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**CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK: 17th - 23rd AUGUST 2019**  
**Theme: Reading is My Secret Power**

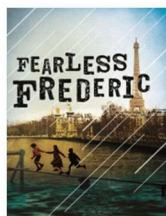
## CBC NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2019

PLEASE NOTE: When a book has been recognized as notable in more than one category,  
we have listed the title on each occasion, but only given it a number once for ordering purposes.

### CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: YOUNGER READERS (1-20)

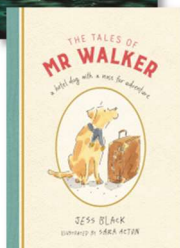
(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Intended for independent younger readers)



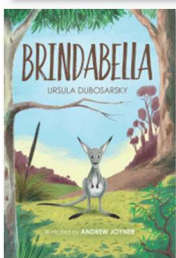
**1. Fearless Frederic (Felice Arena) \$16.99 \$13.59**

When the river rises and the city of Paris begins to disappear under water, Frederic decides to help those who can't help themselves. But as his heroic acts escalate, so does the danger. Frederic will have to battle an escaped zoo animal and fight off pickpockets and looters but, as the waters subside, can he find justice for his father and find out what courage really means?



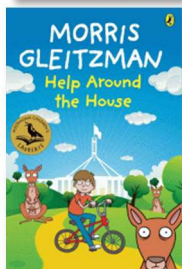
**2. Tales of Mr Walker, The (Jess Black and Sara Acton) \$24.99 \$19.99**

On a brilliant autumn's day, Mr Walker arrives at the grandest hotel in town. While things may not go exactly to plan, this charming labrador is determined to put his best paw forward. And it's just as well because the most unexpected adventures await . . . The Tales of Mr Walker contains four delightful stories inspired by the real-life Mr Walker, a Guide Dog Ambassador who now calls Park Hyatt Melbourne home. Royalties from sales of this book go to Guide Dogs Victoria.



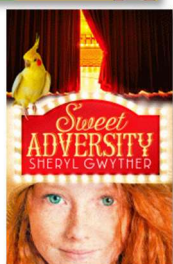
**3. Brindabella (Ursualla Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner) \$16.99 \$13.59**

This is a story about a boy called Pender and a kangaroo called Brindabella, about how they became friends, and all the things that happened to them because of it. Pender and his father live in an old house made of honey-coloured stone in the bush by the river, with only the company of his father's paintings and the loyal dog, Billy-Bob. Then, on one winter morning, a gunshot amongst the trees changes everything. When Pender rescues Brindabella from the pouch of her murdered mother, an unusual friendship blossoms between the lonely boy and the orphaned joey. But Brindabella is no ordinary kangaroo. And though Pender has saved her life, the untameable wildness of the bush--and freedom--call to her... Lyrical and unforgettable, Brindabella explores the brutal beauty of the Australian bush.



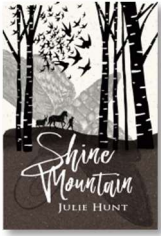
**4. Help Around the House (Morris Gleitzman) \$16.99 \$13.59**

When Ludo moves to Canberra with his father, his hopes are high that they can both continue the family tradition of doing good for others. Ludo is a scout and Dad has just been elected to parliament, so there should be plenty of opportunities. But even as Ludo directs his energies towards the needy of the national capital, he discovers it's the powerful and privileged who need his help most



**5. Sweet Adversity (Sheryl Gwyther) \$17.99 \$14.39**

There's never a good time to be orphaned - or abandoned ... especially when you are twelve years old, and it's the Great Depression. In 1928, Shakespearean actors, the McAllisters, are forced to leave their daughter Adversity at the Emu Swamp Children's Home. They fully intend to return, but things don't go according to plan. Then, to make matters worse, Scrimshaw, a villainous theatrical agent, hears the talented Addie sing. He plots to use her in his next money-making venture, but when he turns up at Emu Swamp to collect his prize, Scrimshaw finds she's run away. Together with Macbeth, her Shakespeare-quoting cockatiel, Addie is about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. **Ages 11+**



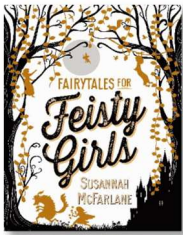
**6. Shine Mountain (Julie Hunt) \$16.99 \$13.59**

On his deathbed, Ellie's pop reveals a secret - a magical button-box. It's a musical instrument from the Gleam country - a land far from Spit Farm and the mountains, with talking goats, sweet grass and corn that grows so high you have to fell it with an axe. But the button-box's magic is sinister. When Ellie plays it, flowers bloom and crops spring up overnight - but soon the farm is cursed by drought and her beloved oma is gravely ill. To save her oma and discover the truth about her own identity, Ellie must embark on a dangerous journey to the Gleam country - the only place where the evil button-box can be destroyed. **Ages 9+**



**7. Leave Taking (Lorraine Marwood) \$14.99 \$11.99**

Leave taking noun the act of saying goodbye. What if you had just one week left to say goodbye to everything you've ever known? Toby and his mum and dad are leaving their family farm after the death of Toby's younger sister, Leah. Together, they sort through all their belongings and put things aside to sell or throw out. It's a big task, and Toby doesn't want to leave the only place he's called home. As his last day on the farm approaches, Toby has a plan - a plan to say goodbye to all the things and places that mean something special to him and Leah, from the machinery shed to Pa's old truck to the chook house. With the help of his best friend, Trigger the dog, he learns what it means to take your leave.



**8. Fairytale Feisty Girls (Susannah McFarlane) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Feisty: typically describes one who is relatively small, lively, determined and courageous. Girls can rescue themselves - just watch Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Thumbelina create their own happily ever afters in this beautiful and emboldening bedtime book. A glorious treasury for young girls - and boys - featuring artwork from four leading Australian illustrators: Beth Norling, Claire Robertson, Lucinda Gifford and Sher Rill Ng.



**9. Black Cockatoo (Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler) \$11.99 \$9.59**

Black Cockatoo is a vignette that follows Mia, a young Aboriginal girl as she explores the fragile connections of family and culture. Mia is a 13-year-old girl from a remote community in the Kimberley. She is saddened by the loss of her brother as he distances himself from the family. She feels powerless to change the things she sees around her... until one day she rescues her totem animal, the dirran black cockatoo, and soon discovers her own inner strength. Black Cockatoo is a wonderful small tale on the power of standing up for yourself, culture and ever-present family ties. **Ages 10+**



**10. Young Vikings, The (James Moloney) \$14.99 \$11.99**

When his village is attacked, Hauk Johanson has no choice but to step up and lead the young Vikings on a quest for revenge. But there is one problem the young Vikings have never fought in battle. Can Hauk and his friends master the skills of sword and axe in time? Will the Gods be on their side? And does Hauk have what it takes to lead when the fate of an entire village lies in his hands?



**11. Kingdoms and Empires #22: Slightly Alarming Tale of the Whispering Walls, The (Jaclyn Moriarty) \$22.99 \$18.39**

The town of Spindrift is frequented by pirates, Shadow Mages and charlatans. It's also home to the Orphanage School, where Finlay lives with Glim, Taya and Eli. Just outside town is the painfully posh Brathelthwaite Boarding School, home to Honey Bee, Hamish and Victor, Duke of Ainsley. When the two schools compete at the Spindrift Tournament, stakes are high, tensions are higher, and some people are out to win at any cost. Before long, the orphans and the boarding school are in an all-out war. And then Whispering Wars break out, and Spindrift is thrust onto the front lines. **Ages 10+**



**12. Girl, the Dog and the Writer in Provence, The (Katrina Nannestad) \$16.99 \$13.59**

When Freja and Tobias arrive in Claviers, Provence, it feels like home. The hilltop village is surrounded by olive groves, lavender fields and drifts of red poppies. The market square hides a world-famous pâtisserie and an antique merry-go-round. Pippin, their precocious young neighbour, and Vivi, the beautiful chef, fill their lives with chatter and laughter and love. For a moment, the girl, the dog and the writer are happy. But a spate of criminal activity casts a cloud over the village. Freja is determined to solve the mystery and uncover the villain, but the closer she gets, the more impossible things seem to become ... **Ages 9+**



**13. Peacock Detectives The (Carly Nugent) \$16.99 \$13.59**

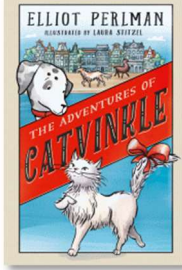
The last time William Shakespeare and Virginia went missing Cassie found them sitting on a coiled hose behind the fire station, and Dad called 'Cassie Andersen, Peacock Detective'. So this time she knows what to do - she'll look for clues and track them down. But the clues lead her in an unexpected direction and Cassie finds herself investigating a confusing mystery about her family. The Peacock Detectives is a warm and engaging story for middle-grade readers about dealing with change and finding out who you are.





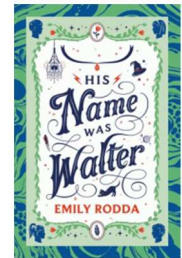
**14. Swallow's Dance (Wendy Orr) \$16.99 \$13.59**

Leira's family flee to the island of Crete just before a huge volcanic eruption destroys their island and sends a tsunami to where they thought they had found safety. Another thrilling adventure by acclaimed author Wendy Orr. I wonder if the first day of Learning is always like this - do the girls on the hill always feel the ground tremble under their feet? Leira is about to start her initiation as a priestess when her world is turned upside down. A violent earthquake leaves her home - and her family - in pieces. And the goddess hasn't finished with the island yet. With her family, Leira flees across the sea to Crete, expecting sanctuary. But a volcanic eruption throws the entire world into darkness. After the resulting tsunami, society descends into chaos; the status and privilege of being noble-born reduced to nothing. With her injured mother and elderly nurse, Leira has only the strength and resourcefulness within herself to find safety. A thrilling Bronze Age survival story from the acclaimed author of Dragonfly Song.



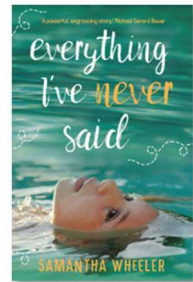
**15. Adventures of Catvinkle, The (Elliot Perlman and Laura Stitzel) \$19.99 \$15.99**

When a pampered cat has to share her home with a lost dog, sparks are set to fly. To her surprise, Catvinkle starts to like Ula. She even tells Ula her three secrets. But a cat and a dog can't be friends - can they? A tail-spin of a tale that will make you howl with laughter - and remind you that if you aren't open to adventure, you might never meet your best friend.



**16. His Name Was Walter (Emily Rodda) \$22.99 \$18.39**

From Australia's favourite storyteller comes a story, within a story, that shows us the extraordinary power of true love and solves a decades-old mystery. 'Once upon a time, in a dark city far away, there lived a boy called Walter, who had nothing but his name to call his own ...' The handwritten book, with its strangely vivid illustrations, has been hidden in the old house for a long, long time. Tonight, four kids and their teacher will find it. Tonight, at last, the haunting story of Walter and the mysterious, tragic girl called Sparrow will be read - right to the very end ... From one of Australia's most renowned children's authors, comes an extraordinary story within a story - a mystery, a prophecy, a long-buried secret. And five people who will remember this night as long as they live.



**17. Everything I've Never (Samantha Wheeler) \$16.99 \$13.59**

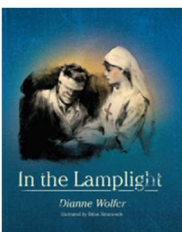
Ava would like nothing more than to tell her family she loves them, particularly her big sister, Nic. But Ava has Rett syndrome - she can't talk, can't nod her head, can't even point at a communication card. She understands everything, but no one understands her. When tragedy strikes her family, Ava becomes even more determined to talk. But it's not until she meets occupational therapist Kieran and new friend Aimee that she is hopeful for change - and to find her voice at last. A powerful novel about a subject rarely tackled - young people with disabilities and the families who love and support them.

**Ages 11+**



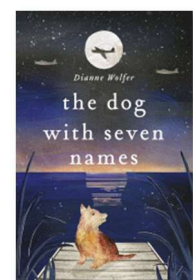
**18. Ottile Colter and the Narroway (Rhiannon Hunt Williams) \$17.99 \$14.39**

In the most thrilling fantasy of the year, a young girl must pretend to be a boy to rescue her brother from a secret order of monster hunters. Ottile Colter and her brother, Gully, have always fended for themselves. So when Gully goes missing one night, Ottile sets out to find him - and soon makes a horrible discovery. Gully has been forcibly recruited by the Narroway Hunt, a secretive male-only organisation that hunts savage, blight-spreading monsters called 'dredretches'. Disguising herself as a boy, Ottile infiltrates the Hunt - but quickly realises that taking her brother home won't be easy. Trapped in the heart of the dredretch-infested Narroway, it's impossibly dangerous for them to leave. But as she trains to become a Huntsman alongside her brother, hoping for a chance to escape, how long can she keep her true identity a secret? **Ages 9+**



**19. In the Lamplight (Dianne Wolfer and Brian Simmonds) \$26.99 \$21.59**

If you loved the award-winning Lighthouse Girl and Light Horse Boy, you will also love In the Lamplight, with its combination of evocative charcoal drawings, archival materials and Australian history. Published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, In the Lamplight is the story of Rose, a young English girl turned nurse who cares for and falls in love with Jim, the Light Horse Boy. On the long journey back to Australia they experience the appalling loss of life in the Spanish influenza epidemic, only to face more challenges upon repatriation.



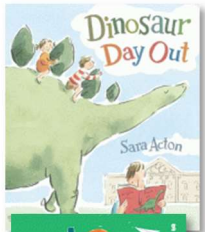
**20. Dog with Seven Names, The (Dianne Wolfer) \$16.99 \$13.59**

A tiny dog, the runt of the litter, is born on a remote cattle station. She shouldn't have survived, but when Elsie finds, names and loves her, the pup becomes a cherished companion. Life is perfect a until War arrives. With Japanese air raids moving closer, Elsie's family leaves the Pilbara for the south and safety. But the small dog has to stay behind. After travelling far from home with drovers and a flying doctor, she becomes a hospital dog and experiences the impact of war on north-western Australia. She witnesses wonderful and terrible things and gives courage to many different humans. But through all her adventures and many names, the little dog remembers Elsie, who girl who loved her best of all. Will she ever find her again?

## CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD (21-40)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

*(Intended for Children in the pre-reading to early reading stages)*



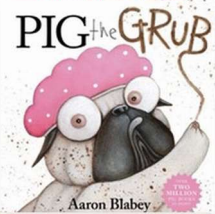
**21. Dinosaur Day Out (Sara Acton) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Sally and Max love dinosaurs. They can't wait to see them at the museum, but today the dinosaur exhibition is closed. Where will the dinosaurs go on their day off? A whimsical story with humour and heart from author and award-winning illustrator Sara Acton.



**22. All the Ways to be Smart (Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Smart is not just ticks and crosses, smart is building boats from boxes. Painting patterns, wheeling wagons, being mermaids, riding dragons . . . From the award-winning creators of The Underwater Fancy-dress Parade and Under the Love Umbrella comes this joyful ode to all the unique and wonderful qualities that make children who they are.



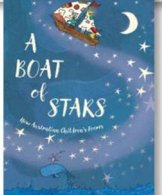
**23. Pig the Grub (Aaron Blabey) \$17.99 \$14.39**

Eww! What a stinker! Pig isn't just the world's greediest Pug, he's the DIRTIEST too. It's high time he had a bath! But try telling Pig that . . .



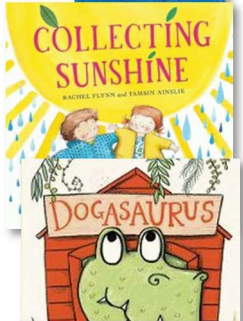
**24. Heads and Tails: Insects (John Canty) \$26.99 \$21.59**

You can only see my tail, what insect am I? Heads and Tails: Insects is a playful follow up book to the highly successful Heads and Tails. At first we can only see their tails. Some clear, simple clues add detail as we learn more about each one. Now, can you guess the insect that each tail belongs to?



**25. Boat of Stars, A (Margaret Connolly and Natalie Jane Prior) \$29.99 \$23.99**

A beautiful anthology of new Australian poetry for preschool and primary-aged children, from some of our country's finest writers and illustrators. A boat of stars came down tonight and sailed around my bed -it sprinkled stardust on my eyes, put dreams inside my head. Open worlds of imagination and explore the magic of everyday life with this enchanting new collection of poetry from some of Australia's most-loved writers and illustrators. Perfect for the classroom and the home, A Boat of Stars will bring a love of language, rhythm and rhyme to every child.



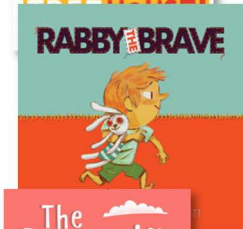
**26. Collecting Sunshine (Rachel Flynn and Tamsin Ainslie) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Mabel and Robert love to collect things on their walks - leaves and stones and seeds and berries. But when they are caught in the rain and can't take their collection home they have an even better idea . . . A book for those magical days when a walk to the park is nothing short of an adventure.



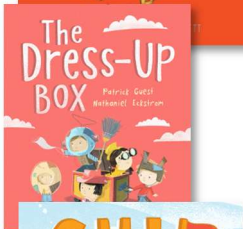
**28. Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House! (Jane Godwin and Jane Reiseger) \$24.99 \$19.99**

From a dynamic author-illustrator team comes this fresh, fun and rhythmic exploration of colour. Bold and bright, it's the perfect book for reading aloud and sharing with young children as they learn to identify the colours of their world.



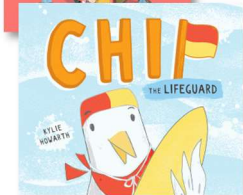
**29. Rabby the Brave (Patrick Guest and Tom Jellett) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Leon and Lily do everything with their best pals Rabby and Snuggles, until one night the unimaginable happens and Snuggles is left outside. Faced with sadness, the others must find a way to save Snuggles from a frightful end. Heart-warming and playful, compassionate and true-to-life, Rabby the Brave is a story about close bonds and sibling love.



**30. Dress-Up Box, The (Patrick Guest and Nathaniel Eckstrom) \$24.99 \$19.99**

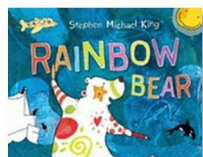
The Frolleys have to move from their beloved house at 32 Sunshine Avenue to a place with dripping taps, stinky carpets and ants. But they have brought something with them that can turn any house into a home. The Dress-Up Box is a story about childhood, belonging and the power of imagination.



**31. Chip the Lifeguard (Kylie Howarth) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Chip is back! His mission: to become a lifeguard. But his dreams soon go soggy when he's chased off the beach. So Chip and his friends fashion a plan to sneak him into the surf club. Will their stunt earn Chip a place between the red and yellow flags?





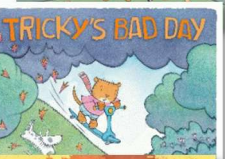
**32. Rainbow Bear (Stephen Michael King) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Bear likes to dive into the deep blue ocean, blowing bubbles and turning somersaults. He wakes with the sun and sleeps with the moon. One morning, Bear is shocked to discover that his coat has changed. Is Bear dreaming? Or are two cheeky polar bear cubs responsible?



**33. Noni the Pony Rescues a Joey (Alison Lester) \$24.99 \$19.99**

You may have met Noni already in Noni the Pony and Noni the Pony Goes to the Beach. Noni the Pony heads out for the day, to roam the green hills behind Waratah Bay. As she and her friends wander down a green trail, they meet someone small with a very long tail. Can they help the lost baby wallaby find the way home?



**34. Tricky's Bad Day (Alison Lester) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Poor Tricky! Nothing is going right for him. Milk spills, pyjama buttons won't work, his little sister wrecks their game, and when he tries to help out, everything gets worse. Tricky's having a very bad day! Then Dad has an idea. Outside it's wild, but there's a lot to explore...



**35. Duck! (Meg McKinlay and Nathaniel Eckstrom) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A delightfully duckish picture book of farmyard disaster. Duck can see that something is falling from the sky. He tries to warn the other farmyard animals by telling them to "Duck!" but they won't listen ...



**36. It's a Long Way to the Shop (Heidi McKinnon) \$17.99 \$14.39**

They can't run, swim, fly or jump... so how will these two little rocks get to the shop? Find out in this hilarious tale of adventure and persistence, to reach a snack that's totally worth it.



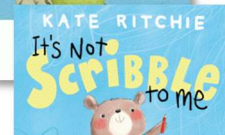
**37. Rhyme Cordial BOARD BOOK (Antonia Pesenti) \$22.99 \$18.39**

From Alarm Croc to Cheepy Head, you'll enjoy Rhyme Cordial all day long! A fun, new take on wordplay from bestselling illustrator Antonia Pesenti. Open the pages to reveal unexpected rhymes and bold, bright illustrations.



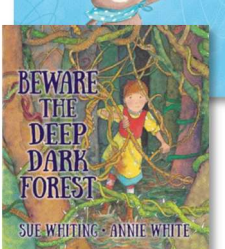
**38. Here Comes Stinkbug! (Tohby Riddle) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Stinkbug can really stink. But when it starts bugging his friends, Stinkbug wonders if it's time to stop doing what stink bugs do best... A funny bug story, from the much loved, multi-award-winning Tohby Riddle



**39. It's Not Scribble to Me (Kate Ritchie and Jedda Robaard) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Have you ever had so many wonderful, wild and beautiful ideas that paper isn't enough to hold them all? Bear has. Upstairs and downstairs, outside and in, the whole house is covered in Bear's colourful art - even Bear's little sister. Can Bear convince her parents that she's creating more than just 'scribbles'?



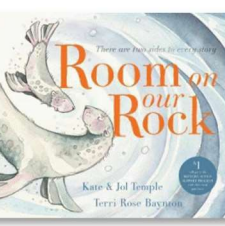
**40. Beware the Deep Dark Forest (Sue Whiting and Annie White) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Only the courage of a small girl can overcome the dangers of the Deep Dark Forest. Beware the deep, dark forest! You should never, ever go in there . . . Rosie has always followed this rule until the day her pup Tinky goes missing in the woods. So Rosie decides to trek into this dangerous, muddy place. But there are many obstacles along the way - including a huge grey wolf, a scary ravine and a ferocious troll!

**CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (41-60)**

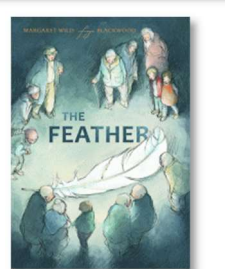
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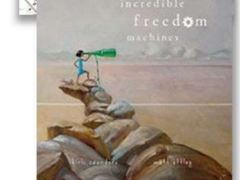
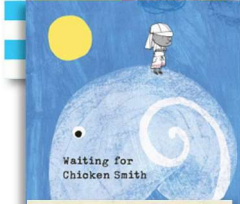
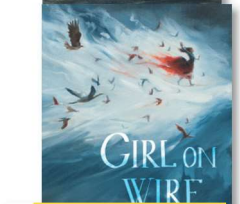
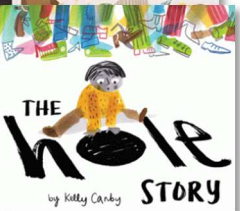
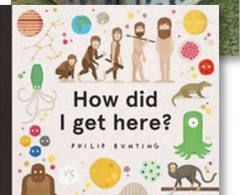
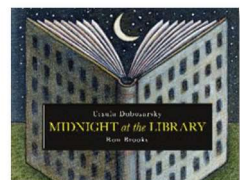
**41. Room on Our Rock (Terri Rose Baynton and Kate and Jol Temple) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Two seals are perched on a rock. When others need shelter, do they share it? Room on Our Rock celebrates the truth that there are two sides to every story. This clever picture book has one story that can be read two different ways. When read from front to back, the seals believe there is definitely no room on their rock for others. But when the book is read from back to front, the seals welcome others to shelter on their rock. A heartwarming story about sharing and compassion



**42. Feather, The (Freya Blackwood and Margaret Wild) \$24.99 \$19.99**

This is a story about hope, kindness and redemption set in a grey dystopian world. When a great feather drifts from the leaden sky, two children recognise its extraordinariness and take it to the village for its protection. The villagers, however, want to encase it, upon which the feather loses its radiance. The children take it home and care for it through the night. In the morning it is again radiant, and when they set it free it leaves behind the first signs of blue sky and colour. The ambiguous ending invites multiple interpretations about the effects of selflessness and kindness.



#### 43. **Midnight at the Library (Ron Brooks and Ursula Dubosarsky) \$24.99 \$19.99**

In *Midnight at the Library*, critically-acclaimed author, Ursula Dubosarsky, and award-winning illustrator, Ron Brooks, traverse space and time, telling the story of a book throughout history. Dubosarsky and Brooks piece together the story of a book that was opened and loved, given and taken, closed and lost, found and forgotten before being discovered, uncovered and preserved at the library. Beautifully written and splendidly illustrated, this is a story about the inception, creation and preservation of books and culture. This enchanting children's book has vast educational potential and is sure to captivate the hearts of book-lovers across the nation, encouraging them to find their own book of wonder. Brilliantly evocative and exceptionally engaging, there is something undeniably magical about Dubosarsky and Brooks' timeless and ageless story, *Midnight at the Library*.

#### 44. **How Did I Get Here? (Philip Bunting) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The (unauthorised) biography of you, and the story of all of us. Charting from the Big Bang to birth, Philip Bunting takes us on a journey back to the start of time (in about the time it takes to eat your breakfast!) A hilarious, and beautifully illustrated book, designed to raise more questions than it answers.

#### 45. **Hole Story, The (Kelly Canby) \$24.99 \$19.99**

One day Charlie finds a hole. A hole of his very own! He picks it up and pops it in his pocket. But it doesn't take Charlie long to realise that a hole in your pocket is not a good thing to have ...

#### 46. **Last Peach, The (Gus Gordon) \$24.99 \$19.99**

One fine summer's day two bugs discover the most beautiful peach of the season and are faced with a dilemma... Who should eat it?

#### 47. **Mediterranean, The (Armin Greder) \$29.99 \$23.99**

Precarious boats navigate the waters of the sea, from south to north. And more often than not, it is not only hope that drowns. With eloquent and devastating imagery, the creator of the multi-award-winning book *The Island* again asks us to examine our responses to the plight of refugees. How long will we remain silent witnesses? **Ages 12+**

#### 48. **Girl on Wire (Elise Hurst and Lucy Estella) \$24.99 \$19.99**

*Girl on Wire* is a simple yet brilliantly uplifting allegory of a young girl struggling to build her self-esteem and overcome the anxiety that many children feel as they grow - she walks the tightrope, afraid she will fall, but with the support of those she loves, her toes grip the wire and she walks forward, on her own, with a new confidence.

#### 49. **Why I Love Summer (Tom Jellett and Michael Wagner) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Sunny days, weekends at the pool, games in the backyard, daylight until late and long, lovely holidays ... that's summer, the best season ever. An ode to a uniquely Australian experience and the joy of family and friends.

#### 50. **Waiting for Chicken Smith (David MacKintosh) \$24.99 \$19.99**

'Every year, I stay in the same cabin at the beach with my family, and every year Chicken Smith's here too, with his Dad and his dog, Jelly. But this year, something's different.' As we hang on the words of the narrator, we learn of the legendary Chicken Smith and the beachside town that has been the backdrop to their school-holiday adventures for years. But will Chicken Smith turn up this year? Or will a friendship of a different kind blossom. A story about childhood friendship, the inevitability of change and the magic of anticipation.

#### 51. **Maya & Cat (Caroline Magerl) \$24.99 \$19.99**

*Maya and Cat* is an inspiring picture book about friendship and resilience from one of Australia's most renowned author-illustrators. On a roof, as wet as a seal, as grey as a puddle, Cat was rumbling, a rumble purr. What does Cat want most? Feather boas? Pretty pink shoelaces? A boatful of fish under a tiny tin sail – or perhaps something much more valuable? Affectionate and evocative, *Maya and Cat* follows a child's kindly impulse to an unexpected conclusion.

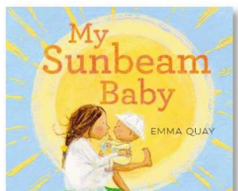
#### 52. **Chalk Boy (Mandy Ord and Margaret Wild) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A soulful and heartwarming story about what happens when a pavement artist's drawing comes to life. Barnaby is a pavement artist. This morning he started drawing me. I have a head that can think, eyes that can see, ears that can hear and legs that can run. Best of all, I have a heart that can feel. Thank you, Barnaby. Award-winning writer Margaret Wild compresses epic themes into a poetic, poignant story, vividly brought to life by Mandy Ord's distinctive, dynamic art.

#### 53. **Incredible Freedom Machines, The (Matt Ottley and Kirili Saunders) \$24.99 \$19.99**

She was small when she heard about them... the incredible freedom machines. In this sumptuous story of exploration and breaking boundaries, a young girl uncovers her very own freedom machine, a vehicle that carries her to all kinds of wondrous places.





**54. My Sunbeam Baby (Emma Quay) \$24.99 \$19.99**

See my bouncing baby, jiggling on my knee. Then snuggling for a story, just baby, book and me. A gorgeous new picture book about how much we love our babies, from Emma Quay, creator of the bestselling and award-winning Rudie Nudie.



**55. All New Must Have Orange 430, The (Michael Speechley) \$24.99 \$19.99**

A cheeky picture book for anyone who's bought a thingy or whatsit . . . and doesn't quite know why. In his debut picture book, Michael Speechley explores our obsession with stuff in a fun and edifying way.



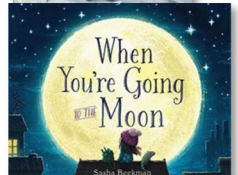
**56. Sonam and the Silence (Ronak Taher and Eddie Ayers) \$24.99 \$19.99**

In Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, Sonam's world is dark and silent. Then one day, she follows a magical melodious sound to a walled garden, and her world is silent no more. The sound is music, and it lifts her up amongst the stars and takes her deeper than the tree roots in the earth. How can she hold on to this feeling in a world where music is forbidden? A lyrical fable-like story by the well-known musician, author and broadcaster Eddie Ayres, about the irrepressible power of music.



**57. Cicada (Shaun Tan) \$26.99 \$21.59**

Cicada work in tall building. Data entry clerk. Seventeen year. No sick day. No mistake. Tok Tok Tok! Cicada works in an office, dutifully toiling day after day for unappreciative bosses and being bullied by his coworkers. But one day, cicada goes to the roof of the building, and something truly extraordinary happens ... A story for anyone who has ever felt unappreciated, overlooked or overworked, from Australia's most acclaimed picture book creator.



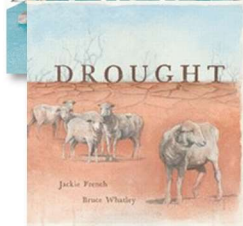
**58. When You're Going to the Moon (Vivienne To and Sasha Beekman) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Your pet iguana, tap-dancing shoes, an inflatable moose ... What else might you need when you're going to the moon? From an exciting new duo comes a heartfelt story about dreaming your biggest dream and taking it to the stars.



**59. Go Go and the Silver Shoes (Anna Walker and Jane Godwin) \$24.99 \$19.99**

When Go Go is allowed to buy the most beautiful shoes ever, she decides she will wear them EVERYWHERE! Even to the creek, where she and her brothers go adventuring. But - Oh no, Go Go! - that's when a terrible thing happens . . .



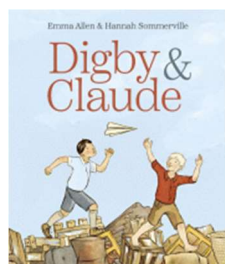
**60. Drought (Bruce Whatley and Jackie French) \$24.99 \$19.99**

I remember when rain stopped, When day by day the water dropped, All across a sun-bleached land, Drought spread its withered, deadly hand. From the award-winning creators of Flood, Fire and Cyclone comes Drought, a moving story about the devastating effects drought has on many Australians and their farms.

**CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (61-79)**

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

*(Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years)*



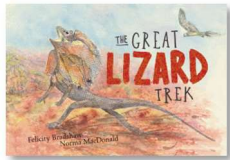
**61. Digby & Claude (Emma Allen and Hannah Sommerville) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Digby's street is soon going to look different - old houses are going to be demolished and new apartments will be built. Digby loves Main Street but he isn't sure he wants it to change. With plans of his own and Claude, his new friend, Digby explores what it really means to belong. Together, Claude and Digby create their own world - a hideout where they can think and play. Day by day, as their cubby house grows, so too does their friendship. As the boys build and make their hideaway, they realise that the best places of all are places where you belong.



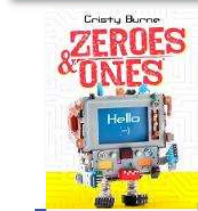
**62. Flying Optometrist, The (Joanne Anderton and Karen Erasmus) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The Flying Optometrist travels in his little red aeroplane from his practice in the city to a remote outback town. Lots of people are waiting for him! Auntie can't see well enough to carve her emu eggs and Bill the plumber has a splinter in his eye. Young Stephanie can't wait for him to arrive as she has broken her glasses and can't join in games of cricket and have fun with her friends — she can't see the ball! Hurry up Flying Optometrist! Where is he? Is he lost? The townsfolk wait with bated breath until finally the Flying Optometrist's little red plane appears, having only just missed a bad storm. A big meal waits for him in the local hotel. Then he gets to work checking eyesight. The Flying Optometrist doesn't have long, but he helps as many people as he can. He returns to the city, but Stephanie has to wait a little longer for an exciting package to come — her own new glasses! This whimsically fun picture book features lively non-fiction sections about the 'real' flying optometrist and the history of aerial rural services in Australia, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



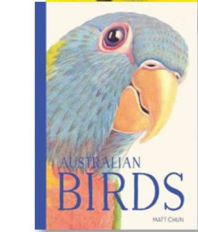
**63. Great Lizard Trek, The (Felicity Bradshaw and Norma MacDonald) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Rocky, an ornate dragon, lives on the granite rocks in the southwest of Australia. His ancestors have lived alongside Indigenous Australians. Rocky's habitat is under threat, and his desert relatives in the north are facing challenges due to rising temperatures. Using his knowledge of Indigenous culture and language, along with Western science, The Great Lizard Trek follows Rocky in his journey to see what the future may bring.



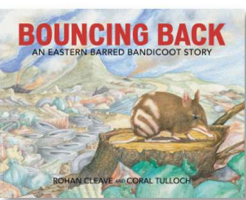
**64. Zeroes and Ones (Cristy Burne) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Fuelled by pizza, late nights and unparalleled geekery, this is the history of some of the world's most important milestones in the development of technology - from the earliest computers made of light bulbs and an old tin to Wikileaks and smartphones. Packed with weird facts, astonishing tidbits and extraordinary anecdotes, travel around the world and meet the people who made the world we live in today.



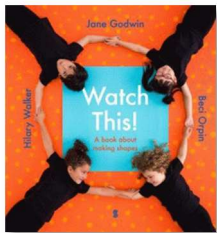
**65. Australian Birds (Matt Chun) \$29.99 \$23.99**

It took millions of years of isolation and a diverse range of habitats for Australian birds to evolve the way they did. The result is many of the world's most striking and beautiful birds, including some that are stranger than fiction. In Australian Birds, acclaimed artist Matt Chun showcases 16 remarkable species that have captured the imagination of the world. From the iconic cockatoo, to the endangered Cassowary, Australian Birds has been carefully curated to inform and entrance readers of all ages.



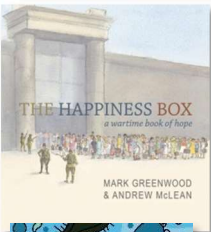
**66. Bouncing Back: An Eastern Barred Bandicoot Story (Rohan Cleave and Coral Tulloch) \$24.99 \$19.99**

The Eastern Barred Bandicoot is one of Australia's most threatened species. When their existence came under extreme threat from habitat loss, predators and human development, Eastern Barred Bandicoots found refuge in the most unlikely of places – a rubbish tip. This captivating true story details the plight these small, nocturnal marsupials faced, and the outstanding efforts that ensured their survival. Written by Rohan Cleave and illustrated by Coral Tulloch, Bouncing Back shows that even on the brink of extinction, there is hope for the protection of our most vulnerable species.



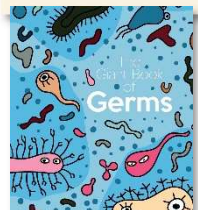
**67. Watch This! (Jane Godwin and Beci Orpin) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Can you make a circle with your arms? Or a triangle with your fingers? If we work together, we can make a rectangle, or even a pyramid. We can make lots and lots of shapes - just watch this! A bold and playful celebration of movement, energy, pattern, colour and shape!



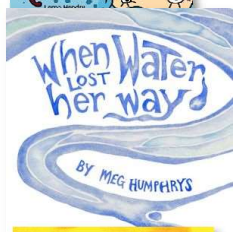
**68. Happiness Box: A Wartime Book of Hope, The (Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean) \$24.99 \$19.99**

This is the true story of Australian prisoners of war who created a picture book called The Happiness Box as a Christmas present for children interned in Changi Prison. The book was written for children to chase away fear and give them hope, and contained the "secrets to happiness" such as the importance of friendship, kindness, compassion, generosity, loyalty, faith, courage and hard work. The Happiness Box survived the war. It toured Australia along with Sir Don Bradman's cricket bat and Ned Kelly's helmet as part of the National Treasures exhibition from Australia's great libraries. The book currently resides in the State Library of NSW.



**69. Giant Book of Germs, The (Lorna Hendry) \$27.99 \$22.39**

How many germs live on your hand? How do germs make you sick? Do the germs in your gut really keep you healthy? Discover many more surprising facts in The Giant Book of Germs!



**70. When Water Lost Her Way (Meg Humphrys) \$20.00 \$16.00**

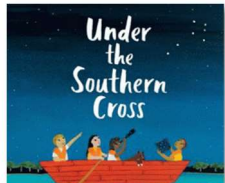
Lost in her ever-changing forms, 'Water' questions who she is after an encounter with a creature in an underground cave. Water seeks all parts of her cycle for answers, which makes her feel overwhelmed and confused. However an 'old tree' helps her to understand her place in the world and her many interconnections with all living and non-living things. Written from the point of view of Water, the story follows the character's journey through the water cycle, prompted by Water's questions: Where do I belong? Why am I here? And where am I going? The effective premise gives way to weaving - potentially dry scientific - details of the water cycle into a poetic and whimsical story of self-realisation.



**71. Linda Jackson's Rainbow Menagerie (Linda Jackson) \$24.99 \$19.99**

This book is a vibrant introduction to native Australian animals and a celebration of the rainbow inspired by Linda Jackson's vibrant colours and bold patterns. We are so excited to be bringing this iconic designer's spectacular colour and form to a new generation.





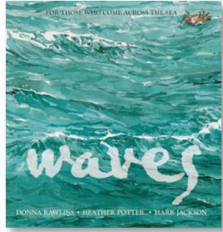
**72. Under the Southern Cross (Frané Lessac) \$24.99 \$19.99**

Night-time in Australia, animals are waking, people are exploring, discoveries are being made – under the Southern Cross. What makes ribbons of colour swirl in the sky? What are the spooky balls of light that bounce across the outback? What animal lays eggs that look like squishy ping-pong balls? Where can you watch a movie with bats circling overhead? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this factastic picture book tour of Australia after dark.



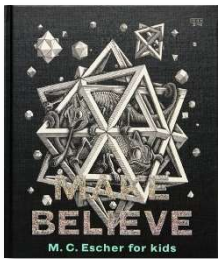
**73. Marvelous Miss May: Queen of the Circus (Stephanie Owen Reeder) \$24.99 \$19.99**

In 1901, aged just seven, tiny contortionist May Zinga was given away to Wirth Brothers Circus by her desperate mother. Imagine Miss May's horror when the first thing the Wirths did was cut off all her long hair. Poor May had lost both her family and her crowning glory! But this feisty, talented and determined little girl did not give up. Despite many setbacks, including a horrific accident, she kept fighting to fulfil her dream of becoming the best bareback rider in the world, performing the same dangerous acrobatic feats as male riders—only better!



**74. Waves (Donna Rawlins, Mark Jackson and Heather Potter) \$27.99 \$22.39**

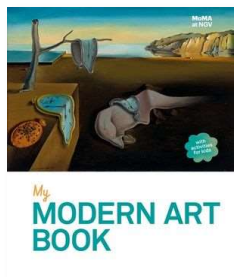
Every journey is perilous, every situation heartbreaking. Every refugee is a person forced by famine or war or fear to leave their home, their families, their friends and all they know. Children have travelled on the waves of migration to the shores of Australia for tens of thousands of years. This book tells some of their stories. Waves is a narrative non-fiction book about the waves of migration to the shores of Australia.



**75. Make Believe: M. C. Escher for Kids (Compilation) \$19.99 \$15.99**

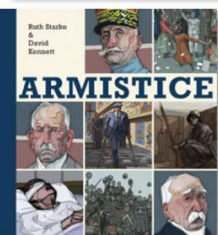
Stars, mirrors, eye tricks and the impossible! These are just a few of the things that inspired artist M. C. Escher (Maurits) to create some of the most fascinating images of the twentieth century.

In this book, read about the artist's life, his travels, and his passion for creating optical illusions that play tricks with our minds. Along the way, learn about the anatomy of the eye and test your wits with riddles and quizzes.



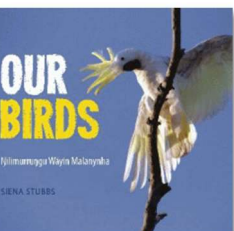
**76. My Modern Art Book (Kate Ryan and Cally Bennett) \$19.99 \$15.99**

My Modern Art Book features twenty-three artists and designers from the collection of The Museum of Modern Art, New York including: Frida Kahlo, Vincent van Gogh, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, Rineke Dijkstra, Jackson Pollock, Joaquín Torres-García, Simone Forti, Andy Warhol, René Magritte, and many more.



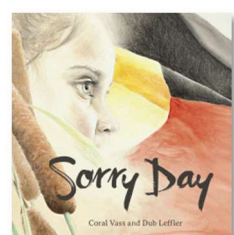
**77. Armistice (Ruth Starke and David Kennett) \$29.99 \$23.99**

In this companion to the award-winning, My Gallipoli, many voices will recall the day the Great War ended and the months that followed before peace rang out around the world. On 11 November 1918, after four years of fighting, the Allied powers signed an agreement with Germany to end the Great War and to begin peace negotiations. The armistice, as it was known, took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. But it would take more than seven months before peace would finally be declared at Versailles on 28 June 1919. The Great War was over. But the world as it had been known was changed forever. In this book, many voices recall the day the war ended, and the months that followed before peace rang out around the world. Armistice will bring these stories to life and is published to commemorate the 100th anniversary since the fighting stopped.



**78. Our Birds: Dilimurrungu Wäyin Malanyinha (Siena Stubbs) \$17.99 \$14.39**

A delightful gift book of birds from around Yirrkala, which is Siena's home in North East Arnhem Land. This beautiful little book includes the English and Yol'u names of the birds and their Yol'u moiety. In Yol'u culture, everything is divided into two moieties: Yirritja and Dhuwa ? and as a result all things are classified, from a body of water to a specific type of tree and all our birds. Birds give themselves their Yol'u name by the sounds they make. There are so many birds in Arnhem Land it is difficult to keep count?, says Siena, however she has been able to capture some for this whimsical little title. Our Birds also includes beautifully captured landscapes from a child's perspective. When Siena was 12 years old, she took up photography on her iPad, but was gifted a camera from her aunty. In a short period of time, Siena was an avid photographer and had published her own book of birds. This book is the result of that inspiration.



**79. Sorry Day (Coral Vass and Deb Leffler) \$24.99 \$19.99**

'This is a very special day!' her mother said. Maggie holds tight to her mother as they await the long anticipated apology to show a willingness to reconcile the past for future generations. In the excitement of the crowd Maggie loses touch of her mother's hand as is lost. In a time 'long ago and not so long ago' children were taken from their parents, their 'sorrow echoing across the land'. As the Prime Minister's speech unfolds Maggie is reunited with her mother. But the faces and memories of the stolen generation are all around them. Two stories entwine in this captivating retelling of the momentous day when the then Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, acknowledged the sorrows of past and said 'Sorry' to the generation of children who were taken from their homes.

## CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: OLDER READERS (80-99)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

*(These books are for intended for Secondary School aged readers, please consider the age recommendations when ordering)*



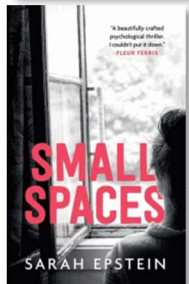
### 80. Between Us (Clare Atkins) \$19.99 \$15.99

Is it possible for two very different teenagers to fall in love despite high barbed-wire fences and a political wilderness between them? Anahita is passionate, curious and determined. She is also an Iranian asylum seeker who is only allowed out of detention to attend school. On weekdays, during school hours, she can be a 'regular Australian girl'. Jono needs the distraction of an infatuation. In the past year his mum has walked out, he's been dumped and his sister has moved away. Lost and depressed, Jono feels as if he's been left behind with his Vietnamese single father, Kenny. Kenny is struggling to work out the rules in his new job; he recently started work as a guard at the Wickham Point Detention Centre. He tells Anahita to look out for Jono at school, but quickly comes to regret this, spiraling into suspicion and mistrust. Who is this girl, really? What is her story? Is she a genuine refugee or a queue jumper? As Jono and Anahita grow closer, Kenny starts snooping behind the scenes ... **Ages 14+**



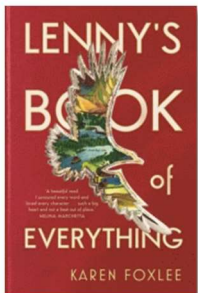
### 81. Hive (AJ Batts) \$16.99 \$13.59

All I can tell you is what I remember, in the words that I have. Hayley tends to her bees and follows the rules in the only world she has ever known. Until she witnesses the impossible: a drip from the ceiling. A drip? It doesn't make sense. Yet she hears it, catches it. Tastes it. Curiosity is a hook. What starts as a drip leads to a lie, a death, a boy, a beast, and too many awful questions. **Ages 13+**



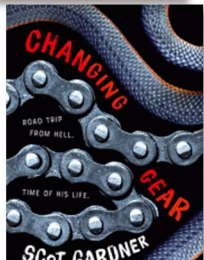
### 82. Small Spaces (Sarah Epstein) \$19.99 \$15.99

Tash Carmody has been traumatised since childhood, when she witnessed her gruesome imaginary friend Sparrow lure young Mallory Fisher away from a carnival. At the time nobody believed Tash, and she has since come to accept that Sparrow wasn't real. Now fifteen and mute, Mallory's never spoken about the week she went missing. As disturbing memories resurface, Tash starts to see Sparrow again. And she realises Mallory is the key to unlocking the truth about a dark secret connecting them. Does Sparrow exist after all? Or is Tash more dangerous to others than she thinks? **Ages 14+**



### 83. Lenny's Book of Everything (Karen Foxlee) \$19.99 \$15.99

Lenny, small and sharp, has a younger brother Davey who won't stop growing - and at seven is as tall as a man. Raised by their single mother, who works two jobs and is made almost entirely out of worries, they have food and a roof over their heads, but not much else. The bright spot every week is the arrival of the latest issue of Burrell's Build-It-at-Home Encyclopedia. Through the encyclopedia, Lenny and Davey experience the wonders of the world - beetles, birds, quasars, quartz - and dream about a life of freedom and adventure, visiting places like Saskatchewan and Yellowknife, and the gleaming lakes of the Northwest Territories. But as her brother's health deteriorates, Lenny comes to accept the inevitable truth; Davey will never make it to Great Bear Lake. An outstanding novel about heartbreak and healing by an award-winning author. **Ages 11+**



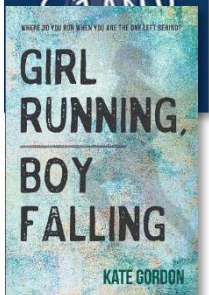
### 84. Changing Gear (Scot Gardner) \$19.99 \$15.99

Merrick Hilton's done a runner. His folks think he's studying, but the real world has been calling for years and he can't ignore it any longer. A postie bike, a bedroll and a big sky - that's all he needs. But there's no telling how he'll handle the rough stuff, let alone roadkill, stolen oranges and unexpected romance. And in the real world nothing goes entirely as planned. Thankfully Victor - the old bloke he meets on the road - knows a thing or two about broken bike chains. And broken hearts. **Ages 15+**



### 85. The Things That Will Not Stand, The (Michael Gerard Butler) \$18.99 \$15.19

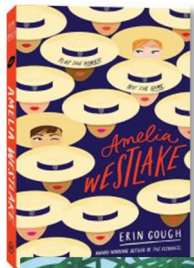
Sebastian is at a university open day with his best friend Tolly when he meets a girl. Her name is Frida, and she's edgy, caustic and funny. She's also a storyteller, but the stories she tells about herself don't ring true, and as their surprising and eventful day together unfolds, Sebastian struggles to sort the fact from the fiction. But how much can he expect Frida to share in just one day? And how much of his own self and his own secrets will he be willing to reveal in return? **Ages 14+**



### 86. Girl Running, Boy Falling (Kate Gordon) \$17.99 \$14.39

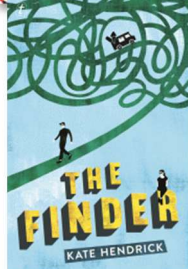
Do you ever look at the sky and think that's where we belong? Like maybe the world is the wrong way around and were meant to be up there, floating? Sixteen-year-old Therese lives in a small town on a small island. Her Aunt Kath calls her Tiger. Her friends call her Resey. The boy she loves calls her Champ. She's a lot of different things for a lot of different people. Therese has always had her feet on the ground. She's running through high school, but someone in her life is about to fall ... And when he does, her perfect world falls with him. For the first time in her life, Therese can't stand being on the ground. Girl Running, Boy Falling is a raw read about a girl and boy who are beautifully flawed. **Ages 14+**





**87. Amelia Westlake (Erin Gough) \$19.99 \$15.99**

From Ampersand Prize-winning author Erin Gough comes this ferociously funny romp through an elite private school, and a brilliant feminist hoax that could change – or ruin – everything. Harriet Price has the perfect life: she's a prefect at Rosemead Grammar, she lives in a mansion, and her gorgeous girlfriend is a future prime minister. So when she decides to risk it all by helping bad-girl Will Everhart expose the school's many ongoing issues, Harriet tells herself it's because she too is seeking justice. And definitely not because she finds Will oddly fascinating. Will Everhart can't stand posh people like Harriet, but even she has to admit Harriet's ideas are good – and they'll keep Will from being expelled. That's why she teams up with Harriet to create Amelia Westlake, a fake student who can take the credit for a series of provocative pranks at their school. But the further Will and Harriet's hoax goes, the harder it is for the girls to remember they're sworn enemies – and to keep Amelia Westlake's true identity hidden. As tensions burn throughout the school, how far will they go to keep Amelia Westlake – and their feelings for each other – a secret? **Ages 14+**



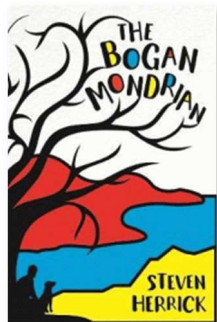
**88. Finder, The (Kate Hendrick) \$19.99 \$15.99**

When Lindsay meets Elias the signs aren't promising. She's a grungy introvert who doesn't want to talk to anyone. He's a teen fashionista who can't shut the hell up. But since Lindsay tracked down a runaway kid, word's got around that she knows how to find people. And Elias is looking for his birth mother. And he has money, and Lindsay's perpetually broke. So that's how this oddest of odd couple's teams up. But the thing is, Lindsay wasn't actually trying to find the runaway. It's just how she looks at the world. Not idly, like most people, but really looking. Scanning every house, every face, every car. That's because someone is missing in Lindsay's life- her identical twin Frankie, who disappeared when they were eight. Since then, her parents have kept themselves busy. And angry. And Lindsay has been looking. In Elias, despite their differences, she might have found someone to look with. **Ages 14+**



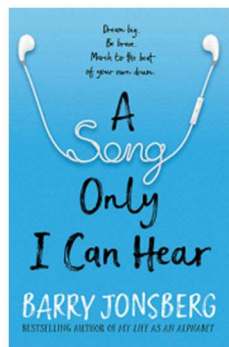
**89. P is for Pearl (Eliza Henry Jones) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Seventeen-year-old Gwen lives in an isolated town in the wilderness of Tasmania. Gwen's become very good at not thinking about the awful things that have happened to her family. Instead, she focuses on her best friend Loretta, and the beach, which Gwen runs along every day. She is also trying to accept and fit into her new stepfamily, but also avoid her stepbrother Tyrone, whose sole purpose in life seems to be to annoy Gwen. A lot. When two new kids arrive in this very quiet town things change. Could Handsome Ben really be interested in Gwen, while his sister turns out to be a classic mean girl whom Gwen and Loretta have to learn how to side step at school? As she deals with her deep sense of grief and loss, Gwen slowly comes to realise that people aren't as they first appear and that like her, everyone has a story to tell. **Ages 15+**



**90. Bogan Mondrian, The (Steven Herrick) \$19.99 \$15.99**

'There are worse things than school.' Luke sleepwalks through his days wagging school, swimming at the reservoir and eating takeaway pizza. That is until Charlotte shows up. Rumour is she got expelled from her city school and her family moved to the Blue Mountains for a fresh start. But when Luke's invited to her house, he discovers there's a lot more going on than meets the eye. **Ages 14+**



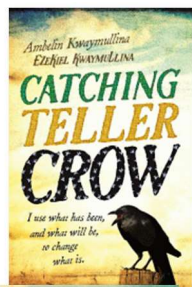
**91. Song Only I Can Hear, A (Barry Jonsberg) \$16.99 \$13.59**

Rob has a huge crush on the new girl at school. But Rob is painfully shy and suffers severe panic attacks. How is her heart to be won? Another wonderful and heart-warming comedy drama from the award-winning author of My Life as an Alphabet. Good evening, Rob. Your first challenge follows. These challenges have nothing to do with impressing Destry Camberwick. They are all to do with Rob Fitzgerald impressing Rob Fitzgerald. Bear that in mind at all times. Challenge 1. You will enter the Milltown's Got Talent competition. This gives you over a fortnight to polish your act and work out strategies to overcome panic attacks. I would wish you luck but the point of this challenge is that you don't need it. Introducing Rob Fitzgerald: thirteen years old and determined to impress the new girl at school, but it's a difficult task for a super-shy kid who is prone to panic attacks that include vomit, and genuine terror that can last all day. An anonymous texter is sending Rob challenges and they might just help. Or not. Beautifully moving and full of heart and humour, A Song Only I Can Hear is a delightful novel about dreaming big, being brave and marching to the beat of your own drum. **Ages 13+**



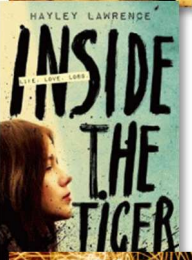
**92. Art of Taxidermy, The (Sharon Kernot) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Lottie collects dead creatures and lovingly cares for them, hoping to preserve them, to save them from disintegration. Her father understands - Lottie has a scientific mind, he thinks. Her aunt wants it to stop, and she goes to cruel lengths to make sure it does. And her mother? Lottie's mother died long ago. And Lottie is searching for a way to be close to her. The Art of Taxidermy is a heartbreaking verse novel exploring love and death, grief and beauty, and the ways we try to make sense of it all. **Ages 13+**



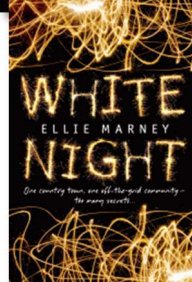
**93. Catching Teller Crow (Ambelin Kwaymullina and Ezekial Kwaymullina) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since she died. Her dad, a detective, is the only one who can see and hear her - and he's drowning in grief. But now they have a mystery to solve together. Who is Isobel Catching, and what's her connection to the fire that killed a man? What happened to the people who haven't been seen since the fire? As Beth unravels the mystery, she finds a shocking story lurking beneath the surface of a small town, and a friendship that lasts beyond one life and into another. Told in two unforgettable voices, this gripping novel interweaves themes of grief, colonial history, violence, love and family. **Ages 14+**



**94. Inside the Tiger (Hayley Lawrence) \$19.99 \$15.99**

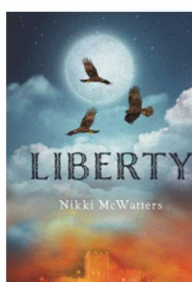
It's not because Bel's mother was murdered. It's not because her father is a politician. Bel writes to a Death Row prisoner as an easy way out of an assignment. But now he's written back. Drawn to Micah's world inside a Thai prison, she finds herself falling for the boy with ragged hair, shackles and a terrible past. Will Bel lose him too? And could it mean losing the people who mean the most to her at home? Whatever happens, none of them will ever be the same . . . **Ages 14+**



**95. White Night (Ellie Marney) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Bo Mitchell has little on his mind except school, footy and friends. Rory Wild has grown up on a nearby commune and is attending a 'normal' high school for the first time. Bo is determined to find out everything about her, even her secrets... In Bo Mitchell's country town, a 'White Night' light-show event has the potential to raise vital funds to save the skate park. And out of town, a girl from a secretive off-the-grid community called Garden of Eden has the potential to change the way Bo sees the world. But are there too many secrets in Eden? As Bo is drawn away from his friends and towards Rory, he gradually comes to believe that Eden may not be utopia after all, and that their group leader's goal to go off the grid may be more permanent - and more dangerous - than anyone could have predicted.

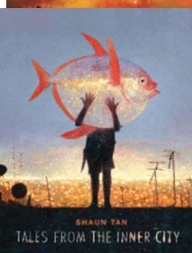
**Ages 14+**



**96. Liberty (Nikki McWatters) \$19.99 \$15.99**

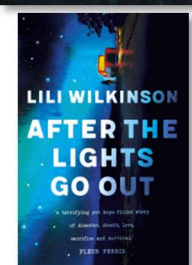
In 1472, Jeanne's father has arranged her marriage to the French Lieutenant Lagoy against her wishes, but armed forces are swelling outside the stone walls and so Jeanne risks her life to rally the city's women to protect the freedom of her people and perhaps herself. In 1797, Betsy, a feisty, brave Irish girl, her brother George and best friend, Will, secretly join the rebel army, unbeknownst to her father, hoping to liberate Ireland from the yoke of English rule. In 1960's Australia, Fiona wants to fit in with her new university friends but her values and convictions are challenged when Luke gets his conscription papers. Will she join the protest movement and march for peace, in opposition to her family and society? Liberty is an action-filled account of three women, all living in different times but descended from one female bloodline, who find themselves fighting forces that threaten their freedom.

**Ages 14+**



**97. Tales from the Inner City (Shaun Tan) \$35.00 \$28.00**

Where can we live if not in each other's shadow? World-renowned artist Shaun Tan applies his unique imagination to a reflection on the nature of humans and animals, and our urban coexistence. From crocodile to frog, tiger to bee, this is a dark and surreal exploration of the perennial love and destruction we feel and inflict - of how animals can save us, and how our lives are forever entwined, for better or for worse. Tales from the Inner City is a masterful work, bearing all of Shaun Tan's trademark wit and poignancy in both its prose and exquisite illustrations. **Ages 11+**



**98. After the Lights Go Out (Lili Wilkinson) \$19.99 \$15.99**

Seventeen-year-old Pru Palmer lives with her twin sisters, Grace and Blythe, and their father, Rick, on the outskirts of an isolated mining community. The Palmers are doomsday preppers. They have a bunker filled with non-perishable food and a year's worth of water. One day while Rick is at the mine, the power goes out. At the Palmers' house, and in the town. All communication is cut. No one knows why. It doesn't take long for everything to unravel. In town, supplies run out and people get desperate. The sisters decide to keep their bunker a secret. The world is different; the rules are different. Survival is everything, and family comes first. **Ages 15+**



**99. Happiness Quest, The (Richard Yaxley) \$18.99 \$15.19**

Tillie Bassett is sad, and she doesn't understand why. Her parents and friends suggest very different, allegedly helpful, remedies. But it is the suggestion of her counsellor, Gilbert the Goldfish, that the answer may lie in finding the nature of happiness. As Tillie embarks upon her project she discovers that, when it comes to family and friends, nothing is quite as it seems. Secrets are uncovered, old tensions resurface, relationships tangle and untangle, and Tillie realises that everyone struggles balancing sadness and happiness, and living truthfully. **Ages 14+**



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