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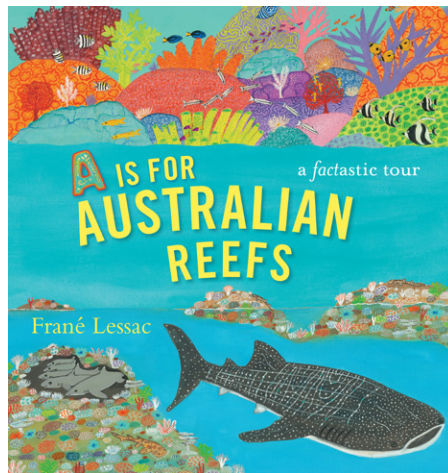
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PICTURE BOOK

A IS FOR AUSTRALIAN REEFS

Frané Lessac
9781760652258
Hardback
October 2022
Age: 5-8
Walker Books Australia



A new dive into fascinating facts from best-selling, multi-award-winning author/illustrator Frané Lessac.

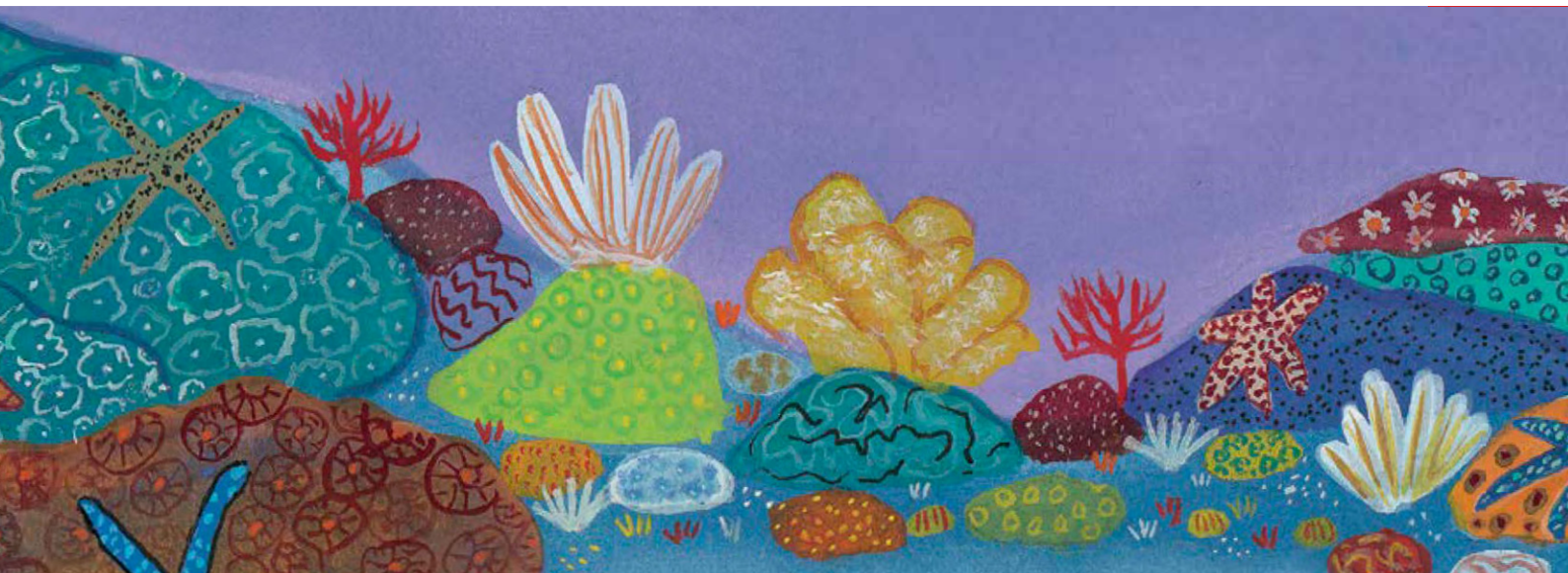
Along the coastline of Australia, underwater reefs are bustling with the most amazing sea creatures living on the planet! A deep dive into the biodiversity of Australia's remarkable coastline from sharks to octopuses to dolphins and manta rays and seahorses - and the most famous reef of all – the Great Barrier Reef.

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Conservation, Australian wildlife, ecology

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Read to Us!

STORY TIME KIT

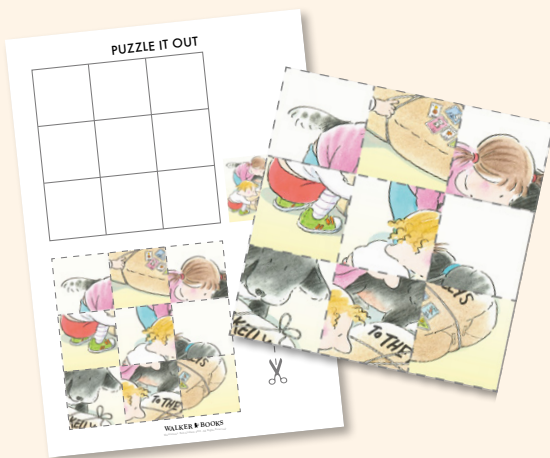


Engage young readers with simple and entertaining early literacy activities.

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

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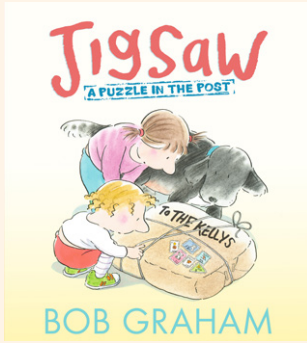
ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: 'PUZZLE IT OUT' FROM *JIGSAW: PUZZLE IN THE POST!*



Print the puzzle template on sturdy cardboard. Carefully cut around the puzzle pieces and then jumble them all up. Can you put the puzzle back together again?

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BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



JIGSAW: A PUZZLE IN THE POST

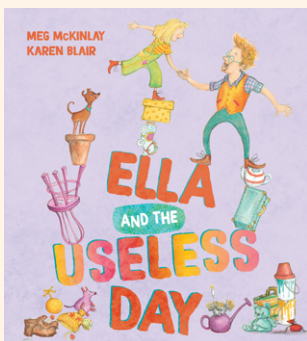
Bob Graham
9781529503319
Hardback
July 2022
Age: 3-7
Walker Books



Serendipity and positive thinking come into play as a family searches for a missing puzzle piece in Bob Graham's enchanting story with a sweet surprise ending.

"Oh, let's do it!" say Kitty and Katy and Mum when a thousand-piece jigsaw puzzle mysteriously arrives in the post. "I have time on my hands," agrees Dad. Starting in winter with the edges, by autumn they're almost done, only to discover that one piece is missing. Mum is sure that it must have accidentally gone out with the rubbish, so the Kellys pile into the car to comb through the local tip ("shouldn't take long"). There they uncover forgotten letters, train tickets, discarded newspapers, and old photos yellow with age, but finding the missing piece is starting to seem like wishful thinking. "Let's wish, then," says Katy. As in all of Bob Graham's work, the beauty here is in the details, with visual perspectives that offer a bird's-eye view or take us underfoot, wordless sequences letting us in on a secret. Is it sheer luck – or perhaps the power of hope – that creates an ending to the story?

THEMES Family, hope, recycling



ELLA AND THE USELESS DAY

Meg McKinlay
Karen Blair
9781760653095
Hardback
August 2022
Age: 3-7
Walker Books Australia



A heartwarming picture book about community, sustainability and how one neighbour's rubbish is another's treasure.

Ella's house is full of things . . . useless things! At least that's what she and Dad think. But when they decide to have a clean-up day, something very curious happens. Maybe what is useless to them is treasure to someone else?

THEMES Sustainability, upcycling, community



BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



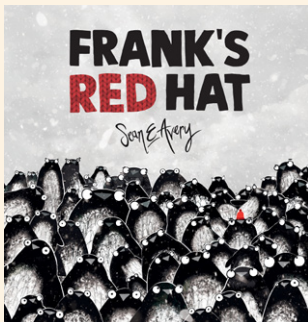
A heartfelt yarn exploring the bonds of brotherhood and the ties that bind, told with humour and warmth.

Jack's jumper is special because it can be many things – a den, a hat, a hug – but most of all it is special because it belonged to Jack's big brother, Paul. Jack wears the jumper every day, but when forced to take it off to have a bath, the cat sees a comfy new bed . . .

THEMES Family, siblings, upcycling

JACK'S JUMPER

Sara Acton
9781760654054
Hardback
July 2022
Age: 3-6
Walker Books Australia



A story about never giving up on your talents, because even though what you do may not be appreciated right now, it may be in time. Possibly by someone you'd least expect.

Frank is a penguin with ideas. Mostly terrible ones. That's why his fellow penguins are nervous when he shows them his strange new creation. Something they'd never seen or expected to see in their cold and colourless Antarctic world — a red hat.

THEMES Humour, differences, being yourself

FRANK'S RED HAT

Sean E Avery
9781760654283
Hardback
October 2022
Age: 4-7
Walker Books Australia



PICTURE BOOK



WELL DONE, MUMMY PENGUIN

Chris Haughton

9781406385533 • Hardback

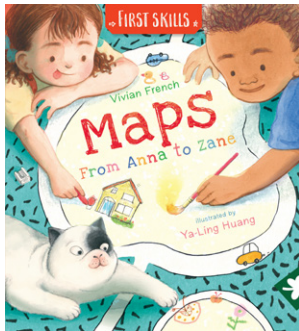
November 2022 • Age: 3-7 • Walker Books

Mummy Penguin is off to find a fishy dinner for her family. She has to swim very fast, climb a slippery cliff – *cu-crunch, cu-crunch, cu-crunch* – and even tiptoe past some sleeping seals... *Shh!* All the while, Little Penguin looks on in awe and says: “*Well done, Mummy Penguin!*”

The icy – and treacherous! – Antarctic landscapes are breathtaking in this funny and exciting celebration of all that mothers do, and all that mothers are.

THEMES Family, humour, problem-solving

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MAPS: FROM ANNA TO ZANE

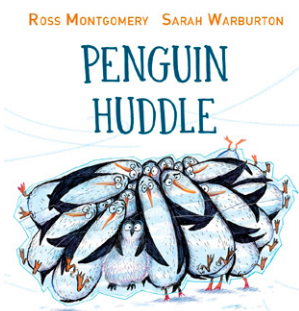
Vivian French • Ya-Ling Huang

9781406388749 • Hardback

July 2022 • Age: 4-7 • Walker Books

A whimsical story about learning to use maps, perfect for very young children. One day, Anna’s friend Zane sends her an invitation: *Come to tea tomorrow! This is the way to my home. Love, Zane.* Inside the envelope, there’s a MAP. Anna soon decides to make a map of her own, too ... and before long, Dad and even Whiskers the cat are in on the fun. From routes to symbols, point of view and scale, join Anna and her dad as they explore the wonderful world of maps – with words by Vivian French, storyteller extraordinaire, and delightful pictures by rising star Ya-Ling Huang.

THEMES Maps, friendship, new skills



COVER TO BE REVEALED

PENGUIN HUDDLE

Ross Montgomery • Sarah Warburton

9781406389838 • Hardback

November 2022 • Age: 3-7 • Walker Books

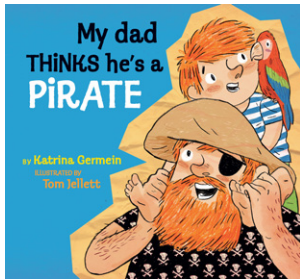
The penguin pack play all day long. And when the sun goes down, and the night grows cold and dark...“PENGUIN HUDDLE!” The penguins squeeze and squish together to stay warm and cosy. But one night, there is a freezing gale. And the next morning ... the penguins are stuck! They are frozen together like a giant penguin ice pop. What a penguin MUDDLE! Nobody in the Antarctic can figure out how to unstick them. But Pipsqueak, the smallest penguin of them all, has a brilliant idea... They must adventure out of their snowy home to a vibrant city across the great, gleaming ocean to solve their penguin puzzle.

This light-hearted tale of jolly penguins big and small is a celebration of friendship, community spirit and helping those in trouble.

THEMES Family, humour, problem-solving



PICTURE BOOK



MY DAD THINKS HE'S A PIRATE

Katrina Germein • Tom Jellett

9781760653460 • Hardback

July 2022 • Age: 5-7 • Walker Books Australia



Captain Dad and his crew are having a day at the beach, and of course Dad is bringing his treasure trove of jokes. Whether it's a ship he bought on sail or an earring that costs one buccaneer, a day with Dad is shore to be hilarious! At least he seems to think so. New to the bestselling series!



THEMES Humour, family, pirates



WOOLFF!

Stephanie Blake

9781776574834 • Paperback

July 2022 • Age: 1-3 • Gecko Press

Once there was a little rabbit who did only what he wanted.

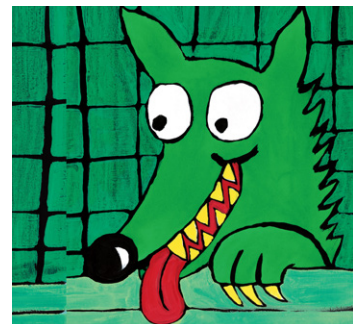
When his mother asked him to tidy his room he cried, "Wooolf! The wolf is coming!" and, when she ran away, he did whatever he wanted.

One day he did a wee where he wanted, and the wolf came to get him. "Wooolf!" he cried, but his mother didn't fall for that.

The wolf got him!

It was just Simon's father in a wolf mask. Simon promised never to cry wolf again. But when his mother opened the cupboard in the morning, a wolf cried, "Awwoooo!"

A funny new book with a twist ending in the worldwide bestselling series about Simon the cheeky rabbit.



THEMES Truth and lies, humour, family



THE GRIZZLED GRIST DOES NOT EXIST!

Juliette MacIver • Sarah Davis

9781776574155 • Hardback

October 2022 • Age: 4-7 • Gecko Press

It's the class trip to Dismal Hills wilderness. The children aren't worried about the legendary Grizzled Grist who lives here; they're excited to show off their outdoor skills—foraging, climbing, trapping. No one's impressed with Liam's skill of hiding. But it turns out a hider can see what others think does not exist.

A hider moves with soundless ease and treads as softly as the breeze.

At times, a hider barely breathes—but what is this the hider sees?

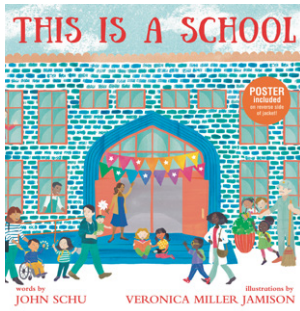
When the children and their frazzled teacher walk confidently into disaster, little Liam saves the day—a triumph for the quiet child no one notices.



THEMES Myths, exploration, observation



PICTURE BOOK



THIS IS A SCHOOL

John Schu • Veronica Miller Jamison

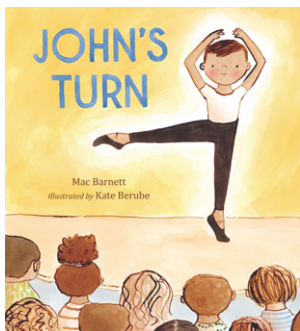
9781536204582 • Hardback

July 2022 • Age: 4-8 • Candlewick Press

A school isn't just a building; it is all the people who work and learn together. It is a place for discovery and asking questions. A place for sharing, for helping, and for community. It is a place of hope and healing, even when that community can't be together in the same room. John Schu, a librarian and former ambassador of school libraries for Scholastic, crafts a loving letter to schools and the people that make up the communities within in a picture book debut beautifully illustrated by Veronica Miller Jamison.

THEMES School, community, creativity

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JOHN'S TURN

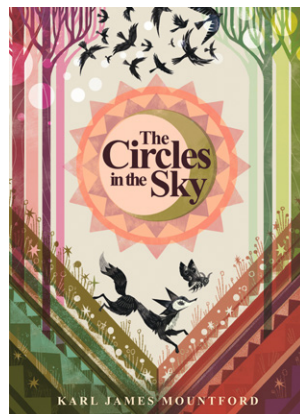
Mac Barnett • Kate Berube

9781536203950 • Hardback

July 2022 • Age: 4-8 • Candlewick Press

It's John's big day at school today—a performance for Sharing Gifts time. His bag is carefully packed and prepared, his classmates are ready, and the curtain is waiting to open. John is nervous, looking out at all the other children staring back at him. But he takes a big breath and begins. Mac Barnett's compassionate text and Kate Berube's understated and expressive art tell the story of a kid who finds the courage to show others his talent for dancing.

THEMES Being yourself, facing fears, dance



THE CIRCLES IN THE SKY

Karl James Mountford

9781529502572 • Hardback

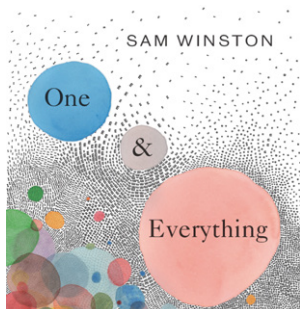
September 2022 • Age: 3-7 • Walker Books

One day, Fox is drawn to something in the forest – it's something small, something silent, perhaps forgotten. It's a bird, as still as can be. Fox is confused, upset and angry – is the bird broken? But then a little moth comes along. Kind and wise and comforting, Moth shares a gentle philosophy to help Fox understand: the story of the circles in the sky.

THEMES Loss, death, hope



PICTURE BOOK



ONE AND EVERYTHING

Sam Winston
9781529509298
Hardback
November 2022
Age: 5-10
Walker Studio

From Sam Winston, the co-creator of the Bologna Ragazzi award-winning *A Child of Books*, comes a thought-provoking celebration of the power of stories and written languages, and the imperative to preserve them.

Once there were many stories in the world. Some had beautiful sunsets, some lived at the bottom of the sea, and some were simply about dogs. Until one story decided that it was going to be the *most* important story ever. It called itself the One and started to consume every other story in existence. Soon it seemed that the One was all that was left ... or was it?

Inspired by the Endangered Alphabets project, aimed at preserving cultures by sharing their unique scripts, author-illustrator Sam Winston uses writing systems such as cuneiform, Canadian aboriginal, Egyptian hieroglyphs and ogham to illustrate this book in his signature typography-based style, using symbols and letters that have relayed the world's stories over the centuries.

THEMES Language, culture, stories



PARADISE SANDS

Levi Pinfold
9781406383942
Hardback
November 2022
Age: 5-9
Walker Studio

An enchanting tale of haunting places and mystical bargains, sumptuously illustrated by Levi Pinfold.

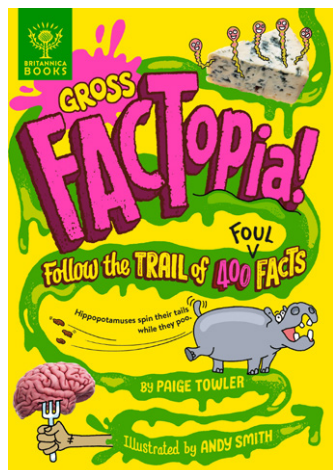
When a young girl and her brothers step into the ghostly Paradise Sands hotel, they fall under the rule of the mysterious Teller. She makes a deal with him to free them all from his haunting paradise. But can she hold up her side of the bargain?

THEMES Myths, family, bravery

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NON FICTION



GROSS FACTOPIA!

Paige Towler
Andy Smith
9781913750671
Hardback
September 2022
Age: 8-12
Britannica Books

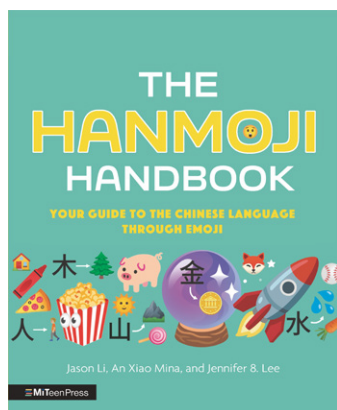
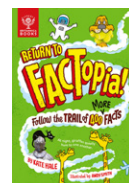
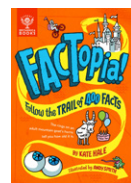
In this disgustingly marvellous world, you will discover facts about smelly sports, weird world records, rank rodents, vile Victorians, horrible medicine, gory gastronomy and more – all of which are connected in unexpected and hilarious ways!

Did you know that sloths poo only once a week? Or that poo from crocodiles was sometimes used as make-up in ancient Rome? Or that ancient Romans sometimes purchased vials of gladiator sweat? Or that apes and monkeys sweat from their armpits just like humans do? Welcome to *Gross FACTopia!*, a wonderland of fantastically foul facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopedia Britannica! Every fact in this book is linked to the next in an ingenious trail of information, where you will slither from topic to topic in surprising and stomach-churning ways. Sometimes your path branches, and you can catapult forwards or creep backwards to a totally different (but still connected) part of the book. Follow your curiosity (and your nose) through this ridiculously revolting world of facts!

THEMES

Human body, science, history

ALSO AVAILABLE



THE HANMOJI HANDBOOK

Jason Li, An Xiao Mina,
and Jennifer 8. Lee
9781529510508
Hardback
September 2022
Age: 11+
MITeen Press

Learn Chinese with a new twist! This full-colour illustrated handbook introduces and explains Han characters and idioms through the language of emoji.

Even though their dates of origin are millennia apart, the languages of Chinese and emoji share similarities that the average smartphone user might find surprising. These “hanmoji” parallels offer an exciting new way to learn Chinese – and a fascinating window into the evolution of Chinese Han characters. Packed with fun illustrations and engaging descriptions, *The Hanmoji Handbook* is entertaining, accessible and educational – as well as a quirky, visual gift book.

This book is not only full of advice for teenagers but a brilliant tool for their parents, carers and teachers, as well as answering FAQs and busting some popular myths along the way.

THEMES

Language, new skills, culture

NON FICTION



Make your own picture book with this hilarious, activity-filled guide from award-winning author Elys Dolan.

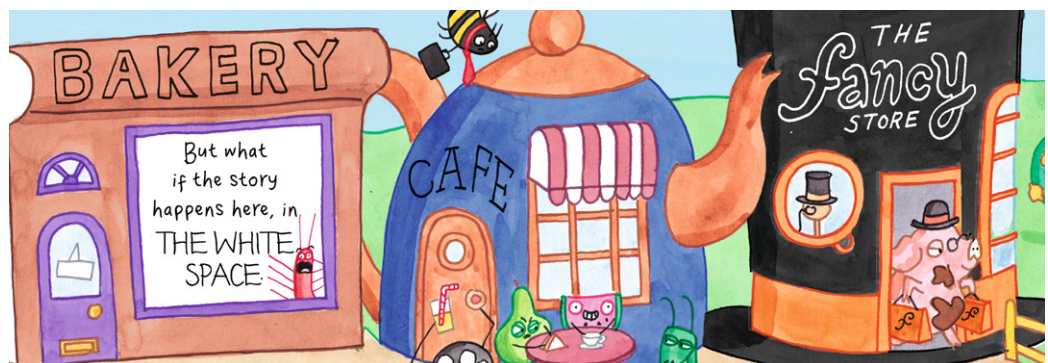
Ever wanted to make your own picture book? Award-winning author Elys Dolan shows you how – with the help of her very enthusiastic assistant, Bert. From finding a brilliant idea to using colour and space to tell your story, this entertaining guide is packed with activities, tips and jokes. Find inspiration, grab your pens and pencils, and get making!

HOW TO MAKE A PICTURE BOOK

Elys Dolan
9781529500592
Hardback
November 2022
Age: 6-11
Walker Books

THEMES Creativity, storytelling, humour

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From the alarm clock to the toilet, discover the incredible history all around you in this hilarious and fascinating book from popular historian and podcaster Greg Jenner.

Thought history was only in museums? Think again! Join Greg Jenner as he takes you on a trip through the amazing history hidden in the things you use every day. Did you know that the first TV was made out of biscuit tins and knitting needles? Or that the humble paperclip helped lead an anti-war movement? Or that a few hundred years ago it was fashionable to style your hair with cat poo?! Find out the delightful, daft and downright deadly history of your everyday life that your teachers won't tell you about. Bursting with humorous illustrations and entertaining true stories, this is history – but not as you know it!

YOU ARE HISTORY

Greg Jenner
Jenny Taylor
9781406395679
Hardback
November 2022
Age: 7-12
Walker Books

THEMES History, humour, society

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NON FICTION



LET'S SAVE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF: WHY WE MUST PROTECT OUR PLANET

Catherine Barr
Jean Claude
9781406399677
Hardback
August 2022
Age: 5-9
Walker Books

Discover why we must protect the Great Barrier Reef from climate change.

The Great Barrier Reef is a wonderland of colour beneath the waves. The largest coral reef in the world, it is home to a quarter of all ocean life. This beautifully illustrated picture book brings to life this extraordinary underwater world for young children, exploring its dazzling coral gardens and rainbow-coloured sea creatures. Diving into this unique habitat, readers will discover fascinating marine life, how the coral reef helps our oceans and therefore why it is so important that we act to protect this special aquatic landscape from the impact of climate change.

THEMES

Conservation, Australian wildlife, climate change

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PASSIONATE ABOUT PENGUINS

Owen Davey
9781838740771
Hardback
November 2022
Age: 7-11
Flying Eye Books

Owen Davey's popular non-fiction series continues with a captivating and stunningly illustrated guide to penguins.

Did you know that penguins can hold their breath for over half an hour? Or that they can swim four times faster than an Olympic swimmer? And they don't just live in icy Antarctica! You can find them on sandy beaches in South Africa and other more tropical locations too.

Dive into this fascinating illustrated guide to our feathered friends, the penguins. From the tiny fairy penguin that is no bigger than a ruler, to the emperor penguin that is over a metre tall, find out where they live, what they eat and how we can protect them.

THEMES

Science, wildlife, conservation



INDIA, INCREDIBLE INDIA

Jasbinder Bilan
Nina Chakrabarti
9781406395426
Hardback
October 2022
Age: 6-12
Walker Books

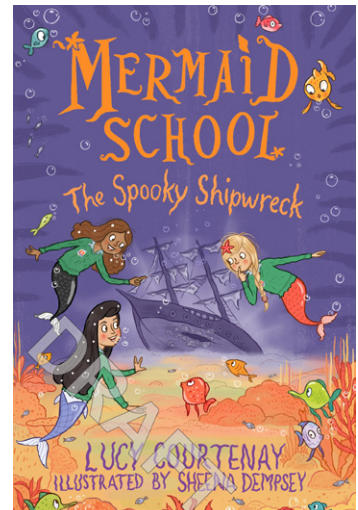
Journey across the diverse regions of India in this beautifully illustrated introduction to the culture and history of this incredible country and its people, with words by a Costa-winning author.

The first work of non-fiction by multi-award-winning author Jasbinder Bilan, brought to life by artist Nina Chakrabarti, is a joyful celebration of India and its people, places and wildlife. Watch elephants bathing from a houseboat in Kerala, marvel at ancient cave paintings in Bhimbetka, wander through Delhi's bustling streets, and ride a train through the snow-capped peaks of the Himalaya. Uncover India's fascinating history and culture, and explore the unique mix of the traditional and modern that makes India the incredible country it is today.

THEMES

History, culture, wildlife

NEW IN SERIES



ILLUSTRATED FICTION



MISS PENNY DREADFUL AND THE MIDNIGHT KITTENS

Allison Rushby
Bronte Rose Marando
9781760654030
Paperback
August 2022
Age: 7-10
Walker Books

An enquiring mind - and mystical mysteries to solve - adds up to adventure in the first book of the new junior fiction series from acclaimed author Allison Rushby.

"Now, Miss Pickering." Miss Strickland turned to her pupil. "If you would be so kind as to close the door behind you, we will endeavour to discuss why your aunt, her publisher and her monkey have called upon us this afternoon."

Forever in trouble for sketching in her notebook, Penny Pickering dreams of her famous authoress aunt turning up at her boarding school and whisking her away. So when Aunt Harriet appears at Miss Strickland's School for Girls of an Enquiring Mind and asks Penny if she would like to join her on an adventure, Penny knows exactly what to say – yes, please!

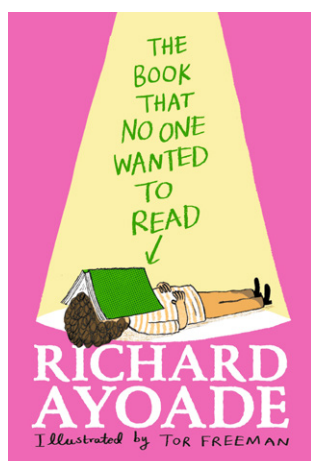
Penny soon finds herself headed for Hampshire and a strange place called Mr Toddington's Museum of the Curious and Absurd where bewitched kittens are said to have a tea party at midnight...

THEMES

Mystery, adventure, curiosity

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THE BOOK THAT NO ONE WANTED TO READ

Richard Ayoade
Tor Freeman
9781529500301
Hardback
October 2022
Age: 8-12
Walker Books

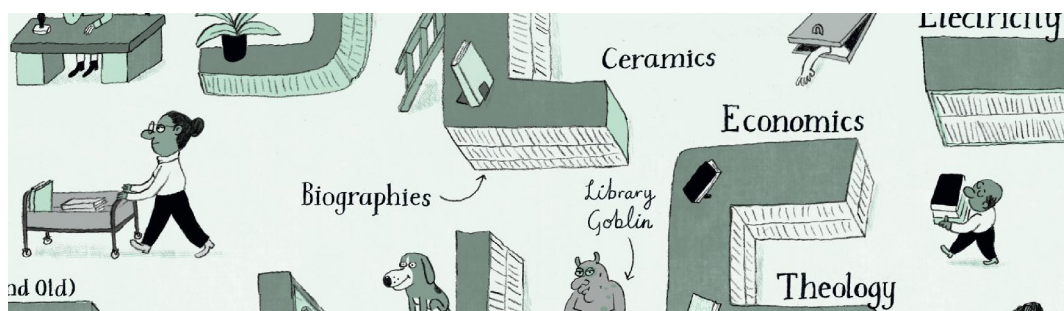
What is it that makes YOU want to read a book? Richard Ayoade is here to get readers howling with laughter at everything we thought we knew about books, in his children's debut.

Have you ever thought about how it feels to be a book? To be left under a pile of whiffy undies or shelved in a dusty corner? To have your pages bent backwards or your spine BROKEN? What if you don't have a sparkly unicorn or dragon adorning your cover – who will pick you out of the bookshop *then*?

This is the story of one seriously disgruntled Book That No One Wants To Read – can its destiny change when it finally meets the right reader?

THEMES

Humour, stories, reading



ILLUSTRATED FICTION/JUNIOR FICTION



LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO TAKING THE BLAME

Louie Stowell
9781529501223
Paperback
August 2022
Age: 8-12
Walker Books

Second in the series as Norse god Loki grumbles, snarks and doodles his way through his enchanted diary, recording the highs and (mostly) lows of living on Earth as an eleven-year-old boy.

Loki might not have shown any moral improvement (yet) but Odin has given him another chance to prove himself worthy of Asgard by keeping Earth safe from the threat of Frost Giants. But eleven-year-old Loki has more important things to worry about:

Parents Evening.

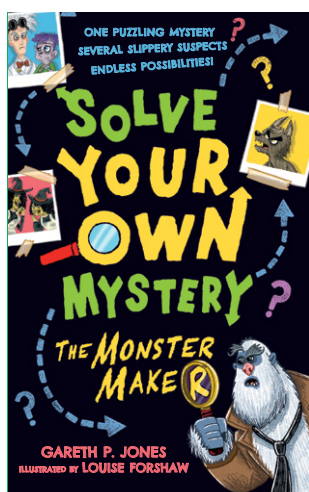
After a series of 1-star reviews from his teachers, Loki is jealous of the glowing adoration bestowed upon Thor and swears vengeance. So when Thor has a birthday party and his favourite hammer, Mjolnir, goes missing, everyone suspects Loki.

To clear his name, Loki must find Thor's hammer and find out who the real thief is...

THEMES

Norse mythology, humour, adventure

ALSO AVAILABLE



SOLVE YOUR OWN MYSTERY: THE MONSTER MAKER

Gareth P. Jones
Louise Forshaw
9781760656560
Paperback
October 2022
Age: 8-12
Walker Books Australia

A fantastically imaginative detective story for readers looking for an interactive adventure.

One puzzling mystery. Several slippery suspects. Endless possibilities!

Welcome to Haventry, a town where the ordinary and extraordinary collide! With ghosts, werewolves and zombies living side by side, trouble is always brewing. And when a fiendish crime is committed, YOU are the detective in charge of the case.

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With hundreds of paths to choose from and no dead ends, you'll solve the mystery every time!

THEMES

Mystery, adventure, humour



JUNIOR FICTION



DIARY OF AN ACCIDENTAL WITCH

Perdita Cargill
Honor Cargill
Katie Saunders
9781760656607
Paperback
October 2022
Age: 8-12
Walker Books Australia

A perfect potion of magic and mischief, *Diary of an Accidental Witch* is *The Worst Witch* meets Tom Gates.

Monday 20th September

I'M AT WITCH SCHOOL! Now would be a really good time to discover I can do magic...

Bea Black has just moved to Little Spellshire, a town with a magical secret. When her dad accidentally enrolls her at the local witch school, she has to get to grips with some interesting new classes, like, NOW! Also on her to do list? Make friends, look after the grumpy class frog AND do everything humanly magically possible to stay on a broom...

But with the Halloween Ball on the horizon, will she be able to master her wand skills in time to WOW? And more importantly can she keep her newfound magical abilities a secret from dad?

THEMES

Magic, friendship, being yourself



THE SECRET WILD

Alex Evelyn
9781406399394
Paperback
December 2022
Age: 9-11
Walker Books

A fantastical, botanical adventure about friendship, bravery – and finding home in a new place.

Fern has spent her whole life in the rainforest, and loves nothing more than climbing, exploring and talking to the trees. When she suddenly has to leave all that behind and move to London, with only an eccentric uncle for company, Fern feels entirely uprooted.

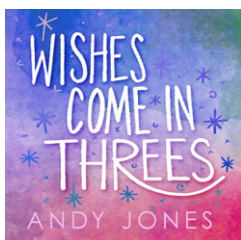
But when she meets a little plant that can understand her every word, it seems that things are looking up! That is until strange things start happening in the city: giant lily pads on the Thames, monkey vines on the London Eye, and now her new friend is starting to wilt...

Can they solve this growing mystery together – before it's too late?

Paddington Bear meets *Little Shop of Horrors* in this botanical and brilliant debut for 9+.

THEMES

Science, wildlife, conservation



COVER TO BE REVEALED

WISHES COME IN THREES

Andy Jones
9781529500882
Paperback
November 2022
Age: 9-12
Walker Books

A heartwarming, tenderly witty debut about Phyll, a girl filled with hope, whose summer is transformed when she makes an unusual friend.

At the start of the summer, Phyll longs for three things: less knobbly knees; a dog of her own; the cloud of depression that lingers over her mum to blow away in the Cornish sea breeze now that they've moved.

But wishing is easy. It's magic that's in short supply, or so Phyll thinks until she meets the mysterious Mr Djinn at the old folks' home. Mr Djinn is a firm believer in the power of wishing for the right things. He would be, since he claims to be a genie.

Genie or not, Phyll is just pleased to have someone other than her journal with whom to share her thoughts and feelings. And she has a lot of those, what with Hilda the bully at summer camp, a stranger on the beach who seems very interested in other people's dogs and waiting, hoping, for her mum's sadness to lift.

But as Phyll is about to learn, wishing hard enough, wishing well enough can bring its own magic...

THEMES

Friendship, empathy, family

JUNIOR FICTION



WHILE THE STORM RAGES

Phil Earle
9781839132056
Paperback
July 2022
Age: 9-11
Andersen Press

Noah and his friends fight to save animals from being put to sleep at the outbreak of World War Two.

September 1939. Britain is on the brink of war.

As Noah Price's dad marches off to fight, he asks his son to honour one vital promise: that he will keep their dog, Winn, safe. No matter what. Noah agrees, but his best intentions are crushed when the government advises people to have their pets put to sleep as part of the war preparations. Children are heartbroken, queues outside vets' surgeries stretch for miles. But Noah is a resourceful and impetuous child. He won't just do what he is told. Far from it. With his two friends in tow, he makes a pledge. To go on the run, and save as many animals as he can, whatever the cost.

So begins the most thrilling of adventures, involving a stolen ark, a motley crew of animals and a crashed Spitfire. Can Noah possibly save the animals, and lead them all to the promised land?

THEMES

WWII, animals, bravery

ALSO AVAILABLE



NURA AND THE IMMORTAL PALACE

M.T. Khan
9781529503494
Paperback
July 2022
Age: 9-12
Walker Books

A magical and pacy middle-grade debut following a young girl's adventure from modern-day Pakistan into the world of the jinn.

Nura has worked all her life in the mica mines, earning just enough to keep her family afloat – and to enjoy the odd delicious gulab jamun from the market. Some day she's going to find the Demon's Tongue, a legendary treasure buried deep in the mines, and she'll never have to worry about money again.

Then a terrible accident in the mine buries her best friend below ground. Desperate to save him, Nura digs too deep and passes over into the magical and terrible world of the jinn. Across a pink sea and under a purple sky, she finds her way to a palace, where great riches and a whole new life are on offer.

But it's not long before Nura discovers this world to be as unfair as the real one, and that trickster jinn will always live up to their reputation...

THEMES

Magic, adventure, bravery



THE COLOUR OF HOPE

Ross MacKenzie
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Paperback
July 2022
Age: 9-12
Andersen Press

A miracle child is born with the power to restore colour and hope in the world – but danger is snapping at her heels

'Why am I different?'

'I don't know, lassie. I wish I did. And I wish you didn't have tae hide it.'

The Dominion is cursed. Years ago, the Emperor and his Necromancer stole all the colour from the world. Now they keep it for themselves, enjoying its life-giving power while everyone else must exist in cold shades of grey. That is until a miracle baby is born – a little girl who lives in brilliant colour. But the child's life is in danger from her first breath. Soon the Emperor's murderous ripper dogs and black coats come hunting. A drifter mage, Sandy Burns, intervenes, hiding the wee miracle in the forest, raising her as his own. Rumour of 'the rainbow child' spreads, giving hope to those who had lost it ... but bringing danger and adventure to Sandy and his daughter.

THEMES

Belonging, loss, friendship

JUNIOR FICTION



EVIE AND RHINO

Neridah McMullin
Astred Hicks
9781760654207
Paperback
October 2022
Age: 9-13
Walker Books Australia



A young girl with a tragic past and a rhinoceros facing life in captivity form an unlikely and magical bond after a fateful storm and a shipwreck bring them together. A moving tale about love, connection and the healing power of friendship.

On a stormy night off the coast of southern Australia, a ship transporting a cargo of exotic animals tosses and turns in enormous seas. Rhino senses they are in grave danger. . .

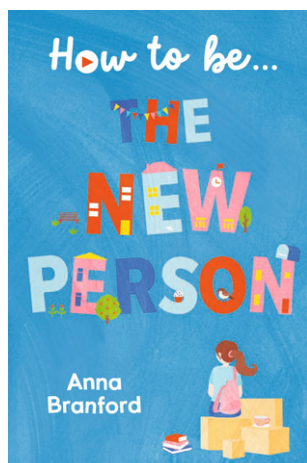
Not far away, ten-year-old Evie and her grandfather shelter in their crumbling, once-grand old home. They know too well how deadly storms can be. When all is calm, Evie treks over the dunes to the sea and makes a discovery that will change her life, and Rhino's, forever. Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest?

THEMES

Friendship, animals, resilience

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HOW TO BE . . . THE NEW PERSON

Anna Branford
9781760655839
Paperback
September 2022
Age: 8-11
Walker Books Australia



Delightful and insightful new story from the author of the *Violet Mackerel* series.

Hazel Morrison has a secret habit – pretending to make videos about everyday things. *Eight important tips for successfully buttering toast! Putting your hair in a ponytail: a step-by-step guide!* But when her family move to the outer suburbs, Hazel has to cope with starting at a new school where she doesn't exactly feel welcomed. A school project inspires her to create a real video – a how-to guide for being “the new person” . . . because everyone, sometime, will meet one, or be one!

THEMES

Resilience, new experiences, belonging

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JUNIOR FICTION

TILDA

Sue Whiting
9781760654634
Paperback
September 2022
Age: 10-12
Walker Books Australia



L.M. Montgomery meets Ruth Park in a story of friendship, hope and resilience.

"You have a big heart. And people blessed with a big heart have a choice to make. Do they fill that heart with light and love or do they fill it with darkness and hate? This is your choice to make, Matilda. Make it wisely."

Tilda Moss refuses to believe her papa has abandoned her and left her, alone and orphaned, in Brushwood Convent and Home for Girls, no matter what Sister Agatha says. A promise is a promise and Papa promised he would be back for her as soon as he returns from the war.

But Tilda is convinced the dreadful Sister Agatha is out to get her. Why is she so hateful all the time? She insists that Matilda declare to all at the convent that she is an orphan. She is not an orphan and she will never say it! Something is amiss and Tilda and her best friend Annie need to find out what before it is too late.

THEMES

Friendship, resilience, Australian history

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GRAPHIC NOVEL



TALES OF A SEVENTH-GRADE LIZARD BOY

Jonathan Hill
9781536216509
Paperback
October 2022
Age: 8-12
Candlewick Press

Drawing on the experiences of his Vietnamese American family and his love of '80s sci-fi shows, Jonathan Hill crafts a funny, insightful graphic novel about the immigrant experience and the perils of middle school.

Threatened with diminishing resources, Booger Lizk't and his family flee their lizard community deep below Earth's crust to survive above among humans. The Lizk't family of Elberon now passes as the Tomkins family of Eagle Valley. "Tommy Tomkins" wears a human face to school but can't seem to fit in no matter *how* he looks. The basketball team becomes a pipe dream when bullies label him a bug eater, and only Dung Tran, an immigrant from Vietnam and fellow outsider, sees Tommy for who he is inside, which is nothing like the outer-space lizard invaders on TV's hottest series. Can their friendship survive the truth? In his first solo middle-grade book, award-winning creator Jonathan Hill perfectly captures the sometimes dystopian drama of middle school while reminding readers of the universal need for belonging.

THEMES Differences, immigration, belonging

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BOOKED

Kwame Alexander
Dawud Anyabwile
9781839132230
Paperback
November 2022
Age: 10-14
Andersen Press

Kwame Alexander's acclaimed verse novel *Booked* is vividly brought to life as a graphic novel with stunning illustrations by star talent Dawud Anyabwile.

Like lightning/you strike/fast and free/legs zoom/down field/eyes fixed/on the checkered ball/on the goal/ten yards to go/can't nobody stop you/can't nobody cop you...

Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. In this graphic novel adaptation of the acclaimed verse novel, football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges – which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal – change his life, as well as his best friend's.

THEMES Sport, family, coming of age



YOUNG ADULT



DREAMING BY STARLIGHT

Siobhan Curham
9781529504019
Paperback
August 2022
Age: 12+
Walker Books

Friends make dreams come true.

Jazz and her parents have just moved to Brighton from Sydney, so that Jazz's dad can pursue his career as a music producer. Jazz is finding it difficult to fit into her new school, and her love of surfing seems destined to be quashed for ever. Not only do Brighton's beaches have stones instead of sand and water that is downright freezing, but there doesn't seem to be a surfboard in sight. When she meets her older cousin, Amber, at a family dinner in London. Amber senses Jazz's unhappiness and tells her about the Moonlight Dreamers, a secret society of likeminded friends that she'd founded years earlier. Amber suggests that Jazz seek out a group of soulmates too and form her own Moonlight Dreamers.

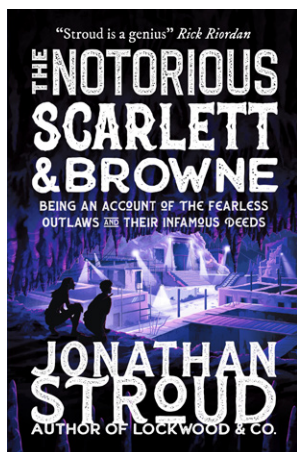
At first Jazz is wary, but then decides to leave postcards for prospective soulmates, just as her cousin had. And so a new group of Moonlight Dreamers is born. Allegra, Hope, Portia and Jazz may be very different but they soon become firm friends who are always there for one another. They listen to each other's problems and support each other's hopes – and help them make their dreams come true.

THEMES

Friendship, resilience, hope

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THE NOTORIOUS SCARLETT AND BROWNE

Jonathan Stroud
9781406394825
Paperback
July 2022
Age: 12+
Walker Books

A fast-paced fantasy adventure set in a broken, future England, following the further exploits of the outlaws Scarlett and Browne.

Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne have outwitted their pursuers and escaped into the wilds of Mercia and Northumbria, and it's not long before they become famous across the Seven Kingdoms for their audacious heists. No bank is safe from a pair with the ability to read minds *and* make a perfect shot.

But neither is fully able to escape the past – as they discover when a dangerous job turns sour. Soon old enemies and sinister new threats are pressing in on every side, and Scarlett and Albert must pull off an impossible mission.

Can they hope to outwit the Faith Houses and the Brothers of the Hand – and save the people they hold most dear?

The second book in a phenomenal trilogy from the bestselling children's novelist.

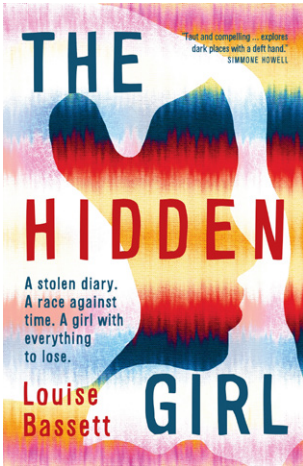
THEMES

Adventure, fantasy, heist

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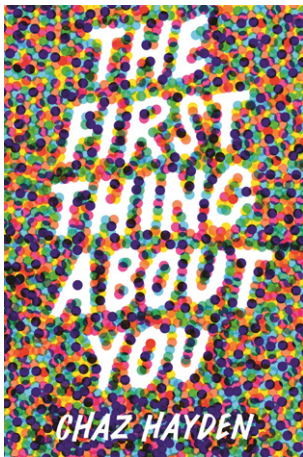


YOUNG ADULT



THE HIDDEN GIRL

Louise Bassett
9781760654788
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Age: 13-17
Walker Books Australia



THE FIRST THING ABOUT YOU

Chaz Hayden
9781529510942
Paperback
September 2022
Age: 14+
Walker Books

Mel has everything to lose – but how can she stand back when she knows something's not right?

Within the pages of a stolen diary, Melati discovers a coded cry for help – the diary belongs to Devi, an Indonesian teenager who is being held by traffickers. Mel races across the island of Java and against the clock to work out Devi's identity and where she's being held. Before long the pieces fall into place and Mel must put her own life on the line to save a girl she's never met.

THEMES

Mystery, responsibility, social justice

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A high school student with spinal muscular atrophy is determined to reinvent himself in a hilarious and poignant YA debut from an exciting new voice.

When his family moves from California to New Jersey, fifteen-year-old Harris is eager to prove he's more than the kid in the powered wheelchair. Armed with his go-to icebreaker ("What's your favourite colour?"), he'll weed out the incompatibles – greens and purples, people too close to his own blue to make good friends – and surround himself with outgoing yellows, adventurous oranges and thrilling reds. But first he needs a nurse so his mum doesn't have to escort him to school any more. Young, beautiful, and confident, Miranda more than fits the bill. Harris's new aide sees him for who he is – funny, smart, and totally worthy of Nory Fischer, a cute and enigmatic classmate who won't name her favourite colour. Soon Miranda has others interested in Harris too. But with demons of her own, does she have his best interests at heart?

THEMES

Coming of age, humour, being yourself

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YOUNG ADULT



GLEANINGS

Neal Shusterman
9781529509540
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The *New York Times* bestselling Arc of a Scythe series continues with thrilling stories that span the timeline. Storylines continue. Origin stories are revealed. And new Scythes emerge...

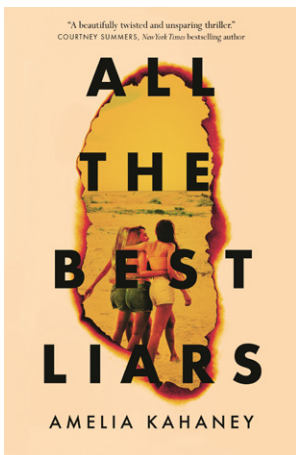
There are still countless tales of the Scythedom to tell. Centuries passed between the Thunderhead cradling humanity and Scythe Goddard trying to turn it upside down. For years humans lived in a world without hunger, disease, or death with Scythes as the living instruments of population control.

Neal Shusterman – along with collaborators David Yoon, Jarrod Shusterman, Sofia Lapuente, Michael H. Payne, Michelle Knowlden, and Joelle Shusterman – returns to the world throughout the timeline of the Arc of a Scythe series. Discover secrets and histories of characters you've followed for three volumes and meet new heroes, new foes, and some figures in between.

Gleanings shows just how expansive, terrifying and thrilling the world that began with the Printz Honor-winning *Scythe* truly is.

THEMES Dystopia, science fiction, society

ALSO AVAILABLE



ALL THE BEST LIARS

Amelia Kahaney
9781760656072
Paperback
September 2022
Age: 14-17
Walker Books Australia

A dark, modern psychological thriller of obsession, manipulation and the intensity of friendship.

Tic tac toe, three girls in a row. Nine years old and inseparable. Friends for life, or so they think...

Best friends Syd, Rain and Brie grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in the stifling California desert, desperately wishing for a way out.

In the end, each of them will escape, but not in the way they expect. One will do it by dying, another by lying, a third by taking the fall. A deadly fire is set two weeks before the end of their senior year of high school and nothing will ever be the same.

With gorgeous, taut prose and twists to the very last page, *All the Best Liars* switches between the present and the past to unravel the truth behind the fire and the cost of the secrets at the heart of their friendship.

THEMES

Mystery, friendship, coming of age

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