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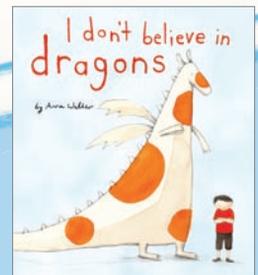
Over 80
books inside



great books
for kids



Image from
'I Don't Believe in Dragons' by Anna Walker



Welcome to our Great Books for Kids guide!

Nurturing a love of books is the best way of enlarging your child's world. Books are an endless source of entertainment and learning, they fire a child's imagination and provide hours of reading pleasure, enjoyment and education.

On the pages of this guide, you'll find a great selection of books for children of all ages – from picture books for babies and toddlers, to first readers and junior fiction to more sophisticated texts for teens and young adults. Included in this guide are the best contemporary Australian and international children's writers.

We are pleased to present special features on Jeannie Baker and her amazing new picture book *Mirror* (page 5) and on Heather Brewer, author of the new vampire series *The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod* (page 18). Don't miss our exclusive interview with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki on page 16 and his new non-fiction book for kids *Dinosaurs Aren't Dead*.

The cover illustration of our guide comes from the lovely picture book by Anna Walker *I Don't Believe in Dragons*, page 2.



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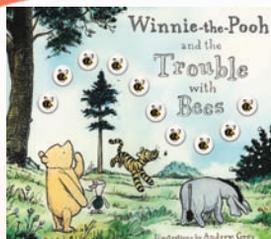
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HELLO BABY!

Mem Fox & Steve Jenkins (Illus)
Boardbook **RRP \$16.95**

Which baby is the most treasured one of all? This bestselling picture book is now available in gorgeous boardbook format – perfect for little people.



FREE FRIEZE

ALISON JAY STORY TIME JIGSAW BOOK AND ALISON JAY ANIMAL STACKABLE BLOCKS

Alison Jay
Set **RRP \$39.90**

Come and play with two Alison Jay's favourites. **EXCLUSIVE OFFER: Receive a free frieze when you purchase the jigsaw book and stackable blocks together.**

*While stocks last.

WINNIE-THE-POOH AND THE TROUBLE WITH BEES

A. A. Milne
Hardback **RRP \$19.95**

Pooh's hungry for honey one day when he sees, in the bright summer sunlight, ten sweet honeybees! Winnie-the-Pooh thinks the bees will lead him to honey. Instead they lead him on a chase through the Hundred Acre Wood, disappearing one by one!

September release, advanced orders welcome.



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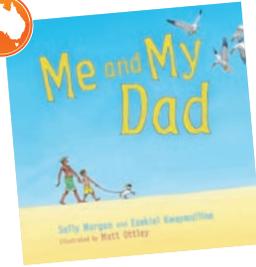


PRECIOUS LITTLE

Julie Hunt & Sue Moss
Hardback
RRP \$24.99

Precious Little wants to be a trapeze artist but no one in the circus encourages her – apart from Fat Chance and Tough Luck, who run the lucky dip. Precious Little practises her skills, but it's only when she takes a risk in the lucky dip that she really takes off. A heart-stirring story about the rewards of perseverance, friendship and taking a chance.

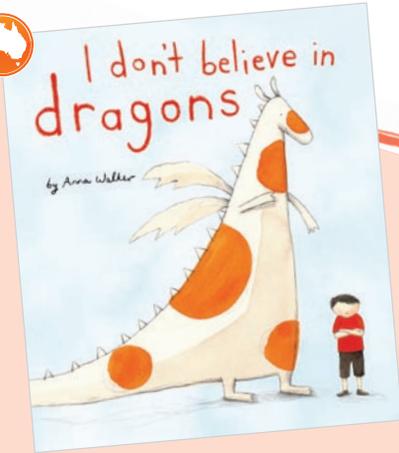
September release, advanced orders welcome.



ME AND MY DAD

Sally Morgan & Ezekiel Kwaymullina.
Illustrated by Matt Ottley
Hardback RRP \$24.95

Dad isn't afraid of much – giant waves, sharks, and crazy crabs don't bother him at all. But there is one thing that Dad is afraid of... To face it, Dad and his son need to be heroes... together! A great gift for Father's Day from an award-winning team of writers and illustrators.



I DON'T BELIEVE IN DRAGONS

Anna Walker Hardback RRP \$24.99

Everyone in Miss May's class believes in dragons – except for Jack. When the other children join in the game of imagining a dragon at school, Jack refuses to play along. Is there anything that can convince him? A delightful picture book by bestselling children's author Anna Walker.

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'As a child I was instilled with a sense of wonder when looking at children's books. I delighted in books about singing squirrels to books about giant balls of string. Books are a wonderful way

of learning about the world and exploring your own thoughts.' – Anna Walker



FREE CARD

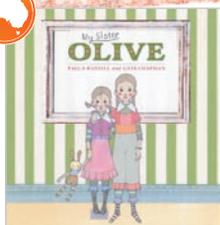
ADVENTURES WITH GRANDPA

Rosemary Mastnak
Hardback RRP \$24.95

Join a little boy and his Grandpa in his shed. You never know what will happen from building a racing car or spaceship to floating away in a hot air balloon. Using their imaginations anything is possible. Wonderful illustrations complement the text and help create the special bond between little boys and their Grandfathers. **EXCLUSIVE OFFER: Receive a FREE greeting card with purchase.**

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Up to 5 years



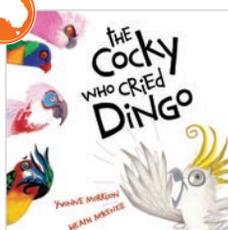
MY SISTER OLIVE

Paula Russell and
Gaye Chapman (Illus)
Hardback **RRP \$24.95**

The narrator idolises her big sister, Olive, and thinks that she is the best in the world

at everything she does. But Olive knows that her little sister is the greatest at something very special...

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THE COCKY WHO CRIED DINGO

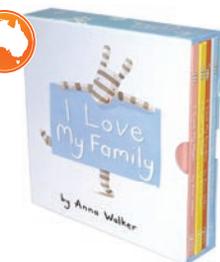
Yvonne Morrison and
Heath McKenzie (Illus)
Hardback **RRP \$24.95**

The raucous tale of a cheeky cockatoo

who decides that pulling a few pranks on his fellow birds will liven things up. The prank backfires when a real dingo pins him down by his precious yellow crest. All ends well... and cocky learns his lesson.

Or does he? **EXCLUSIVE OFFER:** Receive a **FREE cocky plush** with a purchase. *While stocks last.

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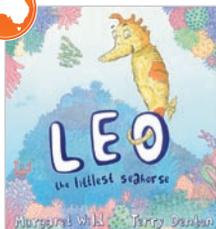
I LOVE MY FAMILY

Anna Walker
Boxed Set of 4
RRP \$29.99

Meet Ollie a lively zebra, Fred the dog and all of Ollie's family! Each of these books features Ollie sharing a special day with one member of his family – Mum, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa. With Ollie, the everyday events of a young child's life are exciting adventures, brought to life by Anna Walker's whimsical rhyming

texts and gorgeous illustrations.

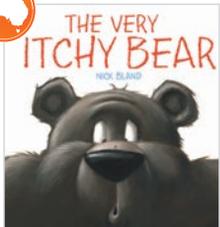
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LEO THE LITTLEST SEAHORSE

Margaret Wild &
Terry Denton (illus)
Hardback **RRP \$24.95**

In the warm waters of the coral reef, one hundred and one baby seahorses learn the ways of the world. They curl around coral and flutter their fins – except Leo, the littlest seahorse, who is always a bit behind. But when a hungry groper approaches, Leo proves that he, too, is capable of big things.



THE VERY ITCHY BEAR

Nick Bland
Hardback **RRP \$15.99**

The star of the best-selling *The Very Cranky Bear* returns, this time with just one creature bothering him – a

persistent flea. A new friendship is born!



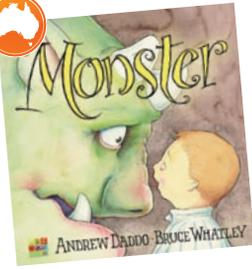
HARRY AND THE BUCKETFUL OF DINOSAURS

Ian Whybrow and
Adrian Reynolds (Illus)
Gift set **RRP \$29.99**

Harry and the dinosaurs presented in a gorgeous boxed set. Included is a beautiful mini-hardback of the very first 'Harry' story plus 6 dinosaurs in a bucket. A great gift!

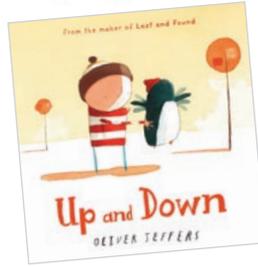
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Picture Books
**Up to
5 years**



MONSTER
Andrew Daddo
and Bruce Whatley
(Illus)
Hardback
RRP \$24.99

Some monsters are scary – with pointy teeth and snuffly grunts – and they stink. You'd never invite them to sleep over! But there are other monsters that are cute and full of surprises. Andrew Daddo and Bruce Whatley know a scary, funny story about a really lovable monster – but you might want to keep the light on.



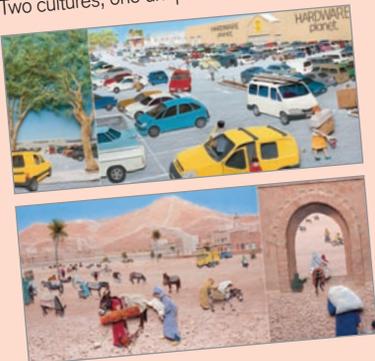
**UP AND
DOWN**
Oliver Jeffers
Hardback RRP \$24.99

The Boy and the Penguin are inseparable. Until one day when the Penguin decides he needs to fly. Leaving his friend behind he wonders off in search of his dream. But does he really want to fly and does the Boy miss him as much as the Penguin misses the Boy? A sequel to the bestselling *Lost and Found*, this is a touching story about friendship and following your dreams.
September release, advanced orders welcome.



Mirror
Jeannie Baker Hardback RRP \$39.95

Jeannie Baker has created a picture book that takes us into the lives of two families: an Australian family, whose way of life strikes a familiar chord, and a family from a far away country with a way of life that differs more than one can imagine. However, the simple truth is, that even with all of these differences, we are still the same. We are the Mirror of each other. Two cultures, one unique book.

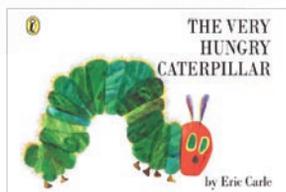


Older Readers
9-12 years

A note from Jeannie Baker: The idea for this book came from my delight when travelling in a country very different from my own. At the time, in my own country, there was much political poisoning of attitudes towards foreigners and foreignness. But travelling in Morocco, as a woman "stranger", I was met with much friendliness and generosity from "strangers". The idea for the book was right there: that outward appearances may be very different but the inner person of a "stranger" may not be a stranger at all. We all live to be loved by family and friends and to be part of a larger family, a community. Inwardly we are so alike, it could be each other we see when we look in a mirror. The settings I chose for the families in the story are the Valley of Roses (famous for the rose perfume) in southern Morocco and my home in Sydney, Australia.

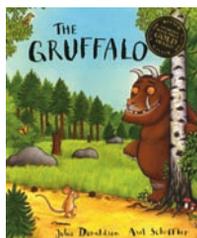
The pictures started as drawings. Using these drawings as a guide, collages were made. The collages were constructed layer by layer on a wooden baseboard using a combination of natural and artificial materials such as sand, earth, clay, paints, vegetation, paper, fabric, wool, tin and plastic. The natural materials were preserved and fresh colouring added. The completed collages were then photographed to be reproduced as you see here.

Picture Books



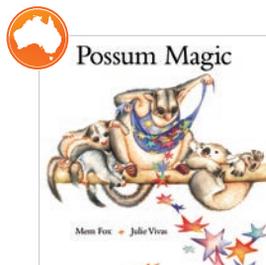
THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Eric Carle
Paperback **RRP \$16.95**



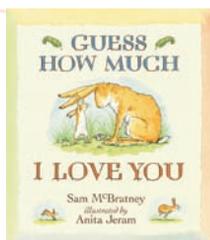
THE GRUFFALO

Julia Donaldson
Paperback **RRP \$14.95**



POSSUM MAGIC

Mem Fox and Julie Vivas (Illus)
Paperback **RRP \$15.99**



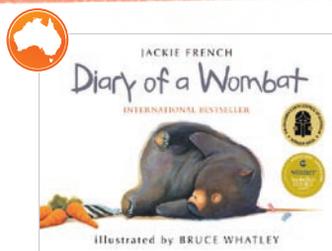
GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

Sam McBratney and
Anita Jeram (Illus)
Paperback **RRP \$16.95**



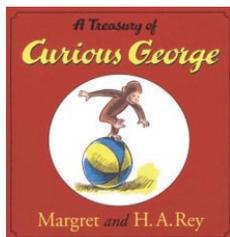
WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Michael Rosen and
Helen Oxenbury (Illus)
Paperback **RRP \$16.95**



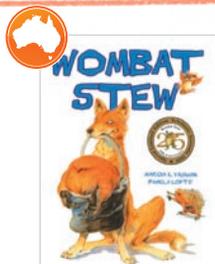
DIARY OF A WOMBAT

Jackie French and
Bruce Whatley (Illus)
Boardbook **RRP \$14.99**



A TREASURY OF CURIOUS GEORGE

Margret and H.A. Rey
Hardback **RRP \$14.95**



WOMBAT STEW

Marcia Vaughan
and Pamela Lofts (Illus)
Paperback
RRP \$15.99



TEN LITTLE FINGERS AND TEN LITTLE TOES

Mem Fox and
Helen Oxenbury (Illus)
Boardbook **RRP \$15.95**

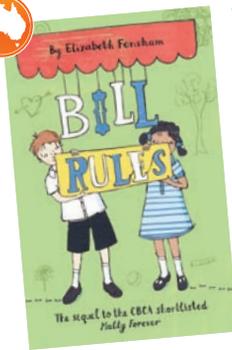




THE ADVENTURES OF OOK AND GLUK: KUNG-FU CAVEMEN FROM THE FUTURE

Dav Pilkey
Hardback
RRP \$14.99

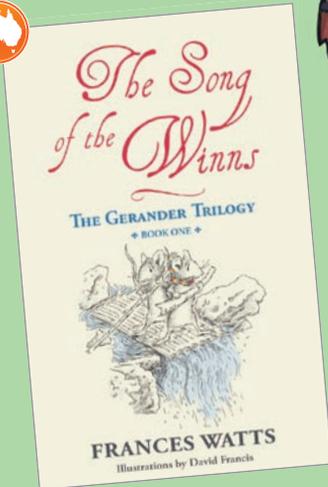
Ook and Gluk are the stars of this new graphic novel from the creators of the Captain Underpants series! It's 500,001 BC and Ook and Gluk's hometown is under attack by an evil corporation from the future. Travel through time as our new heroes try to save their world – and enjoy some laughs along the way!



BILL RULES
Elizabeth Fensham
Paperback
RRP \$14.95

Junior Fiction
6 to 8 years

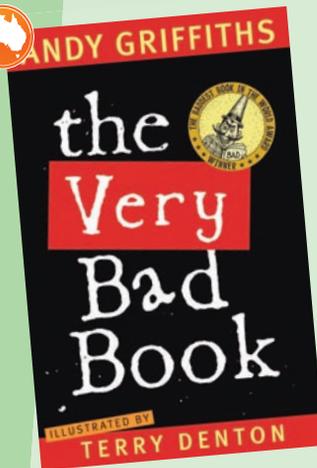
Bill Rules is the exciting companion novel to the 2010 CBCA shortlisted *Matty Forever*. Bill and Matty are the best of friends. Matty is headstrong, willful and entertaining; Bill is loyal, patient and devoted to Matty. They are also neighbours which means their lives are intertwined and daily 'think tanks' are held in Matty's backyard bath. Another enchanting story of friendship, courage and trust from one of Australia's favourite storytellers.
September release, advanced orders welcome.



THE SONG OF THE WINNS

Frances Watts
Paperback RRP \$14.99

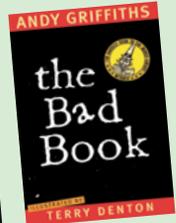
Alex, Alice and Alistair think they are just three ordinary mice, until Alistair mysteriously vanishes. Then Alex and Alice learn a secret about their family: a secret which means Alistair's life is in danger – unless Alex and Alice can find him first... So begins a hair-raising journey as Alex and Alice try to outrun enemy agents in a desperate race against time.
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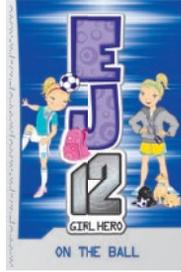
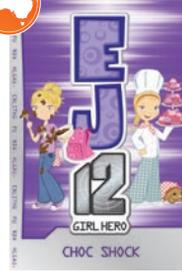
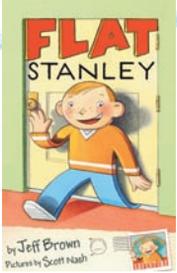


THE VERY BAD BOOK

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton (illus)
Paperback RRP \$14.99

The Bad Book was very bad. *The Very Bad Book* is even worse! Just when it seemed safe to go back into a bookshop Andy Griffiths is hitting us again with even more bad stories, bad cartoons, bad illustrations, bad poems and bad riddles about bad characters doing bad things.
September release, advanced orders welcome.





FLAT STANLEY AND STANLEY FLAT AGAIN

Jeff Brown and Scott Nash (Illus)

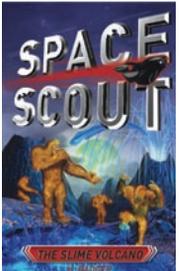
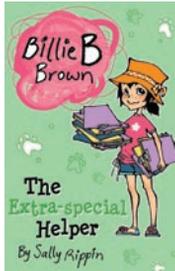
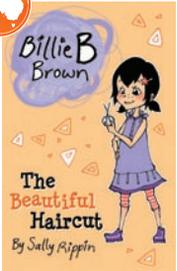
Paperback **RRP \$9.95 each**

Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find a notice-board has dropped on him in the night, leaving him happy and healthy, but only half an inch thick. It's a little unusual, but he finds he can fly like a kite, be sent on holiday through the post and can use his special new skills to catch some art thieves. In *Flat Stanley Again* there's fun to be had being flat. Stanley helps win a boat race and rescues a girl from a dangerous building. **More Stanley titles available – ask in store!**

EJ12 GIRL HERO: CHOC SHOCK AND EJ12 GIRL HERO: ON THE BALL

Paperbacks **RRP \$12.99 each**

Special Agent EJ12 needs to keep her eyes peeled. She must get inside the chocolate cake factory, find out what is going on and stop SHADOW's plan. So why is the school fundraiser such a problem? In *On the Ball* there is a spy at SHINE's top-secret training camp. But who is it? Special Agent EJ12 must find the spy – and the missing invention. **More E12 titles available – ask in store!**



BILLIE B BROWN: THE BEAUTIFUL HAIRCUT AND BILLIE B BROWN: THE EXTRA SPECIAL HELPER

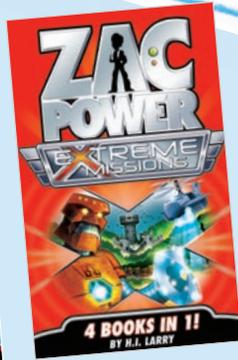
Sally Rippin Paperbacks **RRP \$7.95 each**

Billie has two messy pigtails, one best friend Jack and a feisty personality. In her next two adventures Billie is the best hairdresser in the world! She can make her dolls' hair beautiful but can she make her own hair beautiful, too? Then Billie is her teacher's helper at the zoo and she has to stop everyone from being naughty. If only they'd listen to her! **More Billie B Brown books available – ask in store!**

SPACE SCOUT: THE ALIEN BRAINWASH AND SPACE SCOUT: THE SLIME VOLCANO

H Badger Paperbacks **RRP \$9.95 each**

Two new adventures for the Space Scout. When Kip lands on a planet covered with flowers, it seems peaceful and relaxing. But are these weeds as innocent as they seem? When Kip gets trapped on a slimy, gross planet, he thinks it's the worst mission ever. Then he meets the gigantic hairy monsters that are stuck there as well... **More Space Scout books available – ask in store!** *September release, advanced orders welcome.*



ZAC POWER MEGA MISSIONS: 4 BOOKS IN 1 AND ZAC POWER EXTREME MISSIONS: 4 BOOKS IN 1

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Paperbacks **RRP \$26.95 each**

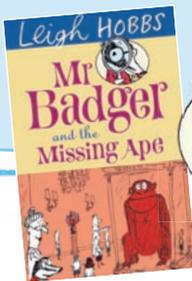
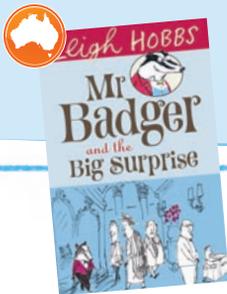
Two bind-ups of Zac Power favourite stories featuring four of the best Zac Power Mega Missions and four Zac Power Extreme Missions.
More Zac Power titles available – ask in store!



SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT – BOOK #5: MORTAL COIL

Derek Landy
Paperback **RRP \$19.99**

Skulduggery has his original head back...which is good (it's better looking). Valkyrie has found out she might be an evil sorceress set to destroy the world...which is bad. Very, very, bad because now she is alone with thousands of Remnants (remember them?) who have escaped. They want Valkyrie and they are willing to kill anyone who gets in their way. Oh, and because they can possess any body they could be anyone! Now Skulduggery, Valkyrie, Gahstly and Tanith can trust no one – not even each other... **Also available: Skulduggery Pleasant Book 1 to 4.**
September release, advanced orders welcome.



MR BADGER AND THE BIG SURPRISE AND MR BADGER AND THE MISSING APE

Leigh Hobbs Paperbacks **RRP \$13.99 each**

Mr Badger and Miss Pims are preparing the hotel for Sylvia Smother-Carruthers' birthday. Hilarity follows, but this story has a very touching ending, as it is also Mr Badger's birthday the very same day. In the second book of the Mr Badger series, *The Missing Ape*, the Boubles Grand Hotel mascot, Algernon the ape, mysteriously disappears. Luckily Mr Badger knows just what to do to put things right.
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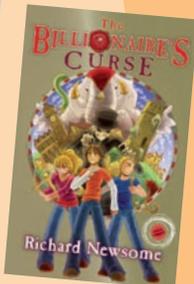
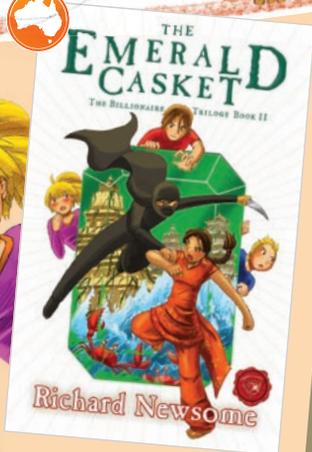
BOY VS BEAST: BATTLE OF THE BORDERS – TEMPESTA

Paperback **RRP \$9.99**

The fifth book in the Boy vs Beast series. When there is a lightning storm but no rain, Kai knows it is time for battle. Will Kai and his Jet Charger be able to stop the storm beast? Kai will need to power up. **More Boys vs Beast books available – ask in store!**
September release, advanced orders welcome.

Older Readers

9-12 years



THE EMERALD CASKET

Richard Newsome

Paperback **RRP \$19.95**

The Emerald Casket is the second thrilling instalment in the Billionaire's Curse Trilogy. A fantastic whodunit that takes Gerald, Sam and Ruby again on their quest to discover the mystery and treasure of the caskets. Funny and action packed, full of twists and turns – a great read for an adventuring mind.



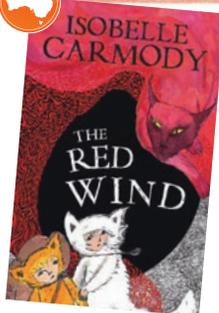
MIDNIGHT ZOO

Sonya Hartnett

Hardback **RRP \$24.95**



Two gypsy boys are fleeing through a war-ravaged country-side during the night carrying a secret bundle. Stumbling across a town that has been reduced to smoking rubble they come across a zoo where they take shelter for the night. There they discover a menagerie of talking animals. Both the boys and the animals tell their tales and their desire for freedom. Award-winning Australian author Sonya Hartnett brings us another beautiful, heart-felt tale.



KINGDOM OF THE LOST: THE RED WIND

Isobelle Carmody

Hardback
RRP \$19.95

Zluty and Bily are brothers living peacefully together in their little house in the desert. Each year Zluty travels to the Great

Forest to collect food and plants to store for the winter months and returns home with stories of great adventures. Bily prefers to stay at home and tend to their little house. The one day a red wind sweeps across the land devastating everything in its path and each brother has to fight for his own survival. A magical first story in a new series from award-winning author Isobelle Carmody.



GUARDIANS OF GA'HOOLE COLLECTION: LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS

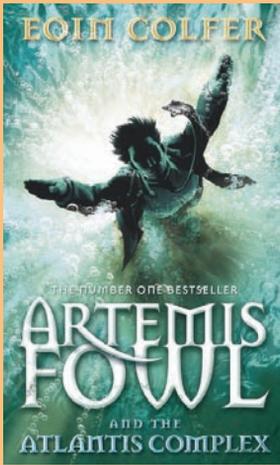
Kathryn Lasky

Paperback **RRP \$29.99**

After Soren, a young owlet, is pushed from his family's nest by his older brother, he's plucked from the forest floor by agents from a mysterious

school, the St Aegolius Academy for Orphaned Owls. When Soren arrives at St Aggie's, he suspects there is more to the school than meets the eye. Now an exciting movie.

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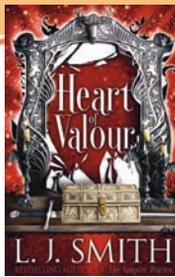
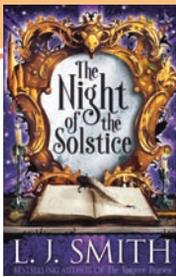


ARTEMIS FOWL AND THE ATLANTIS COMPLEX

Eoin Colfer

Paperback **RRP \$22.95**

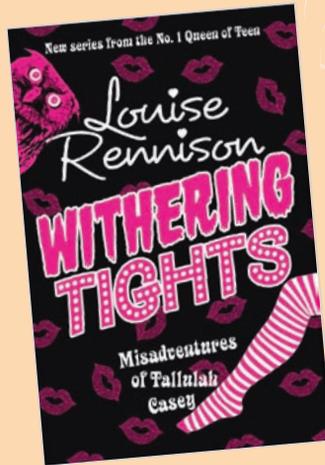
Artemis has frequently used high-tech fairy magic to mastermind the most devious criminal activity of the new century. Now, at a conference in Iceland, Artemis is behaving strangely – he seems different. Something terrible has happened to him... Artemis Fowl has become nice. The seventh book in the popular series.



THE NIGHT OF THE SOLSTICE AND HEART OF VALOUR

L. J. Smith Paperbacks **RRP \$16.99 each**

A thrilling duo from international bestselling author of The Vampire Diaries L.J. Smith. In *Night of Solstice*, Alys, Charles, Jane and Claudia must save sorceress Morgana Shee before the winter solstice, when evil sorcerer Cadel Forge plans to escape the Wildworld and conquer Earth. In *Heart of Valour*, when an earthquake hits California, the Hodges-Bradley children begin to suspect this was no ordinary quake, and that the passage seal between the worlds may no longer be stable.



WITHERING TIGHTS

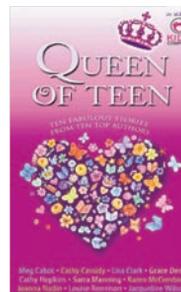
Louise Rennison

Hardback **RRP \$19.99**

Picture the scene: the very eccentric Dother Hall performing arts college in the wilds of the Yorkshire Dales, surrounded by bearded cheesemaking villagers (male and female) and wildlife of the squirrely-type. Here is another hilarious tale from Louise Rennison – Queen of Teen.

Cross Over Fiction

10-14 years



QUEEN OF TEEN

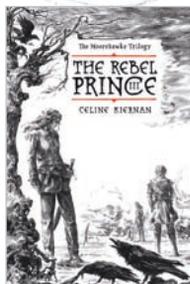
Various

Paperback
RRP \$19.95

Short stories from the ten finalists of the Queen of Teen Award, selected by you their readers and fans. An irresistible chance to read something new by your all-time favourite author – or

to discover an amazing author you've been missing up to now! Featuring stories by Meg Cabot, Cathy Cassidy, Lisa Clark, Grace Dent, Cathy Hopkins, Sarra Manning, Karen McCombie, Joanna Nadin, Louise Rennison, and Jacqueline Wilson. All the stories focus on the realities of being a teenager and gaining independence.

Cross Over Fiction



THE REBEL PRINCE

Celine Kiernan
Paperback **RRP \$19.99**

The gripping finale of the addictive romantic medieval trilogy that began with *The Poison Throne* and continued with *The Crowded Shadows*. It seems that the years of

war have left their scars on brothers Alberon and Razi. Alberon is determined to protect the kingdom by strength rather than diplomacy. Despite her qualms about Alberon's choice of allies, Wynter finds herself siding with him against her friends, but how can she stand by as Alberon negotiates with those who represent everything she despises?



GHOSTGIRL: LOVESICK

Tonya Hurley
Hardback **RRP \$26.99**

The third book about Charlotte Usher – the girl who was just dying to be popular. On the brink of Dead Ed graduation, Charlotte and her fellow classmates learn they have one last mission to complete before gaining entrance to the much-anticipated

afterlife: Observe one designated teen with an unexplained problem and help said-troubled teen by Prom.



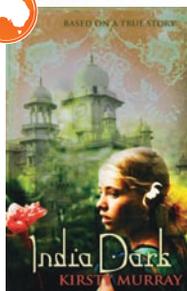
BURNT SNOW

Van Badham
Paperback **RRP \$24.99**

Sophie Morgan is the new girl at school. Brody Meine is the local loner with a dangerous reputation. The connection between them is intense – explosive. As darkness engulfs Sophie's world, a fire

is being lit within her. And when she and Brody are together, there's no predicting who will be burned.

September release, advanced orders welcome.



INDIA DARK

Kirsty Murray
Paperback **RRP \$16.99**

Madras 1910, a troupe of child performers are stranded, having staged a strike against their manager. Their fate now depends on the outcome of a court case, and an alliance with gentlemen of the British Raj. Based on a true story,

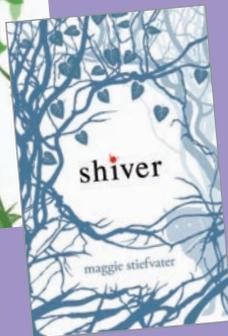
India Dark recreates shifting friendships and loyalties and the clash of innocence versus experience against the backdrop of India's seductive mysteries.



LINGER

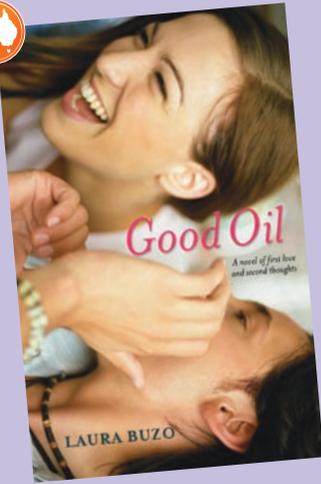
Maggie Stiefvater
Hardback **RRP \$29.99**

Lyrical and haunting, Maggie Stiefvater's two novels *Shiver* and *Linger* create a world of romance where the mystical meld into the everyday. Grace watched the wolves living in the woods behind her house for years, in particular – her yellow-eyed wolf – her saviour. Sam lived two separate lives – in winter, the frozen woods and the protection of the pack and in summer, a few precious months of being human. Time and nature are against them yet their destinies are entwined. When you risk everything for the one you love things can go horribly wrong. In the end, love is what lingers....



Teen & Young Adults

12 years+



GOOD OIL

Laura Buzo
Paperback **RRP \$18.99**

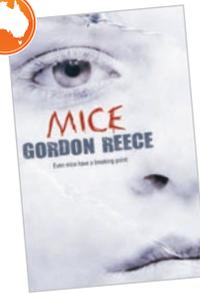
Amelia and Chris can talk about almost anything, from feminism to great literature. Amelia is 15 and works the checkout at Woolworths. Chris is 21 and her trainer who promises to deliver 'the good oil'. Their relationship flourishes but will he ever see her as more than just a friend?



GRAFFITI MOON

Cath Crowley
Paperback **RRP \$16.99**

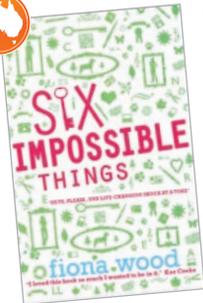
It's the end of Year 12. Lucy's looking for Shadow, the graffiti artist everyone talks about. His work is all over the city, but he is nowhere. Ed, the last guy she wants to see at the moment, says he knows where to find him. He takes Lucy on an all-night search to places where Shadow's thoughts about heartbreak and escape echo around the city walls. But the one thing Lucy can't see is the one thing that's right before her eyes.



MICE

Gordon Reece
Paperback **RRP \$19.99**

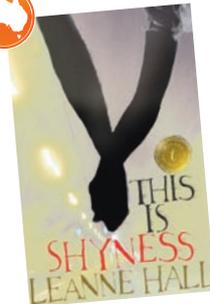
Shelley and her mum have been bullied long enough. When they retreat to an isolated cottage in the country, they think their troubles are over, and they revel in their cosy, secure life. But one night, an intruder disturbs their peace and something inside Shelley snaps. What happens next will shatter all their certainties. What would you do if you were pushed to the limit?
September release, advanced orders welcome.



SIX IMPOSSIBLE THINGS

Fiona Wood
Paperback **RRP \$16.99**

Fourteen-year-old nerd-boy Dan Cereill is not quite coping with a reversal of family fortune, moving house, new school hell, a mother with a failing wedding cake business, a just-out gay dad, and an impossible crush on the girl next door. His life is a mess, but for now he's narrowed it down to just six impossible things....



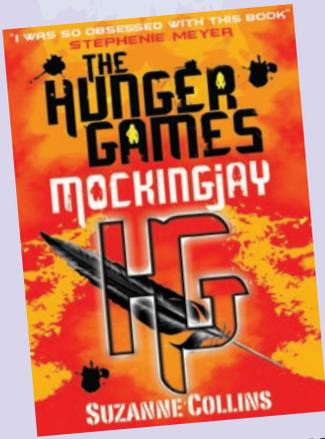
THIS IS SHYNESS

Leanne Hall
Paperback **RRP \$19.95**

Wolfboy meets a stranger at the Diabetic Hotel. She tells him her name is Wildgirl, and she dares him to be her guide through the endless night. But then they are mugged by the sugar-crazed Kidds. And what plays out is moving, reckless... dangerous. There are things that can only be said in the dark. And one long night is time enough to change your life.

Teens & Young Adults

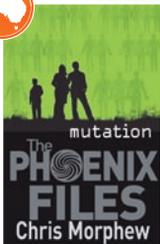
Teen & Young Adult
12 years⁺



THE HUNGER GAMES #3: MOCKINGJAY

Suzanne Collins Paperback **RRP \$18.99**

Against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has survived the Hunger Games twice. But now that she's made it out of the bloody arena alive, she's still not safe. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge. Who do they think should pay for the unrest? Katniss. And what's worse, President Snow has made it clear that no one else is safe either. Powerful and haunting, this thrilling final installment of Suzanne Collins's groundbreaking The Hunger Games trilogy promises to be one of the most talked about books of the year! **EXCLUSIVE OFFER: Receive a FREE Mockingjay pin with purchase.**

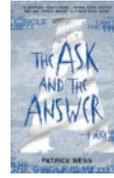
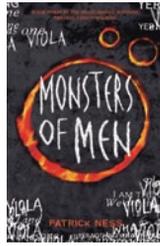


THE PHOENIX FILES: MUTATION

Chris Morphew
Paperback **RRP \$16.95**

Have you ever had one of those moments where all of a sudden you just know that something really, really bad is coming? One of those moments where,

somehow, even though there's no real sign of anything being wrong, you just feel it in your gut that there's major trouble on the way? That's exactly how Jordan feels. The third thrilling adventure in the Phoenix Files series.

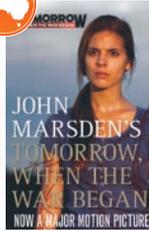


MONSTERS OF MEN, BOOK 3: CHAOS WALKING SERIES

Patrick Ness Hardback **RRP \$32.95**



In the riveting conclusion to the acclaimed dystopian series, a boy and girl caught in the chaos of war face devastating choices that will decide the fate of a world. Todd and Viola face monstrous decisions. The consequences of each action, each word, are unspeakably vast: to follow a tyrant or a terrorist? To save the life of the one you love most, or thousands of strangers? Becoming adults amid the turmoil, Todd and Viola question all they have known, racing through horror and outrage toward a shocking finale.



TOMORROW, WHEN THE WAR BEGAN, MOVIE TIE IN

John Marsden
Paperback **RRP \$18.99**



A group of teenagers on a camping trip arrive back home to find their families, friends and their entire town gone and in the course of a weekend their lives changed forever. They've got no weapons – except courage. They've got no help – except themselves. They've got nothing – except friendship. How strong can you be, when the world is full of people trying to kill you? The bestselling and much-loved Australian series is now an exciting motion picture.



LIES
Michael Grant
Paperback
RRP \$19.95

It's a simple premise – a world without adults. Everyone older than 15 has ceased to exist in the town of Pedido and after the childrens' initial shock all hell has broken loose. Sam is a natural leader but the kids from Coates Academy are out to cause trouble. Kids are starting to develop strange new powers and anarchy reigns. *Lord of the Flies* for a new generation the *Gone* series is part sci-fi, part thriller and a scary examination of where desperation and fear can lead...

September release, advanced orders welcome.



HALO

Alexandra Adornetto
Paperback **RRP \$24.99**

Nothing much happens in the sleepy town of Venus Cove. But everything changes when three angels, Ivy, Bethany and Gabriel, are sent from heaven to protect the town against

the gathering forces of darkness. They work hard to conceal their true identity and, most of all, their wings. But the mission is threatened when the youngest angel, Bethany, is sent to high school and falls for the handsome school captain, Xavier Woods. Will she defy the laws of Heaven by loving him?



INFERNAL DEVICES, BOOK 1: CLOCKWORK ANGEL

Cassandra Clare
Paperback **RRP \$24.95**

Magic is dangerous but love is more dangerous still. Discover more about the

mysterious and sexy Shadowhunters in this thrilling first book in the prequel trilogy to the bestselling Mortal Instruments series by Cassandra Clare.

31st August release, advanced orders welcome.



SPY GLASS

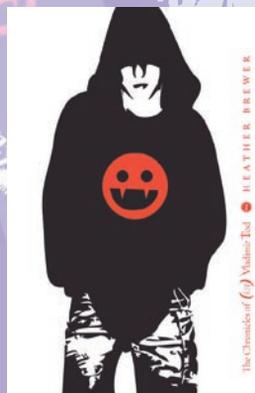
Maria V. Snyder
Paperback **RRP \$19.99**

Opal Cowan had been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to save her friends and rid the world of blood magic. Though she survived, she was forever changed... She has now lost her powers – and more than that, she has become immune to magic.

Opal is an outsider looking in, spying through the glass on those with the powers she once had, powers that made a difference in the world and were her whole universe...

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Teen & Young Adult
12 years+



EIGHTH GRADE BITES: CHRONICLES OF VLADIMIR TOD

Heather Brewer Paperback **RRP \$14.95**

Year eight is a trying time for half vampire Vlad Tod – hormones, homework, bullies... and his parents' suspicious death three years earlier. With the help of his best friend Henry, Vlad begins to search for answers... Meanwhile, a dangerous vampire is searching for him! A great new series from NYT bestselling author Heather Brewer.

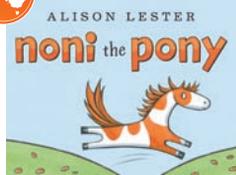
5 Things You Should Know About Vlad Tod

1. He bites... No, it's true. Vlad has fangs that elongate whenever his thirst for blood acts up. He's a vampire. Well... half-vampire, really. He's also half-human.
2. He sucks... at video games, that is. He's just your average teen with some really above-average skills. Like hovering at will and moving at incredible speeds.
3. He slays... Vlad has an amazing sense of humor and a quick wit. Especially when he's hanging out with his best friend, Henry.
4. He has high stakes... Vlad's life is full of problems. The smallest is that he's failing math. The biggest is that the vampire world is determined to kill him. Either way, Vlad's facing peril at every turn.
5. He dreams... Whether he's dreaming about the girl he's crushing on or a day when the bullies forget he exists, Vlad is just your ordinary guy... with fangs.

About the Author

Heather Brewer was not your typical teen growing up and she's certainly not your typical adult now. When she's not dyeing her hair black, she's dyeing it purple. She decorates her home with skulls and coffins, and insists that growing older is mandatory, but growing up is optional. Heather lives in Missouri with her husband and two children.

 Coming up for
Christmas



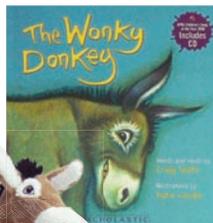
NONI THE PONY

Alison Lester
Hardback **RRP \$24.99**

Noni the pony is friendly and funny. Her shimmering tail is the

colour of honey. She lives on a farm at Waratah Bay, and likes eating apples and carrots and hay. Would you like to meet Noni? She loves to entertain the cows and play with the hens and the ducks, and her best friends are Zac the Dog and Coco the Cat.

October release, advanced orders welcome.



THE WONKY DONKEY

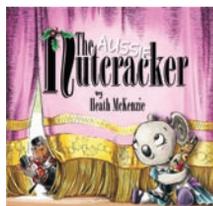
Craig Smith and
Katz Cowley (illus)
Gift Set **RRP \$24.99**

In this very funny, cumulative song, each page tells us something

new about the donkey until we end up with a spunky hanky-panky cranky stinky dinky lanky honky-tonky winky wonky donkey, which will have children in fits of laughter!

There is much fun to be had by listening to the song and trying to predict the new word for each clue given! **Comes with a cute Wonky Donkey plush.**

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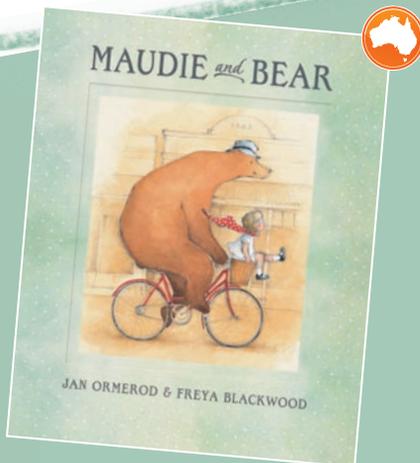
THE AUSSIE NUTCRACKER

Heath McKenzie
Paperback **RRP \$14.99**

It is Christmas Eve and magic is in the air. Meet the Sugar-Plum Fairy, the

seven-headed Mouse King and the Nutcracker Prince – but not like you've ever seen them before. An Australian retelling of a Christmas classic.

November release, advanced orders welcome.



MAUDIE & BEAR

Jan Ormerod and Freya Blackwood (illus)
Hardback **RRP \$29.95**

Maudie's world revolves around Maudie. Bear's world also revolves around Maudie – he is as patient and solid as a rock. Maudie is so confident of Bear's love that she makes demands, throws tantrums, lays down rules and lets Bear do all the work, knowing he will love her unconditionally. And he does... right to the end.
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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BOOK #5

Jeff Kinney Paperback **RRP \$14.95**

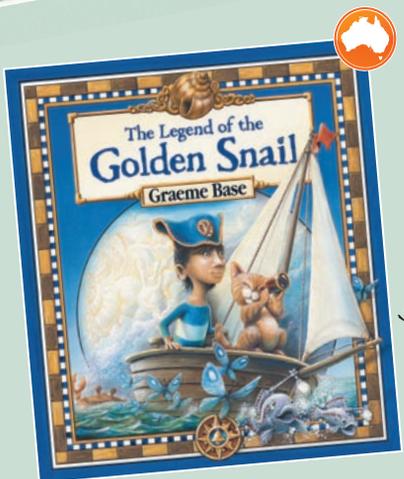
The much anticipated Book 5 in the bestselling series. **More Diary of a Wimpy Kid titles available – ask in-store.**

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Coming up for Christmas

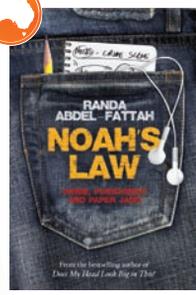


THE LEGEND OF THE GOLDEN SNAIL

Graeme Base Hardback **RRP \$29.95**

A young boy's favorite storybook tells of a Golden Snail that lived long ago in the mythical Spiral Isles. When it journeyed through its magical realm, it took on the shape of a fantastical golden sailing ship. One day the ship was captured by a Great Enchanter and banished to the Ends of the Earth so no one else could ever sail in it. There it remains until a new master comes to claim it. Could a young boy named Wilbur be the next master? Featuring Graeme Base's visually stunning signature art and packed with details, including a hidden "snail and crossbones" to search for in each picture, *The Legend of the Golden Snail* is an adventure unlike any other.

October release, advanced orders welcome.



NOAH'S LAW

Randa Abdel-Fattah
Paperback **RRP \$16.99**

Noah is 16 years old. He's in trouble at school, and his dad is a judge. This is not a good combination. As punishment for misdemeanours at school, Noah is sent to work at his aunt's legal firm for the school holidays – when every other

16-year-old boy is hanging out at the beach watching girls. But Noah is soon enthralled by a murder case and a suspect who may have everyone else fooled...

November release, advanced orders welcome.



BLUE BLOODS, BOOK 5: MISGUIDED ANGEL

Melissa de la Cruz
Paperback **RRP \$16.99**

After inheriting the complicated Van Alen Legacy, Schuyler fled to Florence with Jack, risking both of their lives for love. The two of them embark on the

mission Schuyler was destined to complete: to find and protect the remaining five gates that guard Earth from Lucifer, Prince of Hell and lord of the Silver Bloods.

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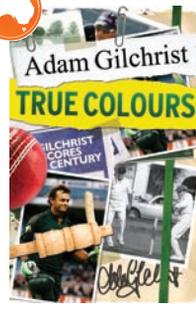
BEHEMOTH

Scott Westerfeld
Hardback **RRP \$29.95**

Behemoth, the sequel to Scott Westerfeld masterful *Leviathan*, follows the adventures of His Majesty's Airship *Leviathan* to Istanbul, capital of the Ottoman Empire, and home to countless secret societies

and revolutionaries. Deryn and Alek find themselves at odds with their mentors and with each other, as their duties collide with the politics of war and peace.

October release, advanced orders welcome.



TRUE COLOURS

Adam Gilchrist
Paperback **RRP \$19.99**

Adam Gilchrist is every young cricket fan's hero. Now, they too can read about his cricketing life in this young readers' edition of the bestselling adult title *True Colours*. Adapted to highlight Adam's early years

True Colours is chock-full of cricketing highlights and Adam's personal achievements.

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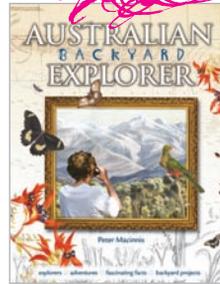
A REALLY SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING

Bill Bryson
Paperback RRP \$27.95

A kid-friendly version of his popular-science compendium for adults, *A Really Short History of Nearly Everything* tackles

everything from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization. Bill Bryson's inimitable storytelling skill makes the why, how, and, just as importantly, the who of scientific discovery entertaining and accessible for young readers.

September release, advanced orders welcome.



AUSTRALIAN BACKYARD EXPLORER

Peter Macinnis
Hardback RRP \$29.95

Australian Backyard Explorer tells the stories of many intrepid individuals who explored the Australian continent in the first 120

years of European settlement. It includes little-known explorers as well as the old favourites, such as James Cook, Edward John Eyre, Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills. There are tales not only of tragedy, conflict and death, but also of loyalty, amazing perseverance and wonder over the new animals and landscapes they encountered.

Q&A with Dr Karl



Photo by Mel Koutchavlis

In the olden days, when people dug up dinosaur bones, what did they think they were?

It depended where you lived in the world. Some people thought they were giant beasts that existed before the flood (from Noah's Ark and the Bible); the Chinese thought they were

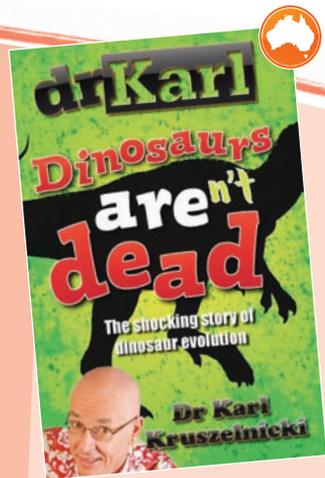
dragon bones; other people thought they were mythological beasts. Also, people didn't find complete fossils all at once. They found huge bones in different places, and it took some time to put all the bones together to make the first dinosaur skeleton.

How long was a day in the dinosaur era?

Most people don't know that the earth is slowing down every year. This is because the tides drag the oceans along the ocean floor (which slows down the rotation of the earth). When the dinosaurs first started – over 230 million years ago – a day was 22 hours and 45 minutes long, and there were 385 days in a year. By the time the dinosaurs died out – about 65 million years ago – the day was 23 hours and 37 minutes long and there were 371 days in a year.

You read a lot of books when you were young – especially science fiction. Is that how you became interested in science?

Yes! I read a book about the solar system when I was about seven years old, and couldn't believe how BIG the universe is. I realised that there were hundred of thousands of millions of stars and galaxies, and we would never get to the end of it. There are so many exciting things happening in science today – in computers (which will get smaller and faster, until they can fit in the human body); in genetics (one day people will live longer but their bodies won't age); and in space travel (one day we will travel much further than the moon) to name just a few! My interest in science started with reading a good book.



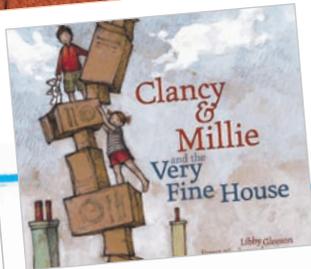
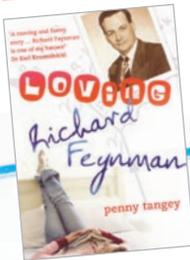
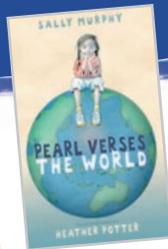
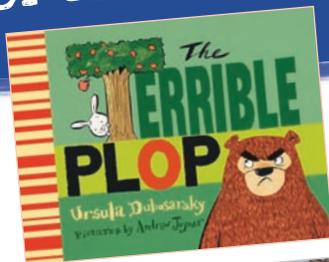
DINOSAURS AREN'T DEAD

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki
Paperback RRP \$14.99

The first in a fantastic new series, *Dinosaurs Aren't Dead* exposes an incredible truth – although practically all of the dinosaurs died out spectacularly 65 million years ago, one species survived – the birds. Explained in typical Dr Karl style this birds-eye view of the universe is sure to ignite the interest of even the most reluctant of budding scientists!

The Children's Book Council of Australia Shortlist 2010

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates Australian children's literature and its creators, and seeks to engage the community with literature for young Australians. Each year the CBCA run the Book of the Year Awards, and supports the Children's Book Week. Here is this year's CBCA shortlist of titles by category. The Winner and Honour Books will be announced on **Friday 20 August 2010**.



OLDER READERS

1. **Stolen** (Lucy Christopher, Chicken House)
2. **The Winds of Heaven** (Judith Clarke, Allen & Unwin)
3. **Liar** (Justine Larbalestier, Allen & Unwin)
4. **Jarvis 24** (David Metzenthén, Penguin)
5. **A Small Free Kiss in the Dark** (Glenda Millard, Allen & Unwin)
6. **Loving Richard Feynman** (Penny Tangey, UQP)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. **The Wrong Book** (Nick Bland, Scholastic Australia)
2. **Kip** (Christina Booth, Windy Hollow Books)
3. **The Terrible Plop**
(Ursula Dubosarsky, illus. Andrew Joyner, Viking)
4. **Clancy & Millie and the Very Fine House**
(Libby Gleeson, illus. Freya Blackwood, Little Hare Books)
5. **Bear & Chook by the Sea**
(Lisa Shanahan, illus. Emma Quay, Lothian)
6. **Fearless** (Colin Thompson, illus. Sarah Davis, ABC Books)

EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOK OF THE YEAR 2009

1. **Lucy Prehistoric Giants: The Megafauna of Australia** (Danielle Clode, Museum Victoria)
2. **M is for Mates** (Department of Veterans' Affairs in association with the Australian War Memorial)
3. **Australian Backyard Explorer** (Peter Macinnis, National Library of Australia)
4. **Polar Eyes: A Journey to Antarctica** (Tanya Patrick, illus. Nicholas Hutcheson, CSIRO)
5. **Lost! A True Tale from the Bush** (Stephanie Owen Reeder, National Library of Australia)
6. **Maralinga** (Yalata & Oak communities with Christobel Mattingley, Allen & Unwin)

YOUNGER READERS

1. **Matty Forever** (Elizabeth Fensham, UQP)
2. **Darius Bell and the Glitter Pool** (Odo Hirsch, A&U)
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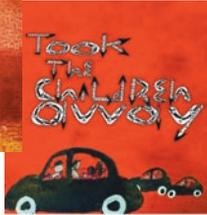
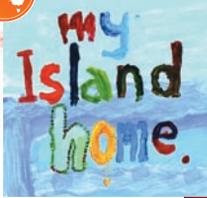
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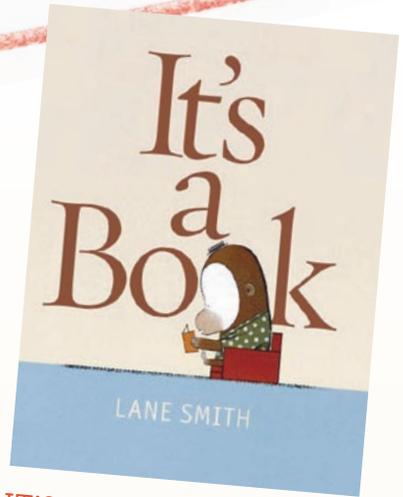


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