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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)



(RRP) (SCHOOL)

1. Sixth Grade Style Queen (not!) (Sheryl Clark and Elissa Christian) **\$14.95 \$11.95**

I don't fit in my family or at school, I have friends but sometimes even they think I'm weird. I say dumb things, I wear stupid clothes, I can't make my hair behave some days the whole world looks wrong to me. Told in the form of a verse novel, Sheryl Clark brings to life all the beauty, vulnerability and pain of twelve-year-old emotions. Dawn doesn't know where she belongs. It's not with the style queens at school. And it's not at home, where all her parents do is fight. Even her best friend, Emily, doesn't seem to want to be best friends any more.

2. Shaggy Gully Times, The (Jackie French and Bruce Whatley) **\$24.99 \$19.99**

Look! Up in the sky! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a wombat, a sheep and a dancing kangaroo – And they're on the front page of The Shaggy Gully Times! The small bush town of Shaggy Gully is home to many animals, including local celebrities Mothball, Pete and Josephine. Pete the Sheep runs a successful hairdressing salon and Josephine is a renowned ballerina. Mothball is editor of the weekly newspaper, The Shaggy Gully Times. She also can't spell!

3. Amelia Dee and the Peacock Lamp (Odo Hirsch) **\$15.95 \$12.75**

A funny, touching, thought-provoking novel, peopled with memorable characters and pulsing with ideas, from the inimitable author of Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman and Hazel Green.

4. Winning the World Cup (David Metzenthien and Stephen Axelsen) **\$10.95 \$8.75**

Behind Marco's house there is a paddock. Behind Nam's house there is a paddock, too; and behind Steffi's and Carlo's and Mitch's houses. And in this huge paddock, just about every day, the friends play soccer for the World Cup. All the kids are Australian - but they play for the country they came from. They play because they love soccer. One day Marco kicks the ball over a fence and meets a new neighbour, Henry, who is from Kenya. He'd love to play too, but soccer is a joyful game and Henry is too sad to play. His sister is in hospital. The day comes when Henry's sister is not sick any more, and Henry shows that he's an amazing footballer!

5. Key to Rondo, The (Emily Rodda) **\$29.99 \$23.99**

The day that Leo Zifkak became the owner of the music box, his life changed forever. The old music box has its rules, carefully handed down through the generations in Leo's family. A long-ago ancestor called Rollo had brought it back from one of his world trips. Those who had owned it before Leo understood its powers well, and placed strict limits on its use. But now it is Leo's music box, and although he respects the rules, his least favourite cousin Mimi Langlander does not. When the rules are flouted and the Blue Queen appears and takes Mimi's dog Mutt back to the world of Rondo, Leo finds himself on an alarming quest to retrieve him, with the disagreeable Mimi at his side.

6. Dragon Moon (Carole Wilkinson) **\$19.99 \$15.99**

Ancient China, Han Dynasty. Ping and Kai have traveled far, but their journey is not yet over. Danger stalks them. Ping must find Kai a safe home. But how? When a hidden message from Danzi makes the way clear, Ping knows that once again the journey of a thousand li begins with a single step. The third and final book in one of the most awarded series in Australian children's publishing history.

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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

Shhh! Little Mouse

7. Shhh! Little Mouse (Pamela Allen)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Shhh! little mouse. Who is that sleeping? Will the little grey mouse find something to eat, or will he wake the sleeping cat? A delightful picture book for the very young from the best-selling, award-winning Pamela Allen.

8. Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley (Aaron Blabey)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are different in every way. Pearly Barley loves death-defying missions, solving mysteries, talking very loudly and is a terrible show-off. Charlie Parsley prefers reading in quiet places to jumping off buildings, is scared of everything and everyone, and is painfully shy. So how on earth is it that they are such good friends... ?

9. Cat (Mike Dumbleton and Craig Smith)

\$19.95 \$15.95

Share a day with Cat and find out how exhausting, exciting and downright dangerous life can be! A warm, funny picture book by two of Australia's top creators.

10. Trouble With Dogs! The (Bob Graham)

\$27.95 \$22.35

Brought home from the rescue centre, Dave is small and sparky and gets all excited. To Kate, he's everything a pup should be. The trouble is, he sometimes gets too excited. He jumps uninvited onto guests' laps, runs down the middle of flowerbeds and chews holes in the tights of Kate's schoolfriends. "We need help!" Mum decides. But will the man from Pup Breakers really have the answers?

11. Night Garden, The (Elise Hurst)

\$27.95 \$22.35

When Sally paints a magical garden on the window of her room, it's the start of a mystical adventure. An enchanting tale brought to life by Elise Hurst's whimsical illustrations. One night while Sally is staying at her grandmother's old house, she discovers a mystical garden in the backyard. Transformed from neat hedges and flower beds, to twisted shapes and creatures, the garden is now a place full of hidden surprises and adventure!

12. Lucy Goosey (Margaret Wild and Ann James)

\$24.99 \$19.99

Lucy Goosey has been playing happily in the same pond all her life. Then comes time to fly away. She is so terrified of getting lost in the huge sky that she refuses to leave with the others. Only when her mother reassures her that no matter what happens, she will always come looking for Lucy Goosey, does Lucy Goosey feel brave enough to make the flight

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (13-18)

(In Alphabetical Order by Illustrator and Author)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

13. Peasant Prince (Anne Spudvilas and Li Cunxin)

\$29.95 \$23.95

The Peasant Prince is a picture book based on the story of Li Cunxin, the international best-selling author of Mao's Last Dancer. Now this moving, uplifting tale of the peasant boy who became a ballet star comes to life for even the youngest child, with stunning illustrations from an award-winning artist, and through Li's own inspirational words.

14. Island, The (Armin Greder)

\$29.95 \$23.95

Absolutely the story of our time - an amazing and powerful picture book, winner of several international awards and available for the first time in English. In the morning the people of the island found a man sitting on the shore, where fate and the ocean currents had set him and his frail raft in the night. When he saw them coming towards him, he rose to his feet. He was not like them. This internationally acclaimed, award-winning picture book is astonishing, powerful and timely.

15. Ziba Came on a Boat (Robert Ingpen and Liz Lofthouse)

\$29.95 \$23.95

Ziba came on a boat. A soggy old fishing boat, which creaked and moaned as it rose and fell, rose and fell, across an endless sea... Ziba thinks of home as she sits in the crowded hull, held in her mother's arms as they journey towards a new land where they hope to find peace and safety. A beautiful, lyrical picture book about a little girl whose family has lost everything and their brave journey to make a new life. Full of hope for the future, the love and comfort found in families, and warm memories of home, this moving story is accompanied by stunning illustrations by the acclaimed Robert Ingpen.

16. You and Me: Our Place (Dee Huxley and Leonie Norrington)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Every morning Uncle Tobias goes fishing. Sometimes he is joined by two little boys. Together they spend the day moving from one place to another. Along the way they meet other friends of Uncle Tobias - Auntie Ruby and Old Isaac - and listen to stories about Uncle Tobias' ancestors and other times. The setting of this story is Darwin, but it could be any regional coastal town in the north of Australia, where Indigenous and homeless people live on the margins of society. You and Me: Our place is about difference - old and new cultures that exist side by side - but more importantly it is about sameness. About people enjoying ordinary things and accepting each other - and especially about children who move freely between cultures.

17. Requiem for a Beast (Matt Ottley)

\$39.99 \$31.99

A graphic novel masterpiece in picture book format unlike anything ever seen before. A boy goes on a journey of self discovery as a stockman in Far North Queensland. In an exquisitely illustrated collage of memory and dreamscape, the boy confronts a huge, rogue bull and realizes he must acknowledge the errors of the past before he can fully embrace the future.

18. Dust (Colin Thompson and 13 other illustrators)

\$24.95 \$19.95

In a perfect world, this book would not exist. But we do not live in a perfect world. At any given moment of any given day, there are people dying from natural disasters over which we have no control. Beyond natural disasters we add disasters of our making, but even if we all learn to live in peace, there will still be millions of people who need help. All royalties earned will be donated to the Save the Children organisation in Australia.

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EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

19. Australia's Deadly and Dangerous Animals (Michael Cermak)

\$10.95 \$8.75

This book is packed with detailed animal profiles and full-colour photographs to help children easily discover more about some of Australia's favourite animals. These simple-to-understand, well-designed fact files are perfect for school project work.

20. Girl Stuff: Your Full-on Guide to the Teen Years (Kaz Cooke)

\$39.95 \$31.95

With over 600 pages and heaps of cartoons, Girl Stuff has everything girls need to know about: friends, body changes, shopping, clothes, make-up, pimples (arrghh), sizes, hair, earning money, guys, embarrassment, what to eat, moods, smoking, why diets suck, handling love and heartbreak, exercise, school stress, sex, beating bullies and mean girls, drugs, drinking, how to find new friends, cheering up, how to get on with your family, and confidence.

21. Kokoda Track: 101 Days (Peter Macinnes)

\$16.99 \$13.59

The story of the Kokoda Track is the extraordinary story of a small force defeating a much larger one. It is the tale of the 550 men of the 39th Militia Battalion – called choccos because the regular soldiers thought they'd melt under pressure. In eight short and brutal weeks – from 20 August 1942 – these soldiers slowed, and eventually stopped, the advance of 6000 experienced Japanese troops of the Nankai division across the massive Owen Stanley range.

22. Antarctica Book: Living in the Freezer (Dr Mark Norman)

\$16.99 \$13.59

Antarctica needs our help. We may live a long distance away, but the way we live is affecting Antarctica. Global warming is reaching Antarctica and starting to melt glaciers, ice shelves and ice sheets. Unless we act soon, it will affect the wonderful animals that live there and change life on earth as we know it.

23. Parsley Rabbit's Book About Books (Frances Watts and David Legge)

\$19.95 \$15.95

Takes the reader on a hilarious and stimulating journey through the world of books. An absolute treasure of a book for children from 3 - 7 years.

24. Ned Kelly's Jerilderie Letter (Carole Wilkinson and Dean Jones)

\$16.99 \$13.59

Ned Kelly was a dangerous man – a thief, a bank robber and a murderer. Yet when he was sentenced to hang, thousands of people rallied to save his life. In the Jerilderie Letter we hear from Ned in his own words. Wicked, angry, vividly descriptive; this is Ned's justification to his countrymen of how it all transpired.

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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

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

25. Pharaoh: the Boy who Conquered the Nile (Jackie French)

\$15.99 \$12.79

Tragedy befalls Namer when an unexpected encounter with a crocodile changes the path of his assured future. Now lame and horribly scarred, he is less than perfect and no longer the Golden One. His brother Hawk will be King of Thisis. And rather than remain as Hawk's Vizier, Namer decides to leave his home and take his chances with the Trader, whose healing skills have saved his life. In their travels, Namer learns much about faraway lands and people and his place in the world. Most of all, he learns what it means to be a true king and leader. Ages 10-14

26. Ghost's Child, The (Sonya Hartnett)

\$24.95 \$19.95

This is a romantic tale about a young girl's love for a boy called Feather. An old woman named Matilda comes home to find a teenage boy sitting in her living room. She does not know who he is but does not think it odd to find a complete stranger sitting on her couch, waiting. The old woman tells the boy the story of her life: how she fell in love with Feather. She had a question she was desperate to ask him and when he answers her question, she travels back to the real world and gets on with her life. An afterlife story.

27. Marty's Shadow (John Heffernan)

\$17.99 \$14.39

He had to run. To escape the voices. They weren't there yet, but they were coming. He could feel them. If he ran hard and fast enough he might be able to escape them a little longer. If he pushed himself until his thighs ached and his heart pounded, they might fall back and leave him to the peace and quiet of the hill... Marty's a boy who is troubled by shadows. It might be something to do with his mother, or something that happened a long time ago. For a while his friend Nariah makes the shadows go away, but not for long.

28. Love Like Water (Meme McDonald)

\$19.95 \$15.95

She stole a look at the man in the driver's seat. Sometimes Jay seemed as familiar as her own self. Other times he was different as another language. Cathy arrives in Alice Springs from cattle country, looking for a new way to live. But 'new' is a serious challenge for a girl who's used to being measured by her actions, not her feelings. Feelings are slippery, like water. They escape through your hands. Love Like Water is a story of white girl, black boy. It's a story of city and country, self and other, love and friendship. And it's a story of identity, and the many different versions of Australia.

29. Black Water (David Metzenthen)

\$18.95 \$15.16

Farren Fox has lost his mother. His brother, Danny, is over fighting at Gallipoli and his dad, a fisherman, spends his life out at sea on a cotta boat named for Farren's mother, the Camille. His mate, Robbie, has lost his father at Gallipoli, and Farren worries about Danny. Then tragedy strikes - his father is caught at sea in a huge storm. He drowns, leaving Farren alone until Danny returns injured and traumatised from Gallipoli. He slowly begins to improve, and the two boys begin to rebuild their lives, helped by a remarkable little girl, Souki, a part Aboriginal girl who Danny rescues from a shipwreck.

30. Leaving Barrumbi (Leonie Norrington)

\$16.99 \$13.59

Dale stands up hanging onto the wire cage of the Toyota and sees his home, Long Hole, shrinking away. The rusty iron roofs of the old people's houses at bottom camp are already disappearing into the red soil. And suddenly it hits him that he's leaving. He was born here at Long Hole, he's been here all his life, never slept anywhere else except for camping and fishing. Third novel in the 'Barrumbi' series, following The Barrumbi Kids and The Spirit of Barrumbi. In schools the book could be used in the study of several themes, including Indigenous culture, adolescence, friendship, families, and the environment.

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BOOK WEEK THEME 2008: Fuel Your Mind (31-49)

Please see the following reviews and titles/series listed for our ideas on the Book Week Theme 2008 'Fuel Your Mind'. We are concentrating this year on problem solving, science and the environment linking this to the International Year of Planet Earth through fossil fuels and natural resources.

There are also suggested titles for the International Year of Planet Earth, the Olympics and China on the following pages.

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

31. Alexander's Outing (Pamela Allen) \$14.95 \$13.46

'Stay close, take care,' quacked Alexander's mother. But Alexander was a wayward duckling - he straggled behind ... and disappeared down a deep dark hole ...

32. Belinda (Pamela Allen) \$14.95 \$13.46

What is Old Tom to do? If he cannot catch Belinda, there will be no milk for anyone... Discover how he solves his problem in this hilarious tale.

33. Caruso's Song to the Moon (Adele Jaunn) \$14.95 \$13.46

Caruso's operatic overtures are not appreciated by his neighbours, but when a fire breaks out, Caruso becomes the accidental hero.

34. Counting on Frank (Rod Clements) \$14.95 \$13.46

Frank loves to calculate things. He knows how many humpback whales would fit in his house. He knows how long it would take to fill his bathroom with water. But can Frank guess the number of jellybeans in the jar? Ages 5+

35. Esio Trot (Roald Dahl) \$14.95 \$13.46

Have you ever wanted to turn into something else? I bet it wasn't a tortoise! This is the story of a very shy man who's in love with a very kind woman, and of the small tortoise who brings them together.

36. Fix-it Duck (Jez Alborough) \$14.95 \$13.46

With all the confidence of a seasoned handyman Fix-it Duck sets out to help his friends with their problems often with chaotic results. Wonderful fun to read aloud.

37. Grandad's Teeth (Rod Clement) \$14.95 \$13.46

The whole town including the police hunt high and low for Grandad's stolen teeth. Soon the only way to prove you were innocent was to smile all the time. At last the town returned to normal. But what had happened to Grandad's teeth?

38. Great Divide, The (Dayle Ann Dodds and Tracy Mitchell) \$15.95 \$14.36

"Bang!" goes the gun. The race is on.... Eighty racers explode from the starting gate, determined to win The Great Divide. In this crafty story of a cross-country race, numerical division accounts for the narrowing of the field.

39. Harriet Bright in a Pickle (Claire Craig) \$14.95 \$13.46

Meet Harriet Bright. She's brave, clever, and a poet (don't you know it) with an original way of getting into (and out of) pickles. Join Harriet on her mysteries, mishaps and poetic escapes from truly awful events like swimming competitions. Ages 7+

40. Hide and Seek (Irin Savvides and Owen Swan) \$27.99 \$25.20

Sometimes when you play hide and seek with your grandpa, he lets you win. But this time Grandpa is nowhere to be found. In this moving story, a young boy comes to terms with his grandfather's death.

41. I'm Coming to Get You (Tony Ross) \$17.95 \$16.16

After wreaking havoc on the planets of its own galaxy, a hungry monster sets off in its spaceship for a pretty blue planet called Earth. A little boy called Tommy Brown, who is particularly scared of monsters, is singled out for a visit...

42. I Want a Pet (Lauren Child) \$15.95 \$14.36

"I quite fancy a pet - an African lion...or an octopus...or even a boa constrictor...The trouble is, Mum and Dad and Granny and Grandad all have objections to pets. So I must try to find a pet that none of them will mind..."

43. Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch 30th Anniversary Edition, The (Ronda and David Armitage) \$15.99 \$14.40

At lunchtime Mr Grinling tucks into a delicious lunch, prepared by his wife. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys it. Can Mrs Grinling stop the greedy seagulls stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch?

44. Math Curse (John Scieszka and Lane Smith) \$14.95 \$12.71

Did you ever wake up to one of those days where everything is a problem? Don't worry - it's just the Math Curse striking! An amusing book about dealing with numbers in everyday life.

45. Math Potatoes (Greg Tang and Harry Briggs) \$19.99 \$18.00

Greg Tang is back with his best-selling approach to addition and subtraction: problem solving. By solving challenges that encourage kids to 'group' numbers rather than memorise formulas, even the most reluctant maths learners are inspired to see maths in a whole new way!

46. Minnie's Diner: A Multiplying Menu (Dayle Ann Dodds and John Manders) \$15.95 \$14.36

A multiplying menu picture book! The smell coming from Minnie's Diner is just too much for the McFay family and one by one they down tools, enter the diner and order the special - each ordering twice as much as the one before!

47. Red Tree, the (Shaun Tan) \$16.99 \$15.30

Sometimes you wake up with nothing to look forward to...The Red Tree is about feelings that cannot always be simply expressed in words. Though some bad feelings are inevitable, they are always tempered by hope.

48. Round Fish Square Bowl (Tom Skinner) \$14.95 \$13.46

One of the difficulties of growing up is not fitting in or feeling different. This book lovingly addresses this issue in a bright and positive way, allowing its readers to take heart and celebrate their difference.

49. Winning Back Dad (Ian Bone) \$12.95 \$11.66

Kel's Dad has always been a winner but when he has to sell his truck he goes from King of the Road to King of the Grumps. A competition at the District Show gives Kel a great idea. A light-hearted look at male roles for ages 7+



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH (50-74)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



50. Big Picture Book of Environments, The (John Long) **\$32.95 \$29.66**
The Big Picture Book of Environments explores the effects of changing climate on environments around the world, including the great rivers, deserts, Arctic regions, cities, abyssal depths and forests. Dr John Long is Head of Sciences at Museum Victoria.

51. Eyewitness Guide - Climate Change Book and CD (Dorling Kindersley) **\$19.95 \$17.96**
Learn about climate change with this fact-packed guide, giant wall chart, interactive clipart CD and dedicated website. From what's being done to stop pollution harming life on earth, to why rising sea levels mean maps will need to be redrawn: find out about our fragile planet and the dramatic changes that are affecting the weather, the environment and our way of life.

52. Google E.explore - Earth (Dorling Kindersley) **\$19.95 \$17.96**
Look inside an exploding volcano, find out why life evolved on Earth, and see how a tornado is created. From the Big Bang and the formation of the Solar System to spectacular volcanoes and shattering earthquakes, e.explore Earth probes the science behind the natural phenomena that have moulded our planet.

53-57. Help the Environment Series (Charlotte Guillain) **\$19.95 \$17.96ea**
This is a series designed to make children more aware of the effect of their behaviour on the physical environment. It introduces the concept of caring for our environment to young children in an accessible way. It introduces ideas on how to conserve and nurture elements of their surroundings. Beautiful photography provides visual reinforcement of learning.

53. Caring for Nature

54. Cleaning Up Litter

55. Reusing and Recycle

56. Saving Energy

57. Saving Water

58. If the World Were a Village (David J. Smith and Shelagh Armstrong) **\$16.95 \$15.26**
This book gives a sense that our planet is a village, and we share this small, precious village with our neighbours. Knowing our neighbours and where and how they live will help us to live in peace. There are perspectives a-plenty to help us understand our place in this world. If you don't have a copy get one, as when I first saw this book 2 years ago I (James) thought it was the best book I'd seen for a long time.

59. Michael Recycle (Ellie Bethel) **\$12.99 \$11.70**
"I'm Michael Recycle, for all that I'm worth, I'm green and I'm keen to save planet Earth!" A small town near you is drowning in piles of rubbish from its lazy and wasteful inhabitants! But here is Michael Recycle, the green-caped crusader, to rescue the town and prove that recycling is fun!

60. On Earth (G. Brian Karas) **\$26.95 \$24.26**
How would you like to go on a giant ride in space? Climb aboard ... the earth! As you travel, watch shadows move from here to there, day stretch into night, and feel the sun on your face as winter turns into spring. Spinning and circling, gliding and tilting, as passengers of the earth, our voyage never ends!

61. One Well: The Story of Water on Earth (Rochelle Strauss and Rosemary Woods) **\$15.95 \$14.36**
Water has the power to change everything – a single splash can sprout a seed, quench a thirst, provide a habitat, generate energy and sustain life. How we treat the water in the well will effect every species on the planet, now and years to come.

62-66. Protect Our Planet Series (Angela Royston) **\$32.95 \$29.66ea**
This series explores the various ways our planet has been polluted and looks at how people are trying to stop the pollution and mitigate the effects. The books highlight ways in which we can all make a difference to the environment and how pollution is affecting different eco-systems and elements.

62. Disappearing Forests

63. Disappearing Wildlife

64. Global Warming

65. Oceans and Rivers in Danger

66. Polluted Air

67. True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet (Kim McKay) **\$22.95 \$20.66**
True Green Kids features 100 simple solutions to the environmental challenges facing kids today. With chapters focusing on the home, school, outdoors, pets and more, this book offers fun and easy ways to make a difference to our local and global environment. Practical tips include planting an organic garden, calculating your family's and schools carbon footprint, and keeping a worm farm. For anyone who wants to help save our planet -- here's your chance!

68. Why Should I Bother About the Planet? (Sue Meredith) **\$16.99 \$15.30**
This is an informative guide to one of the hottest subjects around at the moment; mankind's effects on the planet and how we can reverse them. Written in a conversational style, this book offers children an approachable source of information on key subjects such as climate change, recycling, energy sources and the small differences we can all make to save our planet. It is accompanied by the witty and vibrant illustrations of Adam Larkum. It is written in conjunction with climate change experts.

69. You Can Save the Planet: A Day in the Life of Your Carbon Footprint (Rich Hough) **\$24.95 \$22.46**
This book takes you through the environmental baddies hidden in an average day – from shopping to eating to using mobile phone. Packed with the latest research and ideas, it highlights what you need to know, and how you can help.

70-74. Your Environment Series (Various) **\$19.99 \$18.00ea**
This series provides up-to-date information on today's environmental issues. Including homework suggestions and practical activities, with differential text levels perfect for middle primary.

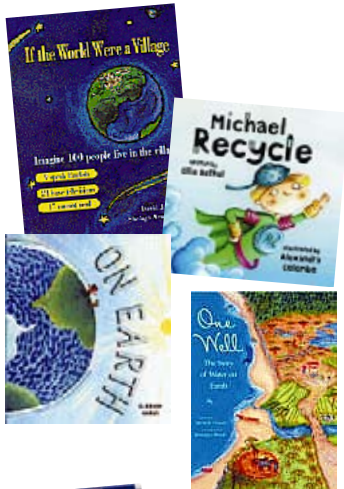
70. Future Energy

71. Global Warming

72. Pollution

73. Recycling

74. Wildlife in Danger



OLYMPIC GAMES 2008 (75-89)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

75. Asterix at the Olympic Games (Renee Goscinny and Albert Uderzo) \$19.99 \$16.99

The famous Olympic Games are to be held in Athens - and Asterix, Obelix and their friends enter. The competition will be formidable but our heroes are determined they will find a way to win.

76. Boyz Rule – Olympic Champions (Felice Arena and Phil Kettle) \$10.25 \$9.23

Super athletes Josh and Con go for Olympic gold in Con's backyard. Brick tossing is pretty easy, but the most challenging event of all is ... burping! Even the garden gnome gets in on the act.

77. Games: An Extraordinary History of the Modern Olympics (Carole Wilkinson) \$16.99 \$15.30

Award-winning author Carol Wilkinson explores the exciting and sometimes funny highs and lows of the Modern Olympics. From athletes who succeed against all odds to drug cheats. One runner even hitched a lift in the 1904 marathon!

78. Geronimo and the Gold Medal Mystery (Geronimo Stilton) \$11.99 \$10.80

Geronimo Stilton is not a sportsmouse. He prefers relaxing in an armchair. However, with the Olympics coming up, sports are all anyone in New Mouse City can talk about. And a reporter like Geronimo can't help but investigate an Olympic mystery.

79. Macmillan Book of Olympic Facts, The (Garry Chapman) \$35.00 \$31.50

This is a fabulous new book jam-packed with information and facts about the Olympic Games. A must-read for any student! Includes information on the origins of the Olympics, administration, traditions, ceremonies, different sports, issues, host cities and facts about the all Olympic Games held from the Olympiad 1896 in Athens to Beijing 2008.

80. Olympic Conspiracy, The (Katherine Roberts) \$17.95 \$16.16

Sosi's brother Theoron is in training for the Olympic Games. When he is injured, only Sosi can help him – but gets more than he bargained for when he takes Theoron's place. Who is trying to sabotage the Games, and why? Sorcery, plotting, poison and a power struggle at the Olympic Games – exciting fantasy adventure for ages 10+

81-84. Olympic Games 2008 (Melanie Guile) \$29.95 \$24.95ea

This new series is designed to inform students about the Olympic Games in general and, in particular, the 2008 Games, including comprehensive information on the host nation. It provides an up-to-date overview of this significant sporting competition.

81. Australia at the Olympic Games

83. China Host Nation 2008

82. Beijing Olympic Games 2008

84. History of the Olympic Games

85-88. Olympics Series (Haydn Middleton) \$37.50 \$32.95ea

Get in training for the Beijing Olympics with this fully updated series that tells the story of the Olympics from the earliest times to the present day. Each book is packed with facts, figures and stories from the earliest Olympics to the present day; and includes discussion of the issues that have surrounded the Games in recent times, from terrorism to drugs scandals.

85. Ancient Olympic Games

87. Great Olympic Moments

86. Crisis at the Olympics

88. Modern Olympic Games

89. Pankration (Dyan Blacklock)

\$14.95 \$13.46

The Pankration was what most of the onlookers had come to Olympia to see; the strongest men in Greece fighting bare-fisted and unarmed, until one of them surrendered, or died. This was blood sport... Nic is on the run; from the plague in Athens, from savage pirates, and from the slave who wants him dead. If only he can reach Olympia and find his friend Gellius, he'll be safe - or will he? At Olympia the last and most terrible of his enemies is waiting...

CHINA AND ASIAN STUDIES (90-120)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

90. Always Come Home to Me (Belle Yang) \$27.95 \$25.16

Twins Mei-Mei and Di-Di are given a pair of doves, which they take care of and love very much, but one day their father gives the doves to his brother for helping him on his farm. The twins are devastated and run away to find their doves, only to have to doves fly home while they are away.

91. Beijing: Story of Great Dynasties, Mighty Conflicts and the Forbidden City (Richard Platt) \$29.99 \$27.00

"Through Time: Beijing" follows the story of several grand palaces and cities in what we now know as Beijing. Beginning in prehistoric times, an agricultural community slowly evolves. By the medieval period an imperial palace is taking shape. The reader follows the story of daily life under the different imperial dynasties, and of the cities that rise and fall around this site.

92. China: Land of Dragons and Emperors (Adeline Yen-Mah) \$15.95 \$14.36

Do you know why the opening time for the Beijing Olympics was set at 8.08 pm on 8 August 2008? Or what are the secrets guarded by the silent terracotta army inside the First Chinese Emperor's tomb? This book will introduce you to the most famous people and events in China during the last 2200 years. Adeline Yen Mah is the best-selling author of Falling Leaves, Chinese Cinderella, and Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society.

93. Chinese Cinderella (Adeline Yen-Mah) \$17.95 \$16.16

When Adeline Yen Mah's mother died giving birth to her, the family considered Adeline bad luck and she was made to feel unwanted all her life. Chinese Cinderella is the true story of her struggle for acceptance and her triumph against almost overwhelming odds. It tells of her childhood struggle for acceptance in a world where girls were of little importance.

94. Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society (Adeline Yen-Mah) \$15.95 \$14.36

The companion to the well-loved and internationally bestselling Chinese Cinderella, Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society is a tale of high adventure and friendship, set in China during the Second World War. Chinese Cinderella is thrown out of her home by her cruel stepmother on to the dangerous streets of Shanghai where Japanese soldiers patrol every corner. She takes refuge with Grandma Wu in her Martial Arts Academy.



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95. Cleversticks (Bernard Ashley)

\$11.95 \$10.76

Ling Sung decided that he didn't like school when he discovered he couldn't do what the other children could do. Ling Sung didn't want to go back to school. One day Ling Sung discovers that he can do something the other children and teachers cannot. Ling Sung and his friends help each other learn new skills. Suddenly school wasn't so bad after all.

96-105. Countries of South-East Asia (Various)

\$29.95 \$24.95ea

Discover what it's like to live in the Countries of South-East Asia. Read about the history, geography, languages, customs and traditions, and find out about their landmarks and unique plants and animals. Learn about life in the cities and in the country, and the many different peoples that live in this vibrant region of the world. The books include maps, flags, a visual timeline, recipes and craft activities. Middle primary level.

96. Cambodia

97. Indonesia

98. Laos

99. Malaysia and Brunei

100. Myanmar

101. Philippines, The

102. Singapore

103. Thailand

104. Timor-Leste

105. Vietnam

106. D is for Dancing Dragon: A China Alphabet (Carol Crane and Zong-Zhou Wang)

\$34.95 \$29.95

This captivating book brings China's history and culture alive through its art, customs, inventions, geography, and wildlife. Full colour.

107. DK Readers- Welcome to China (Caryn Jenner)

\$9.95 \$8.96

Discover all about China's amazing past, what life is like today and the exciting future of this fantastic country. DK Readers are ideal for children who are just beginning to read alone.

108. Elephant's Pillow A Chinese Bedtime Story (Diana Reynolds Roome and Jude Daly)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Long ago in old Peking, a rich, bored young boy called Sing Lo asks to see the Imperial Elephant, who, people say, hasn't slept a wink since the old emperor died. It takes all Sing Lo's ingenuity to solve this riddle, but there are yet more tasks he must complete before bedtime if the elephant is to get to sleep...

109. Eyewitness Guide - China (Dorling Kindersley)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Be an eyewitness to the story of an incredible land and its people, from the Bronze Age beginnings to the end of the great Qing empire in the 20th century. Find out about the fabled Silk Route. See the remarkable tools used for Chinese calligraphy. Discover what types of weapons were used in early battles.

110. Fang Fang's Chinese New Year (Sally Rippin)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Fang Fang was born in China, but now she is Australian. When she invites her friend Lisa over to celebrate Chinese New Year, she is sure that Lisa will be bored. But Lisa is full of surprises ...

111. Five Chinese Brothers (Claire Huchet Bishop and Kurt Wiese)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Five identical brothers have remarkable talents: one can swallow the sea, one has an iron neck, one can stretch and stretch his legs, one cannot be burned, and one can hold his breath indefinitely. The first one's talent gets him in serious trouble, but the other four step up to receive his punishment, and their remarkable attributes come in very handy indeed.

112. Hungry Ghosts (Sally Heinrich)

\$15.99 \$14.40

Hungry Ghosts is a sprawling tale touching on issues of Chinese immigration to Australia, from the 1800s to the present, and the manner and extent to which Chinese cultural identity has been maintained in expatriate Chinese communities. Ages 10+

113. Long-Long's New Year (Catherine Gower and He Zhihong)

\$15.95 \$14.36

It is New Year's Eve and Long-Long and his grandfather are going to market to make some money for their Spring Festival celebrations. But when they meet with trouble, it looks as though the family will be disappointed. Long-Long wanders through the market exploring the colourful New Year scenes and wondering what to do. Is there still time for him to make the Spring Festival extra special?

114. One Leaf Rides the Wind (Celeste Mannis and Susan Hartung)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Filled with lush illustrations, this counting book reveals both the pleasure and the tranquillity of the Japanese garden, while introducing haiku poetry, with eleven poems that are simple and easy to follow. Follow along as the young girl explores the beauty of the garden, and discover the fun of haiku.

115. Rebel Girl (Susan Geason)

\$14.95 \$13.46

In Nanjing, China, a young peasant girl is sold into slavery and trained as a cook. Overworked and reviled for her large feet, she watches in horror as the daughter of the house undergoes the terrible pain of having her feet bound. When the Taiping rebellion sweeps across China, the young peasant girl's life takes a new and unforeseen direction.

116. Red Butterfly (Deborah Noyes and Sophie Blackall)

\$27.95 \$25.16

Flowing silk flies behind a young princess as she lovingly says good-bye to the "many splendors" of her father's kingdom. "Goodbye, pink peach petals. Goodbye, yellow moon". After summer she must venture far away from all she knows to wed the king of Khotan. But not all of her adored home is left behind as she secretly carries a little piece of it with her.

117. Solo - What a Mess, Fang Fang! (Sally Rippin)

\$10.99 \$9.90

Fang Fang always makes a mess when she eats wontons. How can she be neat and clean like her twin cousins? She needs some special magic!

118. Tracks of a Panda (Nick Dowson and Yu Rong)

\$27.95 \$25.16

High on a mist-wrapped mountain in China, a mother panda holds her newborn cub gently in her giant paw. Through harsh winter and lush spring, she must protect and care for him while he grows and learns to walk, swim, climb and feed himself.

119. Yikang's Day from Dawn to Dusk in a Chinese City (So Sungwan)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Ren Yikang lives with her parents in Changzhi city. Her mother wakes her at 7 and after breakfast her father gives her a lift to school on the back of his bicycle. When school is over, Yikang and her parents sit down to dinner of rice and stir fried Chinese celery with doufu (bean curd). This book shows a day in the life of a Chinese schoolgirl. Yikang, Wan'an! (Goodnight, Yikang).

120. Yin's Magic Dragon (Lan Siew Mei)

\$12.99 \$11.70

This is the story of Yin, an only child, who lives with her Grandmother and parents, and her very lovable and loyal Dragon. When Yin's Grandmother has to leave the family home, Yin's Dragon comes to the rescue...Ages 8+



