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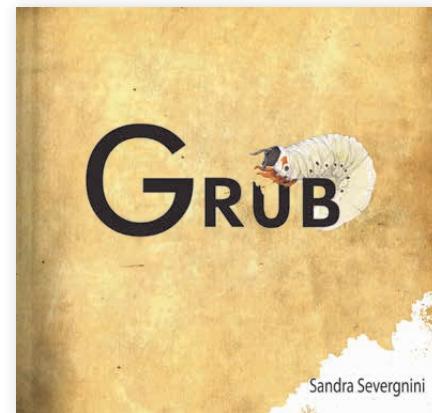
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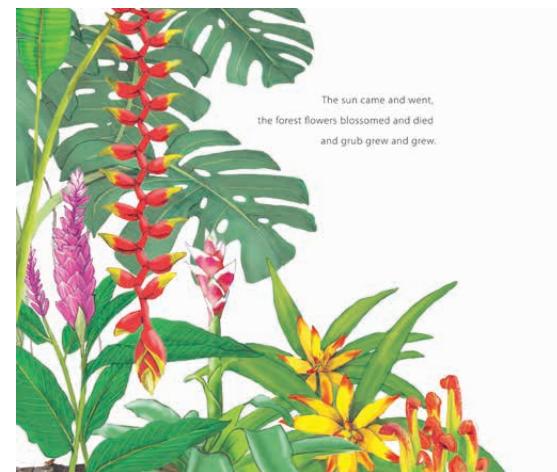
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Grub

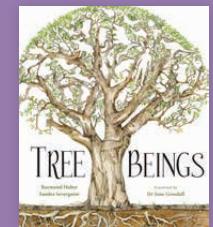
SANDRA SEVERGNINI



On the floor of the rainforest, far below the tree canopy, a small grub has a big question. Sensing that his body is about to change, he wonders what he will become, so he turns to his friends for answers. The ladybird, the cicada, the dragonfly and the monarch butterfly all describe what they looked like before they changed – and none looked like the grub. Eventually, the grub begins to change – and his transformation is spectacular!



NEW FROM THE
ILLUSTRATOR OF THE
AWARD-WINNING
TREE BEINGS



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Sandra Severgnini owned an art gallery and retail store before finally deciding it was well and truly time to nurture her lifetime passion and focus on children's picture books. Her fascination with the magical natural world around her inspires her words and brings sensitivity and humour to her illustrations. Her previous books include the winner of the Environment Award for Children's Literature (Non-fiction) 2021, *Tree Beings*.



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Tree Beings

RAYMOND HUBER & SANDRA SEVERGNINI
WITH FOREWORD BY DR JANE GOODALL

'If you like trees and learning about how to save them I would recommend this book.'

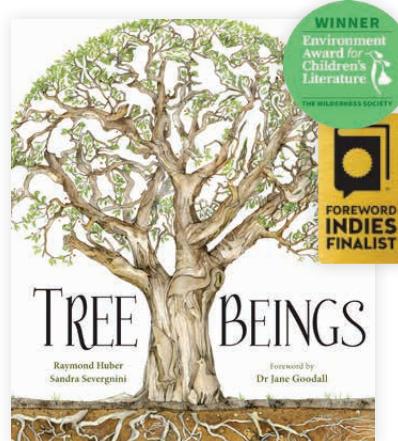
- Michaela, School Student

Tree Beings takes you inside the incredible world of the trees. You'll learn how they talk to each other and how forests enrich the whole planet. You'll also read about some of the amazing people who have made friends with trees: a young woman who lived up a giant tree for two years; a scientist who discovered trees have their own internet; a woman who faced a dangerous dictator to protect trees; young people who fought to save their last native forests; a nine-year-old boy who found a way to plant a trillion trees ... and more!

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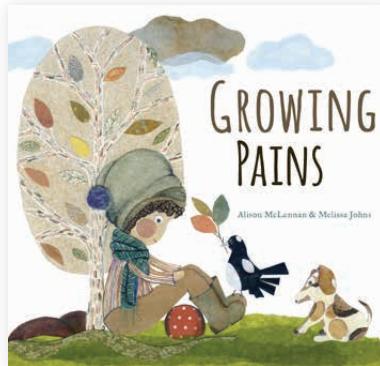
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**WINNER OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AWARD FOR
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
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Growing Pains

ALISON MCLENNAN & MELISSA JOHNS

When Finn's family plants a tree, he feels responsible for it, worrying that the sapling might be cold or hungry. He tries to share his breakfast with it and offers it his scarf. But when his nightlight goes out, it's time for the tree to inspire Finn, as it stands tall and brave in the moonlight. A touching story of empathy and overcoming fears.



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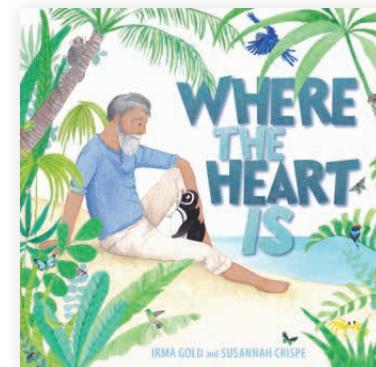
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Where the Heart Is

IRMA GOLD & SUSANNAH CRISPE

Inspired by an extraordinary true story, *Where the Heart Is* explores the friendship between Dindim the Magellanic penguin and his rescuer, Joao.

Young readers will delight in its beautiful depiction of this intrepid penguin's journey, and the wildlife he meets on the way. Heartfelt and educational, this is a celebration of nature and belonging.



**SCAN HERE TO HEAR SARAH
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READING WHERE THE HEART IS**

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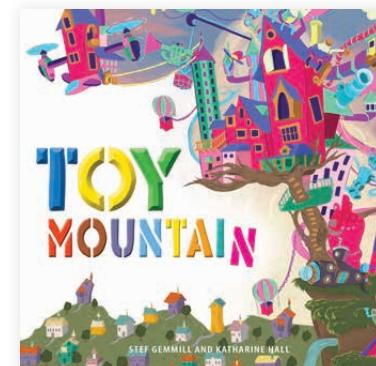


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Toy Mountain

STEF GEMMILL & KATHARINE HALL

Sam is tired of his hand-me-down toys. Why would he want his Grandma's old trainset and teddy when there's a toy factory high up in the clouds that makes rumbley red toys, grumbly green toys and so much more? Sam is about to find out in this important story about reducing plastic waste and taking responsibility for the environment.



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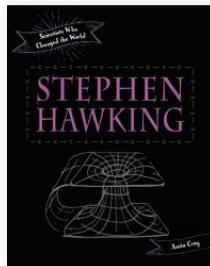
'As a child I had just a handful of hand-me-down toys ... On having my own children I discovered how 'disposable' and short lived 21st century toys are and wanted to capture the nostalgia associated with the quality toys of past times.' - Author Stef Gemmill

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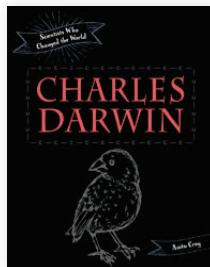


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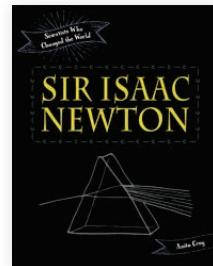
Charles Darwin pioneered a theory of evolution that altered the way we see the natural world and our place in it.

THEMES: SCIENCE, BIOGRAPHY

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anita Croy studied languages at the University of London, and she has written numerous books for young readers, mainly about ancient and modern history and the geography of Asia and the Americas, where she has travelled widely. This includes studies of ancient civilisations for the *National Geographic*. She lives in London with her young family.

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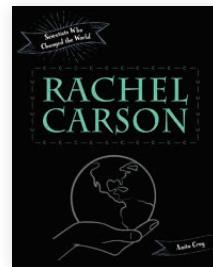


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Sir Isaac Newton created the foundations for modern science and furthered our understanding of the universe.



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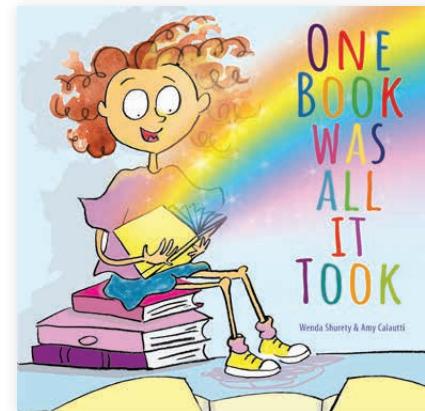


Rachel Carson was a pioneer in combining the disciplines of the arts and science, specifically writing and biology.

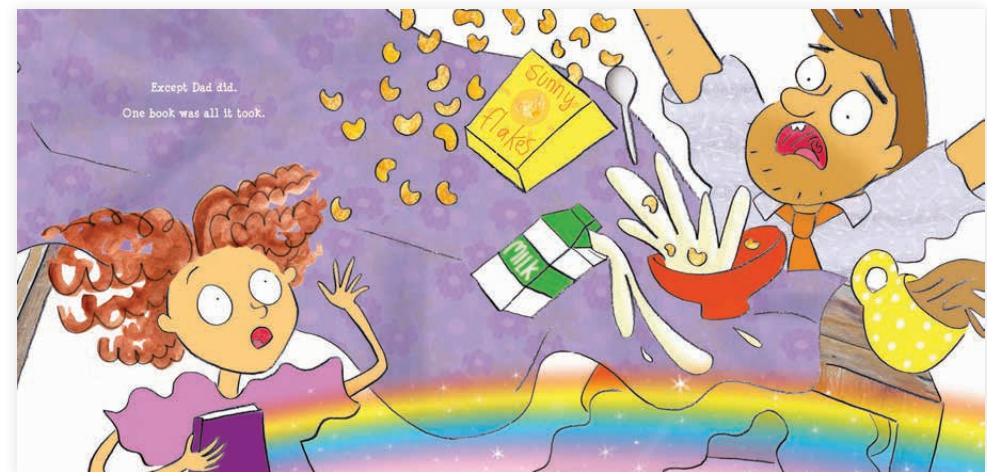
One Book Was All It Took

WENDA SHURETY & AMY CALAUTTI

Violet longs for a library full of exciting books she's never read before, but on this particular rainy day, the only unfamiliar book she can find is the one propping up the kitchen table. With a CLATTER and a CRASH, Violet's actions set in motion an unstoppable chain of events that soon has the whole town in chaos! Young readers will delight at the playful, colourful illustrations, while learning an important lesson about how actions lead to consequences, and just how valuable libraries are.



FIND OUT HOW READING JUST ONE BOOK CAN LEAD TO A BRAND-NEW LIBRARY IN THIS LIVELY CHAIN-REACTION STORY ABOUT ACTIONS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES – HOWEVER UNINTENDED THEY MAY BE!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Wenda Shurety is a children's author who loves to write stories from the heart about nature, diversity and the magical world of the imagination. Born in London, she now lives in Brisbane with her husband and daughter.

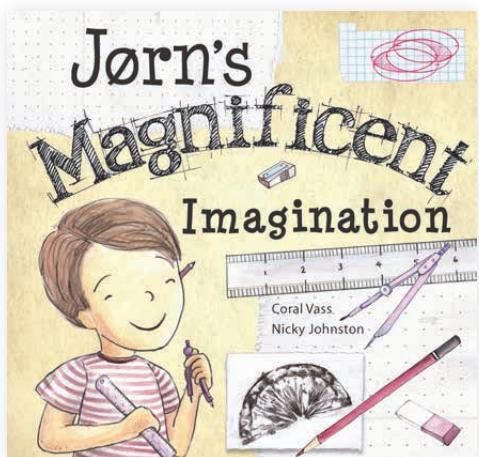
Amy Calautti loved to draw from a young age and often made up games based around drawing to entertain her younger brother and cousins. She now lives with her small tribe of humans who inspire her every day.



THEMES: BOOKS, READING, AND LIBRARIES

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Jørn's Magnificent Imagination

CORAL VASS AND NICKY JOHNSTON

Was it a sailboat, a seashell, a swan or an orange peel that inspired Jørn to design Australia's most recognisable building? In this gorgeously illustrated story, we follow Jørn through childhood as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself. When he grows bigger, so do his ideas, and something begins to take shape... can you guess what it might be?

CELEBRATING NEW IDEAS THAT CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE. THE TRUE STORY OF JØRN UTZON, THE ARCHITECT OF THE WORLD-REKNOWNED SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE.

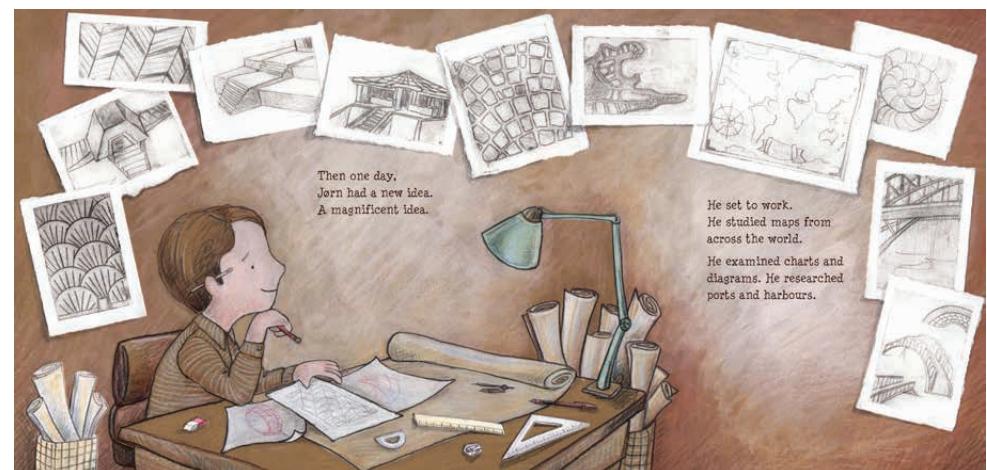


Jørn's story is about embracing dreams, believing in your own abilities, and the power of new ideas. Written in honour of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Sydney Opera House, it is also a topical springboard for educators and families into how the iconic landmark came to be. In celebrating the incredibly talented Jørn Utzon, it shows children that there are no limits to what they might achieve if they follow their dreams.



In a world of screens and busyness, *Jørn's Magnificent Imagination* is an important reminder of the joy in taking the time to dream and create, a reminder which might just benefit children and their carers alike.

Charming and heart-warming, it will enthrall and inspire young readers, encouraging them to look at the world around them and use their imagination to its full potential.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Coral Vass is an award-winning Australian children's author who has been writing books for over ten years. She is also an ambassador for Reading Out of Poverty and is passionate about giving all children an equal opportunity to read.

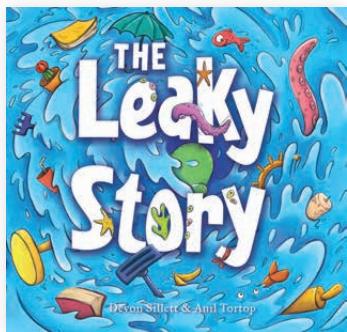
Nicky Johnston has several bestselling titles published in Australia and overseas. As a primary teacher and acclaimed presenter, Nicky's aim is to inspire young children to use their imagination and develop their own ideas.

THEMES: IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY, ARCHITECTURE, AUSTRALIAN HISTORY



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The Leaky Story

A Fun-filled Adventure into the Power of Imagination and the Magic of Books!
DEVON SILLETT & ANIL TORTOP

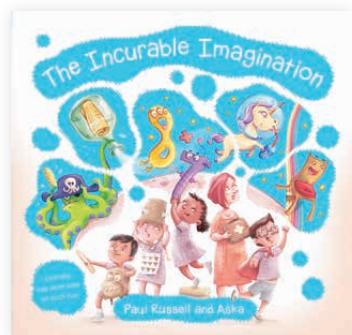
'An adventurous romp.. The family in this story has to find a way to put the characters back where they belong when a long-ignored book starts leaking seawater, pirates and marine life all over their living room.' - Books+Publishing

THEMES: IMAGINATION, THE JOY OF READING, FAMILY



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The Incurable Imagination

PAUL RUSSELL AND ÁŠKA

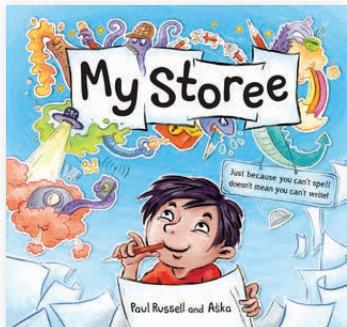
Audrey has a severe case of 'imaginitis'! And it's contagious — her teachers are horrified! Perhaps they need to realise that imagination makes learning more fun.

THEMES: EDUCATION, IMAGINATION



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My Storee

Just Because You Can't Spell, Doesn't Mean You Can't Write!

PAUL RUSSELL AND ÁŠKA

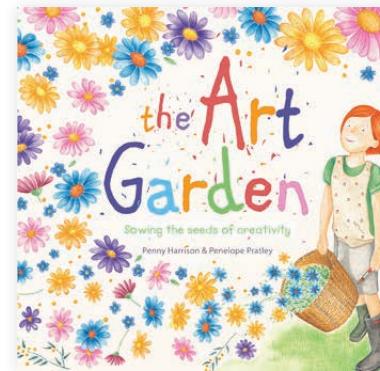
An engaging and creatively designed picture book that provides inspiration and support for reluctant writers and dyslexics, and shows the importance of good teachers.

THEMES: DYSLEXIA, CREATIVITY,
RELUCTANT WRITERS,



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The Art Garden

Sowing the Seeds of Creativity

PENNY HARRISON & PENELOPE PRATLEY

Sadie wants to be a painter, just like her best friend, Tom. But whenever Sadie picks up a paintbrush she makes a big mess. So instead, she spends time working in the garden or playing with Tom. But, one day, Sadie gets a look at things from a different perspective.

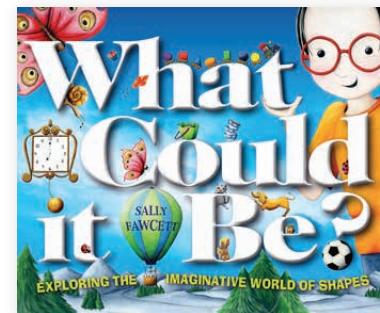


THEMES: CREATIVITY, SELF-BELIEF,
FRIENDSHIP



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What Could It Be?

Exploring the Imaginative World of Shapes

SALLY FAWCETT

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Unleash your creativity and think outside the square. This book explores how simple shapes can be transformed into a range of objects. A fun, engaging way for children to learn about creativity and art while exploring their own imagination.

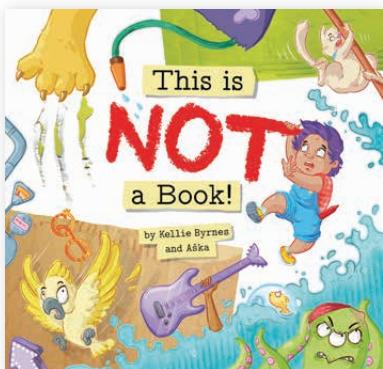


THEMES: GEOMETRY, CREATIVITY

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WORDS AND LANGUAGE



This is NOT a Book!

KELLIE BYRNES & ÁŠKA

In this action-packed picture book, our main character is convinced they're not in a book. After all, if this was a book there'd be pages to turn and problems to solve. But hold on, we've just turned the page ... and why are those pirates stealing that treasure? The perfect introduction to storytelling, *This is NOT a Book!* is metafiction made fun!

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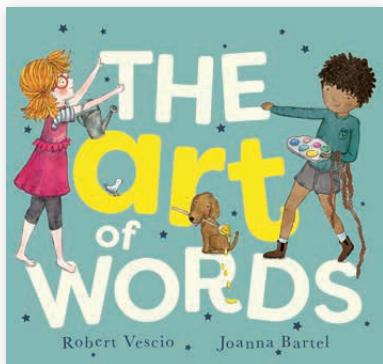
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'Teachers will love this book – it is a great way to break down how to write a narrative and the reasons we have different parts to a story.' - Educate Empower

THEMES: METAFICTION, STORYTELLING



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The Art of Words

ROBERT VESCIO & JOANNA BARTEL

Words are everywhere! In this interactive story about the magic of words, imaginative illustrations show a young boy and girl stretching words, squashing them, colouring them, and sewing them together to reflect their meaning. Engaging and educational, *The Art of Words* will inspire young readers to appreciate the joy of making stories from words.



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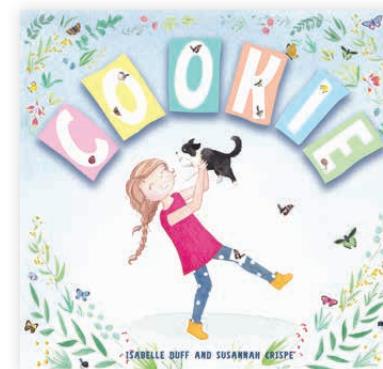


'If you're a casual teacher this is the perfect book to have in your tool kit! It's a great way to talk about the purpose of words' - Love Four Learning



THEMES: WORDS, LANGUAGE, STORYTELLING, CREATIVITY
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ANXIETY & DEPRESSION



Cookie

ISABELLE DUFF & SUSANNAH CRISPE

BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Join Cookie the mischievous pup and his Girl as they play together and make each other happy, even on the days when Cookie is the only one who can make girl smile. With beautiful words and illustrations, this is a sensitive exploration of childhood depression and anxiety, and a tribute to the wonderful love between a pet and their person.



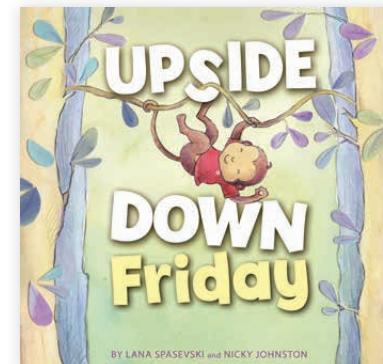
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'I struggled with depression, anxiety and anorexia. When my parents gave me Saffy for my 18th birthday, everything started getting better; he could make me smile when nothing else could.'

- Author Isabelle Duff



Upside-Down Friday

LANA SPASEVSKI & NICKY JOHNSTON

Upside-Down Fridays turn Hugo the monkey's routine into chaos and fill his tummy with butterflies. Find out how he learns to find the fun in change with this story about the power of helping others. With emotive language and unique 'upside-down' illustrations, *Upside-Down Friday* is the perfect resource for building emotional resilience in children.



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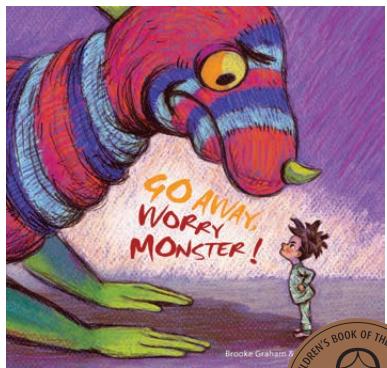


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CBCA JUDGES COMMENTS:
“THE ILLUSTRATIONS ‘GROW’ AND ‘DIMINISH’ THE WORRY MONSTER TO REASSURE CHILDREN ABOUT COMMON NIGHT-TIME FEARS”



Go Away, Worry Monster!

BROOKE GRAHAM & ROBIN TATLOW-LORD

‘Gives children evidence-based strategies to cope with anxiety. This invaluable resource is an excellent spring board for discussions with children who are experiencing worry.’ - My Child



THEMES: ANXIETY, RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL REGULATION

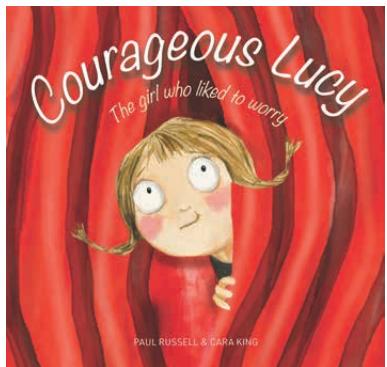


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Courageous Lucy

The Girl Who Liked to Worry
PAUL RUSSELL & CARA KING

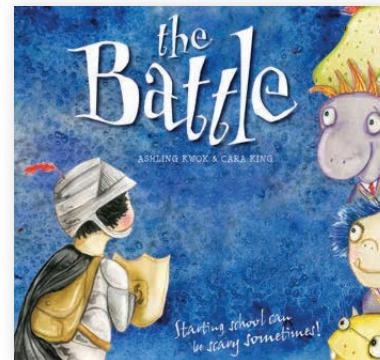
Her knees may knock, her tummy ties in knots and Lucy may worry quite a lot, but with a small sprinkle of courage, Lucy takes tiny steps of bravery to be in the school play and becomes the best tree ever, despite her anxiety. One tiny step is all it takes to be courageous!



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The Battle

Starting School Can Be Scary Sometimes!
ASHLING KWOK & CARA KING

Starting school is scary. *The Battle* is an imaginative, relatable story, teaching children that maybe things aren’t as bad as they might first seem, with magic and fun awaiting if they let their guard down.



‘*The Battle* is a great book to read to an anxious child, teaching resilience and emotional regulation in the face of new environments.’ - Swings and Roundabouts

THEMES: STARTING SCHOOL, FRIENDSHIP



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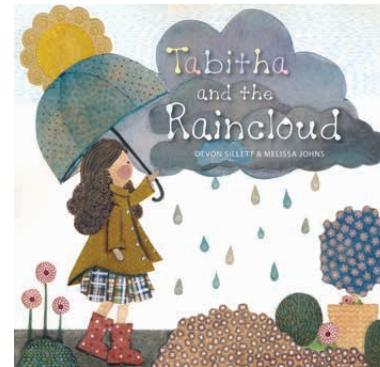
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Tabitha and the Raincloud

DEVON SILLETT & MELISSA JOHNS

When you wake up under a raincloud you have a choice: feel soggy and miserable or dance in the rain! An empowering story of resilience and optimism for anyone who’s ever had a raincloudy day.



‘Tackles the theme of making the best from a not so great situation, perfect for now’ - My Kid’s Time

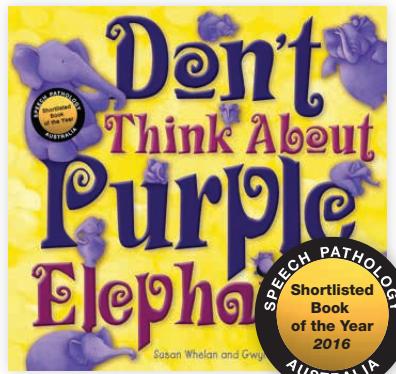
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Don't Think About Purple Elephants

SUSAN WHELAN & GWYNNEETH JONES

Sometimes Sophie worries — not during the day when she is busy with family and friends, but at night when everything is calm and quiet. Her family all try to help, but somehow they just make her worries worse. Until her mother thinks of a new approach ... that just might involve elephants!



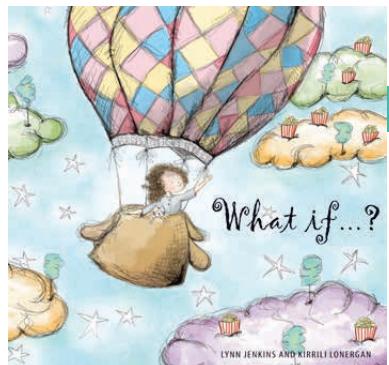
THEMES: COPING WITH ANXIETY, WORRY



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'Gentle reassuring story which makes clever use of colour to contrast negative thoughts with more positive ones... the story might give a reader the confidence to talk about their own (possibly greater) concerns.' - The School Librarian Journal UK



What if...?

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN

NEW FROM LEADING CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST

In this colourful adventure, 'what ifs' become springboards for happiness and imagination.

Why worry about monsters under the bed when you could wonder what it would be like if the clouds were purple and orange and green? Children will delight in this playful exploration of words and their power to change how we feel, turning anxiety into wonder.

'A valuable and practical resource to help an anxious child'
- The Daily Telegraph



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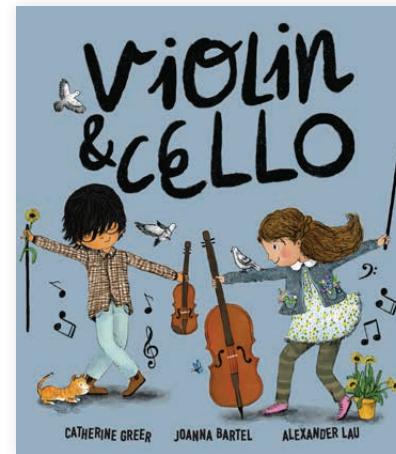
THEMES: ANXIETY, IMAGINATION

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Violin and Cello

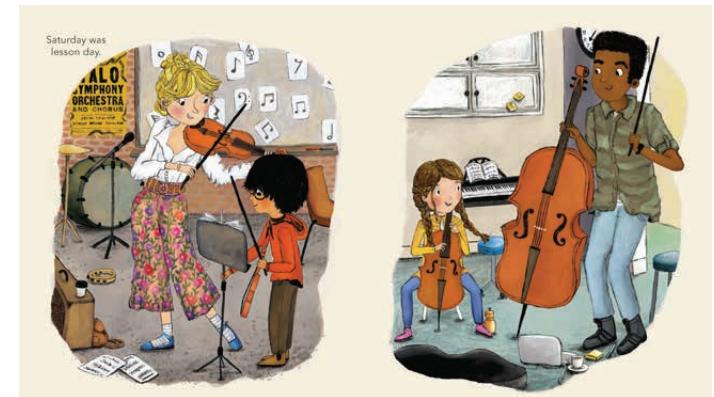
CATHERINE GREER & ALEX LAU
AND JOANNA BARTEL

This book is perfect for young readers just beginning to learn an instrument, particularly violin or cello, as well as for every parent or teacher helping them along the way. The inspiration for this story happened during the pandemic, when Catherine watched two adult pianists in separate apartments perform for each other through their shared wall. They called themselves the mystery friends. The story celebrates the joy of unexpected friendship through music, with appealing characters and carefully drawn settings of apartment living. The characterful illustrations capture the reality of urban



life, while the words evoke the isolation of being alone as you practise and the joy of playing music together with a new friend.

LEARNING AN
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PURSUIT. VIOLIN
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CELEBRATES BEING
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MAKING FRIENDS.



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Catherine Greer is an author of fiction and non-fiction, and an age positive advocate. She first collaborated with musician Alexander Lau on *Jacaranda Snow* (2018), her growth mindset picture book.

Alexander Lau is a violinist and contemporary classical composer.

Joanna Bartel is a designer and illustrator with experience in Arts education, design, teaching and creative marketing. She loves character design and creating imaginative and playful images to engage children and enhance imaginative learning.

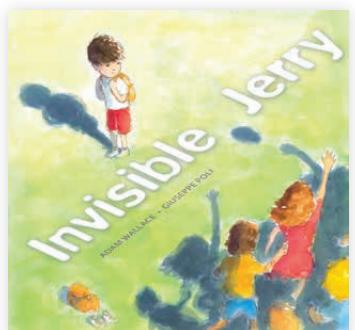


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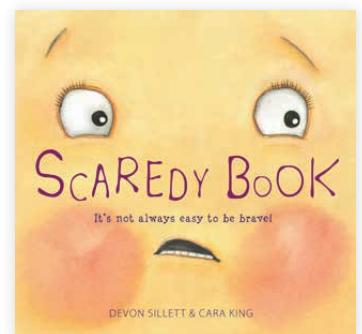
Invisible Jerry

ADAM WALLACE & GIUSEPPE POLI

People don't notice Jerry. It's as if he's invisible. Until Molly comes along. This is a picture book with humour and heart for anyone who has ever felt like they're on the outside looking in.

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, LONELINESS, BELONGING, SELF-CONFIDENCE

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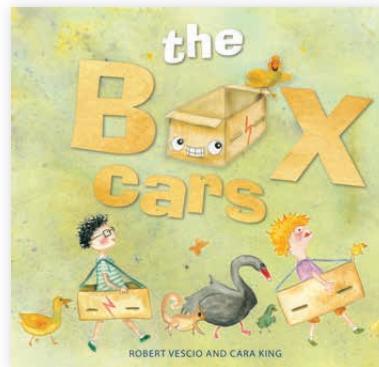
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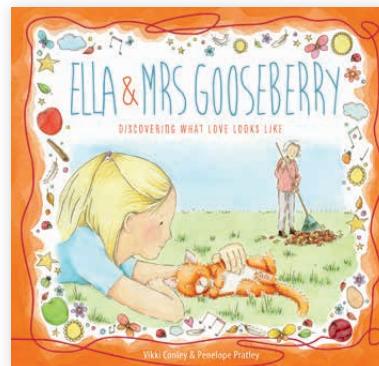
ROBERT VESCIO & CARA KING

Liam and Kai are the best of friends. Each day in the park they race around in their box cars. One day they notice a little girl watching them — she's keen to join in, but there's only room for two. A fun-filled story of friendship, sharing and creative problem-solving!



Ella & Mrs Gooseberry

Discovering What Love Looks Like
VIKKI CONLEY & PENELOPE PRATLEY



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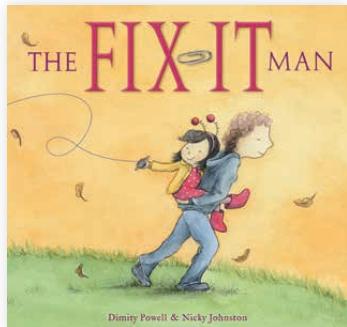
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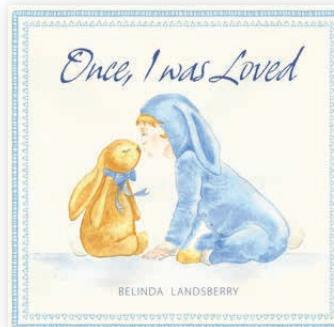
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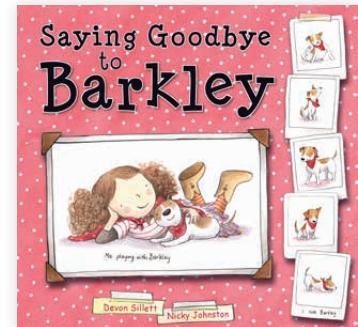
The Fix-It Man

DIMITY POWELL & NICKY JOHNSTON

A young girl believes her father can fix anything, but following the death of her mother, she discovers that broken hearts are not as easy to repair as cracked teapots. A poignant picture book that explores how a child can cope with the loss of a parent.

THEMES: GRIEF, DEATH, HOPE, HEALING FROM LOSS

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Saying Goodbye to Barkley

DEVON SILLETT & NICKY JOHNSTON

'An original and thoroughly entertaining picture book for children ages 4-7, "Saying Goodbye to Barkley" is an extraordinary and unreservedly recommended addition to family, daycare center, preschool, elementary school, and community library collections' - Midwest Book Review

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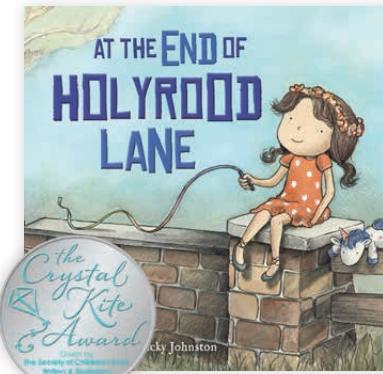
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THEMES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, RESILIENCE, TRUST, HOPE

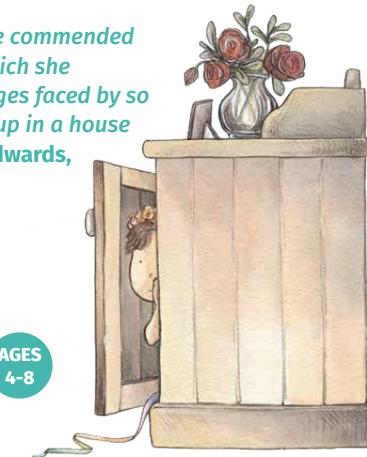
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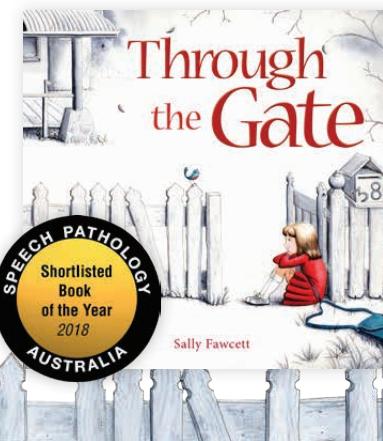


At the End of Holyrood Lane

DIMITY POWELL & NICKY JOHNSTON

Flick's life is often unpredictable due to the constant storms that plague her home. Visually arresting, emotionally incisive, and ultimately uplifting, this beautifully crafted picture book provides a sensitive glimpse into one aspect of domestic violence and how it can affect young lives.

'Dimity Powell should be commended for the gentle way in which she approaches the challenges faced by so many children growing up in a house of violence.' - Nicolle Edwards, CEO RizeUp

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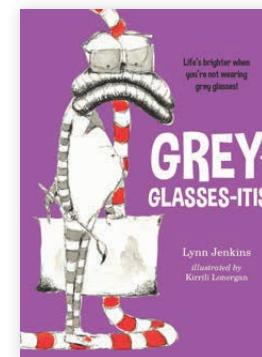
Grey-glasses-itis

Life's Brighter When You're Not Wearing Grey Glasses!

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN

When Loppy takes off his grey glasses, the world doesn't look so sad! A simple strategy for teaching children how their perceptions can influence how they feel.

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Lessons of a LAC

It Can Be Hard To Stop Worrying When You're A Little Anxious Creature!

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN

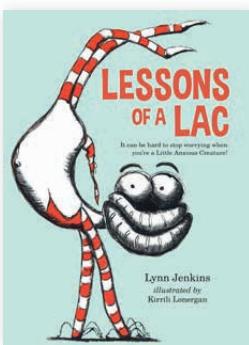
An essential resource, in an engaging picture-book format, to help children manage their anxieties. Quirky illustrations and thoughtful words gently guide readers to the realisation that sometimes you need to stop worrying and have fun!

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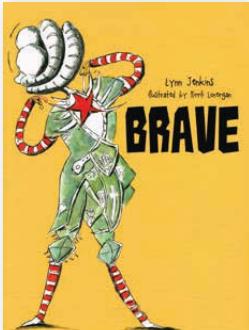
Loppy is starting school and he's a little anxious. Brave provides kids with an effective strategy for how to face things that worry them by 'finding their brave'.

THEMES: ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE, COURAGE



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Perfect Petunias

The 'Perfect' Book for Little Perfectionists Everywhere!

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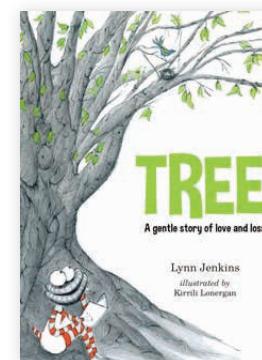
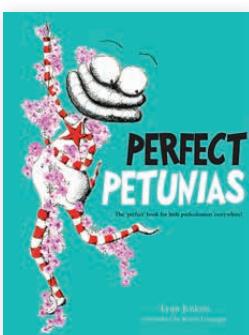
Alongside Loppy, learn that trying to do your best is what makes you perfect, no matter the outcome. The 'perfect' resource for showing Little Anxious Creatures that it's okay to make mistakes!

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Tree

A Gentle Story of Love and Loss

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN

When it's Tree's time to leave, Loppy doesn't know how to cope. A gentle story of loss that helps kids learn how to process grief.

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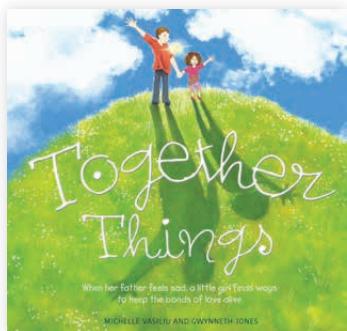
ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Lynn Jenkins is a practicing and experienced clinical psychologist, kids and family yoga teacher, mindfulness teacher and author. She is extremely passionate about early intervention and children's social/emotional development.

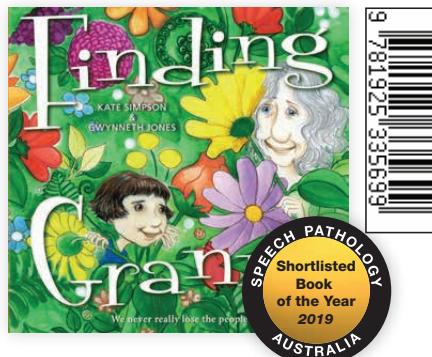
Kirrili Lonergan is a picture book illustrator and art therapist. She has a passion for storytelling through pictures and relates warmly to the needs of children through her former years working as a paediatric nurse.



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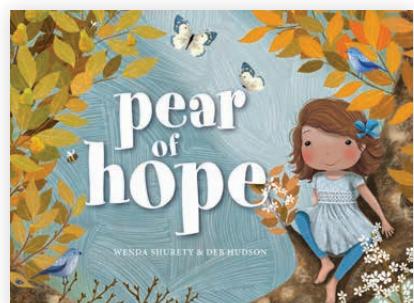
Together Things

When Her Father Feels Sad, A Little Girl Finds Ways to Keep the Bonds of Love Alive
MICHELLE VASILIU & GWYNNEH JONES

Together Things helps young kids to understand that sometimes they must do different things together while their parent focuses on their mental health.

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Pear of Hope

WENDA SHURETY & DEB HUDSON

'Full of hope and love for children and others in times of severe illness'
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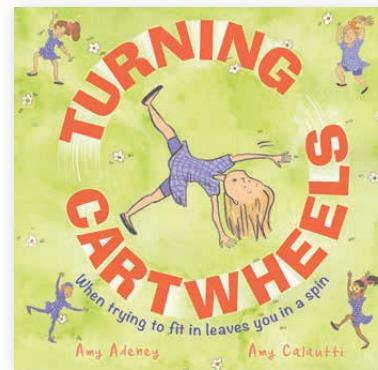
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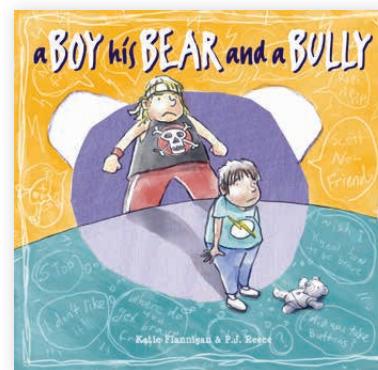
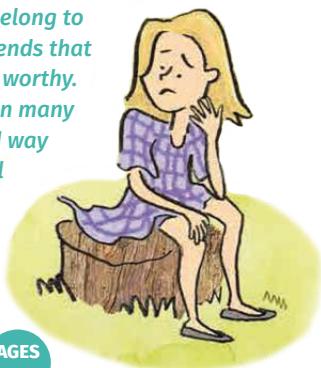
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AMY ADENEY & AMY CALAUTTI

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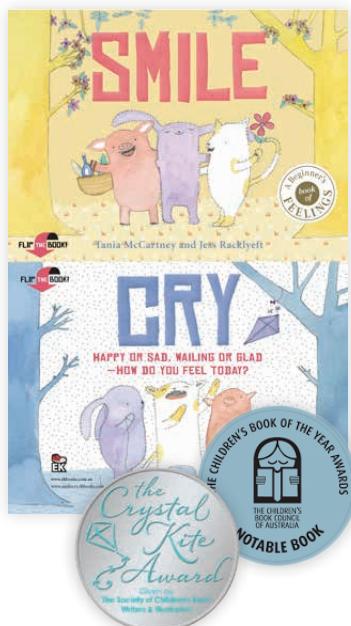


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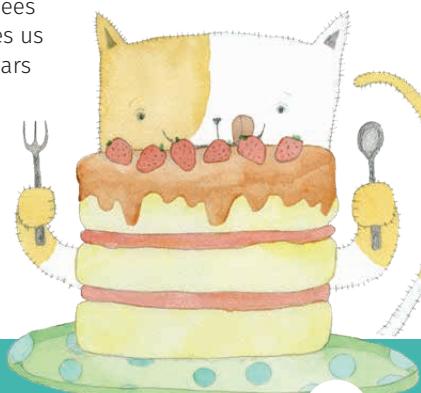


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There's Magic All Around You. What Can You See? What Can You Hear?

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JESS RACKLYEFT

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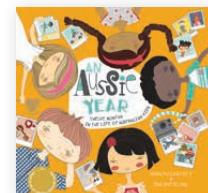
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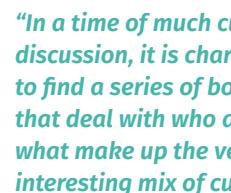
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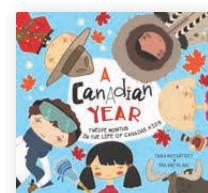
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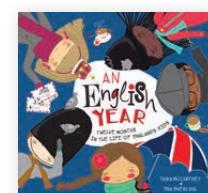
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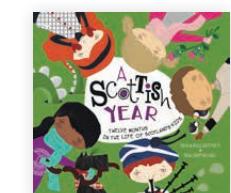
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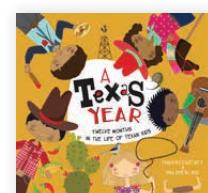
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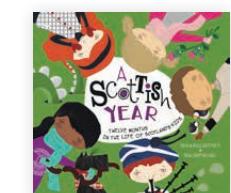
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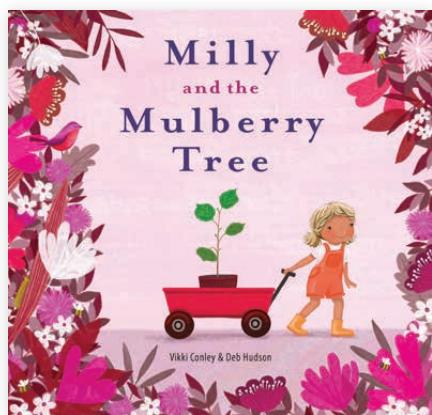
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Milly and the Mulberry Tree is simple yet heartfelt story about growing up, family and home. Inspired by the 100-year-old mulberry tree that grows in the author's own childhood garden, it highlights the importance of exploring new worlds as we grow, while keeping home close to our hearts. Any young readers who like playing outdoors or have their own special hideaway will delight in the vibrant illustrations, the playful prose, and the memories Milly makes under her beloved mulberry tree.

A DELIGHTFUL STORY ABOUT THE MAGIC OF BOTH HOME AND OTHER WORLDS, WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION, CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND SEEING THE WONDER IN EVERYWHERE WE GO.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Vikki Conley is a CBCA notable author of children's stories celebrating the spirit of wonder, adventure and freedom that she wishes every child could enjoy.

Deb Hudson is an illustrator who is passionate about drawing bright, happy and colourful images that evoke emotion and thought in their viewer.

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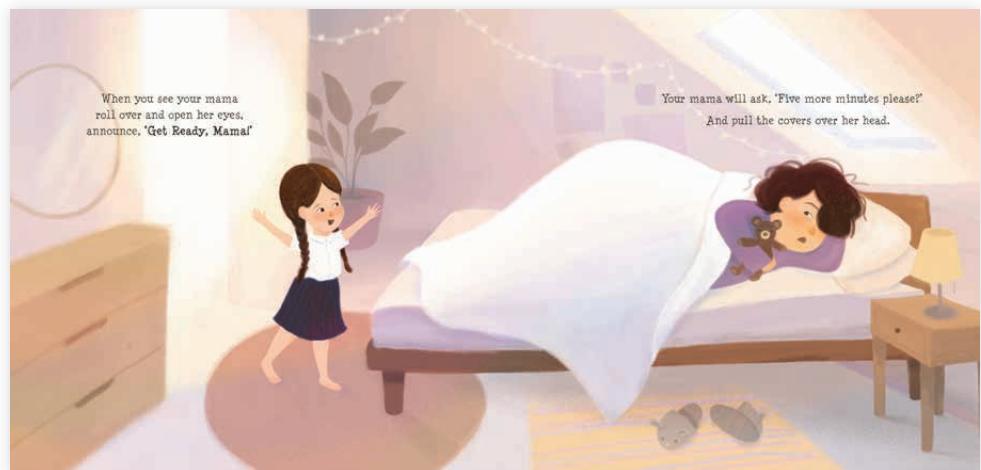


Get Ready, Mama!

SHARON GILTROW & ARIELLE LI

Getting ready in the morning is a mission for many families with young children, but this inventive, tongue-in-cheek story provides a fun way of speeding things along. Little ones will delight in the cheeky role-reversal that sees a young girl doing everything she can to get her reluctant mother out of the house, while parents and carers will gain a strategy for motivating reluctant risers. Full of heart and humour, *Get Ready, Mama!* is for anyone who has heard enough of "5 more minutes".

EVEN THE MOST RELUCTANT RISERS WILL FIND THE FUN IN THE MORNING ROUTINE WITH THIS LIVELY ROLE-REVERSAL STORY ABOUT A MAMA WHO JUST DOESN'T WANT TO GET READY!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Sharon Giltrow has worked with children for all of her career, formerly as a teacher of children who are hearing impaired and Deaf-Blind, and now as an Early Childhood Educator and Teacher Education Support working with Young Children with Developmental Language Disorder.

Arielle Li has been passionate about creating art from a young age, and has been pursuing illustration as a career since 2019.

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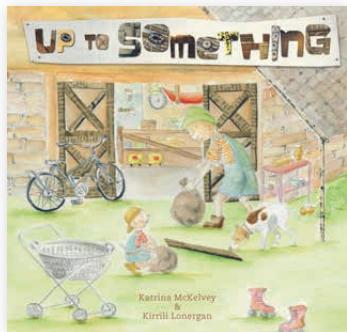


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PERFECT FOR FATHER'S DAY!



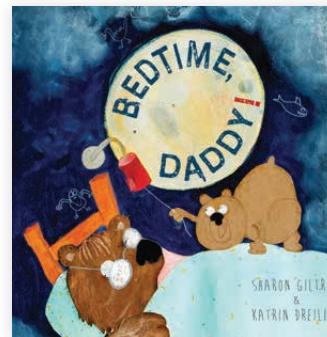
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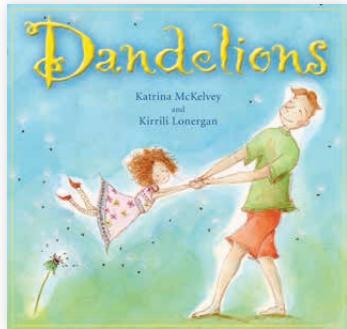
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Explores the bond between a father and his daughter. One day, a little girl notices her father mowing the lawn — in the process destroying her favourite flowers. Will she forgive her dad, and will nature surprise her?



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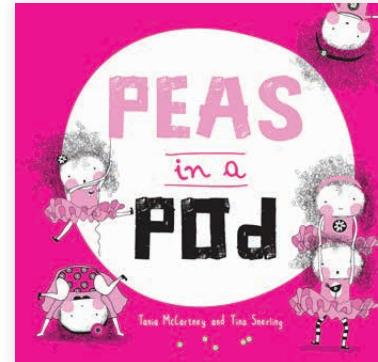
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Peas in a Pod

TANIA MCCARTNEY & TINA SNERLING

Pippa, Pia, Poppy, Polly and Peg are quintuplets. Since birth, they've done everything the same, but as they get a little older they want to do things differently. Can Mum and Dad keep their little girls as matching peas in a pod, or will those very individual personalities win out?



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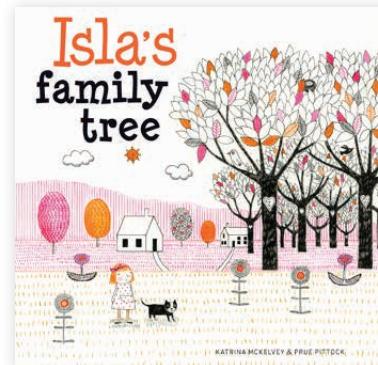
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Isla isn't happy her family is expanding, but her mother and a clever family tree teach her to accept the changes and that it's normal for families to grow.



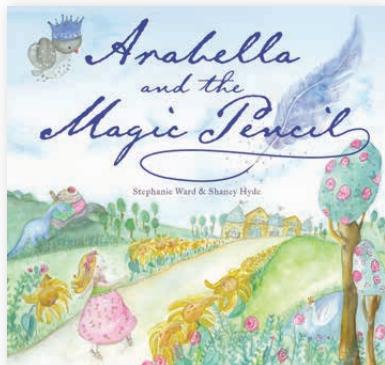
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Arabella is a beloved only child until her brother arrives. While she loves him, it's hard to like him. One day, she decides drastic action is required and she erases him from her life with her magic pencil. Oops! Can she get him back? This book will appeal to any child with a new sibling or changing family dynamics.



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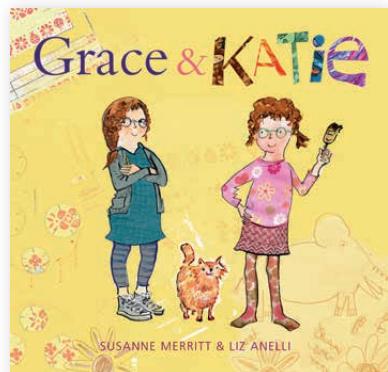
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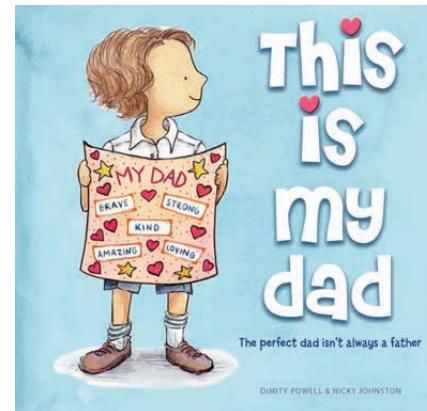
'This book is an imaginative exploration of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's differences. This story encompasses a beautiful lesson for any siblings.' - Kiddo

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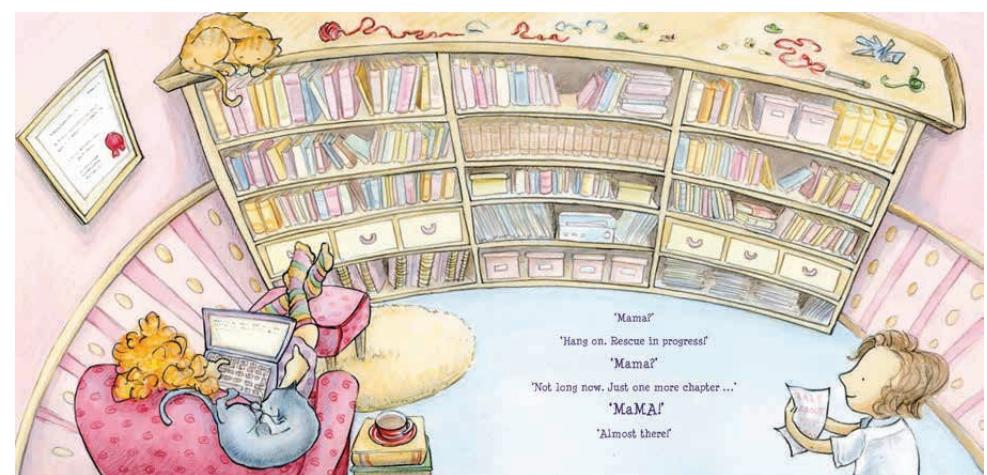


This is My Dad

The Perfect Dad Isn't Always A Father
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Leo lives with his monster-battling, world-creating, children's author mother, and has never known a father figure. So when his teacher announces Tell Us About Your Dad Day, Leo's tummy flip-flops; he worries that he won't have anything to present to his class. Then he remembers that he already knows someone cool, courageous and clever – someone who's not his dad, but is his everything. A heart-warming celebration of families of all shapes and sizes that will resonate with millions of children.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Dimity Powell writes junior novels and picture books, and stories for school magazines, anthologies and online apps.

Nicky Johnston is an educator, speaker, and author/illustrator of children's books. She visits schools and presents at workshops and conferences, sharing her journey, promoting emotional resilience and raising awareness of mental health issues.

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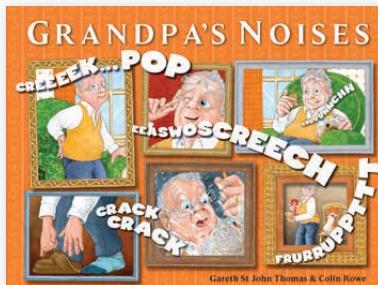


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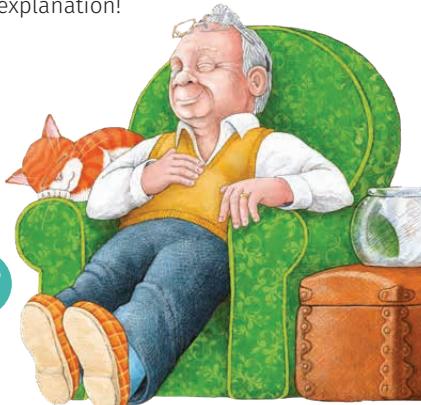


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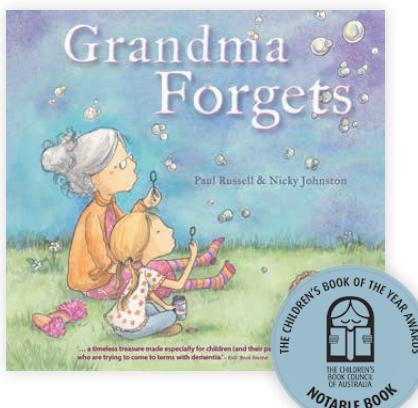


Grandma Forgets

PAUL RUSSELL & NICKY JOHNSTON

The heart-warming story of a family bound by love as they cope with their grandma's dementia. Over the years, the little girl has built up a treasure trove of memories of time spent with Grandma, but now, Grandma can't remember them.

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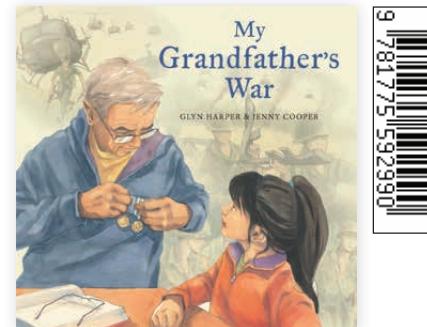


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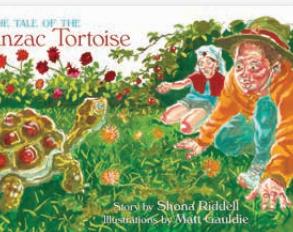
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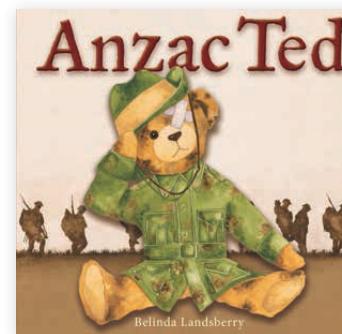
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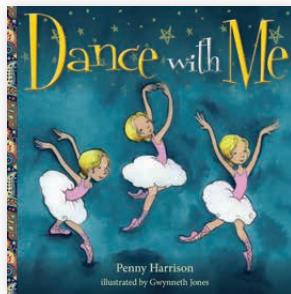


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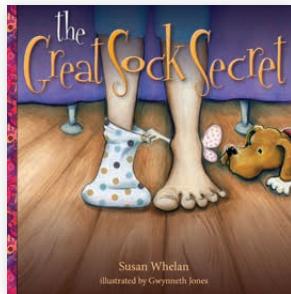
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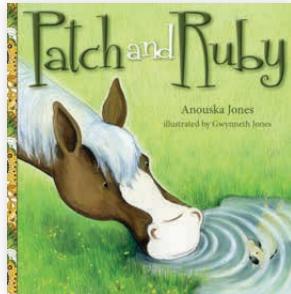
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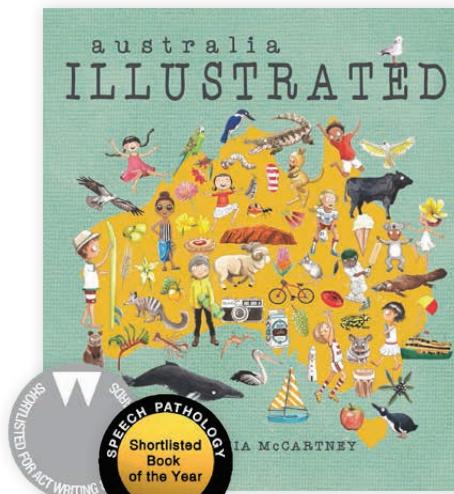
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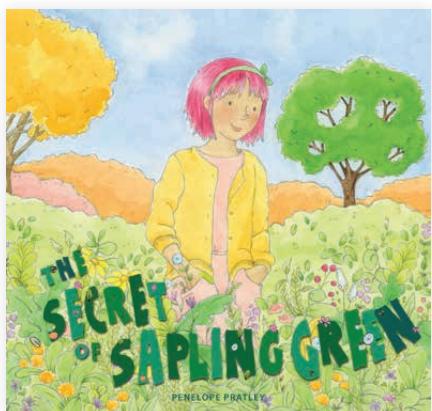
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THEMES: AUSTRALIANA, DIVERSITY, MULTICULTURALISM

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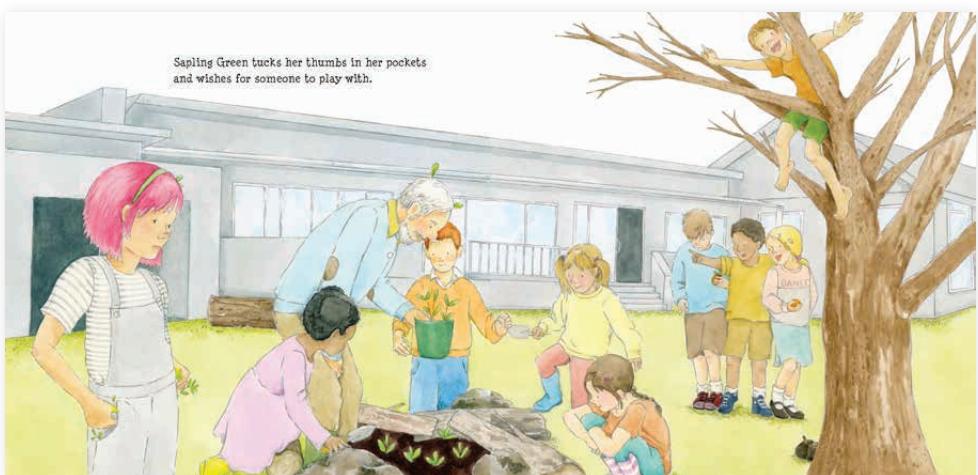


The Secret of Sapling Green

PENELOPE PRATLEY

Sapling Green is a gentle, quiet girl with a secret she is scared to show the world. Wynn Farthing is funny and noisy, and the best at climbing high into the branches of the old schoolyard tree. One terrible day, after a storm, the gardener says the tree has to come down. Can Sapling use her secret to save the day? This beautifully illustrated, heart-warming and relatable story is an important reminder that our differences are our strengths, and we should always accept each other for who we are.

A BEAUTIFUL STORY WITH AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE THAT WILL RESONATE WITH ANY YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS FELT LIKE SOMETHING ABOUT THEM MADE THEM 'DIFFERENT'.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Penelope Pratley is an illustrator and author with a passion for creating books that inspire children to find their place in the world. With Bachelors of Fine Art and of Teaching, she has taught art from preschool to high school. She now works from her home studio and tutors aspiring artists.

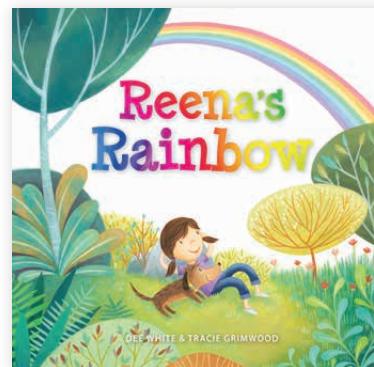
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THEMES: ACCEPTANCE, BEING YOURSELF, FRIENDSHIP, FITTING IN

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Reena's Rainbow

DEE WHITE & TRACIE GRIMWOOD

Reena is deaf and Dog is homeless, but they are also so much more than that. At first Reena and Dog feel like they don't belong, but when they form a unique bond with each other, and become friends with the hearing children in the park, they discover that everyone is different and special in their own way. *Reena's Rainbow* is about friendship, diversity and acceptance. It sends the message that true friends will always accept your differences and love you just the way you are.



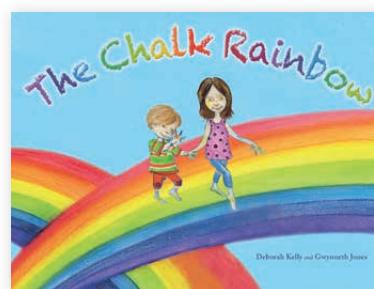
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The Chalk Rainbow

DEBORAH KELLY & GWYNNEH JONES

Zane is different to other kids. He lines things up, and he's frightened of things that don't seem to bother others — like the colour black. *The Chalk Rainbow* explores difference and diversity through a family living with autism. It's a story of unconditional love, of trust and of learning to look at the world through the eyes of others.

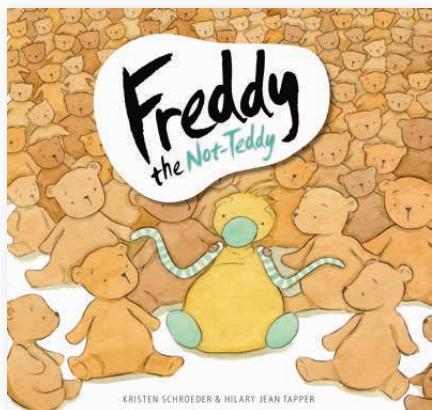
'Does not need to be pigeon holed as an "autism book" but can rather be viewed as a book about inclusion.' - Spectrum Women

THEMES: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS



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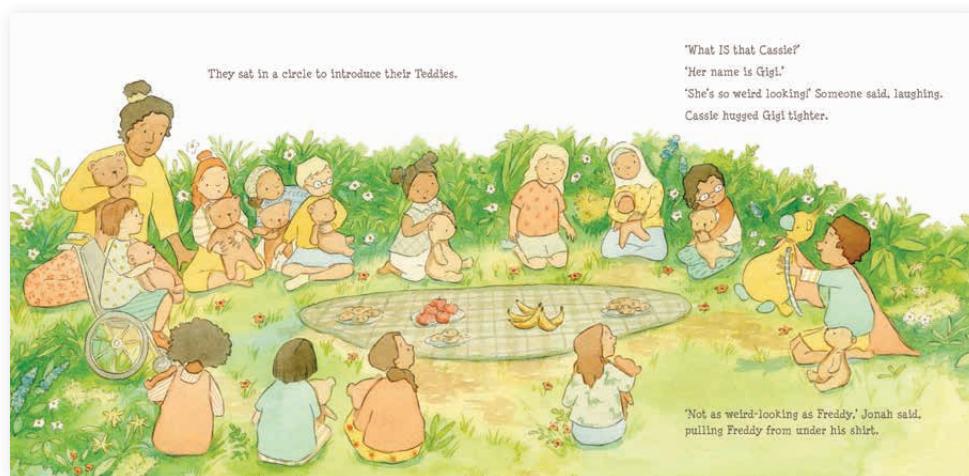


Freddy the Not-Teddy

KRISTEN SCHROEDER & HILARY JEAN TAPPER

Freddy is Jonah's favourite stuffed toy, but no one knows quite what Freddy is – a funky duck, a peculiar platypus, a punk rock penguin? He's certainly not a Teddy, which might be a problem at the Teddy Bears' Picnic! Find out what happens when Jonah stands up for Freddy in a heart-warming story that will resonate with any child who has ever felt a little different. A celebration of inclusivity and kindness, *Freddy the Not-Teddy* will inspire young readers to express themselves just as they are!

FREDDY IS CERTAINLY NOT A TEDDY, BUT THAT WON'T STOP HIM FROM BEING THE STAR OF THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC IN THIS INSPIRING STORY ABOUT INCLUSION, FRIENDSHIP AND STAYING TRUE TO YOURSELF.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Kristen Schroeder writes for children from her home in Minnesota. She and her family are dual American Australian citizens and consider Melbourne their second home. *Freddy the Not-Teddy* is Kristen's second picture book, inspired by her son's favourite stuffed toy, Freddy.

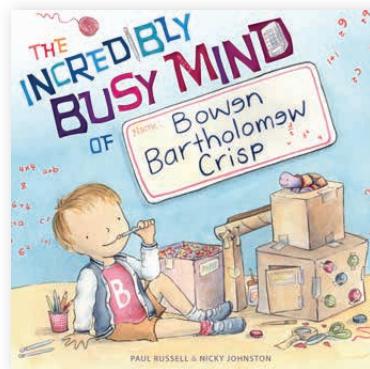
Hilary Jean Tapper is a picture book illustrator, children's arts therapist and dollmaking teacher. Her work seeks to inspire connection within ourselves, with those around us, and the greater world we are a part of.



THEMES: ACCEPTANCE, INCLUSION, FITTING IN

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The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp

PAUL RUSSELL & NICKY JOHNSTON

Most children would say that the ocean is blue, but when Bowen looks at it he sees white where the waves crash, deep black on the ocean floor, and green when there's a storm. Learn how Bowen goes from struggling to fit in with his peers to finding his place in the world in this inspirational story about the power of thinking differently.

'Created from the personal experience of both writer and illustrator, this magical book is designed to encourage a deeper understanding and awareness ... about the different neurological pathways in the brains of children. Stunning in every way' - Kids' Book Review



THEMES: NEURODIVERSITY, CURIOSITY, FITTING IN, SCHOOL



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The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses

SUSANNE GERVAY &
MARJORIE CROSBY-FAIRALL

'Fabulous for stimulating conversation with a child who is wearing glasses for the first time. It can also be used in a classroom to develop discussions about empathy and why some children may need glasses or other supports like hearing or mobility aids.' - Story Snug



THEMES: SELF-ESTEEM, DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE



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ANIMAL TALES

Our Dog Benji

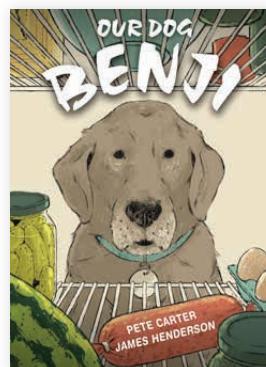
PETE CARTER & JAMES HENDERSON

In delightful illustrations and engaging text, we see how Benji's willingness to eat anything — from daffodils to Brussels sprouts, ice cream to avocados, sandwiches to bones — gradually inspires his child owner to be a little more adventurous.

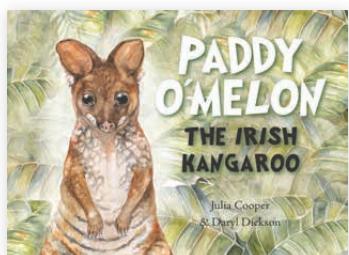
THEMES: FUSSY EATING, THE WILLINGNESS TO TRY NEW THINGS



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Paddy O'Melon

The Irish Kangaroo

JULIA COOPER & DARYL DICKSON

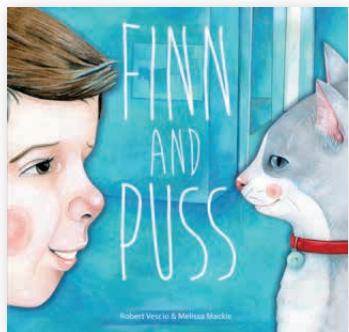
The endearing story of a young rainforest kangaroo, separated from his mother as a joey, and his quest to find his way home.

THEMES: AUSTRALIAN NATIVE WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, IDENTITY, BELONGING



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Finn and Puss

ROBERT VESCIANO & MELISSA MACKIE

Finn, a young boy, is lonely. Puss, a cat, is lost. Then Finn and Puss meet. Suddenly Finn isn't lonely anymore. But Puss's real owners miss their cat. This simple story explores how sometimes we need to make hard choices but that 'doing the right thing' has its own rewards.



THEMES: LONELINESS, FRIENDSHIP, DOING THE RIGHT THING



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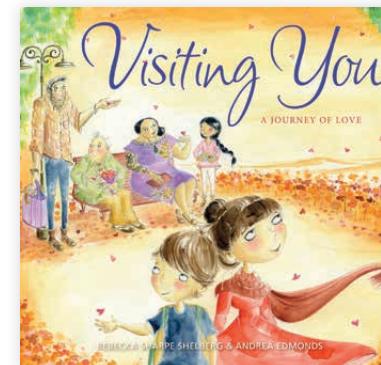
COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY

Visiting You

A Journey of Love

REBECKA SHARPE SHELBERG & ANDREA EDMONDS

A young child and their mother set out to visit a loved one. Along the way, the child curiously interacts with other commuters and discovers that we all are bound by the common experience of love, that appearances can be deceiving, and that it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.



THEMES: COMMUNITY, DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE, LOVE



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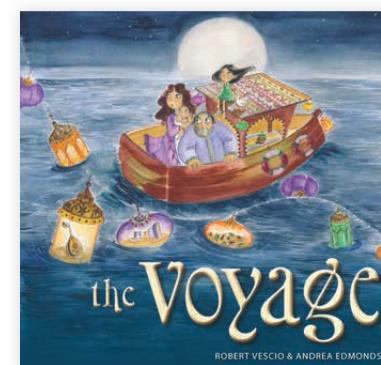
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THEMES: EMPATHY, RESILIENCE, REFUGEES



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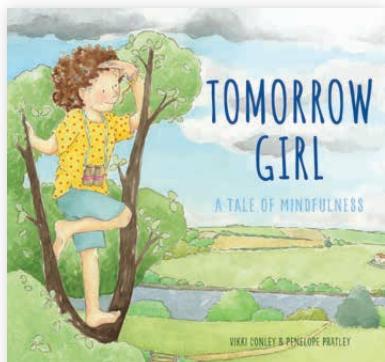


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Tomorrow Girl

A Tale of Mindfulness

VIKKI CONLEY & PENELOPE PRATLEY

Catch up with a girl called Tomorrow — you'd better be quick because she's always in a hurry! 'You'll catch up with the next day if you keep rushing,' says Tomorrow's mother. But when Tomorrow meets Yesterday and trips over Today, her whole world begins to slow down. *Tomorrow Girl* is a quirky tale delivering a timely reminder about the importance of mindfulness and what can happen when we allow ourselves time to be in the moment amidst the modern-day rush.

THEMES: MINDFULNESS, FRIENDSHIP



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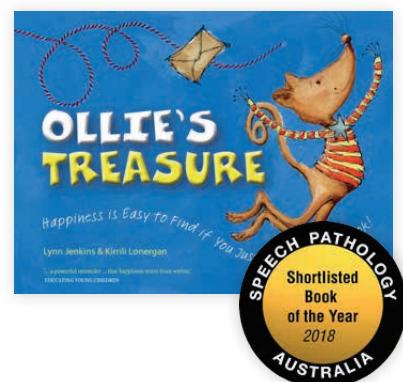


Ollie's Treasure

Happiness is Easy to Find if You Just Know Where to Look!

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN

Psychologist Lynn Jenkins melds mindfulness with playfulness in a joyous exploration of the senses and emotions to help children's healthy development.



THEMES: FINDING HAPPINESS THROUGH MINDFULNESS



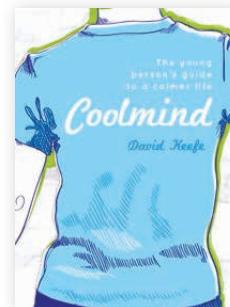
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Coolmind

The Young Person's Guide to a Calmer Life

DAVID KEEFE

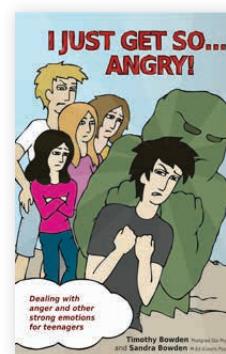
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THEMES: SELF-CONTROL, MINDFULNESS

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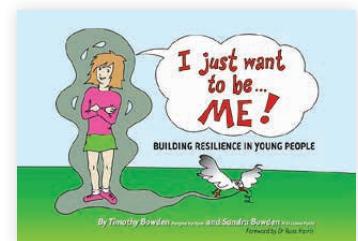


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By Timothy Bowden (Illustrator) and Sandra Bowden (Author)



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