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PICTURE BOOK

TO THE BRIDGE

Corinne Fenton
Andrew McLean

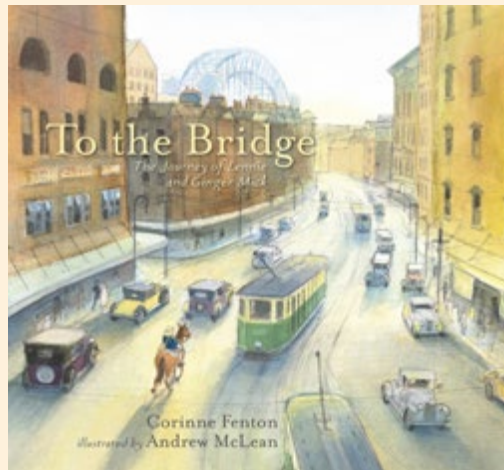
9781925126822

Hardback

April 2020

Recommended age: 5 years+

Walker Books Australia



The award-winning team of Corinne Fenton and Andrew McLean tell the story of Lennie Gwyther and Ginger Mick, a boy and his pony who crossed Sydney's Harbour Bridge on 19th of March, 1932 and marched into history.

Nine-year-old Lennie Gwyther dreamed of seeing the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. With his father's blessing, he rode his pony Ginger Mick across Australia, inspiring crowds of supporters to greet him in cities along the way, as he made his way to Sydney. It was there that he saw the bridge that had captivated his imagination and inspired his brave journey. And it was then that he and Ginger Mick became a legend.

THEMES

Australian history, horses, journeys

TEACHER NOTES

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PICTURE BOOK

GOOD QUESTION

Sue Whiting
Annie White

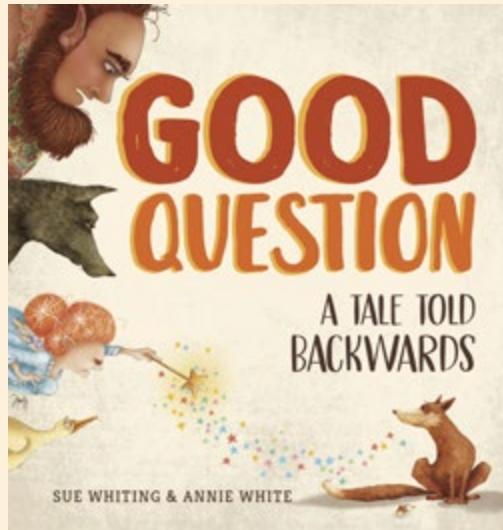
9781760650841

Hardback

May 2020

Recommended age: 3 years+

Walker Books Australia



A very hungry fox in search of food stumbles into one wrong fairytale after another trying to flee some very high-profile fairytale characters, eventually giving Henny Penny the fright of her life.

Have you ever wondered why Henny Penny thought the sky was falling? Well, here's a story that might just give you the answer. Told from Fox's point of view this magical tale links fairy story and nursery rhyme characters in a delightful, funny and quirky way. All Fox wants is a tasty meal to fill his hungry belly. But he keeps wandering into the **WRONG** stories. No dinner for him – just more trouble! Will Fox ever find the **RIGHT** story?

THEMES

Fractured fairy tales, storytelling, mischief

TEACHER NOTES

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I was **MAGICKED** there.

Yes indeedy. It's true.

You gotta believe me. By a

FAIRY GODMOTHER.

Oh my, was *she* a sight:
whiskery chin and spider web hair.
And **WHAT A TEMPER!**

Apparently foxes aren't welcome
at the banquet at the prince's

Grand Ball.

Why was I at the
Grand Ball?
Thought you might ask that!

PICTURE BOOK

ELMER'S BIRTHDAY

David McKee

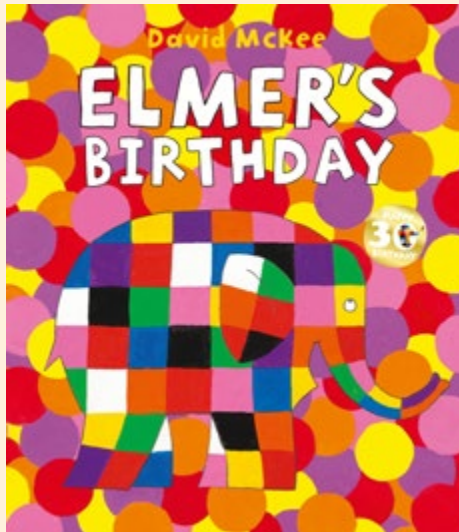
9781783448906

Hardback

September 2020

Recommended age: 1 year+

Andersen Press

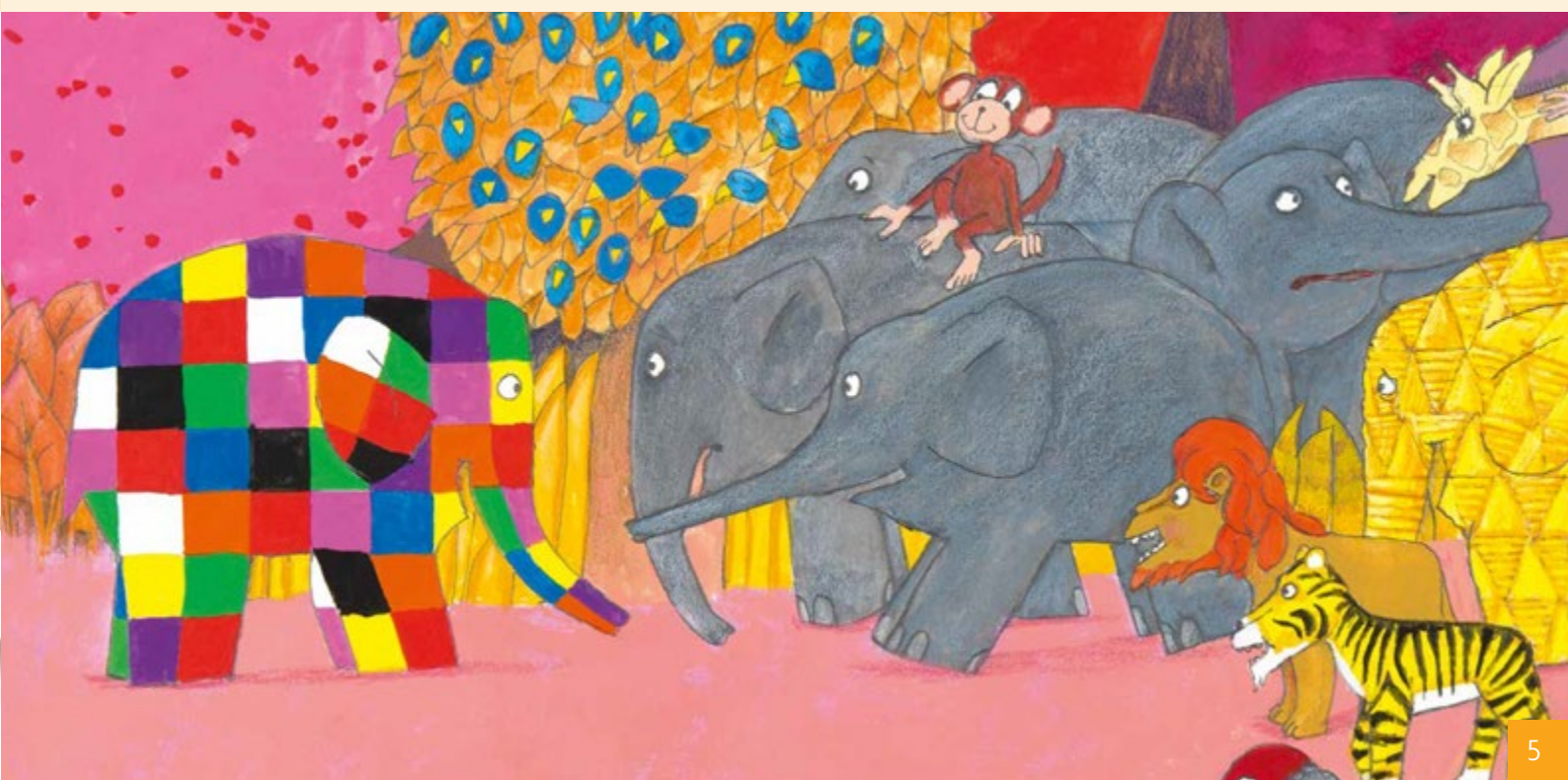


On his birthday, the elephants decide to play a trick on Elmer that doesn't quite go according to plan...

The elephants decide it's their turn to play a trick on Elmer: all of the animals must pretend to forget his birthday tomorrow! But when the day comes the trick doesn't quite go according to plan. The elephants should have listened to Elmer's friends... A new tale to celebrate Elmer the Patchwork Elephant's 30th birthday from master storyteller David McKee, this is the twenty-seventh Elmer storybook!

THEMES

Friends, Birthdays, Miscommunication



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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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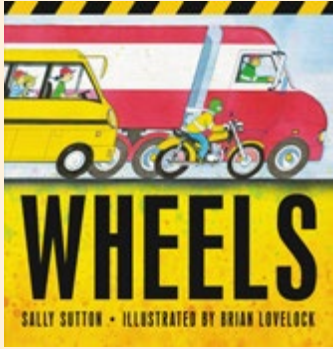
ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: GREETING CARD ACTIVITY FROM *BIG HUG, LITTLE MOUSE* BY LISA KERR

1. Decorate your card template
2. Fold the card in half
3. Decorate the Millie template and cut around the outside dotted line
4. Fold Millie in half along the faint dotted line and fold the two triangles at the bottom
5. Glue the back of the triangles on Millie's dress to the grey triangles on the card template



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BOOKS FEATURED IN THIS STORY TIME KIT



WHEELS

Sally Sutton • Brian Lovelock
9781760651589 • Hardback
February 2020 • Walker Books Australia



On the heels of *Dig, Dump, Roll*, comes another interactive read-aloud. In this story, a boy and his sister watch vehicles pass on a town street and have to guess what's coming, each time they see the wheels. In the end, they get to be the ones with wheels, as they ride their scooters away.



THEMES Modes of transportation



TEN LITTLE FIGS

Rhian Williams • Nathaniel Eckstrom
9781921977312 • Hardback
April 2020 • Walker Books Australia



Ten Little Figs is a joyful rhyming picture book about a child keeping careful watch of the figs on the tree in his backyard. With his dog by his side, he counts down the number of figs as they are taken by various hungry Australian animals (flying fox, finches, green ants and others) until only one is left. Who will get that very last fig?



THEMES Counting, Australian flora and fauna



SOMETIMES CAKE

Edwina Wyatt • Tamsin Ainslie
9781760650421 • Hardback
May 2020 • Walker Books Australia



Christopher Robin had Pooh. Calvin had Hobbes. Audrey has Lion. This is the story of two friends learning the joy of celebrating the every day because sometimes it's important to enjoy things like Tuesdays, coconuts, orange, purple, and lions.



THEMES Celebrations, friendship, emotions



BIG HUG, LITTLE MOUSE

Lisa Kerr
9781760651107 • Hardback
March 2020 • Walker Books Australia

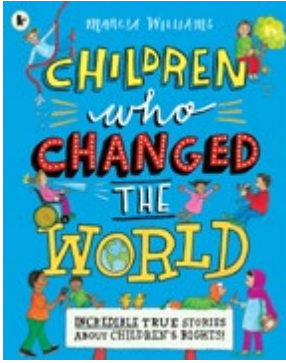


There are so many different types of hugs and, as an expert hug-giver, Millie knows them all. There is the *Hello-I'm-happy-to-see-you* hug, the *I'm-Sorry* hug and the *Goodbye* hug, to name a few. But what happens when Millie loses her hug? How can she find it? Luckily, her friends are ready to help.



THEMES Friendship, emotions

PICTURE BOOKS



CHILDREN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

Marcia Williams

9781406390292

Paperback

March 2020

Walker Books

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Rights of the Child and the amazing children who have stood up for them all over the world.

From the heroes familiar to everyone, such as Malala Yousafzai, to the amazing activists you might not have heard of, like Baruani Ndume, the teenager who gave a voice to fellow refugee children in Tanzania, discover the incredible true stories of child activists. An inspirational and moving book from beloved author-illustrator Marcia Williams, providing the perfect introduction to an important subject and marking 30 years since the Convention on the Rights of the Child was signed by the United Nations General Assembly.

THEMES Social activism, biographies, beliefs



OCEAN

Sabrina Weiss • Giulia De Amicis

9781999968052

Hardback

December 2019

What on Earth Books

A fun reference book for children fascinated by ocean creatures, habitats and conservation.

Discover menacing sharks, playful dolphins, clownfish, penguins, turtles, whales, shimmering jellyfish and gargantuan giant squid. *Ocean: Secrets of the Deep* is jam-packed with hundreds of stylish illustrations and many more surprising facts about the world's marine life. First, readers are taken on a journey from the water's surface to the deepest, darkest depths of the oceans, stopping off at coral reefs and kelp forests. Next, information-packed spreads offer answers to questions such as: How do turtles keep clean? Do whales talk to each other? and What can humans do to save the ocean?

THEMES Sustainability, ocean life, STEM



HUMANIMAL

Christopher Lloyd • Mark Ruffle

9781912920006

Hardback

February 2020

What on Earth Books

Humanimal shows the inextricable interconnections of the human and animal worlds in ways you never before imagined...

So you think you're special? You think that just because people have built giant cities, invented pop-up toasters and put a person on the Moon that they are somehow different from other living things? Well it's time to think again!

Inside you will discover how slime moulds can solve how to navigate through a maze; how rats tickle and laugh out loud; how elephants have funerals for their lost loved ones; how bees vote in elections to decide where to locate their nests; how crows use cars to crack nuts and a whole lot more! This oversized, richly illustrated, mesmerising exploration shows that humans and other animals don't just live on the same planet, they also share many of the same patterns of behaviour, making us all fellow players in the drama that is life on Earth.

THEMES Animals, STEM, sustainability

PICTURE BOOKS



PERFECTLY IMPERFECT STORIES

Leo Potion • Ana Strumpf

9781916180536

Hardback

May 2020

Magic Cat Publishing

Discover the mental health stories of 29 inspiring people.

Meet 29 icons, from pop stars to sporting heroes, and discover how they overcame a range of mental health issues, from anorexia to depression, to live inspiring lives. At a time when kids' mental health is under more pressure than ever, this book celebrates the message that it's ok not to be ok.

THEMES Mental health, emotional intelligence, wellbeing



OLD ENOUGH TO SAVE THE PLANET

Loll Kirby • Adelina Lirius

9781916180529

Hardback

April 2020

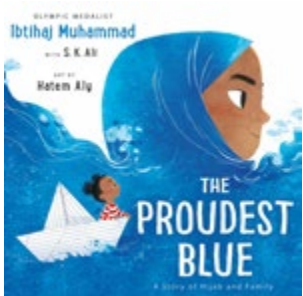
Magic Cat Publishing

Meet 12 real life children and discover how they made a difference.

Meet 11-year-old Shalise from Australia, the world's youngest ocean activist; or 9 year old Fink Feinbeiner, a rainforest activist from Germany.

Meet kids – just like you – taking action against climate change. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our planet starts here... with you.

THEMES Sustainability, STEM, climate change



THE PROUDEST BLUE

Ibtihaj Muhammad • S.K. Ali • Hatem Ali

9781783449712

Hardback

February 2020

Andersen Press

An important and uplifting family story of being proud of who you are from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.

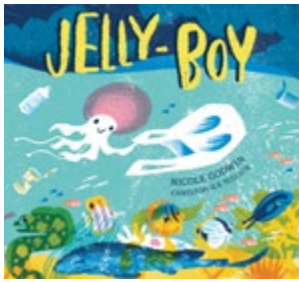
It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?

This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

THEMES Cultural expression, family, pride, beliefs

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JELLY-BOY

Nicole Godwin
Christopher Nielsen

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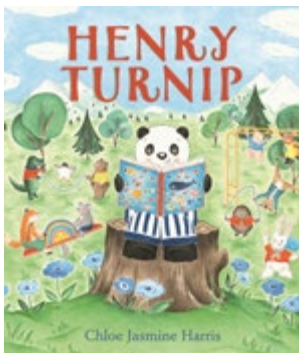


An unconventional picture book that has the potential to inspire the next generation of readers to protect our oceans.

What happens when a jellyfish falls in love with a plastic bag she mistakes for a jelly-boy? Jelly-Boy is different. He is big and strong. And not as wobbly as the other jelly-boys. By the time Jelly-Girl discovers the dangerous truth about her new friend, it may already be too late.

This is an inventive approach to tackling a conservation issue that is plaguing our world: too much plastic in the ocean. Told in a kid-friendly and humorous way, this is a story with the potential to encourage dialogue around an important issue.

THEMES Sustainability, ocean life, STEM



HENRY TURNIP

Chloe Jasmine Harris

9781760651114
Hardback
June 2020
Walker Books Australia

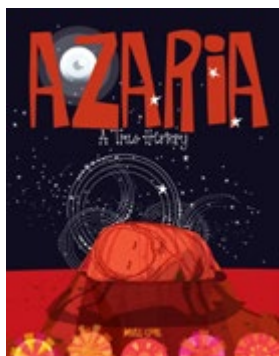


A story about managing shyness and being the best kind of friend you can be.

Henry Turnip has seven pairs of blue striped overalls, one for each day of the week. He likes television shows about the deep blue sea, strawberry jam sandwiches with the crusts cut off and reading indoors. Henry does not like too much of anything – too much noise, too many people or too much mess. Until he meets Reuben Moon. Reuben is an adventurer and the kind of friend who helps Henry feel a little braver and more confident. This is a story about finding a friend who likes you just the way you are but inspires you to try new things, too.

THEMES Friendship, confidence, emotional intelligence

PICTURE BOOKS



AZARIA: A TRUE HISTORY

Maree Coote

9780648568407

Hardback

March 2020

Melbournestyle Books

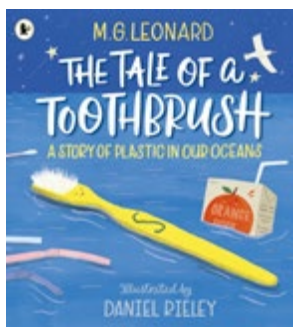


Where wild animals and people meet, tragedy can strike, because just like the big bad wolf, the dingo is not afraid of you and me.

A beautifully illustrated non-fiction picture book that sensitively explores the collision of wilderness and civilisation, explains a famous miscarriage of justice, and examines the role of the media in history-telling, in an appropriate manner for children.

THEMES Australian history, biographies, death/grief, social issues

TEACHER NOTES walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



THE TALE OF A TOOTHBRUSH

M. G. Leonard • Daniel Rieley

9781406391817

Paperback

February 2020

Walker Books



A brilliantly topical and delightfully funny picture book that shows children what happens to their used plastic toothbrushes.

Children use their toothbrush each morning and evening, and get new ones every few months. That's billions of toothbrushes! What happens to them all when they're no longer needed? And if toothbrushes take thousands of years to break down, what does that mean for our planet? With a fun cast of plastic characters, from pirate-ship bottles to dancing shampoos, and even an inquisitive albatross, *The Tale of a Toothbrush* is a positive and heart-warming story to help children explore the impact their choices have on our planet.

THEMES Sustainability, STEM, climate change

JUNIOR FICTION



THE MERMAID SCHOOL

Lucy Courtenay • Sheena Dempsey

9781783448302

Paperback

March 2020

Andersen Press

Welcome to Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School! Here you will learn siren songs, proper care of sea creatures and how to not fall off your seahorse.

It is Marnie Blue's very first day at Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School, and she's terrified. What if she can't make any new friends, or if she's asked to ride a seahorse?

What's more, her famous diva aunt Christabel was a notorious rebel at the same school, and got up to all sorts of naughtiness. Marnie is soon branded a troublemaker by her grumpy octopus music teacher and wants nothing more than to clam up. But when a fellow pupil finds herself in danger, it's up to Marnie to show that daring runs in the family and swim to the rescue.

THEMES Magical realism, friendship, confidence

ACTIVITY KIT walkerbooks.com.au/teachers



HATTIE

Frida Nilsson • Stina Wirsén

9781776572717

Paperback

March 2020

Gecko Press

A funny, lively, sympathetic illustrated chapter book about a street-smart country girl in her first year of school.

Hattie lives just outside of nowhere, right next to no one at all. Luckily she's starting school and that brings new adventures. Hattie gets her first swimming badge, falls madly in love with a hermit crab and meets a best friend. Sometimes things go wrong like when the hairdresser cuts her hair into stumps just in time for school photos. Or when she happens to accidentally say in class that her new neighbour has three white horses she can ride on.

Perfect for reading aloud and for newly independent readers from Frida Nilsson, whose award-winning *Ice Sea Pirates* was an international bestseller.

THEMES School, friendship, new experiences



WEIRD LITTLE ROBOTS

Carolyn Crimi • Corinna Luyken

9781406387988

Paperback

February 2020

Walker Books

Friendship and science bring tiny magical robots to life for nine-year-old Penny Rose!

In a new town with only the robots she creates for company, it only takes a little bit of magic to change everything for Penny Rose. With her new friend Lark, an eccentric tinkerer herself, the promise of joining a secret science club and her newly sentient robots, Penny Rose can't imagine how she was ever lonely. But a fateful misstep means Penny Rose will have to choose between the club she's always dreamed of and the best friend she'd always hoped for. And in the end, it may be her beloved little robots who pay the price. A story of friendship, growing up and how our choices affect those we care most about.

THEMES STEM, friendship, social themes

JUNIOR FICTION



ELIZABELLA AND THE HAUNTING OF LIZARD LAKE

Zoë Norton Lodge
Georgia Norton Lodge

9781760651855
Paperback
April 2020
Walker Books Australia

Mysteries, lizards and strange goings-on abound in another uniquely funny addition to the hilarious Elizabetha series.

Excitement is in the air as Elizabetha is heading off to camp with the rest of her class. But when Larry the Lizard learns she's headed to Lizard Lake he decides to take his chance to see if he can find other sentient lizards and stows away in her suitcase. Soon, Elizabetha begins having strange dreams and wonders if Lizard Lake is haunted.

THEMES School, poetry, humour, mischief

ALSO AVAILABLE



BAB SHARKEY AND THE ANIMAL MUMMIES: THE PRICKLY BATTLE

Andrew Hansen • Jessica Roberts

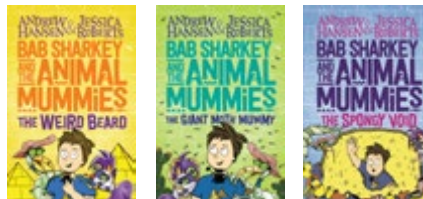
9781760651190
Paperback
February 2020
Walker Books Australia

From the bonkers brain of celebrated Australian comedian Andrew Hansen and the hilarious head of Jessica Roberts comes Bab Sharkey's fourth laugh-out-loud book!

The Unpharaoh is resurrected once again – this time in the form of an evil beard! With Bab's pharaoh beard destroyed, he'll have to team up with Prong, Scaler and the Animal Mummies to stop the Unpharaoh once and for all. Perfect for fans of David Walliams and Ahn Do.

THEMES Ancient Egypt, humour, intelligence, bravery

ALSO AVAILABLE



THE PRINCESS IN BLACK AND THE BATHTIME BATTLE

Shannon Hale • Dean Hale
LeUyen Pham

9781536202212
Hardback
January 2020
Candlewick Press

Something smells like trouble! Can five princess heroes and one Goat Avenger pool their talents to vanquish a monstrous stink?

The Princess in Black is in a very stinky situation. A foul cloud is plaguing the goat pasture, and it smells worse than a trash bin on a hot summer day. But every time the Princess in Black and her friend the Goat Avenger manage to get rid of the odor, they accidentally blow it to another kingdom! Other masked heroes and their trusty companions show up to help, but how do you battle a stench when your ninja moves fail?

THEMES Fantasy, bravery, superheroes

ALSO AVAILABLE



JUNIOR FICTION



FISH KID AND THE MEGA MANTA RAY

Kylie Howarth

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Paperback
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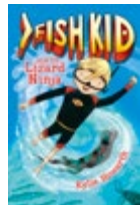
The second adventure of a rising superhero with super fishy powers.

Trouble finds its way to Fish Kid's shores once more in his second adventure! Will Fish Kid be able to find his missing Nan, hide his powers from Pops and save the day? Only with the help of Freckles the Mega Manta Ray! Full of real life fish facts and exciting illustrations, *Fish Kid and the Mega Manta Ray* is the perfect book for independent readers to dive in with.

THEMES Australian fauna, sustainability, STEM

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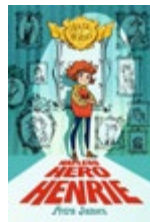
A girl. A boy. A great aunt. A mystery! The second book in the exciting House of Heroes series!

Henrie Melchior, the first girl born into the House of Heroes in 200 years, is on a Hero Hunt. When Marely Hart phones on the Hero Hotline, Henrie, Marley and Alex Fischer are in a race against time to find Henrie's missing parents, a missing gold statue and the answers to questions piling up around her archaeologist great aunt . . . but Violetta Villarne from Villains Incorporated is watching very closely. The answers Henrie needs are buried somewhere in the past, but the present is a whirlwind of secrets and subterfuge.

THEMES Bravery, heroism, gender roles

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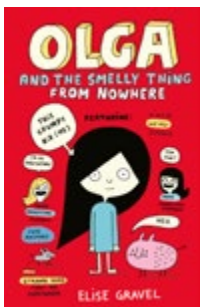
ALSO AVAILABLE



HENRIE'S HERO HUNT

Petra James • A. Yi

9781760650858
Paperback
May 2020
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OLGA AND THE SMELLY THING FROM NOWHERE

Elise Gravel

9781406392524
Paperback
May 2020
Walker Books

A smart and funny cartoon journal series starring Olga – scientist-in-training – and her new pet MEH (species unknown).

Olga, animal-scientist-in-training, knows for sure that animals are better than humans. When she grows up she will be known as Genius Professor Olga, and will probably invent some new species herself.

When she finds a pink, hairy creature living in her rubbish bin one day, it's a dream come true – she has discovered A WEIRD NEW SPECIES! It looks like a cross between a hamster and a potato, smells terrible and says only the word MEH! – it's the perfect subject for Olga's very scientific Observation Notebook (aka, this book). Wacky, laugh-out-loud cartoon storytelling for fans of Tom Gates, Barry Loser and Timmy Failure.

THEMES STEM, humour, animals

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION



ELOISE AND THE BUCKET OF STARS

Janeen Brian

9781760651879

Paperback

June 2020

Walker Books Australia

Left in a pail at an orphanage as a baby, only something magical can save Eloise from a miserable life and give her the one she's always dreamed of.

Orphaned as a baby, Eloise Pail yearns for a family. Instead, she lives a lonely life trapped in an orphanage and made miserable by the cruel Sister Hortense. Befriended by the village blacksmith, Eloise soon uncovers some strange secrets of yesteryear and learns that something terrible may be about to happen to the village. As troubles and dangers mount, she must learn who to trust and choose between saving the village or belonging to a family of her own. Unless something truly magical happens...

THEMES Fantasy, mystery, friendship, family

ALSO AVAILABLE



WORSE THINGS

Sally Murphy

9781760651657

Paperback

May 2020

Walker Books Australia

Worse Things is a verse novel about connections, the ways they are made, and what happens when they are lost or illusive, from the award-winning author of *Pearl Verses the World* and *Toppling*.

Worse Things follows the lives of three main characters: Blake, an Aussie Rules football player who suffers a devastating injury; Jolene, a hockey player who hates the game and is grieving over the recent death of her father; and Amed, a soccer-loving, non-English speaking orphan who feels like an outsider since arriving in Australia after being raised in a refugee camp.

A touching and inspirational story about connections and the things that bind us all.

THEMES Refugees, grief, expectations, connections

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ANTHONY HOROWITZ

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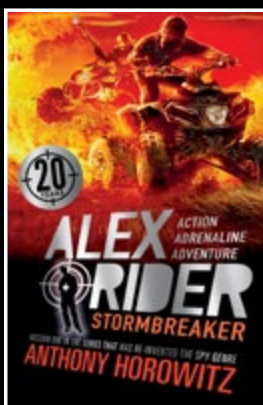
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NIGHTSHADE

Anthony Horowitz

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ARK ANGEL:
THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Anthony Horowitz •

Anthony Johnston • Amrit Birdi

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May 2020

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The first action-packed adventure that started the number one bestselling Alex Rider series.

In the first book in the number one bestselling Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art *Stormbreaker* computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

Get ready for action, adrenaline and adventure in this explosive, brand new Alex Rider mission by bestselling author, Anthony Horowitz.

In this adrenaline-fuelled adventure in the number one bestselling series, Alex Rider is sent by MI6 Special Operations to infiltrate a new and sinister organization known only as Nightshade. Alex is on his own, with the fate of thousands of people resting in his hands.

A bold and striking graphic novel adaptation of the sixth novel in Anthony Horowitz's acclaimed Alex Rider series.

In his most perilous adventure yet, teenage superspy Alex Rider is kidnapped by the ruthless terrorist group Force Three. Alex makes a narrow escape but now he must stop Force Three in their attempt to destroy Russian billionaire Nikolei Drevin and his revolutionary space hotel Ark Angel. This explosive adaptation pushes Alex to his limits - and beyond.

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

THE BOOK OF CHANCE

Sue Whiting

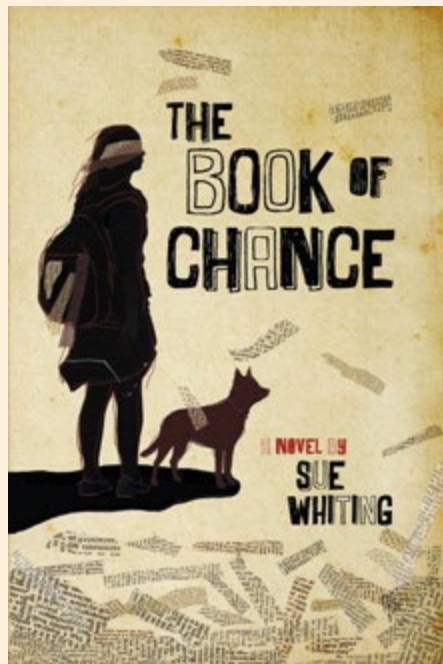
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Paperback

April 2020

Recommended age: 10-13

Walker Books Australia



Chance is a black-and-white thinker until she realises that sometimes there are shades of grey.

Chance is in Year 7 and thinks she has it all – a loving mother, dog Tiges, best friend and almost-sister next door. But when a reality TV team makes over her house, she discovers newspaper cuttings from the past that cause her to question the world as she knows it and everyone in it. Then she finds herself caught between two realities, identities and worlds. Face-to-face with the truth, Chance has a very difficult decision to make, which almost splits her in two. This powerful story explores what is true and what is fake in today's world. And while Chance is all about the truth, she ponders whether “Maybe being truthful was really just a big lie.”

THEMES Truth/lies, family, mysteries

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Praise for *Missing*

“This is compelling and emotionally charged, and will be appreciated by readers wanting something that is not formulaic, with some mystery.”

- Read Plus

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

GARGANTIS

Thomas Taylor

9781406386295

Paperback

May 2020

Recommended age: 9-12

Walker Books



There's a storm raging in Eerie-on-Sea. Has the mighty *Gargantis* come back from the deep...?

When an ancient bottle is found washed up on the beach after a ferocious electrical storm, all the residents of Eerie-on-Sea seem to want it ... but should they in fact fear it? Legend has it that the bottle contains an extraordinary secret that spells doom for the whole of Eerie-on-Sea. Could it be true that the vast sea creature *Gargantis* has awoken from her slumbers, and is causing the large cracks that are appearing all across the town? Finding themselves entrusted with the bottle, Herbie and Violet discover they will need to ride the terrible storm and pacify the creature if they want to save Eerie-on-Sea from sliding into the ocean and being lost for ever.

THEMES Mysteries, fantasy, friendship

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Praise for *Malamander*

"*Malamander* is a fresh and charming tale of mystery and old-fashioned adventure; it is fast-paced and imaginative, and full of colourful characters. Highly recommended."

- Magpies

MIDDLE GRADE / YOUNG ADULT FICTION

THE THREADS OF MAGIC

Alison Croggon

9781406384741

Paperback

March 2020

Recommended age 9+

Walker Books



An atmospheric and riveting fantasy adventure, perfect for fans of Frances Hardinge and Cornelia Funke.

Pip lives on his wits in the city of Clarel. When he pickpockets the wrong man, he finds himself in possession of a strange object – a heart in a silver casket. What's more, the heart seems to be trying to communicate with Pip, and the royal officials who lost it will stop at nothing to get it back.

Pip has unwittingly broken an ancient spell, and his theft will have far-reaching consequences for the whole city. As the ancient war between the Spectres and witches of Clarel reignites, the heart prepares to seek revenge for all it has suffered...

Alison Croggon conjures a rich, immersive world with brilliant and memorable characters in this captivating story of loyalty, courage and friendship.

THEMES Magic, bravery, family

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MIDDLE GRADE / YOUNG ADULT FICTION



THE GOOD HAWK

Joseph Elliott

9781406385854

Paperback

February 2020

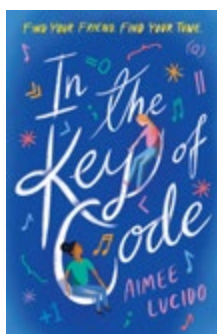
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A rich fantasy adventure trilogy, full of warring clans, deadly shadows and devastating plagues...

Agatha is a good Hawk. She patrols the sea wall with pride, despite those in her clan who question her right to be there, on account of the condition she was born with. But when disaster strikes and her clan is brutally swept away in the longboats of an invading deamhain horde, she must leave the island and team up with the only other survivors – Jaime, a skinny teenage Angler who is afraid of the sea, and Lileas, a young girl from a rival tribe – to find a way of rescuing the only family they have ever known.

THEMES Fantasy, adventure, bravery

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IN THE KEY OF CODE

Aimee Lucido

9781406389333

Paperback

March 2020

Walker Books

An original, inventive and heart-warming novel about a lonely new girl and an unlikely friendship formed in a school coding club, that will appeal to fans of Sarah Crossan.

When twelve-year-old Emmy's musical family moves to California so her dad can take a job with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Emmy has never felt more out of tune. But when she ends up in a computer science club, she finds that she can understand code through a language she is familiar with: music. Slowly, Emmy makes friends with Abigail and the two girls start to discover their voices through the programming language of Java.

Extraordinarily crafted, the novel begins to incorporate Java's syntax and concepts as Emmy, and ultimately the reader, learns to think in code. By the end, Emmy doesn't feel like a wrong note, but like a musician in the world's most beautiful symphony.

THEMES STEM, coding, friendship

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CLEMENTINE AND RUDY

Siobhan Curham

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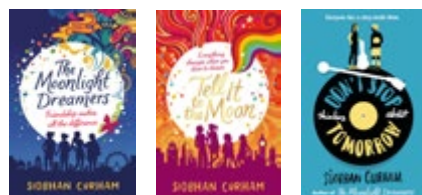
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Their poetry and art will change the world.

Rudy is a street artist; Clementine is a poet. The day after Rudy sneaks out late one night and posts her first piece of artwork, Clem discovers it, awestruck. She takes a photo, writes a poem in response and posts them together on Instagram. Soon the two fifteen-year-olds meet and begin their unique friendship, one that nurtures creativity and results in a special creative collaboration. The girls may be from very different backgrounds, and experiencing difficulties at home, but each strives to be true to herself and follow her dreams.

THEMES Poetry, art, friendship

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JUNIOR FICTION

RED DAY

Sandy Fussell

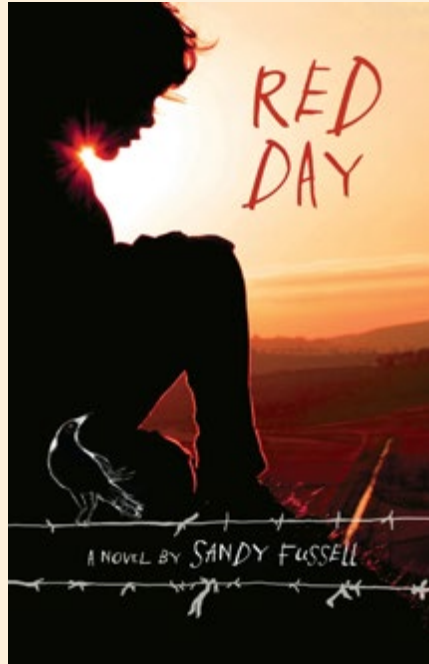
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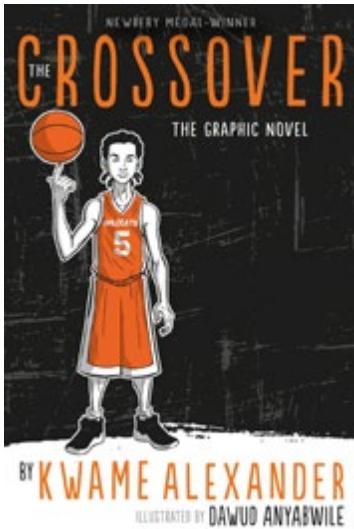
Heartfelt contemporary storytelling at its best, with vivid historical flashbacks.

Set in a modern-day small town among the remnants of a Japanese P.O.W. camp, this is the story of Charlie. Charlie has synaesthesia and hence sees and hears differently: people have auras; days of the week are coloured; numbers and letters have attitudes. But when Charlie meets Japanese exchange student Kenichi, her senses intensify and she experiences flashbacks, nausea, and hears unfamiliar voices in her head pulling her back to the town's violent past.

THEMES Australian history, Japan, WWII

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GRAPHIC NOVEL



THE CROSSOVER THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Kwame Alexander
Dawud Anyabwile

9781783449590
Paperback
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Andersen Press

Kwame Alexander's New York Times bestseller and Newbery Medal-winning *The Crossover* is vividly brought to life as a graphic novel with stunning illustrations by star talent Dawud Anyabwile.

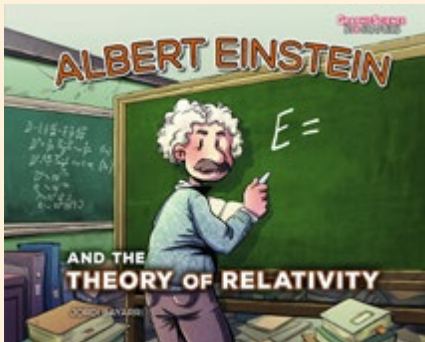
With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. 'Cuz tonight I'm delivering,' raps twelve-year-old Josh Bell. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood – he's got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it's all on the line.

See the Bell family in a whole new light through Dawud Anyabwile's dynamic illustrations as the brothers' winning season unfolds, and the world as they know it begins to change.

THEMES Poetry, basketball, music, family

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GRAPHIC SCIENCE BIOGRAPHIES



ALBERT EINSTEIN AND THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY

Jordi Bayarri

9781541586963
Paperback
April 2020
Recommended age: 9-11
Graphic Universe

Albert Einstein challenged what people believed about the laws of physics. This graphic biography covers Einstein's theories about light, motion, and more, as well as his time in Germany, Switzerland, and the United States.

Albert Einstein's restless intelligence drove him to ponder the biggest topics the universe has to offer: light, time, mass, energy, and more. His conclusions changed the way people thought about the laws of physics. But first, he had to pass his university entrance exams. This graphic biography traces Einstein's path from his home country of Germany to his studies in Switzerland to his time in the United States. It also follows his life as an international scientific celebrity and his refusal to stay silent in the face of anti-Semitism.

THEMES STEM, history, biographies

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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

BURN

Patrick Ness

9781406375503

Hardback

May 2020

Recommended age: 14+

Walker Books



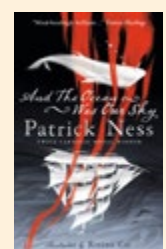
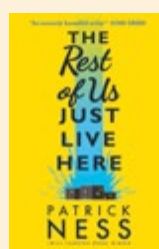
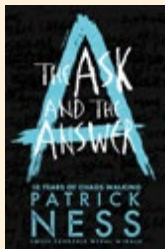
An all-consuming story of revenge, redemption and dragons from the twice Carnegie Medal-winner Patrick Ness.

In 1956 Sarah Dewhurst's father shocks her by hiring a dragon to work the farm. The dragon is a smaller blue rather than the traditional larger reds, though even the reds are now scarce. When the blue dragon, Kazimir, unexpectedly saves Sarah and her friend Jason Inagawa from the attentions of the racist police deputy, Kelby, everything changes. Sarah is part of a prophecy and she must escape the clutches of Malcolm, an assassin from a Believer Cell, the dragon-worshipping cult. When Sarah, Malcolm and Kazimir eventually converge, they are thrown into another universe, where dragons seem never to have existed. Can they save this world and the one they left?

THEMES Prejudice, beliefs, fantasy

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PATRICK NESS is the award-winning and bestselling author of the Chaos Walking trilogy, *A Monster Calls*, *More Than This*, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*, *Release* and *And the Ocean Was Our Sky*. John Green has described him as “an insanely beautiful writer”. He has won every major prize in children’s fiction, including the Carnegie Medal twice. He has written the screenplay for the film of *A Monster Calls* and the BBC *Doctor Who* spin-off, *Class*. The first *Chaos Walking* film is slated for release in 2020.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

THE LAST HOURS: CHAIN OF GOLD

Cassandra Clare

9781406390766

Trade Paperback

March 2020

Recommended age: 14+

Walker Books



From internationally bestselling author Cassandra Clare comes the first novel in a brand new Shadowhunters trilogy. Evil is hiding in plain sight and the only thing more dangerous than fighting demons is falling in love.

Cordelia Carstairs is a Shadowhunter, a warrior trained since childhood to battle demons. When her father is accused of a terrible crime, she and her brother travel to Edwardian London in hopes of preventing the family's ruin. Cordelia's mother wants to marry her off, but Cordelia is determined to be a hero rather than a bride. Soon Cordelia encounters childhood friends James and Lucie Herondale and is drawn into their world of glittering ballrooms, secret assignments, and supernatural salons, where vampires and warlocks mingle with mermaids and magicians. All the while, she must hide her secret love for James, who is sworn to marry someone else.

But Cordelia's new life is blown apart when a shocking series of demon attacks devastate London. These monsters are nothing like those Shadowhunters have fought before – these demons walk in daylight, strike down the unwary with incurable poison, and seem impossible to kill. London is immediately quarantined. Trapped in the city, Cordelia and her friends discover that their own connection to an dark legacy has gifted them with incredible powers – and force a brutal choice that will reveal the true cruel price of being a hero.

THEMES Fantasy, bravery, adventure, love

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