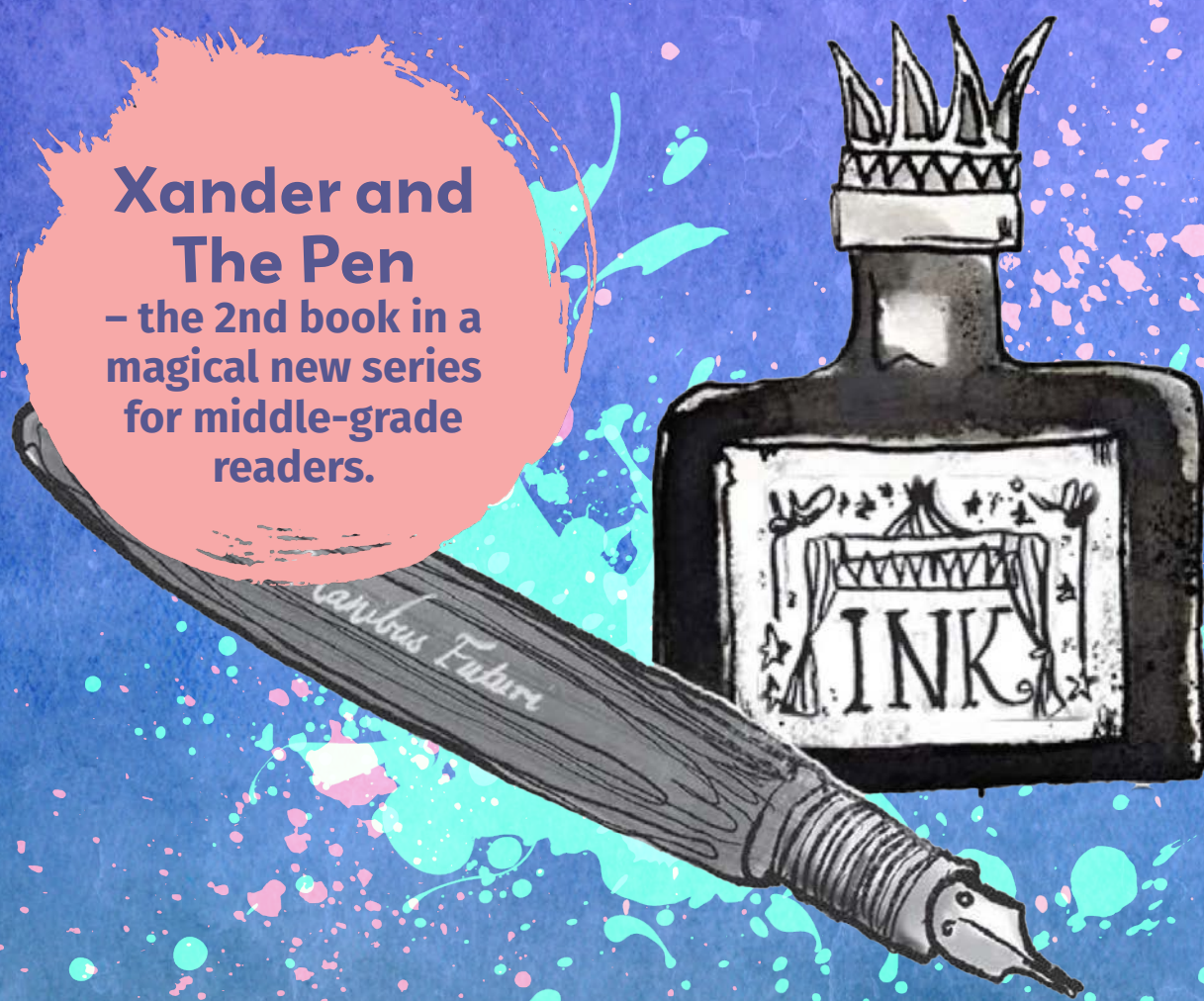


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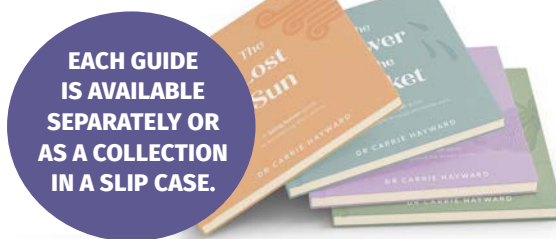
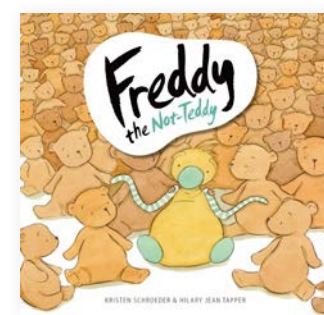
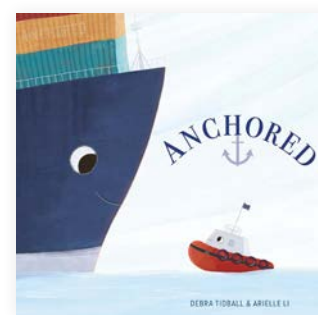
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adam Langstroth is a writer, publisher, and bee enthusiast. Born in Torquay, United Kingdom, Adam was raised with bees in his backyard. In recent years, he has seen the exponential rise in the number of people keeping bees and the corresponding disastrous collapse of the number of wild bees.



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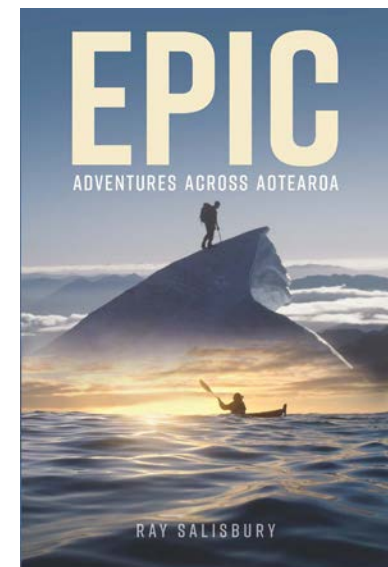
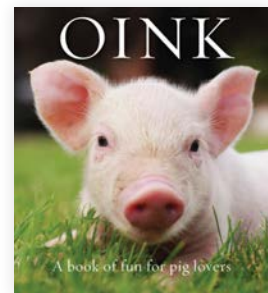
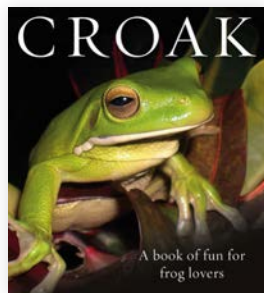
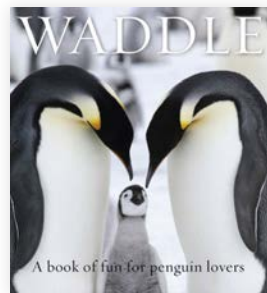
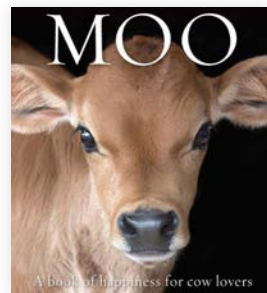


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carrie Hayward is a clinical psychologist who works with individuals to help them live more consciously and purposefully. Her training in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) profoundly changed her approach to living, both professionally and personally. Carrie is also the mother of three boys.

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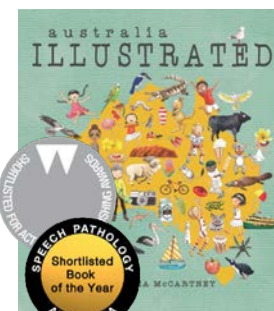
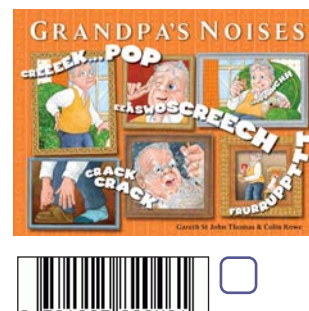
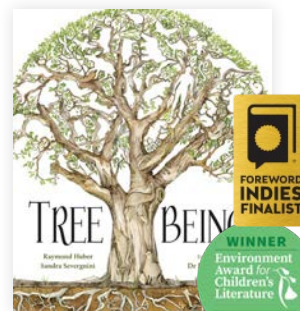
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ray Salisbury, author and photographer, has had a lifelong love for backcountry NZ. In the 1990s, he completed a solo 80-day traverse of the North Island mountain ranges. He wrote about that epic journey in his book, *Cape to Cape*. Today, Ray continues to write about epic adventures in New Zealand.



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MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION



Xander and the Pen

The Pen Series: Book 2

David Lawrence, illustrated by Cherie Dignam

AU \$16.99 | NZ \$18.99 | Nov 2023 | 9781922539403 | 210 x 135 mm | Paperback | 280 pages | Ages 8-12

THEMES: BULLYING, FAMILY DYNAMICS, DISABILITY, ENVIRONMENT

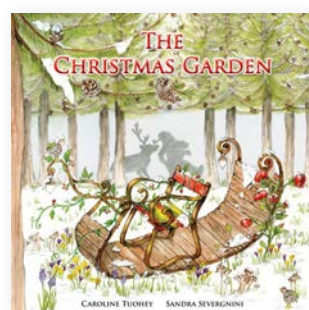
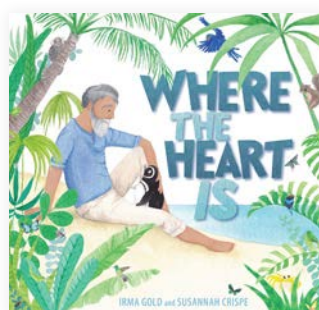
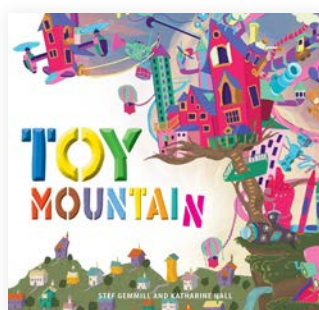
Xander buys a pen that gives him the power to improve his family's fortunes, only to discover that power comes with its own problems. *Xander and the Pen* is the story of a boy who loves to draw superheroes, and the pen he buys from a mysterious market stall. He soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever he draws, happens! At first the pen helps Xander improve his family's fortunes, but there are many unintended consequences and soon everybody is angry at him. Xander sees that the power of the pen has changed him into somebody his sister and his friends despise. But how else to deal with the bullying Bruise Brothers and solve the mystery of the poisoned llamas? Can Xander win back the respect of his sister and friends without using the pen? Or will he succumb to the temptation of an easy fix? Featuring hilarious illustrations, and with messages about bullying, family dynamics, disability and the environment, this is fast-paced, entertaining middle-grade fiction that will resonate with kids everywhere. After all, who wouldn't want to fix all their problems with the stroke of a pen!

New in The Pen series – Imagine if you could solve all your problems with the stroke of a pen!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Lawrence started out as a financial analyst, but went from creating profit-and-loss statements to performing stand-up comedy and TV writing before penning his first book in 2007. Since then, he has written another 12 fun-filled children's books aimed at engaging reluctant readers.

Cherie Dignam has always loved drawing and works in a variety of mediums including coloured pencils and watercolour. However, she is at her happiest with a good old-fashioned dip pen and ink.

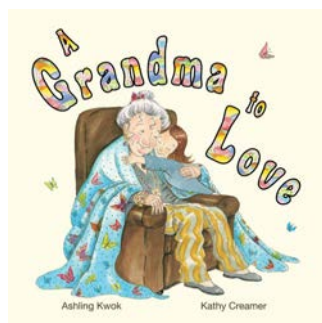


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A Grandma to Love

Ashling Kwok & Kathy Creamer

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THEMES: FAMILY, COMMUNITY

A charming story about how one kind gesture can change someone's life.

Tessa wants a grandma - she's never had one before - so she sets off to find a grandma who can dance, and sing, and bake yummy cookies. Will Tessa ever find the perfect grandma to love and play with?



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Pepper Masalah and The Giant Bird

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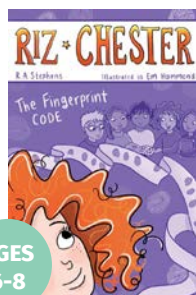
Rosanne Hawke & Jasmine Berry

AU \$11.99 | NZ \$12.99 | Nov 2023 | 9781761111204 | 198 x 129 mm | Hardcover | 88 pp

THEMES: FANTASY AND MAGICAL REALISM AND ADVENTURE

In the 3rd book in this series, *Pepper Masalah and the Giant Bird*, we rejoin Pepper Masalah, the black cat, and nine-year Zamir as the ancient magic carpet flies over Afghanistan. A huge bird (the Simurgh from Persian folklore) whisks Pepper off the carpet and up to her nest of eggs high on a mountain. The carpet is disorientated without Pepper and disappears after Zamir falls off. Zam makes the long climb to save Pepper before she becomes food for the bird's huge chicks. But Pepper and Zam still need to find the carpet in order to get home.

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Riz Chester and The Fingerprint Code

Book 2: Riz Chester Series

R.A. Stephens & Em Hammond

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THEMES: NEURODIVERSITY, TEAMWORK, MYSTERY AND FORENSICS

Realistic forensic investigations for kids with a neurodivergent female protagonist.

Riz Chester has a passion for forensic science. One day at school there is a commotion outside the music room and something is missing. Riz recruits her friends, Jenny, Sabrina, Lachie A and Lochie C and breaks out her fingerprint tools. Is it more than a misunderstanding? How can they work out what happened when no one will even tell them what is missing? And is the mark left behind in the music room really a fingerprint?



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"With all the regular structures and strategies that support young readers, this is a series that will not only promote reading but ... inspire students to at least be more observant and appreciate the value of the research process, if not pursue a science career. One to earmark to get all the episodes."

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