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All our books are supported by teacher notes and activities. You can access these resources free at www.ekbooks.org



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SCHOOL PACKS

Do you need books to fill some gaps in your library collections? At EK Books we have a series of curated book packs to help engage children in a range of topics from embracing neurodiversity to nurturing emerging environmentalists.

EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

- The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp
- Reena's Rainbow
- The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses
- Chalk Rainbow
- The Secret of Sapling Green - **FREE**

FIND YOUR BRAVE

- What If ... ?
- Courageous Lucy
- Go Away, Worry Monster!
- Upside-Down Friday
- Scaredy Book - **FREE**

MAGNIFICENT MIDDLE-GRADE

- Ruby and the Pen
- Xander and the Pen
- Game On: Glitched
- Game On: Critters
- Game On: Shrinkle - **FREE**



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PACKS



JOIN OUR CLUB

For the first time in 2024 we will be inviting a select number of schools to join our EK 'Boots and All' Book Club.

Each member school will receive a **FREE** box of our new books, every month from February to November, for the students to review. The student reviews will be published on our website and social media platforms.

Scan here to register an expression of interest for your school to join the EK 'Boots and All' Book Club.



What if you could change the world with the stroke of the pen?



Ruby and the Pen

David Lawrence & Cherie Dignam

THE PEN SERIES, BOOK 1

9781922539380 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 280 pp

THEMES: DRAWING, ENVIRONMENT, PERSONAL ETHICS, FAMILY BREAKDOWN, RESPONSIBILITY

Ruby and the Pen is the story of a 12-year-old, cartoon-drawing girl who buys a pen from a mysterious market stall. She soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever she draws, happens! Initially the pen protects Ruby from the meanest girls at her new school, but over time the pen's power becomes dangerous. Soon, Ruby has problems galore and one big question to be answered - should she fix all of her problems with the stroke of a pen?



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"An engaging study of power and moral choices." – Kirkus

Xander and the Pen

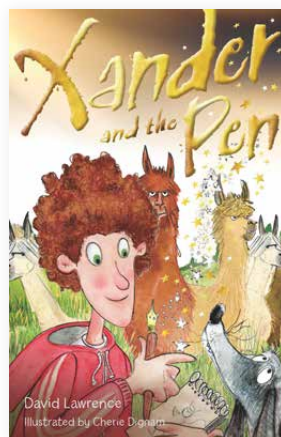
David Lawrence & Cherie Dignam

THE PEN SERIES, BOOK 2

9781922539403 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 280 pp

THEMES: DRAWING, ENVIRONMENT, PERSONAL ETHICS, FAMILY BREAKDOWN, RESPONSIBILITY

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 Xander. With problems galore, Xander has one big decision to make - should he use the pen to draw one more picture?



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ABOUT THE CREATORS

David Lawrence penned his first book in 2007. Since then, he has written 12 fun-filled children's books aimed at engaging reluctant readers.

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

NEW RELEASE



Superheroes for a Day

Craig Cormick & Lauren Mullinder

9781922539977 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 112 pp | JUL 24

THEMES: AUTISM, NEURODIVERSITY, SCHOOL, SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE, EMPATHY

Superheroes for a Day tells the engaging story of Max, Daniel, and Natalie's mission to save their school from endless maths lessons. Using their unique abilities like heightened memory and attention to detail, they turn their differences into superpowers.

Offering a refreshing perspective, where differences that often mark kids as 'other' are reframed as uniquely useful, this book transfer the quirky into cool, allowing both kids on the spectrum and their neurotypical classmates to rethink what it means to be hero. The story offers insight into what life it like for kids on the spectrum in a fun and engaging manner, resonating with readers in mainstream classrooms.

Filled with delightful illustrations, *Superheroes for a Day* is an empowering tale of friendship, bravery, and the remarkable abilities that often go unnoticed in those who are different.



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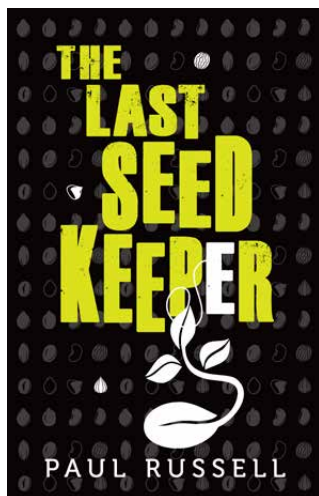


Can three autistic friends turn their differences into superpowers and save the school from endless maths?

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Dr Craig Cormick OAM is the author of over 30 books for adults and children, several of them winning awards. He is a member of the Children's Book Council of Australia. Dr Cormick has a son on the autism spectrum.

Lauren Mullinder is an Adelaide-based illustrator and teacher with a degree in Visual Communication.

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ABOUT THE CREATOR

Paul Russell is a national award-winning picture book author, international presenter and teacher with more than twenty years' experience. He is passionate about empowering children through literature, imagination and the written word. Paul's characters promote inclusion and the importance of individuality and finding your own place in the world. He is also a playwright, dyslexic, lover of chocolate and fine food, father, and owner of an ill-disciplined, poorly trained but lovable dachshund named Enzo.



Oliver Kitten's Diary

The Journals of a Mischievous Cat's First Year
Gareth St John Thomas

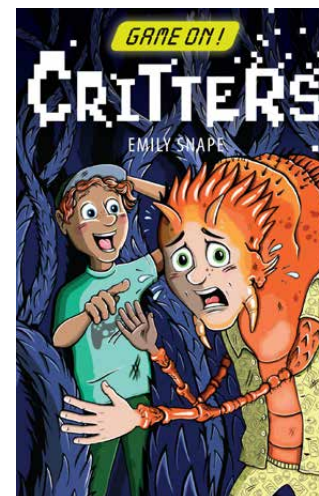
9781922539359 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 192 pp

THEMES: HUMOUR, LIVING WITH A PET

Oliver Kitten's Diary is a must for cat lovers who will enjoy Oliver's precocious and naughty antics, learn something about kitten care and appreciate his perceptions of the human condition. Includes elegant line drawings.

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12+

"Oliver Kitten's Diary is a picture of a cat as accurate as it is loving; a welcome return to the charm and lilt of E.B. White's Charlotte's Web." – Cat Affairs Magazine

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ABOUT THE CREATOR

Emily Snape is a children's author and illustrator living in London. Her work has appeared online, on television, in shops and even on buses! She loves coffee and notebooks, and has three cheeky children, Leo, Fin and Flo, who keep her on her toes and give her lots of inspiration for stories.

"This is the sort of story that will pull even reluctant readers away from their screens." – Barbara Braxton, Teacher Librarian

Game On: Glitched

GAME ON SERIES, BOOK 2

9781922539410 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 224 pp

THEMES: GAMING, RIDDLES, SIBLING RIVALRY, PROBLEM SOLVING, HISTORY

In *Game On: Glitched*, Max and his brother Liam take a trip through time. History comes alive but to return home they must work together to solve some historical riddles.

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Game On: Shrinkle

GAME ON SERIES, BOOK 1

9781922539397 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 184 pp

THEMES: GAMING, RIDDLES, SIBLING RIVALRY, PROBLEM SOLVING, HUMOUR

When rebellious Liam starts playing 'Shrinkle' on his babysitter's phone, the app shrinks Liam and his brother Max to the size of a minifigure! Their safe home has suddenly become a treacherous landscape. Can they escape before the phone goes flat!

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Game On: Critters

Emily Snape

GAME ON SERIES, BOOK 3

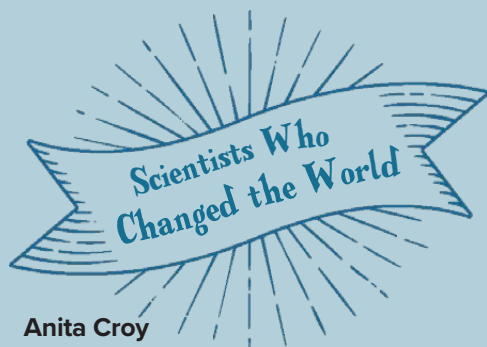
9781922539984 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | TBA pp | **SEP 24**

THEMES: GAMING, SIBLINGS, HUMOUR, ANIMALS

Gaming-obsessed brothers Max and Liam are back, and they're in for another adventure of CATASTROPHIC proportions. It all goes wrong when a rogue app transforms them from human boys into fleas, and it only gets worse from there. The speed a cheetah can run and the acidity of pigeon poo have never been more important. A laugh out loud, fast-paced adventure full of comic-style illustrations that bring the action to life and will absorb even the most reluctant of readers.

NEW IN THIS POPULAR SERIES FOR KIDS WHO WOULD RATHER BE GAMING THAN READING!



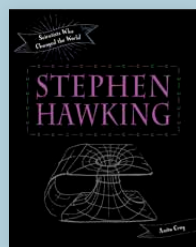


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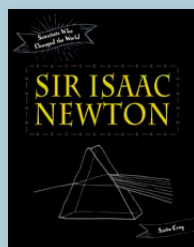
THEMES: SCIENCE, BIOGRAPHY, MIDDLE GRADE NON-FICTION

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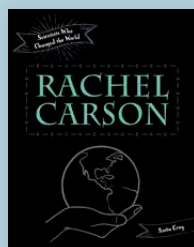
Discover scientists whose work changed society forever. From Rachel Carson, who alerted society to the danger of pesticides, to Sir Isaac Newtown and his ground breaking work on gravity, these biographies are a great way to open a door to scientific curiosity in children.



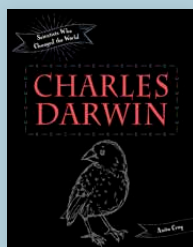
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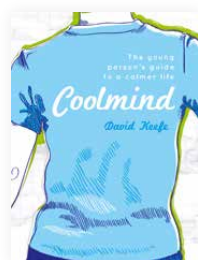
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Coolmind

The Young Person's Guide to a Calmer Life

David Keefe

9781921497933 I Paperback I 138 x 105 mm I 5½ x 4 in I 120 pp

THEMES: SELF-CONTROL, MINDFULNESS

Three minutes a day, mindfulness for teens and tweens. A pocket guide to becoming mentally calm and consciously cool.



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I Just Want to Be ... Me!

Building Resilience in Young People

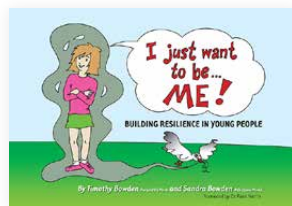
Timothy & Sandra Bowden

9781921497476 I Paperback I 170 x 245 mm I 6¾ x 9¾ in I 64 pp
AVAILABLE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ONLY

THEMES: SELF-CONTROL, ACCEPTANCE & COMMITMENT THERAPY

Flexible strategies for dealing with the stressors in life, based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

IN GRAPHIC NOVEL FORMAT



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Our Dog Benji

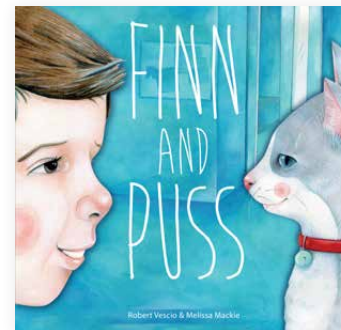
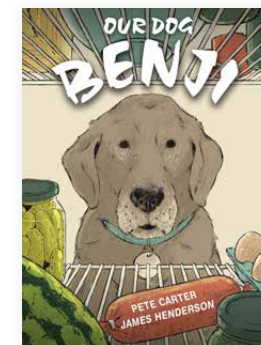
Pete Carter & James Henderson

9781925335330 I Hardcover I 217 x 160 mm I 8½ x 6½ in I 32 pp

THEMES: FUSSY EATING, THE WILLINGNESS TO TRY NEW THINGS

We all know that dogs will eat anything. We also know that kids' tastes generally aren't so wide-ranging. In delightful duotone illustrations and engaging text, we see how the family dog's willingness to eat anything — from daffodils to brussels sprouts — gradually inspires his child owner to be a little more adventurous at mealtimes.

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Finn and Puss

Robert Vescio & Melissa Mackie

9781925335507 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp

THEMES: LONELINESS, FRIENDSHIP, DOING THE RIGHT THING

Finn is lonely, Puss is lost. When Finn finds Puss, he also finds a friend. But Puss's real owners miss their cat. Will Finn do the right thing and take Puss home? A story that Subtly explores how hard it can sometimes be for us to do the right thing, but how making the right decision can often have unexpected rewards.

Saying Goodbye to Barkley

Devon Sillett & Nicky Johnston

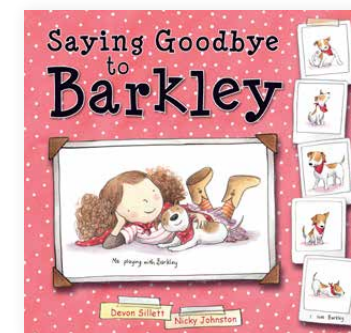
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THEMES: PETS, LOSS, ANIMAL WELFARE

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"This beautiful picture book explores how it feels when your much loved pet passes away." - Animaniamia (published by the RSPCA)



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Paddy O'Melon

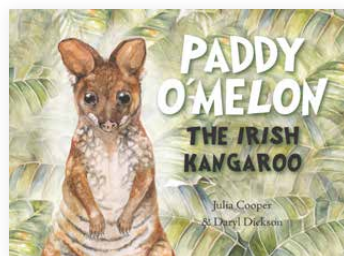
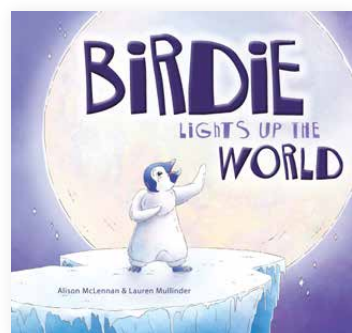
The Irish Kangaroo

Julia Cooper & Daryl Dickson

9781925335637 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: AUSTRALIAN NATIVE WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, IDENTITY, BELONGING

Separated from his mother as a joey, Paddy O'Melon tries to find out what he really is from the other rainforest animals. But none of them can help him. It's not until he meets the cassowary that he manages to find out both his identity and the way home.

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Birdie Lights Up the World

Alison McLennan & Lauren Mullinder

9781922539489 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: PENGUINS, SINGING, UNIQUE GIFTS, SELF ESTEEM, ZOOS

Birdie Lights Up the World is a story about the importance of being yourself and sharing your unique gifts with the world. Birdie the penguin believes she is the chosen one who lights up the world every night with her song. When the sky lights up without her one evening, she is left feeling lost and confused - until her friends help her realize her true purpose. Sensitive illustrated, with zoo characters children will love.

"Children as old as 10 will also benefit from discussions on topics such as extrinsic and intrinsic motivation, and the importance of self-worth." - Books + Publishing

Tree Beings

Raymond Huber & Sandra Severgnini

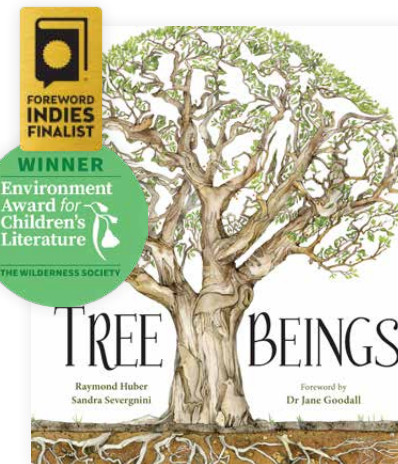
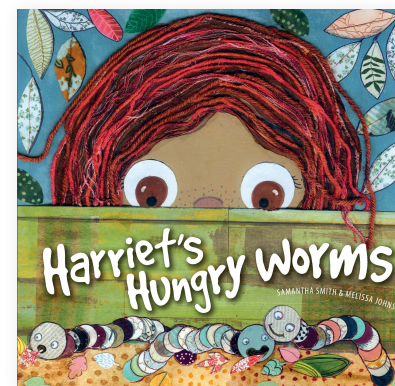
With foreword by Dr Jane Goodall

9781925820539 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 96 pp

THEMES: NATURAL WORLD, PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Tree Beings takes a fresh look at trees as beings that enrich the whole planet. Get to know trees through the inspiring true stories of people who love them: from a scientist who discovered how trees 'talk'; to a young woman with the world record for living up a tree. Learn about recent tree science, and explore tree wisdom from many cultures.

"A delightful and enriching exploration of tree heroes and saviours that will appeal to kids and adults alike. It is exquisitely illustrated." - Organic Gardener

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Harriet's Hungry Worms

Samantha Smith & Melissa Johns

9781922539472 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, GARDENING, SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Packed with worm facts, *Harriet's Hungry Worms* is the ideal companion for worm warriors and curious composters keen to roll up their sleeves. Before they know it, young readers become equipped with the basic information they need to start putting their own kitchen food scraps to good use!

"A perfect picture book for the early childhood years. A joy to read aloud or listen to." - Magpies Schools Magazine



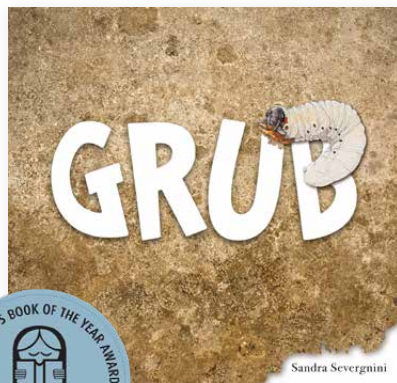
Grub

Sandra Severgnini

9781922539267 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: NATURE, INSECTS, METAMORPHOSIS

Far below the rainforest canopy, a grub feels that his body is about to change. Wondering what he will turn into, he looks to his insect friends for answers. With lush illustrations full of realistic detail, *Grub* immerses us in the world of the forest floor as we take a journey of discovery on the way to the final, surprising, metamorphosis.



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Come on a journey as a little grub searches for the answer to his big question, 'What will I become?'



Meet Mim

Sandra Severgnini

9781922539557 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: NATURE, SEA CREATURES, OCTOPUS, CAMOUFLAGE, SHAPE SHIFTER, OCEANS

The world of the shallow ocean seabed is brought to life in this story of an amazing animal, the mimic octopus. The illustrations give a realistic picture of the sea creatures in this environment and how perfectly the octopus impersonates and outwits them. For the reader, the fun is in the guessing - what is the real shape of the master of disguise that *Meet Mim* introduces us to?



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"An excellent means of introducing students in the lower primary classes to the study of marine life and/or other areas of science."

- Science Teachers Association of Victoria

NEW RELEASE



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The Real Cowgirl

Isabelle Duff & Susannah Crispe

9781922539687 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **JUN 24**

THEMES: ANXIETY, SCHOOL, ANIMALS AS THERAPY

When Sal rides her pony, she feels like a cowgirl; brave, smart and wild. But at school, she is isolated and anxious. In this vibrantly illustrated, heart-warming story, find out how a small act of bravery and the power of friendship help Sal to be herself even when she is scared. Perfect for young readers who are struggling with nerves or anxiety.

New from the talented young author of *Cookie*, Isabelle Duff draws on her own experiences of childhood anxiety to create a relatable character kids will love.



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Isabelle Duff is a farmer, author, and student at the University of New South Wales, where she is studying Advanced Science and Commerce.

Susannah Crispe is a Canberra-based children's book illustrator with a background in zoology and art history and a love of beautifully crafted books.

ALSO FROM THIS DYNAMIC DUO

Cookie

Isabelle Duff & Susannah Crispe

9781925820959 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANXIETY, DEPRESSION

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 love between a pet and their person.



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Through the Gate

Sally Fawcett

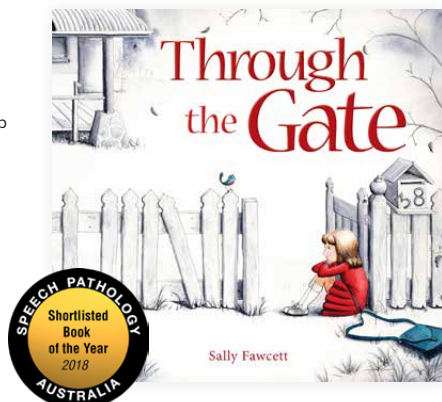
9781925335415 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820096 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: MOVING HOUSE, COPING WITH CHANGE

Like all changes, moving house can be difficult. A little girl struggles to cope when confronted with a dilapidated house and a new life. But, over time, the renovations to the house parallel a shift in her perspective, as she realises that change can include good things too.

A gorgeous story about finding the bright side of change.



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Growing Pains

Alison McLennan & Melissa Johns

9781925820522 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: EMPATHY, KINDNESS, CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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.

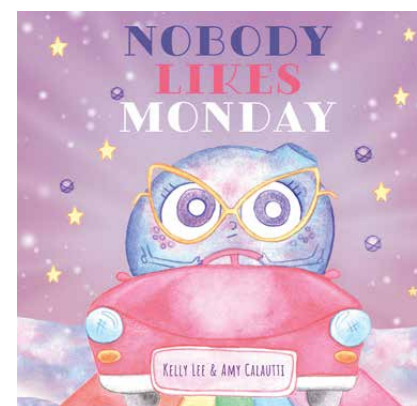


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From the talented illustrator of Harriet's Hungry Worms.



NEW RELEASE



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Nobody Likes Monday

Kelly Lee & Amy Calautti

9781922539847 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **AUG 24**

THEMES: RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL GROWTH, POSITIVITY, SELF ACCEPTANCE

It's pretty tough being Monday – you're not named after a god like Thursday, and you're certainly not a two-day party like Saturday and Sunday. Instead, you're the start of the week, when people have to wake up early and head back to school and work. Monday even has a pile of complaint letters to prove that nobody likes her. *Nobody Likes Monday* is a story about the impact of people's perceptions of ourselves, and the fact that we all have value; we just need to learn to see it.

In a world where the days of the week come to life, Monday learns to let go of negativity and accept herself for who she is.



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Kelly Lee is a teacher, educational curriculum designer and mum. She lives in Australia and can see kangaroos over her back fence.

Amy Calautti 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.

LET GO OF THE BAD FEELINGS

Tabitha and the Raincloud

Devon Sillett & Melissa Johns

9781925820133 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANGER, EMOTIONAL REGULATION, OPTIMISM

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.



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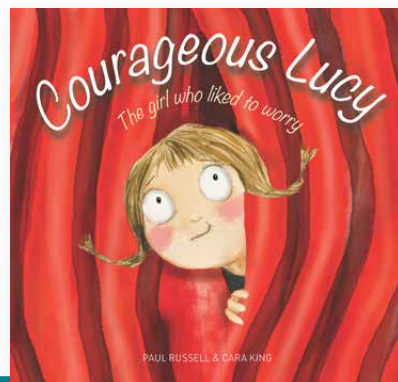
Courageous Lucy

The Girl Who Liked to Worry
Paul Russell & Cara King

9781925820775 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANXIETY, BRAVERY, OVERCOMING FEARS, SCHOOL

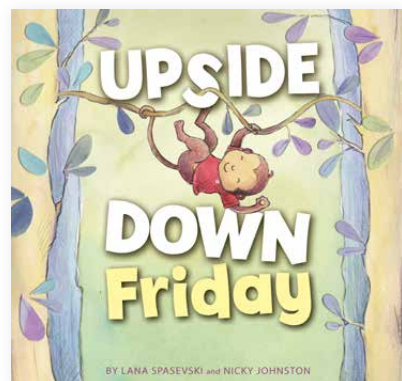
Her knees may knock, her tummy ties in knots and Lucy may worry quite a lot, but with a small sprinkle of courage, Lucy takes tiny steps of bravery to be in the school play and becomes the best tree ever, despite her anxiety.



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"Books like this are essential. They show that we can take a deep breath and rise above our fears and say yes to the many opportunities that life presents." – Reading Time



Upside-Down Friday

Lana Spasevski & Nicky Johnston

9781925820850 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANXIETY, COPING WITH CHANGE, SCHOOL

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, this is the perfect resource for building emotional resilience in children.

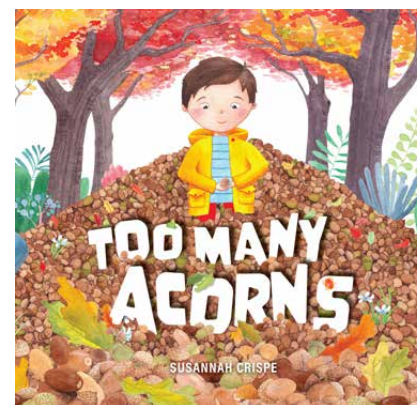


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Young children's lives are full of big, scary changes. Help them to build emotional resilience, and find the fun in days that don't go to plan!



NEW RELEASE



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Too Many Acorns

Susannah Crispe

9781922539748 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **OCT 24**

THEMES: LOSS, GRIEF, ISOLATION, COMPLUSIONS, COPING STRATEGIES

When Patrick suffers a huge loss, he finds comfort in holding an acorn that drops at his feet. The more acorns he collects, the less empty he feels... but as the house fills with acorns, events quickly overtake him. Can Patrick and Dad find a way to move past the acorn chaos and cope with their grief together? An uplifting story about resilience, connection, and growth, perfect for sharing with little ones who are experiencing the loss of a loved one, or any other emotional upheaval.

NEW FROM THE ILLUSTRATOR OF
COOKIE, AND WHERE THE HEART IS.



An uplifting story about resilience, connection, and growth.

ABOUT THE CREATOR

Susannah Crispe is an Australian children's author and illustrator, with a passion for animals, art and adventure. Susannah writes and illustrates her books from a light-filled studio in Canberra, drawing inspiration from her adventurous son, cluttered bookshelves and the world beyond her windows. As an illustrator, she works in watercolour and digital collage to produce beautiful scenes brimming with detail.

LIVING WITH LOSS

The Fix-It Man

Dimitry Powell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335347 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

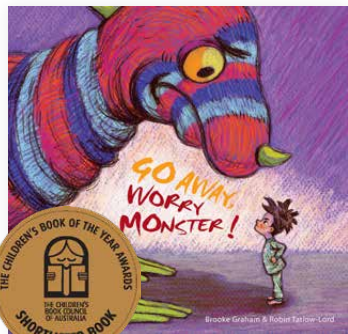
THEMES: GRIEF, DEATH, HOPE, HEALING FROM LOSS

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.



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Go Away, Worry Monster!

Brooke Graham & Robin Tatlow-Lord

9781925820393 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANXIETY, RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Worry Monster loves 'helping' Archie worry, especially the night before he starts his new school. Archie feels so anxious that his head hurts, his tummy flutters and his heart pounds. He soon realizes that the only way to feel better is to make Worry Monster go away. He does his belly breaths and challenges his inner fears by facing facts. *Go Away, Worry Monster!* gives children useful strategies to cope with their anxieties and stress, showing them how to make their own Worry Monsters leave.

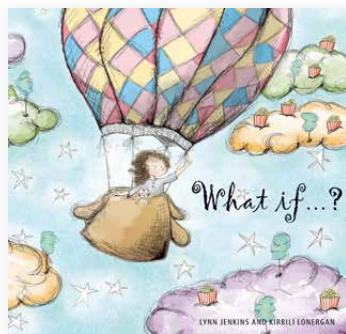
What if ... ?

Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan

9781925820973 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANXIETY, IMAGINATION

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.

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Don't Think About Purple Elephants

Susan Whelan & Gwynneth Jones

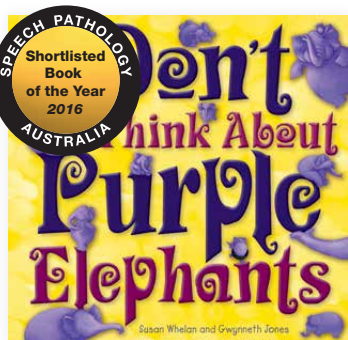
9781921966699 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925335484 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

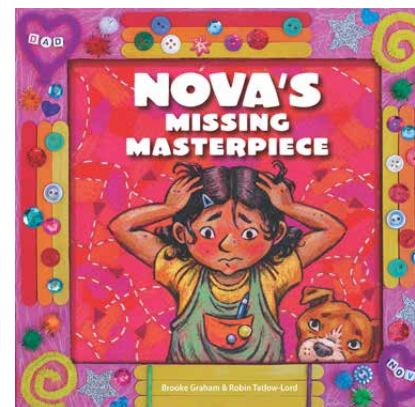
THEMES: WORRY, COPING WITH ANXIETY

This perennial favourite is now back in stock in hardcover.

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 clever way to take her mind off her troubles, by asking her NOT to think of purple elephants.

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NEW RELEASE

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The much-anticipated new release from the creators of *Go Away, Worry Monster!*

Nova's Missing Masterpiece

Brooke Graham & Robin Tatlow-Lord

9781922539373 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **FEB 24**

THEMES: SELF REGULATION, ANGER CONTROL, PROBLEM SOLVING, PETS, LIFE SKILLS

Features current evidence-based strategies to help self-regulate/calm down, including belly breathing, drinking water, listening to music, stretching and relaxing. When Nova realises the artwork she created for Dad's birthday present is missing, her tummy flip flops. Nova and her dog, Harley, turn the house upside down, but the missing masterpiece is nowhere to be found. Nova loses her temper but Harley remains calm. Can Nova learn from her dog, calm herself down and find her Dad's present in time?

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Brooke Graham is a primary school teacher and children's author. She is passionate about reducing the stigma around mental illness.

Robin Tatlow-Lord is a writer, animator and cartoonist who loves bringing character and emotion to all of her illustrations.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

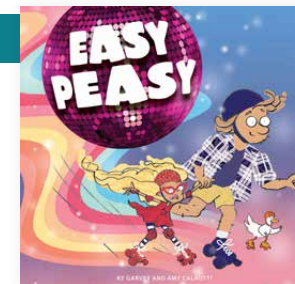
Easy Peasy

Ky Garvey & Amy Calautti

9781922539441 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ROLLER SKATING, PERSISTENCE, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, ACCEPTING HELP

A fun, engaging story, perfect for children learning how to do something new. *Easy Peasy* follows Ruby, who has just received sparkly roller skates as a present from her dad. Ruby is convinced it will be easy to learn how to roller skate and dismisses her dad when he offers to help her. But after a few tumbles, Ruby realises it isn't as easy as she thinks and that she might need his help after all!

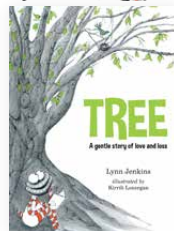
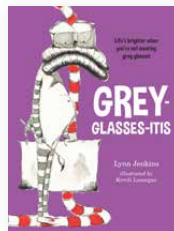
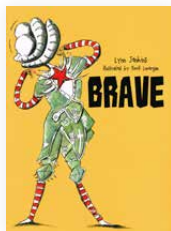
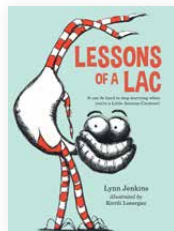
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'Lessons of a LAC' series

Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Loneragan

Written by experienced clinical psychologist, Lynn Jenkins, and illustrated by art therapist and former paediatric nurse Kirrili Loneragan, this popular series gives children tools to help manage their worries.

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Lessons of a LAC

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

9781925335828 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE

Learn alongside Loppy the Little Anxious Creature as he finds out how to manage his anxieties, let go of his worries, and above all have fun!



Brave

9781925117844 | Paperback | 310 x 230 mm | 12½ x 9 in | 36 pp | LITTLE STEPS PUBLISHING
AVAILABLE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ONLY

THEMES: ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE, COURAGE

Loppy is starting school and he's a little anxious. Can Curly the Calmster show Loppy how to 'find his brave'?



Perfect Petunias

The 'Perfect' Book for Little Perfectionists Everywhere!

9781925335583 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

THEMES: PERFECTIONISM, SELF-ACCEPTANCE, RESILIENCE

Learn that 'perfect' just means trying your best, in the 'perfect' book for kids who find it hard to make mistakes!



Grey-glasses-itis

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

9781925335958 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

THEMES: MOODS, FEELINGS, EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

When Loppy takes off his grey glasses, life doesn't look so sad! A simple way to teach kids how thoughts influence mood.



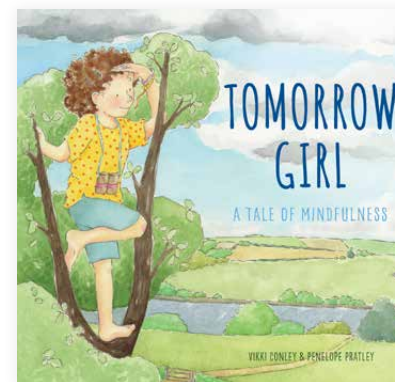
Tree

A Gentle Story of Love and Loss

9781925820126 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

THEMES: GRIEF, LOSS, EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

A gentle story of loss to help children learn how to say goodbye, process grief, and commemorate a loved one's life.



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"Tomorrow Girl is the perfect book to kickstart discussions about mindfulness and slowing down to appreciate the wonder around us. A truly magical (and mindful) find." – Children's Books Daily

Tomorrow Girl

A Tale of Mindfulness

Vikki Conley & Penelope Pratley

9781925820362 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: MINDFULNESS, FRIENDSHIP

Catch up with a girl called Tomorrow as she rushes through life. 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 of mindfulness and what can happen when we allow ourselves time to be in the moment.

Ollie's Treasure

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

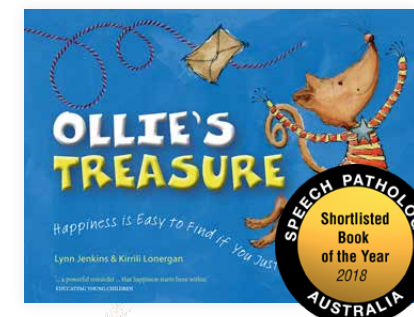
Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Loneragan

9781925335422 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

9781925820263 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: FINDING HAPPINESS THROUGH MINDFULNESS

Ollie's grandma sends him a treasure map that promises to lead him to 'something that will make him happy always'. Of course, Ollie thinks this 'something' will be a toy of some sort, but he gets both a rude shock and a big surprise when his treasure turns out to be him!



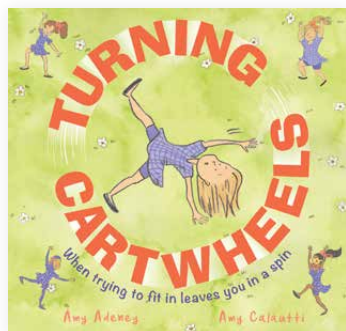
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Psychologist Lynn Jenkins melds mindfulness with playfulness in a joyous exploration of the senses and emotions to help children's healthy development.



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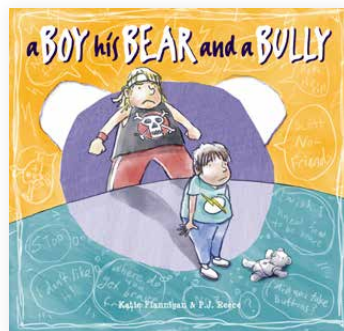
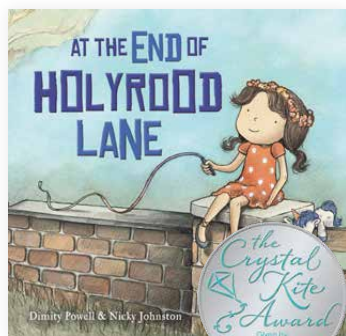
A Boy, His Bear and a Bully

Katie Flannigan & P.J. Reece

9781925820898 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: BULLYING, FRIENDSHIP, BRAVERY, FORGIVENESS, SCHOOL

A Boy, His Bear and a Bully tells the story of the day Scott's bear, Buttons, goes missing and Scott has to be brave and stand up to his bully. It addresses the global issue of bullying in a hopeful, gentle way, opening the conversation for children, carers, and professionals, and providing guidance for anyone who wishes they could be brave.

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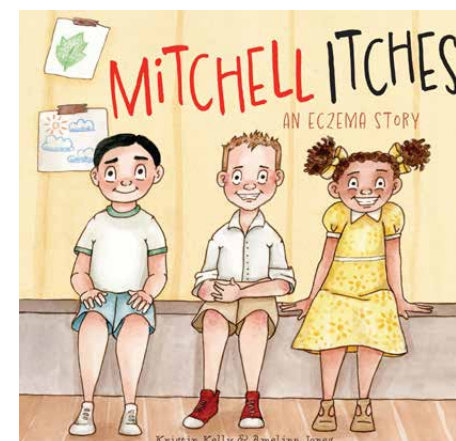
Turning Cartwheels

When Trying to Fit In Leaves You in a Spin
Amy Adeney & Amy Calautti

9781925820515 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: SOCIAL BULLYING, FRIENDSHIP, PEER PRESSURE, FITTING IN, SCHOOL

Emma is desperate to join queen bee Carly's Cartwheel Club. But will being in the club be as much fun as Emma hopes? Bullying is all too common in schools but it's not always physical. Underhanded, manipulative behaviour by so-called 'frenemies' can cause just as much damage. This is a clever exploration of self-esteem, inclusiveness and true friendship.

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Mitchell Itches

An Eczema Story

Kristin Kelly & Amelina Jones

9781922539724 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **APR 24**

THEMES: ECZEMA, BULLYING, RESILIENCE, EMPATHY

In a world where eczema affects up to one in five kids, Mitchell's uplifting story resonates. Young readers will learn both how difficult it is for those who live with eczema and, if they have the condition, that there are ways to make life more bearable. Despite bullying and discomfort, Mitchell stays strong with his family and friends by his side. He even finds that playing guitar is a great distraction from the itch. But will all his practicing pay off when he tries out for the school band?

A relatable story for the one in five children living with eczema, offering understanding and tools for managing the condition.

SCAN HERE FOR BESTSELLING BOOKS TO HELP RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS OF ECZEMA.

At the End of Holyrood Lane

Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335767 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820454 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

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

"At The End of Holyrood Lane is a beautiful story about a little girl who is terrified by the storm that chases and scares her but when Flick reaches out for help she finally becomes safe and the sunshine comes out. 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

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Kristin Kelly's professional journey spans from nursing in a large Sydney, Australia hospital to preschool teaching and working as an end-of-life biographer. She combined her lifelong experiences with eczema and her diverse professional background to craft *Mitchell Itches*. Kristin believes in nurturing kindness in the classroom and cherishes the privilege of capturing individuals' life stories.

Amelina Jones' passion for nature, stories, and paints shines through her illustrations. Working with traditional watercolor and ink, she loves weaving storytelling elements and emotions into her artwork. Her preferred medium, watercolor and ink, offers her the creative freedom she enjoys, creating illustrations that breathe life into stories.



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Finding Granny

We Never Really Lose the People We Love
Kate Simpson & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335699 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: GRANDPARENTS, ILLNESS, STROKE AWARENESS

Every year, 15 million people worldwide suffer a stroke. Sadly, there is a high likelihood that someone a child knows will experience one. This is a sensitive exploration of the impact of stroke that any child will be able to relate to. Written in a warm, engaging style, it both comforts and educates.



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Mama's Chickens

Michelle Worthington & Nicky Johnston

9781922539458 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT ANIMALS

Over 5% of people with Alzheimer's show symptoms before they are 65 (Mayo Clinic). *Mama's Chickens* is a beautifully told story about a young mother facing early-onset dementia, her kids, and their endearing backyard chickens.

Grandma Forgets

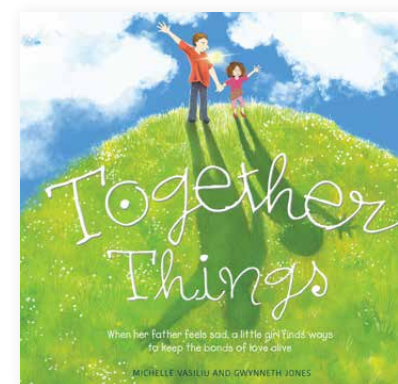
Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335477 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 24 pp

9781925335811 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 24 pp

THEMES: DEMENTIA, AGEING, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

"A wonderful book for helping children make sense of dementia and memory loss. It uses anecdotes that children can relate to and simple language that makes it very accessible. Themes of love, family and memory are woven throughout the story, and the ending is very touching."
-CBCA's Reading Time



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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 & Gwynneth Jones

9781925820294 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION, MENTAL HEALTH, PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

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

"A compelling story about adult depression, encouraging kids to understand the presence of mental illness in the world around them."
- Midwest Book Review

Pear of Hope

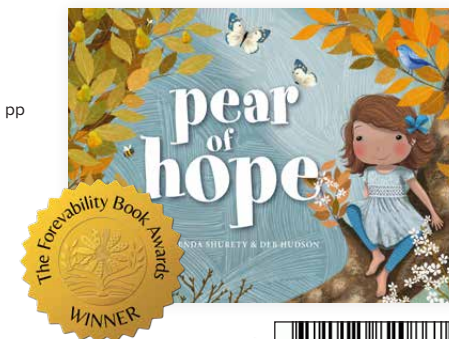
Wenda Shurety & Deb Hudson

9781925820867 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: ILLNESS, OVERCOMING CHALLENGES, RESILIENCE, HOPE, CANCER

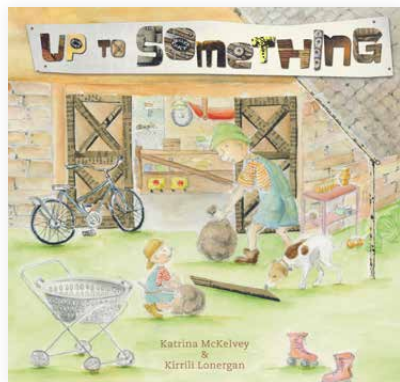
Pear of Hope is the story of a little girl with cancer and her tale of recovery. This is intertwined with the growth of a pear tree, which symbolises the enigmatic concept of hope. Told through sensitive words and gentle, beautiful illustrations, the story is a reminder of the fact that, like Anna, with hope you can face any battle!

WINNER OF THE FOREVABILITY BOOK AWARDS - an award programme that recognises books that empower people living with disabilities or illnesses.



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A great gift for Dads who love to tinker in their sheds.

Up to Something

Katrina McKelvey & Kirrili Loneragan

9781925335705 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: RECYCLING, IMAGINATION, FATHER-SON BOND

Billy is only allowed to watch as his dad works in the shed, but when Billy decides to use his dad's off-cuts and other items to build his own project, Dad is in for a surprise! *Up to Something* is a beautiful exploration of the father-son relationship, the importance of creativity and the satisfaction to be gained from making things ourselves.

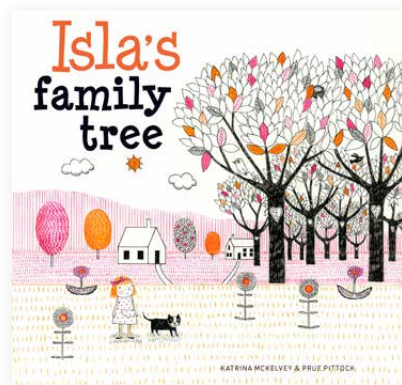
Isla's Family Tree

Katrina McKelvey & Prue Pittcock

9781925820379 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FAMILY STRUCTURE, SIBLINGS

Isla's family is changing and she's not happy! She doesn't want siblings. Her mother explains how families grow by making a family tree with her, but Isla's branch is already full! But once she meets her new brothers, she falls in love and makes room for them after all.



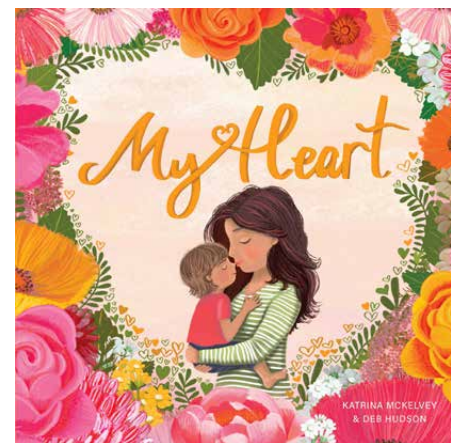
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"Perfect for young families expecting a new sibling."
- Daily Telegraph



NEW RELEASE



My Heart

Katrina McKelvey & Deb Hudson

9781922539571 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **MAR 24**

THEMES: MILESTONES, MOTHER/CHILD BOND

My Heart depicts the many ways a mother's heart can experience love and emotion while her baby journeys through the milestones of growing up. The story uses repetition and subtle variation to reflect the activity and reactions of the mother's heart, and how they change with each mother-child interaction.

The narrative moves through the early years until the child goes off on their first independent activity, a deeply moving moment for all mothers. Beautifully detailed illustrations depict the connection between mother and child, reminding readers that a mother's heart will always be with her children, no matter where they go.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Katrina McKelvey loves tea, mint chocolate, scary movies and rollercoasters. As a child, she witnessed a hot air balloon's unexpected landing in her backyard. Her previous books include *Up To Something*, *Isla's Family Tree* and *Dandelions*.

Deb Hudson is an illustrator who finds inspiration in the magical, joy-filled moments of everyday life, her previous books with EK are *Pear of Hope* and *Milly and The Mulberry Tree*

A moving story about the bond between a mother and her child.



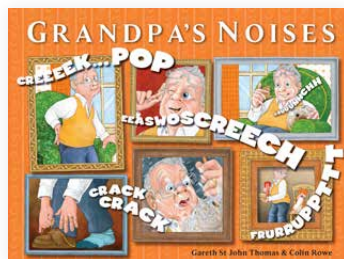
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Grandpa's Noises

Gareth St John Thomas & Colin Rowe

9781925335989 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 132 pp

9781925820461 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 132 pp

THEMES: FAMILY, HUMOUR

"It is a long time since I have giggled through an entire children's book. A great read for young and old. A chance for children to reflect on the older family figures in their lives and a chance for adults to see themselves and others through the eyes of a child."

– Educating Young Children

Peas in a Pod

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

9781921966712 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 132 pp

9781925335286 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 132 pp

THEMES: DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY AS A MULTIPLE

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 — very differently. Can Mum and Dad keep their little girls as matching peas in a pod, or will those five very individual personalities win out in the end?

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Arabella and the Magic Pencil

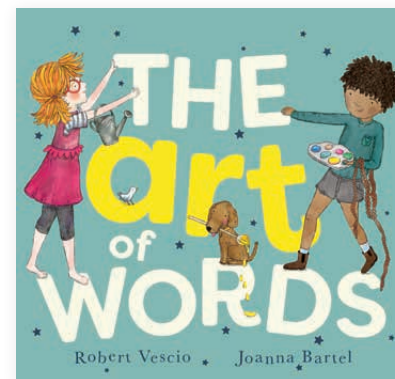
Stephanie Ward & Shaney Hyde

9781925820010 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 132 pp

9781925820553 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 132 pp

THEMES: CREATIVITY, SIBLING RIVALRY

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? *Arabella and the Magic Pencil* will appeal to any child with a new sibling and those with changing family dynamics.

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The Art of Words

Robert Vescio & Joanna Bartel

9781925820843 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 132 pp

THEMES: WORDS, LANGUAGE, STORYTELLING, CREATIVITY

Words are everywhere! In this 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. *The Art of Words* will inspire young readers to appreciate the joy of making stories from words.

"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.

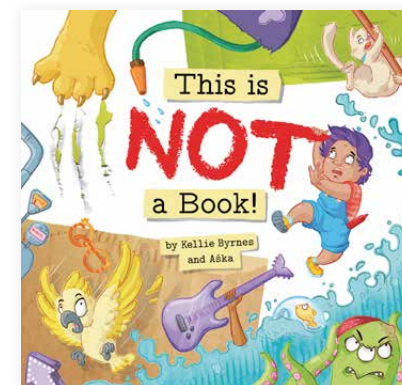
This is NOT a Book!

Kellie Byrnes & Aśka

9781925820508 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 132 pp

THEMES: METAFICTION, STORYTELLING

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 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!

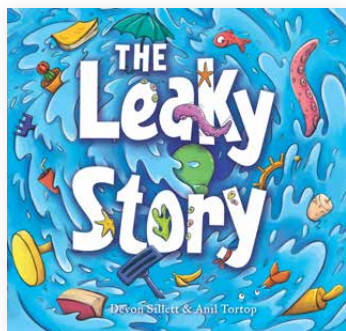


PERFECT FOR CLASSROOMS

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"This book is filled with metalanguage or the building blocks of what makes a story. It would make such a brilliant start to a narrative writing lesson."
– Love Four Learning.



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Scaredy Book

It's Not Always Easy to Be Brave!

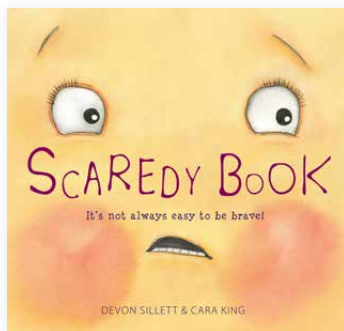
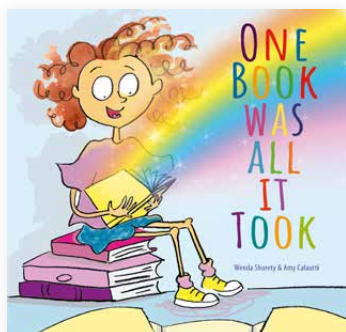
Devon Sillett & Cara King

9781925335682 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820683 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: COURAGE, FRIENDSHIP, BOOKS, LIBRARIES

Book lives at the library and desperately wants to go outside, but is scared of what might happen! Emma loves visiting the library and delights in the adventures she finds there. They're just what each other needs. A story about being brave and living to tell the tale!

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One Book Was All it Took

Wendy Shurety & Amy Calautti

9781922539137 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: BOOKS, READING, AND LIBRARIES

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! *One Book Was All it Took* is the perfect tongue-in-cheek adventure story to share with budding bookworms, and a heart-warming reminder of the importance of libraries.

"I really love the rainbow magic that comes from the book. It goes through the whole story. It's so true, because books are magical!" –Bianca, age 9

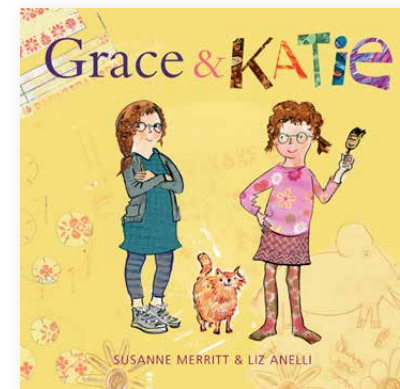
Grace & Katie

Susanne Merritt & Liz Anelli

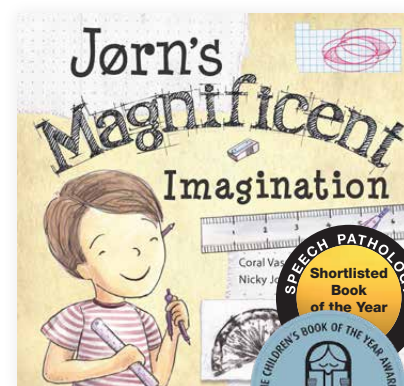
9781925335545 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: SIBLING RIVALRY, CREATIVITY, INDIVIDUALITY BETWEEN TWINS

Grace and Katie are twins. Grace loves everything to be organised and neat, while Katie loves everything to be bold and messy. Not surprisingly, when they want to draw a map of their home and street, the girls can't agree on how it should be done. An imaginative story of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's strengths.

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"An imaginative exploration of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's differences." –Kiddo Magazine

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Jørn's Magnificent Imagination

Coral Vass and Nicky Johnston

9781922539144 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY, ARCHITECTURE, AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Celebrating new ideas that can make a world of difference, *Jørn's Magnificent Imagination* is the true story of Jørn Utzon, the architect of the world-renowned Sydney Opera House. In this gorgeously illustrated book, we follow Jørn through his life as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself. Along the way, young readers will be reminded of the importance of taking the time to dream and create, and of the incredible power of the imagination.

"Cleverly leaves the reveal of the Sydney Opera House to the last page, so that young readers have many opportunities to guess what the magnificent landmark that the book is referring to might be. This is the perfect picture book to give to any young creators and builders as it shows that not everyone may always like what you do but to never give up trying." Story Links

The Art Garden

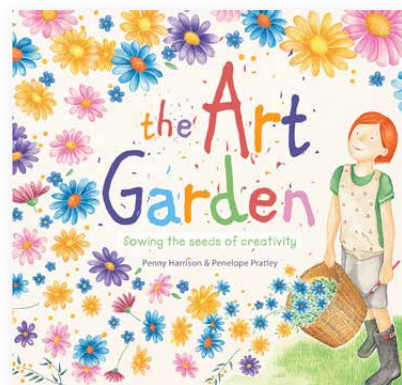
Sowing the Seeds of Creativity

Penny Harrison & Penelope Pratley

9781925335590 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: CREATIVITY, SELF-BELIEF, FRIENDSHIP

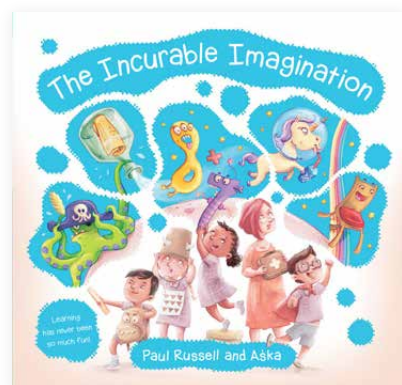
Sadie wants to be a painter, just like her best friend, Tom. But whenever Sadie picks up a paintbrush she makes a big mess. So instead, she spends time working in the garden or playing with Tom. But, one day, Sadie gets a look at things from a different perspective.



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Encourages kids to realise that creativity comes in many different forms and we all can be creative if we embrace our own particular talents.



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The Incurable Imagination

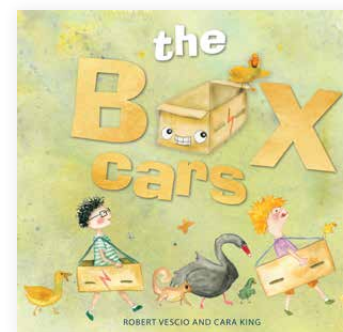
Paul Russell And Aśka

9781925335972 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: EDUCATION, IMAGINATION

Audrey has the worst case of 'imaginitis' her teachers have ever seen! While other children paint their families, Audrey paints an ogre who drinks tea. She writes a song about a desk with legs that runs away. What's worse, her condition is contagious and soon the other kids in her class start showing symptoms of an incurable imagination! Before long, parents begin to protest. But perhaps imagination isn't such a bad disease after all? It might even be useful if it makes learning more fun.

"A super fun book with bright, bold illustrations that celebrates the absolute awesomeness of having a vivid imagination."
- One More Page Podcast



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The Box Cars

Robert Vescio & Cara King

9781925335835 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, CREATIVITY, PROBLEM-SOLVING

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!

Butterfly Girl

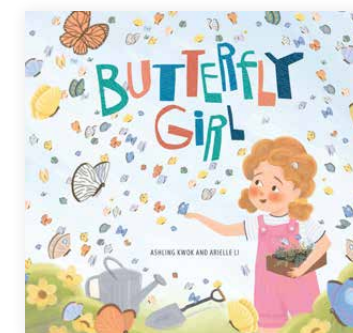
Ashling Kwok & Arielle Li

9781922539564 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, NATURE, BUTTERFLIES, COMMUNITY BUILDING, COPING WITH CHANGE

In this charming and sensitively illustrated book, a young girl whose only friends are butterflies must learn how to transform a city balcony into a welcoming environment for her fluttering friends.

INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUILDING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN.



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Violin and Cello

Catherine Greer, Joanna Bartel & Alexander Lau

9781922539274 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 32 pp

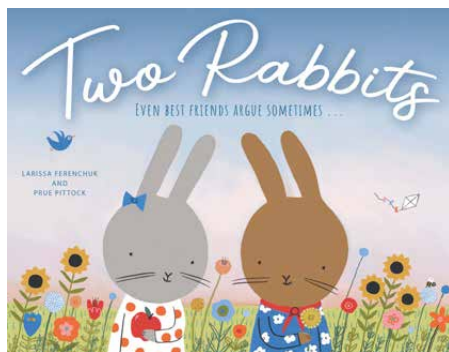
THEMES: MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, COLLABORATION

The perfect read for every emerging musician, *Violin & Cello* includes a bonus duet children can learn to play. For every child practicing their new instrument and the parents and teachers helping them along the way, this book celebrates the joy of unexpected friendship through music. Young readers will love the appealing characters and carefully drawn settings. Two cultures, two instruments, one piece of music! Includes music for a musical composition children can learn to play.

FEATURES A BONUS DUET!

AS FEATURED ON ABC KIDS PLAY SCHOOL



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When best friends argue, the wind follows them, reminding them of their sharp words. Will they ever be friends again?



Two Rabbits

Larissa Ferencuk & Prue Pittock

9781922539656 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | FEB 24

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, EMPATHY

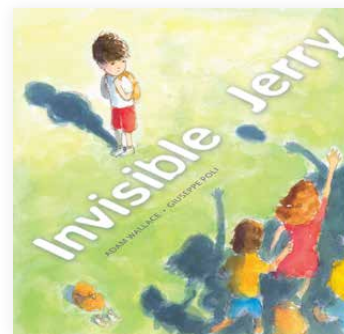
In *Two Rabbits*, Little Brown Rabbit and Little Grey Rabbit have had an argument. As they go their separate ways into the night, the wind whispers around them to remind them of their sharp words. Will they be able to come back together and find a way to save their friendship? The story portrays the physical and emotional journey of two best friends as they experience feelings of anger, sadness and loneliness. Young readers will learn that friendship can overcome differences and disagreement.



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Larissa Ferencuk is a writer who loves all things magical and whimsical. She lives in Adelaide with her husband, three children and one very lovely Little Grey Rabbit. *Two Rabbits* is her debut picture book. Larissa also loves to volunteer her time, including with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, where she has assisted many groups of children in the cooking program over the last six years.

Prue Pittock studied Art and Design. She began her career working in advertising, which led to her dream job, illustrating and designing record covers for EMI Australia. Prue used her love of a limited colour palette to develop her own distinctive style.

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Invisible Jerry

Adam Wallace & Giuseppe Poli

9781925335781 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, LONELINESS, BELONGING, SELF-CONFIDENCE

People don't notice Jerry. If someone bumps into him, they don't say sorry. If he makes a joke, no one laughs. He never gets picked last for teams — but that's because he never gets picked at all. It's like he's invisible. Until Molly arrives. This is a picture book with heart for everyone who has ever felt like they're on the outside looking in.

The Battle

Starting School Can Be Scary Sometimes!

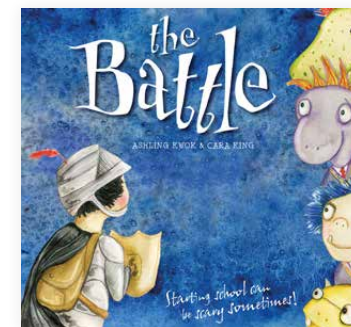
Ashling Kwok & Cara King

9781925820409 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820904 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: STARTING SCHOOL, FRIENDSHIP

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.

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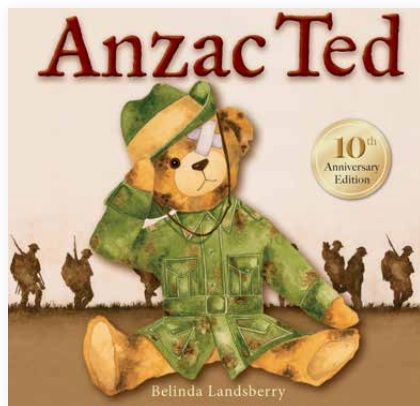
Tottie and Dot

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

9781921966491 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: COMPETITION, RIVALRY, FRIENDSHIP

Tottie and Dot are two little girls who live side by side. Life is very peaceful until one day the girls begin competing with each other to create the best house. Jealousy takes hold and their competitive spirit gets increasingly out of control until ultimately, things collapse in a disastrous heap. Will Tottie and Dot realise the importance of their friendship before it's too late?



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**10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION.
FEATURES NEW CONTENT
AND ARLIN COVER**

*'They'd see a hero, plain as day
Who sits upon my bed.
A hero, who saved me and you.
His name ... is Anzac Ted*

Anzac Ted

Belinda Landsberry

9781922539755 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **MAR 24**

THEMES: ANZAC, WORLD WAR I, TEDDY BEAR, THE LEGACY OF WAR

A contemporary classic *Anzac Ted* has helped a generation of children better understand the legacy of the Anzac service men. A poignant story, told through rhyme, of a little boy's teddy bear that was passed down to him from his grandfather. Battered, torn, missing an eye and an ear, he might look scary but he's got a great story to tell. For Anzac Ted went to war, keeping soldiers company and giving them comfort. Exquisite watercolour illustrations combine with evocative text to create a picture book that, while perfect for parents and teachers to share with children, is also guaranteed to touch the heart of every adult.



THE LEGACY OF WAR

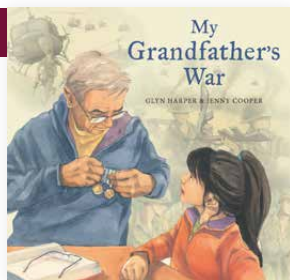
My Grandfather's War

Glynn Harper & Jenny Cooper

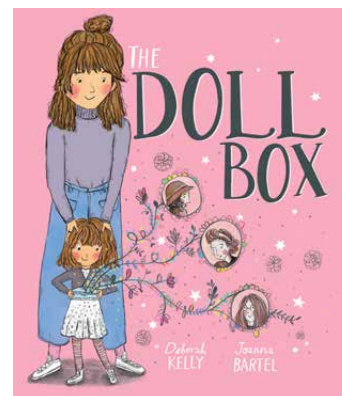
9781775592990 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: VIETNAM WAR, PTSD, FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

A touching story about a Vietnam veteran and his relationship with his granddaughter. The young girl senses her grandfather's pain and is curious to find out the cause. She discovers her grandfather's sadness is a legacy of the Vietnam War and his experiences there. This is a sensitive exploration of the cost of war on those who serve.



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Unravelling the tales of strong women in her family, Isla discovers her own strength in *The Doll Box*.

A heart-warming story for daughters everywhere.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Deborah Kelly grew up in New Zealand and has lived in Japan and Scotland. Passionate about literacy, she loves to visit schools, libraries and festival events to share her books with children. Her previous books include *The Chalk Rainbow* and *The Thing About Oliver* (Wombat Books).

Joanna Bartel loves designing characters and creating playful images to enhance imaginative learning. Her previous books include *The Art of Words* and *Violin & Cello*.



The Doll Box

Deborah Kelly & Joanna Bartel

9781922539700 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 32 pp | **JUL 24**

THEMES: FAMILY HERITAGE, WOMENS STORIES, FEMALE EMPOWERMENT, KEEPSAKES, IMMIGRATION

Whenever Isla's mother brings out her small blue doll box, Isla knows she will hear the stories of the women in her family's past. Their incredible tales of immigration, war, and fighting for their rights show Isla the strength she has in herself and lead her on a journey of self-discovery. Inspired by the author's own family, *The Doll Box* is a testament to the power of our personal histories, and the spirit of the many women who had to overcome incredible odds to achieve their dreams.

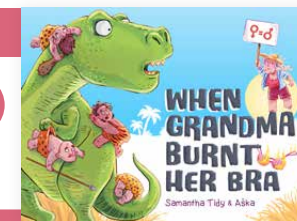
FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

When Grandma Burnt Her Bra

Samantha Tidy & Áska

9781922539465 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 9 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FEMINISM, SOCIAL ATTITUDES, WORLD HISTORY



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"This is a fabulous book to share with Smalls from Prep upwards to discuss the roles all people can take on in contemporary society, and the notion of equality for all."
– Sue Warren, Teacher Librarian



A KID'S YEAR SERIES

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

THEMES: MULTICULTURALISM, CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS



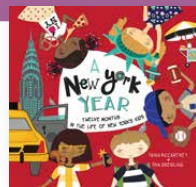
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"These books open up a whole new world to children who want to learn about other cultures."

- Kids' Book Review

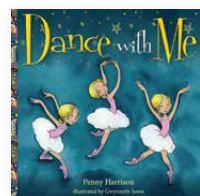
THE SUGAR AND SPICE COLLECTION



9781925335200 I
3 x Hardcover in a beautiful slipcase I
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This is a collection that little girls will treasure and families will hand down from generation to generation. Ponies, fairies and ballerinas come out to play in these frolicking picture books.

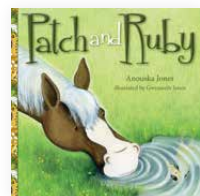


Dance with Me
Penny Harrison & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335231 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp

THEMES: CHILDHOOD MEMORIES, TREASURED OBJECTS

A ballerina in a music box loves to dance. A gorgeous story about treasured possessions and the memories they hold.

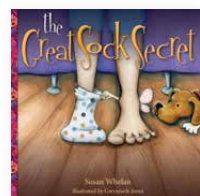


Patch and Ruby
Anouska Jones & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335224 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, BELONGING

Will Patch the lonely pony ever feel at home? A wonderful tale about friendship and finding out where you belong.

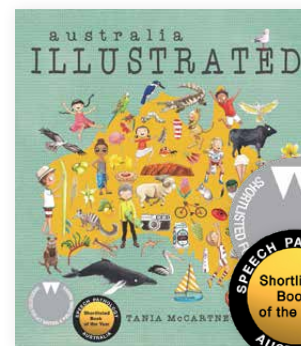


The Great Sock Secret
Susan Whelan & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335248 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp

THEMES: FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THE POWER OF IMAGINATION

Sarah's mother can only find odd socks. Where do all the missing socks go? A fun adventure into a fairy-filled world.



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Australia Illustrated (2nd ed.)

Tania McCartney

9781925335880 I Hardcover I 280 x 245 mm I 11 x 9½ I 96 pp

THEMES: AUSTRALIANA, DIVERSITY, MULTICULTURALISM

"Explore Australia with your little one through this beautifully illustrated book covering everything from native Australian animals, Aussie icons and slang words, to multiculturalism, signature foods and all the things that make each state unique."

- Child Magazine

BESTSELLER!

Smile Cry

Happy or Sad, Wailing or Glad — How Do You Feel Today?

Tania McCartney & Jess Racklyeft

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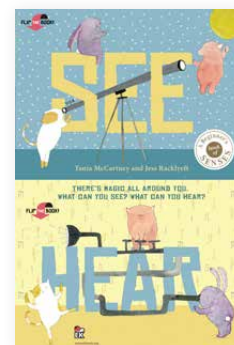
9781925335378 I Paperback I 215 x 288 mm I 8½ x 11¼ I 32 pp

THEMES: RECOGNISING AND ACCEPTING DIFFERENT EMOTIONS

An award-winning flip-over picture book for young kids, showcasing the full emotional range of their formative years.



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See Hear

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

Tania McCartney & Jess Racklyeft

9781925335675 I Hardcover I 215 x 288 mm I 8½ x 11¼ I 32 pp

THEMES: RECOGNISING AND ACCEPTING DIFFERENT EMOTIONS

In an innovative flip-book format, *See Hear* invites us to open our eyes and ears to the everyday magic around us in a celebration of our senses.



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The Secret of Sapling Green

Penelope Pratley

9781925820980 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ACCEPTANCE, BEING YOURSELF, FREINDSHIP, FITTING IN

Sapling Green has always hidden her green thumbs. But one day the old schoolyard tree is damaged in a storm. Can Sapling be brave enough to show her classmates her secret and save the tree?

This story is an important reminder that we should always accept each other for who we are.

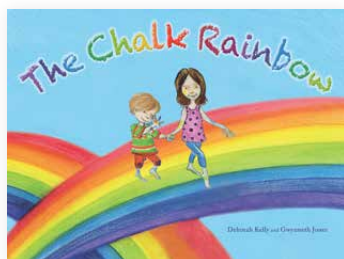
The Chalk Rainbow

Deborah Kelly & Gwynneth Jones

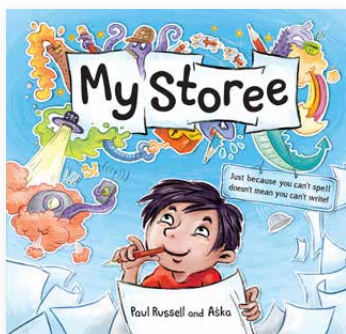
9781925335453 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

"Deborah Kelly's charming picture book explores difference and diversity through a family living with Autism Spectrum disorder." – Disability Link



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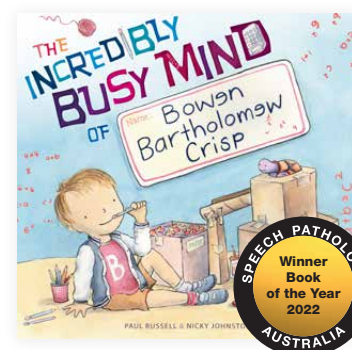
Just Because You Can't Spell, Doesn't Mean You Can't Write!

Paul Russell & Aśka

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THEMES: DYSLEXIA, CREATIVITY, RELUCTANT WRITERS

Written by a primary school teacher, who is dyslexic himself, this engaging picture book provides inspiration and support for reluctant writers and dyslexics, and shows the importance of good teachers.



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The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp

Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston

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THEMES: NEURODIVERSITY, CURIOSITY, FITTING IN, SCHOOL

Being 'normal' might just be overrated ... Bowen Bartholomew Crisp's mind is full of curious questions and mile-a-minute trains of thought. Learn how he finds his place in the world by using his ability to think differently as his greatest strength.

The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses

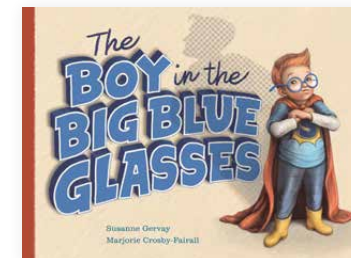
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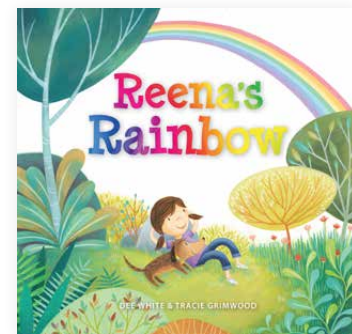
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THEMES: SELF-ESTEEM, DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE

Sam's new glasses that the grown-ups say make him look like a superhero, but he just wants to look like himself. Will he ever fit in again?



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Reena's Rainbow

Dee White & Tracie Grimwood

9781925335491 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: HEARING IMPAIRMENT, DIVERSITY, FRIENDSHIP, ACCEPTANCE

Reena is deaf and Dog is homeless. Sometimes neither of them feels as if they quite fit in. But when Reena and Dog form a unique bond, it's not long before everyone finds out just how special they are. A story of friendship, diversity and acceptance.

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Visiting You

A Journey of Love

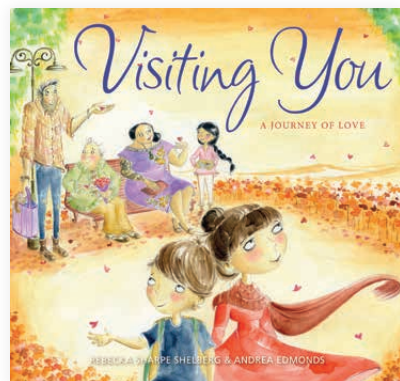
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Andrea Edmonds

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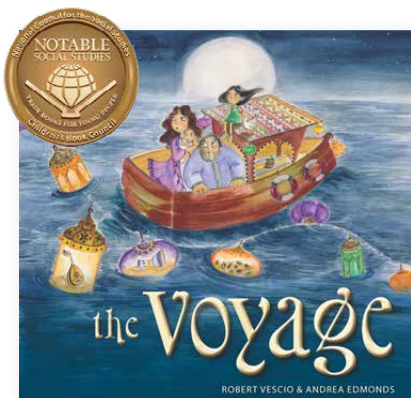
THEMES: COMMUNITY, DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE, LOVE

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, and that it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.

A heart-warming celebration of the power of love, and how it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.



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The Voyage

Robert Vescio & Andrea Edmonds

9781925820034 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: EMPATHY, RESILIENCE, REFUGEES

A child-friendly introduction to the important global issues of war, the refugee crisis and human rights. Displaced by war and conflict, a refugee family sets out on a dangerous voyage into the unknown. The sparse text and evocative illustrations combine powerfully to encourage young readers to create their own background story and identify more deeply with the plight of refugees.



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The Welcome Cookies

Kaye Baillie & Kirrili Lonergan

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THEMES: BELONGING, CHANGE, KINDNESS

Mabel loves visiting Miss Plum's Sugar Plum Café and drawing pictures for the arty-smarty wall. But one day, Mabel finds the café under renovation by someone new. She misses her favourite café, and she misses Miss Plum's smiles. One day, the café reopens, and Mabel reluctantly visits there with her mother. Will this new place provide Mabel with the same joy she felt in the old café? And how will Mabel accept its differences?

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Kaye Baillie is an award-winning children's author. She has eleven fiction and non-fiction published books in Australia and internationally. With a passion for writing about remarkable people or events, Kaye's stories also include those with humour and heart.

Kirrili Lonergan is a children's book illustrator, art therapist, and mother of four. She is passionate about illustrating picture books that have a 'healing' message and has a great understanding of the need for such books as a result of her previous work as a paediatric nurse.



**Everyone enjoys the cosiness and friendliness of their favourite café.
But what happens when the place you love suddenly changes?**

SPREADING KINDNESS

Ella & Mrs Gooseberry

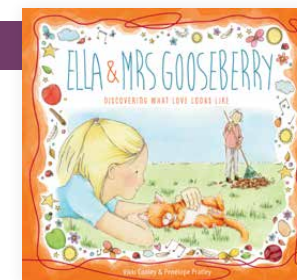
Discovering What Love Looks Like

Vikki Conley & Penelope Pratley

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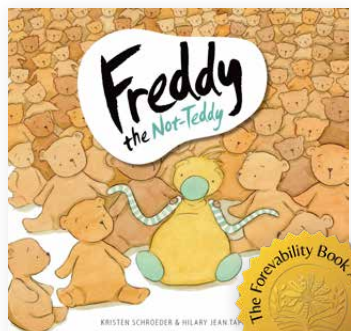
THEMES: LOVE, KINDNESS, EMPATHY

Grumpy old Mrs Gooseberry from next door has lost her love, so Ella begins a quest to help Mrs Gooseberry rediscover it. A heartwarming story about the importance of community, love and selfless giving.



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Freddy the Not-Teddy

Kristen Schroeder & Hilary Jean Tapper

9781922539090 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: ACCEPTANCE, STANDING UP FOR OTHERS, INCLUSION, FITTING IN

Freddy looks a little different to other stuffed toys, but thanks to a young boy's courage, that doesn't stop him from being the star of the show in an inspiring story about being true to yourself.

"The strongest theme in this book is the bravery it takes to be true to yourself or kind to others, especially when you expect peers will not understand." – Reading Time

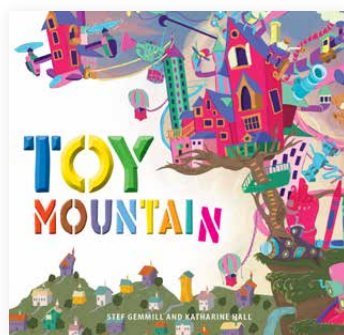
Toy Mountain

Stef Gemmill & Katharine Hall

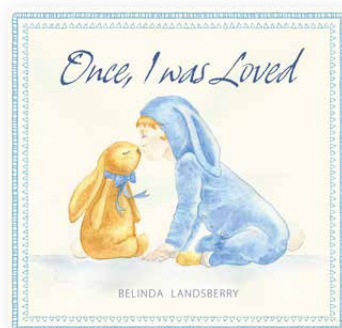
9781925820966 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: RECYCLING, SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT

Sam's dreams seem to have come true when he becomes a toy tester for the Tiny Hands Toy Factory, and his house is filled with plastic toys in all sorts of shapes and colours. But one by one his shiny new toys start to break. Soon enough, Sam has a mountain of broken toys that just won't stop growing! A story that empowers children to take sustainability into their own hands.



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Once, I Was Loved

Belinda Landsberry

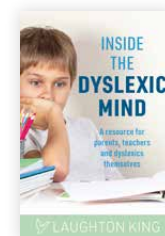
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THEMES: HISTORY, CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

A celebration of the timeless nature of love set against the backdrop of iconic moments in 20th-century history, this heart-warming picture book will resonate with anyone who has ever cherished a childhood toy.

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Inside the Dyslexic Mind

A Resource for Parents, Teachers and Dyslexics Themselves
Laughton King

9781922539427 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 256 pp

9781991001443 | Audiobook | Duration 6hrs 16mins

A dyslexic person is like a diesel vehicle. They run perfectly if you give them the right fuel, but if you put petrol in the tank (i.e. expect them to learn like every 'normal' child in our current education system) they break down. This book helps dyslexic (diesel) thinkers make sense of their lives, and provides valuable guidance for parents, carers and teachers.



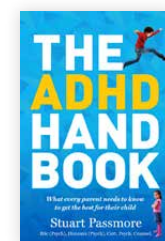
The Anxiety Coach

Every Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in their Child
Michael Hawton

9781922539588 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 240 pp

9781991001498 | Audiobook | Duration 5hrs 10mins

Written by a registered psychologist and former school teacher, this guide shows parents how to become their child's 'anxiety coach' with step-by-step, evidence-based methods for identifying and managing child anxiety.



The ADHD Handbook

What Every Parent Needs to Know to Get the Best for their Child
Stuart Passmore

9781921966118 | Paperback | 234 x 151 mm | 9½ x 6 in | 264 pp

Draws on research from around the world to present a comprehensive look at ADHD, to help parents understand parents what is going on for their child and how they can help them.



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Your Child's Mental Health
Dr Joanna North

9781925335941 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 256 pp

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