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PICTURE BOOK

WOMBAT

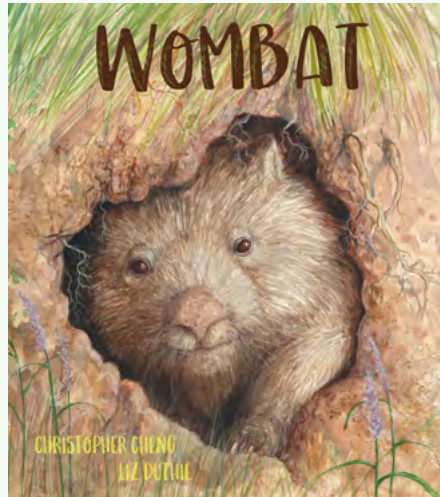
Christopher Cheng
Liz Duthie

9781760651374

Hardback

April 2021

Recommended age: 5 + years
Walker Books Australia



Burrowing and basking, digging and defending; *Wombat* is a new Nature Storybook exploring the world of one of Australia's most beloved creatures.

Far underground, where dirt and tree roots mesh, are tunnels that lead to a burrow, and in this burrow Wombat's day begins.

A story about the life of a wombat, looking at the interesting way these animals build their homes, look after their family and protect themselves from predators. *Wombat* is a new addition to the Nature Storybooks series, which feature a lyrical narrative and engaging nonfiction combined with stunning artwork to pique the curiosity of young minds.

THEMES

Australian wildlife, nature, habitats

TEACHER NOTES

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Wombats use their strong front limbs for digging. They use their front and back limbs to push the dirt out of the tunnel. They might even roll onto their side to dig out the walls and roof of a burrow.

PICTURE BOOK



THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Helen Scales

Lisk Feng

9781912497812

Hardback

June 2021

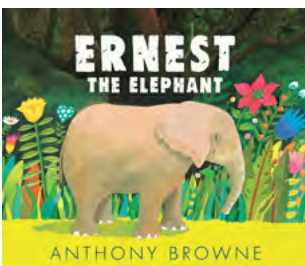
Flying Eye Books

Nearly 400,000 square kilometers of dazzling color, intricate ecosystems and unique creatures large and small: the Great Barrier Reef is one of the great natural wonders of our world.

Vibrant, dynamic illustrations illuminate this enchanting place, its animal inhabitants, and the peoples who have embraced it as a centerpiece of their cultures. Learn all about how the reef came to be, its place in the world, and perhaps most importantly, what we can all do to help ensure that the Great Barrier Reef will be around for countless future generations to discover!

THEMES

Australian wildlife, conservation, environment



ERNEST THE ELEPHANT

Anthony Browne

9781406395099

Hardback

May 2021

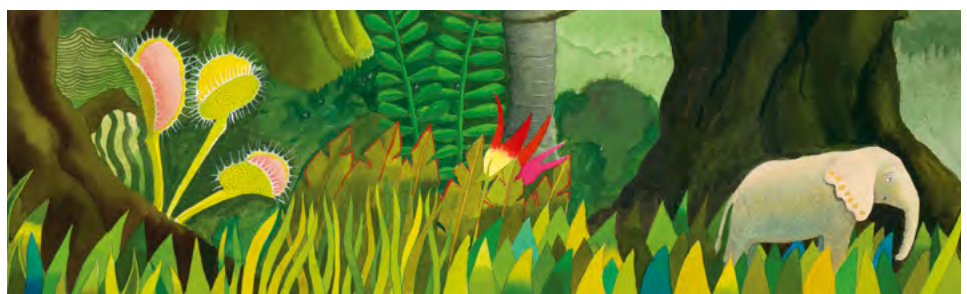
Walker Books

A poignant story about a baby elephant who gets lost in a mysterious jungle, from the acclaimed Kate Greenaway Medal-winning author-illustrator and former Children's Laureate.

Ernest is a happy baby elephant. But when his curiosity gets the better of him and he leaves the rest of his herd to explore the alluring and dangerous jungle, he becomes very lost indeed. Amongst the undergrowth, he meets a rude gorilla, a weary lion, an impolite hippo and an uncaring crocodile. Will anyone help Ernest find his way out of the jungle and home to his mum? From the international phenomenon, Anthony Browne, comes a heartfelt, visually stunning picture book, about finding help in unexpected places.

THEMES

Curiosity, kindness, family



PICTURE BOOK

THE ROCK FROM THE SKY

Jon Klassen

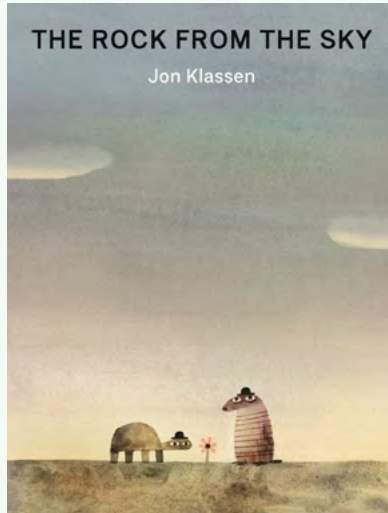
9781406395570

Hardback

April 2021

Recommended age: 4+

Walker Books



Look up! From the Caldecott Medal-winning creator of the Hat trilogy comes a new deadpan gem.

Turtle really likes standing in his favourite spot. He likes it so much that he asks his friend Armadillo to come over and stand in it, too. But now that Armadillo is standing in that spot, he has a bad feeling about it...

A hilarious meditation on the workings of friendship, fate, shared futuristic visions, and that funny feeling you get that there's something off somewhere, but you just can't put your finger on it. Merging broad visual suspense with wry wit and existential silliness, celebrated picture-book creator Jon Klassen gives us a wholly original comedy for the ages.

THEMES

Friendship, humour, destiny/fate

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, friendship and imagination. 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.

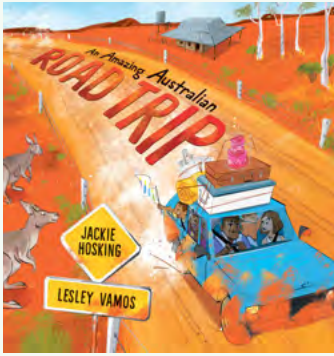
ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: HAPPY/SAD THEATRE FROM FLORENCE AND FOX!



1. Colour in each of the images on the template and carefully cut them out.
2. Stick the pictures of Fox onto either side of a paddle pop stick (happy Fox on the front, sad Fox on the back) and do the same for Florence.
3. Colour in the background template and attach it to a wall or a piece of cardboard to make a freestanding theatre backdrop.

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BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



AN AMAZING AUSTRALIAN ROAD TRIP

Jackie Hosking • Lesley Vamos
9781760650766 • Hardback
January 2021 • Walker Books Australia

A family visits every state and territory of Australia, looking for the perfect picnic spot and experiencing all the landscapes, climates and wonders that Australia has to offer along the way. Each page has exuberant and dynamic artwork along with fun facts about the iconic locations and landmarks they visit, from Ningaloo Reef to Uluru, the Australian War Memorial to Coober Pedy and more.

THEMES Australia, family, travel



LET'S PLAY MONSTERS!

Lucy Cousins
9781406384802 • Hardback
February 2021 • Walker Books

In this riotously funny new story from the award-winning Lucy Cousins, we follow our brave hero Gabriel as he runs away from a host of fantastically weird and wonderful monsters, played by everyone at home from his grandma to a potted plant. Inspired by Cousins' playtime with her own grandson, *Let's Play Monsters* is a delightful tale celebrating family and the power of imagination.

THEMES Family, imagination, games



RAJAH STREET

Myo Yim
9781760651480 • Hardback
March 2021 • Walker Books Australia

Junya loves to sit at his window and watch the goings-on in Rajah Street. He watches the clouds passing overhead, kookaburras singing and skateboard riders zipping by. Today he is waiting for Wednesday. Wednesday is when the garbage trucks come, and garbage trucks are his favourite. Imaginative illustrations help capture the world through a three-year-old's perspective in this quirky slice-of-life story.

THEMES Routine, emotions, family, community



FLORENCE AND FOX

Zanni Louise • Anna Pignataro
9781760651350 • Hardback
May 2021 • Walker Books Australia

Florence can't share her toys with Fox today because today is not Sharing Day. Fox has not heard of Sharing Day, which Florence explains won't be coming for hundreds of days. Fox has some questions. Luckily Florence has all the answers.

THEMES Friendship, sharing, rules



PICTURE BOOK



LUNA LOVES ART

Joseph Coelho
Fiona Lumbers

9781783448654
Paperback
April 2021
Andersen Press

Come on a school trip to the art gallery with Luna and Finn, and discover what a family really looks like... from the team that brought us *Luna Loves Library Day*.

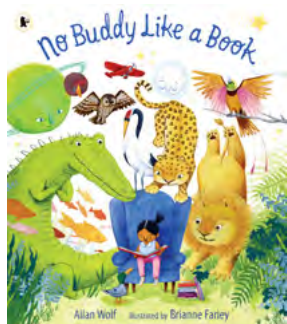
At the gallery, Luna is transfixed by the famous art, but her classmate Finn doesn't seem to want to be there at all. Finn's family doesn't look like the one in Henry Moore's 'Family Group' sculpture, but then neither does Luna's. Maybe all Finn needs is a friend.

Join Luna and Finn at the Art Gallery and step inside famous works of art by Van Gogh, Picasso, Jackson Pollock and more! Can you spot all the art?

Created by award-winning poet Joseph Coelho, this book follows *Luna Loves Library Day* as an introduction to different types of family.

THEMES

Art, kindness, creativity



NO BUDDY LIKE A BOOK

Allan Wolf
Brianne Farley

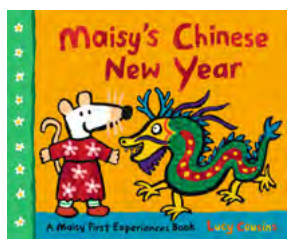
9781406396041
Paperback
March 2021
Walker Books

Calling readers and daydreamers, word mavens and lovers of adventure! This celebration of the power of books is a rallying cry for letting imaginations soar.

Have you ever wanted to climb to the top of Everest with one hand behind your back? Kiss a crocodile all by yourself on the Nile River? How about learning how to bottle moonlight, or track a distant star? There are endless things to discover and whole universes to explore simply by reading a book. But books are only smears of ink without the reader's mind to give their letters meaning and bring them to life. With a rollicking, rhyming text and delightful artwork, poet and storyteller Allan Wolf and illustrator Brianne Farley remind us that books, no matter how they may be consumed, give readers of every background an opportunity to expand their world and spark their imagination. With infectious enthusiasm, *No Buddy Like a Book* offers an ode to the wonders of language – written, spoken, and everything in between.

THEMES

Books, imagination, adventure



MAISY'S CHINESE NEW YEAR

Lucy Cousins

9781406395341
Hardback
January 2021
Walker Books

Maisy is celebrating one of the world's biggest festivals: Chinese New Year! From hanging up lanterns to receiving lucky red packets and joining in the dragon dance at the parade, this is a perfect introduction to the many joys of Chinese New Year.

Maisy's friend Tiger is coming home especially for Chinese New Year! Once the house is tidy and the decorations are up, Maisy changes into her lovely red dress and throws a big party for all her friends. They have a delicious feast, tell stories, see the fireworks together and, on New Year's Day, watch a spectacular parade – with an amazing dragon dance! Richly illustrated in Lucy Cousins' vibrant and colourful style, this exciting and gently informative story is ideal for sharing the excitement of Chinese New Year with little ones.

THEMES

Celebrations, cultural diversity, traditions

PICTURE BOOK



OSCAR'S TOWER OF FLOWERS

Lauren Tobia

9781406391879

Hardback

June 2021

Walker Books

A wordless picture book for the very young – bursting with green! – which celebrates community, gardening and the power of plants to bring people together.

Oscar's mum has to go away, just for a little while. So Oscar has come to stay with his nana. Oscar likes being with Nana in her tower block, but he really misses his mum, too. So, one day, Nana has an idea. Together, they carefully sow seeds – lots and lots of seeds! And then they water them, and wait... And the seeds start to grow! And the flowers begin to burst! There are plants *everywhere*. But, what to do with them all?

In a timely silent narrative for the youngest readers – gorgeously illustrated with graphic panels and sweeping spreads that evoke the urban bustle of a busy high-rise – Lauren Tobia shows how each individual, each child, can bring lushness and vitality to a community.

THEMES

Community, family, feelings



DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE ELSE

Loll Kirby

Yas Imamura

9781913520137

Hardback

April 2021

Magic Cat Publishing

Meet 12 real-life children spreading kindness with simple acts of everyday activism.

Meet kids – just like you – whose small acts of kindness are changing the lives of others. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our world starts here... with you.

Features a how-to-help section, with simple steps to inspire young readers to take action at home and at school.

THEMES

Activism, kindness, community



WHEN YOU GO TO MELBOURNE

Maree Coote

9780648568421

Paperback

March 2021

Melbournestyle Books

Take a walk around Melbourne... Can you find the golden whale? Can you find the giants and their clock? Join the author as she relives childhood trips to town that bring the city to life with wonder and fun.

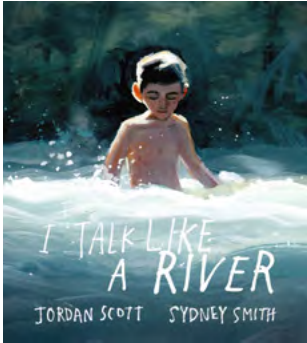
Reliving cherished childhood memories of trips to town, Maree Coote has created a delightful nonsense romp around the city of style. Join in a child's discovery of Melbourne, its surprises, its delights, its hidden treasures and unexpected touchstones.

THEMES

Australia, travel, memory



PICTURE BOOK



I TALK LIKE A RIVER

Jordan Scott
Sydney Smith

9781406397222
Hardback
February 2021
Walker Books

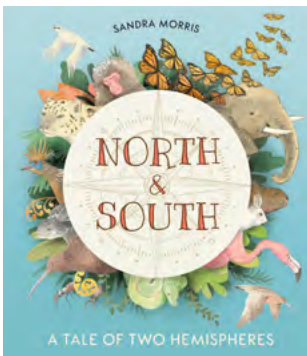
What if words got stuck in the back of your mouth whenever you tried to speak?

After a day of being unable to speak when asked, and of being stared at, a boy and his father go to the river for some quiet time. "It's just a bad speech day," says Dad. But the boy can't stop thinking about all the eyes watching his lips twisting and twirling. When his father points to the river bubbling, churning, whirling and crashing, the boy finds a way to think about how he speaks. Even the river stutters. Like him. "I talk like a river," he says.

An incredibly moving picture book that offers understanding rather than a solution, and which will resonate with all readers, young and old. Masterfully illustrated by Sydney Smith, winner of the 2017 Kate Greenaway Medal.

THEMES

Stuttering, differences, empathy, disabilities



NORTH AND SOUTH

Sandra Morris

9781925381801
Hardback
February 2021
Walker Books Australia

This beautiful non-fiction picture book contrasts, month-by-month, some of the world's most-loved Northern and Southern Hemisphere animals and the ways the climates in those regions affect the way they breed, feed, adapt, hide and survive.

In the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, animals deal with changing seasons in various ways. Whichever hemisphere they live in, they need to be able to read the sign of the changing seasons to survive. This beautiful nonfiction picture book tells the tale of life for some of the planet's most-loved animals and what they're up to throughout the year. Each spread contrasts, month-by-month, some of the world's most-loved Northern and Southern Hemisphere animals. *North and South* marks a beautiful and engaging introduction to the natural world and conservation for young readers, with in-depth facts throughout and a full index and glossary adding interest for older readers.

THEMES

Conservation, environment, animals

TEACHER NOTES

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MAYBE...

Chris Haughton

9781406385526
Hardback
March 2021
Walker Books

A funny, suspenseful and keenly observed cautionary tale about pushing boundaries and indulging your more mischievous, cheeky side (when nobody is looking).

Three little monkeys, and their big monkey, are sat high up on their branch in the forest canopy. "Ok, monkeys! I'm off," says the big monkey. "Now remember. Whatever you do, do NOT go down to the mango tree. There are tigers down there." *Mmm ... mangos!* think the little monkeys. They LOVE mangos. *Hmm ... maybe ... maybe they could just look at the mangos?* That'd be ok, right?

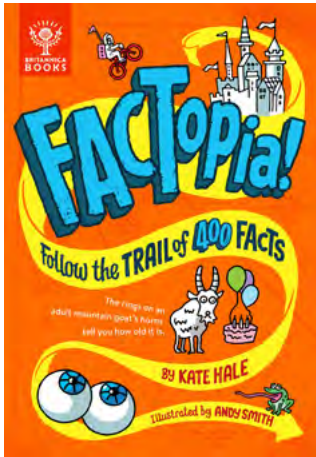
THEMES

Doing the right thing, humour, morality

TEACHER NOTES

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NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK



FACTOPIA

Kate Hale
Andy Smith

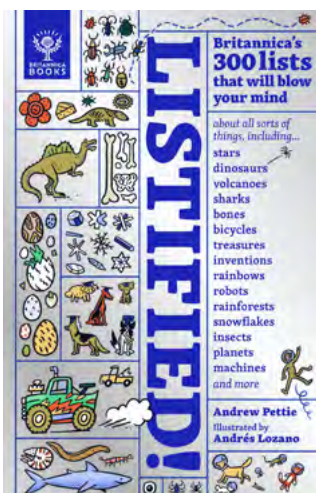
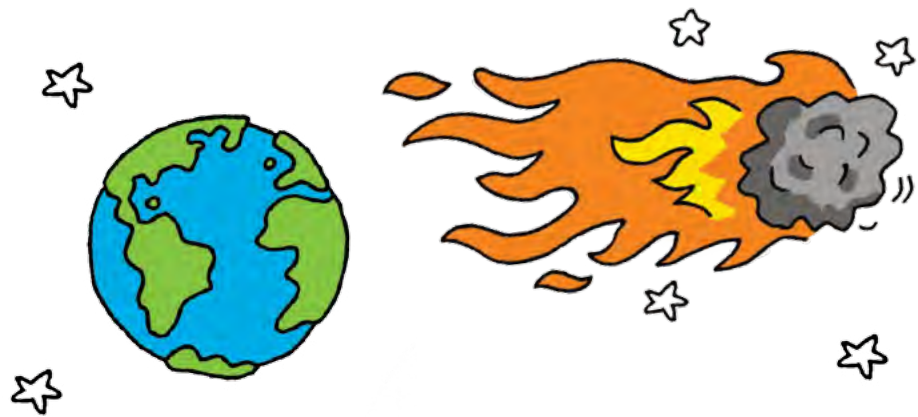
9781912920709
Hardback
May 2021
Britannica Books

Enter a world of amazing facts! This wittily illustrated book is perfect to inspire and delight curious kids.

Did you know that alligators can stick out their tongues, but crocodiles can't? Or that some butterflies drink turtle tears? Welcome to FACTopia, a world of perfectly amazing facts! Every fact in the book is connected to another in an ingenious web of information, and so you will be taken on an incredible journey. Hop from topic to topic in unexpected and hilarious ways, and discover extraordinary facts about space, bones, dinosaurs, goats, spiders, crocodiles, sharks, robots, Romans, kings and queens, pharaohs, and much, much more.

THEMES

History, geography, science, society



LISTIFIED!

Andrew Pettie
Andrés Lozano

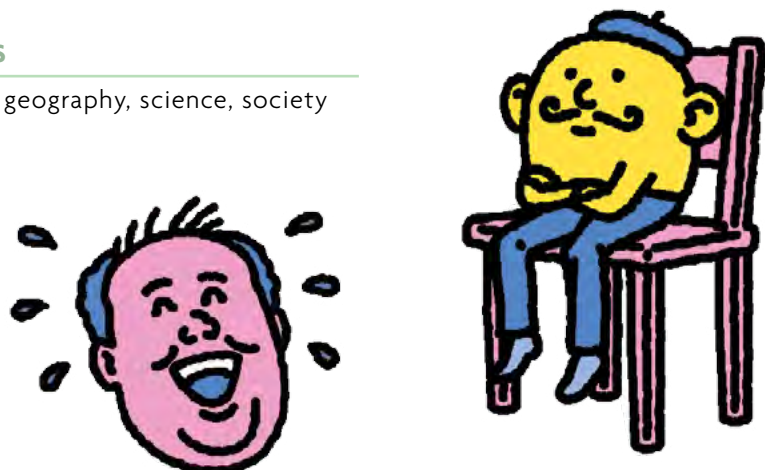
9781912920747
Paperback
September 2021
Britannica Books

With more than 400 lists to illuminate our world *Listified!* will surprise, amaze and amuse young readers and their family and friends alike.

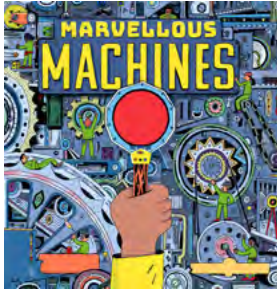
Enter the listiverse and get ready to see the world in a whole new way. *Listified!* takes the best and most amazing parts of the universe – erupting volcanoes, medieval machines, jumping spiders, exploding stars and everything in between – and organises them into quirky list form for curious kids and their friends and family to enjoy.

THEMES

History, geography, science, society



NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK



MARVELLOUS MACHINES

Jane Wilsher
Andrés Lozano

9781912920198
Hardback
February 2021
What on Earth Books

Reveal the inner workings of the incredible machines all around us.

In this eye-catching book, readers can explore the hidden inner workings of machines and inventions, from mundane objects such as toasters and bicycles, to cutting edge technologies such as pill-sized medical robots and super-fast maglev trains. Readers use the see-through 'invention analyser' to reveal elements hidden within – everything from wires and pipes to the magnetic and gravitational forces at work.

Accompanying text explains how these machines function, how they affect our daily lives, and the physical and chemical phenomena that enable them to work.

THEMES

Machines, technology, society



AMAZING TREASURES

David Long
Studio Muti

9781912920495
Hardback
February 2021
What on Earth Books

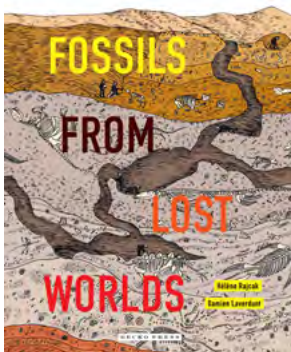
Discover 100 of the world's most extraordinary man made and natural treasures, objects and places

Treasures both natural and manmade make an appearance in a tour which stretches across thousands of years and all around the globe. Discover sunken wrecks loaded with pirate gold, the abandoned tombs of the world's most powerful rulers and even meteorites – treasures from outer space!

A central gatefold offers a close-up look at the wonders hidden within the Forbidden City in China, while award-winning author David Long also addresses contemporary topics such as our threatened natural wonders and the ownership of cultural treasures.

THEMES

History, art, artefacts



FOSSILS FROM LOST WORLDS

Hélène Rajcak
Damien Laverdunt

9781776573158
Hardback
April 2021
Gecko Press

A large-format nonfiction picture book that describes the incredible creatures that once walked the Earth, with a lively mix of illustrations, comics and facts.

Walk in the footsteps of the first fossil researchers to discover the earliest animal life on Earth. Explore the story of a spiny sea worm without tail or head, a walking fish, a peaceful sea dragon, and many other incredible creatures. Told through comics, illustrations and data, *Fossils from Lost Worlds* is also a fascinating insight into paleontology itself. It shows how science is a process of thinking and rethinking, questioning and learning. Through a timeline of animal reconstructions and major discoveries, we can track the beliefs and theories that have brought our knowledge to where it is today.

THEMES

Science, evolution, animals

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK



THE FANTASTIC BOOK OF FEELINGS

Marcia Williams

9781406397949

Hardback

June 2021

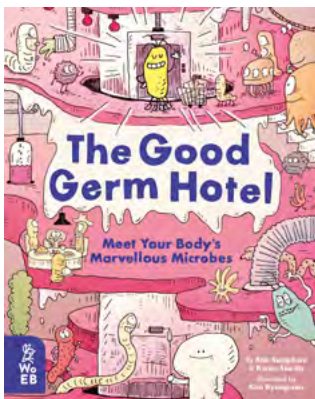
Walker Books

Get to know all your feelings and how to look after them in this positive and practical guide from beloved author-illustrator Marcia Williams.

How do you feel today? Whether you're happy, sad or anything in-between, this book is the perfect guide to understanding and celebrating all your feelings! In colourful comic-strip stories, explore a whole range of emotions and discover ways to cope when any feeling becomes overwhelming. Packed with top tips for mental wellbeing and a first aid box for feelings, this is a helpful and engaging guide celebrating the importance of good mental health.

THEMES

Emotions, resilience, mental health



THE GOOD GERM HOTEL

Kim Sung-hwa

Kwon Soo-jin

Kim Ryung-eon

9781913750152

Hardback

March 2021

What on Earth Books

Meet the bacteria super heroes that live inside your body! These amazing microbes fight viruses, digest food and keep us humans healthy and happy.

Did you know that your body is full of bacteria? And that most of it is good bacteria that helps to keep you healthy? Well, now's your chance to get up close and personal with the microorganisms that live inside all of us. Travel through the body with our gut bacteria guide, stopping off to meet other microbe residents along the way. But you'll have to keep up, human body bacteria are very busy and have lots of jobs to do – everything from helping to digest the food we eat to protecting us from germs and viruses, such as Covid-19. It's all in a day's work for our friendly, neighbourhood microbes!

THEMES

Science, human body, health

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK/GRAPHIC NOVEL



DRAWN ACROSS BORDERS: STORIES OF MIGRATION

George Butler

9781406392166

Hardback

February 2021

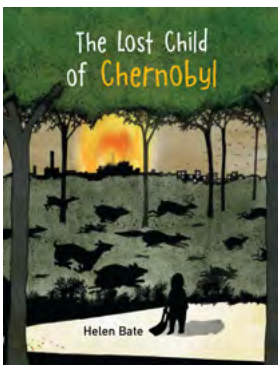
Walker Studio

A collection of vivid and powerful stories drawn on the front lines of migration by award-winning artist George Butler.

For thousands of years humans have moved around the world, to seek a better life, to flee disaster or to escape war. Migration is a fact of life – and one of the most pressing issues of our time. In striking and intimate illustrations, award-winning artist George Butler introduces us to the people behind the headlines. Drawings made on front lines, in refugee camps and on the move vividly capture stories of leaving home, travelling into the unknown and trying to make a new life. These powerful portraits of migration are a timely reminder of the humanity we all share and our universal need to seek safety and a better life.

THEMES

Migration, refugees, humanity



THE LOST CHILD OF CHERNOBYL

Helen Bate

9781913074715

Hardback

April 2021

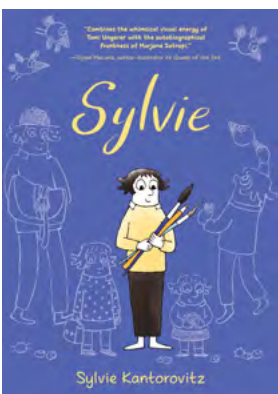
Otter-Barry Books

Powerful graphic novel inspired by the nuclear explosion at the Chernobyl power station.

One April night, people living near Chernobyl see a great flash in the sky... Everyone is told to move out of the forbidden zone around the destroyed nuclear reactor, but two stubborn old ladies, Anna and Klara, refuse to leave. Nine years later, a wild creature appears at their door - a child who has been living with wolves in the forbidden zone. Who is the lost child of Chernobyl and will Anna and Klara be able to find the child's family after all this time. Inspired by the real events of the global environmental disaster at Chernobyl in April 1986, this haunting and deeply relevant graphic novel is about the place of humans in the natural world, about healing, survival and the meaning of home. From the award-winning author of *Peter in Peril*, and *Me and Mrs Moon*.

THEMES

History, environment, disaster



SYLVIE

Sylvie Kantorovitz

9781536207637

Paperback

February 2021

Walker Books US

In a wise and witty graphic memoir, a young artist finds her path apart from the expectations of those around her.

Sylvie lives in a school in France. Her father is the principal, and her home is an apartment at the end of a hallway of classrooms. As a child, Sylvie and her brother explore this most unusual kingdom, full of small mysteries and quirky surprises. But in middle and high school, life grows more complicated. Sylvie becomes aware of her parents' conflicts, the complexities of shifting friendships, and what it means to be the only Jewish family in town. She also begins to sense that her perceived "success" relies on the pursuit of math and science—even though she loves art. In a funny and perceptive graphic memoir, Sylvie Kantorovitz traces her first steps as an artist and teacher. The text captures her poignant questioning and her blossoming confidence, while the droll illustrations depict her making art as both a means of solace and self-expression.

THEMES

Art, memoir, coming of age

TEACHER NOTES

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ILLUSTRATED JUNIOR FICTION



INTRODUCING D'LILA LARUE

Nette Hilton
A. Yi

9781760652562
Paperback
March 2021
Walker Books Australia



Meet D'Lila LaRue, whose charm and pizzazz will leave readers wanting more!

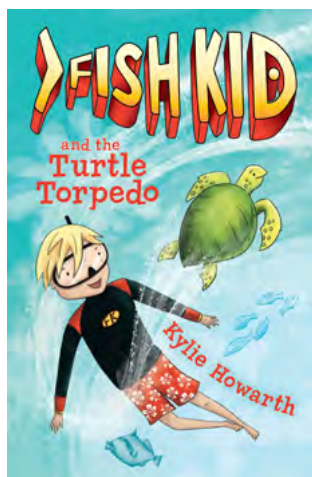
D'Lila LaRue lives in the smallest house with the neatest fence and the rosiest garden in the street with her trusty sidekick, Nanny-Anny (who is probably very old but it doesn't matter). This trilogy of stories features D'Lila and Nanny-Anny sharing many fun-filled adventures, whether it's by building an award-winning rose garden, becoming an artist, or attending a favourite play. Even if things don't go exactly to plan . . .

THEMES

Humour, adventure, mishaps

TEACHER NOTES

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FISH KID AND THE TURTLE TORPEDO

Kylie Howarth

9781760652548
Paperback
March 2021
Walker Books Australia



Two troubled turtles and one sinking friendship. Can Fish Kid save them all or will it end in turtle disaster?

Fish Kid's third epic ocean adventure is set on a small island in the Maldives, the perfect place for Fish Kid to supercharge his fish powers.

His friendship with bestie, Emely, soon hits a snag during a tricky sea turtle rescue. Secretly wishing for powers of her own, Emely's strange behaviour leaves Fish Kid wondering if their friendship and the super-sick turtle will survive. And if things weren't bad enough, another turtle from the sanctuary goes missing.

Can this super hero-in-the-making use his fishy powers to save the day?

THEMES

Australian fauna, sustainability, STEM

TEACHER NOTES

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ALSO AVAILABLE



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION BOOK

PAWS

Kate Foster

9781760652661

Paperback

April 2021

Recommended age: 9 +

Walker Books Australia



At home, Alex's best friend is Kevin the cockapoo, although what he wants most of all is a friend at school. But that is harder than he ever expected.

Everything is changing for 11-year-old Alex and, as an autistic person, change can be terrifying. With the first day of high school only a couple of months away, Alex is sure that having a friend by his side will help. So, he's devised a plan – impress the kids at school by winning a trophy at the PAWS Dog Show with his trusty sidekick, Kevin. This should be a walk in the park . . . right? A touching story about learning that friendship isn't one size fits all and is often found where you least expect it.

THEMES

Friendship, empathy, differences, disabilities

TEACHER NOTES

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KATE FOSTER works as a literary agent and 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!



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



THE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF MAGIC

Amy Sparkes

9781406395310

Paperback

January 2021

Walker Books

A quirky, funny and fast-paced middle grade fantasy adventure, perfect for fans of Kaye Umansky, Sophie Anderson and Peter Bunzl.

Nine is an orphan pickpocket determined to escape her life in the Nest of a Thousand Treasures. When she steals a house-shaped ornament from a mysterious woman's purse, she knocks on its tiny door and watches it grow into a huge, higgledy-piggeldy house.

Inside she finds a host of magical and brilliantly funny characters, including Flabberghast – a young wizard who's particularly competitive at hopscotch – and a hideous troll housekeeper who's emotionally attached to his feather duster. They have been placed under an extraordinary spell, which they are desperate for Nine to break. If she can, maybe they can offer her a new life in return...

THEMES

Magic, humour, adventure



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TWITCH

M. G. Leonard

9781406389371

Paperback

June 2021

Walker Books

The internationally bestselling author of *Beetle Boy* writes a thrilling, mystery adventure about friendship, bravery and the wonderful world of birds, starring a birdwatching detective called Twitch.

Twitch is a twelve-year-old with three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for bird-spotting. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret bird-watching hide in the local nature reserve to find police everywhere: a convicted bank-robber and murderer has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Twitch soon finds himself entangled in the hunt for the dangerous prisoner. Can he turn his talents for bird-spotting to detective skills, and find the missing loot?

THEMES

Mystery, adventure, friendship



BRAND NEW BOY

David Almond

Marta Altés

9781406358087

Hardback

February 2021

Walker Books

A warm and thought-provoking story from a master storyteller, winner of the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award and author of the Carnegie Medal-winning *Skellig*.

When a new boy joins the class, everyone thinks he's a bit strange, but he's brilliant at football and loves crisps, and that's all that matters to Dan and Maxie. However, the truth about George is stranger than anyone could have imagined ... and more sinister, too. Can his new pals help him to become truly free?

THEMES

Friendship, technology, robots

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



SKYWAKE: INVASION

Jamie Russell

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Paperback

March 2021

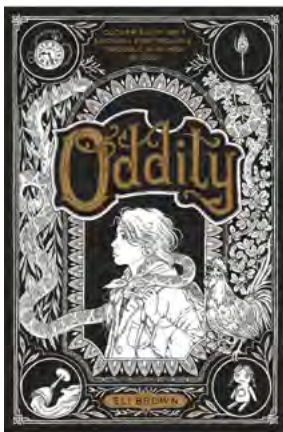
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An exciting and original debut sci-fi adventure trilogy for the gaming generation.

Fifteen-year-old Casey Henderson is obsessed with smash-hit game SkyWake – and she's good at it, too. Little does she realize it's actually an alien training tool created by the mysterious extra-terrestrial Red Eyes. When the aliens swoop down on a national gaming tournament, Casey and her teammates discover they're abducting the best gamers to fight in a distant alien war across the galaxy. Casey's gaming skills are her best hope of stopping the aliens and rescuing her little brother – but first she and her online teammates must learn to work together in real life...

THEMES

Science fiction, gaming, adventure



ODDITY

Eli Brown

9781406389272

Paperback

May 2021

Walker Books

A middle-grade fantasy adventure powered by a kick-ass wild-west heroine and a collection of magical objects known as Oddities.

The daughter of a murdered physician vows to protect the magical Oddity he left behind – if only she knew what it was – in an alternate nineteenth century in which the United States is at war with Napoleon's France.

When her physician father is murdered, thirteen-year-old Clover Elkin embarks on a perilous mission through warring frontier territories to protect the one secret Oddity he left behind. And as she uncovers the truth about her parents and her past, Clover herself emerges as a powerful agent of history.

A rich, startling, funny fantasy adventure, powered by an irresistible force-of-nature heroine; Clover Elkin is a born fighter – a heroine to rival Lyra Belacqua or *True Grit*'s Mattie Ross.

THEMES

Fantasy, adventure, magic

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

CONCRETE ROSE

Angie Thomas

9781406384444

Paperback

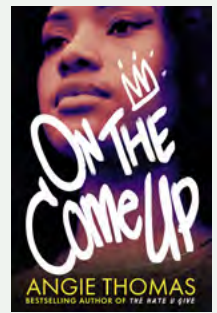
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Recommended age: 14+

Walker Books



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From the international phenomenon Angie Thomas comes a hard-hitting return to Garden Heights with the story of Maverick Carter, Starr's father, set seventeen years before the events of the award-winning *The Hate U Give*.

The son of a drug king, seventeen-year-old Maverick Carter is negotiating life in Garden Heights as he balances school, slinging dope, and working two jobs while his dad is in prison. He's got it all under control – until, that is, Mav finds out he's a father. Suddenly he has a baby, Seven, who depends on him for everything. Loyalty, revenge and responsibility threaten to tear Mav apart, especially after the brutal murder of a loved one. So when Mav is offered the chance to go straight, it's an opportunity – in a world where he's expected to amount to nothing – to prove he's different and figure out for himself what it really means to be a man.

THEMES

Masculinity, coming of age, family, grief

TEACHER NOTES

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ANGIE THOMAS is the author of the hugely critically acclaimed and bestselling *The Hate U Give*. She was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. A former teen rapper, she is the recipient of a Walter Dean Myers Grant, awarded by the We Need Diverse Books campaign.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

ECHO IN THE MEMORY

Cameron Nunn

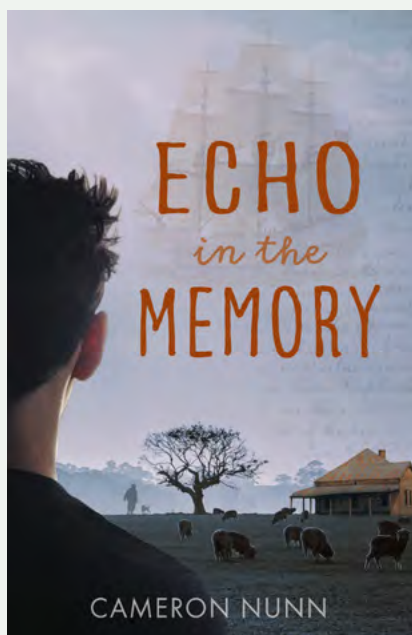
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Paperback

June 2021

Recommended age: 13+

Walker Books Australia



What if memories never die?

When fifteen year-old Will is sent away to stay with his grandparents in rural New South Wales, he finds the isolated farm strangely familiar; except the memories he's channelling are not his own. But whose are they? And why does his grandfather share the same haunting link?

As two stories unfold, nearly 200 years apart, two boys exiled to what feels like the end of the earth struggle to find their identity and voice in the face of abandonment and tragedy. A page-turning YA novel that explores the darker moments of our convict past and how they resonate today.

THEMES

Australian colonies, Australian history, convicts, identity

TEACHER NOTES

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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

GAME CHANGER

Neal Shusterman

9781406398632

Paperback

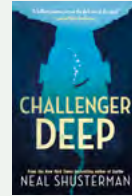
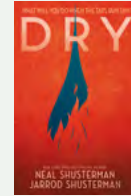
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Walker Books



ALSO AVAILABLE



An ambitious and magnetic novel from the *New York Times* bestselling Neal Shusterman, about a teenage American football player forced into a series of parallel lives.

As a star player on his high school American football team, Ash is used to taking some hard hits. But that one run in his last game must have knocked him a little loose, because suddenly his life doesn't look quite the way he remembers it.

As Ash bounces into worlds that are almost-but-not-really his own, he starts to question everything, including his own perceptions and place in his own reality. But can he even work out how to get back there?

THEMES

Prejudice, identity, racism, discrimination

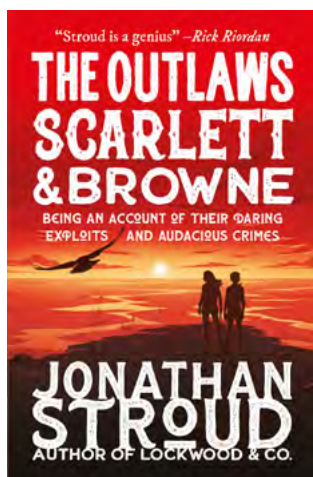
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YOUNG ADULT FICTION



THE OUTLAWS SCARLETT AND BROWNE

Jonathan Stroud

9781406394818

Paperback

April 2021

Walker Books

Set in a broken, future England, where gunfights and monsters collide, this is the exciting first title in a phenomenal fantasy teen series by the bestselling children's novelist.

England has been radically changed by a series of catastrophes – large cities have disappeared and London has been replaced by a lagoon. The surviving population exists in fortified towns where they cling to traditional ways, while strangely evolved beasts prowl the wilderness beyond. Conformity is rigidly enforced and those who fall foul of the rules are persecuted: some are killed, others are driven out into the wilds. Only a few fight back – and two of these outlaws, Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, display an audacity and talent that makes them legends.

THEMES

Fantasy, adventure, humour



ALL OUR HIDDEN GIFTS

Caroline O'Donoghue

9781406393095

Paperback

February 2021

Walker Books

A dark and supernatural contemporary teen debut by multi-talented author and journalist Caroline O'Donoghue.

*I'll give up the tarot readings. I'll apologize to Lily.
But Lily doesn't come to school on Monday. Or Tuesday. It's not until
Wednesday that the police show up.*

Maeve Chambers doesn't have much going for her. Not only does she feel like the sole idiot in a family of geniuses, she managed to drive away her best friend Lily a year ago. But when she finds a pack of dusty old tarot cards at school, and begins to give scarily accurate readings to the girls in her class, she realizes she's found her gift at last. Things are looking up – until she discovers a strange card in the deck that definitely shouldn't be there. And two days after she convinces her ex-best friend to have a reading, Lily disappears. Can Maeve, her new friend Fiona and Lily's brother Roe find her? And will their special talents be enough to bring Lily back, before she's gone for good?

THEMES

Friendship, guilt, fantasy

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

DISPLACED

Cristina Sanders

9781760653347

Paperback

April 2021

Recommended age 14+

Walker Books Australia



An enthralling historical novel of immigration, courage and first love from an award-winning New Zealand author.

Eloise and her family must leave Cornwall on a treacherous sea journey to start a new life in New Zealand. When her brother disappears and her father leaves, the family is fractured and forced to fend for themselves. Despite these challenges Eloise must find the strength to stand up for what she believes in and the people she loves. A thoroughly researched historical fiction novel about the hardship and hope of immigrants in the 1870s.

THEMES

Immigration, love, New Zealand history, family

TEACHER NOTES

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CRISTINA SANDERS is an historical fiction writer from Wellington, now living in Hawke's Bay. She began her career in the book trade in her parents' children's bookshop and spent some years with Collins Publishers in NZ, Hodder & Stoughton in London and back home to Booksellers New Zealand. This was followed by three children and a business career. In 2018 she completed the Graduate Diploma in Creative Writing at Whitireia. She works with a forest regeneration project, and spends her downtime up the mast of the Spirit of New Zealand.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION



THE BROKEN RAVEN (SHADOW SKYE, BOOK TWO)

Joseph Elliott

9781406385878

Paperback

January 2021

Walker Books

Shadows are gathering over Scotia, in the second book in the thrilling Shadow Skye trilogy.

Agatha and Jaime have rescued their clan and returned home to Skye as heroes. But when Agatha uncovers a threat to their people, she unwittingly releases a terrible power that could kill every living thing on the island. Jaime must race to Scotia to hunt an ancient blood magic, which may be their only chance of survival.

Meanwhile, Sigrid, a Norwegian girl with an unusual gift, journeys to the court of England where a dangerous alliance is forming - one that will soon turn its vengeful eyes to Skye. Sigrid will have to risk everything if she and the people of Skye are to survive the gathering shadows...

THEMES

Adventure, disabilities, fantasy



THE GREAT GATSBY: A GRAPHIC NOVEL ADAPTATION

F. Scott Fitzgerald

K. Woodman-Maynard

9781406398625

Paperback

March 2021

Walker Books

A sumptuously illustrated adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's beloved novel, in a vivid and accessible new format.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 masterpiece roars into life in this sweeping, dreamy graphic novel - among the first adaptations of the book in this genre. Painted in lush watercolours, the inventive interpretation emphasizes both the extravagance and mystery of the characters, and excerpts from the original text weave themselves through the illustrations. Prepare to be carried off on a cloud of whimsical romance with Daisy and Gatsby, in a reading experience reminiscent of Hollywood classic movies.

THEMES

Class, power, love

TEACHER NOTES

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THE LAST HOURS: CHAIN OF IRON

Cassandra Clare

9781529500776

Paperback

March 2021

Walker Books

The Shadowhunters must catch a killer in Edwardian London in this dangerous and romantic sequel to the bestselling novel *Chain of Gold*.

Cordelia Carstairs seems to have everything she ever wanted. She's engaged to marry James Herondale, the boy she has loved since childhood. She has a new life in London with her best friend Lucie Herondale and James's charming companions, the Merry Thieves. She is about to be reunited with her beloved father. And she bears the sword Cortana, a legendary hero's blade.

But the truth is far grimmer. James and Cordelia's marriage is a lie, arranged to save Cordelia's reputation. James is in love with the mysterious Grace Blackthorn whose brother, Jesse, died years ago in a terrible accident. Cortana burns Cordelia's hand when she touches it, while her father has grown bitter and angry. And a serial murderer is targeting the Shadowhunters of London, killing under cover of darkness, then vanishing without a trace.

THEMES

Fantasy, bravery, adventure, love

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