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PICTURE BOOK

PIANO FINGERS

Caroline Magerl

9781760652616

Hardback

March 2022

Age: 3-6

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Piano Fingers is a charming picture book about finding your talent, even if it takes some time and a little help.

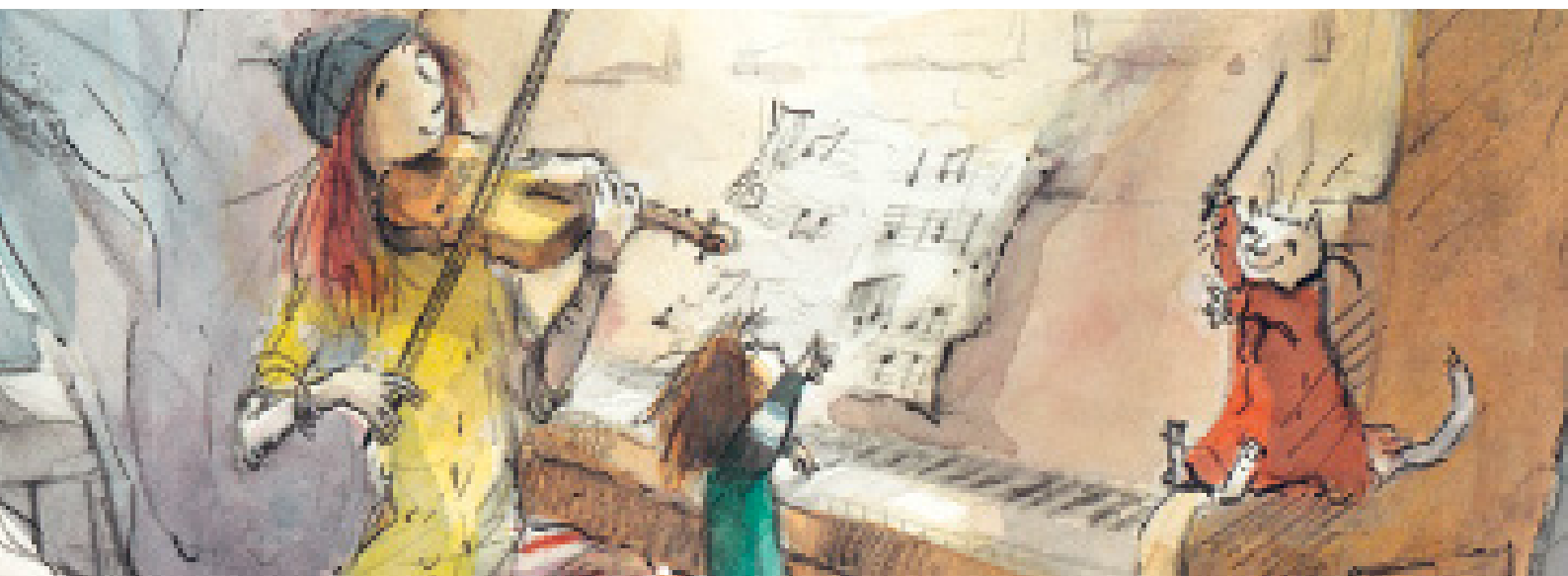
Isla and Bea are two sisters who share a love of music. Big sister Isla plays the violin and Bea is waiting for her music to start. With the help of Maestro Gus, the cat ghost of the piano, Bea will make her sparkling debut. *Piano Fingers* is the latest magical creation from an award-winning and internationally distinguished creator that hits all the right notes.

THEMES

Music, family, new skills

TEACHER NOTES

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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.

This story time kit showcases four delightful books filled with themes of family, adventure, friendship, community, imagination, Australian wildlife and more. For each title, we offer 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: BUSH MAGIC CROWN FROM *BUSH MAGIC!*



1. Colour/paint and cut the leaves, feathers, reeds and flowers from the template provided.
2. Use a strip of card to make a crown loop, measure it around your head before you fasten the ends together to make sure it fits your head comfortably.
3. Arrange and glue the leaves feathers, reeds and flowers onto the crown loop and once the glue is dry you can proudly wear your very own bush magic crown!

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BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



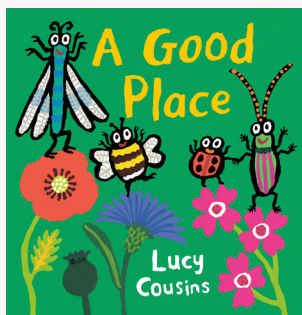
ARABELLA'S ALPHABET ADVENTURE

Suzy Zail • Christopher Nielsen

9781760652425 • Hardback
March 2022 • Age: 4-8 • Walker Books Australia

Arabella's Alphabet Adventure is the most beautiful and most borrowed book in the library - but only ever by children. Tired of having her pages torn by sticky fingers, Arabella slips into the Very Serious Book section of the library and takes an adventure within the pages of an African travel guide. But will Arabella realise that where she belongs is closer than she thinks?

THEMES Books, adventure, travel



A GOOD PLACE

Lucy Cousins

9781529501254 • Hardback
March 2022 • Age: 3-7 • Walker Books

Four insect friends are looking for a place to live – one that has flowers for Bee, leaves for Ladybird, a pond for Dragonfly and dead wood for Beetle. But – oh no! – with dangers all around, a good place is not so easy to find.

THEMES Nature, adventure, conservation



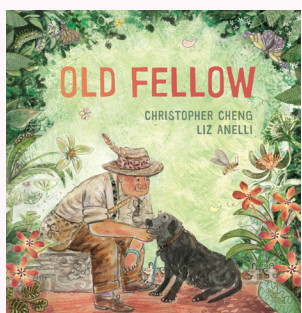
BUSH MAGIC

Kylie Howarth

9781760650827 • Hardback
May 2022 • Age: 4-8 • Walker Books Australia

Jarrah and Grandpa love spending time together exploring the bush around their home. But one miserable Sunday it's too rainy to venture outside, so instead Jarrah and Grandpa float away on a dreamlike quest where they meet magical creatures, save their stranded bush friends from a flood and have their most exciting adventure together yet.

THEMES Australian wildlife, imagination, family



OLD FELLOW

Christopher Cheng • Liz Anelli

9781760652395 • Hardback
June 2022 • Age: 3-7 • Walker Books Australia

An old man and an old dog look after each other on their daily trip to the local park. Along the way they meet friends new and old who brighten their day in different ways in this beautiful, heartwarming book that celebrates community and connection.

THEMES Community, friendship, pets



PICTURE BOOK

SEREE'S STORY

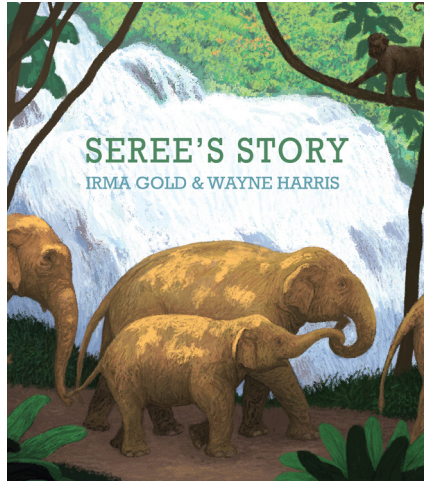
Irma Gold
Wayne Harris
9781925126990

Hardback

April 2022

Age: 5+

Walker Books Australia



An uplifting and thought-provoking tale about elephant conservation.

When they came, the herd scattered in fright, their trumpeting calls shattering the morning. Seree and her mother were cornered.

Life in the jungle was good for young Seree and her mother until the day poachers come. Separated from her mother and the life she knows, Seree is taken to work in a circus. Forced to perform every day and spend each night in chains, Seree longs to be with the herd and reunited with her mother. Will she ever be free?

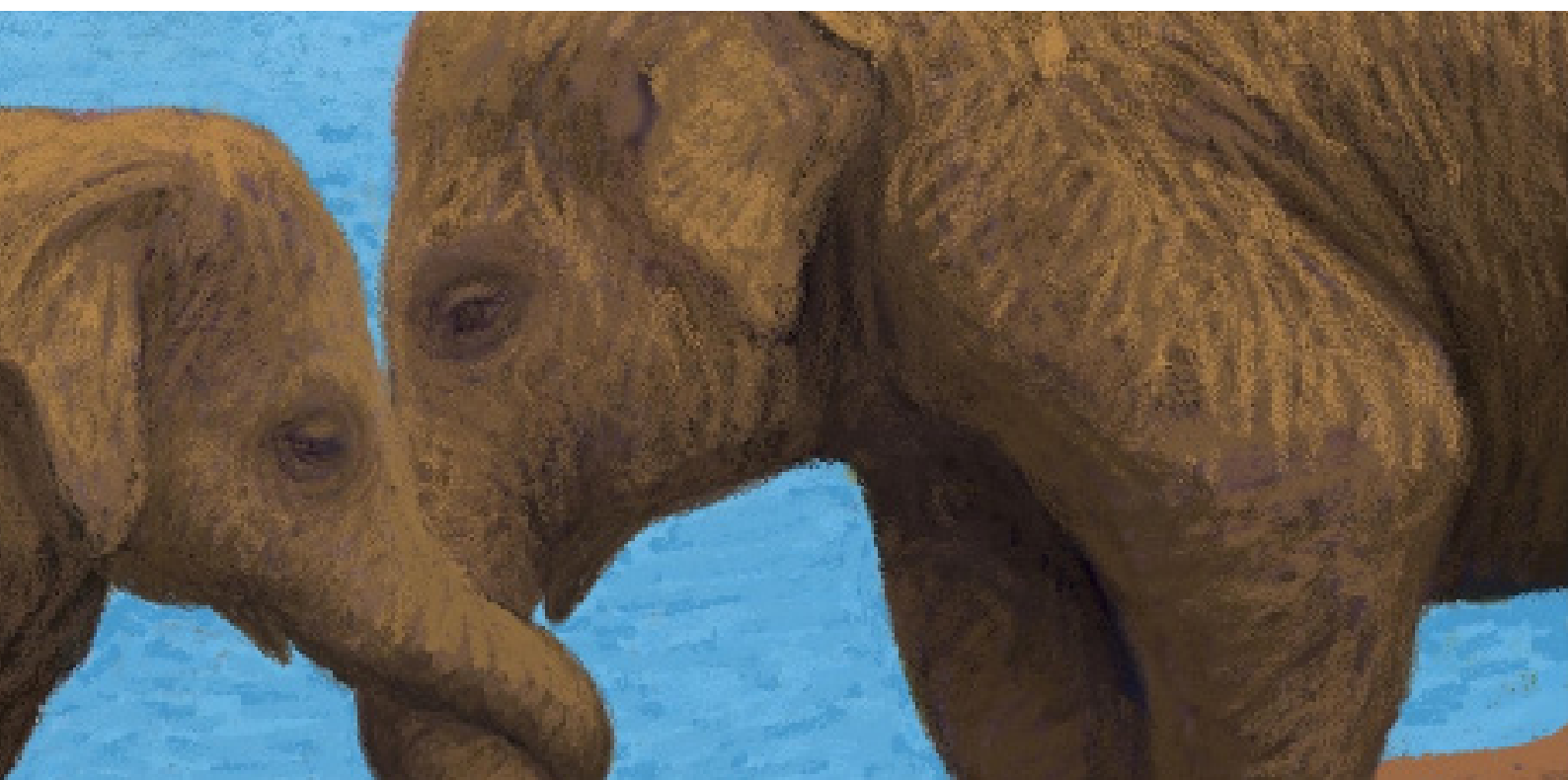
A poignant story by an active elephant conservationist that puts the spotlight on animal welfare.

THEMES

Conservation, animals, family

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOK



BLOB FISH

Olaf Falafel

9781406397659 • Hardback
June 2022 • Age: 3-9 • Walker Books

Deep, deep, deep under the sea ... lives Blobfish! Blobfish loves telling jokes, although he has no one to share them with, so he sets off on an adventure to find a friend. But sometimes friends turn up in the most unexpected places, even at the bottom of the ocean. This heartfelt and humorous story gently introduces children to themes of friendship, belonging and the issue of plastics in our oceans.

THEMES Conservation, humour, friendship.



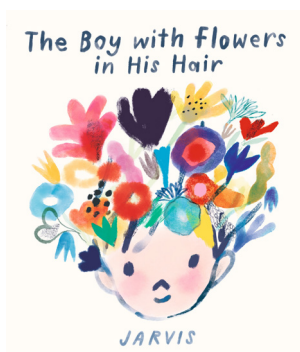
SAVING THE BUTTERFLY

Helen Cooper • Gill Smith

9781406397208 • Hardback
February 2022 • Age: 4-9 • Walker Books

A little brother and his big sister try their best to settle in a new home, where they have nothing left from before except each other. The little one makes new friends and quickly learns to laugh again but his sister remains haunted by the shadows of their past and hides away in their broken house. Trying to help his sister, the little one catches a butterfly for her and brings it inside the house. His sister knows that she needs to set the butterfly free ... but that would mean going outside. In taking the first steps to face her fears and save the butterfly, she also begins the process of saving herself.

THEMES Refugees, resilience, hope.



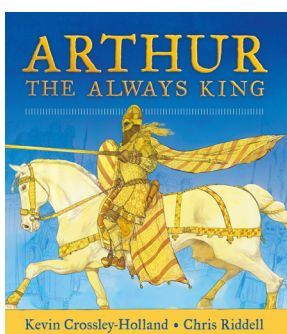
THE BOY WITH FLOWERS IN HIS HAIR

Jarvis

9781406392517 • Hardback
March 2022 • Age: 3-7 • Walker Books

David is the boy with flowers in his hair. He's sweet and gentle, just like his petals. But when David's flowers begin to fall – a single petal at first, then every last blossom – his best friend never leaves his side. And through kindness and creativity, he even finds a way to give David his colour back...

THEMES Belonging, friendship, acceptance.



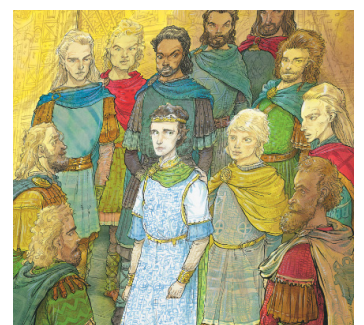
ARTHUR: THE ALWAYS KING

Kevin Crossley-Holland • Chris Riddell

9781406378436 • Hardback
February 2022 • Age: 8-14 • Walker Books

Be enthralled by the world of Arthurian legend in this lavishly illustrated, masterful retelling. From King Arthur's childhood to his final battle, the timeless tales of the sword in the stone, the quests of the Knights of the Round Table and the wizardry of Merlin are woven together into a breathtaking feat of storytelling.

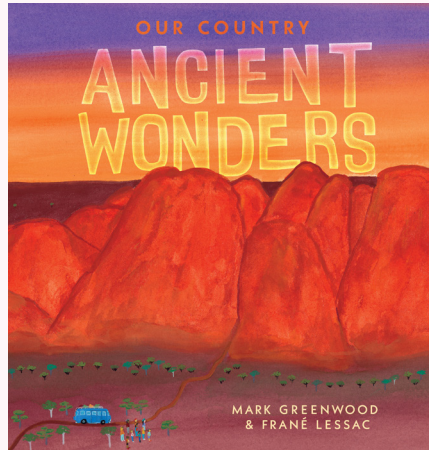
THEMES Myths and Legends, heroes and heroines, adventure.



NON FICTION PICTURE BOOK

OUR COUNTRY: ANCIENT WONDERS

Mark Greenwood
Frané Lessac
9781760652241
Hardback
February 2022
Age: 7-9
Walker Books Australia



This first book in the Our Country series takes readers on a journey across Australia to marvel at our unique geology and geography.

Our home is an ancient land.

In every corner of Australia, wonders are waiting for curious explorers.

With each vibrant fact-filled page of this unique book, readers will visit different natural wonders across all states and territories. See the prehistoric beasts that roamed the land in Winton, venture through the lava-formed caves at Undara, experience the fiery glow of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, and more!

Adventure is out there . . . Our country is calling.

THEMES

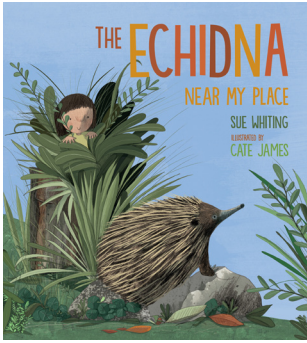
Australia, nature, travel

TEACHER NOTES

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THE ECHIDNA NEAR MY PLACE

Sue Whiting
Cate James
9781760652401
Hardback
April 2022
Age: 5-8
Walker Books Australia



A delightful addition to the Nature Storybooks series, *The Echidna Near My Place* tells the story of a child and their nana, and the echidna they love to follow around.

Nana and I walk through the paddock most days. And you know what? An echidna lives here. We don't always see it. But I'm always looking for it.

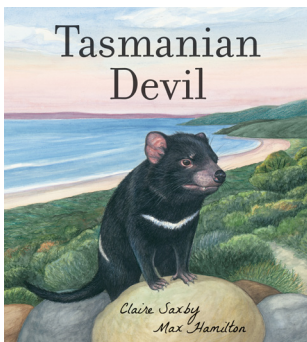
As a young child and their nana go for walks together, they follow a short-beaked echidna keenly observing and discussing what its life might be like. Learn with them about what echidnas eat, where they live, and how they protect themselves.

THEMES

Australian wildlife, nature, habitats

TEACHER NOTES

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TASMANIAN DEVIL

Claire Saxby
Max Hamilton
9781760652418
Hardback
June 2022
Age: 5-8
Walker Books Australia



An engaging addition to the Nature Storybooks series, *Tasmanian Devil* showcases different elements of the habitat, behaviours, and day to day life of one of Australia's most famous marsupials.

In *Tasmanian Devil* award-winning author Claire Saxby and talented artist Max Hamilton tell the story of two imps, or young devils. As the book progresses the brother and sister grow and venture further from the den, exploring more and more of their world in this stunning Nature Storybook.

THEMES

Australian wildlife, nature, habitats

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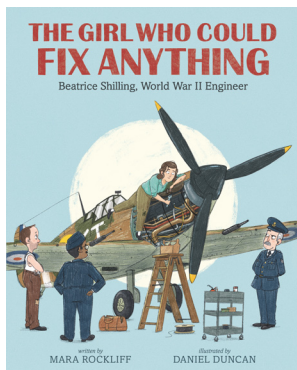
IT'S OUR BUSINESS TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD

Rebecca Hui • Anneli Bray

9781913520434 • Hardback
May 2022 • Age: 4-8 • Magic Cat Publishing

Meet kids just like you whose acts of social enterprise are raising awareness around our responsibility to people and the planet. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our world starts here... with you. This non-fiction picture book includes a how-to-help section, with simple steps to inspire young readers to take action at home and at school. With a foreword from crochet prodigy Jonah Larson.

THEMES Sustainability, activism, kindness



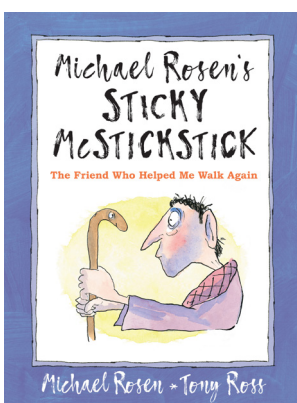
THE GIRL WHO COULD FIX ANYTHING: BEATRICE SHILLING, WORLD WAR II ENGINEER

Mara Rockliff • Daniel Duncan

9781406399004 • Hardback
March 2022 • Age: 7-12 • Walker Books

Beatrice Shilling wasn't quite like other children. She could make anything. She could fix anything. And when she took a thing apart, she put it back together better than before. When Beatrice left home to study engineering, she knew that as a girl she wouldn't be quite like the other engineers and she wasn't. She was better. Still, it took hard work and perseverance to persuade the Royal Aircraft Establishment to give her a chance. But when World War II broke out and British fighter pilots took to the skies in a desperate struggle for survival against Hitler's bombers, it was clearly time for new ideas. Could Beatrice solve an engine puzzle and help Britain win the war? American author Mara Rockliff and British illustrator Daniel Duncan team up for a fresh look at a turning point in modern history and the role of a remarkable woman whose ingenuity, persistence, and way with a wrench (or spanner) made her quite unlike anyone else.

THEMES STEM, history, gender roles



MICHAEL ROSEN'S STICKY MCSTICKSTICK: THE FRIEND WHO HELPED ME WALK AGAIN

Michael Rosen • Tony Ross

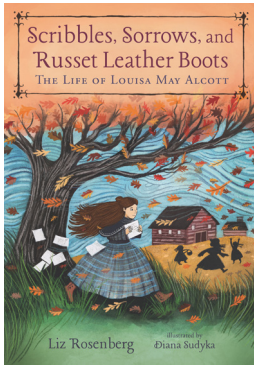
9781529502404 • Hardback
February 2022 • Age: 5-12 • Walker Books

After being admitted to hospital in 2020 with coronavirus, Michael Rosen had to learn to walk again. With the support of doctors and nurses and a walking stick he names "Sticky McStickstick", he manages to embark on the slow steps to recovery. This moving picture book from the former Children's Laureate, with illustrations from Tony Ross, tells a story of perseverance and hope, and is a testament to the importance of overcoming fear and learning to accept help.

THEMES Illness, community, hope

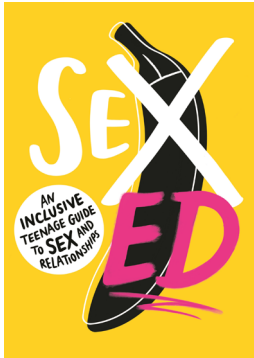


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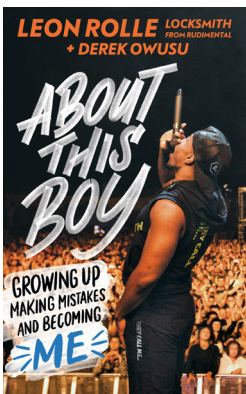
SCRIBBLES, SORROWS, AND RUSSET LEATHER BOOTS: THE LIFE OF LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Liz Rosenberg
Diana Sudyka
9780763694357
Hardback
February 2022
Age: 10-14
Candlewick Press



SEX ED: AN INCLUSIVE TEENAGE GUIDE TO SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

The School of Sexuality Education
9781406399080
Paperback
March 2022
Age: 14+
Walker Books



ABOUT THIS BOY

Leon Rolle
Derek Owusu
9781529500622
Paperback
June 2022
Age: 9-14
Walker Books

Insightful, exciting, and deeply moving, Liz Rosenberg's distinctive portrait of the author of *Little Women* reveals some of her life's more complex and daring aspects.

Moody and restless, teenage Louisa longed for freedom. Faced with the expectations of her loving but hapless family, the Alcotts, and of nineteenth-century New England society, Louisa struggled to find her place. On long meandering runs through the woods behind Orchard House, she thought about a future where she could write and think and dream. Undaunted by periods of abject poverty and enriched by friendships with some of the greatest minds of her time and place, she was determined to have this future, no matter the cost.

Drawing on the surviving journals and letters of Louisa and her family and friends, author and poet Liz Rosenberg reunites Louisa May Alcott with her most ardent readers. In this warm and sometimes heartbreaking biography, Rosenberg delves deep into the oftentimes secretive life of a woman who was ahead of her time, imbued with social conscience, and always moving toward her future with a determination that would bring her fame, tragedy, and the realization of her biggest dreams.

THEMES Writing, family, resilience

A positive, practical and empowering guide for teenagers, tackling sex and relationships in an inclusive and non-judgemental way.

Written and illustrated by the award-winning team at School of Sexuality Education, who deliver expert workshops for teenagers, here is advice, reliable information and reassurance on sex and relationships... Covering key topics including consent, healthy relationships, sexuality, different kinds of sex, puberty, periods, contraception, porn, sexting – and much more besides!

This book is not only full of advice for teenagers but a brilliant tool for their parents, carers and teachers, as well as answering FAQs and busting some popular myths along the way.

THEMES Sexuality, body image, relationships

An empowering account of how to learn from mistakes and fulfill your potential, written by Leon Rolle, a member of the phenomenally successful band Rudimental, and the award-winning author and poet Derek Owusu.

Using powerful stories from his experiences growing up in Hackney, forming the band Rudimental with his best friends and playing semi-professional football, Leon Rolle, aka Locksmith, wants to show you that not only are you good enough, but that you too can achieve the impossible. With chapters exploring the importance of mindset, managing your emotions and the need for self-belief, Leon demonstrates how that it is often the mistakes, rather than the successes, that shape you as a person. Writing alongside the award-winning author, poet and podcaster Derek Owusu, this is a empowering guide that will help you find your confidence, seize opportunities and fulfil your incredible potential.

THEMES Resilience, empathy, masculinity

WHAT ON EARTH/BRITANNICA BOOKS



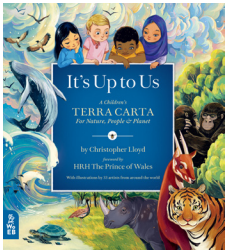
AMAZING ANIMALS

Sabrina Weiss • Paul Davis
9781912920358 • Hardback • February 2022 • Age: 7-12 • What on Earth Books

Discover over 100 of the world's most remarkable creatures in this beautifully illustrated tour of Earth's wildlife.

Animals come in all sorts of weird and wonderful shapes and sizes. From the record breaking tongue of a chameleon to the dashing dance of the peacock spider, you'll learn about the most amazing examples from air, land and sea. Discover playful dolphins, sleepy koalas and even a fish that keeps its babies safe in its own mouth, uncovering the secrets of their survival, the incredible habitats they call home as well as the environmental threats putting them in danger.

THEMES Animals, environment, geography



IT'S UP TO US

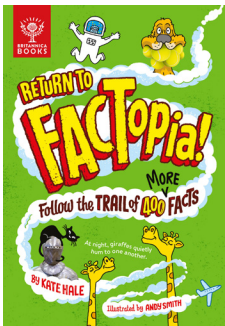
Christopher Lloyd • His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
9781913750558 • Hardback • March 2022 • Age: 6-10 • What on Earth Books

Join His Royal Highness, author Christopher Lloyd and 33 amazing award-winning artists from around the world on a beautiful, lyrical and thought-provoking voyage through Nature, the threats we face and an action plan for the future.

It's Up to Us is based on the Terra Carta, a roadmap to sustainability issued by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and his Sustainable Markets Initiative. More than 400 corporations have already signed on, agreeing to put the health of Nature, People & Planet at the heart of their activities. Now it's up to all of us to make sure our leaders keep their promises.

We live our lives surrounded by people and other living things. Together, we are Nature. As far as we know, this extraordinary web of life exists in just one precious layer of a single planet - Earth. But today Nature is under threat, and we must demand change to save it - and ourselves.

THEMES Climate change, nature, conservation



RETURN TO FACTOPIA!

Kate Hale • Andy Smith
9781913750398 • Hardback • March 2022 • Age: 8-12 • Britannica Books

Did you know that bacteria from between people's toes has been used to make cheese? Or that the world's most expensive cheese is made from donkey milk? Or that the milk from one species of cockroach is the most nutritious substance on Earth? Or that a cockroach can survive for weeks without its head? Welcome back to FACTopia, a world of perfectly amazing facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopedia Britannica! Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information, where you will hop from topic to topic in unexpected and hilarious ways. And there's not just one trail through these pages: sometimes your path branches and you can choose to jump to a totally different (but still connected) part of the book. Let your curiosity lead you through this witty wonderland of facts!

THEMES Curiosity, STEM, nature

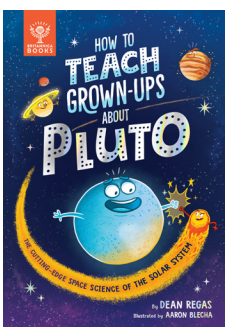


ANTARCTICA

Karen Romano Young • Angela Hsieh
9781913750527 • Hardback • April 2022 • Age: 8-12 • What on Earth Books

Antarctica – vast, cold and mysterious. But this frozen continent isn't empty of incredible stories. Here you can find incredible wildlife, fascinating scientific phenomena and adventurous scientists and explorers. Discover the human history of the continent, from the ancient Greek's who imagined its existence long before discovering it, to the brave explorers who were the first to set foot on it. Hang out with some of the toughest creatures on earth above and below the ice as you meet emperor penguins, killer whales and elephant seals. And learn about how scientists live on this incredible continent today and what they do all day – from studying climate change to investigating ice cores almost a million years old to learn about the history of our planet.

THEMES Climate change, STEM, nature



HOW TO TEACH GROWN-UPS ABOUT PLUTO

Dean Regas • Aaron Blecha
9781913750503 • Hardback • May 2022 • Age: 8-12 • What on Earth Books

Pluto has not been a planet since 2006. But this tiny world still inspires people of all ages while sparking controversy. In this delightfully witty book, astronomer Dean Regas teaches you how to educate your grown-up about the cutting-edge science of space, most crucially the reason why Pluto is NOT a planet anymore. Delving into the history of space discoveries, the key players who have helped our understanding of the universe (including the 11-year-old girl who named Pluto in the first place) and the ever-changing nature of science, this book will equip every reader with the tools they need to bring their grown-ups fully up to speed, and to sneak in as many amazing astronomical facts as possible. And there's a handy quiz at the end so that you can check your grown-up has been paying attention!

THEMES Space, humour, STEM

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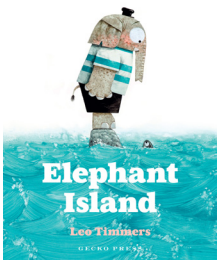
THE TALE OF THE TINY MAN

Barbro Lindgren • Eva Eriksson
9781776574094 • Hardback • February 2022 • Age: 4-7 • Gecko Press

There was once a tiny man. One day, at the first sign of spring, he decided to pin a note to a tree that said FRIEND WANTED. Then he sat down on the step to wait. After ten days, he woke to find a cold nose in his hand. Beside him was a big dog with a beautiful curve in its tail. The tiny man had made a friend at last. They play and walk and laugh every day. But then the girl in the polka dot dress comes to the step. The little man watches as the dog put his soft muzzle into the girl's hand and worries that he has lost his only friend.

The Tale of the Tiny Man is a touching picture book about loneliness that has a very happy ending. It is possible, after all, to have more than one friend..

THEMES Loneliness, empathy, friendship



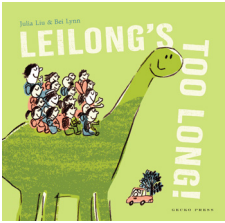
ELEPHANT ISLAND

Leo Timmers
9781776574346 • Hardback • March 2022 • Age: 4-7 • Gecko Press

Caught in a storm, Arnold the elephant washes up on a tiny island. Along comes Mouse in a little dingy and Arnold steps aboard... uh-oh! They use the wreckage to make the island bigger. And here's Dog—can this boat take Arnold's weight? Uh-oh! None of the animals can save the shipwrecked elephant but each broken vessel provides new materials for another intricate construction. Wheels and pulleys create a Ferris wheel, an elevator, a waffle maker. Soon there is a whole community and enough space for everyone!

As with all Leo Timmers picture books, *Elephant Island* has many layers of discovery. Each new building is packed with mechanical detail and busy animals all working together.

THEMES Imagination, inventions, animals



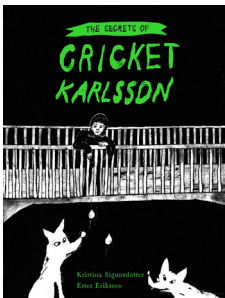
LEILONG'S TOO LONG!

Julia Liu • Bei Lynn
9781776574339 • Hardback • April 2022 • Age: 3-5 • Gecko Press

Every morning, Leilong the school bus shuttles through the city, picking up children as he goes. But a brontosaurus longer than a tennis court causes big problems in the busy streets. The school decides he can't be the bus anymore.

The children must find a way to help their long friend fit in.

THEMES Transport, fitting in, dinosaurs



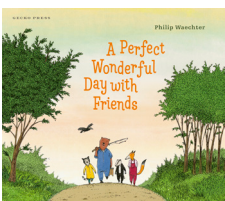
THE SECRETS OF CRICKET KARLSSON

Kristina Sigurdsson • Ester Eriksson
9781776574285 • Paperback • May 2022 • Age: 8-12 • Gecko Press

Cricket Karlsson is going to become an artist just like her aunt, who loves cheese and art and always speaks her mind. Not like Cricket's mother, who is dieting and sighs at everything. But now Aunt Frannie has lost her joy and Cricket's best friend has dumped her for the horse girls.

Eleven-year-old Cricket Karlsson is a warm and complex character with an artistic soul. This is a liberating and unexpected story about growing up, fitting in, and sorting out the adults in our lives that will reach the hearts of young readers (and older ones)..

THEMES Resilience, friendship, fitting in



A PERFECT WONDERFUL DAY WITH FRIENDS

Philip Waechter
9781776574667 • Hardback • June 2022 • Age: 4-7 • Gecko Press

Raccoon decides to bake an apple pie. But he has no eggs, so visits his friend Fox, who needs a ladder. They walk to Badger—who has everything!—but he needs help too, so they set off to find Bear. They stroll through meadows, meet up with Crow, nibble blackberries and find Bear fishing at the river.

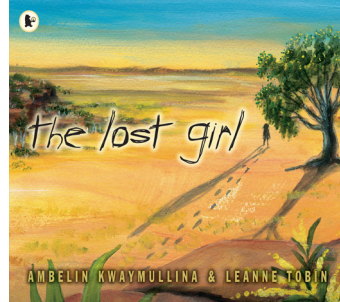
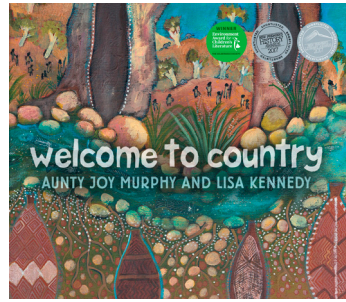
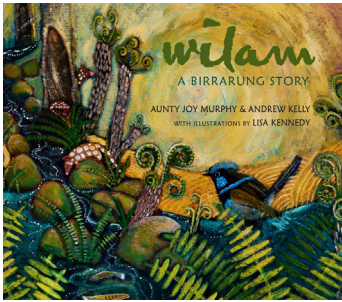
Soon the five friends are having the best day out—the sun shining on their fur, fishing, swimming, picnic and home to bake a cake.

A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends is a picture book to instantly capture the heart. Laconic narration, funny dialogue and exquisite illustrations tell the story of a carefree childhood day.

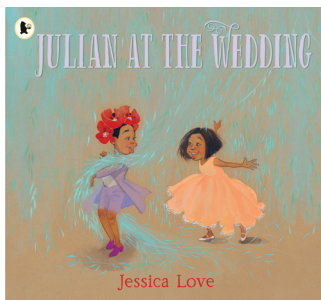
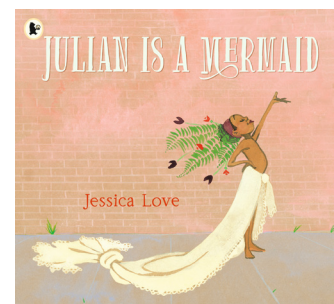
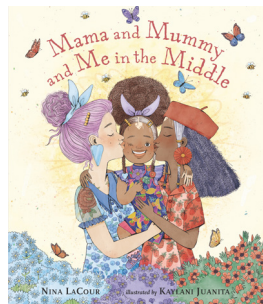
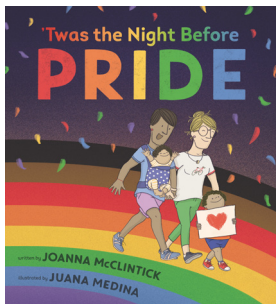
THEMES Friendship, community, nature

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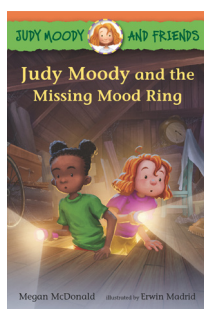
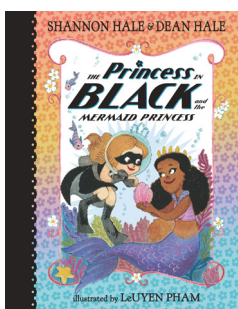
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HISTORIES AND CULTURES



LGBTQI



YOUNGER READERS



OLDER READERS



GRAPHIC NOVEL

CAMP

Kayla Miller
9781760654924

Paperback

January 2022

Age: 8-10

Walker Books Australia



A graphic novel for fans of Raina Telgemeier about stepping out of one's comfort zone, navigating new experiences, and the satisfaction of blazing your own trails. The second book in the *New York Times* bestselling "Click" series.

Olive is sure she'll have the best time at camp with her friend Willow – but while Olive makes quick friends with the other campers, Willow struggles to form connections and latches on to the only person she knows – Olive. The stress of being Willow's living security blanket begins to wear on Olive and before long, the girls aren't just fighting, they may not even be friends by the time camp is over. Will the two be able to patch things up before the final lights out?

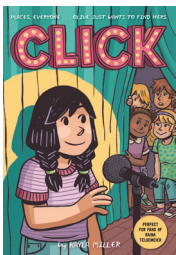
THEMES

Friendship, belonging, resilience

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ILLUSTRATED FICTION

THE ASTRONAUGHTIES: MOON MAYHEM

Andrew Cranna
9781760653378

Paperback

May 2022

Age: 9-12

Walker Books Australia



An out-of-this-world illustrated middle grade adventure that will have young readers giggling across the galaxy!

You may be asking yourself, dear reader, how three naughty kids, one pet octopug and their handsome robot minder – that's me – accidentally got strapped inside a 400 megaton thermonuclear rocket on a one-way collision course to the moon? Good question!

Well, let me take you back to the beginning . . .

In 2120 the Moon has been transformed into the ultimate super-cool intergalactic amusement park. The Astronaughties, the children of some of the park's designers, get a chance to visit the Lunar Park before it officially opens. But when they arrive, they discover their parents are missing. Now their mission is to find them, defeat the baddies and free a trapped alien. Hold on tight, this is going to be one wild rocket ride!

THEMES

Humour, space, adventure

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ILLUSTRATED FICTION

PEARLY AND PIG AND THE GREAT HAIRY BEAST

Sue Whiting
9781760653590
Paperback
March 2022
Age: 8-11
Walker Books Australia



A fast-paced junior fiction adventure starring a plucky new heroine that has to face her fears to save her parents, her friend and the day!

Pearly Woe is a worrier. She worries about everything, especially that she'll never be brave enough to become a member of the top-secret group of stealth adventurers – The Adventurologists' Guild. Pearly also has a special talent – she can talk to animals. Her favourite animal to talk to is her pet pig, called Pig. But with her parents missing, Pig pig-napped and Pearly a stowaway on an icebreaker heading for Antarctica, Pearly's worries just got REAL.

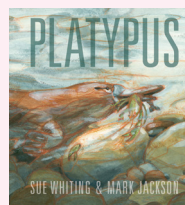
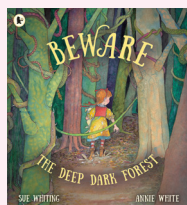
THEMES

Adventure, languages, bravery

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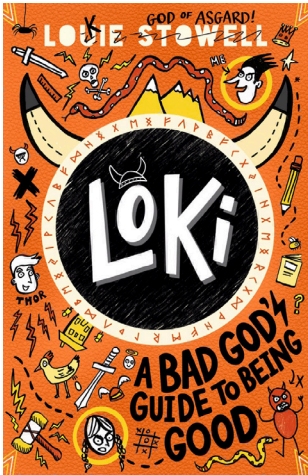
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Sue Whiting is a children's and young adult author and editor who lives and works in a small coastal village south of Sydney. She has written numerous books in a variety of genres: fiction and nonfiction, picture books through to YA, including the best-selling *The Firefighters* and *Missing*, the award-winning *A Swim in the Sea* and the CBCA Notable Books, *Get a Grip* Cooper Jones, *Platypus* and *Beware the Deep Dark Forest*.



ILLUSTRATED FICTION



LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO BEING GOOD

Louie Stowell
9781406399752
Paperback
May 2022
Age: 9-12
Walker Books

Packed with doodles and cartoons, this is the wry, witty and *very* funny diary of Norse god Loki and the trials of being trapped on Earth as a weedy eleven-year-old boy.

After one prank too many, trickster god Loki is banished to live as a “normal” school boy. If he can show moral improvement within one month, then Loki can return to Asgard ... and if he can't? Then it's eternity in a pit of angry snakes. To keep track of his progress, Odin has handed over this magical diary in which Loki is *forced* to confess the truth. (Even when that truth is as ugly as a naked mole-rat.)

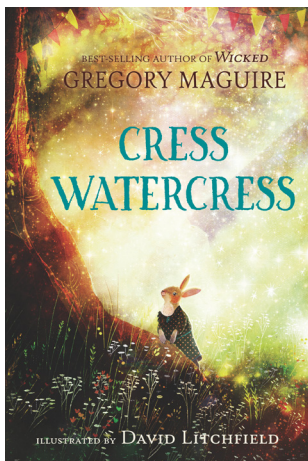
As if moral improvement and the indignities of school weren't challenging enough, Loki is banned from using his awesome godly powers and (even worse) must put up with Thor tagging along and making him look bad.

THEMES

Humour, Norse mythology, adventure

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CRESS WATERCRESS

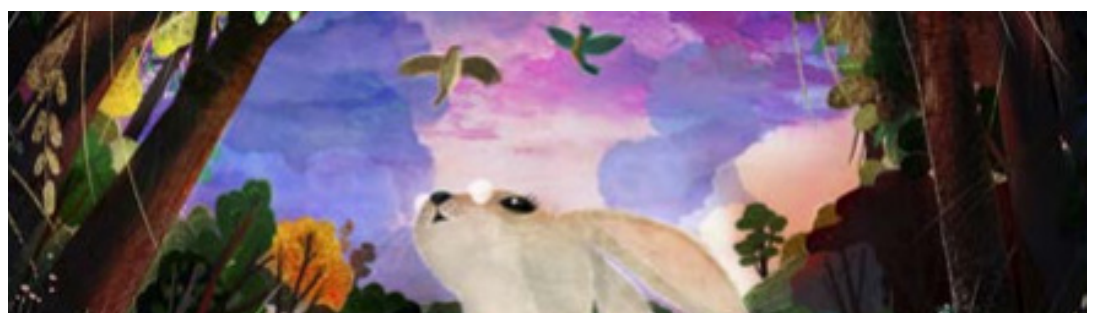
Gregory Maguire
David Litchfield
9781536211009
Hardback
June 2022
Age: 8-12
Candlewick Press

A lavishly illustrated woodland tale with a classic sensibility and modern flair—from the fertile imagination behind *Wicked*.

Gregory Maguire turns his trademark wit and wisdom to an animal adventure about growing up, moving on, and finding community. When Papa doesn't return from a nocturnal honey-gathering expedition, Cress holds out hope, but her mother assumes the worst. It's a dangerous world for rabbits, after all. Mama moves what's left of the Watercress family to the basement unit of the Broken Arms, a run-down apartment oak with a suspect owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, a rowdy family of squirrels, and a pair of songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors, and no Papa, ever be *home*? In the timeless spirit of E. B. White and *The Wind and the Willows*—yet thoroughly of its time—this read-aloud and read-alone gem for animal lovers of all ages features an unforgettable cast that leaps off the page in glowing illustrations by David Litchfield. This tender meditation on coming-of-age invites us to flourish wherever we find ourselves.

THEMES

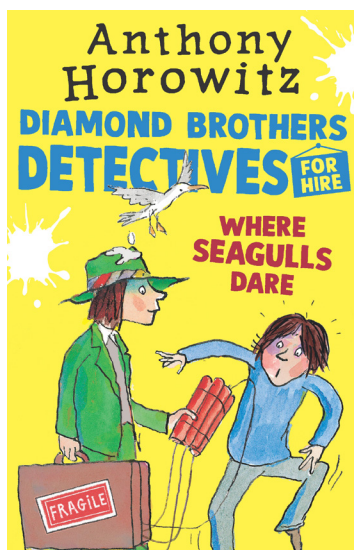
Community, hope, coming of age



JUNIOR FICTION

WHERE SEAGULLS DARE: A DIAMOND BROTHERS CASE

Anthony Horowitz
Tony Ross
9781529501179
Paperback
May 2022
Age: 8-12
Walker Books



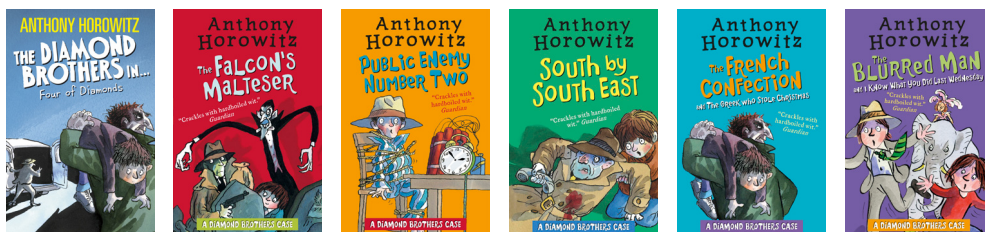
A hilarious new story about the world's worst detectives, by the bestselling author of the Alex Rider series, Anthony Horowitz.

Private investigators Tim and Nick Diamond haven't had a case for three months and are down to their last cornflake. So when a glamorous woman comes into their office offering them a pile of cash to find her missing father, they think Christmas has come – only it turns out they are the turkeys! Before they know it, they are caught up in a case involving bike-riding hitmen, superhackers and a sinister far right organisation, the White Crusaders. With thrills and spills, and jokes on every page, this new Diamond Brothers novel will have young readers howling with laughter..

THEMES

Humour, detectives, mystery

ALSO AVAILABLE



Anthony Horowitz is the author of the number one bestselling *Alex Rider* books and *The Power of Five* series. He enjoys huge international acclaim as a writer for both children and adults. Anthony has won numerous awards, including the Bookseller Association/Nielsen Author of the Year Award, the Children's Book of the Year Award at the British Book Awards, and the Red House Children's Book Award. In 2014 Anthony was awarded an OBE for Services to Literature. He has also created and written many major television series, including a dramatization of his novel *Point Blanc*, bringing the adventures of *Alex Rider* to teenage and adult audiences. He lives in London with his wife, two sons and their dog, Boss.



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

THE GHOST LOCKET

Allison Rushby

9781760654139

Paperback

April 2022

Age: 9-12

Walker Books Australia



A captivating supernatural mystery set in a house haunted by secrets from the past.

Eleven-year-old Lolli must return to London and break a promise she made to herself — to never again enter the house in Spitalfields, an historic building managed by her family.

There, Lolli must face up to what she saw in the house several years ago and make things right for two ghosts, one friendly and one decidedly not, and open her heart to people in both the living and twilight worlds.

THEMES

Supernatural, family, bravery

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Allison Rushby, the daughter of an author, was raised on a wholesome and steady diet of classic English literature. Some of her favourite books, re-read countless dog-eared times include Rumer Godden's *The Dolls' House*, Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden*, Dodie Smith's *I Capture the Castle* and Noel Streatfield's "Shoes" series. She has long been a fan of cities with long, winding histories, wild, overgrown cemeteries, red brick Victorian museums, foxes and ivy. She prefers to write with a cup of Darjeeling tea by her side and a Devon Rex cat curled up in her lap.



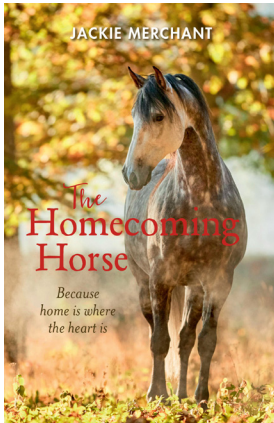
MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

A touching novel about finding your home, even if it doesn't look the way you expected.

Kennedy and Dad have been on the move since Mum left and their farm had to be sold. When Dad takes on a horse called Ugly, the plan for the horse is clear from the start – train him up, sell him off and put the money toward their new farm deposit. Despite knowing the clock is ticking, the bond between Kennedy and Ugly (or Douglas, as she calls him) becomes unbreakable. In the face of all uncertainty, Douglas has become her home and her haven, but will they have to sell him to have a home of their own?

THEMES

Family, horses, coming of age



THE HOMECOMING HORSE

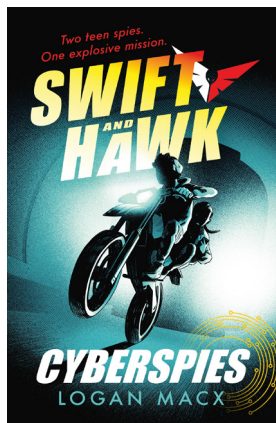
Jackie Merchant
9781760653569
Age: 8-13
Paperback • April 2022
Walker Books Australia

An addictive new spy series for Alex Rider fans who love action-packed stories, cutting-edge tech and edge-of-your-seat adventure.

When their families mysteriously disappear, Swift and Hawk, teen experts in AI and robotics, are recruited by the secretive Möbius Programme to crack an unbreakable code. They are immediately plunged into a life-and-death rescue mission, that takes them from hidden tunnels beneath the British Museum, to the dangerous docklands of Amsterdam in search of the mysterious ship *The Nightfall*. Caught in a treacherous world of spies and saboteurs, Swift and Hawk will be pushed to the limit as they follow a trail that leads to the remote island of Spøklestark, and straight into the hands of a dark and chilling enemy.

THEMES

Spies, action, adventure



SWIFT AND HAWK: CYBERSPIES

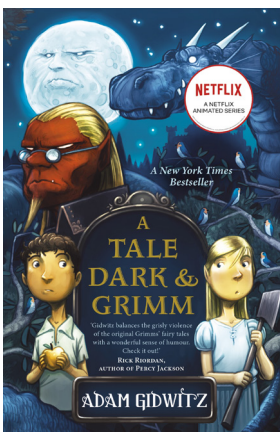
Logan Macx
9781406394931
Age: 9-12
Paperback • March 2022
Walker Books

A gruesome but funny retelling of Grimm's terrifying tales.

Reader: beware. Warlocks with dark spells, hunters with deadly aim, and bakers with ovens retrofitted for cooking children lurk within these pages. But if you dare, turn the page and learn the true story of Hansel and Gretel - the story behind (and beyond) the bread crumbs, edible houses and outwitted witches. Come on in. It may be frightening, it's certainly bloody, and it's definitely not for the faint of heart.

THEMES

Adventure, fairy tales, humour



A TALE DARK AND GRIMM

Adam Gidwitz
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Age: 9-11
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Andersen Press

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

THE BRAVEST WORD

Kate Foster

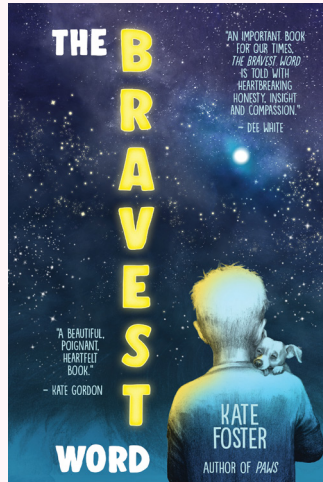
9781760654719

Paperback

May 2022

Age: 9-12

Walker Books Australia



A beautiful and uplifting tale of finding the courage to say the bravest word.

Do you hear that? You're Cliff now, and life is going to get better, I promise.

When eleven-year-old Matty finds Cliff, a hurt, neglected dog abandoned in the bush, he knows the brave little pup needs saving. He knows he wants to help. But can he?

Lately, Matty has had way more bad days than good days. The pieces of his life just don't seem to fit together any more and he doesn't understand why. He's finding it impossible to concentrate at school and has lost interest in the activities he used to love, including soccer. Plus, he's tired all the time.

Matty's too afraid to share what's really going on in his own head with anyone. His friends and family will never understand . . . maybe it's not only Cliff who needs saving.

THEMES

Mental health, resilience, pets

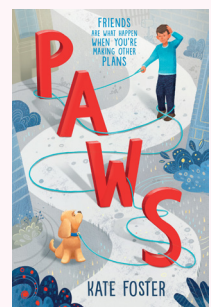
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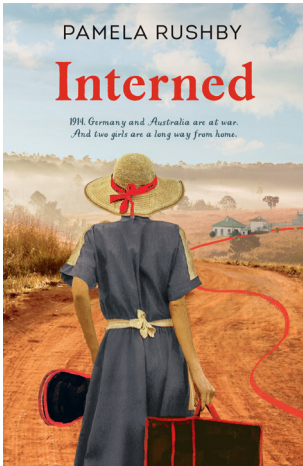


Kate Foster writes children's books about friends, family, and dogs. Originally from the south east of England, she now lives on the beautiful Gold Coast in Australia with her family and rescue dogs. She loves eating cake, reading books, and watching cooking programmes on TV!

ALSO AVAILABLE



OLDER READERS



INTERNEED

Pamela Rushby
9781760653019
Paperback
March 2022
Age: 11+
Walker Books Australia



Based on true events, *Interned* is a moving, well-researched and evocative historical fiction novel that highlights an often forgotten moment in Australian history.

It's 1914. Gretta lives a privileged life in Singapore, the daughter of a businessman; Tilly lives a modest life in Brisbane, the daughter of a baker. When war breaks out and both countries turn on their families for being German, the two girls find themselves taken from their homes, interned at a camp in rural New South Wales. Far away from everything they have ever known, Gretta and Tilly are forced to face prejudice, overcome adversity and to make their own community.

THEMES

History, friendship, resilience

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THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

Claire Saxby
9781760653583
Paperback
April 2022
Age: 11+
Walker Books Australia



A powerful historical novel exploring themes of racism, classism and gender expectations present in a growing nation.

When Biddy arrives in Melbourne from Ireland in 1850, she knows exactly what she's going to do – find her rebellious big brother, Ewen. Her plans are derailed when he's not there to meet her and she's forced into a situation that is nothing like she expected. Faced with challenges and chased by luck, bad and good, Biddy must find a strength within herself to build a new life – and to find her missing brother.

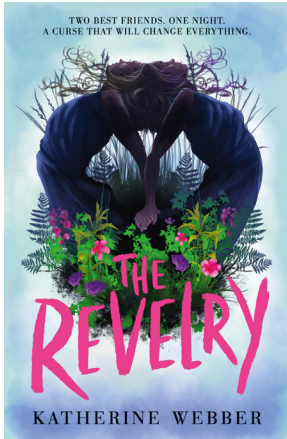
THEMES

History, resilience, gender roles

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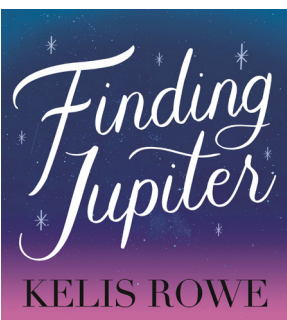
THE REVELRY

Katherine Webber
9781406388442
Paperback
March 2022
Age: 14+
Walker Books



REBEL SKIES

Ann Sei Lin
9781406399592
Paperback
May 2022
Age: 13+
Walker Books



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FINDING JUPITER

Kelis Rowe
9781529500639
Paperback
June 2022
Age: 14+
Walker Books

A story of best friends, bad luck and the consequences of breaking the rules in a town built on secrets and superstitions.

I am girl of Ember Grove, and these are my woods...

Growing up in Ember Grove, Bitsy Clark knows better than to mess with the long-held traditions of her hometown. Until her best friend, Amy, persuades her to sneak into the Revelry – the end of school party in the woods, to which only those leaving are invited.

When she wakes the next day, Bitsy can't remember anything from the night before. Weirder still, whenever she tries to speak about the Revelry, Bitsy chokes on the words. But this is just the beginning, and what starts out as a run of bad luck starts to feel like a curse. As Bitsy's life goes from bad to worse, things only get better and better for her best friend.

It's as if there's only so much luck to go round and Amy's getting all of it...

THEMES Supernatural, friendship, secrets

A beautifully written and pacy teen fantasy adventure, set in a world of flying ships, sky cities and powerful paper spirits. Inspired by Asian cultures and exploring themes of empire, slavery and freedom.

Kurara has never known any other life than being a servant on board the Midori, but when her party trick of making paper come to life turns out to be a power treasured across the empire, she joins a skyship and its motley crew to become a Crafter. Taught by the gruff but wise Himura, Kurara learns to hunt shikigami – wild paper spirits sought after by the Princess.

But are these creatures just powerful slaves, or are they beings with their own souls? And can a teenage girl be the one to help them find their voice – and change the course of an empire?

THEMES Fantasy, adventure, mythology

A fresh, contemporary love story from an authentic and brilliant new voice in YA.

What if Romeo & Juliet took place in Memphis in 2022?

Ray has no time for romance. She's queen of the roller rink, she writes found poetry, and she's got her eyes set on her own independent, future. Besides, she's seen what loving someone too much – and losing them – can do to a person.

Orion, on the other hand, would like to be smooth with the girls. Just once. He looks like the jock his father wants him to be, but really he's a hopeless romantic. When he spots Ray at the rink, it feels like the stars have aligned.

But now it seems like something in their families' past will stand in their way, and cross their stars forever...

An honest, unpredictable, funny and heartbreaking dual-POV story of love that readers will fall head over heels for.

THEMES Grief, family, relationships

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