Fro*.

Themes: humour, middle-children, family, friendship, school, homelessness and home insecurity, siblings, African diaspora

9781761182709 • PB • A\$17.99 • NZ\$19.99

Ages 8–12 • August • A&U



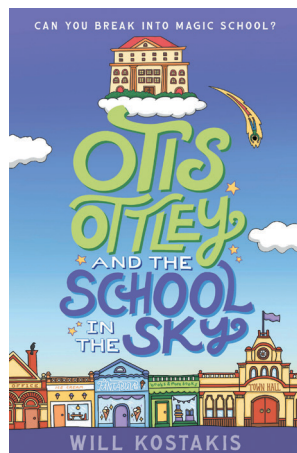
Don't Miss



9781761180378

OTIS OTTLEY AND THE SCHOOL IN THE SKY

Will Kostakis



Otis Ottley is an ordinary boy who yearns to go to the magic school in the sky. And he will stop at nothing to make it happen. A funny and warm middle-grade novel about finding the magic in everyday life, from a much-loved, award-winning Australian author.

Themes: fantasy, family, magic, humour, friendship, grief, memory

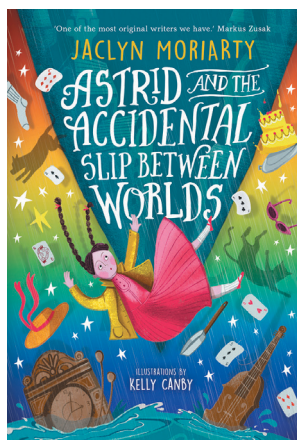
9781761181139 • PB • A\$17.99 • NZ\$19.99

Ages 9–13 • September • A&U



ASTRID AND THE ACCIDENTAL SLIP BETWEEN WORLDS

Jaclyn Moriarty



From the award-winning author Jaclyn Moriarty comes a brilliant funny, fast-paced fantasy set in her remarkable Kingdoms and Empires series. A standalone read, this is perfect for readers who love Jessica Townsend, Diana Wynne Jones and Karen Foxlee.

Themes: magic, family, identity, siblings, quests

9781761182006 • PB • A\$26.99 • NZ\$29.99

Ages 10–14 • November • A&U



THE WITCHES OF WINDERRY SPIRES

Karen Foxlee



An unforgettable and heartwarming quest fantasy from the award-winning and bestselling author of *Dragon Skin* and *Lenny's Book of Everything*.

Themes: magic, adventure, animals, friendship, responsibility, family, identity, witches

9781761182068 • HB • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99
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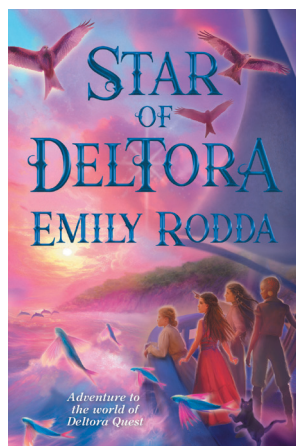
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STAR OF DELTORA

Emily Rodda



Originally published as four separate stories, this sweeping, unforgettable adventure from writing legend Emily Rodda is now in one volume. Providing the 'missing link' in the Deltora Quest/Rowan of Rin/Three Doors universe, it is a must for young readers who love adventure mixed with a hint of magic.

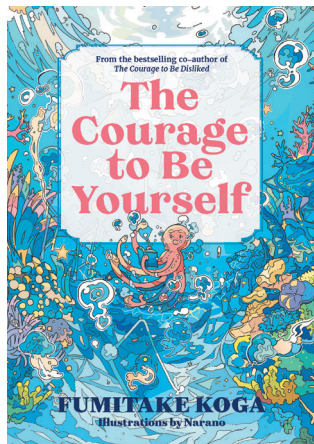
Themes: identity, friendship, family, epic quests, fantasy

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Ages 8–14 • September • A&U



THE COURAGE TO BE YOURSELF

Fumitake Koga | Translated: Cat Anderson



From the co-author of the phenomenally bestselling *The Courage to Be Disliked*, the 15-million-copy bestseller, comes a story to help students build confidence and be comfortable with who they are.

Themes: self-dialogue, confidence, self-love, self-empowerment through journaling, stress, anxiety, mental clarity, emotional processing

9781761182433 • HB • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99

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THE MINISTRY OF MANNERS

David Solomons | Illustrator: Hazem Asif



An original and thought-provoking story that explores the themes of George Orwell's classic *1984* for middle school students and asks the question – what is lost in keeping quiet and what's found in fighting back?.

Themes: democracy, politics, authoritarian regimes

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Ages 9–12 • October • Piccadilly Books

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HUNTED: WOLF GIRL 15

Anh Do | Illustrator: Chris Wahl



Just when Wolf Girl is finally reunited with her father, he is torn away from her once more, and Gwen vows to stop at nothing to track him down.

A perilous high-stakes adventure that will delight the millions of Wolf Girl fans, from mega-bestselling author Anh Do!

Themes: adventure, fantasy, friendship, courage, identity

9781761182815 • PB • A\$16.99 • NZ\$18.99

Ages 8–14 • July • A&U

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9781761182822

HEROES: WYLAH THE KOORIE WARRIOR 5

Richard Pritchard and Jordan Gould



The final heart-stopping adventure in the best-selling series, starring a hero for the ages and her mega-funny megafauna friends.

Perfect for those looking for entertaining middle-grade fiction that is full of humour and heart, featuring wonderful First Nations characters, with lots of interesting themes to discuss.

Themes: adventure, fantasy, First Nations, quest

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Book 3
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Book 4
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THE CASE OF THE TALL STRANGER: VIOLET AND THE VELVETS 4

Rachel King



Violet and the Velvets are off to New York! And it's nearly Christmas, the most magical time of the year in the Big Apple. This series is proving to be very popular with both reluctant and confident readers.

Themes: girl power, friendship, being different, ADHD

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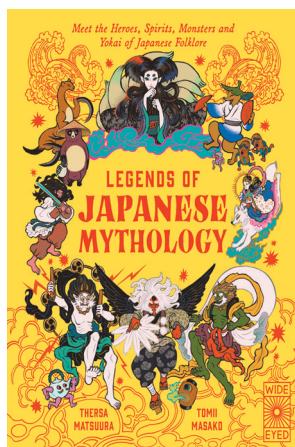
Book 2
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Book 3
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LEGENDS OF JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY

Thersa Matsuura | Illustrator: Tomi Masako



Featuring beautiful and intricate stories that celebrate the wealth of Japan's heritage and culture and convey the power and beauty in each tale. A feast for the eyes, *Legends of Japanese Mythology* will capture the imagination of young students.

Themes: Japan, mythology, quests, battles, folklore

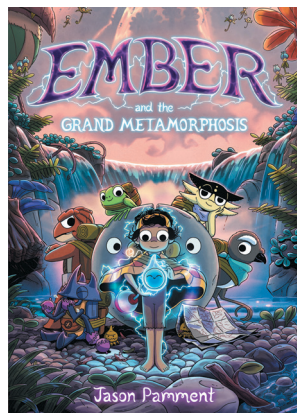
9781836004738 • HB • A\$29.99 • NZ\$32.99

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EMBER AND THE GRAND METAMORPHOSIS: EMBER 2

Jason Pamment



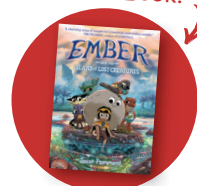
Ember and his friends follow a winding river into the mysterious heart of a rainforest in this richly illustrated graphic adventure set in a lush fantastical world, perfect for fans of *Amulet* and *Lightfall*.

Themes: fantasy, leadership, team work, metamorphosis, environmental science

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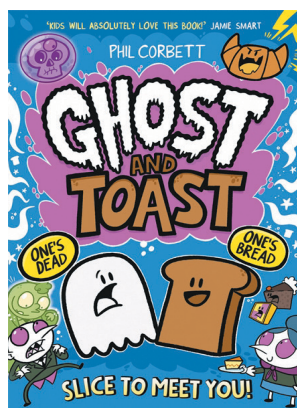
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GHOST AND TOAST: SLICE TO MEET YOU!

Phil Corbett



A brilliantly hilarious new graphic novel that is split into three fast-paced, easy-to-read adventures involving a very, very unlikely friendship. Perfect for both confident and reluctant readers.

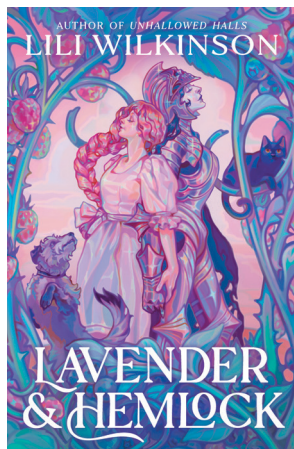
Themes: graphic novel, humour, adventure, friendship

9781835875322 • PB • A\$19.99 • NZ\$22.99
Ages 8-12 • September • Piccadilly Books

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LAVENDER AND HEMLOCK

Lili Wilkinson



A housemaid's quiet life is disrupted when the arrival of a mysterious stranger makes her question everything about her life and her charming seaside home in this enticing standalone fantasy YA novel from the award-winning author of *A Hunger of Thorns* and *Unhallowed Halls*.

Themes: fantasy, magic, LGBTQIA+, romantasy, romance, mystery, high fantasy, knights, swords, sorcery

9781761181504 • PB • A\$24.99 • NZ\$27.99

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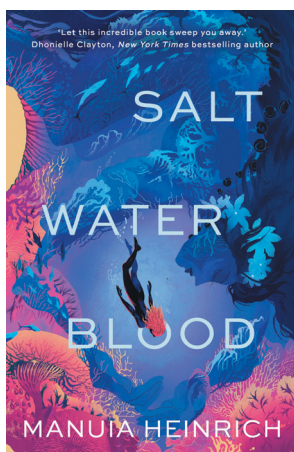
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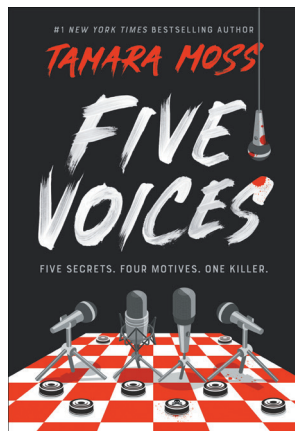
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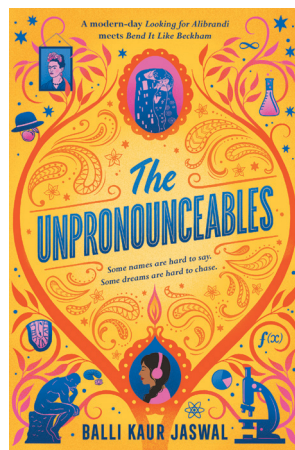
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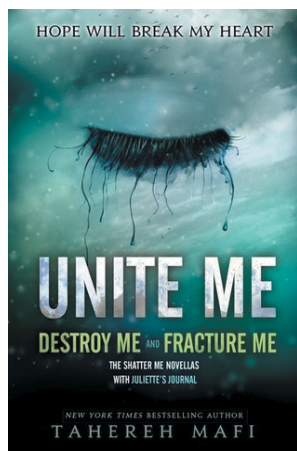
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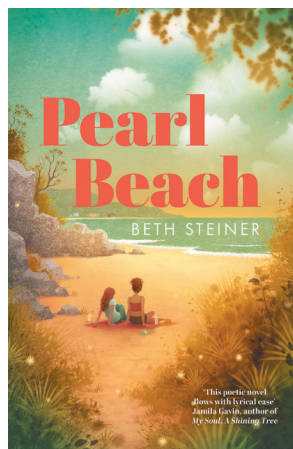
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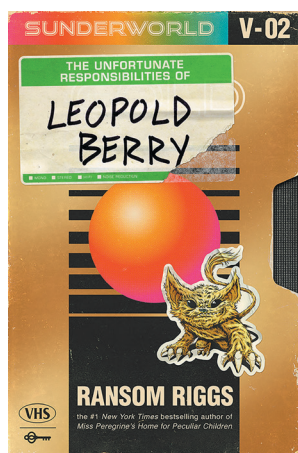
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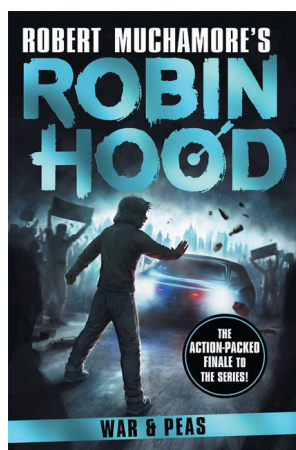
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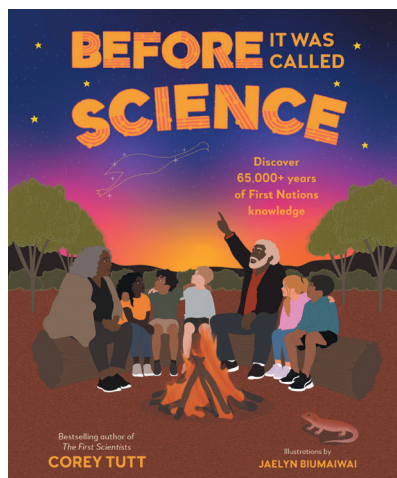
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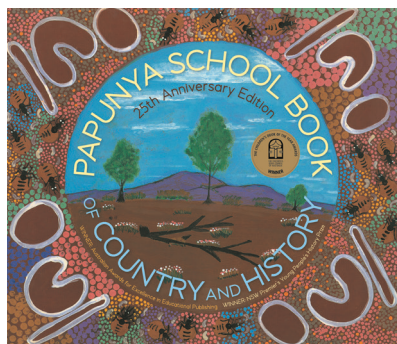
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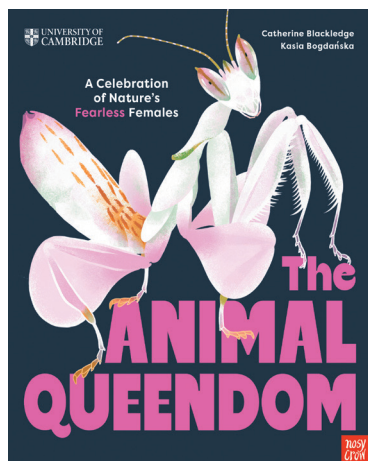
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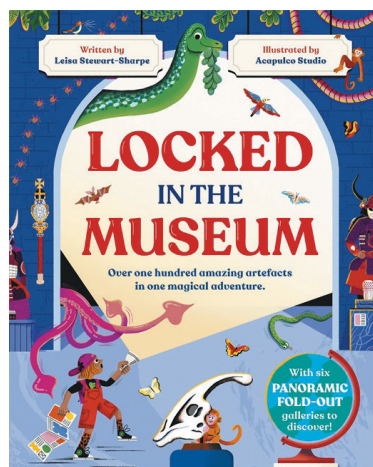
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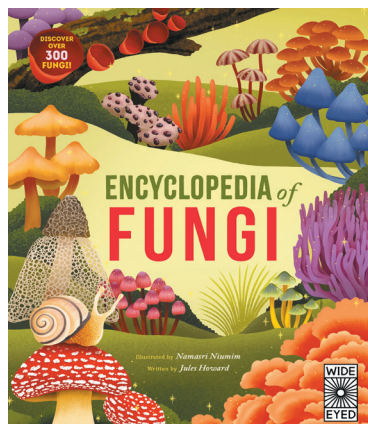
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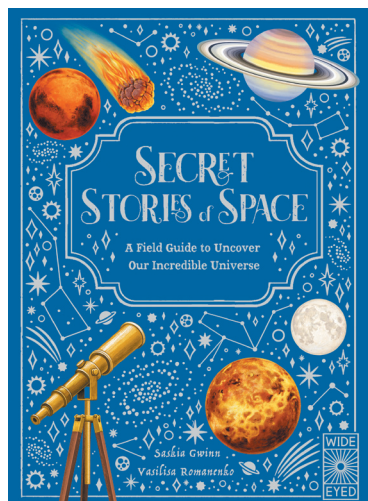
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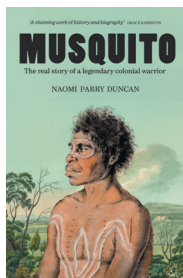
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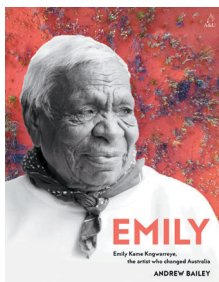


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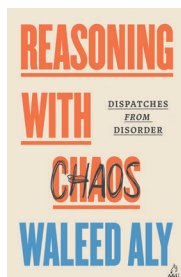


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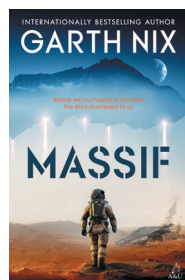


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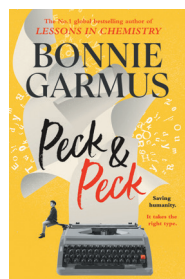


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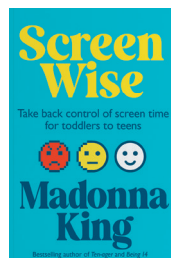


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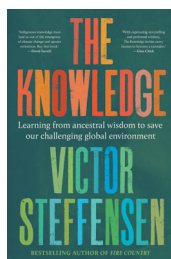


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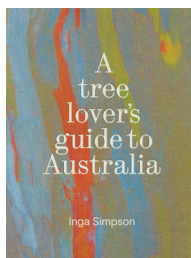


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