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NARRATIVE NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

WILAM: A BIRRARUNG STORY

Aunty Joy Murphy,
Andrew Kelly,
Lisa Kennedy

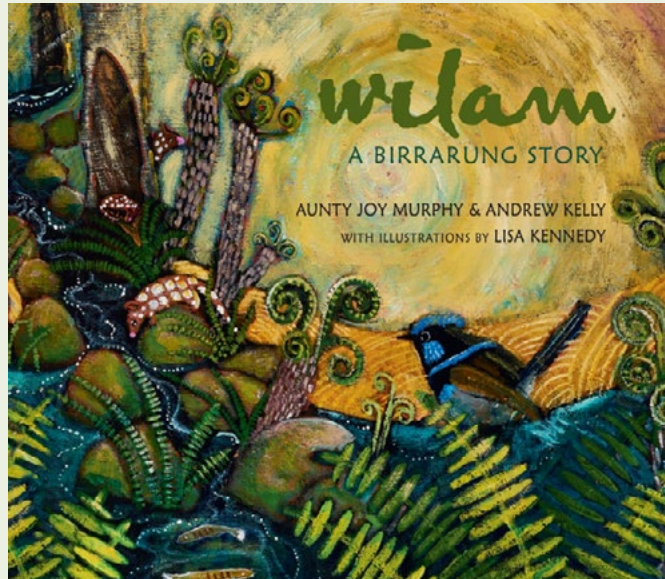
9781925381764

Hardback

April 2019

Recommended age: 6-11

Black Dog Books



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The story of one day in the life of the vital, flourishing Birrarung (Yarra river).

As ngua rises, Bunjil soars over mountain ash, flying higher and higher as the wind warms. Below, Birrarung begins its long winding path down to palem warreen. Wilam – home.

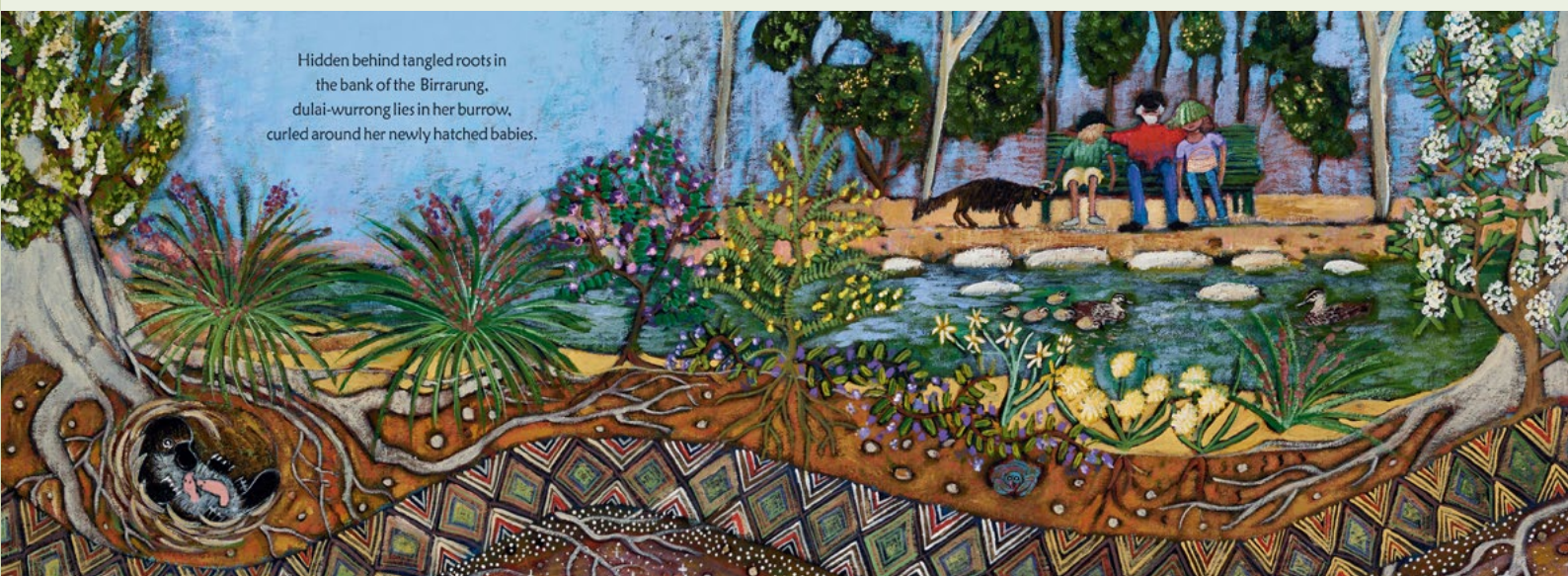
Yarra Riverkeeper Andrew Kelly joins award-winning picture book duo Aunty Joy Murphy and Lisa Kennedy to tell the Indigenous and geographical story of Melbourne's beautiful Yarra river, from its source to its mouth; from its pre-history to the present day.

THEMES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Histories and Cultures, Australian flora and fauna, STEM.

TEACHER NOTES

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Hidden behind tangled roots in
the bank of the Birrarung,
dulai-wurrong lies in her burrow,
curled around her newly hatched babies.

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

PLAYING WITH COLLAGE

Jeannie Baker

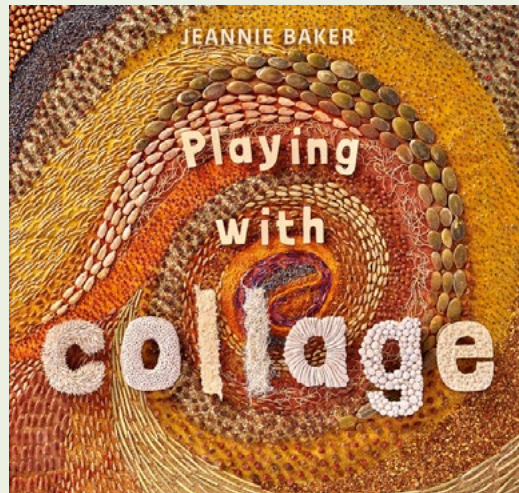
9781406378665

Hardback

June 2019

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books



A how-to guide to making your own collages, brimful of fascinating hints and tips from a master of the genre.

Over the course of a 40-year career, Jeannie Baker has perfected the art of collage in the creation of picture-book classics such as *Where the Forest Meets the Sea* and *Window*. In *Playing with Collage*, she shares her secrets at last – and encourages her readers to get creative. Within each of this book's four main sections, Jeannie presents an abstract collage of her own and offers suggestions and starting points for beginners. There are no right or wrong answers in this treasure of a book, it's all about trusting your instincts ... and playing!

THEMES

Visual arts, creativity, sustainability.

TEACHER NOTES

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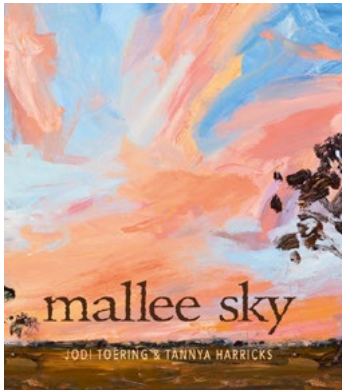
Playing with nature

Look at all the bits and pieces you collected on your treasure hunt – which are your favourites? As before, start with a few pieces you think go well together and arrange them on your baseboard. Gradually add more textures that look good with your selection.

Perhaps you could group some of the same materials together to create interesting shapes?



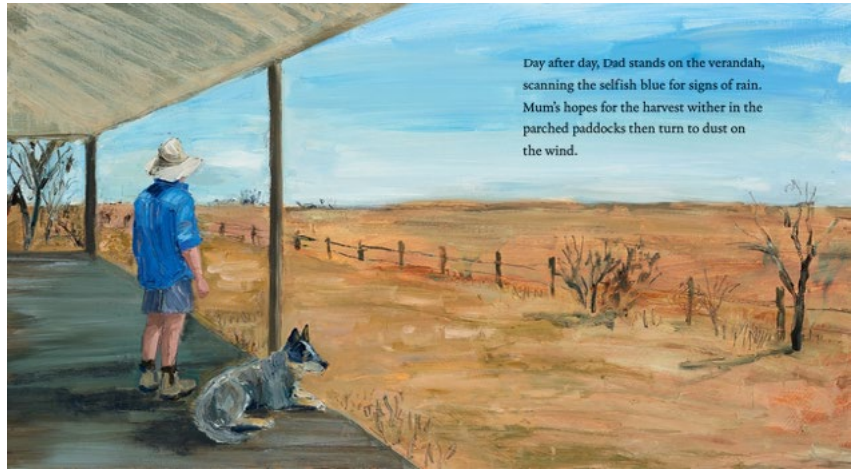
PICTURE BOOK



MALLEE SKY

Jodi Toering • Tannya Harricks

9781925381672 • Hardback
February 2019 • Black Dog Books



An extremely timely and beautiful picture book about the effects of drought and climate change in the Mallee.

The first people of the land call the Mallee “Nowie”. It means sunset country. When the sun goes down the red heat of the day bleeds into the sky and sets it on fire. Drought and rain – life under a Mallee Sky.

THEMES Australian landscape, drought, farming, STEM.

TEACHER NOTES walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



ONE CARELESS NIGHT

Christina Booth

9781925381856 • Hardback
June 2019 • Black Dog Books



Where the mist swallows mountains and winds whisper through ancient trees, a mother and her pup run wild and free. They hunt, but they are also hunted. Carted away. Sold for bounty. And then, one careless night ... The last thylacine is gone.

The beautiful but heartbreaking story of Australia's last thylacine (Tasmanian tiger), which died in captivity.

THEMES Australian fauna, extinction, sustainability, history, STEM.

TEACHER NOTES walkerbooks.com.au/teachers

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Read to Us!

STORY TIME KIT



Engage young readers with simple and entertaining early literacy activities.

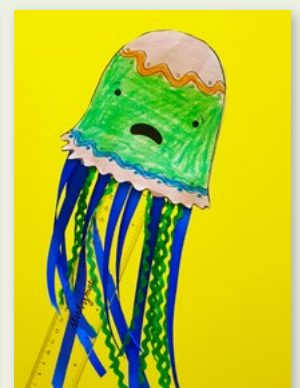
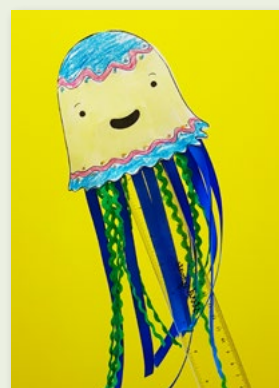
The **Walker Books Read to Us! Story Time Kit** contains simple and entertaining activities to be used in conjunction with our books. Each activity is designed to foster the skills that lead to early reading success in children.

Our first story time kit showcases four delightful books filled with themes of resilience, creativity, sustainability and humour. For each title, we offer three activities aimed at boosting children's narrative skills, letter knowledge, print awareness, vocabulary, print motivation, or phonological awareness — but most of all, their enthusiasm for literature.

ACTIVITY EXAMPLE:

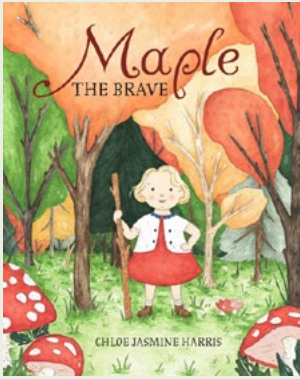
HAPPY/SAD JELLYFISH FROM *QUEEN CELINE*

1. Colour and cut out the happy and sad jellyfish.
2. Attach strips of paper or ribbon as tentacles. Attach a ruler as a handle. Glue both sides together.
3. Ask the group questions such as “how do you feel when you get a present?” or “how do you feel when you hurt yourself?” Each child answers by showing the happy or sad side of the jellyfish.



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BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



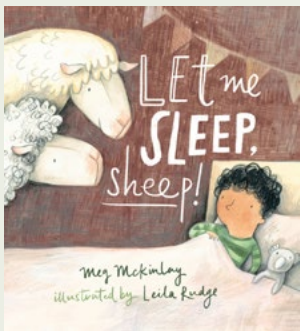
MAPLE THE BRAVE

Chloe Jasmine Harris

9781925381924 • Hardback
May 2019 • Walker Books Australia

Maple lives in a tree house in the woods. She's scared of most things, especially the animals who live below. But one day, when she bravely steps out of her comfort zone, she finds that the animals are really quite kind. With their help, she awakens a sense of bravery she never knew she had.

THEMES Bravery, friendship, kindness, resilience.



LET ME SLEEP, SHEEP!

Meg McKinlay • Leila Rudge

9781925381887 • Hardback
March 2019 • Walker Books Australia

When Amos starts counting sheep, there's one thing he doesn't quite count on ... How's he supposed to sleep when the sheep land – *THUD! THUD!* – in his bedroom?

A hilarious read-aloud about getting more than you bargained for.

THEMES Resourcefulness, routines, creativity.



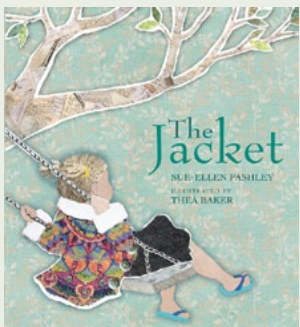
QUEEN CELINE

Matt Shanks

9781760650346 • Hardback
February 2019 • Walker Books Australia

Celine Beaufort is queen of what she is quite certain is the most beautiful rock pool in the world. And to make sure nothing ever changes, she decides to build a wall around it. Unfortunately, that turns out to be a royal mistake, and it's up to Celine to right her wrong and restore her rock pool to its former glory.

THEMES Sustainability, empathy, nature, STEM.



THE JACKET

Sue-Ellen Pashley • Thea Baker

9781925381788 • Hardback
May 2019 • Black Dog Books

In *The Jacket*, a child's favourite piece of clothing, which she outgrows, passes on to her little sister and then is repurposed for a new life. This is a heartwarming story about growing up and learning to let go of the things you become attached to in childhood.

THEMES Sentimentality, family, growing up, upcycling.



PICTURE BOOKS



EVERYONE WALKS AWAY

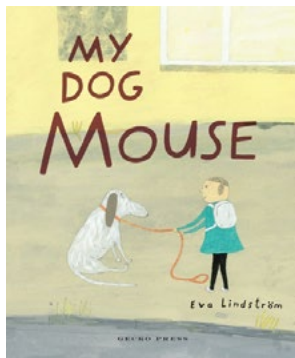
Eva Lindström

9781776571864 • Hardback
April 2019 • Gecko Press

A beautiful, multi-layered picture book about loneliness, exclusion and belonging.

Frank feels lonely when everyone walks away. Tilly, Paul and Milan are having fun. Frank cries tears into a pan and then adds sugar, and cooks and stirs for hours. Frank has made jam, his very own recipe. He will now invite the others for afternoon tea.

THEMES Loneliness, cliques, resilience.



MY DOG MOUSE

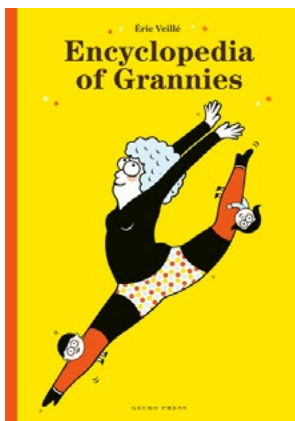
Eva Lindström

9781776571499 • Paperback
June 2019 • Gecko Press

A touching story about a child's friendship with an ageing dog.

"Can I take Mouse for a walk?" I ask, and I'm always allowed. We set off, very slowly. Mouse walks at a snail's pace. He stops at lampposts and fences and sniffs for a long time. Sometimes he looks up at me and then I usually say something. I maybe say "old man" in a very nice voice, not my usual one ... I wish Mouse was mine.

THEMES Responsibility, love, pets, ageing.



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GRANNIES

Eric Veillé

9781776572434 • Hardback
April 2019 • Gecko Press

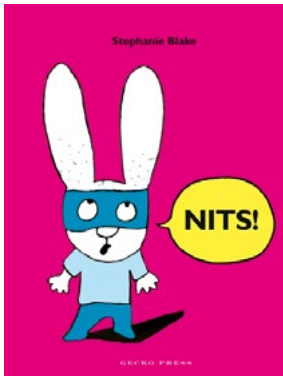
An offbeat book full of word play and humour, answering all your questions about grandmas – especially the ones you never thought to ask

Why do grannies always tell us to speak up? Why do they have creases on their faces? Are grannies flexible? How do you cheer up a sad granny? Exactly how old are grannies anyway?

Eric Veillé explains it all in this witty book for anyone who has, is, knows or will one day be a grandmother.

THEMES Family, differences, appreciation.

PICTURE BOOKS



NITS

Stephanie Blake

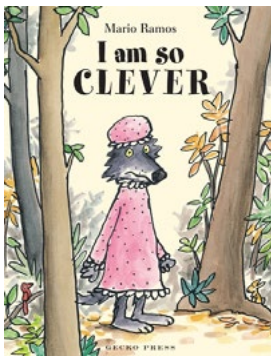
9781776572243 • Paperback
May 2019 • Gecko Press

Simon discovers girls – and nits – in the new story in this bestselling series.

Simon feels a new emotion stirring – he thinks he is in love with Lou! Sadly, Lou loves Mamadou ... One day Lou comes to school with nits. She's suddenly not so popular any more. Except with Simon. He doesn't care about nits! Lou gives Simon a big hug for being so kind – and some small visitors too ...

THEMES Friendship, kindness, love.

ALSO AVAILABLE



I AM SO CLEVER

Mario Ramos

9781776572489 • Hardback
February 2019 • Gecko Press

In this retelling of a classic fairytale, the big bad wolf is back, all dressed up in Grandma's nightie – but it's not having quite the effect he was hoping for.

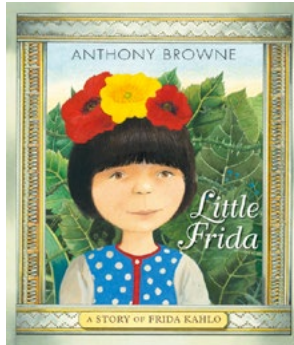
One glorious day the wolf meets Red Riding Hood strolling through the woods. She looks a clever girl, but the wolf knows who is the cleverest. He has a plan to outwit her. But this little girl is not so easily duped. And the wolf finds unexpected hazards in wearing a frilly petticoat in the deep dark woods.

THEMES Fractured fairytales, kindness, heroes and villains.

ALSO AVAILABLE



PICTURE BOOKS



LITTLE FRIDA

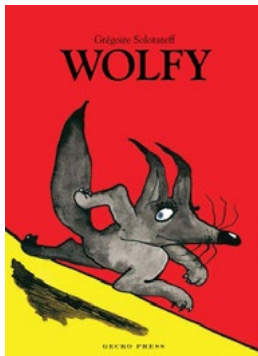
Anthony Browne

9781406381221 • Hardback
April 2019 • Walker Books

One great artist inspires another, as former Children's Laureate and twice winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal Anthony Browne creates a beautiful story about Frida Kahlo.

Stunning illustrations tell the story of a lonely young girl who discovers the power of the imagination to set you free. A tribute to an iconic artist, this is an exquisite and touching picture book.

THEMES Visual arts, belonging, creativity, hope, resilience



WOLFY

Gregoire Solotareff

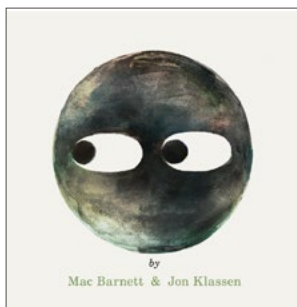
9781776571574 • Paperback
June 2019 • Gecko Press

A masterful picture book about a rabbit and a wolf who want to be best friends.

Once upon a time there was a rabbit who had never seen a wolf, and a young wolf who had never seen a rabbit. The pair meet and become good friends. Tom the rabbit teaches the wolf to play marbles, read, count and fish. Wolfy teaches Tom to run very, very fast. But eventually their friendship is tested by the classic game Who's-afraid-of-the-big-bad-wolf?

Can the little rabbit and the young wolf remain best friends in all the world?

THEMES Fear/bravery, friendship, empathy.



CIRCLE

Mac Barnett • Jon Klassen

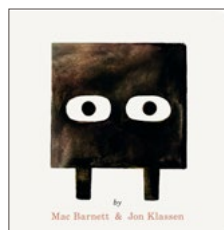
9781406384222 • Hardback
March 2019 • Walker Books

From the dynamic, dream team of Jon Klassen and Mac Barnett comes the final instalment in the hilarious shape trilogy.

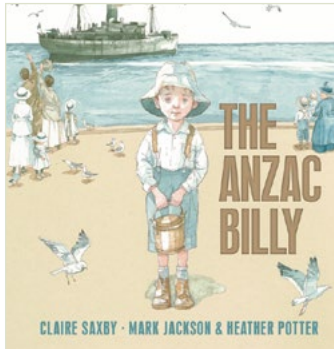
Triangle and Square are visiting Circle, who lives at the waterfall. When they play hide-and-seek, Circle tells the friends the one rule: not to go behind the falling water. But after she closes her eyes to count to ten, of course that's exactly where Triangle goes. Will Circle find Triangle? And what OTHER shapes might be lurking back there?

THEMES Fear/bravery, friendship, shapes

ALSO AVAILABLE



PICTURE BOOKS



THE ANZAC BILLY

Claire Saxby • Mark Jackson,
Heather Potter

9781925126815 • Hardback
April 2019 • Black Dog Books



A tender, moving story of a child waiting at home for the return of his father from serving in WWI.

During World War I, Australian and New Zealand soldiers on the front were sent Christmas care packages in a tin billy. *The Anzac Billy* is the heart warming story of a little boy packing a billy with all his father's favourite things – added to by mum and grandma – even though he realises there is no way that the billy can actually go to a particular soldier.

THEMES Australian history, WWI, family, Christmas.

TEACHER NOTES walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



COOK'S COOK: THE COOK WHO COOKED FOR CAPTAIN COOK

Gavin Bishop

9781776572045 • Hardback
February 2019 • Gecko Press

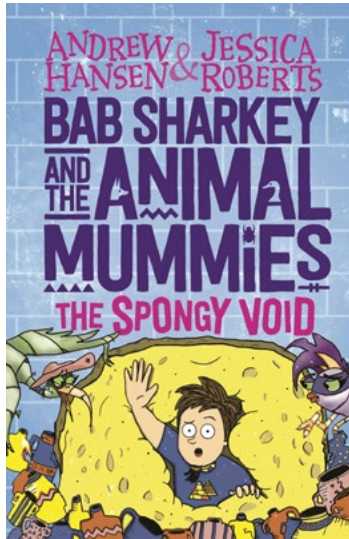


Cook's Cook follows the 1768 journey of James Cook's H.M.S. Endeavour with his ship's cook, the one-handed John Thompson, as story teller. Through real recipes, events on board and the places the ship travelled on its way to the Pacific, the book tells multiple stories.

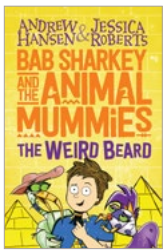
Here are stories of social class, hierarchy and race; stories of explorers and the people of the land; the story of one of the world's most famous explorers told through a fresh new lens. And of course, it's a book about food: from Pease Pudding to Goose Pie and Shark Steaks, here's how a resourceful cook fed a shipful of hungry sailors on their extraordinary adventure.

THEMES Australian geography, constellations, Australian animals.

ILLUSTRATED FICTION



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BAB SHARKEY AND THE ANIMAL MUMMIES: THE SPONGY VOID (BOOK 3)

Andrew Hansen, Jessica Roberts

9781760651183 • Paperback • June 2019 • Age: 8-12 • Walker Books Australia

The Chaser's Andrew Hansen teams up again with Jessica Roberts for the third hilarious adventure in the Bab Sharkey and the Animal Mummies series!

A mummified chunk of brain. A Fish Mummy sucked down a garbage chute. And a chamber of purple magic ... that absorbs people like a sponge!

On a rescue mission, boy Pharaoh Bab Sharkey becomes trapped in Egypt's greatest pyramid. What is the terrible truth about the Unpharaoh's past? Can Bab unearth the secrets of the Spongy Void? And will Prong and Scaler be thrown into a mummy museum forever?

THEMES Ancient Egypt, humour, intelligence, bravery.

TEACHER NOTES animal-mummies.com



FISH KID AND THE LIZARD NINJA

Kylie Howarth

9781760650810 • Paperback • February 2019 • Age: 7-10 • Walker Books Australia

There's a new superhero on the block, with super fishy powers.

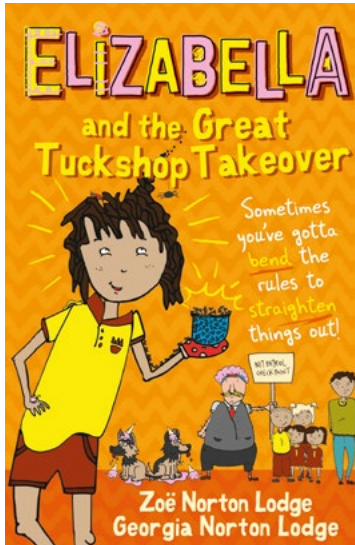
Faster than a speeding mullet ... stronger than a bull shark ... it's Fish Kid!

Slugging down slimy sea cucumbers and jellyfish is enough to make anyone vomit. BLAAGH!! Will Bodhi (aka Fish Kid) sniff out Emely's revolting prank before it's too late? Or will he land himself in deep, shark-infested waters? Be sure to take a deep breath before you dive into this hilarious ocean-packed adventure.

THEMES Australian fauna, sustainability, marine life, STEM.

TEACHER NOTES walkerbooks.com.au/teachers

ILLUSTRATED FICTION



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ELIZABELLA AND THE GREAT TUCKSHOP TAKEOVER

Zoë Norton Lodge, Georgia Norton Lodge

9781760650551 • Paperback • May 2019 • Age: 8-12 • Walker Books Australia

Sometimes you've gotta bend the rules to straighten things out!

It's the beginning of term for Elizabella and her gang, but instead of being a fresh start, it's a rotten one. The school is falling apart and misery sets in when a big corporation takes over the tuckshop, leaving poor Miss Duck out of a job. Meanwhile, there's a lice outbreak at Bilby Creek Primary and a competition to write the School Song! How will Elizabella deal with all of this? In true Elizabella style, of course!

THEMES School, humour, poetry, mischief.

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HARSU AND THE WERESTOAT

Barbara Else

9781776572199 • Paperback • April 2019 • Age: 8-12 • Gecko Press

Fairytale, time travel and adventure for middle readers

Harsu has five droplets of god blood and a treasured cloak to remember his father by. Now his father is gone, he lives with his mother, his only friend an old onager donkey. And something is not right with Harsu's mother. She has started kidnapping children, and sometimes her skin grows a soft down, little sharp ears emerge, and she turns into a horrible stoat. Harsu doesn't know if five droplets of god blood are enough to help him rescue the kidnapped children and turn his own mother to good. And now that he is twelve, he too might be becoming a were-animal ...

THEMES Fantasy, responsibility, adventure.

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

WHERE DANI GOES, HAPPY FOLLOWS

Rose Lagercrantz,
Eva Eriksson

9781776572267

Paperback

May 2019

Recommended age: 6-10

Gecko Press



A standalone follow-up to the acclaimed chapter books that began with *New York Times* Notable Book *My Happy Life*.

What do you do if your best friend lives in another city and the adults can't keep their promises about when you'll see her? You have to sort it out for yourself! Dani's father is away and Dani is staying with her grandparents. When she is invited to Ella's party, she thinks of the world's best gift for the world's best friend: she, Dani, will be the present! Her grandmother agrees – if she's brave enough to take the train alone. So Dani sets out on a journey all by herself.

THEMES

Bravery, friendship, growing up.

ALSO BY ROSE LAGERCRANTZ AND EVA ERIKSSON



ILLUSTRATED FICTION

HAPLESS HERO HENRIE (HOUSE OF HEROES BOOK 1)

Petra James,
A. Yi

9781760650834

Paperback

April 2019

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books Australia



You can't choose your family. But sometimes you have to outrun them. As fast as you can.

Twelve-year-old Henrie is the first girl heir of the Melchior family in 200 years. This was deemed a dereliction of duty by the formidable Octavia Melchior, head of the House of Melchior (HoMe). For HoMe is in the business of heroes for hire. Boy heroes, that is. Girls have no place. When Henrie receives a mysterious note, it sets off a chain of events including a kidnapping, a fancy skateboard manoeuvre and a private jet. She discovers something rotten at the heart of HoMe. As past, present and future collide, HoMe is poised to come tumbling down ... unless a new kind of hero can emerge from the rubble.

THEMES

Bravery, heroism, gender roles.

TEACHER NOTES

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I did it again – said the first thing that came into my head. Ellie calls it a “blurt”. She said we’ve all got afflictions to bear, and speaking first and thinking later is mine.

She said maybe I should wait for the second thing to come into my head and say that instead. But the second thing that came into my head was usually wishing I hadn’t said the first thing, so technically speaking I’d have to wait for the third thing but by then I already had another ten or thirty thoughts jumping around in my head ...

JUNIOR FICTION

MALAMANDER

Thomas Taylor

9781406386288

Paperback

May 2019

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books



Nobody visits Eerie-on-Sea in the winter. Especially not when darkness falls and the wind howls around Maw Rocks and the wreck of the battleship Leviathan, where even now some swear they have seen the unctuous Malamander creep ...

Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy – especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger ...

THEMES

Legends, mystery, adventure, kindness.

Something is in the mist, in the direction of the sea, too far to be clear. It's a crouching figure, hunched low near the water, as if poised, waiting to spring. But there's something funny about it, something odd about the length of its arms, something fish-like and spiny that stops this being a someone at all, and makes it more like a something.

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

PIE IN THE SKY

Remy Lai

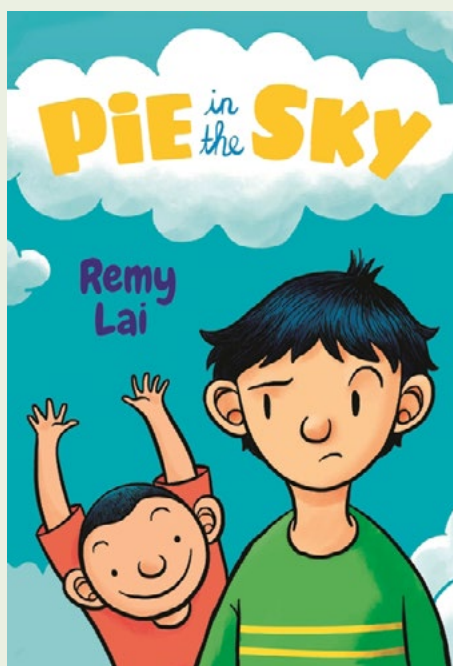
9781760651626

Paperback

June 2019

Recommended age: 8-12

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A funny, emotional, illustrated middle-grade debut about immigrating to Australia, being upstaged by an annoying little brother, baking cakes and overcoming loss.

When Jingwen moves to Australia, he feels like he's landed on Mars. Making friends is impossible, since he doesn't speak English, and he's stuck looking after his little brother Yanghao. But Jingwen knows how to make everything better. If he can just make all of the cakes on the menu of the bakery his father had planned to open then everything will be okay. Sure, he'll have to break his mother's most important rule about not using the oven when she's at work, keep his little brother from spilling his secret and brush up on his baking skills, but some things are worth the risk.

In her debut novel, Remy Lai captures with humour and heart, what it means to want desperately to belong and just how powerful one wish can be.

THEMES

Australia's engagement with Asia, immigration, family, belonging, resilience

TEACHER NOTES

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MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

ALEX RIDER: SECRET WEAPON

Anthony Horowitz

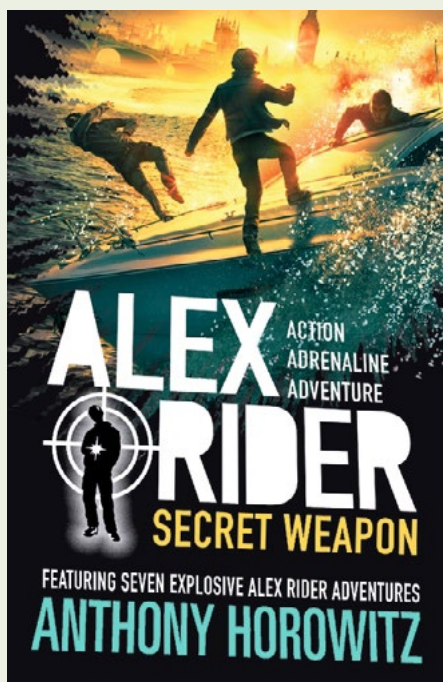
9781406387476

Paperback

April 2019

Recommended age: 9-12

Walker Books



An essential collection of seven explosive Alex Rider stories by number one bestselling author, Anthony Horowitz.

Ever since MI6 recognised his potential, Alex Rider has constantly been thrust into the line of danger. From a routine visit to the dentist that turns into a chase through the streets of London, to a school trip with a deadly twist, no day has ever been ordinary for the teenage super-spy. This collection of seven thrilling adventures features familiar and new assailants from the best-loved world of Alex Rider, and also includes three, brand-new and action-packed adventures.

THEMES

Action, adventure, bravery.

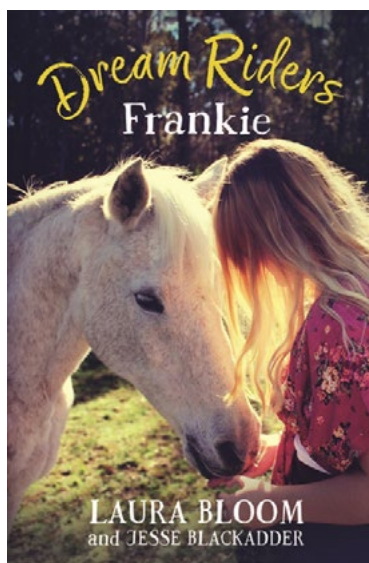


ANTHONY HOROWITZ is the author of the number one bestselling Alex Rider books and the Power of Five Series. He has enjoyed huge success as a writer for both children and adults. In 2014 Anthony was awarded an OBE for Services to Literature.

ALSO BY ANTHONY HOROWITZ



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



DREAM RIDERS: FRANKIE

Laura Bloom, Jesse Blackadder

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Without a saddle or bridle, what's left is ... the truth.

Frankie's dream is more like a nightmare when her new horse turns out to be Zen – a shaggy, disobedient clown of a pony, who will totally wreck her chances of fitting in at Pony Club in her new town. Zen is everything Frankie doesn't want – until the magnetic horse whisperer Shannon shows her just what Zen could be if ridden freely. Natural horsemanship opens up a whole new way of riding and a whole new world of connection between Zen and Frankie.

THEMES Horses, natural horsemanship, family, resilience, mental health.

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THEMES Witchcraft, power, family, oppression, leadership.

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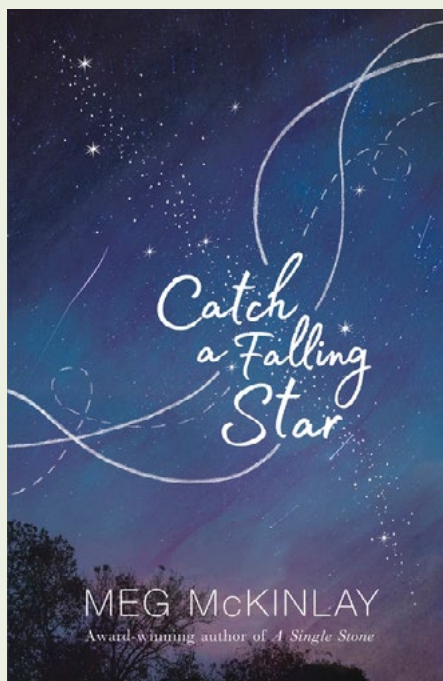
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THEMES

Coming-of-age, grief, change, family relationships.

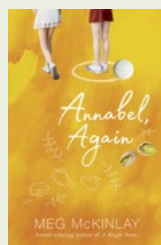
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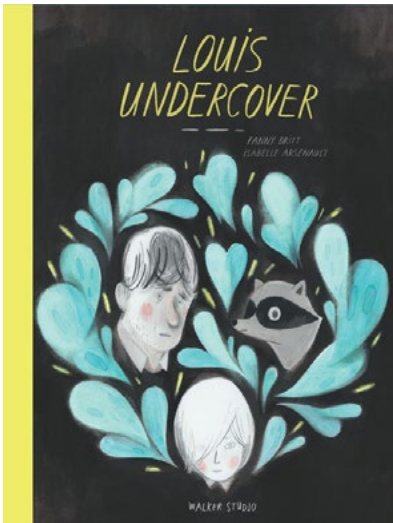


MEG MCKINLAY is the author of numerous books ranging from picture books and middle-grade fiction through to poetry for adults. Her work includes the much-loved *No Bears*, *Once Upon A Small Rhinoceros* and the critically acclaimed *A Single Stone*, which won the 2016 Prime Minister's Literary Award, among other prizes.

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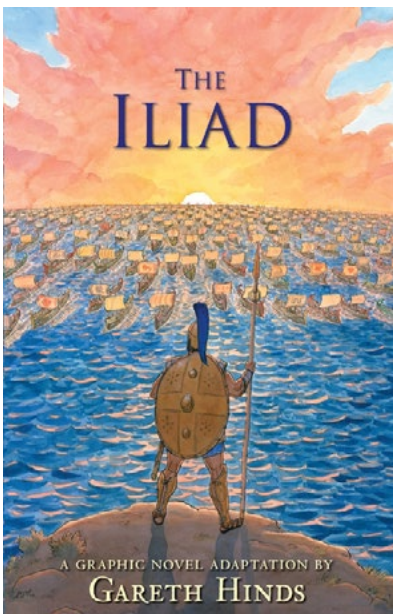
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THEMES Family, addiction, bravery, mental health.

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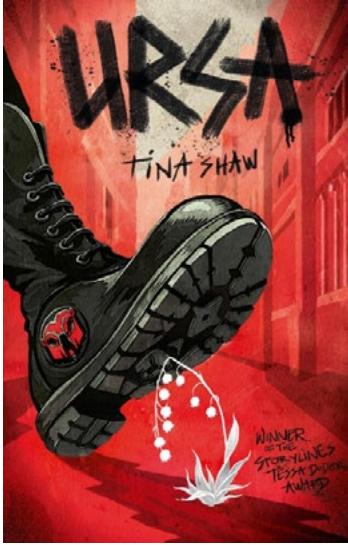
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Tina Shaw

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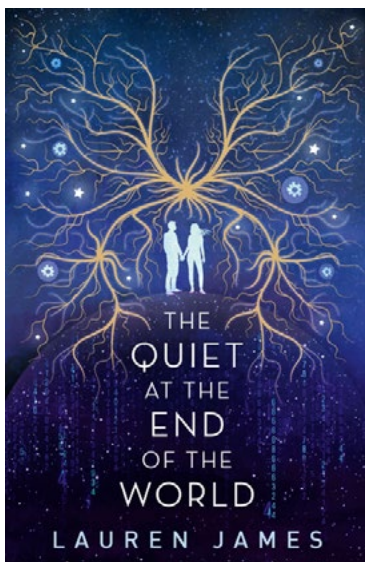
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THEMES Oppression, social classes, freedom, hope.



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Lauren James

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THEMES Dystopia, mystery, survival.

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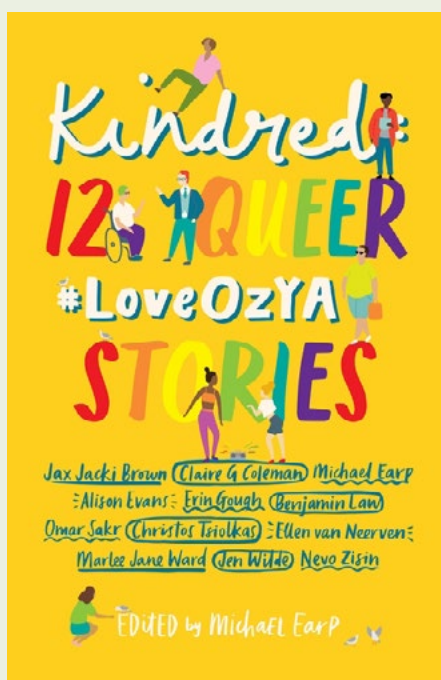
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THEMES

LGBTQI+, belonging, love, friendship, family.

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Angie Thomas

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Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. As the daughter of an underground rap legend who died right before he hit big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill. But when her mom unexpectedly loses her job and homelessness is staring her family down, Bri no longer just *wants* to make it – she *has* to make it.

THEMES

Music, adversity, family, identity, civil rights.

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