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**The World's Best
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500 Walks.**

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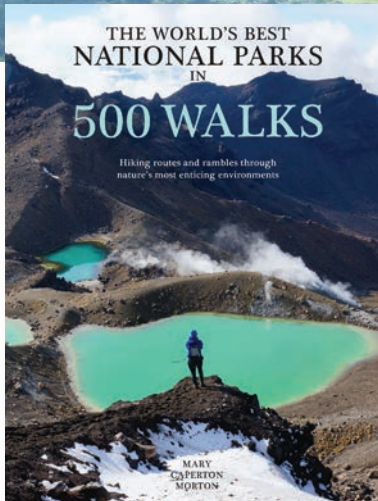
Page-turning reads for middle-graders in *Elsewhere* and *The Lost Loot of Lima*.

Two more novellas in the Rhiza Shorts collection for teen reluctant readers, in *Ways To Die Right* and *No Dress, No Idea*.

When six high-school kids win a 50-million-dollar lotto haul, their world quickly spirals into a web of lies and deceit, in *Good Luck and Other Lies*.



Whether you're planning a trip or simply want to enjoy the outdoors from the comfort of home, *The World's Best National Parks in 500 Walks* is the ultimate hiker's guide.



The World's Best National Parks in 500 Walks

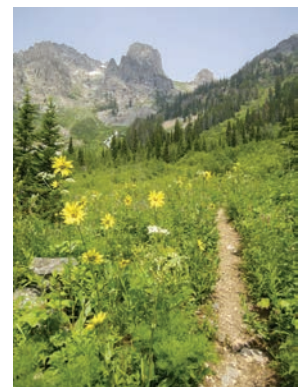
Hiking routes and rambles through nature's most enticing environments

Mary Caperton Morton



AU \$49.99 | NZ \$49.99 | 9781922539830 | 226 x 168 mm | Hardcover | 400 pp | Colour | JUNE

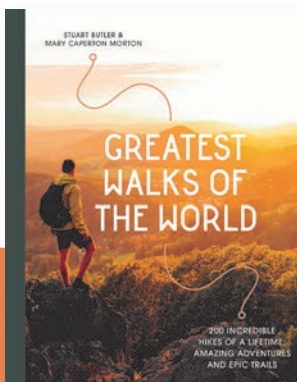
Inspired by the author's own explorations, *The World's Best National Parks in 500 Walks* presents 500 beautiful hikes through 336 national parks. It covers the world's most spectacular scenery across North, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Oceania and Asia. Information on key walks includes elevation, estimated time, starting point, ideal hiking season, and degree of difficulty. Beautifully illustrated throughout, this is the perfect book to inspire your next adventure. This is a compendium of the world's most spectacular wild adventures including: Australia's Jim Jim Falls Plunge Pool in Kakadu National Park, Roberts Point Track in Westland Tai Poutini National Park, New Zealand, Buddha's Footprint Trail, Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, Thailand, and Eagle Valley Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park, Mongolia, to name a few. It's a guide that will take you on unforgettable journeys, even if you never leave your lounge chair.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Caperton Morton is a science and travel writer currently based in southwest Montana. She has written for *EARTH* and *EOS* magazines, authored *Aerial Geology* (Timber Press), and documents her travels in her popular hiking blog 'Travels with the Blonde Coyote'.

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200 incredible hikes of a lifetime: amazing adventures and epic trails

Stuart Butler & Mary Caperton Morton

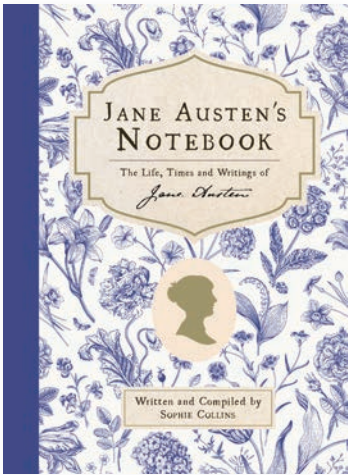


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"A beautifully produced book that salivatingly lays out 200 of the planet's most beautiful hikes."
- Australian Quarterly





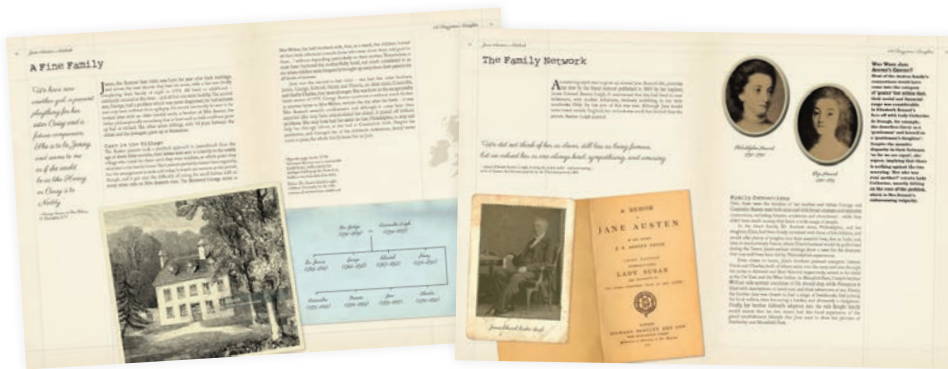
Jane Austen's Notebook

The life, times and writings of Jane Austen
Sophie Collins

AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | 9781923011199 | 208 x 155 mm | Hardcover | 160 pp | Colour | MAY

Step into the world of Jane Austen, through the detailed account of her life, rendered in exquisite, personal journal form. For today's readers, finding the real Jane Austen can feel like an archaeological dig. While the famous writer's characters are well known and much loved, we often want to know: who was the person behind the pen?

Designed and illustrated like a personal journal or scrapbook, *Jane Austen's Notebook* is a full and detailed account of Austen's life and legacy. The book examines the author's personal life, with images of family and friends for clues about how she saw the world, and reveals hidden connections between real-life situations and her fictional works. With images of the locations Jane grew up in and visited, plus handwritten quotations and amusing anecdotes, the book brings to life one of the most revered novelists in the English language. *Jane Austen's Notebook* reveals the woman behind the writing, how Austen felt about being published, and examines the amazing impact and legacy of her works. Exquisitely designed throughout, this will be a delightful addition to the collections of Janeites everywhere.



Published to release in time for Austen's 250th anniversary in 2025, leading up to the author's December birthday.

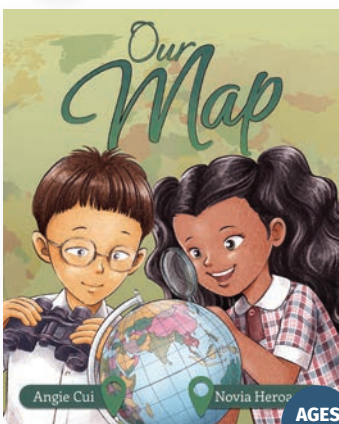
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- Good Reading Magazine



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Our Map

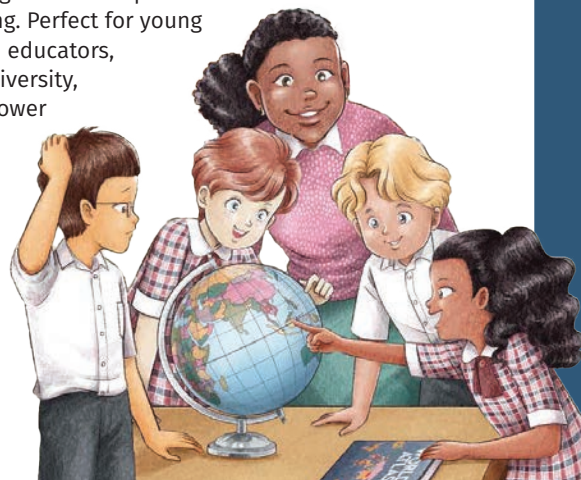
Angie Cui & Novia Heroanto

AU \$26.99 | NZ \$27.99 | 9781761112362 | 260 x 210 mm | Hardcover | 32 pp | Colour | JUNE

Our Map is a touching story about JJ and his friend Lee, who embark on a journey to explore their diverse heritages. When they can't find Lee's parents' country on a traditional map, they decide to create their own. This beautifully illustrated book encourages children to appreciate their backgrounds and promotes cultural understanding. Perfect for young readers, families, and educators, *Our Map* celebrates diversity, friendship, and the power of imagination.



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The perfect picture book for Harmony Day, *Our Map* addresses cultural diversity, refugee experiences and the loss of homelands.

OTHER TALES OF DISPLACEMENT





WOMBAT BOOKS

EARLY READERS



Ariana Treasure - The Lucky Shoes

ARIANA TREASURE SERIES: BOOK 3

Jacqueline de Rose-Ahern & Karen Erasmus

AU \$10.99 | NZ \$11.99 | 9781761111846 | 198 x 129 mm | Paperback | 64 pp | MAY

THEMES: REUSING, DANCING, FRIENDSHIP, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Beginner-reader friendly, with short chapters.

Ariana's friend Maya's Seeya is in town from Sri Lanka and Maya is entering the school talent show to impress him. The only thing is... she has no talent. Ariana and the Treasure Chest help Maya decide on a dance routine with some new shoes. On the day of the talent show, Maya forgets her lucky shoes and instead performs the dance her Seeya taught her.



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WOMBAT BOOKS

JUNIOR FICTION



Bronte's Big Business

AUSTRALIAN GIRL SERIES: BOOK 1

Liane Young & Tamlyn Teow

AU \$14.99 | NZ \$14.99 | 9781925563863 | 199 x 129 mm | Paperback | 76 pp | JUNE

THEMES: ENVIRONMENT, BEACHES, KIDS' BUSINESS

Bronte has always loved the beach. What could bring more happiness than sunshine, sand, soothing waves and salty sea? So when she realises that not everyone respects the beach as much as they should, she decides to do something about it! After a bit of brainstorming with her friends, she comes up with a very creative solution to the beach litter problem — but will she become a victim of her own success? She might need some advice to help her out.



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WOMBAT BOOKS

MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION



The Lost Loot of Lima

Melissa Wray & Sandy Flett

AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | 9781761111600 | 198 x 129 mm | Paperback | 128 pp | MAY

THEMES: ADVENTURE, TREASURE, PIRATES, HISTORICAL-FICTION, GRIEF

Ten-year-old Ben discovers a treasure map left by his grandfather. He embarks on one last treasure hunt with the help of his Nan. But does someone else know about the location of the treasure? Ben must face danger and use his wits, or risk losing the loot forever. But more importantly, Ben must deal with his grief and say goodbye to his treasured grandfather.



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Elsewhere

ELSEWHERE SERIES: BOOK 1

Shelby Matheson

AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | 9781761112140 | 203 x 133 mm | Paperback | 280 pp | MAY

THEMES: WWI HISTORICAL FICTION

World War I has just begun, and Elsie Clarke is sent to a mysterious school in the woods for only the most talented children. But fewer still are invited to the other side — a sentient forest with a magical secret. That secret is the only power on Elsie's side when the headmistress reveals that she'll do whatever it takes to win the war.



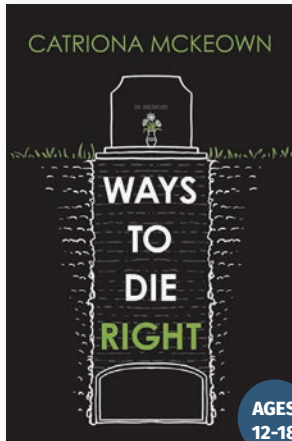
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RHIZA SHORTS - GRIPPING NOVELLAS FOR TEEN RELUCTANT READERS



AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 |
9781761112515 | 198 x 129 mm |
Paperback | 116 pp | MAY

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Ways to Die Right

Catriona McKeown

THEMES: DEATH, ENVIRONMENT, OCD

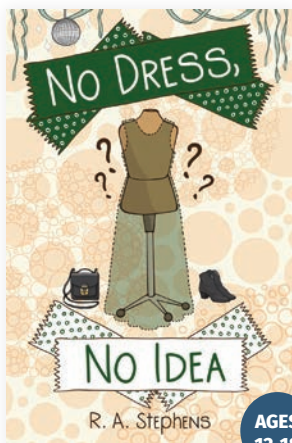
New in Rhiza 'Shorts' collection of teen novella quick reads, suitable for everyday readers wanting a quick story, as well as reluctant teen readers.

Joel is no stranger to death. With his mum battling cancer and his sister's grave site to care for, death is a topic never far from his mind. So, when Joel learns how bad traditional burials are for the environment, he takes it on himself to teach the world about green burials. Trent, Joel's arch nemesis, takes it upon himself to argue the opposite. Trent thinks cemeteries are important. He's not afraid to challenge Joel in a public setting. Joel finds himself having to fight for what he believes in and learn to face his fears and make his voice heard.

In *Ways to Die Right*, the author wants to highlight how deeply teens feel about things affecting them, like death, the environment, and peers they perceive as a threat. Teenagers will be able to identify with interactions happening in everyday life at school, when conflict arises, and with family. *Ways to Die Right* is for all teenagers who want to read about real people struggling with real issues they will be able to identify with. It will especially appeal to teens who love shorter, easy-to-read stories, but who want to read about teenagers just like them. Reading age of 10 +, Interest age 14+. Short reads for teens.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Catriona McKeown has written three contemporary Young Adult novels: *The Boy in the Hoodie* (winner, Caleb Unpublished Manuscript Award 2017), *Memphis Grace* (Winner, AFT Award 2020) and *Good Luck & Other Lies* (releasing 2025). Catriona is a school teacher working with students with additional needs.



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No Dress, No Idea

R. A. Stephens

AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | 9781761112485 | 200 x 129 mm | Paperback | 128 pp | JUNE

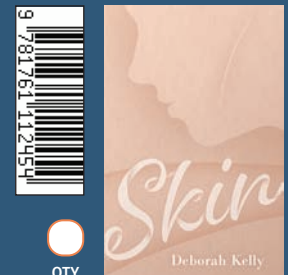
THEMES: RECYCLING, FRIENDSHIPS

This short read centres around relatable topics for teens: friends, fun, preparing for the school formal and life after graduation.

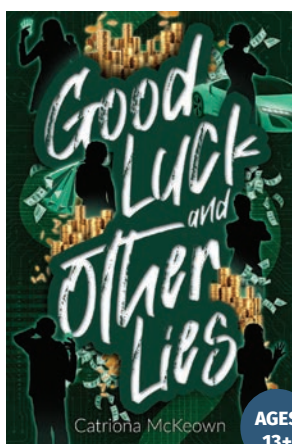
Tarni is counting down the days and checking off each of the items she needs. Her perfect dress is a whopping \$950 and she has to work extra to save up for it. Her checklist slowly counts off shoes, makeup, but getting the dress means one challenge after another. First it's not the only expense a teenager has, and then by the time she saves up, the dress is no longer on the manufacturer's website. How can she find her perfect dress, in the right size? And will she ever get a clue on what to do after school?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

R. A. Stephens is a teacher by day, writer, editor and publisher by night. She is passionate about the written word, what stories can do.

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Catriona McKeown

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Good Luck and Other Lies

Catriona McKeown

AU \$21.99 | NZ \$22.99 | 978176111969 | 203 x 133 mm | Paperback | 296 pp | JUNE

THEMES: TRUST, FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP AND FORGIVENESS

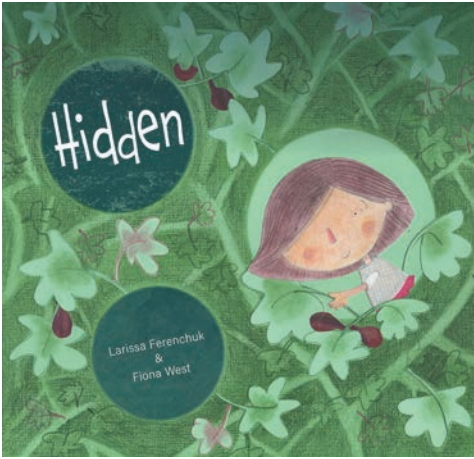
A fun-filled plot that gives teens the opportunity to dream the dream of 'what if it happened to me?'

Imagine being one of six high-school students who win a 50 million-dollar lotto prize. What would you buy first? The latest phone? A new wardrobe? A fancy car to learn to drive in? Cassie and her friends get to do exactly that – until they find their lives spiralling into a web of secrets, deception, and danger. Past suspicions are renewed, blurring the truth, and they are left struggling to protect one another from the outside world that threatens to take away their newfound freedom.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Good Luck and Other Lies is **Catriona McKeown's** third young adult novel. As a multiple award winner, Catriona writes to inspire young people to be true to their genuine self and to avoid succumbing to peer and cultural pressures. She is a high-school teacher by day, as well as mum to three daughters.





Hidden
Larissa Ferenchuk & Fiona West

AU \$27.99 | NZ \$29.99 | 9781921497100 | 245 x 255 mm | Hardcover | 32 pp | Colour | JUNE

THEMES: COMMUNITY, KINDNESS, CONNECTION

One brave little girl creates an amazing change in her community in this story about inclusion, kindness and connection.

Do you ever feel like you can see the whole world, but no one can see you? Hidden amongst the leaves of a fig tree, a young girl watches as the people in her street busily go about their day, disappearing into their homes or cars without looking up. As the girl watches her neighbours, she wonders how she can get them to see her — and everyone else around them. A plan begins to form, involving generosity, kindness, and a lot of figs. *Hidden* is a heart-warming story which shows how one child's idea has the power to build relationships and bring a whole community together.



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Larissa Ferenchuk is a writer and School Services Officer who loves dreaming up stories that inspire and empower children.

Fiona West worked in the arts industry in South Africa, London and Australia before becoming an illustrator.

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Verity Finds Her Voice
Kristin Kelly & Jasmine Berry

AU \$27.99 | NZ \$29.99 | 9781921497148 | 245 x 255 mm | Hardcover | 32 pp | Colour | JUNE

THEMES: PERSONAL BOUNDARIES, SELF-ESTEEM, SPEAKING UP, ASSERTING YOURSELF

Verity is a shy preschooler who always does whatever others tell her. She picks up after her friends, has no say in games, and even plays second fiddle to a drooling baby. But when she is overlooked at her beloved swimming class, Verity realises something needs to change — and discovers the courage to speak up. *Verity Finds Her Voice* will help children learn that not only is it okay to be assertive, but that being a good friend to yourself is just as important as being a good friend to others.



Empowers children and teaches them to voice their needs.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Kristin Kelly is a children's picture book author and tutor for children with additional learning needs.

Jasmine Berry is a children's book illustrator and graphic designer who began drawing to impress the other kids as soon as she was old enough to hold a pencil.



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