

Children's
Catalogue 2021



adventure awaits

Picture Books, Junior Fiction,
Older Readers, Teens & YA and much more

Adventure Awaits!

As independent booksellers, and book lovers ourselves, we love putting books into the hands of young readers. Spark a child's imagination, let them journey to another world, or feed a curious child's mind.

On the following pages, you'll find some amazing books for all ages – from picture books to first readers and junior fiction, to novels for teens and young adults.

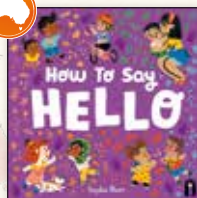
Our gorgeous cover illustration comes from *Mina and the Whole Wide World* by Sherryl Clark with art by Briony Stewart (page 10), a story about finding friendship where you least expect it.

Happy Reading!

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Lovely



How to Say Hello

Sophie Beer

Board Book RRP \$16.99

Don't feel like hugging today? No worries! We can say hello with a smile, a wave or even a high five! Inclusive,

vibrant and uplifting, *How to Say Hello* supports children in establishing boundaries as they navigate relationships. **Age: 3+**



Ella Farmoodle

Jill Noble

Hardback RRP \$25.99

7 July release,
advance orders welcome

If you live in the city you might see oodles of poodles, Labradoodles,

Spoodles, Cavoodles, Grooodles... all kinds of Poodles. If you go for a trip to the countryside, you might be lucky enough to meet Ella Farmoodle... a very smart poodle, with her very own farm! **Age: 2+**

WIN A SET OF BERBAY PICTURE BOOKS

To celebrate the release of *Ella Farmoodle*, you have a chance to WIN a set of Berbay picture books. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



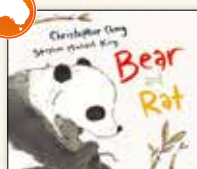
Australian Backyard Birdies

Andy Geppert

Hardback RRP \$19.99

28 July release,
advance orders welcome

A handy first field guide packed full of fascinating facts (some of them are even true) about Australia's most common backyard birds. **Age: 0+**



Bear and Rat

Christopher Cheng & Stephen Michael King

Hardback RRP \$24.99

A powerful and uplifting story about loving friendship, even through

the hardest of times. Bear and Rat are the best of friends who do everything together; but Rat wonders if Bear will always be there to hold her hand, no matter what happens. **Age: 0+**

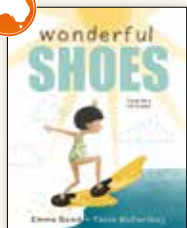


Australian author



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Picture Books



Wonderful Shoes

Emma Bowd &
Tania McCartney (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$25.99

Wonderful Shoes is a joyful celebration of everyday play, through the eyes of our tiniest humans! Delightful verse and

vibrant illustrations shine a light on the timeless tip-tapping, click-clacking fun to be had when little feet find big shoes. **Age: 3+**



Babies at the Billabong

Maura Finn
and Cate James

Hardback RRP \$24.99

31 August release,
advance orders welcome

Echidna puggles drumming, Cockatoo chicks eating cake, Green

tree froglets tap dancing ... What else might you see on a trip to the billabong? But wait - what happens when it gets dark?! **Age: 2+**



In Your Cozy Bed

Jo Witek

Board Book RRP \$14.99

20 July release,
advance orders welcome

From the team behind the bestselling book

In My Heart comes this soothing bedtime board book. Told from the point of view of a parent, a child is gently guided to get ready for bed, say goodnight to favourite toys, and finally settle into sleep. Featuring a die-cut front peek through cover.

Age: 0-3

WIN A SET OF JO WITEK PICTURE BOOKS

You have a chance to WIN a set of our favourite Jo Witek picture books, *In My Heart*, *Brave as Can Be*, *All My Treasures* and *My Tree and Me*. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Based on the hit ABC KIDS TV show!



Board Book
RRP \$16.99

Meet the Heelers! Learn all about the family, explore their home and discover the games they like to play in this fun shaped board book. **Age: 2+**



Hardback
RRP \$16.99

3 August release

It's Dad's turn to get Bluey and Bingo ready for bed. Will the daddy putdown go to plan? **Age: 0+**



Board Book
RRP \$14.99

31 August release

At Nana's house, Bluey and Bingo play a game of Charades. Can they stick to the rules? A lift-the-flap board book. **Age: 0+**



More Picture



Little One

Jane Godwin
& Gabriel Evans

Hardback RRP \$24.99

27 July release,
advance orders welcome

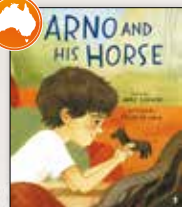
Pippi loves her special Little One: she's soft like mist and always warm, and she's there for Pippi through night and

day. Together, they sit at the window and wonder at the world. But one day, Little One goes missing. Pippi feels lost too, but perhaps she can learn to wonder at the world without Little One by her side ...

From a wonderful new pairing of Jane Godwin and Gabriel Evans comes a timeless story that reminds us nothing is ever truly lost. **Age: 3+**



ALSO FROM JANE GODWIN



Arno and His Horse

Jane Godwin
& Felicitia Sala (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

When Arno loses his precious toy horse, all the kids in town help him to look for it. They look everywhere, but will

Arno ever see his horse again? A touching story about memory, dreams, and the mysterious ways we feel connected to those we love. **Age: 4+**



Macca the Backpacker

Matt Cosgrove

Hardback RRP \$17.99

Macca the Alpaca dreams of exploring, so he packs his backpack and sets off on a mountain adventure.

But when things get tough, how will Macca make it to the top? **Age: 3+**



The Duck Who Didn't Like Water

Steve Small

Hardback RRP \$19.99

A wonderful, tender evocation of friendship and how its power can help you overcome your worst fears.

An endearing, gorgeously illustrated tale about a Duck who doesn't like water and a frog looking for a home. **Age: 3+**



Grumble Boats

Susannah McFarlane
& Tamsin Ainslie

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Emma is very grumpy. She doesn't want to be babysat. She wants to

go to the pirate party with her older brother, Tom. Harumph! Fortunately, Grandma knows exactly how to send Emma's bad mood away ...

A gorgeous reminder of the power of nature and grandmas to make us feel better. **Age: 3+**



Maxine

Bob Graham

Hardback RRP \$27.99

1 September release,
advance orders welcome

A companion title to Bob Graham's celebrated picture book Max, whose superhero family has just

got bigger! Max has a new baby sister – Maxine! Max is there for her first words, her first steps and ... her first flight! But as Maxine grows up and starts school, she doesn't feel like she quite fits in. **Age: 3+**

ALSO AVAILABLE!

Paperback RRP \$16.99



Books



A Pair of Pears and an Orange

Anna McGregor

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Big Pear and Little Pear love playing together. But when Orange joins in, their games don't work and Big Pear feels left out.

A relatable, hilarious, and kind-hearted tale about navigating friendship when three definitely starts to feel like a crowd! **Age: 5+**



Big Dog, Little Dog

Sally Rippin & Lucinda Gifford (Illus)

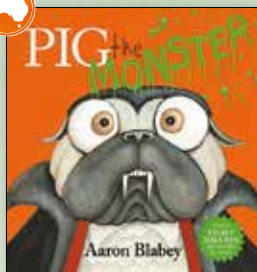
Hardback RRP \$24.99

1 September release, advance orders welcome

First there was just Big Dog. And then, one day, Little Dog

arrived... A beautiful and hilarious story about the ups and downs of welcoming a new family member.

Age: 3+



Pig the Monster

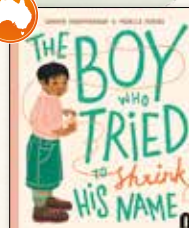
Aaron Blabey

Hardback RRP \$17.99

1 July release, advance orders welcome

Be very afraid... It's Halloween, and Pig is on a rampage for treats! But don't be stingy, because this greedy Pug has some terrible tricks up his sleeve... Another laugh-out-loud book from the number one New York Times best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.

Age: 3+



The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name

Sandhya Parappukkaran

Hardback RRP \$24.99

18 August release, advance orders welcome

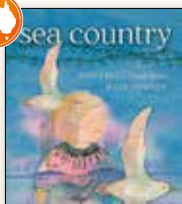
When Zimdalashkermishkada starts a new school, he

knows he's got to do something about his long name. When no amount of shrinking, folding or crumpling works, he simply settles for Zim – but deep down, it doesn't feel right. An uplifting story that encourages young readers to celebrate their individuality. **Age: 3+**

Magabala
books



INDIGENOUS STORIES



Auntie Patsy Cameron & Lisa Kennedy (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Auntie Patsy Cameron weaves a tender story of life on Flinder's Island. Beautifully accompanied by intricate collages and delicate illustrations by Lisa Kennedy.

Age: 0+



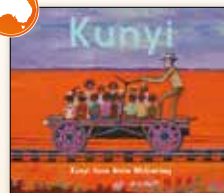
Sally Morgan & Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr

Hardback RRP \$24.99

1 August release, advance orders welcome

A beautifully illustrated celebration of the life of the river. *The River* takes the reader on a journey of what their eyes can see and their ears can hear.

Age: 3+



Kunyi June Anne McInerney

Hardback RRP \$27.99

Kunyi was just four years old when she and siblings were taken from their family. Her paintings and stories are a moving testament to the Stolen Generation and the Children's Home kids she called family. **Age: 9+**



Spotty Puppy: Meet Ella, Book 1; New Teacher: Meet Ella, Book 2

Rebecca McRitchie & Danielle McDonald (Illus)

Paperbacks RRP \$7.99 each

1 July release, advance orders welcome

New from the world of the bestselling *Ella and Olivia*! Meet Ella in her first years at school.

In *Spotty Puppy*, Ella finds a spotty puppy in the park. But who does it belong to? And what happens when it follows Ella home?

Then in *Meet the Teacher*, Miss King has gone on holiday. And Ella's new teacher just isn't the same. She doesn't smile or say good morning. And she calls Ella 'Bella!' **Age: 5+**



Cranky Chicken

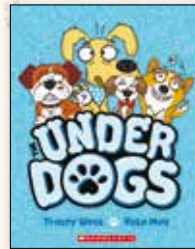
Katherine Battersby

Paperback RRP \$14.99

1 September release, advance orders welcome

What happens when a very cranky chicken meets a very cheerful worm? Perfect for newly independent readers, this is the first extremely

funny story in a charming illustrated series about an unlikely friendship that will warm your heart and make you laugh. **Age: 5+**



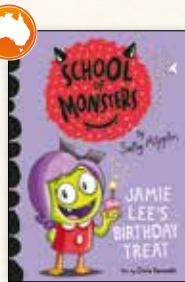
Underdogs: Ruff & Ready

Tracey West & Kyla May

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Welcome to Barksdale Academy, where the pressure is on for one pup to be named Best in Show. Nova, Duke, Harley, and Peanut have

never won Best in Show... which is okay with them! But can they work together to pass their Agility Exam or are they doomed to be Underdogs forever? **Age: 7+**



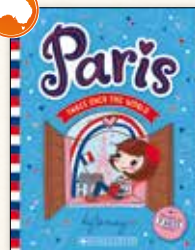
Jamie Lee's Birthday Treat

Sally Rippin & Chris Kennett (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$8.99

Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers! In *Jamie Lee's Birthday*

Treat, Jamie Lee has packed a special surprise for her birthday to share with the other monsters. But what happens when her birthday feast gets out of control? **Age: 4+**



Paris Takes Over the World

Kyla May & Zanni Louise

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Paris is 10 years old and is off to visit her favourite city, PARIS! While she is there, she meets a girl named Amélie who has lost her dog, Éclair. Can

Paris help Amélie trace her steps through the landmarks of the city to find the lost pup? **Age: 7+**

Fiction



An Unexpected Hero: Pow Pow Pig, Book 1

Anh Do &
Peter Cheong (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$15.99

3 August release,
advance orders welcome

Hi there! My name is Piccolo. Also known as Pow Pow Pig! I live in the year 2050, and THE

WORLD IS IN TROUBLE. Don't worry though, because me and my friends are on the case. An awesome new adventure from the mega-bestselling author of *Wolf Girl* and *Ninja Kid*. **Age: 7+**



Bella and the Voyaging House

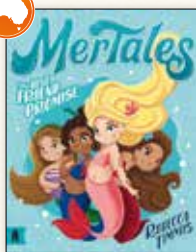
Meg McKinlay

Paperback RRP \$12.99

2 July release,
advance orders welcome

Bella's house likes to travel, setting sail across the ocean while everyone sleeps. Bella's parents don't mind as long

as the house is home by daylight. But sometimes things don't quite go according to plan ... **Age: 6+**



The Best Friend Promise: MerTales, Book 1

Rebecca Timmis

Paperback RRP \$14.99

2 July release,
advance orders welcome

It's time for a mermazing adventure in Cockleshell Cove! Today is Pearl's

ninth birthday, and she is planning a sea-sational day with her best friends. But when Pearl takes a shortcut on the way to merschool and sees a shooting star fall into the ocean, things begin to drift off course... **Age: 6+**



It's Owl Good: The Super Adventures of Ollie and Bea, Book 1;

Sneaks on Wheels: The Super Adventures of Ollie and Bea, Book 2

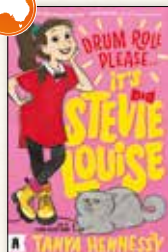
Renée Tremblé

Paperbacks RRP \$12.99 each

3 August release, advance orders welcome

Come with Ollie and Bea on a HARE-raising adventure! Ollie is an owl who wears glasses. And Bea is a bunny with very big feet. They don't know it yet, but they are about to be best friends.

Ollie and Bea, will delight young readers in this super sweet and funny full-colour graphic novel series that celebrates friendship and the differences that make us special. The perfect books for young readers who love to laugh. **Age: 4+**



Drum Roll Please, It's Stevie Louise

Tanya Hennessy &
Leigh Hedstrom (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Meet Stevie Louise. She is an entrepreneur (that's like a business person), an entertainer (obviously), and an extrovert on the inside

(wait, is this a thing?). Stevie has a brilliant plan. She's going to have fun, make money, and most importantly, make sure the Brooke Street kids stay best friends forever. **Age: 7+**



Flex Feathers: Real Pigeons, Book 7

Andrew McDonald
& Ben Wood

Paperback RRP \$14.99

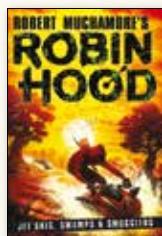
Ever wonder why pigeons
always act so weird?

It's because they're out
there chasing the bad

guys and saving your butts! The REAL PIGEONS use PIGEON POWERS to fight crime, solve mysteries and help creatures in the city. But when CONCRETE starts mysteriously MELTING in the city, a FEATHER-SNATCHER goes on a plucking-spree and an EVIL HAT has a plan to CLONE the Real Pigeons, our feathered heroes are going to need more than just PIGEON POWERS to save the day! No-one can protect a city like Rock, Frillback, Tumbler, Homey and Grandpouter. Crime-fighting has never been so COOL! **Age: 7+**

**Learn to draw the Real
Pigeons, write your
own story & more.**

Find activities here:



Jet Skis, Swamps & Smugglers: Robin Hood, Book 3

Robert Muchamore

Paperback RRP \$14.99

3 August release,
advance orders welcome

Robin and Marion are taking on
the authorities again. This time

there's a price on Robin's head, one that has attracted a gang of ruthless mercenaries who are determined to track him down. Robin is hiding out by the sea, but trouble has a way of finding him. **Age: 10+**

WIN SIGNED ROBIN HOOD BOOKS

You have a chance to WIN a set of signed
Robin Hood books. For details go to
www.indies.com.au/competitions

Popular



Alice-Miranda in Egypt

Jacqueline Harvey

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Sun, sand and secrets in the
ancient world! There are hidden
tombs to explore, a new culture to
experience and a lot to learn about
the country's ancient past.

One thing's for sure: when Alice-

Miranda starts digging, she'll find more than just buried
treasure! **Age: 8+**

WIN ALICE-MIRANDA BOOKS

You have a chance to WIN a set of
Alice-Miranda books. For details go to
www.indies.com.au/competitions



Captain Underpants and the Tyrannical Retaliation of the Turbo Toilet 2000

Dav Pilkey

Hardback RRP \$15.99

Just when you thought it was safe
to flush, the Turbo Toilet 2000

strikes back! The carnivorous commode known for
devouring everything in its path has built up a real
appetite... for REVENGE! Can Wedgie Power prevail?
Or will the amazing Captain Underpants be flushed
away forever? **Age: 7+**



Cut to the Chase: The Bad Guys Episode 13

Aaron Blabey

Paperback RRP \$15.99

A MYSTERIOUS DOORWAY!

(Sure, it's in a restaurant that
serves poop, but that doesn't

make it any less mysterious. OK?) Behold! What lies
beyond?! An evil centipede? An alternate universe?
A few decent explanations? VRRRING! NING!
NING! NING!

Hey, was that a CHAINSAW?! Let's see if you can
read and run at the same time... GO! **Age: 7+**

Kids Series



Funny Kid Prank Aliens, Book 9

Matt Stanton

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Conspiracy theories, crop circles, alien invasions, a mayor who has lost his marbles and the most Un-fun Fair in the universe are just some of the

things in store for Max and his friends in this brand-new *Funny Kid* adventure. **Age: 7+**



Naughty Dragons Fire Up!

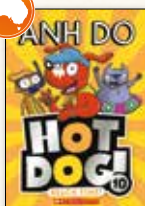
Natalie Jane Prior

Paperback RRP \$14.99

*1 September release,
advance orders welcome*

It's Dragon New Year! There'll be picnics, parties, a bonfire and – best

of all – a majestic fireworks display. But with two naughty dragons on the loose the celebrations soon turn into a disaster. Have the naughty dragons finally gone too far? **Age: 7+**



Beach Time! Hotdog, Book 10

Anh Do

Paperback RRP \$14.99

After weeks of wet weather, the sun is out! Hotdog and his friends are busting to get to the beach for some hot fun in the sand and surf!

But will a toothache, an earache and an epic splinter RAIN on their plans! **Age: 5+**



Fly Free: Skydragon, Book 2

Anh Do & James Hart (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$15.99

Amber is on the run. What will happen when she and the Firefighter finally come face to face? The second book in the high-flying adventure

series from Anh Do. **Age: 8+**



Across the Sea: Wolf Girl 5

Anh Do &

Lachlan Creagh (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$15.99

*2 July release,
advance orders welcome*

Gwen and the pack are back for a thrilling new adventure!

On a mission to find their families, Gwen, Rupert and the dogs strike out across treacherous ice and frigid oceans. If they are to have any hope of survival, they must stowaway on a ship full of enemy soldiers. But sometimes help comes in unexpected forms... **Age: 8+**

WIN SIGNED WOLF GIRL BOOKS

You have a chance to WIN a set of signed *Wolf Girl* books. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Enter the Jungle: E-Boy, Book 3

Anh Do & Chris Wahl (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$15.99

Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the power to control any electronic device within range.

Now he's on the run from the dangerous Agent Ferris and his killer android Gemini, whose sole goal is to terminate Ethan. In the latest instalment in this electrifying adventure series, Ethan finds himself deep in the jungle, where he'll need all his wits to survive. **Age: 10+**

WIN SIGNED E-BOY BOOKS

You have a chance to WIN a set of signed *E-boy* books. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions

Middle



Wednesday Weeks and the Tower of Shadows

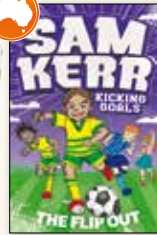
Denis Knight & Cristy Burne

Paperback RRP \$16.99

A seriously smart and funny new series about a reluctant sorcerer's apprentice who would rather study science than magic, which asks the question: In a world of magic,

can science save the day?

Wednesday Weeks never wanted to be a sorcerer's apprentice. She'd rather study science than magic. But when her cloak-wearing, staff-wielding grandpa is captured by a power-hungry goblin king, Wednesday must find a way to embrace her magical heritage and rescue him from the dreaded Tower of Shadows. **Age: 9+**



Kicking Goals: The Flip Out

Sam Kerr

Paperback RRP \$14.99

1 September release, advance orders welcome

Little Sam Kerr is an Aussie Rules fan through and through. When she's

excluded from her team she doesn't know what to do. Netball? No thanks. Chess? Bleugh. Her best friends think she should flip from Aussie Rules to soccer – and it doesn't seem so bad at first. Will she make the flip? **Age: 7+**



The Travelling Bookshop: Mim and the Baffling Bully

Katrina Nannestad & Cheryl Orsini (illus)

Paperback RRP \$14.99

28 July release, advance orders welcome

Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy. Flossy leads them to the place where they're needed most ... the place where the perfect book will find its way home.

Age: 7+



Wednesday Weeks and the Crown of Destiny

Denis Knight & Cristy Burne

Paperback RRP \$16.99

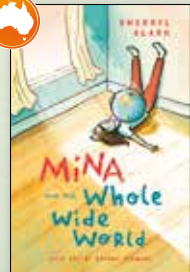
1 September release, advance orders welcome

The story continues in *Wednesday Weeks and the Crown of Destiny* where

Wednesday and her friends are going to have to take their magic - and their science to the next level. **Age: 9+**

WIN A WEDNESDAY WEEKS BOOK SET

You have a chance to WIN a 1 of 2 sets of *Wednesday Weeks* books. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Mina and the Whole World

Sherryl Clark

Paperback RRP \$14.99

2 July release, advance orders welcome

A powerful story about a young girl, Mina, and how she copes when her family take in a refugee boy and give away what was meant

to be her first very-own bedroom. A remarkable book about friendship and making room for everyone. **Age: 8+**

Q&A with author Sherryl Clark

Why did you write *Mina and the Whole World*?

I think it came from my deep concern about refugees around the world, and the hope that our children can be the ones to show greater compassion.

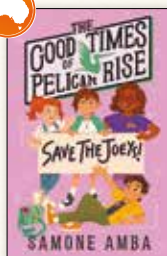
Did you have your own room when you were a kid?

Not at first. I was busting to get the bedroom next to the lounge (probably so I could watch TV later at night) and eventually I did, but by then I was more interested in reading books!

Where's your favourite place to write?

Anywhere with a view (for daydreaming), but my kitchen table is my favourite place at home.

Fiction



The Good Times of Pelican Rise: Save the Joeys

Samone Amba

Paperback RRP \$17.99

27 July release,

advance orders welcome

Welcome to *The Good Times of Pelican Rise*

... a fun series that

explores growing up, getting involved, hanging out with besties and using your voice to Be the Change. **Age: 8+**



Eliza Vanda's Button Box

Emily Rodda

Hardback RRP \$22.99

Life hasn't been much fun for Milly Dynes lately. She's always loved her home in Tidgy Bay, but at the moment

she wishes she was somewhere – anywhere – else. Then Eliza Vanda turns up – and magic comes with her... **Age: 8+**



The Ballad of Melodie Rose

Kate Gordon

Paperback RRP \$14.99

When the Lady in White arrives with plans to flatten Melodie Rose's beloved school, she must act fast to save

all she holds dear. *The Ballad of Melodie Rose* is a life-affirming tale of belonging, being brave and being seen. **Age: 8+**



Exit Through the Gift Shop

Maryam Master

Paperback RRP \$16.99

27 July release,

advance orders welcome

Anahita Rosalind Ghorban-Galaszcuk (yes, that really is her name but you can call her Ana) is discovering that life is absurd. As if dying of cancer at the age of 12.5 isn't bad enough, she still has to

endure daily insults from her nemesis, Alyssa (Queen Mean) Anderson. Ana's on a wild rollercoaster of life and death, kindness and cruelty, ordinary and extraordinary. And she's got a few things to do before she exits. . . **Age: 8+**

Q&A with author Maryam Master

Describe yourself in just ten words.

Happy. Dreamer. Believer. Mother: Sushi lover. Warrior: Warrior. Word Nerd.

How did Ana's character come to you?

There's so much about Ana that is personal. She's lived inside me for a long time. I just had to let her out. She pretty much wrote herself.

What themes are explored in ETTGS?

Love, life, death (obvs), friendship, bullying, acceptance. How to navigate this crazy life (and impending death) with grace and humour.

Did you have an audience in mind when you wrote the book?

Yes, my son Leo. He's 12 now but he's been asking the big questions ever since he could talk. I wanted to write a book about BIG ideas for young people. They're much smarter than us grown-ups.

Who is your favourite character in ETTGS?

Al.

Do you think school has changed much since you were a student?

Yes and no. There are still the highs and lows of friendships, bullies, gaining acceptance and finding your place. But added into the mix now, is technology. Which is both good and bad. There are so many wonderful things about being connected online but it has its challenges too. There was something comforting about being unplugged when I was a child.

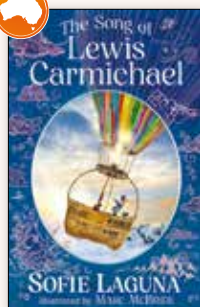
What do you hope people take away from your book?

That no matter how dark things seem and what challenges we face in life, there's always room for hope and laughter. I like to think of it as a life-affirming book about death.

Read a sample:



Middle Fiction



The Song of Lewis Carmichael

Sofie Laguna & Marc McBride (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$16.99

31 August release,
advance orders welcome

Matthew has dreamed and read and thought about the North Pole for as long as he can remember. And he has done it secretly. It is a place

that cannot be tarnished by the world in which he lives - a world in which he struggles to find answers and make friends, while everything seems to come easily to other children.

But one day, a crow called Lewis Carmichael lands at Matthew's window - a crow who believes in Matthew in the most simple and ordinary ways. Soon, the unexpected voyage of a lifetime begins - and it will change everything...

An unforgettable adventure story from award-winning children's book author Sofie Laguna, with enchanting illustrations by Marc McBride.

Age: 8+



Read a Q&A with author Sofie Laguna



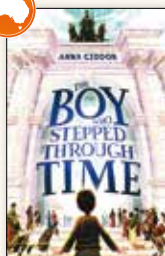
Elsewhere Girls

Emily Gale & Nova Weetman

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Elsewhere Girls is a moving and funny story of two girls with a deep connection, one based on the Australian Olympic champion, Fanny Durack. It's a fresh and

engaging exploration of the challenges and pressures for young women growing up in the past and today. **Age: 8+**



The Boy Who Stepped Through Time

Anna Ciddor

Paperback RRP \$16.99

When Perry steps into a crumbling ruin while on holiday in France, he is not expecting to be transported back 1700 years to Roman

times. While he hunts desperately for a way home, he must blend in as a slave - even if it means eating mice for dinner! A thrilling time-slip adventure.

Age: 8+



The Crackledawn Dragon

Abi Elphinstone

Paperback RRP \$14.99

7 July release,
advance orders welcome

Magic, adventure, and a whole new world is waiting to be discovered! The latest adventure in *The Unmapped Chronicles*. A story about

saving the world but also a story about trusting friends, and chameleons, even when kingdoms are falling apart. **Age: 8+**



Maria's Island

Victoria Hislop

Hardback RRP \$24.99

The absorbing story of the Cretan village of Plaka and the tiny, deserted island of Spinalonga - Greece's former leper colony.

A dramatic and moving story set in the same world

as the international bestseller *The Island* from the celebrated novelist Victoria Hislop. **Age: 8+**

Older Readers



Rainfish

Andrew Paterson

Paperback RRP \$16.99

2 July release,
advance orders welcome

Winner of the 2020 Text Prize for Young Adult and Children's Writing. *Rainfish* is a delightful middle-grade novel exploring childhood

innocence—a warm and humorous portrayal of a young boy trying to undo an impulsive mistake.

Age: 10+



The Lightning Catcher

Clare Weze

Paperback RRP \$14.99

What is making the weather so BONKERS in Folding Ford? Alfie is determined to find out! But when he opens a strange box in his strange neighbours garden, he

doesn't expect something fast, fizzing and sparking with electricity to escape! A funny, heartfelt adventure. Age: 9+



The Lanternist

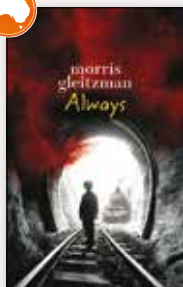
Stephen Orr &
Timothy Ide (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$19.99

1 July release,
advance orders welcome

Adelaide 1901 and the Magic Lantern team of Bert and Tom Eliot enthrall their audiences with their show.

But Tom's mother is gone and when his father also leaves, Tom must fend for himself. Will he be able to find his way to Sydney in search of his parents? This is a story about stories, and making your own endings. Age: 9+



Always

Morris Gleitzman

Paperback RRP \$19.99

5 August release,
advance orders welcome

It's fifteen years since readers were first introduced to Felix in *Once* and across six celebrated books, our brave young hero has survived many unforgettable and emotional

journeys. Now comes the much-anticipated seventh and final part of Felix's story, bringing to a powerful climax a series that countless young readers around the world will remember - *Always*. Age: 10+



A Glasshouse of Stars

Shirley Marr

Paperback RRP \$16.99

An exquisite, heartbreaking beautiful gem of a novel for anyone who loved *Wonder*, *Lenny's Book of Everything*, *A Monster Calls* or *When You Reach Me*. Age: 10+



The Monster of Her Age

Danielle Binks

Paperback RRP \$19.99

28 July release,
advance orders welcome

How do you ruin someone's childhood?

Ellie Marsden was born into the legendary Lovinger acting dynasty. Granddaughter of the

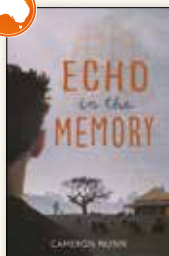
infamous Lottie Lovinger, as a child Ellie shared the silver screen with Lottie in her one-and-only role playing the child monster in a cult horror movie. The experience left Ellie deeply traumatised and estranged from people she loved.

Now seventeen, Ellie has returned home to Hobart for the first time in years. Lottie is dying and Ellie wants to make peace with her before it's too late. When a chance encounter with a young film buff leads her to a feminist horror film collective, Ellie meets Riya, a girl who she might be able to show her real self to, and at last comes to understand her family's legacy.

A story of love, loss, family and film - a stirring, insightful novel about letting go of anger and learning to forgive without forgetting. And about embracing the things that scare us, in order to be braver. **Age: 12+**

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Echo in the Memory

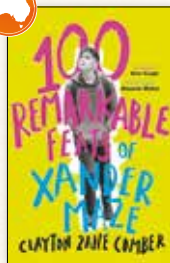
Cameron Nunn

Paperback RRP \$19.99

When Will is sent away to his grandparents' isolated farm, he finds it strangely familiar; except the memories he's channelling are not his own. But whose

are they? A page-turning YA that explores the darker moments of our convict past. **Age: 13+**

Teens &



100 Remarkable Feats of Xander Maze

Clayton Zane Comber

Paperback RRP \$19.99

Xander Maze loves lists, and his grandmother is #1 in his list of People I Love Most in the World. But now that Nanna has stage 4 cancer,

can a new list of 100 Remarkable Feats really save her life? **Age: 14+**



We Are Inevitable

Gayle Forman

Paperback RRP \$19.99

A heartbreaking story about finding yourself and your people, from the bestselling author of *If I Stay*.

So far, the inevitable hasn't worked out so well for Aaron Stein. What he needs is a

lucky break, the good kind of inevitable.

And then he meets Hannah. Could she possibly be the inevitable Aaron's been waiting for? **Age: 14+**



The Other Side of Perfect

Mariko Turk

Paperback RRP \$19.99

A stunning and unique story about healing that offers a gentle hand to anyone who struggles with perfectionism, competition and an all-or-nothing mindset, as well as

those who don't understand ambition. A captivating story of love, loss, identity and rediscovering your truth. Perfectly en pointe! **Age: 12+**

Young Adult



The Lucky List

Rachel Lippincott

Paperback RRP \$17.99

Two girls, one list and twelve chances to fall in love this summer . . . A captivating, heartfelt story about learning who you are, and who you love, when the person you've always shared yourself with

is gone. From the New York Times bestselling co-author of *Five Feet Apart*. **Age: 14+**



Blackout

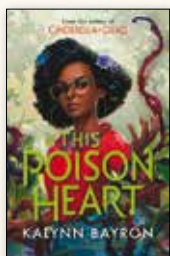
Dhonielle Clayton,
Tiffany D. Jackson,
Angie Thomas, Nic Stone,
Ashley Woodfolk,
Nicola Yoon

Paperback RRP \$19.99

7 July release,
advance orders welcome

When a heatwave plunges

New York City into darkness, sparks fly for thirteen teenagers caught up in the blackout. Six of today's biggest YA stars bring all the electricity of love to a collection of charming, hilarious and heartbreaking tales. **Age: 12+**



This Poison Heart

Kalynn Bayron

Paperback RRP \$16.99

2 July release,
advance orders welcome

Ever since she can remember, Briseis has had power over plants... but what secrets lie behind this incredible gift?

A young Black woman embraces

her extraordinary powers and discovers a deadly family legacy in this brilliant feminist fantasy by the author of *Cinderella Is Dead*. **Age: 12+**



Half My Luck

Samera Kamaledidine

Paperback RRP \$17.99

28 July release,
advance orders welcome

From the winner of the inaugural Matilda Prize comes a heartwarming coming-of-age story about growing up in Australia when you're caught

between two cultures.

Layla Karimi has been cursed by the evil eye.

Well, that's what Layla's superstitious grandmother tells her. And Layla reckons it makes sense as she's sort of Australian and sort of Lebanese: a 'halfie' who doesn't really fit into either world.

And when all hell breaks loose at the first beach party of the summer, Layla finds herself caught between her friends and the Lebanese kids who call themselves 'the Cedar Army' (of which her cousin Sufia is the Queen Bee). One group has been wrongfully accused and Layla knows the truth that could help clear them.

But will she speak up? **Age: 12+**



It's Not You, It's Me

Gabrielle Williams

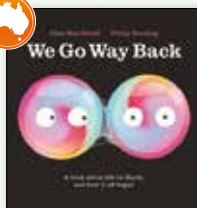
Paperback RRP \$19.99

31 August release,
advance orders welcome

Freaky Friday meets *Pretty Little Liars* - if the Liars were an all-girl punk band from the 1980s. A literally life-changing

novel about time travel, soulmates and serial killers that asks a very big question: Can you ever change your fate? This is award-winning YA author Gabrielle Williams' most surprising, ambitious and dexterous book yet. **Age: 14+**

Non-Fiction for Curious



We Go Way Back

Idan Ben-Barak & Philip Bunting

Hardback RRP \$24.99

3 August release,
advance orders welcome

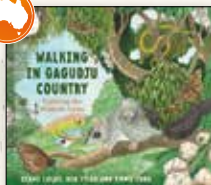
What is life? How did it start? Long, long ago, no

one knows exactly where or when, a tiny bubble formed that was a Little Bit Different. It was the first living cell. Everyone's ancestor. And so the story of life begins ...

An entertaining yet scientifically accurate exploration of the origin of life on our planet, and how an odd little bubble gave rise to the incredible web of life on Earth.

From the award-winning author of *Do Not Lick This Book* and the bestselling illustrator of *Who Am I?*

Age: 6+

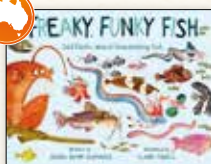


Walking in Gagudju Country: Exploring the Monsoon Forest

Diane Lucas, Ben Tyler & Emma Long (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$29.99

Walk with us through one of the Top End's magnificent monsoon forests, in Kakadu National Park, learning about the plants, animals and Kundjeyhmi culture along the way. An enchanting and accessible book about one of Australia's most ancient and beautiful ecosystems. **Age: 5+**



Freaky, Funky Fish

Debra Kempf Shumaker & Claire Powell

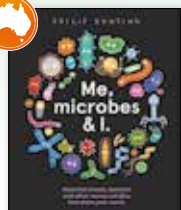
Hardback RRP \$24.99

The world of fish is a whacky and wonderful place, filled with stingers and singers, climbers and slimers. This adorable non-fiction picture book is a deep-dive into the incredible diversity that can be found beneath the waves. **Age: 4+**

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ALSO FROM PHILIP BUNTING



Me, Microbes and I

Philip Bunting

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Me, Microbes & I is full of fascinating and entertaining information about microbes, and provides young readers with a simple and fun guide to how

things like bacteria and viruses work in the body. **Age: 5+**



The World's Most Pointless Animals

Philip Bunting

Hardback RRP \$26.99

7 August release,
advance orders welcome

We share our planet with some truly weird and wonderful

creatures, from blobfish to pink fairy armadillos, who all (let's be honest) seem pretty pointless. A witty, quirky, colourfully-illustrated book featuring fascinating facts about these animals, who are perhaps not so pointless after all. **Age: 5+**



Why Do Tigers Have Whiskers

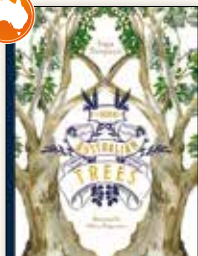
The Conversation

Hardback RRP \$24.99

This intricately illustrated book is full of facts and explanations. Discover why tigers need whiskers, how echidnas breathe

underground, and do sharks sneeze. Adapted from *The Conversation's Curious Kids* online column with questions submitted by children and answered by experts. **Age: 4+**

Kids



The Book of Australian Trees

Inga Simpson & Alicia Rogerson (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$26.99

Trees tell stories about places, and Australia has some of the tallest, oldest, fattest and most unusual trees in the world.

From the red ironbark to the grey gum, the Moreton Bay fig to the bunya pine, trees are each a little different, just like people.

The first book for children from one of Australia's most beloved authors. **Age: 7+**



Welcome to Consent

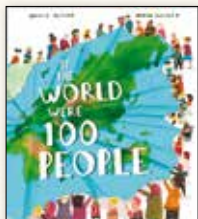
Yumi Stynes & Dr Melissa Kang

Paperback RRP \$19.99

An inclusive, frank and funny guide to navigating consent for tweens and teens of all genders.

Whether you're a curious

tween, or the parent of someone with a bunch of questions, this book is reassuring, interesting, and full of the info you need! **Age: 12+**



If the World Were 100 People

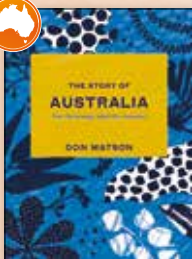
Jackie McCann & Aaron Cushley

Hardback RRP \$19.99

7 July release, advance orders welcome

Big ideas are broken into bite-size chunks through

clever illustration and graphic design. Come and meet the people in our global village, and think about the big questions that affect us all! **Age: 5+**



The Story of Australia

Don Watson

Hardback RRP \$32.99

2 July release, advance orders welcome

A modern classic: Don Watson's history of Australia for children of the twenty-first century.

History told so well it gives us a better idea of who we are – and what we might become. *The Story of Australia* weaves together the many strands of our nation's past – ancient and indigenous, colonial and contemporary – to create a fascinating, inclusive history for all readers, young and old. **Age: 12+**



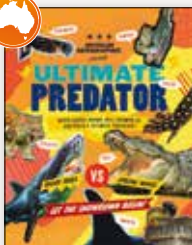
Sparky the Wonder Puppy

Craig Sheather & Eloise Short (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.95

This stunning picture book tells the true story of Sparky,

an amazing dog who survived the devastation of the Australian bushfires. **Age: 4+**



Ultimate Predator

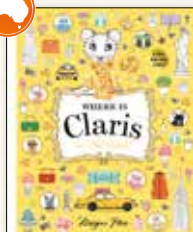
Australian Geographic

Hardback RRP \$19.95

Australia is home to some of the strongest, smartest and sneakiest predators in the world, but only one animal can hold the crown as the ultimate predator.

Ultimate Predator features fascinating profiles of more than 40 of our best predators. **Age: 7+**

Interactive — FUN —



Where is Claris in New York

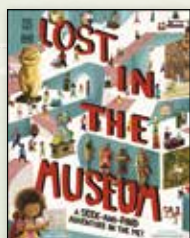
Megan Hess

Hardback RRP \$19.99

Claris, the chicest mouse in Paris, is setting off on an exciting adventure through the Big Apple!

Can you find Claris and her friends in fabulous New York places such as Central Park, Fifth Avenue and the Met?

Look inside to find out! **Age: 3+**



The MET Lost in the Museum

Will Mabbitt & Aaron Cushley (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.99

3 August release,
advance orders welcome

A visually stunning seek-and-find museum adventure for

inquisitive kids. Seven-year-old Stevie is lost in the galleries! She needs to locate a series of artworks to find her way out and back to her family. Can you help her? Then create your very own art gallery with My Met Sticker Collection. **Age: 5+**



The Sky

Hélène Druvert

Hardback RRP \$39.99

19 August release,
advance orders welcome

This gorgeous, large-format book is filled with clever laser cut-outs and lift-the-flaps that take readers on a soaraway journey up, up and away through the

clouds, through the atmosphere and to the planets, the stars and beyond. On the way they'll learn about birds and insects and pollination, witness a tornado and an eclipse, and see all kinds of flying machines. This fact-filled journey is by Hélène Druvert, the acclaimed creator of *Anatomy* and *Ocean*. **Age: 7+**



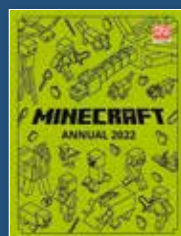
My MET Sticker Collection

Illustrated by Liz Kay

Paperback RRP \$14.99

3 August release,
advance orders welcome

Age: 5+



Paperbacks RRP \$9.99 each

August release, advance orders welcome

Hardbacks RRP \$16.99 each

September release, advance orders welcome

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Three lucky winners will receive a Minecraft pack valued at over \$100 including 6 x Minecraft 3.25" figures and the Minecraft Annual 2022. To enter, purchase any of the Minecraft books featured here, and tell us in 25 words or less what you like best about Minecraft.

To enter and view full terms and conditions go to www.indies.com.au/competitions

The Children's Book Council of Australia

2021 BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrate Australian children's literature. The CBCA has been the home of the Book of the Year awards since 1946 and they celebrate story-makers, world-building writers, illustrators and publishers of uniquely Australian stories. This year's winners and honour books will be announced on Friday 20th August.

OLDER READERS

The End of the World is Bigger than Love

Davina Bell (Text Publishing)

The Lost Soul Atlas

Zana Fraillon (Hachette Australia)

When Rain Turns to Snow

Jane Godwin (Hachette Australia)

Metal Fish, Falling Snow

Cath Moore (Text Publishing)

Where We Begin

Christie Nieman

(Pan Macmillan Australia)

Peta Lyre's Rating Normal

Anna Whateley (Allen & Unwin)

YOUNGER READERS

Aster's Good, Right Things

Kate Gordon (Riveted Press)

The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst

Jaclyn Moriarty, illus. by Kelly Canby
(Allen & Unwin)

Worse Things

Sally Murphy, illus. by Sarah Davis
(Walker Books Australia)

We Are Wolves

Katrina Nannestad (HarperCollins Publishers)

Bindi

Kirli Saunders, illus. by Dub Leffler
(Magabala Books)

The Book of Chance

Sue Whiting (Walker Books Australia)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Busy Beaks

Sarah Allen (Affirm Press)

Who's Your Real Mum?

Bernadette Green, illus. by Anna Zobel
(Scribble Kids' Books)

No! Never!

Libby Hathorn & Lisa Hathorn-Jarman,
illus. by Mel Pearce (Hachette Australia)

Anemone is not the Enemy

Anna McGregor (Scribble Kids' Books)

There's No Such Thing

Heidi McKinnon (Allen & Unwin)

We Love You, Magoo

Briony Stewart
(Penguin Random House Australia)

EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS

The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals

Sami Bayly (Hachette Australia)

Azaria: A True History

Marree Coote (Melbournestyle Books)

Dry to Dry: The Seasons of Kakadu

Pamela Freeman, illus. by Liz Anelli (Walker Books Australia)

Strangers on Country

David Hartley & Kirsty Murray, illus. by Dub Leffler
(National Library of Australia)

Hold On! Saving the Spotted Handfish

Gina M Newton, illus. by Rachel Tributou (CSIRO Publishing)

Matthew Flinders – Adventures on Leaky Ships

Carole Wilkinson, illus. by Prue Pittock (Wild Dog Books)

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

The Unwilling Twin

Freya Blackwood (HarperCollins Publishers)

Not Cute.

Philip Bunting (Scholastic Australia)

Norton and the Bear

Gabriel Evans (Berbay Publishing)

Ellie's Dragon

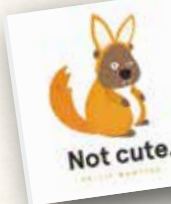
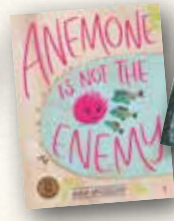
Bob Graham (Walker Books Australia)

How to Make a Bird.

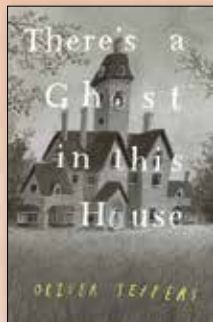
Matt Ottley, text by Meg McKinlay
(Walker Books Australia)

Your Birthday Was the Best!

Felicita Sala, text by Maggie Hutchings (Affirm Press)



More Great Books



There's a Ghost in this House

Oliver Jeffers

Hardback RRP \$29.99

15 September release,
advance orders welcome

A young girl lives in a haunted house, but has never seen a ghost. With lots of friendly ghost surprises and incredible mixed media illustrations, this unique

and funny book will entertain young readers over and over again! **Age: 3+**



Story Doctors

Boori Monty Pryor
& Rita Sinclair (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

2 July release,
advance orders welcome

An empowering story for all Australians, acknowledging our true history, embracing

inclusivity, and celebrating the healing powers of nature and culture.

An exquisitely illustrated celebration of the power of storytelling to unite us, how nature connects us, and the wonderful truth that the medicine needed for healing lies within us all. **Age: 7+**

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The Tiny Explorers

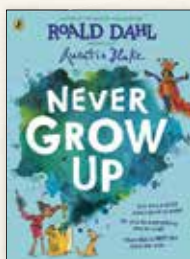
Kat Macleod

Hardback RRP \$24.99

31 August release,
advance orders welcome

Join the Tiny Explorers on a treasure hunt through the garden! Amid this nature wonderland is a series of special items for

the explorers to collect and transform into a fun surprise at the end of the journey. Kat Macleod's luscious mixed-media artwork explores the natural world up close. **Age: 3+**



Never Grow Up

Inspired by Roald Dahl,
Illustrated by Quentin Blake

Hardback RRP \$24.99

A celebration of mischief-makers, rule breakers and wild children everywhere - inspired by the work of the world's number one storyteller Roald Dahl and

illustrated by Quentin Blake. **Age: 0+**

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