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# 1. 169-STOREY TREEHOUSE, THE

Andy Griffiths | Terry Denton (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Andy and Terry have built their biggest and most astonishing treehouse yet! It has everything they - and you - could wish for, including an electric pony stable, a Santa Land, a NOISY level, a kangaroo-riding range, a weather dome (where you can have whatever weather you want whenever you want it), a 100% edible gingerbread house and a potato-powered translation transmitter that allows you to talk to everything everywhere all at the same time. There's also a hall of funhouse mirrors, which is the perfect place to hide from Mr Bunkoff who is trying to catch Andy, Terry and Jill in order to send them to SCHOOL. But Anti-Andy, Terrible Terry and Junkyard Jill, their trouble-making opposites, are trapped in one of the mirrors - and they want out.

**Categories: Humour** 

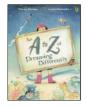


# 2. 300 MINUTES OF MYSTERY

Jack Heath | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

10 stories. 10 mysterious situations. 10 brave kids. 30 minutes of clues. Mercer stole a secret message. What happens when the spies find out? Hamzi is trapped in a maze. Why is his brother trying to kill him? Charlene's room escape game suddenly turns deadly. Can she figure out why? Jack Heath's ten nail-biting and mysterious short stories will intrigue and terrify during each 30-minute countdown, as dangerous situations play out right down to the last crucial moment.

Categories: Short Stories, Adventure, Action



# 3. A TO Z OF DREAMING DIFFERENTLY, THE

Tracey Dembo | Lucia Mascuillo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A is for Attitude. May you have bucketloads of it, kid. B is for Brave and Bold. Two good things to be. This affirming alphabet story advocates for every single kid. It is a reminder to be yourself, without apology. And no matter the zigzag journey, don't ever give up on dreams.

Categories: Positive Thinking, Growth Mindset, Alphabet



# 4. ALL ABOUT THE HEART

Remi Kowalski | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

Does your heart really stop when you sneeze? Is the love heart we see a human heart or an animal heart? What kind of creature has the largest heart of all? Curious kids will find the answers to all their questions and more in All About the Heart by paediatric cardiologist Dr Remi Kowalski.

Categories: Human Body, Heart



#### 5. ASH BARTY: CHAMPION

Ash Barty | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

It's a tennis story. It's a family story. It's a teamwork story. It's the story of how I got to where and who I am today. My story is about the power and joy of doing that thing you love and seeing where it can take you, from the first time I picked up a tennis racquet as a young girl in Queensland to the night I packed up my tennis bag at Melbourne Park after winning the 2022 Australian Open. I'm the girl who worked through self-doubt, homesickness and a break from the sport to realise my tennis dreams, winning Wimbledon and ranking number 1 in the world. Maybe my story will inspire you to follow your dreams - I really hope it does.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Sport, Tennis, Inspiration



#### 6. AUSTRALIA: COUNTRY OF COLOUR

Jess Racklyeft | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Bestselling creator Jess Racklyeft celebrates Australian animals, plants and landscapes through the lens of the colour wheel. With its vivid red dirt, big blue skies, wild green bushland and golden sandy beaches, Australia is a country of extraordinary colour. Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of this colourful country, from vibrant pink Flame Peas to startling blue Fairy Wrens, electric yellow Billy Buttons, glossy black Tasmanian Devils, and many more.

Categories: Australian Animals, Australiana, Flora, Fauna, Colours



#### 7. BEING JIMMY BAXTER

Fiona Lloyd | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A gently funny yet powerful coming-of-age middle grade novel about surviving the odds, unlikely friendships and the magical music of Elvis. It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause- The real Jimmy's hiding inside Ned Kelly's giving him the evil eye Mum's stopped going to work and stays in bed There's no eggs in the fridge - or anything else. AND there's new jobs, bad-at-school brains and a whole lot of trouble called Duke. But then . . . there's Mac.

Categories: Friendship, Music, Coming of Age, Grief, Depression, Resilience

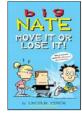


#### 8. BENEATH

Cori Doerrfeld | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Finn is in a horrible mood and doesn't want to talk about it, but after some persuading, agrees to go for a hike with Grandpa. Throughout their forest walk, they see many different things: big, strong trees with networks of roots growing underneath, still water with schools of fish swimming below, and an expectant bird with eggs nestled under her. Grandpa explains that people also have hidden feelings beneath the surface, and despite appearances, may be feeling the same way you do.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Acceptance, Grandparents, Grandfather, Moods, Understanding



# 9. BIG NATE: MOVE IT OR LOSE IT! BIG NATE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lincoln Peirce | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Look out! Nate Wright and friends are headed for another round of fun, pranks, sports, mischief, and adventure in this collection of Big Nate comics guaranteed to entertain young readers everywhere.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Adventure, Comedy



# 10. BILL DUP, THE

Zewlan Moor | Simon O'Carrigan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.95 | School Price \$22.36

A young boy notices a line of ants marching in, right into the house. His mum says they spell rain but she doesn't want to get his hopes up... A charming and linguistically playful story about a boy's first experience of The Bill Dup — a heady build-up to rain after a long period of drought.

Categories: Weather, Drought, Rain, Outback



# 11. BOOK WEEK BEAR

Rory H Mather | Ruth-mary Smith (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Claire's costume was amazing—she had hair and teeth and claws. Plus, there was the smell of fish coming from her jaws! Claire's bear costume has a lot of flair ... almost enough to give everyone a scare! But is it enough to win first prize in the Book Week parade?

Categories: Reading, Books, Imagination, Friendship

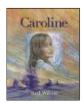


# 12. BUSINESS CHICKENS

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

Most chickens make good business chickens. They're neat, arrive on time and they take everything very seriously. Fran is not a good business chicken . . . But maybe, just maybe, that's okay.

Categories: Persistence, Determination, Humour, Individuality



#### 13. CAROLINE

Mark Wilson | Hardback | RRP \$28.99 | School Price \$23.19

Caroline is the true story of Caroline Chisholm. All who went before her did their part in helping shape Australia into a confident, progressive and vibrant society. But when Caroline arrived in Australia, she thrived on the challenges facing her to help the many orphans, migrants and destitute girls she found living on the streets of Sydney. Mark Wilson's book gives the reader an insight into her life of service which was evident from when she was a young girl. He traces her life from childhood through to adulthood, retelling her story for young readers.

Categories: Volunteer Work, Poverty, Immigrants, Challenge, Orphans, Homelessness, Australian History, History



#### 14. CAT OF DEATH! CAT ON THE RUN

Aaron Blabey | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

What happens when the World's #1 Cat Video Star gets accused of a crime she didn't commit? She becomes a Cat on the Run, that's what. But how do you avoid capture and prove your innocence when you are the most famous feline on the planet?! Well, it ain't easy ...

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Comedy, Crime, Action



#### 15. COUNTRY TOWN

Isolde Martyn | Louise Hogan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.95 | School Price \$23.96

Happy times, sad times, boom times and gloom times! From the First Peoples camp at the river crossing in the 1820s through to Carols by Candlelight at the showground in today's world, this is a decade by decade wonderfully illustrated story of a small country community.

**Categories:** Australian History



#### 16. CRAIG SHANAHAN: COOKING UP A STORM BIG VISIONS

John Dickson | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

Meet Craig Shanahan, the blind chef with his own café. When kids would ask Craig what it was like having one eye, he'd ask them what it was like having two. That was all he knew. He grew up loving cooking and studied to be a chef. When Craig lost vision in his good eye, he didn't let that hold him back. He decided to open a café that would be accessible to all customers. You can visit Craig's café, The Blind Chef, meet his service dog Rocko and maybe even eat a four-course meal blindfolded.

Categories: Vision Impairment, Braille, Cooking

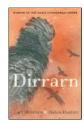


#### 17. DICK THE DELIGHTFUL DUCK

Kaye Umansky | Ben Mantle (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Even the most delightful ducks can have a bad day ... Oh, no! What's the matter with Dick the Duck? He's always so kind. So caring and friendly! But today Dick got out on the wrong side of bed. He feels humpy and grumpy. Cranky and cross. Can anyone help cheer him up? This magnificently funny rhyming story shows that even the most delightful ducks can have a bad day. (And that's totally okay!)

Categories: Friendship, Humour, Rhyming Text, Cautionary Tale, Kindness, Patience, Remorse



# **18. DIRRARN**

Carl Merrison | Hakea Hustler (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Dirrarn follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school and the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home, family, and the big sky country she loves. Mia along with her best friend, Naya, negotiate new friends, new ways of thinking and new ways of being in a different world. As Mia wrestles with all that is unfamilar, she soon must learn to stand in her truth when confronted with unending challenges. The dirrarn (black cockatoo) is Mia's totem animal. It provides her with the strength and freedom to stay connected to her world, even when she is a long way from home. It is this totem she draws upon. Dirrarn is a sensitive story on the power of place, personality and the honour of standing up for the truth.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Adventure, Challenge, Community, Culture



#### 19. DRAGON ON THE TRAIN, THE

Ben Brooks | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A little while after his grandma passes away, Elliot finds a strange ticket under his pillow. When a small, well-dressed dragon appears in his room and asks for the ticket, the adventure of Elliot's life is about to begin. A station has appeared at the back of Elliot's wardrobe ... but where will The Night Train take him?

Categories: Love, Loss, Hope, Adventure, Dragons, Magic, Journey



#### 20. DUCK NEVER BLINKS, THE

Alex Latimer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Enter into an intense staring competition with a stubborn duck in this unique and hilarious book. You see that duck over there? You could watch it all day and it wouldn't blink. Nothing works – not shouting, not jokes, or even sad stories. Maybe you have some other ideas? Just don't take your eyes off the duck, and don't, even for a second, think about blinking!

Categories: Humour, Interactive



#### 21. GARGOYLE, THE

Zana Fraillon | Ross Morgan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

He's old, this gargoyle. Very old. Older than me. Older than anyone. He looks tired. If I had a seat, I would give it to him. I think I hear him sigh. An echoey, achy, hollow sort of sigh. This is the moving story of an old gargoyle, forced off his rooftop to make way for a new development in a barren cityscape, and the child who encounters him on an overcrowded train. When the gargoyle is ordered off the train, he leaves his suitcase behind. The child opens the case and unleashes the gargoyle's many memories of the city and its inhabitants. When the case crumbles, leaving nothing but a small seed, the child decides to find a place to bring the gargoyle, and the soul of the city, back.

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Ageing, Legacy, Change, Development



#### 22. GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER, DORIS KOZLOWSKI

Jo Dabrowski | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Doris Kozlowski's life is anything but normal. Her mum plays singing vegetables in TV commercials. Her little brother befriends pebbles and potatoes. And don't even get her started on her babcia. But Doris is good at pretending to be just like everyone else, and she has a plan to get through Year Six: keep her head down, keep her family away from the school, and keep her best and only friend, the perfect Felicity. So when Felicity ditches her for the popular girls before their first class even starts, Doris needs a new plan. She figures if she can win the talent show, Felicity will want to be friends again, and Doris can get her life back. That is, if her babcia stops trying to 'help'. And if her mum avoids more embarrassing commercials. And if her brother manages to keep her secrets. Who is she kidding? Doris is DOOMED.

Categories: Family Unit, Friendship, Humour



# 23. GOAT AND THE STOAT AND THE BOAT, THE

Em Lynas | Matt Hunt (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Stoat is playing in his favourite boat when suddenly Goat comes bounding in! Chaos ensues as an angry Stoat tries to chase Goat out of his boat. But before long, Goat and Stoat's lively antics make the boat wibble and wobble! Uh-oh! Can Stoat float in the water? And will Goat's colourful coat be ruined?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Nonsense, Cumulative Text



#### 24. GOOD MORNING, MY DEER!

Melanie Amon | Sophie Beer (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Join Banjo and his mum on what starts as a straightforward day out, only to have it upended by homophones (two words with the same pronunciation but with different meanings), turning the narrative into the delightfully absurd. Kids and adults alike will love this joyful new wordplay extravaganza from debut author Mel Amon with illustrations by international superstar Sophie Beer. The hilarious wordplay combined with delightful illustrations have kids 'in on the joke' from the very beginning.

Categories: Language, English, Homophones, Humour



#### 25. GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2024

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$46.99 | School Price \$29.99

This year's edition compiles the very best of the thousands of new records approved over the past year. And with lockdowns and quarantines gradually becoming a distant memory for much of the world, the claims have been flooding in! Take the plunge with our opening BLUE PLANET chapter, celebrating watery wonders from rivers, lakes and oceans to icescapes and hot springs HISTORY is a new feature chapter for GWR 2024. Egyptians, pirates, catapulting knights, vampires and ghosts all vie for your attention in this crazy chronicle of the past 2,000 years. And finally, we end the book with every significant new sporting achievement logged in the 30-page SPORTS chapter

Categories: Facts, Science, Technology, Space, Human Body, Animals, Culture, Art, Countries, Multicultural



#### 26. IF THE WORLD WERE 100 DAYS

Jackie McCann | Aaron Cushley (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

A thought-provoking way of looking at world history and our place within it. About 10,000 years ago marks a major turning point in the history of life on Earth for humankind as people settled down and built towns and cities. But 10,000 years ago is difficult to imagine – what if our calendar were condensed into just 100 days, where each day equals 100 years? How many days ago were the first cities built? When did the population explosion happen? When did we decide to write things down and when did books appear? Did writing change the way we share ideas?

Categories: History, Perspective

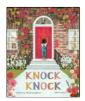


#### 27. ILLUSTRATED SPORTS ENCYCLOPEDIA

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

Are you a team player? Do you have a steady aim? Maybe you are super fast or strong? Whatever your size or skill, there is a sport out there for you. The Illustrated Sports Encyclopedia is the ultimate guide to the diverse world of sport, from the best known ball-sports, athletics, and water sports to the most obscure racket sports and races (anyone for a game of pickleball?). The book showcases different sports by grouping them into categories including team sports, target sports, winter sports, wheels and motors, horse sports, and extreme sports. Dynamic photography brings the sports to life, and complements the clear explanations and artworks that describe the rules, equipment, competitions, and common terms.

**Categories: Sport** 



#### 28. KNOCK KNOCK

Catherine Meatheringham | Deb Hudson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.95 | School Price \$22.36

Knock Knock, Toc Toc, Klopf Klopf Knock on some doors around the world. Who will you meet? What will you do? With vibrant illustrations and fun knocking sounds, this is a joyous celebration of children, culture and language around the world.

Categories: Multicultural, Greeting, Language, Culture, Travel

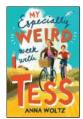


#### 29. MEET ME AT THE MOON TREE

Shivaun Plozza | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

For Carina Sugden, there is nothing more special than a moon tree - a tree grown from the seeds taken on the 1971 Apollo mission into space. Her father taught her everything she knows about them. But he passed away before they found one together. When Mum relocates the family to a small town in the Otway Ranges, Carina becomes determined to find a moon tree on her own. Like a scientist, she methodically searches the forest behind her new house. But after a mysterious encounter with a black cockatoo, Carina realises there's magic in this forest. And if magic really exists, anything is possible, like seeing her dad one last time...

Categories: Science, Magic, Grief, Death/Bereavement, Environment



#### **30. MY ESPECIALLY WEIRD WEEK WITH TESS**

Anna Woltz | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

10-year-old Sam is spending the holidays with his family on the Dutch island of Texel, but no one is having fun. His older brother has broken his ankle; his mum is plagued by migraines; and the morbidly imaginative Sam decides to prepare for the day his family might die by practicing loneliness. But when 11-year-old whirlwind Tess catapults herself into his life, Sam's only option is to follow her lead. Tess wants to find her father, who doesn't even know she exists. Together they come up with an especially weird plan to lure him onto the island for one week, discovering the joy of living and the meaning of family along the way.

Categories: Family Unit, Friendship, Humour, Adventure



#### 31. MY FIRST CHRISTMAS COOKBOOK

David Atherton | Katie Cottle (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

Learn how to make delicious gifts, perfect party food and showstopper cakes to perfection in this imaginative collection of deliciously festive recipes. Featuring easy to follow, beautifully illustrated step-by-step instructions, and a wealth of classic and creative bakes, this first baking book is jam-packed with inspiring content and has everything budding bakers need to get ahead for the Christmas season.

Categories: Cooking, Cookbook, Recipes, Christmas



#### 32. ONE LITTLE DUCK

Katrina Germein | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

One little duck went out one day, over the hills and far away. Mother Duck said ...'Moo Moo Moo,' and Cow said, 'Wait! Now I'm coming too.' Oh no, Mother Duck has forgotten how to quack! Every day, she tries a new barnyard call, and every night Little Duck returns with a new farm friend.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Counting, Friendship



# 33. PICASSO AND THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Anna Fienberg | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Frances is in a new house in a new neighbourhood and going to a new school, but no amount of new can make her forget the old, sad secret dragging at her heart. Not the pictures of bacteria that she draws with painstaking precision, not even Picasso, the puppy. Then Frances meets Kit, the tall, quiet boy with the two-coloured eyes. Kit is a real artist. His coloured pencils fill page after page of exercise books. He sees wonder in the rocks and ferns and sky. Though Kit has worries of his own. But when secrets are spilled, Frances's life turns grey and drab. Not even Picasso's wet nose can brighten her up. Frances and Kit will need to face the truth of their pasts to find colour in their world again. After all, don't the most brilliant sunsets need a cloudy sky?

Categories: Friendship, Happiness, Grief, Death/Bereavement, Mental Health



#### 34. SHEARER

Neridah McMullin | Michael Tomkins (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

The true story about the greatest shearer in the world ... whose incredible shearing record remains unbeaten after more than a century! "Jack Howe had hands the size of tennis racquets, legs like tree trunks and wrists made of steel. Despite his size, he was light on his feet and did an excellent Irish Jig. But what Jack was really good at, was shearing sheep." A rollicking Australian story, set in 1892, about the charismatic, Jack Howe - the greatest shearer in the world who set the world record for shearing sheep by hand. He also invented the "singlet"!

Categories: Australian History, Shearing, Sheep, Challenges



# 35. STAR WARS: PREQUEL TRILOGY GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE STAR WARS

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Relive the beginnings of the ultimate tale of good versus evil! Join Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Padmé Amidala, Yoda, Darth Maul, and the rest of the heroes and villains from the Star Wars universe in this graphic novel collection that retells the prequel trilogy: The Phantom Menace, Attack of the Clones and Revenge of the Sith. Experience the saga as you never have before!



#### 36. STEVE IRWIN LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Sonny Ross (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Little Steve loved animals, and his childhood was spent amongst Australia's wildlife. As a young boy, his parents started a wildlife refuge and Steve and his sisters helped care for many injured animals. When he was nine, Steve captured his first crocodile, in order to take it to a national park so it could have a safe, happy life. He fell in love with protecting crocodiles and as an adult became known as the crocodile hunter! Steve shared his love of wildlife and his passion for protecting it through television programmes, and soon rose to international fame. Steve used his celebrity status to educate the world on the importance of conservation. He and his wife, Terri, created nature reservations, grew their wildlife refuge, started a charity and raised their two children to love wildlife as much as they did. Steve became one of the most celebrated conservationists in Australia and across the world.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Conservation, Activism



# 37. WHEELBARROW EXPRESS, THE

Sue Whiting | Cate James (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

The Wheelbarrow Express is a heartfelt and rollicking tale about the special love between a grandparent and a child. It's Tommy's last day at Pa's farm and it's time to say goodbye. Tommy doesn't want to go. Not yet. He loves the farm and its playful pigs and clucking chickens and galloping goats and the dam that is deep and blue and perfect for skimming stones. And he loves Pa. But Pa has a plan: there's time for one last run on the Wheelbarrow Express. Toot!

Categories: Grandparents, Grandfather, Relationships, Rural, Farm, Love, Adventure



# **38. WILD ABOUT BABIES**

Philip Bunting | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

From pufflings to porcupettes, meet some of our world's most incredible infants. Philip Bunting celebrates the cute and cuddly babies of the animal world in this laugh-out-loud book. Wild About Babies is filled with Philip's glorious illustrations and signature humour, combined with fascinating facts about the what childhood looks like across the animal kingdom.

Categories: Lifecycles, Babies, Adaptation, Growth and Development



#### 39. WORLD'S MOST ATROCIOUS ANIMALS

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

The third title in The World's Most series from the hilarious Philip Bunting is filled with facts about some of the scariest creatures in the natural world. Meet the enormous murder hornets of east and southeast Asia, the poisonous blueringed octopus, Africa's hungry but deadly hippos and some shocking electric eels, among many more truly scary creatures!

Categories: Adaptation, Nature, Environment, Animals, Humour



# 40. WORLD'S WORST MONSTERS, THE WORLD'S WORST

David Walliams | Adam Stower (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

If you don't like ghosts, ogres, zombies, vampires, aliens, werewolves or mummies, DO NOT READ THIS BOOK. Laugh along to these ten terrifying tales of marvellous monsters, brought to you by David Walliams, and illustrated in glorious technicolour by Adam Stower.

**Categories:** Short Stories, Monsters

# **Australian Picture Books**



#### 41. ALICE'S SHOE

Julie Thorndyke | Jennifer Harrison (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

A country child, Alice ran barefoot. On smooth waxed floorboards, over dusty clay in the yard, through icy water in the creek...she refused to wear shoes. After losing her sight and hearing through illness, Alice slowly made her way back to life and became the first deafblind person in Australia to be educated. Her hated shoe was Alice's first connection with the world of language as she learnt to sign. Alice's Shoe tells the childhood story of Alice Betteridge, who became known as 'Australia's Helen Keller'.

Categories: Hearing Loss, Deafness, Blindness, Illness, Education



#### **42. BAA BAA BLACK BELT**

Gavin Aung Than | Hardback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

Hi! Welcome to my farm. It's where I do my training. I practise martial arts when it's sunny, cold, or raining! My name is very famous. Do you know how it's spelt? Here, let me remind you: they call me ... Baa Baa Black Belt!

Categories: Martial Arts, Humour



#### 43. BALLOON BLOW UP! THE

Andy Geppert | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Even small questions are big when you're a kid. In this charming picture book, a little girl must decide how big she wants her yellow balloon to be. As big as a fishbowl or even bigger, like the moon? She has to decide quickly because it looks like the balloon has its own ideas.



#### 44. BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS: BOOK ABOUT DEATH AND LIFE PLAY SCHOOL

Jan Stradling | Jedda Robaard (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Swish the goldfish has died and Little Ted is sad. But his friends are on the way to help him feel better and to remember that life is all about beginnings and endings. The Play School Mindfully Me series helps children and their carers tackle life's challenges together - big or small.

Categories: Death/Bereavement



# **45. BIG DOG IS A BIG HELP**

Sally Rippin | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Big Dog can't wait to go camping with Little Dog for the first time and show him how it's done. Big Dog is very good at helping! But things don't go as planned ... A warm, funny picture book about newly blended families and learning to get along, from two of Australia's most beloved and award-winning storytellers.

Categories: Pets, Humour, Camping, Family, Adventure, Dogs



# 46. BIG FLAPPY EARS, THE MINI AND MILO

Venetia Dimos | Natashia Curtin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

Mini's ears are bigger than big and huger than huge ... but she has a problem. They aren't very good at listening. When Mini misses out on the excursion, she realises that maybe her ears aren't the problem after all. It's not the size or shape of your ears that count, but using them!

Categories: Resilience, Communication, Listening



#### **47. BUSH TURKEY**

Kate Temple | Ronojoy Ghosh (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

He's an unusual fellow, really quite quirky. He has many names, but let's call him ... Bush Turkey! His bald head is red, he's impeccably dressed. And right now he's building the world's best-ever nest! With timber and sticks slapped together with plaster ... will Bush Turkey's nest be a hit? Or a wonky disaster?!

Categories: Birds, Wildlife, Habitats, Humour, Building



# **48. CAPTAIN THUNDERBOLT'S RECITAL**

Jane Jolly | Liz Duthie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Captain Thunderbolt was known as the 'gentleman bushranger'. He didn't like violence, was always polite, and even paid back most of the money he stole. In Captain Thunderbolt's Recital, author Jane Jolly retells the true tale of one of the bushranger's most famous robberies with comic effect. When Thunderbolt held up Wirth's German brass band, he took their money, asked them to play some music for him and promised to pay the money back. Sure enough, when the men returned home, there was a postal order waiting for them, with the exact amount he had stolen.

Categories: Australian History, Bushrangers, Music



#### 49. CHRISTMAS DAYS IN THE SUNSHINE TEENY TINY STEVIES

Byll Stephen | Simon Howe (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Celebrate an Aussie Christmas with the cool musician mums everyone loves to sing along with ... From Byll and Beth Stephen, the writers behind the ABC TV musical sensations Teeny Tiny Stevies, comes a celebration of summer and the joys of an Australian Christmas.

Categories: Christmas, Holidays, Summer, Friendship, Family Unit



#### **50. CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR ROO, A**

Sophie Sayle | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

It's Christmas Eve, and sleepy Echidna still doesn't have a present for her friend Roo. Maybe she could make something! But Christmas craft doesn't always go quite to plan ...

Categories: Christmas



#### 51. CONCRETE GARDEN, THE

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

After a cold, dark winter, doors opened. Children spilled out like sweets from a box. Amanda was last one out of the tower block. She brought some chalk with her. On every inch of the concrete outside, the children drew pictures of everything they could think of, from flowers and snails, to spaceships and queens. Before long, a beautiful and exotic garden spread out across the concrete. From master storyteller Bob Graham comes a charming, and gently post-pandemic story about finding optimism after a dark spell, and the nurturing power of community friendships in an urban setting.

Categories: Community, Connectivity, Neighbourhood, Belonging, Teamwork, Technology



#### **52. COUNT THE STARS**

Raewyn Caisley | Gabriel Evans (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

From the parallel lines of moonlight pouring through her bedroom blinds, to counting daisy petals in the garden, Maddie adores maths. If only she had a friend who marvelled at it as she does. Then Dad takes Maddie, along with her new classmate Priya, to the observatory where the unfathomable numbers of stars take their breath away.

Categories: STEM, Maths, Pattern, Space, Relationships



#### 53. CROCS STOLE MY SOCKS

Kylie Howarth | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Lex is done with socks! They're itchy and annoying, and he has a zoo-full of excuses not to wear them. Until one day at Grandy's farm, where Lex lands himself in a sticky situation. Perhaps he'll wear socks after all... From Kylie Howarth comes a hilarious follow-up to the bestselling and much-loved Koalas Stole My Undies.

Categories: Humour, Excuses, Cleanliness



# **54. DARING TALE OF GLORIA THE GREAT, THE**

Jacqueline Harvey | Kate isobel Scott (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A rollicking picture book from bestselling children's author Jacqueline Harvey Gloria the chicken is not like the rest of her brood. She gets in your face, she runs her own race, until one day . . . POOF! She disappears without trace! Laugh along at Gloria's antics in this quirky tale that celebrates individuality. Inspired by the real adventure of a one-of-a-kind chicken, early readers will love seeing Gloria's unique personality celebrated through lively rhyme and the bold illustrations of Kate Isobel Scott.

Categories: Chickens, Humour, Individuality, Forgiveness, Guilt, Kindness



# 55. DAY YOU WERE BORN, THE

Emma Bowd | Hilary jean Tapper (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Every single day of every single year, a precious child is born to cherish and to cheer. With hope-filled hearts we marvel at them all – the brave, the quiet, the loud and the small. In this delightful twist on the classic nursery rhyme, Monday's Child, Emma Bowd and Hilary Jean Tapper weave a universal love letter to children, celebrating their unique qualities and the special light they bring to our lives.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Individuality, Family



# **56. EAT MY DUST!**

Neridah McMullin | Lucia Masciullo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

In 1928, girls don't drive cars, let alone race them, until two fearless and intrepid best friends make history, racing across Australia and beating the land speed record ... with Barney the dog in tow! The amazing true story of Jean Robertson and Kathleen Howell, who helped map Australia.

Categories: Australian History, Adventure, Friendship, Determination, Mapping



# **57. EMMA MEMMA: HOW ARE YOU?** EMMA MEMMA

Emma Memma | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Join Emma Memma for a magical story time as she says hello to the world. Includes Auslan signs illustrated and consulted by Deaf artists. Emma Memma invites you into her world to meet her mates. Come along and wave hello to Waffles the Wombat, Elvin Melvin and many more fun friends. Sing, dance and sign with Emma Memma! Emma Memma waves hello Can you wave a hello too? Smiling, she signs and asks 'How are you?'



#### **58. EVERY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT**

Peter Cheong | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Every night at midnight, Felix turns into a wolf. His hands and feet become velvety paws and he grows a long, bushy tail. Felix has the night-time world to himself. There's no one else like him. Felix isn't a wolf during the day, but it still feels like there's no one else like him. That's okay. Felix is just fine on his own. But after a chance encounter, this little lone wolf starts to wonder whether he might find his pack after all... A tender and whimsical picture book about finding friendship in unexpected places.

Categories: Belonging, Friendship, Companionship, Differences, Individuality



#### **59. FOLLOW THE RAINBOW**

Juliet M Sampson | Anne Ryan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.95 | School Price \$22.91

Ruby wonders what is at the end of the rainbow. Who will help her solve the mystery? Will it be Tavish, Scarecrow, Metal Man or Lion?

Categories: Imagination, Home, Companionship, Belonging



#### **60. FRIEND FOR RUBY, A**

Sofie Laguna | Marc Mcbride (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Walking along the beach, Ruby finds a strange creature on the shore. She takes it home, feeds it and makes a bed of straw for it in her cubby - but a cubby is no place for a creature from the sea. Ruby must draw on all her resources to help the creature find their way home - and perhaps, along the way, she might just find an unexpected friendship.

Categories: Friendship, Compassion, Grandparents, Understanding, Kindness



#### **61. HAPPY MILLIONTH BIRTHDAY**

RWR McDonald | Alexandra Colombo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

This is not another cute birthday story! Find out what happens when Jack's wish comes true, and he celebrates a birthday every single day! Will Jack Wolf learn his lesson, or will he think of a new way to have fun? The story will keep you guessing until the end.

Categories: Humour, Birthdays, Cautionary Tale



#### 62. HOW TO HATCH A DRAGON BUNNY AND BIRD

Nick Bland | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Bunny and Bird are best friends. When Bunny buys Bird a present, Bird is surprised to receive an egg. But it's no ordinary egg. It's a dragon's egg. While the egg hatches, the two friends learn that if the dragon is blue, it will make a fantastic pet. But if it's yellow, they're in trouble

Categories: Friendship, Presents, Humour



# **63. I'M YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK**

Maggie Hutchings | Jess Rackyleft (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

I'm your favourite book! And even though page 6 blew away at the beach, page 10 got dipped in the bath, and your dog ate page 4, you remember all my words. The sparkle rubbed off my cover, my spine is bent and bowed, and my last page is holding on by a single thread, but you still read me every day. Because I'm your favourite book. A beautiful celebration of the magic of books, and a reminder of how the books we read as children stay with us forever.

Categories: Reading, Books



# **64. IN MY GARDEN**

Kate Mayes | Tamsin Ainslie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Join children from around the world as they share their gardens, from blossoming flowers in Japan to the waterside of Malawi, the frozen landscape of Iceland to the bush tracks of Australia. These are the places they love and the places they belong. With uplifting lyrical words and stunning detailed pictures from bestselling duo, Kate Mayes and Tamsin Ainslie.

Categories: Gardens, Multicultural, Natural World, Nature, Environment, Habitats



# **65. LAST-PLACE LIN**

Wai Chim | Freda Chui (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Lin's excited about her first school sports day until she comes last. A relatable picture book about endurance and resilience from the award-winning author and Australian Survivor contestant, Wai Chim.

Categories: Resilience, Determination, Competition, Friendship, Participation



# **66. LEAF-LIGHT: STORY ABOUT CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

Trace Balla | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

Join Miri in her special spot, high up among the dappled leaf-light, and below with her neighbour Wingo, two joeys, a wombat and a baby emu! A story about friendship, taking down barriers and creating community, finding your own path in the world and inspiring others along the way - from one of Australia's most unique creative talents.



#### 67. LOVE YOU ALWAYS

Justine Adams | Laura Stitzel (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Mummy and Bubby have had a big day. There have been snuggles, giggles, tantrums and tears. But the most important thing is that they love each other through it all, and they always will. Here is a gentle and beautiful reminder of the unconditional love that exists between mother and child.

Categories: Family, Love



#### 68. LUCKY SHACK, THE

Apsara Baldovino | Jennifer Falkner (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Surrounded by natural beauty, a seaside shack is lovingly cared for by a fisherman, until one day everything changes. The Lucky Shack is a heartfelt and uplifting journey through the seasons, the cycle of life, and the beauty and power of nature. If you are brave enough to let the light in, love and gratitude will triumph.

Categories: Seasons, Nature, Rejuvenation



# **69. MIGHTY BLOSSOM**

Nicki Greenberg | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Little Blossom loves her footy. Little Blossom has a dream. Blossom wants to play full-forward For her favourite football team. Unfortunately for Blossom, everyone thinks she's too small to play. But this plucky possum is determined to be part of the team, even if she only gets to bring the half-time oranges. Because you never know when your big chance might arrive...

Categories: Determination, Persistence, Football, AFL, Rhyming Text, Self Esteem/Resilience, Support



#### 70. MOST MYSTERIOUS MANOR, A YOUNG QUEENS COLLECTION

Megan Hess | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

In A Most Mysterious Manor, a girl called Poppy Grace has been dreadfully bored since her best friend Bella went away. They used to do everything together! But Poppy's boredom turns to wonder when something strange happens in her manor. What will she discover?

Categories: Independence, Friendship



#### 71. MOTHER EARTH: POEMS TO CELEBRATE THE WONDER OF NAT

Libby Hathorn | Christina Booth (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Let's dream of what we can become, Mother Earth, I am your son. Food and shelter, climate, water, Mother Earth, I am your daughter. Mother Earth is a warm, funny, beautiful collection of nature poems. Written with great sensitivity by multi-award-winning poet and author Libby Hathorn and with superb illustrations by talented artist and illustrator Christina Booth, this is a book to treasure and to celebrate our precious environment.

Categories: Poetry, Connection, Environment



#### 72. MY FANTASTIC DAD

Jonathan Bentley | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

F is for my fantastic dad. Let's spell out why ... A beautiful book exploring all the ways in which dads are fantastic!

Categories: Father's Day



# 73. NATURE'S SONG

Robert Vescio | Nicky Johnston (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

A little girl sets off on a quest to find an irresistible gift to help bring the outside in for her homebound brother. Nature's Song is an invitation to discover the wonders of nature in all its mysterious glory...and how nature creates and touches our lives for the better.

Categories: Siblings, Brothers, Sisters, Nature, Healing, Love, Resilience



# 74. NOTHING ALIKE

Zewlan Moor | Peter Cheong (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Reuben and his best friend think it's impossible to tell Esmé and Eunwoo apart! They both have the same dark hair, are both short, and they even wear the same school uniform. Except that once Reuben starts to think about it, of course he knows who is who. But just as he starts to learn who's who, the girls have a surprise in store for him ... he and his best friend look more like than they realise!

Categories: Friendship, Siblings, Differences, Twins, Humour



#### 75. PARCEL FOR KOALA

Shelley Knoll-Miller | Hardback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Koala and friends are stuck in a tree of squawking cockatoos. They are tired. Weary. FRAZZLED! So when a surprise parcel arrives for Koala, they open it eagerly. Will it be something to block out the racket? Captivating characters and quizzical questions will tease and please pre-schoolers in the fun guess-a-thon that seeks to solve the mystery of what is in the parcel for Koala Brimming with the joy and anticipation of opening a gift the purchy and playful Parcel



#### 76. THAT BIRD HAS ARMS!

Kate Temple | Ronojoy Ghosh (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Roy is an ordinary bird in every way. He is not the biggest, or the smallest. His squawk is not the loudest or the quietest. He even follows the same football team as everyone else. He was very normal except for one thing – he has ARMS. Absolutely nobody knows – and Roy would like to keep it that way...

Categories: Humour, Techology, Cautionary Tale, Identity



#### 77. TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

Beck Feiner | Robin Feiner (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Cats or dogs? Living in the city or the country? Going to the pool or the beach? Life presents lots of questions and lots of choices ... For Oscar, there's no question or choice he won't twist, tumble, turn inside out and explore every which way.

Categories: Decision Making, Choices, Problem Solving



#### 78. WE KNOW A PLACE

Maxine Beneba Clarke | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Every Saturday, when the chores are done, two children set out on a journey to their local bookshop, a magical place where sneaky stories escape as you peep in the door and there's plentiful magic for each and for all. Monsters, giants, trolls and pirates ahoy! But what happens when some cheeky creatures follow the children home one day? A playful love letter to those wondrous places where secrets and magic live around every corner and between every cover.

Categories: Bookshops, Books, Belonging, Imagination, Reading



# 79. WE'RE MOVING AWAY

Nina Nill | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Our family is moving to a new country. We can't take all our things, so we need to make a list ... In this warm-hearted and lovingly detailed picture book, Niña Nill weaves a story about the pieces of ourselves we bring along when we move, the things we have to leave behind, and how we rebuild a sense of home.

Categories: Migration, Home, Moving House



# 80. WHEN I CAN FLY

Katie Stewart | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Little Owl has a big imagination. Home is boring and he longs to flee the nest. But when things don't turn out as planned he finds the confidence to accept that sometimes you need to change direction - and set new goals. This gentle and wise story is perfect for parents, carers and grandparents to read-aloud with young children.

Categories: Australian Animals, Australiana, Confidence, Flora, Fauna



# 81. WHEN YOU'RE A BOY

Blake Nuto | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Wander through forests, cross rivers and climb mountains in this powerful and moving exploration of what it means to be a boy.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Nature



# **82. WHERE WILL THE SLEEPY SHEEP SLEEP?**

David Metzenthen | Jonathan Bentley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep on top of this wild and windy hill? No-o-o, this windy hill is far too high and wild for a sleepy sheep to sleep on! Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep deep down in this steep and stony valley? No-o-o, this valley is far too deep, steep, and stony for a sleepy sheep to sleep in! So where will the sleepy sheep end up sleeping? A delight from beginning to end - bedtime reading at its best.

**Categories: Bedtime** 



# 83. WHO TOOK MY NUTS?

Tommy Little | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

My nuts are mine! They're for no other squirrel! I've labelled each one: Property of Tyril! The squirrels are throwing a party and everyone is invited! But greedy Tyril is definitely NUT in the mood to share ... A cheeky cautionary tale about selfishness and sharing from comedian and self-proclaimed nutbag Tommy Little, illustrated by Lucinda Gifford.

**Categories:** Humour, Cautionary Tale, Sharing, Selfishness, Rhyming Text



#### 84. WHO'S THE GANG ON OUR STREET?

Susanne Gervay | Nancy Bevington (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Who's the gang on our street? Who has funky-punky spikey hair? Who bops and bounces, dances to a beat and taps their toes? Who loves snacks and tricks and sharing the fun? Peek inside to discover the tricks, friendship and adventure of one of Australia's favourite neighbourhood gangs!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Community



# 85. YOUR HEAD'S NOT THE PLACE TO STORE PROBLEMS

Josh Pyke | Stephen Michael King (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Some problems seem heavy, they can weigh you down. Your mind feels too cluttered, the world seems too loud! Sometimes your brain feels full up and crowdy. Your mood swings from sunny to suddenly cloudy. We're full to the brim with unknowable things, but your head's not the place to store problems in. A whimsical and wise picture book on navigating life's ups and downs.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Rhyming Text, Problems, Positivity, Mental Health



# **86. YOU'VE GOT YOGURT IN YOUR NOSTRILS**

Bethany Clark | Sara Acton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

You've got yoghurt in your nostrils, avocado-smeared hair, bacon in your bellybutton, and toast crusts on your chair. Join baby as they discover how much fun food can be - and not just to eat!

Categories: Family Unit, Babies, Rhyme, Repetition, Eating, Food

# **Aboriginal Picture Books**



#### **87. BEWARE THE ARGULA!**

Kirsty Burgu | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

When two boys go fishing they are unaware that the Argula, the bush devil, is watching them and helping itself to all their fish. The boys finally see the Argula's glowing red eyes – but it is too late and they become the Argula's next meal! When they are rescued, they are unconscious and have to be shocked back to consciousness by fire ants. Once safely home they vow to never be greedy again and to always watch out for the Argula.

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies, Morals



#### 88. HOW FROGMOUTH FOUND HER HOME

Ambelin Kwaymullina | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

A brand new edition of a much-loved classic from First Nations creator Ambelin Kwaymullina. Frogmouth isn't like the other birds. She doesn't want to live in the trees. Frogmouth is in search of something more. Frogmouth travels the land hunting for a new nesting place, but nothing feels right. On her way, she helps other animals find their true homes, but still she searches. Only when she meets Moon and hears his intriguing offer can she finally find her true home. Featuring vivid illustrations, How Frogmouth Found Her Home celebrates the beauty in our differences and the joy of finding the place where you belong.

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies



# 89. NEDINGAR: ANCESTORS

Isobel Bevis | Leanne Zilm (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Please Mum, I want to meet my ancestors, I want to learn from them so I know who I am.' This lyrical, dual language picture book from two debut First Nations creators celebrates the beauty of Country and family. Inspired by traditional Indigenous teachings, every family will relate to this beautiful bilingual picture book as brought to life by Noongar storytellers Isobel Bevis and Leanne Zilm highlighting the rich cultural heritage we all share. The book features gorgeously hand painted images of Australian flora and fauna.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Ancestors, Family, First Nations



#### 90. RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE LITTLE J AND BIG CUZ

Dot West | Tony Thorne (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

The ocean is wide, deep and full of wonders! Little J and Big Cuz are excited for ocean day at school tomorrow. But what happens when the power goes out while they're getting ready for show-and-tell? Join Little J, Big Cuz and their friends for all kinds of adventures as they discover culture, community and country!

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Adventure



#### 91. TAMARRA: STORY OF TERMITES ON GURINDJI COUNTRY

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Did you know there are four types of termite poo? Or that a warm paste made from termite mound is used to strengthen a Gurindji baby's body and spirit? Or that spinifex (which termites eat) is one of the strongest plants in the world? Created as a collaboration between over 30 First Nations and non-Indigenous contributors, the story and artworks explore how termites and their mounds connect different parts of Country, from tiny Gurindji babies and their loving grandmothers, to spiky spinifex plants growing in the hot sun. Written in traditional Gurindji, Gurindji Kriol and English, Tamarra is a truly original story with beautiful artwork that takes readers on an educational and cultural journey through Gurindji Country.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dual Language, Kriol, Termites, Tradition



#### 92. THIS BOOK THINKS YA DEADLY! CELEBRATION OF BLACK

Corey Tutt | Molly Hunt (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 13+ | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$31.50

This Book Thinks Ya Deadly! is an inspirational, illustrated compendium that celebrates the diversity and success of First Nations People. Written by Corey Tutt, author of The First Scientists, this book features the profiles of 80 Blakfellas who are doing deadly things across sport, art, activism and science, through to politics, education and literature. It showcases the careers and Corey's personal stories of First Nations People who have done great things in their respective fields, including Professor Marcia Langton, Miranda Tapsell, Tony Armstrong, Dr Anita Heiss, Danzal Baker (Baker Boy), Adam Goodes and Blak Douglas. Molly Hunt's deadly illustrations make this book the perfect gift for all ages. A celebration of Blak excellence, it will inspire future generations to create change and leave readers to ponder, 'What makes ME deadly?'

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, First Nations People, Culture, Biography

# **Overseas Picture Books**



#### 93. ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU WILL DO!

Lucy Rowland | Neely Daggett (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Sometimes in the mornings when I'm looking down at you, I stop and watch and ponder all the things that you will do. This beautifully written and gorgeously illustrated picture book is full of all the hope and joy that comes with new beginnings. With an inspiring and encouraging message to help children through life's ups and downs, it's the perfect gift for all children!

Categories: Opportunity, Hope



#### 94. AMAZING DAD

Alison Brown | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A pitch-perfect rhyming celebration of dads! Amazing dads are all around! Dads can be busy, whizzy, caring, sharing ... and so much more. But there's just ONE dad who gives the best hugs of all. Can you guess who it is?

Categories: Father's Day, Dads, Rhyming Text



#### 95. BEE WHO LOVED WORDS, THE

Helen Docherty | Erica Salcedo (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Persephone the bee loves words! The Queen Bee, Hermione, thinks Persephone should spend less time with words and more time on the hunt for flowers, which are harder and harder to find. But what if Persephone can use her words to help? A read-aloud, read-again rhyming story about the power of words to make a difference, with an important message about saving the bees.

**Categories: Rhyming Text** 



# 96. BEING A CAT: A TAIL OF CURIOSITY

Maria Gianferrari | Pete Oswald (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Join a child and their cat as they embrace their curiosity: wandering, exploring, and discovering all day long. This sweet and fun story is sure to spark wonder in readers everywhere. Engaging backmatter includes fascinating facts about cat behavior that will feed readers' curiosity.

Categories: Curiosity, Adventure, Exploration



# 97. BOY, HIS DOG AND THE SEA, THE

Anthony Browne | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

Danny isn't expecting much excitement when he takes his dog, Scruff, for a walk on the beach. He would much rather play with his older brother, Mick. Scruff loves the beach, but Danny thinks it's boring. Will Danny discover just how extraordinary the beach really is? From the international phenomenon, Anthony Browne, comes a heartfelt, visually stunning picture book, about the hidden treasures of the seaside and the wonderful relationship between a boy and his dog.

Categories: Siblings, Friendship, Community



# 98. CARING FOR YOUR LION

Tammi Sauer | Troy Cummings (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

What happens when a little boy expects an itty-bitty kitty... but a lion is delivered to his doorstep instead? Caring for a lion is hard work, but could the king of the jungle end up being the purrrrr-fect pet?

Categories: Humour, Pets, Lions



# 99. DAY THE MOON CAME TO STAY, THE

Gary Eck | Nick O'Sullivan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

When a friend is sad, you do everything you can to cheer them up, but what if that friend is the moon? When Billy looks out his window one night, he decides to invite the moon to stay. But the moon doesn't realise the effect it has on Earth and coming to stay might turn things topsy-turvy.

Categories: Friendship, Moon, Space, Tides



# 100. DEEP: STORY OF LOVE THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

Stephen Hogtun | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

When a tiny whale calf is born, his mother raises him to the surface to take his first breath. She guides him as he grows, until he is strong enough to swim at her side, and they set off together on a great journey across the oceans. One day, the time will come for the grown calf to set out on his own . . . but wherever he goes and whatever he does, his mother will be waiting for him and sending her song of love across the oceans.

Categories: Independence, Love



#### 101. EVERY LITTLE HIPPO CAN

Giles Andreae | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Horace the hippo and his sister Hope love going to the lake every day with their granny. But the long walk has become a little too long for Granny. So Horace and Hope make a plan to bring the lake to her instead. But little Horace can't carry as much water as his sister, and he always comes back with an empty bucket. Can Granny help him to see that, with every little splash and spill, an even more wonderful gift is growing?

Categories: Growth Mindset, Confidence, Determination, Patience, Persistence



# 102. HAPPY HUT, THE

Tim Hopgood | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

This delightful story is all about the warm, loving relationship that three children share with their Grandpa Martin. The children visit Grandpa at his Happy Hut throughout the year, in spring, summer, autumn and even winter. Each season brings its own adventures and shows the hut in a new light each time. This poignant story goes on to depict the family coping with Grandpa Martin's death in a gentle, uplifting manner as they make sure that the Happy Hut stands as a reminder of all the memories they made together.

Categories: Family Unit, Grandparents, Memories, Death/Bereavement

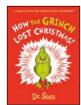


#### **103. HENRY'S LITTLE SISTER**

Jo Weaver | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

When little Henry meets his new baby sister Celeste, he can't wait to show her everything he's already learned about being an elephant. But Celeste doesn't seem to be interested in Henry's lessons - she wants to explore and play! As Celeste's curiosity leads them both away from the herd, the two little elephants find themselves lost and afraid. Can Celeste use what she's learned from her big brother to help get them to safety?

Categories: Relationships, Family Unit, Siblings, Patience, Understanding



#### 104. HOW THE GRINCH LOST CHRISTMAS!

Dr Seuss | Aristides Ruiz (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

The Grinch has grown to LOVE Christmas, so when the Grinch sees a poster for Who-ville's Christmas tree contest, he has an awfully crafty idea... he will show off his new festive spirit by making the tallest, most spectacular Christmas tree the Whos have ever seen! But when things don't go as planned, will the Grinch return to his grinchy ways, or can one special Who remind him of the true meaning of Christmas?

Categories: Christmas



# 105. I TRY: RESILIENCE FOR LITTLE ONES

Susie Brooks | Cally Johnson-Isaacs (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Empowering little ones by building resilience – learn techniques from the animal world! Spiders' webs are super strong, but when it breaks they have to spin a new one. Birds aren't born flying but learn by making a brave leap. Using pitch-perfect examples from the animal kingdom, this book encourages little ones to try new things, build their confidence and become resilient in all aspects of life. The cute and relatable cast of children work together and support each other, showing that there is always help around, especially when venturing into the unknown.

Categories: Resilience, Determination



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Susie Brooks | Cally Johnson-Isaacs (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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Categories: Resilience, Determination



# **107. IT WASN'T ME!**

Marta Altes | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

Meet Ellis and Charlie: two friends, living happily on their very own island. Everything they do, they do together, and everything they have, they share. Until, that is, things start to go missing . . . NOBODY is owning up and NOBODY is happy about it. But if it isn't Ellis and it isn't Charlie, then WHO IS IT?

Categories: Friendship, Forgiveness, Humour, Teamwork, Conflict Resolution



#### **108. JUST BECAUSE**

Matthew McConaughey | Renee Kurilla (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Have you ever felt worried and excited at the same time? Have you ever had your feelings hurt but forgiven someone anyway? Have you ever thought there was more than one right answer to a question? That's because contradictions are all around us. And they make us who we are.

Categories: Perception, Understanding, Acceptance



#### 109, LUNA LOVES CHRISTMAS

Joseph Coelho | Fiona Lumbers (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Luna loves Christmas. Sometimes at Mum's, sometimes at Dad's, she gets two trees, two dinners, two advent calendars to open ... but this Christmas, Luna's family are doing something different. They're volunteering, and Luna can't wait for them to all be together at the community Christmas dinner!

Categories: Christmas, Caring, Charity, Kindness



#### 110. MADELINE FINN AND THE RESCUE DOG

Lisa Papp | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Madeline Finn has a brand-new puppy and lots of responsibilities. She has to walk Star, and feed him, and make sure he has a safe place to sleep. But, she learns, the most important thing is love. So, when Madeline Finn visits and animal shelter, she has lots of questions about the dogs who live there. Do they get to play outside? Do they get to sleep under blankets? Does anyone read to them? Does anyone tell them they love them? Madeline Finn is determined to help the shelter dogs. But can she find a way to make each one of them feel special? With the help of some friends and a few good books, she just may discover that even small people can make a big difference.

Categories: Pets, Dogs, Rescue



#### 111. MAVIS THE BRAVEST

Lu Fraser | Sarah Warburton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Mavis is not like her adventurous friend Marge. Mavis is a chicken who finds EVERYTHING scary (night-time and daytime and anything hairy!). So when the slumbering peace of their cosy barn is disturbed by someone trying to steal their friend Sandra the sheep, will Mavis be able to find her bright spark of braveness and save Sandra? This adorably warm-hearted story is brimful of humour, reassurance – and two exceedingly courageous chickens!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Bravery, Courage, Fears, Anxiety



#### 112. MAX, THE LITTLE RED TRACTOR

Laurence Bourguignon | David B Draper (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Max is a little red tractor, and he's ready to get to work on the farm. Life on the farm is very different than in the tractor store. There are fields to plough, wheat to grow and so many friends to meet. And lots and lots of mud!

Categories: Machinery, Tractors, Farming, Seasons



# 113. MY BODY, MY RULES

Nicki Esler Gill | Dasha Riley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Have you been tickled or tackled before? And then decided that you want no more? You can tell others how they play with you. It's your body, so it's your rules too! A fun and empowering new picture book introducing young readers to consent and positive body boundaries.

Categories: Respect, Consent, Personal Space



# 114. NEVER, EVER, EVER ASK A PIRATE TO A PARTY

Clare Helen Welsh | Anne-Kathrin Behl (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Get ready for a fantastical birthday party adventure featuring a dinosaur, dragon, unicorn, pirate. and a spaceship full of aliens! If you want the perfect party, never, ever, ever invite this crowd of chaotic guests! The unicorn will demand sparkles and bubbles, the dragon will set fire to your decorations and the fizzy drinks will send the aliens wild! But... never, ever, EVER send your guests home! Because a party's only a party if you share it with your friends!

Categories: Friendship, Birthdays



# 115. NOT WITHOUT YOU, BLUE KANGAROO!

Emma Chichester Clark | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Blue Kangaroo has gone everywhere with Lily for as long as they can both remember. So when Lily and her friends are planning their very first sleepover, Lily is so excited for a new adventure with her beloved Blue Kangaroo! But when she hears her friends saying they're too old for stuffed toys, Lily knows she won't be able to take Blue Kangaroo with her. How will she last a night without him? Luckily Blue Kangaroo knows just what to do... A heart-warming new story from Emma Chichester Clark celebrating 25 years of beloved characters Lily and Blue Kangaroo.

Categories: Friendship, Sleepover, First Experiences



#### 116. NOW WE'RE TOGETHER

Nicola Edwards | Jenny Bloomfields (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

This life-affirming picture books takes readers on an adventure away from the glare of phone screens. Admire the wonderful world around us and take a moment to appreciate spending time with loved ones. Gentle rhyming text from Nicola Edwards and stirring, inspiring artwork from Jenny Bloomfield reminds us how much wonder and magic is out there if we put down our phones.

Categories: Mindfulness, Family, Awareness



#### 117. PEACE ON EARTH

Smriti Halls | David Litchfield (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

A happy band of friends journey together, but dark clouds threaten their friendship and they lose their way in a story that starts in the safety of the happy and familiar, then goes on to explore the difficulty of discord and hurt; what it means to lose and find peace again; the bravery it takes to be a peace-maker; and the jubilance that peace ushers in. From smiles to small gestures, to natural beauty, we discover that while peace isn't always easy to find, it makes love and friendship whole.

Categories: Peace, Harmony Day



#### 118. PINK SANTA

Tanya Hennessy | Ben Whitehouse (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Tis the night before Christmas and all is calm in Santa's workshop. The presents are wrapped and the sleigh is polished. All that's left to do is wash Santa's iconic red-and-white suit ...What could possibly go wrong? Sparkling with all the magic of the season, this warm-hearted tale is a celebration of embracing change and being yourself. Christmas is gonna be FABULOUS!

Categories: Christmas



# 119. QUICKEST BEDTIME STORY EVER! THE

Louise Fitzgerald | Kate Hindley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Welcome to the quickest bedtime story ever! Your little one will be asleep in seconds. But wait! There are some VERY important things you must do first. Have you plumped up the pillows? And colour-co-ordinated the teddy bears? Getting ready for a story is a very important business, I'll have you know...

Categories: Bedtime, Humour



### 120. STOP! THAT'S NOT MY STORY

Smriti Halls | Erika Meza (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

A girl opens up a book looking for the story that's perfect for HER and tumbles inside. But Goldilocks is not her story, and nor is Jack and the Beanstalk or Little Red Riding Hood... There's only one thing for it: she's going to have to write her own story – and this time, SHE will be the hero.

Categories: Twisted Fairytales, Positive Thinking, Rhyming Text



#### **121. TEN LITTLE BUGS**

Mike Brownlow | Simon Rickerty (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

The Bug Hotel is hosting the Moonbeam Ball so ten little bugs are getting everything ready for the party. Can these lively bugs send out invites, decorate the ballroom and arrange a musical surprise before the guests arrive? Follow the ten little bugs as the buzz and bounce through a wonderful mini-beast world - meetings spiders, bees and dragonflies along the way. Read the bouncy rhyming story and count from ten to one and back again, as the little bugs disappear then reappear. Spot and count the details on each page, and join in with the magical read-aloud sounds.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Counting, Maths



#### **122. THING AT 52, THE**

Ross Montgomery | Richard Johnson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

On her way to school one day, she saw him. He was big and lumbering and a wore a tiny little top hat perched on top of his rather large head. It wasn't long before their friendship bloomed... the Thing was gentle and kind and the adventures they went on were the best she could ever imagine. But one day, the Thing has to go and their adventures come to an end. All Things have to go sometime...

Categories: Friendship, Loneliness, Kindness, Understanding



# 123. THUNK, THE

Michelle Robinson | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Meet Hector Voltaire- a young explorer who can't wait to discover all the wonders of the wide world. First up- a magical, mythical creature called the THUNK. The Thunk has a trunk and its fur's blue-ish pink, and it's ever so slightly, completely . . . EXTINCT. Or at least, that's what everyone else thinks. Hector is determined to prove them wrong, and sets out with all his exploring equipment on a grand journey of discovery.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Adventure, Individuality



# **124. TOO MANY RABBITS**

Davide Cali | Emanuele Benetti (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

After a month of pleading, Dad finally takes Owen and Zoey to the pet store to adopt a rabbit. Once there, a two-forone special offer just cannot be ignored; so they take home two rabbits — one male, and one female. Two rabbits make more rabbits, who then make even more rabbits, and soon there are just too many of the sweet little creatures. So begins a hilarious counting adventure as Owen and Zoey find homes for all of the rabbits.

Categories: Humour, Cautionary Tale, Rabbits, Counting, Maths



#### 125. TWO WHEELS

David Gibb | Brizida Magro (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

A warm and heartfelt story of a little boy with a bicycle-obsessed dad learning to ride a bike of his very own. Training bikes have four wheels, a tricycle has three wheels, but what this little boy really wants is a bike with two wheels! It isn't easy, but with practice, patience, determination and Dad's unwavering support, the dream of achieving this milestone moment might just become a reality.

Categories: First Experiences, Cycling, Bike Riding, Family Unit



#### 126. UNDER THE TABLE

Allan Ahlberg | Bruce Ingman (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

One morning, Banjo is helping his dad to wash the car. His little sister Elsie comes running up. "There's an egg in my egg cup!" she yells. "And a great big grey thing ... UNDER THE TABLE!" Brimming over with Allan Ahlberg's idiosyncratic voice, charm and character, and perfectly matched with Bruce Ingman's bold and playful illustrations, Under the Table is an irresistible read-aloud full of surprises ... oh, does Elsie discover such wonderful (and unexpected!) new friends in her lively and happy home!

Categories: Holidays, Travel, Beach, Fun, Imagination



# 127. WAY CHAMPS PLAY, THE

Ngomi Osaka | Kamala Nair (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

In a rhythmic celebration of sport and play, four-time Grand Slam champion and tennis superstar Naomi Osaka shares key steps to becoming a true champ, including being kind, working as a team, doing your best, and most importantly, having fun.

Categories: Sport, Participation, Team Work



#### 128. WE ARE HERE

Tami Charles | Bryan Collier (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

We Are Here is a poignant story about black and brown heritage and community. Full of assurance, tenderness and triumph, this much-anticipated follow-up to the New York Times best-selling picture book All Because You Matter offers an equally inspirational and arresting ode to all of the black women and men throughout history who have made momentous contributions from the beginning of time. Tami Charles shares the beauty and excellence in the history of the black community, assuring black and brown children of the extraordinary legacy from which they come. We Are Here celebrates readers with pride, joy and love, reminding them of their roots, inviting readers to imagine a future that shines ever bright and strengthening them for their triumphant days to come!

Categories: Racism, Respect, Inclusion, Diversity



# 129. WHEN DINOSAURS WALKED THE EARTH

Sean Taylor | Zehra Hicks (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

This is a book about Smallasaurus, who enjoys a plant-based diet, and Badasaurus who likes to eat small dinosaurs who enjoy a plant-based diet. It all begins when This is a book about Smallasaurus, who enjoys a plant-based diet, and Badasaurus who likes to eat small dinosaurs who enjoy a plant-based diet. It all begins when Smallasaurus has to think. And thinking can be a problem when you only have a brain the size of a walnut. Luckily, Badasaurus only has a brain the size of a peanut. . . and so begins a hilarious game of cat and mouse.

Categories: Dinosaurs, Humour, Food Chain, Problem Solving



# 130. WHO I AM: WORDS I TELL MYSELF

Susan Verde | Peter H Reynolds (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When the unkind voice gets loud and I feel down, I can tell myself: am enough. In this world, I matter. We all have rough days: tough times when we feel down and an unkind voice in our mind can make us feel disappointed in ourselves. But we can talk back to that unkind voice; we can find the voice that will lift us up instead. We can tell ourselves words that are positive, supportive, and true. From the New York Times bestselling team of Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds comes a heartfelt collection of positive affirmations. A celebration of self-love and owning all the things that make us special, Who I Am: Words I Tell Myself helps us to affirm that we are human, we are enough, and we are deserving of all kinds of love-especially our own.

Categories: Resilience, Affirmation, Yoga, Mindfulness



# 131. WHO LIVES HERE?

Julia Donaldson | Rebecca Cobb (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

One little boy is very excited when he receives an invitation to go and play at his friend Dan's house. But there's just one problem, he doesn't know which house on South Street Dan lives in. Along the way he meets some very interesting neighbours, including a cook, a pirate and ghost. But which door does Dan live behind? A wonderful game of dressing-up awaits. Will he ever be able to find the right house?

Categories: Friendship, Community



#### 132. WOBBLYSAURUS, THE

Rachel Bright | Chris Chatterton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

When Wobblysaurus gets her very first bicycle, she can't wait to go and ride with all her friends. But every time Wobblysaurus sets off her new wheels, she wibbles... wobbles... and falls! This little dinosaur is just about ready to give up, but then a word from a wise Grannysaurus reminds her that when you really want something, it's always worth trying again

# **Graphic Novels**



#### 133. AMBER AND BLUE AND THE HUNT FOR DNA: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Claudia Flandoli | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Meet identical twins, Amber and Blue, and their lovable tour guide, Chirp. Together these three are going on an epic quest to find - and understand - DNA. After being shrunk down to microscopic size, they explore a cell filled with stubborn repressors, inexperienced ribosomes, versatile proteins and a host of other funny molecules and cellular structures that play key roles in the fundamental processes of genetics. This lighthearted, easy to navigate and factual graphic novel from Claudia Flandoli is the perfect introduction to genetics and a great accompaniment to science studies.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Genetics, Twins, DNA



# 134. ANCIENT UNDERWATER CITY: GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE PECULIAR WOODS

Andres J Colmenares | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Nine-year-old Iggie is the new kid in the town of Peculiar Woods, and nothing about his new home is familiar. So how is he supposed to make friends when he's not allowed to talk to strangers? On his first night in the strange new town, Iggie gets lost in the woods, where he discovers he can speak to inanimate objects. He soon teams up with his blanket, Faye, a talking chair and yoga enthusiast named Boris, and a pair of spirited chess pieces, and sets out on an epic quest to help his new friends solve their problems. Along the way, Iggie and friends encounter the nefarious washing machine, Lazarus Gallington, and begin to uncover the mystery of the flooded town. Throughout his epic quest, Iggie discovers the value of friendship while also discovering what needs to be done to save the entire village —before it's too late!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour, Froendship, Spooky



# 135. BATTLE FOR THE DRAGON GRAPHIC NOVEL DIARY OF AN 8-BIT WARRIOR GRAPHIC NOVEL

Pirate Sourcil | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Runt and his crew are back for the fourth instalment of the Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior Graphic Novel series. As they prepare for the epic battle against the evil incarnate of Minecraftia: Herobrine, they know they'll be stronger together, but first they have to get Sweetpea on their side. Unfortunately, the baby dragon does what he pleases. As they contemplate their best strategy, Runt and Blurp have the same nightmare: Herobrine won't let anyone get out alive...unless they give him back Sweetpea. What should they do? Do they stand a chance of defeating Herobrine without losing all their friends? They will need to find courage to face this formidable adversary. The zany fun continues as Runt embarks on his latest pixelated adventures with his friends. Grab your pickaxe and shovel and get ready for more fun!

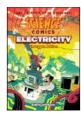


# 136. BESTIES FIND THEIR GROOVE: GRAPHIC NOVEL BESTIES

Kayla Miller | Kristina Luu (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

With their first formal school dance around the corner, Beth and Chanda are on a mission to make it the best night ever. Step one? Secure the perfect dresses so they can dominate the dance floor! But when neither of them can find an outfit that lives up to their high expectations – and they encounter unexpected pressure to find dates – these besties will need to lean on their friendship more than ever if they hope to find their groove and bust a move!

Categories: Friendship, Family, Responsibility, Diversity

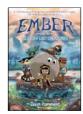


# 137. ELECTRICITY: GRAPHIC NOVEL SCIENCE COMICS

Andy Hirsch | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

From simple circuits to giant grids, fossil fuel power plants to wind farms, electricity keeps the world running. In Science Comics: Electricity, you'll discover where electricity comes from, why lightning suddenly strikes, and how we've harnessed it all to turn the lights on in your room. Ready for action? Get energized with electricity!

Categories: Graphic Information, Electricity



## 138. EMBER AND THE ISLAND OF LOST CREATURES GRAPHIC NOV

Jason Pamment | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Fitting in can be hard, especially when you're as small as Ember. He's hoping his luck changes when Lua, a kindly sea turtle, escorts him across the ocean to a school for little creatures on a wondrous island. There, Ember learns that first days can also be hard - especially when they involve fantastical cave-dwellers, ferocious storms and classmates that aren't interested in making friends. As he struggles to adapt to his school, Ember finds himself at the heart of an otherworldly mystery, facing a strange monster from the deep. And though Ember's classmates may seem of little help, any good student knows appearances can be deceiving - and friendship can come from the most unexpected of places.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship



#### 139. EVIL EEL: GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE CRAB AND SNAIL

Beth Ferry | Jared Chapman (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

The Evil Eel is so evil that making narwhals cry is one of her favorite hobbies. So evil in fact that just one sting turns friendly, sweet Snail into...Snevil!!!! Complete with a black cape, Snevil sets out to destroy everything in her path, including Crab. In order to save himself—and his best friend—Crab must become a hero. Will he be able to stop evil from destroying the splash zone before it's too late?

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



#### 140. FOUR EYES: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Rex Ogle | Dave Valeza (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Sixth grade isn't as great as Rex thought it would be. He's the only kid who hasn't had a growth spurt and the bullies won't let him forget it. His closest friend is unreliable, at best. And there's a cute girl in his class who may or may not, like him back. With so much going on, everything is a blur—including Rex's vision! So when he discovers that he needs glasses, and his family can only afford the ugliest pair in the store, any hope Rex had of fitting in goes completely out of focus. In this true coming-of-age story, Rex has his sights set on surviving sixth grade, but now he's got to find a way to do it with glasses, no friends and a family that just doesn't get it!

Categories: Vision Impairment, Glasses, Bullying, Coming of Age, Graphic Novel



#### 141. GO PIG OR GO HOME: GRAPHIC NOVEL BATPIG

Rob Harrell | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Gary Yorkshire and his friends, Carl the fish and Brooklyn the bat, are facing what might be their piggest mission yet: magical sharks – and summer camp! First there's the sudden appearance of Sharkraham Lincoln (half shark! half president!), who sets off a major test cheating scandal. And then, at the worryingly named Camp Whomp-a-Pig, Gary's hoping to finally get a break from superhero-ing, but a grumpy lake monster isn't letting this sleeping pig lie. Will Batpig ever catch a break to just relax and enjoy a tasty sandwich, and not have to save the world? The third book in a brilliantly funny and skilfully rendered commercial young graphic novel series, with two separate stories in each book.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Superheroes



#### 142. HELLO TWIGS, LET'S FIND TREASURE GRAPHIC NOVEL HELLO TWIGS

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

Ziggy Twig wants to find some treasure, to prove she's an awesome explorer. So she leads her wooden friends on a big treasure hunt. What fun! But they can't find treasure anywhere, because they don't know what treasure IS. How unfortunate! Unless ... treasure has been with Ziggy all along?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Friendship



# 143. HELLO TWIGS, TIME TO PAINT GRAPHIC NOVEL HELLO TWIGS

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

Noodle isn't just a twig – she's an ARTIST too. And she knows exactly what she wants to paint. There's just one problem: the twigs have made red paint, green paint and yellow paint for her to use – but they can't find any BLUE. Noodle is dismayed ... until she discovers that true artists can make up their own rules. Clever Noodle! She always works things out.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Friendship



# 144. HUNGRY GHOST GRAPHIC NOVEL

Victoria Ying | Paperback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Sixteen year old Valerie Chu is quiet, studious, and above all thin. No one, not even her best friend Jordan, suspects that she has been binging and purging for years. But Valerie's life, and priorities, are upended when her father dies abruptly. At home, she abandons her ED patterns as she tries to comfort her mother and little brother. Val begins to reevaluate her life, her choices, and her own body. She realizes that the path to happiness might lead her away from her hometown and her mother's toxic projections. But first she must apologize to Jordan and find the strength to seek help. This beautiful and heart wrenching young adult graphic novel takes a look at eating disorders, family dynamics, and, ultimately, a journey to self love.



#### 145. I SURVIVED HURRICANE KATRINA, 2005 GRAPHIC NOVEL I SURVIVED GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lauren Tarshis | Alvin Epps (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Barry's family tries to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina hits their home in New Orleans. But when his little sister gets terribly sick, they're forced to stay home and wait out the storm. At first, Katrina doesn't seem to be as bad as predicted. But overnight the levees break and Barry's world is literally torn apart. He's swept off by the floodwaters, away from his family. Can he survive the storm of the century — alone?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Survival, True Stories



# 146. KAREN'S HAIRCUT: GRAPHIC NOVEL BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Ann m Martin | Katy Farina (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Karen feels like an ugly duckling. She already has to wear glasses and now her baby teeth are starting to come out, too. Fortunately, she knows exactly what will make her look glamorous—a new haircut. But the beauty parlour lady cuts Karen's hair all wrong! Karen is devastated and worried about what the kids at school will say. Can Karen get back to feeling like her usual confident self?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship



# 147. MAGIC GEMS: GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE LILY HALFMOON

Xavier Bonet | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Surprise - Lily is a witch! She must learn magic, and find her animal guardian and gemstone, while keeping her new identity a secret. Protecting the people of Piedraville from evil is no easy task. Especially when a dangerous creature is on the loose. Will Lily finally discover her gem's unique power with the help of her new friends, Gigi and Mai, all without attracting attention?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Magic, New School, Moving House

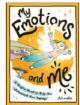


## 148. MANIACAL MISCHIEF OF THE MARAUDING MONSTERS, THE EPIC TALES OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

Meredith Rusu | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

No one loves Halloween more than George Beard and Harold Hutchins. Join them and their super-heroic pal Captain Underpants in this two-story collection featuring their funniest and most fearsome adventures! First, George and Harold go teeth-to-teeth with a ghost dentist when their spooky campfire story comes to life! Then, George and Harold have to face a terrifying TP mummy after their most epic prank ever goes down the drain. Can Captain Underpants flush away these vile villains so George and Harold can live to prank another day?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour

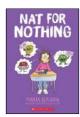


#### 149. MY EMOTIONS AND ME: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Compilation | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Join Art-mella and her furry sidekick Rattie as they go on a fascinating voyage of self-discovery where they learn all about emotions; why we have them, how we process them and techniques on how to cope with them. Drawing on extensive research into how our brains process emotions, My Emotions and Me helps us to find the messages behind our moods and offers simple tips to feel better in times of need. It's time to follow the clues to make your own investigations into your amazing brain!

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Graphic Novel, Fear, Anger, Happiness, Sadness



# 150. NAT FOR NOTHING: GRAPHIC NOVEL NAT ENOUGH

Maria Scrivan | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Natalie is having a rough start to the school year. Each student has been asked to join an extracurricular activity and Nat's two best friends have no trouble finding activities that interest them. Flo tries her hand at puppetry and Zoe makes the volleyball team ... with Nat's ex-BFF, Lily! So now Zoe and Lily are always together and Nat's over it! Nat's feeling betrayed and she still hasn't found a club to join. But when Nat meets a new student who's having the same difficulty choosing a club, they decide to create one together. Could this be the solution to her problems?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship



# **151. PARACHUTE KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Betty Tang | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

A dream trip to America turns into a nightmare! Feng-Li can't wait to discover America with her family! But after an action-packed vacation, her parents deliver shocking news: They are returning to Taiwan and leaving Feng-Li and her older siblings in California on their own. Suddenly, the three kids must fend for themselves in a strange new world —and get along. Starting a new school, learning a new language and trying to make new friends while managing a household is hard enough, but Bro and Sis's constant bickering makes everything worse. Thankfully, there are some hilarious moments to balance the stress and loneliness. But as tensions escalate—and all three kids get tangled in a web of bad choices—can Feng-Li keep her family together?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Immigration, Empathy



# 152. PEGGY AND STU INVESTIGATE: GRAPHIC NOVEL TANGLETREE MYSTERIES

Joel Stewart | Steve Roberts (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Beyond the park and deep in the woods is a world of surprises. Here Peggy the dog has a secret life of mystery and investigation amongst the twisty trees and strange townsfolk of Tangletree. No problem is too perplexing, no puzzle too small. Along with her faithful sidekick, Stu the shrew, Peggy finds all sorts of ways to help her friends.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery



#### 153. PUPPY PROBLEMS: GRAPHIC NOVEL PEANUT, BUTTER AND CRACKERS

Paige Braddock | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Butter and Crackers are rescue pets living their best (and quiet) life. Butter, a snarky cat, has access to all the butter he could lick, and slightly nervous dog, Crackers, is free to bark at squirrels to his heart's content. With an owner who goes to work every day, they're free to spend their days doing whatever they want. But when Peanut, a brand-new puppy with big floppy ears, arrives, all hell breaks loose. He has no appreciation for the quiet life, no idea how stairs work and he's even afraid of the dark! Driven to their wit's end, Butter and Crackers devise a plan to reclaim their home from Peanut. But when Peanut escapes and gets lost, it turns out that home isn't home without Peanut after all...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Pets



#### 154. READY FOR A SCARE GRAPHIC NOVEL CREEPOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

PJ Night | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Birthday girl and queen of all things creepy Kelly Garcia is all set to have the perfect night. Her parents are going out of town, and with just a babysitter, Kelly's practically on her own. It's the perfect time for a virtual webcam sleepover where she and her friends can scare each other silly by telling ghost stories and summoning the spirit of Miss Mary, a woman from their small town who died tragically a long time ago. But when her friends start disappearing one by one and the babysitter is nowhere to be found, Kelly starts getting scared for real. Is Kelly next to face the ghost's wrath?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horror



#### 155. SCARYGIRL FILM TIE-IN: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Nathan Jurevicius | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Abandoned on a remote beach, Scarygirl doesn't know who she is or where she's come from. Blister, a kind and intelligent giant octopus, wants to keep her safe, but Scarygirl needs answers. Who is the strange man haunting her dreams? Will Bunniguru help her unlock the mysteries of her past? Can she trust the wily forest dwellers? Her journey takes her to the edge, and beyond...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Family, Identity, Fantasy, Quest



#### **156. SCHOOL TRIP: GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Jerry Craft | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Jordan, Drew, Liam, Maury, and their friends from Riverdale Academy Day School are heading out on a school trip to Paris. As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can't wait to see all the amazing art in the famous City of Lights. But when their trusted faculty guides are replaced at the last minute, the school trip takes an unexpected—and hilarious—turn. Especially when trying to find their way around a foreign city ends up being almost as tricky as navigating the same friendships, fears, and differences that they struggle with at home. Will Jordan and his friends embrace being exposed to a new language, unfamiliar food, and a different culture? Or will they all end up feeling like the "new kid"?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, School, Travel, Friendship, Culture, Paris



#### 157. SONG OF THE SEA: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Tomm Moore | Samuel Sattin (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Many years after the disappearance of their mother, siblings Ben and Saoirse are still drowning in grief, as is their lighthouse-keeper father. Ben blames his little sister for the loss of their mother, and despite being six years old, Saoirse has yet to speak. When the kids discover that Saoirse is a selkie and the magical world that their mother told stories about is real, they dive into an adventure to keep the spirit world from disappearing forever.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Grief, Adventure, Magic, Siblings, Mythology, Folklore



# **158. SUNSHINE GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Jarrett Krosoczka | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

When Jarrett J. Krosoczka was in high school, he was part of a program that sent students to be counsellors at a camp for seriously ill kids and their families. Going into it, Jarrett was worried: Wouldn't it be depressing, to be around kids facing such a serious struggle? Wouldn't it be grim? But instead of the shadow of death, Jarrett found something else at Camp Sunshine: the hope and determination that gets people through the most troubled of times. Not only was he subject to some of the usual rituals that come with being a camp counsellor (wilderness challenges, spooky campfire stories, an extremely stinky mascot costume), but he also got a chance to meet some extraordinary kids facing extraordinary circumstances. He learned about the captivity of illness, for sure but he also learned about the freedom a safe space can bring.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



# 159. TALENT SHOW TROUBLES GRAPHIC NOVEL WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Jess Smart Smiley | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Megan Hathaway is in charge of Sunbright Middle School's talent show, and everything is going wrong. Animals are running wild backstage, Vice Principal Fisher is out for blood, and Megan's friend Olivia might be turning into a zombie. Can you help Megan salvage this mess, or will you doom her to an eternity in the school's basement? With more than twenty-five different endings, Talent Show Trouble is a misadventure you'll be coming back to over and over.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Interactive

# **Australian Novels**

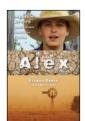


#### 160. AGGIE FLEA IS NOT A LIAR! AGGIE FLEA

Tania Ingram | A Yi (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Meet Aggie Flea—a girl with a big imagination ... that lands her in even bigger trouble! When a mysterious new neighbour arrives in the middle of the night, Aggie's convinced he's a vampire! Can she prove it? Or will everyone think she's a liar?

Categories: Imagination, Adventure, Mystery, Humour, Community, Neighbours, Teamwork



#### 161. ALEX: THROUGH MY EYES THROUGH MY EYES: AUSTRALIAN DISASTER ZONES

Rosanne Hawke | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Thirteen-year-old Alex lives on a drought-affected property in South Australia with his mum, his dad, his kelpie dog Tangi and colt Jago. For years it hasn't rained enough for them to put a crop in. And while all the farmers in the area are suffering, Alex's dad is struggling more than most. As the drought stretches on, Alex helps his mum with the farm work while longing for the father he once knew. When Bonnie moves in on the neighbouring property with her cameltraining family, even feral dogs and a missing classmate cannot stop the newfound friends' passion to make a difference to the environment and their community. Will Alex's dad recover - and will the rains ever return?

Categories: Natural Disasters, Drought, Climate Change



## **162. BACK TO THE FARTURE!** FARTBOY

Adam Wallace | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Fartboy has gone where no farting superhero has gone before ... to the past! But it's not all smelly fun and games when he's running for his life from bean-hating, boy-eating dinosaurs! Not to mention battling butt-flaming dragons with the Knights of the Round Toilet! Fartboy must find his way home, or get stuck in the rear-end of time forever ...

Categories: Toilet Humour



#### 163. BAD GUYS: ATTACK OF THE ZITTENS FULL COLOUR EDITIO BAD GUYS

Aaron Blabey | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

The Bad Guys are back! In full colour! It's a Zombie Kitten Apocalypse! Should you panic? Should you cry? Should you poop your pants? No! Just sit back and watch the fur fly as the world's baddest good guys take on Mad Marmalade's meowing monsters!

Categories: Humour



# **164. BEDTIME STORIES WITH RA SPRATT**

Ra Spratt | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Just as the Grimm brothers collected fairy-tales and Scheherazade told tales of the Arabian nights, now R.A. Spratt has assembled the most comprehensive collection of silly stories ever bound together in one book. Stories so good no human mind could come up with them. They were often dictated to R.A. by the world's most glamorous storytelling pig, Nanny Piggins. There's a never-before-seen Friday Barnes mystery, and tall tales from R.A.'s own domestic life. You'd better brace yourself - these are tales so tall you will get altitude sickness.

Categories: Short Stories, Bedtime



#### 165. BEST OF PESTS RATBAGS

Tim Harris | Shiloh Gordon (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Humans have had enough of rats and their ratbag ways. Even Mr Pecky has stopped giving them pizza. But things get taken to a whole new level when robot minks with laser eyes roam the streets, ready to destroy all ratbags, stray cats and jazz musicians! How are the ratbags to survive the humans' latest pest control? By joining forces with their enemy, naturally! With Cracker and the ratbags on the same team, things are about to get really hairy!

Categories: Humour

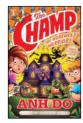


# 166. BOAR IDENTITY, THE SECRET AGENT MOLE

James Foley | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

When Star Division discovers a magical meteorite with anti-gravity powers, Dr Nude will stop at nothing to get his naked little hands on it – including brainwashing a Star employee! This important mission features a secret mountain base, an exploding rocket and a flying pig with no clothes on. Can Max Mole, Helena Hippo and June Bug stop Dr Nude's evil plans? I hope so, otherwise we're all doomed! It's time to Rock and Mole!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Spies



#### 167. CHAMP VS THE WEREWOLF WARRIORZ, THE THE CHAMP

Anh Do | Dave Atze (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Summer was an ordinary girl, until the day her life changed forever. Now she has superpowers, and a secret identity to match. Now she is the Champ! But when the Book Witch and her army of Werewolf Warriorz threaten to ruin the Rockstone Autumn Fair, Summer's powers are put to the test. Will she be able to save the day, and the fair, without revealing her secret identity?

Categories: Adventure, Kindness, Cooperation, Courage, Bullying



#### 168. COPYCAT

Kelli anne Hawkins | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

A funny and thrilling mystery from the author of The School for Talking Pets and Birdbrain. There are some things about Seagull's Nest that 11-year-old Skye Starling likes ... and there are some things she doesn't like at all ... Will Skye uncover the crime wave culprit in time to save the town?

Categories: Mystery, Crime, Humour, Writing



#### 169, CUB AND BROWN

Edwina Wyatt | Evie Barrow (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Cub loves exploring the Great Outdoors – he is prepared for everything. Well, he tries to be. There are plenty of things to learn and tips to follow. However, Cub isn't quite sure what he would do if he ever met a bear in the woods. So when Cub meets Brown, he finds that the outdoors, and the indoors, are full of surprises. A beautiful and heartwarming tale of friendship and adventure.

Categories: Friendship, Adventure



#### 170. DANCE DIVAS ELLA AND OLIVIA

Yvette Poshoglian | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$7.99 | School Price \$7.20

Meet Ella and Olivia. Big sister. Little sister. Best friends. Ella and Olivia's ballet school is raising money for the puppies, kittens and other creatures at the local animal shelter by holding a dance concert. And everyone is invited!

Categories: Dancing, Friendship, Performance, Fundraising, Rescue Animals



#### 171. DETECTIVE'S GUIDE TO PARIS, THE

Nicki Greenberg | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Pepper Stark and her friends came to Paris for the glamour, the gateaux and the good times. But intrigue seems to follow the young detectives wherever they go. When an American tourist and a priceless Russian treasure both disappear from their hotel, Pepper is sure the mysteries are connected and is determined to solve them both. But this time she has competition: former thief-turned-amateur-detective Georges Rme is also on the case. And her friends seem to be more interested in croissants than in crime. Pepper will do anything to beat Rme to the punch and prove herself as a proper sleuth – even if that means misleading the people closest to her. In this unusual hotel, where everyone has secrets to hide, who can Pepper trust to lead her to the answers? And how far will she go to get them?

Categories: Mystery, Thriller, Suspense, Adventure



# 172. FARTY PETS: WHAT'S MY NAME? FARTY PETS

Adam Wallace | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$9.00

When the kids go to school, their pets get together and play. Clumsy Bum, Princess Pretty, Fluffy and ... Oh No! Parrot doesn't have a name! Can the other Farty Pets help him find one?

Categories: Toilet Humour



# 173. FARTY PETS: ZOO DAY FARTY PETS

Adam Wallace | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$9.00

When the kids go to school, their pets get together and play. The Farty Pets are off to the zoo! Will they see a unicorn? Or will they cause a giant catastrophe?

Categories: Toilet Humour



#### 174. FIRST SUMMER OF CALLIE MCGEE, THE

AL Tait | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

It's the last summer before Callie starts high school and she's been dragged along to yet another 'family friends' holiday. Determined to change her nerdy reputation, Callie sets out to make waves—but nothing is quite as she expects. Her usual ally, Sasha, has outgrown Callie; her nemesis, Mitch, has brought his cousin Owen along; and the boring south coast town of Sawyer's Point has been rocked by a series of burglaries. Callie, Owen and Mitch decide to investigate the robberies, bringing them face to face with a local gang ... and a possible ghost. But when Sasha goes missing, Callie must draw on all her smarts to find her friend, and discovers that being Callie McGee has its benefits.

Categories: Mystery, Growing Up, Holidays, Beach, Burglary, Crime, Relationships



#### 175. FORTUNE MAKER, THE

Catherine Norton | Hardback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Which is more dangerous - a future you can't see - or one that you can? Twelve-year-old Maud Mulligan knows there's no future for her in London, in the rat-infested slum where she grew up. But in the tunnel under the river are fortune tellers, Seers, who will tell your future for a few pennies. And then there is Mr Mandalay, Seer to the king and anyone else rich enough to afford him. When Mr Mandalay sees Maud in a foretelling for a wealthy factory heiress, she believes Maud can save her family from financial ruin. But how? And why? What could a girl like Maud do to change anyone's future - or even her own?

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Poverty, Fortune Telling



#### 176. FROZEN SEA, THE DRAGON GAMES

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Team Dragon is back! This time Luca, Yazmine and Zane have landed in the icy region of North Gelida. Here they must navigate giant frozen waves and outrun a hungry monster made of snow to return the second Thunder Egg to its frosty palace. But Dartsmith, the evil leader of Imperia, is always lurking, determined to make sure the dragon prophecy won't come true. He'll do whatever it takes to win the Dragon Games—but Luca, Yazmine and Zane are determined to stop him!

Categories: Fantasy, Dragons, Magic, Quest, Peace, Danger



#### 177. FURBALL: TOP SPEED FURBALL

Adrian Beck | Kristy Lund-white (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Furball is the world's greatest spy! But can he and his spy friends, Kit and Jade, survive their most dangerous mission yet? Furball is going undercover as a champion motorbike rider! Will he win a top speed race through the Egyptian desert to catch a dangerous gold thief or will he take a nap in the sun?

Categories: Humour, Cats, Spies



# 178. GET LOST! HY-LARIOUS HYENA!

Nazeem Hussain | Heath McKenzie (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

What does Harry do when his prank goes wrong and he finds himself 396 km from home, completely lost, being followed by a rhino, a clumsy ninja flamingo and a crew of angry poachers?! Plan another epic prank, of course!! Surely everything will work out, right? Er ... Hye-No!

Categories: Humour



# 179. GHOST BOOK: GRAPHIC NOVEL

Remy Lai | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

July Chen sees ghosts. But her dad insists ghosts aren't real. So she pretends they don't exist. Which is incredibly difficult now as it's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. When July saves a boy ghost from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, he becomes her first ever friend. Except William is not a ghost. He's a wandering soul wavering between life and death. As the new friends embark on an adventure to return William to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth – for William to live, July must die.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Belonging, Community, Mystery, Ghosts



#### 180. GHOST RESCUE DEAD GOOD DETECTIVES

Jenny McLachlan | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Sid Jones has always known she is different, but after accidentally freeing a 300-year-old pirate ghost (using a gel pen and a chocolate bar), Sid realises that she has actual MAGIC! Sid starts to use her magic to free more ghosts, who have all been trapped by the sinister innkeeper. But then a mysterious sickness strikes the people of Fathom. Can Sid and best friend Zen solve the mystery, save the town and free the ghosts?

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Mystery, Ghosts



#### 181. GIRLS CHANGE THE GAME: FIRST GAME BACK CHOOSE YOUR OWN FOOTBALL ADVENTURE

Gabrielle Gloury | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$14.95 | School Price \$11.96

The Westpark Scorpion Under 14 Girls are back! After their first season, they showed the footy world what they were made of. Now after a year of many interruptions, they are in great form with a new coach, Rita. And there's been a few new players added, giving them more talent and speed. Once more they are led by Zoe, Beth and Heidi. Now the footy world wants to know if this team was just a flash-in-the-pan or whether they've got the courage and ability to go all the way. Let's hope you make the right decisions and see the Scorpion Girls triumph. It's up to you to guide them to victory.

Categories: Sport, AFL, AFLW, Football, Interactive



#### 182. GRACE THE COVE DRAGON DRAGON GIRLS

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Three new girls share an incredible secret—they can transform into powerful Sea Dragons when they travel to the Magic Forest! They must work together to banish the evil Fire Queen, once and for all.

Categories: Fantasy, Dragons



#### 183. HELLO TWIGS, HOW ARE YOU FEELING? GRAPHIC NOVEL HELLO TWIGS

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

Stump is having a feeling. A feeling he calls 'GREAT SADNESS', because he used to live in the Big Tree, until a bolt of lightning struck him out. Poor Stump! He bravely tries to stick himself back onto the tree, but his twiggy friends have a different idea. They'll help you out, Stump. That's what twigs are for!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Friendship



#### 184. HELLO TWIGS, SURPRISE! GRAPHIC NOVEL HELLO TWIGS

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

Red is a WILD TWIG who loves giving surprises. So when he jumps out and yells 'SURPRISE' at his friends, he expects them to laugh – but instead they are shocked and scared. Oh dear! Can Red stay wild AND find a better way to surprise his friends? We hope so! Go, Red, go!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Friendship



#### 185. HOW TO BE A FRIEND

Anna Branford | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

A delightful follow up to How to be ... the New Person, from Anna Branford, author of the much-loved series, Violet Mackerel Hazel Morrison has settled into her new school, and made a new friend, Laura, who shares Hazel's love of making pretend tutorials about everyday things. How to fold your pajamas: The Morrison Method! Three top tips for drizzling honey on your porridge! Laura's dad is away, and when her mum gets very ill with morning sickness, she turns to Hazel for help. Laura's mum goes to hospital and Laura comes to stay with Hazel's family. They also have to rehearse for the school play, deal with the not-so-helpful Camila, and help find a missing cat. Together the girls learn how to be a friend: navigating self-doubt, secrets, helping out, knowing when to give someone space ... and all the fun in between

Categories: Friendship, Prejudice, Conflict, Secrets



#### 186. HURRY UP, HARRY! ISABELLE STORIES

Jane Godwin | Robin Cowcher (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Isabelle and her best friends Harry B and Izzy are in Year Two and there are lots of adventures to be had: getting to know their new teacher, going to a school disco and sleepover, bridge-building in the forest, and even a baby to show the whole class! Isabelle loves being in Year Two, until... Harry has some news that shocks them all. How will Isabelle manage the rest of the year without Harry B by her side?

Categories: Short Stories, Friendship



#### 187. I'M NOT SCARED! MACK AND CHEESE

Chrissie Krebs | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

Mack doesn't like the dark. But Cheeze loves the dark! Can Cheeze show Mack there is nothing to be scared of in the dark?

Categories: Humour



#### 188, ITTY BITTY KITTY 3 ITTY BITTY KITTY

Maddy Mara | Noemie Gionet Landry (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Itty Bitty Kitty LOVES tree climbing, leaping on leaves and sleeping in sunbeams. She HATES being called cute. She is almost a tiger, after all! She may still be a kitten, but Itty Bitty is ready to take on the world. And she knows all the Cat Laws. But her family is taking a long time to learn the rules. They still don't know that cats must play when the moon is full. And they think cats are clumsy! Itty Bitty has a lot to teach them. Join Itty Bitty on three new epic adventures. Will she stick to the rules? Or will this kitty make up her own rules for life?

Categories: Animal Stories, Cats



#### 189. JAWSOME JAWSOME

RJ Timmis | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

By day, Finley and his mates are ordinary shark kids. But by night, they are secretly the super-famous rock band JAWSOME! But not everything is cruisy. Can JAWSOME get to the bottom of an ocean of shady shark-nanigans while keeping their secret identities watertight?

Categories: Friendship, Mystery, Sharks, Music, Sea Creatures



#### 190. LET THE GAMES BEGIN WILLA AND WOOF

Jacqueline Harvey | Anne Yi (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

It's oldies versus kids when Sunset Views Retirement Village hosts its very first Tournament of the Ages! Willa's helping plan the event, but one of the older kids on the committee doesn't want her there. Plus, she needs to find time to train for her first ever proper gymnastics competition! She'll need the help of Tae, her best same-age friend, to stand up to her bully; Frank, her best old-age friend, to practise her vault routine; and Woof, her best four-legged friend, for moral support. Can Willa juggle it all?

Categories: Competition, Friendship

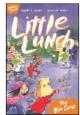


#### 191. LET'S PARTY DIARY OF A NETBALL STAR

Liz Watson | Laura Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Liz Watson loves reading, baking, and hanging out with her BFF, Katie. But there's one thing she loves the most ... netball. Read all about it in her diary! Liz is loving her new netball team. She's even invited them all to her birthday party! But when one of the girl's precious bracelets goes missing, Liz is worried the team think she's the thief. Add to that some tough netball competitions and a case of chicken pox, and Liz has a tough time on her hands!

Categories: Sport, Netball, Friendship, Teamwork, Challenge



# 192. LITTLE LUNCH: BIN SHED, THE LITTLE LUNCH

Danny Katz | Mitch Vane (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

At Little Lunch Atticus made a mud cake in the long jump pit, Amba was a secret agent and almost everyone brought in exactly 100 things from home. What else can happen in fifteen minutes?

Categories: Humour



# 193. MAGIC AWRY

Sarah Armstrong | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Eleven-year-old Tulsi comes from a long line of women magicians, and loves doing Big Magic. Every night in her family's circus show, she turns twigs into trees, flies like a bird, and even disappears into thin air. But one night, in the middle of a show, she loses her powers – with frightening results. Tulsi's powers soon come back, but she can't risk losing them again – and her search for what went wrong soon takes her all the way into a parallel universe, where she discovers that magic everywhere is in danger. The natural world is falling out of balance, and a band of rogue magicians are stripping magic from women. They're led by a powerful magician who knows Tulsi very well ... and who has a dark plan for her magic, too. Tulsi's convinced she's the only one who can stop the rogues, and save magic across the universes. But what if that means giving up her own power?

Categories: Fantasy, Magic Realism



# 194. MARS MISSION SPACE KIDS

Aleesah Darlison | Nancy Bevington (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.50 | School Price \$10.63

The year is 2088. Eleven-year-old Nash now lives full-time on Misty Space Station with his father, Orson. His best friends on the holiday spaceship are Raj and KC. When a distress signal is received on Misty Space Station from a colony of researchers and scientists living on Mars, Captain Malik decides to send an urgent supply mission. Given the vast distance to Mars, the only way Nash, his brilliant father, and the Space Kids can reach them in time is using an experimental technology: a powerful space cruiser that travels faster than any vehicle ever invented before. Their courage, teamwork, and resourcefulness will be crucial if they have any hope of completing their daring supply and rescue mission.

Categories: Science Fiction, Space, Humour, Mystery, Friendship



#### 195. MILLIE MAK THE MAKER MILLIF MAK

Alice Pung | Sher rill Ng (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Ten year-old Millie Mak has discovered she has a superpower! Using everyday objects, Millie turns them into something new, beautiful and useful. Who would ever think that a sunhat could be made from an old bedsheet, a skirt from a tea-towel, or some hair scrunchies from a scarf? Through her creativity and clever thinking, Millie also deals with different friendships, tricky family challenges, and contributes to the school fete. You can make the special objects Millie creates from the detailed and yet easy-to-follow instructions included in the book. And best of all, nothing needs to be bought!

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, Creativity



#### 196. NAUGHTY DRAGONS CAMP OUT! NAUGHTY DRAGONS

Natalie jane Prior | Simon Howe (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Pack your bags – it's time for Dragon Camp! Ava and Jack are excited for an adventure in the High Country with Graun, Fafnine, and their friends from the Dragons at Home Project. There'll be songs around a campfire, roasted marshmallows, and even a treasure hunt! But when the treasure hunt leads them to a secret dragon egg seller, the naughty dragons make it their mission to shut it down. Will the naughty dragons protect the eggs from being sold ... and will they make it home as happy campers?

Categories: Fantasy, Dragons, Humour, Camping



# 197. NINJA KID 12: HYPNO NINJA! NINJA KID

Anh Do | Anton Emdin (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Grandma has invented a hypno ring! It's so powerful, it can make you cluck like a chicken or hop like a frog — it even makes Kenny forget he's scared of ladybugs!!! But when the ring is stolen, how will Nelson stop the hectic hypno mayhem?!

Categories: Inventions, Humour, Ninjas



#### **198. ONE WRONG TURN**

Chenee Marrapodi | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

If I wanted the lead role, Valentina had to go. Amelia is a ballerina on the rise - she's talented, dedicated and set to star in the lead role of the annual production. But when Valentina arrives from Italy and joins the ballet academy, the competition gets fierce. Can Amelia outshine Valentina and keep her place in the spotlight?

Categories: Competition, Dancing, Ballet, Resilience, Teamwork



#### 199. PERILOUS PROMOTION OF TRILBY MOFFAT, THE TRILBY MOFFAT

Kate Temple | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Trilby Moffat is in grave danger, again. When she arrives on a secret island outside of time, in search of her missing mother, she knows she's in trouble. A strange festival is about to take place and Trilby is the guest of honour. Travellers from all over time are flocking to this mysterious carnival with its treasure markets, floating cupcakes and a terrifying surprise. Now Trilby and her friends must race against time (literally) to reveal the dark truth lurking beneath their beautiful island. Friendship will be tested. Loyalty is stretched to the limits and a skittish prehistoric bird named Anton will destroy Trilby's favourite jumper. Just when she thinks time is on her side, Trilby is about to get a perilous promotion.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure



#### 200. PET WISH, THE WISH SISTERS

Allison Rushby | Karen Blair (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

At the Pet Play Date, Flick and her little sister, Birdie, are helping local seniors group The Busybodies raise money for animals in need. There are some special pets waiting to find their fur-ever homes. But things turn wild when Birdie wishes to make the animals even more special in the hope that they will be adopted. How is Flick going to keep a rainbow cat and a dancing dog a secret when a pesky photographer is snapping lots of pics?

Categories: Siblings, Friendship, Community, Magic



# 201. PROPHECY'S END RISE OF THE MYTHIX

Anh Do | Marcelo Baez (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Misfortune will come... even daylight itself will not be safe. Kelly, Minh and Jimmy can feel the prophecy closing in on them. The only way to get their loved ones back is to fight their way to the very heart of the Collector's secret stockpile. But will the Sunken Temple of Tears fulfil their wildest dreams or realise their worst nightmares?



#### **202. QUEEN NARELLE**

Sally Murphy | Simon O'Carrigan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Narelle is the queen of her household, ruler of the family and, most importantly, Maddie's wisest and best friend. So when things are not going right for Maddie, and school feels like a lonely and sad place, it is Queen Narelle who regally watches, waits and listens to her favourite human in her time of need.

Categories: Friendship, Love, Family, Verse Novel



#### 203. RUBY'S SPARKLING SURPRISE PEARL AND FRIENDS

Sally Odgers | Adele k Thomas (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

From the world of Pearl. The Magical Unicorn! Meet Ruby and Lulu and join their magical adventure! Ruby is a dragon, Lulu is a genie, and today is Lulu's birthday! Ruby wants her friend's day to be special. But what happens when they stumble upon a mysterious castle?

Categories: Dragons, Adventure, Magic, Unicorns



#### 204. RUNNING WISH, THE WISH SISTERS

Allison Rushby | Karen Blair (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

It's school sports day and Flick is ready to race! So is Dad. He's been training for the parents versus teachers event. There will even be a news crew filming the day. But excitement often leads to baby Birdie making wishes and soon Flick's got more than a running race to worry about. How can she make sure her team wins fair and square when Birdie starts meddling with the most important event of the day?

Categories: Siblings, Friendship, Community, Magic



#### **205. SAVING CHARLI**

Di Walker | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Who are you when your other half is gone? Twelve-year-old Charli knows no other way of being than as a twin. But when her twin sister, Freya, succumbs to a lifelong battle with illness, Charli, consumed by grief, retreats into a tent in her backyard. Closed off from her family and friends, Charli risks losing not only her other half but her whole self. Without her twin, who is left to save Charli?

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Friendship, Grief, Twins, Guilt, Identity, Family Unit, Siblings, Sisters



#### **206. SCAR TOWN**

Tristan Bancks | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A missing father. A drowned town. A buried secret. Three friends on a dangerous mission to uncover the truth. Seven years after Old Scarborough was drowned, a house is emerging from the water. Will and his friends Dar and Juno dare each other to explore it. But when they find bones - and a stash of cash - they realise they're not the only ones interested in its secrets. Now they're fighting for their lives against the men who want what they found. Will can't leave the mystery alone, though. What if the bones belong to his missing dad?

Categories: Friendship, Crime, Loyalty, Justice, Moral Dilemma, Adventure, Survival, Mystery



# 207. SCAREDY-PUG DIARY OF A PUG

Kyla May | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Meet the cutest pug on the planet! Name: Baron von Bubbles. Nickname: Bub. Likes: peanut butter treats; his human, Bella. Dislikes: rain; Duchess the cat. Bub, Duchess, and Bella are visiting Bella's grandma. Her attic is the best place ever! But then Bub and Duchess see a ghost up there! Can these scaredy pets be brave, or will they never play in the attic again?



# 208. SILENT BUT DEADLY FART CLUB

Adam Wallace | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

For Chef Le Squelch and his giant, greasy food monsters, revenge is a dish best served cold. And the main course on Le Squelch's revenge menu is Shayden Lee, aka Silent Death. Le Squelch is cooking up a storm and Fart Club are the only ones who can stop him. But first, Shayden must deal with family intolerances and her own need to prove she's a five-star superhero. Will Le Quelch get his just desserts, or will Fart Club get eaten alive?

Categories: Toilet Humour



#### 209. SINK OR SWIM WOLF GIRL

Anh Do | Lachlan Creagh (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

When Gwen and her pack are carried by the wild river to the tiny village of Hookville, little does she know she will soon be joining forces with Jarrod, a local athlete, to compete in the Championship Games. But will they make it upriver to the Championship Games in time? And what - and who - will they find when they get there?

Categories: Adventure, Friendship, Courage, Identity



#### 210. SLICE OF SADIE, A SADIE

Lana Spasevski | Joanie Stone (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

In this book, Sadie needs to: sell her yummy homemade jam at the school fete, bake her best friends a birthday cake they will both love and perfect an extra Frenchy treat for a farewell party. But Sadie's sweet intentions do not always go to plan! Her stall isn't cool enough to stand out at the school fete. Her best friends can't agree on their birthday cake. And her French farewell treat is a flop! Can Sadie find a way to save the day?

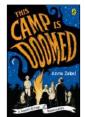
Categories: Short Stories, Problem Solving, Generosity, Kindness, Baking



#### 211. SNOW ACTION POW POW PIG

Anh Do | Peter Cheong (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Hello, it's Pow Pow Pig! Me and the Z team are on a mission. We're trying to save the world! But somehow we've ended up at the NORTH POLE instead. It's going to take a JOLLY BIG effort to get us out of this mess!



#### 212. THIS CAMP IS DOOMED DENNITH GRANGE MISADVENTURE

Anna Zobel | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

A run-down camp in the woods. No phone reception. Ten students with untested powers . . . Celine is seeing conspiracies everywhere. Fionn has a bad premonition about the colour blue. Mr Berg is horrified at the camp's questionable safety standards. Something is definitely not right at Camp Buttress.

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Humour, Fantasy



#### 213. THUNDER EGG, THE DRAGON GAMES

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

One fateful afternoon, classmates Luca, Yazmine and Zane stumble upon a strange-looking rock called a geode in one of the rooms at school. To their surprise, a touch of this geode transports them to a magical land named Imperia. The geode is actually a dragon egg! It's one of three Thunder Eggs that need to be returned home to secret locations in Imperia. Once these eggs hatch, the dragons born from them will restore peace to the land. In order to return the first egg, the kids must face off against the evil ruler of Imperia in a dangerous game.

Categories: Fantasy, Dragons, Magic, Quest, Peace, Danger

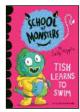


#### 214. TIMEFIRE

Nean McKenzie | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

In the scorching summer of 2033, Gilbert Black is accused of being a firebug, just like his mother was thirteen years previously. That night a fire starts on his family's farm. A fire with a tunnel in the centre of it. And that's when things start to get really weird. Pulled repeatedly back and forth through time, Gil finds himself at all the big Australian bushfires from the last two centuries. He searches across the years, determined to unlock the secret to his family's legacy. Gil can't change the past, but can he learn from it in time to return home and save his family from the biggest inferno ever known?

Categories: Timeslip, Family, Bushfires



#### 215. TISH LEARNS TO SWIM SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | David Kennett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

All of the monsters can already swim, except for dear Tish, who's scared to go in. Every time Tish tries to paddle in the moat, she panics. Can the monsters find a way to keep her afloat?

Categories: Humour, Monsters



#### 216. TWEET AND THE ICEBIRD PEARL AND FRIENDS

Sally Odgers | Adele k Thomas (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Join Tweet the firebird in a snowy winter wonderland! The firebird caves are snowed in! Poor Tweet has to stay inside all week. But then she meets someone extraordinary ... an icebird! What magical adventures will they have?

Categories: Dragons, Adventure, Magic, Unicorns



#### 217. UNLIKELY HEROES CLUB, THE

Kate Foster | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Eleven-year-old Oli is spending his school holidays at Heroes Club, where kids can build friendships and learn about their emotions, but Oli just wants to be home ... where it's familiar, not-so-boring and he can play his favourite game. But when Oli and the other kids at the club see a stray dog who keeps disappearing into a soon-to-be-demolished building across the street, Oli and his four fellow heroes hatch a daring rescue plan to save the dog before it's too late. It's going to take bravery, some seriously smart teamwork ... and a few broken rules.

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Teamwork



#### 218. WEIRDO 21: WEIRD WEDDING! WEIRDO

Anh Do | Jules Faber (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Miss Franklin's getting married! Weir and Bella have a very important job, and they can't wait for the party. But will a cupcake mix-up cause a Cake-tastrophe! It won't be easy ... but it will be funny!

Categories: Friendship, Family, Wedding, Celebration, Teamwork, Resilience



#### 219. WINTER WONDERS ELLA DIARIES SUPER SPECIAL

Meredith Costain | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Warning: You are about to read my utterly biggest secrets. Can I trust you? OK then. I'm Ella, and this is my diary. Ella and her BFF Zoe are on holiday in the snow!!! They're having heaps of fun making snow angels, drinking hot chocolate by the fire with their new friends and learning how to snowboard. But what could be making those weird howling sounds at night? And who left those strange tracks in the snow? This week is definitely going to be super special!

Categories: Friendship, Mystery



# 220. ZOE THE BEACH DRAGON DRAGON GIRLS

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Grace, Zoe and Sofia are travelling back to the Magic Forest for another adventure as Sea Dragons. The girls must work together and face their fears in order to save a missing turtle leader. Zoe will have to put her surfing skills to work and take the daring lead on this quest. If she doesn't succeed, the Fire Queen will be one step closer to destroying the natural balance of the Magic Forest's seas!

Categories: Fantasy, Dragons

# **Younger Novels**

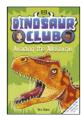


#### 221. ANGELINA BALLERINA'S BALLET TOUR ANGELINA BALLERINA STORYBOOK

Katharine Holabird | Helen Craig (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

Angelina and the other little dancers at Miss Lilly's Ballet School are going on a ballet tour! They are traveling to towns near Chipping Cheddar to perform. Angelina is excited but also nervous. Will she still dance her best when she isn't on her home stage?

Categories: Dancing, Ballet, Siblings, Sisters



#### 222. AVOIDING THE ALLOSAURUS DINOSAUR CLUB

Rex Stone | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Jamie has just moved to Ammonite Bay, a stretch of coastline famous for its fossils. Jamie is a member of the Dinosaur Club - a network of kids around the world who love all things prehistoric. Jamie is exploring Ammonite Bay when he meets Tess, a member of Dinosaur Club who lives in Ammonite Bay too. Tess shows Jamie her favourite place - a secret cave with fossils all over the walls. They go through a tunnel at the back and discover some dinosaur footprints. When they walk along them, the two new friends find themselves back in the time of the dinosaurs! It's amazing, but dangerous, too - they'll definitely need help from Dinosaur Club...

Categories: Adventure, Dinosaurs



#### 223. BEST BIG SISTER EVER! ANGELINA BALLERINA STORYBOOK

Katharine Holabird | Helen Craig (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Angelina Ballerina's little sister, Polly, is starting school for the first time. Angelina wants to make her and the other mouselings feel welcome, so she puts on a special ballet show with her friends!

Categories: Dancing, Ballet, Siblings, Sisters



#### 224, CALL THE PUFFINS

Cath Howe | Ella Okstad (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Welcome to the island of Egg where a group of young puffins are training to join a search and rescue team. The new recruits must work together to help all the birds on the island.

Categories: Resilience, Teamwork, Belonging



# 225. COCO SETTLES IN PUPPY CLUB

Catherine Jacob | Rachael Saunders (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Elsa loves her gorgeous puppy Coco but her family's two cats aren't so welcoming. They chase the terrified pup all over the house! And to make things worse, Coco's chewing everything and it's stressing Mum out. Luckily Puppy Club is on hand to help, and soon Operation Friendship is underway, with plans to keep Coco out of trouble and help her bond with the cats. But with each day seeming to bring a new disaster, Elsa can't help worrying ... what if Mum has second thoughts about keeping the puppy?

Categories: Pets, Dogs, Friendship



#### 226. CONNOR AND LIGHTSPIRIT DRAGON STORM

Alastair Chisholm | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

When dragonseer, Connor, and his dragon, Lightspirit, solve an impossible puzzle, they are taken immediately to the palace. There they meet someone who needs their help to stop the Dragon Storm, a terrible war that would destroy all dragons! But something isn't adding up ... and not everyone can be trusted. Can Connor and Lightspirit work out who's really behind the Dragon Storm before it's too late?

Categories: Dragons, Adventure, Fantasy, Courage

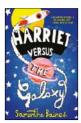


#### 227. EMERALD AND THE FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PIXIE MAGIC

Daisy Meadows | Jo Lindley (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Best friends Alice and Leo love making things, and they're never happier than when they're working together in Leo's garden shed, which they've turned into an arts and crafts studio. Then one day they are transported to a miniature world where magical creatures - the Pixies and Glitterbugs - use their creative talents to make special objects from items that were once treasured. The Pixies' magic gives these objects the power to solve people's problems! But disaster strikes when Grimble and Grumble, the mean Nixies, steal Emerald the Jewellery Pixie's magical tools. Now Emerald can't use her special crafting skill to make a magical friendship bracelet to help a child at Leo and Alice's school. Can the friends work together to use their talents - and a dash of Pixie Magic - to save the day?

Categories: Friendship, Magic

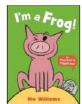


#### 228. HARRIET VERSUS THE GALAXY

Samantha Baines | Jessica Flores (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

This intergalactic adventure starts at home with Harriet, who discovers that her hearing-aid can do more than she ever bargained for when she finds an alien in her room. Discovering that her family secretly works for an intergalactic agency, Harriet becomes the Earth's first line of defence as the only one who can understand the invaders. Sure, her hearing-aid helps her understand aliens from across the universe, but if only she could understand her own feelings as well.

Categories: Hearing Loss, Deafness, Adventure, Humour, Secrets, Superpower, Disability



# 229. I'M A FROG! AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In I'm a Frog!, Piggie has some ribbiting news! Can Gerald make the leap required to accept Piggie's new identity?

**Categories: Humour** 



# 230. ISLA AND BUBBLE MERMAID ACADEMY

Julie Sykes | Linda Chapman (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Hidden deep beneath the waves is Mermaid Academy, a magical school where mermaids are paired with their very own dolphin and must discover their unique mermaid magic, with plenty of adventure along the way! Impulsive Isla isn't afraid of breaking a few rules to win the school treasure hunt and her dolphin, Bubble, is always up for a dare. But the seas surrounding the academy are swirling with magic, and soon Isla and Bubble find themselves in very deep water...



# 231. KIMI THE BUBBLE TEA FAIRY RAINBOW MAGIC

Daisy Meadows | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Kimi the Bubble Tea Fairy helps to keep everyone cool in hot weather with her refreshing bubble teas. She has teas in every flavour, tapioca bubbles in every colour and all sorts of tasty toppings! But when jealous Jack Frost steals her magical bubble tea, people everywhere are struggling in the heat! Kimi needs the help of her fairy friends Rachel, Kirsty, Gracie and Khadijah to cool everyone down!

Categories: Magic, Fairies



#### 232. LAUGH O'CLOCK: KICKS AND GIGGLES WOULD YOU RATHER

Compilation | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Get ready for some unforgettable family fun! Laugh O'Clock: Kicks and Giggles is different from other jokes and riddle books. This children's game is made so that you're not playing alone, but instead playing with a partner! Take turns reading jokes and tallying up scores to determine who will be crowned the Laugh Master. It's a game that you can get the whole family to play!

**Categories:** Joke Books

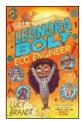


# 233. LENNY LEMMON AND THE INVINCIBLE RAT

Ben Davis | James Lancett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Lenny Lemmon is looking forward to Olden Days Day at school. It's a chance to break the routine and try school as it was years ago. It explains the blackboard in the corner, his teacher's bad temper and why his friend Sam looks like Oliver Twist. And Lenny's pleased with his own contribution, too. It's in a cardboard box at the back of the class at the moment because it's not yet time to shine. Soon there are small, gruelly footprints all over the classroom and also a lot of screaming because the rat that Lenny found by the back of the chip shop is FREE. It takes the arrival of cool new girl, Jessica Conrad, to distract everyone. Can the three kids round up the rat before more damage is done? Or will they end up in the headmaster's office – again. Maybe, but they're going to need a bigger net...

Categories: Humour, Comedy, Superpowers



#### 234. LEONORA BOLT: ECO ENGINEER I FONORA BOLT

Lucy Brandt | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Uncle Luther is back! (And he's got another outrageously evil plan to make his fortune!) BrightWorld. is a brand new amusement park built under a MASSIVE snow globe, hidden in the Perilous Desert. The park is an environmental disaster, yet tickets are selling in their MILLIONS! What's his secret?! Together with her friends and pet otter Twitchy, secret inventor Leonora Bolt must battle sandstorms, navigate the Bizarre Bazaar, and shut down Luther. . .FOR GOOD.

Categories: Humour, Inventions, STEM



#### 235. LUMA AND THE GRUMPY DRAGON LUMA

Leah Mohammed | Loretta Schauer (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Luma is so excited to see her new friend Ella. But Timir is very grumpy. Even though he has never met Luma's new friend, he already knows he does not like her - and is determined to cause trouble! Meanwhile there's great excitement next door as it's Nani's birthday. Luma and Timir race to Nani's back door, arms loaded with gifts. But Nani is worried as Zayan, her dragon, hasn't come to visit her. And he's never missed a birthday before. Can Luma and Timir track Zayan down - and help to make Nani's birthday extra special?

Categories: Dragons, Humour



#### 236. NAUGHTIEST UNICORN AND THE BIRTHDAY PARTY NAUGHTIEST UNICORN

Pip Bird | David O'Connell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Dave THE NAUGHTIEST UNICORN is more interested in scoffing all the rainbow icing... They'll be Very Important Visitors there too, and Mira and her friends have been given the important quest of filling party bags with gifts to give them. But it's not long before disaster strikes! What will they do when the big day arrives?

Categories: Humour, Magic, Friendship

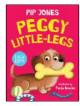


#### 237. NEWS HOUND, THE DOG SQUAD

Clara Vulliamy | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Eva has always wanted to be a journalist, so when she finds a stray dog outside her home, she might just have found her first case. Can she, along with her best friends at the Newshound newspaper, Simone and Ash, find Wafer's real owner? As the trail leads from one dead end to another, Eva realises that she might not want to get to the bottom of the mystery after all – because won't that just mean she just has to give Wafer back? With non-binary representation within the cast of characters, join Eva and her friends at the Newshound as they solve exciting new mysteries.

Categories: Family Unit, Friendship, Pets, Dogs, Humour, Journalism



# 238. PEGGY LITTLE-LEGS BARRINGTON STOKE LITTLE GEMS

Pip Jones | Paula Bowles (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$13.99 | School Price \$11.90

Peggy the sausage dog feels really sad when she finds she's too small to really compete with the other dogs at puppyschool. Her little legs and long bod y make it hard for her to jump high or run very fast. But when one of her school friendshas a dangerous fall, it's Peggy who comes to the rescue, proving that heroes come in all different sizes!

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexic Friendly



# 239. POOL PARTY POISONING, THE LULU AND THE DANCE DETECTIVES

Sally Sutton | Lily Uivel (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

In the second book in the Lulu and the Dance Detectives series, Lulu and the Silver Star Dancers have been invited to perform at a pool party! Their synchronised swimming routine and sparkly mermaid costumes are all set to make a real splash ... but things don't quite go according to plan. Mouse is terrified of putting her head under. The water is turning a very strange colour. Who is sabotaging the party? And why? Will the Silver Star Dancers crack this case? And can this birthday party be saved?

Categories: Mystery, Dance



#### 240. PUG WHO WANTED TO BE A WITCH, THE

Bella Swift | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Peggy and her best friend Chloe can't wait to meet their new neighbours! Peggy hopes that the new family will have a dog for her to play with, but instead the girl next door has a naughty kitten named Lucky. Unfortunately, Lucky only brings Peggy BAD luck, as the kitten keeps getting Peggy into trouble! Peggy wants to become a witch so she can do a spell and make the kitten disappear. But when she discovers a secret about her new neighbours, Peggy realises that a different kind of magic is needed – the magic of friendship!

Categories: Halloween, Magic, Witches, Spells



#### 241. RED PANDA RIDDLE FAIRY FOREST SCHOOL

Olivia Brook | Paula Franco (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

It's autumn at Oakwings Academy, the magical school for Forest Fairies, and Poppy Merrymoss is learning how to make plants grow. Just as she's getting the hang of it, mean Lady Nightshade appears and puts a curse on the forest, covering it in a choking knot weed that stops plants growing. Poppy and her friends rush to clear the weeds and discover a lost red panda trapped beneath them. They need to help the baby panda get home but he's talking in riddles and they can't understand anything he says! Can they solve the riddles in time to get him home and save the rest of the forest from Lady Nightshade's curse?

Categories: Fairies, Magic, Nature



#### 242. SEA OF PLASTIC, THE PRINCESS OLIVIA INVESTIGATES

Lucy Hawking | Zoe Persico (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Olivia Alez is loving her life away from the royal palace. Now she isn't a princess anymore she's even more determined to be a science investigator, finding out things about the world around her. When she goes to visit her Uncle Cassander for a holiday, she realises there's a huge problem. The oceans are filled with rubbish, and she can't see any fish swimming about. They're nothing like the bright blue seas full of life that she's seen before. When Captain Max and his parrot turn up, Olivia and her best friend Ravi decide that getting on board their pirate ship as they hunt for treasure might be a good way to find out what's going on in the water. But they quickly realise that they've got more to discover than they ever imagined . . .

Categories: Environmental Issues, Pollution, Rubbish, Waste, Ocean, Plastic



#### 243. SECRET JUNGLE HIDEAWAY, THE PLAYDATE ADVENTURES

Emma Beswetherick | Anna Woodbine (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Katy has recently adopted a Sumatran Tiger the most endangered Tiger in the world. The tiger lives on an island in Indonesia, and she'd love to go on an adventure to find it. While playing at the back of Luca's garden, the garden magically transforms into the Sumatran jungle. But no matter how hard they all look, there's no sign of the tiger anywhere. They learn from the other creatures that the tiger hasn't been seen in weeks. As they navigate river rapids and a close encounter with a venomous snake, Luca and the girls learn about the threats to endangered species. Can the four friends and Thunder help find the last tiger?

Categories: Endangered Species, Environmental Issues



# 244. SEE THE GHOST: STORIES ABOUT THINGS YOU CANNOT SEE

David Larochelle | Mike Wohnoutka (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

See the wind blow the leaves. See the wind blow the leaves off the page. See the wind blow the dog off the page. It's not easy to enjoy a picnic when you have unseeable interlopers to contend with! In a new trio of stories for beginning readers, the affable Max the dog and mischievous Baby Cakes the cat encounter a scare-happy ghost who has a run-in with a mirror, the wind at its blustery best, and a teeny-tiny fairy with a wayward wand who may have met her match.

Categories: Humour



# 245. SHOULD I SHARE MY ICECREAM? AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. Gerald has a big decision to make. But will he make it in time...?

Categories: Humour



# **246. SPELLCASTERS** SPELLCASTERS

Crystal Sung | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

New girl in town Jenny is thrilled to make three new friends who share her love of music. They form a band called THE SPELLCASTERS, but when an ancient evil spirit escapes from its underground lair, the girls discover that they have something even more special in common - they can all channel the magical powers of their ancestors! Maya can shapeshift, Tamzin can control nature, and Ananya can read minds. But to stop the evil Graydig from destroying their beloved community centre, Jenny must travel back in time to ancient China to master her own supernatural ability . . .

Categories: Fantasy, Magic Realism, Adventure, Community



# 247. SPIRIT SURPRISE MAGIC KEEPERS

Linda Chapman | Hoang Giang (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Ava is settling into her new home - not only has she made friends but they've discovered that magic is real! And together Ava, Sarah and Lily (and Ava's Tibetan terrier, Pepper) are going to learn EVERYTHING they can about it. When strange things start happening at home and around town the friends suspect magic must be at play. Despite it being the middle of autumn, Ava's mum's hay fever is acting up, plants are growing wildly out of control, and vines have begun to cover houses, entangling people in their path! Can the girls use their newfound knowledge to uncover what is causing nature to run wild before the whole town is taken over?

Categories: Friendship, Magic

# **Middle Novels**



#### **248. AN ALIEN STOLE MY PLANET**

Pooja Puri | Allen Fatimaharan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

When Esha invents the Inviz-Whiz, a device designed to make the user invisible, she does not expect it to open a portal to outer space – and things go from bad to worse when Esha, Broccoli, Archibald and Broccoli's annoying cousin Bean are immediately abducted by Goospa, an alien with an evil plan! With the help of a surly alien called Nix, Esha and the gang must race across the galaxy, navigate a Lava Marsh, fight vicious Ice Bats – and stop Bean getting into too much trouble! – to stop Goospa's plan before it's too late!

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Comedy



#### 249. BATTLE FOR THE JADE RABBIT TIGER WARRIOR

Maisie Chan | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Heart of a tiger, strength of a dragon, body of a ... schoolboy? Summoned by the zodiac animals, Jack returns to the Jade Kingdom, where the moon festival is in full swing. As the moon reaches its full height, the moon goddess appears with the Jade Rabbit for a special night-time ceremony. But before the ceremony is complete, the Dragon King attacks and kidnaps the Jade Rabbit. Without the rabbit's magical elixir of life, the goddess will perish. Can Jack fully transform into Monkey and use his zodiac powers to rescue the Jade Rabbit from the evil king's clutches?

Categories: Adventure, Action, Fantasy, Magic, Chinese Zodiac



#### 250. BOY BAND BOMBSHELL DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE

Zack Zombie | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

When Zombie and his friends find out that auditions for TV talent show, M-Factor, are being held at Scare School, they decide to form a boy band. After all, they're pretty good at singing, and Zombie has some really wicked dance moves. The competition is fierce but their new manager, McCoy, is convinced they have what it takes to win. When Zombie uncovers that one of the other bands might be cheating, can he find a way to stop them before it's too late?



# 251. BOY WHO SAVED A BEAR, THE

Nizrana Farook | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Nuwan works at the library, delivering books. One day, he accidentally takes away a very valuable key that's been hidden inside one of the books, and in the process thwarts the plans of some very dangerous thieves. On the run, he hides in a cave, only to discover in the middle of the night that he is sharing it with a big, hairy, terrifying bear! After some hair-raising moments, he and the bear reach an understanding and they travel on together, evading the bad guys and hoping the key will unlock the answers to the mystery so that they can stop running and return home...

Categories: Endangered Animals, Bears, Environmental Issues, Conservation

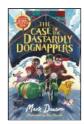


# 252. CAMERON BATTLE AND THE ESCAPE TRIALS CAMERON BATTLE

Jamar j Perry | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Cameron's last visit to Chidani was full of discoveries and he is eager to return. He needs to find the last gift, the ring of immortality, in order to stop the queen's evil sister and he believes Chidani holds the key to saving his mother and learning what happened to his father. But he must have a plan first. As Cameron and his friends, Zion and Aliyah, start seventh grade, they encounter a bully, Vince, and it doesn't take them long to realise that he is possessed by a mmo. Under this demonic force he steals The Book of Chidani from Cameron, opens a portal to Chidani and gets sucked into it in the process. Forced to return to Chidani sooner than they planned, Cameron and his crew meet more gods and goddesses, who are notorious for their riddles, and are faced with impossible challenges and threats at every turn.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Myths, Africa



# 253. CASE OF THE DASTARDLY DOGNAPPERS, THE AFTER SCHOOL DETECTIVE CLUB

Mark Dawson | Ben Mantle (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Things in Southwold get off to a bad start! Max has to do extra lessons while Charlie has been roped into helping with the decorating. Meanwhile Lucy loses an important race to a new girl in her school, Miranda Fitchwitherington, who seems to enjoy being as mean as possible to Lucy and the rest of the gang. And there is more bad news – when the gang meet Captain Tom, walking his own dog, Pugly, he tells them about an outbreak of pet thefts in the area. When they meet a lady looking for her lost dog, their worst fears are realised – there are dognappers on the loose in Southwold!

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Treasure

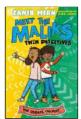


## 254. CASH SPLASH DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO

Ari Avatar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Ari is just a regular avatar from Blockville who loves hanging out with his two best friends – Zeke, an obby and parkour pro, and Jez, the ultimate hacker and Queen of Tech. Ari and his friends have discovered a portal to a parallel universe. And Ari is shocked to find that in this world, he's a millionaire! With a butler, dragon pets and all the candy he could possibly eat, why would Ari ever want to go back home? Or is there something more threatening in this universe that Ari can't see?

Categories: Adventure, Gaming



# 255. COOKIE CULPRIT, THE MEET THE MALIKS TWIN DETECTIVES

Zanib Mian | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Meet Maysa and Musa Malik. They might be twins but they are total opposites. And together they make an unstoppable team, especially when trying to solve a mystery! Maysa Malik just can't seem to be good like her twin, Musa. So, when she isn't allowed to go on a school trip, Maysa tries to change her parents' minds by taking part in a cookie competition at the mosque. But when the cookies are all destroyed, it's up to Maysa, Musa and their neighbour, Norman, to solve the mystery. They'll have to put their detective hats on to catch the culprit – and help save Maysa's reputation.

Categories: Mystery, Detective, Twins



# 256. CURSE OF THE SMUGGLER'S TREASURE, THE EDDIE ALBERT AND THE AMAZING ANIMAL GANG

Paul O'grady | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Eddie and best friend Flo are spending the Easter holidays on the Romney Marshes with Aunt Budge and all his animals – Butch the dog, Bunty the hamster and pirate goldfish Dan and Jake. When the terrible Rancid Twins arrive in town, set on uncovering the secret mystery of the smugglers' treasure, Eddie and Flo are drawn into a thrilling new adventure. Eddie must use his ability to speak to animals to enlist the help of two elegant alpaca, a friendly sheep called Doris and a famous film-star rabbit to save the day and reveal a treasure of epic proportions.

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Mystery



# 257. DAY THE HICCUPS TOOK OVER, THE BARRINGTON STOKE

Jo Simmons | Lee Cosgrove (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

On the day of his big performance, Frank wakes up with the hiccups. And they just won't STOP! Helped by his best friend, Daisy, Frank tries every trick in the book - holding his breath till he nearly passes out, getting someone to give him a fright - but still the hiccups won't go away. In desperation, he's driven to try ever more madcap ideas, but when they don't succeed, he has to go on stage still hiccupping away. Will the evening end in humiliation or will Frank manage to turn calamity into a dramatic triumph?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexic Friendly



# 258. DEADLOCK

Simon Fox | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Archie Blake thought his policeman father teaching him how to pick locks and open safes was just a bit of fun. But when a diamond necklace is stolen and his dad is arrested, Archie realises the only way to prove Dad's innocence is to go on the run and use everything he's learned to uncover the truth. But Archie soon finds himself deeply tangled in the criminal underworld, where it's hard to know who to trust and even harder to see what's right or wrong. Will Archie be able to find a way out before it's too late?

Categories: Adventure, Thriller, Crime, Robbery



# 259. EMBER SHADOWS AND THE LOST DESERT OF TIME EMBER SHADOWS

Rebecca King | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

When you can't fix the present, the only solution is to change the past... Having taken down the Fate-Weaver and freed the future, Ember thought things in Everspring would be easier. But not everyone is happy. People don't know how to live their lives without the Fate Cards telling them what to do. Then, Ember discovers something terrible on Mount Never. Someone has been cutting people's Fate Threads. Convinced it's her fault and determined to do something to stop the Thread-Cutter, Ember heads off to look for clues with Hans, eventually discovering that her only chance at preventing the Thread-Cutter from harming anyone is to go back in time to stop them. But to do that, Ember and Hans will have to travel through new and mysterious magical landscapes in search of the realm that controls time ... but it's called the Lost Desert of Time for a reason.

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Fate, Courage

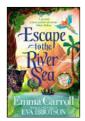


# 260. ENOLA HOLMES AND THE MARK OF THE MONGOOSE ENOLA HOLMES MYSTERY

Nancy Springer | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Wolcott Balestier, the representative of an American book publisher, arrived in London on a singular mission – to contract with English authors for their latest works. When Balestier disappears on the streets of London one day, his great friend Rudyard Kipling bursts into Enola's office looking for help. Brash and unwilling to hire a young woman, instead he turns to Sherlock Holmes. Convinced that evil has befallen Balestier at the hands of the 'book pirates', he sets the elder Holmes on the trail. But Enola is not one to accept defeat, especially not to her brother, and sets off on her own.

**Categories:** Mystery, Detective



#### **261. ESCAPE TO THE RIVER SEA**

Emma Carroll | Eva Ibbotson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

In 1946, Rosa Sweetman, a young Kindertransport girl, is longing for her family to claim her. The war in Europe is over and she is the only child left at Westwood, a rambling country estate in the north of England, where she'd taken refuge seven years earlier. The arrival of a friend of the family, Yara Fielding, starts an adventure that will take Rosa deep into the lush beauty of the Amazon rainforest in search of jaguars, ancient giant sloths and somewhere to belong. What she finds is Yara's lively, welcoming family on the banks of the river and, together, they face a danger greater than she could ever have imagined.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Adventure, Belonging, Amazon, Rainforest, Danger, Community



# 262. EVIL GENIUS SMARTEST KID IN THE UNIVERSE

Chris Grabenstein | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Jake McQuade's the smartest kid in the universe-or at least he was. But just as his training with the secret agency known as the Consortium is about to start, Jake's jelly beans go missing! And to make matters worse, they (and Jake's genius!) might be wearing off right when he needs his smarts most! Jake needs to solve this mystery fast. Who stole the jelly beans and why? Can Jake figure out what's going on, recover the missing jelly beans, and stop a high-tech heist before it's too late?!

Categories: Adventure, Action, Puzzles, Humour



# **263. FINDING HER FEET** BARRINGTON STOKE

Eve Ainsworth | Luna Valentine (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Lily always feels a little bit left out. Shy and anxious, she finds school really hard, particularly as most of the other girls all seem so confident. Most of the time, Lily wishes that she could just disappear. But during a game of football in PE,Lily's teacher spots her natural talent and invites Lily to join the local girls' team, where she starts to make friends with some of the other players. Finally, she thinks she's found a place where she fits in, but will a vicious argument with one of her teammates put all her progress in jeopardy?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexic Friendly

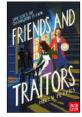


# 264. FORGOTTEN MAZE, THE CROOKHAVEN

Jj Arcanjo | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

It's Gabriel's second year at Crookhaven School for Thieves. And with a tricky Break-In challenge to the teacher's section of the library to attempt, plus a new class called Reclamation, his Miscreant year is already off to a busy start. Then Gabriel and his friends learn about Maravel's Maze. Hidden deep beneath the lake, forgotten about by the school, it's a labyrinth of obstacles. Each tests a crook-related skill - and all are nearly impossible. But the impossible has never stopped Gabriel's crew before, especially not when there's something at the heart of the maze that they all desperately want...

Categories: Mystery, Crime



# 265. FRIENDS AND TRAITORS

Helen Peters | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When Sidney Dashworth's school is evacuated to a huge stately home in the countryside, she thinks she's going to spend the war being very bored. At least her brother must be having fun, flying his Spitfire all over France! But soon Sidney and a housemaid called Nancy discover that the Earl is up to no good. He has secret nighttime meetings with mysterious men from the government, is hiding something sinister on his land and is connected to the bombing of a munitions factory. At first it's all terribly thrilling, investigating by creeping about at night and finding secret passageways, but soon everything takes a deadly turn. Sidney's brother goes missing over France and the war hits home with a terrible reality. The Earl and his evil plotters must be stopped, or nothing will ever be the same again...

Categories: War Stories, World War 2



# **266. GHOST**

Jason Reynolds | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Categories: Friendship, Sport, Athletics, Running



# **267. HARBOUR ME**

Jacqueline Woodson | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Six children from different backgrounds meet for a weekly chat with no adults to listen in. This special time and place soon becomes a harbour - a safe place where they can express the feelings and fears that they have to hide from the rest of the world. From parents and privilege to racism and deportation, the kids give each other the strength to discuss these tough topics, grow braver and face the rest of their lives.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Security, Safety, Discussion, Diversity



## **268. HORSE WHO CAME HOME, THE**

Olivia Tuffin | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Hannah's dad, a former Olympic show jumper, runs a highly respected stables where they buy, train and sell ponies on for huge sums of money. The whole family helps, especially Hannah's older sister, Millie - a social media star on the rise. But when Hannah rescues Bella, a beautiful Connemara pony, and begins to piece together her tragic history, she discovers that not everything at Heartwood stables is as perfect as it seems. Love of ponies, or loyalty to family? Now that Hannah knows the truth, she faces an impossible choice.

Categories: Horse Lovers, Mystery, Dilemma



#### **269. HOW TO SURVIVE THE FUTURE**

Larry Hayes | Katie Abey (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

It's the year 2525, and things aren't looking great for Planet Earth. An endless night is coming – a super-advanced alien spaceship has stopped the world from turning, threatening the existence of every creature on the planet – and it turns out that ten-year-old Eliza Lemon is the only one who can save them! Will she be able to handle alien overlords, a doughnut-shaped spaceship, monkeys and vampire finches? And, most importantly of all, will she be able to rescue her baby brother, save the world and survive THE FUTURE?

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Future



#### **270. IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES**

Katherine Rundell | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill. This is how Christopher learns that his grandfather is the guardian of one of the ways between the non-magical world and a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures we tell of in myth live and breed and thrive alongside humans. They have been protected from being discovered for thousands of years; now, terrifyingly, the protection has worn thin, and creatures are breaking through. Then a girl, Mal, appears in Christopher's world. She is in possession of a flying coat, is being pursued by a killer and is herself in pursuit of a baby griffin. Together the two must face the problem of power, and of knowledge, and of what love demands of us.

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Friendshiip, Herosim, Loyalty, Grief



# 271. INTER-DIMENSIONAL EXPLORERS INTER-DIMENSIONAL EXPLORERS

Lorraine Gregory | Jo Lindley (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Nothing exciting ever happens on twelve-year-old Danny's estate. That is until he falls through a locker in his grandad's workshop and finds himself in an Interdimensional Lost Property Office! And – even weirder – his new boss is a giant purple squid on a segway! Now Danny, best mate Modge and annoying cousin Inaaya find themselves in charge of returning alien items to all corners of the universe. But someone – or something – is determined to stop them. And there's NOTHING these evil aliens won't stop at to achieve complete multi-dimensional domination . . . even trapping Danny and his friends on a planet a million light years away from Earth. If the fate of the entire multiverse was in your hands, what would YOU do?

Categories: Adventure, Space, Action

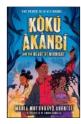


# **272. JODIE** BARRINGTON STOKE

Hilary Mckay | Keith Robinson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Jodie never wanted to come on the residential trip to the field centre. A loner at school, she's forced into a dormitory with other girls from her class who don't understand her and talk about her behind her back. Even though they're not trying to be mean, Jodie feels excluded and miserable, and eventually escapes out onto the salt marshes in search of a little dog she can hear barking in the distance. But the salt marshes are dangerous and Jodie gets trapped by the incoming tide. Stuck in the sucking mud, will anyone even notice that she's gone? And where is the little dog that keeps barking so mournfully ...?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexic Friendly



# 273. KOKO AKANBI AND THE HEART OF MIDNIGHT JUJULAND

Maria Motunrayo Adebisi | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Cursed with a weird name and an illness to match, Koku thinks life can't get any worse – until he unleashes a demon on a school trip. He expects detention, but instead he's hurled into an impossible quest filled with magical tribes, man-eating monsters and vengeful mermaids. When an assassin is sent to hunt him down, Koku's only hope is to team up with a clumsy shapeshifter and a moody warrior-in-training. Together they enter the Jujuland Jungle, a place filled with dangerous secrets. Can Koku discover his own power, before it's too late?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Africa, Mythology



# **274. LILY GRIM AND THE CITY OF UNDONE**

Andy Ruffell | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Lily Grim's life is a mystery. She has lived with her guardian Gabriel, in their rundown second-hand shop in the City of Undone, for as long as she can remember. For years, the city-dwellers have lived in uneasy discord with The Others – a community of wanderers forced to shelter within the city walls, after they were driven from their nomadic camps in the wilderness. But Undone is a dark and dangerous place to live, especially if you're an Other: feared for their special gifts, they are persecuted by the cruel Master of the City, and taken to the Ring – a prison from which few ever return. When the Master captures Gabriel and throws him into the Ring, Lily is saved by a young Other boy called Dekka



#### 275. LOL COLLECTION

Marcus Emerson | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Eleven of the most action-packed, hilarious stories from Marcus Emerson are now bundled into this epic collection! Video games, zombies, superheroes, time travel – and that's just in the first four stories! Each of these eleven stories is the perfect length for reading aloud, making quick reads on road trips, before bed, or just for the heck of it. This collection of stories includes: Video Game Master, Our Zombie Brother, Soda Can Time Machine, Science Fair Superhero, Elves Incorporated, Escape from Detention, Toy Store Escape, Dinopolis, First Day Polar Bear, and Mummy Next Door.

Categories: Short Stories, Humour



# 276. MEGA SHARK DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO

Ari Avatar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$9.00

Ari is just a regular avatar from Blockville who loves hanging out with his two best friends – Zeke, an obby and parkour pro, and Jez, the ultimate hacker and Queen of Tech. Ari's dad is a Marine Biologist and has invited Ari, Zeke and Jez to a trip out to sea to track dolphins for his research. With awesome new scuba skins and a ride in the submersible, Ari and his friends get to explore the ocean and swim with the playful dolphins. But something lurking deep beneath the surface decides to make its presence known, and Ari must find a way to save his dad and friends from danger without becoming prey himself!

Categories: Gaming, Adventure



#### 277. MINERVA KEEN'S DETECTIVE CLUB

James Patterson | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Living in the luxurious Arcanum building – with its interior balconies perfect for playing tag, an elevator like an iron birdcage, and quirky neighbours behind every apartment door – has always been fun and games for twelve-year-old Minerva Keen . . . until her neighbours start getting poisoned. Anyone could be next, and everyone is a suspect, including Minerva herself. To clear her name and help the police crack the case, Minerva starts her own detective club. So what if it only has two other members, one Minerva's accident-prone daredevil brother and the other the biggest and quietest kid in school, who happens to be afraid of his own shadow? Minerva knows that with her brainpower, the club's sleuthing skills, and case files full of suspects, they can unmask the poisoner . . . hopefully before it's too late.

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Detective, Friendship, Teamwork



# 278. MONA LISA MYSTERY, THE BUTTERFLY CLUB

MA Bennett | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Luna, Konstantin and Aidan are time-travelling thieves working for The Butterfly Club. When they are asked to steal a little-known painting called the Mona Lisa, Aidan can only think of one man who can make things disappear - the magician, Harry Houdini. And as luck would have it, Houdini cannot resist a challenge. The three children and Houdini travel to 1911 Paris where they face an impossible task - stealing a painting right off the wall of the fortress-like Louvre Museum. As Houdini prepares for the theft, a heist which will require him to pull off his greatest ever trick, the time-thieves realise that the Mona Lisa is smiling because she holds a secret. Her creator, Leonardo Da Vinci, hid mysterious codes within the painting. The race is on to solve the puzzle in time...

Categories: Adventure, Time Travel



# 279. MR LEMONCELLO'S VERY FIRST GAME MR LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY

Chris Grabenstein | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Luigi has a knack for games and puzzles. But sometimes it feels like the cards are stacked against him. UNTIL a carnival arrives in town and Luigi gets the CHANCE OF A LIFETIME-the opportunity to work for the world famous Professor Marvelmous, a dazzling, banana-hat-wearing barker who puts the SHOW in SHOWMAN! When the carnival closes, Professor Marvelmous leaves behind a mysterious puzzle box along with a clue. A clue that will lead Luigi and his friends on a fantastical treasure hunt to a prize beyond anything they could imagine-if they can find it! Can Luigi crack the codes and unlock the box's secrets? Will there be puzzles? Of course! Balloons? You bet! Will it be fun? Hello! It's a Lemon-cello! BONUS! Can YOU solve the hidden puzzle inside?!

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Secrets, Puzzle

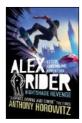


# **280. MY LIFE ON FIRE**

Cath Howe | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Ren's family loses their home in a fire. They're living with her grandmother now and things are a bit tense. Ren lost her collection of things, her clothes; her brother lost his little bear and is inconsolable. So Ren starts replacing things with other people's possessions. They've got loads of stuff, after all. But she gets caught and has to strike a terrifying deal to avoid detection...

Categories: Family Unit, Fire, Upheaval, Kleptomania



## 281. NIGHTSHADE REVENGE ALEX RIDER

Anthony Horowitz | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

This much-awaited new book in the bestselling Alex Rider series continues Alex's fight against the deadly assassins encountered in the last book, Nightshade. Alex still has unfinished business with this sinister group made up of brainwashed children, not least trying to reunite MI6 chief Mrs Jones, along with her long lost son and daughter. The adventure takes us deep into the life-changing world of augmented reality, where even Alex will struggle to succeed against the technology.

Categories: Action, Adventure, Survival, Dragons



#### 282. ONCE THERE WAS

Kiyash Monsef | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

So began the stories Marjan's father told her as a little girl – tales of mythical beasts that filled her with curiosity and wonder: Griffons. Unicorns. Dragons. But Marjan is not a little girl anymore. After her father's sudden death, she is trying to hold it all together: her schoolwork, her friendships and her dad's struggling veterinary practice. But a mysterious visitor soon reveals that Marjan's father was no ordinary vet. The creatures from his stories are real – and he travelled the world to care for them. Stepping into a secret world hidden in plain sight, where magical creatures are bought and sold, treasured and trapped, Marjan must take her father's place. The deeper in she gets, the closer she comes to a shocking truth that will put both humans and beasts in terrible danger.

Categories: Fantasy, Mythology, Dragons



## 283. ONCE UPON A WICKEDNESS

Fleur Beale | Lily Uivel (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Ten-year-old orphan Dance Violet might have had a short and troubled history, but it hasn't dampened her warrior spirit - not in the slightest. And that's a good thing, because something is rotten in her village, and no one else has the courage to try put things right. People who ask questions disappear overnight and the village children are left to fend for themselves under the tyrannical schoolteachers Murk and Misselthwaite. There are whispers that a beautiful but wicked woman, 'the golden-haired hellion', appeared at a wedding ten years ago and was the start of all the trouble. Dance has some gifts that she's only just beginning to discover, and while she knows it's dangerous to ask questions, she is determined to find this golden-haired hellion - even if it means getting Disappeared.

Categories: Fantasy, Magic



## 284. ONLY CHILDREN: THREE HILARIOUS SHORT STORIES

David Baddiel | Jim Field (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

From million-copy bestselling author David Baddiel comes a laugh-out-loud collection of three short stories for readers of 8 and up, brilliantly illustrated by Jim Field and Steven Lenton. Hilarious, heart-warming and adventure-filled stories that will have you laughing out loud!

Categories: Short Stories, Adventure, Humour



# 285. PATINA

Jason Reynolds | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Patty, as she's known to her friends and family, has lost a lot in her life - her dad died when she was young, her mum has lost her legs, and now she has to live with her uncle and his wife. On top of that, Patty has to go to the poshest school that ever existed. Now, her running team has become a relay team, and independent "I can do everything by myself" Patty has to work with her team mates to win.

Categories: Friendship, Sport, Athletics, Running, Grief



# 286. RUNAWAY TEEN MOB DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE

Zack Zombie | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Ever wonder what life is like for a Minecraft Zombie? Well, Zombie's not getting along with his parents. In fact, he's not getting along with anyone at home. His friends don't seem to understand, which frustrates Zombie. So he makes a plan to ... run away from home! But with his pea-sized brain, Zombie soon runs into trouble and into the Dark Forest Biome. Will he make it out of there safely and will he realise that home is where he truly belongs?

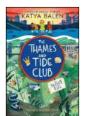


# 287. SCHOOL OF PHANTOMS NO PLACE FOR MONSTERS

Kory Merritt | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

It's been months since Levi and Kat rescued their town's forgotten children. But then a bizarre blizzard hits, trapping the kids in school. And something is roaming the darkened halls. Something ... hungry. Can a small group of student survivors uncover the menace before it consumes the entire school?

Categories: Horror, Monsters



# 288. SECRET CITY, THE THAMES AND TIDE CLUB

Katya Balen | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Clem and her friends Ash and Zara are members of the Thames and Tide Club! Every weekend they go mudlarking by the river, searching for treasures that have washed up on the shore. Clem has found old things, new things and a whole heap of rubbish. But one day, she finds something really special. Something magical that belongs in the river and must be returned to its rightful owner - or else. Before they know it, the Thames and Tide Club are on the weirdest, wildest, underwater-iest adventure they could possibly have imagined on a mission to save Underwater London!

Categories: Adventure, Friendship, Mudlarking



# 289. SKYWAKE: ENDGAME SKYWAKE

Jamie Russell | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Catapulted forward four years, Casey and her teammates have landed on a very different Earth from the one they left only a few days before. The Red Eye aliens have taken over, leaving carnage in their wake as they ruthlessly search for the key to intergalactic domination. And they seem to have all the adults – and Casey's younger brother Pete – in their thrall. Determined to free their families and stop the Red Eyes from discovering the final piece in the puzzle, the gamers team up with a rag-tag bunch of teenagers who call themselves the Resistance. Casey still has the powers conferred on her by the wise and ancient Squids. But will it be enough?

Categories: Science Fiction, Adventure, Fantasy



# 290. SMIDGENS UNITED, THE SMIDGENS

David O'Connell | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

The final battle to save the Smidgens has begun! In order to defeat the evil Claudia Slymark and her ghosts once and for all, Gafferty and her friends must reunite the three Smidgen clans, and stop anyone piecing back together the legendary Mirror of Trokanis. The race is on to find the remaining fragment. Will Gafferty save the day?

Categories: Adventure, Magic, Humour



# 291. STARFISH

Lisa Fipps | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Ever since Ellie wore a whale swimsuit and made a big splash at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. To cope, she tries to live by the Fat Girl Rules-like "no making waves," "avoid eating in public," and "don't move so fast that your body jiggles." And she's found her safe space-her swimming pool-where she feels weightless in a fat-obsessed world. In the water, she can stretch herself out like a starfish and take up all the room she wants. It's also where she can get away from her pushy mom, who thinks criticizing Ellie's weight will motivate her to diet. Fortunately, Ellie has allies in her dad, her therapist, and her new neighbor, Catalina, who loves Ellie for who she is. With this support buoying her, Ellie might finally be able to cast aside the Fat Girl Rules and starfish in real life--by unapologetically being her own fabulous self.

Categories: Self Esteem/Resilience, Body Image, Verse Novel



# 292. STINK: WORST.FAIRY.EVER.

Jenny McLachlan | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

We all know fairies. They're sweet and sparkly and lovely. Right? WRONG! Meet Stink. Stink is the rudest, naughtiest fairy there's ever been. Instead of sparkles, Stink makes mess. Instead of being kind, Stink plays pranks. She also eats woodlice and rides on rats. From the moment Stink flies out of the fairy door and attaches herself to his hair, Danny knows that Stink is trouble. She needs his help to do a good deed and win her silver wings – and Danny will do anything to get Stink to go back to fairyland. But can Stink ever be good?

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Fairies



# 293. SUMMER OF JUNE, THE

Jamie Sumner | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Twelve-year-old June Delancey is kicking summer off with a bang. She shaves her head and sets two goals: she will beat her anxiety and be the lion she knows she can be, instead of the mouse everyone sees. And she and her single mama will own their power as fierce, independent females. With the help of Homer Juarez, the poetry-citing soccer star who believes in June even when she doesn't believe in herself, she starts a secret library garden and hatches a plan to make her dreams come true. But when her anxiety becomes too much, everything begins to fall apart. It's going to take more than a haircut and some flowers to set things right. It's going to take courage and friends and watermelon pie. Forget second chances. This is the summer of new beginnings.

Categories: Mental Health, Anxiety, Courage, Friendship



# 294. SUZIE AND THE MOON BUGS SPACE BLASTERS

Katie Tsang | Amy Nguyen (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Save the universe in the awesome and hilarious space-themed adventure series from bestselling authors Katie and Kevin Tsang! Suzie Wen can't believe her luck – she's the newest crew member of the Space Blasters! She gets to explore the galaxy on a spaceship and meet lots of aliens. But when Suzie and her friends crash land on a mystery jungle planet, they face an infestation of moon bugs! It's up to Suzie and the crew to fix their spaceship, defeat an evil Queen AND save the universe!

Categories: Humour, Space



#### 295. UNTIL THE ROAD ENDS

Phil Earle | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

When Peggy saves a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Peggy and Beau are inseparable: the only thing that can ever come between them is war. Peggy is evacuated to the safety of the coast, but Beau is left behind in the city, where he becomes the most extraordinary and unlikely of war heroes. Night after night, as bombs rain down and communities are destroyed, Beau searches the streets, saving countless families. But then disaster strikes, changing Peggy's life forever. With her parents killed, both she and Beau are left alone, hundreds of miles apart. But Beau has a plan to reunite them at long last . . .

Categories: War Stories, World War 2, Survival, Friendship, Grief, Isolation



#### 296. WHITE BIRD: A WONDER STORY

RJ Palacio | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From the bestselling author of Wonder comes White Bird- an unforgettable Second World War story about bravery, friendship and the power of kindness. Soon to be a major film starring Helen Mirren and Gillian Anderson. From the bestselling author of Wonder comes White Bird- an unforgettable Second World War story about bravery, friendship and the power of kindness. Now a major film starring Ariella Glaser, Orlando Schwerdt, Bryce Gheisar, Helen Mirren and Gillian Anderson. Sara Blum lives an idyllic life. But her world comes crashing down when the Nazi occupation arrives in her small French town, separating her from her parents and forcing the young Jewish girl into hiding. Sara's classmate Julien and his family will risk everything to ensure her survival, and together, Sara and Julien manage to find beauty in a secret world of their creation. Originally published as a graphic novel, and featuring characters from the multi-million-copy-selling phenomenon Wonder, Sara and Julien's powerful, heartbreaking and timeless story is told here for the first time as a novel, and shows the power of kindness to change hearts, build bridges, and even save lives in the darkest of times.

Categories: War Stories, Graphic Novel, World War 2, Holocaust



#### 297. WILD

Ele Fountain | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Ever since Jack's dad died, he's had a heavy feeling inside. The pressure keeps building. Looking for release, he starts skipping school and hanging around with a group who like to cause trouble. It's easy to hide his new habits from his mum, an environmental anthropologist, because she's too busy with work and conservation trips to notice. As Jack spins further out of control, his mum eventually becomes concerned – and shocks him by suggesting a trip together. But this will be no relaxing holiday. Soon Jack finds himself on an expedition deep into the rainforest, far from anything he's ever known. He wanted an adventure – but has he plunged into real danger?

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Family Unit, Grief, Adventure, Environmental Issues, Deforestation

# **Australian Information**



## **298. KHAWAJA**

Paul Kelly | Avinash Weerasekera (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Sing along with iconic singer-songwriter Paul Kelly as he pays tribute to one of Australia's great sporting heroes. Usman Khawaja wasn't just the first Muslim and first Pakistani-born Australian to receive an Australian Cricket Test baggy green cap, he won hearts all over again in 2022 when he made a pair of stunning Test centuries after believing he would never represent his country in cricket again.

Categories: Sport, Cricket, Famous People, Resilience



# 299. LETTERS FOR LUNCH!

Maree Coote | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Meet the Veg! as they reveal their true hopes and deepest secrets. Letter Art illustration puzzles are partnered with fun foodie facts, easy recipe ideas, and nonsense poems that reveal the inner-most thoughts of vegetables. An introduction to typographic design for children of all ages, Letters For Lunch! encourages letter recognition, observation, spelling and design skills.

Categories: Food, Alphabet, Health, Poetry, Rhyming Text



## 300. RIVER TO BAY: VICTORIA'S MARITIME HISTORY

Carole Wilkinson | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Kulin Nation country is abundant with waterways essential to the way the traditional owners have lived for more than 40,000 years. Those same crucial waterways are where the first ships of European settlers found safe harbour in their trips of exploration. What they found would determine the development of Victoria.

Categories: Australian History, Convicts, Aboriginal Studies, Exploration



# 301. WHERE HISTORY HAPPENED OUR COUNTRY

Mark Greenwood | Frane Lessac (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

In every corner of Australia, history happened. The pages of this book are a journey through tens of thousands of years. Our history is recorded in ancient rock art, in the flag flown at the Eureka Stockade, by Burke and Wills' tree. All around our coastline history unfolded in shipwrecks and ship arrivals. Sometimes tragic, often regrettable, always formative, history is commemorated from Tasmania and throughout the mainland at the sites of prisons and massacres. From the birthplace of a new federated nation at the beginning of the twentieth century in Sydney's Centennial Park to Eddie Mabo's struggle for acknowledgement of land rights in the 1990s, history happened all around Our Country.

**Categories:** Australian History



# 302. YOUR SOFTNESS IS YOUR STRENGTH LIFE LESSONS FOR LITTLE ONES

Jess Sanders | Susana gomez Redondo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Did you know that there is a special softness that lives in your heart? It has always been there and it's an important part of who you are. If you have ever felt like your softness is a weakness, you are not alone. This book is for any child who needs a reminder that their softness can be their greatest strength.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Strength, Weakness

# **General Information**



# **303. ANNABEL KARMEL'S MY FIRST COOKBOOK**

Annabel Karmel | Alex Willmore (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Put on your aprons – it's time to get cooking with the UK's best-selling children's cookery author! Based on a lifetime's experience creating child-friendly recipes, Annabel Karmel has put together the most fun and accessible first cookbook ever – it's a great way to get young children involved in the kitchen. Recipes include Monster Pizzas, Sticky Chicken and Teddy Bear Pasta, plus lots of tempting, easy-to-make treats like banana and blueberry loaf cake and oreo brownies. On the way, children will learn essential hands-on kitchen skills, from simple sandwich making all the way to cake baking.

Categories: Cooking, Cookbook



# 304. BELLINGHAM ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Hailing from a footballing family, Jude Bellingham started his football career as an under-8 at Birmingham City before going on to make history as the club's youngest ever first-team player when he made his senior debut at the age of 16. His natural talent caught the eye of the scouts at Borussia Dortmund. Joining the German team in 2020, Bellingham became the club's youngest ever goal scorer in his first competitive match.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



# 305. BOOK OF TIME, THE

Clive Gifford | Teo Georgiev (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Did you know that a zeptosecond is a trillionth of a billionth of a second? Or that the US once had 144 different time zones? Or that across your lifetime, you'll spend about 33 years in bed? The Book of Time is brimming with fascinating information about the concept of time. What is time? How does it work? And is it even real? The book uses time as a lens to explore a wide variety of STEAM subjects that kids know and love-such as space, dinosaurs, animals, the human body, and machinery-with a completely fresh perspective.

Categories: STEM, Maths, Time, Machines

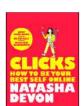


## 306. CHILDREN'S BOOK OF MUSIC

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$37.99 | School Price \$32.30

Discover the power of music and be inspired by cultures from all over the world with the Children's Book of Music. You'll find out how instruments are made and played, and learn about the fascinating lives and achievements of great composers and musicians, from Bach to Bowie, Bjork and Beyonce. The book is packed with facts and photos highlighting musical styles from across the globe, from the very earliest music through to classical and blues, via reggae, Afropop, hip-hop and dance

**Categories: Music** 



# 307. CLICKS: HOW TO BE YOUR BEST SELF ONLINE

Natasha Owen | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

There are three billion people online. Each of those people has their own biases, agendas and issues. It's little wonder when young people step into the digital world and are bombarded with 'hot takes', calls to cancel 'problematic' individuals, trolls, fake news and celebrity sales pitches they're likely to find it overwhelming and confusing. This book wants to change that. It will teach young people how to: - See and evaluate all sides of an argument - Explain their 'take' persuasively - Use the internet to campaign for a fairer world

**Categories:** Social Media



# 308. DO PENGUINS FEET FREEZE? WILD ANSWERS TO WACKY QUE

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Do Penguins' Feet Freeze? is a wonderfully weird collection of questions and answers about our natural world, written by the expert team at the Natural History Museum, London. Packed with colourful images throughout, this book reveals many cool and quirky facts that prove nature is often stranger than fiction!

Categories: Adaptation, Nature, Environment, Animals



# 309. FOOTBALL EYEWITNESS

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

From World Cup winners and champions past and present to football skills and techniques, Eyewitness Football is the perfect guide for any football fan who wants to know everything about the "beautiful game". Action-packed photographs help you relive moments of glory, while record breakers and national team profiles are listed for quick-fire mastery of famous football history. Results from recent tournaments, including the UEFA Women's EURO 2022 and the FIFA Men's World Cup 2022, bring you up to date with football facts.

Categories: Football, Soccer

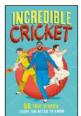


#### 310. GROWING UP: AN INCLUSIVE GUIDE TO PUBERTY

Rachel Greener | Clare Owen (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Growing up is a natural part of life, and every child deserves to understand the different ways their body may change as they grow older. While puberty happens to everyone, every child's journey from childhood to being a grown-up will be as unique as they are! In this honest, accessible illustrated guide to puberty, young readers can find out exactly what may happen as they grow from being a child to becoming a grown-up.

Categories: Human Body, Puberty, Growing Up

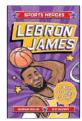


# 311. INCREDIBLE CRICKET STORIES INCREDIBLE SPORTS STORIES

Clive Gifford | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Whether you're already a fan or are new to the sport, prepare to be BOWLED OVER by this fun-filled book of stories, facts and stats from the world of cricket. Meet Brian Lara, who made a mind-blowing 501 not out in an innings. Meet Sajjida Shah, who played for her country aged just 12. Find out about the match that was played inside a volcano . . . and another that was played on top of Africa's highest mountain. Meet the biggest stars of today's game alongside the pioneers, emerging talents and cricketing legends. You'll also find facts, stats, bios, test your knowledge quizzes and a simple players guide.

**Categories:** Sport, Cricket



# 312. LEBRON JAMES SPORTS HEROES

Hannah Dolan | Guy Harvey (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

In this fully illustrated chapter book, you can discover everything about LeBron James, the basketball phenomenon who started out in Akron, Ohio and has gone on to become one of the greatest athletes of all time. Follow his journey from high school basketball star to NBA Legend, and learn every one of his key stats along the way!

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Sport, Basketball



# 313. LEVERS SIMPLE TECHNOLOGY

Liz Lennon | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Explore the science of levers, which is a key physical science concept. Young children will enjoy the fun illustrations and learn from the simple diagrams. The book encourages the reader to see science in action in their everyday lives. It is perfect for budding scientists who are curious about machines and how they work, and allows readers to encounter this STEM topic in an approachable way.

Categories: STEM, Science, Technology



# **314. LIFESIZE DEADLY ANIMALS**

Sophy Henn | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Step into the book and see how you measure up against some of the world's most amazing DEADLY animals. Watch out for the LIFESIZE black caiman jaws, burmese python, slow loris and much more! This interactive non-fiction adventure features LIFESIZE illustrations of some of world's smallest and largest deadly animals and invites children to think about how they compare with these amazing creatures.



# 315. MISISON: TOTAL CONFIDENCE MISSION

Ant Middleton | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Ant's warmly written, empowering guide gives readers the tools to realise their potential. It is packed with motivating tasks and challenges, mood-boosting physical activities, alongside inspiring personal stories and practical strategies. Learn to celebrate your strengths, beat your inner critic, turn tough times to your advantage . . . all while having fun!

Categories: Resilience, Confidence, Motivational, Challenge, Physical Activity



# **316. MY FIRST HORSE AND PONY BOOK**

Judith Draper | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

This stunningly photographed guide is the ideal handbook for young horse lovers, whether they are budding riders with their own pony or those who dream of owning a horse. From explaining the different types of pony, to the importance of mucking out your horse's stables, My First Horse and Pony Book is the ideal introduction to horse and pony care. Learn the difference between the withers and the flanks of a horse, and the names of different coat colours, from chestnut to dark bay. This book also contains practical advice such as what to wear when you go riding, what to feed your horse, and the best grooming methods to keep your horse healthy and happy.

Categories: Animals, Horses, Ponies



# **317. MY FIRST HORSE AND PONY CARE BOOK**

Judith Draper | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

This informative guide to horse and pony care is ideal for budding equestrians as well as those who dream of owning their own horse. Packed with top tips, safety hints, and step-by-step instructions, this book ensures that young readers have the knowledge they need to keep a horse well fed and clean, happily stabled and healthy. Learn useful tips for grooming and bathing your pony, and important etiquette when you are out for a ride. Award-winning author Judith Draper clearly explains every aspect of horse care, from feeding and grooming to tack cleaning and first aid.

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#### 318. MY FIRST LIFT-THE-FLAP WORLD ATLAS

Kate Baker | Teresa Bellon (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Welcome to the world! This beautifully illustrated atlas takes young readers on a hands-on tour of our incredible planet. With over 40 flaps to lift, kids will learn all about the 7 continents and 5 oceans that make up the Earth, explore many of its countries, meet lots of its peoples, and see some of its most amazing wildlife and buildings. Written by Kate Baker, this book uses engaging illustration and simple language to introduce early readers to the world in an interactive format that is sure to excite. Also included is a pull-out wall map of the world. Let's start our globe-trotting adventure!

Categories: Atlas



# 319. PRINCESS DIANA LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Archita Khosla (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Known for her kind-hearted nature from a young age, Diana touched the hearts of many. She was working as a primary school teacher when she met Prince Charles and they married in front of millions of people. With her sudden fame, Diana used her status to bring awareness to a number of charitable issues across the globe, whilst raising her two sons to be more in touch with the world outside of the palace. And even after her divorce, she remained in the public eye, working to make the world a kinder place. An icon of style and grace, Diana is remembered as the princess of the people, who encouraged us all to stand for what we believe in.

Categories: Biography, Famous People, Famous Women, Royalty

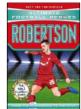


# 320. PULLEYS SIMPLE TECHNOLOGY

Liz Lennon | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Explore the science of pulleys, which is a key physical science concept. Young children will enjoy the fun illustrations and learn from the simple diagrams. The book encourages the reader to see science in action in their everyday lives. It is perfect for budding scientists who are curious about machines and how they work, and allows readers to encounter this STEM topic in an approachable way.

Categories: STEM, Science, Technology



## 321. ROBERTSON ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

This is the story of Andy Robertson, flying full-back for Liverpool Football Club and captain of the Scotland national team. Follow his incredible journey from being on the brink of starting a university degree before breaking into the first-team of Queens Park, to going on to become a Premier League and Champions League winner with Liverpool. Discover how Robertson's high energy pressing, progressive passing and darting overlaps created Klopp's perfect system to help guarantee Liverpool domestic and European success.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



# 322. ROTTEN! VULTURES, BEETLES, SLIME AND NATURE'S OTHE

Anita Sanchez | Gilbert Ford (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

A funny and fact-filled look at decomposition in all of its slimy glory, illustrated with dazzling full-color art by Gilbert Ford. Vultures, fungi, dung beetles, and more aid in this fascinating and sometimes smelly aspect of the life cycle that's right under our noses.

Categories: STEM, Science, Decomposition



# 323. SLOPES SIMPLE TECHNOLOGY

Liz Lennon | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Explore the science of slopes and wedges, which are key physical science concepts. Young children will enjoy the fun illustrations and learn from the simple diagrams. The book encourages the reader to see science in action in their everyday lives. It is perfect for budding scientists who are curious about machines and how they work, and allows readers to encounter this STEM topic in an approachable way.

Categories: STEM, Science, Technology



# 324. SPACE ACTIVITY LAB: EXCITING SPACE PROJECTS

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Perfect for kids who are interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths), Space Activity Lab features projects that explore everything from the Solar System to meteorites and from the Milky Way to moon buggies. You'll combine astronomy with art and craft by launching your own rocket, building a moon lander to learn how astronauts touch down safely on the moon's surface, making a pinhole camera to observe a solar eclipse, designing your own orrery to understand how planets orbit the Sun, and creating a cardboard model to explore the phases of the Moon. And for when darkness falls, there's a starfinder section that shows you how to spot incredible constellations in the night sky, from The Plough to Orion. Throughout the book, information boxes full of fascinating facts and panel stories explain the science.

Categories: STEM, Space, Science, Astronomy

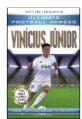


#### 325. STORY OF CONSERVATION: FIRST BOOK ABOUT PROTECTING

Catherine Barr | Amy Husband (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Combining history with science, this deeply insightful book charts the changes in our understanding and relationship with conservation, from the beginnings of the planet when humans didn't consider their impact on their surroundings, to the modern world and what we can do to protect our natural resources today. Earth's natural resources include air, minerals, plants, soil, water, and wildlife. Conservation is the care and protection of these resources so that they can persist for future generations. It includes maintaining diversity of species, genes, and ecosystems, as well as functions of the environment, such as nutrient cycling. As well as discovering the effects conservation could have across the world, this book will help you discover practical ways we can work together to help protect our resources for our future generations.

Categories: Conservation, Nature



## 326. VINICIUS JUNIOR ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Hailing from a poor family, Vini Jr saw football very much as a hobby rather than a career opportunity. But there was no denying that the young boy from Sao Goncalo had bags of talent. Moving quickly through the ranks at Flamengo, he immediately caught the eye of the most successful European football club ever and soon joined Real Madrid. Discover how this winger honed his superior close control dribbling ability, added trickery, flair and flamboyance to his playing style and scored the winning goal in a UEFA Champions League final at only 21 years of age!

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



## 327. WELCOME TO OUR TABLE: WHAT CHILDREN EAT EVERYWHERE

Laura Mucha | Harriet Lynas (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

From biryani to biltong, passionfruit to papaya, and ramen to roti, there are so many dishes and delicacies all around the world. In this fascinating book, young children can learn all about what people in other countries eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as where our food comes from, and the stories, cultures and traditions behind what we eat. A unique, warm-hearted book that will teach children understanding, empathy and respect, and inspire a love of food and flavour. With engaging, colourful artwork on every page by award-winning illustrator Harriet Lynas.

Categories: Food, Tradition, Culture, Multicultural



# 328. WHEELS SIMPLE TECHNOLOGY

Liz Lennon | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Explore the science of wheels and cogs, which are key physical science concepts. Young children will enjoy the fun illustrations and learn from the simple diagrams. The book encourages the reader to see science in action in their everyday lives. It is perfect for budding scientists who are curious about machines and how they work, and allows readers to encounter this STEM topic in an approachable way.

Categories: STEM, Science, Technology



# 329. WORLD KITCHEN

Abigail Wheatley | Chaaya Prabhat (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

This heartfelt book features a unique collection of recipes contributed by families from around the world. Each recipe has an introduction featuring the family who contributed it, and simple, step-by-step instructions, all illustrated in a bold, graphic-novel style by Chaaya Prabhat. From good old U.S. chocolate chip cookies (courtesy of Marlee from Philadelphia) to Ugandan 'rolled eggs' (from Jacob and his uncle Senti), each recipe brings authentic international flavours and stories to your table. With additional fascinating facts about regional traditions, cooking equipment and ingredients. All the recipes are vegetarian, and instructions are also included to make them vegan, nut-free, dairy-free, egg-free and gluten-free – or any combination of these.

Categories: Food, Cooking, Cookbook, Recipes, Baking



# 330. WORLD OF DOGS: CELEBRATION OF FASCINATING FACTS

Carlie Sorosiak | Luisa Uribe (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Throughout human history dogs have been by our side, paw prints following our footprints wherever we roamed. In this treasury of fascinating facts and amazing real-life stories, discover everything you ever wanted to know about our very best friends. From tracing the evolutionary history of dogs to explaining the science of doggy senses, find out how pups communicate, whether they understand us, and if they really love us back! Meet the hounds of ancient history, worshipped as gods, and painted in works of art from the stone age to the modern day, and explore the stories of real-life doggy heroes, dogs with jobs, and how dogs help humans every day.