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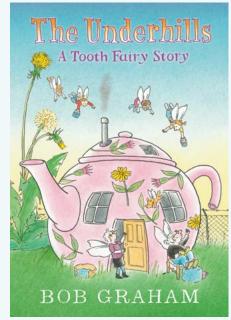
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PICTURE BOOKS

THE UNDERHILLS: A TOOTH FAIRY STORY

Bob Graham

9781406387612 Hardback October 2019 Recommended age: 3-6 Walker Books



In this magical companion to Bob Graham's celebrated *April Underhill, Tooth Fairy,* two fairy sisters, April and Esme, are on a brand new adventure!

April and Esme are staying at Grandma and Grandad's for a whole weekend! A visit to Grandma and Grandad's is always special for the two sisters. There's the mixing of fairy cakes, pancakes with syrup for breakfast and a chocolate waiting on each of their pillows. And this weekend, when Mum calls with an urgent tooth fairy job, there's an exciting trip to the airport with Grandma to make sure one little girl has her tooth collected.

Children are sure to love this thrilling and tender new story, so full of hope, possibility and the magic of a secret fairy world, from master storyteller Bob Graham.

THEMES

Grandparents, magic, milestones.

TEACHER NOTES

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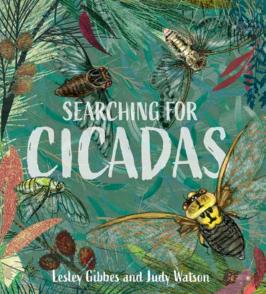
NARRATIVE NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK

SEARCHING FOR CICADAS

Lesley Gibbes Judy Watson

9781922244420 Hardback August 2019 Recommended age: 5-8 Walker Books Australia





This lovely story about a child and their grandfather searching for cicadas is part of the award-winning narrative nonfiction **Nature Storybooks** series.

In the summertime, Grandpa and I go cicada-watching. We put our camping gear into my wagon and walk down to the local reserve. Last year we saw five Green Grocers, three Yellow Mondays and one Floury Baker. Can we find the rare Black Prince this year?

Full of fun and interesting facts about cicadas, this book is perfect for nature lovers and budding wildlife scientists.

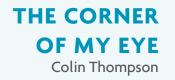
THEMES

TEACHER NOTES

Australian fauna, insects, observing nature. walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



PICTURE BOOK



9781925381931 Hardback October 2019 Recommended age: 5-9 Walker Books Australia



A book about a special relationship between a grandfather and his granddaughter who tries to see life through his eyes.

When you are very, very young or very, very old, you can see things out of the corner of your eye. In between, all you can see is all you can see. Unless you are very, very lucky. Then the corner of your eye stays awake forever.

The story of an ageing man who has lost something. But what and where? His granddaughter, Sally, helps him find it. Subtle and touching, this is an emotional response to people trying their best to live in an imperfect world.

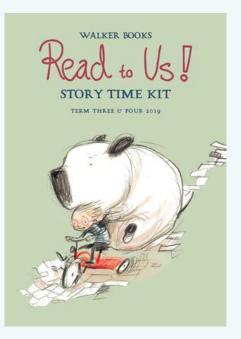
THEMES

TEACHER NOTES

Grandparents, memory, Alzheimer's disease. walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



WALKER BOOKS Read to US STORY TIME KIT



Engage young readers with simple and entertaining early literacy activities.

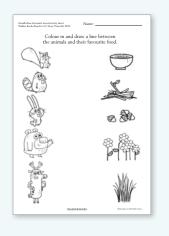
The **Walker Books Read to Us! Story Time Kit** contains simple and entertaining activities to be used in conjunction with our books. Each activity is designed to foster the skills that lead to early reading success in children.

Our second story time kit showcases four delightful books filled with themes of worries, creativity, values and self-esteem. For each title, we offer three 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:

FAVOURITE FOOD ACTIVITY FROM NOODLE BEAR BY MARK GRAVAS

- 1. Read Noodle Bear aloud to the group
- 2. Encourage comprehension skills by drawing a line between the animal and their favourite food
- 3. Colour the animals and food



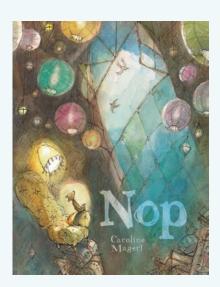


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PICTURE BOOK

NOP Caroline Magerl

9781760651251 Hardback November 2019 Recommended age: 3-5 Walker Books Australia



ALSO AVAILABLE



A heartwarming story about two unlikely loners who forge a forever friendship.

Nop is a scruffy kind of bear. He sits on a dusty armchair in Oddmint's Dumporeum surrounded by the beaders, knitters, patchers and stitchers who are much too busy to talk to him. So he watches the litter tumble until, armed with a new bow tie, he has an idea that will change his life forever.

A heartwarming blend of poetic text and stunning watercolour artwork, *Nop* is a story about making a better life for yourself.

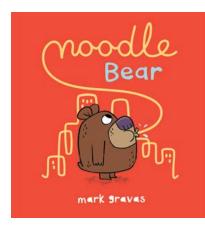
THEMES

Values, self-esteem, friendship.

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PICTURE BOOKS



NOODLE BEAR Mark Gravas

9781760651022 • Hardback August 2019 • Walker Books Australia



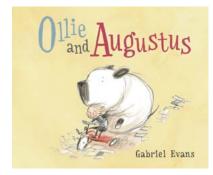


Noodle Bear is crazy about noodles. His best friend, Fox, brings him other delicious treats when he's a no-show at her party but he's so noodle obsessed that doesn't he notice them. And when he's run out of noodles, his only thought is to go to the big city and become a contestant on the TV game show, "Noodle Knockout". Of course, he becomes a surprise star with more noodles than he can eat. But no amount of noodles and fame can fill the empty space where home and friends should be.

THEMES Adventure, friends, home.

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OLLIE AND AUGUSTUS Gabriel Evans

9781760650711 • Hardback September 2019 • Walker Books Australia





Ollie was small – like a pickling jar or a shoe box. Augustus was big – like a fridge or a table.

They did most things together, including cycling, painting, dressing up, digging (Ollie's favourite thing) and stick collecting (Augustus's favourite thing). But Ollie is about to start school, and he has one major concern: who will keep Augustus company? He decides to search for a playmate for his enormous companion, but good friends are hard to find, especially for your best mate. In the end, Augustus shows Ollie that he doesn't mind waiting for him and that he can enjoy his time at school, worry-free.

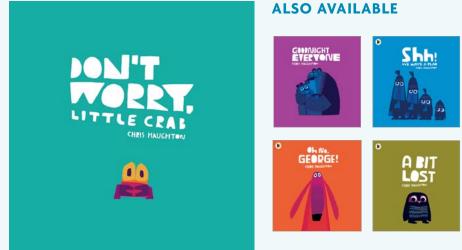
THEMES: Starting school, pets, friendship, worries.

READ TO US! STORY TIME KIT

PICTURE BOOK



9781406385519 Hardback September 2019 Recommended age: 2-5 Walker Books



From the multi award-winning picture book maker of A Bit Lost, Oh No, George!, Shh! We Have a Plan and Goodnight Everyone comes a bold new picture book about building up the courage to try something new.

In the rockpool above the sea, live two crabs: Big Crab and Little Crab. Today, they're going for a dip in the sea. "This is going to be so great!" says Little Crab. But then Little Crab catches a first glimpse of the water... Oh. The waves! They're ENORMOUS. "JEEPERS!" Will Little Crab be brave enough to go in?

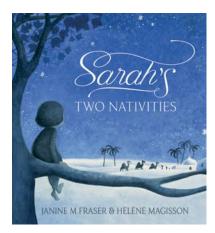
THEMES

Trying new things, parents, the ocean.

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PICTURE BOOKS



SARAH'S TWO NATIVITIES Janine M Fraser • Hélène Magisson

9781925381795 • Hardback September 2019 • Walker Books Australia

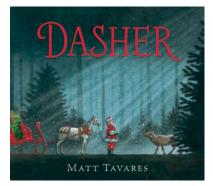




A heartwarming celebration of Christmas, family and faith.

Sarah loves her two grandmas – Grandmother Azar and Grandmother Maria. Grandmother Azar tells Sarah stories from the Holy Koran, while Grandmother Maria tells her stories from the Bible. At Christmas time, Sarah snuggles in each of her grandmothers' laps and listens to two nativities stories about the birth of baby Jesus. They are the same in some ways, and different in others ... but both can be Sarah's favourite.

THEMES: Religion, Christianity, Islam.



DASHER Matt Tavares

9781406387704 • Hardback October 2019 • Walker Books



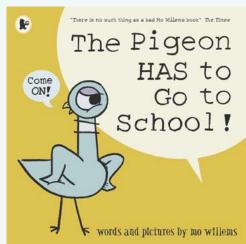
The story of a brave little doe who meets Santa and changes Christmas for ever.

Dasher is an adventurous young reindeer with a wish in her heart. She spends her days with her family under the hot sun in a travelling circus, but she longs for a different life – one where there is snow beneath her hooves and the North Star above her head. And one day, when the opportunity arises, Dasher seizes her destiny and takes off in pursuit of the life she wants to live. It's not long before she meets a nice man in a red suit with a horse-drawn sleigh, a man named Santa. And soon, with the help of a powerful Christmas wish, nothing will be the same...

THEMES: Christmas, freedom, traditions.

PICTURE BOOK

THE PIGEON HAS TO GO TO SCHOOL! Mo Willems 9781406389012 Paperback August 2019 Recommended age: 3-7 Walker Books



Mo Willems' Pigeon is BACK in a hilarious story perfect for those about to start school.

The Pigeon is about to get SCHOOLED. Do YOU think he should go?

Why does the Pigeon have to go to school? He already knows everything! Well ... almost everything. And what if he doesn't like it? What if the teacher doesn't like him? I mean, what if he learns TOO MUCH!?!

THEMES

Starting school, anxiety.

ALSO AVAILABLE



PICTURE BOOKS



HORATIO SQUEAK Karen Foxlee • Evie Barrow

9781760650476 • Hardback July 2019 • Walker Books Australia

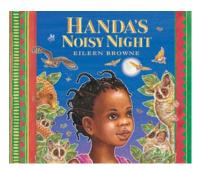




Award-winning children's fiction author Karen Foxlee makes her picture book debut with this classic hero story about the difference one small voice can make.

When tiny Horatio Squeak is invited to a mysterious party at the top of the stairs, he finds himself in the unexpected company of kittens with dreadfully bright teeth and dreadfully sharp claws. Despite their intimidating appearance, the kittens are welcoming hosts who seem to enjoy Horatio's company. But when they spot a bird in the window, they cannot resist the urge to catch it. As Horatio watches on with horror, he finds the courage to speak out and save the scared bird. With his newfound bravery, Horatio returns home feeling stronger and not nearly so small.

THEMES Friendship, danger, kindness.



HANDA'S NOISY NIGHT Eileen Browne

9781406320015 • Hardback September 2019 • Walker Books

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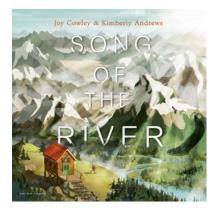


When Handa has a sleepover with her friend Akeyo, the girls are allowed to spend the night in a little hut near the house. They're excited to be on their own, but as they get ready for bed, Handa feels more and more nervous. She keeps hearing things – strange snorts, chitter chattering, a big thud. Akeyo says it's only her noisy family, but on the opposite page the reader sees the nocturnal animals who are really making the noise – and while some of them are familiar, others are very peculiar-looking indeed!

THEMES Animals, Africa/Kenya, friendship.



PICTURE BOOKS



SONG OF THE RIVER Joy Cowley • Kimberly Andrews

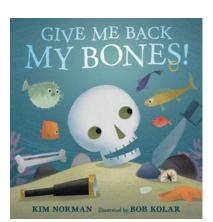
9781776572533 • Hardback July 2019 • Gecko Press



Follow the river's journey from its source in the mountains all the way to the sea.

In this resonant story Cam the mountain boy follows the river from its trickling source in the snow all the way to the sea. The river leads him through forest, farms and towns to the salty wind of the sea. The dramatic landscapes are packed with detail to discover in the world of the river.

THEMES Environment, rivers, flora and fauna. **TEACHER NOTES** walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



GIVE ME BACK MY BONES!

Kim Norman • Bob Kolar

9781406384932 • Hardback September 2019 • Walker Books



A pirate skeleton seeks to put its bones back together in this rhyming first book of anatomy!

A stormy night at sea has uncovered some long-buried secrets and surprises. Is that the mast of a shipwreck? A faded pirate hat? And what's that hiding in the sand? A mandible and a clavicle, phalanges and femurs, a tibia and a fibula – could there be a complete set of bones scattered across the ocean floor? And who might they belong to?

THEMES Science, anatomy, pirates.

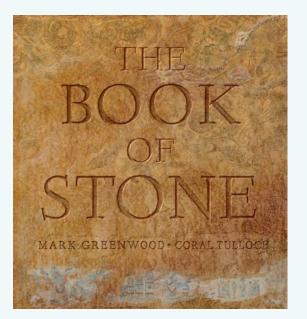
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THE BOOK OF STONE

Mark Greenwood Coral Tulloch

9781760650872 Hardback November 2019 Recommended age: 5-11 Walker Books Australia





Every stone has a story, the echo of a memory, a walk in the wilderness, a time and a place lived and loved. This book is about these stones.

This book explains the special connection that can be enjoyed when one pays attention to the stones that are all around us and can mean so much, if we take the time to appreciate them. *The Book of Stone* encourages children to play outside and explore, look at the stars, feel the heat of the sun, sit, stare and contemplate nature. The layers of thought and emotion, captured in Coral Tulloch's imaginative illustrations, will encourage kids to connect with nature on an individual level by finding stones "weathered by time, with curious shapes and colours, polished smooth by wind and water."

THEMES

TEACHER NOTES

Natural history, sustainability, science. walkerbooks.com.au/teachers

Crystal is stone of complex geometry prisms and cubes atoms and molecules.

ILLUSTRATED FICTION

THE SECOND ADVENTURES OF PRINCESS PEONY

Nette Hilton Lucinda Gifford

9781760650452 Hardback July 2019 Recommended age: 5-8 Walker Books Australia



The second book in Nette Hilton's irresistible emerging readers series for self-described princesses who dislike waiting around for things (especially princes) and can't resist a challenge from a troll (big brother).

Princess Peony has zero interest in waiting for a unicorn, a fairy princess or a silly prince until the Troll (her brother) tells her she'll never get one because she's not even a real princess. Then, the lovely Princess decides a Prince on a horse, with a big jumping leaping hound and a savage lion or two would be VERY handy.

THEMES

Imaginative play, fantasy, siblings.



PICTURE BOOK

MADAME BADOBEDAH Sophie Dahl Lauren O'Hara

9781406384406 Hardback October 2019 Recommended age: 5-8 Walker Books



A timeless story celebrating friendship and imagination, from an exciting new voice in children's literature.

Mabel lives with her parents in The Mermaid Hotel, by the sea. Mabel likes to keep an eye on the comings and goings of all the guests. Then one day a particularly *in-ter-est-ing* old lady comes to stay. There is something very suspicious about her, with her growly voice and her heavy trunks and her beady-eyed tortoise. And why does no one know her REAL name? There can only be one answer, Mabel decides... this guest is a SUPERVILLAIN.

THEMES

Imagination, friendship.

TEACHER NOTES



JUNIOR FICTION

THE SEVEN KEYS ALLISON RUSHBY

9781760650797 Paperback July 2019 Recommended age: 9-12 Walker Books Australia



ALSO AVAILABLE



The spooky, action-packed and much-anticipated sequel to the award-winning *The Turnkey*.

Flossie Birdwhistle is the Turnkey at London's Highgate Cemetery. Seven years have passed since Flossie saved her country from a ghostly invasion during World War II. Since then, things have been quiet. That is, until Flossie's nemesis, Hugo Howsham, reveals a secret the pair have been keeping – the keys of the Magnificent Seven cemeteries can be combined to make a Turnkey not only mortal, but immortal. When Hugo Howsham begins stealing keys, the other Turnkeys turn against Flossie, trusting her no longer. With family, friends and her cemetery in danger, can Flossie find the inner strength to protect everything she has ever cared about?

THEMES Ghosts, adventure.



ALLISON RUSHBY is the daughter of an author and was raised on a wholesome and steady diet of classic English literature. She has long been a fan of cities with long, winding histories, wild, overgrown cemeteries, red brick Victorian museums, foxes and ivy. 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.

JUNIOR/MIDDLE GRADE FICTION





THE SECRETS OF MAGNOLIA MOON

Edwina Wyatt, Katherine Quinn 9781760651541 • Hardback • November 2019 • Age: 6-10 • Walker Books Australia

CBCA award-winning picture book author Edwina Wyatt makes her fiction debut with a whimsical tale of a curious little girl who shares more than just her surname with the moon: they're both excellent secret keepers.

Magnolia Moon is nine years old, likes Greek mythology, her best friend Imogen May (who understands the importance of questions like, "If you could be one fruit, any fruit, what would you be?"), wishing trees, and speaking crow. She knows instinctively that buffadillos are armadillos crossed with buffalos and believes there are walramingos living in her garden. She's also the kind of person who can be entrusted with a great many secrets.

THEMES Secrets, change, family.

TEACHER NOTES walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



MIKA AND MAX

Laura Bloom 9781760651145 • Paperback • August 2019 • Age: 10-14 • Walker Books Australia

A story about a girl who meets a boy who changes everything.

When 13-year-old Mika is forced to attend a music festival with her family, she resigns herself to hippies, heat, and embarrassment. But nothing could prepare her for Max, who's almost 10 and has autism. When the two of them join forces, a series of unexpected and life changing events unfolds.



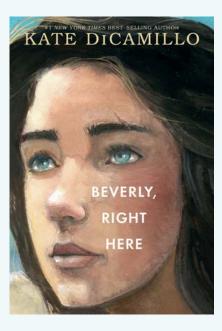
THEMES Autism, music, adventure.

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MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION

BEVERLY, RIGHT HERE KATE DICAMILLO

9781406391633 Hardback September 2019 Recommended age: 9-12 Walker Books



ALSO AVAILABLE



Revisiting once again the world of *Raymie Nightingale* and *Louisiana's Way Home*, Kate DiCamillo turns her focus to the tough-talking, inescapably tenderhearted Beverly Tapinski.

Beverly Tapinski has run away from home plenty of times, but that was when she was just a kid. By now, she figures, it's not running away ... it's leaving. Determined to make it on her own, Beverly finds a job and a place to live and tries to forget about her dog, Buddy, now buried underneath the orange trees back home; her friend Raymie, whom she left without a word; and her mum, Rhonda, who has never cared about anyone but herself. Beverly doesn't want to depend on anyone, and she definitely doesn't want anyone to depend on her. But despite her best efforts, she can't help forming connections with the people around her – and, gradually, she learns to see herself through their eyes.

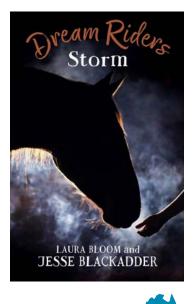
Beverly, Right Here tells the story of a character who will break your heart and put it back together again.

THEMES Home, isolation, emotional journey. **TEACHER NOTES** walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



KATE DICAMILLO is one of America's most beloved storytellers. She is a former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and a twotime Newbery Medalist. Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in Florida and now lives in Minneapolis.

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



ALSO AVAILABLE



DREAM RIDERS: STORM

Laura Bloom, Jesse Blackadder

9781760650537 • Paperback • September 2019 • Age: 8-12 • Walker Books Australia

Without a saddle or bridle, all that's left is the truth.

Living in a remote reach of The Pocket, twelve-year-old Storm is a hippy home-schooler Medievalist who knows almost nothing about the modern world. After taking out the archery prize at the local show, Storm spots the horse of her dreams, Morning Mist, on the jousting field. Inspired by Frankie's demonstration of natural horsemanship, the headstrong Storm immediately decides to join the Dream Riders and buy Morning Mist with her prize money. But she's told to forget it in no uncertain terms by the owner, Margery, a crotchety widower and champion marmalade-maker who has no time for hippies. As Storm begins learning natural horsemanship with the Dream Riders her extraordinary talent becomes clear. She could ride just about any horse – but she's not prepared to give up on Morning Mist.

THEMES Natural horsemanship, fitting in, family.

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CLOUD BOY

Marcia Williams 9781406381214 • Paperback • July 2019 • Age: 9-12 • Walker Books

The diary of an irrepressible girl learning to deal with friendship, grief and growing up, perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson.

Harry Christmas and Angie Moon are best friends and almost-twins. Ever since they were born two days apart they've been partners in cloud-spotting, sweet-eating and treehouse-building. But when Harry is taken to hospital for headaches that won't go away, he needs Angie more than ever. Because when things fall apart, only a best friend can stitch them back together. Told through Angie's lively diary, this is a bittersweet story about friendship and growing up.

THEMES Friendship, Illness, Diaries.

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YOUNG ADULT



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DRA CONSTRUMENT



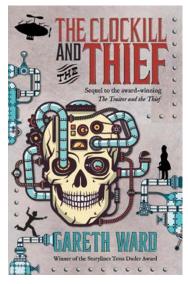
Neal Shusterman 9781406385670 • Paperback • November 2019 • Age: 12-16 • Walker Books

The explosive conclusion to the New York Times bestselling Arc of a Scythe series.

It's been three years since Rowan and Citra disappeared; since Scythe Goddard came into power; since the Thunderhead closed itself off to everyone but Grayson Tolliver.

In this pulse-pounding finale to Neal Shusterman's internationally bestselling trilogy, constitutions are tested and old friends are brought back from the dead.

THEMES Dystopia, death



ALSO AVAILABLE



THE CLOCKILL AND THE THIEF

Gareth Ward 9781760651206 • Paperback • August 2019 • Age: 12-16 • Walker Books Australia

This fantastic follow-up to the Storylines Tessa Duder Award-winning *The Traitor and the Thief* is just as exciting and action-packed as the first instalment.

Sin is dying, poisoned by his blue blood. His troubles deepen when the traitor who poisoned him escapes from the custody of the Covert Operations Group and sets out for revenge. COG tasks Sin, his friend Zonda Chubb and their frenemy Velvet Von Darque with recapturing the traitor, whatever the cost. Taking to the air in pursuit, they must battle skypirates and the terrifying Clockill to complete their mission. But with his condition worsening, can Sin survive long enough to save his friends, himself and the day?

THEMES Steampunk, adventure, fantasy.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

I AM CHANGE Suzy Zail

9781925126839 Paperback August 2019 Recommended age: 14-18 Black Dog Books





They told her that her body belonged to men and her mind didn't matter. They were wrong.

"What if I don't want to marry?" Lillian held her breath. She had never said the words out loud. "Not want to marry?" Her aunt frowned. "What else would you do?"

Set in a Ugandan village, Lilian has learned to shrink herself to fit other people's ideas of what a girl is. In her village a girl is not meant to be smarter than her brother. A girl is not meant to go to school or enjoy her body or decide who to marry. Especially if she is poor.

Inspired by and written in consultation with young Ugandan women, *I Am Change* is the tragic but empowering story of how a young girl finds her voice and the strength to fight for change.

THEMES Africa/Uganda, gender roles, oppression.

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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

RULES FOR VANISHING Kate Alice Marshall

9781406393149 Paperback October 2019 Recommended age: 14-18 Walker Books



Cross *The Blair Witch Project* with *Stranger Things* and you've got *Rules for Vanishing*: a skin-crawling story that grows more unsettling with every step...

Once a year, a road appears in the forest. And at the end of it, the ghost of Lucy Gallows beckons. Lucy's game isn't for the faint of heart. If you win, you escape with your life. But if you lose...

Sara's sister disappeared one year ago – and only Sara knows where she is. Becca went to find the ghost of Lucy Gallows and is trapped on her road. In the sleepy town of Briar Glen, Lucy's road is nothing more than local lore. But Sara knows it's real, and she's going to find it.

When Sara and her skeptical friends meet in the forest to search for Becca, the mysterious road unfurls before them. All they have to do is walk down it. But the path to Lucy is not of this world, and it has its own rules. Every mistake summons new horrors. Vengeful spirits and broken, angry creatures are waiting for them to slip, and no one is guaranteed safe passage. The only certainty is this: the road has a toll and it will be paid.

Sara knows that if she steps onto the road, she might not come back. But Becca needs her. And Lucy is waiting.

THEMES Horror & Ghost Stories, Chillers.

PERFECT CLASS TEXTS - SECONDARY



A SINGLE STONE Meg McKinlay

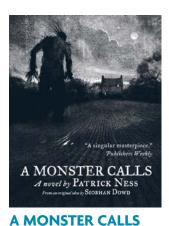
9781925081701 • PB • 10+ Walker Books Australia Year 6 – Year 8 English

IDEAL FOR

THEMES

Responsibility Dystopia Sustainability Societal pressures Conformity Belief systems

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Patrick Ness

9781406339345 • PB • 12+ Walker Books

IDEAL FOR

Year 8 – 10 English

THEMES

Grief/loss The power of stories Isolation Versions of reality Family

TEACHER NOTES

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THE HATE U GIVE Angie Thomas

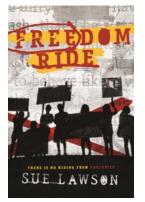
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Racism Bravery Activism Coming to terms with the past

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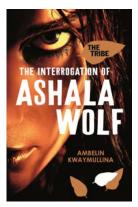
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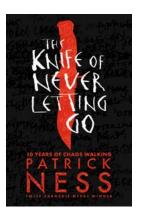
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