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Picture Books



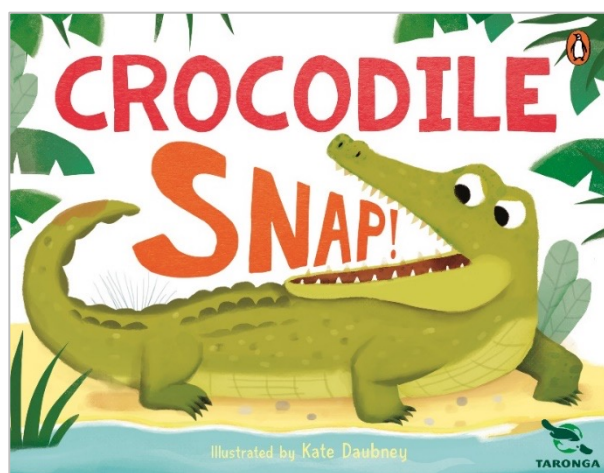
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Taronga Conservation Society Australia

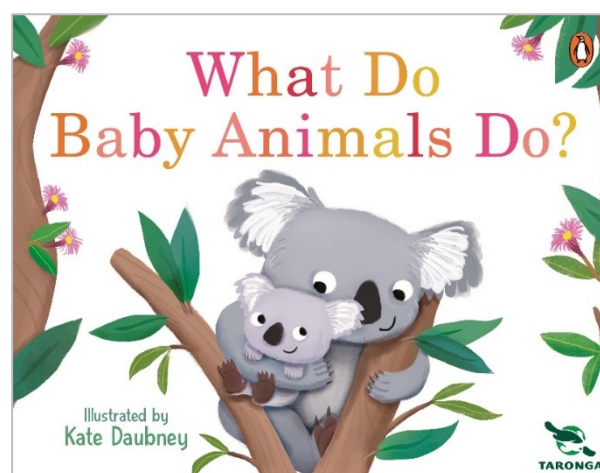
Taronga presents books for the wild little learners and explorers!

Where Knowledge Meets Fun!

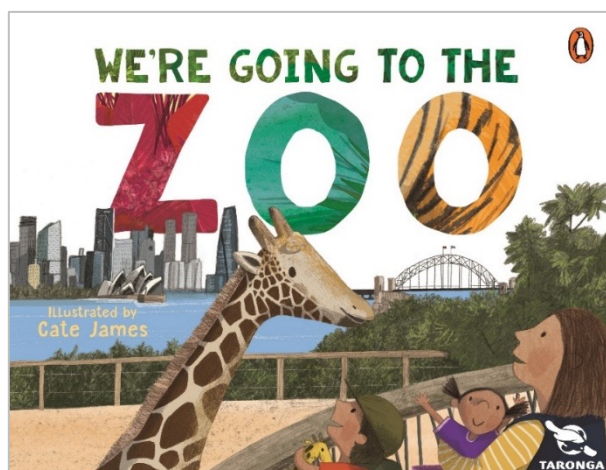
Discover animal facts with charming storytelling and gorgeous illustrations to pore over. These board books from Taronga will delight young readers again and again!



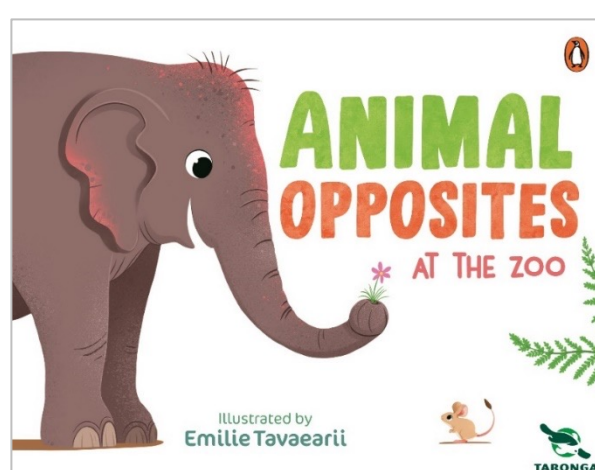
9781761347511
7th January 2025
Board Book | 24pp
RRP: \$16.99



9781761347528
7th January 2025
Board Book | 20pp
RRP: \$16.99



9781761347542
25th March 2025
Board Book | 24pp
RRP: \$16.99



9781761347535
25th March 2025
Board Book | 20pp
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Emma Memma: Twirly Tuesday

Emma Memma

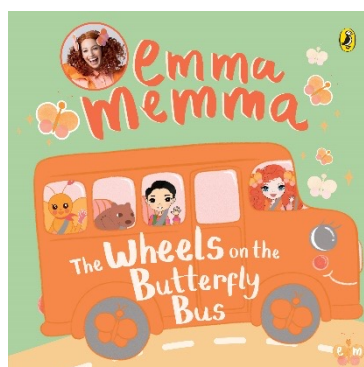
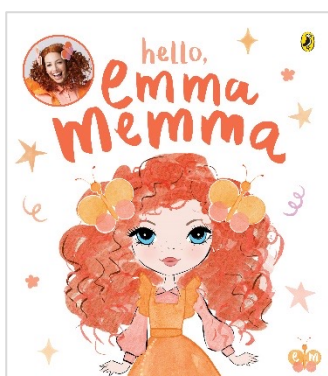


Sing, dance, sign. Join Emma Memma for a magical story time.

Emma Memma loves to twirl on Twirly Tuesday!

Sing, dance and sign with Emma Memma, Waffles the Wombat and all their friends as they each learn how to twirl in their own way.

Also
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Beloved children's entertainer **Emma Memma**, with her love of dance, sign language and music, brings visual communication to the forefront of the children's media space. She is empowering the next generation through movement, creativity, inclusiveness and friendship.

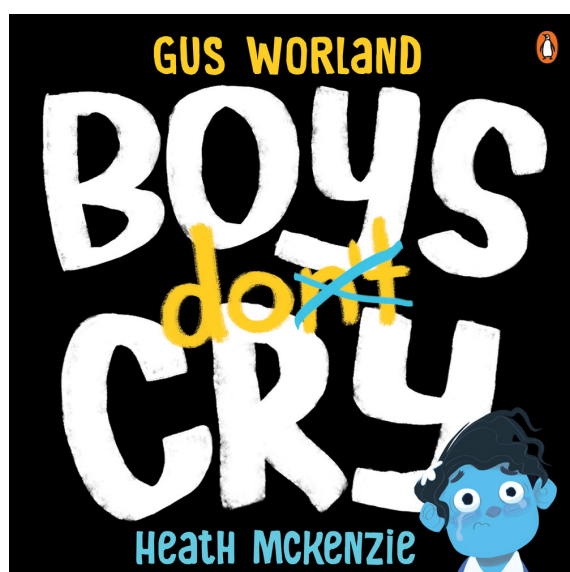


9781761341779
4th February 2025
Board book | 24pp
RRP: \$14.99

Picture Books

Boys Do Cry

Gus Worland, illustrated by Heath McKenzie



A warm and humorous picture book from TV and radio personality Gus Worland about it being okay to share your feelings.

This boy is having a REALLY bad day.

But no matter what happens, he will not, should not, CAN NOT cry!

Or can he?

A picture book inspired by the outdated common phrase 'boys don't cry', filled with important current messaging for young and growing minds about building mental fitness.



Gus Worland is a Gotcha4Life Founder, Speaker, and Mental Fitness advocate based in Sydney, Australia. Gus gets a room (or a global audience!) laughing, crying, thinking and talking afterwards about a topic others feel uncomfortable speaking about. He breaks down barriers with an authentic, honest, interactive conversation delivered in his relaxed, informal, style. What you see is what you get. And what you get is incredible.



Heath McKenzie is a best-selling, award-winning Melbourne-based author and illustrator, known for his vibrant, humorous and whimsical artwork. His distinctive style, characterised by bold lines and vivid colours, has brought more than 40 picture books to life. As well as children's books, Heath has worked in animation, advertising and product design, showcasing his versatility across various media.



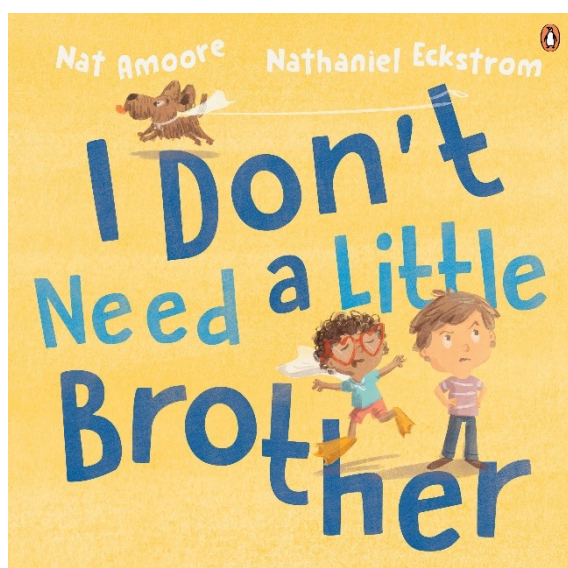
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11th February 2025
Hardback | 32pp
RRP: \$19.99

Teachers'
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Picture Books

I Don't Need a Little Brother

Nat Amooore, illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom



Dive into this hilarious story from two award-winning Australian talents that perfectly captures the essence of sibling relationships - the squabbles, the pranks and, ultimately, the love.

No one understands. I DON'T NEED A LITTLE BROTHER!

I have Mum and Dad, and Grandpa who smells like biscuits.

I have Wilson and Chirpy and . . . Oh no! Where is Beryl Bear?



After trying all the usual ways to dispose of a sibling, one bewildered big brother discovers his little brother might actually be the one person he can't live without.

Nat Amooore is a Sydney-based children's author and has written many bestselling books including *Schoolyard Millionaire*, *The Power of Positive Pranking*, *The Right Way to Rock*, *We Run Tomorrow* and the *Shower Land* series.



Nathaniel Eckstrom is a CBCA-shortlisted illustrator based in Sydney. His playful and dreamlike illustrations are as warm and energetic as your favourite sibling.



9781761341946
3rd June 2025
Hardback | 32pp
RRP: \$19.99

Picture Books

My Big Secret

Felice Arena



A fun, funny story about love and acceptance, no matter what team your heart belongs to!

Everyone in my family goes for the RED team. My dad goes for the RED team. My mum goes for the RED team...EVERYONE goes for the RED team. But...

I go for the BLUE team!

Will this little pig ever have the courage to tell everyone his big secret?

And will that be okay?



Felice Arena is one of Australia's best-loved children's writers. He is the author and creator of many popular and award-winning children's books for all ages, including the acclaimed historical adventures *The Boy and the Spy*, *Fearless Frederic*, *The Great Escape* and *The Unstoppable Flying Flanagan*, which was longlisted for the ARA Historical Novel Prize.



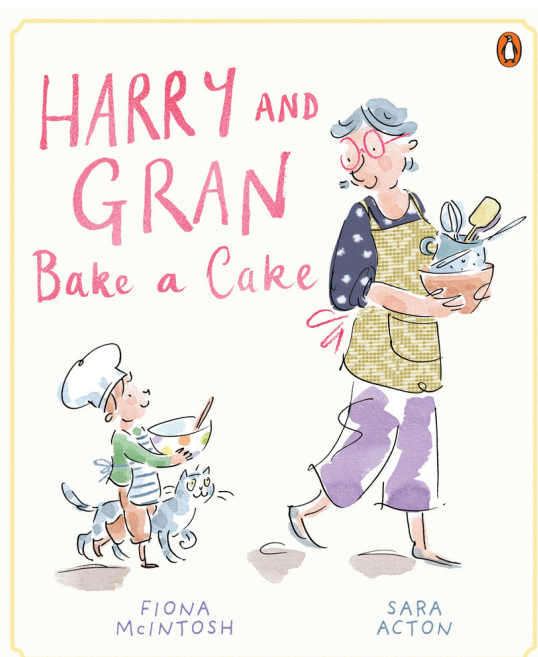
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11th February 2025
Hardback | 32pp
RRP: \$19.99

Teachers'
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Picture Books

Harry and Gran Bake a Cake

Fiona McIntosh, illustrated by Sara Acton



From the adored bestselling author, Fiona McIntosh, comes this picture book celebration of family, food and fun!

Harry and Gran are going to bake a cake. What could possibly go wrong?

A funny and charming story of a gran and her grandchild sharing the joy of baking together...and embracing the hilarious mishaps that occur along the way.



Fiona McIntosh is an internationally and million-copy bestselling author of novels for adults and children across several genres. Alongside her highly successful historical fiction titles, for which she has been nominated at the Australian Book Industry Awards for commercial fiction book of the year, her popular Detective Jack Hawksworth series will soon be released across the UK.



Sara Acton is an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books. Her first picture book, *Ben and Duck*, won the 2012 Children's Book Council of Australia Crichton Award for new illustrators. Sara lives on the Central Coast of New South Wales with one husband, two children, a mischievous dog and a cat called Poppy, who's definitely in charge.



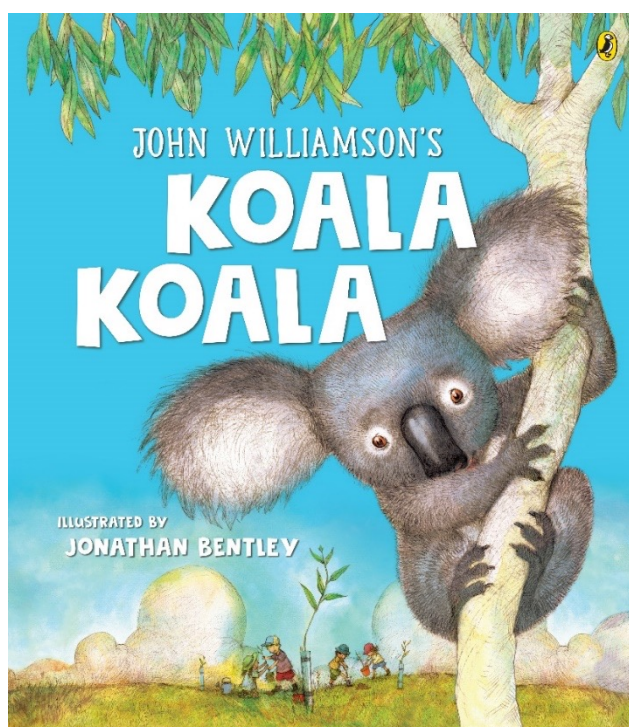
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18th March 2025
Hardback | 32pp
RRP: \$19.99

Picture Books

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Koala, Koala

John Williamson, illustrated by Jonathan Bentley



Based on the popular song by iconic Aussie entertainer John Williamson, with gorgeously cute illustrations from Jonathan Bentley, comes a classic picture book about our beloved but endangered national treasure, the koala.

*Koala, Koala – we love you
So soft in the fork of your tree . . .
Koala, Koala – where will you go
If we take your gum trees away?*

John Williamson is, without question, an Australian Icon. His entertainment career spans more than fifty years, boasting sales of over 5 million albums. His unofficial anthems, funny and tender ballads and tributes to unsung heroes have captured the spirit of the nation in song more than any other performer.



Jonathan Bentley has illustrated over fifty books for authors. He has also written and illustrated eleven of his own. Along the way Jon has won the NSW Premier's Literary Award 2020 and the Tasmanian Premier's Literary Award 2022, and has also been shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary award, CBCA awards, an ABIA award, and the White Raven, all for picture books.



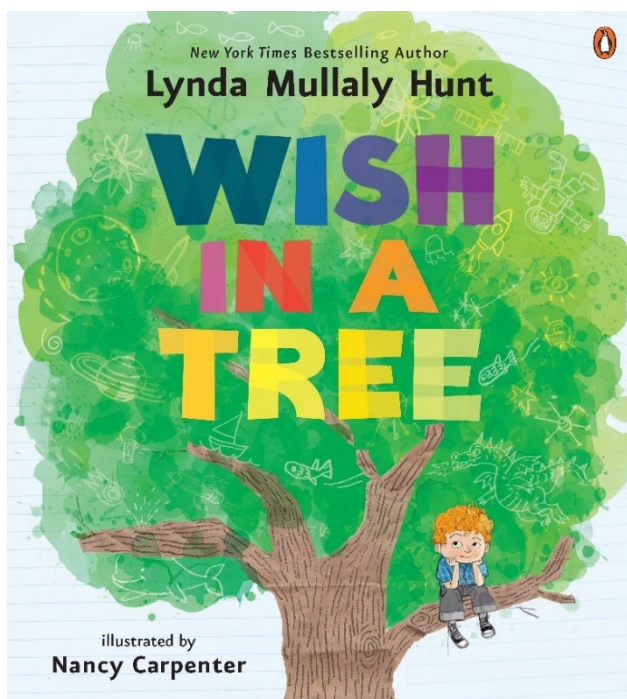
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15th April 2025
Hardback | 24pp
RRP: \$19.99

Picture Books

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Wish in a Tree

Lynda Mullaly Hunt, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter



An uplifting picture book celebrating neurodiversity, starring characters from Lynda Mullaly Hunt's *New York Times* bestselling middle grade novel *Fish in a Tree*.

Oliver's brain is a volcano of ideas—always bubbling with questions. This makes it hard to focus at school, and sometimes he worries he won't ever fit in there. So it's a good thing he has a friend who reminds him that great minds don't think alike. And that a brain that blazes with curiosity and imagination is a glorious thing. Featuring characters from the *New York Times* bestselling novel *Fish in a Tree* and artwork showcasing all the wonderful things going on in Oliver's astonishing brain, this uplifting book celebrates out-of-the-box thinking, the power of creativity, and the importance of being proud of the things that set us apart.



Education
Bestseller

Lynda Mullaly Hunt is the author of *New York Times* bestseller *Fish in a Tree*, *Bank Street Best Book One for the Murphys*, and Indie Bestseller *Shouting at the Rain*. A former teacher, she lives in Massachusetts.



9781761354991
20th May 2025
Hardback | 32pp
RRP: \$24.99

Picture Books

You Are a Wildlife Warrior!

Bindi Irwin, illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki



World-renowned conservationist Bindi Irwin has a message for animal-loving kids: you can help protect the planet and all who call it home! Featuring exclusive Irwin family photos and animal fun facts.

Calling all Wildlife Warriors! Step inside the Australia Zoo and see what nature has to offer. There are lemurs and rhinos, kangaroos, and--of course--crocodiles.

On your tour, learn about these amazing animals and their habitats. Observe how they live and grow and all the ways we can protect them. Get inspired to take part in nurturing your own environment and all that inhabit it. Most importantly, discover the Wildlife Warrior within!

From the daughter of Steve Irwin, The Crocodile Hunter, comes an illustrated picture book urging readers to walk on the wild side and uncover their inner conservationists.



Bindi Irwin is a passionate wildlife conservationist who has inherited her parents' love for wildlife and wild places. Born to Wildlife Warriors Steve and Terri Irwin, Bindi is a determined soul, destined to make a positive difference on the planet. She, her husband Chandler, and their young daughter, Grace, live in Australia and dedicate their lives to helping animals and the environment.

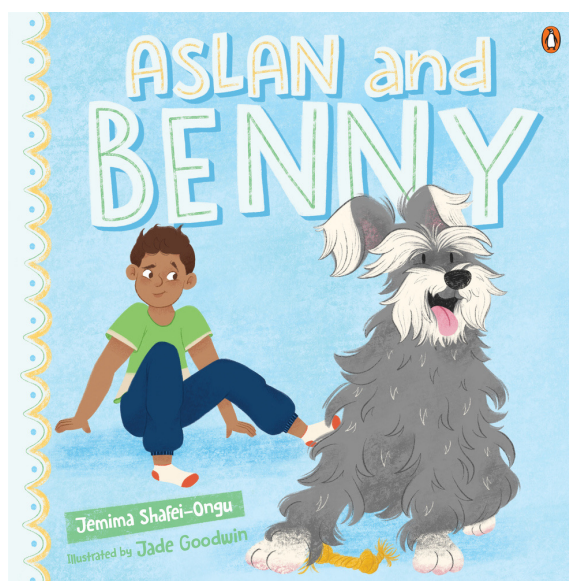


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4th February 2025
Hardback | 24pp
RRP: \$19.99

Picture Books

Aslan and Benny

Jemima Shafei-Ongu, illustrated by Jade Goodwin



Aslan is fearless! But when his cousins get a new dog, he doesn't feel so brave. A warm and relatable picture book for anyone who's ever felt stuck by their worries and needed help to do what matters most to them. With vivid and bright illustrations by First Nations artist Jade Goodwin, the acclaimed illustrator of Ash Barty's Little Ash series and picture book, *My Dream for You*.

Aslan has the heart and the name of a lion. He is fearless!

His favourite days are Sundays when the whole family gathers at his yenge's house for a barbecue and he can play with his cousins all day. But when they get a scary dog called Benny, it spoils everything. Will Aslan be able to manage his fears and play with his cousins again?

Jemima Shafei-Ongu is a Sydney-based writer committed to promoting inclusion and representation in children's literature. Combining a professional background in psychology and teaching, Jemima explores themes of belonging, connection and wellbeing. Jemima resides on unceded Dharug land with her husband, their mini schnauzer and their three daughters.



Jade Goodwin is a First Nations illustrator from Australia with curly brown hair and a big imagination. When she was a little girl, she loved spending time in her grandparents' screen-printing studio, creating all sorts of fun things with the studio supplies.



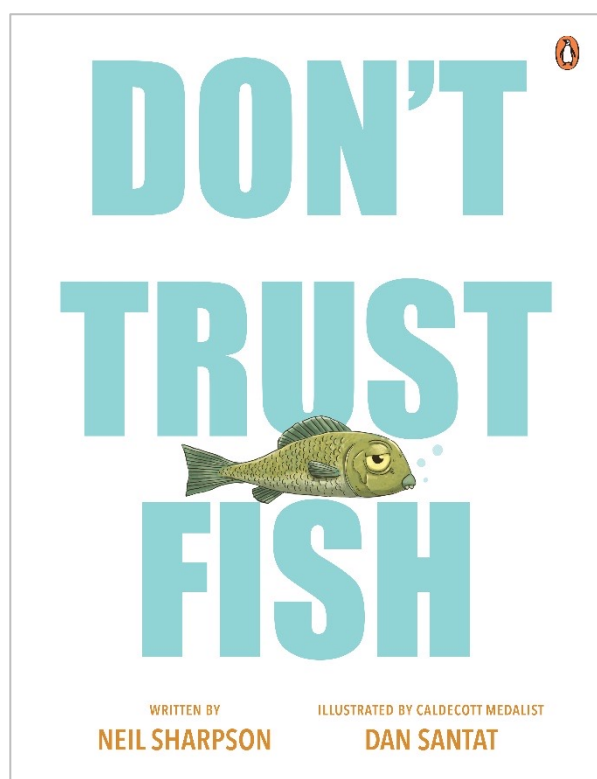
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Picture Books

Don't Trust Fish

Neil Sharpson, illustrated by Dan Santat



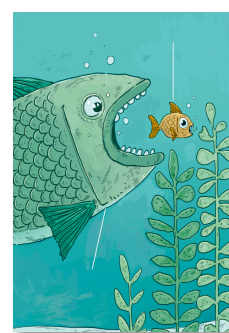
DON'T TRUST FISH! by debut picture book author Neil Sharpson and illustrated by National Book Award-winning creator Dan Santat, an absurdly laugh-out-loud picture book about the villainy of fish.

Why, dear reader, must you NEVER EVER trust fish?

- 1) They spend all their time in the water where we can't see them.
- 2) Some are as big as a bus—that is *not* okay.
- 3) We don't know what they're teaching in their "schools."
- 4) They are likely plotting our doom.

This nature-guide-gone-wrong is a hilarious, off-the-rails exploration of the seemingly innocent animals that live in the water.

Neil Sharpson lives in Dublin with his wife and their two children. Having written for theater since his teens, Neil transitioned to writing novels in 2017, adapting his play *The Caspian Sea* into *When The Sparrow Falls*. A huge fan of animation, Neil writes *Unshaved Mouse*, a comedic review blog mostly focusing on animated film and comic book movies.



Dan Santat is a *New York Times* best-selling author and illustrator. His picture book, *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, won the 2015 Caldecott Medal for distinguished illustration. He also wrote *The Guild of Geniuses* and created the Disney Channel animated series *The Replacements*. He lives in Southern California with his wife, two children and various pets.



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8th April 2025
Hardback | 40pp
RRP: \$19.99

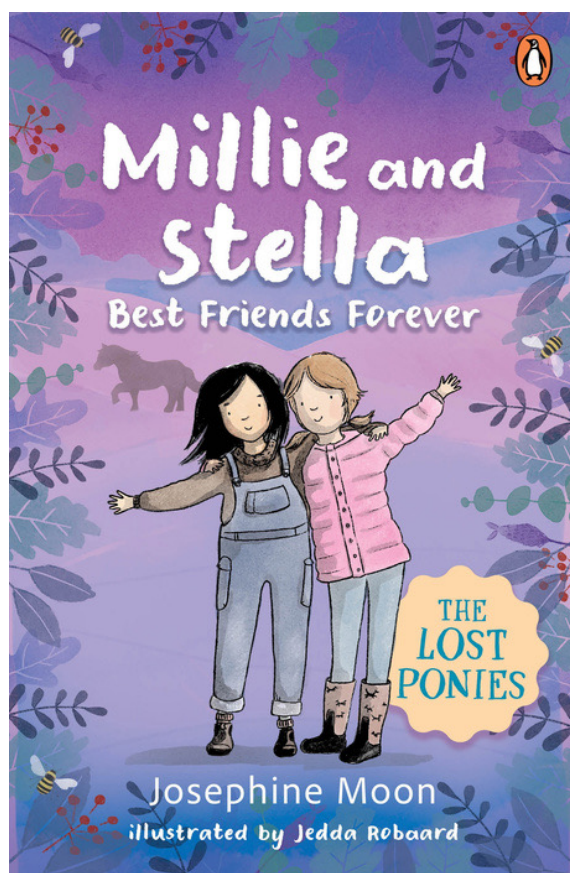
Picture Books

Children's Fiction



The Lost Ponies: Millie and Stella Best Friends Forever #1

Josephine Moon & Jedda Robaard



Join best friends Millie and Stella for a week of friendship, adventure and a little bit of mystery . . .

The first book in an uplifting and inclusive series that celebrates friendship, family, neurodiversity, creativity and a love of animals and books. By the bestselling author of *The Tea Chest* and *The Wonderful Thing About Phoenix Rose*.

Millie and Stella's very favourite thing is riding their ponies together. But gates are being left open in their paddock, and Millie and Stella are being blamed! Can the girls figure out who is behind the mischief before their beloved ponies are put in danger?

Josephine Moon was born and raised in Brisbane and had a false start in Environmental Science before completing a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and then a postgraduate degree in education. Twelve years and ten manuscripts later, her first novel *The Tea Chest* was picked up for publication and then shortlisted for an ABIA award.



Jedda Robaard is an Australian author, illustrator and designer, based in Southern Tasmania, Australia. She is known internationally for her sweet and whimsical style of illustration.



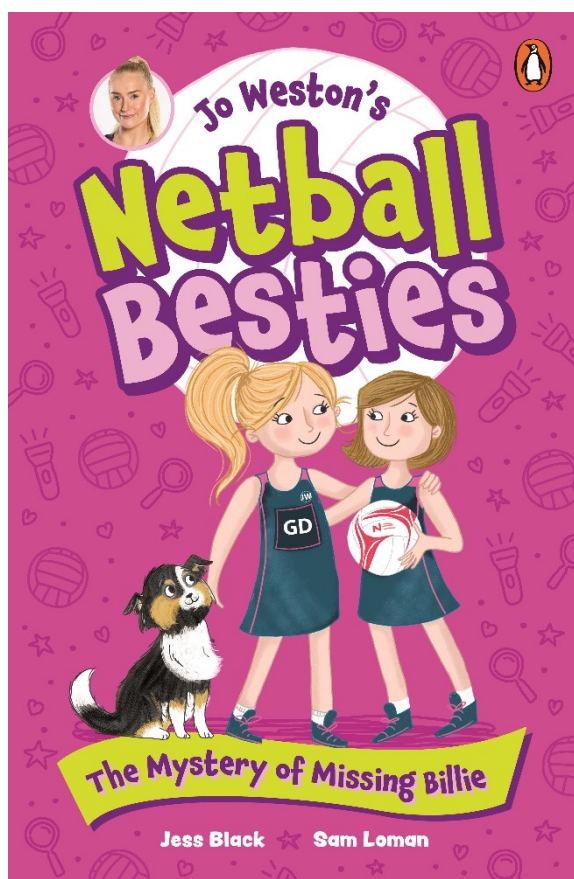
9781761346484
15th April 2025
Paperback | 224pp
RRP: \$16.99

Teachers'
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Children's
Fiction

Jo Weston's Netball Besties 1: The Mystery of Missing Billie

Jo Weston & Sam Loman



From Aussie netball star Jo Weston comes a fun new series about netball, adventure, mysteries and life with the world's cutest dog.

When a new family moves into the property next to the Weston farm, suddenly Jo and her beloved dog Billie have a new best friend and netball buddy, Ava.

But strange things are happening in Talma Valley...

Farm gates are left open, Jo's escape-artist cow Moo-dini is on the loose, mountain bikers are going missing – and then ... Billie disappears!

Jo and Ava will have to use all their wits to solve the mysteries.

Jo Weston grew up in Corowa, New South Wales. After moving to Melbourne, she joined the Waverley Netball Club where she found her love for netball. She is now one of Australia's best defenders and is a senior member of both the Melbourne Vixens and Australian Diamonds. Jo is also President of the Australia Netball Players' Association and sits on the Board of Melbourne University Sport.



9781761348525
8th April 2025
Paperback | 192pp
RRP: \$14.99

Children's
Fiction

Heist 1: The Great Chocolate Caper

Joel McKerrow



A hilarious middle-grade HEIST series that's out of this world.

Meet the Heist squad. AKA a motley crew of hot-headed misfits who HATE each other but LOVE chocolate. But then they discover a sinister chocolatey plot, right in the bowels of their high school, that will threaten the entire human race with utter annihilation. Can they put aside their differences to achieve the most audacious chocolate heist EVER and save the world?



Heist #2
out August
2025

Joel McKerrow is an award-winning writer, keynote speaker, creativity specialist, children's author, educator and, having performed for hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world, is one of Australia's most successful performance poets. Joel is currently the Director of The School for Creative Development and works extensively with students, writers and creatives of all types to help them develop their creative practice.



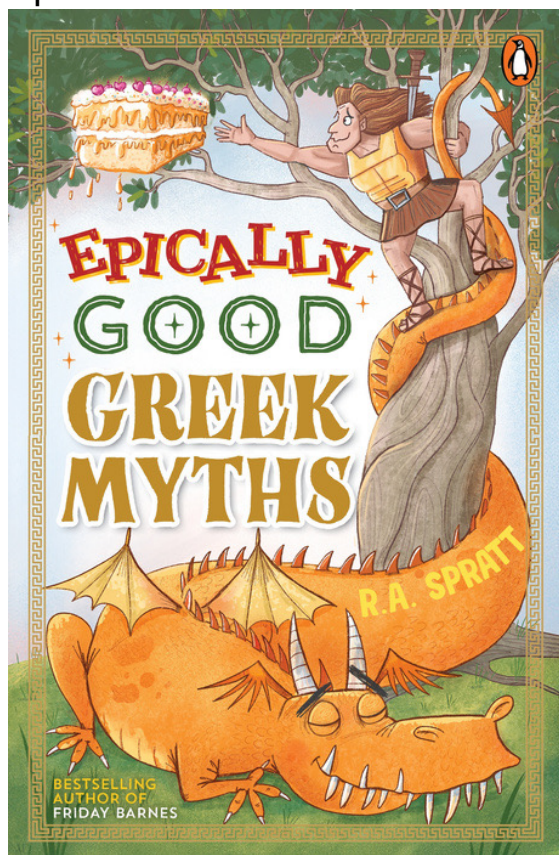
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1st April 2025
Paperback | 304pp
RRP: \$17.99

Children's
Fiction

Epically Good Greek Myths

R.A.

Spratt



From bestselling author R.A. Spratt comes this savagely silly collection of Greek myths told for the next generation.

Featuring sword-happy heroes, badly behaved Gods, a monstrous minotaur, a narcoleptic dragon and more nymphs than you can poke a stick at!

Master storyteller R.A. Spratt weaves her comedic magic through this captivating collection of epic tales, perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, David Walliams and Paul Jennings.

The indomitable Nanny Piggins casts aside classical accounts to reveal what really happened all those years ago on Mount Olympus, and it involves way more cake than you would imagine. This book is perfect for bedtime, long bus rides or when you're stranded on the international space station and the internet goes down.

Bestselling
author

R.A. Spratt was born in the UK and lived in Dursley – a town immortalised by Harry Potter's deeply unpleasant relatives – until she was two years old. Then, like many ambitious English people cursed with regional accents so strong no other British person can take them seriously, her family moved to Australia. Now based in Bowral NSW, she's the bestselling writer of dozens of absurd and witty books.



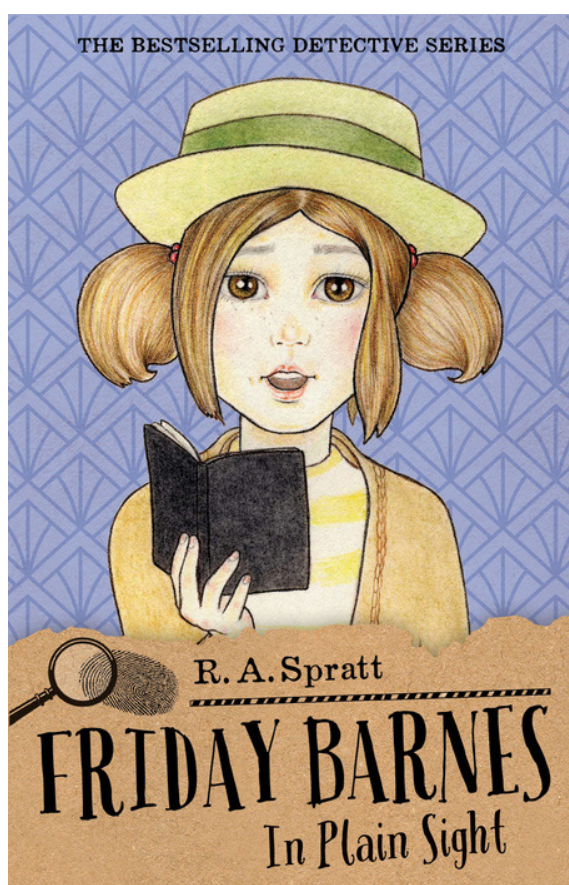
9781761349751
4th March 2025
Paperback | 256pp
RRP: \$16.99

Children's
Fiction

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10+

Friday Barnes 13: In Plain Sight

R.A. Spratt



Friday Barnes hits New York City in this latest instalment of the bestselling detective series.

When Princess Ingrid is kidnapped, along with her fiancé, Binky Pelly, it's all over the international news. The King of Norway is distraught. The people of Norway are bewildered. And Ingrid's bodyguard is fired. So, he calls on his least favourite Interpol agent for help – Friday Barnes.

The trail soon leads them to New York City, where finding a princess is harder than finding a tiara in a haystack. Can Friday unravel the mystery of the disappearing lovebirds? And when a Manhattan rockstar's book of handwritten lyrics goes missing, it's up to Friday to restore this priceless artefact to its rightful home.



9781761349713
10th June 2025
Paperback | 256pp
RRP: \$16.99

Children's
Fiction

FOR AGES
10+

The Girl and the Ghost

Jaqueline Harvey



A French village, new friends, fabulous food, a local mystery to be solved and . . . a ghost.

When almost-thirteen-year-old Josephine Eloise Thomas moves from Sydney to a chateau in the southwest of France, she expects many things – adventures, inspiration for the stories she loves to write and maybe finding out more about her French mother, who tragically died when she was a toddler. What she doesn't expect is to find a beautiful gold locket with the ghost of Louis XVII trapped inside!

After being accidentally released into the twenty-first century, the young prince proves to be annoying, strange and obviously from another time. He also believes that Josephine is not who she says she is.

Then, there's Gabriel. The grandson of the local baker – French, beautiful, an artist and definitely not a ghost.

From the
bestselling
author of the
Alice-Miranda
series

Jacqueline Harvey worked in schools for many years but has had a passion for storytelling since she was a child. She is the author of the popular Alice-Miranda, Clementine Rose, Kensy and Max and Willa and Woof series, which have sold almost two million copies in Australia alone. Jacqueline speaks to thousands of young people at schools and festivals around the world and says the characters in her books are often made up of the best bits of children she's met over the years.



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29th April 2025
Paperback | 352pp
RRP: \$16.99

Teachers'
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Children's
Fiction

Young Adult



Starlight

Solli Raphael



Tell the world who you are.

An exploration of identity and belonging from award-winning poet Solli Raphael.

Following on from the success of *Limelight* and *Spotlight*, this new book from award-winning poet Solli Raphael, hopes to ignite a conversation around identity and belonging for young people. It covers topics from Australia's identity to the influence of social media, as well as Solli's experience of self-discovery and gaining a handle on the idea of belonging.

Packed with ideas, tips and plenty of activities for kids and teens, Solli encourages readers to find their voice and reflect on their own individuality. The book also contains 35 new poems from Solli exploring these topics.

Solli Raphael was titled the youngest ever winner of the Australian Poetry Slam held at the Sydney Opera House at just 12 years of age. He then rose to fame after his winning performance was viewed online over four million times in 24 hours. Now a young adult, Solli is a globally renowned poet, environmental activist and humanitarian who works closely as an ambassador for four charities and organisations.

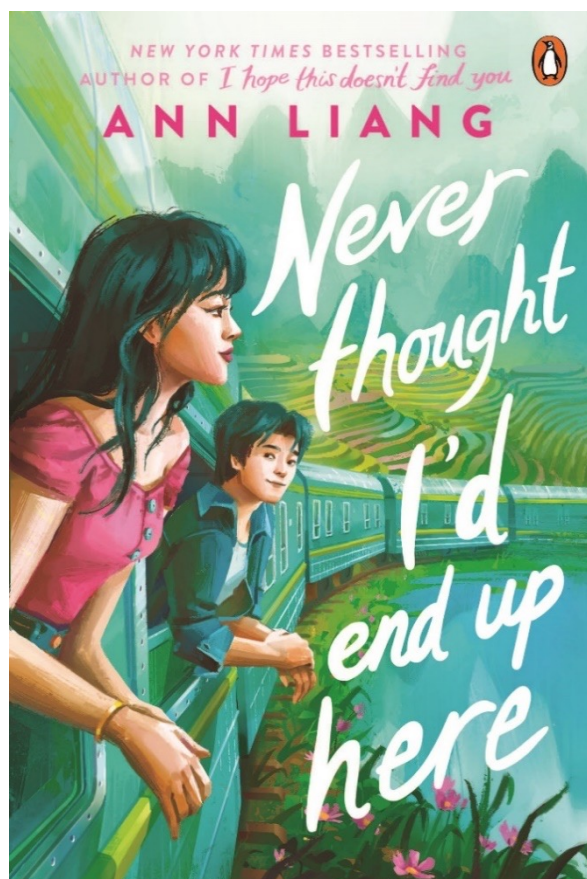


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Paperback | 224pp
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Young Adult

Never Thought I'd End Up Here

Ann Liang

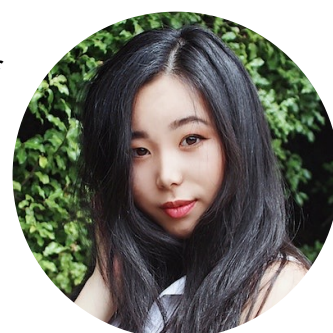


Another gorgeous YA rom-com from Chinese Australian author Ann Liang.

Leah Zhang has spent her whole life in LA — it's all she's ever known. But after accidentally wishing her cousin ill health and a very depressing marriage at her wedding, her parents stage an intervention. She's forgotten most of her Mandarin, has zero regard for etiquette, and can't hold a conversation with her own grandparents for longer than a minute. Their solution? Send her on an intensive two-week travel program across China's most beautiful cities.

But before Leah can even begin to enjoy the luxurious hotels, stunning scenery, and mouth-watering cuisine, she finds that also on the trip is her former classmate and least favourite person ever: cynical, sarcastic Cyrus, who's somehow only gotten more annoyingly handsome since they last saw each other.

Ann Liang is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and author of the critically acclaimed YA novels *This Time It's Real*, *If You Could See the Sun* and *I Hope This Doesn't Find You*. Born in Beijing, she grew up traveling back and forth between China and Australia, but somehow ended up with an American accent. When she isn't writing, she can be found making over-ambitious to-do lists, binge-watching dramas, and having profound conversations with her pet labradoodle about who's a good dog.

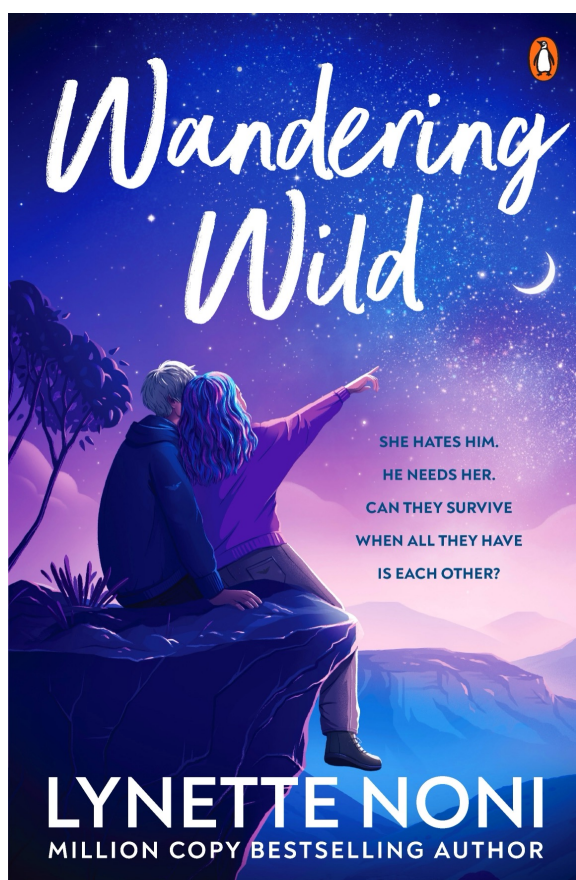


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27th May 2025
Paperback | 320pp
RRP: \$19.99

Young Adult

Wandering Wild

Lynette Noni



Lynette Noni delivers a swoony YA romance perfect for readers wanting a high stakes lost-in-the-wilderness adventure brimming with tension-filled romance.

Zander Rune was the darling of Hollywood until he fell from glory and was labelled a problematic bad boy. His public image needs fixing—fast—or he'll lose the role of a lifetime, and all his dreams with it.

Charlie Hart is a regular teenage girl who despises everything Zander represents. But thanks to her scheming best friend and an ill-timed social media competition, Charlie finds herself pretending to be Zander's biggest fan on a four-day reality TV adventure led by renowned survivalist Rykon Hawke.

When their trip goes horribly wrong, Charlie and Zander are left stranded in the wilderness. No Rykon, no film crew, no rescue. The only way they'll survive is if they trust each other. But in order to do so, both will have to let go of the ghosts of their pasts, and just maybe find themselves—and one another—in the process.

Australian author **Lynette Noni** studied journalism, academic writing, and human behaviour at university before venturing into the world of fiction. She is the #1 bestselling and award-winning author of *The Prison Healer* series, *The Medoran Chronicles*, and the *Whisper* duology. To date, her books have sold more than one million copies in over 20 countries across the globe.



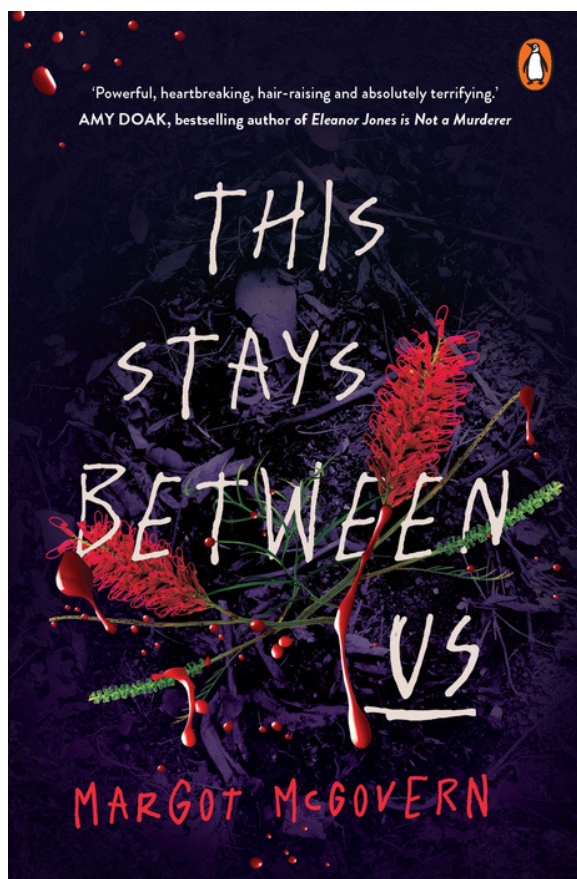
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29th April 2025
Trade Paperback | 384pp
RRP: \$27.99

Young Adult

FOR AGES
15+

This Stays Between Us

Margot McGovern



Margot McGovern's love letter to 90s horror films will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Four girls share a cabin in an abandoned town where the ghost of Smiling Jack haunts isolated campers.

Shelley is the new girl with her own haunted past. Mack made things awkward by kissing her best friend. Priya thinks she's ready to take the next step with her boyfriend. Raffi has a flair for drama, and convinces them all to hold a seance.

But when you call on the darkness, sometimes the darkness replies . . .

Margot McGovern lives in Adelaide and has a creative writing PhD from Flinders University. Her debut novel, *Neverland*, was shortlisted for the Text Prize and the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature, and her short horror fiction has appeared in issues of *The Dark* and the Aurealis-Award-shortlisted anthology *Hometown Haunts: #LoveOzYA Horror Tales*.



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4th March 2025
Paperback | 336pp
RRP: \$19.99

Young Adult

Cruel is the Light

Sophie Clark



Perfect for fans of *Powerless*, *Fourth Wing* and *Divine Rivals*.

A brutal war between demons and humanity has raged across Europe for over a century.

At its heart are two elite soldiers: SELENE ALLEVA, a powerful exorcist trained at the prestigious Vatican Academy, and foot soldier, JULES LACROIX, unrivalled in battle.

When their paths cross, despite initial distrust – then unwelcome attraction – Jules and Selene discover a terrible secret at the heart of the holy Vatican City . . .

Soon Jules is forced to question everything he's ever known – including himself. And Selene, unable to ignore her growing feelings for Jules, must make an impossible choice between love and duty.

Sophie Clark is a graduate of Pitch Wars class of 2021 and was mentored by Emily Thiede and Lauren Blackwood while working on *Cruel is The Light*. Her agent fought off five others to represent her. Sophie has a Masters degree in International Relations from the University of Melbourne, and previously worked for the Australian Senate. She now resides in Tasmania, Australia, with a beautiful black and white Border Collie called Indy.



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Young Adult

Graphic Novels



Detective Beans: Adventures in Cat Town

Li Chen



Detective Beans is back to solve all the mysteries that you need solved, and even the ones you don't need solved. He's that good.

In between playing Scrabble, having sleepovers and trips to the beach, there's always time for crime solving. Whether it's who ate Mum's donuts, who has lost their handbag in the park, which pigeon stole King Chip, or even a burgled diamond ring, Beans is ready for anything. He's so ready that he's even starting a detective school – if he can find any students . . .



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Li Chen was born in Beijing, China, and moved to New Zealand when she was five (with her parents, not as a solo child explorer, I don't think that's allowed). She's always loved drawing and has been working as a full-time comic artist since 2012. *Detective Beans and the Case of the Missing Hat* is her first graphic novel. When she's not drawing, Li likes to hang out with her cats or go on really long walks. Oh, and she drinks a LOT of tea.

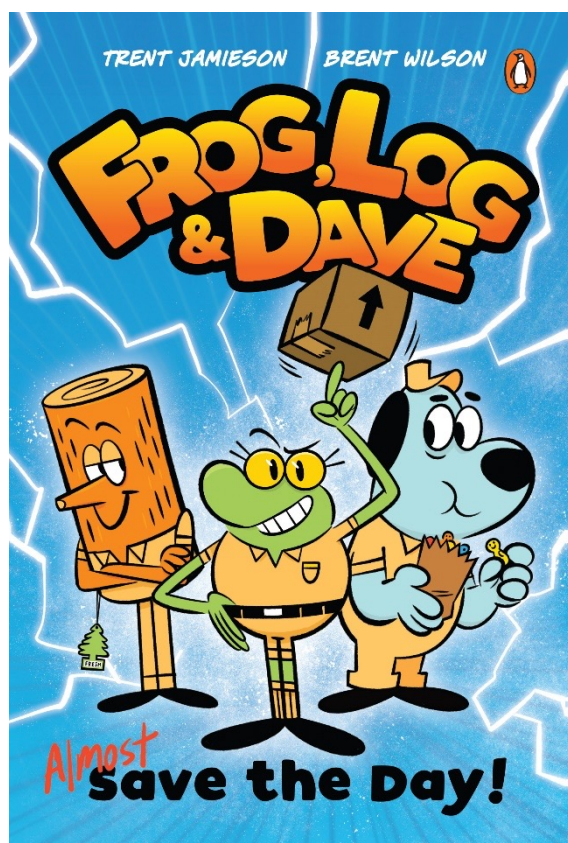


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Graphic
Novels

Frog, Log and Dave Almost Save the Day

Brent Wilson & Trent Jamieson



Dive into the hilarious, action-packed world of Frog, Log, and Dave in this must-read graphic novel adventure!

Join Frog, Log and Dave as they bumble and hustle their way through Count Evil von Evil's dastardly plot to wreak havoc on Town City. With quick wit and a generous supply of jelly babies, can they convince the evil Count's pollutobomb creation to NOT explode and save the day? Find out in this uproarious tale that will have kids rallying behind Frog, Log, and Dave every step of the way.

Trent Jamieson is a multi-award-winning novelist, short-story writer and author of children's picture book *The Giant and the Sea*, illustrated by Rovina Cai, which won the 2021 Environment Award for Children's Literature Picture Fiction, as well as many adult books. His children's book *Mr Impoppable* was also illustrated by Brent Wilson.



Brent Wilson is a Brisbane-based creator, who grew up on a healthy diet of cartoons, comics and corner-store lolly bags. His quirky illustrations regularly pop up here, there and — most importantly — in fun and funny books for kids!



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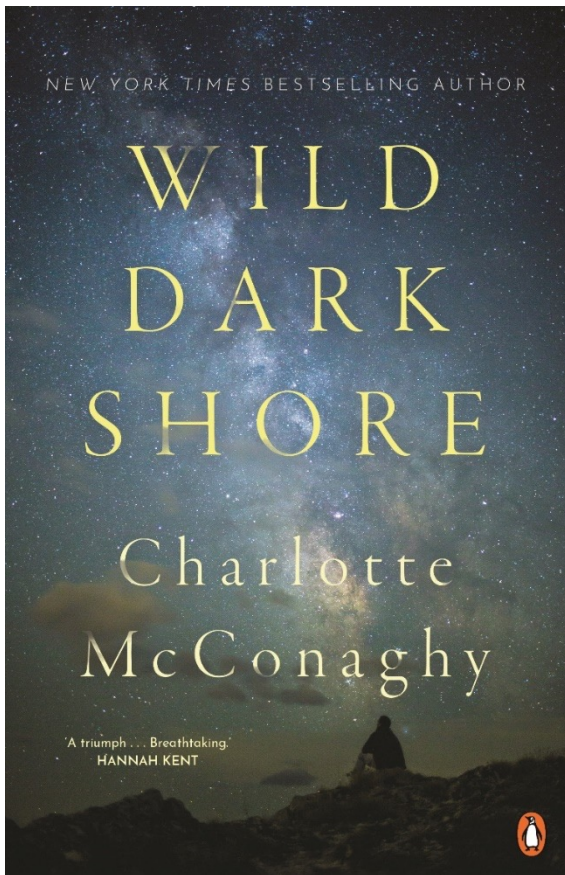
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Adult



Wild Dark Shore

Charlotte McConagh



From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Migrations* and *Once There Were Wolves*, a novel about a family living alone on a remote island, when a mysterious woman washes up on shore.

‘At once a gripping mystery, an exquisitely written ode to the natural world, and a taut, psychological thriller, *Wild Dark Shore* is a triumph. Charlotte McConagh is masterful in her ability to show the intricate connections between place and the human heart, and *Wild Dark Shore* shows her at the height of her powers. Breathtaking.’ HANNAH KENT

A novel of heartstopping twists, dizzying beauty and ferocious love, *Wild Dark Shore* is a story about the impossible choices we make to protect the people we love, even as the world around us is ending.

Charlotte McConagh is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Once There Were Wolves*, winner of the Indie Book Award for Fiction 2022, which is currently being developed for television; and the international bestseller *Migrations*, a *TIME* Magazine Best Book of the Year. She has both a Graduate Degree in Screenwriting and a Masters Degree in Screen Arts, and lives in Sydney with her partner and two children.



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Adult

Half Truth

Nadia Mahjouri



A daughter searches for her father; a mother for her son. From isolated Tasmania to vibrant Morocco, two women seek the truth about what happened to the same man.

Khadija is packing up her home of fifty years. In her box of special things are the last reminders she has of her son, Ahmed, missing for more than twenty years. Her belongings take her back to her village childhood, her marriage and move to Marrakech.

In Tasmania, Zahra is in the throes of new motherhood and desperate for answers about her own identity. She decides to take her baby to Morocco and search for the father she has never known. There she finds an extensive loving family and a culture ready to embrace her, but no father.

Zahra and Khadija's stories collide – giving Khadija the power to move on, and Zahra the courage to embrace her identity as a mother and a mixed-race woman, ready to create a fulfilling life for her son and herself.

Nadia Mahjouri is a Moroccan Australian writer, counsellor, and group facilitator specialising in maternal mental health. Her professional background is in health policy, governance and academia, where her research focused on ethics and feminist philosophy. *Half Truth* is her debut novel.

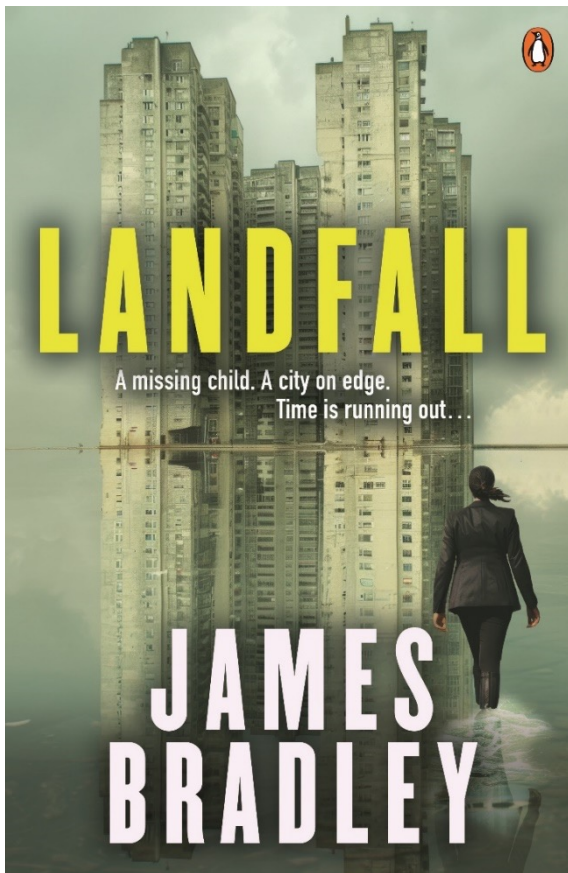


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Adult

Landfall

James Bradley



In an already swamped city, a disastrous weather system looms, making the search to find a missing child urgent.

The world is in the grip of climate catastrophe. Sydney has been transformed by rising sea levels, soaring temperatures and rocketing social divide and unrest.

When a small girl on the margins goes missing, Senior Detective Sadiya Azad is assigned to find her. She knows exactly what it is to be displaced, and swallowed by the landscape. A murder at the site of the child's disappearance suggests a connection and web of corruption, but fear keeps eyes turned and mouths closed.

With few leads to go on and only days until a deadly storm strikes the city, Sadiya and offsider Detective Sergeant Paul Findlay find themselves locked in a race against time.

James Bradley is a writer and critic. His books include the novels *Wrack*, *The Deep Field*, *Clade* and *Ghost Species*, a book of poetry, *Paper Nautilus*, and a work of non-fiction, *Deep Water*. His essays and articles have appeared in *The Monthly*, *The Guardian*, *Sydney Review of Books*, *Griffith Review*, *Meanjin*, the *Weekend Australian* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*. He lives in Sydney.



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Adult

The Book of Guilt

Catherine Chidgey



A creepy, compelling novel that takes place in a version of our world where some lives are valued less than others. It will shock you with each new revelation.

England, 1979. Vincent, Lawrence and William are the last remaining residents of a secluded New Forest home, part of the government's Sycamore Scheme. Every day, the triplets do their chores, play their games and take their medicine, under the watchful eyes of three mothers: Mother Morning, Mother Afternoon and Mother Night.

All the boys want is to be sent to the Big House in Margate, where they imagine a life of sun, sea and fairground rides. But, as the government looks to shut down the Sycamore Homes, the triplets begin to question everything they have been told.

Gradually surrendering its dark secrets, *The Book of Guilt* is a profoundly unnerving exploration of belonging in a world where some lives are valued less than others.

Catherine Chidgey is a multiple award-winner whose novels have achieved international acclaim. She lectures in Creative Writing at the University of Waikato.

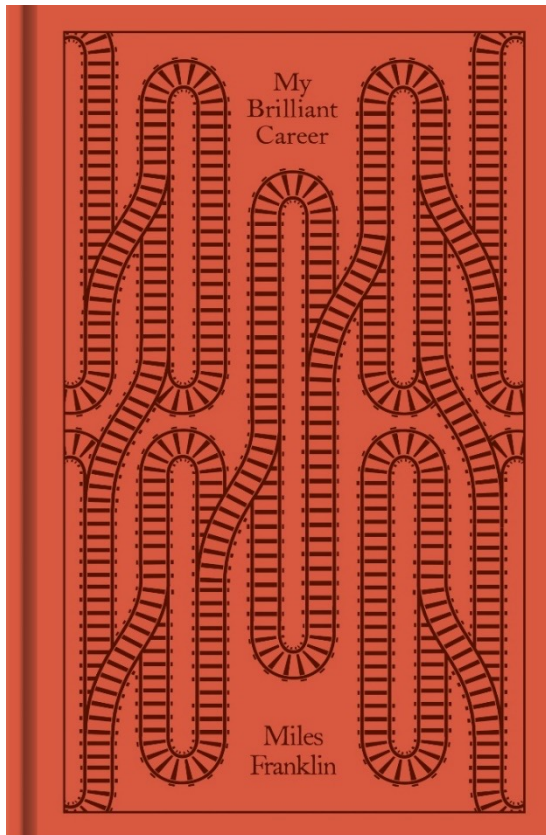


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Adult

My Brilliant Career

Miles Franklin



The beloved Australian classic, published in a stunning Penguin Clothbound Classics edition for the first time

Miles Franklin's debut novel follows the vivacious and rebellious sixteen-year-old Sybylla Melvyn – closely modelled on Franklin herself – as she fights to break free of restrictive bush life. Growing up on her parents' outback farm, Sybylla is desperate to read, write, sing and achieve great things. Yet her aspirations for a 'brilliant career' are persistently thwarted, first by the arduous demands of rural family life, and later by the shackles of a proposed conventional marriage to the wealthy Harold Beecham. With only her brilliant, conflicted mind to guide her, Sybylla is forced to define a life on her own terms.

My Brilliant Career is acclaimed for capturing the spirit of Australia at the turn of the twentieth century. The struggles of its fiery, precocious protagonist shine a light on the emergent women's rights and suffrage movement during this period, and memorably evoke the intensity of youth.

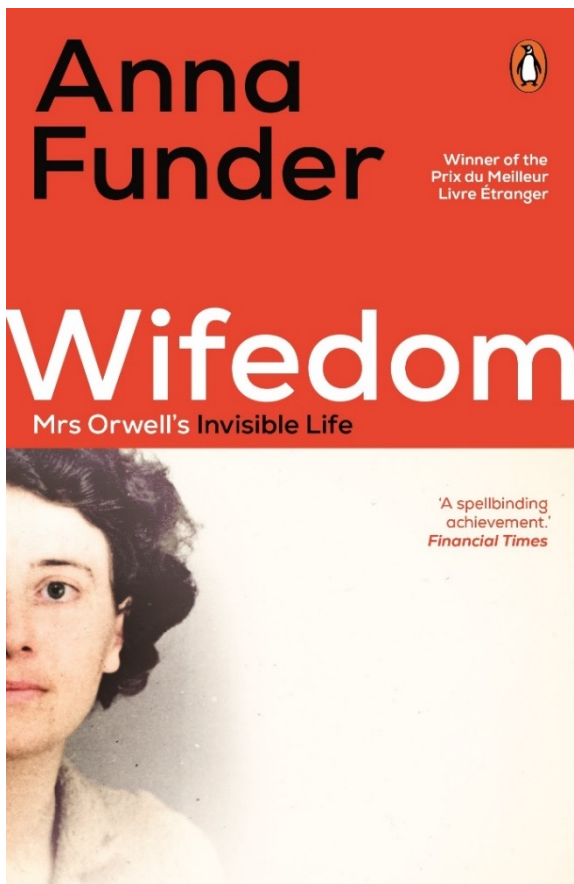


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Adult

Wifedom

Anna Funder



A blazing, genre-bending masterpiece from one of the most inventive writers of our time.

'Simply, a masterpiece. Here, Anna Funder not only re-makes the art of biography, she resurrects a woman in full. And this in a narrative that grips the reader and unfolds through some of the most consequential moments - historical and cultural - of the twentieth century.' GERALDINE BROOKS

Looking for wonder and some reprieve from the everyday, Anna Funder slips into the pages of her hero George Orwell. As she watches him create his writing self, she tries to remember her own...

When she uncovers his forgotten wife, it's a revelation. Eileen O'Shaughnessy's literary brilliance shaped Orwell's work and her practical nous saved his life. But why – and how – was she written out of the story?

Anna Funder is the author of *Stasiland*, *All That I Am* and *Wifedom* – each book an international bestseller, published in many countries – and the novella *The Girl with the Dogs*. Her books have won multiple literary awards, including the UK's premier award for non-fiction, the Samuel Johnson Prize, for *Stasiland*; Australia's most prestigious, the Miles Franklin, for her novel *All That I Am*; and the renowned French prize the Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger, for *Wifedom*.

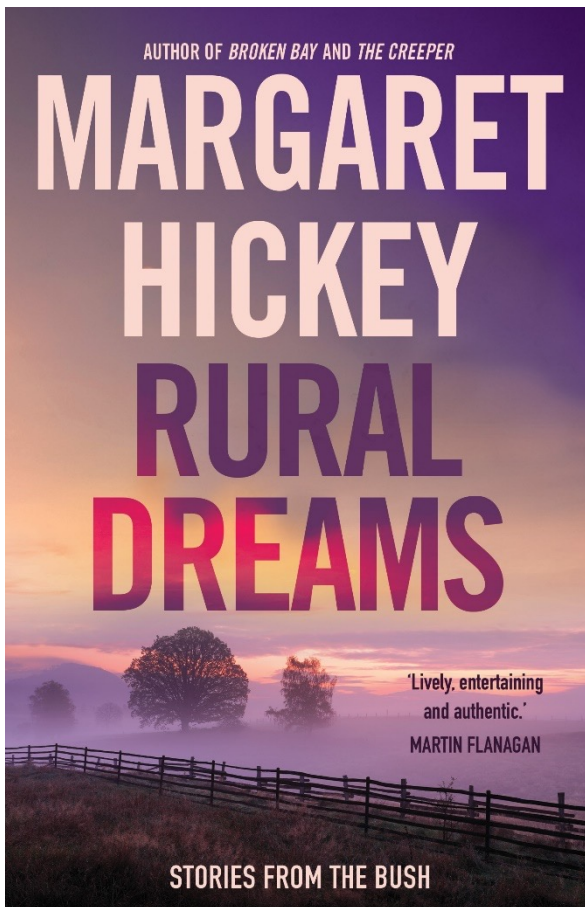


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Adult

Rural Dreams: Stories From The Bush

Margaret Hickey



From award-winning crime writer Margaret Hickey comes a collection of captivating short stories celebrating the Australian countryside.

Margaret Hickey's *Rural Dreams* takes a look at life outside the big smoke, featuring the kind of characters you might expect in the country – as well as some you might not.

A football coach ponders obsession . . . a mouse plague dictates school yard politics . . . a failed playwright asks 'who gets the farm?' . . . and a young woman returns to her fire-ravaged town.

People we know. People we grew up with. Some of them might even be us . . .

Funny, heartbreaking and true, *Rural Dreams* highlights the richness of life on the land and showcases the beauty of lives lived outside city walls.

Margaret Hickey is an award-winning author and playwright from North East Victoria. She has a PhD in Creative Writing and is deeply interested in rural lives and communities. She is the author of the bestsellers *Cutters End*, *Stone Town*, *Broken Bay* and *The Creeper*.

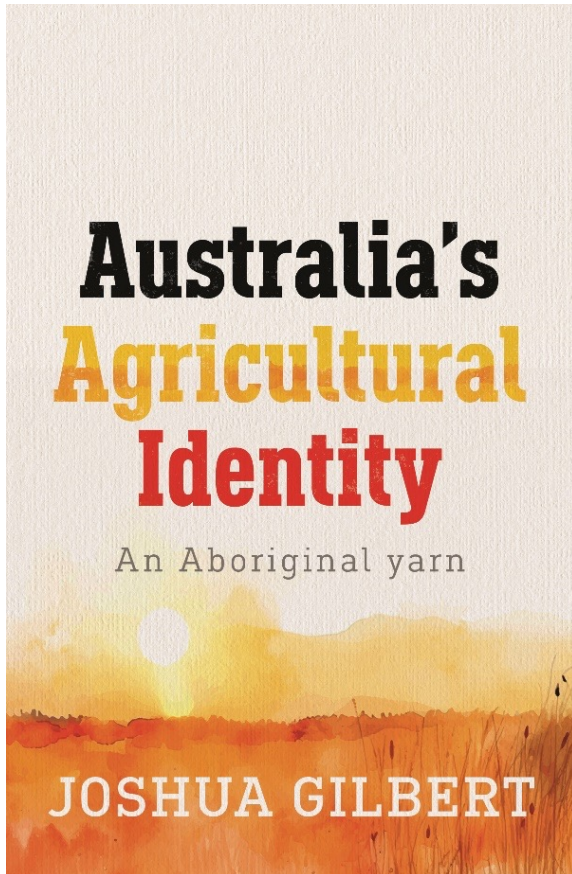


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Adult

Australia's Agricultural Identity – an Aboriginal Yarn

Joshua Gilbert



Putting culture back in Agriculture, a young, entrepreneurial Worimi man leaps into the discussion of agriculture on this land on which we live, its past, but more importantly, its future.

Joshua Gilbert's *Australia's Agricultural Identity* is a groundbreaking book that explores a new approach to Indigenous culture and farming, combining ancient knowledge and practices with new technology and insights.

A brilliant and informative guide on how we can create a truly Australian agricultural yarn that we build together.

Joshua Gilbert is a socially and commercially focused Worimi man with extensive experience across Indigenous affairs, the environmental sector and sustainable agriculture. Josh's work creates change through sharing the narration of Indigenous identity through agricultural and environmental truth-telling in light of modern contexts. Josh is undertaking a PhD at Charles Sturt University, focused on the concept of Indigenous modernity through agriculture.



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Adult

A Different Kind of Power

Jacinda Ardern



From the former prime minister of New Zealand, then the world's youngest female head of government and just the second to give birth in office, comes a deeply personal memoir chronicling her extraordinary rise and offering inspiration to a new generation of leaders.

What if we could redefine leadership? What if kindness came first? Jacinda Ardern grew up the daughter of a police officer, a Mormon girl plagued by self-doubt. But as prime minister she commanded worldwide respect for her empathetic leadership, made political history, and changed our assumptions about what a global leader can be.

Jacinda Ardern is a model for anyone who has ever doubted themselves or has aspired to lead with compassion, conviction, and courage. *A Different Kind of Power* is more than a political memoir; it's an insight into how it feels to lead, ultimately asking: What if you, too, are capable of more than you ever imagined?

Jacinda Ardern was elected prime minister of New Zealand in 2017 at the age of thirty-seven and became the country's youngest prime minister in more than 150 years. In 2018, she gave birth to her daughter, Neve, and became the first leader of a country in thirty years to give birth while in office. In 2023, she was awarded the accolade Dame Grand Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. She now spends her time writing, speaking, learning, and being a mum.



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