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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)



1. Being Bee (Catherine Bateson) (RRP) (SCHOOL) \$16.95 \$13.55

Since her mother died, it'd been just her, her dad and her guinea pigs, Lulu and Fifi. A perfect, non-nuclear family. Exactly how Bee liked it. Nothing stays the same forever though, and when Jazzi moves in, bringing with her a whole new way of looking at the world and a whole lot of secrets, Bee knows things are going to be completely different from now on.

2. Tuckshop Kid, The (Pat Flynn) \$16.95 \$13.55

Hungry? Need Lunch? Mum's packed you curried banana and pickle sandwiches again? Only got a \$1.25 to your name? Then you need to see Matt, because Matt has an amazing talent... Some kids are good at footy, or handball, or tennis. Not Matt, though. Matt is an expert at Tuckshop. (\$1.25 = sausage roll and small choc milk, by the way...)

3. Macbeth and Son (Jackie French) \$15.95 \$12.75

Luke is studying Shakespeare's play Macbeth at school and dreams about Lulach and Macbeth at night. But gradually Luke realises they are more than dreams. Somehow, he is re-living events that actually took place - and they're nothing like Shakespeare's version. Why did Shakespeare lie about who Macbeth really was? Does truth really matter?

4. Cat on the Mat is Flat, The (Andy Griffiths) \$14.95 \$11.95

How did the cat on the mat get flat? Why did Ed and Ted and Ted's dog Fred get spat out of the head of a whale called Ned? Where was Harry Black when Jack the Yak stole the snack from his sack? What happened to Buck the Duck's brand new muck-sucking truck? Suitable for ages 4 - 104.

5. Bird and Sugar Boy (Sofie Laguna) \$16.95 \$13.55

Bird and Sugar Boy are best friends - they ride their bikes together, they hang out in an old tunnel down the bush and they're always getting in trouble for making each other laugh in class. But then Sugar Boy moves to Broome...

6. Layla, Queen of Hearts (Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King) \$12.95 \$10.35

Layla desperately wants someone of her own to take to Senior Citizens' Day at school. Then she meets Miss Amelie and they get on immediately. Layla soon learns that Miss Amelie has problems with her memory and sometimes gets muddled. But Layla is a girl with unique gifts and she and Miss Amelie form a special bond and a small but significant miracle occurs.



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BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD (7-12)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)



7. Grandpa and Thomas and the Green Umbrella (Pamela Allen) (RRP) (SCHOOL) **\$24.95 \$19.95**
This beautiful picture book for the very young follows on from the CBC Award-winning Grandpa and Thomas and again depicts the special relationship between grandchild and grandfather. This time, when Grandpa and Thomas go to the beach, the weather turns stormy and the two shelter in the car, under the green umbrella, until the storm passes.

8. Doodledum Dancing (Meredith Costain and Pamela Allen) **\$24.95 \$19.95**
Here's a book of giggly, wiggly, squiggly poems. You can munch them for breakfast, you can crunch them for lunch, you can gobble them for dinner. But most of all - you can read them out loud, and share them with your friends again and again . . .

9. Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush Her Hair (Lee Fox and Cathy Wilcox) **\$27.95 \$22.35**
Ella Kazoo is a young girl with a firm understanding of who she is and what she wants and she will do anything to avoid having her hair brushed. Her poor mother is beside herself with frustration as she watches Ella's hair get more and more out of control. But what happens when Ella's hair develops a mind of its own?

10. Amy and Louis (Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood) **\$24.99 \$19.99**
This is a loving, moving, goose-bumping tale of deep friendship. Amy and Louis's lives are closely intertwined, until the day Amy and her family move to the other side of the world. Louis stops building towers, digging holes and staring at clouds. He no longer calls to anyone across the yard, the room or the fence, until he discovers how to rebuild their special bond.

11. Eight (Lyn Lee and Kim Gamble) **\$27.99 \$22.39**
Eight and Timmy go everywhere together, including on a picnic with Mum and Dad. When they come back home, Timmy realises with horror that they have left Eight behind. Dad comforts Timmy by reminding him how strong and brave Eight is. Later, when Timmy is reunited with Eight, he realises that Eight is strong enough and clever enough to sleep by himself now.

12. Chatterbox (Margaret Wild) **\$24.95 \$19.95**
Daisy the baby will not say a word. The family try everything to coax her into talking but she won't. One day, Daisy opens her mouth... and out comes a stream of sentences and questions about the world and everything in it, much to her family's complete surprise!

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (13-18)

(In Alphabetical Order by Illustrator and Author)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



13. Brian Banana Duck Sunshine Yellow (Chris McKimmie) **\$24.95 \$19.95**
On Friday nights, all day Saturday and most of Sunday I stay with Na-na and Grumpy Yellow. One Saturday, I got lost. Twice. The first time, a big prawn found me. The second time, I found my own way home. This picture book is a celebration of the child's search for identity.

14. Home (Narelle Oliver) **\$29.99 \$23.99**
The falcons have lived here for as long as they know. Like all peregrines, they hunt birds for food. But now fires have scorched their bushland bare. The smoky wilderness is silent, with rarely a movement or a flicker of feathers. It is time to find a new home. Can the birds adapt and survive?

15. Water Witcher (Jan Ormerod) **\$24.99 \$19.99**
Dougie and his sisters can't remember the last time it rained. One day, Dougie's dad tells him about his grandfather's gift of water witching. Dougie wishes he were a water witcher- then they would have a well of their own, always full of water. So Dougie teaches himself the art of water divining and discovers a night soak of fresh water.

16. Rainbirds, The (David Metzenthen and Sally Rippin) **\$28.95 \$23.15**
A stunningly illustrated story about a city child's relationship with nature and the natural world, the trust that children place in their parents and the responsibility adults have in looking after them and the environment they will inherit. Ages 4-8.

17. Woolvs in the Sitee (Margaret Wild and Anne Spudvilas) **\$26.95 \$21.55**
Ben lives alone in a basement flat, looking at a world gone mad. The city is almost abandoned. Garbage is everywhere, and the few people that remain live in fear of the 'woolvs' that prowl the alleyways. Ben's only contact with the outside world is Missus Radinski, the old woman who lives upstairs.

18. Arrival, The (Shaun Tan) **\$39.95 \$31.95**
What drives so many to leave everything behind and journey to a mysterious country; a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless and the future is unknown? This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to those who have made the journey. An amazing book. Ages 10+.

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EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

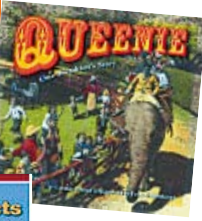
(RRP) (SCHOOL)



19. Red Haze: Australians and New Zealanders in Vietnam (Leon Davidson)

~~\$16.95~~ **\$13.55**

Australia and New Zealand followed the Americans into Vietnam to save a country from 'going down the drain'. It was the first time Australians were conscripted to fight overseas. In the thick jungles the Vietcong were everywhere, nowhere and winning. To find the Vietcong, a country was torn apart. To defeat them, Australia and New Zealand almost tore themselves apart.



20. Queenie: One Elephant's Story (Corinne Fenton and Peter Gouldthorpe)

~~\$24.95~~ **\$19.95**

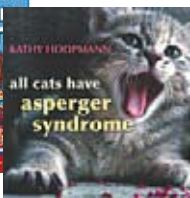
An exquisite evocation of a time when elephants were giving rides in zoo's all over the world. Ages 5+.



21. Amazing Facts About Australian Dinosaurs (Alex Cook and Scott Hucknull)

~~\$14.95~~ **\$11.95**

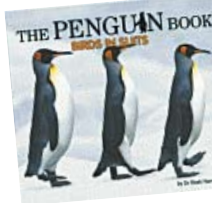
Very little has been published about Australia's prehistoric life, but the facts about Australia's ancient past are astonishing. Be transported back to the age of the dinosaurs, when giant beasts and fierce carnivores reigned supreme.



22. All Cats Have Aspergers Syndrome (Kathy Hoopmann)

~~\$27.95~~ **\$22.35**

Touching, humorous and insightful, this book evokes the difficulties and joys of raising a child who is different and leaves the reader with a sense of the dignity, individuality, and potential of people with Asperger Syndrome. This engaging book is an ideal, gentle introduction to the world of AS.



23. Penguin Book: Birds in Suits, The (Mark Norman)

~~\$16.95~~ **\$13.55**

The story of all 17 penguin species, those that live in deserts and rocky landscapes as well as ice dwelling penguins.



24. Leaf Litter (Rachel Tonkin)

~~\$29.95~~ **\$23.95**

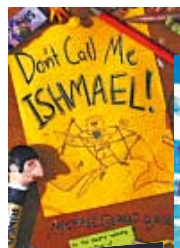
Come on a journey to a fascinating world hidden within a small patch of leaf litter beneath a single tree. See how this world changes as the seasons move from autumn through to summer. Discover how all plants and animals have a part to play, and how they all depend on one another to survive. A fascinating and entertaining book.

BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS (25-30)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Note: Most of these books are for mature readers)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



25. Don't Call Me Ishmael! (Michael Gerard Bauer)

~~\$16.99~~ **\$13.59**

There is no instant cure to not fitting in. But that won't stop Ishmael and his intrepid band of misfits from taking on bullies, bugs, babes, the Beatles, debating, and the great white whale in the toughest, the weirdest, the most embarrassingly awful ... and the best year of their lives. By the award-winning author of 'The Running Man'.



26. One Whole and Perfect Day (Judith Clarke)

~~\$16.95~~ **\$13.55**

Freakish, thought Lily; that was the word for her family. But when she saw Daniel Steadman and their eyes caught, only for a second, the tiny encounter gave Lily a strange light woozy feeling inside her head. It made her brain feel funny, like a tablet fizzing, dissolving away inside a water glass.



27. Monster Blood Tattoo: Book One - Foundling (DM Cornish)

~~\$24.99~~ **\$19.99**

Set in a world of tri-corner hats, frockcoats and flintlock pistols, Monster Blood Tattoo is a world of monsters, chemical potions and surgically altered people. In the first book, Foundling, David Cornish begins the journey of Rossamünd, a young boy with a girl's name, who is about to begin life as a lamplighter in the service of the Haacobin Emperor.



28. Red Shoe, The (Ursula Dubosarsky)

~~\$19.95~~ **\$15.95**

Six-year-old Matilda lives in 1950s Sydney with her parents and two sisters. Filtering through her eyes the mad and marvellous world of that era and punctuated by the headlines of the time, the lives of the three girls are juxtaposed against the undercurrents of their parents' marriage and the political dramas of the adult world. 14+.



29. Red Spikes (Margo Lanagan)

~~\$17.95~~ **\$14.35**

Ten electrifying new stories from Margo Lanagan. With enormous skill, Lanagan disturbs as she entertains, stimulating our minds and playing havoc with our hearts.



30. My Big Birkett (Lisa Shanahan)

~~\$16.95~~ **\$13.55**

In my family, when anyone rides the wave of their emotions, we say they're chucking a birkett. Gemma Stone is convinced that it's always unseemly to chuck a Birkett and that it's actually insane to chuck one in front of a complete stranger. But that was before a number of unpredictable things happened...

Award Winners will be announced on Friday, 17th August 2007

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BOOK WEEK THEME 2007: READiscover Old Favourites (31-48)

Please see the following reviews and titles/series listed for our ideas on the Book Week Theme 2007: "READiscover". We are concentrating this year on discovery, inventions and the creation of knowledge, as well as personal journeys of discovery or enlightenment. There are also suggested titles for the International Polar Year and Water Conservation on pages 6, 7 and 8.


Do you miss your favourite picture books? The ones kids always love? Why not READiscover them!

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

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- 31. Billy the Punk (Jessica Carroll)** **\$17.95 \$16.16**
Billy longs to look like the punks he sees in the street, and in the process, discovers he wants to be different and unique.
- 32. Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek, The (Jenny Wagner and Ron Brooks)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
The bunyip of Berkeley's Creek sets out to discover what on earth he is, with some help from other animals on the way.
- 33. Caps for Sale (Esphyr Slobodkina)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
A band of mischievous monkeys discover every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.
- 34. Harry the Dirty Dog (Gene Zion)** **\$17.95 \$16.16**
Harry discovers that sometimes, you simply have to take a bath!!!
- 35. Imagine (Alison Lester)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
Discover the natural world with intricate pictures to explore again and again, and a key to help you name all the animals.
- 36. In the Night Kitchen (Maurice Sendak)** **\$19.95 \$17.96**
Mickey falls dreamily through the dark into the Night Kitchen and discovers three fat bakers making the morning cake.
- 37. John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat (Jenny Wagner and Ron Brooks)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
John Brown is jealous and distrustful of the midnight cat, but discovers he has to be selfless for Rose to be happy.
- 38. Let's Escape (Mike Dumbleton and Kim Gamble)** **\$9.99 \$9.00**
It's time to go ... ssh ... let's escape. What fabulous other worlds will we discover out there in the dark??
- 39. Millions Of Cats (Wanda G'Ag)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
A very old man sets off to find the prettiest cat in the world for his wife, but instead he discovers millions!!
- 40. My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes (Eve Sutton and Lynley Dodd)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
Cats around the world may like to discover all sorts of strange things, but my ordinary house cat likes to hide in boxes.
- 41. Patricia (Stephen Michael King)** **\$9.99 \$9.00**
Patricia's head was filled with wonderful, amazing thoughts. But who would she discover to share them with?
- 42. Sail Away (Mem Fox)** **\$9.99 \$9.00**
Follow intrepid discoverers Skip and Nell as they travel around Australia on their way to that boat race way out west.
- 43. Stone Soup (Marcia Brown)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
READiscover this fantastic classic about three soldiers who outwit some greedy villagers into cooking them dinner.
- 44. Sunshine (Jan Ormerod)** **\$15.95 \$14.36**
Discover Jan Ormerod's very first picture book, which is as charming today as it was 25 years ago.
- 45. There's a Hippopotamus in the Playground Eating Cake (Hazel Edwards)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
Discovering that you have a hippopotamus as an imaginary friend can sure be a comfort in difficult situations!
- 46. There's a Sea in My Bedroom (Margaret Wild)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
David is frightened of the sea, but when he finds a conch shell, he discovers the sea is trapped inside it...
- 47. Tikki Tikki Tembo (Arlene Mosel and Blair Lent)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
Second son Chang discovers that he still has greatness of spirit, even though it is his first born brother who is favoured.
- 48. Where the Wild Things Are (Maurice Sendak)** **\$19.95 \$17.96**
Originally published in 1963, it has become a much-loved favourite children's best-seller. No introduction necessary really!

BOOK WEEK THEME 2007: READiscover (49-79)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

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- 49. Adventures of Marco Polo (Russell Freedman and Bagram Ibatoulline)** **\$29.99 \$27.00**
Marco Polo shook Europe with descriptions of the world he'd seen on his epic journey to the court of Kublai Khan, but had he really seen the "Roof of the World" in Central Asia, and the "City of Heaven" in far-off China or was he a charlatan who saw nothing more than the conjurings of his inventive mind?
- 50. Adventures of the Treasure Fleet (Ann Bowler and Khee Lak Tay-Audouard)** **\$24.95 \$22.46**
Hundreds of years before Captain Cook landed on Australia, Chinese ships longer than a football field sailed thousands of miles through unknown oceans and visited more than 30 nations - Admiral Zheng He led more than 300 gigantic, brightly-painted ships across the South China Sea to the Indian Ocean and all the way to the distant coast of Africa.
- 51. All Fall Down (Susan Geason)** **\$14.95 \$13.46**
Discover what life in Sydney's notorious Rocks area was like at the turn of the century in this exciting adventure novel. After the death of her mother, Christobel McManus is lonely and bored. When an eight-year-old boy is kidnapped to be trained as a pickpocket she decides to rescue him. But what begins as a game takes a terrifying turn... Ages 10+

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52. Barefoot Kids (Steve Hawke)

\$16.95 \$15.26

The five Jirroo cousins play in a band together. The kids start a campaign to save their special beach from developers, which leads to the discovery of the existence of a missing treasure - millions of dollars worth of diamonds which mysteriously disappeared, along with the children's great-grandfather, in 1942. Get lost on this modern day treasure hunt!

53. Best Ever Book of Exploration (Phillip Wilkinson)

\$10.99 \$9.90

A beautifully illustrated guide to this fascinating subject which explores the most historic and memorable expeditions to date. Includes a detailed reference section with historical maps and an illustrated timeline.

54. Bridge to Terabithia (Katherine Paterson)

\$14.95 \$13.46

READiscover Terabithia, and replace your old copy. The story of an 11 year old boy who befriends the class outsider, a tomboy. They find a sanctuary and create the imaginary world of Terabithia, a land with giants, trolls and other magical beings. But the journey of true discovery is only just beginning. Reprinted with a contemporary new cover.

55. Discoveries That Changed the World (Philip Ardagh)

\$9.95 \$8.96

Imagine the unimaginable: a world without electricity, genetics, penicillin, nuclear weapons or even plastic. Have you ever wondered how such things were discovered? From theories of gravity and relativity to X-rays and DNA, this book looks at discoveries which - for good or for bad - have made the world what it is today. Eureka!

56. Eureka! Discoveries (Claire Llewellyn)

\$23.95 \$21.56

Eureka! Discoveries focuses on the moments when someone first set eyes on an object that brought a thrill of discovery and led to further excavation or study until the full significance or splendour of the object was revealed. It covers the opening of Tutankhamun's tomb, the astonishing 5000-year-old mummy found preserved in ice in Europe and lots more.

57-60. Eyewitness Guides (Dorling Kindersley)

\$17.95 \$16.16ea

Be an Eyewitness to these fascinating discoveries, check other Eyewitness Guide titles at www.pegiwilliams.com.au

57. Dinosaur

59. Mummies

58. Explorers

60. Shipwreck

61. Goldseekers (Greg Bastian)

\$15.95 \$14.36

In the mid-1850s, Australia is in the grip of gold fever. Miju and her older brother, Chung-Kai, work on the goldfields of New South Wales to save for their passage home. Their friend Sam witnesses a cruel raid on the Chinese and Korean camp and vows to help his friends get back their savings. A fantastic Australian story of discovery and resilience.

62. Imagine (Norman Messenger)

\$29.95 \$26.96

Imagine ... a stepladder without steps, a clock without hands, a tree without a trunk, a kiss without a mouth, a bicycle with square wheels, a topsy turvy world where anything is possible. With a little imagination, the world can become a different place altogether...READiscover it.

63. Imagine a Day (Sarah L Thomson and Rob Gonsalves)

\$24.95 \$22.46

"Imagine a day when a book swings open on silent hinges and a place you've never seen before welcomes you home." Since their release, Imagine a Day has become a must-have item for library shelves, personal collections and art rooms. The magical, abstract art and poetry transfix and transport the reader. Discover a whole new way of looking at the world...

64. Imagine a Night (Sarah L Thomson and Rob Gonsalves)

\$24.95 \$22.46

The sister book to Imagine a Day, which lets the imagination roll on in it's discoveries...

65. Incredible Book Eating Boy, The (Oliver Jeffers)

\$24.99 \$22.50

This is the tale of a boy's insatiable hunger - Henry loves books...but not like you and I. Henry discovers his unusual taste by mistake one day, and is soon swept up in his new-found passion - gorging on every delicious book in sight! And better still, he realises that the more books he eats, the smarter he gets. Will he become the smartest boy in the world?

66. It's True! Burke and Wills Forgot the Frying Pan! (David Greagg and Roland Harvey)

\$11.95 \$10.76

This is the best book on EXPLORERS you'll ever read! They struggled up mountains, trekked across deserts, marched through mudflats. Some found rivers, some lost themselves, others lost their tempers. Could you have solved the Riddle of the Rivers like Sturt? Would you have crossed Australia waving a brass-handled sword like Leichhardt?

67-74. Kingfisher Young Knowledge (Various)

\$15.99 \$14.40ea

This informative and fascinating series is full of facts for the younger reader. With easily accessible information on the different titles, these are perfect project books for discovering more information on your favourite topics.

67. Insects

71. Polar Lands

68. Light and Sound

72. Reptiles

69. Maps and Mapping

73. Rocks and Fossils

70. Mountains

74. Solar System

75. Nail Soup (Eric Maddern and Paul Hess)

\$27.95 \$25.16

When a traveller in the forest knocks at a lonely cottage, hoping to scrounge a bed for the night, a scowling woman appears and says he can sleep on the floor, but declares that she hasn't a morsel of food in the place. But he's clever and a merry traveller, and they discover they have more in common than they think.

76. Secret Cave, The (Richard Hamilton and Helen Lanzrein)

\$28.95 \$26.06

Tucked in the cliffs, close by the shining sea, the cave lies silent, still ...What secrets does the cave hold? Might there be pirates, or mermaids, or even a sea-dragon deep inside? This beautiful and richly atmospheric book, about the power of a child's imagination, will continue to delight after a thousand bedtime readings.

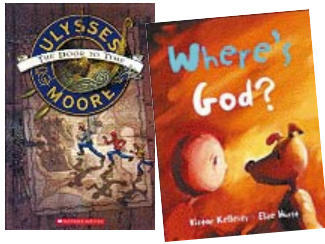
77. Three Cheers for Inventors (Marcia Williams)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Dedicated to Leonardo da Vinci, this latest wonderful offering from Marcia Williams is full of her characteristic humour. Packed with cartoon-strip illustrations and short biographies, it looks at the discoveries of many famous - and not so famous - inventors from around the world. Three cheers for inventors!



BOOK WEEK THEME 2007: READiscover (49-79)



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78. Ulysses Moore: The Door to Time (Pierdomenico Baccalario) \$19.99 \$18.00

Twins Jason and Julia's new house is filled with twisting tunnels and strange artefacts from around the world, and they can't wait to discover all its secrets. They stumble upon a door hidden behind an old wardrobe but none of the keys in the house will open it. What lies behind the door? And why has someone tried to conceal it? A fantastic adventure of discovery.

79. Where's God? (Victor Kelleher and Elise Hurst) \$15.95 \$14.36

Come along for the journey as Peter sets out to discover where God could be. After he encounters a few wise and helpful people along the way, he discovers that God is where He has always been, right inside Peter's heart.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF POLAR REGIONS (80-99)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

80. 24 Hours: Arctic \$19.95 \$17.96

24 Hours Arctic follows the progress of one day on a vast sheet of frozen sea with land around the edges. Discover the fascinating variety of creatures that make their home in this strange, icy world, from huge, fierce polar bears and tiny furry lemmings to fat walruses, sharp-eyed snowy owls, and proud, antlered caribou.

81. Animals in Danger: Polar Bear (Rod Theodorou) \$29.95 \$26.96

This series introduces young children to the concepts of extinction and the protection of animals. Each book includes an introduction to the animal through its daily life, behaviour and habitat information about why the animal is in danger and what is being done to help. Suitable for 4-8 year olds.

82. Antarctic Dad (Hazel Edwards and Kevin Burgemeestre) \$27.95 \$25.16

This is an exciting and informative picture book for younger readers. Dad keeps in touch with emails, photos and maps and he has even taken his son's favourite toy, Roo, along for the ride. This is a great way to introduce children to the real life stories of the ordinary people involved in the dangers and adventures of the frozen continent.

83. Antarctic Journal: The Hidden Worlds of Antarctica (Meredith Hooper and Lucia De Leiris) \$15.95 \$14.36

The ice that surrounds Antarctica is immense and awe-inspiring. Despite extreme conditions, animal life is prolific, from tiny phytoplankton to seals, seabirds and whales. The book introduces children to the worlds above and beneath the pack ice, the ocean lying just below the ice, and on the narrow strip of coastline.

84. Antarctica The Heart of the World (Coral Tulloch) \$14.95 \$13.46

Antarctica is the highest, driest, windiest, coldest, cleanest, most isolated and most peaceful continent on Earth. It is a continent of wilderness, a place of enormous size and energy, of constant change and of great and rare beauty. Children can undertake their own journey to Antarctica with this comprehensive and highly illustrated guide.

85. Antarctica's Frozen Chosen (Hazel Edwards) \$17.95 \$16.16

Mutiny, eco terrorism and adventure make this title an exciting read for upper primary students. Through email, Kyle describes to his girlfriend how his journey to Antarctica is going and the events that take place – the ship is beset in pack ice, other travellers are going to extremes to achieve their beliefs, and all the while he has to record the behaviour of the eelseals.

86. Big Dark, The (John Prater) \$32.95 \$29.66

Little Chinoo the Eskimo is fed up. It's too cold to play outside and the Big Dark is everywhere - all the time. Then one morning, Chinoo and his parents set out on a long journey. Chinoo's parents tell him to hurry up or he'll miss it. What can it be? At the end of his long journey, Chinoo is rewarded with the glorious spectacle of the rising sun.

87. Continents: Australia and Antarctica (Bruce McClish) \$29.95 \$26.96

This engaging series offers readers a close look at the Earth's continents. Photographs and maps enhance clear and accessible information about features of each continent that affect landscapes, people and other living things. Well indexed with fact boxes and resource lists for further research make this an excellent addition to your geography section.

88. Emperor's Egg, The (Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman) \$15.95 \$14.36

Is this the world's most devoted Dad? The male Emperor penguin looks after the egg while the female goes back to sea. A fascinating information book about the lives of Emperor penguins in picture book format with index, complemented by appealing illustrations.

89. Exploring Antarctica: The Frozen Frontier (Robert Hillman) \$29.95 \$26.96

Each title in this series presents the story of an important event or series of events in Australia's history. The circumstances leading up to the event, the reactions of the people at the time, the significance of the event at the time and the evidence that is used to study the event are all covered in an attractive and accessible way. Suitable for 10-14 year olds.

90. Extreme Survival in Polar Regions (Sally Morgan) \$34.95 \$29.95

Find out about the harrowing tales of bravery and daring in the "Extreme Survival" series that takes the reader to the extreme limits of the forces of nature. This title is about surviving in polar regions.

91. Horrible Geography: Freaky Peaks and Perishing Poles (Anita Ganeri and Mike Philips) \$15.99 \$14.40

Geography with twice the gritty bits left in! Venture to the chilly poles and scale some heady heights as these two exciting Horrible Geography titles are brought together in the next bindup in the Horrible Geography series.

92. Ice Bear (Nicola Davies and Gary Blythe) \$27.95 \$25.16

Huge, magnificent, alone, the bear moves through the frozen Arctic. Powerful hunter, tender mother, gentle playmate – it shares this land of ice and snow with the Inuit people, who watch and learn from it. Come on an unforgettable journey into the world of the polar bear...

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The sun never sets, the air is twenty degrees below zero, and the ice is moving at about four hundred metres an hour. The author follows oceanographers as they drill a hole through three metres of ice to dive into waters below; peers into the mysteries of climate modelling and global warming; and ultimately shows how the fate of the pole will affect us all.



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94. Penguin Count: Antarctic Journal Big Book (David James Hasick) **\$44.95 \$39.95**
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95. Polar Regions: Exploring History (David Rootes) **\$37.50 \$33.75**
This book is about exploring the whole story of the polar world from prehistoric times to the age of its exploration by travellers from all over the world. Read about how explorers have journeyed to the ends of the Earth. Discover how native peoples manage to survive in such a cold environment. Watch as Amundsen and Scott battle it out in the race for the South Pole. Suitable for 10-14 year olds

96. Penguins, Penguins, Everywhere! (Bob Barner) **\$24.95 \$22.46**
Author and artist Bob Barner combines colorful collage images and whimsical verse to make this a funny, bouncy, informative introduction to the world of penguins. The simple text makes this book perfect for the youngest readers, but the array of penguin facts including information on all 17 penguin species makes it an ideal choice for older readers as well.

97. Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear (Bill Martin and Eric Carle) **\$14.95 \$13.46**
A braying zebra, a trumpeting elephant, a bellowing walrus - all these and many more parade across the pages of this delightful picture book with the ever popular question/answer technique which children can learn by heart.

98. Solo Wildlife: Polar Bear (David Kennett) **\$14.99 \$13.50**
How many eggs can a polar bear eat? How far can a polar bear swim? Why does a polar bear have black skin but white fur? This book will tell you! For younger readers aged 6 upwards.

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This cross-circular series looks at animals in specific continents and follows their life over the course of a year. Each book describes the animal's life cycle, appearance, food and behaviour, while also describing how it relates to the natural features of the continent. Each book also includes a 'tracker's guide' which shows how photographers follow animals.

WATER CONSERVATION (100-122)



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100. Australia's Waterways (Greg Pyers) **\$29.95 \$26.96**
This series looks at major Australian landforms and geographical features and the ways they were used in the past and are used today. How have our waterways, deserts, forests and mountains affected the way we live and work? Suitable for 10-14 year olds.

101. Big Rain Coming (Katrina Germein and Bronwyn Bancroft) **\$16.95 \$15.26**
In the dry Australian outback the sun beats down. Rosie's kids, the panting dogs and the fat green frogs all wait, but day after day there is still no rain. "Big rain coming", says old Stephen, but when will it come? Bronwyn Bancroft's fantastic illustrations evoke the heat, and the wait, and the quiet, until finally, the heavens open.

102. Conserving Our Freshwater (Carol Inskipp) **\$38.50 \$34.65**
How much water can you save by turning the tap off when you brush your teeth? How many litres of water do we need each day? What is virtual water? This title answers these questions and many others surrounding one of the world's most precious resources. Discover what we mean by a sustainable future for fresh water, and what you can do to help.

103. Down the Drain: Conserving Water (Anita Ganeri) **\$35.95 \$32.36**
How can you help save the planet? Using a child-centred approach this series tackles how to avoid creating unnecessary waste and disposing of waste in environmentally acceptable ways. The series focuses on how simple decisions have a knock-on effect for the whole planet.

104. How We Use Water (Chris Oxlade) **\$33.95 \$30.56**
Designed for young independent readers of between 6 and 8, "Perspectives" combines core non-fiction features with an emphasis on research skills with visual design. They promote discussion regarding the sustainability of fuels and materials and the environmental impact.

105. Rainbirds, The (David Metzenthen and Sally Rippin) **\$28.95 \$26.06**
From the top of the tallest tree in the park, Gleeson can see the distant mountains. And he knows, because his father has told him, that in winter, big black mountain birds will fly down to the city to shelter from the stormy mountain weather. So Gleeson waits for the rainbirds, and when they do arrive in his suburban park, it's as if they have brought the wilderness to his world.

106. Running Water (Various) **\$34.95 \$31.46**
This comprehensive series explains natural processes and human activities that cause change to the world around us. Key themes of geography are the focus with features including aerial photography, maps and case studies. The work being carried out by scientists, governments and conservation organisations is also discussed. Suitable for 12-16 year olds.

107. Save Water (Kay Barnham) **\$35.95 \$32.36**
This thought-provoking book examines why water needs to be conserved and why it is important that everyone is involved. It discusses the water cycle and the different sources of water available, and how water can be polluted and wasted. It then examines practical ways in which water can be conserved in the home, garden and the school.

108. This is the Reef (Miriam Moss) **\$27.95 \$25.16**
This is a celebration of the Great Barrier Reef and the significance it has on the marine life forms that it feeds, shelters and protects. Written in beautifully crafted poetic prose, this is the perfect introduction to a beautiful and fragile marine wilderness.

WATER CONSERVATION (100-122)



109. Water Witcher (Jan Ormerod)

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\$24.99 \$22.50

The rainwater tanks are empty and everything is thirsty. Dougie and his sisters can't even remember the last time it rained. Dad tells Dougie how his grandfather was a water witcher, but that only one in a thousand can do it. Could Dougie be a water witcher like his grandfather and find water for them all? Spectacularly illustrated, this is a very topical title about drought.

110. Drop Goes Plop, The (Sam Godwin)

\$19.95 \$17.96

A baby seagull and its mother follow the epic journey of a drop of water from cloud to rain, river, bath, sewer, sea and back to cloud. Beautifully illustrated it makes a simple and enchanting introduction to one of the basic cycles in nature.

111. Little Duck (Sascha Hutchinson)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Little Duck discovers that the world is full of extraordinary things - things that rustle and snuffle, sparkle and shimmer. But what could that be? Could it be the most wonderful creature of all?

112. Mighty Murray, The (John Nicholson)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Australia's greatest river system as it is and was, with many stories about the people who lived on or in the Murray Valley. Includes archaeological finds, Aboriginal legends, riverboat traders and dam engineers. Also addresses the future of this water system and how important it is to save it.

113. One Less Fish (Kim Michelle Toft and Allan Shearer)

\$17.95 \$16.16

A spectacular picture information book set on the Great Coral Reef. Uniquely illustrated on silk, the fish shimmer from page to page as this environmental count-down is unraveled in dazzling images.

114. Platypus Deep: A Creek History (Jill Morris and Heather Gall)

\$19.95 \$17.96

When Orni the platypus goes in search of a deeper home, he discovers how important his creek has been to many platypuses over millions of years. Age 3+.

115. Two Summers (John Heffernan and Freya Blackwood)

\$14.95 \$13.46

As a farm boy awaits the arrival of his friend from the city, he looks back over their previous summer together - no two summers could be more different. Same place, same people, same day-to-day activities—but while the earlier summer was green and lush, the current summer is dry.

116. Water Cycle, The (Theresa Greenaway)

\$18.95 \$17.06

This title studies the different states of water in nature and its fundamental importance before examining how human activity can interfere with the natural process. Packed with detailed photographs and diagrams it provides both clear and fascinating coverage of the subject.

117-122. Water Report, The (Michael Pelusey)

\$29.50 \$26.55

This series reports on ways to manage our limited water supply. Water is essential for life, and is a precious and limited resource. This series brings to our attention vital information about many areas relating to water. Includes waterwise facts and water saver tips.

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