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NARRATIVE NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

THE HAPPINESS BOX: A WARTIME BOOK OF HOPE

Mark Greenwood
Andrew McLean

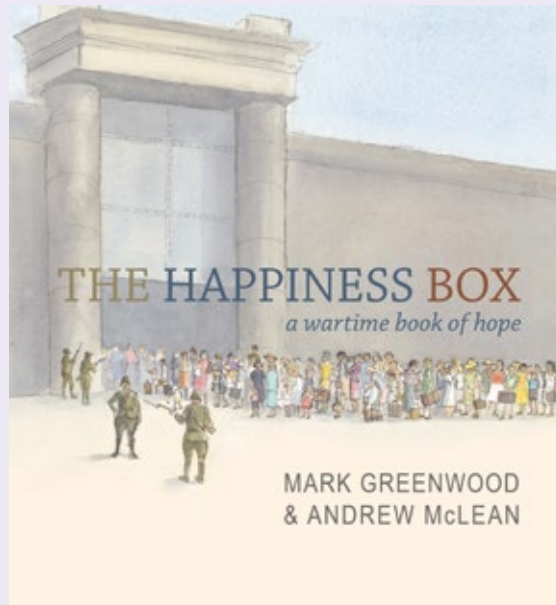
9781925081381

Hardback

August 2018

Recommended age: 7-10

Walker Books Australia



The inspirational true story of a book that became a National Treasure.

In 1942, Sergeant “Griff” Griffin was a prisoner of war. With Christmas approaching, he decided to make a book for the children cooped up in nearby Changi Prison. The book was said to contain the secrets to happiness. But the enemy was suspicious ...

THEMES

WWII, hope, compassion, courage.

TEACHER NOTES

classroom.walkerbooks.com.au/thehappinessbox

At sunrise, soldiers swarmed the streets waving bayonets. Sergeant “Griff” Griffin was prodded into line with other prisoners of war.



PICTURE BOOK

BACKYARD

Ananda Braxton-Smith
Lizzy Newcomb

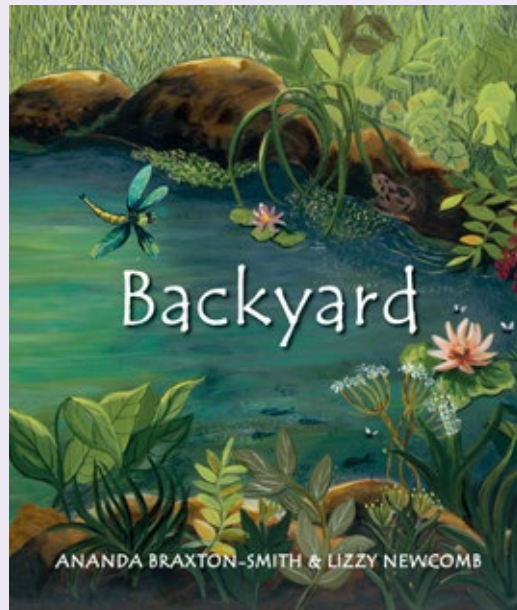
9781925381177

Hardback

August 2018

Recommended age: 5-8

Black Dog Books



A lush, lyrical picture book all about the life that children can find in a suburban backyard.

White gum rustle, tawny frog mouths still as wood, dragonflies swoop. Banjo frog calls the secret – watch the world carefully, your backyard is home to animals other than you!

THEMES

Nature, gardens, Australian flora/fauna.

TEACHER NOTES

classroom.walkerbooks.com.au/home/backyard

Two hot-rock skinks in the lilies
sparking like struck flint.

Water-dragon swinging
with lazy Jurassic claws.

Mosquito in the stream,
singing of sweet blood,
sailing to the source,
still pools and skin.



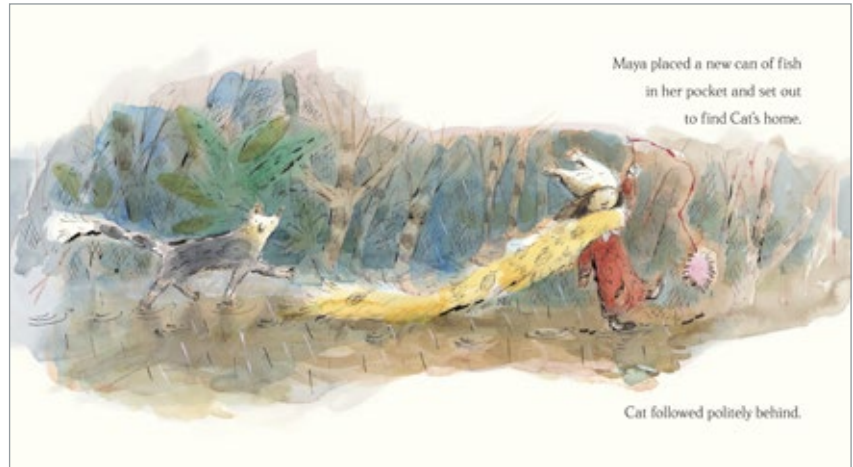
PICTURE BOOK



MAYA AND CAT

Caroline Magerl

9781921977282 • Hardback
August 2018 • Walker Books Australia



On a roof, as wet as a seal, as grey as a puddle, Cat was rumbling, a rumble purr. What does Cat want most? Feather boas? Pretty pink shoelaces? A boatful of fish under a tiny tin sail – or perhaps something much more valuable?

Affectionate and evocative, *Maya and Cat* follows a child's kindly impulse to an unexpected conclusion.

THEMES Compassion, pets, family.



BEWARE THE DEEP DARK FOREST

Sue Whiting • Annie White

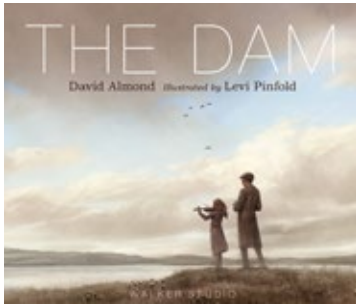
9781742032344 • Hardback
October 2018 • Walker Books Australia



Beware the deep, dark forest! You should never, ever go in there ... Rosie has always followed this rule until the day her pup Tinky goes missing in the woods. So Rosie decides to trek into this dangerous, muddy place. But there are many obstacles along the way – including a huge grey wolf, a scary ravine and a ferocious troll!

THEMES Courage, resilience, friendship.

PICTURE BOOK



THE DAM

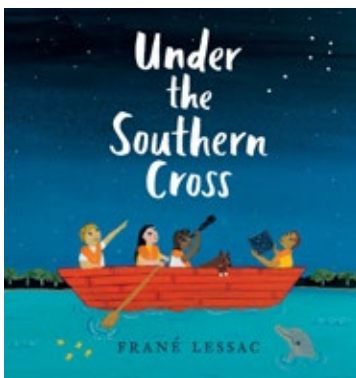
David Almond • Levi Pinfold

9781406304879 • Hardback
September 2018 • Walker Studio



When a great dam was built by the Kielder Water in Northumberland, the valley below slowly filled with water. But just before this, when the villagers had been moved out, two musicians went back to the abandoned valley. They tore down the boards over the houses, stepped inside and started to play – for this would be the last time that music would be heard in this place. In this astonishing picture book that combines themes of loss, hope and music, David Almond pays homage to all musicians, showing the ancient and unstoppable power of creativity.

THEMES Music, memories, change, environment.



UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Frané Lessac

9781925381016 • Hardback
October 2018 • Walker Books Australia



Night-time in Australia, animals are waking, people are exploring, discoveries are being made – under the Southern Cross.

What makes ribbons of colour swirl in the sky? What are the spooky balls of light that bounce across the outback? What animal lays eggs that look like squishy ping-pong balls? Where can you watch a movie with bats circling overhead? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this *factastic* picture book tour of Australia after dark.

THEMES Australian geography, constellations, Australian animals.

PICTURE BOOK

MADDIE'S FIRST DAY

Penny Matthews
Liz Anelli

9781925381351

Hardback

September 2018

Recommended age: 4-7

Walker Books Australia



First day of school, new experiences and making friends play centre stage for this book for the pre-school age.

It is Maddie's first day of school and she has everything ready – her uniform, shoes, socks and hat. But there is one special thing that Maddie can't leave behind – her blanky! Award-winners Penny Matthews and Liz Anelli team up to bring us this wonderful picture book about the excitement of going to “big” school for the first time.

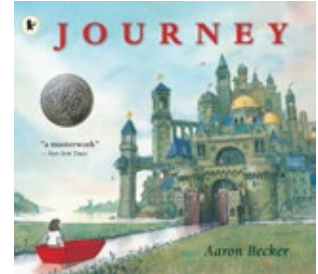
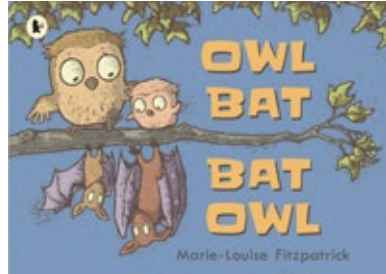
THEMES

School, overcoming fear, new experiences, friends.

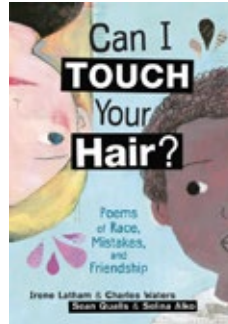
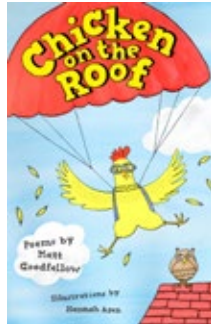
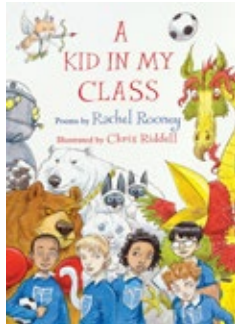
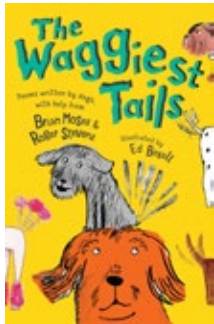


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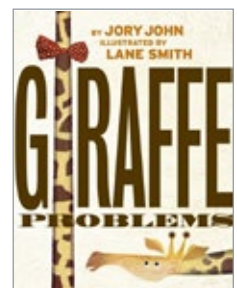
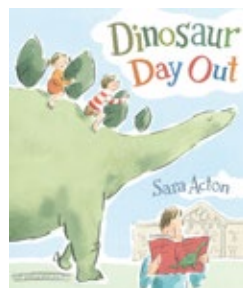
WORDLESS PICTURE BOOKS



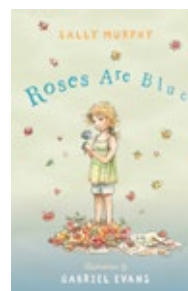
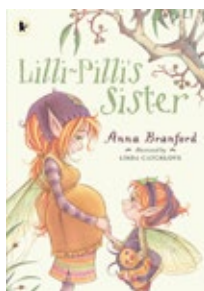
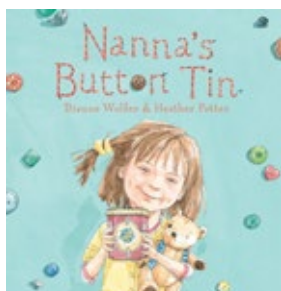
POETRY



FUNNY READ-ALOUDS



FAMILY



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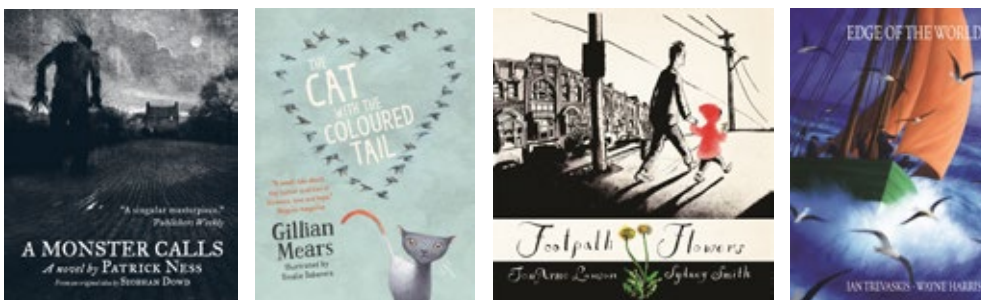
GRAPHIC NOVELS



STEM



GRIEF



EMERGENT READERS



PICTURE BOOK

GOOD ROSIE!

Kate DiCamillo

Harry Bliss

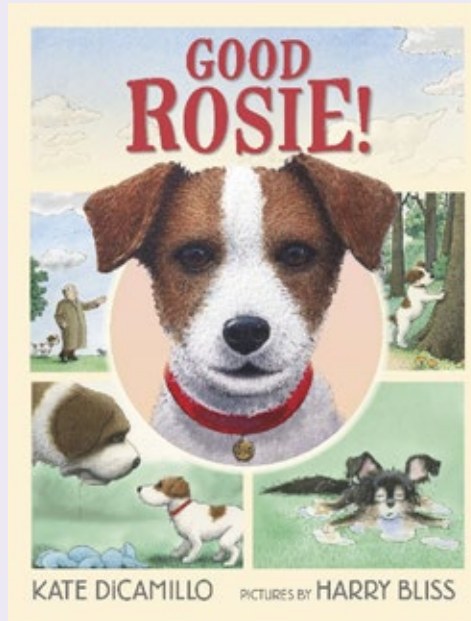
9781406383577

Hardback

October 2018

Recommended age: 4-7

Candlewick Press



A warm, funny tale of a timid pup who needs a friend.

Rosie is a good dog and a faithful companion to her owner, George. She likes taking walks with George and looking at the clouds together. But the closest she comes to another dog is when she encounters her reflection in her empty dog bowl, and sometimes that makes Rosie feel lonely.

One day George decides to try taking Rosie to the dog park, but the park is full of dogs that Rosie doesn't know, which makes her feel lonelier than ever. So when big, loud Maurice and small, yippy Fifi bound over and want to play, Rosie's not sure how to respond. Is there a trick to making friends?

THEMES

Loneliness, friendship, anxiety, bravery.

Rosie chases Fifi.



Maurice chases Rosie.



ILLUSTRATED FICTION

THE FIRST ADVENTURES OF PRINCESS PEONY

Nette Hilton
Lucinda Gifford

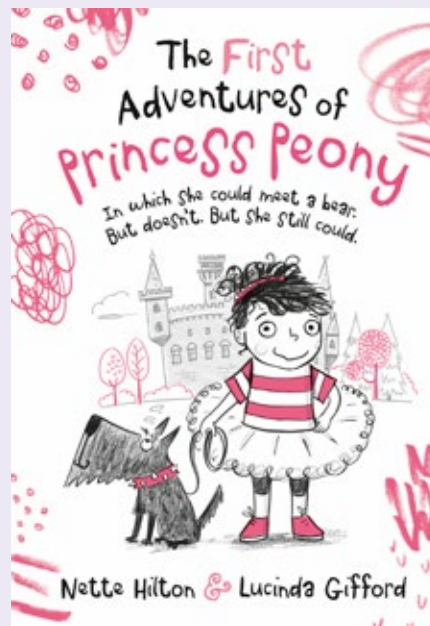
9781760650445

Hardback

November 2018

Recommended age: 5-8

Walker Books Australia



The first in a funny illustrated series for imaginative emergent readers, written by the author of *A Proper Little Lady*.

Princess Peony is not really a princess, but she does have a pet dragon, which means she's kind of like a princess. In her first adventure, she must keep an evil troll (her brother) from trying to steal her dragon (dog) – and avoid being eaten by a bear, which is really hard work.

THEMES

Imagination, games, family.



ILLUSTRATED FICTION

JUDY MOODY

Megan McDonald

Peter H. Reynolds

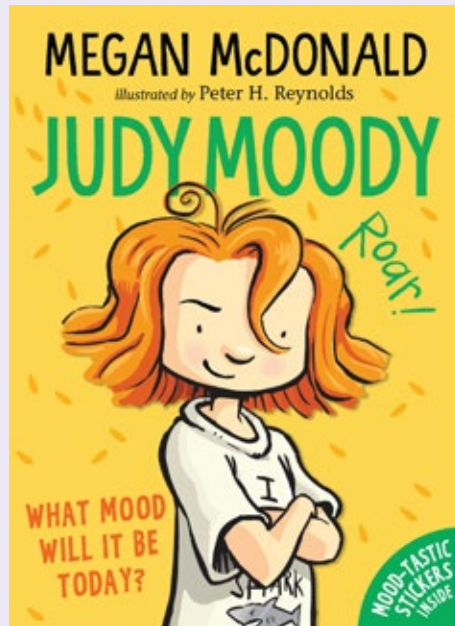
9781406380354

Paperback

July 2018

Recommended age: 4-7

Candlewick Press



Another day. Another mood. Meet Judy Moody at her moodiest-best, with brand-new better-than-ever covers in the international bestselling series.

Bad moods, good moods, even back-to-school moods – Judy has them all! Meet Judy Moody, her little “bother” Stink, her best friend Rocky and her “pest” friend Frank Pearl. Judy has a mood for every occasion, but when a new teacher gives the class a “Me” collage project, Judy has so much fun that she nearly forgets to be moody at all!

THEMES

Emotions, environmental awareness, maths, biology.

ALSO AVAILABLE



ILLUSTRATED FICTION

TIMMY FAILURE: IT'S THE END WHEN I SAY IT'S THE END

Stephan Pastis

9781406382785

Hardback

October 2018

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books



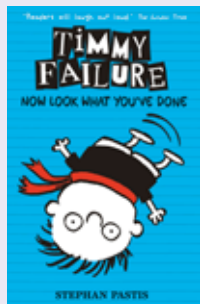
Everyone's favourite best worst detective is back in the seventh, and final, book in the bestselling series that's perfect for fans of *Wimpy Kid* and *Tom Gates*.

It's nearly Christmas, but there's no rest for the world's greatest detective. Timmy's class are making a film and Timmy is in charge of writing it. There's only one subject matter worthy of such a film and it's the story of greatness personified. The story of how Timmy overcame his many foes to rise to the top. The only problem is, Timmy and the director aren't quite seeing eye-to-eye, and someone's stolen the script ...

THEMES

Detectives, family, friendship, teamwork.

ALSO AVAILABLE



ILLUSTRATED FICTION

BAB SHARKEY AND THE ANIMAL MUMMIES: THE GIANT MOTH MUMMY (BOOK 2)

Andrew Hansen
Jessica Roberts

9781760650018

Paperback

November 2018

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books Australia



ALSO AVAILABLE



A dark river under the world. An Ibis Mummy with an upside-down head. And the whole of Mumphis in peril ... from six talking shoes.

Boy Pharaoh Bab Sharkey returns to the magic city of the Animal Mummies. Only this time, he faces the grossest weapon ever devised – a giant mummified moth possessed by the spirit of the Unpharaoh herself! Can Bab and his smelly friends defeat this ancient evil?

THEMES

Friendships, responsibilities, ancient Egypt.



When **ANDREW HANSEN** isn't writing about Animal Mummies, he writes and performs comedy. Working with his friends in a group called The Chaser, he's written funny newspapers and books. The Chaser have also made TV shows with silly names like *Media Circus*, *The Hamster Wheel*, *The Chaser's War On Everything* and even one called *CNNNN* that has more Ns in a row than any other show.

JESSICA ROBERTS writes, draws, and films stories. Originally from a little town called Kyneton, Jessica grew up surrounded by an odd collection of pets including dogs, quails, chickens, sheep, goats, rabbits and a donkey who'd bite holes in your clothes if you weren't careful. During a trip to Egypt, Jessica got the idea for this story when she saw real mummified animals in a spooky museum.

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

ELIZABELLA MEETS HER MATCH

Zoë Norton Lodge
Georgia Norton Lodge

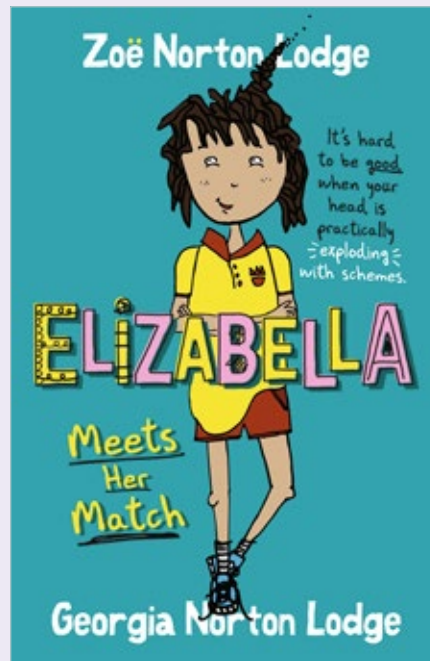
9781760650544

Paperback

October 2018

Recommended age: 8-12

Walker Books Australia



It's hard to be good when your head is practically exploding with schemes! The hilarious Elizabella series is middle-grade at its finest.

Elizabella – ten and a quarter – is a Poet, Fixer of Fairytales and the biggest prankster in the history of Bilby Creek Primary. And when her plans involve making a swimming pool in the playground without consulting a single teacher, the students are behind her every step of the way. But what happens when Minnie, an even *bigger* prankster, shows up? Can Bilby Creek handle them both? And more importantly, can they handle each other?

THEMES

Rules, mischief, poetry, consequences.



ZOË NORTON LODGE is a writer, actress and television presenter. She has been a writer/presenter on ABC TV's *The Checkout* for the past five years, and is co-creator of *Story Club*, the live storytelling night, ABC TV show & podcast. Her work is widely published in Australian anthologies including *Best Australian Stories*, *Women of Letters*, *Best Australian Comedy* and many more. Zoë always wanted to write for children; she loves stories that are inventive, surprising, smart, magical and a little bit naughty.

By day **GEORGIA NORTON LODGE** leads her graphic design team at an award-winning interior design and branding agency specialising in the hospitality industry. By night she is an illustrator, married to her side project *Georgia Draws a House* where she delights people with deliveries of their hand-drawn homes. She's also Zoë's younger sister – this is their second book together.



JUNIOR/MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



ARIKI AND THE GIANT SHARK Nicola Davies Nicola Kinnear

9781406369793
Paperback
July 2018
Age: 7-9
Walker Books

Washed up on Turtle Island as a toddler, Ariki has always felt different from the other children. But there's somewhere she belongs heart and soul: the sea, where she plays with dolphins, sharks, whales and turtles. One day Ariki catches sight of a strange creature in the water, bigger than any she's seen before – soon after, an enormous shark tooth is found on the sand. When a group of giant sharks start circling the shore, the island's fishermen are too afraid to go out to sea. Without fish the people will starve ... Can Ariki save the day?

THEMES Sustainability, nature.

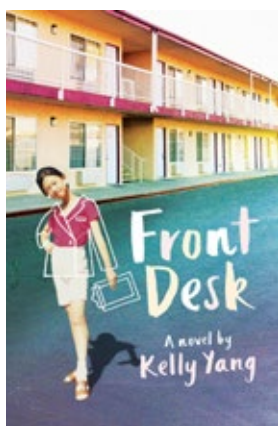


PONY ON THE TWELFTH FLOOR Polly Faber Sarah Jennings

9781406378450
Paperback
September 2018
Age: 8-11
Walker Books

Kizzy thought she had dreamed of every possible way she might get a pony. She'd never expected to pick one up from the supermarket. But wherever the plump pony munching on flapjacks in the bakery aisle has come from, Kizzy knows he's everything she's ever wished for: a loyal companion and her ticket to showjumping gold at Olympia. There's just one small problem: how do you keep a pony on the twelfth floor of a high rise without your mum finding out? From Polly Faber, author of the Mango & Bambang series, comes a heartwarming and beautifully illustrated tale about following your dreams – no matter how far-fetched they seem.

THEMES Companionship, pets, competition.



FRONT DESK Kelly Yang

9781760650469
Paperback
August 2018
Age: 8-12
Walker Books Australia

Ten year-old Mia Tang moved to the US for a better life, a freer life, but so far, it's a life where she runs the front desk of a motel while her parents clean rooms. And she's not even allowed to use the swimming pool.

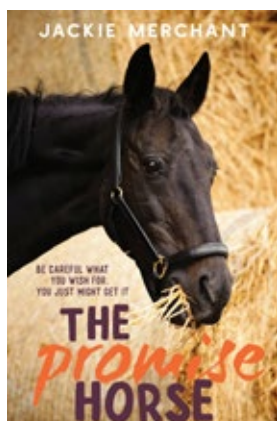
This novel explores how one little girl overcomes language barriers, discrimination and her own lack of confidence to find her voice – and use it to make a difference.

This is a sensitive story of tolerance and diversity that will resonate with readers of all cultures who have experienced the challenges of feeling like an outsider.

THEMES Immigration, discrimination, fitting in, kindness.

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MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



THE PROMISE HORSE

Jackie Merchant

9781760650568

Paperback

July 2018

Age: 8-12

Walker Books Australia

An engaging story about a girl and a horse who form an unlikely bond, perfect for middle-grade readers.

Harry is tired of being the tall new kid with red hair, big feet and freckles; the one with the dead sister whose voice follows her wherever she goes. Everyone says she's imagining it, but she knows they're wrong. If she was making Sissy up, wouldn't she make her less of a pain? When Harry's wish for a horse comes true and Marksman comes into her life, she isn't sure that the impressive horse is the one for her. She doesn't need another challenge. But could he be just what she needs to learn the difference between standing out and standing up?

THEMES Horses, grief, family, bravery.

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FINCH

Penny Matthews

9781760650759

Paperback

August 2018

Age: 10-13

Walker Books Australia

This coming-of-age novel for middle-grade readers is about accepting and celebrating differences.

Audrey is used to not fitting in. She knows she's different – even her little sister calls her “Nerd Girl”. When her family moves to the country to live on a vineyard property, Audrey makes a secret friend: a boy, Finch, who seems to understand her as nobody else can. But there's something mysterious about Finch. Who is he, really?

THEMES Acceptance, friendship, wildlife sustainability.



UNPACKING HARPER HOLT

Di Walker

9781760650599

Paperback

September 2018

Age: 11-14

Walker Books Australia

An emotional debut novel about love, loss, fitting in and finding a place to call home.

Harper Holt's close-knit family is always moving. All she wants is to have a normal, quiet life – in one place. But when she experiences a devastating loss, she realises that her future will never be the way she imagined it. She will have to find a support system and a strength she never knew she had to overcome her grief and redefine herself. This is a heartbreaking but ultimately hopeful story about the way one unexpected moment can change your world.

THEMES Grief, family, coming-of-age, hope.

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

INHERITANCE

Carole Wilkinson

9781760650360

Paperback

September 2018

Recommended age: 10-14

Black Dog Books



Historical fiction for middle grade readers at its compelling, shocking, fascinating best.

Nic is left in the care of her grandfather at the remote family property that was once her mother's childhood home; a place with 30 rooms, three dogs and no mobile reception. Left to her own devices, Nic searches for clues about her mother – who died the day Nic was born. But what Nic discovers is so much more than she could have imagined. A dark and shocking secret that haunts the land and the people who live there.

THEMES

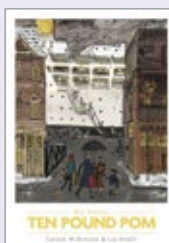
Australian history, Aboriginal histories and cultures. classroom.walkerbooks.com.au/inheritance

TEACHER NOTES



CAROLE WILKINSON writes both fiction and nonfiction and her stories are loved by young people all over the world. Her multi-award-winning and bestselling *Dragonkeeper* series is loved around the world. Her latest book, *Ten Pound Pom*, is part of the award-winning Our Stories series.

ALSO BY CAROLE WILKINSON



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

LOUISIANA'S WAY HOME

Kate DiCamillo

9781406387544

Hardback

October 2018

Recommended age: 9-12

Candlewick Press



ALSO AVAILABLE



Follow-up to the *New York Times* bestselling *Raymie Nightingale*, from a twice-winner of the Newbery Medal.

When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home *immediately*, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from best friends Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home.

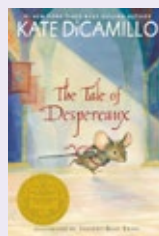
THEMES

Courage, family, kindness, home.



KATE DICAMILLO is one of America's most beloved storytellers. She was the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and is a two-time Newbery Medalist. Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in Florida and now lives in Minneapolis, where she faithfully writes two pages a day, five days a week.

ALSO BY KATE DICAMILLO



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

THE MULBERRY TREE

Allison Rushby

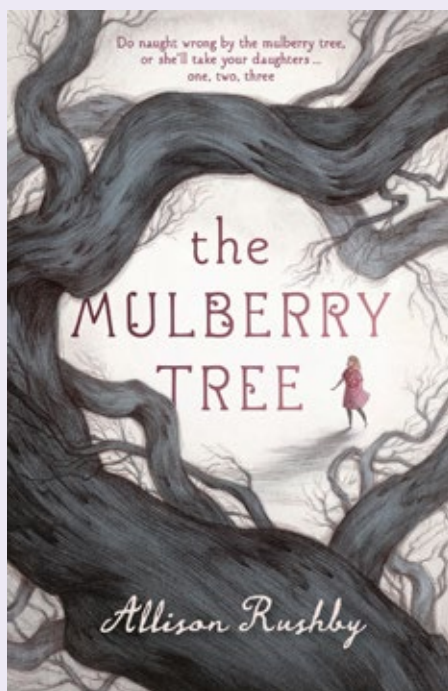
9781760650292

Paperback

July 2018

Recommended age: 9-13

Walker Books Australia



Do naught wrong by the mulberry tree, or she'll take your daughters ... one, two, three.

Ten-year-old Immy and her family run away from their storm cloud of problems to a tiny village in Cambridgeshire, England. When they find an adorable thatched cottage to begin a perfect new life in, the only downside is the ancient, dark and fierce-looking mulberry tree in the back garden. And the legend that comes with it – the villagers say the tree steals away girls living in the cottage on the eve of their eleventh birthday. Of course, Immy thinks this is ridiculous. Then she starts to hear a strange song in her head ...

THEMES

Mystery, empathy, friendship, depression.

TEACHER NOTES

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ALLISON RUSHBY is the daughter of an author and was raised on a wholesome diet of classic English literature. She likes to write with a cup of Darjeeling tea by her side and a Devon Rex cat called Claudia curled up in her lap. Her first book with Walker was *The Turnkey* (2016).

ALSO BY ALLISON RUSHBY



MIDDLE GRADE/YOUNG ADULT FICTION



THE WONDERLING Mira Bartók

9781406379907

Paperback

December 2018

Age: 9-14

Walker Books

Welcome to the Home for Wayward and Misbegotten Creatures, an institution run by evil Miss Carbunkle, a cunning villainess who believes her terrified young groundlings exist only to serve and suffer. For the Wonderling, an innocent-hearted, fox-like eleven-year-old known only as number 13, it is the only home he has ever known. But when unexpected courage leads him to rescue a young bird groundling named Trinket, the Wonderling is given two incredible gifts: a real name – Arthur, like the good king in the old stories – and a best friend. Using Trinket's ingenious invention, the pair escape over the wall and embark on an adventure that will take them out into the wider world and down the path of Arthur's true destiny.

THEMES Friendship, destiny, bravery.



DON'T STOP THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW Siobhan Curham

9781406379235

Paperback

August 2018

Age: 12+

Walker Books

Fourteen-year-old Grace lives in Lewes with her beloved vinyl collection, her mum ... and her mum's depression. When Grace's mum's disability benefits are cut, Grace and her mother are plunged into a life of poverty. But irrepressible Grace is determined not to be beaten and she takes inspiration from the lyrics of her father's 1980s record collection and dreams of a life as a musician. Then she meets Hafiz, a talented footballer and a Syrian refugee. Hafiz's parents gave their life savings to buy Hafiz a safe passage to Europe; his journey has been anything but easy. Then he meets Grace ... As their friendship grows, they encourage each other to believe in themselves and follow their dreams.

THEMES Depression, poverty, music.



THE RIFT Rachael Crow

9781760650025

Paperback

November 2018

Age: 14+

Walker Books Australia

When the Rift opens, death follows.

For generations, the Rangers of Black Water Island have guarded the Old Herd against horrors released by the Rift. Cal West, an apprentice Ranger with a rare scar and even rarer gifts, fights daily to prove he belongs within their ranks. After nine years away, Meg Archer returns to her childhood home only to find the Island is facing a new threat that not even the Rangers are prepared for. Meg and Cal can't ignore their attraction, but can they face their darkest fears to save the Island from disaster?

THEMES Duty, fears, romance.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

AND THE OCEAN WAS OUR SKY

Patrick Ness
Rovina Cai

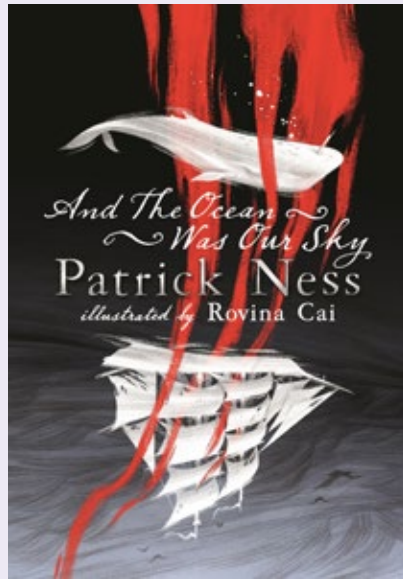
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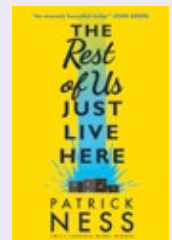
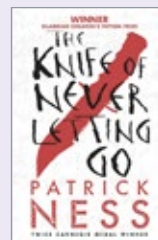
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Legend, obsession, injustice, demons.



PATRICK NESS is the award-winning and bestselling author of the Chaos Walking trilogy, *A Monster Calls*, *More Than This*, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* and *Release*. He has won every major prize in children’s fiction, including the Carnegie Medal twice. He has written the screenplay for the film of *A Monster Calls* and the BBC *Doctor Who* spin-off, *Class*. The first Chaos Walking film is slated for release in 2019. He lives in London.

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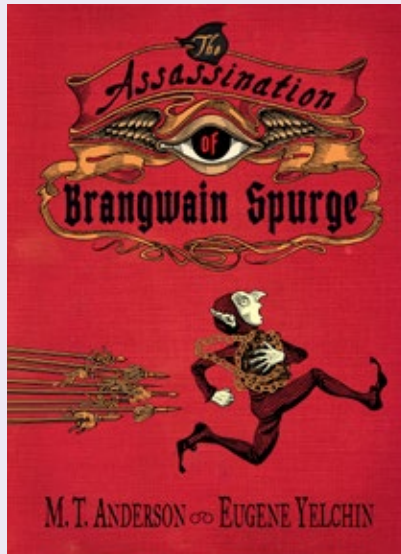
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Fantasy, social commentary.



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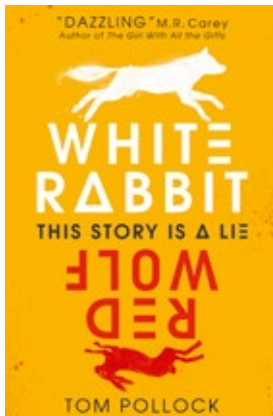


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THEMES Oppression, courage, acceptance.



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Seventeen-year-old Peter Blankman is a maths prodigy. He also suffers from severe panic attacks. Afraid of everything, he finds solace in the orderly and logical world of mathematics and in the love of his family: his scientist mum and his tough twin sister Bel, as well as Ingrid, his only friend. However, when his mother is found stabbed before an award ceremony and his sister is nowhere to be found, Pete is dragged into a world of espionage and violence where state and family secrets intertwine. Armed only with his extraordinary analytical skills, Peter may just discover that his biggest weakness is his greatest strength.

THEMES Fear, mental illness.



THUNDERHEAD Neal Shusterman

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It's been a year since Rowan went off-grid. Hunted by the Scythedom, he has become an urban legend, a vigilante snuffing out corrupt scythes in a trial by fire. Citra, meanwhile, is forging her path as Scythe Anastasia, gleaning with compassion. However, conflict within the Scythedom is growing by the day, and when Citra's life is threatened, it becomes clear that there is a truly terrifying plot afoot. The Thunderhead observes everything, and it does not like what it sees. Will it intervene? Or will it simply watch as this perfect world begins to unravel?

THEMES Mortality, dystopia/utopia, honesty/trust.



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THEMES Environmental issues, societal breakdown.

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