

DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK: 20-26 August 2022
(Winners announced Friday 19th August 2022)



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People Who Followed Their Dreams

1. Ada's Ideas (Fiona Robinson)

(RRP) (School)
\$24.99 \$22.50

Ada Lovelace (1815-1852) was the daughter of Lord Byron, a poet and Anna Isabella Milbanke, a mathematician. Her parents separated when she was young and her mother insisted on a logic-focused education, rejecting Byron's "mad" love of poetry, but Ada remained fascinated with her father and considered mathematics "poetical science." Via her friendship with inventor Charles Babbage, she became involved in "programming" his Analytical Engine, a precursor to the computer, thus becoming the world's first computer programmer. This picture book biography of Ada Lovelace is a compelling portrait of a woman who saw the potential for numbers to make art.

2. Alabama Spitfire (Bethany Hegedus and Erin McGuire)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Nelle Harper Lee grew up in the rocky red soil of Monroeville, Alabama. From the get-go she was a spitfire. Unlike most girls at that time and place, Nelle preferred overalls to dresses and climbing trees to tea parties. Nelle loved to watch her daddy try cases in the courtroom. And she and her best friend, Tru, devoured books and wrote stories of their own. More than anything Nelle loved words. This love eventually took her all the way to New York City, where she dreamed of becoming a writer. Any chance she had, Nelle sat at her typewriter, writing, revising, and chasing her dream. Nelle wouldn't give up-not until she discovered the right story, the one she was born to tell. Finally, that story came to her, and Nelle, inspired by her childhood, penned *To Kill a Mockingbird*. A groundbreaking book about small-town injustice that has sold over forty million copies, Nelle's novel resonated with readers the world over, who, through reading, learned what it was like to climb into someone else's skin and walk around in it. [Biography-Famous People-Author-Writing-Non Fiction Picture Book](#)

3. Albert Namatjira (Vincent Namatjira)

\$24.99 \$19.99

Award-winning artist Vincent Namatjira tells the life story of his great-grandfather, Albert Namatjira, one of Australia's most iconic artists. Vincent's witty and moving paintings are accompanied by evocative text, which records the pivotal moments in Albert's life. In telling his great-grandfather's story, Vincent builds a compelling picture of the times and conditions in which Albert lived and worked, capturing his triumphs and tragedy against a backdrop of social change and historical injustices. This poignant children's book provides an important tool for discussion about Australia's art history, and a launching pad for exploration of the key moments in Australia's Aboriginal Rights movement.

4. Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, The (William Kamkwamba and Elizabeth Zunon)

\$29.99 \$27.00

When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library . . . and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Persevering against the odds, William built a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps, and thus became the local hero who harnessed the wind. Lyrically told and gloriously illustrated, this story will inspire many as it shows how - even in the worst of times - a great idea and a lot of hard work can still rock the world.

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5. Dinosaur Lady: Daring Discoveries Of Mary Anning (Linda Skeers and Marta Alvarez Miguens)

\$34.99 ~~\$31.50~~

Mary Anning loved hunting for fossils with her father. One day, that hobby led to an unexpected discovery: the skeleton of a creature no one had never seen before! Mary had unearthed a dinosaur fossil, the first to ever be discovered. Her find reshaped scientific beliefs about the natural world and led to the beginning of a brand new field of study: paleontology. For the rest of her life, Mary continued to make astonishing finds and her fossils are displayed in museums all across the world! The daring discoveries of Mary Anning not only changed the scientific world, but also helped change people's attitudes towards women scientists. Dinosaur Lady is a beautiful and brilliant picture book that will enlighten children about the discovery of the dinosaurs and the importance of women scientists.

6. Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music (Margarita Engle and Rafael Lopez)

\$32.99 ~~\$29.70~~

"Girls cannot be drummers." Long ago on an island filled with music, no one questioned that rule until the drum dream girl. In her city of drumbeats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongos. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang and danced and decided that "both" girls and boys should be free to drum and dream. Inspired by the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, a Chinese-African-Cuban girl who broke Cuba's traditional taboo against female drummers, "Drum Dream Girl" tells an inspiring true story for dreamers everywhere."

7. Meet: Nellie Melba (Janeen Brian and Claire Murphy)

\$16.99 ~~\$15.30~~

Dame Nellie Melba was a soprano singer. She was the first classical musician from Australia to gain international acclaim, helping to raise Australia's cultural prestige in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was appointed Dame Commander, OBE for her enormous fundraising efforts during World War One. Dame Nellie is remembered for bringing opera and opera training to audiences across Australia and commemorated on the Australian hundred-dollar note.

8. Me, Jane (Patrick MacDonnell)

\$29.99 ~~\$27.00~~

In his characteristic heartwarming style, Patrick MacDonnell tells the story of the young Jane Goodall and her special childhood toy chimpanzee named Jubilee. As the young Jane observes the natural world around her with wonder, she dreams of "a life living with and helping all animals," until one day she finds that her dream has come true. One of the world's most inspiring women, Dr. Jane Goodall is a renowned humanitarian, conservationist, animal activist, environmentalist, and United Nations Messenger of Peace. In 1977 she founded the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), a global nonprofit organization that empowers people to make a difference for all living things.

9. One Wish: Fatima Al-Fihri And The World's Oldest University (Mo Yukel and Miriam Quraishi)

\$29.99 ~~\$27.00~~

Fatima al-Fihri loved to learn. She wanted to know everything, like how birds flew, why the sky was blue, and how flowers grew. But more than anything, she wanted a school for all, where anyone could study and become whatever they wanted, like teachers, scientists, and doctors. As she grew older, Fatima carried her one wish inside her, through good times and bad. Fueled by her faith and her determination, she worked hard to make her one wish come true. For over a thousand years, Fatima's one wish—her school—served students and scholars from around the globe, and it continues to do so today! With lyrical text by M. O. Yuksel (author of *In My Mosque*) and stunning illustrations by Mariam Quraishi, this true-life portrait of an extraordinary Muslim woman shows the importance of never giving up on your dreams and how we all have the power to change the world for the better.*also on Term 2 Catalogue No. 139

10. Playing At The Border (Joanna Ho and Teresa Martinez)

\$24.99 ~~\$22.50~~

Before Yo-Yo Ma became one of the most renowned and celebrated cellists, he wanted to play the double bass. But it was too big for his four-year-old hands. Over time, Ma honed his amazing talent, and his music became a reflection of his own life between borders, cultures, disciplines, and generations. Staying true to himself, Yo-Yo Ma performed at the US-Mexico border at the Rio Grande on April 13, 2019, as part of his multi-continent "Bach Project" tour to prove a point—through music, we can build bridges rather than walls between different cultures. [Biography-Music-Famous People-Musician-Cellist-Culture-Community-Unity](#)

11. Salt In His Shoes (Delores Jordan and Kadir Nelson)

\$34.99 ~~\$31.50~~

Michael Jordan. The mere mention of the name conjures up visions of basketball played at its absolute best. But as a child, Michael almost gave up on his hoop dreams, all because he feared he'd never grow tall enough to play the game that would one day make him famous. That's when his mother and father stepped in and shared the invaluable lesson of what really goes into the making of a champion—patience, determination, and hard work. [Biography-Famous People-Famous Women-Determination-Courage-Education-Islam](#)

12. Sisters: Venus and Serena Williams (Jeanette Winter)

\$24.99 ~~\$22.50~~

Before they were famous tennis stars, Venus and Serena Williams were sisters with big dreams growing up in Compton, California. In the early mornings, they head to the tennis courts, clean up debris, and practice. They compete in their first tournament and they both win. From there, the girls' trophy collection grows and grows. Despite adversity and health challenges, the sisters become two of the greatest tennis players of all time. This inspiring story of sisterhood, hard work, and determination is perfect for budding athletes or any young reader with a big dream.

13. World Is Not a Rectangle, The (Jeannette Winter)

\$26.99 ~~\$24.26~~

Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, and dreamed of designing her own cities. After studying architecture in London, she opened her own studio and started designing buildings. But as a Muslim woman, Hadid faced many obstacles. Determined to succeed, she worked hard for many years, and achieved her goals—and now you can see the buildings Hadid has designed all over the world.

Books That Inspire Us To Follow Our Dreams



14. All The Ways To Be Smart (Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys)

(RRP) (School)

\$24.99 \$22.50

Smart is not just ticks and crosses, smart is building boats from boxes. Painting patterns, wheeling wagons, being mermaids, riding dragons ... A joyful and exquisitely illustrated book that celebrates all children, and the many unique and wonderful ways to be smart.

15. Because (Mo Willems)

\$34.99 \$31.50

Because sometimes it's the smallest moments that have the biggest impact. Mo Willems, a number one New York Times best-selling author and illustrator, composes a powerful symphony of chance, discovery, persistence, and magic in this moving tale of a young girl's journey to center stage. Illustrator Amber Ren brings Willems' music to life, conducting a stunning picture-book debut.

16. Be You! (Peter H Reynolds)

\$24.99 \$22.50

You were born to BE so many things. No matter where your journey leads, remember to... Be curious... Be adventurous... Be patient... Be brave... And most of all... BE YOU! A joyful celebration of individuality, persistence and staying true to YOU!

17. Greatest Mistakes That Went Right, The (Maddy Mara and Cheryl Orsini)

\$19.99 \$15.99

Are you in a hurry to wonder and worry. That new things you try won't go right? When they simply don't work, don't go all berserk! Mistakes can grow wings and take flight. Where would we be without big blunders? From Play Doh to penicillin, the Slinky to the Granny Smith apple, some of the best inventions started out as gigantic slip-ups. From exciting new talent Maddy Mara comes a blooper reel with amazing consequences and a reminder to all kids scared of trying something new: even the greatest mistakes can go right.

18. I Want To Be A Superhero (Breanna Humes and Ambelin Kwaymulilna)

\$24.99 \$22.50

Breanna wrote this story when she was 8 years old and wanted to fly. Beautifully told and illustrated story of Breanna, who wants to be a superhero. She asks family and friends if she can become a superhero by wishing upon a shooting star. She tries but it doesn't work. Breanna is finally happy with the idea of working hard and becoming a superhero doctor, lawyer, engineer or vet. But she still wants to fly! A little girl in a homemade blanket cape wants to be a superhero, and not just any superhero, she wants to fly!

19. Seed Of Doubt (Irena Brignull)

\$16.99 \$15.30

A little boy dreams of a world beyond the farm where he lives – a world full of mountain ranges, oceans and cities, where he could do anything. But one day he plants a seed from which doubts start to grow. Instead of thinking of all that he could do, he thinks more of what he could not. Can he overcome his fears and chase his dreams?

20. Thousand No's (DJ Corchin)

\$24.99 \$19.99

There was a little girl who had a great idea. She had the most amazing, superb, best idea ever! NO? Wait, what do you mean NO? NO again? What is she supposed to do with all these NO's? NO after NO after NO comes the little girl's way, twisting and squishing her idea. But by persevering, collaborating and using a little imagination, all those NO's become the building blocks for the biggest YES ever! A Thousand NO's is a story about perseverance and innovation. It shows what amazing things can happen if we work with others and don't give up, and teaches kids not to let expectations of how things should be get in the way of what could be.

21. What Do You Do With An Idea (Kobi Yamada and Mae Besom)

\$32.99 \$29.70

This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.

22. When I Grow Up (Andrew Daddo and Jonathan Bentley)

\$14.99 \$13.50

What do you want to be when you grow up? A performer? An astronaut? A secret agent? A gorgeous and funny picture book about big dreams and even bigger imaginations!

23. You Can! (Alexandra Strick and Steve Antony)

\$29.99 \$27.00

Several years in the making, it engages with young people aged from 8 to 18, from the widest possible range of background and experience. They were asked what they would say to their younger selves to reassure, enthuse and inspire them about the future. You Can gives their answers, from personal talks, emails, and video talks. We see 14 diverse children grow from babies into toddlers, children and young adults, with all sorts of different interests, ideas and attitudes. It's an empowering book through children's own messages of inspiration, empathy, hope and promise for the future. And the future is theirs – they are the ones who will make it work.

Celebrating Imagination



24. Boy Who Made Things Up, The (Margaret Mahy and Lily Emu)

(RRP) (School)

\$19.99 \$18.00

'Shall we just walk along, Dad, or shall we make some of it up?' Join Michael and his over-worked dad as they journey home one fun-filled afternoon. [Imagination](#)

25. Bush Magic (Kylie Howarth)

\$25.99 \$23.40

Jarrah and Grandpa love spending time together exploring the bush around their home. But one miserable Sunday it's too rainy to venture outside, so instead Jarrah and Grandpa float away on a dreamlike quest where they meet magical creatures, save their stranded bush friends from a flood and have their most exciting adventure together yet. [Imagination-Nature-Grandparents-Play-Storytelling](#) *also on Term 2 Catalogue No. 57

26. Eva's Imagination (Wenda Shurety and Karen Erasmus)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Eva doesn't know what an imagination is. With the help of her dog, Chops, Eva goes on a hunt to find it. A delightful story about the power of imagination

27. Get Back In Your Books! (Rory H Mather and Shane McG)

\$17.99 \$16.20

There were pirates in the paperbacks, a bear in fantasy. Then I saw a smiling cat, staring straight at me.' Why are all these books characters on the loose? They need to get back in their books! There is something strange going on at the library—there are book characters everywhere! Is the narrator dreaming, or is there a perfectly reasonable explanation?

28. Incurable Imagination (Paul Russel and Aska)

\$24.99 \$22.50

Audrey has the worst case of 'imaginitis' her teachers have ever seen! While other children paint their families, Audrey paints the ogre who lives under her bed drinking tea. Instead of singing about a black sheep, she writes her own song about a desk with legs that runs away. Her alphabet turns into soup. It's clear that her 'imaginitis' is incurable. What's worse, her condition is contagious and soon the other kids in her class start showing symptoms of an equally incurable imagination! As 'imaginitis' spreads, the teachers are horrified and the parents begin to protest too. But perhaps imagination isn't such a bad disease after all? It might even be useful if it makes learning more fun. [Imagination-Creativity-Humour](#)

29. In My Room (Jo Witek)

\$21.99 \$19.80

In her room, one little girl can be anything she wants to be and go anywhere she wishes to go, all with the power of her imagination (and paper, markers, and crayons, of course!). She can go on safari or sail the seven seas. She can be a doctor, teacher, or high-powered businesswoman. The sky's the limit! And when the day is over, she can become a little girl again, safe in her room. [Imagination-Creativity](#)

30. No Buddy Like a Book (Alan Wolf and Brianna Farley)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Have you ever wanted to climb to the top of Everest with one hand behind your back? Kiss a crocodile all by yourself on the Nile river? How about learning how to bottle moonlight, or track a distant star? There are endless things to discover and whole universes to explore simply by reading a book. But books are only smears of ink without the reader's mind to give their letters meaning and bring them to life. With a rollicking, rhyming text and delightful artwork, poet and storyteller Allan Wolf and illustrator Brianna Farley remind us that books, no matter how they may be consumed, give readers of every background an opportunity to expand their world and spark their imagination. [Reading-Books-Imagination](#)

31. Think-Ups, The (Claire Alexander)

\$27.99 \$25.20

It's a rainy day, and Anna and Kiki are stuck indoors, wondering what to play next. Suddenly, Kiki has an idea for a new game. "All you have to do," she explains, "is think up a Think-Up and it will appear!" And she thinks up ... BUNNIES! Then they conjure up the most marvellous, magnificent MOOSE! And octopi! And nine HUNGRY koalas! Hmm ... is it possible to UN-think a Think-Up? With half-cut pages that make for funny surprises at every turn, this is a fresh celebration of imaginary play for the youngest of children. [Humour-Siblings-Imagination-Play](#)

32. This is Not A Book (Kellie Branes and Aska)

\$24.99 \$22.50

In this fun-filled, action-packed picture book, our main character is quite convinced they're not in a book. After all, if this was a book, there'd be pages to turn ... Oops! We've just turned the page. But that's not conclusive proof this is a book. If it was a book, there'd be interesting settings and problems to solve. Hold on! Why is our lead character being chased by a lion? Why are pirates stealing treasure? And are those mermaids playing in a rock band? This is NOT a Book! is the perfect introduction for kids to how a book is structured and how to tell a good story. [Stories-Storytelling-Books-Imagination](#)

33. Wishing For a Dragon (Becky Cameron)

\$15.99 \$14.40

The sun has almost set, but Olive, Barney and Ella are wide awake and ready for adventure! Ella wants to go to the jungle, Barney hankers to be a pirate, but Ella has a secret wish ... to see a dragon! So off they clamber into a hot-air balloon and are whisked away to magical lands. They see pirate teddybears and unicorns and tigers, but will they ever see a dragon?

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