



# Kids Catalogue

February 2023

# From the publisher



It is so exciting to be able to share more of our growing children's list with you through our new international rights partner, The Rights Solution.

Our children's publishing team may be small, but we are mighty in our output and in our commitment to publishing clever and talented authors and illustrators. We are already known for publishing a wonderful range of picture books, and we pride ourselves on punching above our weight, book for book, on our entire list.

Something you will find in our 2023 program and beyond is our love for nurturing debut creators, like artist Brentos, whose *Australia: From Dawn to Dusk* (p.26) will soon to be joined by *Australian Animals: From Beach to Bush* in November 2023. And we continue to build beautiful backlist ranges with creators like powerhouse author-illustrator Jess Racklyeft whose books can be found throughout our catalogue.

We are dedicated to broadening our range of books to grow alongside our readers, from birth through to young adult. We recently launched two new junior fiction series, *Sadie* and *Itty Bitty Kitty*, to bridge the leap between our substantial picture book list and our bestselling middle grade fiction list (pp. 10-11), and we have exciting new teen and YA fiction in the works for 2024 and beyond.

It is our aim to deliver books that entertain and inform our young readers (and their grown-ups) as well as leaving readers a little better off for having read them. This is a guiding principle you will see in all our commissioning and publishing.

All best,

Tash Besliev  
Kids Publisher, Affirm Press

Affirm Press acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of Australia, and the people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the place we now live and work called Melbourne.

Cover illustration by Jess Racklyeft, *Australia: Country of Colour*, see page 54



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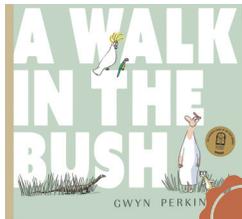
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Illustration from *The Book for Happy Hearts* by Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft; see page 33

# AWARDS SUCCESS



## **A WALK IN THE BUSH**

By Gwyn Perkins

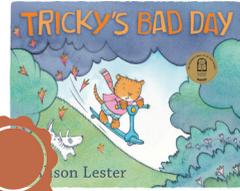
CBCA 2018 Picture Book of the Year



## **TRICKY'S BAD DAY**

By Alison Lester

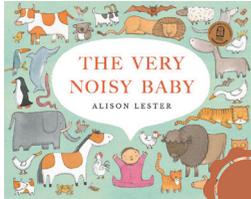
CBCA 2019 Early Childhood Book of the Year



## **THE VERY NOISY BABY**

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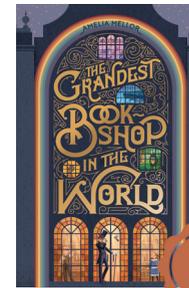
CBCA 2018 Honour Book for Early Childhood



## **YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS THE BEST!**

By Maggie Hutchings and Felicita Sala

CBCA 2021 Shortlist (Picture Book of the Year)



## **THE GRANDEST BOOKSHOP IN THE WORLD**

By Amelia Mellor

Independent Booksellers' Children's Book of the Year 2021

NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2021

Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature 2021

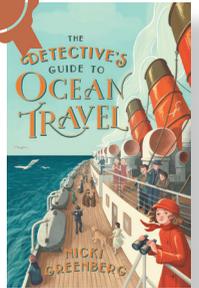


## **THE DETECTIVE'S GUIDE TO OCEAN TRAVEL**

By Nikki Greenberg

CBCA 2022 Shortlist (Book of the Year: Younger Readers)

Best Children's Book 2022, Davitt Award for Crime Writing



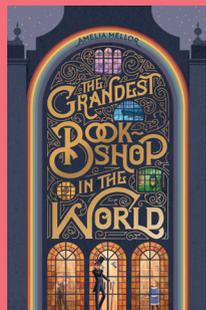
## **THE GOOD TIMES OF PELICAN RISE: SAVE THE JOEYS**

By Samone Amba

Shortlisted Environment Award for Children's Literature, 2022



## MAJOR SALES FOR OUR CHILDREN'S LIST



### **THE GRANDEST BOOKSHOP IN THE WORLD**

By Amelia Mellor

Published in 6 languages, sold over 70,000 copies



### **WELCOME, BABY, TO THIS WORLD**

By Jess Racklyeft

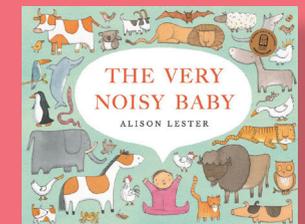
Sold over 51,000 copies



### **THERE'S ONLY ONE ... SERIES**

By Jess Racklyeft

Sold over 70,000 copies



### **THE VERY NOISY BABY**

By Alison Lester

Sold 72,000 copies

NEW FICTION



# itty bitty Kitty



JUNIOR FICTION

NEW  
SERIES

## Itty Bitty Kitty

By Maddy Mara and Noémie Gionet Landry

Itty Bitty Kitty LOVES empty boxes, string and sleeping on clean washing. She HATES being called cute. She is almost a tiger, after all!

This is a warm, funny and accessible series for early readers. In each story, Itty Bitty is pushed out of her comfort zone. Itty Bitty's adventures may be domestic in setting, but they are epic in scale!

Titans of Australian junior fiction Hilary Rogers and Meredith Badger have collaborated again under their pen name Maddy Mara. The duo have delicately balanced laugh-out-loud humour with heartwarming life lessons.

Each book contains three short, simple stories to help emerging readers grow confident with reading.

Book 1 September 2022 | 160 pages

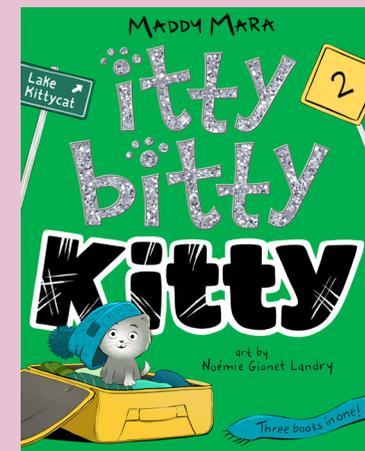
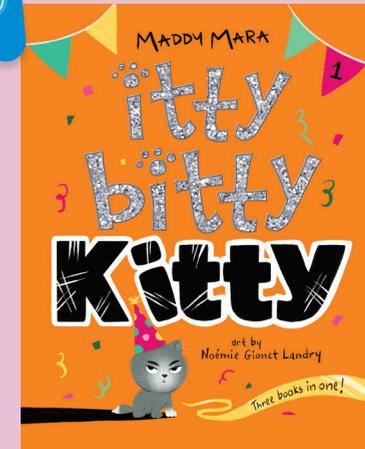
Book 2 April 2023 | 192 pages

Book 3 September 2023

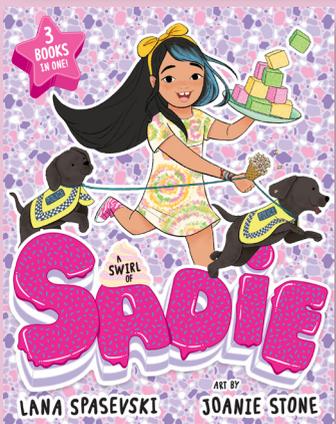
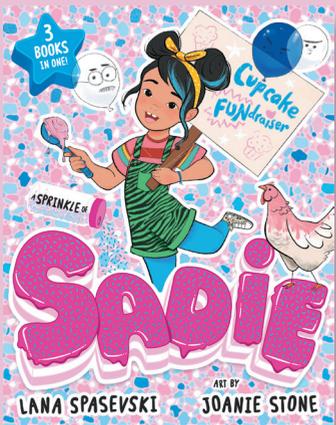
Book 4 May 2024

Paperback | 190 x 150 mm | Ages: 5-8

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### JUNIOR FICTION

#### Sadie

By Lana Spasevski and Joanie Stone

Say hello to Sadie Le, the fresh face of Australian junior fiction! Sadie is a superstar baker with a big heart. She creates sweet and colourful recipes for special events in her life, showing the power of food in bringing families and communities together. But things often don't go according to plan.

In each story, the unstoppable Sadie shows that no matter what life throws at you, you can face it with generosity, heart and, of course, a fabulously sweet treat!

Everything about this series, from its typesetting to its narrative structure, is geared to set up newly independent readers for a lifetime love of chapter books. The series is specially designed with three stories in each book to give kids a sense of satisfaction and achievement. Each book is lightly illustrated to help guide readers from picture books and hybrid graphic fiction into novels.

[A Sprinkle of Sadie](#) April 2022 | 184 pages

[A Spoonful of Sadie](#) August 2022 | 192 pages

[A Swirl of Sadie](#) April 2023 | 192 pages

[A Slice of Sadie](#) August 2023 | 192 pages

[A Stockingful of Sadie](#) November 2023 | 192 pages

180 pages | Paperback | 190 x 150 mm | Ages: 5-8

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### MIDDLE GRADE

DEBUT AUTHOR

HUMOUR

#### Get Your Act Together, Doris Kozlowski

By Jo Dabrowski

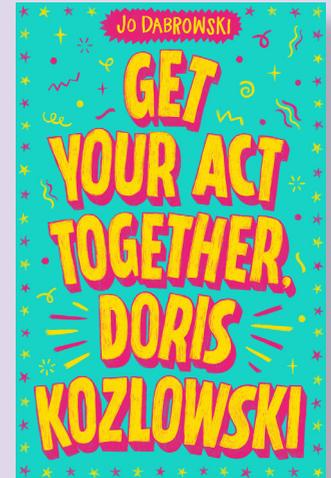
Doris Kozlowski's year is not off to a great start. Her best friend ditched her, her family is weirder than ever and, to make it all worse, she has to take part in the school talent show. Determined to get things back on track, Doris sets out to win the talent show, win over her classmates and win her best friend back. That is, if her scheming Babcia stops trying to 'help'. And her classmates fall into line. And her mum stops being weird for five minutes.

This is a hilarious yet touching middle grade debut about embracing who you are, finding your true friends and the unstoppable magic of a good musical number.

July 2023 | 304 pages | Paperback

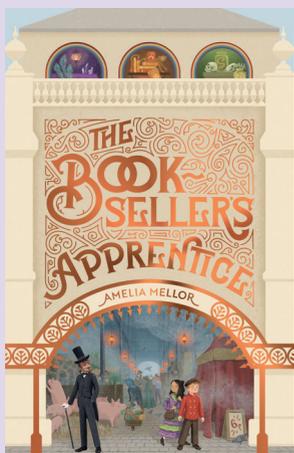
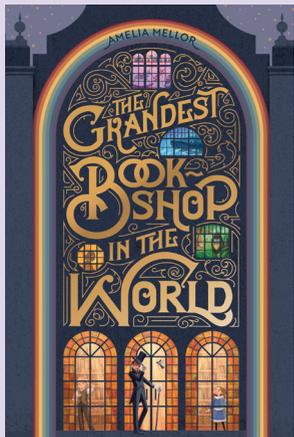
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MIDDLE GRADE



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NEW IN SERIES

HISTORICAL FANTASY

## The Grandest Bookshop in the World The Bookseller's Apprentice

By Amelia Mellor

Amelia Mellor's books are race-against-time adventures loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem.

Based on real-life events, people and places, each book has the reader step back in time to a magical and mysterious 1800s Melbourne where they follow feisty and courageous children who come up against a clever, sinister magician-villain.

### The Grandest Bookshop in the World

304 pages | Hardback & paperback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Arabic (world), Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Russian



Winner of ...

Australian Independent Booksellers' Children's Book of the Year 2021

NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2021

Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature 2021

CBCA Notable: Books for Younger Readers 2021

### The Bookseller's Apprentice

October 2022 | 320 pages | Hardback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Italian

MIDDLE GRADE

NEW IN SERIES

MYSTERY

## The Detective's Guide series

By Nicki Greenberg

Riveting and unpredictable, this 'whodunnit' series sees mysteries taking place in well-researched historical settings. Each book brims with thoroughly likeable characters and sophisticated writing that doesn't underestimate readers. Perfect for fans of *Murder Most Unladylike* and *Enola Holmes*.

### The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel

320 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Russian



Winner of ...

CBCA Shortlist: Books for Younger Readers 2022

Davitt Award for Crime Writing: Best Children's Book 2022

### The Detective's Guide to New York City

July 2022 | 336 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm

Ages: 9-12

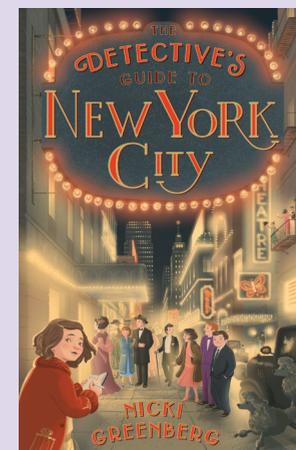
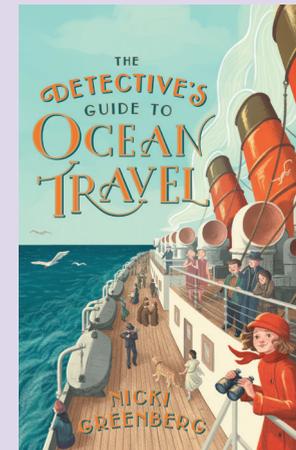
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COMING SOON!

### The Detective's Guide to Paris

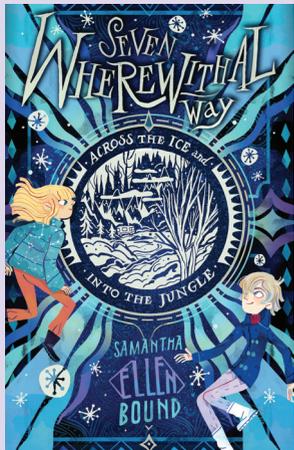
August 2023 | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

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MIDDLE GRADE



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NEW IN SERIES

PORTAL  
FANTASY



### Seven Wherewithal Way series

By Samantha-Ellen Bound

Full of heart-in-your-mouth action, unconventional families, otherworldly creatures and fascinating magic, *Seven Wherewithal Way* is an epic four-book, folklore-inspired portal fantasy series by Samantha-Ellen Bound.

#### Seven Wherewithal Way

400 pages | Paperback 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available excl. Turkish

#### Seven Wherewithal Way:

*Across the Ice and Into the Jungle*

November 2022 | 416 pages | Paperback

198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available

*Seven Wherewithal Way: Book 3* | April 2024

*Seven Wherewithal Way: Book 4* | April 2025

NON-FICTION



DYSLEXIA

### Brilliant Minds: 30 Dyslexic Heroes Who Changed Our World

By Shannon Meyerkort and Amy Blackwell

One of a kind, this is THE 'go-to' book for families who have a child with dyslexia or who struggles with reading and writing.

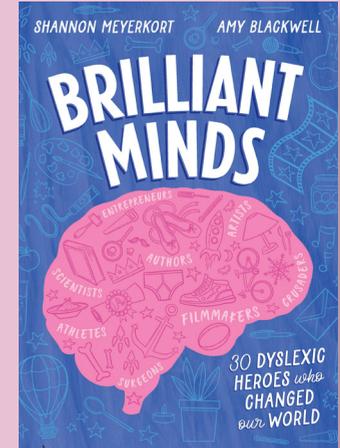
Features short biographies of 30 inspiring people from around the world and through the ages who have had dyslexia, such as film director Steven Spielberg, neurosurgeon Dr Fred Epstein, author Agatha Christie, chef Jamie Oliver and boxer Muhammad Ali.

This is an inspirational and uplifting profile of people who may not have been top of their class but who have used their dyslexia to their advantage and changed the world for the better.

November 2022 | 128 pages | Hardback

249 x 189 mm | Ages: 6-12

Rights: available



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## NEW PICTURE BOOKS

Illustration from *The Magic Kiss* by Bon Balu; see page 15.

PICTURE BOOK

KINDNESS

### Today You Changed the World

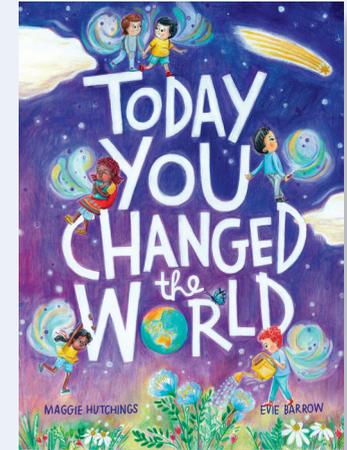
By Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow

From critically acclaimed author and illustrator duo Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow comes a gentle yet impactful book that encourages children to make change through small everyday acts of kindness.

October 2022 | 32 pages | Hardback

280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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DEBUT CREATOR

BEDTIME

### The Magic Kiss

By Bon Balu

Follow the magic goodnight kiss on its calming, joyful journey to become a sleepy yawn!

Bon Balu's dreamy text and resplendent illustrations create a loving, soothing bedtime ritual for all.

September 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback

280 x 220 mm | Ages: 0-6

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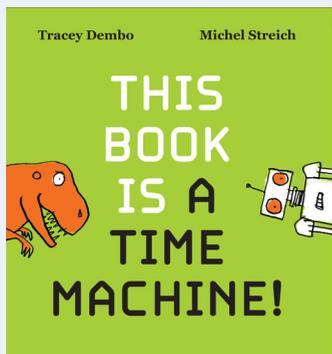


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PICTURE BOOK

HUMOUR

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**The Book is a Time Machine**

By Tracey Dembo and Michel Streich

*Hello there!*

*Guess what? You are holding a real-life time machine! You don't believe me? I'll show you. But first, let's make sure you understand time.*

*Ready?*

But when a tiny tear appears in the pages of the book, the past, present and future collide!

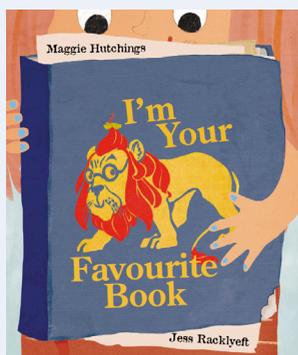
October 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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**I'm Your Favourite Book**

By Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft

*Even though page 6 blew away at the beach, page 10 got dipped in the bath and your dog ate page 4, you still read me every day. Because I'm your favourite book.*

A beautiful celebration of the magic of books, and a reminder of how the books we read as children stay with us forever.

July 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

270 x 230 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available



FOR BOOK LOVERS

BOOKS

PICTURE BOOK

DEBUT AUTHOR

FOOD

**You've Got Yoghurt in Your Nostrils**

By Bethany Clark and Sara Acton

*You've got yoghurt in your nostrils, avocado-smear hair, bacon in your belly button, and toast crusts on your chair.*

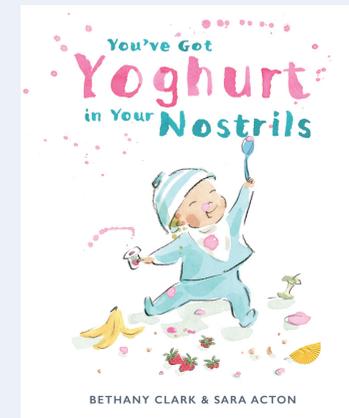
Join baby as they discover how much fun food can be – and not just to eat!

A joyous celebration of the tastes, textures and glorious mess involved in learning to feed ourselves.

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260 x 215 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available



DEBUT AUTHOR

TODDLERS

**Tiny Tradies**

By Tami Sussman and Tom Jellett

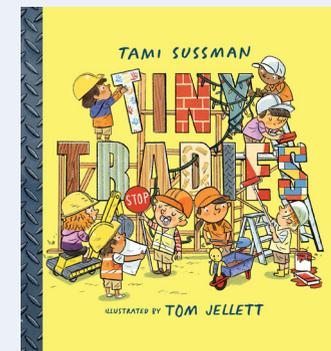
Every parent knows that toddlers are BUSY!

This hilarious picture book compares toddlers at childcare to tradespeople on a work site. Join the adorable Tiny Tradies as they clock on for their shift, work hard all day, and then wind down for bedtime.

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250 x 250 mm | Ages: 3-7

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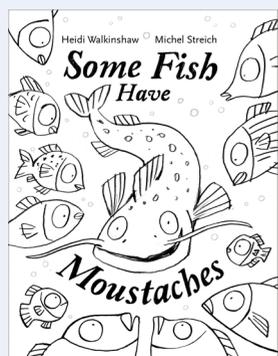


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HUMOUR

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### Some Fish Have Moustaches

By Heidi Walkinshaw and Michel Streich

There are picture books out there about fish ... but what about fish with moustaches?

This is a laugh-out-loud, silly and lightly educational introduction to all types of fish (including those with moustaches!).

June 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback  
280 x 217 mm | Ages: 2-7  
Rights: available

PICTURE BOOK

PARENTAL LOVE

### Love You Always

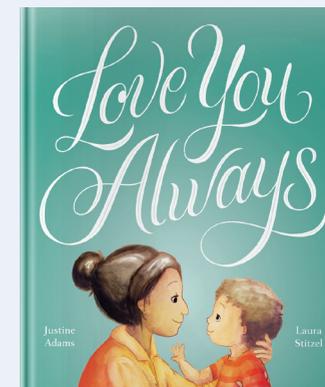
By Justine Adams and Laura Stitzel

When Mummy and Bubby are in wind-down mode before bedtime they reflect on the busy day they've had. Bubby wonders out loud if Mummy still loves him even when she seems upset or frustrated, and Mummy in turn asks Bubby if he still loves her, even when she's too busy to play and delight in his world.

In the heart-warming spirit of *Love You Forever*, this is a beautiful reminder of the unconditional love that exists between a mother and child.

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### The Day You Were Born

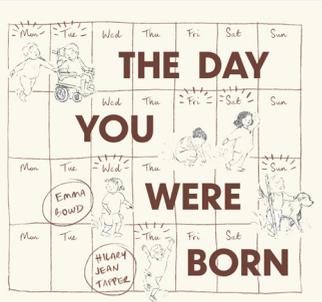
By Emma Bowd and Hilary Jean Tapper

Inspired by the classic poem *Monday's Child*, readers can delight in the qualities attributed to children born on different days of the week and celebrate the universal truth that all children are special.

August 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback  
230 x 270 mm | Ages: 0-6  
Rights: available

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DEBUT ILLUSTRATOR

IDENTITY

### When You're A Boy

By Blake Nuto

When you're a boy you're told how to be like the white-roaring oceans. But I've learned the fierceness of flowers the glory of colour and the beauty of dreaming.

Wander through forests, cross rivers and climb mountains in this powerful and moving exploration of what it means to be a boy.

August 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback  
250 x 280 mm | Ages: 3-7  
Rights: available

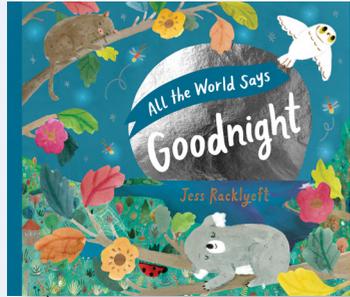
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PICTURE BOOK

BEDTIME



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**All the World Says Goodnight**

By Jess Racklyeft

Across the world each night, beds are made for sleeping: from a bee tucked up in a rose to a bear snuggling in her den.

Say goodnight to these animals and more in this sumptuous bedtime lullaby from Jess Racklyeft, creator of the bestselling *Welcome, Baby, To This World*.

October 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback  
238 x 289 mm | Ages: 0-6  
Rights: available



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**The Best Hiding Place**

By Jane Godwin and Sylvia Morris

From bestselling author Jane Godwin and emerging illustrator Sylvia Morris comes a rich and atmospheric story that captures the highs and lows of hide-and-seek, and the joy of being found.

October 2022 | 32 pages | Hardback  
250 x 280 mm | Ages: 3-8  
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ACCLAIMED AUTHOR  
HUMOUR

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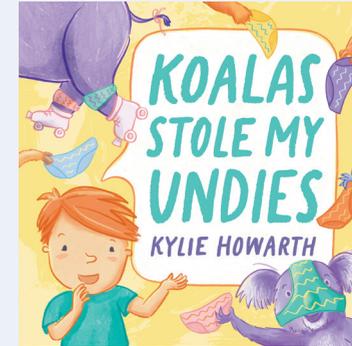
**Koalas Stole My Undies**

By Kylie Howarth

An outrageously funny story about cheeky Lex, who lies that koalas and other animals are stealing his underwear! But when a mischievous monkey steals Lex's shorts, he learns that wearing underwear isn't so bad after all!

A hilarious contemporary answer to *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*.

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250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-6  
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**Crocs Stole My Socks**

By Kylie Howarth

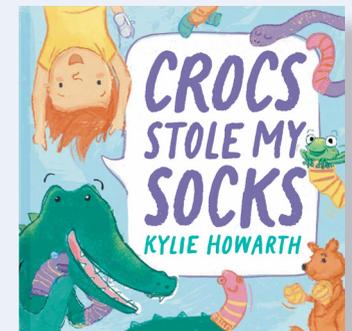
Kylie Howarth returns with cheeky hero, Lex, as he does his best to get out of wearing those itchy, annoying socks. Will Lex learn that socks are just as important as underwear?

A hilarious follow-up to the 2022 bestseller, *Koalas Stole My Undies*.

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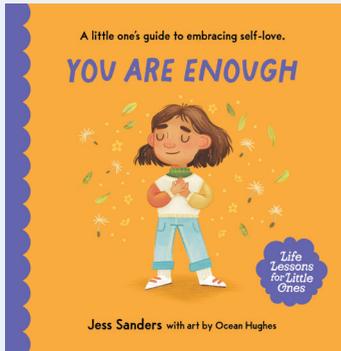
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NEW IN SERIES

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



**Life Lessons for Little Ones:  
You Are Enough  
You've Got This!**

By Jess Sanders

A new and empowering series by bestselling author and social worker, Jess Sanders. This series contains life's most important lessons that every child (and their grown-up!) deserves to hear. Each book in this series encourages feelings of confidence, self-worth and self-love, and promotes positive thinking and mindfulness.

In *You Are Enough*, we learn that we don't need to change for anyone or anything – we are perfect as we are!

In *You've Got This!*, we learn that we can be brave, even when we feel worried.

**You Are Enough**

(illustrated by Ocean Hughes)

24 pages | Hardback | 220 x 220 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available

**You've Got This**

(illustrated by Irina Avgustinovich)

February 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

220 x 220 mm | Ages: 4-8

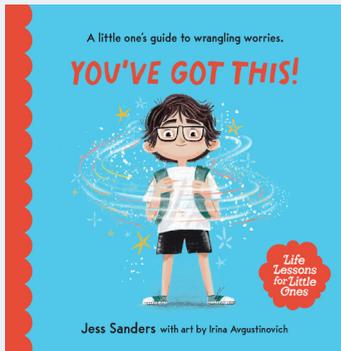
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**Your Softness Is Your Strength**

September 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback | 220 x 220 mm

**You Can Do Hard Things**

March 2024 | 24 pages | Hardback | 220 x 220 mm



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TWINS

**Twice the Love**

By Inda Ahmad Zahri and Nabila Adani

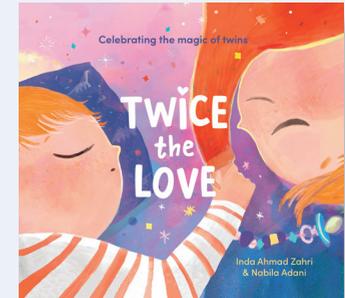
A joyful and heartwarming celebration of all the things that happen in twos: twice the cuddles, twice the kisses, twice the milestones, twice the love.

This is a much-needed, heartfelt addition to the newborn baby gift market for families of twins.

September 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback

230 x 270 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available



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**Pocket Treasure**

By Wenda Shurety and Juliana Oakley

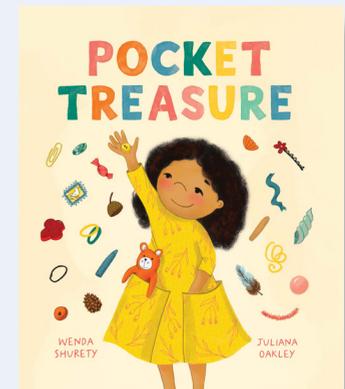
SHARING

Here is a gorgeous picture book for kind kids who love to share with their friends. And it's for parents everywhere who find all sorts of knick-knacks in their children's pockets! With a beautiful message about generosity and an accurate representation of diversity in classrooms, this truly is a book to treasure.

February 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

280 x 250 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available



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PICTURE BOOK

LOVE



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**This is Love**

By Zanni Louise and Sasha Haddad

Celebrate all the wonderful ways we share and show our love in this delightful picture book from much-loved creators Zanni Louise and Sasha Haddad.

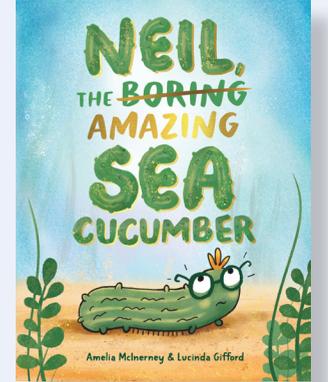
February 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

230 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

PICTURE BOOK

HUMOUR



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**Neil, the Amazing Sea Cucumber**

By Amelia McInerney and Lucinda Gifford

Introducing Neil, the Eeyore of the sea floor! With deadpan text by Amelia McInerney and hilarious illustrations by Lucinda Gifford, this is a fabulous story about an unlikely hero who is very surprised to find himself in this book.

May 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

280 x 217 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

**Pasta!**

By Felice Arena and Beatrice Cerocchi

*Spaghetтини. Fagottini. Ditalini. More Grattini?*

Pasta tastes delicious! But did you know pasta is also fun to say? Grab your fork and spoon and get stuck into this delightful celebration of the food that everyone loves to eat. It's enough to make anyone hungry!

April 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available



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FOOD

**Too Many Cats**

By Maura Finn and Lucinda Gifford

Percy is a dog with a bone to pick: there are just too many cats in his house! They scratch the armchairs. They hog the heater. They blame Percy for their mess. This just can't go on!

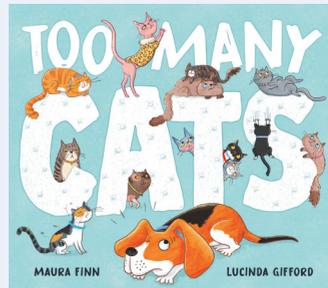
But when Percy finally gets some peace and quiet, he realises that he might have made a tiny mistake ...

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AUSTRALIA



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**Australia: From Dawn to Dusk**

By Brentos

Welcome to Australia as you've never seen it before! Through a gorgeous pastel palette, author-illustrator Brentos travels around Australia in one day, introducing us to wonderful landmarks and animals along the way.

September 2022 | 32 pages | Hardback  
256 x 289 mm | Ages: 3-10

Rights: available

COMING SOON!

**Australian Animals: From Beach to Bush**

November 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback  
256 x 289 mm | Ages: 3-10

Rights: available

**It's Time All Possums Went to Bed**

By Jacqui Halpin and Gavin Scott

Join Milly as she cheekily avoids bedtime by pretending to be a busy animal. But Milly learns that even animals have to go to bed some time! An adorable story with a subtle nod to bedtime routines and a gentle introduction to Australian animals like possums, kangaroos and emus.

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230 x 270 mm | Ages: 2-7

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BIRTHDAY

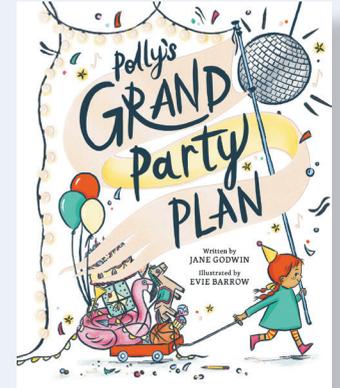
**Polly's Grand Party Plan**

By Jane Godwin and Evie Barrow

For dreamers and party planners everywhere comes a relatable picture book about throwing the perfect birthday party ... even when things don't exactly go to plan.

June 2022 | 32 pages | Hardback  
270 x 220 mm | Ages: 4-8

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BOARD BOOK

WITH NOVELTY RIBBONS  
LGBTQIA+ PRIDE

**All the Colours of Our Rainbow**

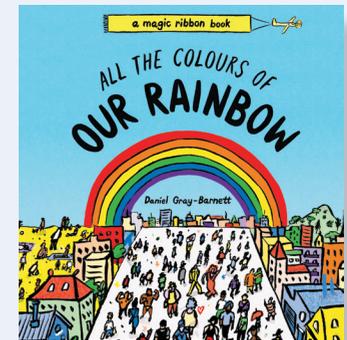
By Daniel Gray-Barnett

With cheerful and uplifting illustrations by Daniel Gray-Barnett and colourful ribbons throughout, this is the perfect introduction to the colours of the rainbow pride flag.

From red to purple, this is a joyful and energetic exploration of love, family and community.

June 2022 | 14 pages | Board book with ribbon  
200 x 200 mm | Ages: 3-6

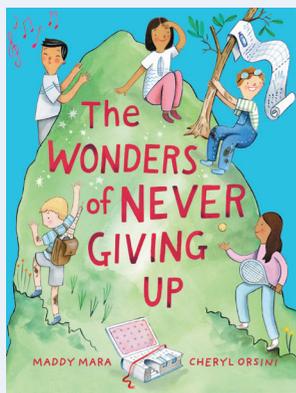
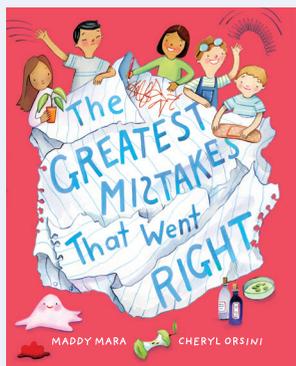
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BESTSELLING SERIES

TRUE  
STORIES



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## The Greatest Mistakes That Went Right The Wonders of Never Giving Up

By Maddy Mara and Cheryl Orsini

From Maddy Mara and Cheryl Orsini comes an uplifting non-fiction picture book series that empowers kids to embrace failings and persevere.

Both books include incredible true stories that will inspire families everywhere: from the determined penicillin inventor Sir Alexander Fleming to the tenacious pro-surfer Bethany Hamilton, and many household names in between.

Fun rhyme and rhythm make these books perfect for repeat reads.

### The Greatest Mistakes That Went Right

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8  
Rights: available

### The Wonders of Never Giving Up

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8  
Rights: available

NEW IN SERIES

HUMOUR

## Your Birthday was the BEST! Your School is the BEST!

By Maggie Hutchings and Felicita Sala

From critically acclaimed author-illustrator duo Maggie Hutchings and Felicita Sala comes the adventures of a plucky young cockroach who is somehow also totally endearing.

Funny, silly and surprisingly cute, these books are the perfect blend of downright gross and delightfully entertaining.

### Your Birthday was the BEST!

32 pages | Hardback | 287 x 248 mm | Ages: 2-7  
Rights: available excl. Portuguese (Brazil), French, North American, Russian, Turkish, Korean



Winner of ...  
CBCA Shortlist: Picture Book of the Year 2021

### Your School is the BEST!

January 2022 | 32 pages | Hardback  
287 x 248 mm | Ages: 2-7  
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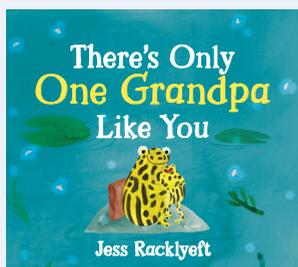
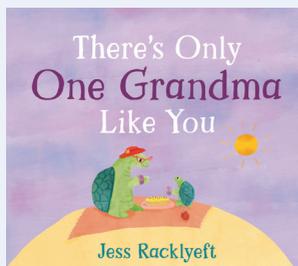
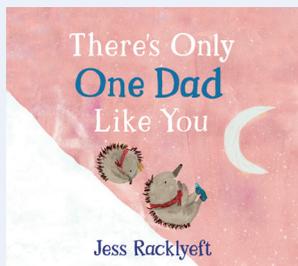
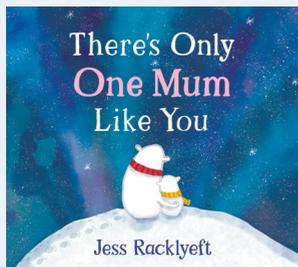
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### Your Holiday was the BEST!

March 2024 | 32 pages | Hardback  
287 x 248 mm | Ages: 2-7  
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## PICTURE AND BOARD BOOK



### There's Only One ... series

By Jess Racklyeft

Jess Racklyeft's *There's Only One ...* series celebrates mums, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers and friends, and their unique and important roles in our lives.

This bestselling series features stunning watercolour artwork that shines a light on the beautiful and precious moments we share with the special people in our lives.

Available as picture books and board books, this collectable series makes perfect gifts for special occasions, birthdays, new baby arrivals, or on any day that you want to celebrate an important figure in a child's life.

#### Hardback editions:

24 pages | 217 x 295 mm | Ages: 3-7

#### Board book editions:

20 pages | 171 x 190 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available excl. Korean (*Mum and Dad*), and Italian (*There's Only One Friend Like You*)

## PICTURE BOOK



### Big World, Tiny World series

By Jess Racklyeft

A stunning ode to natural treasures and the interconnectedness of our world.

*Big World, Tiny World* explores the many worlds within our natural landscapes by zooming in on a particular scene with each page turn.

With a gentle environmental message, this series from bestselling author-illustrator Jess Racklyeft invites readers to explore their world and understand how we are all connected.

#### Big World, Tiny World: Forest

February 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available

#### Big World, Tiny World: Reef

August 2022 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available

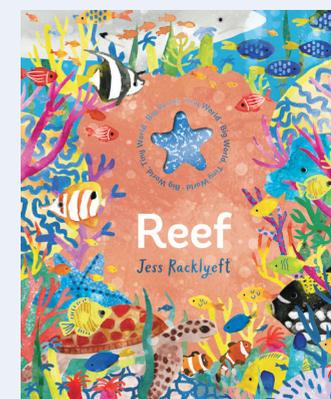
#### COMING SOON!

#### Big World, Tiny World: The Bush

November 2023 | 24 pages | Hardback

260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-8

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Illustration from *Welcome, Baby, to This World*  
by Jess Racklyeft; see page 33.

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NEW  
BABY

**Welcome, Baby, to This World**

By Jess Racklyeft

This warm, modern and heartfelt book is a love letter between parent and child.

Filled with joy, hope and possibility, it is the perfect gift for new babies everywhere from one of Australia's brightest picture book stars.

24 pages | Hardback | 295 x 246 mm | Ages: 0-6

Rights: available excl. Italian

Other formats: Book + soft toy gift set



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TREASURY

**The Book for Happy Hearts**

By Maggie Hutchings and Jess Racklyeft

A feast for the eyes and a balm for the soul, this is a book of joy that will fill your heart with happiness.

Dip into this marvellous book at any time of day to find uplifting stories, poems and activities to inspire, cherish and share.

120 pages | Hardback | 246 x 189 mm | Ages: 3-9

Rights: available

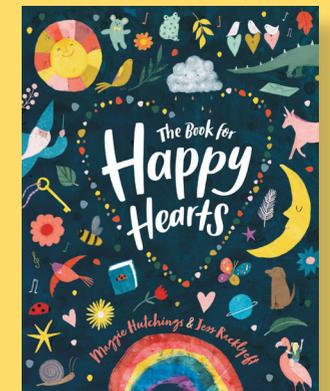
COMING SOON!

**The Book for Marvellous Minds**

November 2023 | 120 pages | Hardback

246 x 189 mm | Ages: 3-9

Rights: available



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BEDTIME

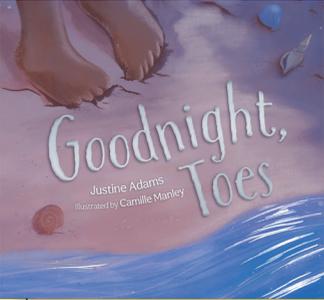
Goodnight, Toes

By Justine Adams and Camille Manley

A warm and dreamy book that's perfect for winding down before bed, Goodnight, Toes is a gentle meditation on all the wonderful things our bodies and minds can do.

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 280 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available



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When You're Going to the Moon

By Sasha Beekman and Vivienne To

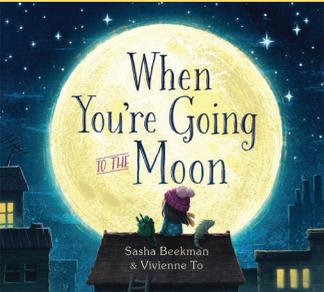
Your pet iguana, tap-dancing shoes, an inflatable moose ... What else might you need when you're going to the moon? A heartfelt story about dreaming your biggest dream and taking it to the stars.

32 pages | Hardback | 285 x 255 mm | Ages: 4-8

Rights: available



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RESILIENCE

Little One

By Jane Godwin and Gabriel Evans

When Little One gets lost, Pippi is distraught. But Pippi must learn to live without her favourite toy.

From critically acclaimed creators Jane Godwin and Gabriel Evans, this is a wonderful timeless story about losing something or someone special.

32 pages | Hardback | 270 x 220 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. Belgian



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Our Family Pledge

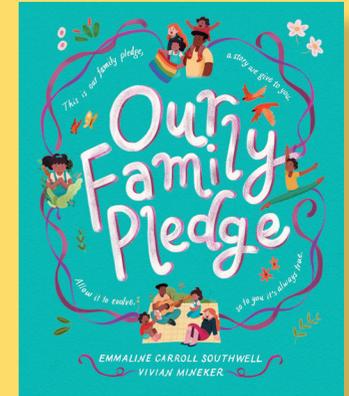
By Emmaline Carroll Southwell and Vivian Minneker

A universal set of promises to be passed down through generations. This is the perfect book for any family who wants to teach their children compassion for themselves, others and the planet.

24 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

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VALUES



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EMPATHY

### I Saw Pete and Pete Saw Me

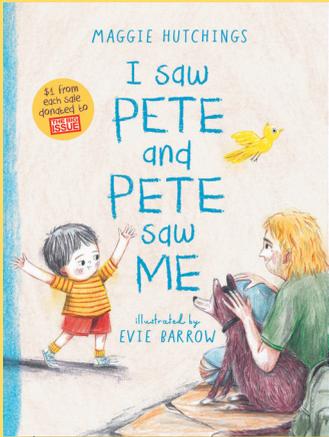
By Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow

Everyone walks right past Pete – except for one little boy. When Pete gets sick, the boy wants to help. But how do you help someone get better when they don't have a home?

A heartfelt, moving story about the importance of really seeing the world around us and the power in tiny acts of kindness.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 3-8

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GRAND-PARENTS

### Grumble Boats

By Susannah McFarlane and Tamsin Ainslie

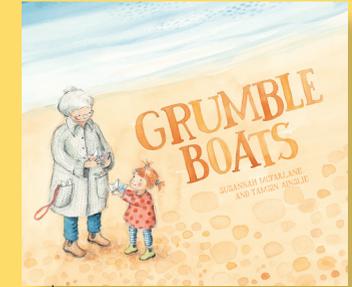
In this gentle story set at the beach, we watch as Grandma teaches Emma how to use creativity to send her bad mood out to sea. Celebrating the special magic of grandmothers to help us feel better, this book is a beautiful gift for grandparents to share with their grandchildren.

32 pages | Hardback | 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available excl. Turkish



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### Enough Love?

By Maggie Hutchings and Evie Barrow

A beautiful picture book showing kids that families come in all shapes and sizes.

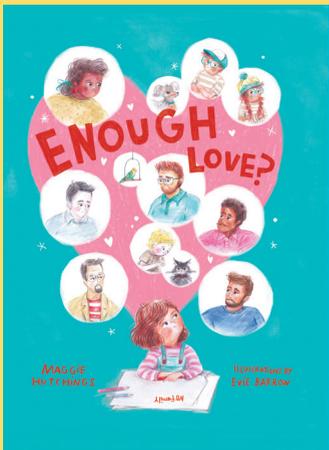
This is a special book that will help kids navigate change and celebrate love and family.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 210 mm | Ages: 4-8

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FAMILY

### How to Be A Giraffe

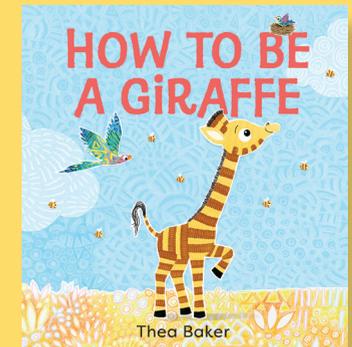
By Thea Baker

Joffrey's stripy fur is causing quite the stir. Everyone knows that giraffes have spots! But if Joffrey isn't a giraffe, what could he be? Lots of fun to read aloud, this charming and heartfelt picture book celebrates the joy of embracing who we are.

32 pages | Hardback | 262 x 272 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available excl. Korean, North American, Turkish

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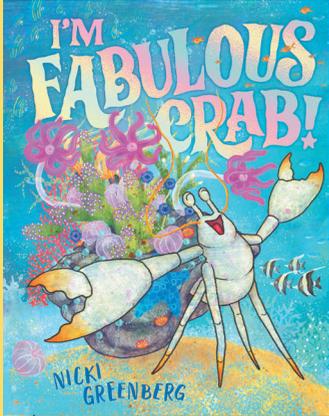
### I'm Fabulous Crab!

By Nicki Greenberg

Henry the hermit crab is done with his dull life on the dim ocean floor. He wants glamour and drama! He wants to be known as Fabulous Crab! Here is a sparkling spectacle of a story about embracing who you are and wearing your true colours (and a touch of glitter) with pride.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 217 mm | Ages: 3-8

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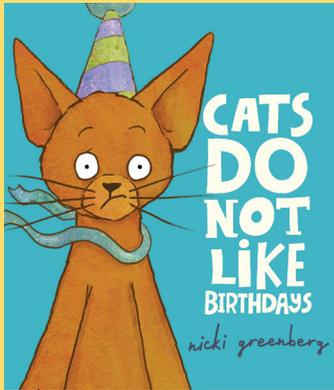
### Cats Do Not Like Birthdays

By Nicki Greenberg

Presents! Games! Cake! Everyone loves a party, right? Well, not everyone. And definitely not Kit. All Kit wants is a quiet place to hide away from the noise. And maybe he's not the only one ... This book is a shout-out (whisper) to the not-so-loud and a reminder that we're all wonderfully different.

32 pages | Hardback | 280 x 240 mm | Ages: 3-7

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HUMOUR

### The Ultimate Survival Guide to Monsters Under the Bed

By Mitch Frost and Daron Parton

Do you lie awake at night worrying about monsters? Donut monsters? Blue monsters? DANCING ROBOT MONSTERS!? Then this is the book for you! Follow these ten easy steps and you'll never be bothered by monsters again. Perfect for anyone, big or small, who's ever been afraid of monsters.

32 pages | Hardback | 270 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-8

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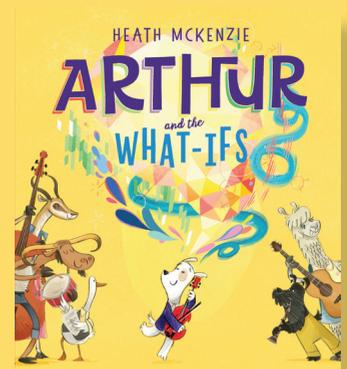
### Arthur and the What-Ifs

By Heath McKenzie

Arthur is too scared to play his violin in front of people. What if he makes a fool of himself? But the song in his head and the dream in his heart just won't stay quiet until Arthur overcomes his fears. Here is an encouraging picture book for any child whose confidence and self-esteem needs a gentle boost.

32 pages | Hardback | 268 x 236 mm | Ages: 3-7

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PICTURE BOOKS

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SEASONS

### Sing Me the Summer

By Jane Godwin and Alison Lester

*Sing Me the Summer* combines Jane Godwin's lyrical text with Alison Lester's lively watercolours to delight in the distinct joys that each season brings. The book cherishes family togetherness in the natural world and the small moments spent outside that often become our lasting memories of childhood.

32 pages | Hardback | 230 x 285 mm | Ages: 3-7

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BESTSELLING CREATOR  
CLASSIC

### Tricky's Bad Day

By Alison Lester

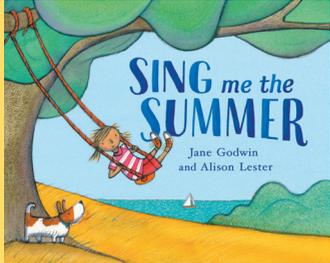
Poor Tricky! Nothing is going right for him, from spilled milk to an annoying little sister! This is a warm and funny story about the mess, muddle and love that is the life of a young family – and the freedom of an outside adventure.

32 pages | Hardback | 231 x 292 mm | Ages: 3-7

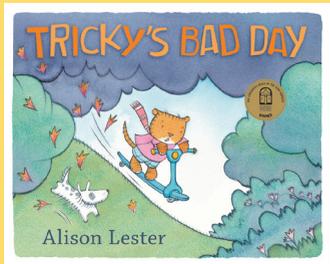
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CLASSIC

### The Very Noisy Baby (various)

By Alison Lester

The baby loves to make all kinds of sounds. She's really very loud. But when some animals in the town go missing, can the very noisy baby help? A wonderfully boisterous story from a master storyteller and illustrator.

32 pages | Hardback | 235 x 297 mm | Ages: 0-7

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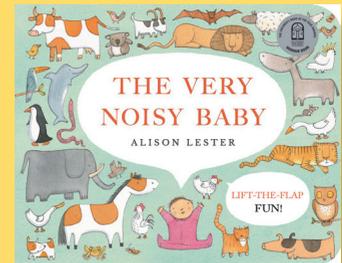
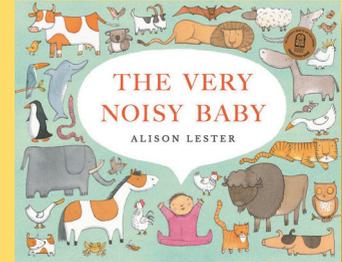
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Other formats:

Lift-the-flap board book

Sound book

Book + soft toy gift set



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FEELINGS

### Follow Your Feelings series

By Kitty Black and Jess Rose

This touching, funny emotional literacy series reframes so-called 'negative' emotions as normal and encourages children to sit with and understand difficult feelings.

Each book has a strong ending that shows new feelings arrive, proving that a worried or sad feeling doesn't last forever.

Author Kitty Black has a background in school psychology and blends her professional experience with an inherent sense of humour.

#### Follow Your Feelings: Lucy and Sad

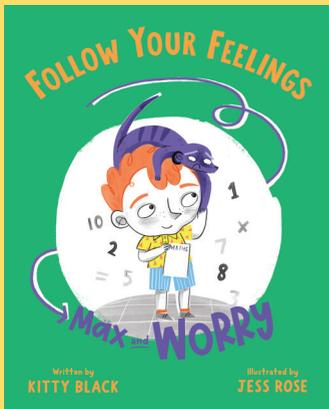
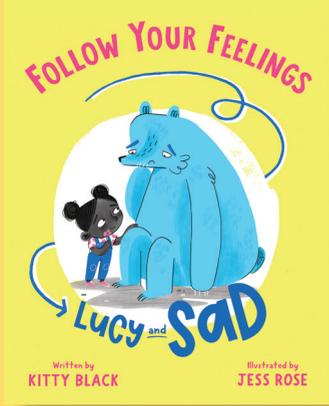
32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

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#### Follow Your Feelings: Max and Worry

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MAGIC

### Magic! series

By Maggie Hutchings and Cheryl Orsini

Feel the magic with best friends Lena and Luka as they learn there's nothing that can't be solved by a little bit of hope and a big wish.

An enchanting collection of stories from best-selling duo Maggie Hutchings and Cheryl Orsini.

#### Unicorn!

32 pages | Hardback | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 4-8

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#### Mermaid!

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#### Dragon!

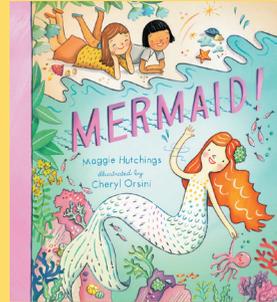
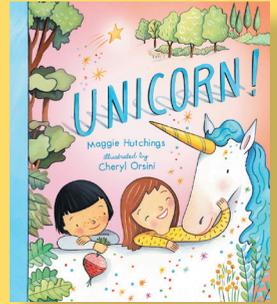
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#### Fairy!

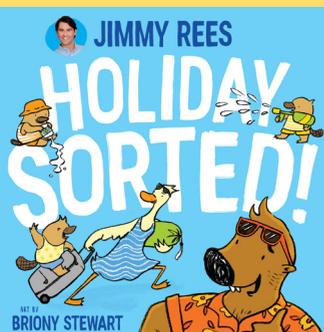
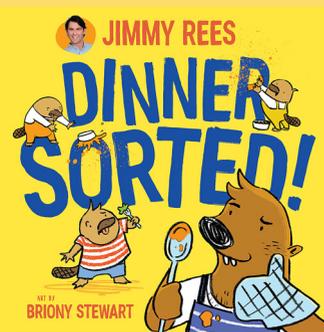
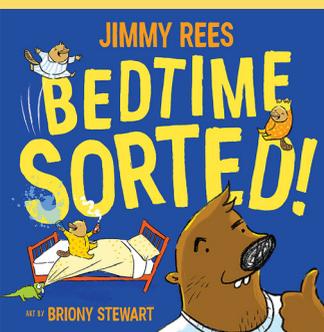
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FAMILY/HUMOUR

Sorted! series

By Jimmy Rees and Briony Stewart

A hilarious and lively picture book series with equal kid and parent appeal!

This series documents the events and excuses that families everywhere will know all too well, appealing to any parents who find their perfectly laid plans are (often) thwarted by their kids.

Join a wholly original family and watch as the cheeky children can't stay in bed in *Bedtime Sorted!*, battle their way through dinner in *Dinner Sorted!*, and run amok when it's time to get ready for the family vacation in *Holiday Sorted!*

Bedtime Sorted!

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

Dinner Sorted!

32 pages | Hardback | 250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

Holiday Sorted!

March 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback

250 x 250 mm | Ages: 2-7

Rights: available

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FIRST CONCEPTS

Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House! One Blue Shoe Say Hello

By Jane Godwin and Jane Reiseger

A trio of books that are fresh, fun and rhythmic explorations of first concepts.

Bold and bright, these are the perfect books for reading aloud and sharing with young children as they learn to identify colours (*Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House!*) counting (*One Blue Shoe*) and animal sounds (*Say Hello*).

Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House!

32 pages | Board book | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available excl. North American



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One Blue Shoe

24 pages | Hardback | 247 x 218 mm | Ages: 0-5

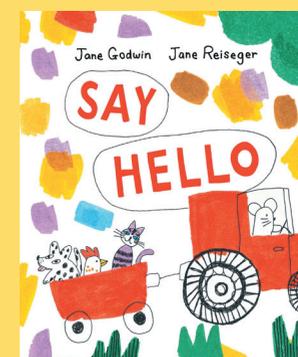
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Say Hello

April 2022 | 24 pages | Board book

220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

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HUMOUR

### Have You Seen My Friend? Higher!

By Jo Dabrowski

Featuring flaps, sparse text and Jo Dabrowski's signature bold collage art, these board books will delight curious young readers.

**Have You Seen My Friend?**

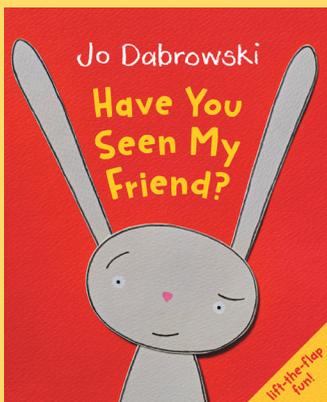
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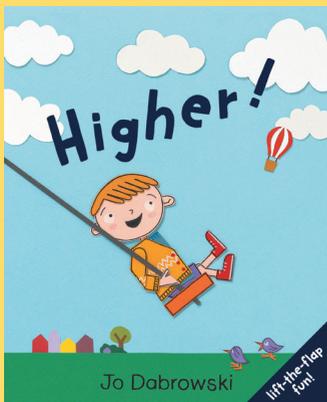
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PICTURE BOOKS

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FAMILY

### The Lion in Our Living Room The Bear in Our Backyard

By Emma Middleton and Briony Stewart

From award-winning artist Briony Stewart and talented author Emma Middleton comes a pair of books that pay tribute to the small and magical moments that mums and dads create every day.

**The Lion in Our Living Room**

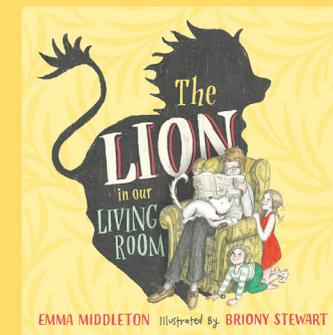
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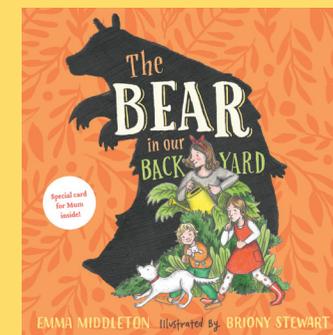
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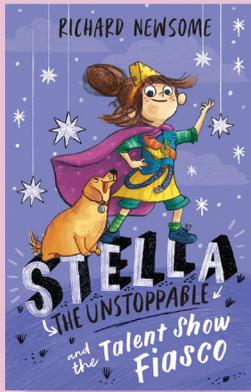
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JUNIOR FICTION  
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HUMOUR

**Stella the Unstoppable series**

By Richard Newsome

This hilarious junior fiction series is Dork Diaries with a dash of Matilda from the bestselling author of the Billionaire series. Young readers are bound to fall in love with the energetic, unstoppable Stella and her many hilarious mishaps.

**Stella the Unstoppable and the Talent Show Fiasco**

128 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 7-9

Rights: available excl. Turkish

**Stella the Unstoppable and the School Camp Kerfuffle**

128 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 7-9

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**Stella the Unstoppable and the Magic Underpants**

128 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 7-9

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JUNIOR FICTION

HUMOUR

**The Alien Zoo series**

By Adrian Beck and Heath McKenzie

In this fresh and funny junior fiction series, twins Ben and Jen inherit their grandfather's job as an alien zookeeper for the secret alien zoo hidden in the mountain behind his farmhouse. Funny, mysterious and a little bit rude; hold on to your hippos and look inside The Alien Zoo!

**The Alien Zoo... And You!**

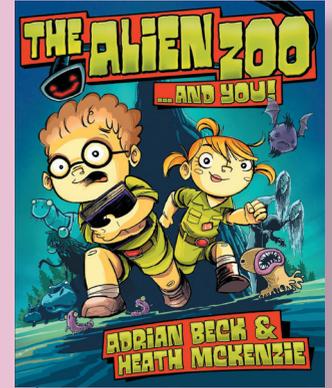
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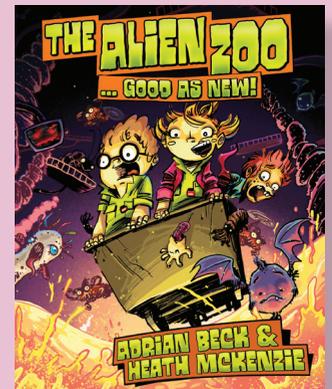
**The Alien Zoo... Good as New!**

224 pages | Paperback | 190 x 153 mm | Ages: 7-9

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BE THE  
CHANGE

### The Good Times of Pelican Rise series

By Samone Amba

Welcome to *The Good Times of Pelican Rise*: a lively series for climate-conscious kids who are hungry to make a difference in the world. Set in a fictional town, it follows a group of best friends who are on a mission to use their voices and enact small changes that will improve the lives of people and animals in their community.

Packed full of puns, hilarious memes, and fun typesetting, these books are perfect for readers who love realistic and funny stories.

#### Save the Joeys

300 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 9-12

Rights: available



Winner of ...  
CBCA Notable: Younger Readers 2022  
Environment Award for Children's Literature, 2022  
Shortlist

#### The No Waste Race

June 2022 | 288 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm

Ages: 9-12

Rights: available

GROWING  
UP

### Take the Shot

By Sue White

Bug has a lot of secrets. And he will do anything to keep those secrets, keep his new basketball team and keep his life from falling apart. Because no one can know the biggest secret of all: Bug risks his life every time he steps out onto the basketball court.

A hilarious and touching book about basketball, friendship, family and a rare genetic disorder called Marfan Syndrome.

320 pages | Paperback | 198 x 128 mm | Ages: 12-14

Rights: available excl. British audio

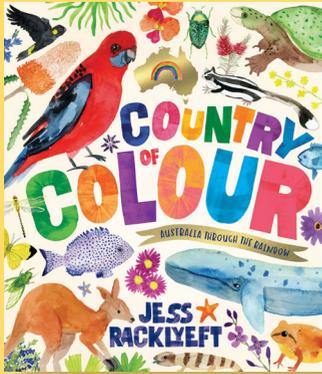


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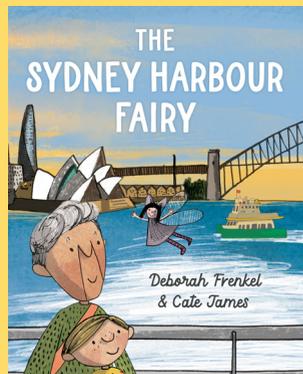
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**Australia: Country of Colours**

By Jess Racklyeft

Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox and the rainbow of life that lives in Australia, from one of our best-loved picture book creators.

July 2023 | 48 pages | Hardback | 285 x 245 mm

Ages: 3+

Rights: available

COLOUR

**The Sydney Harbour Fairy**

By Deborah Frenkel and Cate James

Nanna is taking Charlie for a Girls' Day Out to visit the Sydney Harbour Fairy. Charlie does not like the sound of a Girls' Day Out. And she especially hates fairies. But the Harbour Fairy isn't what Charlie expected! Here is a sparkling ode to imagination, grandmothers, and finding magic in unlikely places.

May 2023 | 32 pages | Hardback | 207 x 150 mm

Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

GRAND-PARENT

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AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

**Busy Beaks  
Jumping Joey's**

By Sarah Allen

Sarah Allen's books are the perfect primer on Australian birds and marsupials.

The crisp and colourful illustrations complement a delightfully action-packed rhyming text that will have kids enthralled by Australia's native wildlife.



*Busy Beaks* Winner of ...  
CBCA Shortlist: Early Childhood 2021

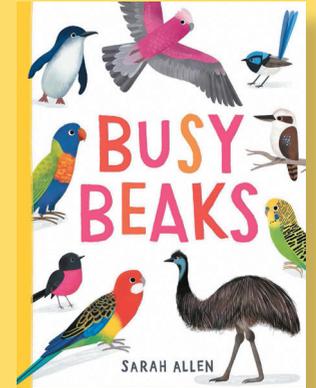
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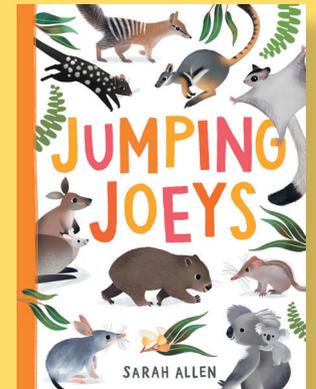
**Board book editions:**

32 pages | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available



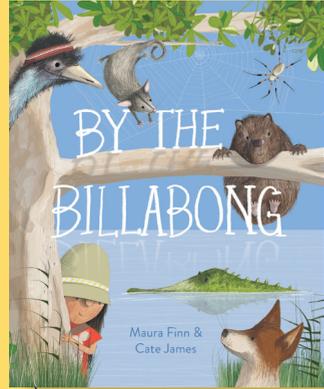
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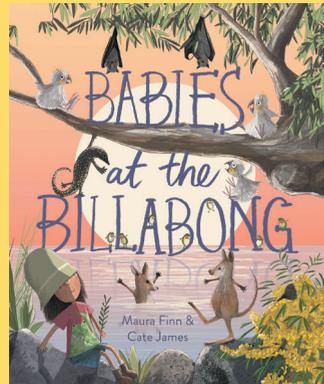
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AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

**By the Billabong**  
**Babies at the Billabong**

By Maura Finn and Cate James

These books are the perfect gift to introduce children to collective nouns and baby names for some of Australia's most loved creatures.

With energetic rhyming text that is a joy to read aloud and fun details to spot in the illustrations, this is the Australian answer to *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

**Hardback editions:**

32 pages | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-7

**Board book editions:**

24 pages | 220 x 180 mm | Ages: 0-5

Rights: available

COMING SOON!

**Birdsong by the Billabong**

January 2024 | 32 pages | 260 x 215 mm | Ages: 3-7

Rights: available

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AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE

**A Walk in the Bush**  
**A Day at the Show**  
**A Trip to the Beach**  
**Let's Go to the Bush!**  
**Let's Go to the Beach!**

By Gwyn Perkins

This series of books is an engaging introduction to the Australian landscape and animals. Gwyn's gentle humour can be enjoyed by kids and adults alike and his unique illustration style captures quintessential Australia in a wholly original way.



*A Walk in the Bush* Winner of ...  
CBCA Picture Book of the Year 2018

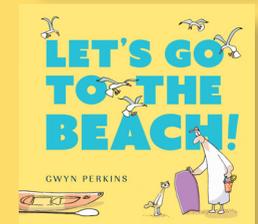
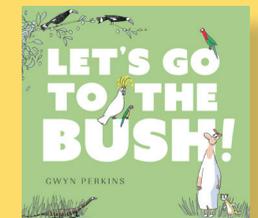
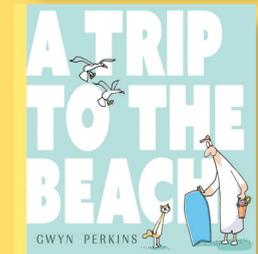
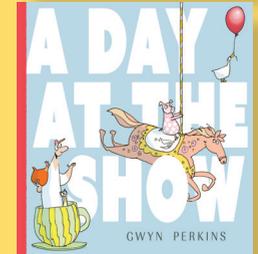
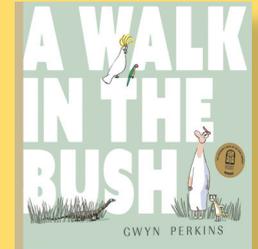
**Hardback editions:**

32 pages | 286 x 256 mm | Ages: 3-7

**Board book editions:**

32 pages | 180 x 189 mm | Ages: 0-5

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AUSTRALIAN FLORA

**Down the Road Little Bee**

By Sarah Jane Lightfoot

Spend a year with Little Bee on a search for pollen across the Australian suburban landscape. From flowering gums in January to jacaranda in December, follow Little Bee and friends as they explore the wonders of nature that can be found just outside the front door.

40 pages | Hardback | 230 x 270 mm | Ages: 3-8

Rights: available



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SEASONAL

**The Great Aussie Animal Easter Egg Hunt**

By Emma Middleton

Here is an Easter gift for young children that is sweeter than chocolate! With an upbeat narrative, an important message about sharing, and adorable illustrations of everyone's favourite Australian bush animals, this is a unique board book for little animal-lovers to treasure.

February 2022 | 20 pages | Board book | 220 x 180 mm

Ages: 0-4

Rights: available

COMING SOON!

[The Great Aussie Animal Christmas Surprise](#)

October 2023 | 220 x 180mm | 20pp | Ages: 0-4

Rights: available

NON-FICTION

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MONEY

**Money Queens: Rule Your Money**

By Michelle Bowes

*Money Queens: Rule Your Money* is full of tips and tools to help teen girls avoid the gaps, traps and mishaps of money management.

From personal finance writer Michelle Bowes comes a self-empowerment guide that covers all the must-know money basics like saving and budgeting, as well as bigger topics like credit cards; buy now, pay later services; superannuation; and investing. It even explains how to write a CV, what to do when you get your first job and what to expect to pay for when you finish high school.

This guidebook is the best friend that every teen girl needs as she embarks on her first relationship with money.

July 2022 | 220 pages | Paperback | 204 x 146 mm

Ages: 13-18

Rights: available



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