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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

Intended for independent younger readers



(RRP) (SCHOOL)

1. Just a Dog (Michael Gerard Bauer)

\$14.99 \$11.99

Mr Mosely isn't a pedigreed dog, but he is just the dog Corey and his family want: he is loyal, protective and loving. And he is much more than that. He might well be the one thing that holds them all together.

2. Henry Hoey Hobson (Christine Bongers)

\$16.95 \$13.55

Henry Hoey Hobson is drowning in the dangerous waters of Year Seven. He arrives at his sixth school in as many years, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, to discover that he is the only boy in the grade. Fatherless, friendless and non-Catholic, Henry earns a reputation as a vampire on his first day, when ill-fitting braces make his mouth bleed. To make matters worse, a pack of weirdos moves in next door. With their pale skin, black clothing and eerie coffin, they freak out the local kids. When they befriend Henry, they drive a stake through the heart of any chance he might have had of fitting in. Henry's only chance to redeem himself is the school swimming carnival. But first he must deal with the withdrawn and tortured Anders' attempts to overcome his own dark past and earn a place in the light, at Henry's side.

3. Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot (Anna Branford and Sarah Davis)

\$19.95 \$15.95

Violet Mackerel thinks she would quite like to own the blue china bird at the Saturday markets. This is not just a silly wish. It is instead the start of a very important idea. But what she needs is a plot. A brilliant plot. Introducing readers to a new warm and loveable character, Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot is a story not to be missed.

4. Red Wind, The (Isobelle Carmody)

\$19.95 \$15.95

In this captivating first book, brothers Zluty and Bily live happily in their little house in the desert. Every year Zluty journeys to the great forest while Bily stays to tend their desert home. And every year Zluty returns with exciting tales of his adventures. But then a devastating red wind sweeps across the land destroying everything in its path. And each brother must fight for his survival.

5. Duck For A Day (Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge)

\$13.95 \$11.15

Duck for a Day is a contemporary story set in a primary school class, where the teacher, Mrs Melvino, brings in a new class pet. A duck called Max. All of the students, including the main character, Abby, want to take Max home for the night, however they must abide by Max's strict demands before Mrs Melvino allows it. Abby works hard to make her home appropriate but when Max finally comes home with Abby, he waddles away to the park. Abby has to rescue him from the pond but needs the help of her neighbour, the annoying Noah.

6. Toppling (Sally Murphy and Rhian Nest James)

\$16.95 \$13.55

Toppling is a fantastic new verse novel from Sally Murphy and a fitting partner title to her first title with Walker Books, Pearl Verses the World. John is obsessed with dominoes. But not with playing the traditional game, he is obsessed with toppling. He spends hours setting up spirals, ramps, patterns and lines of dominoes all for that satisfying toppling beginning with a small push in the right direction, everything falls as it is meant to. When John's friend Dom falls sick and is diagnosed with cancer, it is John and his friend's worlds that fall apart. Can they face Dom and support him through this uncomfortable illness? It's hard for all at first but John and his friends find a way to comfort Dom and laugh with him again. They even find support and understanding from an unlikely source within their class, the school bully.

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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author and Illustrator)

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

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



7. Tall Man And The Twelve Babies, The

(Tom Niland Champion and Deborah Niland)

\$24.99 \$19.99

In a big, big city, In a tiny, tiny apartment. Lived a tall, tall man. And twelve babies. All the boys were called Alistair. All the girls were called Charlene. One day the door slams shut ... with the Charlenes on one side and the Alistairs on the other. What will the tall man do?

8. Deep End, The - Aussie Nibble (Ursula Dubosarsky and Mitch Vane)

\$12.95 \$10.35

Becky has reached the point in her swimming lessons when she has stopped being a Frog and has moved up to be a Platypus. She has to go into the deep end, and she's not at all sure that she's ready for it. She wishes she could be a Frog for just a little while longer.

9. Noni The Pony (Alison Lester)

\$24.99 \$19.99

Noni the pony is friendly and funny. Her shimmering tail is the colour of honey. She lives on a farm at Waratah Bay, and likes eating apples and carrots and hay. Would you like to meet Noni? She loves to entertain the cows and play with with the hens and the ducks, and her best friends are Dave Dog and Coco the Cat.

10. It's Bedtime William (Deborah Niland)

\$24.95 \$19.95

"William, no more jumping," says Dad. "William, it's bedtime NOW," says Mum. But William has other ideas, and a very special friend to help make this his most memorable night ever!

11. Look See, Look at Me! (Leonie Norrington and Dee Huxley)

\$24.99 \$19.99

With its exuberant rhyming text and wonderful illustrations, Look See, Look at Me perfectly captures a child's everyday life and will be wonderful for sharing over and over again.

12. Maudie and Bear (Jan Ormerod and Freya Blackwood)

\$29.95 \$23.95

Maudie's world revolves around Maudie. Bear's world also revolves around Maudie-he is as patient and solid as a rock. Maudie is so confident of Bear's love she makes little effort to deserve it. Bear's remedy for loving Maudie is to love her some more. Perfectly captured is the intricate relationship between parent and child.

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (13-18)

(In Alphabetical Order by Illustrator and Author)

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

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



13. Mirror (Jeannie Baker)

\$39.95 \$31.95

This innovative picture book comprises two stories designed to be read simultaneously - one from the left, the other from the right. Page by page, we experience a day in the lives of two boys and their families - one from inner city Sydney, Australia and the other from a small, remote village in Morocco, North Africa. These worlds couldn't be further apart, yet with the showing of the parallel lives of the two families, we see a simple truth. We see that in the context of strikingly different lifestyles, remotely different countries, landscapes, differences of clothing and all, the families are essentially the same.

14. Why I Love Australia (Bronwyn Bancroft)

\$24.95 \$19.95

Australia is a continent of many and varied landscapes. Each of them is dramatic and all inspire awe and reverence. In this glorious book, Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft explores both the country and her feelings for it.

15. Hamlet (Nicki Greenberg)

\$49.99 \$39.99

In this sumptuous staging of Shakespeare's enigmatic play on the page, Nicki Greenberg has created an extraordinary visual feast that sweeps up all in its path as the drama intensifies both on stage and off. An astounding work - unique, gripping and, as ever, tragic. Graphic Novel. 440 pages. Age 13+

16. Family Forest (Kim Kane and Lucia Masciullo)

\$24.95 \$19.95

While some kids have a family tree, we have a family forest! Do you have half-sisters, big brothers, step-parents? The modern family comes in all shapes and sizes. This gentle and witty picture book looks at one such family.

17. Two Peas In a Pod (Chris McKimmie)

\$29.99 \$23.99

Marvin and Violet have been friends since they were babies. They are like two peas in a pod. But then Violet moves away... With a unique Australian flavour, this story of friendship is both tender and truthful.

18. My Uncle's Donkey (Tohby Riddle)

\$24.95 \$19.95

My uncle's donkey is allowed in the house. And in the house, the donkey gets up to all sorts of things - he talks to his friends on the phone, does hoofstands in the kitchen, cartwheels in the living room, takes long baths and stays up late ... A humorous and entertaining picture book that will delight children and adults alike!

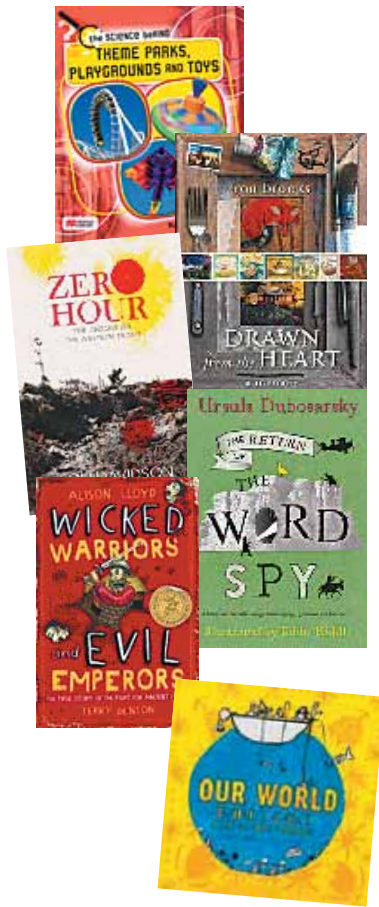
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EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

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



19. Theme Parks, Playgrounds and Toys – Science Behind (Nicolas Brasch) (RRP) (SCHOOL) **\$31.99 \$25.59**

This book is part of a compelling series posing and answering intriguing Science questions that upper primary students are curious about. Focusing on theme parks, playgrounds and toys it presents information via 13 engaging question-and-answer spreads. The pages are highly visual and engaging, to assist understanding of sometimes quite complex concepts and processes.

20. Drawn From The Heart: A Memoir (Ron Brooks) **\$49.99 \$39.99**

Ron Brooks grew up in East Gippsland, a country boy with a yen for drawing and observation of the life around him. He became an acknowledged master of the picture-book form, winning acclaim both nationally and internationally. In this searching memoir he recreates his life as an artist, husband, father, with all its twists and turns, its pain and joy. Along the way he offers rare insights into the 'secret' process of picture-making and story-shaping. Illustrated with roughs and finished art from his best-loved books, Drawn from the Heart is a classic in its own right. Written for adults

21. Zero Hour: The Anzacs On The Western Front (Leon Davidson) **\$19.95 \$15.95**

The First World War was only meant to last six months. When the Australians and New Zealanders arrived at the Western Front in 1916, the fighting had been going for a year and a half and there was no end in sight. The men took their place in a line of trenches that spread through Belgium and France from the North Sea to the Swiss Alps. Beyond the trenches was no-man's land, an eerie wasteland where rats lived in the ribs of the dead and the wounded cried for help. Beyond that was the German Army. The Anzacs had sailed for France to fight a war the whole world was talking about. Few who came home ever spoke about it again. Age 11+

22. Return Of The Word Spy, The (Ursula Dubosarsky and Toby Riddle) **\$24.95 \$19.95**

In The Return of the Word Spy we continue the fascinating journey through language, with chapters on language families, how we learn to speak, grammar and written forms of communication. In an accessible, engaging style, the WORD SPY explains the meaning of nouns, verbs, pronouns, 'dead' languages, word origins and other wordy wonders.

23. Wicked Warriors And Evil Emperors (Alison Lloyd and Terry Denton) **\$16.95 \$13.55**

Imagine you're made king at the age of twelve. You have plenty of enemies. You have a million soldiers armed with all kinds of awesome weapons, you have tons of gold and a network of spies. What would you do with all that power? It happened to a real boy, who made himself China's first emperor. He was brilliant and brutal. His legend, and the stories of his wicked warriors, have lived on for thousands of years. You might call him evil, but when empires are at stake, people do incredible things.

24. Our World: Bardi Jaawi Life At Ardiyooloon (One Arm Point Remote Community School) **\$29.95 \$23.95**

Ardiyooloon is home to the Bardi-Jaawi people and sits at the end of a red dirt road at the top of the Dampier Peninsula, 200km north of Broome in the north-west of Western Australia. Readers see inside the lives of the children of a remote Indigenous community lives very different to those experienced by most Australians. The children take readers camping and fishing, share traditional stories and dances, show them how to find a waterhole, track, cook and eat bush tucker and animals such as turtles, crabs, oysters and clams, and make spears, boomerangs, bough shelters and bush brooms. Created by the children themselves, it is full of colourful illustrations and amazing photographs of the students experiencing their world and keeping alive the age-old traditions of their people.

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

(In Alphabetical Order by Author)

(Note: Not suitable for Primary aged readers)



25. Graffiti Moon (Cath Crowley) (RRP) (SCHOOL) **\$16.95 \$13.55**

Lucy is in love with Shadow, a mysterious graffiti artist. Ed thought he was in love with Lucy, until she broke his nose. Dylan loves Daisy, but throwing eggs at her probably wasn't the best way to show it. Jazz and Leo are slowly encircling each other. An intense and exhilarating 24 hours in the lives of four teenagers on the verge: of adulthood, of HSC, of finding out just who they are, and who they want to be.

26. Midnight Zoo, The (Sonya Hartnett) **\$24.95 \$19.95**

Two gypsy boys are fleeing through a war-ravaged countryside during the night carrying a secret bundle. The boys stumble across a town that has been reduced to smoking rubble, and a zoo that is still intact. When the boys take shelter in the zoo, they discover a menagerie of talking animals. Both the boys and the animals tell their tales and their desire for freedom.

27. About A Girl (Joanne Horniman) **\$17.99 \$14.39**

Anna is afraid she must be unlovable - until she meets Flynn. Together, the girls swim, eat banana cake, laugh and love. Some days Flynn is unreachable; other days she's at Anna's door - but when Anna discovers Flynn's secret, she wonders if she knows her at all. A beautifully crafted novel by award-winning author Joanne Horniman that explores the tension between the tender moments that pull people together and the secrets that push them apart.

28. Life Of A Teenage Body-Snatcher, The (Doug Macleod) **\$17.95 \$14.35**

Thomas Timewell is sixteen and a gentleman. When he meets a body-snatcher called Plenitude, his whole life changes. He is pursued by cutthroats, a gypsy with a meat cleaver, and even the Grim Reaper. More disturbing still, Thomas has to spend an evening with the worst novelist in the world.

29. Piper's Son, The (Melina Marchetta) **\$24.95 \$19.95**

Thomas Mackee wants oblivion. Wants to forget parents who leave and friends he used to care about and a string of one-night stands, and favourite uncles being blown to smithereens on their way to work on the other side of the world. But when his flatmates turn him out of the house, Tom moves in with his single, pregnant aunt, Georgie, and starts working at the Union pub with his former friends. He begins to remember how he abandoned Tara Finke two years ago, after his uncle's death. And in a year when everything's broken, Tom realises that his family and friends need him to help put the pieces back together as much as he needs them.

30. Six Impossible Things (Fiona Wood) **\$16.99 \$13.59**

Fourteen year old nerd-boy Dan Cereill is not quite coping with a reversal of family fortune, moving house, new school hell, a mother with a failing wedding cake business, a just-out gay dad, and an impossible crush on Estelle, the girl next door. His life is a mess, but for now he's narrowed it down to just six impossible things...

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CBC NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2011

PLEASE NOTE: For ease of ordering, this list only includes titles which HAVE NOT been shortlisted for the Book of the Year or the Crichton Award. Similarly, when a book has been recognized as notable in more than one category, we have only listed the title once. For a complete list, which includes the multiple entries, please go to www.cbc.org.au

NOTABLE BOOKS: YOUNGER READERS (31-58)

Intended for independent younger readers

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

31. Cowzat! (Bruce Atherton and Ben Redlich)

\$27.95 \$25.16

One balmy day down under in a paddock by a stream, a herd of cows was eating grass and making milk and cream. When one of them a Jersey cow called Jenny Bramble Rose, began to twitch because she sniffed a cricket up her nose. She sneezed and sent a gritty ball of pasture through the air, it bounced upon a strip of ground the goats had eaten bare. At last the true story of how cricket was invented! Told in rollicking verse and with zany illustrations, this book will bowl you over!

32. Mimi and the Blue Slave (Catherine Bateman)

\$16.95 \$15.26

When grief strikes, you need an ally. For Mimi, that ally is Ableth, the wildly disobedient blue slave. He comes, he goes, he says and does whatever he likes, but he's always there when Mimi needs him most, offering his own brand of crooked wisdom. Ableth says, 'You need to learn to look under the surface of things'. But it's hard to look beneath the surface when your Mum is shipwrecked by despair, and you're the only one left to keep things afloat. There's a bric-a-brac shop to run, your first Christmas without a dad, and quite possibly a fugitive taking refuge in your back shed.

33. Flyaway (Lucy Christopher)

\$16.99 \$15.30

While visiting her father in hospital, thirteen-year-old Isla meets Harry, the first boy to understand her and her love of the outdoors. But Harry is ill, and as his health fails, Isla is determined to help him in the only way she knows how. Together they watch a lone swan struggling to fly on the lake outside Harry's window. Isla believes that if she can help the damaged swan, somehow she can help Harry. And in doing so, she embarks upon a breathtakingly magical journey of her own.

34. Motormouth (Sherryl Clark)

\$14.95 \$13.46

This touching verse novel for middle to upper primary readers is told from the perspective of Chris, who has recently lost his best friend Dave. With only his love of cars for company, Chris is lost and alone, until the cool new kid in town shows up.

35. One Perfect Pirouette (Sherryl Clark)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Attending the National Ballet School is every aspiring dancer's dream. It's been Brynna's for as long as she can remember. When her parents move her family to Melbourne so Brynna can attend a top ballet school, it looks like her dream is about to become a reality. But why does she feel so awful about the move? Her brother Tam is angrier than she has ever seen him and her mother is working hard to keep the family afloat. Will every step towards success come at a price?

36. Tiger Trouble - Extreme Adventures (Justin D'Ath)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Sam and his family are in New Delhi watching big brother Nathan make his international cricketing debut (he hits a six, of course) when a young pickpocket steals Sam's backpack. Sam gives chase and runs foul of the boss of a pickpocket gang, who's also involved in the illegal trade of exotic pets, including tiger cubs taken from the wild. When a pair of cubs is to be smuggled through Pakistan to Iran, Sam and the young pickpocket, now his ally, set out in the cause of wildlife conservation.

37. Bill Rules (Elizabeth Fensham)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Bill Rules is the exciting companion novel to the 2010 CBCA shortlisted Matty Forever. Bill and Matty are the best of friends. Matty is headstrong, willful and entertaining; Bill is loyal, patient and devoted to Matty. They are also neighbours which means their lives are intertwined and daily 'thinktanks' are held in Matty's backyard bath. When Bill learns that his father is coming home from jail, his world is tipped upside down. How will the kids at school take the news? And, most importantly, how do Bill and his mother feel about his dad being home?

38. Sarindi's Dragon Kite (Janine Fraser and Elise Hurst)

\$12.99 \$11.70

It's Sarindi's birthday, and what he wants more than anything else is the multi-coloured Dragon Kite he sees in the market. He thinks he's the luckiest boy when he wakes up and sees the kite, and he can't wait to go to the beach and fly it with his father. But later that day Sarindi wonders if his luck has deserted him. A huge earthquake has flattened the nearby town of Bantul, where Sarindi's cousins live, and Sarindi and his father must travel there immediately to help.

39. Queen Victoria's Underpants (Jackie French and Bruce Whatley)

\$24.99 \$22.50

Meet Lizzy, whose family are in the clothing industry. Very few people probably know that Queen Victoria made the wearing of underpants popular. At the beginning of her reign very few women wore them. But Queen Victoria made tartans, perambulators and chloroform fashionable. By the time she died just about every woman in Britain wore underpants like hers.

40. Jaguar Warrior (Sandy Fussell)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Imprisoned in a box, Atl waits for death. He is not afraid. Anger burns too deeply within him. Then, unexpectedly, Atl is released. Released to deliver an urgent message. But it is not the mission that sets him running. It is the sudden chance for freedom. Nothing can stop this Jaguar Warrior. Not even the one who hunts him.

41. Fire Lizard - Samurai Kids (Sandy Fussell and Rhian Nest James)

\$14.95 \$13.46

The fifth instalment in a unique series about a special group of kids training in the ways of the samurai. Miko hates lessons, but when he is chosen by Ki-Yaga's former teacher, Pak Cho, as an apprentice he is taught the value of another skill. The Little Cockroaches and their teacher are travelling to Daeheon City to deliver a message from the secret training camp of the Hwarang warriors. But when the samurai kids are caught in the middle of much unrest in the Nine Valleys, they quickly learn that old ways must embrace new.

42. Miracle on Separation Street - Walker Stories (Bob Graham)

\$13.95 \$12.56

A heartwarming story written in the form of Jack's diary. Jack lives with his family in an unremarkable part of the city called Separation Street, with his embarrassing parents and his little brother, Duggie. Jack's mum works hard to buy them a secondhand car, but one morning the family wake up to find it ... gone! Who took it? Mum always sees the best in everyone and won't let it be said that it was the Mob, or Decco, or any of the youths who hang round their estate. Then she's proved right - when a miracle happens.

43. Mr Badger and the Big Surprise (Leigh Hobbs)

\$13.99 \$12.60

Mr Badger is in charge of special events at a splendid old London hotel. When he and his assistant, Miss Pims, prepare for Miss Sylvia Smothers-Carruthers' seventh birthday party, little does Mr Badger know just what is in store for Sylvia, and for him... Meet Mr Badger and his friends and discover the world of the Bouble's Grand Hotel.

44. Vegetable Ark: A Tale of Two Brothers, The (Kim Kane and Sue Degennaro)

\$29.99 \$27.00

We all know the story of Noah's Ark. But do we? In this gleeful twist on the original tale, Noah has a brother, Neil - and Noah and Neil are very different. Noah is wealthy and a bit of a show-off. Neil hums songs about peace. Noah brokers deals with a tense frown, while Neil wears his hair long and chats dreamily to pot plants. When it rains for forty days and forty nights, the race to find land is on: brother on brother, ark on boat, rack of lamb on bean...

45. How Frogmouth Found Her Home (Ambelin Kwaymullina)

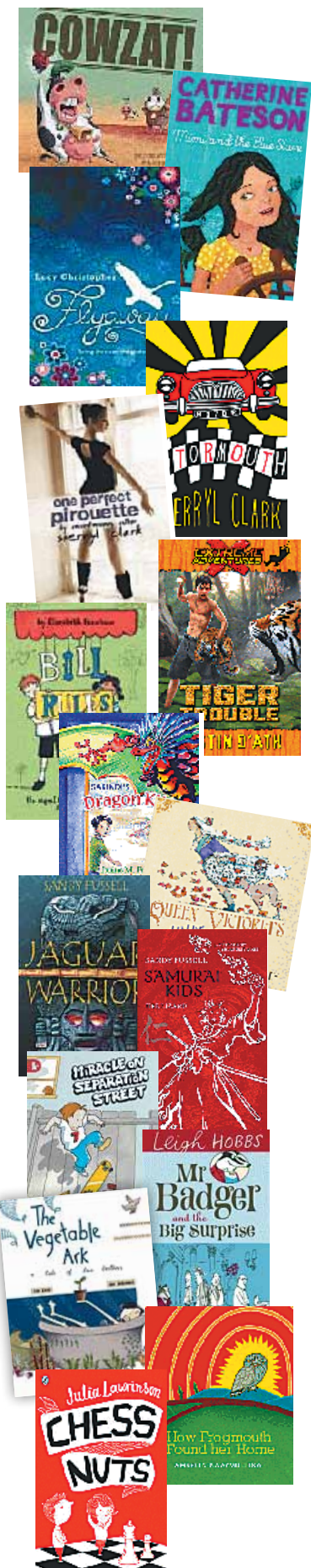
\$24.95 \$22.46

Frogmouth isn't like the other birds. She doesn't want to live in the trees. Frogmouth is in search of something more. Frogmouth travels the land hunting for a new nesting place, but nothing feels right. On her way, she helps other animals find their true homes, but still she searches. Only when she meets Moon and hears his intriguing offer can she finally find her true home.

46. Chess Nuts (Julia Lawrinson)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Jackson is sporty and popular. Anna doesn't like the sporty, popular people. So when Jackson joins the chess squad, Anna does not initially welcome him. But Anna is about to learn some things about friendship, chess and physical fitness.



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47. Paladin (Dave Luckett)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Neither Sam nor Finny, the girl who seems to be hanging around him, are enjoying their lives in Warramar. But Sam could never have imagined how one good deed would take him far, far away from everything he ever knew. Although he doesn't know it yet, he has a gift, and he will need to know how to use it.

48. Monster Maintenance Manual: A Spotter's Guide, The (Peter MacInnis and Adele Thomas)

\$29.95 \$26.96

The Monster Maintenance Manual is a field guide for monster-philos of all ages, focusing on sixty-four curious creatures. This spotter's manual explains what they look like, what annoying habits they have and even if they are useful for anything. With big colour profile pictures for each monster and a handy section on how to keep them (or get rid of them), The Monster Maintenance Manual is a must have book for any aspiring monster expert.

49. Hunt for Ned Kelly - My Australian Story (Sophie Masson)

\$16.99 \$15.30

North-east Victoria 1879. Jamie Ross and his older sister Ellen are alone in the world after the death of their father. Determined to make their fortune, they head to Beechworth - and straight into the midst of the search for Ned Kelly, the most notorious bushranger of all time. Jamie is fascinated by Ned. Is he a hero wronged by the police, as some people say, or a cold-blooded murderer? A chance encounter will bring Jamie closer to the answer than he could ever imagine.

50. Ute Picnic and Other Australian Poems, A (Lorraine Marwood)

\$15.95 \$14.36

This beautifully designed poetry collection, with interspersed images and drawings immerses the reader in the harsh realities and inspiring moments of living on a farm in Australia. Containing strong themes of farming and rural living, covering topics such as drought, cows, rodeos, the working day and beloved pets. Also featuring a special heartfelt poem called Black Saturday which touches on the tragic bushfires which devastated rural Victoria in 2009.

51. Plum Puddings and Paper Moons (Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King)

\$14.99 \$13.50

It's almost Christmas in Cameron's Creek and it's a time for wishes, big and small. But Scarlet, the oldest of the Rainbow Girls, is not so sure if wishes can come true. The kitchen at the Kingdom of Silk is warm and sweet with the smell of buttery shortbread and steamed plum puddings. And in the kitchen of the Colour Patch Café, Scarlet has made a new friend, Anik. When Anik tells Scarlet about his home far away and of all the things he has lost, Scarlet is determined to make a difference.

52. Shake a Leg (Boori Monty Pryor and Jan Ormerod)

\$24.99 \$22.50

A unique picture book collaboration about having fun, sharing culture and the power of story and dance. A picture book to get the whole town dancing. From pizza shop to bora ground, here is a joyous celebration of food, dance and cultural understanding. When three young boys go to a pizza parlour and meet an Aboriginal chef who can speak Italian and make a deadly pizza, they're in for a surprise! This glorious book is the first one that Author and Illustrator have cooked up together.

53. Lord Sunday - Keys to the Kingdom (Garth Nix)

\$15.99 \$14.40

Master of the Incomparable Gardens, the last of the Trustees, and the most powerful Denizen in the house, Lord Sunday is a fierce opponent. And Arthur is running out of time. With everything falling to pieces around him, Arthur must be quick if he is to stem the tide of Nothing and save the House and the Secondary Realms. Lord Sunday is the stunning conclusion to the blockbuster Keys to the Kingdom series.

54. Let Me Whisper Your Story (Moya Simons)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Rachel is German and Jewish and living in Leipzig, Germany. Life is good, and revolves around Sabbath meals shared with her happy family. With the outbreak of World War II, their lives are changed. The family is forced to move from their comfortable home into cramped housing, and when the Nazis arrive to finally take the family away they don't know what is to become of them. But Rachel's father gives her instructions that save her life. He also tells her not to speak. Rachel remains quiet for the rest of the war, but what happened to her family? Will Rachel regain her voice now that she really needs it?

55. Museum Of Thieves - The Keepers (Lian Tanner)

\$22.99 \$20.70

'You're in the Museum now - and ANYTHING can happen.' The children of Jewel wear silver chains to keep them safe, and their lives are controlled by the dreaded Blessed Guardians. No child is allowed out on the street unchained until their Separation Day. When Goldie's Separation Day is cancelled, she runs away and takes refuge in the mysterious Museum of Dunt, where she meets the boy Toadspit, and discovers that the museum holds many dangerous secrets.

56. Arnie Avery (Sue Walker)

\$14.95 \$13.46

Ain't it weird how your life can turn around? What could be worse than fighting Jacko? Being in big trouble at school? Your friends deserting you? Your family acting like a bunch of aliens? Lately, nothing's going right for Arnie. Then one day everything changes... This story deals with the issues of grief and growing up with humour and sensitivity.

57. Song of the Winns, The (Frances Watts and David Francis)

\$14.99 \$13.50

'Alistair has been kidnapped!' Alex, Alice and Alistair think they are just three ordinary mice, until Alistair mysteriously vanishes. Then Alex and Alice learn a secret about their family: a secret which means Alistair's life is in danger - unless Alex and Alice can find him first...

58. Get a Grip, Cooper Jones (Sue Whiting)

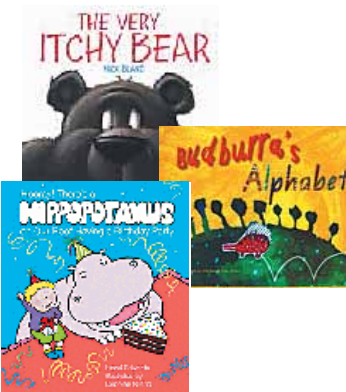
\$16.95 \$15.26

What do you do when life's spinning out of control? Cooper Jones longs for the time when life was simple. When all he needed to worry about was whether to change his undies or make do. Now, suddenly, his life has become all too complicated. Cooper is plagued with thoughts about the father he has never known - the man he suspects as being a cowardly loser. Then there's Mum. She has been acting weirder than normal, as if Cooper growing a few centimetres is a criminal offence. Set against the backdrop of a fiery summer, Cooper needs to realise that when life is spinning out of control, sometimes you just need to get a grip.

NOTABLE BOOKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD (59-77)

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

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



59. Very Itchy Bear, The (Nick Bland)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Bear is here . . . and here is Flea (but Flea's a little small to see). This is Flea about to bite, but not because he's impolite. He's biting bear to say, 'Hello!', biting high and biting low. In The Very Cranky Bear, Bear's cave was invaded by four playful animals. In The Very Itchy Bear there is just one creature bothering him: a persistent flea. Bear tries to get away, but Flea just won't leave him alone. When Bear finally gets rid of Flea, he finds that he misses him-and a new friendship is born.

60. Budburra's Alphabet (Compilation)

\$29.95 \$26.96

Follow Budburra's path through the alphabet while enjoying a fun play on words. Text and illustrations by Cherbourg children.

61. Hooray! There's a Hippo on Our Roof Having a Birthday Party (Hazel Edwards and Deborah Niland)

\$24.95 \$22.46

Hooray! There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Having a Birthday Party. 'Only three sleeps to go and then it's my birthday! From best-selling author Hazel Edwards and award-winning illustrator Deborah Niland comes another in the popular Hippopotamus series.

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- 62. Where's Sunday? - Aussie Nibbles (Jane Godwin and Ann James)** **\$12.95 \$11.66**
Sally loves her puppy Sunday. When Sunday is lost, she is devastated. Where is she? Will anybody find her?
- 63. All Through the Year (Jane Godwin and Anna Walker)** **\$24.95 \$21.21**
A personal almanac of a little girl and her family that opens a window onto each month of her year. Each spread is devoted to one month and we are taken on a journey through the Australian seasons as well as this girl's loves and family traditions. It's everything that's fun about being a kid - all year round.
- 64. Can We Lick the Spoon Now? (Carol Goess and Tamsin Ainslie)** **\$24.95 \$22.46**
What's the best thing about making a cake? Licking the spoon, of course! What's the worst thing about making a cake? Waiting!
- 65. Scaly-Tailed Possum and Echidna (Cathy Goonack)** **\$12.95 \$11.66**
This engaging story tells how the possum got its scaly tail and the echidna got its spikes. Passed down from generation to generation, this is a traditional dreamtime story that features two iconic Australian animals: the scaly-tailed possum, found only in a remote part of the Kimberley, and the echidna, one of Australia's most unusual mammals. Vividly illustrated with paintings on silk, it includes detailed descriptions and photographs.
- 66. Monkey Red Monkey Blue (Nicki Greenberg)** **\$19.99 \$18.00**
Everybody has gone to bed ...but not Monkey Blue and not Monkey Red. They decide to have a WILD midnight feast instead! How much mess can two cheeky monkeys make and will Chameleon show his true colours?
- 67. One Funky Monkey (Stacey McCleary and Sue Degennaro)** **\$27.95 \$25.16**
A counting book that features some very funky animals engaging in various dances - from hip-hopping elephants to jiving giraffes, moonwalking meercats and line dancing lions. Ultimately they all join a conga line as we count through all the animals.
- 68. There's a Goat in My Coat (Rosemary Milne and Andrew McLean)** **\$24.99 \$22.50**
'Tickle Ted's toes, Kiss his little nose, Pat him on the head, And tuck him into bed... Goodnight Ted!' There's a Goat in my Coat is a fun book for counting, hopping, running, rolling, wriggling, giggling and dancing. Can you do the Jelly Belly Shakes? Are you a Tip Top Dancer? Rosemary Milne and Andrew McLean have captured the exuberance of childhood in this lively collection of rhymes - perfect for play and for developing children's language.
- 69. Me and My Dad (Sally Morgan and Matt Ottley)** **\$24.95 \$22.46**
Me and My Dad - Heroes Together, Dad isn't afraid of much - giant waves, sharks, and crazy crabs don't bother him at all. But there is one thing that Dad is afraid of...To face it, Dad and his son need to be heroes... together!
- 70. Shrieking Violet (Emma Quay)** **\$26.99 \$24.30**
You want to know who that is down there, making all the fuss. It's only Violet. Violet is the world's noisiest, messiest little sister. But her big sister is determined to be the star of this story! In her endearing, colourful illustrations, Emma Quay brings to life the fun, silliness and occasional frustration of life with a younger sibling.
- 71. My Sister Olive (Paula Russell and Gaye Chapman)** **\$24.95 \$22.46**
The narrator idolises her big sister, Olive, and thinks that she is the best in the world at everything she does. But Olive knows that her little sister is the greatest at something very special. A charming tale of the bond between sisters and a celebration of the way children see their siblings.
- 72. Love from Grandma (Jane Tanner)** **\$24.95 \$22.46**
When Emily and her family move away from the country she has to leave her beloved Grandma behind. So Grandma gives her a strawberry plant to remind her of the fun they have together in the garden. While she waits for Grandma to visit, the strawberry plant grows and grows and starts to flower and then to fruit... until Grandma finally arrives, bringing her the most wonderful present of all!
- 73. Wibbly Wobbly Street (Trudie Trewin and Cheryl Orsini)** **\$26.99 \$24.30**
Squerton's streets are straight, smooth and wide-except Wibbly Wobbly Street. It winds up and down, in and out, right and left and everywhere in between. It's a peculiar street full of peculiar happenings! It is the most unusual street in dull Squerton-and the town councillors don't like it at all. Can they straighten it out?
- 74. I Don't Believe in Dragons (Anna Walker)** **\$24.99 \$22.50**
Everyone in Miss May's class believes in dragons-except for Jack. When the other children join in the game of imagining a dragon at school, Jack refuses to play along. Is there anything that can convince him?
- 75. Rat in a Stripy Sock, A (Frances Watts and David Francis)** **\$24.99 \$22.50**
A rain-swept day... A heart-lifting flash of colour! A story about the joy to be had in life's simplest pleasures -especially when they are shared- and finding happiness in the most unexpected places.
- 76. Hunting for Dragons (Bruce Whatley)** **\$26.99 \$24.30**
Dragons are everywhere . . . if you know where to look! A little girl sees dragons everywhere, and she is sure there is one living in her house. She puts on her dragon-hunting armour and sets out looking for clues to help her find the mysterious creature. This little dragon hunter is in for a surprise!
- 77. Leo the Littlest Seahorse (Margaret Wild and Terry Denton)** **\$24.95 \$22.46**
In the warm waters of the coral reef, one hundred and one baby seahorses learn the ways of the world. They curl around coral and flutter their fins - except Leo, the littlest seahorse, who is always a bit behind. But when a hungry groper approaches, Leo proves that he, too, is capable of big things.

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR CATEGORY (78-91)

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

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



- 78. Legend of the Golden Snail, The (Graeme Base)** **\$29.95 \$26.96**
The Golden Snail has been banished to the ends of the earth and Wilbur sets out on a mission to free it. Along the way he makes friends who save him from rough seas and mazes of madness, returning him safely home.
- 79. Precious Little (Julie Hunt and Gaye Chapman)** **\$24.99 \$22.50**
'Take the Hope or the Dream or the Song or the Dance. You might choose the Joke. You might take the Chance. Take the Risk or the Scare or the Stunt or the Rip. What prize will you pick from today's lucky dip?' Precious Little wants to be a trapeze artist but no one in the circus encourages her - apart from Fat Chance and Tough Luck, who run the lucky dip. A heart-stirring story about the rewards of perseverance, friendship and taking a chance.
- 80. Miss Llewellyn Jones Goes to Town (Elaine Forrester and Moira Court)** **\$16.95 \$13.56**
Miss Llewellyn-Jones takes Teddy shopping - with disastrous results. Teddy takes off on an adventure of his own, and it takes all his ingenuity to find his way home. A delightfully rhythmic text and gorgeous, quirky illustrations make this a book to read again and again.

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81. City, The (Armin Greder)

\$29.99 \$27.00

Some time ago, in a big city in a distant country where winter would sometimes last three years, there lived a woman. She had a child. A son. And because she loved him very much she promised herself that he should be spared the terrible things that happen in life, and with him in her arms she left her house and the city and in a place where there were no roads and no bridges she built him a house and in it she cared for him and was happy. But one moonless night she died...

82. Magpie (Luke Davies and Inari Kiuru)

\$24.99 \$22.50

My father and I. We went to the edge of the falls for revenge. To find my attacker the magpie... Luke Davies poem Childhood Terror describes in 9 lines the fear of a magpie attack and a boy's reaction as his father helps him face that fear. Together, author and illustrator have created a wonderful picture book that takes this poem and turns it into a story of a dog and his pup on a journey to find the magpie.

83. My Country (Dorothea McKellar and Andrew McLean)

\$26.99 \$24.30

'My Country' is regarded by many Australians as the universal statement of why they love their land. Not for them the gentler landscapes of Europe; Australia, in all its contrasts, is the land that they call home, and this feeling is at the heart of Australians' sense of identity.

84. Star, The (Felicity Marshall)

\$26.95 \$24.26

The Star reflects the contemporary phenomenon of "fame without substance," a part of our celebrity-soaked culture. Marion, a wooden doll, her friend Harley and their dog Polka, enter the imaginary World of Fame where Marion becomes a glamorous Star. But she learns painfully that stardom has a use-by-date. Her experience changes her forever but her true friends still love her. The story explores the superficiality of stardom and the value of true friendship.

85. Boy and the Toy, The (Sonya Hartnett and Lucia Masciullo)

\$24.95 \$22.46

One day a man invented the best toy in the world. He gave the toy to his son. The boy thought the toy was marvellous. It could do anything! But as time passed, the boy started to wonder about the toy. Was it really the best toy in the world?

86. Rufus the Numbat (David Miller)

\$15.99 \$14.40

Rufus the Numbat walks out of the bush at the front of the book and back into the bush at the end of the book. Rufus does not care for things of the town like cappuccinos or cream cake, or for the town and its parade and noise. But on his way Rufus startles a cyclist and later a Chinese Dragon creating all sorts of mayhem. David Miller's minimalist text contrasts with his detailed paper sculptures set over pen and ink backgrounds.

87. Crash of Rhinos! A (Patricia Mullins)

\$24.99 \$22.50

A bother of blowflies, a misery of mosquitoes, a flamboyance of flamingos ... In this imaginative, colourful and energetic picture book, Patricia Mullins illustrates a fascinating and funny array of animal collective nouns.

88. Serpent's Tale, The (Gary Crew and Matt Ottley)

\$28.99 \$26.10

This is a carefully designed, multi-layered picture book for older readers. At the most literal level of the story, a boy demands that his mother buy a bracelet or amulet at a fair in the town square. The artifact looks like a snake chasing or devouring its own tail in an endless cycle. Alone in his attic room, the boy puts the bracelet on and falls asleep. At this, the snake comes to life in the boy's dreaming, thus telling its story. Are the boy's fantastic snake-induced dreams the real events, or the events that we see at the real-life story level, taking place in the town square? The snake serves as a metaphor for story and narrative itself story as world-creating, eternal, terrifying at times, but sublimely beautiful.

89. Race for the Chinese Zodiac (Gabrielle Wang and Sally Rippin)

\$24.99 \$22.50

"The Jade Emperor has declared a great race: the first animals to cross the river will win a place in the Chinese Zodiac. Thirteen animals line up along the shore. But there are only twelve places to be won. Who will miss out?"

90. Night School (Isobelle Carmody and Anne Spudvilas)

\$29.95 \$23.96

A group of children spend the night in a big old school and go on a chilling journey of self-discovery when they decide to play a game. They must travel from room to room, picking up a lantern and writing down their names to ward off the dark. But the old school holds a secret that they must confront if they are to succeed in their journey...

91. Angel of Kokoda (Mark Wilson)

\$28.99 \$26.10

Twelve-year-old Kari grew up along the banks of the Kusumi River, east of the village of Kokoda. His father taught him the traditional ways of his people, and Sister Mary taught him English at the mission schoolhouse. One day Kari's peaceful world is shattered when a bomb rips through the village of Kokoda. Kari searches among the wounded and finds a young soldier lying in a ditch. The soldier is badly hurt, but Kari will not leave him. Using a combination of oil paintings and pencil sketches, the multi-award-winning author and illustrator Mark Wilson bring this important period of history to life in this stunning picture book for older readers.

EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (92-96)

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

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



92. Count Them While You Can (Ann Bowman)

\$24.95 \$22.46

This is a seemingly sweet book about baby animals and their mothers. But each of the animals is listed as endangered, and some are already extinct in the wild. The gentle verses in the style of the children's song 'Over in the Meadow' describe the habits of the animals, while information boxes point out the bleak facts of their near extinction.

93. Ned Kelly and the Green Sash (Mark Greenwood and Frane Lessac)

\$29.95 \$26.96

A narrative non-fiction picture book about the life of Ned Kelly and the Kelly Gang, Australia's most infamous bushrangers. Backed by detailed research, the story focuses on Ned as a young man and the little known story of the green sash. The text also includes brief biographies and fact files on the Kelly Gang, and the true story behind the green sash.

94. Story of Wool in Australia - Workbook (Jill Griffiths and Rod Walle)

\$26.95 \$24.26

Did you know there are more than 70 million sheep in Australia? Or that Australian sheep produce one quarter of the world's wool? The Story of Wool takes readers onto Australian wool properties where they can discover how sheep are managed, wool is harvested and how a wide range of wool products are made available for us to use every day.

95. Puggle (Catriona Hoy and Andrew Plant)

\$24.95 \$22.46

When Puggle the baby echidna is found in her mother's pouch on the side of the road, he is taken to a tall house on a hill to live with lots other rescued animals who need help to get back into the wild. Little by little, Puggle thrives and grows, until the day comes when he is old enough to look after himself. Based on a true account, Puggle is a heartwarming story full of interesting facts about echidnas.

96. Surfing Scientist 4: 40 Science Mind Benders (Ruben Meerman)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Riddle me this ... The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman, presents some fun scientific and logic riddles, puzzles and challenges for budding scientists. Try these: Rock in a Boat in a Pool - this one even stumped world famous physicist Robert Oppenheimer! Cut the Cake -- cut a cake into 8 pieces with only three straight cuts Big Coin, Small Hole - cut a 10c sized hole and pass a 50c coin through it without tearing the paper.

OLDER READERS CATEGORY (97-122)

(These books are for mature readers, not suitable for Primary School aged readers)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

97. Noah's Law (Randa Abdel-Fattah)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Sixteen-year-old Noah is a troublemaker. His father is a hotshot barrister. This is not a good combination. When Noah gets caught mucking up at school, his dad sends him to work at his aunt's law firm during the holidays to 'learn responsibility' and 'fix his attitude'. There he meets Jacinta - the cute intern who knows her way around a photocopier, and Casey - the wicked witch of the firm. Noah becomes involved in a case where a woman has been killed during a mugging gone wrong. There's a grieving husband, a guilty employer, and an open and shut case involving lots of money. But right and wrong, and crime and punishment are soon entangled as Noah realises that things are seldom what they seem.

98. Dancing in the Dark (Robyn Bavati)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Ditty was born to dance, but she was also born Jewish. When her strictly religious parents won't let her take ballet lessons, Ditty starts to dance in secret. But for how long can she keep her two worlds apart? And at what cost? Will she ever be able to dance in the light?

99. Darkwater (Georgia Blain)

\$18.95 \$17.06

Amanda Clarke is dead. Her body was found floating face down by the river bank, and no one knows what happened. As rumours fly and fear grows, it seems that everyone suspects Lyndon, one of Amanda's friends. He's known for his temper, cruelty and criminal family - and now the police want to talk to him. It's the end of summer, 1973, the heat is enough to melt asphalt and a sleepy riverside suburb is losing some of its innocence.

100. Merrow (Ananda Braxton-Smith)

\$18.99 \$17.10

"Neen Marrey, on the brink of adulthood, lives with her Aunt Ushag on the Isle of Man. Neen has outgrown the stories of her childhood, including the story of how she came to be an orphan. Rumours abound in the village. Some say Neen's mother was a merrow who tried to live on land but could not resist the pull of the ocean. Neen wants to find out the truth behind the disappearance of her mother. But perhaps she should have heeded the warning, be careful what you wish for, as you just might get it...

101. Wolfborn (Sue Bursztynski)

\$18.95 \$17.06

Etienne, son of a lord in the kingdom of Amorique, goes to train as a knight with Geraint of Lucanne. Geraint is brave and kind, a good teacher and master - but he has a secret that he has kept from his family. He is bisclavret, a born werewolf. When Geraint is betrayed, Etienne must ally with the local wise-woman and her daughter, themselves bisclavret, to save his lord. But time is running out. If Geraint's enemies have their way, Geraint will soon be trapped in his wolf form. Inspired by a medieval romance, this engaging novel forces us to question everything we thought we knew about werewolves.

102. Beyond Evie (Rebecca Burton)

\$17.99 \$16.20

Charlotte doesn't talk about herself much. Her sister, Amy, is leaving her to start a whole new life, and since her dad's death Charlotte and her mother don't seem to talk either. Her friends are great, but they've got their own problems, so how can she tell them about what happened last year? How can she tell them about Evie?

103. Good Oil (Laura Buzo)

\$18.99 \$17.10

'Miss Amelia Hayes, welcome to The Land of Dreams. I am the staff trainer. I will call you grasshopper and you will call me sensei and I will give you the good oil. Right? And just so you know, I'm open to all kinds of bribery.' From a fresh new voice in YA fiction comes a wonderful, funny, engaging novel about 15-year-old Amelia and her crush on 21-year-old Chris, as she loves, longs and endures the fluctuations of his attention in the supermarket where they both work.

104. Fitzosbornes in Exile (Michelle Cooper)

\$18.95 \$17.06

Forced to leave their island kingdom, Sophie FitzOsborne and her eccentric family take shelter in England. Sophie's dreams of making her debut in shimmering ballgowns are finally coming true, but how can she enjoy her new life when they have all lost so much? Aunt Charlotte is ruthless in her quest to see Sophie and Veronica married off by the end of the Season, Toby is as charming and lazy as ever, Henry is driving her governess to the brink of madness, and the battle of wills between Simon and Veronica continues. Can Sophie keep her family together, when everything seems to be falling apart?

105. Monster Blood Tattoo - Factotom (David Cornish)

\$29.99 \$27.00

Rossamond has exchanged Winsternill and the dangerous life of a lamplighter for Brandenbrass and an even more dangerous life as factotum to the aristocratic monsterslayer, Europe. Fear and self-doubt must wait, as he plunges headlong into the vulgar's day-to-day life of political manoeuvring, high-society parties and well-paid monsterhunting. But whispers and rumours about her new factotum place Europe herself in danger.

106. Daywards (Anthony Eaton)

\$24.95 \$22.46

The thrilling conclusion to the award-winning Darklands trilogy by Anthony Eaton. The city filled the horizon; shattered and fallen a desolate wasteland of tangled grey. When the skycity fell, most believed it took with it the last vestiges of humanity. Only a few escaped, led by a girl with a hidden destiny. Together, they fled into a hostile landscape where, without any technology or the ancient knowledge of their Darklander ancestors, they forged a new beginning. But when the demons of the past come back to haunt them once more, Saria and her family must set out again, following an unmapped path across a dying land.

107. 90 Packets of Instant Noodles (Deb Fitzpatrick)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Joel and Craggs are in it together. They drink booze together, they flirt with petty theft together and, when Craggs turns violent, they face the consequences together too. That's until Joel's dad makes a deal with the police. Craggs is off to juvenile detention and Joel to solitary confinement.

108. Ranger's Apprentice: Emperor of Nihon-Ja (John Flanagan)

\$17.95 \$15.26

Horace is missing. Months have passed since he was sent on a military mission to the court of the Emperor of Nihon-Ja but he has failed to return. Evanlyn is worried, and in company with Will and Alyss, she sets out to discover what has become of their old friend. They find that Horace has become embroiled in Nihon-Jan politics. The arrogant Senshi sect has rebelled against the rightful Emperor and Horace has chosen to stay and lend support to the deposed ruler. Now he and Will must find men willing to face the highly trained Senshi warriors, while Alyss and Evanlyn must overcome their longstanding rivalry to seek aid from a mysterious group of mountain dwellers.

109. Oracle (Jackie French)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Nikko lives in a small farming village in Greece near the stronghold of Mycenae in 1200 BC. When his sister Thetis is born, Nikko rescues her from the hillside where she has been abandoned, setting off an unforeseen chain of events. Thetis survives the trauma of her birth but is rendered mute until the age of five, when the gift of speech is given to her; but she can only tell the truth, which soon proves to be a double-edged sword. When the villagers try to double-cross the king's tribute gatherers, Nikko and Thetis are sent to the Mycenaean court to be trained as entertainers for the king. When Thetis' prophecy of disaster comes true, and Mycenae is hit by an earthquake, she disappears.

110. Waltz for Matilda (Jackie French)

\$19.99 \$18.00

'Once a jolly swagman camped by a Billabong, under the shade of a Coolibah tree. And he sang as he watched and waited till his Billy boiled, you'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me...' In 1894, twelve-year-old Matilda flees the city slums to find her unknown father and his farm. But drought grips the land, and the shearers are on strike. Her father has turned swaggie and he's wanted by the troopers. In front of his terrified daughter, he makes a stand against them, defiant to the last.

111. Happy as Larry (Scott Gardner)

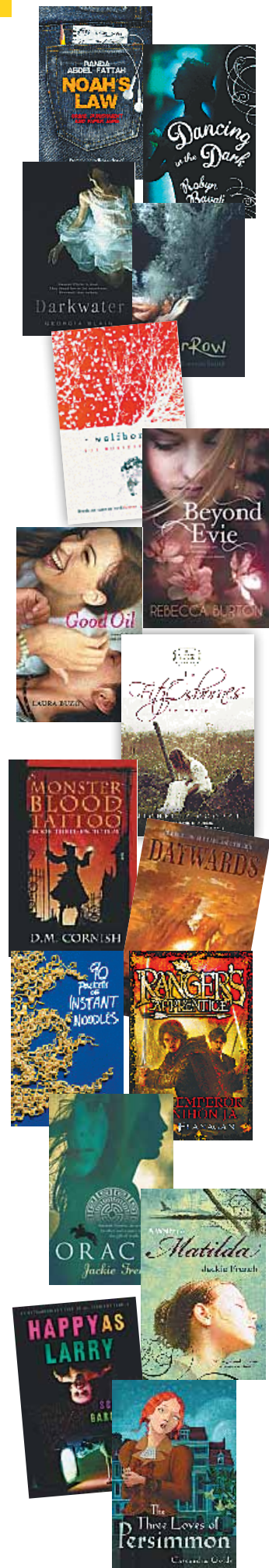
\$19.99 \$18.00

Laurence Augustine Rainbow is born into an ordinary family, and seems set for an ordinary life. But as the world changes around him, so does the happiness of his own family. Unique, dark and ultimately uplifting, this is a beautiful story of one family - and one boy - trying to hold their heads above water in a world quietly gone mad.

112. Three Loves of Persimmon, The (Cassandra Golds)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Persimmon lives a solitary life, pouring her passion into the florist shop she owns in the underground railway station. Her only companion is Rose, a talking cabbage. Intriguing young men come and go but Persimmon has yet to find the love of her life. Several levels beneath Persimmon's shop lives a mouse called Epiphany. Epiphany has a questing mind. She wants to know what lies beyond the dark tunnels of her home. As in all good fables, Persimmon and Epiphany are destined to meet.



OLDER READERS CATEGORY (97-122)

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(RRP) (SCHOOL)

113. This is Shyness (Leanne Hall)

\$19.95 \$17.96

A guy who howls. A girl on a mission to forget. In the suburb of Shyness, where the sun doesn't rise and the border crackles with a strange energy, Wolfboy meets a stranger at the Diabetic Hotel. She tells him her name is Wildgirl, and she dares him to be her guide through the endless night. But then they are mugged by the sugar-crazed Kidds. And what plays out is moving, reckless...dangerous. One long night is time enough to change your life.

114. Marrying Ameerah (Rosanne Hawke)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Ameerah, 16, is the daughter of an Australian mother and a Pakistani father. She doesn't realize it, but her father has made plans to marry her off to a wealthy cousin in Pakistan. When her uncle takes her passport and return ticket away, and confiscates her mobile phone, Ameerah is trapped. She will have to go through with the marriage. With the help of an organisation that rescues girls in Ameerah's situation, she must demonstrate strength beyond her years.

115. Slice: Juicy Moments from my Impossible Life (Steven Herrick)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Darcy can cope with parents, parties and punch-ups. He can handle his infatuation with the beautiful Audrey, spending quality chess-time with his nerdy friend, Noah, even the misadventures of kayaking on a school excursion. He's a teenage boy, he can deal with it. If only he'd learn to keep his mouth closed...

116. Innocents, The (Nette Hilton)

\$18.95 \$17.06

Innocence Tolerance Convenient truths Missie Missinger is busy growing up in a small town. When tragedy hits the community, they call it an accident. But as more accidents unfold, the frightened locals look for an answer – and find an easy target. Missie holds the clues to what happened. If she puts the puzzle together and confronts the truth she will be in danger. If she doesn't, an innocent youth could be blamed for another's death.

117. Girl Like Me, A (Penny Matthews)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Their lives couldn't be more different, but Emmie can't help liking Bertha Schippan. She's funny and knowing and wild, and she distracts Emmie from the monotony of farm life in their tiny, isolated community. But, as Emmie soon discovers, Bertha has secrets. Terrible secrets.

118. India Dark (Kirsty Murray)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Daisy opened her mouth and lies flew out. Her face so pink and white, her lips so plump and sweet, her lips so vile. I had to cover my ears. I shut my eyes, wanting to block out the courtroom, to neither see nor hear the evil: but Tilly grabbed my arm and twisted the skin on my wrist in a Chinese burn. 'Poesy Swift,' she whispered, her breath hot against my neck, 'open your eyes, and take that look off your face. We will never get home if you ruin everything.'

119. Scout (Nicole Pluss)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Growing up in Victorian England, 15-year old Kit Lovell has not had an easy childhood. She never knew her father – a sea captain who went down with his ship, the Invincible, before she was born. And now her strict and protective mother, having relied on the charity of her sister, has made the radical decision to sail with Katherine to the new colony of Australia on the strength of an arranged marriage to a lighthouse keeper on the lonely and isolated Kangaroo Island. But the journey to that faraway land – with its melting pot of passengers and crew, and the terrible events that take place – will shape their lives forever.

120. Moment of Truth - Laws of Magic (Michael Pryor)

\$17.95 \$16.16

The unthinkable has happened: Albion is at war. Aubrey and George are swept up into the military - but not in the way they expect. With Caroline drafted into the Special Services, Aubrey is sure the combination of his magic, George's practical skills and Caroline's fighting secrets will make them a formidable team. But what if the military hierarchy has other ideas? When Aubrey's top secret espionage unit is sent to Gallia to investigate mysterious magical emanations, what they discover is intelligence gold.

121. Anonymity Jones (James Roy)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Once, in a street not very far from yours, there lived a girl called Anonymity Jones. Anonymity's life is falling apart. Her father has left to have a mid-life crisis, her mother's new boyfriend is a definite worry, her Europe-bound sister has changed her name (just to make a point) and all her girl friends are now girlfriends, with boyfriends. And then there's the art teacher. Anonymity is losing control, and it's decision time. Does she hang on, get out, or get even?

122. Behemoth - Leviathan Trilogy (Scott Westerfeld)

\$29.95 \$26.96

Behemoth follows the adventures of His Majesty's Airship Leviathan to Istanbul, capital of the Ottoman Empire and home to countless secret societies and revolutionaries. Deryn and Alek find themselves at odds with their mentors and with each other, as their duties collide with the politics of war and peace. Will the Ottomans join the Clanker allies in the Great War? Or will Dr Barlow's diplomatic mission succeed? Will Deryn's secret be revealed?

BOOK WEEK THEME 2011: ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES (123-151)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

123 - 128. Around the World (Kate Petty)

\$15.95 \$14.36

This photographic series introduces different topics and their place within different cultures and countries. They include Engaging photographs from highly-talented photographers, shot on location and featuring real children in their day-to-day lives. Written in collaboration with the charity, OXFAM. [Global](#)

123. At School (hardback)

\$29.95 \$26.96

125. Hair

\$15.95 \$14.36

127. Our Animals (hardback)

\$29.95 \$26.96

124. Bicycles

\$15.95 \$14.36

126. Home

\$15.95 \$14.36

128. Playtime

\$15.95 \$14.36

129. Ayu and the Perfect Moon (David Cox)

\$16.99 \$15.30

As the full moon rose over the palms, Ayu moved her feet as she performed the traditional Balinese dance, the Legong. An atmospheric book by award-winning author David Cox, which tells how a young girl in Indonesia once performed the beautiful Legong dance for her village. [Indonesia](#)

130. Butterfly Heart, The (Paula Leyden)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Bul-Boo and Madillo are worried about their friend Winifred, who has lost her gentle smile and no longer puts up her hand in class. Then the twins discover her secret: she is to be married off to her uncle's friend, who drinks heavily and is old enough to be her grandfather. While Winifred has become resigned to her fate, her friends are determined to put a stop to the marriage. But what can they do? They ask the advice of Ifwafwa, the snake man, who promises to think about the problem. But will he be too late to save their friend. Age 11+ [Zambia](#)

131. Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom: Stories from India (Chitra Soundar)

\$12.95 \$11.66

Here is a bunch of dung-dropping, sweet-stealing, luck-jinxing villains! Four stories about young Prince Veera, who, along with his friend Suku, helps his father, the king, solve some of the problems he is having with his subjects. Trickster tales with lots of humour and colour, based on traditional Indian folktales. 96 pages [India](#)

132. Girl Who Married a Ghost and other stories from Nigeria (Ifeoma Onyefulu)

\$14.95 \$13.46

For this sparkling and funny collection Ifeoma retells nine of the best Nigerian tales. In The Girl Who Married a Ghost, stuck-up Oglisa discovers that pride goes before a fall; and Why the Lizard Nods His Head has something to say about greed - how it can get you into deep trouble. 109 pages. [Nigeria](#)

BOOK WEEK THEME 2011: ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES (123-151)

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133. Herbert the Brave Sea Dog (Robyn Belton)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Herbert was a small dog who lived in Nelson by the sea. Everybody loved him, but the person who loved him most was his owner, Tim. One fine day, an excited Herbert sets off on a boat with Tim's father, heading for the Marlborough Sounds. However, what no one knew was that the weather would soon turn rough and Herbert would be thrown into the biggest adventure of his life. [New Zealand](#)

134. Hush, Baby, Hush! Lullabies from Around the World (Kathy Henderson)

\$29.95 \$26.96

A book of traditional lullabies with a difference. Gathered from all over the world, these beautiful, simple songs give a flavour of different parts of the world. With words in the original language plus the English version. [20+ countries](#)

135. If the World Were a Village Revised 2nd Ed (David J Smith and Shelagh Armstrong)

\$16.99 \$15.30

A revised edition of the fascinating and thought-provoking multi-award-winner and international bestseller. Using a 'world-in-miniature' approach this book opens our eyes to a wider view of our planet and its human inhabitants, telling us who we are, where we live, how fast we are growing, which languages we speak, which religions we practise and more. [Global](#)

136. Magic Brush: A Story of Love, Family and Chinese Characters (Kat Yeh and Huy Voun Lee)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Jasmine loves spending time with her agong, or grandfather, while her little brother Tai-Tai is napping. Agong teaches her calligraphy, and through the Chinese characters they draw together, they create a magical world full of flying fish, monkeys, and mythical dragons. [China](#)

137. Mermaid of Warsaw and Other Polish Tales (Richard Monte and Paul Hess)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Enchanting, wicked and often very funny, Poland's folk tales are one of the great treasures of Central Europe. Crowned by the story of The Mermaid of Warsaw, the eight colourful tales in this collection include Skarbnik's Second Breakfast, set deep in the Wieliczka salt mines, The Turnip-Counter from Karkonosze and The Copper Coin of Wineta, alongside stories from, Poznan and the Polish lakes. Paul Hess's stylish illustrations make this a collection to delight children everywhere. 112 pages. **NEW** [Poland](#)

138. My Place (Nadia Wheatley)

\$19.95 \$17.96

Discover, or rediscover, a 'time machine' which takes the reader back into the past. It depicts the history of one particular piece of land in Sydney from 1788 to 1988 through the stories of the various children who have lived there. Features new artwork; revised text; and a letter to My Place readers celebrating the 20th anniversary. New timeline traces the history of the characters in the book as well as the history of Australia, and is right up to date with reference to Australia's apology to Indigenous Australians. [Australia](#)

139. Nail Soup (Eric Maddern and Paul Hess)

\$16.95 \$15.26

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. "In that case," says the traveller, "I'll have to share what I've got with you." And, taking an old, rusty, four-inch nail from his pocket, he starts to make ... Nail Soup. [Scandinavia](#)

140. Nessie the Loch Ness Monster (Richard Brassey)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Millions of years ago, the northern tip of Scotland was a separate island, until it crashed into the mainland. The prehistoric sea monsters rushed to escape ... all except for Nessie! Ever since, people have claimed to see her as vehemently as others have denied her existence. And there have been some crazed and cunning plans to trap this elusive creature. What are the facts and what is only legend? [Scotland](#)

141. Olivia Goes to Venice (Ian Falconer)

\$24.99 \$22.50

In her latest adventure, Olivia, everyone's favourite little pig, is off the Venice, the place of fine art, carnival and gondolas for a family holiday to remember. With her very own discerning eye for style, Olivia takes the beautiful city of Venice by storm. From dodging pigeons in the Piazza San Marco, to eating an abundance of the most delicious Italian gelato at Carneval, and barely staying afloat in a gondola, Olivia uncovers the wonderful delights of Venice. [Italy](#)

142 – 145. Our Multicultural World (Bobbie Kalman)

\$15.95 \$14.36ea

Our countries are no longer made up of one main culture. People move from one continent to another and co-exist with people from different cultures and different religions. They are not always met with acceptance, nor do they want to forget who they are overnight and change their ways of life. This series will introduce children to the basics of the world's major religions and cultures, and show how we are all the same because we are different. Age 6+ [Global](#)

142. How Are We The Same and Different?

144. What Is Culture?

143. We Are The Earth

145. What Is Religion?

146. Pea Boy and Other Stories From Iran (Elizabeth Laird and Shirin Adl)

\$18.95 \$17.06

Portrays an Iran far removed from news headlines. Iran has mountains striped with snow, dense forests where bears and lynxes still roam, deserts, bazaars...but above all it has stories - of fairies and demons, of a monstrous metal eagle called the Okab, of romantic cockroaches and foolish weavers. During her travels, Elizabeth Laird has gathered a wealth of stories, and here she retells some of Iran's best, with delightfully offbeat illustrations from Shirin Adl. 64 pages. [Iran](#)

147. Playground: Listening To Stories From Country (Nadia Wheatley and Ken Searle)

\$39.99 \$36.00

With historical and contemporary photographs, artwork by leading Indigenous artists, and new colour illustrations throughout, this compilation of Indigenous stories gives a fascinating insight into Aboriginal childhood, both traditional and contemporary. The 80 Elders - both past and present - who have contributed their words or artwork to this book include many prominent community leaders, educators and artists. **NEW** [Australia](#) [Indigenous](#)

148. South and North, East and West (Michael Rosen)

\$27.95 \$25.16

A collection of twenty-five children's stories from around the world, published in aid of Oxfam. The best stories know no boundaries and the 25 tales in this anthology are designed to appeal to children the world over. There are animal stories from Botswana, ghost stories from Vietnam, family stories from India, a tale of a golden-haired princess from Nepal, a creation myth from Brazil and many more. Each story has its own distinctive flavour. Full-color pictorial explorations of the plots enhance each piece of scariness, humour, or mystery. [Global](#)

149. Story Blanket, The (Ferida Wolff, Harriet May Savitz and Elena Odriozola)

\$17.95 \$16.16

Babba Zarrah has a beautiful woollen blanket, which the children love to sit on to listen to her stories. When Babba Zarrah realises that her neighbours need new clothes, she unravels her story blanket in secret in order to knit them the things they need. Soon there is no blanket left, but the villagers have a solution for that... [Eastern European](#)

150. Ties That Bind, Ties That Break (Lesley Namioka)

\$14.95 \$13.46

It's 1911 and Ailin is living in a time of great change in China. A headstrong, determined child, Ailin rebels against the horrifying ancient tradition of having her feet bound. As a result, the family of her future husband immediately breaks off the engagement. Ailin grows up realizing just how powerless a girl is in Chinese society. But then she is offered an opportunity that shocks her already estranged family and Ailin has to make a difficult, life-changing decision. Age 10+ [China](#)

151. Three Cups of Tea: Young Reader Edition (Greg Mortenson)

\$19.95 \$17.96

With the first cup of tea you are a stranger. With the second, a friend. With the third cup of tea, you are family. In 1993, Greg Mortenson tried to climb K2, which is the second highest mountain in the world. On the way down, he became lost in the mountains of Pakistan and stumbled into a poor village. There, the village chief and his people offered Greg even more than three cups of tea: they nursed him back to health. Moved by their kindness, he promised to return and build a school for their children. This is the story of that promise's extraordinary result. Despite death threats, a kidnapping, and more, Mortenson has built over sixty schools-especially for girls-in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He has dedicated his life to promoting peace through education, one child at a time. Age 11+ [Pakistan](#)

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS (152-170)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

152-159. A Day in the Life: Rainforest Animals

\$24.95 \$22.46ea

The Day in the Life: Rainforest Animals series looks at a typical day and night in the lives of different types of rainforest animals. The books explore different aspects of each animal's behaviour such as moving, sleeping, eating and hunting. There is also a body map in each title that labels parts of the animal's body.

152. Anaconda

154. Lemur

156. Orangutan

158. Poison Dart Frog

153. Jaguar

155. Macaw

157. Piranha

159. Tarantula

160 – 161. Creature Camouflage (Deborah Underwood)

\$29.95 \$26.96ea

Introduces readers to animal camouflage within the context of habitats from around the world. This book explains what camouflage is, how it functions in animal survival, and how it can look.

160. Hiding In Forests

161. Hiding In Rainforests

162. Ferocious Wild Beasts! (Chris Wormell)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Jack is alone in the forest - a forest that his mum has told him is full of ferocious wild beasts! But the creatures that Jack meets there: a bear, a lion, an elephant, a crocodile, a wolf and a python, all seem perfectly friendly to him, even if they are a bit worried about these ferocious wild beasts he's been telling them about ... But then they hear a terrible roar... Who or what can it be?

163. Forest Food Chains (Bobbie Kalman)

\$12.95 \$11.66

This informative book focuses on temperate forest food chains. It looks at the plants, herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores of this habitat and how they get food energy during the various seasons of the year. The book includes information on: forest herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores; how plants make food; animal adaptation in winter; decomposition and the forest floor; dangers to forest food chains and webs.

164. Forest Habitat, A (Bobbie Kalman)

\$15.95 \$14.36

Young readers will be delighted to learn all about temperate mixed forests, which are filled with a wide variety of interesting plants and animals. A Forest Habitat explains how the habitat changes as the seasons change. 5+

165. Hatchet (Gary Paulsen)

\$14.95 \$13.46

There was a wild crashing sound, a ripping of metal, and the plane blew through the trees, out over the water and down, down to slam into the lake... Brian is a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is hatchet - and a desperate will to survive. Now Brian must learn to live the hard way - or die.

166. Heart of the Forest, The : Mates, Great Australian Yarns (Barry Jonsberg and Craig Phillips)

\$11.99 \$10.80

Keely always looks after her twin brother Aaron. But in the dark forest, it's Aaron who knows just what to do . . . A touching and beautifully crafted story about a lost child-with a surprise ending.

167. Into the Forest (Anthony Browne)

\$16.95 \$15.26

One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad is gone and Mum doesn't seem to know when he'll be back. The next day Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don't go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters and discovers the fate of his father.

168. What Is a Forest? (Bobbie Kalman)

\$15.95 \$14.36

The wondrously complex and diverse ecosystems found in forests around the world are made accessible to young readers in this book. Intricate relationships and concepts are simplified and illuminated with clearly written text and beautiful colour photographs. Children will learn to appreciate: the many types of forests found across the globe; the connected elements that make up a forest ecosystem; the wide range of plant and animal species that live in different forests; and the importance of forests to the rest of the Earth.

169. Where the Forest Meets the Sea (Jeannie Baker)

\$16.95 \$15.26

A young boy visits a tropical rainforest in Queensland, Australia. "My father says there has been a forest here for over a million years," he tells us, and we follow him through the ancient forest as he makes believe it is a time long ago. But how much longer will the forest remain, he wonders?

170. Wild Woods, The (Simon James)

\$16.95 \$15.26

This is a heartwarming tale with an important ecological message about respecting an animal's natural habitat. Grandad and Jess are walking together in the woods when they see a squirrel pass by. Jess wants to take it home with her as a pet, but Grandad says that you can't tame a squirrel. As Jess follows the creature deeper into the woods, she discovers more natural wonders and comes to understand that her grandad is right - the squirrel's proper home is the wild woods.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY (171-179) SCIENCE WEEK 13-21 AUGUST: REACT TO CHEMISTRY!

(RRP) (SCHOOL)

171. 100 Science Experiments (Georgina Andrews)

\$19.99 \$18.00

This action-packed collection of science experiments combines hands-on fun and scientific investigation. See the results for yourself and then find out what's really going on by discovering the science behind it all. Includes Internet links. Age 8+

172. It's Elementary! Putting The Crackle Into Chemistry (Robert Winston)

\$16.95 \$15.26

An explosive look at chemistry with Robert Winston. How do you make a dog? Why are helium balloons lighter than air? What are the secrets of the Philosopher's Stone? It's Elementary! takes an amazing look at the stuff that stuff is made of. Discover the elements that make up everything from you to your dog! See what the elements are, how they were discovered and the extraordinary ways they affect our lives. It's chemistry, but not as you know it. Age 10+

173 – 174. Mini Scientist (Lisa Burke)

\$19.95 \$17.96ea

Packed with cool experiments to do in your kitchen and Garden. Simple instructions will encourage children to watch, take notes, collect things and observe changes, helping them learn about science as they play. A lift-the-flap surprise at the end of every experiment explains the science behind it, with ideas for more fun. It's the perfect way to inspire any budding scientist! Age 5+

173. In the Garden

174. In the Kitchen

175. Richard Hammond's Blast Lab: With Over 30 Really Cool Experiments (Richard Hammond)

\$29.95 \$26.96

Fantastic experiments with Richard Hammond from Top Gear and ABC3's Blast Lab. If you love the fun filled science of Richard Hammond's Blast Lab, then get them experimenting with this exciting science book packed with experiments and challenges from the series.

176. Science Book and CD: DK Eyewitness (Doring Kindersely)

\$16.95 \$15.26

Stunning photographs offer a unique 'eyewitness' introduction to the basics of science. Understand science in a simple and visual way, from atoms, energy and evolution, to forces, physics and explosive chemical reactions. Age 10+

177. Science Encyclopedia (Dorling Kindersley)

\$24.95 \$22.46

Take an incredible look at the physics, biology and chemistry that shapes everything around us. Packed with answers, you'll discover why a flower grows, what's in the air that we breathe, and why what goes up must come down. This title is full of bite-sized facts, curiosity quizzes and special 'weird-or-what' features kids will love getting their teeth into. 6+

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY (171-179) SCIENCE WEEK 13-21 AUGUST: REACT TO CHEMISTRY!

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178. Science Experiments (Robert Winston)

\$29.95 \$26.96

These exciting hands-on experiments from creating balloon rockets or glow in the dark jelly to making metal detectors, will help you get to grips with science. Science Experiments covers all areas of science from life on earth to physical science. There are projects for all abilities, from quick & easy science in seconds to trickier group projects for schools. Packed with easy step-by-steps and over 350 photos and illustrations, for explosively fun activities that you can do!

179. Science: Make and Do (Priddy Bicknell)

\$9.99 \$9.00

Science experiment for the young scientist! These books have an easel style format which make the books easy to use. The base folds out so the books can stand up-right on their own and pages simply flip over. Spiral Bound. Age 5+

CRICHTON AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATORS SHORTLIST 2011 (180-184)

(RRP) (SCHOOL)



180. Flying Orchestra, The (Claire McFadden)

\$24.95 \$19.96

A beautiful and whimsical tale of the music that is everywhere. Some days are so windy that even the angels lose their balance from the top of City Hall. It's always a day like this when The Flying Orchestra blows into town... Whether we're up or down, at work or play, or just going about our day, the flying orchestra always plays for you.

181. Starry Starry Night (Sarah Kate Mitchell)

\$29.95 \$26.96

Jeffrey is a young boy with a wonderful imagination, and the quirky adventure he conjures up when he fears someone may have lost a precious piece of their imagination. Jeffrey's adventure takes place across pages and pages of luminous landscapes littered with intricate silhouettes and twinkling backdrops as he encounters a series of strange and enchanting creatures. Marching moonbugs, fluttering leafbirds, a curious cardboard companion and an affectionate school of ticklefish emerge from shadowy hiding places to lead him on his search for the lost 'imagining'.

182. Can I Cuddle the Moon? (Lisa Stewart and Kerry Brown)

\$15.99 \$14.39

A gorgeous, fluffy baby owl is looking for someone to cuddle. He makes some unusual suggestions-the sun, the stars, the moon-while wise mother owl looks on, offering advice. A gentle, playful story that concludes with the very best type of cuddle-one from Mum! Lisa Stewart's stunning collage illustrations make this a book to be treasured.

183. Monster Maintenance Manual: A Spotter's Guide, The

(Adele Thomas and Peter Macinnis)

\$29.95 \$26.96

A field guide for monster-philis of all ages, focusing on 64 curious creatures. This spotter's manual explains what they look like, their annoying habits, what they eat and even if they are useful for anything. With big colour profile pictures for each monster and a handy section on how to keep them (or get rid of them), this guide is a must have for any aspiring monster expert. Also No 48 in the Notable Books for Younger Readers.

184. Glasshouse, The (Jo Thompson and Paul Collins)

\$26.95 \$24.26

Clara lives in her balanced world where everything is perfect. Her glasshouse is free of bugs, her prized pumpkins free of blemishes. But then one day a boy walks into her life and slowly Clara realises that her world is not perfect at all. Her paranoia spreads and she loses all her customers. Finally, she must face up to the realisation that her world is not perfect, and she must make allowances and compromise if she is to survive.

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