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Bookweek Theme: Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



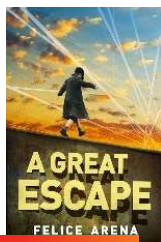
CBCA NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2020

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)

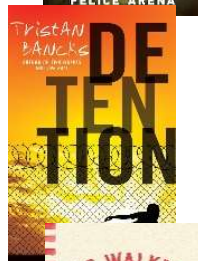
(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Intended for independent younger readers)



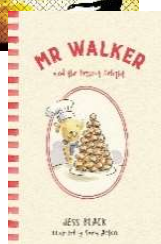
1. Great Escape, The (Felice Arena) \$16.99 \$13.59

It's a great escape, but will Peter survive it? When Peter's family leaves for a trip across the border, he stays behind. So when the government builds a wall through the city, guarded by soldiers, tanks and ferocious dogs, he's trapped. Everyone says he might never see his family again. But Peter has a courageous plan . . . Set in Cold War Germany, A Great Escape is a story of true-life heroism and the unbreakable bonds of family. **Ages 10+ War Stories-Cold War-Family Unit-Berlin Wall-History**



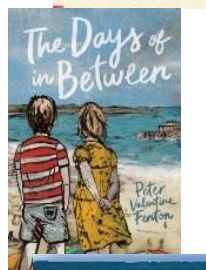
2. Detention (Tristan Bancks) \$16.95 \$13.59

Sima and her family are pressed to the rough, cold ground among fifty others. They lie next to the tall fence designed to keep them in. The wires are cut one by one. When they make their escape, a guard raises the alarm. Shouting, smoke bombs, people tackled to the ground. In the chaos Sima loses her parents. Dad told her to run, so she does, hiding in a school and triggering a lockdown. A boy, Dan, finds her hiding in the toilet block. What should he do? Help her? Do her in? She's breaking the law, but is it right to lock kids up? **Ages 11+ Refugees and Migration-Detention-Escape-Politics-Human Rights-Moral Dilemma-Family-Friendship**



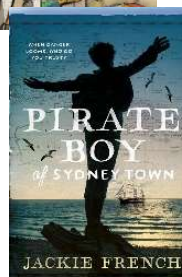
3. Mr Walker and the Dessert Delight (Jess Black and Sara Acton) \$14.99 \$11.99

There's a special anniversary celebration happening at the hotel and everyone is excited - especially Mr Walker! A famous chef is flown in for the event, and although she is all smiles and sweet delights, Chef Remy is none too pleased about sharing his kitchen. Mr Walker smells trouble . . . big trouble indeed. **Ages 7+ Guide Dogs-Dogs-Adventure**



4. Days of In Between (Peter Valentine Fenton) \$16.99 \$13.59

It's the last summer of the 1970s, and as 12-year-old Toby heads to the coast on a longed-for summer holiday, he finds himself almost invisible to his newly-wed father and step-mum. Toby's loneliness lifts when he meets Tara, the daughter of the local shark fisherman, who is dealing with family issues of her own. A terrifying incident on the old wharf begins a dramatic chain of events within the small coastal town-revealing secrets and creating ripples through both Toby's and Tara's families. **Ages 10+ Friendship-Feeling/Emotions-Grief-Family Unit-Loss-Growing Up**

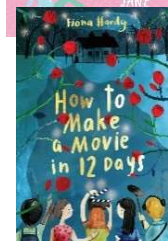


5. Pirate Boy of Sydney Town, The (Jackie French) \$16.99 \$13.59 Twelve-year-old Ben Huntsmore is the son of a ship owner, an only child who loves the farming life on his family's estate, Badger's Hill. But when Ben's father loses their ancestral home to pay a gambling debt, Ben reluctantly joins his father in a desperate venture to win it back, capturing enemy trading ships off the west Australian coast. While at sea, Ben must face not just the giant waves of the Southern Ocean but also Dutch guns, as well as unexpected treachery as he realises that his almost- unknown father will sacrifice even his son to make his fortune. Only the unexpected friendships of the mysterious convict Higgins and the young Indigenous sailor Guwara will help Ben survive. **Ages 10+ Friendship-Mystery-Pirates-Australian History**



6. As Happy As Here (Jane Godwin) \$16.95 ~~\$13.59~~

Three teenage girls from very different backgrounds find themselves sharing a hospital ward. When they witness a crime in the park below their window, they bond over trying to solve the crime and each one undergoes a profound change. A beautiful coming-of-age story about identity, expectation, class, justice, society, fairness, and, above all, kindness. **Ages 11+ Social Media-Friendship-Relationships-Illness-Crime-Growing Up-Identity-Justice-Kindness**



7. How to Make a Movie in Twelve Days (Fiona Hardy) \$16.99 ~~\$13.59~~

Twelve days. Five kids. Many special effects. One giant mystery. Hayley Whelan has spent her whole life dreaming of making a horror movie - and not just the type of movie that kids make on their dodgy second-hand iPhones. When her grandma passes away, she inherits the money for a proper, grown-up camera. But before Hayley even calls 'Action!', strange things start happening... Someone is sabotaging Hayley's movie - but who? Why? And can Hayley finish her movie in time for the premiere? **Ages 10+ Friendship-Family Unit-Grief-Growing Up-Movie Making-Mystery-Sabotage**



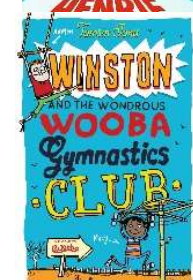
8. Little Wave, The (Pip Harry) \$16.95 ~~\$13.59~~

When a Manly school sets out to bring a country class to the city for a beach visit, three very different kids find each other and themselves. Noah is fearless in the surf. Being at the beach makes him feel free. So where does his courage go when his best mate pushes him around? Lottie loves collecting facts about bugs, but she wishes her dad would stop filling their lonely house with junk. She doesn't know what to do about it. Jack wants to be a cricket star, but first he has to get to school and look after his little sister. Especially if he wants to go on the class trip and see the ocean for the first time. **Ages 9+ Friendship-Acceptance-Relationships-Bullying-Adventure-Environment-Verse Novel**



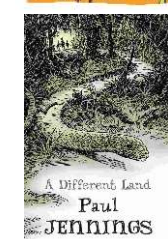
9. House of Heroes #1: Hapless Hero Henrie (Petra James) \$16.99 ~~\$13.59~~

Twelve-year-old Henrie is the first girl heir of the Melchior family in 200 years. This was deemed a dereliction of duty by the formidable Octavia Melchior, head of the House of Melchior (HoMe). For HoMe is in the business of heroes for hire. Boy heroes, that is. Girls have no place. When Henrie receives a mysterious note, it sets off a chain of events including a kidnapping, a fancy skateboard manoeuvre and a private jet and she discovers something rotten at the heart of HoMe. As past, present and future collide, HoMe is poised to come tumbling down ... unless a new kind of hero can emerge from the rubble. **Ages 8+ Adventure-Mystery-Heroism-Humour**



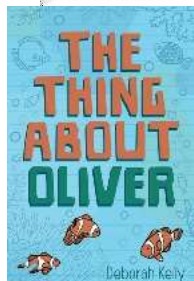
10. Winston and The Wondrous Wooba Gymnastics Club (Tamsin Janu) \$16.95 ~~\$13.59~~

When Winstons new step-sister-to-be Macy moves to Woobawittawoo with her dad, life in their small town quickly turns upside down. Winston is thrilled, but Macy is miserable. Wooba might have the Big Bread, but what use is a crumbling tourist attraction when Macy wants to become an Olympic gymnast? It's up to Winston and his friends to convince Macy to love Wooba as much as they do so they can stay there forever. But how? Could a gymnastics club be the answer to all their problems? **Ages 8+ Friendship-Belonging-Blended Family-Community-Rural-Gymnastics**



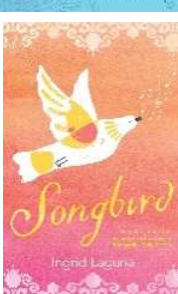
11. Different, Land, A (Paul Jennings) \$14.99 ~~\$11.99~~

Christopher is twelve thousand miles from home. The pub has a dirt floor and the owner is as rough as guts. The forest hides snakes, feral pigs and a dark secret. Mysterious, bold and strange. Expect the unexpected. And watch your step. Enter this place and you will be different for ever. **Ages 11+ Migration-Resilience-Courage-Loneliness-Difference-Acceptance-Persistence**



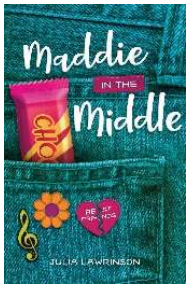
12. Thing About Oliver, The (Deborah Kelly) \$14.99 ~~\$11.99~~

Twelve-year-old Tilly dreams of becoming a marine scientist, but she doesn't even own a swimsuit. She lives in a drought- stricken town with her mum and younger brother Oliver, who is autistic. Oliver's meltdowns are making life unbearable. He needs so many different kinds of therapy that there's never any time or money left over for swimming lessons. Tilly knows Oliver's needs have to come first, but it's hard feeling invisible all the time. When Mum announces they are moving to the Queensland coast, Tilly is excited at the thought of finally learning to swim even snorkel! But she is also worried. The thing about Oliver is, he can't cope with even the tiniest of changes to his routine. Could so many changes all at once threaten to shatter the whole family? **Ages 10+ Autism-Family Unit-Siblings-Hardship-Drought**



13. Songbird (Ingrid Laguna) \$14.99 ~~\$11.99~~

Jamila has left her friends, her school and her home in Iraq, and now she has a new home. It's safe in Australia, but Jamila is finding it hard to settle in. She misses her best friend and worries for her dad's safety back in Iraq. It's hard to speak and write in English all day. And Jamila has a secret she wants to keep hidden. When she joins the choir, Jamila begins to feel happy. Singing helps take her worries away. And singing will help her find her place in her new life, a place where she can shine. Songbird is a tender story about belonging, about the importance of friendship and asking for help, and about the parts of our lives we keep concealed. **Ages 10+ Refugees and Migration-Music-Multicultural-Singing-Belonging-Family Unit**



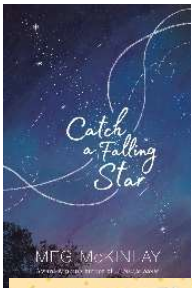
14. Maddie in the Middle (Julia Lawrinson) \$16.99 \$13.59

Maddie Lee is in year six, and she feels ordinary and dull. Her best and oldest friend Katy is head counsellor and aiming at an academic scholarship. Maddie doesn't have anything that is hers, anything that is special. Enter a mysterious new girl, Samara. Samara is pretty, calm and before long is in the popular girls' group. Maddie wants more than anything else to become friends with her. But when she does finally engineer a friendship of sorts, Maddie realises that Samara has a secret. When Samara enlists Maddie to raise money to keep her family from being separated, Maddie finally feels important and needed. So when Samara asks her to go one step further and start stealing, Maddie makes a decision that will have consequences beyond her imagining. **Ages 11+ Friendship-Growing Up-Peer Group Pressure-Separation**



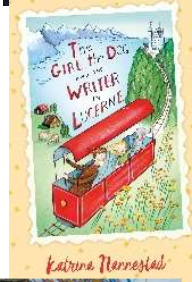
15. Dog Runner, The (Bren MacDibble) \$16.99 \$13.59

Ella and her brother Emery are alone in a city that's starving to death. If they are going to survive, they must get away, upcountry, to find Emery's mum. But how can two kids travel such big distances across a dry, barren, and dangerous landscape? Well, when you've got five big doggos and a dry-land dogsled, the answer is you go mushing. But when Emery is injured, Ella must find a way to navigate them through rough terrain, and even rougher encounters with desperate people... **Ages 10+ Family Unit-Climate Change-Adventure-Survival**



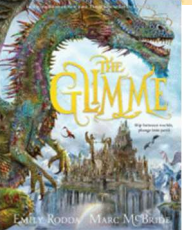
16. Catch a Falling Star (Meg McKinlay) \$17.99 \$14.39

It's 1979 and the sky is falling. Skylab, that is. Somewhere high above Frankie Avery, one of the world's first space stations is tumbling to Earth. And rushing back with it are old memories. Things twelve-year-old Frankie thought she'd forgotten. Things her mum won't talk about, and which her little brother Newt never knew. Only ... did he? Does he? Because as Skylab circles closer, Newt starts acting strangely. And while the world watches the sky, Frankie keeps her own eyes on Newt. Because if anyone's going to keep him safe, it's her. It always has been. But maybe this is something bigger than splinters and spiders and sleepwalking. Maybe a space station isn't the only thing heading straight for calamity. **Ages 9+ Australian History-Space-Death/Bereavement-Grief-Family Unit**



17. Girl, The Dog and the Writer in Lucerne (Katrina Nannestad) \$16.99 \$13.59

At last, Freja and her mother, Clementine, are together again. Tobias and Vivi are in love. And Lucerne, their new home, is a paradise of snowy alps, sapphire lakes, white swans and delicious Swiss chocolate! It all seems perfect, until poor Lady P appears, bandaged from head to toe after a fall (or was it a push?). Crimes break out across the city, all involving chocolate. Clementine doesn't seem her usual self. And still Freja has not solved the biggest mystery of all - who is Tobias Appleby? **Ages 9+ Friendship-Adventure-Exploration-Travel-Relationships**



18. Glimme, The (Emily Rodda) \$34.99 \$27.99

Finn's life in the village of Wichant is hard. Only his drawings of the wild coastline, with its dragon-shaped clouds and headlands that look like giants, make him happy. Then the strange housekeeper from a mysterious clifftop mansion sees his talent and buys him for a handful of gold and then reveals to him seven extraordinary paintings. Finn thinks the paintings must be pure fantasy-such amazing scenes and creatures can't be real! He's wrong. Soon he is going to slip through the veil between worlds and plunge into the wonders and perils of The Glimme. **Ages 10+ Fantasy-Adventure-Mystery**



19. Sick Bay (Nova Weetman) \$16.95 \$13.59

Two very different Grade 6 girls meet in their school sick bay. Meg is a loner. Grieving over the death of her father, and struggling with changes at home, she wears slippers to school and hides out in sick bay to avoid other kids. New girl Riley, is a Type 1 diabetic and already popular. She doesn't want to go to sick bay, but sometimes she has to if she's having a high or a low. As Meg and Riley are forced to spend more and more time together in the cramped sick bay room, they start to uncover each other's secrets and find the courage to be who they really are. **Ages 10+ Death/Bereavement-Family Unit-Friendship-Mental Health-Illness-Diabetes-School-Change-Disease-Bullying-Depression**



20. Secrets Of Magnolia Moon, The (Edwina Wyatt) \$19.99 \$15.99

Each chapter in this novel, which captures Magnolia's year of being nine and ends on Chapter Almost 10, reveals a secret that Magnolia is keeping. But the novel also chronicles a year of change for Magnolia. From her best friend moving to the birth of her little brother Finnegan, Magnolia navigates every challenge and secret that comes her way with the kind of authenticity and innocence that comes from being nine years wise. **Ages 9+ Friendship-Change**

CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD (21-40)

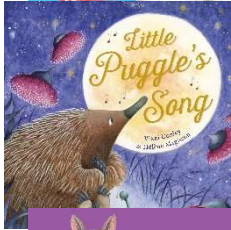
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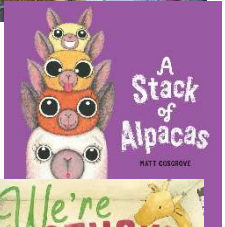
21. Cat and Dog (Jonathan Bentley) \$17.99 \$14.39

One dog. One cat. One very tidy apartment. What could go wrong? Cat is grumpy, fashion-obsessed, and a bit of a snob. Dog is excitable, bold, and bursting with energy. What do they have in common? They both want to see the world. It's time to come up with a grand escape plan ...Join these two loveable and incorrigibly mischievous pets as they team up to break out. They'll need brains. They'll need bravery. And they'll definitely need costumes. [Humour-Calamity](#)



22. Little Puggle's Song (Vikki Conley and Helen Magisson) \$24.99 \$19.99

A lonely echidna searches for his voice. Every time Puggle tries to make sound nothing comes out. Can Puggle find his voice and join the bush choir? [Australian Animals-Australiana-Persistence-Music-Friendship](#)



23. Stack of Alpacas (Matt Cosgrove) \$17.99 \$14.39

Smashing and splashing! Jumping and thumping! Fighting and biting! Macca is looking after his nieces and nephew and they are nothing but TROUBLE! How will Uncle Macca tame this unruly trio? [Behaviour Problems-Manners](#)



24. We're Stuck! (Sue deGennaro) \$24.99 \$19.99

When Turtle races into the lift of Building 24, there is a nod and a blink and a step to the side. A grunt and a sigh and a lean to the right. But what happens when the lift stops moving? Crocodile has a meeting to get to. And Giraffe has a doctor's appointment. And Turtle really, really needs to get to the shop. [Friendship-Belonging-Celebration](#)



25. Ivanhoe Swift Left Home at Six (Jane Godwin and A Yi) \$24.99 \$19.99

Ivanhoe Swift left home when he was six. He had heard many songs about the world, and it was time to see it for himself. 'We won't know where you are!' cried his father. 'I'll know where you are,' said Ivanhoe. 'And you can look out for my kite in the sky. Goodbye, parents!' A delightful story about setting off to see the world... and the joy in coming home again. [Imagination Play-Adventure-Travel-Friendship-Home](#)



26. Leaping Lola (Tracey Hawkins and Anil Tortop) \$24.99 \$19.99

Lola loves to dance. She flounces and bounces all day long, practising for the Black and White Ball. But she is a brown Jersey cow, not a black-and-white cow. Can she disguise herself and have a spin on the dance floor? [Acceptance-Differences-Dancing-Rhyming Text](#)



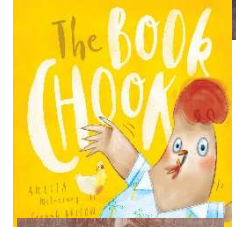
27. I See, I See (Robert Henderson) \$19.99 \$15.99

A dynamic interactive picture book for two, designed to be read right side up and upside down at the same time. A book for one? A book for two? A book for different points of view. I See, I See is a playful, rhyming call-and-answer conversation between two readers, each of whom view the page from a different perspective: I see water, I see sky, I see swimming, I see fly! [Perspective-Sharing](#)



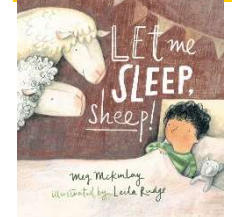
28. Hole Idea, The (Beth MacDonald and Nathaniel Eckstrom) \$24.99 \$19.99

Finnian Jones lived in a house brimming with books. One morning, Finnian woke up eager to create a story of his own... Follow Finnian's journey as he takes his Gran's advice and "digs deep" to find his own ideas. Along the way he discovers much more than he expected but will he ever be able to create a story of his own?



29. Book Chook, The (Amelia McInerney and Connah Brecon) \$24.99 \$19.99

When Ray realises he is a drawing of a chicken he panics! Can he hatch a plan to get out of the book? Luckily, his plucky, clucky friend Janine is there to help. A hilarious tale of flying the coop and discovering home. A funny, silly, story of finding out who you are, and learning to love who you are, and where you are even if you might have been a bit mistaken on the way.



30. Let Me Sleep, Sheep! (Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge) \$24.99 \$19.99

A hilarious picture book from award-winning picture book duo Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge. When Amos starts counting sheep, there's one thing he doesn't quite count on ... How's he supposed to sleep when the sheep land - THUD! THUD! - in his bedroom? [Humour-Calamity-Bedtime-Sleep](#)



31. Baz and Benz (Heidi McKinnon) \$24.99 \$19.99

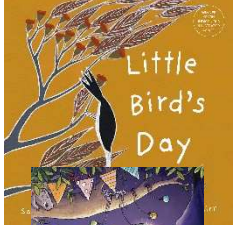
'Benz, are we friends?' 'Yes, Baz, we are best friends' 'For how long?' 'For ever and ever.' But what do you do when your best friend is... kind of annoying? A delightfully funny and warm-hearted story about a little owl exploring the boundaries of love and friendship.



32. One Runaway Rabbit (David Metzenthen and Mairead Murphy) \$19.99 \$15.99

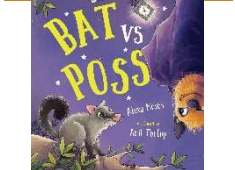
A stylish and satisfying picture book about a curious pet rabbit who accidentally escapes the safety of her backyard, and then must survive in the wilds of suburbia at night. One pet rabbit. One dark night. One hungry fox. A wonderfully entertaining picture book about a clever pet rabbit on the run.

[Adventure-Danger-Urban](#)



33. Little Bird's Day (Sally Morgan and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr) \$19.99 \$15.99

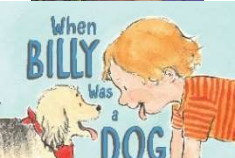
A simple, universal story of a day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars. Sally Morgan's beautiful words and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr's sensitive artwork combine to make this a beautiful, distinctive publication with global appeal. [Aboriginal Studies-Birds-Australian Birds-Indigenous Art](#)



34. Bat Vs Poss (Alexa Moses and Anil Tortop) \$26.99 \$21.59

Meek, the possum lives with her three sisters, a gaggle of birds, lizards and other creatures next to a tumbledown terrace house. Everyone shares the space, and life and demands everyone else move OUT. Will Meek be able to get rid of Squabbles, or is there a way for everyone to get along?

[Australian Animals-Australiana-Sharing-Friendship](#)



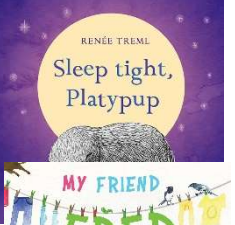
35. When Billy Was a Dog (Kirsty Murray and Karen Blair) \$24.99 \$19.99

'Can I please, please, please have a dog?' asked Billy. 'Would you walk it every day and wash it if it got dirty?' 'I would, I promise!' said Billy. Billy wants a dog. He really really really wants one. Billy's parents aren't so sure. So one morning, Billy takes matters into his own paws. [Pets-Dogs-Family Unit-Friendship](#)



36. Meerkat Splash (Aura Parker) \$19.95 \$15.99

Meerkats cleaning, washing. Woooo! Slipping, sliding, swimming too. Follow Meerkat Red into the burrow and join all the colourful meerkat friends for one big crazy bathtime! But who makes the biggest MEERKAT SPLASH? [Rhyming Text-Colours-Identification-Humour](#)



37. You Might Find Yourself (Tai Snaith) \$24.99 \$19.99

You Might Find Yourself follows a small person's journey as they navigate the world through their imagination. This charming and lovingly handcrafted picture book invites readers to examine notions of resilience and collaboration, while on the winding path that is life. [Imagination-Mindfulness](#)



38. Sleep Tight, Platypup (Renee Trembl) \$19.99 \$15.99

Poor little Platypup is frightened of the dark. What is that shadow? Who made that noise? But there's nothing to fear. With his mother by his side, the little platypus ventures out of his burrow to explore. The moonlight dances on the water. Leaves whisper and gumnuts knock in the wind. Platypup discovers that his home by the river is just as lovely in the dark of night as it is during the day! And that's not scary at all. [Australian Animals-Australiana-Security-Reassurance-Sleep-Bedtime](#)



39. My Friend, Fred (France Watts and A Yi) \$19.99 \$15.99

My friend Fred eats dog food for breakfast. I think dog food is disgusting. My friend Fred howls at the moon. I don't know why. He does a lot of funny things. But even though we are different, Fred is my best friend. [Friendship-Dogs-Humour](#)

40. Goodbye House, Hello House (Margaret Wild and Ann James) \$24.95 \$19.99

A heartwarming story of letting go and starting anew, of moving from the country to the city, with a unique illustration style that allows room and space for the reader's imagination. Hello, new house. Hello! [First Experiences-Moving House](#)

CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (41-58)

(In Alphabetical order by Illustrator)

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



41. Ella and the Ocean (Jonathan Bentley and Lian Tanner) \$24.99 \$19.99

Ella lived in the red-dirt country where the earth was as dry as old bones and it hadn't rained for years and years and years. One night, Ella dreamt of the ocean... [Outback-Drought-Family Unit-First Experiences-Ocean-Nature](#)



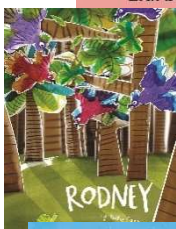
42. Hello Lighthouse (Sophie Blackall) \$15.99 \$12.79

On the highest rock of a tiny island at the edge of the world stands a lighthouse. From dusk to dawn, the lighthouse beams, sending its light out to sea, guiding the ships on their way. As the seasons pass and the waves rise and fall, outside, the wind blows; inside, the lighthouse keeper writes, and the rhythms of his life unfold. But change is on the horizon... [Change-Time-Inventions-Family Unit](#)



43. Liarbird (Philip Bunting and Laura Bunting) \$17.99 \$14.39

Liarbirds learn to lie from the day they hatch. They are the best in the bush at fibbing, faking, fabricating and fake-news creating. Until one lyrebird decides to go straight, and discovers that sometimes even the truth hurts. [Honesty-Integrity-Truth-Lying](#)



44. Rodney (Kelly Canby) \$24.99 \$19.99

Rodney is a small turtle with a BIG dream. All he wants is to be larger. Then one day, Rodney's dream comes true - or does it? It's all a matter of perspective! Rodney spent most of his days looking up. Imagining, for hours, what a life high among the treetops would be like and how it would feel to feel so . . . tall. [Perspective-Differences](#)



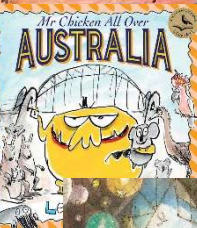
45. Dear Grandpa (Ronojoy Ghosh and Kate Simpson) \$24.99 \$19.99

Grandpa, did you know that if you rub a needle with a magnet, one end will point to the north and the other end to the south? In the south there's an apartment building 160 metres tall. From the balcony, you can see the entire city. There are cinemas and ice cream shops ... and me! As Henry measures the distance between his new apartment and Grandpa's wooden house under the mango tree, Grandpa works out how close they really are. [Perspective-Size-Maths-Measurement-Maths-STEAM-Grandparents-Letter Writing](#)



46. Mallee Sky (Tannya Harricks and Jodi Toering) \$24.99 \$19.99

An extremely timely and beautiful picture book about the effects of drought and climate change in the Mallee. The first people of the land call the Mallee "Nowie". It means sunset country. When the sun goes down the red heat of the day bleeds into the sky and sets it on fire. Drought and rain - life under a Mallee Sky. [Weather-Drought-Survival-Water-Rural-Hardship-Adversity-Climate Change-Habitat](#)



47. Mr Chicken All Over Australia (Leigh Hobbs) \$24.99 \$19.99

Australia is big, but so is Mr Chicken. He can't wait to go everywhere, see everything and meet everyone. Luckily, a helpful marsupial from Tourist Information helps Mr Chicken organise his hectic itinerary. This book is dedicated to the many children, teachers and librarians Leigh Hobbs met as the 2016-2017 Australian Children's Laureate. [Australia-Australiana-People and Places-Landmarks-Letter Writing-Travel](#)



48. Nop (Caroline Magerl) \$26.99 \$21.59

A heartwarming picture book about two unlikely loners who forge a forever friendship. Nop is a scruffy kind of bear. He sits on a dusty armchair in Oddmint's Dumporeum surrounded by the beaders, knitters, patchers and stitchers who are much too busy to talk to him. So he watches the litter tumble until, armed with a new bow tie, he has an idea that will change his life forever. [Values](#)



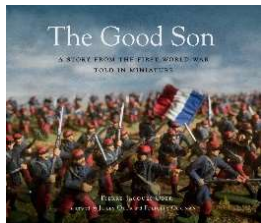
49. I Need a Parrot (Chris McKimmie) \$24.95 \$19.99

A book about wanting and needing what a child wants and what a wild bird needs. [Nature-Birds-Pets](#)



50. Three (Stephen Michael King) \$24.99 \$19.99

One, two, three . . . Every day was a hop and a skip for Three. He was happy to walk from here to there, wherever his nose led, or wherever his legs took him . . . all the way to new friends. [Friendship-Acceptance-Differences-Home-Single Parent Family-Pets-Dogs](#)



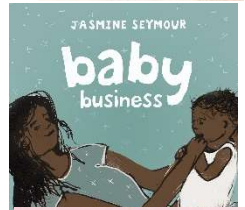
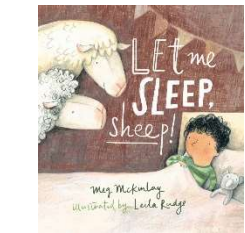
51. Good Son: A Story from the First World War, The (Jules Ober and Pierre-Jacques Ober) \$34.99 \$27.99

It is Christmastime, 1914, and World War I rages. A young French soldier named Pierre had quietly left his regiment to visit his family for two days, and when he returned, he was imprisoned. Now he faces execution for desertion, and as he waits in isolation, he meditates on big questions: the nature of patriotism, the horrors of war, the joys of friendship, the love of family, and how even in times of danger, there is a whole world inside every one of us. And how sometimes that world is the only refuge. Its publication coinciding with the centennial of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, this moving and sparsely narrated story, based on true events, is reenacted in fascinating miniature scenes that convey the emotional complexity of the tale. Notes from the creators explore the innovative process and their personal connection to the story.

(No 30 in the Early Childhood Category)

Let Me Sleep, Sheep! (Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge) \$24.99 \$19.99

A hilarious picture book from award-winning picture book duo Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge. When Amos starts counting sheep, there's one thing he doesn't quite count on ... How's he supposed to sleep when the sheep land - THUD! THUD! - in his bedroom? [Humour-Calamity-Bedtime-Sleep](#)



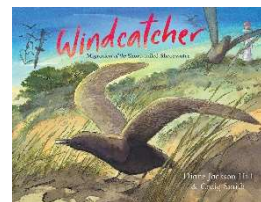
52. Baby Business (Jasmine Seymour) \$24.99 \$19.99

Baby Business tells the story of the baby smoking ceremony that welcomes baby to country. The smoke is a blessing — it will protect the baby and remind them that they belong. This beautiful ritual is recounted in a way young children will completely relate to. [Aboriginal Studies-Community-Customs-Ceremonies](#)



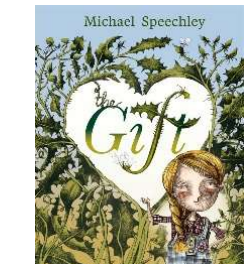
53. Queen Celine (Matt Shanks) \$24.95 \$19.99

Celine Beaufort is queen of what she is quite certain is the most beautiful rock pool in the world. It's perfect. And to make sure nothing ever changes, she decides to build a wall around it. Unfortunately, that turns out to be a royal mistake. As self-proclaimed ruler, it's up to Celine to right her wrong and restore her rock pool to its former glory, this time with everyone welcome. [Environmental Issues-Sharing-Inclusion](#)



54. Windcatcher: Migration of The Short-Tailed Shearwater (Craig Smith And Diane Jackson Hill) \$24.99 \$19.99

A short-tailed shearwater flies from the edge of the Southern Ocean to the rim of the Arctic Circle — and back — every year. This remarkable 30,000 kilometre journey is driven by seabird law. Instinct and community will guide her. A wingspan the size of a child's outstretched arms will support her. But first, she must catch the wind... Based on birds that live on Griffith Island, near Port Fairy, Victoria, Windcatcher is a tale of migration, conservation and survival that begins with one small bird called Hope. [Australian Birds-Migration-Conservation](#)



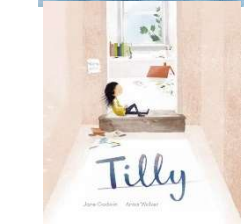
55. Gift, The (Michael Speechley) \$24.99 \$19.99

The house across the road looks abandoned, but Rosie knows someone lives there. She decides to give her mystery neighbour a gift - something different, something unusual, something surprising. Something her mum would have been proud of. Championing simple acts of kindness, this exquisite picture book explores the importance of friendship and the joy of giving. [Death/Bereavement-Grief-Courage-Neighbours-Loss-Community-Mental Health-Kindness](#)



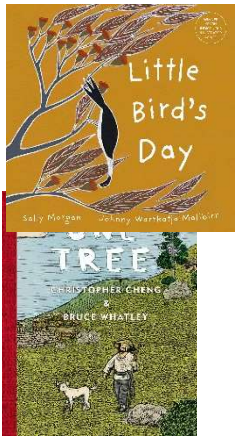
56. Lottie and Walter (Anna Walker) \$24.99 \$19.99

'I'm not swimming,' Lottie announced. Lottie doesn't want to be afraid, but no matter what she does, she just can't go in the water. Until she finds a surprising friend, who turns out to be more helpful than Lottie could ever have imagined... From this master picture-book creator comes a warm, funny and empowering story about overcoming fear, and the unique friendship between one little girl and her own secret, flipped companion. [Friendship-Security-Swimming-Fear-Imaginary Friend-Growth Mindset](#)



57. Tilly (Anna Walker and Jane Godwin) \$24.99 \$19.99

Tilly's found the perfect hiding place to keep her special treasures. No one knows about it, not even her big brothers and sister, who know everything. But one day, something happens that Tilly could never have imagined. A wistful, enchanting and timeless story about an old house, a young girl, and how the small things we hold dear stay with us always. [Imagination-Secrets-Family Unit-Feelings/Emotions-Memories](#)



(No 33 in the Early Childhood Category)

Little Bird's Day (Sally Morgan and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr) \$19.99 \$15.99

A simple, universal story of a day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars. Sally Morgan's beautiful words and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr's sensitive artwork combine to make this a beautiful, distinctive publication with global appeal. [Aboriginal Studies-Birds-Australian Birds-Indigenous Art](#)

58. One Tree (Christopher Cheng) \$24.99 \$19.99

One tall tree on the mountain once marked Grandfather's farm. Now there is a busy city and Grandfather lives with us in our apartment. Once he told stories but now he stays silent. Until one day, in the city market, I find something precious . . . Something that brings Grandfather's memories alive again. [Family Unit-Grandparents-Environment-Nature-Urbanisation-Lifecycle-Population](#)

**CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: EVE POWNALL AWARD
FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (59-78)**

59. Australia's Amazing Dinosaurs (Compilation) \$19.99 \$15.99

A guide to the dinosaurs Down Under, which ranged from ferocious carnivores to herbivorous behemoths. Meet Australia's most famous dinosaur species, and learn about the science behind palaeontology - from how we define dinosaurs to how we've started learning what colour they might have been!

60. Playing With Collage (Jeannie Baker) \$27.99 \$22.39

Over the course of a 40-year career, Jeannie Baker has perfected the art of collage. Her stunning pieces, devised by assembling all sorts of different textures, are known all around the globe. In *Playing with Collage*, she shares her secrets at last – and encourages her readers to get creative. Within each of this book's four main sections, Jeannie presents an abstract collage of her own and offers suggestions and starting points for beginners. There are no right or wrong answers in this treasure of a book, it's all about trusting your instincts ... and playing! [Art-Art/Craft-Artists-Drawing-Collage-Books-Creativity](#)

61. Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Ugly Animals, The (Sami Bayly) \$32.99 \$26.39

It's time for ugly animals to shine! With more than sixty ugly animals to explore, this compendium of the unusual celebrates the beauty in 'ugliness'. Children and adults alike will pore over the breathtaking scientific illustrations of unusual animals, debating their relative ugliness and merits, learning about science and nature along the way. [Environmental Issues-Conservation-Environment-Habitat](#)

62. Argh! There's A Skeleton Inside You! (Idan Ben-Barak and Julian Frost) \$19.99 \$15.99

Quog and Oort are on their way to Kevin's birthday party. Unfortunately, their spaceship has crashed. Pick up this book to lend them a hand! An interstellar exploration of hands and what's inside them. [Human Body-Skeleton-Humour- Space-Aliens-Biology-Friendship](#)

63. Australian Sea Life (Matt Chun) \$29.99 \$23.99

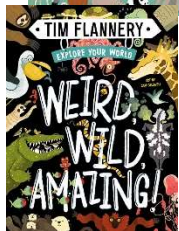
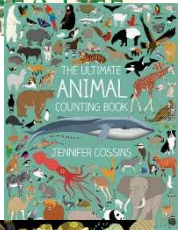
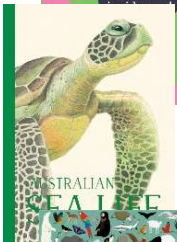
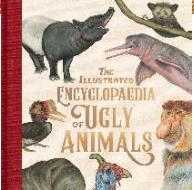
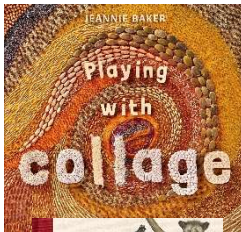
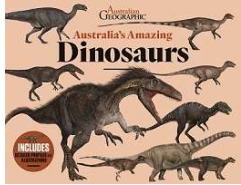
Matt Chun takes to the oceans to explore Australia's most fascinating sea creatures, from the great white shark to the tiny soldier crab. Matt Chun's unique way of rendering our natural world will spark young readers' imaginations and evoke awe in all nature enthusiasts.

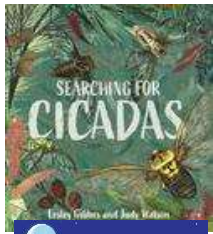
64. Ultimate Animal Counting Book, The (Jennifer Cossins) \$29.99 \$23.99

Can you count one blue whale? Probably. How about 16 lions? Or 44 penguins? Or 100 fairy flies? Count from one to 100 and collecting fascinating animal facts along the way. Discover the colour of a zebra's skin under its stripes, how a tapir uses its nose as a snorkel when it swims, and that cranes are famous for their dancing! Beautiful illustrations of animals great and small, from all over the world - from the familiar wombat and sea turtle to the unusual gerenuk and caracal.

65. Explore Your World: Weird, Wild, Amazing! (Tim Flannery) \$34.99 \$27.99

Are zombie jellyfish real? Do frogs like opera? Which animals eat poop? (And more importantly, WHY?!) What's it like to wrestle a python? Buckle up – you're about to find out! Bursting with bizarre facts, packed with vibrant illustrations and guided by one of the world's greatest living scientists, Professor Tim Flannery, this deep-dive into the natural world will enthral and enlighten readers. It will also make them laugh out loud ... and squirm in disgust. [Environment](#)





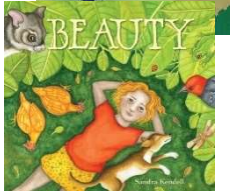
66. Searching for Cicadas (Lesley Gibbes and Judy Watson) \$26.99 \$21.59

This lovely story about a child and their grandfather searching for cicadas is part of the award-winning narrative nonfiction Nature Storybooks series. In the summertime, Grandpa and I go cicada-watching. We put our camping gear into my wagon and walk down to the local reserve. Last year we saw five Green Grocers, three Yellow Mondays and one Floury Baker. Can we find the rare Black Prince this year? [Environment-Nature-Lifecycles-Grandparents-Camping](#)



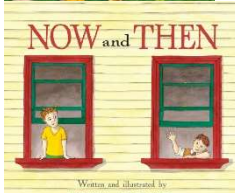
67. Under the Stars: Astrophysics for Bedtime (Lisa Harvey-Smith) \$39.99 \$31.99

Under the Stars- Bedtime Astrophysics transports curious kids and inquisitive adults on an incredible journey through the night sky. Explore our solar system from the comfort of your cosy bedroom. Find out why the sky is blue. Fly around a black hole and peer inside! Learn why Jupiter has stripes. This colourfully illustrated book brings the night sky to life, giving amazing new perspectives to young explorers who are always asking, 'Why?' [Space-Solar System-Astrophysics-Astronomy-STEAM](#)



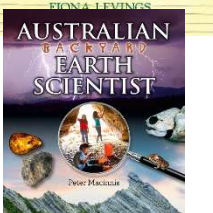
68. Beauty (Sandra Kendall) \$25.99 \$20.79

'Mrs Lee lives next door, all alone. She hates our tree'...but does Mrs Lee realise how we are connected to each other, the trees, the animals and the whole of the natural world? Beauty is a story that celebrates the importance of trees, community and the relationships that nurture us all. Cleverly blending fiction and non fiction Beauty explores the role the Beauty Leaf Tree plays in the wider community of animals, insects and plants. [Environment-Conservation-Nature-Community-Relationships-Family Unit-Habitats-Trees-Wildlife](#)



69. Now and Then (Fiona Levings) \$24.99 \$19.99

There is a little wooden house in our town. It has been there a while. Now, it is Jem's home. Then, it was Doug's home. Eighty years can bring a lot of change to a small town...but what about the people who live there? Were your grandparents really that different to you?



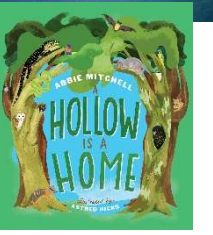
70. Australian Backyard Earth Scientist (Peter Macinnis) \$29.99 \$23.99

Australian Backyard Earth Scientist is full of fantastic photos and fascinating information that help explain different aspects of earth science — a science that discovered how old the Earth is, what fossils tell us, how mountains were created, what causes earthquakes, what the difference between weather and climate is, and why glaciers are melting. These questions and many more are answered in Australian Backyard Earth Scientist. [STEAM-Science-Environment](#)



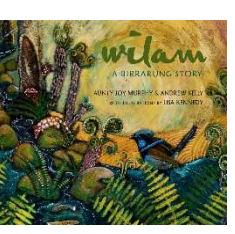
71. Born to Fly (Beverley McWilliams and Timothy Ide) \$29.99 \$23.99

An inspiring true story of a young Australian hero who proved that anything is possible if you believe in yourself and follow your dreams. Born in 1889 on a farm in rural South Australia, Harry Butler was determined to fly. Follow Harry's remarkable journey from studying the flight of his chickens to becoming one of Australia's most significant pioneer aviators.



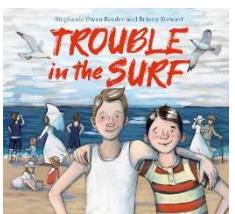
72. Hollow Is a Home (Abbie Mitchell and Astred Hicks) \$29.99 \$23.99

Do you know what a tree hollow is? To you and me, a tree hollow is just a hole, cavity or tunnel in a tree or branch. But to an animal, that hollow may be a bedroom, hiding place, nursery or shelter. It is the ultimate tree house! Come and take a peek inside the amazing world of tree hollows and discover more than 340 species of incredible Australian animals that call hollows home.



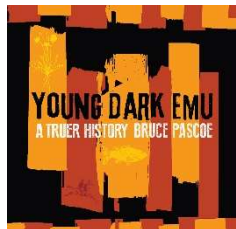
73. Wilam: A Birrarung Story (Joy Murphy and Lisa Kennedy) \$24.99 \$19.99

In this stunning picture book beautifully given form by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy, respected Elder Aunty Joy Murphy and Yarra Riverkeeper Andrew Kelly tell the story of one day in the life of the vital, flourishing Birrarung (Yarra river) from its source to its mouth; from its pre-history to the present day. An ode to Australian rivers, the flora and fauna that live on them, and the function they perform as a part of modern day life. Wilam brings Aboriginal life, culture and language right in to the heart of the city. [Aboriginal Studies-Rivers-Yarra River-Australian Animals-Australian Flora](#)



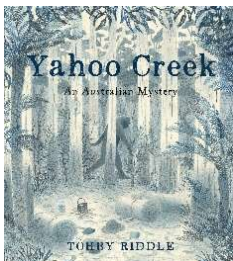
74. Trouble in the Surf (Stephanie Owen Reeder and Briony Stewart) \$24.99 \$19.99

It's a hot summer's day in Sydney Town, and nine-year-old cousins Charlie Smith and Rupert Swallow can't wait to dive into the surf at Bondi Beach. But the beach can be a dangerous place. Out past the breakers, where the seagulls swoop and soar, lurks a strong rip that can drag unsuspecting swimmers out to sea. Travel back in time to January 1907, and join Charlie and Rupert on a true-life, heart-stopping seaside adventure. [Australian History-Surf Lifesaving-Swimming-Water Safety-Beach-Sydney-Bondi](#)



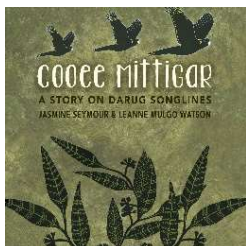
75. Young Dark Emu: A Truer History (Bruce Pascoe) \$24.99 \$19.99

Using the accounts of early European explorers, colonists and farmers, Bruce Pascoe compellingly argues for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer label for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. He allows the reader to see Australia as it was before Europeans arrived — a land of cultivated farming areas, productive fisheries, permanent homes, and an understanding of the environment and its natural resources that supported thriving villages across the continent. Young Dark Emu — A Truer History asks young readers to consider a different version of Australia's history pre-European colonisation. [Aboriginal Studies-Farming-Agriculture-Sustainability](#)



76. Yahoo Creek: An Australian Mystery (Toby Riddle) \$29.99 \$23.99

'He was surprised to observe a hairy human form, about seven feet in height, walking in the bush.' Queanbeyan Age, 24 August 1886. Throughout the first century or so of Australian settlement by Europeans, the pages of colonial newspapers were haunted by reports of a bewildering phenomenon: the mysterious yahoo or hairy man ... But what was it? Yahoo Creek breathes life into this little-known piece of Australian history - which, by many accounts, is a history still in the making. [Australian History-Explorers-Settlement-Aboriginal Studies](#)



77. Cooee Mittigar (Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson) \$24.99 \$19.99

Darug creators Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson tell a story on Darug Songlines, introducing children and adults-alike to Darug Nura (Country) and language. Greeted by Mulgo, the black swan, readers are welcomed to Nura. Journeying through the seasons, Mulgo describes the land, skyscape, birds, animals and totems. It is a gentle guide to how Darug people read the seasons, knowing when it is time to hunt and time to rest. It is also an appeal to remember, offering new ways of seeing and reading the lands of the surrounding Sydney region. With Darug language interspersed with English and an extensive glossary throughout, Cooee Mittigar presents an important tool for learning. [Aboriginal Studies-Language-Indigenous Language-Darug-Seasons](#)



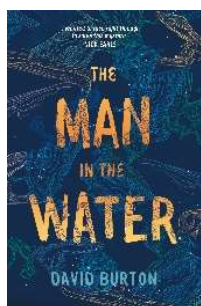
78. Kulinmaya! Keep Listening Everybody! (Mumu Mike Williams) \$35.00 \$27.00

A magnificent celebration of Kunmanara Williams' life and art and the land rights movement in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands of Central Australia. 'I want my book to be in schools and read by politicians and young people everywhere, so that they can learn about Tjukurpa Law, and realise how crucially important Tjukurpa is to Anangu Aboriginal people. Written in Pitjantjatjara and English, this book showcases the enduring legacy of senior Mimili Maku artist Mumu Mike Williams' extraordinary life and art. [Aboriginal Studies-Dual Language-Language-Art-Land Rights-Survival-Culture-Community-Pitjantjatjara](#)

CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: OLDER READERS (79-98)

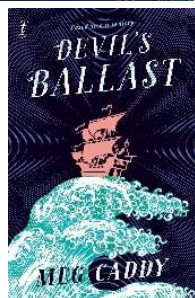
(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

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



79. Man in the Water, The (David Burton) \$19.95 \$15.99

On his first day of year ten, Shaun sees his first dead body. When 16-year-old Shaun discovers a dead body in the lake of a quiet mining town in outback Queensland, he immediately reports it to the police. But when he returns to the site with the constable, the body is gone. Shaun's father drowned a few years ago, and now his mum and the authorities questions whether he saw a body at all. Determined to show the town the truth, Shaun and his best friend, Will, open their own investigation. But what they discover is far more sinister than a mining mishap or a murder, and reveals a darkness below the surface of their small mining town. **Ages 14+** [Death/Bereavement-Family Unit-School-Rural-Mystery-Mental Health](#)



80. Devil's Ballast (Meg Caddy) \$19.99 \$15.99

Anne Bonny was eighteen when she ran away from her violent husband, James, into the arms of pirate captain Calico Jack Rackham. Now she's ensconced aboard Jack's ship Ranger, passing as a cabin boy and playing her ruthless part in a crew that is raining down mayhem and murder on the ships of the Caribbean. But James Bonny is willing to pay to get his 'property' back. And pirate-hunter Captain Barnet is happy to take his money. The Ranger's a fast ship- Anne might just be able to outrun Barnet. But can she outrun the consequences of her relationship with Calico Jack. Based on the true story of Anne Bonny. **Ages 15+** [Domestic Violence-Pirates-Women's Rights-Equality](#)



81. Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling, The (Wai Chim) \$19.99 ~~\$15.99~~

Anna Chiu has her hands pretty full looking after her brother and sister and helping out at her dad's restaurant, all while her mum stays in bed. Dad's new delivery boy, Rory, is a welcome distraction and even though she knows that things aren't right at home, she's starting to feel like she could just be a normal teen. But when Mum finally gets out of bed, things go from bad to worse. And as Mum's condition worsens, Anna and her family question everything they understand about themselves and each other. A nourishing tale about the crevices of culture, mental wellness and family. **Ages 14+**
Mental Health-Wellbeing-Family Unit



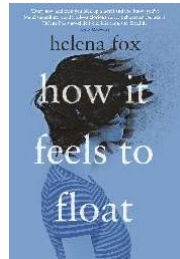
82. Boy Who Steals Houses, The (CG Drew) \$16.99 ~~\$13.59~~

Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing - each teenager assuming Sam is a friend of another sibling. Sam finds himself inextricably caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie. But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him. **Ages 14+**
Homelessness-Abandonment-Autism-Friendship-Family Unit-Death/Bereavement



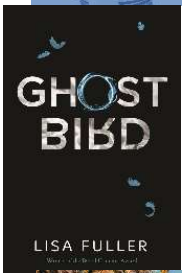
83. Last Balfour, The (Cait Duggan) \$19.99 ~~\$15.99~~

Iona Balfour's life is turned upside down when her beloved aunt Grizel is executed for the crime of witchcraft. Before she dies, Grizel appoints Iona as guardian of a precious family bloodstone and tells her she must flee their village and deliver the stone to the mysterious Guild of the Green Lion. Accompanied by a new friend, Cal, Iona soon realises that she's awakened the powers of the bloodstone. But it promises to be a perilous journey. The wolf month is no time to be on the road. And there's a witch hunter on Iona's trail, who has a strange obsession with the stone. When a devastating betrayal throws her into the hands of her enemies, Iona soon finds herself in the fight of her life. **Ages 14+**
Witchcraft-Adventure-Magic-Friendship-Trust



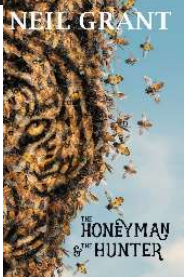
84. How It Feels to Float (Helena Fox) \$17.99 ~~\$14.39~~

Biz knows how to float. She has her people, posse, her mum and the twins. She has Grace. And she has her dad, who tells her about the little kid she was, and who shouldn't be here but is. So Biz doesn't tell anyone anything. Not about her dark, runaway thoughts, not about kissing Grace or noticing Jasper, the new boy. And she doesn't tell anyone about her dad. Because her dad died when she was seven. And Biz knows how to float, right there on the surface - normal okay regular fine. **Ages 15+**
Mental Health-Depression-Suicide-Death/Bereavement-Grief-Family Unit-Friendship



85. Ghost Bird (Lisa Fuller) \$19.95 ~~\$15.99~~

Stacey and Laney are twins - mirror images of each other - and yet they're as different as the sun and moon. Stacey works hard at school, determined to get out of their small town. Laney skips school and sneaks out of the house to meet her boyfriend. But when Laney disappears one night, Stacey can't believe she's just run off without telling her. As the days pass and Laney doesn't return, Stacey starts dreaming of her twin. The dreams are dark and terrifying, difficult to understand and hard to shake, but at least they tell Stacey one key thing - Laney is alive. Stacey is the only one who can find her sister. Will she find her in time? **Ages 15+**
Mystery-Twins-Family Unit-Rural-Friendship-School



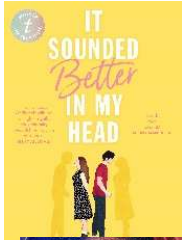
86. Honeyman and the Hunter, The (Neil Grant) \$19.99 ~~\$15.99~~

In the long and drifting summer, Rudra begins to mark time from the appearance of his grandmother, as if his life has pivoted on this point and will never be the same. When sixteen-year-old Rudra Solace's grandmother arrives from India and a long-hidden secret is dredged from the bay, life in his sleepy fishing village of Patonga shifts dramatically. It is not long before Rudra and his mother are bound for Bengal on a journey of discovery and danger. A wonderfully compelling tale of belonging and loss, of saltwater and mangroves, of migration and accepting change; a story of decisions that, once made, break through family histories like a cyclone swell. **Ages 14+**
Culture-Identity-Family Unit-Belonging-Differences-Growing Up-Multicultural



87. Aurra Cycle #1: Aurora Rising (Amie Kaufman) \$19.99 ~~\$15.99~~

The year is 2380, and the graduating cadets of Aurora Academy are being assigned their first missions. Star pupil Tyler Jones is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but his own boneheaded heroism sees him stuck with the dregs nobody else in the Academy would touch. Then there's Aurora Jie-Lin O'Malley, the girl he's just rescued from interdimensional space. Trapped in cryo-sleep for two centuries, Auri is a girl out of time and out of her depth. But she could be the catalyst that starts a war millions of years in the making, and Tyler's squad of losers, discipline-cases and misfits might just be the last hope for the entire galaxy. NOBODY PANIC. **Ages 14+**
Futuristic-Science Fiction-Fantasy



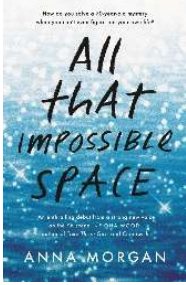
88. It Sounded Better In My Head (Nina Kenwood) \$19.99 \$15.99

When her parents announce their impending separation, Natalie can't understand why no one is fighting or at least mildly upset. Then Zach and Lucy, her two best friends, hook up, leaving her feeling slightly miffed and decidedly awkward. She'd always imagined she would end up with Zach one day-in the version of her life that played out like a TV show, with just the right amount of banter, pining and meaningful looks. Now everything has changed and nothing is quite making sense. **Ages 15+ Relationships-Family Unit-Romance-Separation**



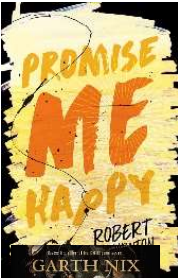
89. Monuments (Will Kostakis) \$19.99 \$15.99

All 16-year-old Connor is trying to do is avoid his ex-best friend when he stumbles upon a trapdoor to a secret chamber under his school. But when Sally Rodgers breaks into the same secret chamber looking for an ancient being, things take an unexpected turn . . . and Connor's life will never be the same again. Along with the mysterious Sally and, later on, his new friend Locky, Connor discovers the Monuments - gods who have been buried for generations - who created the world and hid themselves away from humanity to keep everyone safe. But now they're exposed and vulnerable, and Connor isn't sure who, himself included, can be trusted with the knowledge and the power these gods have. **Ages 13+ Mythology-Greek-Fantasy-LGBTQIA-Romance-Inclusivity**



90. All That Impossible Space (Anna Morgan) \$19.99 \$15.99

15-year-old Lara Laylor feels like supporting character in her own life. She's Ashley's best friend, she's Hannah's sister-she's never just Lara. When new history teacher Mr. Grant gives her an unusual assignment: investigating the mystery of the Somerton Man. Found dead in on an Adelaide beach in 1948, a half-smoked cigarette still in his mouth and the labels cut out of his clothes, the Somerton Man has intrigued people for years. Year 10 has plenty of mysteries of its own: boys, drama queen friends, and enigmatic new students. Interspersed with fictionalised snapshots of the Somerton Man investigation, ALL THAT IMPOSSIBLE SPACE is a coming of age novel exploring toxic friendships and the balance of power between teacher and student. **Ages 14+ Mystery-Crime**



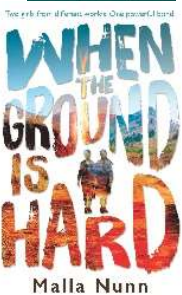
91. Promise Me Happy (Robert Newton) \$17.99 \$14.39

I don't know if it's possible for people to change, not really. The way you're made up, the important stuff, I reckon you're born with that . . . when it matters, when it really matters, we are who we are. Nate's had it tough. An abusive father. His mother dead. He's done things he regrets. But he's never met anyone like Gem. She's a tiny piece of wonderful and she'll change everything he knows about himself. Is this the beginning of happiness? Or is there more hardship around the corner? **Ages 14+ Domestic Violence-Death/Bereavement-Family Unit-Loss-Relationships-Hardship-Fate**



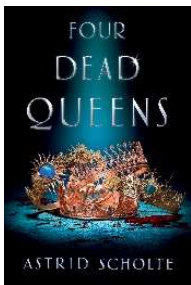
92. Angel Mage (Garth Nix) \$24.99 \$19.99

The icon-maker and angel-summoner Liliath, long believed dead, has woken from her century-long sleep to pick up the threads of a plan that has already destroyed one kingdom and may yet destroy another. To succeed, Liliath must bring together Agnez the musketeer; Simeon the doctor; Dorotea the mage; and Henri, one of the Cardinal's clerks, and take them into utmost danger...**Ages 14+ Fantasy**



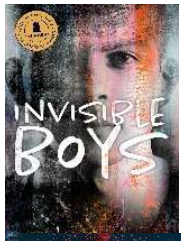
93. When The Ground is Hard (Malla Nunn) \$19.99 \$15.99

Adele loves being one of the popular girls at Keziah Christian Academy. She knows the upcoming semester at school will be great with her best friend Delia at her side. Then Delia dumps her for a new girl with more money, and Adele is forced to share a room with Lottie, the school pariah, who doesn't pray and defies teachers' orders. As they share a copy of Jane Eyre, Lottie's gruff exterior and honesty grow on Adele, and together they take on bullies and protect each other from the vindictive and prejudiced teachers. When a boy goes missing on campus, Adele and Lottie must work together to solve the mystery, in the process learn the true meaning of friendship. **Ages 13+ Prejudice-Racism-Apartheid-Feminism-Friendship**



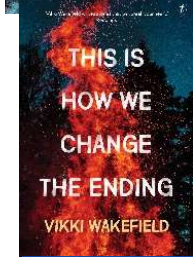
94. Four Dead Queens (Astrid Scholte) \$19.99 \$15.99

Seventeen-year-old Keralie Corrington is one of Quadara's most skilled thieves, but when she steals an unexpectedly valuable package from a messenger she is soon entangled in a conspiracy that leads to all four of Quadara's queens being murdered. With no other choices and on the run from her former employer, Keralie teams up with Varin Bollt, the Eonist messenger she stole from, and together they race to discover who has killed the queens. But when dark secrets threaten their reluctant partnership and put everything at stake, Keralie and Varin must use all their daring to stay alive and untangle the mysteries behind the nation's four dead queens. **Ages 14+ Fantasy-Adventure-Mystery**



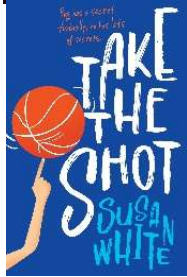
95. Invisible Boys (Holly Sheppard) \$19.99 \$15.99

On the surface, nerd Zeke, punk Charlie and footy wannabe Hammer look like they have nothing in common. But scratch that surface and you'd find three boys in the throes of coming to terms with their homosexuality in a town where it is invisible. Invisible Boys is a raw, confronting YA novel that explores the complexities and trauma of rural gay identity with painful honesty, devastating consequences and, ultimately, hope. **Ages 16+ Identity-Sexuality-Suicide-Mental Health-LGTBQIA**



96. This Is How we Change the Ending (Vikki Wakefield) \$19.99 \$15.99

Sixteen-year-old Nate McKee is doing his best to be invisible. He's worried about a lot of things-how his dad treats Nance and his twin half-brothers; the hydro crop growing in his bedroom; the way his friend Merrick always drags him into fights. And he has never forgiven his mother for leaving. But none of it is his fight, right? He's just waiting for his time. Nate hangs out at YouthWorks, the local youth centre threatened with closure, and fills his notebooks with the things he can't say. But when some of his pages are stolen and his words are graffitied on the wall of the centre, Nate realises he has allies. He might be able to make a difference, change his life, and claim his future. Or can he? **Ages 15+ Coming Of Age-Family-Friendship-Relationships**



97. Take the Shot (Sue White) \$16.99 \$13.59

Bug has a secret. Actually, he has a lot of secrets. By this point, Bug's secrets have secrets. Like... Number one: he's formed a basketball team at his new school based on a giant lie. Number two: his parents don't know he's playing basketball again. Number three: his new teammates have no idea he isn't allowed to play, and they definitely don't know why. Bug will do anything to keep his secrets, keep his new team and keep his life from falling apart. Because no one can know the biggest secret of all: Bug risks his life every time he steps out onto the basketball court. A hilarious book about basketball, friendship, growing up, family drama and a rare genetic disorder called Marfan Syndrome. **Ages 13+ Sport-Basketball-Growing Up-Family Unit-Drama**



98. Impossible Music (Sean Williams) \$19.99 \$15.99

Music is Simon's life - which is why he is devastated when a ministroke obliterates his hearing. He resists attempts to help him adjust to his new state, refusing to be counselled, refusing to learn sign language, refusing to have anything to do with Deaf culture. Refusing, that is, until he meets G, a tough-as-nails girl dealing with her own newly experienced hearing loss. In an emotionally compelling tale crackling with originality, Simon's quest to create an entirely new form of music forces him into a deeper understanding of his relationship to the hearing world, of himself, and of the girl he meets along the way. **Ages 14+ Disability-Deafness-Hearing Impairment-Music-Identity-Love-Loss**

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