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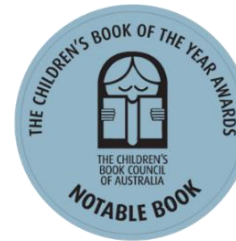
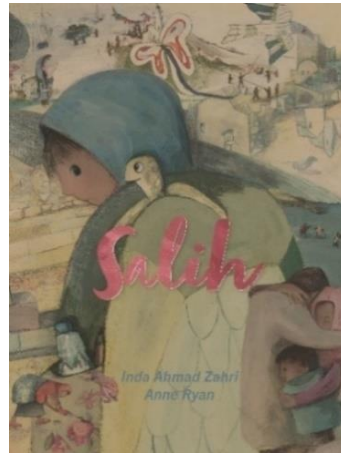
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# Younger Readers

## Salih

By Inda Ahmad Zahri and illustrated by Anne Ryan

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804638 (HB) 9781925804645 (PB)



**Notable Book (2022) – Children's Book Council of Australia**

Like a turtle, Salih carries his home on his back. He must cross a raging sea in search of a safe home.

Salih paints his happiest memories and sends them as messages in bottles.

Will someone find them and understand? Will Salih find a new home?

## I Need a Parrot

By Chris McKimmie

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804287 (HB) 9781925804294 (PB)

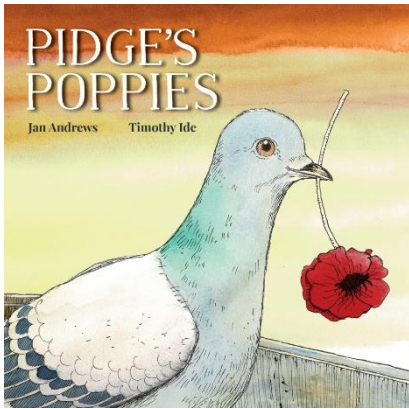


**WINNER (2020) – Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year**

A book about wanting and needing: what a child wants and what a wild bird needs.

## Pidge's Poppies

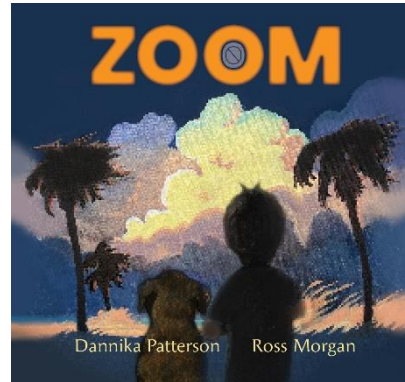
By Jan Andrews and illustrated by Timothy Ide  
Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years  
• ISBN: 9781922696380 (HB) 9781922696397 (PB)



*Pidge's Poppies* is based on a true story about a pair of pigeons at the Australian War Memorial. It remembers the vital role pigeons played in both world wars, their heroism and their sacrifice. Little Pidge chooses nesting material that won't be forgotten. Mission accomplished.

## Zoom

By Dannika Patterson and illustrated by Ross Morgan  
Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5-9 years • ISBN: 9781922696434 (HB) 9781922696427 (PB)



Tom's day at school was the worst. His troubles feel like looming storm clouds – they're all he can see. But then he picks up his grandfather's old-fashioned camera and changes the focus and the view. Tom recalls all the things that went wrong in his day, and zooms out to see a bigger picture... A tender story about perspective, reframing, and resilience.

## Follow the Rainbow

By Juliet Sampson and illustrated by Anne Ryan  
Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years  
• ISBN: 9781922696328 (HB) 9781922696335 (PB)

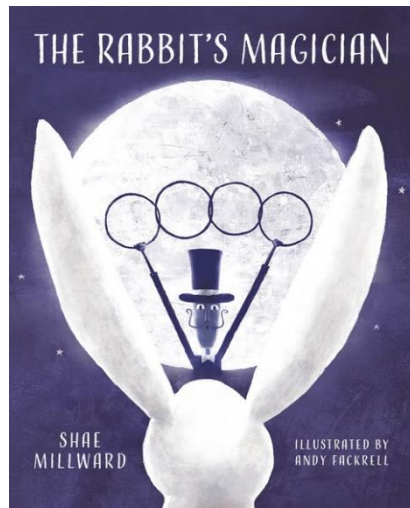


Ruby wonders what is at the end of the rainbow. Who will help her solve the mystery? Will it be - Tavish – Scarecrow – Metal Man or Lion?

## The Rabbit's Magician

By Shae Millward and illustrated by Andy Fackrell

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696076 (HB)  
97819222696083 (PB)



Ziggy's beloved magician has performed an amazing disappearing trick. But just where is The Amazing Albertino?

Ziggy waits.

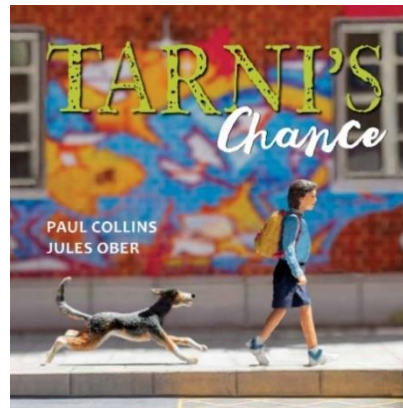
And waits some more.

Has something gone wrong with the trick?

## Tarni's Chance

By Paul Collins and illustrated by Jules Ober

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97819222696069 (PB)

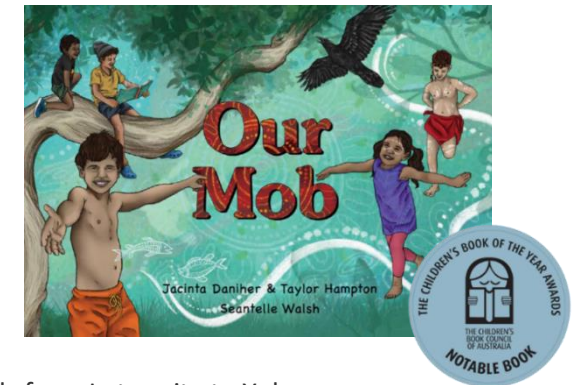


When Tarni's mum says goodbye, all the colour and joy of life seem to go with her. Tarni retreats into her bubble. But then Chance steps in...

## Our Mob

By Jacinta Daniher and Taylor Hampton, and illustrated by Seantelle Walsh

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: (HB) (PB)



Kids from Lutruwita to Yolgnu say hello and welcome.

Meet us and see what we love to do, from Ngiyampaa to Wadjak.

Join our yarnning circle and listen to our stories.

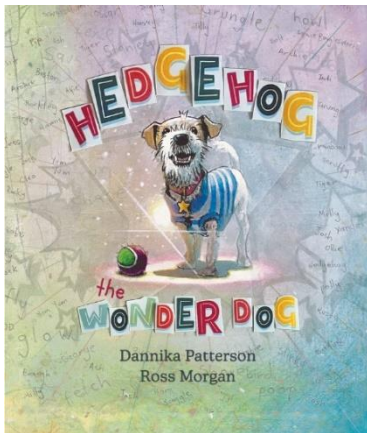
*Our Mob* proudly celebrates our Aboriginal culture.

**Notable Book (2024) – Children's Book Council of Australia**

## Hedgehog The Wonder Dog

By Dannika Patterson and illustrated by Ross Morgan

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696205 (HB)  
97819222696212 (PB)



**Shortlisted (2023) – Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year (ages 5-8)**

Anyone can see that Hedgehog the Wonder Dog is no ordinary dog. Tell her to sit, and she'll shake a paw; tell her to fetch and she rolls over.

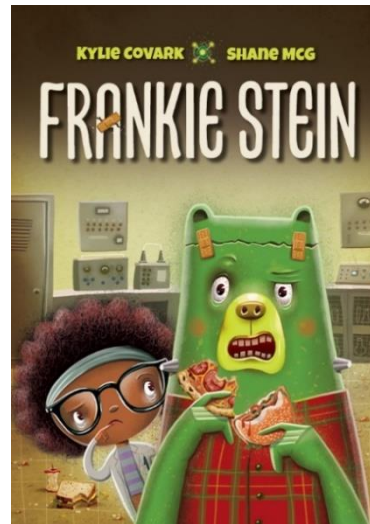
But it's only kids like Sam who can sense her true superpowers.

A story about the healing powers of wonder dogs and super brave kids.

## Frankie Stein

By Kylie Covark and illustrated by Shane McG

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696113 (HB)  
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Frankie Stein loves doing science experiments while her teddy watches on.

She wishes she could chat with him ... he's a bear with scientific flair!

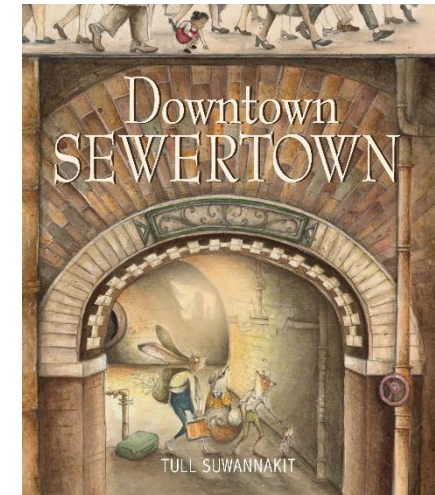
But Frankie gets a fright when she accidentally turns Bear into a monster.

Can she find a way to change him back?

## Downtown Sewertown

By Tull Suwannakit

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696243 (HB)  
97819222696250 (PB)



When the diggers came and construction began,  
The animals had to pack up and scam,  
Leaving behind their woodland home,  
Searching for a new place of their own . . .

But will they be welcomed by the city folk?

## The New Dog

By Chris McKimmie

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696038 (HB)  
97819222696045 (PB)



My name is Kiddo.

I live in the city now. I like it here.

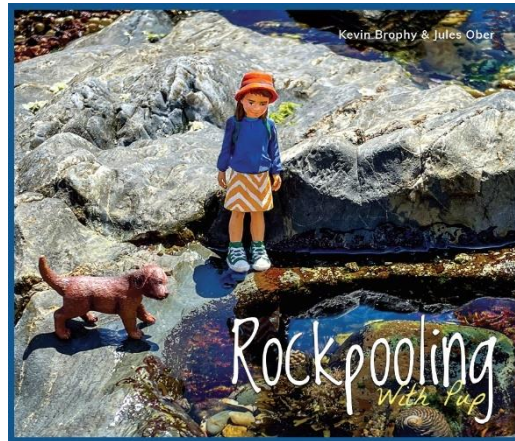
Teddy left me his big water bowl. Two futons. Two couches. A king size bed. My new owners love me. I get cuddles every morning.

I am the new dog.

## Rockpooling with Pup

By Kevin Brophy and illustrated by Jules Ober

Hardback and Paperback • 48 pages • 3+ years • ISBN: 97819222696137 (HB) 97819222696267 (PB)

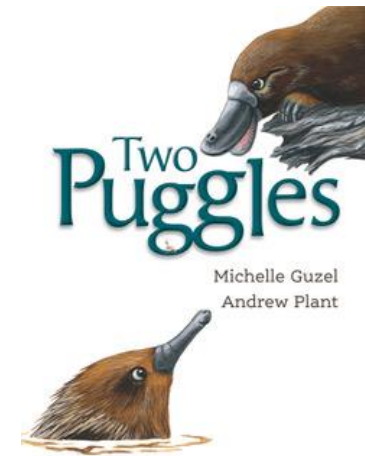


Mia and Pup go down to the seaside to explore the pools where amazing sea creatures live. They didn't expect to go on a quest . . .

## Two Puggles

By Michelle Guzel and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696151 (HB)  
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When Mum's two puggles left the burrow, everyone whispered, 'That's the strangest platypus ever.'

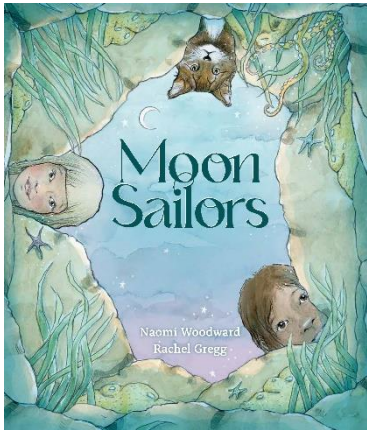
But then Spike tackles a feral cat to save his family, and everything changes.

Not only is he the bravest puggle, he's also the luckiest.

## Moon Sailors

By Naomi Woodward and illustrated by Rachel Gregg

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-8 years • ISBN: 97819222696175 (HB) 97819222696182 (PB)



*Bed sheets billow in solar winds, as we cast our boat adrift . . .*

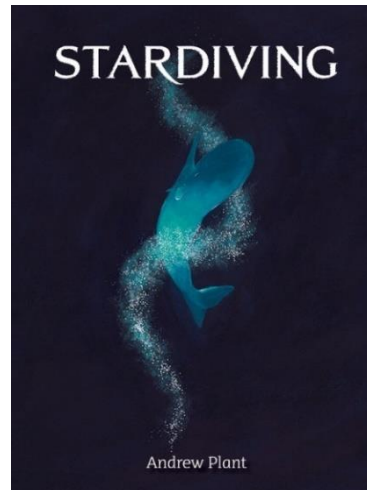
*Moon sailors in search of treasure, perched on pillow seats.*

Two children go on a journey of imagination, past constellations of whales to the rockpools of the moon and the extraordinary creatures that dwell within.

## Stardiving

By Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years • ISBN: 97819222696014 (HB) 97819222696021 (PB)



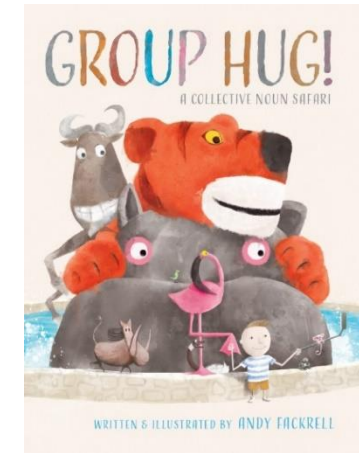
Fluke is a young sperm whale with big dreams of seeing the stars. But when you've got a whale-sized head in the way, looking up isn't easy.

So when wise old Cachalot advises him to look for the stars that shine below, Fluke sets off on an adventure that he never imagined possible.

## Group Hug! A Collective Noun Safari

By Andy Fackrell

Hardback and Paperback • 40 pages • 5+ years • ISBN: 9781925804997 (HB) 97819222696007 (PB)



Come on safari around the world with Wilbur, an animal-loving city kid, and his BAFs (best animal friends) as he discovers the wonder of animal collective nouns.

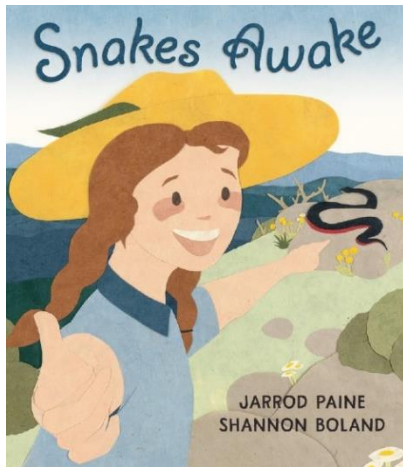
A joyful ode to biodiversity, this epic tale is lavishly illustrated and playfully written; each page an explosion of colour and rhyme. Perfect for budding Attenboroughs and Goodalls, this educational book lyricises not only the majesty of animals in the wild, but the quirks of the English language.



## Snakes Awake

By Jarrod Paine and illustrated by Shannon Boland

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804935 (HB) 9781925804928 (PB)



*I love our bushwalks.  
If I'm lucky, I get to see snakes.  
And they're amazing.*

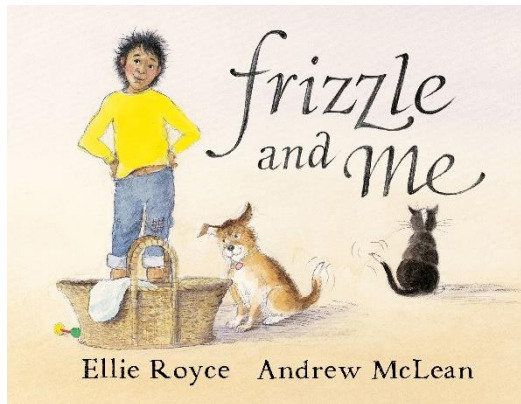
Pip explores the outdoors with her mum, hoping to spot her favourite creature – a sensational snake.

Join her to discover the beauty and excitement of these remarkable reptiles, and learn how to stay safe in the Australian bush.

## Frizzle and Me

By Ellie Royce and illustrated by Andrew McLean

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804737 (HB) 9781925804744 (PB)



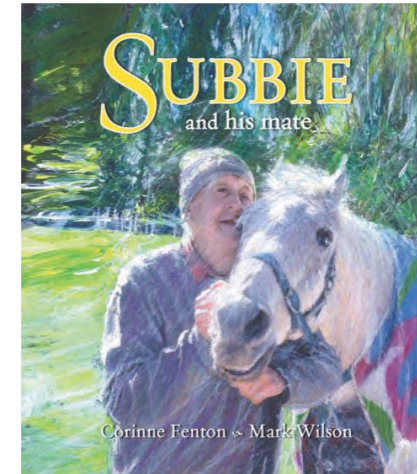
Who's in your family?

*Frizzle and Me* is the gently humorous story of a growing rainbow family. It's a big deal when your family changes, but with plenty of love to go around, even the biggest changes can be wonderful!

## Subbie and his mate

By Corinne Fenton and illustrated by Mark Wilson

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 8+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804973 (HB) 9781925804980 (PB)



*Every morning Subbie would wait at the gate for Graham, and every morning they would talk.*

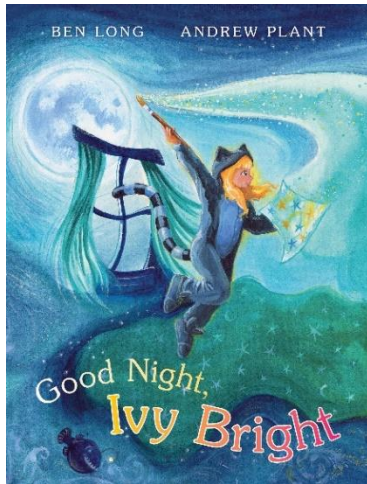
*Subbie's eyes watched Graham wherever he went and, whenever he could, he followed.*

A story about the 1992 Melbourne Cup winner Subzero and his mate, Graham Salisbury.

## Good Night, Ivy Bright

By Ben Long and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: 9781925804713 (HB) 9781925804720 (PB)



*I'm done with counting sheep, she thought, I'll paint my dreams tonight.*

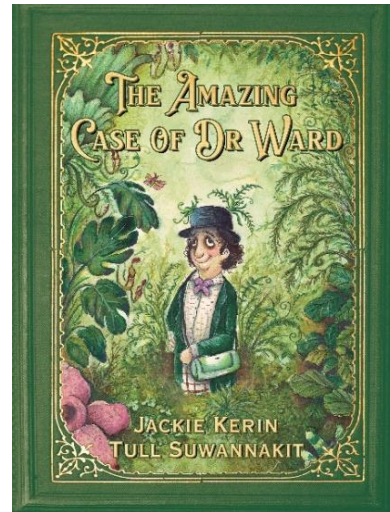
Ivy couldn't get to sleep; her mind was burning bright. Join Ivy as she goes on a wondrous and colourful journey through her imagination.

*Good Night, Ivy Bright* is a celebration of creative play and resilience with a generous splash of colour-mixing thrown in.

## The Amazing Case of Dr Ward

By Jackie Kerin and illustrated by Tull Suwannakit

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years • ISBN: 9781925804690 (HB) 9781925804706 (PB)



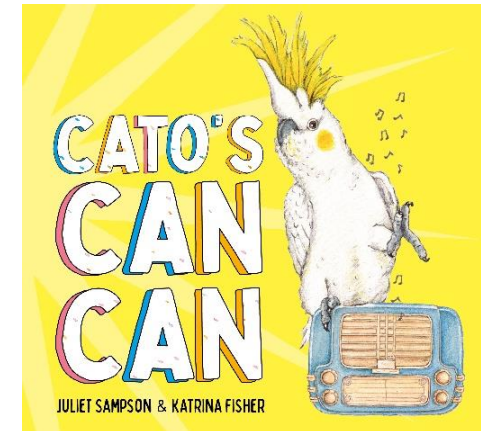
When you peel a banana, or bite into a pear, when you smell a rose, pop a fuchsia bud or scrape your knee climbing an old pine tree, do you ever wonder how those plants came to this country?

Let me tell you of the amazing case of Dr Ward.

## Cato's Can Can

By Juliet Sampson and illustrated by Katrina Fisher

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years • 9781925804751 (HB) 9781925804768 (PB)



Bop! Bop! Bop!  
Hop! Hop! Hop!

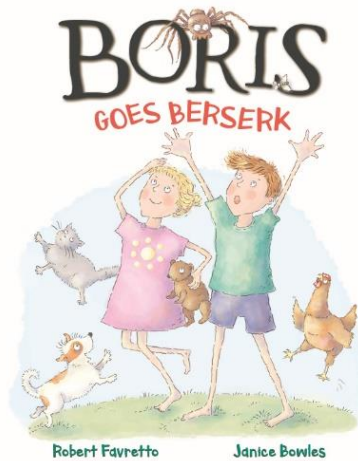
Cato the cockatoo loves to dance. But he can't find a friend.

That is, until the day he follows some dancers inside . . . then everyone's in for a big surprise!

## Boris Goes Berserk

By Robert Favretto and illustrated by Janie Bowles

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
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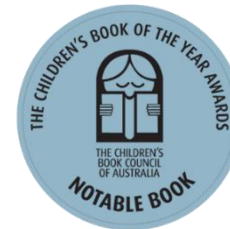
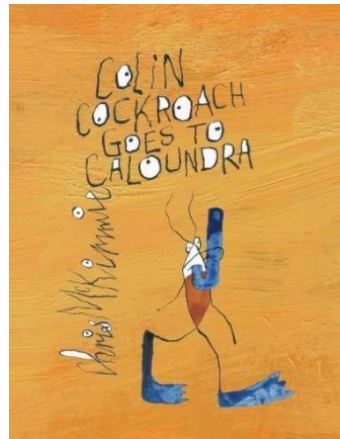


Boris the huntsman wants his dinner! But Dad has other plans. Join in the family fun as Boris and Dad battle it out throughout the house.

## Colin the Cockroach Goes to Caloundra

By Chris McKimmie

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• ISBN: 9781925804546 (HB) 9781925804553 (PB)



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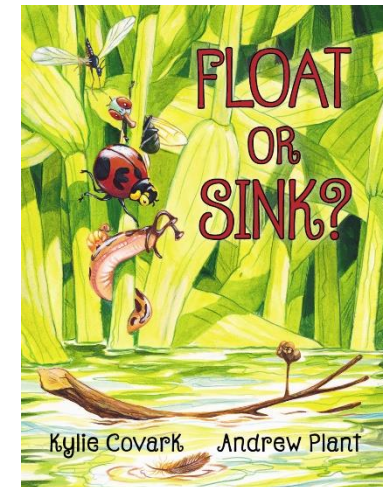
Past the mountains where the dinosaurs used to roam. Past the big pineapple. Surfin' at the beach. Dancin' at the disco. Making new friends. Missing old ones.

Colin's accidental holiday has to come to an end. He needs to go home and find his family!

## Float or Sink?

By Kylie Covark and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-7 years  
• ISBN: 9781925804614 (HB) 9781925804621 (PB)



A ladybug lands on a stick that is bobbing along a creek. As she is joined by a cast of curious creatures, the fate of the stick hangs in the balance.

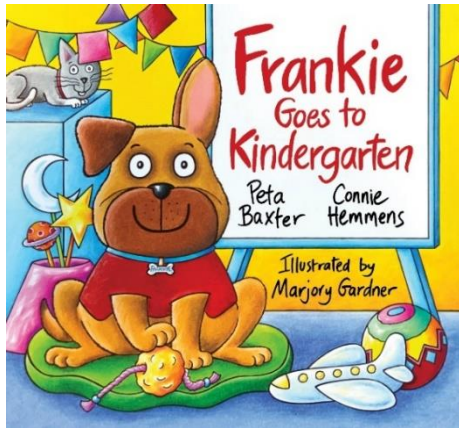
This humorous, rhyming tale will keep you guessing till the end.

What do you think? Float or sink?

## Frankie Goes to Kindergarten

By Peta Baxter and Connie Hemmens, and illustrated by Marjory Gardner

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804676 (HB) 9781925804683 (PB)



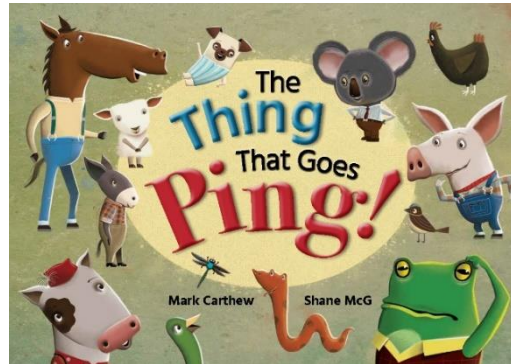
Frankie is a superstar. He loves to join in the fun at Miss Peta and Miss Connie's kindergarten: playing, reading, learning, singing and dancing.

Find out all about Frankie's day at kindy — and watch out for cheeky George!

## The Thing That Goes Ping!

By Mark Carthew and illustrated by Shane McG

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-8 years • ISBN: 9781925804652 (HB) 9781925804669 (PB)



In the faraway town of Figgy-tra-ling, you may hear the faint ring of a thing that goes ping!

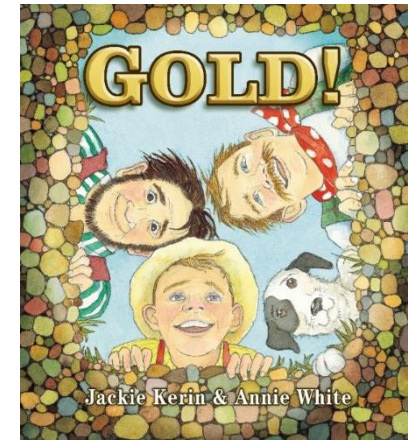
Join in the quest for the thing that goes ping — and meet some fun animals along the way!



## Gold!

By Jackie Kerin and illustrated by Annie White

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804522 (HB) 9781925804539 (PB)

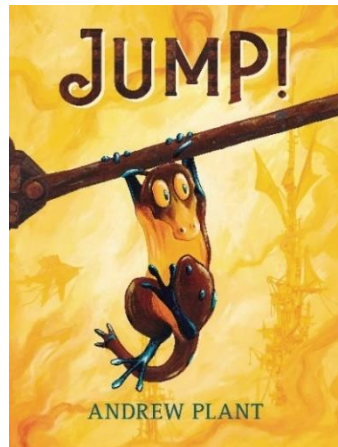


The wind snatches the cry from a creek bed and blows it to Melbourne town, then carries it across the seven seas.

## Jump!

By Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-8 years • ISBN: 9781925804454 (HB) 9781925804461 (PB)



**WINNER (2021) – Little Pink Dog Books Authorstrator Prize**

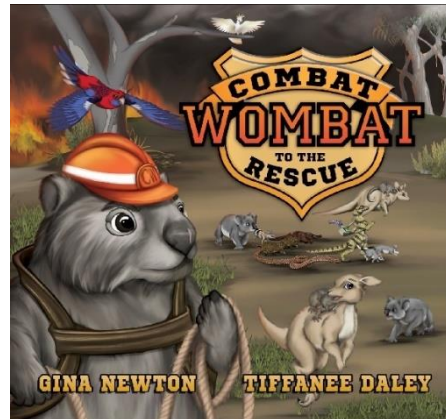
Stumpy is a Quig, a remarkable little creature living in the soaring towers of an alien city. Quigs are daredevils, acrobats and fearless leapers. But not Stumpy. He is different – he looks different, and he most certainly feels different.

Mocked and bullied, Stumpy finally decides to take a leap of faith – but has he jumped too far?

## Combat Wombat to the Rescue

By Gina Newton and illustrated by Tiffanee Daley

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3+ years • ISBN: 9781925804560 (HB) 9781925804577 (PB)



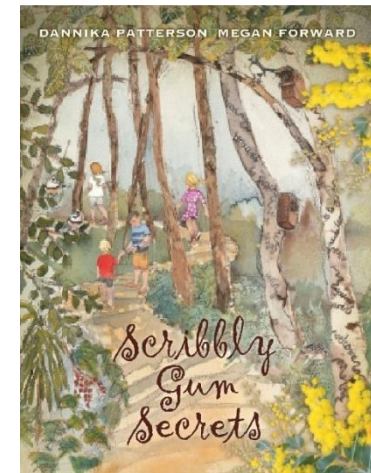
*'Womba-rumbaaaa! I'm Combat Wombat, Wildlife Warrior of the Bush!'*

With courage, determination and sheer wombat power, Combat Wombat leads his bush buddies to safety in a race to escape a raging bushfire. Is he strong enough and clever enough to overcome all obstacles?

## Scribbly Gum Secrets

By Dannika Patterson and illustrated by Megan Forward

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years • ISBN: 9781925804478 (HB) 9781925804485 (PB)



*'Who drew on these trunks?' Charlie asked Max.*

*'They'll be in big trouble if Mummy sees that!'*

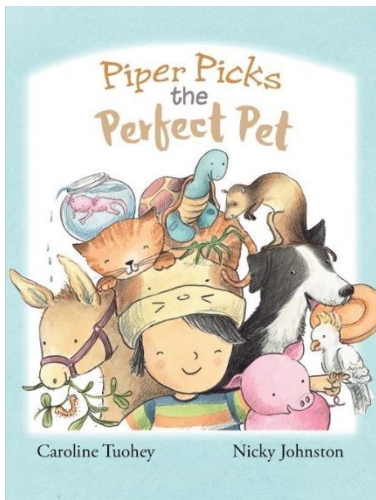
Join four reluctant kids on a walk through the bush as they make all sorts of wild discoveries.

But who scribbled a secret message on the scribbly gum trees?

## Piper Picks the Perfect Pet

By Caroline Tuohey and illustrated by Nicky Johnston

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-8 years • ISBN: 9781925804584 (HB)  
9781925804591 (PB)



*My dad says I can choose a pet, but I'm not sure which pet to get.*

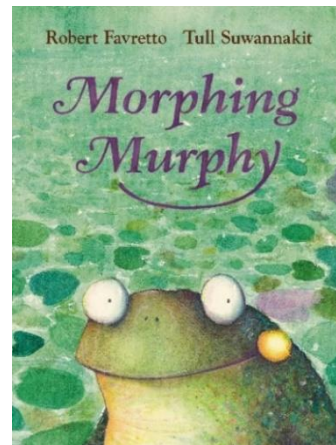
*A dog, a cat, a fish, a rat?*

How can Piper pick the perfect pet when there are so many appealing possibilities?

## Morphing Murphy

By Robert Favretto and illustrated by Tull Suwannakit

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-7 years • ISBN: 9781925804331 (HB)  
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Murphy likes his life just the way it is – swimming in his weedy pond, slurping up algae and rotting water plants.

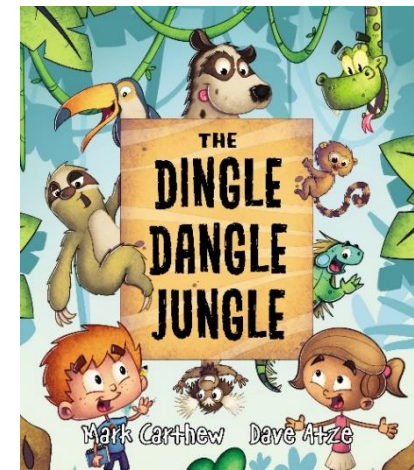
But then things begin to change . . . and he's not the only one caught by surprise!

**Shortlisted (2020) – Educational Publishing Awards Australia**

## The Dingle Dangle Jungle

By Mark Carthew and illustrated by Dave Atze

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-7 years • ISBN: 9781925804409 (HB)  
9781925804416 (PB)



In the Amazonian jungle you'll find monkeys, rats and shrews. Pumas, sloths and marmosets.

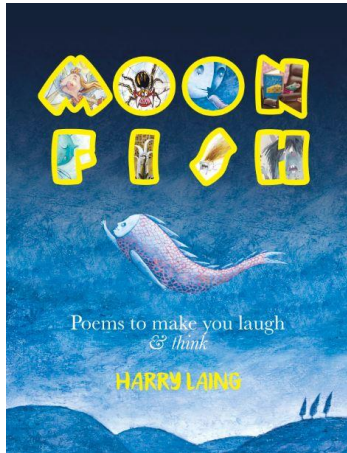
Which ones would you choose?

Come along on a rollicking romp through the jungle.

## MoonFish

By Harry Laing

Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years • ISBN: 9781925804256



**Shortlisted (2019) – Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year**

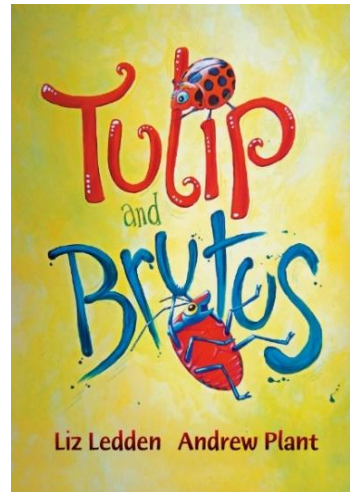
*MoonFish* is Harry Laing's sparkly new collection of poems featuring eye-catching and fresh art by some of Australia's best known illustrators including Shaun Tan, Leigh Hobbs, Judy Watson and Anna Pignataro.

Children will love the humour and catchy rhymes of the twenty-nine poems featuring manic TVs, monsters and everything in between.

## Tulip and Brutus

By Liz Ledden and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804355 (HB) 9781925804348 (PB)



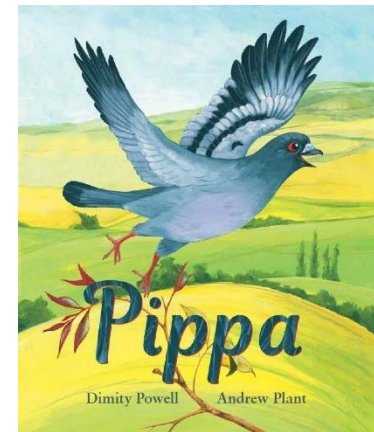
Tulip the ladybug and Brutus the stinkbug never play together. But then disaster looms. Can the bugs team up and save themselves?

*Tulip and Brutus* is a funny, stinky story about differences, teamwork and friendship.

## Pippa

By Dimity Powell and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-6 years  
• ISBN: 9781925804263 (HB)  
9781925804270 (PB)



**Finalist (2019) – Aurealis Awards for Best Graphic Novel/Illustrated Work**

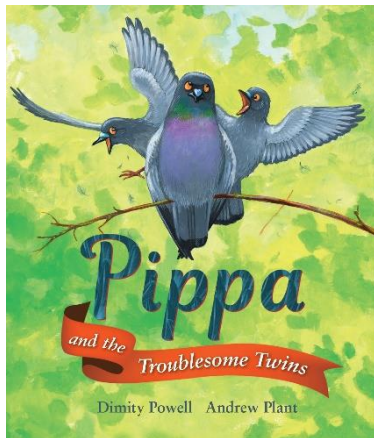
Pippa is a little pigeon with big blue-sky ambitions: to fly solo and explore the world beyond her nest.

Her parents are less than thrilled with their risk-taking feathered fledging and smother her with well-meant yet suffocating warnings until one day she ignores them all, and takes the leap into the unknown . . . alone.

## Pippa and the Troublesome Twins

By Dimity Powell and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-6 years • ISBN: 97819222696281 (HB)  
97819222696298 (PB)



Pippa loves her new twin baby brothers, Pepi and Penn. But their constant mess and cries for attention are driving her batty! She yearns to take off on her own but she has to babysit instead.

How can she be a good big sister and still have fun? Join our favourite feisty pigeon on her latest feather-raising adventure – big-sisterhood.

## Super Nova

By Kryl Saclier and illustrated by Bec Timmis

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925804317 (HB) 9781925804300 (PB)



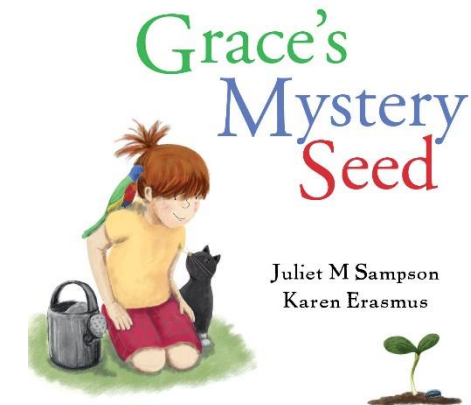
Nova's brother thinks she gets away with too much, until he finds out what she's really planning. And it's out of this world. Will he keep her secret?

*Super Nova* tells the story of the most powerful force in the universe – a little sister.

## Grace's Mystery Seed

By Juliet M Sampson and illustrated by Karen Erasmus

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-9 years • ISBN: 9781925804201 (HB)  
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Grace and her neighbour plant a mystery seed. They wait and wait for ages.

Then a little green shoot starts to grow . . . and grow . . . and grow . . . until, at last, Grace discovers the truth about her amazing mystery seed.

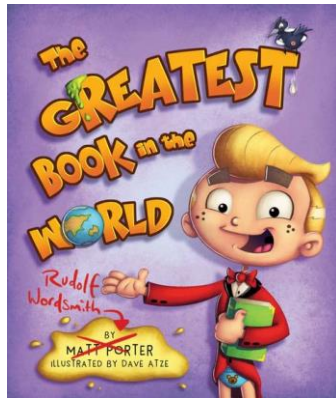
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## The Greatest Book in the World

By Matt Porter and illustrated by Dave Atze

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • ISBN: 9781925804140 (HB) 9781925804157 (PB)



In this laugh-out-loud read, Rudolf Wordsmith requests that readers finish his rhyming couplets and admonishes them when they're tricked into supplying a 'rude' rhyme.

This trickery is achieved through clever text and lively illustrations. As the reader's 'rude' rhymes cause the illustrator to draw Rudolf in humiliating predicaments, he becomes increasingly frustrated. This culminates in a surprising and hilarious ending that will have children howling with laughter.

## Great Goal! Marvellous Mark!

By Katrina Germein and illustrated by Janine Dawson

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-6 years • ISBN: 9781925272666 (HB) 9781925272673 (PB)



Get ready for a great game of football. There's plenty of action and masses of mud. Who will kick the first goal? Who will take the best mark? And will the yellow team win?

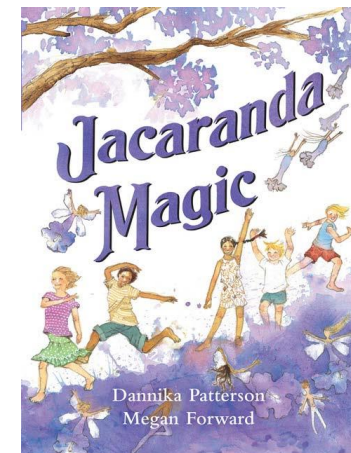
A zippy, colourful, wet and muddy children's weekend footy game that relates to all budding AFL champions and their families.

**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**

## Jacaranda Magic

By Dannika Patterson and illustrated by Megan Forward

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-7 years • ISBN: 9781925804003 (HB) 9781925804010 (PB)



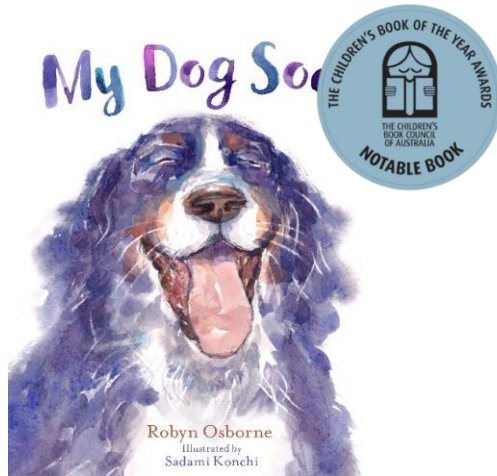
Five friends are feeling bored on a hot sticky day. Just when they think they'll never find anything fun to play, a simple gust of wind changes everything . . .

*Jacaranda Magic* is a unique rhyming picture book that celebrates imaginative play and highlights the value of boredom and nature in inspiring creativity.

## My Dog Socks

By Robyn Osborne and illustrated by Sadami Konchi

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925272826 (HB) 9781925272833 (PB)



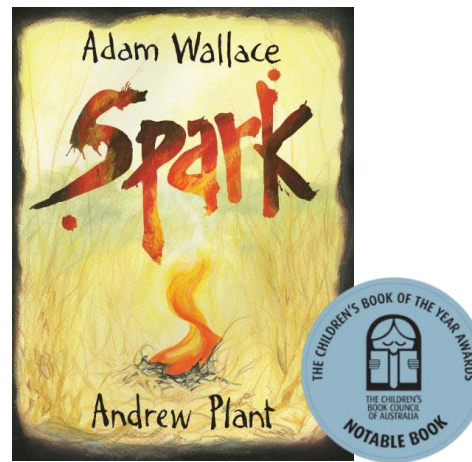
Join Socks in his secret world, where imagination rules and the everyday becomes extraordinary. Socks is not just an ordinary dog. Through a child's eyes he becomes an enchanted character of many disguises.

**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**  
**Shortlisted – Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year**

## Spark

By Adam Wallace and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6-10 years • ISBN: 9781925272406 (HB) 9781925272413 (PB)



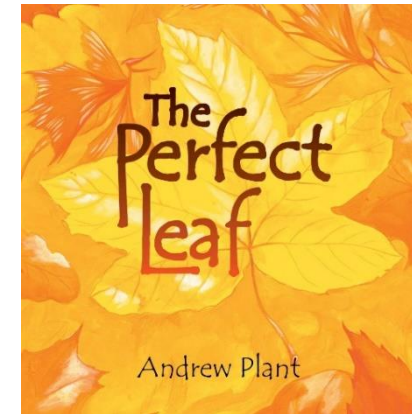
*I began as a tiny spark in the dry grass.  
All I wanted was a friend.  
I found one in the wind,  
who helped me grow, who helped me to fly!  
But was the wind really my friend at all?*

**Notable Book for Picture Book of the Year – Children's Book Council of Australia**

## The Perfect Leaf

By Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925736014 (HB) 9781925736007 (PB)



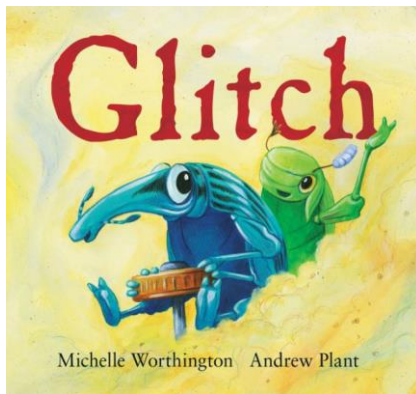
*The Perfect Leaf* takes the simple joy of leaf-kicking and turns it into an extraordinary flight of the imagination. The autumn theme promotes discussions of seasons, time and colours for early readers.

*The Perfect Leaf* is a glorious celebration of the power of invention, and of the joys of being a child.

## Glitch

By Michelle Worthington and illustrated by Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-6 years • ISBN: 9781925272703 (HB)  
9781925272710 (PB)



### Notable Book – Children’s Book Council of Australia

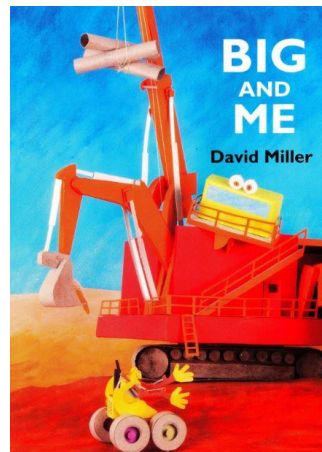
Glitch spends his life searching through mountains of mouldy mess at the dump. He wants to make the fastest billycart ever.

This year, he will be competing in the Big Race! But will his twitch stop him from winning?

## Big and Me

By David Miller

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 7+ years  
• ISBN: 9781876462697 (HB) 9781925272864 (PB)

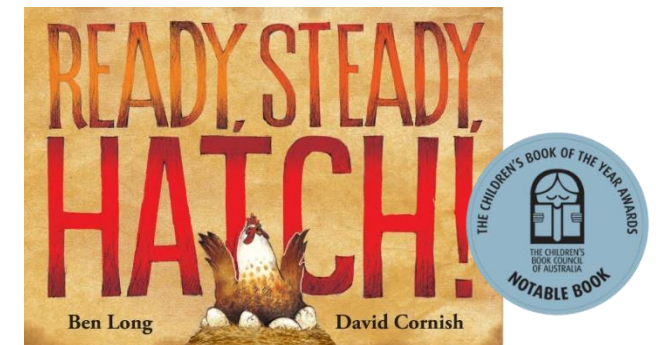


Big and Small are machines that work together as a team. *‘But some days Big goes a bit wobbly, and I get a lot worried.’* Big malfunctions in a variety of ways and Small tries to help with the assistance of The Boss and Mechanic. The story is a metaphor for a child living with an adult who suffers from mental illness. *Big and Me* is dramatically illustrated with paper sculpture.

## Ready, Steady, Hatch

By Ben Long and David Cornis

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 2-5 years • ISBN: 9781925272536 (HB)  
9781925272543 (PB)



Round and bright and creamy white. Amid the pumpkin patch, a clutch of eggs was sprouting legs. Ready, steady, hatch!

Ten chicks are excited to discover the world outside their eggshells, but the smallest is soon separated from the rest. Where can she be?

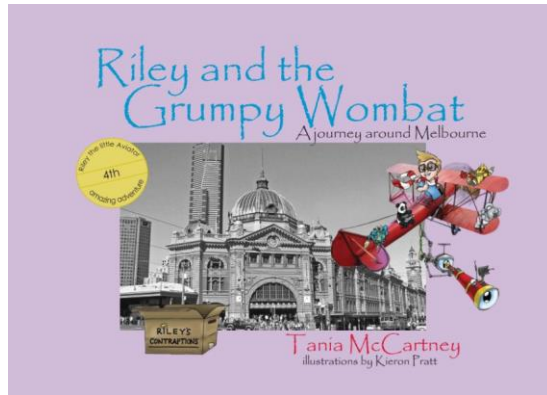
A rollicking adventure about curiosity, camaraderie and, above all, having a play along the way!

### Notable Book – Children’s Book Council of Australia

## Riley and the Grumpy Wombat: A Journey around Melbourne

By Tania McCartney and illustrated by Kieron Pratt

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6-10 years • ISBN: 9781921665486 (HB) 9781921665493 (PB)

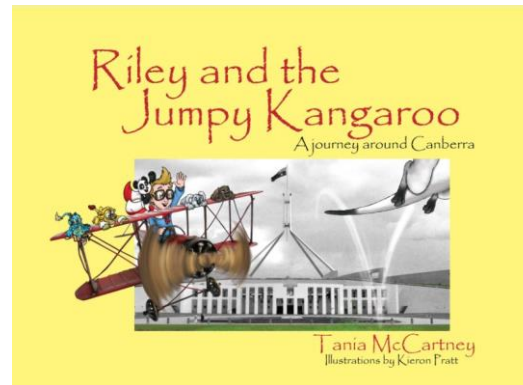


Riley has discovered a wombat in his nanny's garden. But why is this furry creature so grumpy? Join Riley and his friends as they zoom around the stunning sights of Melbourne in search of a wombat that simply needs a place to call home.

## Riley and the Jumpy Kangaroo: A Journey around Canberra

By Tania McCartney and illustrated by Kieron Pratt

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6-10 years • ISBN: 9781925000023 (HB) 9781925000030 (PB)



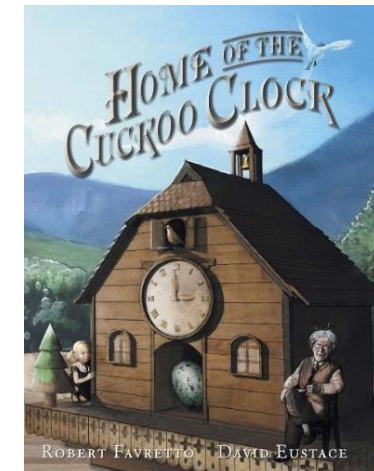
While visiting Canberra, Riley encounters a very jumpy kangaroo that is frantically searching for something she's lost.

Bounding around the iconic sights of Canberra, can this roo finally find what she's been looking for?

## Home of the Cuckoo Clock

By Robert Favretto and illustrated by David Eustace

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years • ISBN: 9781925272253 (HB) 9781925272260 (PB)



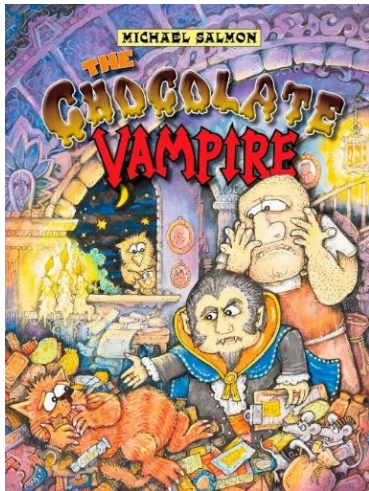
The village of Schoenwald is frozen in time. With no clock to measure their lives, the townsfolk live in chaos. Until an unexpected visitor arrives and changes the village that time forgot, forever.

*Home of the Cuckoo Clock* is a magical legend about the incredible cuckoo clock.

## The Chocolate Vampire

By Michael Salmon

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925272079 (HB) 9781925272086 (PB)



Count Munch was a very unusual vampire. He didn't like doing those creepy things that other vampires did – scaring lonely travellers in the dark forest, gnawing on necks, or even turning himself into a bat.

Somewhere along the way, things had gone terribly wrong. All Count Munch liked to do was eat chocolate . . . and lots of it!

## Belinda, the Ninja Ballerina

By Candida Baker and illustrated by Mitch Vane

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
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It's every little girl's dream to be a ballerina, right? Well, not for Belinda, the ninja ballerina.

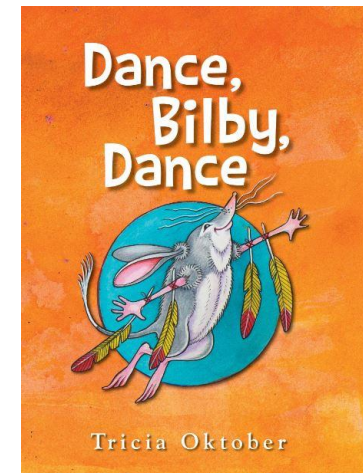
Belinda would take a headstand over a pirouette any day. But nobody will listen to Belinda's protests that she wants to be a ninja, not a ballerina.

That is until Belinda stages a one-girl protest and demands her rights. Her teacher has to put her thinking cap on and finally comes up with a solution that will keep everybody happy.

## Dance, Bilby, Dance

By Tricia Oktober

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
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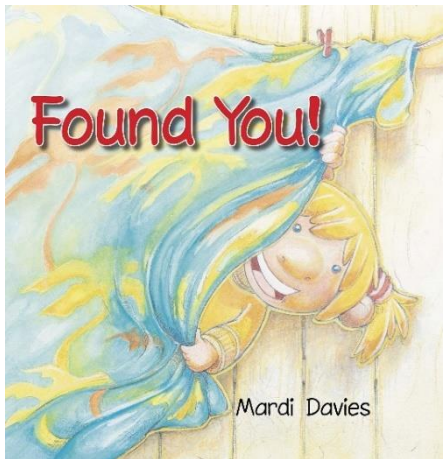


Bilby wishes he could dance. Everyone around him bounces, whirls and prances. They're having so much fun! Can Bilby learn to dance too?

## Found You!

By Mardi Davies

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925000665 (HB) 9781925000672 (PB)



*'Ready or not, here I come!'*

The backyard is bursting with places to play hide-and-seek. Florence Moon is seeking and Trevor is hiding. Terribly. Every time. Is Trevor good at anything? Florence thinks she has the answer.

## Blue Moon

By Tricia Oktober

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925000870 (HB) 9781925000887 (PB)



Cat kneads and treads, weaving a dream mat. All cats make them . . . to sleep on and to dream. Each blue moon, cats come together in a fabulous dream that lasts until dawn.

Follow Cat's adventures in the fantastical garden and see if you can spot the famous cats, fishbone ferns, the pussy willows and tiger lilies. And could that be a meerkat tangled up with Cat's dreams?

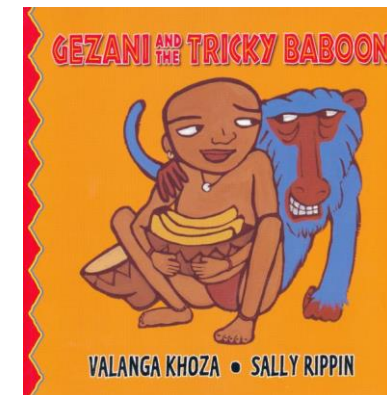
## Gezani and the Tricky Baboon

By Valanga Khoza and illustrated by Sally Rippin

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-7 years  
• ISBN: 9781925000740 (HB)  
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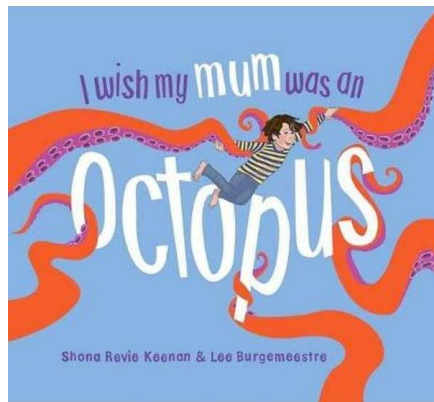
*'Bananas, bananas, bananas on my head!'*

Gezani sets off to deliver a bunch of bananas to his cousins on the hill. But along the way he meets Tricky Baboon who is feeling very hungry. Baboon tricks Gezani into leaving him the bananas. It is up to Gezani to teach Tricky Baboon a lesson!

## I Wish My Mum Was an Octopus

By Shona Revie Keenan and Lee Burgemeestre

Hardback • 32 pages • 4-6 years • ISBN: 9781925000375



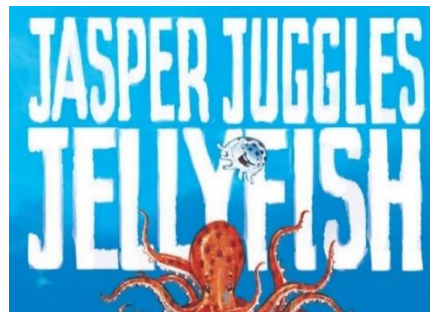
Shona Keenan's son Lachlan, at age four, said exactly how she felt – there was not enough of her to go around. What amazed her was that he gave the tentacles to the phone, kitchen, laundry, work and siblings first. Tentacle eight just wanted them to be together.

This book explains why we may not be with our children as much as we may wish, but also provides some humour into the extremely busy life of a mother.

## Jasper Juggles Jellyfish

By Ben Long and David Cornish

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 2+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925736038 (HB) 9781925736021 (PB)



An octopus called Jasper gives up on learning the basics at school to pursue something he thinks will be more fun.

He soon finds that even fun things can be difficult to learn. But luckily, a smack of jolly jellyfish are there to help him every step of the way.

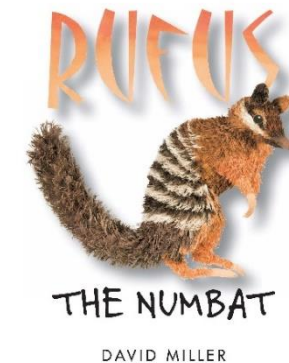
How many jellyfish do you think Jasper will be able to juggle by the end? Count along!

**Shortlisted (2019) – Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year**

## Rufus the Numbat

By David Miller

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4-6 years • ISBN: 9781876462963 (HB) 9781921665097 (PB)



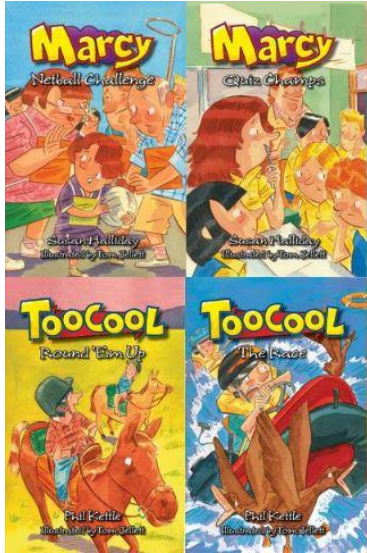
**Shortlisted (2011) – Environmental Award for Children's Literature by The Wilderness Society**

Rufus the numbat is just passing through. But his quiet stroll through town causes all kinds of trouble. Rufus startles a cyclist and a Chinese Dragon, creating all sorts of mayhem.

David Miller's minimalist text contrasts with his detailed paper sculptures set over pen and ink backgrounds.

## Boxed Set – Marcy (series 2) and Too Cool (series 5)

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### Marcy

By Susan Halliday  
and illustrated by  
Tom Jellett

### Too Cool

By Phil Kettle and  
illustrated by Tom  
Jellett

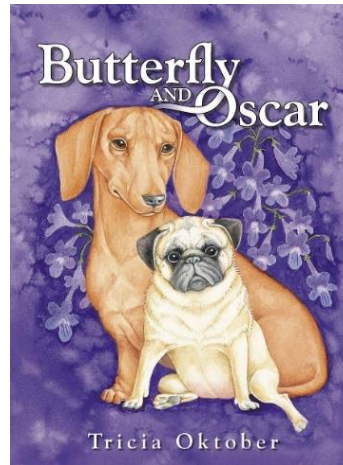
This set of 10 books contains:

- Netball Challenge
- Quiz Champs
- Thirteen Dolphins
- Lost Dogs
- Award Winners
- Round 'em Up
- The Race
- The Big Bash
- Pirates
- The Interview

## Butterfly and Oscar

By Tricia Oktober

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
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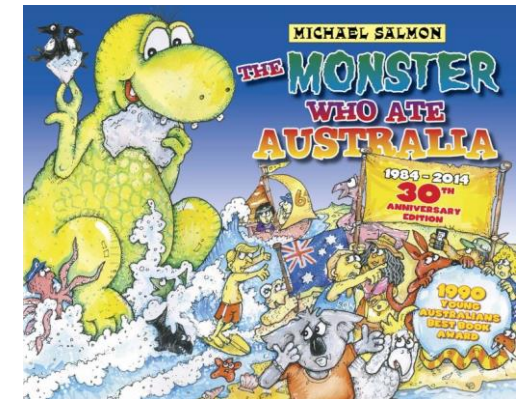
When Butterfly joins a family of dachshunds, she doesn't realise how different she looks . . . until she unexpectedly sees herself in a mirror.

It takes Oscar, her best friend, to convince her that the other dogs love her for herself. Butterfly and Oscar is a joyful celebration of difference.

## The Monster Who Ate Australia

By Michael Salmon

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5-9 years • ISBN: 9781925000542 (HB) 9781925000559 (PB)



Meet Burra the boggabri. Sensitive and shy, he lives in a secret cave at the back of Uluru. Noisy tourists disturb his peaceful life, driving him out onto the road in search of a new home.

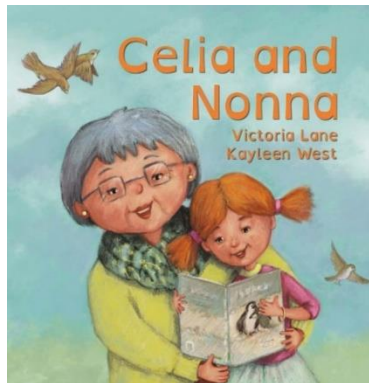
During his travels around the countryside, Burra meets – and eats! – many famous Australian icons, creating havoc wherever he goes.



## Celia and Nonna

By Victoria Lane and Kayleen West

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925000603 (HB) 9781925000610 (PB)



Celia loves sleepovers at her grandmother's house. There are so many fun things to do. But everything changes when Celia's grandmother moves to a new home. Clever Celia decides to help make the move easier – with delightful results!

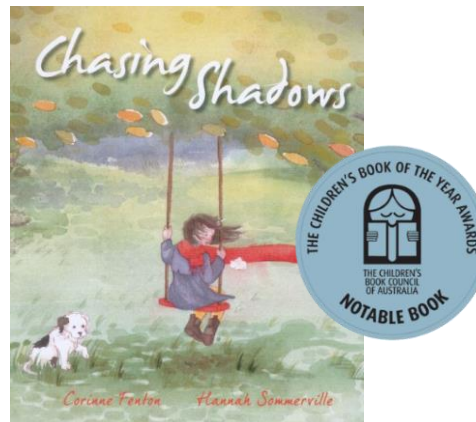
Celia and Nonna is a heartwarming picture book about the special bond between children and grandparents – and what happens when life changes. Celia finds a delightful and positive way to navigate this confusing time.

**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**

## Chasing Shadows

By Corinne Fenton and illustrated by Hannah Sommerville

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925000153 (HB) 9781925000146 (PB)



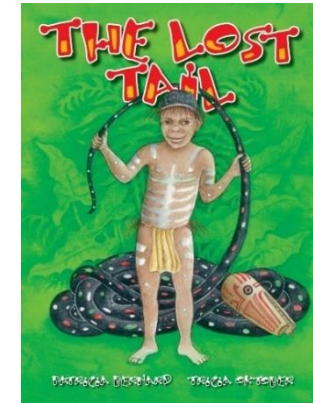
Everyone feels sad sometimes, but when sadness lingers, shadows appear. Some of us, even children, chase shadows.

Will a wriggly, mischievous surprise help Beth chase her shadows away?

## The Lost Tail

By Patricia Bernard and illustrated by Tricia Oktober

Hardback • 32 pages • 5-10 years • ISBN: 9781921665868



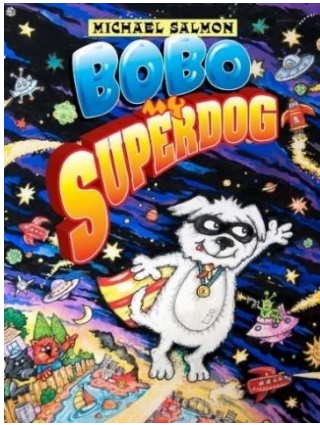
The Bundi Boys dance group will perform their snake dance in the dance competition at the Goroka Show. Little Nura will carry the snake's tail in the dance, but what happens when the snake loses its tail?

Each year, groups from all over Papua New Guinea take part in the Goroka Show. This colourful cultural gathering attracts thousands of participants in a celebration of Papua New Guinea's diverse tribal rituals, talents, music and dances.

## Bobo My Superdog

By Michael Salmon

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5-10 years • ISBN: 9781921665394 (HB)  
9781921665400 (PB)



Bobo appears to be like any other annoying, yappy little white and fluffy lap-dog. Bobo indeed has another life, he is a dog with super powers: Super-Bo, his kennel is in fact an Operations HQ with screens, monitors and lots of buttons to press.

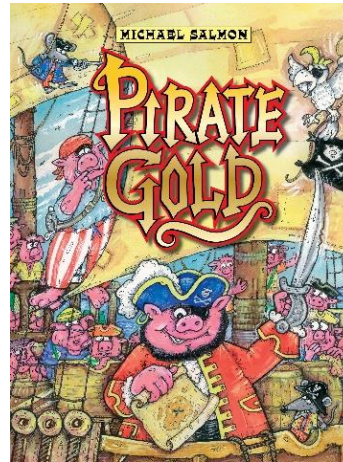
He wears a mask so that he won't be recognised and an old striped beach towel as a cape. Super-Bo is often called away to help when danger threatens.

But he's always back in time for dinner!

## Pirate Gold

By Michael Salmon

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 5-10 years • ISBN: 9781921665684 (HB)  
9781921665691 (PB)



Yo ho ho and a bottle full of fun!

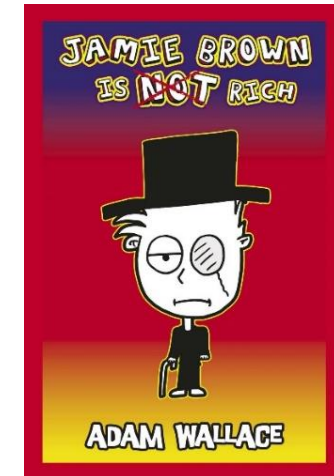
Avast there, me hearties! Join the Piganeers, the most bumbling band of swashbuckling pirates ever to sail the seven seas.

Suffering seaweed! Captain Porker's treasure is missing, and he's not happy!

## Jamie Brown is NOT Rich

By Adam Wallace

B format paperback • 186 pages • 6-10 years • ISBN: 9781925000368



Jamie Brown and his family have no money.

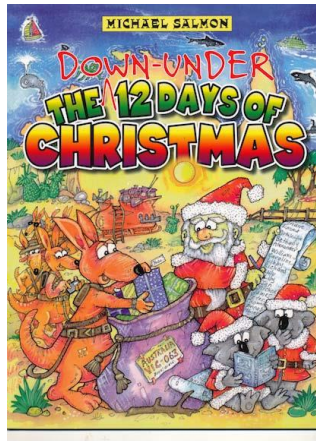
None. Zip. Zilch. Zero. Nada. Nix. Nachos.

When a letter from the mysterious Barnaby Von Barnabus arrives, everything changes. The question is . . . can the Browns handle their newfound fortune? Only time, and maybe the words in this book, will tell.

## The Down Under 12 Days of Christmas

By Michael Salmon

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • ISBN: 9781921665592 (HB) 9781921665608 (PB)



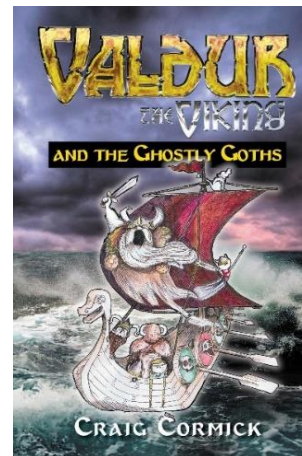
Santa Claus has landed in the outback and is busily checking his list. The kangaroos are in charge of all the presents and his koala helpers are not being much help at all!

And are those crocodiles really 'a-snoozing'? With surfing sharks, skiing snakes, dancing dingoes, leaping lizards and lots more, Michael Salmon's Aussie characters come to life in pictures and verse. Welcome to Christmas 'down-under'!

## Valdur the Viking and the Ghostly Goths

By Craig Cormick

B format paperback • 115 pages • 6-10 years • ISBN: 9781925272420



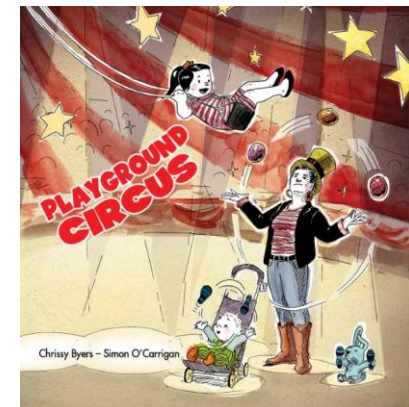
Hi. My name is Valdur and I'm a Viking. Well, I hope to be a real Viking one day. I'm still a child, but I do get to roam the seas on my father's ship.

Until, that is, I was kidnapped by his arch-enemy, the Goth pirate Germanicus Bottom. So now, by Odin's smelly socks, I have to fight Romans, sea monsters and the Pirate Goths to rescue him. Luckily I have my dragon-dog Ragna with me though. And we are all ghosts. Did I mention that?

## Playground Circus

By Chrissy Byers and illustrated by Simon O'Carrigan

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 3-6 years • ISBN: 9781925804188 (HB) 9781925804195 (PB)



A family visit to the playground becomes a circus extravaganza. This little girl can do anything, if only her mum would look up from her phone and join in the fun.

Uniquely written through the eyes of a child growing up in a technologically driven society, *Playground Circus* is a gently amusing story about the magic of imaginative play and what we miss when we're not paying attention.

## Hazard River series

By J.E. Fison

### *Blood Money!*

B format paperback • 101 pages • 8+ years • ISBN:  
9781921665462

When Jack Wilde and his friends find a bag full of money at Hazard River, it looks like all of their dreams have come true. But as they soon discover, money doesn't always bring happiness. Sometimes, it buys a whole lot of trouble.

### *Bat Attack!*

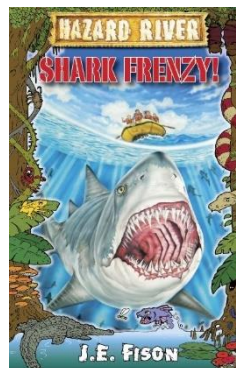
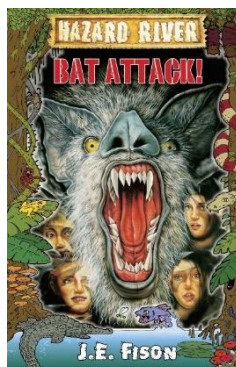
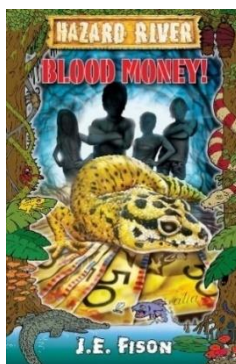
B format paperback • 101 pages • 8+ years • ISBN:  
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It's New Year's Eve and Jack and his friends are getting ready for a night of fun. But when a mad driver almost runs them over, things start to go wrong. Will New Year's Eve be the best night of their lives or the very worst? As the clock ticks towards midnight, only time will tell.

### *Shark Frenzy!*

B format paperback • 86 pages • 8+ years • ISBN:  
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Jack, Ben, Lachlan and Mimi discover a dead shark washed up on Hazard River. The shark has no fins. When another shark washes up without fins, the gang decides to investigate. Their attempt to uncover what is killing the sharks leads them to a marine park. The Hazard River crew must stop them at all costs!



### *Snake Surprise!*

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It's a boring wet day on Hazard River until Jack Wilde and his friends find a note on an abandoned boat. The message is damaged but they can all read the words HELP ME. The gang must find out who needs help and why. But as they get closer to the answer, will they be the ones who need help?

### *Tiger Terror!*

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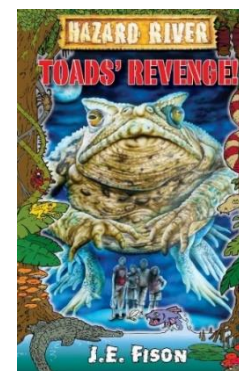
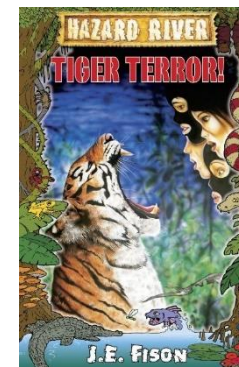
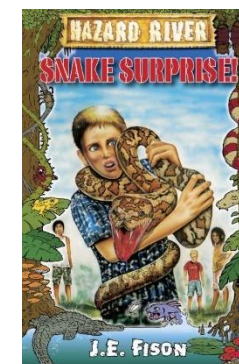
Tigers are on the verge of extinction. Everyone knows that. So why does Jack Wilde think he's seen a tiger paw in a medicine shop in Chinatown? To find out the truth, Jack and his friends must become junior spies. But they soon realise that their mission is anything but child's play.

### *Toad's Revenge!*

B format paperback • 82 pages • 8+ years • ISBN:  
9781921665455

When a famous adventurer moves to Hazard River, Jack, Ben, Mimi and Lachlan want to meet him. But instead of getting to know Just Orsum, the kids end up on his most dangerous and daring mission ever.

Where will they end up? And more importantly, how will they ever get back?

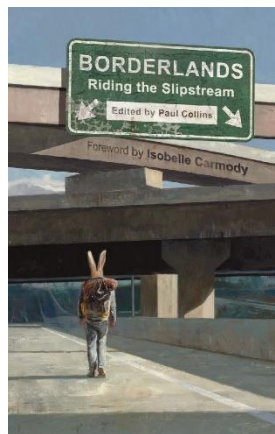


# Middle Readers

## Borderlands – Riding the Slipstream

Edited by Paul Collins

Paperback • 559 pages • 11+ years • ISBN: 97819222696403



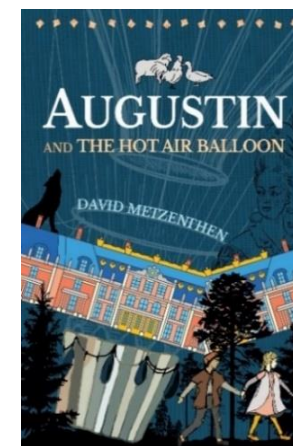
*Borderlands – Riding the Slipstream* is an anthology for readers young and old. It features over forty short stories and poems by some of Australia's best-loved authors, including Ursula Dubosarsky, Steven Herrick, Leigh Hobbs, Barry Jonsberg, Sophie Masson and Shaun Tan.

Illustrated by quirky artist Anne Ryan, this unique collection spans a kaleidoscope of genres and themes.

## Augustin and the Hot Air Balloon

By David Metzenthen

B format paperback • 150 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925804966



Augustin is a poor boy who lives in a barn. Celine is a rich girl who lives in a mighty palace. Together they escape into the sky . . .

Only to land in a world of terrible trouble and dangerous secrets!

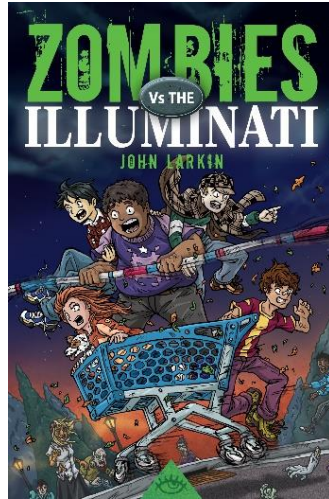
**Longlisted (2022) – ARA Historical Novel Prize (CYA Category)**

**Longlisted (2023) – Book Links Award for Children's Historical Fiction**

## Zombies Vs. the Illuminati

By John Larkin

Paperback • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925804874



Three 12-year-old boys and the world's sassiest teenage girl join forces to defeat the zombie hordes before the world is plunged into a new Dark Age.

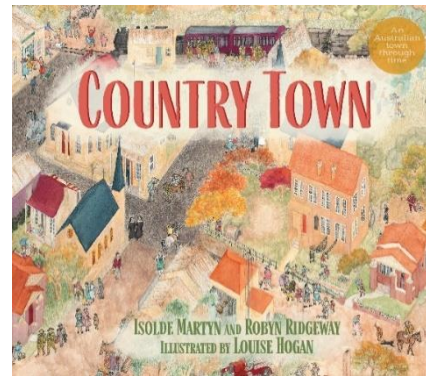
The quartet's weapons of choice? A light-sabre that doesn't have any batteries, a sack of doorknobs, and a non-existent Pegasus.

What could possibly go wrong?

## Country Town

By Isolde Martyn and Robyn Ridgeway, and illustrated by Louise Hogan

Hardback and Paperback • 48 pages • 8+ • ISBN: 9781922696342 (HB) 9781922696359 (PB)



Happy times, sad times, boom times and gloom times!

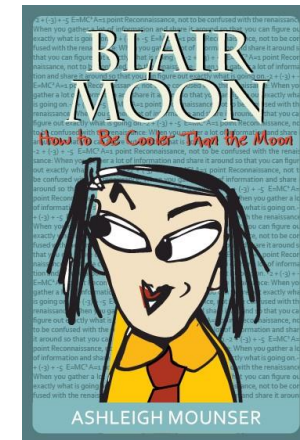
From the First Peoples' camp at the river crossing in the 1820s through to Carols by Candlelight at the showground in today's world, this is a decade by decade wonderfully illustrated story of a small country community.

**Shortlisted (2024) – Children's Book Council of Australia**

## Blair Moon: How to be Cooler Than the Moon

By Ashleigh Mounser

Paperback • 225 pages • 10-13 years • ISBN: 9781922696373



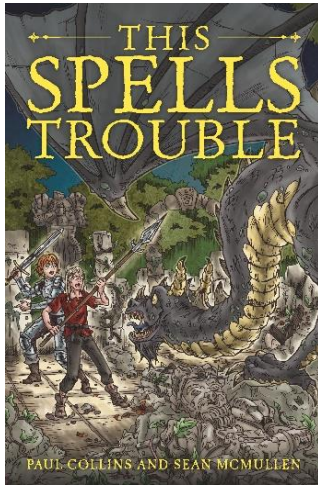
Blair Moon's blissful life in the nursing home is turned upside down when her mother enrolls her at the local primary school. Blair isn't too keen on trading bingo and bridge for handball, however, and soon sets her sights on becoming class president.

President of the entire world will have to wait!

## This Spells Trouble

By Paul Collins and Sean McMullen

Paperback • 270 pages • 10-14 years • ISBN: 97819222696311



Winston is fourteen and apprenticed to the wizard Faramond.

Winston's problem is that he's a lot brighter than his master.

Faramond is helping to bring more valuable magical slaves into the world.

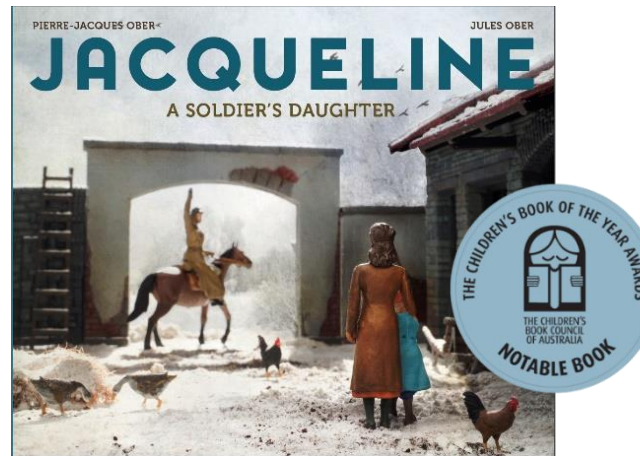
Winston wants to free the enslaved magical creatures who are already there. This spells trouble.

## Jacqueline: a soldier's daughter

By Pierre-Jacques Ober and Jules Ober

Hardback and Paperback • 104 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925804911 (HB)  
97819222696144 (PB)

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An only child, Jacqueline always dreamt of having a sister. Amid the turmoil of a world at war when the adults have seemingly gone mad, she embarks on a perilous journey and ultimately finds a sister in a most unexpected way.

Featuring a new narrative form at once deeply evocative and visually poetic, the story is illustrated with miniatures. Magnificently printed, it is a book at the intersection of art book, photographic novel and children's picture book.

Jules Ober won the 2021 HiP Prize for best photography book for young people with the French version of *Jacqueline – a soldier's daughter*. The book will be part of a travelling exhibition where open photographic books will hang as art in galleries across French-speaking countries throughout 2022. Pierre-Jacques Ober was the co-creator.

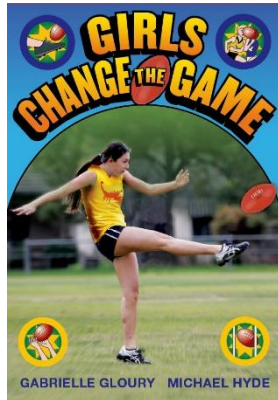
**Notable Book (2022) – Children's Book Council of Australia**

**WINNER (2021) – Histoires Photographiques (HiP) Prize for Best Photography Book for Young People**

## Girls Change the Game

By Gabrielle Gloury and Michael Hyde

B format paperback • 158 pages • ISBN:  
9781925804492



The first Scorpions Under 14 Girls team from the Westpark Football Club has just been announced and this is their very first game. The Scorpions are up against the in-form team of the competition, the Eastvale Ravens. You can steer the Scorpions to victory by choosing what happens in the game.

## Girls Change the Game: First Game Back

By Gabrielle Gloury and Michael Hyde

B format paperback • 151 pages • ISBN:  
9781922696304



The Westpark Scorpion Under 14 Girls are back! After their first season, they showed the footy world what they were made of. Now after a year of many interruptions, they are in great form with a new coach and some new players. Let's hope you make the right decisions and see the Scorpion Girls triumph. It's up to you to guide them to victory.

## Trust Me

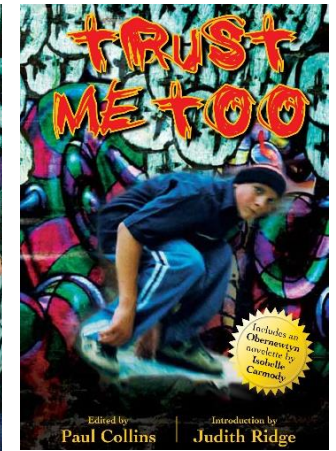
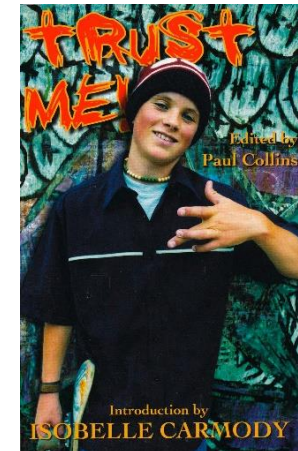
Edited by Paul Collins

B format paperback • 412 pages ISBN:  
9781876462574

## Trust Me Too

Edited by Paul Collins

B format paperback • 481 pages ISBN:  
9781921665585



*Trust Me!* and *Trust Me Too* feature original contributions by over 50 of Australia's best known children's authors, poets and illustrators. Stories and poems cover all genres: mystery, romance, crime, fantasy, science fiction, humour and more.

**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**  
**White Raven Selection – International Youth Library**



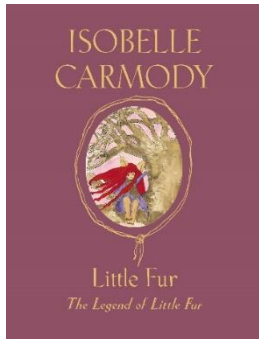
## The Legend of Little Fur series

By Isobelle Carmody

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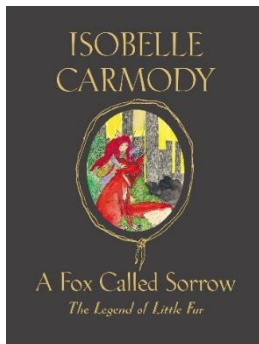
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The *Legend of Little Fur* series blends fantasy, mythology, adventure and ecology. This beautifully bound hardcover with a felt finish features original illustrations by Isobelle Carmody.



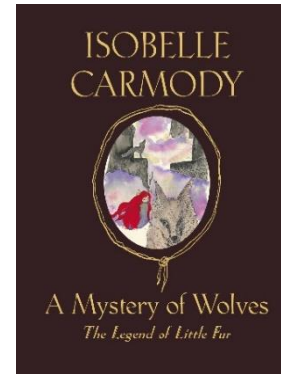
*The Legend of Little Fur*  
*Book 1 in the Legend of Little Fur series*  
183x138mm hardcover with felt finish • 195 pages •  
ISBN: 9781925804362

Little Fur is an elf troll who lives peacefully as a healer of small creatures in a grove of magical trees.



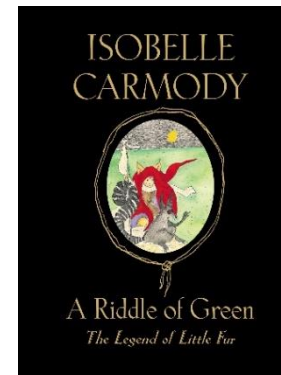
*A Fox Called Sorrow*  
*Book 2 in the Legend of Little Fur series*  
183x138mm hardcover with felt finish • 301 pages •  
ISBN: 9781925804393

Little Fur is an elf troll and a healer, but Sorrow is a suffering fox who wishes only for death.



*A Mystery of Wolves*  
*Book 3 in the Legend of Little Fur series*  
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Little Fur must journey to the ice mountains and uncover the mystery of wolves, if she would save her beloved friend, Ginger.



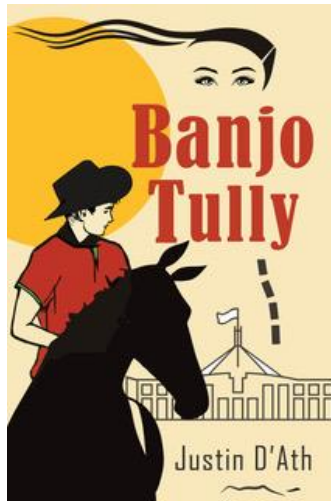
*A Riddle of Green*  
*Book 4 in the Legend of Little Fur series*  
183x138mm hardcover with felt finish • 304 pages •  
ISBN: 9781925804386

Severed from the flow of earth magic, Little Fur must solve the riddle of her birth to save herself.

## Banjo Tully

By Justin D'Ath

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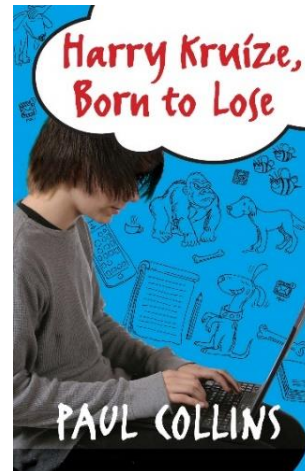
Banjo Tully hasn't ever given much thought to climate change. But when he meets self-described 'conservation nut' Mai Le — after the worst drought in living memory puts his future in jeopardy — Banjo sets out on an 800-kilometre solo horse ride.

It's a journey that might not only save his family's farm, but could also change the planet.

## Harry Kruize, Born to Lose

By Paul Collins

B format paperback • 224 pages • 11+ years •  
ISBN: 9781925272628



A tale of the acceptance of change and loss; the importance of friends and family, and the uplifting strength that comes from hope.

Harry's mum runs a boarding house for transient old men who are down on their luck. More than anything in the world, Harry would love to enter a dog into the Annual Gala race and win it.

A new lodger, Jack Ellis, befriends Harry and shares a wealth of outback adventure stories featuring dogs with him.

## Greylands

By Isabelle Carmody

B format paperback • 189 pages • 12+ years •  
ISBN: 9781921665677

*Published by One Woman Press in the Czech Republic (rights expired)*



**WINNER – Aurealis Award for  
Best Young Adult Novel**

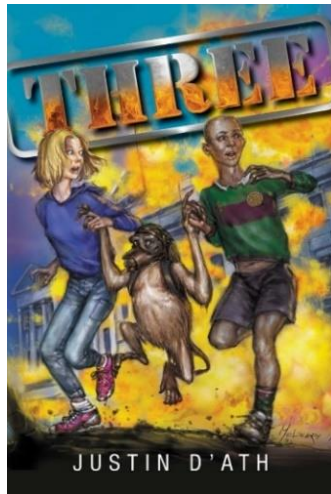
One wakeful night in the aftermath of his mother's death, Jack enters a land devoid of colour or scent. Here he meets the tragic laughing beast and Alice, a strange girl with a secret.

Will Jack escape before the terrifying wolvers find him? Or is he destined to be trapped in the Greylands forever? Only the cats know . . .

## Three

By Justin D'Ath

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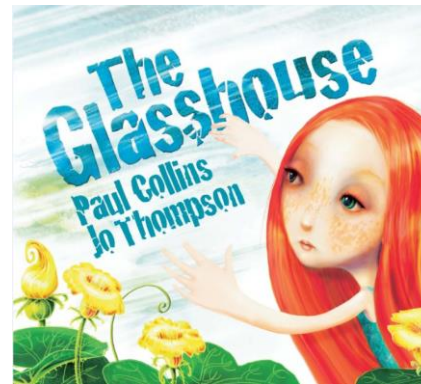
Sixteen-year-old Sunday Balewo is next in line for the presidency of Zantuga. When his father dies, Sunday finds himself on the run from the unlikelyst of assassins – a baboon with a bomb.

Not just an action-packed thriller, but a novel about friendship, loyalty and the value of life itself.

## The Glasshouse

Written by Paul Collins and illustrated by Jo Thompson

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 7+ years  
• ISBN: 9781921665042 (HB) 9781921665158 (PB)



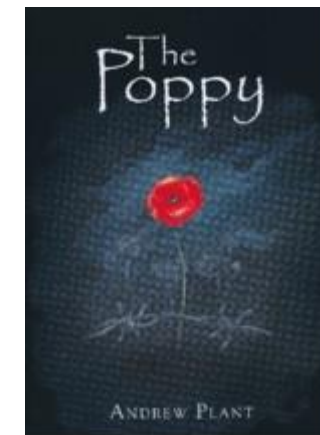
**Shortlisted – Crichton Award for New Illustrators  
Selected – IBBY (International Board on Books for  
Young People): 50 Outstanding Books Exhibition**

Clara lives in her perfect world. Her glasshouse is free of bugs, and her prized pumpkins free of blemishes. One day a boy walks into her life and slowly Clara realises that her world is not perfect at all. Her paranoia spreads and she loses all her customers. Finally, she must face up to the realisation that she must make allowances and compromise if she is to survive.

## The Poppy

By Andrew Plant

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 9+ years  
• ISBN: 9781925000313 (HB) 9781925000320 (PB)



**Notable – Children's Book  
Council of Australia  
Eve Pownall Award**



Stunningly illustrated in over 70 paintings, *The Poppy* is the true story of one of Australia's greatest victories, and of a promise kept for nearly a century.

On Anzac Day, 1918, a desperate night counter-attack in the French village of Villers-Bretonneux became one of Australia's greatest victories. A bond was forged that night between France and Australia that has never been broken. Villers-Bretonneux is 'The town that never forgets'.

## Gamers' Trilogy

By George Ivanoff

### *Book 1: Game On!*

B format paperback • 172 pages • 11+ years • ISBN: 9781925804423

Tark and Zyra are teenage thieves on a quest. In a world where dragons and mages exist alongside drones and lasers, they endeavour to reach the haven of Designers' Paradise. But their world is not what it appears to be and their haven is about to come under threat of destruction. Can Tark and Zyra save Designers' Paradise and their own world?

### *Book 2: Level Up!*

B format paperback • 200 pages • 11+ years • ISBN: 9781925804430

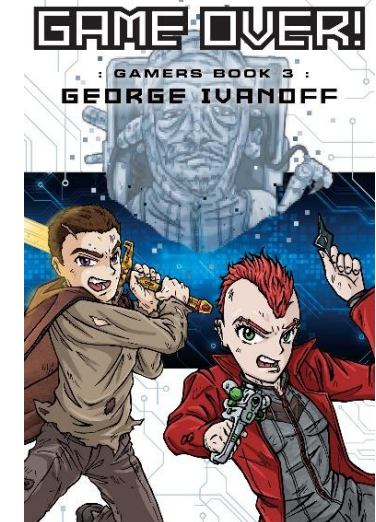
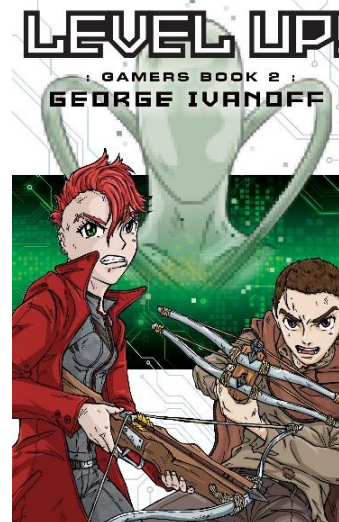
For Tark and Zyra, life was literally just a game, controlled by the all-powerful Designers. But then they broke the rules and life got a whole lot more complicated and deadly. Pursued by a powerful computer virus, they must locate the Ultimate Gamer with the help of some unexpected allies, and face their greatest challenge — finding a way out of the game.

### *Book 3: Game Over!*

B format paperback • 176 pages • 8+ years • ISBN: 9781925804447

When Zyra is captured by the Designers, Tark finds himself among a group of teenage rebels. It seems like Tark and Zyra are to be the pawns in other people's power games. They soon discover the sinister uses to which the game is being put and the shocking way it is all operated — with dozens of kidnapped children wired directly into the mainframe, their brains keeping the whole thing going. Will Tark and Zyra be able to free these children? Will they even be able to remain in the real world? Or will the Designers' plans for world domination win out?

**Game On! - WINNER – Chronos Award for Best Short Fiction**  
**Game Over! - WINNER – Chronos Award for Best Long Fiction**



## City of Monsters Trilogy

By DC Green

'A wild, wise-cracking ride.' – Ian Irvine

### *Book 1: Monster School*

B format paperback • 291 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925000078

### *Book 2: Goblin Mafia Wars*

B format paperback • 358 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272208

### *Book 3: Dragon Apocalypse*

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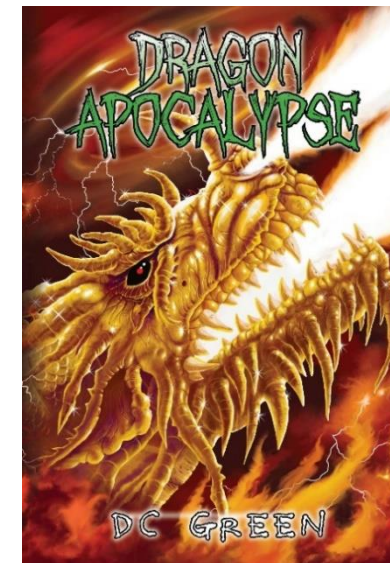
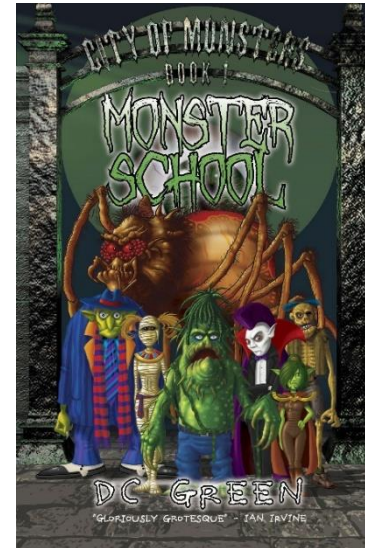
'Beware! You are entering The City of Monsters.

All tourists will be eaten. Have a nice day!'

I'm PT, the Swamp Boy, and I'm terrified! During my first class at Monster School, mafia goblins threatened to murder me and I was saved by the meanest monsters in school.

Everyone wants me dead – except my Dead Gang monster mates. And our quests have only just begun:

- Escape the Dead Zone (without being eaten)!
- Find the lost eggs of the world's last dragon!
- Challenge a brainwashed grommet king!
- Prevent a goblin mafia war!
- Oh, and save the world!



## The Warlock's Child series

By Paul Collins and Sean McMullen

### Book 1: *The Burning Sea*

B format paperback • 118 pages • 10+ years ISBN: 9781925000924

There is no lower rank than cabin boy on the warship, Invincible. But Dantar knows he is important, because anyone who threatens his life gets turned into a pile of ashes. With his older sister Velza, a shapemaster warrior, Dantar must solve the mystery of broken magic and escape the dragon.

### Book 2: *Dragonfall Mountain*

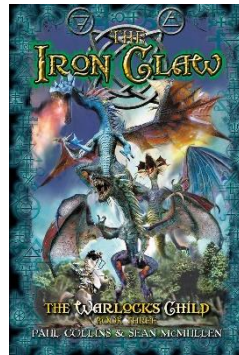
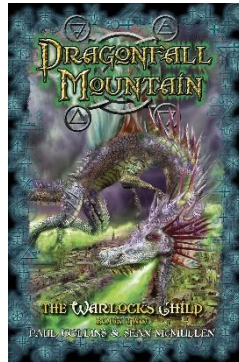
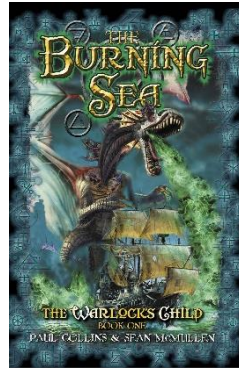
B format paperback • 100 pages • 10+ years ISBN: 9781925000931

The Invincible has been attacked, and Dantar's only escape from his enemies is through the foul-smelling sewers of Savaria. Can Dantar and Velza deliver the city from danger?

### Book 3: *The Iron Claw*

B format paperback • 119 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925000948

The warlock Calbaras wants to revive the ancient, forbidden magic of dragons. His son Dantar is vital to his plans. Dantar is on the run in an enemy kingdom, unaware that he is so important. Worse, his sister Velza is now working for the enemy king.



### Book 4: *Trial by Dragons*

B format paperback • 97 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925000955

It's hard to save the world when you're in jail. Dantar and Velza need to escape from jails six hundred miles apart to stop their father unleashing a catastrophically dangerous spell. Both will soon learn that they are not just special, they are also very dangerous.

### Book 5: *Voyage to Morticas*

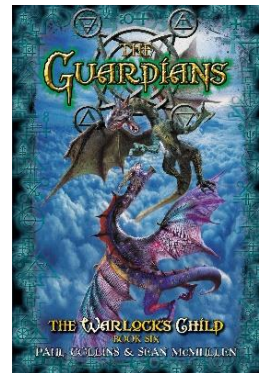
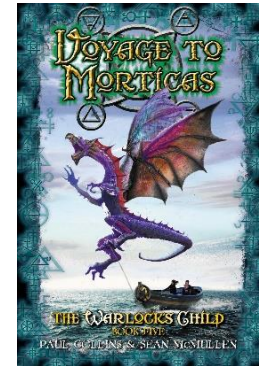
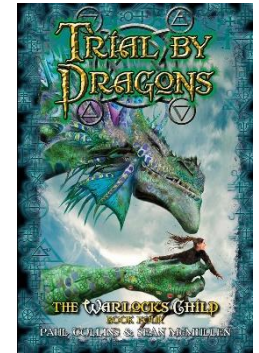
B format paperback • 112 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925000962

Although Dantar is able to shapeshift into dragon form, he still thinks like a rebellious teenager. Velza has been given the ultimate gift by the dragons of Dracondas – the mind of a dragon. Now they must combine their gifts to stop the most powerful warlock of all time from casting his doomsday spell.

### Book 6: *The Guardians*

B format paperback • 116 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925000979

The Dracondian dragons – once powerful and dangerous – now lie helpless on the mountaintop as a human army closes in to kill them. Only the warlock's children, Dantar and Velza, can save them. But will their own powers be enough?



## Quentaris: Quest of the Lost City series

### *Book 1: The Spell of Undoing*

By Paul Collins

B format paperback • 186 pages • 12+ years • ISBN: 9781876462536

A vengeful plot by warlike Tolrush, has uprooted the city of Quentaris, and hurled it into the uncharted rift-maze. Lost and adrift in this endless labyrinth of parallel universes, encountering both friend and foe and facing unknown dangers, Quentaris must somehow forge a new identity and find its way home.

### *Book 2: The Equen Queen*

By Alyssa Brugman

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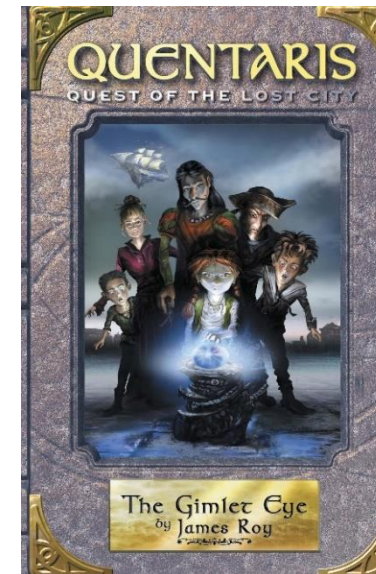
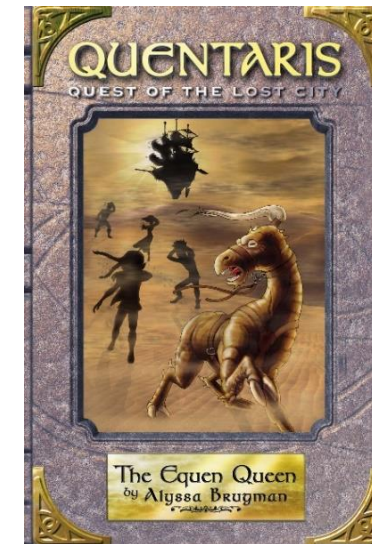
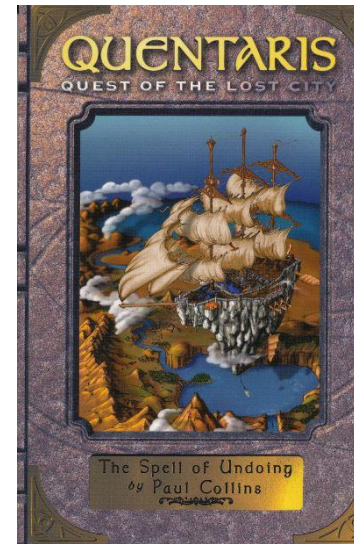
While moored to a new world, Quentaris is approached by another sky-city. The traders on board seem friendly and generous, offering the Quentarians food and gems, but are they setting a trap for Quentaris? Despite losing her special powers Tab Vidler must find some answers fast, before all is lost.

### *Book 3: The Gimlet Eye*

By James Roy

B format paperback • 226 pages • 12+ years • ISBN: 9781876462772

Much has changed in the sky-city of Quentaris. With the Archon dead, dark forces have come into play. New faces are appearing, familiar ones vanishing, and the horrid Florian has claimed the throne. Then, as Quentaris slips quietly through a vortex into the watery world of the Yarka, Tab Vidler and her friends suddenly realise they are the city's only hope.



## The Legend Series

By Michael Panckridge

### *Chasing the Break*

B format paperback • 128 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272482

Eight different sporting challenges await the students at Sandhurst Primary School. Can the new kid, Mitchell Grady, take down last year's winner and infamous bad boy, Travis Fisk? It all starts with the Legend of the Surf.

### *Against the Spin*

B format paperback • 148 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272499

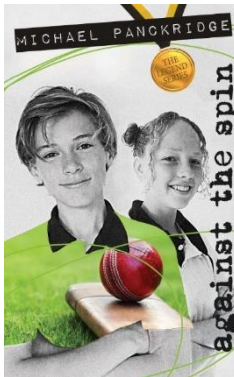
It's official, Mitchell Grady is a sporting legend. Travis Fisk, the school bully, has been put back in his place. But for how long? It's a battle on and off the field as Mitchell and his friends strive for victory and the chance to be crowned Legends of Cricket.

### *Down the Line*

B format paperback • 140 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272635

Surely Travis Fisk, the school thug who'll do whatever it takes to win, won't let him win three events in a row. What will he try this time?

For the first time Mitch and Luci are pitted directly against their friends. It's one thing to play your enemies and win, but how does it feel to beat your friends? It's not all fair play when the stakes are high.



### *Clearing the Pack*

B format paperback • 148 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272642

Football and netball are the next two sports in the Legends series, and Travis and Mia are flying high.

Travis steps up his intimidation tactics, knowing he's got to win this one to stay in the race. But has he gone too far this time?

### *Over the Wall*

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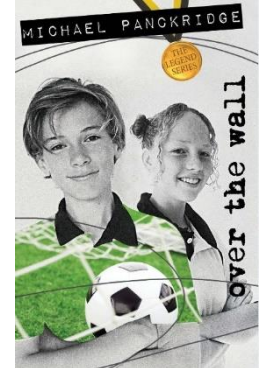
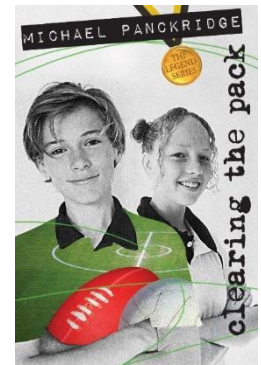
It's the halfway point of the Legends Cup and the competition is heating up. Only two points behind Mitchell, Fisk is boasting that he will be crowned the Legend of Soccer, but Mitchell has other ideas. Elsewhere there is a mystery unfolding that reveals a secret that has been hidden for years.

### *On the Buzzer*

B format paperback • 168 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272932

It's Round 6 and basketball is the next sport in the action-packed Legends series. But the competition takes a back seat when Sandhurst's sporting reputation is put on the line.

**'An authentically Australian series that boys can not only relate to, but actually want to read.'** – Bookseller and Publisher

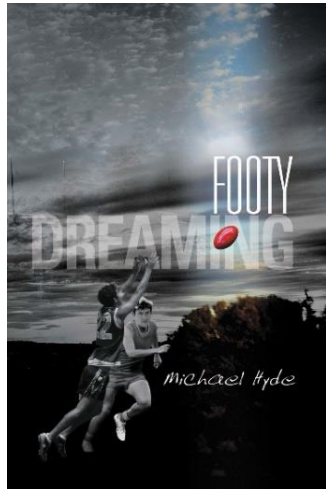




## Footy Dreaming

By Michael Hyde

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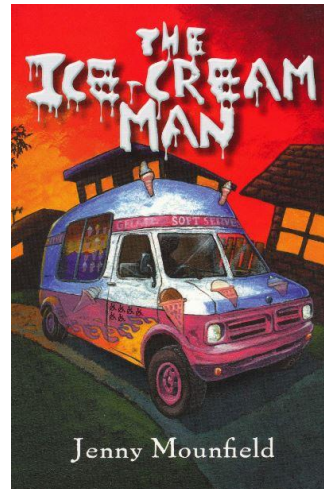
Ben and Noah play on opposing teams in a footy-obsessed town. They each dream of playing on the G – and this is their make or break season. Tensions rise as sledging goes too far.

Will Noah lose his cool, and his chance, in the face of prejudice? Will Ben reject racism and forge his own path? Noah and Ben both have the potential to play in the AFL. It's up to each of them whether they make it.

## The Ice-cream Man

By Jenny Mounfield

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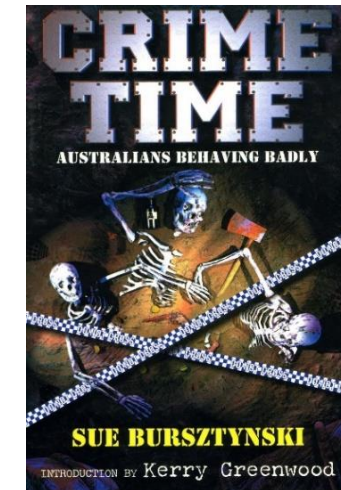
One summer afternoon, three boys play a prank on the ice-cream man. This one decision sets into motion a chain of events that will forge a life-long bond, testing each boy as never before.

Three boys united by fear and their need for friendship. Three boys united against the ice-cream man.

## Crime Time: Australians Behaving Badly

By Sue Bursztynski

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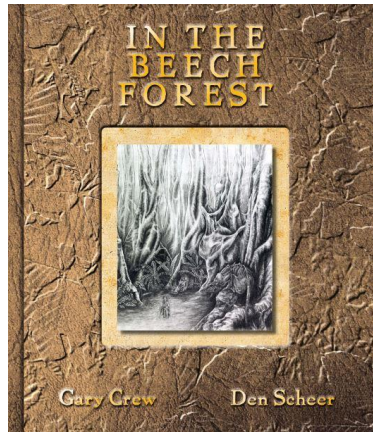
*Crime Time – Australians Behaving Badly* is a collection of true Australian crime stories ranging from bushrangers such as Ned Kelly and Mad Dan Morgan through to serial killers, fraudsters and modern celebrity criminals.

It has an introduction by Kerry Greenwood and contains details of the crimes, biographical details, portraits by Louise Prout and interesting trivia in Did You Know boxes.

## In the Beech Forest

By Gary Crew and illustrated by Dan Scheer

Paperback • 32 pages • 10+ years • ISBN:  
9781925804942



*In the Beech Forest* is a story from long ago, from now and from the future.

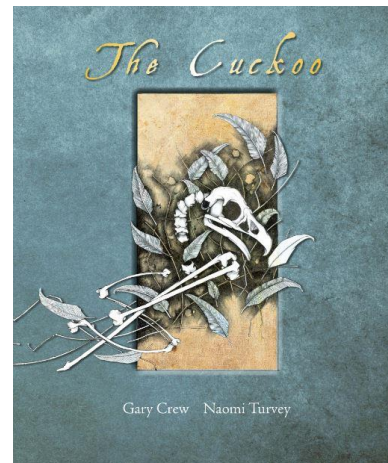
An ordinary boy takes a path leading him from the safety of his home into a dark forest. His head is full of the fearful images of his computer games that so excite, yet terrify him; battles between heroes and dreadful beasts that may haunt this primal landscape.

What will become of him on this journey? Will he survive? Will he defeat his fears? Will he emerge, still an ordinary boy?

## The Cuckoo

By Gary Crew and illustrated by Naomi Turvey

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925000177 (HB)  
9781925000184 (PB)



Gary Crew at his fantastical best! Martin is the runt of his family. Without a mother to protect him, his overbearing father and brothers reject him. Aided by the self-sacrifice of loving friends, Martin finds the courage to fight for personal fulfilment.

**'An ideal read for children and adults alike, particularly young boys' – Candida Baker in The Sydney Morning Herald**

## The Star

By Felicity Marshall

Hardback and Paperback • 32 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781876462925 (HB)  
9781921665059 (PB)



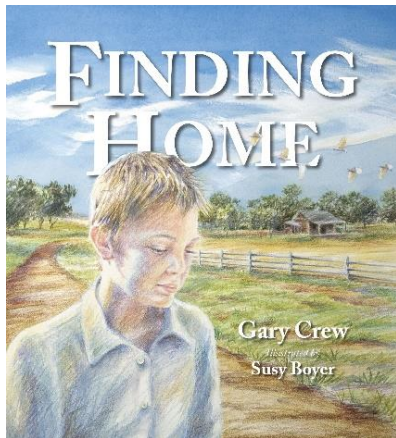
*The Star* reflects the contemporary phenomenon of 'fame without substance', a part of our celebrity-soaked culture.

Marion, a wooden doll, her friend Harley and their dog Polka, enter the World of Fame where Marion becomes a glamorous Star. But she learns painfully that stardom has a use-by-date. Her experience changes her forever but her true friends still love her. The story explores the superficiality of stardom and the value of true friendship.

## Finding Home

Written by Gary Crew and illustrated by Susy Boyer

Paperback • 32 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925804959



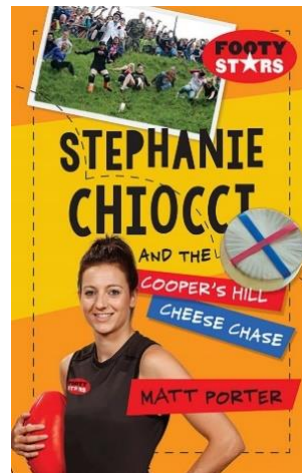
Rich and beautiful, Gary Crew's text is redolent with the sounds and colours of the Australian bush. This picture book for older children is an ode and an obituary to the indigenous landscape, much of which was destroyed by white colonists.

Ignorance and selfishness can destroy the things we love and value most – the child whose parents don't value his differences, the beauty of wild nature – and this story offers the reader a metaphor for the greater destruction of the environment through thoughtless acts.

## Stephanie Chiocci and the Cooper's Hill Cheese Chase

By Matt Porter

B format paperback • 74 pages • 10+ years • ISBN: 9781925272888



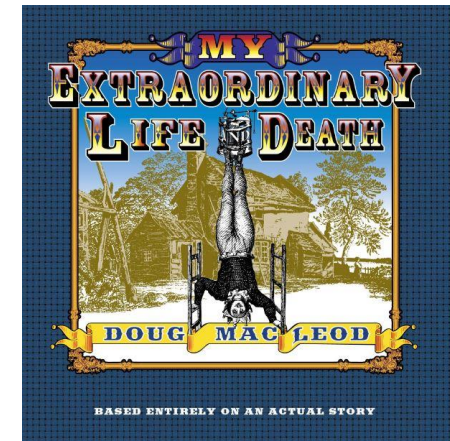
Stephanie Chiocci is a team captain in the Women's Australian Football League.

Stephanie has taken it upon herself to save the family cheese-making business of one of her fans. Standing at the summit of Cooper's Hill in England, Stephanie prepares to barrel down the slope in the annual Gloucester Cheese-Rolling Race, one of the world's most dangerous foot races.

## My Extraordinary Life and Death

By Doug MacLeod

Gatefold paperback • 140 pages • 12+ years • ISBN: 9781876462796



What is The Tight Trousers Club? How do you survive a father who buries you in the garden whenever you misbehave? And who do you

**WINNER – Chronos Award for Best Artwork**

contact when your wife starts to shrink?

None of these questions are answered in My Extraordinary Life and Death, though what do you expect if the author is dead?

## Gorski's Bitemare

By Robert Favretto

B format paperback • 100 pages • ISBN:  
9781925804164



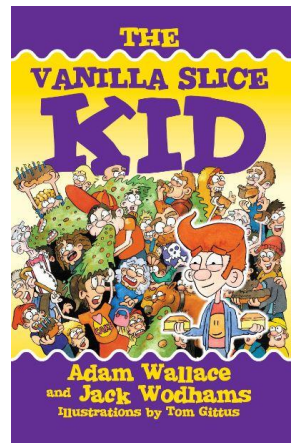
Gorski the vampire is in a flap! Following a frightful event, he has noticed his fangs are shrinking and that he faints at the sight of blood.

What is he going to do? Can he find a cure, or will things go from bat to worse?

## The Vanilla Slice Kid

By Adam Wallace and Jack Wodhams,  
illustrated by Tom Gittus

B format paperback • 165 pages • 11+ years •  
ISBN: 9781925272024



**Shortlisted – Young Australians' Best Book Awards**

Archie Cunningham is a shy boy who has three things – incredibly mean and greedy parents, no friends, and an amazing power.

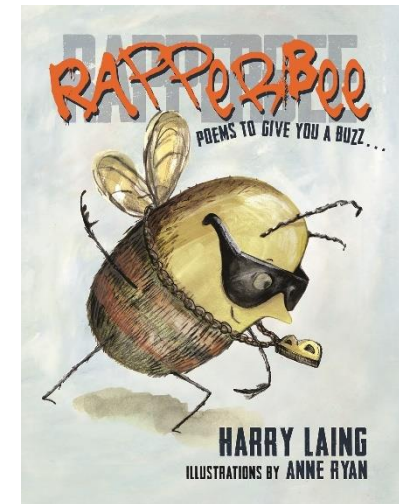
When an uploaded video shows the world what Archie can do, he suddenly becomes the main ingredient in a recipe for world domination.

Which is when the fun really begins!

## RapperBee: poems to give you a buzz

Written by Harry Laing and illustrated by Anne Ryan

Paperback • 102 pages • 6+ years • ISBN:  
9781925804775



*RapperBee – poems to give you a buzz* is Harry Laing's new collection of poetry featuring Anne Ryan's brilliant and anarchic B&W illustrations.

Children won't be able to resist the word-play and will love to read the poems out loud.

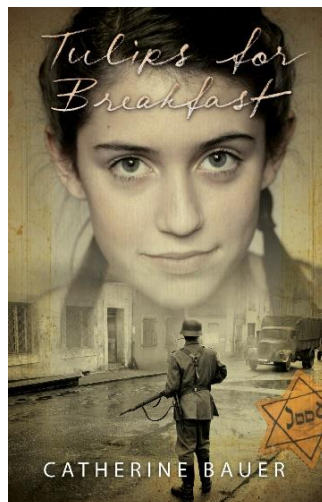
# Older Readers

## Tulips for Breakfast

By Catherine Bauer

B format paperback • 200 pages • 13+ years •

ISBN: 9781922696199



As Hitler's reign tightens on Amsterdam, Lena feels the door to her life closing. There are officers swarming every corner, and they're out for blood.

As the days drag on endlessly, one thing becomes clear: not everyone is going to make it out alive.

A powerful and relatable tale of life, death, friendship and the ability of the human spirit to both endure and transcend evil.

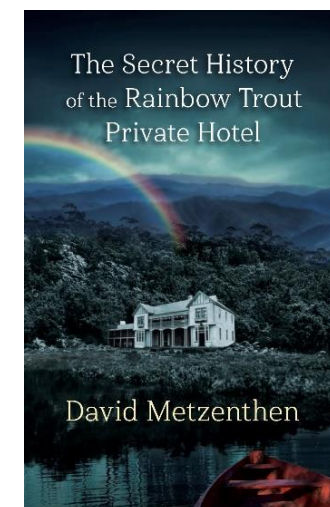
**Longlisted (2023) – Book Links Award for Children's Historical Fiction**

## The Secret History of the Rainbow Trout Private Hotel

By David Metzenthen

B format paperback • 311 pages • ISBN:

9781922696274



Andy Lightfoot's gap year takes him deep into the past – at the old and weirdly wonderful Rainbow Trout Private Hotel.

Here, high in the mountains, Andy discovers working for nothing gives him everything . . . and that the middle of nowhere is the centre of an amazing universe, filled with individuals of sheer brilliance.

## Mindcull

By K H Canobi

B format paperback • 288 pages • ISBN:  
9781925804232



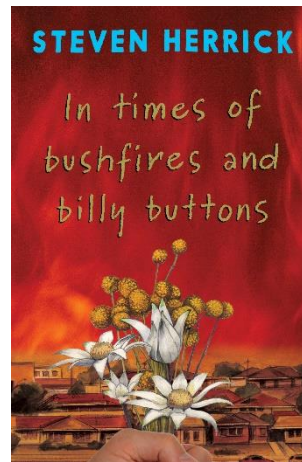
Who can you trust when nothing is as real as virtual reality?

In a time when nothing is as real as virtual reality, sixteen-year-old Eila is shortlisted in a competition by a global technology giant. But then law enforcement officers force her to spy for them, underground activists reveal a murderous plot and someone uses virtual reality to fill her head with a stranger's thoughts. Amid secrets, lies and distortions, Eila must decide how far she will go to protect innocent lives.

## In times of bushfires and billy buttons

By Steven Herrick

B format paperback • 210 pages • ISBN:  
97819222696366



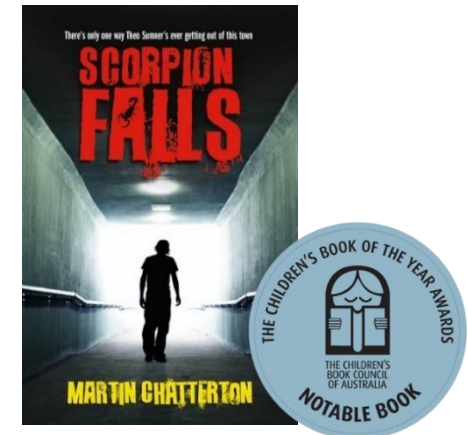
Ethan's parents are in jail; his aunt works too hard; the new kid, Joshua, has a scar on his arm; a fire storm threatens the suburb, while wildflowers bloom along the school fence.

For Ethan, Audrey and their friends, it's time to choose what's important and what to leave behind.

## Scorpion Falls

By Martin Chatterton

B format paperback • TBC pages • ISBN:  
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### Notable Book (2023) – Children's Book Council of Australia

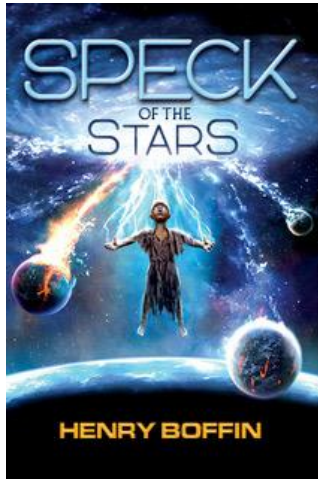
Loner Theo Sumner is a 14-year-old living in the isolated Queensland mining town of Scorpion Falls.

Following the arrival of an unsettling guest at the Iguana Motel, teenagers start disappearing in mysterious circumstances. As Theo looks for answers, he is drawn deeper into the murky underbelly of his hometown and a shocking nightmare encounter with the truth.

## Speck of the Stars

By Henry Boffin

B format paperback • 230 pages • ISBN: 9781922696106



Raised by utility robots on board the Grand Orbital Library, twelve-year-old orphan Speck's days are spent serving the spaceship's exotic guests. At night, he dreams of exploring the Universe.

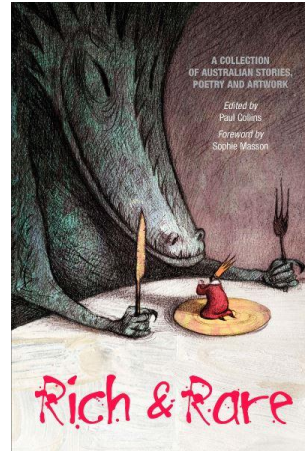
But when a mysterious creature known only as the Starchild arrives from the fringes of deep space, everything changes.

Now, Speck must uncover the creature's secret before it's too late. A secret that, if unleashed, could destroy the entire Universe.

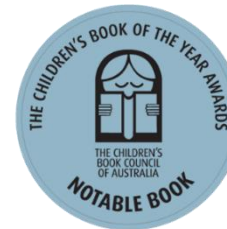
## Rich and Rare

Edited by Paul Collins

B format paperback • 512 pages • ISBN: 9781925272116



Notable Book –  
Children's Book  
Council of Australia



A violin that comes to life, a knitting needle ninja, a cat with many names, a prince who finds a friend, an alien invasion . . .

Welcome to a world of 'beauty rich and rare', a world of natural (and unnatural) gifts on every page – from humour to horror, thriller to fantasy – encompassing the past, the present and the future.

Contributors include: Gary Crew, Justin D'Ath, Scot Gardner, Kerry Greenwood, Leigh Hobbs, Sofie Laguna, Shaun Tan and Gabrielle Wang.

## Paper Cranes Don't Fly

by Peter Vu

B format paperback • 298 pages • 13+ years • ISBN: 9781925272765



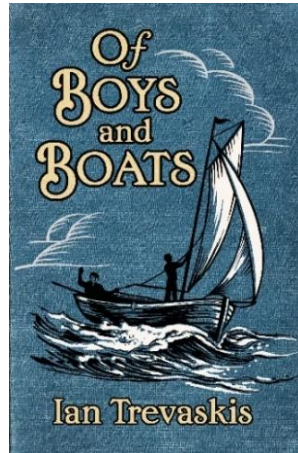
For Adam Autzenberg, hospital is like a second home. With Tess, AJ, and Rachael by his side, it's even bearable. Facing the toughest challenge of his life, all Adam has to help him are his friends. But will they be enough?

This story describes the life of a cancer patient in a way that few other young adult books do, focusing not just on living with cancer, but going through it, with the help of patience, love and friendship.

## Of Boys and Boats

By Ian Trevaskis

B format paperback • 314 pages • 13+ years •  
ISBN: 9781925804515



It is 1956 – the year the Olympic Games came to Melbourne. Jack Spiller and his mates are caught up in the excitement, running their own torch relay around the block each night while the Olympic Torch travels to Melbourne.

When Jack and the new kid, Heinrich, discover an unfinished sailboat in the shed of recluse 'Mad' Mick Metcalf, Jack's focus changes. Can he convince Mick to allow them to finish it? Or has the old man been too damaged by the horrors of World War One?

## The Things We Can't Undo

By Gabrielle Reid

B format paperback • 346 pages • 15+ years •  
ISBN: 9781925736045



*There's no backspace key for life's decisions.*

Samantha and Dylan are in love – everyone knows it. They've been together for nearly a year, so it's nothing to be worried about when they leave Saturday night's party in favour of a quiet bedroom. Right?

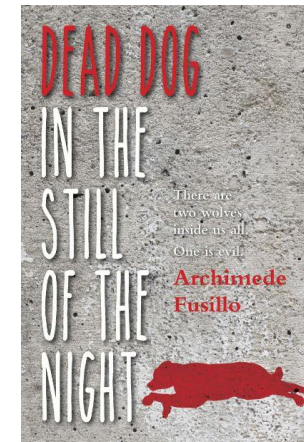
Malicious rumours are spreading throughout their Sydney private school, and Sam is avoiding Dylan. He's fast discovering the effects that one bad misunderstanding can have. Will Sam make a decision she can't take back?

**WINNER (2019) – Family Therapists' Award for Children's Literature from the Australian Association of Family Therapy**

## Dead Dog in the Still of the Night

By Archimede Fusillo

B format paperback • 278 pages ISBN:  
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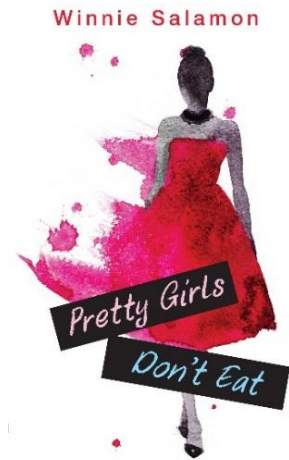
In the garage at the back of the family home sits Primo's father's pride and joy; a red Fiat 500 Classic. It waits amongst the dust motes for Primo's father to recover, to come out of his paranoia and delusions. It waits and teases, like nothing else can – least of all the demands of everyday life, for things to return to normal. And that isn't going to happen any time soon.



## Pretty Girls Don't Eat

By Winnie Salamon

B format paperback • 208 pages • 13+ years  
ISBN: 9781925272772



Sixteen-year-old Winter Mae Jones knows exactly what she wants: a career in fashion design. There's only one thing standing in her way – 'fat girls' don't work in the fashion industry.

So Winter decides to take matters into her own hands. She goes on a diet, which at first makes her feel fab and in control. It's only when things get out of hand that she comes to realise that, not only has she less control than she thought, but also that her weight has nothing to do with what's holding her back.

## Pool

By Justin D'Ath

B format paperback • 297 pages • ISBN:  
9781876462512

*Rights sold: France*



**Shortlisted – Victorian  
Premier's Awards**

Something strange has happened to the public swimming pool. The water is no longer level and is rumoured to have curative powers.

When sixteen-year-old Wolfgang Mulqueen takes a summer job at the pool, he meets Audrey, a blind girl who claims she's nocturnal. With the discovery of a butterfly unknown to science, and an unusual request from Audrey's father, Wolfgang finds himself inextricably drawn into an eighteen-year-old mystery, the tragic resolution of which will change his life forever.

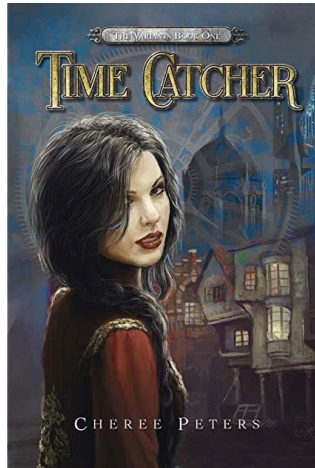
## The Variants series

By Cheree Peters

### *Book 1: Time Catcher*

B format paperback • 382 pages • 12+ years • ISBN: 9781925272215

In a post-apocalyptic world of rigid rules, Althea's luxurious life is turned upside-down when she is kidnapped by the dreaded Variants. Betrayed by those she trusts most, Althea is forced to question everything she thought she knew – including who she is and what she's capable of.

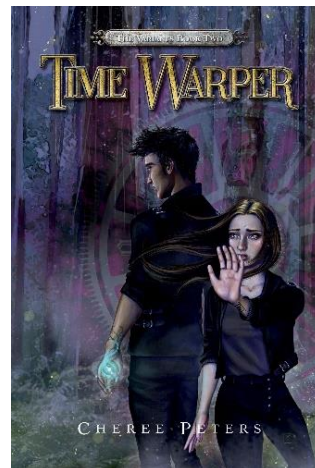


Are the Variants dangerous insurgents or a new breed of human, fighting for freedom? Althea must separate deception from truth to claim her own power.

### *Book 2: Time Warper*

B format paperback • 370 pages • 12+ years • ISBN: 9781925736052

After discovering that she is a Variant, Althea and her friends must continue their escape from the Cardiff armament. What awaits in the woods and beyond is only the beginning of Thea's worries. Her memories continue to return, leaving her with questions she doesn't know if she wants the answer to.



With her Ability growing stronger, will Althea be able to protect her friends and family from an old enemy and a new threat?

### *Book 3: Time Vaulter*

B format paperback • 320 pages • 12+ years • ISBN: 9781925804508

Thea must escape her enemies and the death of a beloved friend, the betrayal of someone even closer, and the destructive abuse of an enemy even more evil than Corbin. A war is brewing with unlikely allies, and Thea is destined to be in the middle of it.



## The Jelindel Chronicles

By Paul Collins

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### Book 1: *Dragonlinks*

B format paperback • 386 pages ISBN: 9781921665240

An all-powerful, enchanted mailshirt from the stars. Six links are missing. An orphan, a streetwise urchin and a swordsman must find the links before the greatest evil known descends upon Q'zar.

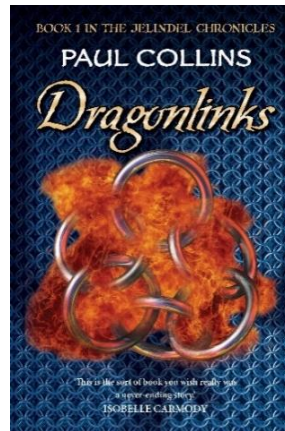
**'Dragonlinks offers compulsive reading in a thrilling and wonderfully imagined quest for the individually power-bestowing links of a mysterious and arcane mailshirt. The story performs the unusual feat of combining meticulous and original world-building with a matchless heroine in the extraordinary young Countess Jelindel.'** – Isobelle Carmody.

### Book 2: *Dragonfang*

B format paperback • 342 pages • 12+ years ISBN: 9781921665080

Five pentagram gems. Two people want them. Only one can have them.

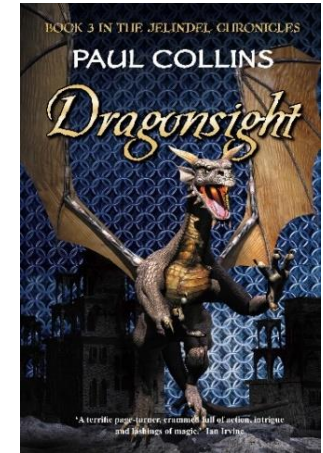
**'Anyone who has read Dragonlinks will recognise Paul Collins as a writer who truly understands the power of high fantasy. It is the power to tease the imagination with worlds so exotic, yet so seemingly familiar, that we allow ourselves to recognise within them the best and worst that we can be.'** – Brian Caswell.



### Book 3: *Dragonsight*

B format paperback • 358 pages • 12+ years  
• ISBN: 9781921665073

Three mercenaries. Poison coursing through their veins. And only six weeks to find a stolen dragon relic.

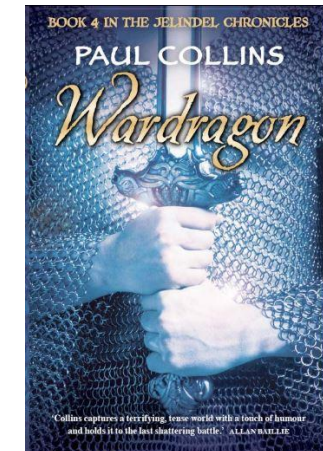


### Book 4: *Wardragon*

B format paperback • 463 pages • 12+ years  
• ISBN: 9781876462581

A sorceress. A swordsman. A thieving larrikin. A deadliest foe, the omnipotent Wardragon.

**'Collins captures a terrifying, tense world with a touch of humour and holds it to the last shattering battle.'** – Allan Bailie

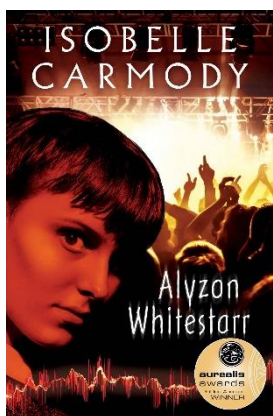


## Alyzon Whitestarr

By Isobelle Carmody

Paperback • 601 pages • 12+ years • ISBN:  
9781925272185

*Rights sold: US and Canada*



**WINNER – Golden  
Aurealis Award**

Most people have six limited senses. But after a freak accident, Alyzon Whitestarr finds her senses growing. She hears and sees and smells things no one else can detect.

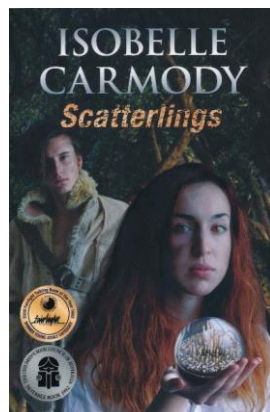
She begins to smell something truly terrible; a sickness of the spirit infecting some people, leading them to violence and destruction. It is only as she strives to discover its origin that she realises the infection is targeting people she loves, and that it is aware.

## Scatterlings

By Isobelle Carmody

Paperback • 280 pages • 12+ years • ISBN:  
9781925272062

*Published in the UK (rights expired)*



**Notable Book –  
Children’s Book Council  
of Australia**



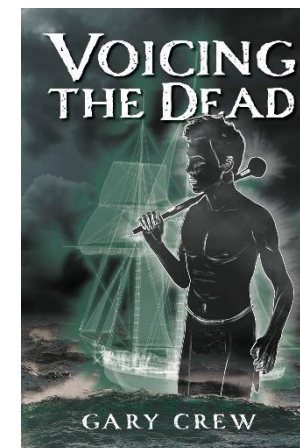
Merlin wakes to a world that is utterly changed. She has no memory besides a name whispered to her by one of the strange voices in her mind, and the knowledge that she is being hunted. Merlin is swept up by the renegade Scatterlings and drawn into their rebellion against the all-powerful Citizen Gods.

As she strives to separate herself from the telepathic clanfolk, she discovers the way to the freedom the Scatterlings' seek, lead to the same place – the forbidden domed city of the Citizen Gods.

## Voicing the Dead

By Gary Crew

Paperback • 345 pages • 15+ years • ISBN:  
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You ask, 'Can the dead speak?'

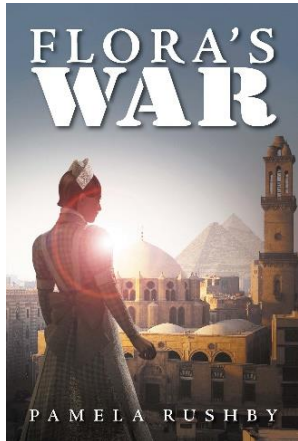
I answer, 'Is this blood that runs in my veins, or ink? I ask that you read me. I ask that you hear me. See me. Touch me. Others have, and tasted my blood.'

So writes Jack Ireland, a teenage English-born shipwreck survivor captured by headhunters. In *Voicing the Dead*, internationally-awarded author Gary Crew revisits the astonishing story of nineteenth-century teenager Jack Ireland who survived – and lived to fight back through his 'never say die' determination and creativity.

## Flora's War

By Pamela Rushby

B format paperback • 243 pages • 11+ years • ISBN: 9781921665981



Notable Book –  
Children's Book  
Council of Australia



In 1915, sixteen-year-old Flora Wentworth, visits Cairo with her archaeologist father. Flora's comfortable life is turned upside down when a hospital visit thrusts her into the realities of World War 1. She is soon transporting injured soldiers, helping out exhausted nurses, and managing to fall in love along the way.

As Flora battles to save lives and find her own, a tragic misunderstanding changes everything.

## Crossing the Line

By Dianne Bates

B format paperback • 215 pages • ISBN: 9781876462703

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Shortlisted – NSW  
Premier's Awards

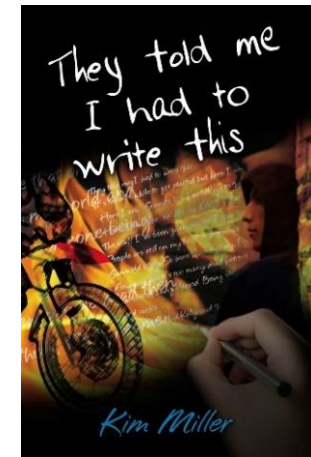
For a long time and unknown to others, Sophie has been self-harming: more recently she has been in therapy.

Concerned about Sophie's increasing depression, the doctor admits her to a hospital. There, Sophie is placed in an adolescent ward where she forms tentative relationships with other troubled teenagers and begins sessions with psychiatrist, Helen Marshall. However, the doctor crosses the patient-therapist line, but so too does Sophie.

## They Told Me I Had to Write This

By Kim Miller

B format paperback • 204 pages • 13+ years • ISBN: 9781876462840



Blamed for the death of his mother, carrying a terrible secret and in trouble with the police, Clem is now in a school for toxic teenagers. And that rev-head school counsellor wants him to write letters. Through his writing Clem goes deep into the trauma that has defined his life, and comes face to face with his mother's death.

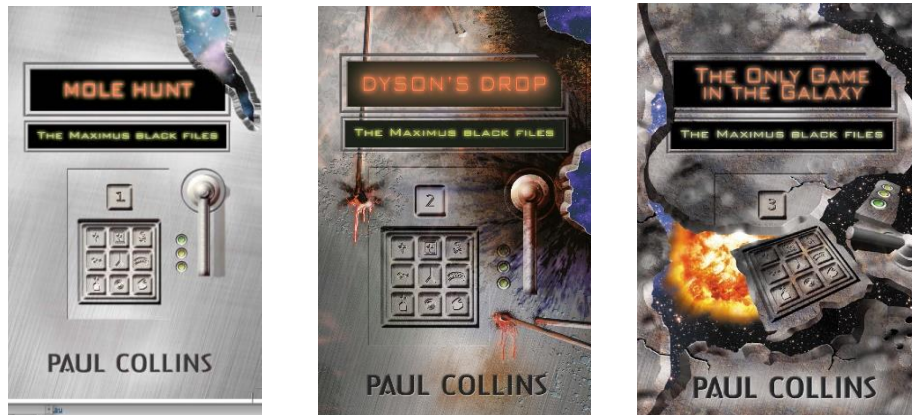
In a rush of bush bike racing, the death of one student and the consequent arrest of another, an unexpected first girlfriend, and some surprising friendships, Clem's story is the celebration of a boy who finds an unexpected future.

## The Maximus Black Files

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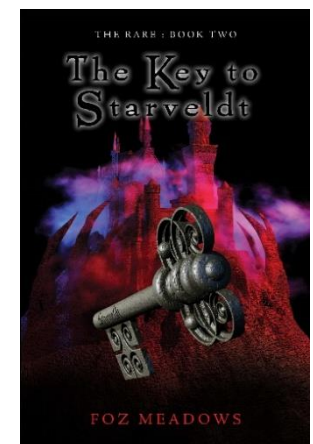
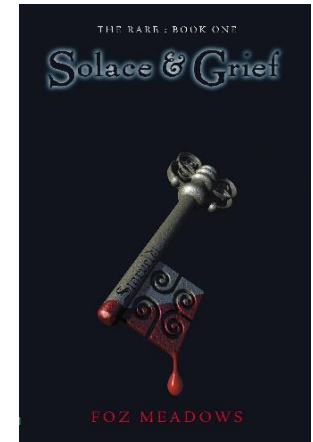
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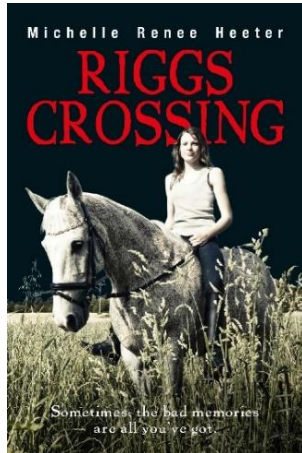
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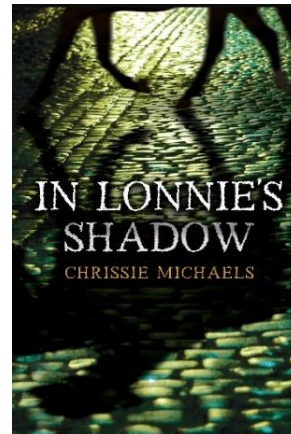
A girl is found in the wreckage of a car crash. Severely injured and psychologically damaged, the girl cannot, or will not, tell the authorities who she is or where she comes from. Her carers call her 'Len', after the name embroidered on the jumper she was wearing when she was found.

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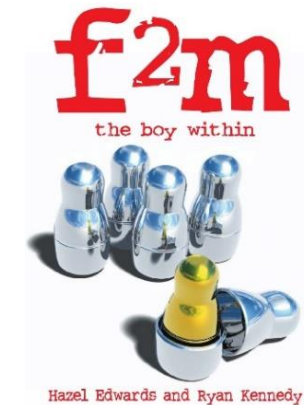
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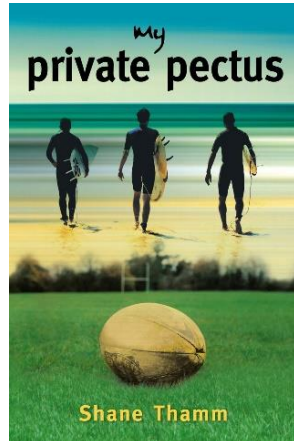
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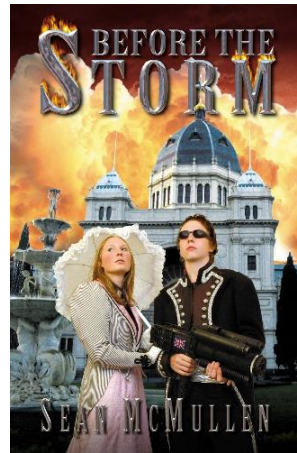
*'There's something different about my body. It's like the missing piece of a jigsaw you can't take your eyes off. If I were to take off my shirt you wouldn't see my face, freckles or ratty hair. All you'd see is the hole in the middle of my chest.'*

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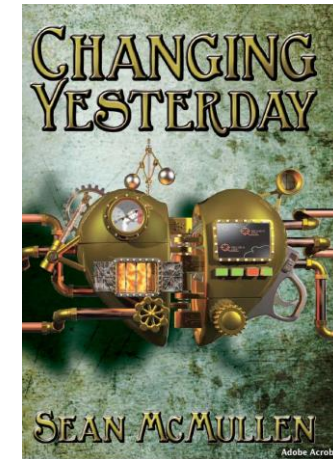
They have journeyed into the past to save the opening ceremony of Australia's first parliament from being bombed. If the cadets fail, thousands will die, sparking a century of total war. However, to change the destiny of the world, the young warriors will need the help of three ordinary teenagers.

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To make matters worse, Barry the Bag has stolen Liore's plasma rifle, the most dangerous weapon in the world. Can anything prevent Liore from risking the world's future for the sake of revenge?





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