BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS (1-6)

(in Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

Intended for independent younger readers

1. Rockhopping (Trace Balla) $24.99 $19.99
The story of an eventful hike in Gariwerd (the Grampians), from the creator of the multi award-winning Rivertime. Join Clancy and Uncle Egg on a rambling, rockhopping adventure in Gariwerd (the Grampians), to find the source of the Glenelg River. A story about following your flow, and the unexpected places you may go. Ages 6+

2. Within These Walls (Robyn Bavati) $16.99 $13.59
Whatever is coming, we’ll face it together, as a family. As long as we’re together, we’ll be okay. For Miri and her family, life in Warsaw is full of simple joys. But the Nazi’s have a hold on Europe, and have stepped up their discrimination and attacks on Jews. How can Miri’s family stay together, when the invading Nazis come to destroy them? Miri’s world closes in on her, as she and her family are forced into the ghetto, where they must try to survive, against impossible odds. Ages 11+

3. Most Magical Girl, A (Karen Foxlee) $19.99 $15.99
Annabel Grey has been brought up to be a very proper Victorian young lady. But being ‘proper’ isn’t always easy - especially when you can sometimes see marvellous (as well as terrifying) things in puddles. But parlor tricks such as these are nothing compared to the world that Annabel is about to enter... Magical machines, wizards, witches, mysterious underwaterds, a race against time - and two most magical girls. Hardback Ages 9+

4. Dragonfly Song (Wendy Orr) $16.99 $13.59
Abandoned by the priestess of the island at birth, Aissa is an outcast, surviving by her wits - until she joins the acrobatic bull dancers who are sent away to compete on the island of the Bull King. A gripping and powerful adventure by acclaimed author Wendy Orr. Ages 11+

5. Mrs Whilam (Bruce Pascoe) $16.99 $13.59
Marnie Clark of Curdie Vale can ride but she doesn’t have a horse. She dreams of owning one and having the whole world to ride it in. Before too long Marnie is gifted Mrs Margaret Maggie Whilam, a beautiful, big Clydesdale bold, fearless and able to jump anything. From the very first ride, Marnie and Maggie get more adventure than they bargained for. Soon Marnie is learning to negotiate newfound friendships, pony club and how to stand up for what she believes in. Will her friendship with George Costa, another outsider, make being accepted harder? Or will being true to yourself be the hardest decision Marnie makes? Ages 11+

6. Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade (Kate Temple and Jon Foye) $12.99 $10.39
Jimmy Cook is finding History Week a bit boring until Ms Fennel starts banging on about Captain Cook. Then - bingo! Turns out he and Captain Cook have a lot in common. Here are three of the big ones: they are both named James Cook; they are both great explorers; and they both look great in a tricorn hat. Ages 7+

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At Canteen Creek where we live, there are cheeky dogs everywhere. But when the cheeky goats, donkeys, buffaloes and camels make mischief in the camp, the dogs just lie there - until those pesky animals really go too far. Then the cheeky camp dogs roar into action!

8. All I Want For Christmas is Rain (Cori Brooke and Megan Forward)  $24.99 $19.99
An Australian Christmas is threatened when drought takes hold. A little girl has only one wish for rain. Will her wish come true?

An adventurous young wombat finds his way around a winter landscape before snuggling back into his own cozy burrow. Snow on the stockman’s hut. Snow on the cows. Snow on the woollybutt. Snow on my NOSE! It’s a big journey through the snow for a little wombat, meeting animals, birds and people along the way...but there’s no place like home! A heartwarming story set in the Australian High Country.

Nannie lives on a farm with rolling hills, a muddy creek, and lots of animals. But what Nannie loves most is when her family comes to stay.

11. Chip (Kylie Howarth)  $16.99 $13.59
Chip, like most other gulls, is wild about chips. He likes fat chips, skinny chips, sandy or crunchy or soggy chips. But, most of all, he loves Joe’s chips from Joe’s Chip Van beside the sea. Chip, like most other gulls, can be a little intrusive on his search for chips. So, one day, Joe erects a sign near his van warning people not to feed the seagulls. Chip is devastated, so he plans a way to get back into Joe’s good books, thus gaining access once more to his favourite food.

Any bird can find adventure. Even Gary. Gary the pigeon can’t fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.

Dad came home one day with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. But Dad didn’t take photos of the regular things people photograph...A Poignant story about love, loss and legacy: one son, one family, one photo.

At the end of the 23rd Century, Earth can no longer support wildlife. The warnings have been ignored. As many Earth species begin to disappear, a new form of life emerges as clever human designers create robotic creatures in a nostalgic link to the past. Collectors and sanctuaries across the globe collect and display these Mechanica for the general public’s enjoyment. But something goes terribly wrong. This beautiful picture book, created by Australian illustrator and author Lance Balchin, is an encyclopedia of Mechanica creatures with a strong steampunk style and fictional narrative.

Francie and her mum, who is expecting a baby girl, are driving home from Grandma’s in the heavy rain. When they’re still far from home, they stop for a picnic. And as the car steams up, Francie presses her little finger on the window, spelling out “Daddy” and “Mummy” and leaving one space free, ready and waiting for the name of her soon-to-be sister...A beautifully observed celebration of the way inspiration can, and often does happen in the most ordinary and unlikely of places.

When a grieving brother sets out to find his lost sibling, his quest takes him on an ethereal journey across land and sea – to fantastic, floating cities, and mediaeval towns full of dark alleyways and winding staircases – to vast open grasslands and eerie, silent forests – until eventually he arrives in a place of timeless beauty and light. My Brother is a metaphorical picture book story for older children that looks at loss and grief from a sibling’s perspective.

17. Patchwork Bike, The (Maxine Beneba Clarke and Van T Rudd)  $26.99 $21.59
When you live in a village at the edge of the No-Go Desert, you need to make your own fun. That’s when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items. You can even make a number plate from bark, if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for going bumpity-bump over sandhills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home!

I’m called an asylum seeker, but that’s not my name. A little girl and her mother have fled their homeland, making the long and treacherous journey by boat to seek asylum. Timely, powerful and moving, Out celebrates the triumph of the human spirit in the darkest times, and the many paths people take to build a new life.
EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

In Alphabetical Order by Author

Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years (some books may be for mature readers, please note recommendations)

19. Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C (Maree Coote)  
A brand new take on Typographic Design creates unique Letter Art pictures. Every image is made with the letters that spell its very name. Features famous faces, places and things from all around the world, plus famous people and places both in Melbourne and Australia. (RRP) (SCHOOL) $39.95 $31.96

20. A-Z of Endangered Animals (Jennifer Cossins)  
On this journey through the alphabet you will encounter some of the world’s most beautiful, rare, and endangered animals, from the majestic Amur Tiger of the Siberian plains, to the shy Zebra Duiker in the rainforests of Africa. $25.00 $20.00

21. Gigantic Book of Genes, The (Lorna Hendry)  
Genes are the blueprint for life. They are found inside all of the living organisms, and are responsible for how a plant or animal looks and grows. Welcome to the gigantic book of genes! $27.99 $22.39

22. Fabish: The Horse that Braved a Bushfire (Neridah McMullin and Andrew McLean)  
A powerful and beautifully illustrated picture book based on the true story of a heroic horse called Fabish, who saved a group of young horses during the Black Saturday bushfires. $24.99 $19.99

23. Amazing Animals of Australia’s National Parks (Gina Newton)  
This book brings together 55 national parks, selected across all Australian states and territories, and over 120 animals. It is divided into seven sections according to habitat, each including a number of national parks and a selection of the fish, reptiles, frogs, birds and mammals that inhabit them. Each animal has its own page, which has a stunning colour photograph of the species, a map of its distribution range, its conservation status and scientific information about the species. $29.99 $23.99

24. William Bligh: A Stormy Story of Tempestuous Times (Michael Sedunary and Bern Emmerichs)  
This title unpeels the layers of some of the most incredible circumstances in Australia’s colonial history. Some people may have heard of the famous mutiny on the bounty; others may have heard of the rum rebellion coup; but the details in and around these events are largely unknown and truly extraordinary. This is precisely what the latest book reveals. $19.95 $15.96

BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS (25-31)

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25. Waer (Meg Caddy)  
When Lowell Sencha finds the strange girl lying as if dead on the riverbank, he is startled to find that she is like them: waer. Human, but able to assume the form of a wolf. The Sencha family’s small community has kept itself sequestered and unnoticed, free from persecution. The arrival of a fellow traveler, and a hunted one at that, threatens their very survival. Sure enough, the soldiers of the blood-purist Daeman Leilch soon descend on the village searching for her, burning and slaughtering. Lowell and the mysterious stranger are among the few to escape. And now they must find their way to the city of Luthan where, she says, they will find people to help them bring down Daeman Leilch. If she can persuade them not to kill her. Ages 14+

26. Bone Sparrow, The (Zana Fraillon)  
Subhi is a refugee. Born in an Australian permanent detention centre after his mother fled the violence of a distant homeland. As he grows, his imagination gets bigger too, until it is bursting at the limits of his world. The Night Sea brings him gifts, the faraway whales sing to him, and the birds tell their stories. The most vivid story of all arrives one night in the form of Jimmie, a scruffy, impatient girl who appears from the other side of the wires, and brings a notebook written by the mother she lost. Unable to read it, she relies on Subhi to unravel her own family’s love songs and tragedies. Subhi and Jimmie might both find a way to freedom, as their tales unfold. But not until each of them has been braver than ever before. Ages 12+

27. Yellow (Megan Jacobson)  
If fourteen-year-old Kirra is having a mid-life crisis now then it doesn’t bode well for her life expectancy. Her so-called friends bully her, whatever semblance of a mother she had has been drowned at the bottom of a gin bottle ever since her dad left them for another woman, and now a teenage ghost is speaking to her through a broken phone booth. Kirra and the ghost make a pact. She’ll prove who murdered him almost twenty years ago if he makes her popular, gets her parents back together, and he promises not to haunt her. Ages 14+

28. Frankie (Shivaun Plozza)  
Frankie Vega is angry. Just ask the guy whose nose she broke. Or the cop investigating the burglary she witnessed, or her cheating ex-boyfriend or her aunt who’s tired of giving second chances... When a kid shows up claiming to be Frankie’s half brother, it opens up a whole world to her. Ages 14+

29. One Would Think the Deep (Claire Zorn)  
Sam has always had things going on in his head that no one else understands, even his Mum. And now she’s dead, it’s worse than ever. With nothing but his skateboard and a few belongings in a garbage bag, Sam goes to live with the strangest of friends, his Mum cut ties with seven years ago: Aunty Lorraine and her cousins Shane and Minty. Despite the suspicion and hostility emanating from their fibro shack, Sam reverts to his childhood habit of following Minty around and is soon surfing with Minty to cut through the static fuzz in his head. But as the days slowly meld into one another, and ghosts from the past reappear, Sam has to make the ultimate decision … will he sink or will he swim. Ages 14+

30. Zart Art Book Week Ideas – Escape to Everywhere (Compilation)  
Activities based on 2017 Book Week theme, Early Childhood and Picture Books. Activities are designed for individual works, as well as for class, libraries and whole school displays. $45.95 $37.95

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32. Cybertricks (Goldie Alexander)  
It is the year 21,043 AD. Pya, Zumie, Jafet and Trist – known as the Hatchlings-live in tiny Cells, are cared for by the computerized robot ComCen, and can only communicate via their avatars. When a group of city boys comes to the village as part of a Communist Party re-education program, Pya and his friends aren’t sure what to make of the new arrivals. Ming befriends a charming city boy called Li. The two couldn’t be more different, but slowly they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams...But as the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll on both boys, they begin to imagine the impossible: freedom. 

33. Family With Two Front Doors, The (Anna Ciddor)  
$14.99 $13.50
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34. Magrit (Lee Battersby and Amy Daoud)  
Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery. She is as forgotten as the tiny graveyard that surrounds her. One night a passing stork drops a strange bundle into the graveyard. Master Puppet, her friend and advisor, tells her it is an awful, obey, terrible thing and that she should get rid of it. But Magrit has other ideas. 

35. Yong: The Journey of an Unwanted Son (Janeen Brian)  
$16.99 $15.30
Yong doesn't want to leave Guangdong to travel to the goldfields of Ballarat. But as the firstborn son, he has no choice. On the long and treacherous journey, Yong strives to be an honourable son, while he and his father face many hardships and dangers. But in his heart he knows the shameful truth - that his honour is a lie. Can a journey change lives? Has Yong the courage to face what lies ahead? 

36. Freedom Swimmer (Wai Chim)  
$16.99 $15.30
Ming survived the famine that killed his parents during China’s ‘Great Leap Forward’, and lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields...When a group of city boys comes to the village as part of a Communist Party re-education program, Ming and his friends aren’t sure what to make of the new arrivals. Ming befriends a charming city boy called Li. The two couldn’t be more different, but slowly they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams...But as the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll on both boys, they begin to imagine the impossible: freedom. 

37. Pearl-Shell Diver: A Story Of Adventure (Kay Crabbe)  
$16.99 $15.30
It is the year 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. With his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearl diving, thirteen-year-old Sario must go to work as a swimming diver to support the family. He can earn more as a pump diver, and he is excited by the idea of walking on the sea floor, but the competition is fierce, and the only captain who will take him on runs the worst outfit in the fleet. With the constant danger of shark attack and the storm of the century approaching, can Sario provide for his family and realise his dream? 

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39. Wicked’s Way (Anna Fienberg)  
$16.99 $15.30
Will could walk a tightrope and juggle bananas as he went. ‘One day you’ll be the star of a circus,’ his mother told him. ‘But until then, you must be a secret.’ For each year pirates came to the islands to steal young boys for their crew. And if that happened to you, well, you may as well kiss your life goodbye. So what’s a young lad to do when his mother disappears and pirates arrive at his door? Will takes courage from a crazy truth-telling parrot, and his mother’s advice: ‘Keep putting one foot in front of the other and your eyes on the prize.’ But will this be enough to survive the perils at sea? 

40. Fizz and the Police Dog Tryouts (Lesley Gibbes)  
$12.99 $11.70
Meet Fizz - the daring dog detective! Fizz wants to be a police dog. He’s brave, clever and super-fast, but Fizz doesn’t look like a police dog. His family are show dogs and companion dogs, not working dogs. Fizz longs for adventure, and he’s determined to try out at the Sunnyvale City Police Station. There, he is the smallest, fluffiest dog in the line-up, and he meets fierce Amadeus, who definitely wants to be top dog. 

41. Toad Delight (Morris Gleitzman)  
$16.99 $15.30
Desperate to save his family from ending up on his stack of squashed relatives, Limpy takes his quest to the airwaves. When a TV cooking show kidnaps Gollath to be their main ingredient, Limpy sets out to rescue him and ends up on camera himself. Can Limpy use his 15 minutes of fame to get humans to lay off the cane-toad squashing? Or will that be a recipe for disaster? 

42. Iris and the Tiger (Leanne Hall)  
$16.99 $15.30
Twelve-year-old Iris has been sent to Spain on a mission: to make sure her elderly and unusual aunt, Ursula, leaves her fortune – and her sprawling estate – to Iris’s scheming parents. But from the moment Iris arrives at Bosque de Nubes, she realises something isn’t quite right. Just what is Aunt Ursula hiding? But when Iris discovers a painting of the original family, she sets out to uncover the animal’s real identity – putting her life in terrible danger. 

43. Daystar: The Days Are Numbered (Anne Hamilton)  
$17.99 $16.20
For centuries, the knights, dukes, duchesses and war lords burning villages in their quest to rule the northern kingdoms. After an assassin strikes in a bazaar, Jahani discovers her life is not as it seems. Before long, she is fleeing with her mysterious protector Azhar. Will their journey to the Gurnaqrrom Mountains lead Jahani to danger or to her destiny? 

44. Tales from Jahani #1: Daughter of Nomads (Rosanne Hawke)  
$16.95 $15.26
First moon of summer, 1662: Fourteen-year-old Jahani lives peacefully in the village of Sherwan. But havock is brewing in the Mughal Empire with tyrants and war lords burning villages in their quest to rule the northern kingdoms. After an assassin strikes in a bazaar, Jahani discovers her life is not as it seems. Before long, she is fleeing with her mysterious protector Azhar. Will their journey to the Gurnaqrrom Mountains lead Jahani to danger or to her destiny? 

45. Lily in the Mirror (Paula Hayes)  
$14.99 $13.50
"With a new friend who needs her help, and an older brother who needs to get a life, Lily will require all eleven fingers on her hands," says her mother. "Will she succeed? Will her brother turn his life around? Will Lily find her family again? The answers are waiting, not only for Lily, but for you too..."

46. Fail Safe, The (Jack Heath)  
$16.99 $15.30
Everyone seems to know who Fero is - except Fero. Is he a ruthless boy soldier from Besmar, or an innocent teen recruit from Kama? He’s running out of time to decide. If he doesn’t help a renegade spy steal a politician’s briefcase, his two countries could end up in a full blown nuclear war - the kind that no one wins...
47. Unforgettable What's His Name, The (Paul Jennings)  
Now you see him, now you don't - an action-packed adventure about a boy who just wants to blend in, from a bestselling author/illustrator team. Even before all this happened I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen among the bums, no one could find me. ‘Where’s What’s His Name?’ The boys would say. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But on the second day I changed. I mean, really changed. Ages 7+

48. Theophilus Grey #2: Theophilus Grey and The Trader's Mask (Catherine Jinks)  
In eighteenth-century London, twelve-year-old linkboy Philo Grey has spent most of his childhood out on the streets, collecting information to sell. But he sees no good money for intelligence about the Jacobite’s, who are plotting to overthrow King George. But spying on the Jacobite’s is a dangerous business - especially when Philo becomes the target of a rival gang of linkboys. Ages 11+

49. When the Lyrebird Calls (Kim Kane)  
A time-slip novel in which Madeleine finds herself transported back to 1900 Australia, where she befriends a family of girls and is witness to a family secret and a family tragedy. When Madeleine is shipped off to stay with her eccentric grandmother for the holidays, she expects the usual: politics, early-morning yoga, extreme health food, and a good deal of hard work. Instead, Madeleine tumbles back in time to 1900, where the wealthy Williamson family takes her home, Lyrebird Muse. Ages 11+

50. Ruby Wishfingers: Skydancer's Escape (Deborah Kelly and Leigh Hedstrom)  
Ruby Wishfingers is an ordinary girl with an extraordinary name. Only nobody else seems to think so. That is until Ruby Wishfingers wakes up with a strange feeling in the tips of her fingers. She soon finds out that there is far more to being a Wishfingers than having a funny name. Ruby can wish for whatever she wants with her wish fingers. However, she soon realises that they create more trouble than good. Ages 6+

51. Ruby Red Shoes Goes to London (Kate Knapp)  
The third book in the best-selling RUBY RED SHOES series Ruby and her grandmother love to travel and now they are in London, the home of red buses, red telephone boxes and red letter boxes. No wonder Ruby’s red shoes feel especially at home in this wonderful city! Ages 5+

52. Elizabeth and Zenobia (Jessica Miller)  
Timid Elizabeth and her unusual and fearless friend Zenobia arrive at Witheringe House, the old manor where Elizabeth’s father and her beloved sister Tourmaline lived as children. Zenobia loves it: she’s convinced it’s haunted and is eager to make contact with a spirit presence. Elizabeth is relieved when her efforts seem to come to nothing. But strange things begin to happen at Witheringe House, especially in the East Wing. Why do the flowers and vines on the wallpaper in the nursery seem to be alive? Could it have something to do with the strange book that tells a different story after midnight? And what really happened to Tourmaline all those years ago? Ages 11+

53. Lost Sapphire, The (Belinda Murrell)  
Marli is staying with her dad in Melbourne, and missing her friends. Then she discovers a mystery – a crumbling, abandoned mansion is to be returned to her family after ninety years. Marli sneaks into the locked garden to explore, and meets Luca, a boy who has his own connection to Riversleigh. A peacock hatbox, a box camera and a key on a velvet ribbon provide clues to what happened long ago… Ages 11+

54. Twins of Tintarfell (James O’Loughlin)  
Life’s hard when you’re an orphan stuck working in a castle all day. But it doesn’t get any easier for twins Dani and Bart when they end up separated beyond the castle walls. They will meet untold dangers and an assortment of bizarre characters - a retired witch, a cowardly prince, an evil magician, a sarcastic giant and a warthog called Flango (that’s just for starters)! - while trying to save not just each other but Tintarfell itself. But who can they really trust? Ages 10+

55. Ellyse Perry #1: Pocket Rocket (Ellyse Perry)  
All Ellyse wants to do is play sport. Cricket, soccer, touch footy, athletics – you name it! But now that she’s in high school, playing sport and having fun doesn’t seem so simple. For starters, there’s more homework, and a mix-up with her electives has her stuck with debating! Will Ellyse be able to handle the challenges of high school and still find time for all her sports? Ages 9+

56. Other Christy, The (Oliver Phommavanh)  
For the last two years, Christy, Ug has been in the same class as the loud-mouthed Christie Owens - and now it’s 3rd time unlucky in 6C. Christie Owens is the popular one so everybody calls Christy Ug, the Other Christy. She moved from Cambodia in Year 4 and is still a loner at school. Christie’s one solace is baking with her Auntie who suggests they bake a cake for Christy to share with her on her birthday. Maybe a sweet treat can win them over and Christy might find a friend. She just didn’t expect it to be Christie. When Christie is ditched by her besties, the two girls who share a name strike an unlikely friendship. Will the two girls ever have more in common than just their name? Ages 10+

57. Stella Montgomery Intrigue #2: Wormwood Mire (Judith Rossell)  
When Stella Montgomery returned to the Hotel Majestic she found herself stumped upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, along with a bunch of shady characters. Artie and Bumshoe’s attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie. It’s a sticky situation and especially at home in this wonderful city! A boy who has his own connection to Riversleigh. A peacock hatbox, a box camera and a key on a velvet ribbon provide clues to what happened long ago… Ages 11+

58. Artie and the Grime Wave (Richard Roxburgh)  
Artie and his best friend Bumshoe have stumbled upon a Cave-of-Possibly-Stolen-Stuff, along with a bunch of shady characters. Artie and Bumshoe’s attempt to solve the mystery sparks a chaotic chain of events that involves kidnapping, puppy-dog cutlets, modern art and pioneering the sport of the bungee-wedgie. It’s a sticky situation and especially at home in this wonderful city! Ages 9+

59. Lizzie and Margaret Rose (Pamela Rushby)  
London, 1940. Bombs are falling and 10-year-old Margaret Rose survives a deadly raid, but her family home is destroyed. In faraway Townsville in Queensland, her aunt is ready to take her in, although her 11-year-old cousin Lizzie is not so sure. But first there is a long and dangerous voyage to a strange country, also at war. Margaret Rose knows it’s not going to be easy, and Lizzie is not about to make it any easier. Ages 10+

60. Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy: Shoot-Out at the Rock (Jane Smith and Pat Kan)  
Tommy Bell has been sent to work on his grandparents’ farm for the school holidays. He doesn’t want to go, but when he discovers an old bushranger’s hat hidden in a cave, everything changes. Suddenly he is sent back to the gold rush days and finds himself face-to-face with the bushranger Captain Thunderbolt! At first, the life of a bushranger seems full of thrills and adventure. But Tommy soon learns that it is full of danger as well… Ages 7+

61. What’s in a Name (Myles Walsh and Pitcha Makin Fellas)  
The story is about how the Anglicised name of author came to his family. The story is also about how the author’s family history has many bits and pieces that are not known to him or his other family members. This is one attempt to find those missing pieces.
62. Secrets We Keep, The (Nova Weetman)

I don’t know if you’ve ever seen a house burn, but it’s not like anything else... Clem Timmins has lost it all – her house, possessions and clothes. Now living in a tiny flat with her dad, she has to go to a new school far from what she knows. On her first day, Clem meets Ellie. To fit in, Clem reveals a secret and immediately regrets sharing too much with her new friend. How can Clem face everything in her life when all she wants to do is run away? Ages 11+

63. Squishy Taylor and the Bonus Sisters (Alissa Wild and Ben Wood)

Sita ‘Squishy’ Taylor is a cheeky, sneaky 11-year-old who lives with her dad and step-family in a very crowded apartment. Luckily for Squishy, their building is huge – and there are always plenty of mysteries to investigate! Like... Why does Squishy have to share everything with her new step-sisters? Why is her next-door neighbour the crankiest man in the world? Why are green jelly snakes the yummiest? Who’s that hiding in the basement? Ages 6+

64. Shark Caller, The (Dianne Wolfer)

Isabel is on a plane heading back to her island birthplace in Papua New Guinea. Izzy is looking forward to seeing her family again, but there’s another reason for the trip. Izzy’s twin brother, Ray, died in a freak diving accident, and Izzy and her mum are taking his ashes home for traditional death ceremonies. After they arrive, Izzy realises things have changed since their last visit. Logging threatens the community’s way of life and sharks no longer answer the song of the shark callers. Ages 12+

65. Zelda’s Big Adventure (Marie Alafaci and Shane McGowan)

A very funny story with an endearing and resourceful main character determined to live her dream of being the first chook in space. Zelda has big plans - she wants to be the first chook in space. She leaves nothing to chance and packs food, fuel and a cosy nesting box. But will she make it without the help of her friends? Great fun to read aloud, this wonderfully illustrated story shows that for a plucky chook like Zelda, the sky is never the limit.

66. Oh, Albert! (Davina Bell and Sara Acton)

Following a week in the life of a busy family, the story as much a celebration of contemporary Australian domestic life as it is the story of a greedy but loveable family pet. Many children will recognise the rhythms of their own families in the busy chaos of this household’s routine, where the days of the week correspond to extracurricular activities. At its heart, this is the story of the strong bond of love that children share with animals, and the unifying role that pets play in family life.

67. Where Is Bear? (Jonathan Bentley)

Where is bear? Where can he be? No one goes to bed without their faithful bear. But this irresistible story has a surprise in store!

68. Pig the Winner (Aaron Blabey)

Pig was a pug and I’m sorry to say if he didn’t come first it would ruin his day. Won’t he ever learn? Pig, the world’s greediest Pug, won’t play fair. He’ll do anything to win!

69. Little Chicken Chickabee (Janeen Brian and Danny Snell)

Finally, the day has arrived! Four beautiful eggs hatch and four delightfully fluffy chickens emerge. One little chicken quickly realises she’s different, but not sure why. In a quest to find answers and hopefully a friend, she sets off to explore the farm. A picture book which focuses on differences, perseverance, problem solving and ultimately friendship.

70. 12th Dog, The (Charlotte Calder and Tom Jellett)

Can a dog play cricket? You bet! A raucous celebration of backyard cricket – and the family dog. In the summer holidays, a game of backyard cricket brings the whole neighbourhood together, and no one loves the game more than Arlo the dog. He’s the fastest fielder there is, but there’s a big problem: he never gives up the ball! Forced to watch from the sidelines, Arlo is determined to get back on the team - he just needs to prove that he is a great cricketer after all.

71. Cat Wants Custard, The (P Crumble and Lucinda Gifford)

Meet Kevin, the opinionated feline who is full of cat-titude. Kevin has a craving. He wants custard, and he wants it NOW! Follow the hilarious antics of a cat trying to get its human companion to give him what he wants, including the extreme length of using his own body to spell the word CUSTARD! Will he succeed?

72. Ducks Away (Mem Fox and Judy Horacek)

Five little ducks went out one day... over the bridge, and away! Five little ducks went out one day... over the bridge, and away!

73. Little Bear’s First Sleep (Lesley Gibbes and Lisa Stewart)

It was time for Little Bear’s first winter sleep. “All bears sleep through winter,” said Little Bear’s mother. “And we won’t wake until spring,” said Little Bear’s father. “It’s a big, big sleep.” Little Bear is in the cave with his mother and father, who have settled down for their big winter sleep. But Little Bear has a problem - he can’t get to sleep! He struggles and squirms and softly strokes his ear. Will Little Bear be able to get to sleep before springtime?

74. Bear Make Den (Jane Goodwin and Andrew Joyner)

Bear is great with his hands, but not so smart when it comes to relationships. If he fixes up his den, will everything else follow? Bear loves to get things done. He can make just about anything! He even builds a wonderful den. But something is missing. What could it be? From this talented trio comes a warm, playful picture book about what truly makes a home.

75. Bird and Bear and the Special Day (Ann James)

Bird and Bear are the best of friends. It’s Bird’s birthday and she has a very special day planned - they are going to the park. This early learning picture book looks at opposites, shadowplay, and friendship. A beautiful follow-up picture book to Bird and Bear by award-winning illustrator Ann James.
CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD (65-88)

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

76. Hello Little Babies (Alison Lester)  
From the bestselling author of KISSED BY THE MOON and IMAGINE comes a book to be cherished by children and parents everywhere. Hello little babies. Welcome to the world. From the precious early days of a baby’s life to those first tentative steps, so much changes over a year ... A warm and tender picture book for families everywhere.

77. Smile, Cry: Happy or Sad (Tania McCartney and Jess Racklyeft)  
An innovative flip-format picture book for young kids that explores their emotions. Follow three cute characters as they react to a variety of events from everyday life. Young kids will respond to the whimsical illustrations, while older readers will learn more about their emotional range, how we can cry with happiness or smile with trepidation.

78. Dream Little One, Dream (Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymullina)  
With every breath of wind and earth breathes a breath of deepest night dream, join one, dream into the peaceful world. From sunrise to nighttime, celebrate the wonders of nature with this rhythmic and radiant bedtime story.

79. Joey Counts To Ten (Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymullina)  
Watch, listen and count! Experience the rhythm of life in the bush as Joey and his mum go about their day. Bright colourful illustrations are perfect for learning to count, but this is so much more than just a counting book. Find and learn Australian animals. Follow the mood of the weather as the story leads Joey from dawn to startit night.

80. Twig (Aura Parker)  
Heidi is a stick insect, long and thin like the twig of a tree. It’s her first day at Bug School, where she hopes to learn lots and make new friends. But no-one will talk to her... and no-one will play with her at lunch. No-one even notices her! Perhaps she’s blending into the twigs a little too well? Luckily, Miss Orb comes up with a plan to help Heidi stand out.

81. Molly and Mae (Danny Parker and Freya Blackwood)  
Friendship is like a train journey. There are happy moments, boring moments and exciting moments. There is anger and loneliness, and there is forgiveness, and the thread of friendship runs through everything, like rail tracks through the countryside.

82. Agatha and the Dark (Anna Pignataro)  
Agatha is scared of the dark, and George is just making things worse. When Agatha is accidentally locked in a dark room at kindergarten, her body trembles like jelly. How will she ever sleep in her own bed tonight? A story about learning to face your fears.

83. Wild Pa (Claire Saxby and Connnah Brecon)  
Come celebrate the adventurer lurking in every grandad, pop and pa. My Pa is not a quiet Pa, a sit-and-read-the-news Pa. My Pa is a Wild Pa and Wild Pas are lots of fun.

84. Whole Caboodle, The (Lisa Shanahan and Leila Rudge)  
Wakey-wakey Peachy Pear, my fuzzy-wuzzy Grizzly Bear, my tootsy-wootsy Fizzyjig, my hurdie-gurdie Whirliwig! Who shall we see at the park today? A playful pup takes the lead on a stroll to the park, where many new friends will be found!

85. Ten Little Owls Board Book (Renee Treml)  
Nine little dingos howl at the moon... Ten little owls hoot a goodnight tune. What happens around Australia when the sun goes down? The cutest little animals come out to play, of course. Teach your own little critter to count to ten in this beautiful board book featuring baby native animals running, hopping, swimming, eating and playing from dusk to dawn.

86. My Perfect Pup (Sue Walker and Anil Tortop)  
One puppy sits excitedly in a pet shop waiting for the perfect home. Will it be the twins, Milly and Max, or Joe who takes him home?

87. Take Ted Instead (Cassandra Webb and Amanda Francey)  
It’s bedtime for one tired little boy. Why should he go to bed when everyone else in the house is still awake? He has a plan to keep himself wide awake...

88. Together Always (Edwina Wyatt and Lucia Mascuillo)  
What happens when the dearest of friends want to go in different directions? Edwina Wyatt’s perceptive story about individuality tells how friends find ways to be together, even when they are apart. Sensitive and evocative illustrations by award-winning Lucia Mascuillo bring love, bafflement and loneliness to life in this enduring ode to timeless friendship.

CBC NOTABLE BOOKS: PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (89-121)

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

89. Sisters Saint-Claire, The (Carlie Gibson and Tamsin Ainslie)  
This is the tale of the sisters Saint-Claire, Who lived with their parents Odette and Pierre. Harriet, Violet, Beatrice, Minette, And little Cecile, we must not forget! A delightful rhyming tale about five fabulous French mice who love food, fashion and family, and a story about how greatness can come in any size.

90. Desert Lake: The Story of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre (Pamela Freeman and Liz Anelli)  
It’s raining up north and soon everything will change for the desert lake. The dry salt bed of Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre shimmer in the desert heat. But far up north, the rains have come. Water is flooding into empty riverbeds and swirling downstream towards the lake. Soon everything will change. Beautifully written narrative that explores the story of one of Australia’s most amazing phenomenon.

91. Circle (Jeannie Baker)  
This is the story of the little-known Bar-tailed Godwit who, following invisible pathways that have been used for thousands of years, undertakes the longest unbroken migration of any bird, a total of 11,000 kilometres, flying from Australia and New Zealand to their breeding grounds in the Arctic... and back again. Facing hunger and treacherous conditions to reach their destination, their flight is one of bravery, tenacity and strength, and Jeannie’s stunning mixed media collages, inspired first-hand by the spectacular landscapes of Alaska and China, will amaze readers, and take them on an extraordinary visual journey to the corners of our Earth.

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91. Somewhere Else (Gus Gordon) $24.99 $22.50

An irresistible story about a duck called George, the possibility of adventure, and taking risks to realise what you value most. George has no interest in exploring the world. He's far too busy at home baking fine pastries. Or so he tells everyone when they invite him along on their wonderful adventures. But when his friend Pascal digs a little deeper, the real reason George won't leave home is finally revealed.

92. Colours of Australia (Bronwyn Bancroft) $24.99 $22.50

Deep love of country inspires Bronwyn Bancroft's poetry and the richly layered hues of Colours of Australia. Each line speaks a different voice, each image stirs a different mood, and all combine to evoke the miracle of colour with which we are surrounded.

93. Blue Sky, Yellow Kite (Janet A Holmes) $24.99 $22.50

Sometimes we want a thing so much we can't prevent ourselves from taking it. But when a girl steals her friend's beautiful yellow kite, she is swamped with turmoil. A story about desire, guilt and forgiveness.

94. Don't Call Me Bear! (Aaron Blabey)

G'day my name is Warren, and I've got something to share... Just because I'm funny doesn't mean that I'm a bear. Warren the Koala is many things, a marsupial, cute and funny, a bit of a grump, but the one thing he's not is a bear!

95. Hattie Helps Out (Jane Goodwin and Freya Blackwood) $24.99 $22.50

Hattie is the perfect helper. Or so she thinks! An endearing picture book that any child - and parent - will relate to. It's a busy day at Hattie's house. There's a lot to do before Dad's birthday party. Hattie is being very helpful, until it's time for her afternoon nap. Hattie's not even sleepy! But Mama looks tired. Very tired...

96. Something Wonderful (Raewyn Caisley and Karen Blair)

Sam likes to pull things apart and put them back together, and think about how things work. But he is sometimes so busy doing this; he forgets his chores on the family farm. Then one day a coat creates something truly magical... An inspirational story about discovery, invention and the importance of dreams.

97. Fabulous Friend Machine, The (Nick Bland)

Popcorn is, quite simply, the friendliest chicken at Fiddlesticks farm! When she finds a Fabulous Friend Machine in the barn, she sets about making some brand new friends. But behind the screen of the Fabulous Friend Machine, maybe her new friends are not so friendly after all... A cautionary tale from the globally best-selling Nick Bland.

98. Reflection: Remembering Those Who Serve in War (Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg and Robin Cowcher)

This poignant picture book is about remembering those who serve at war. Left! Left! Left! Right! Left! Right! Left! We make our way in the dark. A family journeys through the early morning darkness... A group of young men huddle in a cold muddy trench... Reflection is a powerful tribute to those who have served their country.

99. Captain Sneer the Buccaneer (Penny Morrison and Gabrielle Evans)

ARRR! Captain Sneer and his hardy crew of buccaneers are in for adventure - and a big surprise - in this rollicking rhyming treasure hunt. Ahoy there, me heartsies! Meet CAPTAIN SNEER - a most boastful buccanneer! He's ROUGH and TOUGH, He's BRAVE and BOLD. He SAILS the SEAS in SEARCH of GOLD!

100. Patch from Scratch, A (Megan Forward) $24.99 $19.99

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102. On the River (Ronald Harvey)

Follow the mighty Murray River from the mountains to the sea on an epic journey with Roland Harvey and his pelican friend, in this glorious picture book full of intricate illustrations and fascinating information. Roland Harvey and his new pelican friend are off on an adventure to walk, fish, canoe, raft, windsurf, sail, paddle-steam, houseboat and even fly their way along the Murray River, from its smallest beginnings in the high country to where it meets the sea.

103. Mr Chicken Arriva A Roma (Leigh Hobbs)

‘Welcome to Rome,’ says Mr Chicken’s guide, Federica...'Climb aboard my Vespa and hold on to your hat!' Mr Chicken’s childhood dream is about to begin... Another triumph from the Australian Children’s Laureate, acclaimed creator of Mr Chicken Goes to Paris and Mr Chicken Lands on London...

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105. Blue, the Builders Dog (Jennifer Storer and Andrew Joyner)

Meet Blue, the Builder's Dog. On the construction site, he's part of the team. He guards the tools, signs the concrete slabs and keeps stickybeaks away. But Blue doesn't have a house of his own. The builder has one. The chippie has one. The architect and the big bosses have one. So he decides to quit and build one himself...

106. Welcome to Country (Joy Murphy And Lisa Kennedy)

This is an expansive and generous Welcome to Country from a most respected Elder, Aunty Joy Murphy, beautifully given form by Indigenous artist Lisa Kennedy. Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri People. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee.

107. Soldier, A Dog and a Boy (Libby Hathorn and Phil Lesnie)

A moving story, told completely in dialogue, about a young Australian soldier in the battle of the Somme. Walking through the fields away from the front, he finds what he thinks is a stray dog, and decides to adopt it as a mascot for his company. Then he meets Jacques, the homeless orphan boy who owns the dog. The soldier realises that Jacques needs the dog more - and perhaps needs his help as well.
108. Archie No Ordinary Sloth (Heath McKenzie)  
Archie - No Ordinary Sloth is the story of a little sloth who is very energetic. Archie loves to leap and swing and dance about! However the other sloths eventually tire of his busy antics and ask him to leave. Archie leaves and discovers some new friends who are also different in their own special ways. But Archie still misses his sloth friends. Acting on some sage advice from an elephant, Archie returns home to find his friends in danger. Will his fast-thinking and fast-action ways save them?

109. Melbourne Word by Word (Mike McMahon)  
Word by word, sound by sound, sight by familiar sight, this is a book that evokes the spirit of Melbourne. Take a meander through Melbourne's iconic landmarks and hidden gems, and soak up the distinct Melbourne atmosphere, page by page. No ordinary word-book, and no ordinary city guide. Melbourne Word by Word is the celebration of a city, created by an illustrator who lives and works in the heart of it.

110. Snail and Turtle Rainy Days (Stephen Michael King)  
It's a rainy day and Turtle loves to splash, splash, splash through the puddles. 'Good morning, Snail!' he cries. But Snail doesn't feel like coming out of his shell. Turtle waits patiently and creates a beautiful shelter for his friend from the rainy days. Maybe Snail and the sun will come out tomorrow.

111. Pandamonia (Chris Owen and Chris Nixon)  
When visiting the zoo, whatever you do, don't wake the panda! Join in the fantastic fun as one grumpy panda sets off on a frenzy of wild partying.

112. Crusts (Danny Parker and Matt Ottley)  
Jacob is just one of millions who won't eat their crusts. But he is one in a million when it comes to bright ideas. When tiny creatures from a distant crumbling planet seek Jacob's help, he sets out to do what he can with his big box of uneaten crusts. A story about crusts and intergalactic travel by powerhouse creative duo Danny Parker and Matt Ottley.

113. Spark (Adam Wallace and Andrew Plant)  
I began as a tiny spark in the dry grass. All I wanted was a friend. I found one in the wind, who helped me grow, who helped me fly! In the end, though, was the wind really my friend at all?

114. Smeeck (Ben Redlich)  
Welcome to the world of Smeeck -- a fantastical, piratical adventure on the high seas. Australian author/illustrator Ben Redlich's original and unforgettable illustrations will captivate, amaze and delight readers of all ages.

115. Milo: A Moving Story (Toby Riddle)  
Milo's life is almost entirely unremarkable. He lives in a solid kennel in an okay part of town. Every other day he has a job delivering parcels. Then Milo's life is turned upside down by an argument with his friend Smombo, followed by a strange wild storm that leaves him and his kennel in a precarious place. So begins Milo's surprisingly remarkable journey back to his friends.

116. Dog Lost (Jam Ramage and Brian Simmonds)  
Gary (Leila Rudge)  
Any bird can find adventure. Even Gary. Gary the pigeon can't fly. When his racing pigeon friends head off in their travel basket, Gary stays at home. He organises his scrapbook of travel mementos and dreams about the adventures the other pigeons are having. But when Gary accidentally ends up a very long way from home, he discovers that flying is not the only way to have adventures.

117. Chooks in Dinner Suits: An Oddball Tale of Big Dogs and Little Penguins (Diane Jackson Hill and Craig Smith)  
On a tiny island lives a waddle of Little Penguins. But their numbers are dwindling. Swampy Marsh knows what to do, but no one will listen. Soon he can count the last few penguins on the fingers of one hand. The desperate townsfolk give Swampy, and his friends Max and Mimi, one chance. Will his solution work? Will Swampy save the Little Penguins of Middle Island? A warmly funny account of one man's quest to save a penguin colony, with two very unusual helpers.

118. Stanley (Colin Thompson)  
'it was very quiet in Stanley's house. There were no brothers or sisters, no dads or grannies, not even a cat, a budgie or a goldfish.' Stanley lives with his human, Gerald, and Gerald's mum. Life is peaceful, but sometimes Stanley feels quite lonely ... But then one day another dog steals his favourite red rubber ball at his park, and sets in motion a chain of events that will change Stanley's life forever.

119. Small Things (Mel Tregonning)  
An ordinary boy in an ordinary world... With no words, only illustrations, Small Things tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries, but who learns that help is always close by... A universal story, told simply and with breathtaking beauty, about dealing with sadness, anxiety, depression, heartache or loss, and finding your way in the world.

120. Cyclone (Jackie French and Bruce Whatley)  
Christmas Eve 1974 is marked indelibly into the Australian psyche, as the night tropical Cyclone Tracy devastated the city of Darwin. Now, over 40 years later, Jackie French's lyrical rhyming text tells the story of a city's indomitable spirit, and Bruce Whatley's sumptuous illustrations bring to life the powerful force of the storm to a whole new generation of readers.

121. New Year Surprise (Christopher Cheng and Di Wu)  
Little Brother is told by his brother and his friends that he's too small to help out at the Spring Festival. He's too little to fly a kite and he's not strong enough to hold a dragon pole. But Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be? Follow Little Brother through the village to find out what his special job is.
122. Resource: Stories of Australian Innovation in Wartime
(Andy Adams and Judy Gauld)
$19.99 $17.96
Over the last century, Australians have demonstrated resourcefulness during wartime in many ways, from surviving in harsh environments without specialist equipment, to deceiving the enemy with ingenious plans or inventing new and effective weapons. This book explores examples of Australian wartime innovation, some of which occurred in Australia – in laboratories, offices and homes – and some on the battlefields where Australians have fought.

123. Socks, Sandbags & Leeches: Letters to My Anzac Dad (Pauline Dooe)
$24.99 $22.50
Socks, Sandbags and Leeches is different from most children's books set in the First World War as, rather than telling the story of war experiences from a soldier's point of view, it describes life for the people on the home front and the attitudes towards the involvement of Australia in the war. In the 20 letters, written between 1914 and 1918, Ivy writes to her father, covering a range of topics, and in addition, each letter is accompanied by a highly illustrated spread, giving further information about the topics that Ivy mentions.

124. Boomerang and Bat: Story of the Real First Eleven
(Mark Greenwood and Terry Denton)
$29.99 $27.00
The first Australian cricket team to tour England was a group of Aboriginal stockmen. This is their story. In 1868 a determined team of Aboriginal cricketers set off on a journey across the world to take on England’s best. Led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh, and wearing caps embroidered with a boomerang and a bat, they delighted crowds with their exceptional skill. From the creators of Jandamarra, this is the remarkable story of the real first eleven.

125. Hello! (Tony Flowers)
$24.99 $22.50
Meet 12 Australian friends who can speak different languages. They tell us how to count from 1 to 10, say hello and goodbye and lots of other words in their languages about play, food, hobbies and clothes. The languages are: Chinese, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kaurna, Korean, Lebanese Arabic, Murrinhpatha, Thai and Vietnamese. Illustrated in a cartoon style, the pictures add humour and fun to language learning. Each language and culture is introduced by a child character - and you might spot a koala or two.

126. Nellie Melba: Australia’s Nightingale (Cassy Liberman and Emma Borghesi)
$29.99 $27.00
Nellie Melba: Australia’s Nightingale tells the story of how a young Australian woman overcame hardship, tragedy and other struggles to become one of the greatest international opera singers of all time.

127. ABC Book of Food, The (Helen Martin and Cheryl Orsini)
$24.99 $22.50
A gloriously illustrated non-fiction title, taking children on a journey from the paddock, the orchard, the garden to their own kitchen. A perfect introduction to the world of food - ideal for use in pre-school and kindergarten classrooms. Feeds into the ongoing obsession with farm-to-table and our love of kitchen gardens.

128. Degas: An Art Book for Kids (Kate Ryan)
$14.95 $13.46
Guided by two illustrated characters, Snail and Pigeon, young readers are invited to discover the artist Edgar Degas, and explore the arondisments of Paris where he grew up, lived and sourced inspiration. Featuring gorgeous illustrations, alongside reproductions of Edgar Degas’s work, children are provided with interesting facts about Degas’s artistic techniques and French culture. Each chapter includes imagery of famous Parisian landmarks such as the Louvre, the Palais Garnier - home of the ballet - and the Eiffel Tower, enabling children to take a visual tour of Paris while learning about the relevance to Edgar Degas.

129. Aliens, Ghosts and Vanishings (Stella Taraskson and Richard Morden)
$27.99 $25.20
Have you heard the most bizarre tales from around Australia? Did a UFO drag a family’s car off the road in the middle of the outback? How did rocks rain from the sky in WA? And what became of the prime minister who went into the surf and was never seen again? Explore the strangest tales, most incredible encounters and creepiest urban legends in Australia’s history. Read about the investigations and weigh up the facts – do you believe the official explanations for these weird and wonderful events?
130. Hounded, The (Simon Butters)  
On his fifteenth birthday, Monty is at rock bottom. Ignored by his parents, bullied at school, and with a brain that’s prone to going walkabout, he’s all by himself. Until he meets the black dog for the first time. It’s just like any other dog, except that only Monty can see it. And it talks. And Monty’s not sure whether it’s a friend — or a foe. But the black dog gets him talking to pretty, popular Eliza Robertson for the first time. It takes him to places he’s never been. And eventually it will take him, and the people around him, to the very edge. The Hounded is a book about depression and working out who you really are, from one of Australia’s most prolific children’s television writers. Ages 14+  
$24.99 $22.50

131. My Best Friend is a Goddess (Tara Eglington)  
Emily has been friends with Adriana since Year One, way back when Adriana had a huge gap between her teeth and was super skinny and funny, but the girls are the best of friends and that is the way it has always been. When Adriana’s mother dies, very suddenly, everything changes. Adriana’s father accepts a job in Borneo and the girls spend Year 10 apart. When Adriana returns home, she has gone from awkward to AMAZING and turned into a goddess! MY BEST FRIEND IS A GODDESS is about what happens to a friendship when two girls change — and not just on the outside. Ages 14+  
$19.99 $18.00

132. Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club (Alison Goodman)  
London, April 1812. Lady Helen Wrexhall is set to make her debut at the court of Queen Charlotte and officially step into polite Regency society and the marriage mart. Little does Helen know that step will take her from the opulent drawing rooms of Mayfair and the bright lights of Vauxhall Gardens into a shadowy world of missing housemaids and demonic conspiracies. Against a backdrop of whispered secrets in St James’s Palace, soirees with Lord Byron and morning calls from Beau Brummell, Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club is a delightfully dangerous adventure of self-discovery and dark choices that must be made — whatever the consequences. Ages 15+  
$19.99 $18.00

133. Becoming Aurora (Elizabeth Kasmer)  
Sixteen-year-old Rory is at a crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war, Rory is sentenced to spend her summer at an aged care facility. She’s proud of taking the rap for a crime her gang committed and reading to a feisty old boxing champion isn’t going to change that. But what happens when Rory’s path intersects with migrant boxer Essam’s and she becomes the victim, not the perpetrator? Can she find the courage to face her past and become the girl her dad called Aurora? Ages 14+  
$19.95 $17.96

134. Sidekicks (William Kostakis)  
The Swimmer. The Rebel. The Nerd. All Ryan, Harley and Miles had in common was Isaac. They lived different lives, had different interests and kept different secrets. But they shared the same best friend. They were sidekicks. And now that Isaac’s gone, what does that make them? Will Kostakis, award-winning author of The First Third, perfectly depicts the pain and pleasure of this teenage world, piecing together three points of view with intricate splendour. Ages 14+  
$19.99 $18.00

135. Ocean of the Dead, The (Andrew McGahan)  
The cataclysmic final book in the Ship Kings series. In search of a new world, Dow and Nell must face the final frontier — the treacherous Doldrums. Their journey will be filled with wonders; the rewards could be great — but the cost might be everything, for there are good reasons why none who have sailed the Ocean of the Dead have returned to tell the tale. Ages 13+  
$24.99 $22.50

136. Stars at Oktober Bend, The (Glenda Millard)  
Alice is fifteen, with hair as red as fire and skin as pale as bone, but something inside her is broken. She has acquired brain injury, the result of an assault, and her words come out slow and slurred. She writes poems to express the words she can’t say and leaves them in unexpected places around the town. Manny was once a child soldier. He is sixteen and has lost all his family. He appears to be adapting to his new life in this country, where there is comfort and safety, but at night he runs, barefoot, to escape the memory of his past. When he first sees Alice, she is sitting on the rusty roof of her riverside house, looking like a caving on an old-fashioned ship sailing through the stars. Ages 14+  
$19.99 $18.00

137. Toaster on Mars, A (Darrell Pitt)  
The year is 2509 and Earth is a rather polluted blue dot that suffers from global warming, overpopulation and not enough people using deodorant. Blake Carter, star agent with the Planetary Bureau of Investigation, isn’t having a good day. First he’s beaten up by a bunch of religious zealots, and then he’s assigned a robot—sorry, cyborg—as his new partner. Blake wants to get on with his ex-wife’s calls to tell him his daughter has gone missing. His car keeps crashing and finally, to top things off, the world is held to ransom by his nemesis, evil genius Bartholomew Badde. Ages 13+  
$19.99 $18.00

138. Our Chemical Hearts (Krystal Sutherland)  
Henry Page has never been in love. Henry’s too busy trying to get into a semi-decent college and become editor of his school newspaper, a dream three years in the making. Then he meets Grace Town, the elusive new girl in school, who wears oversized boys’ clothing, walks with a cane, rarely seems to shower, and is hiding crushing secrets. She’s hardly who Henry expected his dream girl to be, but when the two are chosen to edit the paper together, sparks fly. After all this time, Henry’s about to learn firsthand just how devastating the road to first love can be: and that sometimes it’s the detours that end up mattering much more. Ages 14+  
$19.99 $18.00

139. Forgetting Foster (Dianne Touchell)  
Foster Summer is seven years old. He likes toy soldiers, tadpole hunting, going to school and the beach. Best of all, he likes listening to his dad’s stories. But then Foster’s dad starts forgetting things. No one is too worried at first. Foster and Dad giggle about it. But the forgetting gets worse. And suddenly no one is laughing anymore. A heartbreaking story about what it means to forget and to be forgotten. Ages 13+  
$19.99 $18.00

140. Everything is Changed (Naveen Weetman)  
Lifelong friends Jake and Alex are torn apart when they make a terrible split-second decision that ends in tragedy. As guilt closes in on Jake, he becomes increasingly determined to confess to the police. But Alex just wants to move on with life. He’s got a cool new girlfriend, fancy new house and posh new school, and doesn’t want his future to be ruined by a mistake in his past. Told backwards in alternating viewpoints, this gritty novel takes us through the wreckage of a broken friendship, back to the moment when everything changed. Ages 15+  
$19.95 $17.96

141. Invisible War: A Tale on Two Scales – Graphic Novel (Alisa Wild)  
The story takes place on two different physical scales - the macro scale, from the point of view of a Victorian nurse supporting troops in the trenches of the Western Front - and simultaneously on the micro-level, from the point of view of the gut microbes which fight to keep her body alive when she contracts dysentery. This fictional story is based on accurate scientific and historical facts, in consultation with academic experts from Australia, France, UK and the USA. Ages 14+  
$29.99 $27.00
CBC BOOKWEEK THEME: ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE (142-188)

**Books that take you to other worlds and times**

**Books to find your inner bookworm.**

142. Alice in Wonderland (Susie Linn)  
This picture storybook adaptation of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland brings a classic tale to life for a new audience. From White Rabbit and the Cheshire Cat to the inimitable Queen of Hearts, a whole new generation of children will love to join Alice, and other favourite characters, for a nonsensical adventure in Wonderland.  
*picture book*  
RRP: £11.70

143-149. Amulet Series: Graphic Novels (Kazu Kibuishi)  
The series follows the adventures of Emily-Hayes (nicknamed Em), who after moving to her great-grandfather’s house in the town of Port. The twins discover the magical amulet that uses real-world economies to fuel the fictional world of Alledia with her younger brother, Navin and their mother, Karen, they befriend the aliens and set off to defeat the villainous El King.  
*graphic novels*  
RRP: £16.20ea

150. Book That Proves Time Travel Happens, The (Henry Clark)  
The moment Ambrose Brody steps into a fortune-teller’s tent, he is whisked into a quest that spans millennia with his best friend, an enigmatic carnival girl, and an unusual family heirloom that drops them into the middle of the nineteenth century! The year 1852 is a dangerous time for three non-white children, and they must work together to dodge slave-catchers and save ancestors from certain death—all while figuring out how to get back to the future. Fortunately, they have a guide in the helpful hints embodied in an ancient Chinese text called the I-Ching, which they interpret using Morse Code. But how can a three-hundred-year-old book be sending messages into the future through a code developed in the 1830s? Find out in this mind-bending, time-bending adventure!  
*graphic novels*  
RRP: £11.70

151-153. Books of Beginning (John Stephens)  
When the twins’ grandmother gives them a treasured fairy-tale book, they have no idea they’re about to enter a land beyond all imagining: the Land of Stories, where fairy tales are real. But as Alex and Conner soon discover, the stories they know so well haven’t ended in this magical land.  
*graphic novels*  
RRP: £16.20ea

Coraline is not the kind of girl to be put off by a sign of danger read in some tea-leaves or indeed a message sent to her by some very talented mice! No, she is the kind of girl who faces a challenge with bravery, intelligence and a lot of imagination. Which is just as well because she is going to need all those skills, and more, in this wonderful, spooky tale of a girl caught on the wrong side of a door, with counterfeit parents who have buttons for eyes and who clearly do not intend to set her free. Read it if you dare!  
*novels*  
RRP: £13.46

155-160. Elsewhere Chronicles (Nykko and Bannister)  
Rebecca, Noah, Max and Theo discover a passageway into another world in the abandoned house of Grandpa Gabe. Rebecca is determined to find her grandfather. When Rebecca and Max are trapped on the other side of the passageway, they rush to their aid. In ElseWhere they meet monsters, wicked spices called Shadows, and strangers who become friends. They use their wits, brawn, and light to fight off the Shadows and to protect our own world.  
*graphic novels*  
RRP: £11.70ea

161. Harold and the Purple Crayon (Crockett Johnson)  
Imagine yourself deep in the jungle, under the sea, in a land of ice and snow, on a farm, in the moonlit bush, on an African plain, in a prehistoric swamp. Then turn the page and find all the animals living there. A wonderful introduction to the natural world with intricate pictures to explore again and again, and a key to help you name all the animals.  
*picture book*  
RRP: £14.99

162-164. His Dark Materials (Philip Pullman)  
Northern Lights introduces Lyra, an orphan, who lives in a parallel universe in which science, theology and magic are entwined. Lyra's search for a kidnapped friend uncovers a sinister plot involving stolen children, and turns into a quest to understand a mysterious phenomenon called Dust. In The Subtle Knife she is joined on her journey by Will, a boy who possesses a knife that can cut windows between worlds. As Lyra learns the truth about her parents and her prophesied destiny, the two young people are caught up in a war against celestial powers that ranges across many worlds and leads to a thrilling conclusion in The Amber Spyglass.  
*novels*  
RRP: £18.00ea

165. Imagine (Alison Lester)  
Imagine you're deep in the jungle, under the sea, in a land of ice and snow, on a farm, in the moonlit bush, on an African plain, in a prehistoric swamp. Then turn the page and find all the animals living there. A wonderful introduction to the natural world with intricate pictures to explore again and again, and a key to help you name all the animals.  
*picture book*  
RRP: £14.40

166-169. Imagine a... (Sarah L Thomson and Ron Gonsalves)  
Every child, whatever art joined with brief, intriguing poems to other readers to worlds they could never have imagined. These picture books will open your eyes to extraordinary new possibilities.  
*picture books*  
RRP: £22.50ea

170-172. Journey Series (Aaron Becker)  
Aaron Becker invokes a sense of wonder in his wordless picture books about a young girl who seeks the attention of her best friend, and instead discovers a fantastic world on the other side of her bedroom wall. His Journey trilogy is an ode to the power of imagination, proving that a little creativity can bring to life new worlds and experiences.  
*picture books*  
RRP: £25.20

173. Jumanji (Chris Van Allsburg)  
The game under the tree looked like a hundred others Peter and Judy had at home. But they were bored and restless and, looking for something interesting to do, thought they’d give Jumanji a try. Little did they know when they unfolded its ordinary-looking playing board that they were about to be plunged into the most exciting and bizarre adventure of their lives.  
*picture book*  
RRP: £13.50

174-178. Land of Stories (Chris Colfer)  
When the twins’ grandmother gives them a treasured fairy-tale book, they have no idea they’re about to enter a land beyond all imagining: the Land of Stories, where fairy tales are real. But as Alex and Conner soon discover, the stories they know so well haven’t ended in this magical land.  
*graphic novels*  
RRP: £13.50ea

179. The Amber Spyglass (Philip Pullman)  
The moment Ambrose Brody steps into a fortune-teller’s tent, he is whisked into a quest that spans millennia with his best friend, an enigmatic carnival girl, and an unusual family heirloom that drops them into the middle of the nineteenth century! The year 1852 is a dangerous time for three non-white children, and they must work together to dodge slave-catchers and save ancestors from certain death—all while figuring out how to get back to the future. Fortunately, they have a guide in the helpful hints embodied in an ancient Chinese text called the I-Ching, which they interpret using Morse Code. But how can a three-hundred-year-old book be sending messages into the future through a code developed in the 1830s? Find out in this mind-bending, time-bending adventure!  
*novels*  
RRP: £13.46

180. The Book Thief (Siobhan Dowd)  
This picture storybook adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland brings a classic tale to life for a new audience. From White Rabbit and the Cheshire Cat to the inimitable Queen of Hearts, a whole new generation of children will love to join Alice, and other favourite characters, for a nonsensical adventure in Wonderland.  
*picture book*  
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ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE (142-188)

179. Four Seasons of Lucy Mackenzie (Kirsty Murray)
Sent to stay with her Aunt Big in a hidden valley, Lucy discovers the old house is full of mysteries. One hot night, she hears a voice calling from inside a painting on the dining-room wall. On the other side of the painting, Lucy meets three children. Together they race horses through the bush, battle fires and floods, and make friendships that will last a lifetime. But who are April, Tom and Jimmy Tiger, and what magic has drawn Lucy to them? Novel Ages 9+

180. Phantom Tollbooth (Norton Juster)
Milo’s extraordinary voyage takes him into such places as the Land of Expectation, the Doldrums, the Mountains of Ignorance and the Castle in the Air. He meets the weirdest and most unexpected characters (such as Tock, the watchdog, the Gelatinous Giant, and the Threadbare Excuse, who mumbles the same thing over and over again), and, once home, can hardly wait to try out the Tollbooth again. But will it be still there when he gets back from school? This new adaptation of Norton Juster’s classic includes a special “Why You’ll Love This Book” introduction by award-winning author, Diana Wynne Jones. Novel Ages 9+

181. Tilly and the Time Machine (Adrian Edmondson and Danny Noble)
Tilly is seven and a half. She lives with her dad, a scientist who used to invent things for the government. They are very happy, but they are both missing Mummy, who died about a year ago. So when Tilly’s dad creates a time machine in their backyard garden, there’s only one place that Tilly really wants to go- back to her sixth birthday party, when she ate too many cupcakes and her mummy was there. There’s only one problem, Tilly’s dad has got stuck in the past, and she must follow him through history, from battles on boats to Buckingham Palace, to get him back. Novel Ages 7+ (Due May 2017)

182. Time Travelling With A Hamster (Ross Welford)
“My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve.” On Al Chaudhury’s twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al’s late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back in time! In a secret time machine and save his father’s life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Sharpener… Time Travelling With A Hamster is a funny, heart-warming race-against-time – and across generations – adventure that you won’t be able to put down. Novel Ages 10+

183. Tom’s Midnight Garden (Phillipa Pearce)
When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle’s house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike eleven…twelve… thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door, into a garden everyone told him wasn’t there. In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive - but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets there are real or ghosts. This entrancing and magical story is one of the best-loved children’s books ever written. Ages 9+

184. Where the Wild Things Are (Maurice Sendak)
One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him ‘Wild Thing’ and sends him to bed without his supper. That night a forest begins to grow in Max’s room and an ocean rushes by. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as king and then the wild rumpus begins. But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all. Picture Book

185-187. Word Hunters (Nick Earls)
When Lexi and Al Hunter stumble upon an old dictionary their world as they know it changes. They are blasted into the past with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king and then the wild rumpus begins. But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all. Picture Book

188. Wrinkle in Time (Madeleine L’Engle)
$12.99 $11.70
$16.99 $15.30

189. Apollo 13 Mission: Graphic Novel, The (Adam Stone)
Shooting for the moon, the Apollo 13 mission had to be aborted when an oxygen tank aboard the shuttle exploded in space. This left the astronauts with limited power, heat, and water! Watch the crew fight to survive in this graphic novel for eager readers.

190. Astronaut Handbook (Meghan McCarthy)
$32.99 $29.66

191. Darkest Dark, The (Chris Hadfield)
$14.99 $13.50

192. Destination: Space (Christoph Englert and Tom Clohosy Cole)
$26.99 $24.26

193. Exploring Space: From Galileo To The Mars Rover (Martin Jenkins and Stephen Biesty)
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Space: The Final Frontier?

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190. Astronaut Handbook (Meghan McCarthy)
DO YOU HAVE what it takes to be an astronaut? Meghan McCarthy blasts readers off to astronaut school in her new, young, nonfiction picture book. Take a ride on the “Vomit Comet” and learn how it feels to be weightless. Have your measurements taken--100 to be exact--for your very own space suit. Picture Book

191. Darkest Dark, The (Chris Hadfield)
Young Chris is an astronaut. A very busy astronaut. Saving the planet from aliens is much more important than taking baths or going to bed. Because at bedtime the worst sort of alien appears - darkness. But when Chris watches the first moon landing on TV, he discovers that there is a dark out in Space that is much darker than he’s used to. It’s the darkest dark ever, and he realises that the unknown can be . . . exciting! Inspired by Chris’ decision to become an astronaut after watching the Apollo 11 moon landing at age nine. Picture Book (Due June 2017)

192. Destination: Space (Christoph Englert and Tom Clohosy Cole)
Hop on board the space shuttle and get ready for the ride of your life as you explore deep space with your five fellow space cadets... This journey of discovery takes you through our local solar system and beyond, to galaxies far and wide... With every encounter, learn more about the science behind the stars, planets, meteorites and comets in our sky, and the history of our universe. Information

193. Exploring Space: From Galileo To The Mars Rover (Martin Jenkins and Stephen Biesty)
Martin Jenkins’ accessible and wide-ranging narrative covers early astronomy, the history of flight, the Space Race, the day-to-day of astronauts in the International Space Station and the possibility of extraterrestrial life, and considers where future missions might take us. Stephen Biesty’s magnificent cross-section illustrations lay bare the intricate workings of space probes and shuttles, the Mars Curiosity Rover, spacecrafts and Soyuz rockets. Information
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Space: The Final Frontier?

194. Eyewitness Planets (Dorling Kindersley)
From Mercury to Neptune and beyond, get an eyewitness view of the rocky planets, gas giants, dwarf planets, asteroids, comets and other bodies that make up our Solar System. Discover the secrets of space, examine the latest space exploration equipment, and learn about the scientists behind discoveries ancient and new. Using the most up-to-date images from NASA and ESA taken by probes such as New Horizons. Information

$14.99 $13.50

195. First Kids in Space (Tristan Bancks)
How and four others have been given the chance to become the first kids ever to leave our planet. From building rockets behind his family’s laundromat in Australia to attending a hardcore Space School in the US, Dash is a long way from home. And he still has an intense month of training ahead before he can even think about that glorious moment of blasting out of Earth’s atmosphere and living his dream. But does Dash have what it takes to survive Space School? Novel Ages 12+

$16.95 $15.26

196. How to Be A Space Explorer (Compilation)
Everything young explorers needs to know to travel in space, covering what life in zero gravity is like, how to find your way around the solar system, and the all-important question of how to pee in a spacesuit! Unique illustrations take kids to the heart of the action and amazing photos show what the universe is really like. Incredible stories of real-life space-mad children can explore this information-packed book for hours. Information

$24.99 $22.50

197. Life on Mars (John Agee)
A young astronaut is absolutely sure there is life to be found on Mars. He sets off on a solitary mission, determined to prove the naysayers wrong. But when he arrives, equipped with a package of cupcakes as a gift, he sees nothing but a nearly barren planet. Finally, he spies a single flower and packs it away to take back to Earth as proof that there is indeed life on Mars. But as he settles in for the journey home, he cracks open his cupcakes—only to discover that someone has eaten them all! Picture Book (Due June 2017)

$29.99 $27.00

198. Living in Space (Katie Danes)
How do astronauts travel into space? Where do they live when they get there? What do they do all day? In this book you’ll find the answers and lots more amazing facts about living in space. This non-fiction series aims to encourage children to access the wonder of the world around them. The easy-to-read text has been specially written with the help of a reading expert. Information

$9.99 $9.00

199. Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 (Brian Floca)
Simply told, grandly shown, here is the flight of “Apollo 11,” Here for a new generation of readers and explorers are the steady astronauts, clicking themselves into gloves and helmets, strapping themselves into sideways seats. Here are their great machines in all their detail and monumentality, the ROAR of rockets, and the silence of the Moon. Here is a story of adventure and discovery -- a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away. Information

$22.99 $20.70

200. Extraordinary Adventures of Mr Benn Spaceman, The (David McKee)
Mr Benn is an ordinary man who visits a fancy-dress shop where he tries on an outfit and enters a world of magical adventures! Mr Benn puts on a spaceman suit and jets off to different amazing planets - one with jewels, one with no colour and one brightly coloured planet where everyone has to wear a hat! Picture Book

$14.99 $13.50

201-204. Out of This World (Raymond Bean)
Starr’s family has been given the opportunity of a lifetime: To move to outer space! They’ll live on the world’s most advanced space station and help space tourists explore different planets. Starr is excited, curious, and terrified about the big change. She’ll have to leave her school, her house, and worst of all, her best friend, Allison. But whatever happens, Starr knows her new life will be out of this world! Novel Ages 9+

$11.99 $10.80ea

201. Curse of Mars
202. First Family in Space
203. Journey to the Moon
204. Trouble on Venus

205. See Inside Space Stations and Other Spacecraft (Usborne)
Calling all space cadets: Usborne assigns you a mission to see inside these extraordinary space stations and spacecrafts from the beginning of the space race to the latest missions to Mars and beyond. With over 70 flaps to lift, space explorers can explore this information-packed book for hours. Information (Due June 2017)

$19.99 $18.00

206. See You in the Cosmos? (Jack Cheng)
All eleven-year-old Alex wants is to launch his iPod into space. With a series of audio recordings, he will show other lifeforms out in the cosmos what life on Earth, his Earth, is really like. But for a boy with a long-dead dad, a troubled mum, and a mostly-not-around brother, Alex struggles with the big questions. Where do I come from? Who’s out there? And, above all, How can I be brave? Determined to find the answers, Alex sets out on a remarkable road trip that will turn his whole world upside down ... Novel Ages 11+

$16.99 $15.30

207. Space Dog (Mini Grey)
Spacedog’s lonely mission is nearly over, and it’s nearly time for him to go home. But one perilous rescue attempt later, and he finds himself with an Astronaut aboard his ship. But everyone knows Spacedogs and Astrocats are sworn enemies aren’t they? Picture Book

$20.70

208. Star Scouts (Mike Lawrence)
Avani is the new kid in town, and she’s not happy about it. Everyone in school thinks she’s weird, especially the girls in her Flower Scouts troop. Is it so weird to think scouting should be about fun and adventure, not about makeovers and boys, boys, boys? But everything changes when Avani is “accidentally” abducted by a spunky alien named Mabel. Mabel is a scout too—a Star Scout. Collecting alien specimens (like Avani) goes with the territory, along with teleportation and jetpack racing. Avani might be weird, but in the Star Scouts she fits right in. If she can just survive Camp Andromeda, and keep her dad from discovering that she’s left planet Earth, she’s in for the adventure of a lifetime. Graphic Novel

$22.99 $20.70

209. Story of Space: A First Book About Our Universe (Catheine Barr and Amy Husband)
Before the Big Bang there was NOTHING AT ALL. No galaxies, no space, no light and no sound. Then suddenly, 13.8 billion years ago, IT ALL BEGAN .....This beautiful follow-up to The Story of Life brings to life the story of our universe for younger children. Travel back in time to the Big Bang, see galaxies and stars form, watch the birth of our planet and boys, boys, boys? But everything changes when Avani is “accidentally” abducted by a spunky alien named Mabel. Mabel is a scout too—a Star Scout. Collecting alien specimens (like Avani) goes with the territory, along with teleportation and jetpack racing. Avani might be weird, but in the Star Scouts she fits right in. If she can just survive Camp Andromeda, and keep her dad from discovering that she’s left planet Earth, she’s in for the adventure of a lifetime. Graphic Novel

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210. Way Back Home (Oliver Jeffers)
Once there as a boy, and one day, he found an aeroplane in his cupboard... He didn’t remember leaving it in there, but he thought he’d take it out for a go right away. At first, all went well and the plane flew higher and higher and higher until... suddenly, with a splutter, it ran out of petrol. The boy was stuck on the moon... and he was not alone... Picture Book

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**215. All Aboard the London Bus (Patricia Toht and Sam Usher)**

As a family of four spend a day exploring London, fun, child-friendly poems introduce readers to the wonderful capital city, and all its secrets. Well-known landmarks like Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the London Eye, plus inescapable features like rain and taking tea, all get Patty Toth's witty treatment. Non-fiction facts provide more information about the subjects, while rising star Sam Usher brings them to life with his signature style and humour.

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**$21.99 $19.80**

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**216. Atlas of Adventures (Lucy Letherland)**

Set your spirit of adventure free with this lavishly illustrated trip around the world. Whether you're visiting the penguins of Antarctica, joining the Carnival in Brazil or a canoe safari down the Zambezi River, this book brings together more than 100 activities and challenges to inspire armchair adventurers of any age. Find hundreds of things to spot and lead the way about every country. With epic adventure and discoveries to be made on your own doorstep, this book will inspire you to set off on your own journey of discovery.

**Price:**

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Earth is an incredible and varied place, packed full with an astonishing array of people, places and creatures. Living on the planet are more than 7 billion people, all with their own interests, traditions and ways of life. And the extraordinary scenery from icy poles to scorching hot deserts, lush tropical rainforests, giant rocky caves and canyons, remarkable rivers, lakes and seas, also provides a home to a phenomenally wide range of different animals and plants. This unbelievable round-the-world adventure will take you through all of the planets continents and countries. And on the way you'll get to see just how diverse the world can be. Are you ready to see our amazing world in a whole new light?

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**218. Bear Grylls Extreme Planet (Bear Grylls)**

What's the most dangerous food to eat? Bear Grylls' Extreme Planet is a whirlwind tour of the globe, seeking out the highest, deepest, wildest, thinnest, coolest, hottest, scariest and smelliest things on the planet. A fantasy journey around the world. 

**Price:**

**$19.99 $18.00**

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**219. City Atlas: Discover the Personality of the World (Martin Haake)**

Take a tour of Toronto, look around Lisbon or hot-foot it to Helsinki with this global adventure in a book! 30 best-loved cities from around the world are brought to life with illustrations by Martin Haake, which show in fabulous detail key landmarks, famous people, iconic buildings and cultural icons for all the family to enjoy.

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**220. Cities Book: Journey Through The World's Greatest (Compilation)**

Do you know where in the world you can buy drinkable gold; why an ‘elephant’s foot’ is one of the most dangerous objects in the world; or where you might have to swim to school? Discover the answers to these questions and loads more mind-blowing facts in The Cities Book, where readers are taken on an incredible world tour through 86 of the world’s greatest cities.

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**221. Hello Atlas: Listen to 133 Different Languages (Ben Handicott and Kennard Pak)**

Look into the lives of children all over the world and listen to 133 different languages. Travel through each continent and read simple greetings in different languages - some of which you might have heard of, like French, Chinese and Arabic, and some that you might not have! If you want to hear what they sound like, use the QR code to access hundreds of authentic recordings. Fully illustrated scenes throughout show how children share the same everyday activities, whether they live in big cities or small, remote villages - and they all have one thing in common: they want to say hello to you! With foreword by ethnobotanist and Explorer, Professor Wade Davis.

**Price:**

**$32.99 $29.70**

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**222. Lately Lily: Adventures of a Travelling Girl (Micah Player)**

Where has Lily been lately? Everywhere! In this heartfelt picture book from illustrator Micah Player, Lily - a world travelling girl with boundless curiosity - goes on enviable adventures with her best friend Zeborah, travelling by plane, train, boat, and even by camel. Whether venturing far away or staying close to home, Lily knows that the joy of discovery...

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**223. Travel Book: Journey Through Every Country in the World (Compilation)**

Take a world tour through 200 countries with this brand new edition of the bestselling kids' version of Lonely Planet’s popular The Travel Book, loaded with thousands of amazing facts on wildlife, how people live, sports, hideous and unbelievable round-the-world adventure will take you through all of the planets continents and countries. And on the way you’ll get to see just how diverse the world can be. Are you ready to see our amazing world in a whole new light?

**Price:**

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**224. Travel Bug, The (Benjamin Gilmour and James Gulliver Hancock)**

Adventures he has, but still no one knows what insect he is. Maybe, just maybe, the path he is on is the answer he seeks. The Travel Bug is a gently philosophical picture book about identity, fate, the joy of travelling, and the discovery of kindness and kinship across cultures.

**Price:**

**$24.99 $22.50**

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**225-228. Unpacked (Various)**

This series aims to 'unpack' some of the world’s most fascinating countries, giving kids insight into their culture, food, history and everyday life in a fun and highly accessible way.

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SHORTLIST 2017
(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

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