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PICTURE BOOK

HOW TO MAKE A BIRD

Meg McKinlay
Matt Ottley

9781925381894
Hardback
October 2020

Recommended age: 6 - 14 years
Walker Books Australia



Extraordinary imagery and rich language spark the reader's imagination as they enter the creative world of a young girl.

From award-winning author Meg McKinlay and celebrated artist Matt Ottley comes a moving and visually stunning picture book that celebrates the transformative power of the creative process from inception through recognition to celebration and releasing into the world. We shadow the protagonist as she contemplates the blueprint of an idea, collects the things that inspire from the natural world to shape a bird. And breathes life into it before letting it fly free. It shows how small things, combined with a little imagination and a steady heart, can transform into works of magic.

THEMES

Creativity, loss, freedom, acceptance

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOK

ELLIE'S DRAGON

Bob Graham

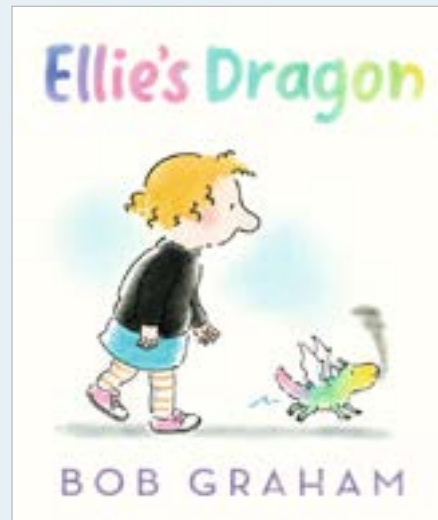
9781406387629

Hardback

July 2020

Recommended age: 3-7 years

Walker Books



ALSO AVAILABLE



No friendship is imaginary.

When Ellie is very little, she finds a newborn dragon fresh from the egg on a supermarket shelf, and calls him Scratch. He is quite the sweetest thing she has ever seen! From that day on, Ellie and Scratch do everything together. Ellie's mum and her teacher can't see her fiery friend, but all her friends can – and, over the years, Ellie's dragon grows to be big, house-trained, and very affectionate. And Ellie is growing, too...

A moving story about the wonders of imagination and the nature of growing up from one of Australia's most revered bookmakers.

THEMES

Growing up, impermanence, friendship

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PICTURE BOOK



THE BISCUIT MAKER

Sue Lawson

Liz Anelli

9781760650438

Hardback

September 2020

Walker Books Australia

In Mavin Road there's no time for hellos or chats until a mysterious biscuit maker's magic brings everyone together.

Benedict Stanley lives alone with his cat in Mavin Road where families hustle, joggers puff and workers scurry to the train, and no one has time for anyone else. So Benedict begins making biscuits to mark moments in all their lives, leaving them secretly at their doors. People start talking. Who is this mysterious biscuit maker? When Benedict falls ill, young Rory, the only person to know his secret, gathers the residents of Mavin Road and brings them to his door. A beautiful heart-warming book that celebrates community and human connection.

THEMES

Community, empathy, kindness

TEACHER NOTES

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The star of *Julian Is a Mermaid* makes a joyful return – and finds a new friend – at a wedding to be remembered.



JULIAN AT THE WEDDING

Jessica Love

9781406397482

Hardback

October 2020

Walker Books

Julian and his nana are attending a wedding. Better yet, Julian is in the wedding along with his cousin Marisol. When wedding duties are fulfilled and with a new dog friend in tow, the pair takes off to roam the venue, exploring everywhere from underneath tables to enchanting willow trees to ... muddy puddles? After all, it wouldn't be a wedding without fun, laughter and a little magical mischief. With ingenuity and heart, author-illustrator Jessica Love tells a charming story of friendship, acceptance and celebration.

THEMES

Individuality, love, LGBTQI+

TEACHER NOTES

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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 worries, creativity, values and self-esteem. 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: BUILD A GEOMETRIC CASTLE FROM THERE IS NO MAGIC IN THIS BOOK



1. Print the attached template onto sheets of coloured paper.
2. Cut out the range of geometric shapes in different sizes and colours.
3. Build your own castle by piecing the shapes together and gluing them onto a larger sheet.
4. Try planning the castle out first before gluing the shapes down. When planning, consider if the castle has turrets, bridges, stairs, and how many windows and doors it might have.

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BEAR IN SPACE

Deborah Abela
Marjorie Crosby-Fairall

9781760651510

Hardback

August 2020

Recommended age: 3 years+

Walker Books Australia



Bear has plans to change his world, one space adventure at a time, and discovers just how far you can go with someone by your side.

Bear is different. When he dreams of going into space, the other bears laugh. But Bear has plans to change his world, one space adventure at a time. In space he feels at home, but also alone, until something extraordinary happens. He discovers just how far he can go with someone by his side.

A richly imagined story that celebrates difference, self-belief and the way friendship and acceptance can empower someone to build a better world.

THEMES

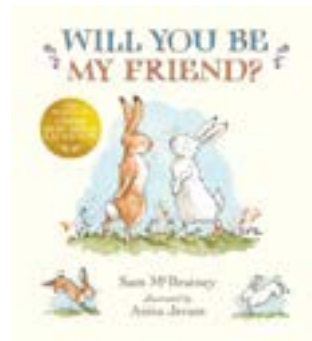
Belonging, friendship, emotions

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PICTURE BOOKS



WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?

Sam McBratney,
Anita Jeram

9781406351606
Hardback
September 2020
Walker Books

A delightful, humorous and heart-warming new tale from the creators of the beloved storybook classic, *Guess How Much I Love You*.

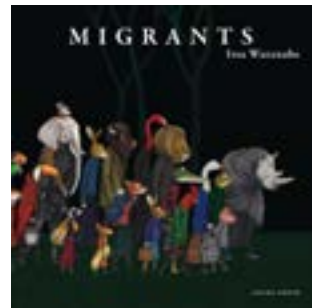
Little Nutbrown Hare has gone exploring on his own. Off he hops along the path until he reaches Cloudy Mountain. What a surprise he finds there in the heather!

It's Tipps, a snow hare, and she has a question for him: Will you be my friend?

From the iconic author and illustrator duo Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram comes a delightful new tale that celebrates the playful curiosity of little ones and the magic of making new friends.

THEMES

Friendship, animals, curiosity



MIGRANTS

Issa Watanabe

9781776573134
Hardback
September 2020
Gecko Press

A vital and powerful wordless picture book of courage, loss and hope—everything it takes to migrate to a new land

This book narrates, with extraordinarily powerful images, the journey of a group of animals that leaves behind a leafless forest. It is the story of a great and unique migration, a journey where borders must be crossed, sacrifices made, loved ones left behind.

With forceful simplicity, *Migrants* shows us the courage migration takes. Death looms throughout the journey. And arriving may mean burying a portion of the past.

THEMES

Immigration, grief, wordless picture book

TEACHER NOTES

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RAIN BEFORE RAINBOWS

Smriti Halls
David Litchfield

9781406382358
Hardback
September 2020
Walker Books

An uplifting, stunningly beautiful book about optimism in the darkest of places.

*Rain before rainbows. Clouds before sun.
Night before daybreak. A new day's begun.*

A girl and her companion fox travel together from a place of loss and despair, through uncertain times, towards the hope of colour, light and life. Along the way, they find friends to guide and support them. Together, they build a glorious future and discover there is a way out of the darkness, into the light of the rainbow. A book with immense hope at its heart, this is a positive message for anyone who's ever gone through a tough time.

THEMES

Hope, resilience, friendship, loss

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOKS



BARKLEY

Rebecca Crane

9781760651404
Hardback
July 2020
Walker Books Australia

A deceptively simple ode to happiness and self-confidence, as told through the voice of a lovable dog named Barkley.

Barkley having a bit of an identity crisis. Barkley belongs to a little boy named Max, who is part of a large community of people with all different kinds of dogs, each with a very distinct characteristic. Except for Barkley. So, what kind of dog is he? Just imagine his surprise when he discovers he's a LOST dog. Luckily, Max helps him realise he's more than just that: he's a best friend dog, and that makes him a happy dog, too. And you can't ask for much more than that.

THEMES

Belonging, friendship, differences, self esteem

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THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT LENA

Sigi Cohen
James Foley

9781760651503
Hardback
October 2020
Walker Books Australia

The award-winning picture book duo behind *My Dead Bunny* is back with another hilarious rhyming tale.

*On my first day back at school
I met a girl called Lena.
Every time she acted mean
she laughed like a hyena.*

There's something a little bit odd, a little bit weird, about Lena. Such an unusual classmate is really hard to wrangle. And needs a committed band of courageous classmates to uncover just what she's hiding.

THEMES

Monsters, rhyme, humour



THERE IS NO MAGIC IN THIS BOOK

Michelle Macwhirter
Sophie Beer

9781921977299
Hardback
November 2020
Walker Books Australia

Do you like magic? Well, you've come to the wrong place because there's definitely NO magic in this book. Or is there?

In this vibrant interactive story, readers are told by the insistent Bookkeeper that there's no magic to be found in its pages, but eagle-eyed readers can discover enchanted surprises on every spread. Perfect for fans of interactive classics like *Do Not Open this Book*, *The Book with No Pictures* and *Press Here*, this story encourages young readers to look for magic in even the most ordinary places.

THEMES

Magic, imagination, observation

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PICTURE BOOKS



AUSTRALIA UNDER THE SEA 1 2 3

Frané Lessac

9781760652272

Hardback

November 2020

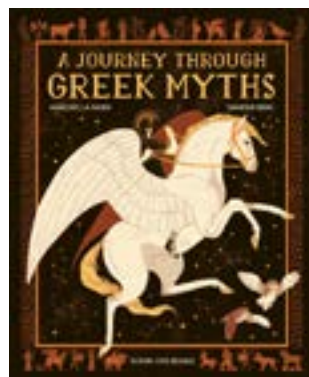
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On a Coral Reef in the big blue sea, count the ocean creatures 1, 2, 3.

Count from one giant whale shark all the way to twelve tired seahorses, meeting and learning about plenty of playful Australian sea creatures along the way. With vibrant artwork, simple facts about each creature and a gentle conservation message, Frané Lessac's *Australia Under the Sea 1, 2, 3* is a celebration of twelve fish and friends living in our seas.

THEMES

Counting, Australian wildlife, ocean, conservation



A JOURNEY THROUGH GREEK MYTHS

Marchella Ward
Sander Berg

9781911171577

Hardback

October 2020

Flying Eye Books

Delve deep into the mythology of Ancient Greece in this stunning compendium of tales.

From the heroes of Athens and Sparta to gods and goddesses, take a magical illustrated journey through the Mediterranean. You'll learn about the places where each story took place, and why myths matter.

From Zeus's power struggles to the incredible Labours of Heracles, explore this enchanting and complex world through beautiful storytelling and breathtaking artwork.

THEMES

Myth, Ancient Greece, storytelling



I ATE SUNSHINE FOR BREAKFAST

Michael Holland
Phillip Giordano

9781911171188

Hardback

July 2020

Flying Eye Books

Enter the incredible world of plants to learn about the green machines of the natural world.

"Using just the rays of the sun, trees and flowers help create everything from rubber to honey. Find out the powerful science going on in every leaf, petal and stem with vibrant illustrations that will make you look at plants in a whole new way.

From expert ecologist and educator Michael Holland, this illustrated compendium celebrates the plants in your life, from minty toothpaste to the floral names in your classroom. This comprehensive guide covers everything from the parts of a plant through to conservation, and also features DIY projects for young gardeners."

THEMES

Environment, science, gardens

PICTURE BOOKS

BRITANNICA ALL NEW CHILDREN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA

Edited by
Christopher Lloyd

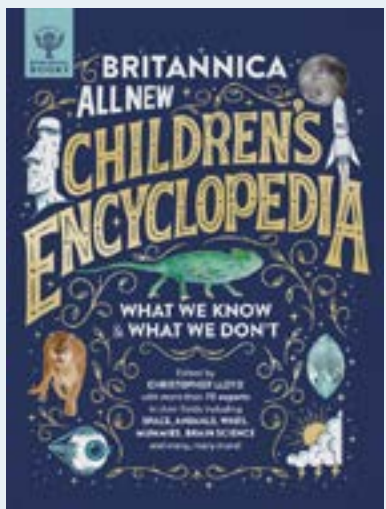
9781912920471

Hardback

October 2020

Recommended age: 7-12 years

What on Earth Books



This substantial and compellingly browsable children's encyclopedia takes Britannica's reputation for authentic, trustworthy information and brings it to a whole new audience.

The gorgeous volume explores a wide range of kid-friendly topics, using text, illustrations, infographics, and photography, all in an upscale package that blings with the best of them.

In keeping with Britannica's reputation for expert involvement, each spread include a credit to the expert involved with its creation, and special features highlight some of the most intriguing unsolved puzzles in science, archaeology, history, and engineering.

Chapter topics include Universe, Earth, Material World, Living World, Being Human, Ancient Civilizations, Medieval to Modern, and Today's World and Beyond.

THEMES

History, geography, science, society

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOKS

DRY TO DRY

Pamela Freeman
Liz Anelli

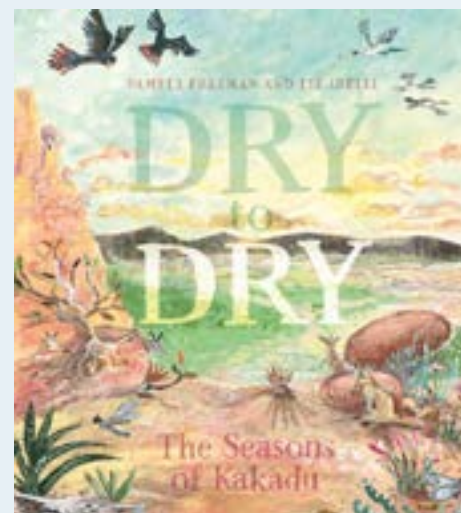
9781760650285

Hardback

August 2020

Recommended age: 5-10 years

Walker Books Australia



ALSO AVAILABLE



This Nature Storybook follow-up to the award-winning *Desert Lake* is a stunningly illustrated and extraordinary story of the yearly weather cycle and attendant changing wildlife of Kakadu National Park, from the Dry to the Wet to the Dry again.

In the tropical wetlands and escarpments of Kakadu National Park, the seasons move from dry to wet to dry again. Those seasons have shaped the astonishing variety of plants, animals, birds, insects ... migratory birds by the thousands, grasshoppers and owls, lizards and turtles, fruit bats and spear grass. And, gliding past them all in the rivers and waterholes, the long, sinuous shapes of crocodiles ...

THEMES

Australian wildlife, nature/environment,
change, weather

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOKS

KOOKABURRA

Claire Saxby
Tannya Harricks

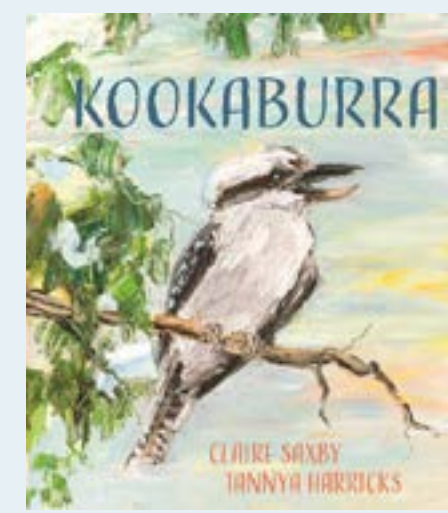
9781760651060

Hardback

August 2020

Recommended age: 5-10 years

Walker Books Australia



An exciting new addition to the narrative nonfiction Nature Storybooks series, about kookaburras.

In the crinkled shadows night-dwellers yawn, day-creatures stretch and Kookaburra laughs. Kook-kook-kook. Kak-kak-kak.

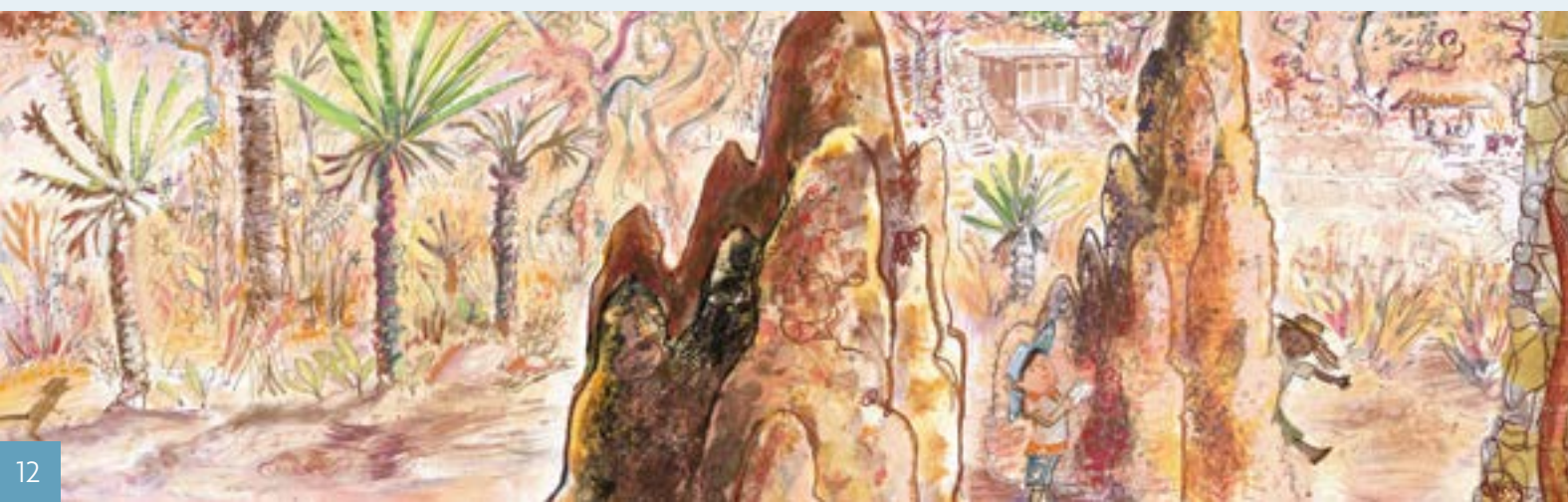
The team behind *Dingo* is back again with a new addition to the Nature Storybooks series. The kookaburra, perhaps Australia's best-loved bird, is shown in all her glory in a stunning and vivid landscape. Follow along as Kookaburra finds food for her young and goes searching for a nest with her mate.

THEMES

Nature, habitats, geography, science

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOKS



ONE DAY ON OUR BLUE PLANET: IN THE OUTBACK

Ella Bailey

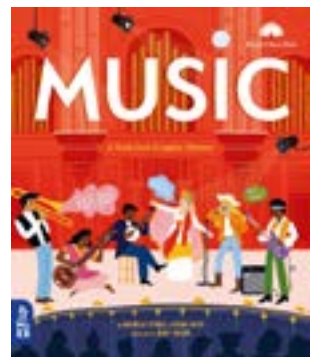
9781912497201
Hardback
July 2020
Flying Eye Books

If you love cute baby animals, come spend the day in the Australian outback with this adorable and bouncy kangaroo joey.

From Ella Bailey's acclaimed series of beautiful and educational picture books comes another tale of how one young animal friend spends his day. He's only a little kangaroo, but that doesn't stop him being curious and learning all about life in his corner of our big blue planet.

THEMES

Australian wildlife, animals, curiosity



MUSIC

Nicholas O'Neill, Susan Hayes,
Ruby Taylor

9781999967932
Hardback
November 2020
What on Earth Books

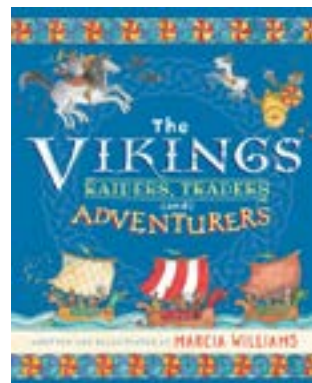
A richly illustrated, fold-out graphic history of music

Go on a journey through some of the most amazing musical moments from the first ever saxophone and early music recording to the invention of the record and artificial intelligence.

Learn about how different genres started – including classical, folk, jazz, gospel, rock 'n' roll, country, punk, grunge and pop. Discover the stories of music maestros including Beethoven, Wei Liangfu, Django Reinhardt, The Beatles, Joni Mitchell, David Bowie, Maria Callas, Nina Simone, Louis Armstrong, and Beyonce. Marvel at the orchestra with a huge illustration set in the Royal Albert Hall, and find out about ancient instruments from all over the world.

THEMES

Music, history, creativity



THE VIKINGS: RAIDERS, TRADERS AND ADVENTURERS!

Marcia Williams

9781406392173
Hardback
July 2020
Walker Books

Travel back in time to the amazing world of the Vikings with award-winning author-illustrator Marcia Williams.

Meet legendary warriors, daring explorers and clever kings in this colourful introduction to the Vikings. Join Marcia Williams and discover incredible stories of Viking raids, voyages of discovery and conquered kingdoms. Told in comic-strip style and packed with jokes and facts, this is the perfect guide to the Viking world.

THEMES

History, adventure, exploration

JUNIOR/MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



MERMAID SCHOOL: THE CLAMSHELL SHOW

Lucy Courtenay
Sheena Dempsey

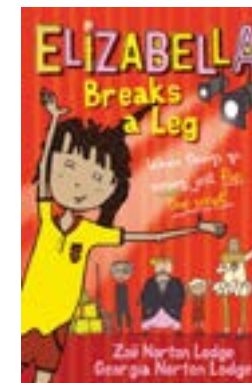
9781783448388
Paperback
July 2020
Andersen Press

Welcome to Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School! Here you will learn siren songs, proper care of sea creatures and how not to fall off your seahorse.

Marnie Blue has settled into Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School and become best friends with Pearl and Orla. And now might be her chance to shine - the Clamshell Show is coming! Marnie and Orla are both auditioning for the star role, while Pearl (who is no great singer) is sticking to playing the rock tuba. But a new mermaid wins the role, and at rehearsal she's more trouble than a tiger shark with a toothache. What's more, Mermaid Lagoon has an unwelcome visitor dropping by. Will the show go on?

THEMES

Magical realism, friendship, confidence



ELIZABELLA BREAKS A LEG

Zoë Norton Lodge
Georgia Norton Lodge

9781760652555
Paperback
September 2020
Walker Books Australia

A visiting cousin, a new girlfriend and theatrical mischief and mayhem abound in another uniquely funny addition to the beloved Elizabella series.

After an excursion to the theatre, Elizabella is determined to put on a play at school. And while Mr Gobblefrump agrees, he insists on a budget of exactly zero dollars. Can she pull it off? With a little help from her friends, you never know. Good luck, Elizabella - or "Break a leg" as they say!"

THEMES

School, humour, mischief



THE PRINCESS IN BLACK AND THE GIANT PROBLEM

Dean Hale, Shannon Hale
LeUyen Pham

9781536202229
Hardback
Candlewick Press

With a noisy giant crashing around the kingdom, the Princess in Black uses the Sparkle Signal to call ALL her heroic friends together—for the biggest adventure yet.

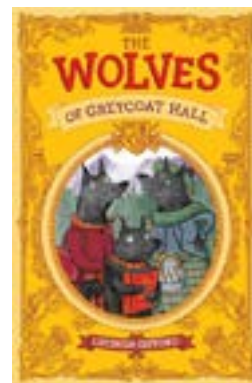
The Princess in Black is ready for her snowy playdate with the Goat Avenger and the Princess in Blankets. It's a perfect day to build snow monsters and battle them for practice. But just when they're about to wage battle, a huge foot smashes their snow monster.

It's a giant, and it's smashing everything in its path! The giant is too strong for the three friends, so the Princess in Blankets has an idea: it's time to light the Sparkle Signal and summon help. With a rising crescendo of a plot and a delightfully surprising ending, the latest adventure in the *New York Times* best-selling series features all the Princess in Black's friends as heroes for the first time.

THEMES

Fantasy, bravery, superheroes

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



THE WOLVES OF GREYCOAT HALL

Lucinda Gifford

9781760651596

Hardback

September 2020

Walker Books Australia

Meet Boris Greycoat and his parents! The Greycoats are typical family of wolves – sophisticated, thoughtful and extremely polite. Unfortunately, like all wolves, they have VERY large appetites...

When Boris and his parents learn that Scotland is re-introducing wolves, they leave their mansion in Morovia for their Scottish homeland. But these wolves aren't planning to settle in the wild, oh no! Instead, they book into the exclusive Highland Hotel, from where they plan to enjoy Scotland's best tourist spots and cuisine. But is Scotland ready for holidaying wolves? Especially such hungry ones? And why are certain people so unhappy to see them? From spooky dungeons to scheming developers, the Greycoats' new adventure is full of surprising discoveries.

THEMES

Family, travel, adventure, differences

TEACHER NOTES

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HOPE JONES SAVES THE WORLD

Josh Lacey

Beatriz Castro

9781783449279

Paperback

July 2020

Andersen Press

An inspirational story of one girl's fight against plastic pollution, showing that you're never too young to make a big difference.

My name is Hope Jones.

I am ten years old.

I am going to save the world.

Hope Jones' New Year's resolution is to give up plastic, and she's inspiring others to do the same with her website, hopejones.com. When she realises her local supermarket seems to stock more unnecessary plastic than food, she makes it her mission to do something about it. She may be just one ten-year-old with a homemade banner, but with enough determination, maybe Hope Jones really can save the world.

THEMES

Activism, conservation, environment



THE PONY QUESTION

Jackie Merchant

9781760651640

Paperback

July 2020

Walker Books Australia

The happiness of a young girl and a pony in desperate need of saving depends on the other.

Essie doesn't believe in signs or wishing on stars. She likes facts, and the fact is she's left her love of horses firmly in the past. She doesn't want a new horse and she certainly doesn't need one, not with the price she'd have to pay. That's a line she just won't cross. But the universe has other ideas.

Essie may not need a pony, but there's one that needs her. And taking on a pony without a past brings a lot of unanswered questions. In searching for answers Essie must decide if forgiving the past is her only way forward.

THEMES

Horses, connection, forgiveness



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

FLY ON THE WALL

Remy Lai

9781760652654

Paperback

September 2020

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books Australia



ALSO AVAILABLE



In this moving and hilarious illustrated novel from the critically-acclaimed author of *Pie in the Sky*, a twelve-year-old boy goes on a (forbidden) solo journey halfway around the world to prove his independence to his overprotective family.

Henry Khoo's family treats him like a baby. He's not allowed to go anywhere without his sister/chaperone/bodyguard. His (former) best friend knows to expect his family's mafia-style interrogation when Henry's actually allowed to hang out at her house. And he definitely CAN'T take a journey halfway around the world all by himself!

But that's exactly his plan. After his family's annual trip to visit his father in Singapore is cancelled, Henry decides he doesn't want to be cooped up at home with his overprotective family and BFF turned NRFF (Not Really Friend Forever). Plus, he's hiding a your-life-is-over-if-you're-caught secret: he's the creator of an anonymous gossip cartoon, and he's on the verge of getting caught. Determined to prove his independence and avoid punishment for his crimes, Henry embarks on the greatest adventure ever... hoping it won't turn into the greatest disaster ever.

Remy Lai takes readers on an adventure filled with humour, heart, and hijinks that's a sure bet for fans of Jerry Craft, Terri Libenson, and Shannon Hale!

THEMES

Belonging, individuality, honesty/trust, family

TEACHER NOTES

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MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



WHEN THIS BELL RINGS

Allison Rushby

9781760651947

Paperback

September 2020

Walker Books Australia

This story within a story within a story celebrates the creative art of storytelling.

In London's Belgravia, Tamsin lives next door to Edie St Clair, famous author of the 'London of the Bells' series of graphic novels. With the series' tenth and final novel overdue, Tamsin offers her idol help and discovers that Edie can literally draw herself into her stories. When Edie goes missing, Tamsin draws herself into the novel and lands in a world of unexpected danger. The stakes couldn't be higher in this gripping adventure.

THEMES

Fantasy, imagination, storytelling



TEACHER NOTES

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DREAM RIDERS: KAI

Laura Bloom

9781760652029

Paperback

December 2020

Walker Books Australia

The third book in the Dream Riders series that interweaves the issues young people face together with the deep connection that can be formed between a horse and its rider.

Kai isn't expecting much when he tags along with the Dream Riders on a trip to the Brumby Rescue Centre. He's not that interested in horses, but he's best friends with Frankie, he really likes Violet, and it's the last weekend before he goes back to the city.

When they get to the Centre, though, Kai meets two brumbies who completely change the way he feels about horses, not to mention Frankie and Violet, and the place that he calls "home". He's been missing his old life in the city – especially his wise and funny older sister, Jindy – but now that he's met Jarrah the gentle giant, and Monty, the scrappy grey, nothing will ever be the same again.

THEMES

Horses, natural horsemanship, friendship



TEACHER NOTES

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MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



WONDERSCAPE

Jennifer Bell

9781406391725

Paperback

June 2020

Walker Books

Gaming and time travel collide in this thrilling middle-grade adventure, from bestselling author Jennifer Bell.

When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion, they find themselves trapped in the year 2473. Lost in the Wonderscape, an epic in-reality adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes to play their way home before time runs out.

THEMES

Video games, friendship, history, adventure

TEACHER NOTES

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AGENT ASHA: MISSION SHARK BYTES

Sophie Deen

9781406382723

Paperback

July 2020

Walker Books

Computer code just got dangerous in this action-packed spy adventure series

Asha Joshi has the perfect excuse not to finish her homework. She's just been recruited to join the top-secret Children's Spy Agency. Her first mission: SAVE THE WORLD. Can she do it? Asha's a coder so she should be able to hack into the biggest tech company in the world, fight deadly sharks and figure out why the Internet has stopped working. All before bedtime. Easy, right? The story is a great way to engage young readers in coding, critical-thinking and STEM.

THEMES

Coding, STEM, adventure



THE MUMMY SMUGGLERS OF CRUMBLIN CASTLE

Pamela Rushby

Nelle May Pierce

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July 2020

Walker Books Australia

A crumbling castle, a moat full of crocodiles, a catastrophe of kittens, and let's not forget the villains and the mummies!

Orphaned Hattie goes to live with her great uncle and aunt in their crumbling castle in the English Fens. There, Great Aunt Iphigenia hosts flamboyant mummy-unwrapping parties to save her home from ruin – until the mummy supply runs out. On a dangerous search for more, a thousand miles up the Nile, Hattie is haunted by these ancient souls and tries to free them with unexpected consequences.

THEMES

History, adventure, mythology, family

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MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



GLASSHEART

Katharine Orton

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An enchanting magical adventure set in the wild moors of Dartmoor – the second middle-grade novel from the bestselling Katharine Orton.

Through the glass, the magic is waiting.

Nona and her uncle travel everywhere together, replacing stained-glass windows in war-torn buildings throughout England. One day a mysterious commission takes them to the lonely moors of Dartmoor, where a powerful magic threatens everything that Nona holds dear. She is determined to do whatever it takes to protect those she loves – even if it means fighting darkness itself.

A beautifully imaginative and rich adventure about determination, courage and the power of love, set in the aftermath of World War Two. Perfect for fans of Abi Elphinstone, Sophie Anderson and Catherine Doyle.

THEMES

Bravery, magic, adventure



ORLA AND THE SERPENT'S CURSE

C. J. Haslam

9781406388480

Paperback

June 2020

Walker Books

A long-dead Cornish witch to thwart and a curse to stop it's just another family holiday.

Orla thought she was in for a relaxing break, but when she finds a mysterious glowing necklace in the woods, it turns out there is a slight possibility she may have uncovered a witch's ancient curse. After meeting a coven of suspicious old ladies, it becomes clear that Orla's arrival in Cornwall is no longer a coincidence. The curse is poisoning the land and destroying everything it touches, and Orla is the one person who can stop it. But she'll need help from the only other member of the family with good instincts – Dave the dog.

THEMES

Adventure, witches, mystery

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

ZOMBIERELLA: FAIRYTALES GONE BAD

Joseph Coelho

Freya Hartas

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Recommended age 8-11

Walker Books



The first in a funny, deliciously dark, three-part series of twisted classics, written in verse by award-winning poet Joseph Coelho and illustrated by Freya Hartas.

A yellow moon hangs in a satin sky the night Cinderella, barefoot and in hand-me-downs, slips at the top of the stairs ... and dies. But not for long. The Shadow of Death arrives to breathe life back into her bones and, for three nights only, Cinderella goes forth as ZOMBIERELLA. With her skin as cold as ice and her faithful horse Lumpkin back by her side, can she seek revenge on her three cruel, fake sisters, once and for all?

Crawl out of the grave and step into your mushroom carriage for this haunting and humorous adventure of the undead girl searching for her happily ever after.

THEMES

Fairytales, poetry, revenge

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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

TRIBAL LORES

Archimede Fusillo

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A moving and explosive tale about what happens when tradition and the need to belong collide.

Frankie Rescio is struggling with the death of his sister. Next door, Lochie Marsh is about to have his world invaded by his estranged, pregnant half-sister and her layabout boyfriend. Despite tensions simmering just below the surface for both boys and their families, they form a bond that connects their different worlds. Until tribal lores threaten to bring everything crashing down.

THEMES

Family, differences, grief, multiculturalism

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AFTERLIFE OF
HARRIET STOKER

Lauren James

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A sharp thriller with a twist of the supernatural from a masterful sci-fi writer.

“Lauren James is a genius.” SFX Magazine

“Lauren James isn’t just headed for the stars – she’s already there.” Samantha Shannon, author of *The Priory of the Orange Tree*

What if death is only the beginning?

When Harriet Stoker dies falling from a balcony in a long-abandoned building, she discovers a world of ghosts with magical powers – shape-shifting, hypnosis, or even the ability to possess the living. As she learns more about their community, Harriet is willing to do anything to unleash her own power, even if it means destroying everyone around her. But when all of eternity is at stake, the afterlife can be a dangerous place to make an enemy. Because who knows what grudges people have been holding onto for millennia, just waiting for a reckless girl to give them the chance to get vengeance.

THEMES

Death, grief, friendship, ghosts

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CHALLENGER DEEP

Neal Shusterman

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A powerful and captivating novel about mental illness, *Challenger Deep* is a tour de force by *New York Times* bestselling author Neal Shusterman.

Caden Bosch is on a ship that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench.

Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behaviour.

Caden Bosch is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images.

Caden Bosch pretends to join the school track team but spends his days walking for miles, absorbed by the thoughts in his head.

Caden Bosch is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny.

Caden Bosch is torn.

THEMES

Mental illness, family, loneliness

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The early life of Ada Lovelace, the 19th-century mathematician who is considered by many to be the world's first computer programmer.

Ada Byron is rich and clever, but she longs to be free. Free to explore all the amazing ideas that come to her imagination, like flying mechanical horses and stories inspired by her travels. Free to find love and passion beyond the watchful gaze of her mother and governesses. And free to learn the full truth about her father, the notorious Lord Byron. Then Ada meets a man whose invention might just change the world – and he needs her visionary brilliance to bring it to life

THEMES

History, coding, STEM



I, ADA: REBEL. GENIUS. VISIONARY

Julia Gray

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Gareth Ward

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Lucy Cuthew

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Drawn into a world of prejudice, deceit and danger, Wrench must master her powers, knowing they offer her only hope for survival . . . if they don't destroy the world first.

Screams surge along York's narrow Victorian streets as a runaway crackle-tram races toward disaster. Fearing an accident like the one that killed her parents, Brasswitch Wrench is forced to reveal her powers – a decision that will change her life forever. Recruited to the sinister department of Regulators who hunt down others like her, Wrench teams up with their maverick mechanical leader, Bot, as they are tasked with halting the rise of the aberration threat. Until today, being called Brasswitch would have got you killed. Now, it might save your life.

THEMES

Steampunk, adventure, fantasy

Sarah Crossan meets *Sex Education* in this feminist YA verse novel about periods, sex and online shaming.

Blood Moon is an extraordinary YA novel in verse about the online shaming of a teenage girl. During astronomy-lover Frankie's first sexual experience with the quiet and lovely Benjamin, she gets her period. It's only blood, they agree. But soon a graphic meme goes viral, turning an innocent, intimate afternoon into something disgusting, mortifying and damaging. As the online shaming takes on a horrifying life of its own, Frankie begins to wonder: is her real life over?

Blood Moon is a punchy, vivid and funny story of first-time love, hormone-fuelled sexuality and intense female friendships – whilst addressing, head-on, the ongoing exploitation of young girls online and the horror of going viral. Both shocking and uplifting, it cuts to the heart of what it is to be a teenager today and shows the power of friendship to find joy in even the darkest skies.

THEMES

Sexuality, relationships, friendships, poetry

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