

A detailed illustration of a shark swimming in a blue ocean. The shark is grey on top and white on the bottom, with its mouth open showing sharp teeth. It is swimming towards the right. In the background, there is a coral reef with various colorful corals and sea anemones. The water is a deep blue, and the surface is visible at the top with some ripples.

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PICTURE BOOK

GREAT WHITE SHARK

Claire Saxby

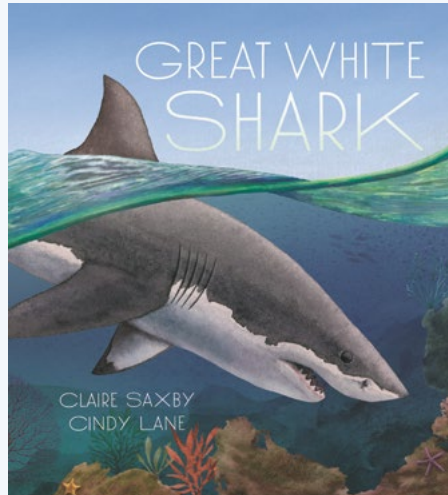
Cindy Lane

9781760651848

Hardback

August 2021

Walker Books Australia



A stunning addition to the Nature Storybooks series, *Great White Shark* tells the real story about one of the planet's most fascinating and misunderstood creatures.

*The great white shark swims on.
Her tail sways side-to-side;
her fins keep her balanced.
She travels the fast lane
where she can, cruising
invisible seaways*

In *Great White Shark* we follow a female shark on her way to warmer waters to give her pups the best chance of survival. Set in a stunning underwater world, Claire Saxby's signature poetic prose and Cindy Lane's sublime illustrations showcase the grace, majesty and power of one of the ocean's top predators.

THEMES

Australian wildlife, nature, habitats

TEACHER NOTES

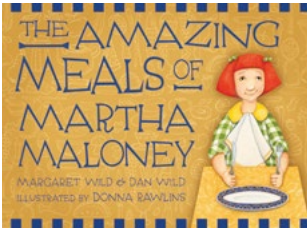
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As the fur seals grow faster and smarter, she travels north.
She swims steadily hour after hour.
It's a long journey, but she remembers the way.

She's trekking to warmer waters that teem with fish.
Her pups will thrive there.

Great white sharks have two types of muscles – one type for slow swimming, the other for short, powerful strikes on prey. They can travel up to eighty kilometres per day.

PICTURE BOOK



THE AMAZING MEALS OF MARTHA MALONEY

Margaret Wild, Daniel Wild
Donna Rawlins
9781921529238
Hardback
October 2021
Walker Books Australia



A tasty treat of a book where a precocious and imaginative child dines with important historical figures.

On a school trip to the Museum of Famous People, Martha Maloney wanders off and enjoys the culinary delights of important figures through time, much to the dismay of her teacher.

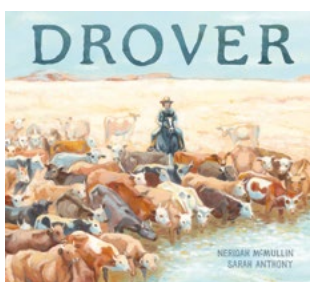
Readers can experience history through the dining tables of King Henry VIII, Princess Marie Antoinette, Queen Nefertiti and more, with heaped servings of information about each time period and their culinary customs. This unique picture book weaves together fiction and non-fiction to create a delicious read for inquisitive young minds.

THEMES

History, food, museums

TEACHER NOTES

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DROVER

Neridah McMullin
Sarah Anthony
9781760652081
Hardback
September 2021
Walker Books Australia



The true story of an important pioneering woman in Australian history.

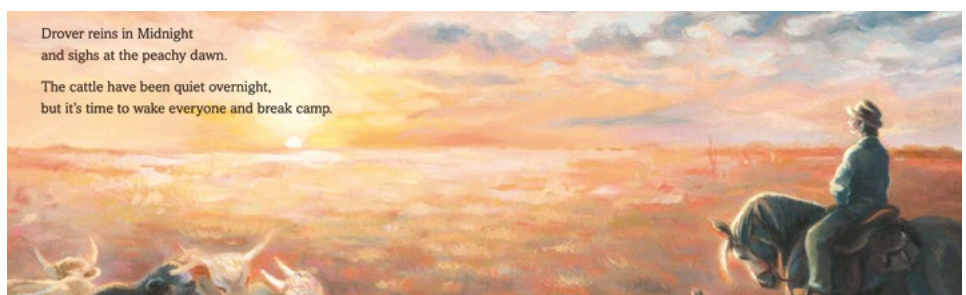
Courageous, clever and daring, Drover is one of a kind. Travelling through the heart of the outback, Drover delivers a mob of cattle. Searing heat, dust and flies, hardship and danger: these are just part of the job. But there's no place Drover would rather be.

THEMES

Australian history, Australian life, animals

TEACHER NOTES

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1. Use the template to make a book about one of your favourite people.
2. Be sure to include all the things that make this person the best!
3. Cut and fold the template per the instructions, write their name in the title and then use the prompts to write and illustrate your book!

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READ TO US! STORY TIME KIT
IS AVAILABLE FREE AT
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BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



AN AUSSIE CHRISTMAS GUM TREE

Jackie Hosking
Nathaniel Eckstrom
9781760652715
Hardback
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Walker Books Australia

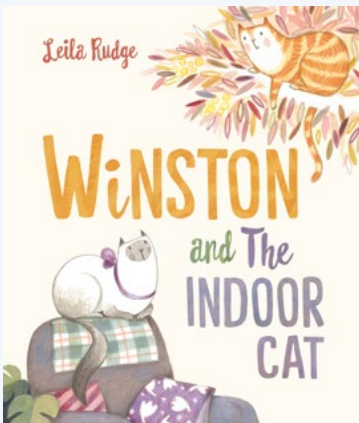


Join Possum and his bush friends in this rhyming read-aloud story, perfect to share for an Aussie Christmas.

From his lofty watch post, Possum is drawn to the sight of a distant tree covered in sparkling trinkets. A Christmas Tree, according to Kookaburra. So begins a quest in which Possum and his crafty crew of helpers try very hard to decorate their very own Christmas gum tree from Bowerbird's treasure trove. But it's not as easy as you might think!

THEMES

Australian wildlife, celebrations, teamwork



WINSTON AND THE INDOOR CAT

Leila Rudge
9781760652609
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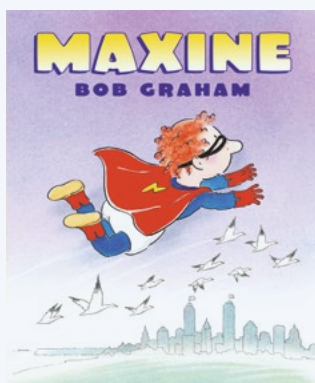
A story about seeing what life is like on the other side of the window.

Two very different cats: Winston, a free-spirited explorer; and The Indoor Cat, lover of leisure; form a friendship and show each other how different their lives could be. Can The Indoor Cat be enticed by outdoor adventure? Will Winston be tempted by a life of indoor luxury?

THEMES

Friendship, differences, acceptance





MAXINE

Bob Graham
9781406387636
Hardback
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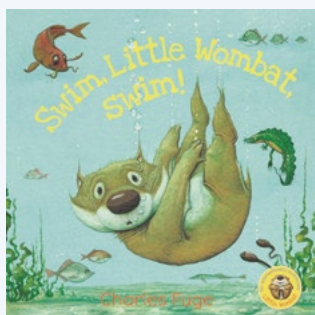
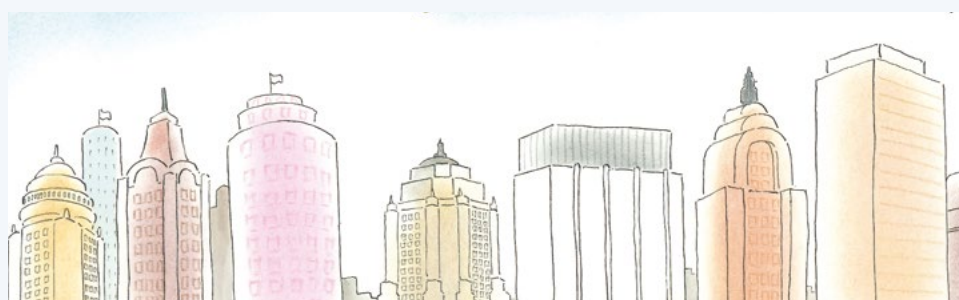


A companion title to Bob Graham's celebrated picture book *Max*, whose superhero family has just got bigger!

Max has a new baby sister – Maxine! Max is there for her first words, her first steps and ... her first flight! But as Maxine grows up and starts school, she doesn't feel like she quite fits in. In fact, she's not sure if she feels comfortable in her superhero guise at all. Can Maxine convince her family that not all superheroes wear capes? With a strong, incredibly smart girl at its centre, this is a book to inspire any child to dream big and be exactly who, and how, they want to be.

THEMES

Family, acceptance, heroes/heroines



SWIM, LITTLE WOMBAT, SWIM!

Charles Fuge
9781760653538
Paperback
September 2021
Walker Books Australia

Everyone's favourite Little Wombat is back with a splash!

Little Wombat is so excited! He's found a fun new friend to play with who walks strangely, has a funny little face and, most amazingly of all, can swim like a fish in the water! But when Platypus tries teaching Little Wombat to swim, Rabbit and Koala begin to wonder if wombats should, after all, stick to dry land!

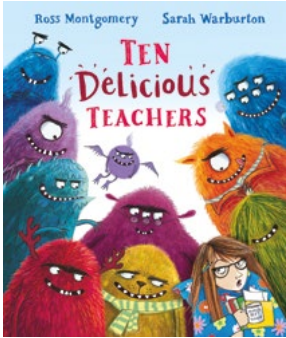
Over 1 million Little Wombat books sold!

THEMES

Australian wildlife, friendship, new experiences



PICTURE BOOK



TEN DELICIOUS TEACHERS

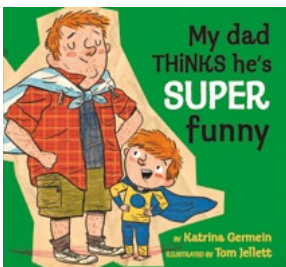
Ross Montgomery
Sarah Warburton
9781406389821
Hardback
August 2021
Walker Books

An irreverent and zany counting book that is gently thrilling and written in a deliciously infectious rhyme with witty and whimsical illustrations.

Ten very foolish teachers have missed the last bus home. But LOOK – a shortcut through the forest! They'll be back in time for tea! Off they skip, unaware that in the woods a hungry horde of mischievous and hilariously goofy monsters is waiting... An irreverent and zany counting book that is gently thrilling with witty and whimsical illustrations.

THEMES

Humour, monsters, rhyme



MY DAD THINKS HE'S SUPER FUNNY

Katrina Germein
Tom Jellett
9781760652234
Hardback
August 2021
Walker Books Australia

A book for anyone whose dad has made them laugh – or cringe!

*When is a joke a Dad joke? When it's fully groan.
When someone rolls their eyes at Dad, he just rolls them back.
My dad thinks he's super funny.*

In this follow up to the bestselling *My Dad Thinks He's Funny* and *My Dad Still Thinks He's Funny*, Dad is up to it again. His audience has grown by one, and family life continues to provide an endless supply of fresh and brilliant comedic material for Dad. At least he seems to think so.

THEMES

Family, humour, language



THE WORST SLEEPOVER IN THE WORLD

Sophie Dahl
Luciano Lozano
9781406384413
Hardback
October 2021
Walker Books

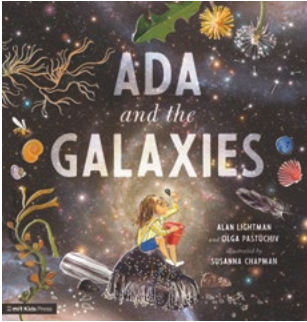
A playful story exploring the hilarious complications of first friendships.

Ramona is having her best friend Gracie to stay the night. It's their first ever sleepover and she wants to make a den, read stories, dance like a wild thing, stay up all night and have a midnight feast. It'll be the BEST SLEEPOVER IN HISTORY. But nothing quite goes to plan. Will Gracie, Ramona and her little sister Ruby be able to solve their problems and still be friends in the morning?

THEMES

Friendship, new experiences, family

PICTURE BOOK



ADA AND THE GALAXIES

Alan Lightman, Olga Pastuchiv
Susanna Chapman
9781536215618
Hardback
September 2021
MIT Kids Press

Stargazers rejoice! In his first book for children, renowned physicist Alan Lightman and collaborators, with help from the Hubble telescope, light up the night sky.

New York Times best-selling author Alan Lightman, in collaboration with Olga Pastuchiv, brings galaxies close in a stunning picture-book tribute to the interconnectedness of the natural world. Layering photographs taken from the Hubble telescope into charming and expressive art, illustrator Susanna Chapman zooms in on one child's experiences: Ada knows that the best place for star-gazing is on the island in Maine where she vacations with her grandparents. By day, she tracks osprey in the trees, paddles a kayak, and hunts for shells. But she's most in her element when the sun goes down and the stars blink to life. Will the fog this year foil her plans, or will her grandfather find a way to shine a spotlight on the vast puzzle of the universe . . . until the weather turns?

THEMES

STEM, astronomy, environment



Cover to be revealed

STICKY MCSTICKSTICK

Michael Rosen
Tony Ross
9781529502404
Hardback
December 2021
Walker Books

A powerful and personal story from one of Britain's best-loved authors about his recovery from coronavirus.

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

THEMES

Illness, community, hope

PICTURE BOOK



LEILONG THE LIBRARY BUS

Julia Liu
Bei Lynn
9781776573325
Paperback
July 2021
Gecko Press

A library-loving picture book in which an enthusiastic dinosaur absorbed in storytime threatens to flatten the library—until the children decide to take the books outdoors

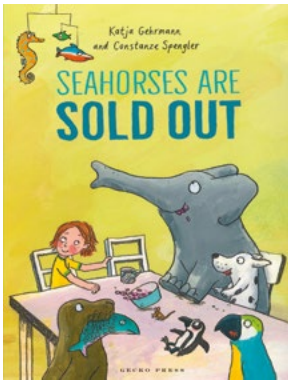
The children are late for storytime at the library. Ever helpful, Lei the enthusiastic dinosaur can get them there one time! Lei's small head is the only part of him that fits so he must listen through the window. But he gets so excited by the story, he starts to shake the building. Lei's love of stories risks destroying the library until the children decide to take the books outdoors.

THEMES

Books, dinosaurs, belonging

TEACHER NOTES

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SEAHORSES ARE SOLD OUT

Constanze Spengler
Katja Gehrmann
9781776573868
Paperback
August 2021
Gecko Press

A high-spirited story about an enterprising only child and a father's juggle to work from home

Mika's father works from home and he's very busy! He can never find time for the promised swimming trip. So Dad allows Mika to choose herself a pet from the store while he finishes the project—something quiet like a mouse.

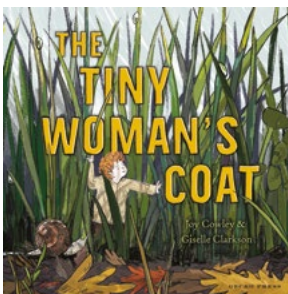
And so begins a wonderfully turbulent story in which Mika brings home one animal after another... The mouse gets lost so she gets a dog to find it. The dog is followed by a seal, the seal a penguin. How many animals can come to stay before a harassed father notices?

THEMES

Pets, family, friendship

TEACHER NOTES

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THE TINY WOMAN'S COAT

Joy Cowley
Giselle Clarkson
9781776573424
Hardback
September 2021
Gecko Press

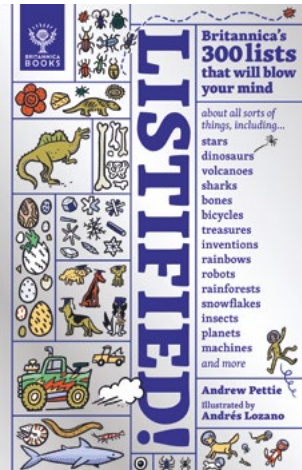
A vibrant rhyming tale of resourcefulness and friendship by one of the world's great children's writers

The tiny woman makes a coat of leaves with the help of friends in this vibrant rhyming tale. The trees, geese, porcupine, horse and plants all share something so the tiny woman can snip, snip, snip and stitch, stitch, stitch a coat to keep herself warm. Resourcefulness and friendship are at the heart of this simple rhythmic poem by one of the world's best children's writers. Buoyant and satisfying to read aloud, this small book will leave the reader snug as a bug.

THEMES

Resourcefulness, rhyme, friendship

NON FICTION PICTURE BOOK



LISTIFIED!

Andrew Pettie
Andrés Lozano
9781912920747
Hardback
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



BRITANNICA FIRST BIG BOOK OF WHY

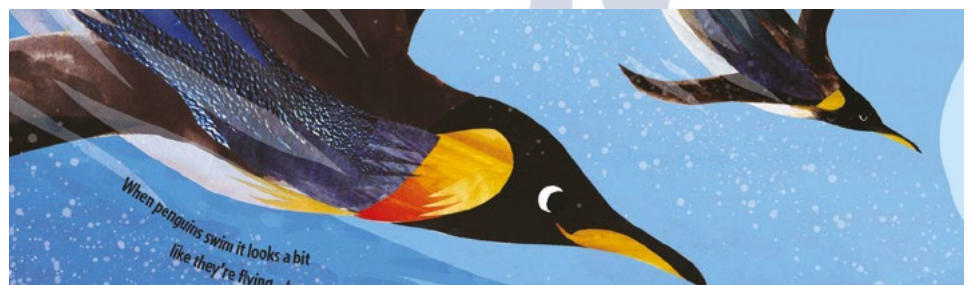
Sally Symes, Stephanie Drimmer
Kate Slater
9781913750411
Hardback
November 2021
Britannica Books

A stunningly illustrated question and answer book from Britannica, with answers to more than 130 questions that kids really want to know.

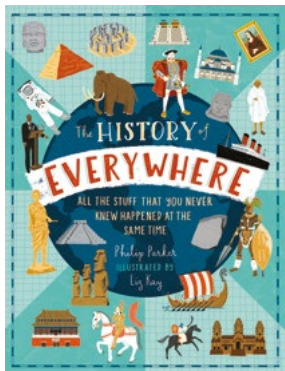
In this huge, authoritative and lavishly illustrated question and answer book from Britannica, you'll find the answers to all those questions curious kids want to know. Why do elephants have long trunks? Why are clouds different shapes? Why does popcorn pop? Why does your tummy rumble? Why do we flush the toilet? This magnificent book features chapters on Space, the Body, Pets, Wild Animals, Bugs, Food and Machines, and also includes some of the mysteries which experts are still trying to solve! With stunning photography and gorgeous original illustrations by Kate Slater, this is the ultimate gift for kids who want to know WHY.

THEMES

Science, curiosity, STEM



NON FICTION PICTURE BOOK



THE HISTORY OF EVERYWHERE: ALL THE STUFF THAT YOU NEVER KNEW HAPPENED AT THE SAME TIME

Philip Parker
Liz Kay
9781406391213
Hardback
October 2021
Walker Books

Discover history as you've never seen it before – and all the stuff you never knew happened at the same time!

Did you know the woolly mammoths were still around when the Egyptians built their pyramids? Or that Leonardo Da Vinci lived at the same time as Henry VIII and the Aztecs? *Welcome to The History of Everywhere*, a fascinating guide to all the stuff you never knew happened at the same time! In lively maps, see the whole world of history: from ancient times to the modern day, watch civilizations rise and fall, spot fascinating connections and coincidences, and discover the people and events you never learnt about in school. Prepare for a fascinating journey around the world that will change the way you see history!

THEMES

History, geography, culture



CURIOUS ABOUT CROCODILES

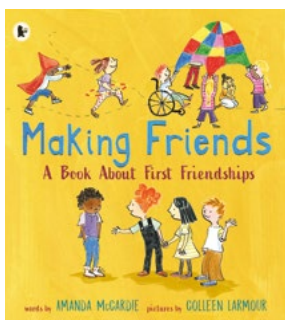
Owen Davey
9781838740375
Hardback
October 2021
Flying Eye Books

Did you know that crocodiles can live to be over 100 years old, and can climb trees to sunbathe?

Sink your teeth into this fascinating illustrated guide to the largest reptiles on Earth, full of juicy facts on crocodile behaviour, biology and myth, and packed with details on how we can live with and protect our scaly companions.

THEMES

Nature, animals, environment



MAKING FRIENDS: A BOOK ABOUT FIRST FRIENDSHIPS

Amanda McCardie
Colleen Larmour
9781406394542
Paperback
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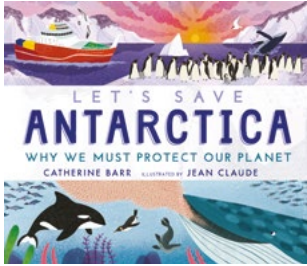
A delightful book about how to be a kind and thoughtful friend, perfectly pitched for children starting school.

Friendships are precious, but they can also be tricky to navigate – especially when you're little. In this charming and supremely sensitive book, we meet Sukie and Joe: two children making friends for the first time. With words by Amanda McCardie, who has studied child development at the Tavistock, and pictures from Colleen Larmour, a rising star, *Making Friends* is the perfect tool for talking to very young children about friendship and everything that goes with it, from meeting new people to celebrating differences and standing up for one another.

THEMES

Friendship, school, emotions and feelings

NON FICTION PICTURE BOOK



LET'S SAVE ANTARCTICA: WHY WE MUST PROTECT OUR PLANET

Catherine Barr
Jean Claude
9781406395952
Hardback
September 2021
Walker Books

Discover why we must protect Antarctica from climate change.

Home to millions of penguins, ancient dinosaur fossils and huge blue whales, Antarctica is our last great wilderness. This fascinating picture book brings to life this extreme and exciting continent for young children, exploring its icy landscape and extraordinary wildlife. It also shows the incredible scientific research that happens there and therefore why it is so important that we act to protect this special part of the planet from climate change and plastic pollution.

THEMES

Conservation, climate change, environment



LET'S SAVE THE AMAZON

Catherine Barr
Jean Claude
9781406395969
Hardback
November 2021
Walker Books

Discover why we must protect the Amazon from climate change.

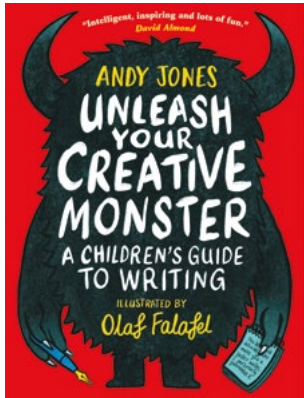
Bursting with all kinds of life, the Amazon is one of the most incredible places on Earth. This richly illustrated picture book brings to life this extraordinary region for young children, exploring its tropical rainforest and scenic landscapes. It showcases the lush wildlife, diverse communities and life-saving medicines that can all be found there and therefore why it is so important that we act to protect this special part of the planet from the impact of climate change.

THEMES

Conservation, climate change, environment



NON FICTION



UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVE MONSTER: A CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO WRITING

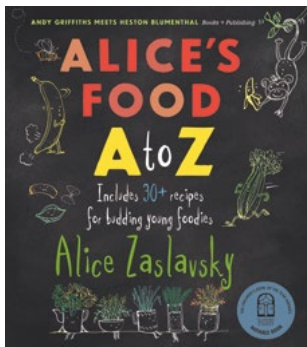
Andy Jones
Olaf Falafel
9781406396621
Paperback
October 2021
Walker Books

A side-splitting and informative guide to creative writing by author/illustrator comedic duo Andy and Olaf, jam-packed with lashings of monster-inspired fun.

Unleash your creative monster and write stories to inspire, amaze and awe your friends. With top tips on getting your story started, learn essential skills for storytellers in this brilliant guide to writing. Give your descriptions claws, add a little bite to your writing and feed your monster inspiration with over 50 writing prompts and exercises.

THEMES

Creativity, imagination, hobbies



ALICE'S FOOD A-Z

Alice Zaslavsky
Kat Chadwick
9781760654856
Paperback
November 2021
Walker Books Australia

Culinary correspondent Alice Zaslavsky's first book for young foodies takes readers on an edible adventure; packed with delicious facts, clever cooking tips and kid-approved recipes.

Alice Zaslavsky has been described as "Andy Griffiths meets Heston Blumenthal," and this book brims with her trademark energy and enthusiasm for all things food.

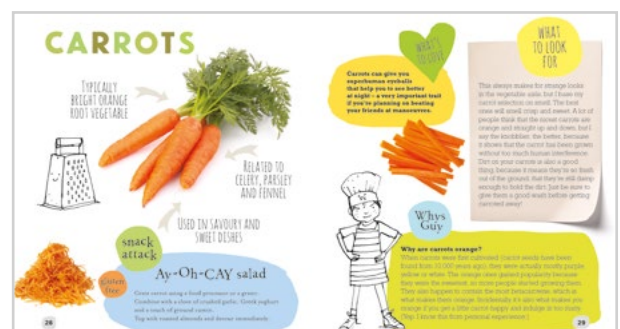
Young readers will be captivated by a feast of information: from avocados to zucchini and everything in between. Alice aims to inspire a love of food in kids with her tasty book that's full of all the things you ever wanted to know about food - and also some things you probably didn't!

THEMES

Food, cooking, science

TEACHER NOTES

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BE RESILIENT: HOW TO BUILD A STRONG TEENAGE MIND FOR TOUGH TIMES

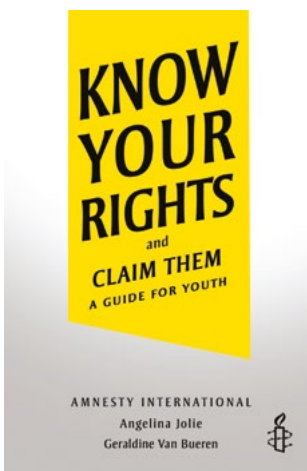
Nicola Morgan
9781406399257
Paperback
September 2021
Walker Books

The essential teenage guide to building resilience for challenging times, from award-winning well-being expert Nicola Morgan.

Some events in life will always be out of our control, whether it's a global crisis or a traumatic event at home – but *Be Resilient* shows that the power to cope is in our hands. Discover how to develop the skill of mental resilience in this fascinating guide from award-winning author and teenage brain expert Nicola Morgan. From building a support network to building optimism, find positive, practical advice for preparing for, coping with and bouncing back from the toughest of times. Authoritative and backed by the latest science, this is a reassuring companion for teenagers everywhere.

THEMES

Resilience, mental illness, mindfulness



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Amnesty International,
Angelina Jolie,
Geraldine Van Bueren
Jean Claude
9781839131196
Hardback
October 2021
Andersen Press

'We can stand up for our rights once we understand them. This book is a guide for every child and young person who believes in liberty, equality and a better world for all'
Malala Yousafzai

If you are aged under 18 you have your own set of human rights. Child rights are unique freedoms and protections designed for you. Governments should uphold them but all across the world they are violated. *Know Your Rights and Claim Them* gives you the knowledge and tools to claim your rights. It introduces them and explains why they matter in the real world. From gender and racial equality, to the rights to free expression, health, a clean climate and a sustainable environment, they are yours to claim.

Know Your Rights and Claim Them celebrates the difference young activists have made in every corner of the world, and shows you how to challenge injustice wherever you may find it. It presents expert advice on peaceful protest, raising awareness at school and in your community, starting your own campaign and getting those in power to listen, plus vital guidance on protecting your safety, digital security and mental health.

These are your rights. It is your right to know and claim them.

THEMES

Justice, civil rights, activism

ILLUSTRATED JUNIOR FICTION



THE MAGIC OF MAGNOLIA MOON

Edwina Wyatt
Katherine Quinn
9781760652722
Hardback
October 2021
Walker Books Australia

For Magnolia Moon, magic is a way to solve problems. And when you're starting a new class at school and your best friend doesn't live across the road anymore, problems seem to come easily.

In her latest adventure, Magnolia Moon invents everyday magic to help her navigate the pitfalls of friendship, school, family, and being ten. A lyrical and imaginative tale which highlights everyday wonders through Magnolia's curious and observant nature.

THEMES

Friendship, imagination, family



POLLY PECORINO: THE GIRL WHO RESCUES ANIMALS

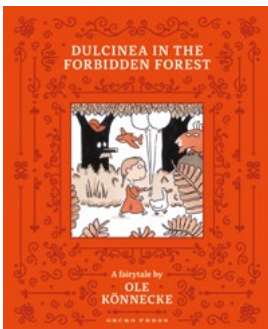
Emma Chichester Clark
9781406369076
Hardback
September 2021
Walker Books

A captivating, illustrated young fiction novel about a kind girl and a lost bear cub, with a classic feel from the much-loved, award-winning author-illustrator.

Polly Pecorino rescues animals, and she can talk to them too. She spends all of her time caring for those at Happy Days Zoo, where the devious owners, Mr and Mrs Snell, will do anything to make money. One day they steal a bear cub, certain that he will do wonders for ticket sales, but the ferocious bears living in Wild Bear Woods want their cub back. Will Polly be brave enough to stand up to the Snells and take Booboo, the bear cub, back where he belongs?

THEMES

Animals, empathy, adventure



DULCINEA IN THE FORBIDDEN FOREST

Ole Könnecke
9781776573950
Hardback
September 2021
Gecko Press

A funny illustrated fairy tale for early readers about the brave and capable Dulcinea, who must save her father from the witch's spell and get him home to celebrate her birthday.

Dulcinea has known since she was small not to enter the dangerous magic forest where the witch has her castle. But her father hasn't come home from collecting blueberries for her birthday pancakes. Did the witch cast a spell on him? Dulcinea must brave the dark forest and sneak into the witch's castle to steal the spell book and free him. Her father would hardly have named her after the brave Dulcinea if she couldn't break a witch's spell to celebrate her birthday with him!

This is a funny fairy tale for children starting on independent reading, with warm and characterful illustrations and a witty story.

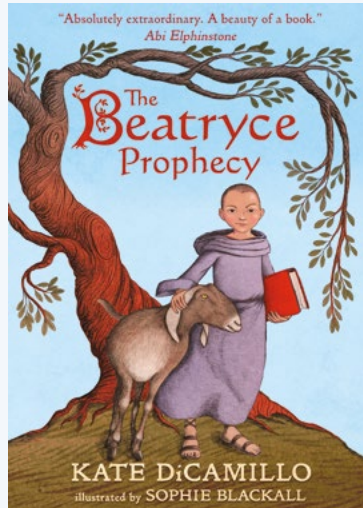
THEMES

Bravery, heroes/heroines, magic

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

THE BEATRICE PROPHECY

Kate DiCamillo
Sophie Blackall
9781529500899
Hardback
October 2021
Walker Books



A magical medieval tale from two masters, Newbery Medal-winning Kate DiCamillo and Caldecott Medal-winning, Australian creator Sophie Blackall – a fantastical meditation on fate, love and the power of words to spell the world.

We shall all, in the end, be led to where we belong. We shall all, in the end, find our way home.

In a time of war, a mysterious child appears at the monastery of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing. Gentle Brother Edik finds the girl, Beatrice, curled in a stall, wracked with fever, coated in dirt and blood and holding fast to the ear of Answelica the recalcitrant goat. As the monk nurses Beatrice to health, he uncovers her dangerous secret – one that imperils them all.

And so it is that a girl with a head full of stories must venture into a dark wood in search of the castle of a king who wishes her dead. But should she lose her way, Beatrice knows that those who love her – a wild-eyed monk, a man who had once been king, a boy with a terrible sword and a goat with a head as hard as stone – will never give up searching for her. And to know this is to know everything.

THEMES

Storytelling, friendship, empathy

TEACHER NOTES

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ALSO AVAILABLE



KATE DICAMILLO was born in Philadelphia and moved with her family to Florida when she was five years old. In her twenties, Kate DiCamillo moved to Minnesota. It was this dislocation from her home that inspired Kate to write her first novel, *Because of Winn-Dixie*. An immediate commercial and critical success, *Because of Winn-Dixie* went on to become a Newbery Honour Book in 2001 and was subsequently made into a film that was released in 2005. But that wasn't enough for Kate, and she went on to win the Newbery Medal in 2004 for her book *The Tale of Despereaux*, a story about an unlikely hero. This was followed by another unusual tale with *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, a story about a china rabbit who learns about love. Kate has also written a series of early chapter-book readers about a lovable pig named Mercy Watson and her fun adventures. Kate lives in Minneapolis, where she faithfully writes two pages a day, five days a week.



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



FRANKENSTILTSKIN: FAIRY TALES GONE BAD

Joseph Coelho
Freya Hartas
9781406389678
Paperback
October 2021
Walker Books

The second story in a funny, deliciously dark, three-part series of twisted classics, written in verse by award-winning poet Joseph Coelho.

Joining the family business, animal-lover Bryony proves to be an extraordinary taxidermist, whose tender fingers create displays which comfort, educate and astound. But when Bryony's proud father boasts of her skill, who should come calling but the secretive King of all Mythica. Locking her away, he gives her three horrible tasks ... three impossible tasks! It's only then that a strange, sinister creature emerges from the shadows of the castle, offering Bryony a helping hand... But at what cost?

Frankenstein meets Rumpelstiltskin in this expertly-stitched story about a powerful king, a girl unafraid to stand up for her beliefs, and a monstrous little creature with magic – and greed – in his bones.

THEMES

Fairy tales, poetry, humour

ALSO AVAILABLE



A creepy magician with a shadowy act. A legend that goes back to the dawn of time. Eerie-on-Sea just got stranger. And darker...

On the eve of Ghastly Night, a hypnotic stage magician, Caliastra, checks in to Eerie-on-Sea's Grand Nautilus Hotel. She's arrived with her entourage to put on a show – and she claims to be related to Herbert Lemon. Caliastra's act is so shadowy and strange that Herbie's friend Violet wonders if dark forces are at work, but Herbie won't hear a word said against his new relation. Meanwhile, folk are disappearing from the town, and no one knows why. There is an Eerie legend that goes back to the dawn of time, about a creature made of darkness that devours the shadows of the living. Could the Shadowghast have really returned?



SHADOWGHAST

Thomas Taylor
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Walker Books

THEMES

Legends, mystery, adventure

ALSO AVAILABLE



MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



THE CHIME SEEKERS

Ross Montgomery
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November 2021
Walker Books

A middle-grade fantasy adventure about siblings, courage and the magic that hides in the cracks.

When an evil faerie steals Yanni's baby sister and swaps her for a Changeling, Yanni is swept into a dangerous race against time to get her back.

For faeries delight in tricks and rescuing her won't be easy. With the help of his cousin, Amy, and the reluctant Changeling, Yanni must travel to goblin palaces and battle-swept oceans, discovering ancient treasures and secrets along the way. Yanni will need every drop of courage and even a few tricks of his own, if he's to outwit the faerie and save his sister...

THEMES

Adventure, magic, siblings



HATTIE AND OLAF

Frida Nilsson
Stina Wirsén
9781776573189
Paperback
August 2021
Gecko Press

The audacious and captivating Hattie and her best friend Linda navigate the social politics of their first school years in this funny illustrated chapter book

Hattie wants a horse more than anything. Her friend Ellen has three ponies. When Hattie's father finally comes home with a horse float, Hattie is ecstatic. But instead of a horse, out stomps Olaf—a donkey. Now Hattie not only has horse fever, she suddenly catches lying sickness as well.

THEMES

Friendship, truth and lies, resilience



HOPE JONES CLEARS THE AIR

Josh Lacey
Beatriz Castro
9781839130526
Paperback
October 2021
Andersen Press

You're never too young to make a big difference, as Hope Jones has realised. Now it's all about stopping air pollution!

Hope Jones hates cars - they turn the air brown and make everyone sick. Her friend Selma has asthma, and Hope's bogeys are black, not green like they should be! There's an air pollution problem where Hope lives, and she's decided to do something about it. Writing on her blog and protesting outside her school, Hope has decided to clear the air by taking on the cars. But with adults so busy thinking about their busy lives, can one child really make a difference?

THEMES

Conservation, activism, sustainability

GRAPHIC NOVEL



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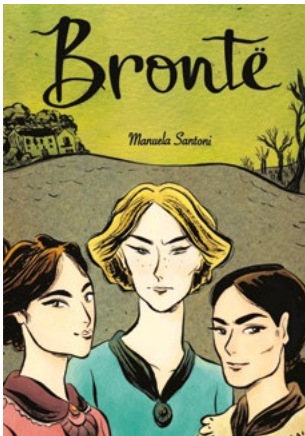
Kayla Miller
9781760654870
Paperback
October 2021
Walker Books Australia

Olive wants to get in on the act . . . Any act! For fans of Raina Telgemeier comes the first book in the *New York Times* best-selling graphic novel series about friendship and finding where you “click”.

Olive “clicks” with everyone in the fifth grade –until one day she doesn’t. When a school variety show leaves Olive stranded without an act to join, she begins to panic, wondering why all her friends have already formed their own groups . . . without her. With the performance drawing closer by the minute, will Olive be able to find her own place in the show before the curtain comes up? A heartfelt and insightful story about navigating friendships, leaning on family, and learning to take the stage in the most important role of all.

THEMES

Friendship, belonging, resilience



BRONTË

Manuela Santoni
9781728412900
Paperback
July 2021
Graphic Universe

Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë—faced with an ailing father and an alcoholic brother—pursue independence through art in this graphic vision of the lives of three legendary writers.

Despite their family’s stormy fortunes, the Brontë sisters resolved to write. To thwart the nineteenth century’s double standards, they took the names of men, becoming the Bell brothers. Their works incited controversy and speculation, while at home, the sisters contended with the rages of Branwell Brontë, their self-destructive sibling. Manuela Santoni presents a time before *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* were known as literary masterpieces, when winds shook the Brontë house and determination held it together.

THEMES

Family, literature, creativity



YOUNG ADULT

A WEEKEND WITH OSCAR

Robyn Bavati

9781760653002

Paperback

July 2021

Walker Books Australia



A moving #LoveOzYA novel about loss, first love and being there for your family, no matter what.

Sixteen-year-old Jamie lives with his mum and his younger brother Oscar, who has Down syndrome. Though Jamie is still grieving the loss of his dad, life starts to look up when he meets Zara, the new girl at school. When their mum goes away for the weekend, Jamie volunteers to look after Oscar. But when the weekend is over and their mother doesn't return, Jamie faces the toughest challenge of his life.

THEMES

Siblings, coming of age, disability

TEACHER NOTES

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ROBYN BAVATI is the award-winning author of *Dancing in the Dark*, *Pirouette* and *Within These Walls*. Shortlisted in several children's choice awards, *Dancing in the Dark* was a 2011 CBCA Notable Book, a 2014 Sydney Taylor Honour Book, and was on the Year 8 English curriculum at a number of schools. *Within These Walls* was a 2017 CBCA Shortlisted Book, winner of the 2018 WAYRBA award, and has been studied by school children around Australia. Robyn lives in Melbourne, where she was born and grew up. She lived in Israel for seventeen years. An active member of Toastmasters International, she enjoys public speaking and loves visiting schools.



YOUNG ADULT



GREEN RISING

Lauren James
9781406384673
Paperback
October 2021
Walker Books

Set in a near-future world on the brink of ecological catastrophe, Lauren James's novel is a gripping, witty and romantic call to arms.

Gabrielle is a climate-change activist who shoots to fame when she becomes the first teenager to display a supernatural ability to grow plants from her skin. Hester is the millionaire daughter of an oil tycoon and the face of the family business. Theo comes from a long line of fishermen, but his parents are struggling to make ends meet.

On the face of it, the three have very little in common. Yet when Hester and Theo join Gabrielle and legions of other teenagers around the world in developing the strange new "Greenfingers" power, it becomes clear that to use their ability for good, they'll need to learn to work together. But in a time of widespread corruption and greed, there are plenty of profit-hungry organizations who want to use the Greenfingers for their own ends. And not everyone would like to see the Earth saved...

As they navigate first love and family expectations, can the three teenagers pull off the ultimate heist and bring about a green rising?

THEMES

Conservation, activism, sustainability

TEACHER NOTES

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ROXY

Neal Shusterman
Jarrod Shusterman
9781406392128
Paperback
November 2021
Walker Books

A chilling take on the opioid epidemic by the *New York Times* bestselling Neal Shusterman, and Jarrod Shusterman.

*I am no superhero. But I can save you from the one who claims to be.
I am no wizard. But I cast a spell that can bring back the dead.
I am, if nothing else, your final defence – your last hope.*

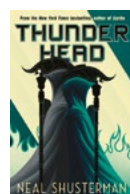
Isaac is slowly falling down the dark abyss of addiction. Ivy is picking herself up after years of partying and self-medicating. And ROXY, the god of painkillers, sees it all.

Dark and taut, this is the second book from Neal and Jarrod Shusterman, who co-authored the acclaimed *Dry*.

THEMES

Drugs, mythology, addiction

ALSO AVAILABLE



YOUNG ADULT



SAVING CELESTE

Timothée de Fombelle
9781406397192
Paperback
November 2021
Walker Books

A dying girl. A sick planet. One last hope to survive.

The world is run by Industry and the only thing that matters is to buy, buy, buy. People live in crowded cities where cars are stacked vertically and people traverse through corridors and shopping centres that run miles into the sky. Celeste lives in Tower 330 barely visible in the immense city, shrouded by a fog of fumes. On the day she starts school on the 110th floor of a tower block, she meets a lonely, young boy. The next day she doesn't return. Her blood has become as polluted as the seas and rivers. Her lungs as contaminated as the city. On a mission to save her, the boy battles the forces of Industry and, with help of his best friend Briss, takes her far, far away. Will the world realise the truth of Celeste's disease? Will there be time for her, and the planet, to recover?

THEMES

Climate change, sustainability, environment



THE RISE OF THE REMARKABLES: THE THAUMAGICIAN'S REVENGE

Gareth Ward
9781760652227
Paperback
August 2021
Walker Books Australia

The next crackingly paced, steampunk thrill ride from award-winning master of the genre, Gareth Ward.

Following on from the dramatic events of the first book in "The Rise of the Remarkables" duology, *Brasswitch and Bot*, we find Wrench and Bot on the hunt for Plum with the aid of Thirteen. Plum is more dangerous than ever and appears to be recruiting more aberrations – determined to re-open the rupture. Meanwhile, the events of the Minster Schism have drained Wrench of her magic and she begins lessons with Master Tranter in attempt to rekindle her powers. It is here that she meets Vexanna, Thirteen's new apprentice thaumagician. They will all have their roles to play, as Wrench works to discover the truth about her past – and make it to her future alive.

THEMES

Steampunk, adventure, fantasy



EVERYTHING I THOUGHT I KNEW

Shannon Takaoka
9781406395365
Paperback
August 2021
Walker Books

A teenage girl wonders if she's inherited more than just a heart from her donor in this compulsively readable debut.

Chloe had a plan: work hard, get good grades, and attend a top-tier college. But after she collapses during cross country practice and is told that she needs a new heart, all her careful preparations are laid to waste. Eight months after her transplant, everything is different. Stuck in summer school with the underachievers, all she wants to do now is grab her surfboard and hit the waves – which is strange, because she wasn't interested in surfing before her transplant. (It doesn't hurt that her instructor, Kai, is seriously good looking.) And that's not all that's strange. There's also the vivid recurring nightmare about crashing a motorcycle in a tunnel and memories of people and places she doesn't recognize. Is there something wrong with her head now, too, or is there another explanation for what she's experiencing? What she learns will lead her to question everything she thought she knew – about life, death, love, identity, and the true nature of reality.

THEMES

Friendship, fate, identity

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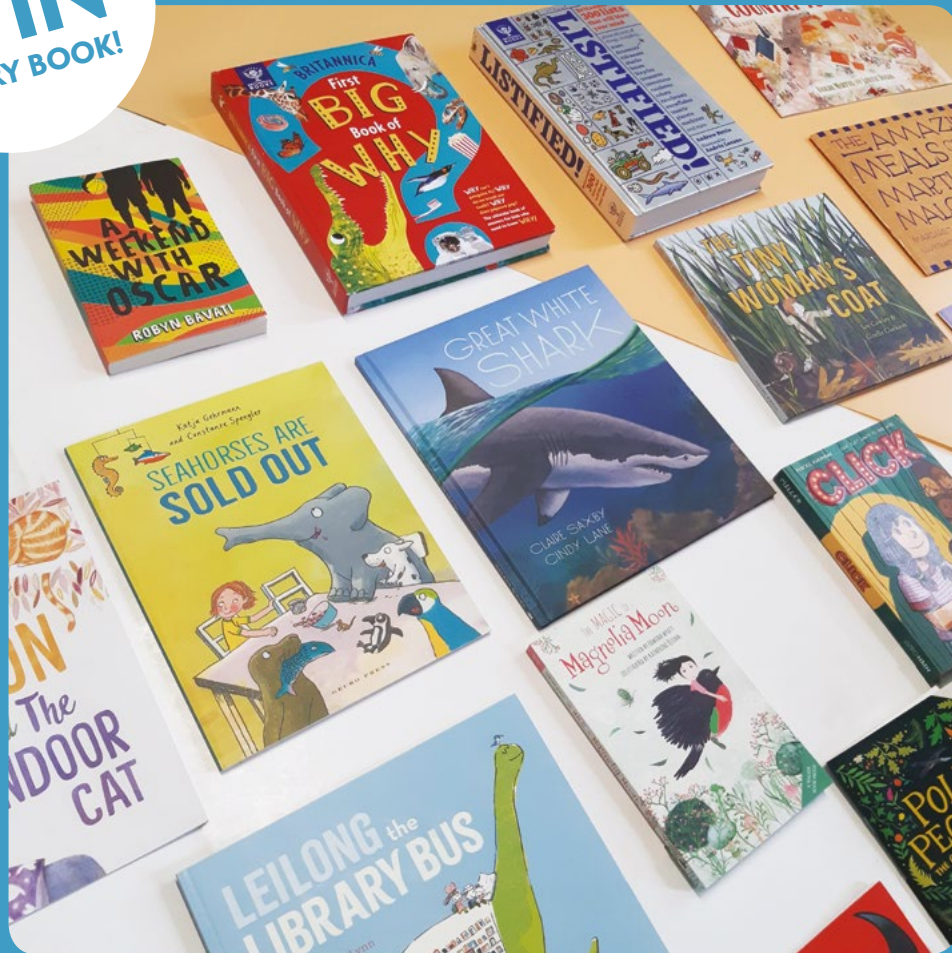
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