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2023

From the publisher



Our children's publishing team may be small, but we are mighty in our output and in our commitment to publishing clever and talented authors and illustrators. We pride ourselves on punching above our weight, book for book, on our entire list.

From our trademark picture book list of clever, heartwarming and laugh-out-loud funny stories, to exciting new voices in junior fiction (see *The Forbidden Journal of Rufus Rumble*, p 5), enchanting worlds in middle grade (see *Everglade*, p.8) and thrilling and thought-provoking YA (see *Everything Under the Moon* and *Anomaly* pp.10-11), our books are made to leave an impression.

It is our aim to deliver books that entertain and inform our young readers (and their grown-ups) and to leave readers a little better off for having read them. This is a guiding principle you will see in all our commissioning and publishing.

I hope you enjoy our latest offering!

Tash Besliev
Kids Publisher, Affirm Press

Affirm Press acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of Australia, and the people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the place we now live and work called Melbourne.



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FORBIDDEN JOURNAL!!

NEW FICTION

JUNIOR FICTION

NEW SERIES

The Forbidden Journal of Rufus Rumble #1: Worst Space Crew EVER!

By Nick Long and Robin Tatlow-Lord

Diary of A Wimpy Kid and *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates* meets *Guardians of the Galaxy* in this laugh-out-loud funny new series about a boy sent into space on a one-way ticket ... with the Worst Space Crew EVER!

Featuring an absurd world and an even more absurd cast of characters, this is a strong start to a series that has potential to keep growing.

With its diary entry format, immersive page design and lively black-and-white doodle-style illustrations, this hilarious junior fiction series is a perfect bridge into middle grade.

Book 1 April 2024 | 192 pages

Book 2 September 2024 | 192 pages

Paperback | 190 x 150 mm | Ages: 6-10

Rights: available

Materials available on request.



JUNIOR FICTION



Sadie

By Lana Spasevski and Joanie Stone

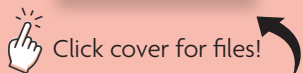
Say hello to Sadie Le, the fresh face of Australian junior fiction! Sadie is a superstar baker with a big heart. She creates sweet and colourful recipes for special events in her life, showing the power of food in bringing families and communities together. But things often don't go according to plan.

In each story, the unstoppable Sadie shows that no matter what life throws at you, you can face it with generosity, heart and, of course, a fabulously sweet treat!

Everything about this series, from its typesetting to its narrative structure, is geared to set up newly independent readers for a lifetime love of chapter books. The series is specially designed with three stories in each book to give kids a sense of satisfaction and achievement. Each book is lightly illustrated to help guide readers from picture books and hybrid graphic fiction into novels.

- A Sprinkle of Sadie April 2022 | 184 pages
 - A Spoonful of Sadie August 2022 | 192 pages
 - A Swirl of Sadie April 2023 | 192 pages
 - A Slice of Sadie August 2023 | 192 pages
 - A Stockingful of Sadie November 2023 | 192 pages
- 180 pages | Paperback | 190 x 150 mm | Ages: 5-8

Rights: available



JUNIOR FICTION

Itty Bitty Kitty

By Maddy Mara and Noémie Gionet Landry

Itty Bitty Kitty LOVES empty boxes, string and sleeping on clean washing. She HATES being called cute. She is almost a tiger, after all!

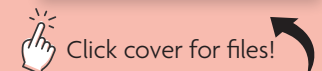
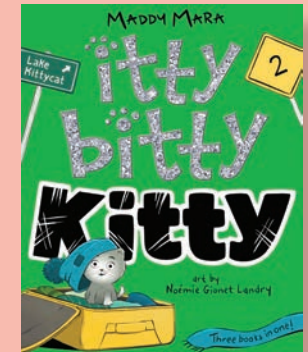
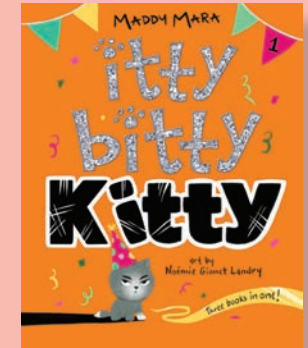
This is a warm, funny and accessible series for early readers. In each story, Itty Bitty is pushed out of her comfort zone. Itty Bitty's adventures may be domestic in setting, but they are epic in scale!

Titans of Australian junior fiction Hilary Rogers and Meredith Badger have collaborated again under their pen name Maddy Mara. The duo have delicately balanced laugh-out-loud humour with heartwarming life lessons.

Each book contains three short, simple stories to help emerging readers grow confident with reading.

- Book 1 September 2022 | 160 pages
 - Book 2 April 2023 | 192 pages
 - Book 3 September 2023 | 192 pages
 - Book 4 May 2024 | 192 pages
- Paperback | 190 x 150 mm | Ages: 5-8

Rights: available



MIDDLE GRADE

NEW IN SERIES

FANTASY

Everglade: The Return of the Witch

By Kitty Black with illustrations by Rebecca Crane

An epic, funny new fantasy trilogy in the tradition of Terry Pratchett and Diana Wynne Jones.

Twelve-year-old Wren Westerly is the most hated person in Everglade. As the daughter of the last witch in a magic-fearing town, Wren is considered guilty by association. But when Wren accidentally uses her magic, it isn't the town that comes after her. Instead, she finds herself the focus of the Eater, a terrifying creature who feeds off magic. With nothing but a necklace, some cryptic advice from a tree and two enthusiastic companions, Wren has to find a way to master her magic, evade the Eater and maybe even save the day.

Perfect for fans of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, *The Spiderwick Chronicles* and *The School for Good and Evil*.

June 2024 | 304 pages | Paperback
198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12
Rights: available

Everglade #2 | June 2025

Everglade #3 | June 2026

Rights: available

Materials available on request.

MIDDLE GRADE

DEBUT AUTHOR

HUMOUR

Get Your Act Together, Doris Kozlowski

By Jo Dabrowski

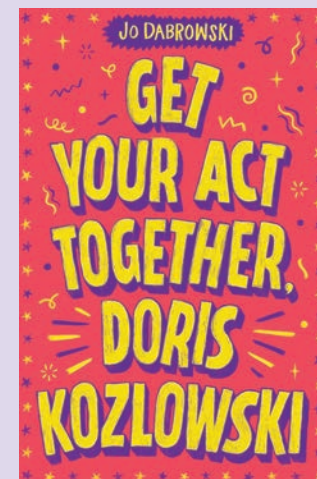
Doris Kozlowski's life is anything but normal. Her mum plays singing vegetables in TV commercials. Her little brother befriends pebbles and potatoes. And don't even get her started on her babcia.

But Doris is good at pretending to be just like everyone else, and she has a plan to get through Year Six: keep her head down, keep her family away from the school, and keep her best and only friend, the perfect Felicity. So when Felicity ditches her before their first class even starts, Doris needs a new plan. She figures if she can win the talent show, Felicity will want to be friends again, and Doris can get her life back.

That is, if her babcia stops trying to 'help'. And if her mum avoids more embarrassing commercials. And if her brother manages to keep her secrets. Who is she kidding? Doris is DOOMED.

A hilarious yet touching middle grade debut about embracing who you are, finding your true friends and the unstoppable magic of a good musical number.

July 2023 | 304 pages | Paperback
198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12
Rights: available



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YOUNG ADULT



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ALL-STAR YA WRITERS

QUEER YA

Everything Under the Moon

Edited by Michael Earp, illustrated by Kit Fox

Some damsels don't want to be rescued. Some curses don't need to be broken. And some of the best happy ever afters won't be found in storybooks.

Think you know fairy tales? Think again.

These twelve fairy tales have been spun through a queered lens to reflect our world in stories as old as time. From the furthest reaches of space and the darkest depths of the forest to the street just around the corner, this anthology will excite, challenge and move you.

Featuring stories from some of the biggest names in young adult fiction, *Everything Under The Moon* is an illuminating celebration of queer love and identity.

Includes stories by Abdi Nazemian, Alexandra Villasante, Alison Evans, Amber McBride, Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner, Gary Lonesborough, Helena Fox, Jes Layton, Lili Wilkinson, Maggie Tokuda-Hall, Michael Earp and Will Kostakis.

October 2024 | 208 pages | Hardback

234 x 180 mm | Ages: 14+

Rights: available

YOUNG ADULT

DEBUT AUTHOR

DYSTOPIA

Anomaly

By Emma Lord

Tomorrow When The War Began meets *The Knife of Never Letting Go* in this thrilling, high-octane start to a YA speculative fiction series.

Seventeen-year-old Piper survived the end of the world. She recovered from the virus that took so many – but it left her with frightening abilities that make her reluctant to leave her isolated property. She's scared of what others might do to her ... and what she might do to them.

When an injured boy washes up on the shore of her lake and sets into motion a series of terrifying events, Piper's safe haven is destroyed. If she's going to survive, Piper will have to trust a stranger, control her powers ... and face up to her ghosts.

Filled with breathtaking action sequences, snarky banter and a hint of romance, this series will force you to question destiny, memory and how far you would go to survive.

September 2024 | 304 pages | Paperback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 13-18

Rights: available

Materials available on request.



Illustration from *Some Fish Have Moustaches* by Heidi Walkinshaw and Michel Streich
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NEW PICTURE BOOKS

PICTURE BOOK

HUMOUR

The Book is a Time Machine

By Tracey Dembo and Lucinda Gifford

Hello there!

Guess what? You are holding a real-life time machine! You don't believe me? I'll show you. But first, let's make sure you understand time.

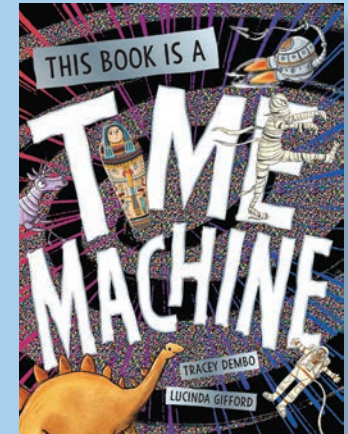
Ready?

But when a tiny tear appears in the pages of the book, the past, present and future collide!

October 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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HUMOUR

Sloths Love Parties

By Rory H. Mather and Binny Talib

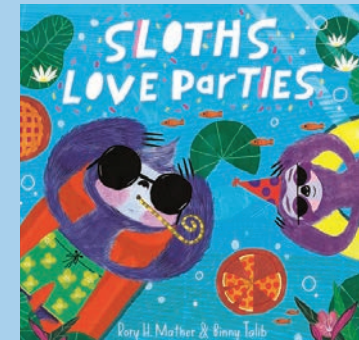
Sloths LOVE to sleep.
But do you know what else they love?
PARTIES.

Put on your dancing shoes and join Marty the sloth for the grooviest celebrations the rainforest has ever seen. Just don't forget to bring your pyjamas for the slumber party ...

February 2024 | 24 pages | Hardback

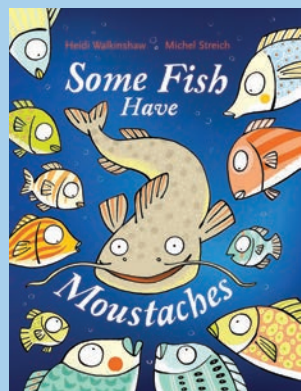
250 x 250 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOK



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DEBUT AUTHOR

HUMOUR

Some Fish Have Moustaches

By Heidi Walkinshaw and Michel Streich

There are big fish and small fish, round fish and long fish, and fish of all shapes and sizes.

But did you know that there are also fish that have ... moustaches?

Celebrate all kinds of fish, and especially those with moustaches, in this fin-tastic picture book!

24 pages | Hardback | 280 x 217 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

PICTURE BOOK

HUMOUR

Koalas Stole My Undies

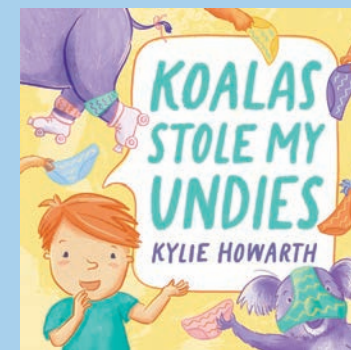
By Kylie Howarth

An outrageously funny story about cheeky Lex, who lies that koalas and other animals are stealing his underwear! But when a mischievous monkey steals Lex's shorts, he learns that wearing underwear isn't so bad after all!

A hilarious contemporary answer to *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*.

24 pages | Hardback | 250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-6

Rights: available



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Neil, the Amazing Sea Cucumber

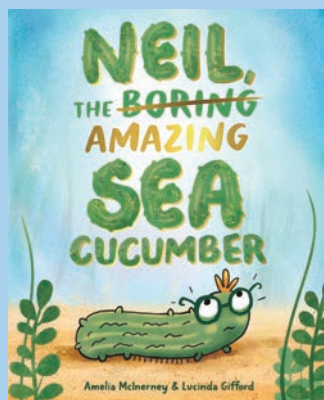
By Amelia McInerney and Lucinda Gifford

Introducing Neil, the Eeyore of the sea floor! With deadpan text by Amelia McInerney and hilarious illustrations by Lucinda Gifford, this is a fabulous story about an unlikely hero who is very surprised to find himself in this book.

24 pages | Hardback | 280 x 217 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

HUMOUR



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HUMOUR

Crocs Stole My Socks

By Kylie Howarth

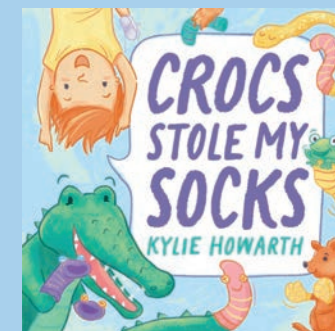
Kylie Howarth returns with cheeky hero, Lex, as he does his best to get out of wearing those itchy, annoying socks. Will Lex learn that socks are just as important as underwear?

A hilarious follow-up to the 2022 bestseller, *Koalas Stole My Undies*.

September 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

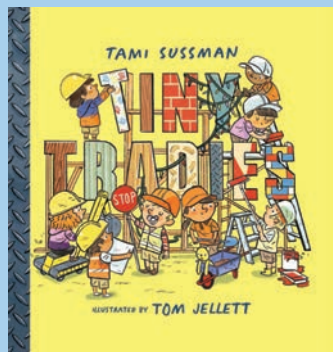
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DEBUT AUTHOR

HUMOUR

Tiny Tradies

By Tami Sussman and Tom Jellett

Every parent knows that toddlers are BUSY!

This hilarious picture book compares toddlers at childcare to tradespeople on a work site. Join the adorable Tiny Tradies as they clock on for their shift, work hard all day, and then wind down for bedtime.

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 250 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available



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HUMOUR

Cheer Up, Blobfish!

By Julie Murphy and Rachel Tribout

Everyone is having a great time at the festival of fish – the perch play hide-and-see, the sturgeon sings and the wrasse are building sand sculptures. Everyone is smiling and having a great time ... except for Blobfish. And even though the clownfish tells some jokes, the sawfish does magic tricks and the dolphin swims some loop the loops, the other fish just can't seem to make Blobfish smile. Or can they?

May 2024 | 32 pages | Hardback

280 x 217 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available

PICTURE BOOK



DEBUT AUTHOR

FOOD

You've Got Yoghurt in Your Nostrils

By Bethany Clark and Sara Acton

*You've got yoghurt in your nostrils,
avocado-smear hair,
bacon in your belly button,
and toast crusts on your chair.*

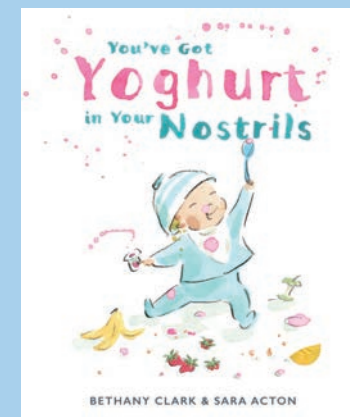
Join baby as they discover how much fun food can be – and not just to eat!

A joyous celebration of the tastes, textures and glorious mess involved in learning to feed ourselves.

August 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available



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FOOD

Pasta!

By Felice Arena and Beatrice Cerocchi



Spaghetтини. Fagottini. Ditalini. More Grattini?

Pasta tastes delicious! But did you know pasta is also fun to say? Grab your fork and spoon and get stuck into this delightful celebration of the food that everyone loves to eat. It's enough to make anyone hungry!

32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOK

IDENTITY

The Day You Were Born

By Emma Bowd and Hilary Jean Tapper

Every single day of every single year, a precious child is born to cherish and to cheer. With hope-filled hearts we marvel at them all – the brave, the quiet, the loud and the small.

In this delightful twist on the classic nursery rhyme, 'Monday's Child', Emma Bowd and Hilary Jean Tapper weave a universal love letter to children, celebrating their unique qualities and the special light they bring to our lives.

August 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

230 x 270 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available

I'm Your Favourite Book

By Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft

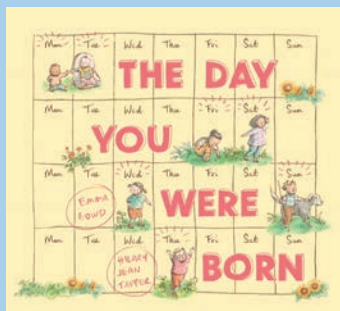
Even though page 6 blew away at the beach, page 10 got dipped in the bath and your dog ate page 4, you still read me every day. Because I'm your favourite book.

A beautiful celebration of the magic of books, and a reminder of how the books we read as children stay with us forever.

July 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

270 x 230 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOK

PARENTAL LOVE

Love You Always

By Justine Adams and Laura Stitzel

Mummy and Bubby have had a big day. There have been snuggles, giggles, tantrums and tears. But the most important thing is that they love each other through it all, and they always will.

Here is a gentle and beautiful reminder of the unconditional love that exists between mother and child.

September 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 2-6

Rights: available

When You're A Boy

By Blake Nuto

When you're a boy you're told how to be like the white-roaring oceans. But I've learned the fierceness of flowers the glory of colour and the beauty of dreaming.

Wander through forests, cross rivers and climb mountains in this powerful and moving exploration of what it means to be a boy.

August 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

250 x 280 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

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Life Lessons for Little Ones

By Jess Sanders

A new and empowering series by bestselling author and social worker, Jess Sanders. This series contains life's most important lessons that every child (and their grown-up!) deserves to hear. Each book in this series encourages feelings of confidence, self-worth and self-love, and promotes positive thinking and mindfulness.

You Are Enough is a guide to embracing self-love.

You've Got This! is a guide to wrangling worries.

Your Softness is Your Strength is a guide to celebrating softness.

You Are Enough

(illustrated by Ocean Hughes)

24 pages | Hardback | 220 x 220 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available excl. Turkish

You've Got This

(illustrated by Irina Avgustinovich)

Rights: available excl. German, Turkish

Your Softness Is Your Strength

(illustrated by Jorge Garcia Redondo)

September 2023

Rights: available excl. German

You Can Do Hard Things

(illustrated by Martina Stuhlberger)

March 2024

Rights: available

You Know Yourself Best

(illustrated by Fotini Tikkou)

August 2024

Rights: available



PICTURE BOOK



All You Can Be

By Angela Casabene and Michelle Conn

Be kind. Be strong. Be curious. Be wrong ...

Be all you can be.

A moving love letter to children everywhere, encouraging them to embrace their true selves and to live their big, messy, beautiful lives to the full. This is the perfect gift for new parents, for milestone events or achievements, or for any child in need of encouragement.

January 2024 | 24 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm

Ages: 0-7

Rights: available

Pocket Treasure

By Wenda Shurety and Juliana Oakley

Here is a gorgeous picture book for kind kids who love to share with their friends. And it's for parents everywhere who find all sorts of knick-knacks in their children's pockets! With a beautiful message about generosity and an accurate representation of diversity in classrooms, this truly is a book to treasure.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 250 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available



PICTURE BOOK



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LOVE

This is Love

By Zanni Louise and Sasha Haddad

Celebrate all the wonderful ways we share and show our love in this delightful picture book from much-loved creators Zanni Louise and Sasha Haddad.

Hardback edition:

24 pages 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

Board book edition:

February 2024 | 24 pages | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-4

Rights: available

The Starting School List

By Kitty Black and Cate James

It's Little Brother's first day at school tomorrow. Luckily, Big Brother knows what that feels like. And what's more, he has a list of what to expect.

Whether you're feeling scared or excited, brave or shy, *The Starting School List* is the perfect book for your grandest adventure yet.

December 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

250 x 250 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

STARTING SCHOOL



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PICTURE BOOK

NEW IN SERIES

TREASURY

The Book for Marvellous Minds

By Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft

This charming, inspiring and thought-provoking treasury from Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft is packed with stories, poems and activities to relish, treasure and share.

Dip into this wonderful book at any time of day. Wake up to morning magic, spend the afternoon discovering new worlds and remembering old ones, and curl up at night with stories of the stars.

November 2023 | 120 pages | Hardback

246 x 189 mm | Ages: 3-9

Rights: available



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TREASURY

The Book for Happy Hearts

By Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft

A feast for the eyes and a balm for the soul, this is a book of joy that will fill your heart with happiness.

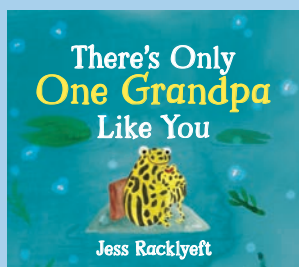
Dip into this marvellous book at any time of day to find uplifting stories, poems and activities to inspire, cherish and share.

120 pages | Hardback | 246 x 189 mm | Ages: 3-9

Rights: available



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PICTURE AND BOARD BOOK



There's Only One ... series

By Jess Racklyeft

Jess Racklyeft's *There's Only One ...* series celebrates mums, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers and friends, and their unique and important roles in our lives.

This bestselling series features stunning watercolour artwork that shines a light on the beautiful and precious moments we share with the special people in our lives.

Available as picture books and board books, this collectable series makes perfect gifts for special occasions, birthdays, new baby arrivals, or on any day that you want to celebrate an important figure in a child's life.

Hardback editions:

24 pages | 217 x 295 mm | Ages: 3-7

Board book editions:

20 pages | 171 x 190 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available excl. Korean (*Mum and Dad*), and Italian (*There's Only One Friend Like You*)

PICTURE BOOK



Big World, Tiny World series

By Jess Racklyeft

A stunning ode to natural treasures and the interconnectedness of our world.

Big World, Tiny World explores the many worlds within our natural landscapes by zooming in on a particular scene with each page turn.

With a gentle environmental message, this series from bestselling author-illustrator Jess Racklyeft invites readers to explore their world and understand how we are all connected.

Big World, Tiny World: Forest

February 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available

Big World, Tiny World: Reef

August 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-8

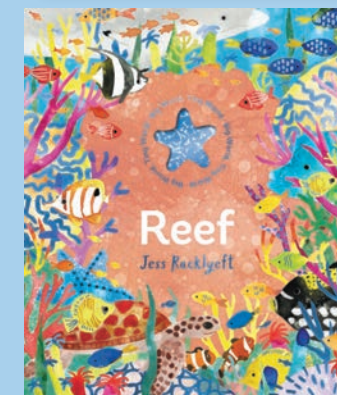
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Big World, Tiny World: Bush

November 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOKS

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NEW
BABY

Welcome, Baby, to This World

By Jess Racklyeft

This warm, modern and heartfelt book is a love letter between parent and child.

Filled with joy, hope and possibility, it is the perfect gift for new babies everywhere from one of Australia's brightest picture book stars.

24 pages | Hardback | 295 x 246 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available excl. French, Italian

Other formats: Book + soft toy gift set



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BEDTIME

All the World Says Goodnight

By Jess Racklyeft

Across the world each night, beds are made for sleeping: from a bee tucked up in a rose to a bear snuggling in her den.

Say goodnight to these animals and more in this sumptuous bedtime lullaby from Jess Racklyeft, creator of the bestselling *Welcome, Baby, To This World*.

Hardback edition:

24 pages | 238 x 289 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

Board book edition:

January 2024 | 10 spreads | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-4

Rights: available



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Illustration from *Welcome, Baby, to This World*
by Jess Racklyeft; see page 33.

PICTURE BOOKS

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TRUE STORIES

**The Greatest Mistakes That Went Right
The Wonders of Never Giving Up**

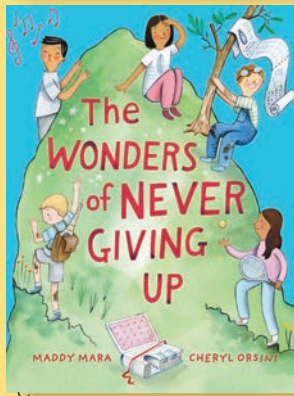
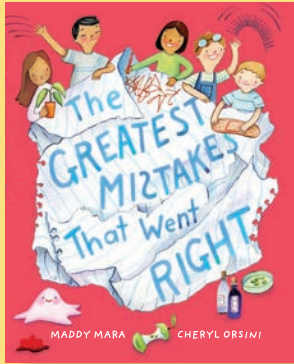
By Maddy Mara and Cheryl Orsini

From Maddy Mara and Cheryl Orsini comes an uplifting non-fiction picture book series that empowers kids to embrace failings and persevere.

Both books include incredible true stories that will inspire families everywhere: from the determined penicillin inventor Sir Alexander Fleming to the tenacious pro-surfer Bethany Hamilton, and many household names in between.

Fun rhyme and rhythm make these books perfect for repeat reads.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8
Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOKS

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BEDTIME

**It's Time All Possums
Went to Bed**

By Jacqui Halpin and Gavin Scott

Join Milly as she cheekily avoids bedtime by pretending to be a busy animal. But Milly learns that even animals have to go to bed some time! An adorable story with a subtle nod to bedtime routines and a gentle introduction to Australian animals like possums, kangaroos and emus.

24 pages | Hardback | 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 2-7
Rights: available



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HUMOUR

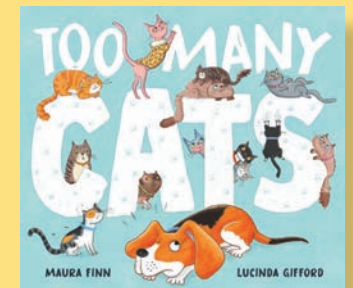
Too Many Cats

By Maura Finn and Lucinda Gifford

Percy is a dog with a bone to pick: there are just too many cats in his house! They scratch the armchairs. They hog the heater. They blame Percy for their mess. This just can't go on!

But when Percy finally gets some peace and quiet, he realises that he might have made a tiny mistake ...

32 pages | Hardback | 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-7
Rights: available



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HUMOUR

**Your Birthday was the BEST!
Your School is the BEST!**

By Maggie Hutchings and Felicita Sala

From critically acclaimed author and illustrator duo Maggie Hutchings and Felicita Sala comes the adventures of a plucky young cockroach who is somehow also totally endearing.

Funny, silly and surprisingly cute, these books are the perfect blend of downright gross and delightfully entertaining.

Your Birthday was the BEST!

32 pages | Hardback | 287 x 248 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available excl. Portuguese (Brazil), French, North American, Russian, Turkish, Korean



Winner of ...

CBCA Shortlist: Picture Book of the Year 2021

Your School is the BEST!

32 pages | Hardback | 287 x 248 mm | Ages: 2-7

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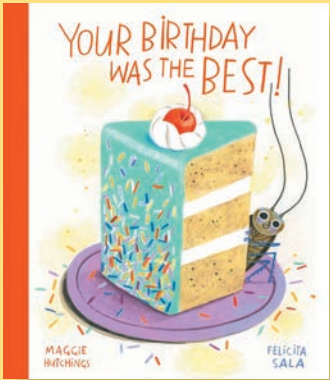
COMING SOON!

Your Holiday was the BEST!

March 2024 | 32 pages | Hardback

287 x 248 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available



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KINDNESS

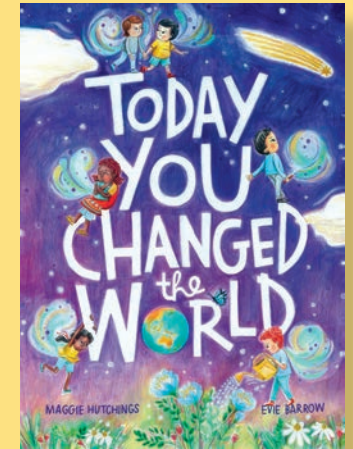
Today You Changed the World

By Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow

From critically acclaimed author and illustrator duo Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow comes a gentle yet impactful book that encourages children to make change through small everyday acts of kindness.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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BEDTIME

The Magic Kiss

By Bon Balu

Follow the magic goodnight kiss on its calming, joyful journey to become a sleepy yawn!

Bon Balu's dreamy text and resplendent illustrations create a loving, soothing bedtime ritual for all.

24 pages | Hardback | 280 x 220 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available



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VALUES

Our Family Pledge

By Emmaline Carroll Southwell and Vivian Minneker

A universal set of promises to be passed down through generations. This is the perfect book for any family who wants to teach their children compassion for themselves, others and the planet.

24 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8
Rights: available



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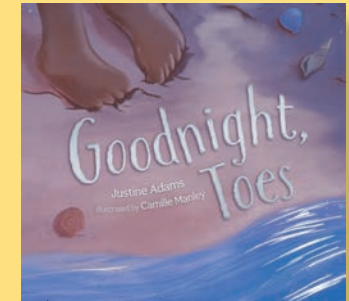
BEDTIME

Goodnight, Toes

By Justine Adams and Camille Manley

A warm and dreamy book that's perfect for winding down before bed, *Goodnight, Toes* is a gentle meditation on all the wonderful things our bodies and minds can do.

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 280 mm | Ages: 2-7
Rights: available



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All the Colours of Our Rainbow

By Daniel Gray-Barnett

With cheerful and uplifting illustrations by Daniel Gray-Barnett and colourful ribbons throughout, this is the perfect introduction to the colours of the rainbow pride flag.

From red to purple, this is a joyful and energetic exploration of love, family and community.

14 pages | Board book with ribbon
200 x 200 mm | Ages: 3-6
Rights: available



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WITH NOVELTY RIBBONS
LGBTQIA+ PRIDE

When You're Going to the Moon

By Sasha Beekman and Vivienne To

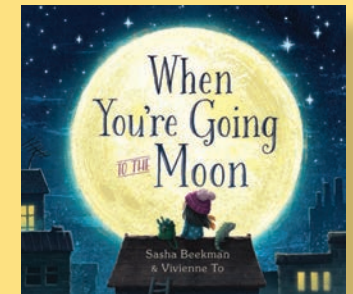
Your pet iguana, tap-dancing shoes, an inflatable moose ... What else might you need when you're going to the moon? A heartfelt story about dreaming your biggest dream and taking it to the stars.

32 pages | Hardback | 285 x 255 mm | Ages: 4-8
Rights: available



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BIRTHDAY

Polly's Grand Party Plan

By Jane Godwin and Evie Barrow

For dreamers and party planners everywhere comes a relatable picture book about throwing the perfect birthday party ... even when things don't exactly go to plan.

June 2022 | 32 pages | Hardback

270 x 220 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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RESILIENCE

Little One

By Jane Godwin and Gabriel Evans

When Little One gets lost, Pippi is distraught. But Pippi must learn to live without her favourite toy.

From critically acclaimed creators Jane Godwin and Gabriel Evans, this is a wonderful timeless story about losing something or someone special.

32 pages | Hardback | 270 x 220 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. Belgian



Winner of ...
CBCA Notable: Early Childhood 2022



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The Best Hiding Place

By Jane Godwin and Sylvia Morris

From bestselling author Jane Godwin and emerging illustrator Sylvia Morris comes a rich and atmospheric story that captures the highs and lows of hide-and-seek, and the joy of being found.

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 280 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available



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IMAGINATION

Grumble Boats

By Susannah McFarlane and Tamsin Ainslie

In this gentle story set at the beach, we watch as Grandma teaches Emma how to use creativity to send her bad mood out to sea. Celebrating the special magic of grandmothers to help us feel better, this book is a beautiful gift for grandparents to share with their grandchildren.

32 pages | Hardback | 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. Turkish



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GRANDPARENTS



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EMPATHY

I Saw Pete and Pete Saw Me

By Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow

Everyone walks right past Pete – except for one little boy. When Pete gets sick, the boy wants to help. But how do you help someone get better when they don't have a home?

A heartfelt, moving story about the importance of really seeing the world around us and the power in tiny acts of kindness.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. Korean

Enough Love?

By Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow

A beautiful picture book showing kids that families come in all shapes and sizes.

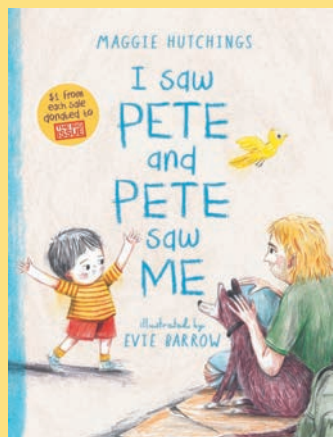
This is a special book that will help kids navigate change and celebrate love and family.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOK SERIES

MAGIC

Magic! series

By Maggie Hutchings and Cheryl Orsini

Feel the magic with best friends Lena and Luka as they learn there's nothing that can't be solved by a little bit of hope and a big wish.

An enchanting collection of stories from best-selling duo Maggie Hutchings and Cheryl Orsini.

Unicorn!

32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available excl. Hebrew

Mermaid!

32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available excl. Hebrew

Dragon!

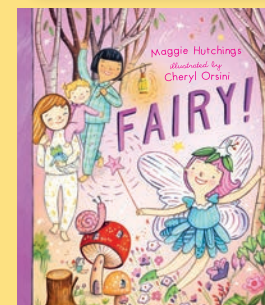
32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available

Fairy!

32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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IDENTITY

I'm Fabulous Crab!

By Nicki Greenberg

Henry the hermit crab is done with his dull life on the dim ocean floor. He wants glamour and drama! He wants to be known as Fabulous Crab! Here is a sparkling spectacle of a story about embracing who you are and wearing your true colours (and a touch of glitter) with pride.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 217 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. North American



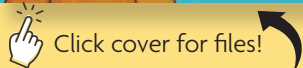
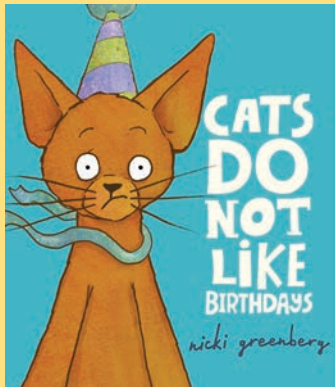
Cats Do Not Like Birthdays

By Nicki Greenberg

Presents! Games! Cake! Everyone loves a party, right? Well, not everyone. And definitely not Kit. All Kit wants is a quiet place to hide away from the noise. And maybe he's not the only one ... This book is a shout-out (whisper) to the not-so-loud and a reminder that we're all wonderfully different.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 240 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available excl. Turkish



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HUMOUR

The Ultimate Survival Guide to Monsters Under the Bed

By Mitch Frost and Daron Parton

Do you lie awake at night worrying about monsters? Donut monsters? Blue monsters? DANCING ROBOT MONSTERS!? Then this is the book for you! Follow these ten easy steps and you'll never be bothered by monsters again. Perfect for anyone, big or small, who's ever been afraid of monsters.

32 pages | Hardback | 270 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. British, North American, Portuguese (World), Turkish



Arthur and the What-Ifs

By Heath McKenzie

Arthur is too scared to play his violin in front of people. What if he makes a fool of himself? But the song in his head and the dream in his heart just won't stay quiet until Arthur overcomes his fears. Here is an encouraging picture book for any child whose confidence and self-esteem needs a gentle boost.

32 pages | Hardback | 268 x 236 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available excl. English Language (China), Turkish



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SEASONS

Sing Me the Summer

By Jane Godwin and Alison Lester

Sing Me the Summer combines Jane Godwin's lyrical text with Alison Lester's lively watercolours to delight in the distinct joys that each season brings. The book cherishes family togetherness in the natural world and the small moments spent outside that often become our lasting memories of childhood.

32 pages | Hardback | 230 x 285 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available excl. Turkish



Winner of ...
CBCA Notable: Picture Book of the Year 2021



Tricky's Bad Day

By Alison Lester

Poor Tricky! Nothing is going right for him, from spilled milk to an annoying little sister! This is a warm and funny story about the mess, muddle and love that is the life of a young family – and the freedom of an outside adventure.

32 pages | Hardback | 231 x 292 mm | Ages: 3-7

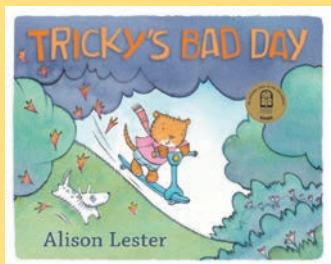
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The Very Noisy Baby (various)

By Alison Lester

The baby loves to make all kinds of sounds. She's really very loud. But when some animals in the town go missing, can the very noisy baby help? A wonderfully boisterous story from a master storyteller and illustrator.

32 pages | Hardback | 235 x 297 mm | Ages: 0-7

Rights: available excl. Italian and Turkish



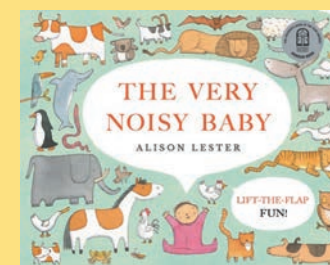
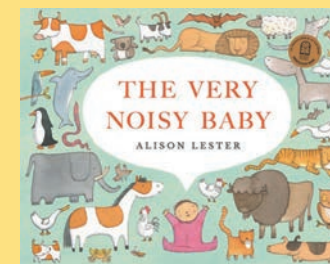
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CBCA Honour Book: Early Childhood 2018

Other formats:

Lift-the-flap board book

Sound book

Book + soft toy gift set



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FEELINGS



Follow Your Feelings series

By Kitty Black and Jess Rose

This touching, funny emotional literacy series reframes so-called 'negative' emotions as normal and encourages children to sit with and understand difficult feelings.

Each book has a strong ending that shows new feelings arrive, proving that a worried or sad feeling doesn't last forever.

Author Kitty Black has a background in school psychology and blends her professional experience with an inherent sense of humour.

Follow Your Feelings: Lucy and Sad

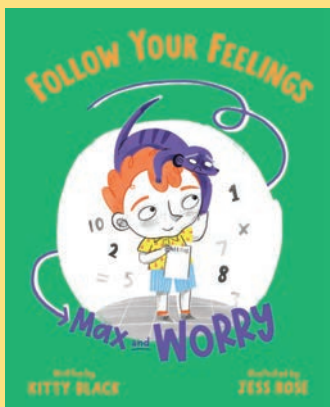
32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available

Follow Your Feelings: Max and Worry

32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

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FAMILY

The Lion in Our Living Room The Bear in Our Backyard

By Emma Middleton and Briony Stewart

From award-winning artist Briony Stewart and talented author Emma Middleton comes a pair of books that pay tribute to the small and magical moments that mums and dads create every day.

The Lion in Our Living Room

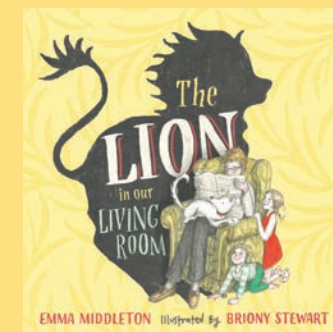
32 pages | Hardback | 252 x 252 mm | Ages: 3-7

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The Bear in Our Backyard

32 pages | Hardback | 252 x 252 mm | Ages: 3-7

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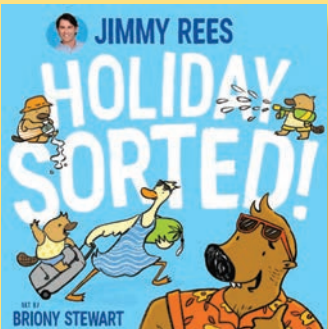
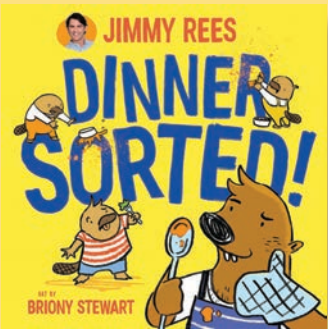
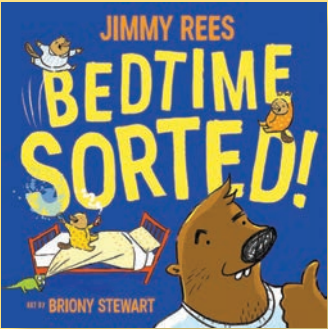
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FAMILY/HUMOUR

Sorted! series

By Jimmy Rees and Briony Stewart

A hilarious and lively picture book series with equal kid and parent appeal!

This series documents the events and excuses that families everywhere will know all too well, appealing to any parents who find their perfectly laid plans are (often) thwarted by their kids.

Join a wholly original family and watch as the cheeky children can't stay in bed in *Bedtime Sorted!*, battle their way through dinner in *Dinner Sorted!*, and run amok when it's time to get ready for the family vacation in *Holiday Sorted!*

Bedtime Sorted!

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

Dinner Sorted!

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

Holiday Sorted!

32 pages | Hardback

250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

PICTURE BOOKS

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FIRST CONCEPTS

Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House! One Blue Shoe Say Hello

By Jane Godwin and Jane Reiseger

A trio of books that are fresh, fun and rhythmic explorations of first concepts.

Bold and bright, these are the perfect books for reading aloud and sharing with young children as they learn to identify colours (*Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House!*) counting (*One Blue Shoe*) and animal sounds (*Say Hello*).

Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House!

32 pages | Board book | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available excl. North American



Winner of ...

CBCA Notable: Early Childhood Book of the Year 2018

One Blue Shoe

24 pages | Hardback | 247 x 218 mm | Ages: 0-5

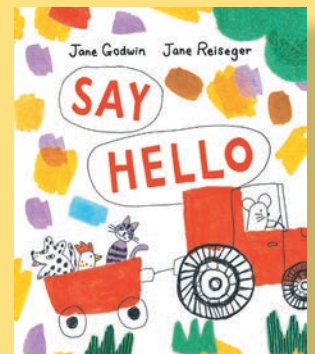
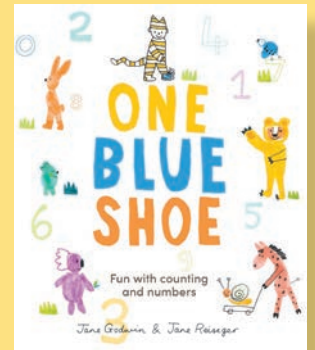
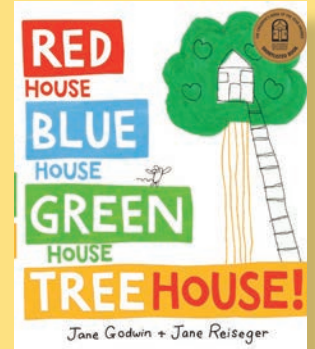
Rights: available excl. Turkish, Korean

Say Hello

24 pages | Board book

220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

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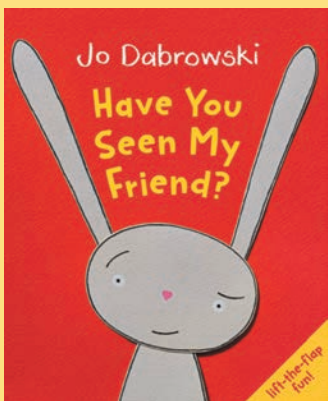


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Have You Seen My Friend? Higher!

By Jo Dabrowski

Featuring flaps, sparse text and Jo Dabrowski's signature bold collage art, these board books will delight curious young readers.

Have You Seen My Friend?

24 pages | Board book | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available

Higher!

24 pages | Board book | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available

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TWINS

Twice the Love

By Inda Ahmad Zahri and Nabila Adani

A joyful and heartwarming celebration of all the things that happen in twos: twice the cuddles, twice the kisses, twice the milestones, twice the love.

This is a much-needed, heartfelt addition to the newborn baby gift market for families of twins.

24 pages | Hardback | 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available



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How to Be A Giraffe

By Thea Baker

IDENTITY

Joffrey's stripy fur is causing quite the stir. Everyone knows that giraffes have spots! But if Joffrey isn't a giraffe, what could he be? Lots of fun to read aloud, this charming and heartfelt picture book celebrates the joy of embracing who we are.

32 pages | Hardback | 262 x 272 mm | Ages: 2-7



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HISTORICAL
FANTASY

The Grandest Bookshop in the World
The Bookseller's Apprentice

By Amelia Mellor

Amelia Mellor's award-winning books are race-against-time adventures loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem.

Based on real-life events, people and places, each book has the reader step back in time to a magical and mysterious 1800s Melbourne where they follow feisty and courageous children who come up against a clever, sinister magician-villain.

The Grandest Bookshop in the World

304 pages | Hardback & paperback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Arabic (world), Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Russian



Winner of ...

Australian Independent Booksellers' Children's Book of the Year 2021

NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2021

Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature 2021

CBCA Notable: Books for Younger Readers 2021

The Bookseller's Apprentice

320 pages | Hardback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Hungarian, Italian

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MYSTERY

The Detective's Guide series

By Nicki Greenberg

Riveting and unpredictable, this 'whodunnit' series sees mysteries taking place in well-researched historical settings. Each book brims with thoroughly likeable characters and sophisticated writing that doesn't underestimate readers. Perfect for fans of *Murder Most Unladylike* and *Enola Holmes*.

The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel

320 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Russian



Winner of ...

CBCA Shortlist: Books for Younger Readers 2022

Davitt Award for Crime Writing: Best Children's Book 2022

The Detective's Guide to New York City

336 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm

Ages: 9-12

Rights: available

COMING SOON!

The Detective's Guide to Paris

August 2023 | 336 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm

Ages: 9-12

Rights: available



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PORTAL
FANTASY

Seven Wherewithal Way series

By *Samantha-Ellen Bound*

Full of heart-in-your-mouth action, unconventional families, otherworldly creatures and fascinating magic, *Seven Wherewithal Way* is an epic four-book, folklore-inspired portal fantasy series by Samantha-Ellen Bound.

Seven Wherewithal Way

400 pages | Paperback 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Turkish

Seven Wherewithal Way:

Across the Ice and Into the Jungle

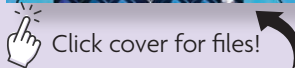
416 pages | Paperback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available

Seven Wherewithal Way: Over the Mountains and Through the Desert | April 2024

Seven Wherewithal Way: Book 4 | April 2025



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NON-FICTION
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DYSLEXIA

**Brilliant Minds:
30 Dyslexic Heroes Who
Changed Our World**

By *Shannon Meyerkort and Amy Blackwell*

One of a kind, this is THE 'go-to' book for families who have a child with dyslexia or who struggles with reading and writing.

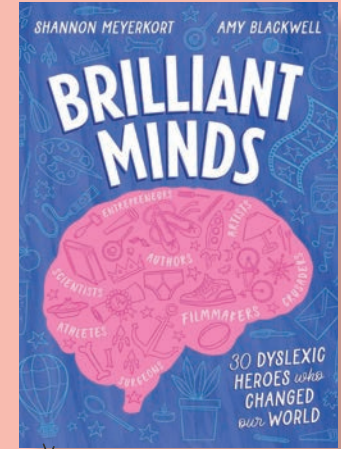
Features short biographies of 30 inspiring people from around the world and through the ages who have had dyslexia, such as film director Steven Spielberg, neurosurgeon Dr Fred Epstein, author Agatha Christie, chef Jamie Oliver and boxer Muhammad Ali.

This is an inspirational and uplifting profile of people who may not have been top of their class but who have used their dyslexia to their advantage and changed the world for the better.

128 pages | Hardback

249 x 189 mm | Ages: 6-12

Rights: available



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JUNIOR FICTION Backlist

Stella the Unstoppable series

By Richard Newsome

This hilarious junior fiction series is *Dork Diaries* with a dash of *Matilda* from the bestselling author of the *Billionaire* series. Young readers are bound to fall in love with the energetic, unstoppable Stella and her many hilarious mishaps.

Stella the Unstoppable and the Talent Show Fiasco

128 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 7-9
Rights: available excl. Turkish

Stella the Unstoppable and the School Camp Kerfuffle

128 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 7-9
Rights: available excl. Turkish

Stella the Unstoppable and the Magic Underpants

128 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 7-9
Rights: available excl. Turkish

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The Alien Zoo series

By Adrian Beck and Heath McKenzie

In this fresh and funny junior fiction series, twins Ben and Jen inherit their grandfather's job as an alien zookeeper for the secret alien zoo hidden in the mountain behind his farmhouse. Funny, mysterious and a little bit rude; hold on to your hippos and look inside The Alien Zoo!

The Alien Zoo... And You!

224 pages | Paperback | 190 x 153 mm | Ages: 7-9
Rights: available excl. Turkish

The Alien Zoo... Good as New!



224 pages | Paperback | 190 x 153 mm | Ages: 7-9
Rights: available excl. Turkish

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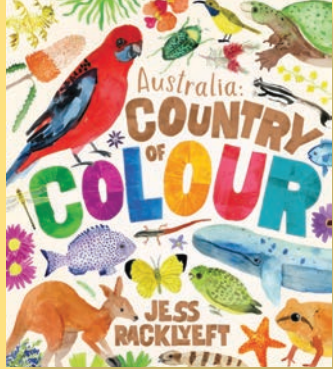
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PICTURE BOOKS

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**Australia: Country of Colours**

By Jess Racklyeft

Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life that lives in Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.

48 pages | Hardback | 285 x 245 mm

Ages: 3+

Rights: available

COLOUR

The Sydney Harbour Fairy

By Deborah Frenkel and Cate James

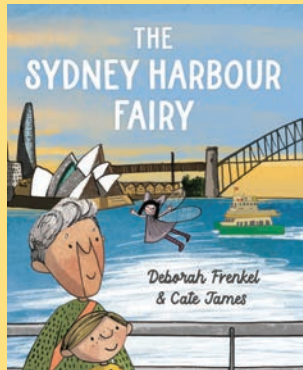
Nanna is taking Charlie for a Girls' Day Out to visit the Sydney Harbour Fairy. Charlie does not like the sound of a Girls' Day Out. And she especially hates fairies. But the Harbour Fairy isn't what Charlie expected! Here is a sparkling ode to imagination, grandmothers, and finding magic in unlikely places.

32 pages | Hardback | 207 x 150 mm

Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

GRAND-PARENT



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AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

Australia: From Dawn to Dusk

By Brentos

It's a new day in Australia. Let's follow the sun!

Welcome to Australia as you've never seen it before: a dreamy pastel-popping ode to the significant places and animals on the land we all call home, from emerging artist Brentos.



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32 pages | 256 x 289 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

Australian Animals: From Beach to Bush

By Brentos

Australia is home to many unique animals. Let's see how many we can meet!

Find Humpback Whales in coral reefs, seek out Australian Sea Lions in kelp forests, search for Short-Nosed Wombats on mountains and spot Saltwater Crocodiles in wetlands.

November 2023 | 32 pages | 256 x 289 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available



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AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

**By the Billabong
Babies at the Billabong
Birdsong by the Billabong**

By Maura Finn and Cate James

These books are the perfect gift to introduce children to collective nouns and baby names for some of Australia's most loved creatures.

With energetic rhyming text that is a joy to read aloud and fun details to spot in the illustrations, this is the Australian answer to *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Hardback editions:

32 pages | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-7

Board book editions:

24 pages | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available



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AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE

**A Walk in the Bush
A Day at the Show
A Trip to the Beach
Let's Go to the Bush!
Let's Go to the Beach!**

By Gwyn Perkins

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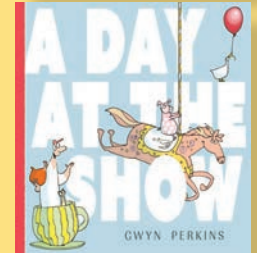
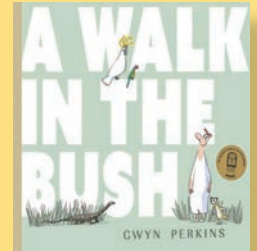
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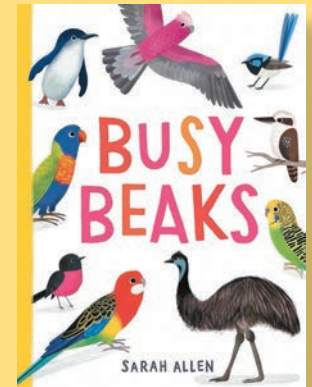
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