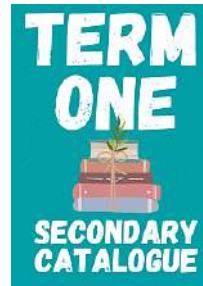


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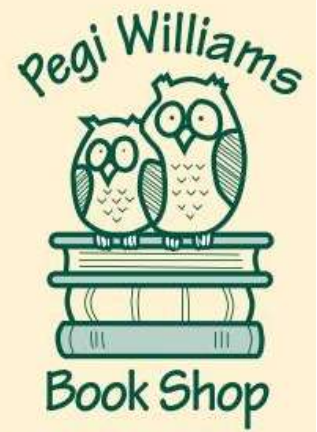
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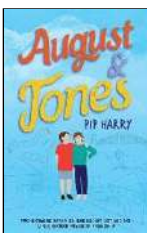
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# CBCA SHORTLISTED BOOKS: YOUNGER READERS (1-6)



## 1. AUGUST AND JONES

Pip Harry | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Eleven-year-old Jones Kirby has just moved to Sydney from her farm in country New South Wales. She's missing her alpacas and wide-open paddocks and can't get used to her family's tiny city apartment. She's also worried that her vision is blurry – she lost her eye to cancer as a toddler. Could it be another tumour? Enrolling at her new school, Jones meets shy, awkward August Genting. He loves fun facts, the library and knitting as much as Jones loves rock climbing and being outdoors. Who would have thought they'd become fast friends? At home, August's parents are fighting. And for Jones, the news from the doctor is not good. To cheer themselves up, the pair hatch a brilliant plan: the August and Jones Must-See Bucket List. Together, this brave duo will set out to meet a rare monkey, run across the Harbour Bridge and even climb Australia's highest mountain. After all, with your best friend beside you, anything is possible!

Categories: [Friendship](#), [Teamwork](#), [Goals](#), [Cancer](#), [Vision Impairment](#)



## 2. EVIE AND RHINO

Neridah McMullin | Astred Hicks (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

1891 On a stormy night off the coast of southern Australia, a ship transporting a cargo of exotic animals tosses and turns in enormous seas. Rhino senses they are in grave danger. . . Not far away, ten-year-old Evie and her grandfather shelter in their crumbling, once-grand old home. They know too well how deadly storms can be. When all is calm, Evie treks over the dunes to the sea and makes a discovery that will change her life, and Rhino's, forever. Will the tragedies of their pasts finally be put to rest?

Categories: [Australian History](#), [Animals](#), [Nature](#), [Family](#), [Friendship](#)

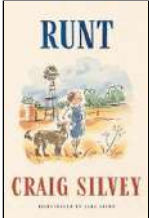


### 3. RAVEN'S SONG, THE

[Zana Fraillon](#) | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

We've been told over and over we're the generation that waits for the world to recover. We endure the heat. We endure the storms, the wrecking floods, the long droughts, the days of smoke as fire burns, coz this is what the honoured earth does when she's trying to recover. Shelby and her best friend Davy live quiet low-tech lives in a closed community that is made up of exactly three hundred and fifty kind, ethical people living on exactly seven hundred hectares. When they climb through a hole in the perimeter fence to venture into the surrounding jungle, what they find is more astonishing than anything they could have imagined. And when Shelby realises the terrible danger that is unfolding, it will take all of her daring and determination to ensure the past does not repeat itself. Intriguing, absorbing and spine-tinglingly good, *The Raven's Song* is a brilliant novel by two esteemed writers at the height of their powers.

**Categories:** [Mystery](#), [Climate Change](#), [Speculative Fiction](#)



### 4. RUNT

[Craig Silvey](#) | [Sara Acton](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 8+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

'You don't have to carry the weight of the world in your tool belt.' Annie Shearer lives in the country town of Upson Downs with her best friend, an adopted stray dog called Runt. The two share a very special bond. After years evading capture, Runt is remarkably fast and agile, perfect for herding runaway sheep. But when a greedy local landowner puts her family's home at risk, Annie directs Runt's extraordinary talents towards a different pursuit – winning the Agility Course Grand Championship at the lucrative Krumpets Dog Show in London. However, there is a curious catch: Runt will only obey Annie's commands if nobody else is watching. With all eyes on them, Annie and Runt must beat the odds and the fastest dogs in the world to save her farm. *Runt* is a heart-warming and hilarious tale of kindness, friendship, hurdles, hoops, tunnels, see-saws, being yourself and bringing out the best in others.

**Categories:** [Friendship](#), [Kindness](#), [Hope](#)



### 5. WAY OF DOG, THE

[Zana Fraillon](#) | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

A powerful, inventive, sweet and deeply moving novel from the bestselling author of *The Bone Sparrow*. Be strong. Be fierce. Life is more than a concrete floor. Scruffity is born into the harsh, grey world of a puppy farm. Taken from his mamma and locked in a concrete cage, what he yearns for most is Family. To belong is *The Way of Dog*. But no one wants him. Just as his chances of adoption grow dangerously thin, Scruffity is set free by a boy as unwanted and lonely as he is. Outside, Scruffity learns all about *The Way of Dog* – it is to run, to dig, to howl and, biggest of all, to love. But when tragedy strikes, Scruffity is suddenly all alone. How does a dog find his way home when he never had one to begin with?

**Categories:** [Verse Novel](#), [Animal Stories](#), [Perspective](#), [Dogs](#), [Pets](#), [Family](#), [Belonging](#)



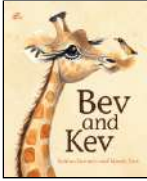
### 6. XAVIER IN THE MEANTIME

[Kate Gordon](#) | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$15.99** | **School Price \$12.79**

Sometimes Xavier wakes up feeling hopeless. Every new doctor this will fix it. Removing him from school this will fix it. The therapy group this will fix it. And his dad moving out. Maybe, this will fix it. His daily affirmations seem to be helping, yet the black dog never really goes away. But Xavier has a plan. Enlisting the help of best friend Aster, he tries to convince his dad to turn the family hogget farm into a therapy retreat for the group session kids. But he is up against decades of tradition, his parents who are on a break, and the spectre of the black dog. Can Xavier learn to cherish the moments in between the struggles the moments in the meantime?

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Friendship](#), [Mental Health](#)

# CBCA SHORTLISTED BOOKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD (7-12)

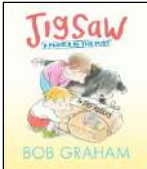


## 7. BEV AND KEV

Katrina Germein | Mandy Foot (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Bev is tall and Kev is small. An unlikely pair! Could this be the beginning of a very big friendship? A heart-warming tale about learning to love yourself and the value of a true friend.

**Categories:** Friendship, Individuality, Acceptance



## 8. JIGSAW: A PUZZLE IN THE POST

Bob Graham | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

"Oh, let's do it!" say Kitty and Katy and Mum when a thousand-piece jigsaw puzzle mysteriously arrives in the post. "I have time on my hands," agrees Dad. Starting in winter with the edges, by autumn they're almost done, only to discover that one piece is missing. Mum is sure that it must have accidentally gone out with the rubbish, so the Kellys pile into the car to comb through the local tip ("shouldn't take long"). There they uncover forgotten letters, train tickets, discarded newspapers, and old photos yellow with age, but finding the missing piece is starting to seem like wishful thinking. "Let's wish, then," says Katy. As in all of Bob Graham's work, the beauty here is in the details, with visual perspectives that offer a bird's-eye view or take us underfoot, wordless sequences letting us in on a secret. Is it sheer luck – or perhaps the power of hope – that creates an ending to the story?

**Categories:** Family, Perseverance, Determination, Hope, Recycling



## 9. LIONEL AND ME

Corinne Fenton | Tracie Grimwood (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

When Lionel arrives, Maverick is unimpressed. Is there enough love to go round for the two of them? A delightful book that celebrates inclusion and friendship.

**Categories:** Dogs, Jealousy, Change, Friendship

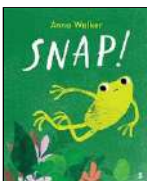


## 10. MARKET DAY

Carrie Gallasch | Hannah Sommerville (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

When a girl is given a coin to spend at the market, she thinks carefully about what to buy. She is tempted by the towering stacks of fruit, spinning rides and glass jars filled with sweets. But it isn't until a stranger gives something to her, without expecting anything in return, that she knows exactly what to do with her coin. A story brimming with joy, generosity and magic from two of Australia's beloved picture book creators. Carrie Gallasch's beautiful text evokes the warmth and community of the market, while Hannah Sommerville brings this glorious world to life with rich colour and texture.

**Categories:** Food, Family, Community, Gratitude, Generosity



## 11. SNAP!

Anna Walker | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Tap, tap tap ... Frog thinks there's no one else in the forest, but you never know what's just around the corner ... Celebrated creator Anna Walker, invites us to hear with our eyes as we follow frog on a rollicking escapade in this pitch-perfect pre-school soundscape.

**Categories:** Humour



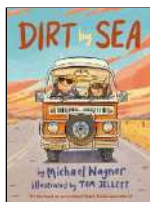
## 12. WHERE THE LYREBIRD LIVES

Vikki Conley | Max Hamilton (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

High in the mountains through the sleepy clouds. Deep in the forest past the chiming birds. Will we see the lyrebird? I don't know. Tip-toe, tip-toe. The beauty of the Australian rainforest and the magic of family-time come together in this lyrical and delightful story of intergenerational connection, habitat and adventure.

**Categories:** Australian Animals, Australian Birds, Birds, Habitats, Nature

# CBCA SHORTLISTED BOOKS: PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (13-18)

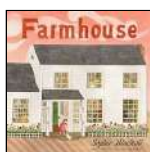


## 13. DIRT BY SEA

Michael Wagner | Tom Jellett (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Explore our wonderful coastline and the joy of a family road-trip with Dad and Daisy! Featuring 40 pages of extraordinary comic-style illustrations, this unique picture book will have you dreaming of a holiday around Australia or maybe even planning a van life with the help of the journey map in the endpapers. The hugely popular creators of *Why I Love Footy* and *Why I Love Summer* are back together with a moving family story that is also a true celebration of what we love most about the Australian landscape, family holidays and classic Kombi vans. Daisy lives in inland Australia with her dad and her grandparents. It's home, and she loves the red dirt land around her. But when her dad realises that she's never seen the beach and thinks the Australian anthem is about a country 'dirt by sea', he sets off to show her the ocean in a once-in-a-lifetime father-daughter trip along the Australian coast, inspired by the first holiday he took with Daisy's mum. Along the way they will learn about Australia and much, much more...

**Categories:** [Graphic Picture Book](#), [Australia](#), [Travel](#), [Family](#)

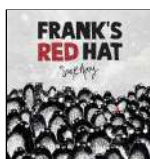


## 14. FARMHOUSE

Sophie Blackall | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A lavish and moving tribute to a beloved place in the vein of *Hello Lighthouse* from two-time Caldecott Medallist, Sophie Blackall. Step inside the dollhouse-like interior of *Farmhouse* and relish the daily life of the family that lives there, rendered in impeccable, thrilling detail. Based on a real family and an actual farmhouse where Sophie salvaged facts and artefacts for the making of this spectacular work, page after page bursts with luminous detail and joy. Join the award-winning, bestselling Sophie Blackall as she takes readers on an enchanting visit to a farmhouse across time, to witness the way that history spins stories.

**Categories:** [Farms](#), [Farm Life](#), [Family](#)



## 15. FRANK'S RED HAT

Sean Avery | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

A story about never giving up on your talents, because even though what you do may not be appreciated right now, it may be in time. Possibly by someone you'd least expect. Frank is a penguin with ideas. Mostly terrible ones. That's why his fellow penguins are nervous when he shows them his strange new creation. Something they'd never seen or expected to see in their cold and colourless Antarctic world - a red hat.

**Categories:** [Persistence](#), [Determination](#), [Creativity](#), [Lateral Thinking](#), [Humour](#)



## 16. MY STRANGE SHRINKING PARENTS

Zeno Sworder | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

It goes without saying that all children believe their parents to be strange. Mine were unusual for a different reason... One boy's parents travel from far-off lands to improve their son's life. But what happens next is unexpected. What does it mean when your parents are different? What shape does love take? And what happens when your parents sacrifice a part of themselves for you? In this heartbreaking and heart-warming story, CBCA award-winner Zeno Sworder reflects on his own migrant parents' sacrifices to create a universal story about what it means to give to those you love. Drawing from the sacrifices his Chinese mother made to raise her young family in a small country town, Sworder's drawings are full of beautiful detail and fairytale settings that explore his own journey from child to parent. With humour and pathos, Sworder reflects on the strange nature of giving and receiving love and celebrates those parents who embrace a hard life for themselves in the hope of a better life from their children. Full of depth and generosity as well as insight and candour, Sworder brings this gorgeous fable to life.

**Categories:** [Migration](#), [Differences](#), [Multicultural](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Love](#), [Generosity](#)



## 17. OUR DREAMING

Kirli Saunders | Dub Leffler (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Goodjagah, little one, walk with me ... I want to tell you our Dreaming as the Elders told it to me. Award-winning storytellers, Gunai woman Kirli Saunders and Bigambul man Dub Leffler, explore a deep love and respect for Country and all her spirits ... past, present and beyond.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Dreaming](#), [First Nations](#), [Country](#), [Community](#), [Creation](#), [Respect](#)



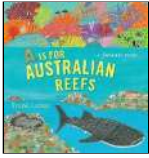
## 18. PARADISE SANDS: A STORY OF ENCHANTMENT

Levi Pinfold | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

An enchanting tale of haunting places and mystical bargains, sumptuously illustrated by Levi Pinfold. Washed clean in his pool, we fall under his rule. Away from what is, for we are now his. When a young girl and her brothers step into the ghostly Paradise Sands hotel, they fall under the rule of the mysterious Teller. She makes a deal with him to free them all from his haunting paradise. But can she hold up her side of the bargain?



# CBCA SHORTLISTED BOOKS: EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (19-24)

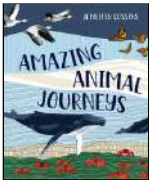


## 19. A IS FOR AUSTRALIAN REEFS

Frane Lessac | Frane Lessac (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

A new dive into fascinating facts from best-selling, multi-award-winning author/illustrator Frane Lessac. Along the coastline of Australia, underwater reefs are bustling with the most amazing sea creatures living on the planet! A deep dive into the biodiversity of Australia's remarkable coastline from sharks to octopuses to dolphins and manta rays and seahorses – and the most famous reef of all – the Great Barrier Reef.

**Categories:** Alphabet, Australiana, Australian Animals, Reefs, Ocean



## 20. AMAZING ANIMAL JOURNEYS

Jennifer Cossins | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

A beautifully illustrated title chock-full of fascinating animal facts from our bestselling, CBCA award-winning Tasmanian children's author/illustrator, Jennifer Cossins, that focuses on 25 animal species from Australia and around the world with intriguing migration journeys. Did you know that Arctic terns have the longest migration of all birds, flying from the Arctic to Antarctica and back each year? Or that the wildebeest migration in east Africa is so vast it can be seen from outer space? Come along on these amazing animal journeys! Perfect for readers aged 7+ who delight in learning about the animal kingdom and the world around them.

**Categories:** Animal Migration

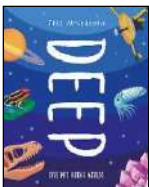


## 21. COME TOGETHER: THINGS EVERY AUSSIE KID SHOULD KNOW

Isaiah Firebrace | Jaelyn Biunaiwai (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 5+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Come Together is a heart-warming, debut picture book for children aged 5 and up from pop artist Isaiah Firebrace, inspired by his petition to the Australian Government calling for Aboriginal history to be taught in every classroom. In this essential book, Isaiah, a Yorta Yorta and Gunditjmarra man, establishes a foundation of First Nations knowledge with 20 key topics. Alongside bright and contemporary illustrations by Mununjali and Fijian artist Jaelyn Biunaiwai, Isaiah connects us to each topic through his own personal story and culture, from the importance of Elders to the Dreaming. At once accessible and engaging, Come Together will make every Aussie kid proud that we are home to the longest continuing culture on Earth!

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, First Nations People, Culture, Australian History



## 22. DEEP: DIVE INTO HIDDEN WORLDS

Jess McGeachin | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

What hidden worlds lie beneath your feet? Or in the deepest parts of the ocean, where not even sunlight can reach? Come on a journey to meet glowing deep-sea creatures, zombie-making fungi and the trillions of tiny workers that live inside your own body. But be warned, things can get a little strange in the deep... Deep is an illustrated non-fiction book that explores the places hardest to reach, from the molten depths of our planet to the frigid depths of outer space. Linking seemingly diverse subject matter, it invites the reader to explore worlds hidden from view.

**Categories:** Ocean Creatures, Space, Human Body



## 23. OPAL AND DART

Vianne Brain | Clare Bradley (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.95** | **School Price \$19.96**

Opal and Dart are two beautiful swallows who met as fledglings learning to fly. Together they travel great distances to build their nest. Illustrated by Clare Bradley, this book will inspire children with a fascination for the birds of Tasmania.

**Categories:** Birds, Migration, Habitats



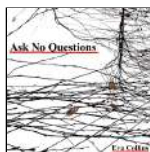
## 24. WILD AUSTRALIAN LIFE

Leonard Cronin | Chris Nixon (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

From a leading expert and talented visual artist comes this celebration of the astounding diversity of Australia's animal kingdom. More than one million animal species make their homes in Australia – from the deepest oceans to the tops of mountains and the harshest deserts. But just how do they survive? Discover the remarkable stories behind some of the world's most extraordinary animals in this must-have collection for every Australian family.

**Categories:** Australian Animals, Wildlife

# CBCA SHORTLISTED BOOKS: OLDER READERS (25-30)

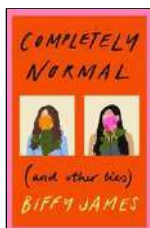


## 25. ASK NO QUESTIONS

Eva Collins | Paperback | RRP \$25.00 | **School Price \$20.00**

With a third of Australians born and around half with one parent born overseas, migration stories are a crucial part of our national experience. In her verse novel, Ask No Questions, Eva Collins writes spare affecting lines about her own experience as a teenager when her parents decided to emigrate from Poland to Australia. She captures the loss and gain, grief and celebration with great poignancy. Simply written but deeply moving, Ask No Questions is accessible poetry that is particularly suited for young adult readers.

**Categories:** Migration, Home, Loneliness, Resilience, Courage



## 26. COMPLETELY NORMAL (AND OTHER LIES)

Biffy James | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$21.99 | **School Price \$17.59**

Love has rules. So does grief. And Stella Wilde's about to break them all. Stella Wilde is secretly in love with the hottest guy in school, Isaac Calder. He seems to love her back, but there's a problem - he already has a girlfriend, the gorgeous Grace Reyes. When Isaac is killed in a car accident, the entire school is turned upside down with grief. And while Grace can mourn publicly, Stella has to hide her feelings to stop people from finding out about her and Isaac being more than friends. But how long can Stella keep lying - to herself and everyone else? And when the truth finally comes out, how will it affect her newfound friendship with Grace?

**Categories:** Love, Grief, Mental Health, Friendship



## 27. GREATEST THING: GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Sarah Winifred Searle | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | **School Price \$15.99**

It's the first day of Grade Ten, and Winifred is going to reinvent herself. Now that her two best (and only) friends have transferred to a private school, Win must navigate high school on her own. Luckily, she isn't alone for long. In art class, she meets Oscar and April. They don't look or act like the typical teenagers in her town: they're creative, a little rebellious and seem comfortable in their own skin in a way that Win can only dream of. But even though Winifred is breaking out of her shell, there's one secret she can't bear to admit to April and Oscar, or even to herself - and this lie threatens everything. Win needs to face her own truths, but she doesn't need to do it alone. Through the healing power of clandestine sleepovers, op-shopping and zine publishing, Win finds and accepts what it means to be herself.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel, Friendship, Difference, Acceptance, Belonging

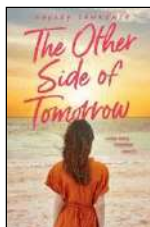


## 28. NEVERLANDERS: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Tom Taylor | Jon Sommariva (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$22.99 | **School Price \$18.39**

Neverland has become a war zone and it's up to a new group of lost teens to set things right in this gritty YA graphic novel series from #1 New York Times bestselling Australian author Tom Taylor and powerhouse Australian comic artist Jon Sommariva! Bee and her fellow runaways are their own found family. So when a stranger named Paco saves her life, Bee invites him to join their crew, thinking he's another lost teen. The truth is Paco's not just a lost teen, he's a Lost Boy from Neverland. And he needs Bee and the others to come back with him. When the group is then spirited away by a foul-mouthed Tinker Bell, they discover that Neverland is not some fun-filled hideaway. It's a war zone under siege by a horde of pirates with a merciless new leader who will stop at nothing to steal the land's magic. Tink leads a fairy army that barely holds them at bay. Peter Pan is gone. And rest of the Lost Boys have been killed. Paco is all that remains ... but he hopes that this group of teens will become the new Lost Ones. These young runaways may be Neverland's only hope - but they're about to learn that it'll take a lot more than happy thoughts to win a war.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel, Adventure, Pirates, Magic

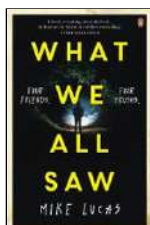


## 29. OTHER SIDE OF TOMORROW, THE

Hayley Lawrence | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$15.99 | **School Price \$12.79**

What if you thought you had forever ... To live your life. To tell your story. But what if forever was taken from you? When your tomorrows are counted, all you have is this moment. And this story you wish was never yours to tell. When Abby traded her life in the city for a wholesome new life on the coast, it was meant to be a fresh start for her family. Behind them was the sickness and sadness of the past. But sickness doesn't always play by the rules. And as Abby's past threatens to swallow her future, she is forced to decide what is most important. What she will fight for. And she will fight. For however many days she has left.

**Categories:** Death, Suffering, Grief, Family, Friendship



## 30. WHAT WE ALL SAW

Mike Lucas | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$19.99 | **School Price \$15.99**

Witches only exist in stories. Everyone knows that. But what if the stories are real? FOUR FRIENDS. FOUR TRUTHS. ONE NIGHTMARE. If you wander into the wood ... If you hear scratching sounds from the Old Quarry ... If you go too close to the edge ... WATCH. OUT.

**Categories:** Horror, Witches, Ghost Stories, Mystery, Friendship, Storytelling

# CBCA AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATORS

## (31-36)



### 31. AUSTRALIA: FROM DUSK TO DAWN

[Brentos](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

It's a new day in Australia. Let's follow the sun! Wake up with kookaburras on Arakwal Country (Byron Bay), bask with wombats on Wulinantikala (Cradle Mountain), watch black and red cockatoos flying over Anangu Country, scratch the Daintree Rainforest floor with cassowaries on Kuku Yalanji Country, and go to sleep as quokkas wake up on Whadjuk Noongar Country (Rottnest Island). Welcome to Australia as you've never seen it before: a dreamy pastel-popping ode to the significant places and animals on the land we all call home, from emerging artist Brentos.

**Categories:** [Australia](#), [Australiana](#)



### 32. BEST HIDING PLACE, THE

[Jane Godwin](#) | [Sylvia Morris](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Archie has found the best hiding place. But after a while, it feels too quiet. Is the game still on? Has Archie been forgotten? From bestselling author Jane Godwin and emerging illustrator Sylvia Morris comes a rich and atmospheric story that captures the highs and lows of hide-and-seek, and the joy of being found.

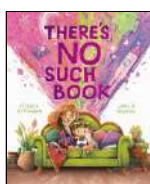


### 33. NATUROPOLIS

[Deborah Frenkel](#) | [Ingrid Bartkowiak](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.95** | **School Price \$21.56**

Look closer, look with care and you may find a forest.... Among the steel and stone canyons of the city, nature flourishes in tiny, tenacious ways. Follow the ant (*Iridomyrmex purpureus*) to discover the scraps of wilderness hiding in plain sight in this lyrical celebration of urban flora and fauna. Naturopolis is a wonderful acknowledgement of the unseen, and the world that awaits the viewer, eager to connect with nature. You don't have to go far to find what is waiting for us beneath our feet. A title that will be popular with families, primary classrooms and anyone who loves to celebrate the myriad of life on our planet.

**Categories:** [Nature](#), [Urban](#), [Cities](#), [Environment](#)



### 34. THERE'S NO SUCH BOOK

[Jessica Dettmann](#) | [Jake a Minton](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

There's No Such Book is a funny and heartwarming that will resonate with anyone who has experienced the frenzy of Book Week. It's the night before the Book Week parade and Ellie announces that she needs a costume by the morning. Mum, who is taken by surprise, desperately tries to piece together a costume from what's lying around the house ... They went into the bathroom. 'Hmm,' said Mum. 'Don't I remember once reading you a book about a monster whose skin looked like it was made of bright green towels?' 'No,' said Ellie. 'There is no such book.' Ellie heads to bed only with Mum's promise that she'll have a costume sorted by the morning. Mum stays true to her word, but perhaps not in the way that Ellie was hoping.

**Categories:** [Book Week](#), [Books](#), [Reading](#), [Dress Ups](#), [Imagination](#)



### 35. TINY WONDERS

[Sally soweol Han](#) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Bursting with colour, Tiny Wonders is the story of a small child trying to bring wonder back to her town through the language of flowers, from talented Korean-Australian artist Sally Soweol Han. April thinks if her town was a colour, it would be grey. Everyone is too busy to stop and look around. How can she help them slow down? When she remembers the happiness that dandelions brought her grandmother, April comes up with a plan... Bursting with colour, this is a sweet story about flowers, family and the wonders children wish for.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Flowers](#), [Nature](#)



### 36. WE ARE AUSTRALIANS

[Duncan Smith](#) | [Jandamarra Cadd](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

What does it mean to be a citizen of Australia? • Being an Australian comes with rights and responsibilities. This timely book highlights the questions we face as a nation and suggests a way forward walking together. • Written by Wiradjuri man Duncan Smith and award-winning author Nicole Godwin with artwork by Yorta Yorta Dja Dja Warung descendent Jandamarra Cadd. • Thought provoking and inspiring curriculum links to English, Literature.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Citizenship](#), [Rights](#), [Responsibilities](#)

# ZART ART ACTIVITY BOOK (37)



## 37. READ, GROW, INSPIRE: ZART ART

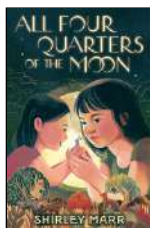
[Compilation](#) | Paperback | **RRP \$45.95** | **School Price \$36.76**

In continuing the partnership with the CBCA in 2023, Zart's art activity publication celebrates the theme "Read, Grow, Inspire". Activities & discussions are curriculum-linked and perfect for artroom, classroom or library teachers looking for meaningful art & literacy focused outcomes to celebrate Book Week (21-27 August 2023)

**Categories:** [Teaching Resource](#)



# CBCA NOTABLE BOOKS: YOUNGER READERS (38–56)



## 38. ALL FOUR QUARTERS OF THE MOON

[Shirley Marr](#) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

A big-hearted story of love and resilience, starring sisters and storytellers Peijing and Biju, a lost family finding their way, a Little World made of paper, a Jade Rabbit, and the ever-changing but constant moon. Making mooncakes with Ah Ma for the Mid-Autumn Festival was the last day of Peijing's old life. Now, adapting to their new life in Australia, Peijing thinks everything will turn out okay for her family as long as they have each other – but cracks are starting to appear. Her little sister, Biju, needs Peijing to be the dependable big sister. Ma Ma is no longer herself; Ah Ma keeps forgetting who she is; and Ba Ba, who used to work seven days a week, is adjusting to being a hands-on dad. How will Peijing cope with the uncertainties of her own little world while shouldering the burden of everyone else? And if Peijing's family are the four quarters of the mooncake, where does she fit in?

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Friendship](#), [Culture](#), [Honour](#), [Identity](#), [Resilience](#)

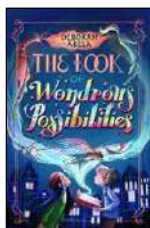


## 39. BIG MAGIC

[Sarah Armstrong](#) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Eleven-year-old Tulsi comes from a long line of women magicians, but her mother has always forbidden her to learn Big Magic. It's dangerous, thrilling, and powerful – and Tulsi wants it more than anything. But one hot summer's night, a magic trick goes horribly wrong, and her mother disappears. Only one person can bring her back, and that's Tulsi. But first, she'll have to learn a lifetime's worth of Big Magic – in just one month. It's an impossible task, especially when her teacher – her strange grandmother, Sylvie – was long ago banned from doing any Big Magic at all. Tulsi is determined to save her mum, but does she have what it takes? And where, exactly, has her mother gone?

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#), [Adventure](#), [Parallel World](#), [Magic](#)



## 40. BOOK OF WONDEROUS POSSIBILITIES, THE

[Deborah Abela](#) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

A middle grade adventure for 8–12-year-old heroes (even if they don't know it yet). Arlo Goodman lives with his Uncle Avery in a run-down flat above their bookshop. He has no friends, except for his pet mouse, Herbert. But when a girl called Lisette bursts into the shop and begs him to hide her from a murderer, Arlo's life changes forever. He's swept up into an adventure involving kidnappers, car chases and a story in The Book of Wondrous Possibilities, where Arlo and his skymouse battle dragons. But can Arlo find the courage to battle an even greater enemy, who threatens to destroy everything he loves? 'This magical and delightful story spins along at a perfect pace, knowing just when to pause for tea and cake.' JACLYN MORIARTY, author of the Kingdoms and Empires series 'Warm-hearted, adventurous and funny. I adore this book!' LIAN TANNER, author of The Keepers trilogy

**Categories:** [Bookshops](#), [Books](#), [Magic](#), [Adventure](#), [Family](#), [Loss](#), [Friendship](#), [Courage](#)



## 41. BRAVEST WORD, THE

[Kate Foster](#) | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

A rescue story of love and trust between a boy and a dog from the talented author of Paws. Do you hear that? You're Cliff now, and your life is going to get better, I promise. When eleven-year-old Matt finds Cliff, a hurt, neglected dog abandoned in the bush, he knows the brave little pup needs saving. He wants to help. But can he? Lately, Matt has had way more bad days than good days. The pieces of his life just don't seem to fit together any more and he doesn't understand why. He's finding it impossible to concentrate at school and has lost interest in the activities he used to love. Plus, he's tired all the time. Matt's too afraid to share what's really going on in his own head with anyone. His friends and family will never understand . . . maybe it's not only Cliff who needs saving.

**Categories:** [Mental Health](#), [Depression](#), [Dogs](#)



## 42. DUSTY IN THE OUTWILDS

[Rhianannon Williams](#) | [Martina Heiduczek](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

Dusty has grown up hearing whispers about her mysterious aunt Meg, who went off to live 'out wild' and never returned. Yet Dusty's father refuses to discuss what happened – and her only clue is a photograph of her aunt as a young girl with a strange, monkey-like creature on her shoulder. But when Dusty learns that her family's beloved bushland property might be sold, she's convinced that only Meg could stop it happening. So Dusty sets off to find her ... and that's when she discovers what 'out wild' really means. The Outwilds are beguiling. Dangerous. And full of creatures Dusty half-remembers from old bedtime stories – beautiful, but deadly. Is Meg still out there? And even if she is, how will Dusty bring her home?

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#), [Adventure](#)



#### 43. **HEDGEWITCH** HEDGEWITCH

Skye McKenna | Tomislav Tomic (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

It has been seven years since Cassie Morgan last saw her mother. Left at a dreary boarding school, she spends her days hiding from the school bully and reading forbidden story books about the world of Faerie. Certain that her mother is still alive, Cassie is determined to find her, whatever the dangers, and runs away from school. Lost and alone, she is chased by a pack of goblins but, to her surprise, escapes with the help of a flying broom and a talking cat named Montague, who takes her to the cosy village of Hedgely. Here she discovers that she comes from a family of witches, women who protect Britain from the denizens of Faerie, who are all too real and far more frightening than her story books suggest.

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#)

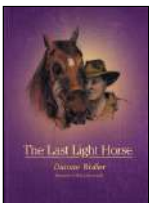


#### 44. **JAMMER, THE**

Nova Weetman | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Fred has moved around her whole life, one small town after another, and never minded starting over. She's always had her mum, her dad, and her love of roller derby. On the track she's Fred or Dead, the star jammer, a gun at smashing through a line of bodies and scoring for her team. But Fred's life has fallen apart, and now she can't imagine ever putting her skates on again. On a road trip to Melbourne with her dad, Fred meets a bunch of people who think they know what's best for her. And although Fred tries to avoid it, roller derby has a way of barging back into her life. A true jammer could push through anything, but Fred doesn't know who she is anymore. What do you do when the thing that could save you is the thing that hurts the most? This moving story of broken bones and healing hearts is a must-read for Nova Weetman's fans and will find her many new ones.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Loss](#), [Roller Derby](#)



#### 45. **LAST LIGHT HORSE, THE**

Dianne Wolfer | Brian Simmonds (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The fourth and final book in the Light series, which began with Lighthouse Girl and includes the CBCA shortlisted Lighthouse Boy. There were 136,000 Australian horses sent to fight during the First World War. Just one came home. From the high country of Victoria to the desert sand of Egypt, from the waters off Gallipoli to the battlefields of France, this is the extraordinary story of Sandy, the only returning warhorse.

**Categories:** [Australian History](#), [World War 1](#), [Australian Light Horse](#), [ANZAC Day](#), [Remembrance](#)



#### 46. **MIKKI AND ME AND THE OUT-OF-TUNE TREE**

Marion Roberts | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Eleven-year-old Alberta Bracken is having a terrible summer. After a bike-riding accident, caused by the local bully, her arm's in a cast so she can't do her most favourite holiday activity: boogie boarding at the local beach. And her little sister Clementine is EXTREMELY ANNOYING. To make matters worse, her mum (bestselling author of Tammy Bracken's Guide to Modern Manners) has sent her dad packing - after discovering his behaviour has been far from...well-mannered. So when budding filmmaker Mikki Watanabe suggests they start a YouTube channel about the secret life of trees - Alberta is ALL IN. And when they discover their trees are earmarked for removal by the local council it's suddenly a race against time to save them. Funny, warm and a little offbeat, this highly entertaining novel hits all the right notes for middle-fiction readers.

**Categories:** [Environmental Issues](#), [Activism](#), [Trees](#), [Social Media](#), [Family Unit](#)



#### 47. **MING AND FLO FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE** [GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD](#)

Jackie French | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Twelve-year-old Ming Qong is convinced that girls must have changed the world, even if they are rarely mentioned in history books. So when Ming gets the chance to go back in time, she imagines herself changing destinies from a glittering palace or an explorer's ship. Instead, she ends up in Australia in 1898, living a tough life as Flo Watson on a drought-stricken farm. Luckily, Ming is rescued by Flo's Aunt McTavish, from Sydney. Wealthy Aunt McTavish belongs to Louisa Lawson's Suffragist Society, who are desperately and courageously fighting for women's rights. And Ming is determined to get involved, to make a difference. But change is never easy, so how can one girl change the world?

**Categories:** [Australian History](#), [Suffragette Movement](#), [Women's Rights](#), [Time Travel](#)



#### 48. **NO WORDS**

Maryam Master | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Hero doesn't feel like a hero, but sometimes she feels as if the universe is asking her to be one. When Aria, a mysterious boy who never EVER speaks, starts at school and is picked on by His Royal Thug-ness Doofus (Rufus), Hero and her bestie Jaz feel compelled to help. But they're far too chicken to actually do anything heroic, so they befriend Aria and try to uncover the truth about him. What happened to his voice? Where did he come from? What are those three dents on his middle finger? This is the story of a 12-year-old refugee who's trying to establish a new life in Australia, grapple with his past and, most importantly, find his voice. 'Cos, boy, does he have a story to tell.

**Categories:** [Refugees](#), [Displacement](#), [Identity](#), [Bullying](#), [Hope](#), [Joy](#), [Friendship](#)



#### 49. SUGARCANE KIDS AND THE RED-BOTTOMED BOAT, THE

Charlie Archbold | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Middle-grade readers can join the Sugarcane kids as they collect clues and try to solve a mystery in this bright, fun and captivating Australian adventure. Bernie mutters to me. 'No way. Who'd go into the mangroves at night?' I swallow. Not me. Not into Sebastian land. No one would head into crocodile heartland in the middle of a dark night. No one, unless they had a very good reason. Andy and his best friend Eli live in a small coastal town in far north Queensland. When Eli's cousin Jacob is arrested for a jewellery theft, Andy and Eli both know he is innocent. The police have evidence. But something is not right, and Andy and Eli need to work out what, and fast or Jacob will end up in jail. So, with the help of twins Bernice and Fletcher (AKA Bernie and Fletch) and Andy's trusty sausage dog, Washington, they set out to hunt for clues to what really happened. The trail points to a mysterious red-bottomed boat rumoured to be hidden deep in the mangroves. Does it hold the evidence they need to prove Jacob's innocence? Can they find it without getting lost forever? And how will they outwit Sebastian, the legendary gigantic saltwater crocodile? Charlie Archbold's action-packed new middle-grade adventure is a fun story of sleuthing, courageous deeds, the triumph of good over evil – and the power of friendship.

**Categories:** Adventure, Mystery, Friendship



#### 50. MIM AND THE WOEFUL WEDDING TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

Katrina Nannestad | Cheryl Orsini (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy. Flossy leads them where she will, to the place where they're needed most ... the place where the perfect book will find its way home. Now Mim has arrived on a charming Greek Island, where a wedding is about to take place. Everyone is excited – everyone, that is, except the bride and groom. Mim knows they're here to help Anjelica, the bride. To stop the wedding. To set her free to follow her dreams. If only Anjelica would read the right book, the one Mim gave her. If only she would stop reading the wrong book.

**Categories:** Friendship, Family Unit, Community, Greece, Reading, Books, Magic



#### 51. WAITING FOR THE STORKS

Katrina Nannestad | Hardback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

I don't want to remember the truck, or the night I was taken, or the family I left behind. I am not a sad Polish girl. I am a good and happy German girl. I am. I am. I am. It's the Second World War and Himmler's Lebensborn Program is in full flight when eight-year-old Zofia Ulinski is kidnapped by the Germans. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, just like the other Polish children taken from their families and robbed of their names, their language, their heritage. But when Zofia is adopted into a wealthy and loving German family, it is easier, it is safer to bury her past, deep down, so everything is forgotten. Until the Polish boy arrives. And the past comes back to haunt her.

**Categories:** Historical, World War 2, Lebensborn Program, Family, Loss

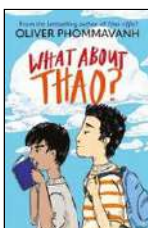


#### 52. WE RUN TOMORROW

Nat Amooore | Mike Barry (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

You can run from your past, but the future is tomorrow ... Tonight, we're gonna kidnap our best friend. And tomorrow? We run. Sticks, Maki, Jed and Tommy live on the same street. But the adults around them are making decisions that could tear the four friends apart. When they discover their favourite comic book series is being made into a blockbuster movie, they know what they have to do. Get to the audition. Get the parts. Stay together. Bestselling author Nat Amooore joins forces with acclaimed graphic novelist Mike Barry to bring you a story of four kids – and four superheroes – who are taking their future into their own hands.

**Categories:** Adventure, Friendship



#### 53. WHAT ABOUT THAO?

Oliver Phommavanh | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

From the author of the bestselling Thai-riffic, Con-nerd and The Other Christy comes a funny and heartfelt novel for 10+ about a city kid in a small country town who's enjoying being the new kid at his tiny two-teacher school – until Kadir arrives and things get interesting! In his signature style, Oliver creates a fabulously diverse and heartfelt duo in Thao and Kadir and their sometimes hilarious and sometimes heart-wrenching dilemmas of culture and belonging in a remote rural community. Throw in some slam poetry and it might just end in a lifelong friendship and a whole lot more understanding.

**Categories:** Diversity, Culture, Belonging, Friendship



#### 54. WHAT SNAIL KNOWS

Kathryn Apel | Mandy Foot (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Lucy and Dad move a lot, so it's hard to make friends. Luckily, she has Snail, the perfect pet for a lonely girl. If only she had her own shell to hide in when she started at a new school. But this place is different. She likes her teacher, Miss Darling. She likes her classmates, especially Tahnee. She even likes Mei-hui's van park, where she lives with Dad and Snail. This place feels like home. But can she convince her dad to stay? From the author of Bully on the Bus comes this moving story about making friends and finding where you belong.

**Categories:** Verse Novel, Family, Community, Change, Belonging



**55. WINTRISH GIRL, THE TALISMANS OF FATE**

Melanie LaBrooy | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

A wildly fun debut about not quite belonging, forging your own path and finding your true home. On Talisman Day in the Province of Arylia, all children receive powerful objects that change their lives forever. All children except for the Wintrish servant girl Penn, that is. Bound to the spoiled Princess Seraphine since birth, Penn has never known her true family. While she longs to return to her own Province of Midwinter and find them, she knows that all her future holds is a lifetime of loneliness. But a long-forgotten evil is stirring, and destinies are about to change ... When the Princess is kidnapped, Penn is forced to run for her life to clear her own name. With the help of some unexpected friends and a dragon with a fear of unicorns, she faces deadly peril and formidable foes. But can one ordinary Wintrish girl save the day? Because without a Talisman, there's no changing your fate – is there?

**Categories:** [Fantasy](#), [Friendship](#), [Belonging](#)



**56. ZADIE MA AND THE DOG WHO CHASED THE MOON**

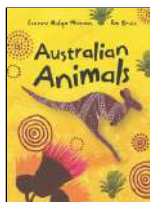
Gabrielle Wang | Paperback | Age 9+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

Meet Zadie Ma, a girl who writes magical stories that sometimes come true. Can Zadie bring to life her most important story of all . . . the one where she finds Jupiter, the dog of her dreams? From one of Australia's most esteemed and award-winning children's authors comes a heartwarming story set in postwar Melbourne about courage, friendship, the magic of stories and one girl's unwavering love for her dog. Zadie Ma has a special talent for telling stories . . . and it seems that some of Zadie's stories come true. Zadie's dearest wish is to have a dog of her own and so she starts to write the story of a poor unwanted dog called Jupiter, who's just waiting to be rescued by a loving girl like Zadie. One morning when she's supposed to be minding the family shop for her mother, Zadie sets off to look for Jupiter. The scene that unfolds isn't quite the same as in her story but she does find a real dog, and his name is Jupiter. Once Zadie has rescued him, she realises she can't just take Jupiter home because her mother won't let her keep a dog. Luckily her bold new friend Sparrow lets Zadie keep Jupiter at her house till Zadie can work things out. But a series of unlucky events means that Zadie can't write the happy ending she dreams of for her story, and now she may lose her beloved Jupiter forever. Can Zadie's most important story of all finally come true?

**Categories:** [History](#), [Fantasy](#), [Storytelling](#), [Friendship](#), [Family](#), [Community](#), [Diversity](#), [Identity](#)



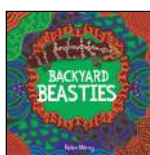
# CBCA NOTABLE BOOKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD (57-74)



## 57. AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS INDIGENOUS DISCOVERY BIG BOOK

Emily Bruce | Leanne Mulgo Watson (Illustrator) | Big Book | **RRP \$49.99** | **School Price \$39.99**

Follow the fun rhyming text as it takes you on a journey to meet Australia's amazing wildlife, featuring bouncy kangaroos, noisy cockatoos, speedy emus and many more, all brought to life through stunning artwork by Darug artist-educator Leanne Mulgo Watson. The titles in the Indigenous Discovery Big Book series have been developed to help students build confidence with early learning concepts, such as shapes, colours, numbers and animals, while simultaneously increasing their awareness of and exposure to Indigenous artwork from an early age. The engaging rhyming text supports early language skills, such as vocabulary building, and the interactive relationship between the text and the gorgeous full-colour illustrations promotes key visual literacy skills. The big book format makes these titles perfect for an enriching shared reading experience that students will cherish.



## 58. BACKYARD BEASTIES

Helen Milroy | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

From the author of Backyard Birds and Backyard Bugs, Helen Milroy's latest picture book shows us the wonderful warm blooded, cold blooded, feathered and clawed creatures we might find living with us in a typical Australian home. Once again First Nations author and illustrator Helen Milroy brings the backyard to life in a picture book designed to teach us all about the croaking, barking, screeching, mewling creatures that share our homes. From beastie besties, like the Pomeranian and the pussycat, to clucking chickens and licking lizards, the jewel-like illustrations will make this book a joy to share.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Australian Animals](#), [Pets](#)



## 59. BESIDE THE SEA

Kerri Day | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Nan and me beside the sea. Is it time? Soon. A grandmother and child eagerly await some special visitors. However, it soon becomes rescue time when some lost baby turtles are in danger. Everyone is needed to save the day. Will they save the babies in time? The wonder of welcoming nesting turtles ashore comes beautifully to life in this gentle story of family, community and caring for the environment.

**Categories:** [Marine Turtles](#), [Light Pollution](#), [Family](#), [Community](#), [Environmental Issues](#)



## 60. CLEMENTINE'S TREASURE

Annie White | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Clementine has her eyes on only one thing when the Queen comes to tea – a sparkly royal necklace! When the jewel goes missing, everyone, including Clementine, searches high and low to find it.

**Categories:** [Pets](#), [Dogs](#), [Humour](#), [Rhyming Text](#)



## 61. COME OVER TO MY HOUSE

Eliza Hull | Daniel Gray-Barnett (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Come Over To My House is a delightful picture book that explores the home life of children and parents who are Deaf or disabled. Co-written by disability advocate Eliza Hull and bestselling author Sally Rippin, the inclusive rhyming text authentically explores the characters' various disabilities. A cast of friendly characters invite friends over for a play – there's fun to be had, food to eat and families to meet! Come over to my house. Come over and play! I'll show you around, you can stay the whole day. We'll swing on the swing-set and splash in the pool. Then I'll race you inside where my bedroom is cool.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Home](#), [Friendship](#), [Disability](#), [Inclusivity](#), [Rhyming Text](#)

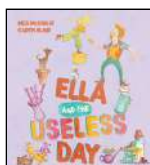


## 62. ECHIDNA NEAR MY PLACE, THE NATURE STORYBOOKS

Sue Whiting | Cate James (Illustrator) | Paperback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Nana and I walk through the paddock most days. And you know what? An echidna lives here. We don't always see it. But I'm always looking for it. As a young child and their nana go for walks together, they follow a short-beaked echidna keenly observing and discussing what its life might be like. Learn with them about what echidnas eat, where they live, and how they protect themselves. A wonderful addition to the acclaimed and award-winning Nature Storybook series, which provides memorable reading experiences, combining narrative and factual forms.

**Categories:** [Australia](#), [Australian Animals](#), [Echidnas](#), [Animals Body Parts](#), [Habitats](#), [Narrative Non Fiction](#)

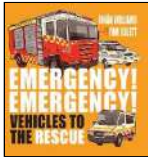


## 63. ELLA AND THE USELESS DAY

Meg McKinlay | Karen Blair (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

A heartwarming picture book about community, sustainability and how one neighbour's rubbish is another's treasure. Ella's house is full of things... useless things! At least that's what she and Dad think. But when they decide to have a clean-up day, something very curious happens. Maybe what is useless to them is treasure to someone else?

**Categories:** [Sustainability](#), [Recycling](#), [Upcycling](#), [Community](#), [Sharing](#)



#### 64. EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! VEHICLES TO THE RESCUE

Rhian Williams | Tom Jellett (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A delightful picture book about the people who keep us safe and the vehicles getting them where they need to be.

**Categories:** [Rhyming Text](#), [Rescue Vehicles](#)

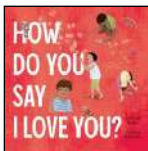


#### 65. GARDEN ON RED GUM ROAD, THE

Phil Cummings | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

There's a special place for Nonna and me, for friends, for pets, for family. When we go, it's a busy day, we talk, we dig, plant seeds and play. We join our friends, share the load, in the community garden ... on Red Gum Road

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Friendship](#), [Gardening](#), [Community](#)



#### 66. HOW DO YOU SAY I LOVE YOU?

Ashleigh Barton | Martina Heiduczek (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

From the bestselling creators of What Do You Call Your Grandpa?, What Do You Call Your Grandma? and What Do You Do to Celebrate? In every country around the globe, we all have ways to show the people who mean the most to us what they ought to know. From bestselling duo Ashleigh Barton and Martina Heiduczek comes an exuberant and beautiful book that celebrates the many different ways we say 'I love you', in languages the world over. How Do You Say I Love You? is a heartwarming look at how we tell our loved ones how much we care.

**Categories:** [Relationships](#), [Love](#)



#### 67. JACK'S JUMPER

Sara Acton | Hardback | **RRP \$25.99** | **School Price \$20.79**

A sweet story about the bond between brothers and the sentimental value of sharing with your siblings. Jack's jumper is special because it can be many things – a den, a hat, a hug – but most of all it is special because it belonged to Jack's big brother, Paul. Jack wears the jumper every day, but when forced to take it off to have a bath, the cat sees a comfy new bed...

**Categories:** [Siblings](#), [Brothers](#), [Growing Up](#)



#### 68. MY SHADOW IS PURPLE

Scott Stuart | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

My Dad has a shadow that's blue as a berry, and my Mum's is as pink as a blossoming cherry. Here's only those choices, a 2 or a 1. But mine is quite different, it's both and it's none. A heartwarming and inspiring book about being true to yourself, by best-selling children's book creator Scott Stuart. This story considers gender beyond binary in a vibrant spectrum of colour.

**Categories:** [Gender Identity](#), [Non Binary](#), [Resilience](#), [Inclusion](#), [Diversity](#)

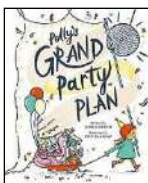


#### 69. PLEASE HANDLE WITH CARE

Coral Vass | Tull Suwannakit (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Bear is having a bad day. Nothing is going right, and he wishes he was somewhere else ... a long way from home. What will it take for Bear to feel better? An uplifting tale about a bear discovering what truly matters at the end of the day.

**Categories:** [Feelings/Emotions](#), [Empathy](#), [Resilience](#), [Growth Mindset](#)

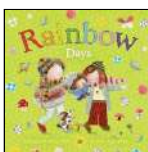


#### 70. POLLY'S GRAND PARTY PLAN

Jane Godwin | Evie Barrow (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Polly's sixth birthday would be here any day (Well actually thirty-five sleeps away) She was counting down till the thirteenth of May There'd be a party! Yippee! Hooray! Polly was making a plan ... For dreamers and party planners everywhere comes a relatable picture book about throwing the perfect birthday party... even when things don't exactly go to plan.

**Categories:** [Birthdays](#), [Celebrations](#), [Planning](#)

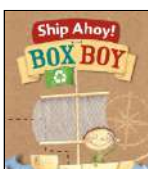


#### 71. RAINBOW DAYS

Margaret Hamilton | Anna Pignataro (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 5+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Seven rainbow colours, a week has seven days. Counting through them one by one, in seven different ways. A warm and colourful tour through the days of the week from bestselling children's book creators Margaret Hamilton and Anna Pignataro.

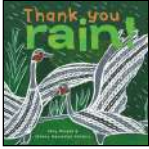
**Categories:** [Maths](#), [Time](#), [Days of The Week](#), [Colours](#)



#### 72. SHIP AHOY! BOX BOY

Mal Webster | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

There was a boy who loved making things with boxes. Limited by the space in his backyard and a few cardboard boxes, 'Ship Ahoy Box Boy' shows what's possible with some clever ingenuity and an unlimited imagination. Ship Ahoy! Box Boy is the latest book from Mal Webster and follows on from his successful book Box Boy. Influenced by recent lockdowns and home-schooling Mal was inspired to celebrate imagination and creative play within a home

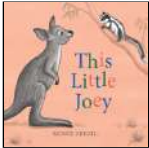


### 73. **THANK YOU RAIN!**

[Sally Morgan](#) | [Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr](#) (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

Another simple, universal story from Sally Morgan and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr, this time, a beautifully illustrated celebration of rain. Thank you rain! is a joyful read, and is full of the plants and animals that welcome rain: raindrops in the treetops; birds singing in the rain; raindrops wetting the dry earth and filling creek beds; birds, frogs and kangaroos all enjoying the rain and finishing with Johnny dancing with happiness! Sally Morgan's beautiful words and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr's sensitive artwork combine to give this distinctive children's picture book global appeal. Johnny infuses his illustrations with his fine-art aesthetic and traditional motifs to bring each page to vivid life.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [Rain](#)



### 74. **THIS LITTLE JOEY BOARD BOOK**

[Renee Trembl](#) | Board Book | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$11.99**

A wonderful new board book starring Australia's many marsupial joeys, by bestselling author Renee Trembl. All baby marsupials are known as joeys, yet they come in many different shapes and sizes. Read along as we visit some of Australia's rare, endangered and lesser-known baby marsupials.

# CBCA NOTABLE BOOKS: PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR (75–93)



## 75. 11 WORDS FOR LOVE

Randa Abdel-Fattah | Maxine Beneba Clarke (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

There are eleven words for love, and my family knows them all. A family flees their homeland to find safety in another country, carrying little more than a suitcase full of love. As their journey unfolds, the oldest child narrates 11 meanings for love in Arabic as her family show, and are shown, all different kinds of love in their new home, and they also remember the love they have for their homeland and for those left behind or lost along the way. In the Arabic language, there are over 50 words describing the degrees of love. That's 50 stories, 50 life-worlds. This lyrical and heartwarming book takes you on a journey through 11 of these Arabic expressions for love.

**Categories:** [Refugees](#), [Home](#), [Family](#), [Loss](#), [Arabic](#), [Love](#)

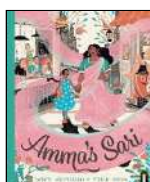


## 76. ACCIDENTALLY KELLY STREET

Tim O'Connor | Briony Stewart (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Accidentally Kelly Street, where friends and strangers sometimes meet. Accidentally Kelly Street, I never thought life could be so sweet. A new family arrive at a new house on a new street in a new neighbourhood. Being new can feel lonely, but on Kelly Street the neighbours are warm and welcoming, and small acts of kindness go a long way. Soon enough, strangers have become friends, and a new house becomes a home. Briony Stewart's touching adaptation of the classic Australian hit 'Accidentally Kelly Street' brings Frente's song of optimism, belonging and community to a new generation.

**Categories:** [Community](#), [Belonging](#), [Friendship](#), [Kindness](#), [Optimism](#)



## 77. AMMA'S SARI

Sandhya Parappukkaran | Michelle Pereira (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

As a second-generation migrant, 6-year-old Shreya's life tilts between her life at home and the outside world. While her love for family lifts her up, her spirits plummet at the stares and whispers that her mother's sari attracts. Searching for balance, Shreya asks questions about her culture. But despite the beautiful stories her mother shares, Shreya's internal and external struggle continues. But when Shreya finds herself lost in a crowd, it's the shimmer of Amma's sari that leads her to finding pride in her difference. Amma's Sari is a powerful reflection on connection with family, the acceptance of difference, and the celebration of cultural heritage. Perfect for ages 3 and up.

**Categories:** [Culture](#), [Heritage](#), [Family](#), [Difference](#), [Acceptance](#)

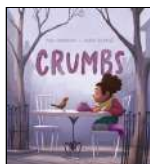


## 78. BE CAREFUL, XIAO XIN!

Alice Pung | Sher Rill Ng (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

From best-selling author Alice Pung and renowned illustrator Sher Rill Ng comes an extraordinarily powerful and moving book about how the past can shape the future. Xiao Xin believes he is a red fire warrior but his family are always telling him to be careful. They believe the world is a dangerous place. Too dangerous for a little boy on his own. They don't understand what I can do! They don't understand what I can be! Renowned storytellers Alice Pung and Sher Rill Ng bring to life a beautiful and tender story about learning to conquer your own fears – as a child, and as an adult.

**Categories:** [Resilience](#), [Courage](#), [Self Esteem](#), [Family](#), [Dual Language](#), [Simplified Chinese](#)

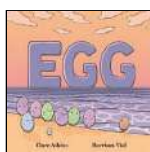


## 79. CRUMBS

Phil Cummings | Shane Devries (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

On a wintry city street, a one-legged bird dances for crumbs to eat ... but Ella has nothing to give. Then her father shows how a simple act of human kindness can spread joy to all. A captivating and universal story to warm the hearts of readers everywhere, from the award-winning creators of Boy and Ride, Ricardo, Ride.

**Categories:** [Homelessness](#), [Kindness](#), [Compassion](#), [Giving](#), [Community](#), [Humanity](#)



## 80. EGG

Clare Atkins | Harrison Vial (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

A truly unique picture book about a newcomer arriving to an island inhabited by superstitious eggs. When something strange washes up on the eggs' island, they are scared. It looks like them. But different. What if it hatches? What if there are more of them? Most of the eggs hope the newcomer will float back to where it came from, but one little egg is not afraid. Can their friendship prove there is nothing to fear?

**Categories:** [Multiculturalism](#), [Displacement](#), [Acceptance](#), [Refugees](#), [Climate Change](#), [Kindness](#)





## 82. JOB FOR KINGSLEY, A

Gabriel Evans | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Kingsley has decided to get a job. This is not a decision to be taken lightly. After all, a job is a BIG responsibility. But finding the right kind of job is much harder than Kingsley expected. Some jobs are tricky for paws. Some jobs are difficult to understand. And some just don't seem to appreciate a dog's work ethic the way they should. Will Kingsley ever find a job that is exactly right? A sweet, tender and deeply funny story about the power of friendship, belonging, and one dog's mission to find the perfect job.

**Categories:** [Friendship](#), [Belonging](#), [Dogs](#), [Humour](#)



## 83. JORN'S MAGNIFICENT IMAGINATION

Coral Vass | Nicky Johnston (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Celebrating new ideas that can make a world of difference, Jørn's Magnificent Imagination is the true story of Jørn Utzon, the architect of the world-renowned Sydney Opera House. In this gorgeously illustrated book, we follow Jørn through his life as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself. Along the way, young readers will be reminded of the importance of taking the time to dream and create, and of the incredible power of the imagination.

**Categories:** [Famous People](#), [Architects](#), [Sydney Opera House](#), [Imagination](#)

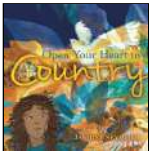


## 84. KOALA ARK

Stephen Michael King | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Through the smoke, in a tiny battered boat, Koala sets out to rescue the billabong friends. From the multi-award winning author and illustrator who brought you Three, Rainbow Bear and Leaf comes a tale of care, companionship and renewal.

**Categories:** [Bushfire](#), [Australian Animals](#), [Compassion](#), [Resilience](#), [Community](#)



## 85. OPEN YOUR HEART TO COUNTRY

Jasmine Seymour | Hardback | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$22.39**

'Welcome home lost children To land singing you back home Listen to its language Learn how to speak its song' From the award-winning creator of Baby Business (2019) and Cooee Mittigar (2019) comes a stunning bilingual story of healing and belonging. Told in English and Darug, Open Your Heart to Country is a moving account of reconnection to Country from a First Nations perspective. Sharing the nourishing power of returning home and being immersed in the language of Country, this picture book invites readers to reflect on the importance of place, not only for First Nations' peoples but for everyone. With exquisite illustrations and soft, lilting text, Open Your Heart to Country appeals to the very young, while sharing a deeper message for older readers. A book the whole family can enjoy.

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [First Nations](#), [Connection](#), [Country](#), [Bilingual](#), [Darug Language](#)



## 86. PIANO FINGERS

Caroline Magerl | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

Isla and Bea are two sisters who share a love of music. Big sister Isla plays the violin and Bea is waiting for her music to start. With the help of Maestro Gus, the cat ghost of the piano, Bea will make her sparkling debut. Piano Fingers is the latest magical creation from an award-winning and internationally distinguished creator that hits all the right notes.

**Categories:** [Growth Mindset](#)

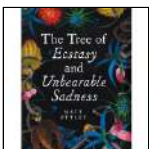


## 87. SUMMER BLUE

Trudie Trewin | Marjorie Crosby-Fairall (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Marley and Moses lived in a place where the heat crept up and smothered the days in stifling stillness. And it stayed and stayed. A captivating story of a searing Australian summer and waiting for the welcome relief of rain.

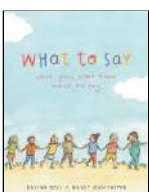
**Categories:** [Environment](#), [Seasons](#), [Summer](#), [Friendship](#), [Belonging](#)



## 89. TREE OF ECSTASY AND UNBEARABLE SADNESS, THE

Matt Ottley | Hardback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$39.99** | **School Price \$31.99**

The Tree of Ecstasy & Unbearable Sadness is an allegorical story of a boy's experience of psychosis, with mental illness represented as a fantastical tree whose flowers are ecstasy and whose fruit is unbearable sadness. Stunning drawings and paintings lead the reader through the boy's early discovery of his strangeness, his surrender to the disease (an all-consuming tree), the ensuing psychotic journey, and eventual self-acceptance. The recording of a full orchestral score composed by the author-illustrator will accompany the book, and an international tour is planned. AGES: 15 plus



## 90. WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

Davina Bell | Hilary Jean Tapper (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

I'm not brave enough today. Maybe next time. You're hurting my feelings right now. Want to join in? A warm and whimsical guide to negotiating life's little moments and big emotions with empathy, kindness and words from the heart. From award-winning and much-loved author Davina Bell and exciting new illustrator, Hilary Jean Tapper.

**Categories:** [Feelings/Emotions](#), [Kindness](#), [Empathy](#)



### 91. WHEN YOU'RE OLDER

Sofie Laguna | Judy Watson (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Baby brother, I can't wait until you're older. Just imagine the adventures that lie ahead... An exquisitely illustrated and deeply joyful celebration of the bond between brothers. Join them as they explore the far reaches of this wild and amazing world, side by side every step of the way. From two highly acclaimed and award-winning creators.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Siblings](#), [Brothers](#), [Imagination Play](#)

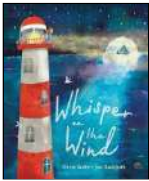


### 92. WHERE?

Jordan Collins | Phil Lesnie (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

'Where are you from?' they say. What they mean is, 'Why is your skin that colour?' 'Why does your hair look like that?' I am from the mountains, The seas and the sky. I am from children of millions of years, A timeline of humanity. I am from this planet And all others. A heartfelt picture book that challenges racism from an exciting new voice that is both a cry of pain and a demonstration of inner strength, which takes us on an intergalactic journey past collapsing stars and glowing nebulae to remind us not of our differences but of our shared humanity.

**Categories:** [Racism](#), [Identity](#)



### 93. WHISPER ON THE WIND

Claire Saxby | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

This is the wind that carries the whisper from Ren's dream. This is the sailor, long at sea, who catches it. The multi-award-winning duo behind Iceberg returns! With its lyrical, cumulative text and whimsical, richly imagined artwork, Whisper on the Wind is a celebration of the wonders of the ocean and the power of love to find us - wherever we are.

**Categories:** [Cumulative Text](#), [Dreams](#)

# CBCA NOTABLE BOOKS: EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS (94-112)



## 94. CHARLIE'S SWIM

Edith Wright | Charmaine Ledden-lewis (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$19.99

During WWII after the Japanese invasion of Java, more than 1000 refugees from the Dutch East Indies, many in flying boats, passed through Broome, which was a major refuelling point and a significant Allied military base. On 3 March 1942 Broome was attacked by Japanese fighter planes, killing at least 88 civilians and Allied military personnel. Charlie's Swim is based on the true story of the author's Uncle Charlie (Charles D'Antoine) who was working inside a flying boat when the attack began. In the midst of flying bullets, blazing fires and sharks, Charlie saw a woman and child desperately trying to keep afloat and without hesitation went to their rescue. In 1944, Charlie was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Royal Humane Society of Australasia in recognition of his efforts and he was awarded four medals for bravery from the Dutch government. It took a further 80 years for the Australian government and military to formally recognise this bravery. 'One morning Charlie was working inside a seaplane. He suddenly heard planes flying overhead, and they seemed incredibly low. Charlie went outside. When he looked up he saw enemy planes swooping towards the bay.'

**Categories:** [Aboriginal Studies](#), [True Stories](#), [Historical](#), [World War 2](#), [Bravery](#), [Broome](#)



## 96. GRUB

Sandra Severgnini | Sandra Severgnini (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Far below the rainforest canopy, a grub feels that his body is about to change. Wondering what he will turn into, he looks to his insect friends for answers. With lush illustrations full of realistic detail, Grub immerses us in the world of the forest floor as we take a journey of discovery on the way to the final, surprising, metamorphosis.

**Categories:** [Lifecycles](#), [Metamorphosis](#), [Insects](#), [Hercules Beetle](#)



## 97. HAPPIEST BOY ON EARTH, THE

Eddie Jaku | Nathaniel Eckstrom (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 8+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Life can be beautiful if you make it beautiful. It is up to you. Eddie lived with his family and adorable dachshund, Lulu, in the beautiful city of Leipzig in Germany. But one day, into the sunshine of his childhood crept a dark, heavy cloud. Not a rain cloud. Much worse than that. Adolf Hitler came to power. When Eddie was 18, he was sent to a concentration camp. A picture book adaptation for older readers (6+ years) based on the extraordinary, the bestselling adult title THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH. The story is framed as a conversation between 101-year-old Eddie and his great grandchildren - who are bursting with questions about the life of their Pépé. The story of Eddie's life unfolds beautifully, sensitively, heartbreakingly through his words, and exquisite illustrations by Nathaniel Eckstrom.

**Categories:** [History](#), [Holocaust](#), [War](#), [Survival](#)



## 98. HELLO EVERY BODY! FROM HAIRY TO BALD, TALL TO SMALL

Samantha Curcio | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Hello Every Body! is a picture book that joyfully explores and celebrates the human body in all its many shapes and sizes. With playful illustrations and a joyful tone, Hello Every Body! is fun, diverse and inclusive, showing that all bodies are fabulous just the way they are, and that our differences make us who we are. Skin can have pimples, dimples, wrinkles, or freckles. These can be tiny, wide or EVERYWHERE! Straight or curly - hair can sprout from the toes or poke out from the nose.

**Categories:** [Diversity](#), [Acceptance](#), [Difference](#), [Inclusivity](#), [Body Image](#)



## 99. IN AN ARTIST'S GARDEN: A SEEK-AND-FIND BOOK

Claire Orrell | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Step into the gardens of celebrated artists from around the world in this enchanting seek-and-find picture book of rhyming verse. In an Artist's Garden takes young readers on a magical journey over desert plains, along windswept coastlines and into the jungle, telling the stories of each artist and their garden. Visit Claude Monet's famous waterlily ponds, David Hockney's bright and colourful LA garden and Emily Kame Kngwarreye's Country, Alhalkere. There are seaside gardens, kitchen gardens and sculpture gardens to explore. With all manner of creatures and objects to find, discover the delights of each artist's garden and the inspiration found in nature.

**Categories:** [Art/Craft](#), [Artists](#), [Painting](#)



## 100. KIND: A CALL TO CARE FOR EVERY CREATURE

Jess McGeachin | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

From the tiniest beetle to the most majestic whale, every creature on Earth is a marvel, deserving of awe and compassion. This beautiful picture book is a unique celebration of living things of many kinds - and the kindness we can show them as we wander through the world. A stunning and lyrical masterpiece from an exciting Australian talent.

**Categories:** [Animals](#), [Nature](#), [Kindness](#), [Poetry](#)



### 101. MARVELLOUS MANNER OF WATER, THE

Philip Bunting | Hardback | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

Water is the stuff of life, none of us would be here without it. But what can we learn from it? Take a plunge into the big blue, to discover the life lessons water has to teach you.

**Categories:** [Water](#), [Water Cycle](#)



### 103. OCEANS OF PLASTIC

Tracey Gray | Paperback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Our oceans are amazing! They are filled with wonderful sea creatures and are essential for a healthy planet. But it's now estimated that there are more pieces of plastic in the ocean than visible stars in the Milky Way. So how can we stop plastic from our homes and cities from ending up floating in oceans far away? By becoming ocean change-makers! Oceans of Plastic explores how ocean systems and swirling currents bring plastics together into massive ocean garbage patches. It also uncovers the floating world of the 'plastisphere' – a mini community of microbes living on ocean plastics – and explains how plastic breaks up, not down, and can even end up on your dinner plate! Oceans of Plastic is packed with great ideas and simple changes that you can make to help our oceans. Become an ocean change-maker in your home, school or community, and inspire others to join you in protecting the future of our oceans.

**Categories:** [Environmental Issues](#), [Plastic](#), [Pollution](#), [Oceans](#), [Ecosystems](#)



### 104. OFF TO THE MARKET

Alice Oehr | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Sunday is market day. We are looking for pumpkin, apples, eggs, and bread. What else will we find? Where did it come from? And what will we make with it? Learn all about produce in this delightful child's tour of a food market, full of fun facts, delicious new discoveries, and charming characters. A loving ode to the people who bring food to our table and connection to our community, from acclaimed artist Alice Oehr.

**Categories:** [Food](#), [Markets](#), [Cooking](#), [Connection](#), [Community](#), [Food Miles](#)

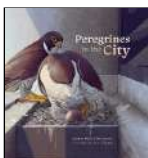


### 105. ON THE TRAIL OF THE PLAINS-WANDERER

Rohan Cleave | Julian Teh (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

The Plains-wanderer is unlike any other bird on Earth – it's one of a kind! On the Trail of the Plains-wanderer tells the true story of one of Australia's most critically endangered bird species. This unique, quirky and precious bird faces many threats, but continues to survive against the odds. Discover more about this fascinating bird and see how people are providing hope for their future. Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 5 to 9.

**Categories:** [Endangered Species](#), [Birds](#), [Australian Birds](#), [Habitats](#)



### 106. PEREGRINES IN THE CITY

Andrew Kelly | Sue Lawson (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Look up. There is wildness right in the heart of the city. High on the ledges of the tallest buildings, the peregrine and ticerel come to lay their eggs. The compelling story of these fierce, beautiful birds.

**Categories:** [STEM](#), [Science](#), [Biology](#), [Animals](#), [Birds](#), [Adaptation](#)



### 107. SHOREBIRD FLYING ADVENTURE, A

Jackie Kerin | Milly Formby (Illustrator) | Paperback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Join Milly on her microlight adventure and discover how amazing and awesome migratory shorebirds are! In A Shorebird Flying Adventure you'll take a trip to the Arctic tundra and back. On the way you'll meet the birds who travel phenomenal distances every year and explore their precious wetland habitats and breeding grounds. Learn fascinating facts about their diet and find out Milly's top tips to tell one species from another. Grab your binoculars, hop on board and let's go bird watching!

**Categories:** [Birds](#), [Migration](#), [Habitats](#)



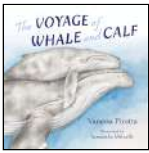
### 108. VOTES FOR WOMEN! STORY OF NELLIE, ROSE AND MARY

Mark Wilson | Hardback | **RRP \$26.99** | **School Price \$21.59**

From award-winning author and illustrator Mark Wilson, a stirring story of the women who first won the right to vote in Australia – inspired by real people and historical events. In 1890, Rose Birks and her stepdaughter, Nellie, two strong-willed and determined women, began writing letters and attending meetings to help improve the lives of women and children in their home city of Adelaide. They soon found themselves part of a movement that would change the lives of women everywhere. Through their friendship with the famous female suffragist Mary Lee, they petitioned politicians and lawmakers – and in 1896 they became the first women in Australia to vote in an election. Votes for Women! tells their story.

**Categories:** [Australian History](#), [South Australian History](#), [Suffragette Movement](#), [Women's Rights](#)



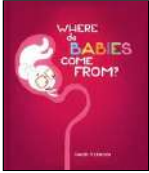


### 109. VOYAGE OF WHALE AND CALF, THE

Vanessa Pirotta | Samantha Metcalfe (Illustrator) | Hardback | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

Calf is a newborn humpback whale, venturing into an exciting marine world while being nurtured and cared for by his mother. Join them as they travel along the east coast of Australia, meeting marine creatures. See the challenges Calf and Whale face as they head down into the icy waters of Antarctica, and marvel at these amazing ocean giants. The Voyage of Whale and Calf explores humpback whale migration – plunge below the surface to learn more about the lives of these magnificent marine mammals! Reading level varies from child to child, but we recommend this book for ages 6–9.

**Categories:** [STEM](#), [Science](#), [Biology](#), [Animals](#), [Whales](#), [Humpback Whale](#), [Animal Migration](#), [Environmental Issues](#), [Narrative Non Fiction](#)

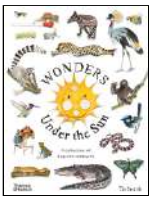


### 110. WHERE DO BABIES COME FROM?

Heath McKenzie | Hardback | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Do babies come from an egg, like a chicken? Or do they come from a pouch, like a kangaroo? What about from a seed? Like a plant? Heath McKenzie brings laughter and fun to the science of human biology. Taking as a launching point one of the trickiest questions of them all, Heath's illustrations and humour make an entertaining read aloud for all. This picture book is destined to become another firm favourite with kids and parents alike.

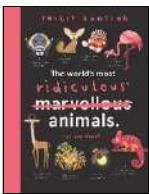
**Categories:** [Growth and Development](#)



### 111. WONDERS UNDER THE SUN: COLLECTION OF DAYTIME CREAT

Tai Snaith | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

Some animals are part of a Gangly Gang whilst others belong to the Woolly Wanderers; there are also Legless Legends, Spotted Bottoms and Magic Mimics. These are just a few of the quirky groupings artist Tai Snaith uses to categorise over 270 of her favourite diurnal animals from around the world. Each animal is drawn to scale and uses people and body parts as comparison. The Arctic bumblebee is the width of any eye, the sulphur-crested cockatoo is the length of an arm, and the wild yak is taller than a basketball player! Including facts and information about the curious creatures found within, Wonders Under the Sun is a delightfully illustrated field guide for all the aspiring explorers, artists, environmentalist and taxonomists.



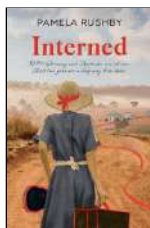
### 112. WORLD'S MOST RIDICULOUS ANIMALS, THE

Philip Bunting | Hardback | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$23.99**

The World's Most Ridiculous\* Animals (\*or are they?) The next hilarious, playfully irreverent title in The World's Most... series, written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. The World's Most Ridiculous Animals is all about absurd-looking animals with incredible (if somewhat seemingly over-the-top) features and characteristics such as the Peacock, Anglerfish, Panther Chameleon, Nudibranch, Tasseled Wobbegong, Glasswing Butterfly, Sea Sheep . . . and many more.

**Categories:** [STEM](#), [Science](#), [Biology](#), [Animals](#), [Humour](#)

# CBCA NOTABLE BOOKS: OLDER READERS (113-127)

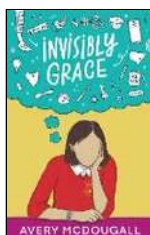


## 113. INTERNED

Allison Rushby | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$14.39**

Based on true events, *Interned* is a moving, well-researched and evocative historical fiction novel that highlights an often forgotten moment in Australian history. It's 1914. Gretta lives a privileged life in Singapore, the daughter of a businessman; Tilly lives a modest life in Brisbane, the daughter of a baker. When war breaks out and both countries turn on their families for being German, the two girls find themselves taken from their homes, interned at a camp in rural New South Wales. Far away from everything they have ever known, Gretta and Tilly are forced to face prejudice, overcome adversity and to make their own community.

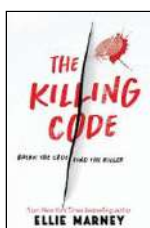
**Categories:** [Australian History](#), [World War I](#), [Internment Camp](#), [Prejudice](#)



## 114. INVISIBLY GRACE

Avery McDougall | Paperback | **RRP \$29.95** | **School Price \$23.96**

Set in a fictional suburb of Launceston about a young woman with an autoimmune disease. Grace's family is new to the state and she tries to hide her invisible illness at her new school. Grace makes friends and enemies, adores her sister, gets diagnosed with mixed connective tissue disorder, and looks to a future that she knows isn't guaranteed.



## 115. KILLING CODE, THE

Ellie Marney | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$18.39**

'Miss Sutherland ... what would you say if I told you I might be able to offer you a job helping the war effort?' 1943. World War II is raging across Europe and on the Pacific front. Kit Sutherland is hiding a huge secret when she is unexpectedly recruited to work as a young codebreaker at Arlington Hall, a US Signals Intelligence facility. When Kit's roommate doesn't return home from a dance, it sparks a search that ends in a gruesome discovery. And soon it turns into a horrifying pattern: Government girls are being murdered in Washington DC. Kit joins forces with three other girl codebreakers, Dottie, Moya and Violet, and as they work to crack the killer's code, two things become terrifyingly clear: the murderer they're hunting is getting closer every moment ... and Kit's own secret could put her in more jeopardy than she ever imagined.

**Categories:** [Thriller](#), [Crime](#), [Codebreaking](#), [Mystery](#), [Suspense](#), [World War 2](#), [LGBTQIA](#)



## 116. LIBBY LAWRENCE IS GOOD AT PRETENDING

Jodi McAlister | Paperback | Age 16+ | **RRP \$24.95** | **School Price \$19.96**

Nineteen-year-old Libby Lawrence is good at pretending. Problem is, she's not entirely sure how to stop. Which is good for her role in the campus production of *Much Ado About Nothing* ... but poses problems in her personal life. Especially when the list of things she can't admit to, even to her best friend Ella, starts to build. Losing her virginity to the too-charming director of her uni theatre group (just before he ran off with the group's money) is only the start. There's also an uncomfortable encounter with her broody on-stage love interest Roarke, and her crackling offstage chemistry with nerdy-but-sweet new director Will. And while Libby is thrilled to finally be on the inside of the uni theatre group she reveres, there's a downside to being in on all the group chats, drama and backstage gossip. She must discover who she wants to be, who she wants to be with ... and how to stop pretending. Jodi McAlister's sparkling campus novel is a rom-com about friendship, authenticity, and all the ways we perform ourselves ... and the preciousness of those moments when all artifice falls away. Dramatic and wise, it combines the arch wit and sharp banter of *Ten Things I Hate About You* and *Clueless* with a knowing heart.

**Categories:** [Friendship](#), [Authenticity](#), [Identity](#)



## 117. LITTLE SPARK

Barry Jonsberg | Paperback | Age 10+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

I don't tell Mum and Sam anything about my weekends with Dad. It would be giving them tickets into that world. The world Dad and I have created. And I don't want to do that. It's ours. It's all we have. It's all we've been allowed since my parents got divorced. Cate gets to spend every second weekend with her dad, and each time something special and surprising happens. Something that fires the creative spark that Cate channels into her writing. And everything is fine until Cate's stepdad, Sam, gets offered his dream job in London and her mum decides they are going to move to England with him?... Cate must decide what she wants for herself. She loves both her parents - but she must choose between them. A warm and funny novel full of unexpected twists and turns, joy and heartbreak.

**Categories:** [Divorce](#), [Separation](#), [Family](#), [Choices](#)



## 118. MUSEUM OF BROKEN THINGS

Lauren Draper | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

A humorous, beautifully observed YA novel about overcoming grief amid the vulnerability of high school relationships. I didn't always live here. Not so long ago I was living in a thriving metropolis with more than one coffee shop on each block and four full bars of reception. I went to Heathmont High School, home to one thousand students, two best friends, a deeply average orchestra, and one cursed statue. Well, allegedly. Reece still isn't used to living in the small beachside town of Hamilton- she misses her old school, her old friends and her old life. She can't go back and she can't move forward- nothing feels right anymore. Not that she's trying very hard-she hasn't even unpacked yet, and the only new friend she's made is a middle-aged barista. But when Reece inherits a strange artefact that belonged to her beloved grandmother, she begins to unravel a mystery that might change the way she feels about everything around her, including her charismatic classmate Gideon... A lively, witty novel about letting go of the past and finding your place in the world, *The Museum of Broken Things* introduces a dazzling new voice in contemporary fiction.

**Categories:** [Change](#), [Grief](#), [Romance](#), [Family History](#)



## 119. NOT SO CHOSEN ONE, THE

Kate Emery | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

A sharp, hilarious novel set at a high school for students with magical talent Lucy is just a regular teenager with regular worries- homework, friends, getting home for dinner on time. Oh, and there's the small matter of how she's going to tell her mother about her unplanned pregnancy. So when she first hears about Drake's College, a school for students with magical talent, she's sure someone's messing with her. But despite her scepticism, she's soon swept up into a world beyond her wildest imaginings-and now she's got something else to hide. At Drake's, Lucy befriends Jack, a teacher's assistant who has secrets of his own. More concerning, Lucy's 'talent' doesn't seem to be materialising, and one of the other students collapses in a mysterious incident. There's danger in the air... Populated with charming characters, and laugh-out-loud funny at times, *The Not So Chosen One* is a clever, rollicking ride.

**Categories:** [Humour](#), [Magic](#), [Pregnancy](#)

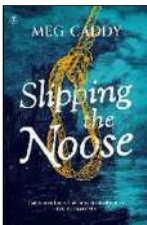


## 120. SCORPION FALLS

Martin Chatterton | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$18.95** | **School Price \$15.16**

Loner Theo Sumner is a 14-year-old living in the isolated Queensland mining town of Scorpion Falls. Following the arrival of an unsettling guest at the Iguana Motel, teenagers start disappearing in mysterious circumstances. As Theo looks for answers, he is drawn deeper into the murky underbelly of his hometown and a shocking nightmare encounter with the truth. In this atmospheric chiller, teenager Theo Sumner finds himself drawn into the increasingly strange events taking place in and under his hometown of Scorpion Falls, an eerie mining town in Central Queensland.

**Categories:** [Supernatural](#), [Thriller](#), [Alienation](#), [Racism](#), [Identity](#), [Mortality](#)



## 121. SLIPPING THE NOOSE

Meg Caddy | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

This rollicking historical novel from Australian writer Meg Caddy takes us into the world of real-life pirate Anne Bonny, picking up her story where history left off. The way out is through. Anne Bonny is chained up in the hold of a prison ship, nursing nine-month-old Molly. The baby is all she has left of Calico Jack, the swaggering pirate captain who loved her and stole her away to sea-and who now hangs from a gibbet. When armed men rip the child from her grasp, Bonny can do nothing and Molly seems lost. But Anne Bonny was not cut out for despair. She will plan for escape and rescue, and the plan will become action. And the streets of London will belong to her and her daughter-and the ragtag remnants of Calico Jack's crew. Anne Bonny looms large in the history of piracy on the high seas. But history, having left the notorious female buccaneer languishing in a Jamaican jail, then carelessly mislaid her. Fortunately we have Meg Caddy to imagine her subsequent exploits and whereabouts, and to bring them so vividly and rakishly to life.

**Categories:** [Historical](#), [Pirates](#)



## 122. STAND IN, THE

Aj Rushby | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$18.99** | **School Price \$15.19**

When new girl Millie shows up at Lena's boarding school, she arrives with a question. Why is Lena pretending to be someone she's not? Lena ignores her. Until Millie shows her photo after photo of someone who looks like her. Exactly like her. Intrigued, Lena agrees to meet her look-alike, Saskia. Saskia is wild. And rich. And money is something Lena desperately needs if her mother is to stay in the care home she currently lives in. So when Saskia offers Lena cold, hard cash to stand in for her at family events, Lena finds she can't say no. Sometimes, she doesn't even want to say no-to the weekends away, the beautiful clothes, the amazing food and Saskia's on-again-off-again boyfriend, Rhys. Until, of course, she agrees to one last job. The one she definitely should have said no to. Because that job might be the last thing she ever does.

**Categories:** [Psychological Thriller](#), [Identity](#), [Family](#), [Inequality](#)



## 123. TRIPLE THREAT

Katy Warner | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$21.99** | **School Price \$17.59**

At the prestigious performing arts school Arcadia Grammar, the theatre kids and the musical theatre kids have just one rule: you DO NOT go for each other's lead roles. But Edie is about to throw the rulebook out the window - and all hell is going to break loose. Edie Emerson is a triple threat: she can sing and dance and act. But despite being the lead in every musical at Arcadia, she knows her future on the stage is uncertain. At least until the infamous director Toby Swan agrees to stage *Romeo and Juliet* at the academy. This show could launch Edie's career - except she doesn't do 'theatre'. And she's already agreed to star in a new musical written by her best friend, Will. So when Toby casts the annoying-but-hot Noah Winters as Romeo, and he insists on Edie for Juliet, it sets the stage for drama ... Edie had her role at Arcadia down to a fine art. But does she have what it takes to play the most difficult and



#### 124. UNNECESSARY DRAMA

[Nina Kenwood](#) | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$19.99**

From the author of the much-loved *It Sounded Better In My Head* comes a deliciously entertaining new rom-com, set in a run-down student share house in Melbourne. Eighteen-year-old Brooke is the kind of friend who not only remembers everyone's birthdays, but also organises the group present, pays for it, and politely chases others for their share. She's the helper, the doer, the guarder-of-drinks, the minder-of-bags, the maker-of-spreadsheets. She's the responsible one who always follows the rules-and she plans to keep it that way during her first year of university. Her new share house is rules-lite. But 'no unnecessary drama' means no fights, tension, or romance between housemates. When one of her housemates turns out to be Jesse, her high-school nemesis, Brooke is nervously confident she can handle it. They'll simply silently endure living together and stay out of each other's way. But it turns out Jesse isn't so easy to ignore... Channelling the screwball comedy of *New Girl* with an enemies-to-lovers twist, *Unnecessary Drama* is a joyful story about leaving home, dealing with the unexpected complications of life, and somehow finding exactly what you need.

**Categories:** [New Adult](#), [Relationships](#), [Romance](#), [Leaving Home](#)



#### 125. WEARING OF THE GREEN, THE

[Claire Saxby](#) | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$18.99** | **School Price \$15.19**

A powerful historical novel exploring themes of racism, classism and gender expectations present in a growing nation. When Biddy arrives in Melbourne from Ireland in 1850, she knows exactly what she's going to do – find her rebellious big brother, Ewen. Her plans are derailed when he's not there to meet her and she's forced into a situation that is nothing like she expected. Faced with challenges and chased by luck, bad and good, Biddy must find a strength within herself to build a new life – and to find her missing brother.

**Categories:** [Australian History](#), [Australian Migrants](#), [Racism](#), [Classism](#), [Diversity](#), [Government](#)

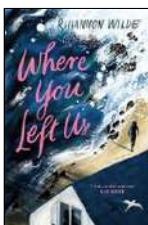


#### 126. WE WHO HUNT THE HOLLOW

[Kate Murray](#) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

A firecracker urban fantasy about the youngest daughter of a family of women warriors, and the power she wishes she had ... Seventeen-year-old Priscilla Daalman's entire family are Hollow Warriors – legendary monster hunters charged with killing evil beasts from beyond our universe. She's desperate to live up to that legacy, but she's convinced neither she, nor her superpower – the ability to sense Hollow energy – is up to the task. But when Priscilla attempts a desperate ritual to enhance her abilities, she accidentally triggers a frightening new power: the power to summon monsters from the Hollow itself. Now, Priscilla must protect her loved ones – her heartbroken ex-girlfriend, her mysterious new boyfriend, even her fierce warrior family – from supernatural monsters, and also from herself. Because if her power gets out, all hell will break loose ... and Priscilla will risk losing everything.

**Categories:** [Supernatural](#), [Futuristic](#), [Self Confidence](#), [Family](#), [Identity](#)



#### 127. WHERE YOU LEFT US

[Rhianon Wilde](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$15.99**

An evocative YA mash-up that's like *Wuthering Heights* meets *Sherlock Holmes*, with Taylor Swift's evermore as the soundtrack. Think Kristen Stewart playing Heathcliff, and Holmes and Watson as teenagers with social anxiety – all set on the beach. Cinnamon Prince is angry. She's living at home with her rockstar father after his latest breakdown, and she's stuck in a town where people have whispered that the Princes aren't quite right ever since the mysterious disappearance of her Great Aunt Sadie. Not that Cinnamon cares about anyone else's opinion. Except, she might be really starting to care what her gorgeous co-worker Daisy Leung thinks. Scarlett Prince is anxious. Most of the time, and also about spending the summer with her sister and barely there dad. She's holding it together. Just. But when sister's ex-boyfriend-now-best-friend Will starts helping her search for the truth about Sadie, things get all-the-ways complicated. Can solving the mystery fix their broken family? A story about healing, home and how to pick up the pieces when you feel left behind.

**Categories:** [Family](#), [Healing](#), [Secrets](#), [Social Anxiety](#), [Home](#), [LGBTQIA](#)



