



1. LEILONG THE LIBRARY BUS

Julia Liu | Bei Lynn (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

A library-loving picture book in which an enthusiastic dinosaur absorbed in storytime threatens to flatten the library– until the children decide to take the books outdoors The children are late for storytime at the library. Ever helpful, Lei the enthusiastic dinosaur can get them there one time! Lei's small head is the only part of him that fits so he must listen through the window. But he gets so excited by the story, he starts to shake the building. Lei's love of stories risks destroying the library until the children decide to take the books outdoors. This library-loving picture book reminds us how it feels to be transported by story. And what first seems a problem for Lei the dinosaur becomes a triumph.



2. LIBRARY FISH, THE

Alyssa Satin Capucilla | Gladys Jose (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

When Mr. Hughes finds a fish all alone in the library and names her Library Fish, she knows she's found her true home. Library Fish makes friends in the library and on the bookmobile, checks that books are returned, and absolutely loves story time, when she can listen to all kinds of stories and poems, meet unforgettable characters, and travel around the world and even to other planets! But one day, everything outside is covered in snow and no one comes to the library. Will Library Fish be brave enough to venture outside her fishbowl for the very first time and explore the library she calls home?



3. LIBRARY OF EVER, THE LIBRARY OF EVER

Zeno Alexander | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Lenora is having a very frustrating summer while her parents have adventures around the globe—until she discovers a strange doorway in her local library. It leads to the Library—the ultimate library, filled with all the knowledge of the universe. And Lenora steps right up to become its newest apprentice librarian. Lenora's new job rockets her across the globe and into outer space, to a future filled with robots, and to a dark nothingness that wants to destroy the library. She quickly learns the only way to save it might be unlocking the knowledge inside its endless shelves.... The Library of Ever is an adventure across time and space, but more importantly across human knowledge, as a young girl discovers what makes books truly magical.

Categories: Parallel World, Adventure, Books, Library



4. LOST LIBRARY, THE

Jess McGeachin | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

When Oliver finds a lost library book in his new bedroom, he decides to return it. But how do you find a mysterious hidden library? With the help of a new friend, of course ...

Categories: Magic, Imagination, Friendship, Books, Reading



5. LUNA LOVES LIBRARY DAY

Joseph Coelho | Fiona Lumbers (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Every week Luna looks forward to one special day- the day when she discovers magic among the library shelves; the day she gets to spend with her dad. Exploring the books, Luna and her dad find magic, mystery and even start to mend their own history. An inspiring story from one of the UK's greatest up-and-coming award-winning poets for children, perfectly captured in all its flights of fancy by newcomer Fiona Lumbers. Endorsed by Amnesty International- "This is a touching reflection on the power of reading to bring families together; Fiona Lumbers' illustrations convey Luna's vivid inner life, while Coelho's lyrical style celebrates the joyful curiosity of early childhood." Amnesty International "An ode to love and different kinds of families, with lyrical text and richly coloured, warm illustrations." Irish Independent, Best Books of 2017

Categories: Reading, Books, Library, Belonging, Sharing, Family Unit



ME LEMONCELLOS LIBRARY OLYMPICS COLYMPICS COLYMPICS

Chris Grabenstein | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Welcome, boys and girls, readers of all ages, to the first-ever Library Olympiad! Kyle and his teammates are back, and the world-famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, is at it again! This time Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS. Will it be fun? Like the commercials say... HELLO? It's a Lemoncello! But something suspicious is going on ... books are missing from Mr. Lemoncello's library. Is someone trying to CENSOR what the kids are reading?! In between figuring out mind-boggling challenges, the kids will have to band together to get to the bottom of this mystery. Now it's not just a game—can Mr. Lemoncello find the real defenders of books and champions of libraries? Packed with puzzles, clues, and thrilling surprises, this is a deliciously fun, action-packed sequel to theNew York Times bestselling Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. Let the games begin! - See more at: http://www.randomhouse.com.au/books/chris-grabenstein/mr-lemoncellos-library-2-

9780857988270.aspx#sthash.0gAwpeNZ.dpuf

Categories: Reading, Books, Mystery, Challenge



7. RAISING READERS: HOW TO NURTURE A CHILD'S LOVE OF

Megan Daley | Paperback | RRP \$27.95 | School Price \$25.16

Some kids refuse to read, others won't stop – not even at the dinner table! Either way, many parents question the best way to support their child's literacy journey. When can you start reading to your child? How do you find that special book to inspire a reluctant reader? How can you tell if a book is age appropriate? What can you do to keep your tween reading into their adolescent years? Award-winning teacher librarian Megan Daley has the answers to all these questions and more. She unpacks her fifteen years of experience into this personable and accessible guide, enhanced with up-to-date research and first-hand accounts from well-known Australian children's authors. It also contains practical tips, such as suggested reading lists and instructions on how to run book-themed activities. Raising Readers is a must-have guide for parents and educators to help the children in their lives fall in love with books.

Categories: Teaching Resource, Reading



8. READING ABOUT ROCKS SCIENCE ACTION

Robin Twiddy | Hardback | RRP \$28.99 | School Price \$26.10

Science never sleeps, it's always in action! Ever wondered how musical instruments make sound or how electricity is made? Discover the answer to these questions and many others in this exciting new series.



9. READING ADVENTURE: 100 BOOKS TO CHECK OUT BEFORE Y Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

Discover your next read with this carefully curated list from We Need Diverse Books. Check out 100 must-read books to try before you're 12! Packed with reviews, recommendations, and exclusive author interviews, The Reading Adventure-100 Books To Check Out Before You're 12 will inspire young readers to discover books beyond the curriculum. From mystery to autobiography, the book is organised by genre, so you can jump to the section that interests you the most. Each entry has a key theme box so you can immediately see if the book is something you'll enjoy. Helpful signposts lead readers to another book the author thinks they'll enjoy. Hidden gems, award-winners, classics, and current bestsellers are brought to life by vibrant illustrations. There's truly something for everyone!



10. READING CHALLENGE ELLA AND OLIVIA

Yvette Poshoglian | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$7.99 | School Price \$7.20

Meet Ella and Olivia. Big sister. Little sister. Best friends. Ella and Olivia love to read. And when Olivia sees a Reading Challenge at school, she knows she has to sign her and her big sister Ella up. But Ella is reading so many books, how will Olivia ever catch up?

Categories: Books, Libraries, Reading



11. REBEL IN THE LIBRARY OF EVER LIBRARY OF EVER

Zeno Alexander | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Lenora returns to the magical Library-which holds every book ever known on its shelves. But she discovers the Library is under new management, its incredible rooms and corridors turned sinister and oppressive. Lenora quickly connects with a secret resistance that's trying to free knowledge from the darkness threatening it. Her new friends introduce her to an ancient lost city, hang-gliding, and mathematical beings larger than the universe itself. In its starred review for The Library of Ever, Kirkus called it "unusually clever," BCCB named it "utterly enchanting," and Booklist said it's "for every person who has ever believed that libraries are magic." Now Lenora returns to fight to prove that knowledge is always more powerful than ignorance and fear.



12. STANLEY'S LIBRARY

William Bee | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Stanley's Library is open for visitors! It's another busy day at Stanley's Library! Stanley loads his van with books and sets off to the village green. Who will visit today and which books will they choose? Later, Stanley arrives back at the library for a special event - a famous author has come to read from her new book! A wonderful first introduction to libraries, books and the joy of reading.

13. THERE'S A LION IN THE LIBRARY



Dave Skinner | Aurelie Guillerey (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Little Lucy Lupin is sweet and dimpled - and a dreadful LIAR. The trouble is, it's impossible not to believe her - she's so perfectly cute. Not once, not twice, but three times the library is evacuated when Lucy says there's a terrifying lion on the loose. But what will happen when Lucy's lie comes true ...?



14. YAY! IT'S LIBRARY DAY

Aleesah Darlison | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Oliver and Ivy love visiting the library with their dad. With stories and their imaginations guiding them, the children go on grand ocean adventures, visit fairy-tale lands, watch elephants dancing in tuxedos and fly across the sapphire sky on a magic carpet.





15. 7 GOOD REASONS NOT TO GROW UP GRAPHIC NOVEL

Jimmy Gownley | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Ahmed Singh's best friend, Kirby Finn, has it all. Good looks, charm, brains, and a personality that inspires others to follow him. And his most inspiring contribution to his peers is his list of 7 Good Reasons Not to Grow Up, advice he dispenses as he helps his classmates get out of sticky situations. Yeah, everyone loves Kirby Finn. Of course, Ahmed can see through all of that. He knows the real Kirby Finn--if that is indeed his real name--and he's not falling for the wonder boy act!



16. GRANNY PIP GROWS FRUIT FOLLOW MY FOOD

Deborah Chancellor | Jill Groves (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Being able to buy fruit is something we take for granted, but what if we had to grow our own? A little girl helps Granny Pip as she plants fruit bushes, feeds them with fertiliser, prunes and then harvests. Growing fruit is hard work, but eating it is delicious! The fourth title in the Follow My Food series about where our food comes from and how it's produced, with themes of sustainability and animal welfare. 'The bright illustrations and short bursts of clear text make this a good book to use in EYFS to help explain where our food comes from.' - School Librarian 'Bright, clean, papercut illustrations create some striking spreads...the text is fact-filled but never dull.' - Books for Keeps 'A really gorgeous, engaging and colourful non-fiction book for young children. - The Book Deli

Categories: Food, Food Production, Fruit, Sustainability, Narrative Non Fiction



17. GROW A GARDEN: GRAPHIC NOVEL MAKER COMICS

Alexis Frederick-Frost | Paperback | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$19.80

Violet, Will, and Basil must be the unluckiest students at the Garden Gnome Academy. They've been stuck with Mr. Butternut, the school's most unpopular (and unusual) teacher. They have to learn about soil and compost while their classmates get to study exotic plants and butterflies. Although things get a little messy (and stinky) in his class, Mr. Butternut knows the secret to growing a great garden. Read along to get all the dirt on your favorite vegetables, from seed to harvest! Follow the easy step-by-step instructions in this book and learn to make: A compost bin A seed pot Potting mix A growlight shelf A cold frame A container garden

Categories: Graphic Novel



18. GROWING AN ARTIST

John Parra | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

From award-winning artist John Parra comes a touching and deceptively simple picture book based on his childhood experience about the bond between a father and son, hard work, and the links between nature, art, and creativity. Today is a big day—the first time Juanito gets to help his papi on the job as a landscape architect! Throughout the day, Juanito sketches anything that catches his eye: a nest full of baby birds, a nursery with row upon row of plants and flowers, and more. Father and son travel from house to house, pruning, weeding, mowing, and turning overgrown and chaotic yards into beautiful spaces. A few of the clients don't appreciate Papi's hard work, like Juanito's classmate who pretends not to see him. But Papi always feels pride in owning his own business and in a job well done. And at the end of the day, Juanito may get the chance to turn his artistic eye toward landscape design-just like his papi.



19. GROWING GREEN: A FIRST BOOK OF GARDENING

Daniela Sosa | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

Fifteen simple step-by-step edible gardening projects for young children. From strawberries in welly boots to herbs in recycled tin cans, this easy-to-follow gardening book contains 15 simple, edible projects for young gardeners. Learn all you need to grow your own fruit, herbs and vegetables in the space that you have, from a windowsill to an allotment in this fun and stylish collection of growing activities for five- to nine-year-olds. With bright, engaging illustrations and step-by-step instructions, this is an ideal gift for any young child wanting to find out more about where their food comes from and grow some themselves!

Categories: Gardening



20. GROWING VEGETABLE SOUP Lois Ehlert | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Together, a father and child share the joys of planting, watering, and watching seeds grow. And once their harvest of tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, and corn is ready, they'll cook it up into the best soup ever! Lois Ehlert's bright, graphic art and simple text make this vibrant board book a perfect read-aloud for budding gardeners and their families.

Categories: Gardening, Food, Vegetables, Planting



21. HOW DOES MY FRUIT GROW?

Muller Gerda | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$31.50

Sophie lives in the city and spends her summer in the countryside where she learns all about the fruits that grow there: apples, plums, cherries and all kinds of berries. When Sophie's family moves south, where the weather is warmer, she discovers that different plants and trees grow in her new garden. With the help of her friendly neighbours, Sophie harvests melons, grapes, figs, oranges and pomegranates. At school, Sophie and her classmates learn about tropical fruits and nuts from all over the world -- bananas, coconuts, cashews, pineapples and many more. This is a wonderful book for children to learn about how fruit grows and where. It combines a charming seasonal story with fascinating facts and beautiful, accurate botanical illustrations. It is a superb companion to Gerda Muller's beloved How Does My Garden Grow?

Categories: Gardening, Food



22. HOW TO TEACH GROWN-UPS ABOUT PLUTO

Dean Regas | Aaron Blecha (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

A witty guide to Pluto's discovery and demotion, which puts kids in charge. Pluto has not been a planet since 2006. But this tiny world still inspires people of all ages while sparking controversy. In this delightfully witty book, astronomer Dean Regas teaches you how to educate your grown-up about the cutting-edge science of space, most crucially the reason why Pluto is NOT a planet anymore. Delving into the history of space discoveries, the key players who have helped our understanding of the universe (including the 11-year-old girl who named Pluto in the first place) and the ever-changing nature of science, this book will equip every reader with the tools they need to bring their grown-ups fully up to speed, and to sneak in as many amazing astronomical facts as possible. And there's a handy quiz at the end so that you can check your grown-up has been paying attention!



23. HOW TO GROW A DRAGON

Rachel Morrisroe | Steven Lenton (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Join Sarah and Mr Pottifer in their magical plant shop, where fantastical creatures grow from trees! An unexpected delivery of dragodil seeds provides the perfect chance for Sarah and Mr Pottifer to grow helpful dragon pets for their customers – or does it? It turns out that these fiery dragons are not very well-behaved at all... and everything soon spirals into smoke-filled, out-of-control DRAGON CHAOS! Can Sarah's quick thinking and green fingers save the day?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Dragons

24. PLANTASTIC! A-Z OF AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

Catherine Clowes | Rachel Gyan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Did you know that there are plants that eat insects? Plants whose seeds spread in poo? Plants that move when you touch them? And plants that grow on other plants? Plantastic! presents 26 of Australia's most unique and incredible native plants. Discover and identify native plants found in your local park, bushland, or even in your very own backyard. With its perfect balance of fun facts, activities, adventurous ideas and gorgeous illustrations, Plantastic! will prove just how fantastic Australia's native plants really are!

Categories: Plants



25. POLLINATION: HOW DOES MY GARDEN GROW?

Christopher Cheng | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 5+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A child's day in the garden with their Gran and Pa leads to a wonderful exploration of pollination. Join them in discovering how pollination happens in our gardens and backyards, and the importance it has for our environment. Meet the animals involved in pollination and the plants that depend on pollination to produce our fruit, vegetables and even our clothes! Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5 to 9.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Gardening, Pollination, Plants, Insects



26. SEED GROWS, A

Antoinette Portis | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Understand how a seed becomes a sunflower by peeking beneath the soil, and watching the first shoots grow, until a big fold out reveals the towering, flowering plant! Minimal text coupled with gorgeous, bright and blocky illustrations show the life cycle of a plant from seed to shoot, flower and seed again. Also shows how plants depend on other animals such as birds.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Lifecycles



27. WE ARE GROWING! AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Laurie Keller (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Walt and his friends are growing up fast! Everyone is the something-est. But . . . what about Walt? He is not the tallest, or the curliest, or the silliest. He is not the anything-est! As a BIG surprise inches closer, Walt discovers something special of his own!



28. GROWING AND CHANGING YOUR BODY AND YOU

Anita Ganeri | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A look at your amazing body and how it develops and changes through your lifetime Growing & Changing explores the human life cycle, looking at how we and our bodies grow, develop and change throughout our life, from birth through to childhood, puberty, adulthood and old age. Along the way, we learn many new skills and discover our independence. Your Body & You takes a look at our bodies, taking a less strictly scientific and more PSHE-friendly approach and encouraging readers to appreciate just how special their body really is. Core information on nutrition, exercise and sleep is balanced alongside more challenging issues, such as looking after your mental health, body privacy and how to have a positive body image. Titles in the series: Your Body & You: You're Unique! Your Body & You: Looking After Your Body You: Body & You: Growing & Changing Your Body & You: Body Privacy

Categories: Growth and Development, Growing Up





29. ARTISTS: INSPIRING STORIES OF THE WORLD'S MOST CRE Susie Hodge | Hardback | RRP \$35.00 | School Price \$31.50

Wonder at the incredible stories behind more than 50 artists who have inspired the world Meet the cool creatives behind awe-inspiring art, with this non-fiction book for kids. Pour paint onto a canvas with Jackson Pollock, laugh along with the pranks of Hokusai, and find beauty in your self-portrait with Frida Kahlo, as you follow the stories of more than 50 fabulous artists and their groundbreaking work. Through charming storytelling rich in detail, Artists covers celebrated figures as well as lesser-known trailblazers, each with a tale as intriguing as it is unique. From cat connoisseur Louis Wain and pattern fanatic Yayoi Kusama, to eye-obsessed Margaret Keane, who won a court paintoff to prove her husband had passed off her work as his own - the artists in this book have all used their creativity and complexity to make powerful art that has enriched and inspired the lives of many. These groundbreaking pieces range from those whose beauty keeps you coming back for more, to some that might change your worldview. Beautiful descriptions of the artists' lives are brought to life through stunning watercolour illustrations by Jessamy Hawke and fantastic photography highlights the detail of their work.

Categories: Art, Artists

30. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT: INSPIRATIONAL WORDS FROM PEO

Ben Brooks | Hardback | RRP \$39.99 | School Price \$36.00

A new book that will inspire children, by the global bestselling author of Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different. The words in Dare to be Different have great power. Ben Brooks has brought together 100 people who have all in some way or another used words to do wonderful things. Some may have changed a single life, while others have changed the course of history for almost everyone on earth. But whether their effects were big or small, these individuals speeches, letters, poems, songs, stories, and advice prove one thing: words can make the world a better place. And they can make you feel better about yourself too. This extraordinary compendium includes personal letters that were written for just one reader to help guide them through life's journey; sometimes they were intended for millions of people to hear about grand declarations of war, peace or new discoveries. Most of the time, though, they are words of wisdom that children will love to hear, about kindness, bullying, or whether it's OK to sometimes eat chocolate for breakfast. From Plautus' plays about the power of laughter to Selena Gomez's speech about bullying; and from F. Scott Fitzgerald's letters of encouragement to his daughter, Scottie, to Bambi, the mysterious graffiti artist who sprays words of truth on walls, there is something to be learned from every quote in this inspiring and illuminating book. Children will be enthused and comforted by the wonderful true stories Brooks has brought from across history and from around the world. Each one is exquisitely illustrated by Quinton Winter, who made the Stories for Boys series so visually exciting.

Categories: Inspiration, Wisdom



31. GOOD NIGHT STORIES FOR REBEL GIRLS: 100 INSPIRING GOOD NIGHT STORIES FOR REBEL GIRLS Jess Harriton | Hardback | RRP \$46.00 | School Price \$41.40

The fifth volume of the best-selling Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls series, 100 Inspiring Young Changemakers, shines a spotlight on extraordinary young women who are making their mark on the world today. Readers will celebrate wellknown women, like Greta Thunberg, Bethany Hamilton, Bindi Irwin, Zendaya, and the Linda Lindas, and meet up-andcoming powerhouses like inventor Vinisha Umashankar, fashion designer Marine Serre, stuntwoman Sadiqua Bynum, filmmaker Taegen Yardley, poet Alexandra Huynh, and environmental activist Helena Gualinga. The girls and women in the book come from different countries and backgrounds and have a wide array of interests and accomplishments. Barrier-breaking performer Keke Palmer became the youngest talk show host in US history. Entrepreneur Mikaila Ulmer founded a lemonade company to help save honeybees. Brazilian skateboarder Rayssa Leal turned a hobby into an Olympic dream. And British body positivity advocate Megan Jayne Crabbe and Indigenous artist Te Manaia Jennings inspire kids to keep their minds healthy. Each story is told in the whimsical fairy tale style that has made the series a success and is paired with a bold, full-page portrait. More than 60 young female or nonbinary artists from all over the world contributed original artwork to the book. In addition to showcasing the stories of incredible young people, the book features the work of young authors, artists, and editors.

Categories: Famous People, Inspirational, Women, Famous Women



32. BUILDINGS INSPIRED BY NATURE INSPIRED BY NATURE Mary Boome | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

From termite mounds to shopping centres and flower petals to paint many inventions come from studying nature. Discover some of the best building inventions that were inspired by the outside world.

Categories: Engineering, Buildings, Construction



33. CLOTHING INSPIRED BY NATURE INSPIRED BY NATURE Margeaux Weston | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

From polar bear fur to coats and beaver skin to wetsuits many inventions come from studying nature. Discover some of the best clothing inventions that were inspired by the outside world.



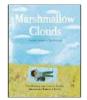


34. JOLLY GOOD FOOD: CHILDRENS COOKBOOK INSPIRED BY TH

Allegra McEvedy | Mark Beech (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Delicious and easy recipes, inspired by the beloved stories by Enid Blyton. Bake your own pop-cakes and google buns, and wash them down with homemade ginger beer! Have you ever dreamed of having picnics with the Famous Five, midnight feasts with the Malory Towers girls or party teas with the Folk of the Faraway Tree? With this cookbook, inspired by Enid Blyton's stories, you can! Packed full of yummy recipes, lively artwork and extracts from Enid Blyton's stories, this cookbook will inspire children – and the whole family – to get busy in the kitchen. It's the perfect way to share the pleasure of making and eating food with your child. There are 42 exciting new recipes designed by top chef and Junior Bake Off TV judge, Allegra McEvedy, with fabulous illustrations by Mark Beech and glorious food photography too.

Categories: Cooking, Cookbook



35. MARSHMALLOW CLOUDS: POEMS INSPIRED BY NATURE

Ted Kooser | Richard Jones (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

In this captivating collection of poetry, celebrated poets Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek, along with illustrator Richard Jones, explore the wonders of nature in a spirited and magical way - and invite our imaginations out to play. This stunning gift-book contains thirty exquisite poems by celebrated US poets Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek, beautifully illustrated by artist Richard Jones. A freewheeling romp through the world of imagery and metaphor, this quietly startling collection is framed by the four elements and divided into thoughtfully-curated sections, exploring art and reality, fact and fancy. Look around: what do you see? A clown balancing a pie in a tree, or an empty nest perched on a leafless branch? This charming compendium of the fleeting and unexpected turns the everyday - towering trees and tiny tadpoles; roaring fires, lazy afternoons, and pillowy white marshmallows - into poetic gold. A brilliant and timeless collaboration that evokes both the mystery and grandeur of the natural world and the cosy, mundane moments of daily life, this wonderfully illustrated collection is the go-to gift book of the season for poetry fans of all ages.



36. MOST MAGNIFICENT THING, THE

Ashley Spires | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$31.50

Award-winning author and illustrator Ashley Spires has created a charming picture book about an unnamed girl and her very best friend, who happens to be a dog. The girl has a wonderful idea. "She is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!" But making her magnificent thing is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, the girl gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right. For the early grades' exploration of character education, this funny book offers a perfect example of the rewards of perseverance and creativity. The girl's frustration and anger are vividly depicted in the detailed art, and the story offers good options for dealing honestly with these feelings, while at the same time reassuring children that it's okay to make mistakes. The clever use of verbs in groups of threes is both fun and functional, offering opportunities for wonderful vocabulary enrichment. The girl doesn't just "make" her magnificent thing -- she "tinkers and hammers and measures," she "smoothes and wrenches and fiddles," she "twists and tweaks and fastens." These precise action words are likely to fire up the imaginations of youngsters eager to create their own inventions and is a great tie-in to learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Categories: Growth Mindset, Persistence, Wellbeing



37. ONE WISH: FATIMA AL-FIHRI AND THE WORLD'S OLDEST U

MO Yuksel | Miriam Quraishi (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Fatima had one wish... 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.

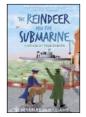
Categories: Biography, Famous People, Famous Women, Determination, Courage, Education, Islam



38. RAVEN NAMED GRIP: HOW A BIRD INSPIRED TWO FAMOUS

Marilyn Singer | Edwin Fotheringham (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

The endearing true story of how a love of birds connected and inspired two literary giants--Charles Dickens and Edgar Allan Poe. Years before Edgar Allan Poe's raven said "Nevermore," Charles Dickens' pet raven, Grip, was busy terrorizing the Dickens children and eating chipped paint. So how exactly did this one mischievous bird make a lasting mark on literature? From England to the United States and back again, this is the true and fascinating story of how a brilliant bird captured two famous authors' hearts, inspired their writing, and formed an unexpected bond between them. This ingenious slice of history, biography, and even ornithology celebrates the fact that creative inspiration can be found everywhere.



39. REINDEER AND THE SUBMARINE: INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENT

Beverley McWilliams | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

'Sometimes things have to change even though we might not want them to.' An orphaned reindeer with no antlers, Pollyanna is raised by Igor, a Sami herder, and is more at home in the company of people than other reindeer. When she discovers Igor is leaving for war, Pollyanna decides to follow, but en route, she is captured and gifted to the crew of a British submarine, the HMS Trident. Life onboard the Trident brings more than a few surprises, and Pollyanna – with her love of food – gets into all kinds of mischief. But she also makes friends, becomes part of the crew, and uses her courage and cheekiness to comfort her companions in the dark days of the war. Eventually all journeys come to an end however, and Pollyanna finds herself facing a new adventure. A timeless story of bravery, hope and facing change, as told by Pollyanna, the real-life reindeer who proves that heroes come in all shapes and sizes. "A beautiful story filled with hope, humour and melt-your-heart moments. Pollyanna is one of the most charming animals I have ever met in a book.

Categories: True Stories, War, World War 2, Adventure, Hope, Bravery, Perspective



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SPEAK UP!

40. SPORTS HEROES: INSPIRING TALES OF ATHLETES WHO STO Mia Cassany | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

This book isn't about the most amazing sports victories; it is about how important it is not give up and about learning to overcome life's many challenges and fighting for what you believe in. It delves into examples of some sportspersons who have been able to innovate or fight against prejudice. Athletes featured: Muhammad Ali (USA), Dick Fosbury (USA), Gerry Lopez (USA), Edurne Pasaban (Spain), Gertrude Ederle (USA), Jackie Robinson (USA), Andre Agassi (France), Sonja Henie (Norway), Pele (Brazil), Gino Bartali & Fausto Coppi (Italy), Nadia Comaneci (Romania), Katherine Switzer (Germany), Harry Vardon (UK), Chester Williams (South Africa), Ma Long (China), Patty McGee (USA).

Categories: Sport, Athletes, True Stories, Discrimination, Racsim, Inequality, Determination

41. STAND UP! SPEAK UP! STORY INSPIRED BY THE CLIMATE

Andrew Joyner | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

From a #1 New York Times bestselling illustrator, and the creator of The Pink Hat, comes a timely picture book about a young girl's mission to inspire others to help the planet! Celebrate young climate change activists in this charming story about an empowered girl who shows up, listens up, and ultimately, speaks up to inspire her community to take action against climate change. After attending a climate march, a young activist is motivated to make an effort and do her part to help the planet... by organizing volunteers to work to make green changes in their community, from cleaning a lake, to planting trees, to making composting bins, to hosting a clothing swap and more! Here is an uplifting picture book that is an important reminder that no change is too small--and no person is too young--to make a difference. With simple text and lively illustrations, Andrew Joyner has given young children a timely story about activism, community, and hope.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Climate Change, Activism



42. WE'RE ALL WONDERS

RJ Palacio | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see . . . Wonder is the unforgettable story of August Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. With over 5 million copies sold, Wonder is a true modern classic, a life-changing read, and has inspired kindness and acceptance in countless readers. Now younger readers can discover the Wonder message with this gorgeous picture book, starring Auggie and his dog Daisy on an original adventure, written and illustrated by R.J. Palacio. With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, We're All Wonders shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Acceptance, Differences, Disability, Escapism



43. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH AN IDEA?

Kobi Yamada | Mae Besom (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$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.

Categories: Growth Mindset, Curiosity, Wellbeing



44. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A PROBLEM?

Kobi Yamada | Mae Besom (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$31.50

"What do you do with a problem? Especially one that follows you around and doesn't seem to be going away? Do you worry about it? Ignore it? Do you run and hide from it? This is the story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer the problem is avoided, the bigger it seems to get. But when the child finally musters up the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different than it appeared. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who has ever had a problem that they wished would go away. It's a story to inspire you to look closely at that problem and to find out why it's here. Because you might discover something amazing about your problem and yourself. What are problems for? They challenge us, shape us, push us, and help us to discover just how strong and brave and capable we really are. Even though we don't always want them, problems have a way of bringing unexpected gifts. So, what will you do with your problem?

Categories: Wellbeing, Growth Mindset



45. WOMAN WHO TURNED CHILDREN INTO BIRDS, THE

David Almond | Laura Carlin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

She made her marks. She whispered her words. Then she said, "Go on. Be happy. Up you go." When Nanty Solo comes to town, she says she can turn children into birds. The parents are skeptical, but the children want to fly. And before very long, everyone does. A celebratory, lyrical story that will make your heart and imagination soar. Written by internationally acclaimed author David Almond and brought to life in glorious uplifting paintings by award-winning illustrator Laura Carlin.

Categories: Imagination, Creativity, Inspiration, Joy