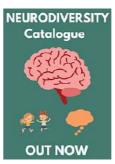
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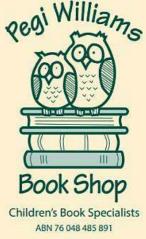












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1. 11 RUBY ROAD: 1950 11 RUBY ROAD

Charlotte Barkla | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Since Patsy's baby sister was born, things at home have felt different. So when her mother goes to spend some time in countryside, Patsy stays with her uncle and aunt, at Number 11 Ruby Road. There are so many new people to meet, especially when she begins to help out in Uncle Alex's bright and busy milk bar. Patsy and her new friend Jolanta soon bond over their shared love for sketching. Jolanta's family are 'new Australians' from Poland, but Patsy discovers that not everyone is as welcoming to the people who came all the way from Europe after the war. Inspired by the stories of the old Jazz, Cricket and Pastry Club that used to take part in 11 Ruby Road's under croft, Patsy has an idea to bring together all the wonderful inhabitants of Ruby Road ... wherever they come from!

Categories: Historical Fiction, Culture, Multicultural, Community, Migration



2. ABOUT TIME

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

Time is central to our experience as humans, and it's important for children to know not just how to tell the time, but also how to make the most of it. About Time will help them learn how to tell the time on a variety of devices, and about all the different ways humans have tried to do this. Through unique and fun interactive elements, the book will also help children understand how clocks work and even build some time-telling and clockwork devices for themselves! This book benefits from the unique partnership of an award-winning practising watchmaker and experienced physics teacher to pair the best of timekeeping mechanics and history with the national curriculum.

Categories: Time, Science, History



3. ALL ABOARD! DISCOVERING SYDNEY'S CENTRAL STATION

Jackie French | Martina Heiduczek (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

ALL ABOARD! Journey through time and discover when Sydney Central station was first created right up until the opening of the modern Sydney Metro. From buildings to passengers, steam to electric, World War Two, overland to underground, this book will bring history and the station to life with engaging text by Jackie French, stunning illustrations by Martina Heiduczek, fun flaps and fabulous facts.

Categories: Australian History, Trains, Transport, Railways



4. ANIMALS ON COUNTRY

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

For thousands of years, Aboriginal people looked after the land to keep it healthy, so there was plenty of food for the animals to eat.' But today, the animals are wondering what has happened to the people. Trees have been cut down, land has been cleared and rivers have been polluted. Join Uncle Kuu as he takes children out on Country to learn about the First Peoples' traditions of caring for animals and Country. By First Nations people and non-Indigenous Australians coming together, we can all be part of the animal world and help to look after the animals. From the bestselling author of Fire Country comes this endearing picture book that celebrates the value of Indigenous knowledge in modern Australia.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Culture, Connectivity, First Nations, Country, Creativity, Knowledge, Tradition, Nature, Environment

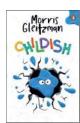


5. CHARLIE AND CHIKITA: AUSTRALIAN CICADAS

Audrey Crowfoot | Katherine Smith (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

On a hot summer's day, deep in the Australian bush, two cicada nymphs hatch and embark on an adventure of survival, friendship, and resilience. After burrowing underground to escape a hungry wasp, the pair re-emerge after seven years to find that more danger awaits. Can the two friends overcome the challenges they face, through the power of loyalty and support, and finally find a safe place to call home? This is a journey filled with suspense, heartwarming adventure, and beautifully designed illustrations that also teaches children the life cycle of this wondrous insect.

Categories: Friendship, Lifecycles, Cicadas, Predators, Survival, Resilience



6. CHILDISH

Morris Gleitzman | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A story about why kids are the best people to fix broken things. CHILDISH- 1. Being a child. 2. Solving big problems using only a really good friendship, an endless supply of the world's best dumplings and a thousand kilos of plasticine. 3. E.g. Arkie and Dot.

Categories: Friendship, Problem Solving, Humour, Determination, Perseverance



7. CLARIS CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL HOLIDAY HEIST POP-UP CLARIS

Megan Hess | Pop Up Book | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$27.99

Celebrate the holiday season with Claris in this best-selling Christmas adventure! The perfect gift might just be kindness, compassion and some festive spirit ... In New York for winter was chic little Claris. She'd travelled so far from her maison in Paris! Claris never imagined that this Christmas would involve a thrilling dash through the city to stop a cat burglar and save the day! Featuring five additional pop-up scenes at the end of the storybook, Claris's Christmas Carousel is designed to stand up independently when its cover boards are tied back together with the ribbon closure. This wonderful book will be a keepsake for festive seasons to come.



8. COCK-A-DOODLE-DOOOO!

Pamela Allen | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Filled with drama, mischief and fun comes another classic adventure for the very young from icon of children's literature, Pamela Allen AM, created in her 90th year. This is a little mystery story. It begins in the middle of the night, when everyone is asleep in their beds. Can you tell how it's going to end?



9. CRUNCH! KABOOM! MIGHTY MINING MACHINES

Conor Mills | Clodagh Starr (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

The perfect read-aloud for every child who loves big machines and the fantastic noises they make. Outside the town in the heat and the dust, where the sky is bright blue and the earth is like rust, is an iron ore mine that's bigger than big, with mighty machines that blast, drill and dig. With bright colours, enormous engines and lots of fun sounds, Crunch! Kaboom! is for kids who love to play with toy trucks and dozers.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Rhyming Text, Machinery, Trucks, Mining, Construction, Production



10. DANGER ROAD

AL Tait | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Twenty five years ago, on a dark winter's night, teenager Corey Armstrong was left to die by a hit and run driver on Danger Road. Now Corey's the subject of a podcast that's putting his hometown on the map, but the case remains unsolved. When brothers Alex and Leo decide to try to find out what happened to Corey, they learn more about his world than they could have imagined. As Alex and Leo sink deeper into the past, they uncover old secrets and realise that someone in town must know something which means they might know the killer. Will bringing up the past jeopardise the brothers' own futures? And could bringing a cold case back to life prove fatal?

Categories: Mystery, Secrets, Thriller



11. DAWN: WATCH THE WORLD AWAKEN

Marc Martin | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

As the sun slowly rises, many things happen in a small window of time. The world comes alive with the actions of animals, plants, clouds, and sky. A deer drinks, an owl wakes, a dandelion shimmers in the light. A ladybug climbs, a fish jumps, birds call in a chorus. Geese fly away in formation. A flower blooms. Beautifully illustrated with glowing imagery and written with a charming simplicity holding appeal for new readers, Marc Martin's ode to the slow-blooming beauty of a sunrise and the life that unfolds in its radiance narrows the lens to show the wonder of time passing.

Categories: Natural World, Nature, Environment, Habitats



12. DEAR BROCCOLI

Jo Dabrowski | Cate James (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Dear Broccoli, Last night at dinner you were on my plate. AGAIN. Please don't come back. From, Frank. Dear Frank, I am afraid I cannot grant your request. The matter is out of my florets. Most respectful regards, Broccoli A deliciously funny picture book that is sure to make even the pickiest of eaters look at their dinner in a new light.

Categories: Humour, Friendship, Health, Food, Letter Writing



13. DIG!

Ruth Hatfield | Sophie Watts (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

The ancient past may seem like it's frozen in time, but in fact it never stops changing, thanks to archaeology. In Dig!, you'll join archaeologists on excavations, marvel at the most incredible archaeological finds, and even witness the world as it was hundreds, thousands and millions of years ago. Real-life archaeologist Ruth Hatfield is your expert guide to the wonders of this amazing science, peeling back the layers with bitesize, clear and simple text. Illustrator Sophia Watts brings the past to life in buzzing, detail-rich scenes and spotlight artefacts.

Categories: Archaeology

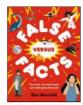


14. EVIE P AND ME

Petra James | Andrew Joyner (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

An unforgettable character at the heart of a story filled with imagination and adventure Evie P, the air-explorer has arrived for her first day at school, her unusual life spent in an air balloon has left her bereft of "ordinary" experiences, like classrooms, and friends, but she is full of quirk, adventure, and above all, inspiration. This story celebrates imagination, language, the joy of finding a sparkly new friend, and the art of play. With timeless illustrations by Andrew Joyner.

Categories: Adventure, Imagination, Friendship, Connectivity

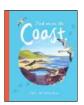


15. FALSE VERSUS FACTS

Dan Marshall | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Get ready for the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth in Dan Marshall's False versus Facts. Can you really see the Great Wall of China from Space? Is there such a thing as the five second rule? And was Napoleon really that short? Separate truth from lies, bust some myths and discover once and for all - what is false and what is fact. The truth may surprise you!

Categories: Truth, Myths, Facts, General Knowledge



16. FIND ME ON THE COAST FIND ME

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

Embark on a journey around our world's coastlines and meet the fascinating plants and animals who call them home. From towering kelp forests and coral reefs to rocky shores and muddy mangroves, discover how life thrives and survives on the coast in the most remarkable ways. This beautifully illustrated book for young nature lovers is the first in the Find Me Series by award-winning author and illustrator Jess McGeachin.

Categories: Habitats, Environment, Coastlines



17. FIRST KID IN SPACE, THE

Tom Mitchell | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

When an unfortunate incident in a space shuttle simulator turns twelve year old Franklin Wilson into an accidental viral sensation, he attracts the attention of Xavier Drake, the third richest person in the world, who invites Franklin to take part in a competition to become the actual first kid in space. But after the competition launches, and the five young contestants begin to compete in a series of trials that will see them eliminated one by one until only the winner remains, Franklin discovers that everything is not what it seems – and it turns out there is much more at stake than just a trip to space...

Categories: Space, Competition, Space Travel, Humour, Adventure



18. GANG, THE

Michel Streich | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Watch out for the Gang! They're everywhere. They're destroying everything. There is no escape! What will the family do when a flock of chaos-causing cockatoos lands in their backyard? A story about finding harmony with nature...

Categories: Environment, Habitat, Humour, Coexistence, Harmony



19. GIFT FROM THE BIRDS, A

Caroline Stills | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Birds can save people's lives. You may think that's a strange thing to say. How can a small animal with wings save a person? But I know they can. It happened to me. When Millie was nine years old her mum got sick. And now, things are getting serious. Millie sits on the back step of her house, worried and upset, and two shiny black crows fly into the yard. Do they just want some of the cheeseburger she's attempting to eat? Or are they visiting for some other reason? Before long Millie starts to find mysterious objects in the garden. What are they trying to tell her? And can they help her as she faces losing her mum?

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Family Unit, Nature, Grief, Loss, Comfort



20. GOOD BOY GRAPHIC NOVEL

Andy Hirsch | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Charlie's life is a series of obstacles, and one of them is an uncontrollable urge to barf when his anxiety overwhelms him. Ralph is an unpredictable rescue dog with a lot of energy but very few manners. The two make an unlikely pair but are the best of friends. When Ralph causes a scene by following his boy to school, it's suggested the two join dog agility training group. Ralph is a natural—zipping in, around, and over obstacles at lightning speed. Agility training is a fun way for the pair to bond, but when Charlie even considers joining the other handlers at the big contest, his stomach begins to turn. Can the duo take a leap and cross the finish line?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Patience, Pets, Dogs, Behaviour, Training



21. GRANDPA'S GUIDE TO HAPPINESS

Andrew Daddo | Christopher Nielsen (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A companion to Grandma's Guide to Happiness, this picture book from bestselling author Andrew Daddo is a heartwarming book of grandfatherly philosophy. My grandpa says the funniest things. He says the happiest days are the busiest days, and there's usually a stack of things to do. It's always fun spending time with Grandpa – fixing things in the shed, doing some gardening, fishing at the pier or telling jokes in the backyard. A joyful story celebrating grandfathers.

Categories: Grandparents, Grandfather, Family, Happiness, Father's Day, Humour, Relationships



22. GREAT DAWN CHOIR, THE

Sarah Speedie | Cindy Lane (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Each day the Great Dawn Choir greets the morning sun. Together in the growing light, their voices join as one. The Great Dawn Choir celebrates the dawn chorus and the beautiful native Australian birds that take part in it each morning. Discover the chorus members, and find out what inspires them to sing and call with such passion as the sun rises on a new day.

Categories: Australian Birds, Rhyming Text, Australiana



23. GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2026

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$46.99 | School Price \$34.99

Discover the incredible achievements and inspiring stories of record breakers from around the world... and how you can become one of them. With all new content - from high-end hotels to deserted ghost towns and talented pets to global sports superstars - the new edition of Guinness World Records once again shows how record breaking is for everyone, everywhere.



24. HATFUL OF DREAMS, A

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

At the end of a dark and lonely street sits a little house that glows from within. Look through the window, and you might see the Andersons... Mum, Dad, Milly, Sonny, Jonas, and of course Maggie the dog! And don't forget Grandad – with music in his fingers and magic under his hat. No, really! The children aren't sure if they believe their Grandad's fantastical tales – "Oh, Grandad! You're joking!" they cry. But they really won't believe what happens when Grandad slowly takes off his hat... From this warm and loving house at the end of the street, dreams take flight and light the way to a brighter tomorrow. A heartfelt tale of hope and love, perfect for children and grandparents to share together, written and illustrated by master storyteller Bob Graham.

Categories: Family Unit, Grandparents, Grandfather, Memories, Optimism, Humour, Love, Relationships, Belonging



25. HOW BIG IS THE SKY?

Kimberly Brown | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Some things can be counted. Other things aren't so easy to measure. Like the warmth of laughter, or love that's as limitless as the sky. How do you measure the immeasurable things? This ambitious picture book encourages us to consider life's big questions and embrace our immeasurably wondrous world.

Categories: Curiosity, Imagination, Feelings/Emotions, Measurement, Philosophy, Inquisitive



26. I BELIEVE IN YOU

Dani Colvin | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

I believe you can, I believe you will, Yes, I believe in you. Blair is feeling blue. Not a nice, happy, sparkly blue ... more like a holey sock on a winter's day kind of blue. Luckily, Grandpa is there with to share an important message and to share with Blair that the world is full of colour ... beyond blue. Full of wisdom, kindness and the gift of perspective, this book gently explores how we can embrace blue days, and how failure is integral to success and building resilience and self-belief.

Categories: Perspective, Positivity, Resilience, Anxiety, Coping, Wisdom, Advice, Grandparents, Rhyming Text



27. IF WE WERE DOGS

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

If we were dogs, what kind would we be? I'd be a big dog! And you'd be a little dog. Woof! Join two friends as they bark and growl, woof and howl - and maybe even quack - in a romp that makes room for everybody's ideas. Sophie Blackall unleashes an exuberant game of pretend that explores navigating friendship and celebrates boundless imagination.

Categories: Friendship, Imagination, Humour, Consideration, Kindness



28. KANGAROO

Ashleigh Barton | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When Chris, a disgraced TV personality, finds himself stranded in an outback town, he teams up with 12-year-old Indigenous girl Charlie. The pair form an unlikely friendship and work together to rescue and rehabilitate orphaned joeys in the remote outback community. Based on a true story and Australian film 'Kangaroo' is a heart-warming story about friendship, grief and finding your place in the world.

Categories: Friendship, Rural, Animal Rescue, Grief, Belonging



29. LOUIS BRAILLE LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Ana Albero (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Little Louis was a curious child - always exploring and having adventures. Then one day, while playing in his father's workshop, he had an accident and eventually lost sight in both eyes. It was tricky to get used to, but with help from his family and a teacher, Louis continued to learn and explore. He moved to Paris for school, but the school used a system that was very tricky, and didn't allow pupils to write, so Louis began to develop his own system. When he shared his invention, his teachers and classmates were amazed. It took many years for his system to be widely used, but little by little it spread across the world and came to be known as Braille.

Categories: Famous People, Disability, Vision Impairment



30. MAKING OF MARTHA MAYFIELD, THE

Jo Dabrowski | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Martha Mayfield has always been the quiet kid. Martha is, after all, her mother's daughter. The shy child of an even shyer mum. And she likes it this way. That is, until Martha's mum loses her job. And Martha's teacher overlooks her at school. And soon, Martha realises something has to give. Can she really go through life being so quiet that nobody takes her seriously? Should she really keep all her good ideas to herself forever? Putting yourself out there is every quiet kid's worst nightmare, but Martha is determined to make the most of it. And perhaps to make something of herself along the way...

Categories: Family Unit, Change, Humour, Relationships, Courage, Unemployment



31. NEW KID ON DECK PIRATE ACADEMY

Justin Somper | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

The year is 2507. The oceans have risen. A new dawn of piracy has begun. Jacoby Blunt and Jasmine Peacock are students at the elite Pirate Academy. This is no ordinary school. Lessons range from Knots Class and Sailing to Combat Workshop. The students hail from famous pirate families. The teachers are all legendary sea captains. The pressure is always on and friendship is everything. When a new kid - the mysterious Neo Splice - arrives, everything changes FAST. Suddenly, the dangers are no longer at sea but stalking the classrooms and corridors of Pirate Academy. In the face of real peril, the students of Barracuda class must put everything they have learned to the test against an unexpected and ruthless new enemy.

Categories: Action, Adventure, Futuristic, Pirates, Danger, Teamwork, Leadership, Loyalty



32. OH DEAR, LOOK WHAT I GOT!

Michael Rosen | Helen Oxenbury (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A classic new picture book by the creators of the bestselling We're Going on a Bear Hunt. "I went to the shop to get me a carrot. Oh dear, they gave me a parrot! Oh dear, look what I got! Do I want that? No I do NOT!" From beloved author and illustrator pairing Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury comes a brilliant new picture book that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending. Young readers will love joining in the rhyming text and guessing what comes next in this hilarious picture book, sure to become a timeless classic.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Cumulative Text, Nonsense



33. ONCE I WAS A GIANT

Zeno Sworder | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

When a picture-book maker runs out of stories, his pencil decides it's time to tell her own... 'My first memories were of darkness and reaching for sunlight. My roots connected me to everything. I was small but I was also the forest.' Here is the story of a green giant and a small wanderer who formed a friendship that spanned lifetimes.

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Nature



34. ONE KOALA, ONE HUNDRED TREES

Leesa Allinson | Heather Potter (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

One Koala, One Hundred Trees is a heartwarming tale about one family's determination to create a safer environment for the koalas living on their property. The story is interspersed with facts about koalas and practical guides for readers wanting to build their own 'koala corridor' to help protect one of Australia's most precious animals. A percentage of the proceeds from the original sale of this book will go to the Australian Koala Foundation.

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Koalas, Habitats, Determination, Activism, Community

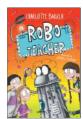


35. PROMISES AND OTHER LIES

Sue Whiting | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

One year on from a devastating bushfire, the small coastal town of Wangaroo Bay is still reeling. Fletch's family lost their home, and his best friend Immie lost her beloved dad, a volunteer firefighter. Throughout it all, Fletch and Immie have had each other ... Immie's grandparents push for the Bayfire investigation to be reopened, but Fletch's mum, dad and elder brother Cooper want to put the past behind them. And when a local, one of their own, is charged with arson, emotions flare, sides are taken, and promises – and secrets – are at stake.

Categories: Community, Bushfire, Family



36. ROBO-TEACHER

Charlotte Barkla | Gabriella Petruso (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Miss Horrid is the meanest teacher at Plonkton Primary. When Miss Horrid cancels the class excursion to the Fun Park and replaces it with a School History Tour, ten-year-old Hazel decides enough is enough. Together with her best friend Aki and her next-door neighbour, Stella the Robotics Champion, Hazel designs Robo-Teacher, an Al-powered robot, to replace mean Miss Horrid. It's not long before Robo-Teacher turns robo-evil, controlling traffic lights across the city, making satellites fall from the sky and trying to demolish the town to make way for a gigantic robot-building factory. Can Hazel save her school from being destroyed by an evil robotic teacher, which she helped create?

Categories: Friendship, Artificial Intelligence, School, Excursion, Humour, Problem Solving, STEM, Robots, Technology, Teachers, School, Excursion



37. RUN

Sarah Armstrong | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

For fans of Tristan Bancks and Katherine Rundell comes this electrifying middle-grade novel about a twelve-year-old called Cas, who runs away to avoid a reunion with his estranged father. Cas soon finds himself lost in the wilderness, completely alone and without help. Or is he? Cas thought running away from home would solve all his problems. But he didn't count on getting hopelessly lost in the tangled Australian bush. Alone and afraid, Cas has given up all hope of rescue when he stumbles upon a strange family hiding out in the wilderness. He won't survive without their help. But when he discovers they're also on the run – from something so big, they won't even talk about it – he realises his problems are just beginning.

Categories: Suspense, Thriller, Adventure, Intrigue, Mystery, Moral Dilemma



38. SCOTTY AND THE SCOTTIES

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

In Scotty's family, a scottie is a scottie, no matter what you look like. But when everyone looks the same, acts the same, and does all the same things, can you ever truly be your own scottie, too? Packed full of surprises and plenty of heart, Scotty and the Scotties isn't just an irresistible story about loyalty, love and being yourself – it's also a cheeky search-and-find. Everyone will enjoy poring over the story to find the 'real' Scotty on every page, making this an instant modern classic and a sure favourite for all families, no matter how alike or different they are.

Categories: Individuality, Acceptance, Humour, Dogs



39. SECRET KEEPER

Di Walker | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Change was coming. Possibly sooner than any of the friends were prepared for. Nell and Eden have been best friends forever. But now they are at the end of Year 6 and on the cusp of high school. Nell has been scouted to play in a new netball club the following year, but she doesn't feel like she can tell Eden. And then there's Birdie. A mysterious girl who has moved onto Nell's street. She is quiet and reserved and doesn't appear to go to school. When Nell meets Birdie, their friendships begins to grow. But what secrets is Birdie hiding? And why doesn't Nell feel she can tell Eden about netball or Birdie?

Categories: Friendship, Relationships, Sport, Netball, Grief, Loss, Love, Change, Mystery, Anxiety



40. SECRET OF THE NINJA CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Jay Leibold | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

This book is different from others. YOU decide what happens in this story. You are staying at your friend Nada's dojo in Japan, which is being plagued with weird and spooky goings-on. Nada thinks a cursed samurai sword could be to blame, so you agree to enter a trance to discover the blade's secret. Will you and Nada travel back in time to feudal Japan to unravel the mystery? Can you master the ways of the ninja needed to survive there? Choose wisely - make the wrong decision and you could be trapped in the past forever...

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



41. SNOOPY: DOG HOUSE TALES GRAPHIC NOVEL PEANUTS COLLECTION

Charles Schulz | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Whether he's sledding in his supper dish, flying his Sop with Camel on a dangerous mission, or leading Woodstock and friends on a dangerous cliffside hike, Snoopy is a beagle with a nose for adventure. The rest of the time he can be found at his doghouse, waiting for supper or writing on his trusty typewriter. Featuring a fun and uplifting series of full-color Peanuts comic strips by Charles Schulz selected especially for young readers, Doghouse Tales follows the adventures of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Woodstock, Snoopy's brother Spike, and the entire Peanuts gang.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Friendship



42. STYLE SECRETS OF GARETH MCGREEN, THE

Kelly Brodie-Brown | Natasha Carty (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Gareth McGreen was a stylish toad, no toad in the town appeared finer. He always impressed with the way that he dressed; a fabulous fashion designer! Gareth McGreen is a toad who sews, designing the very best clothes for creatures from all over the world! Until one day when he just can't find the right design for a shy young possum. Can Gareth unlock the style secrets he needs to create the perfect fit?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Individuality, Fashion, Birthdays

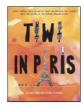


43. TAKING APART A SUPERCAR TO FIND OUT HOW IT WORKS INSIDE INFO

Chris Oxlade | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Peel back, take apart, reassemble and enjoy the awesome science of supercars! Inside Info: Taking Apart a Supercar is full of turbo-charged, sleek and surprising features of supercars of all kinds. Working inwards from the outermost layer - the streamlined spoilers and five layers of protective paint - to the heart of its power - the engine - we get to know the parts and process of making a supercar super. Finally, see how it all goes back together through the genius of production, engineering and design.

Categories: Sport, Motorsports, Engineering, Racing Cars

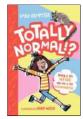


44. TIWI IN PARIS

Glen Farmer Illortaminni | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

My name is Glen Farmer Illortaminni and I'm telling my story. Once I went to Paris as an interpreter for the old fella, the famous artist named Timothy Cook. It was October ... When Glen travels from his remote Tiwi Island home all the way to Paris, his trip takes an unexpected turn when he gets lost on his first night there. What follows is an epic journey through famous French landmarks and into the homes of kind strangers, telling an incredible story of resilience, humour and home.

Categories: Travel, Paris, First Nations, Humour, Originality, Resilience, Tiwi Islands, Adventure, Lost, Kindness, Home, Belonging



45. TOTALLY NORMAL!?

Emily Dempster | Laura Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Children are like pancakes – the first one is always a bit weird. Well, the first pancake in my family, is me. Ellie finds it hard to focus on boring stuff like homework and chores. She would much rather hang out with her BFFFL Arya or play improv games in drama class. Mum and Dad want Ellie to be more like her eight-year-old brother Stewart, or as Ellie likes to call him, Mr Perfect. But Ellie has a truly excellent, fool-proof plan to get out of doing homework, chores and school for good: she's going to become a famous teenage pop star!

Categories: Humour, Family, Diversity



46. TWO CRANKY BEARS

Nick Bland | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Two bears, one hill. Everything was fine until they reached the top and that's when fine turned quickly into ... 'Mine!' Can these cranky bears learn to share?

Categories: Conflict Resolution, Friendship, Sharing, Rhyming Text



47. WAITERS IN ELEVATORS

Dylan Shearsby | Amanda Shearsby (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Meet Hanz and Franz. They're waiters in elevators. In the Rigatoni Hotel ... Hanz and Franz are the world's most diligent waiters and they think of the Rigatoni Hotel's loyal guests as friends, and their fellow workers as family. But when no one says please, much less thank you, it starts to wear on our waiters in elevators. Will they hand in their resignation at last? And how will the hotel and its guests cope without them? A brilliant picture book about the importance of gratitude, manners and kindness, all wrapped up in a madcap hotel adventure that kids will want to read again and again.

Categories: Manners, Kindness, Respect, Gratitude, Humour



48. WHEN I GROW UP

Rob Biddulph | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Sailor, dancer, teacher, vet – explore all the many things you can be when you're older in this beautiful and heartfelt text from bestselling author Rob Biddulph. Full of hope and childhood ambition, and with glorious illustrations throughout, be introduced to the world of work in this inspiring picture book, perfect for little dreamers.

Categories: Aspiration, Dreams, Ambition, Rhyming Text



49. WHISPERS AND ROARS

Patrick Guest | Jonathan Bentley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

'The voice that makes our worries grow and stops us all from trying. The voice that makes us doubt ourselves is almost always lying.' We all have pesky voices inside our head that whisper mean, scary or gloomy things, but the loudest voice is always the one that's filled with love.

Categories: Confidence, Mental Health, Positivity, Hope, Optimism



50. WICKED SHIP, THE OCEANFORGED

Amelia Mellor | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

The realm of Aquinta has fallen into a dark age. And no one knows that better than thirteen-year-old Cori, who is fighting for her life in a pirate crew more beastly than Aquinta's sea monsters. But Cori's life changes when she finds the Oceanforged Gauntlet - a piece of armour belonging to the legendary Champions who once ruled the islands. Whoever wears the armour wields the Champions' magic and has the power to return Aquinta to its lost glory. Cori must begin a treacherous journey to find the rest of the armour. But first, she'll have to escape from her captain, who craves the gauntlet's magic for himself.

Categories: Action, Adventure, Pirates, Magic, Quest

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51. A IS FOR A RABBIT'S TALE

Jackie Hosking | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

A quirky, funny and clever alphabet book with a twist - with bright and colourful illustrations by much loved illustrator Lucinda Gifford A is for A rabbit. B is for Buy this book! A hilarious alphabet story - for anyone who ever wanted a pet ... and for everyone who loves a wonderful tail, um, tale with a twist!

Categories: Humour, Rabbits, Pets, Alphabet



52. ALPACAS IN SPACE

Matt Cosgrove | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Join the countdown as intrepid astronauts, Macca the Alpaca and his best pal, Al, blast off into outer space. It's an epic, cosmic adventure where anything is possible because ... they're using their imaginations!

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Space, Imagination



53. AUSSIE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS, THE

Brentos | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Join in this Australian twist on the classic Twelve Days of Christmas. You'll find magpies warbling, quokkas smiling, dolphins surfing and more Australian animals full of festive cheer. This is Christmas as you've never seen it before: a dreamy pastel-popping celebration of Australian flora and fauna.

Categories: Christmas, Australiana



54. AUSSIE CHRISTMAS MIX UP, THE

Jackie Hosking | Nathaniel Eckstrom (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

More Aussie Christmas mischief - and teamwork - from the best-selling team behind An Aussie Christmas Gum Tree and When Santa Got Stuck in a Gum Tree Santa has checked his list not once but twice and put the gifts in his bag. If only he was as careful when he was attaching all the tags! It's an Aussie Christmas mix-up ... with presents and confusion galore. Luckily the always helpful crew of Aussie animals are about to save the day ...

Categories: Rhyming Text, Christmas, Humour



55. BARNEY GUMNUT CHRISTMAS, A

Tamsin Ainslie | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Christmas means ... celebrating with friends, swimming in the creek and eating watermelon! Join Barney Gumnut and his friends as they share what Christmas means to them while having a festive adventure in Scribbly Gum Forest. Look out for the shooting star!

Categories: Christmas, Australian Animals



56. BEYOND THE SHORE

Kirli Saunders | Mark Chester Harding (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

It's safer on the edge, where we can walk with our feet on the floor ... but beyond the shore is a world that inspires awe. Will you dive in? Written by award-winning Gunai author Kirli Saunders, with art by debut picture book illustrator Mark Chester Harding, Beyond the Shore gently encourages young ones to step beyond fear into curiosity.

Categories: Ocean, Nature, Curiosity, Courage



57. BIN CHICKEN LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT BIN CHICKEN

Kate Temple | Ronojoy Ghosh (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Bin Chicken's been flying, feeling quite spent, when ... 'Hey! What's that marvellous scent?' Spices fill the air, rice and curries simmer. 'Delicious,' she says. 'That's my dinner!' It's Diwali, and Ibis has crash-landed in a colourful and bright festival of lights ... now is her time to shine!



58. CLARIS AND THE CHRISTMAS SURPRISE CLARIS

Megan Hess | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

As the snow falls over Paris, Claris is busy baking sugar cookies and teeny-tiny cakes. But who are all these special gifts for? It's a Christmas surprise, of course! Celebrate kindness and generosity in this joyful new storybook about Claris, the chicest mouse of Paris. At this magical time of year, there are new friends to meet, old friends to adore, and plenty of good cheer to go around! Compassion is always in fashion in this dazzling new range of Claris storybooks for younger readers.

Categories: Christmas, Cooking



59. CYNTHIA IS A WILD DOG

Tohby Riddle | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Cynthia is a wild dog. She hunts anything that moves ... She scavenges for food ... She'll even eat ice-cream if she has to. A dryly funny new picture book about a lap dog with a wild inner life, from multi-award-winning author-illustrator Tohby Riddle.

Categories: Humour, Pets, Dogs



60. EMPEROR'S EGG, THE

Rae Tan | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A wondrous reimagining of an ancient Chinese folktale about integrity, courage and patience. Looking for a worthy successor to his throne, an ageing emperor gives all the children in his kingdom an egg. After thirty days, he will judge what each child delivers to him and choose his heir. Ren brings his egg home and takes the best care of it. He reads to it, sings to it, sleeps with it and keeps it warm. Ren waits and waits, but his egg never hatches, while all around him wondrous hatchlings are emerging from other children's eggs. In a hall full of magical creatures, how can Ren present his unhatched egg to the emperor?

Categories: Patience, Honesty, Integrity, Courage



61. ENCHANTMENT OF GOLDEN EAGLE, THE

Margaret Wild | Stephen Michael King (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

One day, Ella and her little brother Leif found a fledgling with a broken wing. They took him home, wrapped and fed him, and watched over him for seven days and seven nights. In time Golden Eagle was well enough to fly away, but he loved the children, so he promised to stay with them at the edge of the dark forest. Until one day, the wind whispered and the breeze caressed his feathers, and Golden Eagle forgot his promise... An unforgettable tale about love, nature and forgiveness, suitable for readers of Fox or The Duck and the Darklings from two of Australia's most-celebrated picture book creators.

Categories: Responsibility, Forgiveness, Trust, Consequences, Fear, Punishment, Belonging, Guilt



62. GEORGE GOES TO THE FARM

Sinead Saint | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

George Goes to the Farm is a cheeky romp through the countryside that the whole family will enjoy. Young readers in particular will giggle at George's shenanigans on his trip to the farm.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Adventure, Dogs, Farm



63. GIANT, THE

Sophie Masson | Lorena Carrington (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

On the day the giant wakes from a long sleep, he's filled with joy at the thought of seeing his friends in the town again. But he's slept so long that nobody remembers him, everyone hides from him, and his joy turns to a sadness that might engulf the whole town Until he hears the voices, calling to him... A beautiful, touching story of memory, inclusion and friendship, by the award-winning creative duo of writer Sophie Masson and illustrator Lorena Carrington.

Categories: Friendship, Acceptance, Differences, Inclusion



64. HELLO COCKY: A STICKYBEAK AT THE COCKATOO

Hilary Bell | Antonia Pesenti (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

From treetops to rooftops, follow Australia's most mischievous bird in this exuberant celebration of the cockatoo. Who rules the skies from back garden to bush, Launching from trees with a screech and a whoosh? Bossy and smart, loves to put on a show, Who could it be now? Why, Cocky - hello! With playful rhyming text and bold, graphic illustrations, award-winning creators Hilary Bell and Antonia Pesenti celebrate the unique spirit and curiosity of the cockatoo.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Cockatoos, Australian Animals, Habitat



65. HELLO, SPRING BABY!

Jess Racklyeft | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Birds warble their happy tune. The garden sprouts wild daisies. The world sings a serenade: 'Hello to you, Spring Baby!'

Categories: Seasons, Spring, Nature, New Baby



66. HOW BIG IS LOVE?

Carl Merrison | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

The love between two family members takes us on a journey from their small backyard, across Country, to the end of time - because sometimes we need to hear all the ways we are loved. 'My love stretches back to Creation and forward to the end of time. I loved you then, I love you now, I'll love you always.' A young child and a loving family member sit on the porch at sunset watching a storm roll in. The adult whispers, 'I love you,' but the child needs reassurance: 'How much?' With each new declaration, we learn that the love between adult and child is boundless. A gorgeous and gentle look at all the ways we are loved.

Categories: Family Unit, Love



67. HOW TO HELP WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP

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

Open arms. A friendly face. Showing how. Showing up. A warm-hearted exploration of some of the big and small ways we can all make a difference in the world, no matter our age - at home, around the neighbourhood, at school and in the community. How to Help When You Really Want to Help explores everyday situations, sharing how to spot opportunities for helping others and showing the comfort, happiness and satisfaction that helping can bring.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Helping, Caring



68. HOW TO TRAIN A DAD

Sally Barns | Noemie Gionet Landry (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

If you are reading this manual then you have decided to take on one of life's most difficult challenges. Training a dad. We'll start with the basics, like tea parties and bear hugs. Soon you'll unlock trickier features, like dad jokes. (But be careful - some of these features are hard to switch off!) You'll also learn tips and tricks for dealing with the most common glitches known to dads. And by the end of this manual, you'll be equipped with a fully trained dad. Good luck!

Categories: Father's Day, Dads, Humour



69. I'D RATHER BE A DRAGON

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Being small is the worst! Roller coaster? Too short! Fairy floss? Too messy! Run wild? Stay close! Life would be so much better as a mighty dragon ... Wouldn't it?

Categories: Humour, Envy, Jealousy



70. KEVIN IN A STEW

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

Kevin the Sheep is living his dream To run his own restaurant with a vegetable theme. Choosing Wolfie to cook is a bit of a twist... What will Kevin find on the wolf's shopping list?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Sheep



71. LIBBY'S FOOTY ADVENTURE

Libby Birch | Robin Tatlow-Lord (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

It's Footy Colours Day at school, and there are some very special AFLW guests on the way for a training session! But Libby's a beginner, and there's so much to learn – how to bounce, kick and handball. Lucky she's got her friends, and the courage to try something new. Join the team with Libby as she receives a very special gift, and finds her place and her passion in the world of Aussie Rules. From North Melbourne star and All-Australian footballer Libby Birch comes the first official AFLW picture book about courage, friends and footy!

Categories: Sport, AFL, AFLW, Football, Aussie Rules



72. LUNA ROO THE KANGAROO BALLER

Adam Jackson | Adrian Lloyd (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Rookie captain Luna Roo leaves nothing on the pitch as she leads FC Outback in a thrilling face-off against Bush United. Faced with a spider goalkeeper, snakes in attack and bubbling nerves, Luna must trust her skills and her teammates to soar to victory. Written by football veterans Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, Luna Roo captures all the intense excitement of the game, with a heart warming message that courage and determination are a winning combination.

Categories: Competition, Humour, Rhyming Text, Football, Soccer



73. MANGO AND HOPSCOTCH

Sophie Cunningham | Anil Tortop (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Mango and Hopscotch live in a beautiful tropical forest on the banks of a big river. Together, they munch on grass and lounge in the shade. One day, while the mob graze quietly, drops of rain start to fall. Lightning flashes, thunder rumbles. Soon it is pouring. And then the river bursts its banks... Inspired by amazing true stories, this is the heart warming tale of a brave kangaroo and her joey rescued from floodwaters.

Categories: Resilience, Community, Wildlife, Rescue, Australian Animals, Flood, Climate Change



74. MRS CLAUS

Renee Price | Travis Price (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

The North Pole has a secret to each Christmas Eve's success. She's strong and smart and magic... and she wears a bright red dress! We all know about Santa Claus, but behind this jolly man is one VERY special woman. Deck the halls and be merry and bright for... Mrs Claus!

Categories: Christmas, Humour, Rhyming Text



75. MY DAD THINKS HE'S A SCREAM

Katrina Germein | Tom Jellett (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

From the bestselling team, Katrina Germein and Tom Jellett, comes the spookiest addition to the 'My Dad' series. Guaranteed to put you in good spirits! Dad's ghoul, calm and collected and he takes scare of that trick-or-treating business in this dead funny booooo-k. Because when you've got it, haunt it. Come on in. The ghost is clear!

Categories: Father's Day, Dads, Humour, Halloween



76. MY DAD'S A DYNAMO!

Phil Cummings | Hannah Marks (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Hey-ho! Don't you know? My dad's ... a dynamo! Full of energy, full of beans, the busiest dad you've ever seen! A celebration of all the wonder, whimsy and wacky fun that dads bring to the world!

Categories: Father's Day, Dads, Humour



77. MY NONNO LOVES

Adelle Frittitta | Claudia Frittitta (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

This uplifting and gently funny ode to grandfathers celebrates everything they love ... especially their grandchildren! My nonno loves being in his garden, with a coffee in hand and songs in the air. But most of all, my nonno loves me! Perfect for grandparents to read aloud to their grandchildren, this joyful picture book is the ideal keepsake for grandfathers everywhere. With tenderly drawn illustrations and heartfelt text, the book highlights how grandfathers fill each day with play, see the magic in ordinary moments, and cherish their family above all else. A story of joy, love and togetherness, My Nonno Loves ... will be treasured by everyone in the family!

Categories: Grandparents, Grandfather, Family, Happiness, Father's Day, Tradition



78. ONCE UPON AN A TO Z

Amy Dunjey | Deb Hudson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Abracadabra! Alakazoo! Bubbily, bobbily, boffity, boo! Clutch your cauldrons and crystal balls. Dance with dragons down the halls ... Discover the magic of words with this enchanting rhyming journey through the alphabet. This is the perfect ABC book to introduce young readers to fairies, mermaids, unicorns and more!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Fairies, Magic, Alphabet, Language



79. POTION COMMOTION

Rebecca Grant | Nina Nill (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

It starts with a witch, a dragon and a potion. It ends with a commotion! Prepare to be charmed by this story of a spell gone wrong and the whirlwind of magical mayhem that follows.

Categories: Cumulative Text, Humour, Fairies



80. RAKALI OF THE RIVERBANK

Stephanie Owen Reeder | Rachel Gregg (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

Explore the night with Rakali as he hunts for food, patrols the riverbank and dodges threats. As the sun sets, Rakali prepares to patrol the riverbank. He is on a mission to fill his belly, protect his pups and keep his home safe. But he must face feral foxes, disease-carrying black rats and toxic cane toads. Will he make it safely back to his burrow before the sun rises? Rakali of the Riverbank is an engaging look at a night in the life of an Australian native water rat, and the challenges that these unique and charming creatures face.

Categories: Conservation, Environment, Mammals, Nocturnal, Climate Change



81. ROOM FOR ONE

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

The perfect book to share to talk about sharing. The Mini and Milo stories are designed for both parent and teacher led discussion, and also as humorous, heart-warming stories to be enjoyed again and again Mini's dream boat was no ordinary boat. It was silky, snuggly and soft. But when Mini's best friend Milo wants to get on board, Mini doesn't want to share. When she gets cross, things go wrong, and she discovers her boat, and her friendship, is heading in the wrong direction. Can Mini find a way to fix it?

Categories: Conflict Resolution, Sharing, Humour



82. SHMOOF

Heidi Mckinnon | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Shmoof is Shmoofy. Shmoof is super shmoofy. Shmoof is ready to be best friends. But Floof? Floof is not so sure... A story to warm the heart of anyone who has ever loved a playful furball. From the creator of the beloved bestsellers Floof and I Just Ate My Friend.

Categories: Humour, Pets, Cats, Dogs, Friendship, Fear

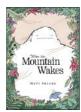


83. THIS IS AN ELF BOOKS THAT DRIVE KIDS CRAZY

Matt Stanton | Beck Stanton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

For the Grown-Ups: You know how you're right all the time? All. The. Time. Well, it's Christmas! Time to give the kids a turn. Which is why almost everything you read in this book will be wrong. You'll say it once and they'll check it twice. It won't be a silent night ... And the kids will love it!

Categories: Christmas, Humour



84. WHEN THE MOUNTAIN WAKES

Matt Shanks | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Somewhere, towards the beginning of time, a mountain rose from the ocean and came to rest above the clouds. Life sang a lullaby, and the mountain slept for many millions of years. Until one day, when the world became too silent for sleep...

Categories: Evolution, Planet Earth, Time



85. WHERE SHALL WE TRAVEL TODAY?

Kristin Martin | Nicky Johnston (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Where Shall We Travel Today? is a delightful story about the power of the imagination, of stories and of exploring the world together. A group of neighbourhood friends search for adventure. They climb mountains, sail through waterfalls and snorkel the reef. At night, they marvel at the sky above and wonder where to go next.

Categories: Adventure, Neighbourhood, Imagination, Exploration, Friendship, Diversity, Geography



86. WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

Robert Henderson | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Today, I am this and tomorrow I'm that. Today, I'm a tiger! Tomorrow, a bat. By Saturday, I will have been all of that. So ... who might you be? A lively story in which all the illustrations are tangrams; the well-known geometrical puzzle that is a square cut into seven pieces arranged to make various other shapes. It is also a delightful story about the imagination where the words and pictures combine to tell a deeper story about the idea of self, from the highly acclaimed creator of I See, I See.

Categories: Tangrams, Identity, Geometry, Imagination, Humour, Birthdays



87. WILD ABOUT HALLOWEEN

Sarah Speedie | Kruti Desai (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

The spooky season has arrived. Tomorrow's Halloween! I think I'll have a party – the scariest you've seen! When the whole family is WILD about Halloween, how will they choose the perfect party theme?

Categories: Halloween



88. YOU'RE TOO LITTLE

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

Pygmy Possum wants to climb far, far up into the trees to taste the sweet blossom nectar. But everyone keeps telling her the same thing- 'It's very high. You're too little. You might fall.' Are they right, or will she find a way? This is a gentle tale of believing in yourself in the face of others' doubt and recognising your own strengths. Beautifully illustrated in Katie's popular signature style, the Australian animals in this book are sure to delight little readers.

Categories: Self Esteem/Resilience, Achievement, Determination

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89. BIG-TIME BOOGIE-WOOGIE ANIMAL BAND, THE

Giles Andreae | Nick East (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

When a music-loving dog meets a fox with a fiddle, they decide to start a BOOGIE-WOOGIE ANIMAL BAND! Before long, the pair are joined by a lion with a lute, a tiger with a tuba, and a piano-playing penguin. As more friends join them, the band keeps getting bigger and bigger and BIGGER! But there's one band member missing... Who could it be?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Music



90. BUSIEST BEAVER, THE

Lu Fraser | Kate Hindley (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Nora is not like the other beavers. She thinks new thoughts. She asks lots of questions. She invents inventions and gives things a try. She's different and – as her grandad tells her – that's okay! So, when the rain pours and the river rises at the beaver lodge, it's Nora's know-how that could save the day – if only she could get all the other beavers to believe her! This dramatic and satisfying story has all the warmth and heart that we have come to expect from this author and illustrator duo as Nora comes to see that her thinkings are different ... but good!

Categories: Rhyming Text, Individuality, Problem Solving



91. CINDERELLA REVOLTING RHYMES

Roald Dahl | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

I guess you think you know this story. You don't. The real one's much more gory. Welcome to a deliciously devilish tale where princes are far from charming, sisters weave dastardly plots, and (our hero) Cinderella's happy-ever-after isn't exactly what you'd expect. Roald Dahl is renowned the world over for his fabulous storytelling and this edition of his cautionary tale will delight new readers. With brand-new and wickedly funny illustrations, this splendiferous rhyming picture book is perfect for chiddlers who like their fairy tales with a splash of daring and danger!

Categories: Fairytale



92. CREEPY SHEEP

Lucy Ruth Cummins | Pete Oswald (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

It's Halloween, which means Sleepy Sheepy needs to find the perfect costume for trick-or-treating! And Sheepy MUST be the scariest, hairiest, werewolf of all! But on Halloween night, the costume just doesn't fit right, and when Sheepy steps outside, there are packs of werewolves everywhere! How will he stand out and be the creepiest sheepy of all?

Categories: Halloween, Humour



93. DUCK DELIVERS

Tom Tinn-Disbury | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Duck is a home bird. He likes splashing in the bath, eating bread in bed, and organising his sock collection. Yet, there comes a time when even the most unadventurous birds must fly the nest. And what better way to see the world, than as a Delivery Duck for Feather Force?! Soon, with his uniform, parcel and STRICT instructions from Osstrich Bosstrich, Duck is scooting off on his very first adventure... what could go possibly wrong? A fun-filled story with messages of perseverance and positivity, perfect for little ones obsessed with the post-people and delivery drivers who knock on their doors!

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Perseverance, Positivity



94. FOX AND THE MYSTERY LETTER

Alex g Griffiths | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

In the dense forest, in a lonely cottage, there lives Fox. Fox is perfectly happy all by himself – until one day, a letter arrives: "Dear Fox: I know how much you enjoy puzzles. I bet you can't resist this one . . . Head to the forest path to begin your journey. From an old friend." Fox doesn't need any mysterious puzzles, adventures or memories of his old-But he stops himself from finishing the thought. Still, it can't hurt to look at the first clue: Fox follows arrows in the mud, notes taped to trees, swirling smoke signals, a map from a bottle and gifts from fellow animals – on the trail of a friendship that once was.

Categories: Friendship, Mystery, Reconciliation, Problem Solving



95. GIANT PARSNIP SOUP

Daniela Sosa | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

A group of children use their imagination to turn a giant parsnip into a delicious dinner for them all to share. Each page has something to count and spot as the book introduces the numbers one to ten.

Categories: Friendship, Cooking, Counting



96. GOZZLE

Julia Donaldson | Sara Ogilvie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

It's springtime. Bear has woken up hungry and finds a lost egg outside his cave. Breakfast? No! Out hatches Gozzle, a very sweet little gosling who is convinced that Bear must be her daddy – and that she should be able to climb, dig and eat honey just like him. Follow Bear on his journey from reluctant carer to parent in this heartwarming and joyous picture book about what home and family truly mean.



97. GREAT WHITE MAN-EATING SHARK: A CAUTIONARY TALE

Margaret Mahy | Jonathan Allen (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Welcome to Caramel Cove. The beach is amazing. The ocean is even better. Norvin loves to swim and shoot through the water like a silver arrow. He doesn't like sharing his beloved swimming spot with others. But with a little bit of planning, and a homemade shark fin, Norvin discovers he can have Caramel Cove all to himself.

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Humour



98. GREEN HIPPO

Petr Horacek | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Green Hippo is feeling sad. Why? Because someone said green hippos don't exist! Frog, Elephant and Giraffe try to cheer him up, but Green Hippo is feeling too down to listen. But maybe Green Hippo will make a discovery of his own as he goes down to the river and sees the beautiful colours of the world all around him...

Categories: Belonging, Friendship, Companionship, Differences, Individuality



99. I AM WISHING EVERY MINUTE FOR CHRISTMAS

Lauren Child | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

I have this little sister Lola. She is small and very funny. If Lola even thinks about Christmas she can't sit still on her chair. If you BREATHE the word Christmas she hops up and down. If you say, "Christmas is coming," she just runs round and round. Lola is wishing every minute for Christmas, but it is a long way away and too far to wait. Can her brother Charlie think of some clever ways to make the time pass more quickly?

Categories: Christmas



100. INTERRUPTING CHICKEN SAVES THE NUTCRACKER

David Ezra Stein | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

It's winter vacation for the little red chicken and, with promises of best behavior, she's on her way to see The Nutcracker with Papa. She can't wait! In fact, she's so excited that Papa is worried she might get a little carried away.

. . Take your seats and get ready to giggle as a certain irrepressible audience member dances onstage at key moments, determined to save the nutcracker from that bully Fritz and the sword-wielding Mouse King. But what happens when a revered classic has its storyline turned on its head? In this special holiday tale for loyal followers and new fans alike, David Ezra Stein moves the meta from page to stage as Chicken gleefully breaks the fourth wall.

Categories: Ballet, Humour



101. INVISIBLE STRING: FAMILY CELEBRATION, THE

Patrice Karst | Joanne Lew-Vriethoff (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

This newly illustrated reimagining of this celebration of love answers the call from countless fans for a diverse range of children and families to be included in this contemporary all-ages classic. When a mom and dad tell their twins that they're all connected by an Invisible String, the children insist that's impossible. But still, they want to know more: What kind of string? The answer is one that people around the world have been sharing for a generation, and it's the simple truth that binds us all: It's an Invisible String made of love. Even if you can't see it, you can feel it deep in your heart and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.

Categories: Inclusivity, Diversity, Connectivity



102. JENNY PECKLES LAYS EGGS WITH SPECKLES

Rachel Emily | Paul Delaney (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Jenny Peckles lays eggs with speckles. Featherly Botts lays eggs with spots. Sally McSquawk lays eggs that can TALK?! Hang on a minute ... Down on Old Worrall's Farm, the hens are laying their eggs ... and FAKING spots, stripes, sparkles and speckles. Why? Because they all want to BE IN THIS BOOK! But it turns out spots, speckles and talking eggs aren't what makes these chickens special. For this bunch of intrepid chickens, real life is FAR more exciting ...

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour



103. MARVELOUS NOW, THE

Angela Diterlizzi | Lorena Alvarez (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Missed the bus? Flubbed a test? Got overwhelmed in a crowd? When you're feeling big feelings or having a bad day, it can be hard to calm your racing mind and stay present. The Marvelous Now' gives kids the tools to see that this is the moment where you need to be! Through accessible, rhythmic verse and colourful, joyful illustrations, this book can help young readers learn to regulate their emotions, reset, and reach their happy place.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Mindfulness



104. MONSTER IN THE LAKE, THE

Leo Timmers | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Four ducks are tired of their small pond and set out for an adventure in the big lake. Walking at the back, Eric isn't sure. He's heard there's a monster in the lake, but his friends don't believe a word of that old story! Eric reluctantly tags along, only to make a startling discovery and find himself in a wonderful underwater adventure. This large-format picture book features a detailed fold-out underwater world of mechanical marvels and sea creatures. The story of a nervous duck who finds courage and the overconfidence of groups will resonate with anyone who's nervously dipped a toe in unknown waters.

Categories: Humour, Fear, Trickster Tale



105. MOON RABBIT, THE

Eva Wong Nava | Jason Chuang (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

This captivating picture book tell us the story of Chang'e the Moon Goddess, the Moon Rabbit, and her tale of love, immortality and magic. Meilin asks her mother to tell her, once more, the story behind the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival – the story of Chang'e and the moon rabbit; a tale of nine scorching suns, a brave archer, an ancient queen, an elixir of life and a doomed love. Readers will be as captivated by Eva Wong Nava's stunning version of this legend in Chinese mythology, which has been brought to life on the picture book page by extraordinary new talent, Jason Chuang. With enormous imagination and breathtaking beauty, Eva and Jason have made the ultimate gift book for the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Categories: Chinese Mythology, Love, Immortality, Magic, Storytelling, Festivals



106. MY FRIEND ANDY

Emma Chinnery | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Nobody seems to see a little dog, lost in the city. Nobody except Andy. Every morning on the way to the park, Fluffy walks past Andy and his owner, who are homeless. But Fluffy is never allowed to play with Andy. Until one day, this changes forever... A beautifully observed story that challenges us to re-evaluate perceptions of homelessness.

Categories: Homelessness



107. NIGHT I MET FATHER CHRISTMAS, THE

Ben Miller | Elisa Paganelli (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Jackson is determined to stay awake until Father Christmas arrives, but on the stroke of midnight when a jolly reddressed figure whooshes down the chimney, he is in for the most magical surprise! Join Jackson on the night he met Father Christmas and travelled the world in an adventure he will never forget.

Categories: Christmas, Magic, Adventure



108. PAPER CHASE

Julia Donaldson | Victoria Sandoy (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Two friends, a special tree ... and the extraordinary story of how paper is made. A boy and a girl meet under a beautiful, tall tree. James has a book. Ginger has a paper plane. Together they play for one long, wonderful day—but then they're parted. Will they ever meet again? Meanwhile, their beautiful tree goes on a remarkable journey of its own. It's turned into paper, and becomes all sorts of things that we use: bags and boxes, letters and cards ... and a paper plane for James. Can this new paper plane lead him back to his long-lost friend?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Friendship, Production, Manufacturing



109. RIBBIT

Fred Blunt | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

It was a beautiful froggy day. The sun was shining and Frog was sitting on his favourite log enjoying the peace and quiet ...

Categories: Friendship, Humour



110. RIDING LESSON, THE

Jennifer K Mann | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Frances loves horses and can't wait for her first riding lesson. It can't be all that hard, can it? From the creator of The Camping Trip, this spirited story is for all children who like horses or are trying something new. Frances adores horses and knows everything about them – at least she thinks she does. But when she arrives at her friend Mae's house for her first horseback-riding lesson sporting a bike helmet and wellies, Frances quickly discovers that she might not know as much as she thought she did. Barns are actually a little stinky, and it takes a lot of time to brush a horse and tack it up (what does that even mean?). Not to mention that horses are much bigger in real life, and being so far off the ground can be scary! Will Frances be brave enough to ride Snowball all by herself, or will it be too different from what she's imagined?

Categories: Horse Lovers, Horses, Horse Riding



111. SAMMY FEELS SHY

Tom Percival | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Sammy LOVES having fun. But at school there are so many people . . . and he doesn't always know what to say. When a whole load of things go wrong and Sammy feels like EVERYONE is staring, he starts to go pink, and then pinker . . . until he's bright pink ALL OVER! Can Sammy learn how to tackle his feelings - and go back to his usual colour? This reassuring and funny book is the perfect springboard for talking to children about shyness and feeling self-conscious.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Shyness, Anxiety, Courage



112. SEARCH FOR OUR COSMIC NEIGHBOURS, THE

Chloe Savage | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

On a journey across the cosmos with Commander Julia, her team of Astro scientists and her trusty dog, Khan, as they search for life in the stars. Travelling for ten years in their packed spaceship, they visit countless moons and planets of every size and colour, searching for the answer to the greatest question of all: "Are we alone?" And, just as they're about to give up ... Khan leads them to an incredible discovery - the existence of a (friendly!) alien race. Getting to know this welcoming species calls into question everything these space explorers have ever known - about what to do next, who they are, and what it means to have a home...

Categories: Adventure, Space, Exploration, Determination, Endeavour



113. TEETH: YOU ONLY GET TWO SETS

Magda Gargulakova | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Teeth: You Only Get Two Sets takes young readers on an exciting journey through the intriguing world of dental health. This engaging non-fiction children's book explores everything from the origins of teeth to their internal structure. Children will discover the reasons behind toothaches, the uniqueness of growing only two sets of teeth, and the importance of early dental care. The narrative unfolds with a touch of whimsy, inviting readers to envision themselves with the teeth of a bat, adding a playful element to the educational adventure. Set against a backdrop of captivating illustrations and modern layout, the book's content is both visually stimulating and informative. With durable, card stock paper pages, this family-friendly guide to dental well-being withstands the curious hands of young readers. Supervised by a dentist, the content ensures accuracy and reliability in delivering valuable information about dental health. Visual step-by-step guidance empowers children with age-appropriate instructions, making dental care essentials accessible. Catering to both kids and parents, the book provides insights and tips for maintaining a healthy smile. Ideal for families seeking a reliable resource for dental care, this book is a valuable addition to every child's library a reason to smile for both parents and young readers alike.

Categories: Teeth, Health, Hygiene



114. TEN LITTLE FAIRIES

Mike Brownlow | Simon Rickerty (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The Fairy Queen has lost her precious magic wand! Can ten little fairies search the land and find it for her? Follow the fairies as they swoop and soar their way through a magical world, packed with favourite fairytale creatures and nursery rhyme characters. Read the bouncy rhyming story and count from ten to one and back again, as the little fairies disappear then reappear. Spot and count the details on each pages, and join in with the magical read-aloud sounds.

Categories: Maths, Counting



115. THOUGHTS FROM A QUIET BENCH

Kes Gray | Nila Aye (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

The Quiet Bench in the playground is the perfect place to sit and watch the world go by. It's a place to listen, think, and ask yourself questions such as . . . What are thoughts made of? Where does the air stop being invisible and turn into blue sky? Can the wind blow in two different directions at once? So next time you see someone sitting quietly, why not join them? Because there's always room for one more friend on the Quiet Bench. This mindful picture book from award-winning duo, Kes Gray and Nila Aye is the perfect book to encourage children – and adults – to slow down and start noticing the world around them.

Categories: Imagination, Mindfulness



116. UNICORN POST

Emma Yarlett | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

On a day full of rainbows, a little girl finds a unicorn knocking on the door of her treehouse. The unicorn must be lost! Luckily the girl knows just what to do. Together they visit places all around the town to see if they can find the unicorn's home. From the pet shop to the funfair, children will love lifting the flaps to find out more about where the girl and the unicorn are heading on their delightful adventure. And they might just discover that the perfect home was a lot closer than they imagined.



117. VERY LAST DROP, THE

Joanna Rzezak | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

At dawn in the African savannah, animals gather to enjoy a refreshing morning bath. Throughout the day, they parade around the waterhole as the sun climbs higher in the sky, the heat intensifies... and the lake gradually dries up. This beautifully illustrated book captures the daily life of the savannah's wildlife, offering young readers a glimpse into the natural rhythm and challenges of this delicate ecosystem. Perfect for introducing children to the wonders of African wildlife and the importance of water in sustaining life.

Categories: Habitats, Environment, Ecosystems, Water, Nature



118. WHO DID THIS POO?

Aidan Onn | Claudia Boldt (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Did you know that wombats poo in cubes and that mice can drop up to 75 pellets of poo a day? Do you know which animal's poo is sparkly like glitter? And which civilised animals always poo in the same spot, a bit like using their own toilets? With this fun and slightly irreverent book adapted from the bestselling board game, little readers can laugh while they learn all about different animals – specifically, how they poo!



119. WILD ROBOT ON THE ISLAND, THE

Peter Brown | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Venture into Roz's wild world in this gorgeously illustrated picture book that brings to full colour the adventures of the #1 New York Times bestselling novel The Wild Robot. Roz is not where she's supposed to be. Roz the robot wasn't designed to live in the wilderness. But when she washes up on an island, she must learn from the animal inhabitants and adapt to her new, natural surroundings, and before long, the island begins to feel like home. Filled with Peter Brown's stunning artwork, this moving picture book is the perfect gift for readers new to The Wild Robot or for longtime fans of the series that sparked a global phenomenon.

Categories: Friendship, Acceptance, Adventure, Parenthood, Seasons, Migration, Lifecycles, Home, Wilderness, Adaptation



120. WIZARD + ASTRONAUT + PYRAMID ADVENTURE, A PICK A STORY

Sarah Coyle | Adam Walker-parker (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Do you love space? How about wizards? And the mysterious pyramids of ancient Egypt? Find them ALL in the pages of this laugh-out-loud 'pick your own' picture book adventure! Bo's sister, Kai, has lost her special stick – and he needs YOUR help to find it before she starts to cry! Is the stick lost in space? Has a wizard cast a spell on it? Or is it buried in an ancient Egyptian pyramid? It's up to YOU to decide!

Categories: Interactive

Aboriginal Studies



121. ADVENTURE ON THE DREAMING PATH

Paul Callaghan | Dylan Finney (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 9+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Meet Uncle Rolly, your guide through Dreamtime stories and activities, and join Emily and Jacob as they go on adventures to new and beautiful locations out in the bush. In each chapter, Uncle Rolly tells us all a Dreamtime story, followed by a yarn with the children and their teacher, Ms Green. At the end of each chapter, there's a conversation point and an activity that centres on themes such as: caring for Country being yourself learning from hard times friendship following your dreams the importance of story. Learn more about how to care for your place and everything in your world, including yourself and your family and friends. This is how we connect with our Dreaming Path and live a happier life.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories, Storytelling, Connectivity



122. BAABINJE'S BACKYARD

Ella Bancroft | Bronwyn Bancroft (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

My baabinje always had dirt under her fingernails. She would take me out to the backyard and say, 'Sit, Marli. Observe and connect with the day.' From two brilliant Bundjalung women -- acclaimed mother-daughter pair Bronwyn Bancroft and Ella Noah Bancroft -- comes Baabinje's Backyard, a joyous, colourful and wise picture book about a grandmother's love for her garden, her Country and her family.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Connectivity, Country



123. CLOUDMAKER

Helen Milroy | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

Cloudmaker was an ancient being who belonged to a different time. Cloudmaker's job was to create clouds. He made sure there was enough clouds for shade, rain and light. Cloudmaker loved making clouds, but he grew sad as he realised the end of his journey was close and he had made all the clouds that were needed. His lightness of being became heavier and he soon became so heavy he sank to the Earth. Here the birds lifted his spirits and joined his favourite cloud and friend Cirra. He cried tears of sadness and joy and a tear landed on the tip of his wing and he created a rainbow that encircled the whole of Earth. He would live on forever in the rainbow.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Creation Story

124. DINGO'S DREAM TALES FROM THE BUSH MOB

Helen Milroy | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

There is someone in distress, but who? Dingo checks on everyone in his community but they're all fine. He mounts a search and rescue mission. He searches all over the countryside until he stumbles across his homeland he hasn't visited for many years and is now an empty landscape. They find a strange animal stranded at the bottom of the ravine. It was Dingo's country that called him to rescue the stranger – a Tasmanian Devil a long way from home. Tasmanian Devil helps Dingo on his way home and tells all the dingoes across the land, their country is calling them home. Filled with gorgeous illustrations of Australian animals and exciting tales, this will be a popular book for the whole family.



125. FROG'S FIRST SONG, THE

Jazz Money | Jason Phu (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

First, the world is all dark. A little bit muddled and confused. The only sound dripping water and small bubbles gurgling. In that darkness and quiet, everyone is alone. This is the world in the well. And so begins the tale of how frogs came to croak in chorus at night-time. Inspired by Chinese parables and Dreaming stories, this debut picture book is a unique and melodic ode to taking chances, using your voice and coming together in song and dance.



126. GOING FOR PIPPIES

Hunter Laurie Wilaaran | Tori-jay Mordey (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Going for Pippies is a beautifully illustrated children picture book that welcomes readers to a First Nations narrative about family, culture, traditions and a way of life. Join Wilaraan and his family as they venture on country to collect Pippies for dinner.

Categories: Family, Culture, Tradition, First Nations, Country



127. GOORRAMINDI THE CROCODILE

Quinlan Jaffrey | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

'Goorramindi' is the story of the freshwater crocodile who is guardian of the river. Goorramindi rescues a boy named 'Cory' from the claw-grips of Walwarrangga, a big cheeky crocodile who lives upstream.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Survival, Culture



128. NÄNDI GA GATAPANA (MUM AND THE BUFFALO)

Djawundil Maymara | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

When Mum, Ruthie and Roger the dog go to collect pandanus at Bawaka, they are not expecting to meet a big, black.. buffalo! How can they chase the buffalo away and get home safely? A fun story about daily life in a remote Yol?u Community, with precious illustrations from children at Yirrkala School.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Adventure



129, OLD DAYS

Margery Williams | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

Old Days depicts the author's childhood memories while spending her time between Iwupataka (Jay Creek) and Ntaria (Hermannsburg), as well as frequently visiting Tempe Downs, her mother's Country. Her vibrant artwork brings her memories to life and includes animals and birds, soaring eagles, goannas, echidnas and horses, Elders on Country, Hermansburg mission days, play and of course fishing and picnicking. They are all brought to the forefront of her expansive landscapes.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Nature, Family, First Nations, Memories, Country, Culture, Bilingual, Western Arrente



130. TIWI GIRL HUNTERS TIWI GIRL HUNTERS

Compilation | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Lola and Maryanne have been BESTIES ever since they were attacked by a plover when they were kids. They are very different. Lola is brave and Maryanne laughs like a seal. But they both LOVE hunting! It's bush holidays and they are about to go camping and hunting with Lola's mum, Bri, her Nanna Ticky and her dog called TROUBLE. The girls are especially excited because Nanna Ticky said they could go hunting on their OWN for the very first time. What could go wrong as they hunt for kuluwarringa, kirimpika, yilinga, jukwarringa and piranga? Probably a LOT.

Categories: Adventure, Humour



131. TIWI GIRL HUNTERS: APIKIRAYIWI TIWI GIRL HUNTERS

Compilation | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

The Tiwi Girl Hunters are back ... but this time they're on a BOAT! Their funny dads, Mark and Arnie, are supposed to be passing on their DEADLY fishing skills. But are the girls already too deadly? Even if Maryanne's laugh doesn't scare away the miputi, they still have to overcome a wet-season storm, a dodgy motor and their dads' annoying old footy stories to make the BIGGEST catch of their lives. Or will they come home with NOTHING?

Categories: Adventure, Humour



132. WEAVING COUNTRY

Aunty Kim Wandin | Ashleigh Pugh (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Around and around they go,' says Walert looking at Gugung's hands turning the wheel of woven reeds, growing slowly and surely, bigger and bigger. Walert's grandmother, Gugung, is collecting reeds (djirra) to weave a basket (binak) and finally, Walert is big enough to take part and learn this important cultural practice. But when a pair of blue wrens interrupt them, Walert realises that the birds have something to teach her, too.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Culture, Connectivity, First Nations, Weaving, Country, Creativity, Knowledge, Tradition, Nature



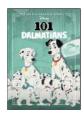
133. WEAVING US TOGETHER

Lay Maloney | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When I look back, I realise everything I needed was there all along. I'm Jean O'Ryan and this is my story. I didn't know who I was or where I belonged when I moved with my dad to a little town surrounded by hills. In that valley where the rivers meet the sea, Seraphina Landry found me fallen over on a road. With a hand from Seraphina and the rest of The Crew, we weave our lives together using threads of hope, grief, joy and love. Never alone, I find my mob, face the worst of days, search for answers, and figure out what kind of person I wanna be.

Categories: Coming of Age, Belonging, Non Binary, Family, Trauma, Identity

Graphic Novels



134. 101 DALMATIONS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Dodie Smith | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Dalmatians Pongo and Perdita have just become parents to fifteen lovely puppies. Everything is going great until one day wretched Cruella De Vil captures Pongo and Perdita's puppies, along with all the other Dalmatian pups in London! With the help of the Twilight Bark, and lots of great canine friends, Pongo and Perdita set out on an exciting journey to hunt down the evil pup-napper and rescue their little ones.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Dogs



135. ADVENTURES OF SUPER DAIPER BABY GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE ADVENTURES OF SUPER DAIPER BABY

Dav Pilkey | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From the creator of Dog Man and Cat Kid Comic Club comes Super Diaper Baby—a superhero who's faster than a speeding stroller and more powerful than diaper rash, now in full colour! George and Harold are in trouble again! As punishment, they have to write a 100-page report on 'good citizenship', and they have been specifically ordered NOT to make another comic about Captain Underpants. So what do they do? They create an all-new superhero ... Super Diaper Baby! Super Diaper Baby's archenemy, Deputy Dangerous, wants to steal his powers and take over the planet. Will the diaper-wearing dynamo defeat the deputy, or is the entire planet doomed?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horses, Horse Riding, Competition, Friendship



136. AMAZING INVENTIONS GRAPHIC NOVEL COMIC STRIP SCIENCE ADVENTURES

Paul Mason | Jess Bradley (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Discover how the Wright Brothers got into flying planes, the science behind the lightbulb, some incredible child inventors and more. This book is sure to entertain children, while giving them insights into the many challenges and rivalries behind scientific achievements and how scientists learn from mistakes. With hilarious comic strips illustrated by award-winning artist Jess Bradley and written by Paul Mason, who is well known for making science learning fun, the key science concepts are pulled out in depth through feature spreads.

Categories: Graphic Information, Science, Inventions



137. BATTLE OF THE BEASTS GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE MONKEY KING AND THE WORLD OF MYTHS

Maple Lam | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

THERE'S A NEW GOD IN TOWN. MONSTERS OF THE EAST, BEWARE! Sun Wukong, the Monkey King, and his trusty three-headed puppy, Cerberus, are heading to Heian-Kyo, ancient city of Japan. When Wukong meets a named Momotaro whose magic hammer has been stolen, they track the thief to an island of banished beasts. Only Wukong and Momotaro – with the help of a shapeshifting fox beast – can stop a monster from pitting humans and beasts against each other. If they don't...WAR will break out. And Wukong will never earn his place among the gods. PACKED WITH MAGICAL WEAPONS, MYTHS AND MIGHTY BATTLES, THIS WILL BE THE MONKEY KING'S GREATEST ADVENTURE YET!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Myths



138. BESTIES: PRANK WAR GRAPHIC NOVEL BESTIES

Kayla Miller | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Between helping with their friend Tyler's RPG campaign, catching streams of pro skateboarder Trixie Sampson's new video series, and—oh yeah—homework, Trent and Sawyer are more than a little busy ... but when Trixie announces a competition that might result in the boys getting to meet her and her crew, how could they resist entering?! The duo become single-minded in their quest to be the lucky "Trixsters" to win the prize, but it's not easy pulling off the perfect prank and capturing it on video. With their friends growing resentful of being unwilling targets and after drawing the ire of the class prank queen, Nat, the buddies soon find themselves losing at their own game.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour

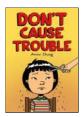


139. BRUSH WITH EVIL GRAPHIC NOVEL, A FROG, LOG AND DAVE

Trent Jamieson | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

When a hungry shark needs delivering to the Toothbrush Instruction Company - which just so happens to be under the new ownership of Count Evil von Evil - our favourite delivery drivers jump into action. But have they bitten off more than they can chew? One thing's for sure, toothbrushing has never been so dangerous.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour, Music



140. DON'T CAUSE TROUBLE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Arree Chung | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Twelve-year-old Ming Lee hopes middle school will be the fresh start he needs. But stepping into school with the same bowl haircut his mom insists on giving him, and wearing the extra-discounted thrift shop clothes she buys him doesn't quite make for the first day of his dreams. Things only get worse when he's placed in an ESL class despite English being his first (and only) language. The journey ahead is full of awkward, painful, and downright embarrassing moments. Ming's dad always tells him, "Get good grades! Don't cause trouble!" But with two new friends by his side, and a few tricks up his sleeve, Ming is determined to make some changes. Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Jerry Craft, Don't Cause Trouble is a funny, warmhearted graphic novel that will resonate with readers who are looking for a place to belong.

Categories: Graphic Novel, School, Change, Belonging



141. EMMA ALL STIRRED UP! GRAPHIC NOVEL CUPCAKE DIARIES GRAPHIC NOVEL

Coco Simon | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Emma is not thrilled with always having to rearrange her schedule so she can babysit her younger brother, Jake. Now, Emma's parents have broken some news that threatens to push Emma over the edge—since Emma and Jake are going to the same day camp this summer, she's expected to sit with Jake on the bus. Not only does this mean Emma can't hang out with her friends, but she also has to comfort Jake...who gets carsick! Can Emma find a way to sweeten up her summer plans?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Siblings, Dilemma



142. FIVE GET INTO TROUBLE GRAPHIC NOVEL FAMOUS FIVE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Enid Blyton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Join the adventure with the Famous Five - brought to life for the first time as an exciting full-colour graphic novel! Brilliantly retold with all the fun, danger and excitement of the original books, in a fast-paced format for fans old and new. This superb new edition will capture the imagination of readers of any age. Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog are The Famous Five! Their cycling trip takes a turn when Dick is kidnapped! Who could have taken him? And will they find the answer at Owl's Dene, a mysterious mansion in the middle of the woods?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure



143. FIVE GO OFF IN A CARAVAN FAMOUS FIVE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Enid Blyton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Join the adventure with the Famous Five - brought to life for the first time as an exciting full-colour graphic novel! Brilliantly retold with all the fun, danger and excitement of the original books, in a fast-paced format for fans old and new. This superb new edition will capture the imagination of readers of any age. Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog are having a caravan holiday. It only gets more exciting when they stumble across a circus. But there's no time to clown around because these circus people aren't what they seem to be, and soon the Five are caught up in another adventure.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure



144. FREE MONKEYS GRAPHIC NOVEL FREE MONKEYS

Rob Lisle | Ben Sullivan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Archibald Templeton is looking to revive his family's fallen empire with the help of his loyal monkey butlers. But things quickly spiral out of control when he creates Frankenstein's Monkey. Now he must deal with a chaotic rampaging creation while his trusty apes spring into action to save the day. Meanwhile on the weird side of town Monty a mischievous monkey trapped in a run-down animal rescue is plotting his escape. His plan is working when his dream of freedom is suddenly dashed. Soon Monty finds himself at the Templeton Manor leading a monkey butler revolution.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Persistence



145. GREAT BIG GLITCH GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE BUNNY VS MONKEY

Jamie Smart | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

When Bunny, Monkey and friends discover a glitch in reality life gets even crazier than normal: Bunny declares himself The Woods' Magical Protector, Pig becomes a superspy, plus there's complete metal Monkey mayhem!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour

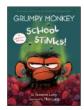


146. GREAT PUPTECTIVE GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE GREAT PUPTECTIVE

Alina Tysoe | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Truffles enjoys nothing more than peace and quiet. As the only pet in the house, his main job is to find the best place to take a nice, long nap. But that was before Poppy burst on the scene. Poppy is loud, enthusiastic and excitable as all puppies tend to be, but she's also no ordinary puppy. Oh, no, Poppy is ... a Puptective! Horrified, Truffles makes it his mission to rid Poppy once and for all. Will his plan to ship her to the North Pole be a success? Or will Truffles discover that he and Poppy can actually be good friends and perhaps even mystery-solving partners?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship



147. GRUMPY MONKEY: SCHOOL STINKS GRAPHIC NOVEL GRUMPY MONKEY GRAPHIC NOVEL

Suzanne Lang | Max Lang (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

During a game of hide-and-seek, Jim Panzee causes a real stink. Literally. He walks right into Polecat's log to hide and instead gets covered in Polecat's smelly spray. His friends remind Jim that if he'd paid attention in class, he'd have learned to identify animals by their footprints. So it's back to school for Jim! Guess what! School can be funonce you get into the swing of it! But when Jim finds himself failing, his best friend, Norman, helps him understand that learning doesn't only happen when you get everything right-you can learn from your mistakes, too.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, School



148. HORSEBACK HARDSHIPS GRAPHIC NOVEL JAKE MADDOX GRAPHIC NOVELS

Jake Maddox | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Maple Run Stables is Leah's home away from home. She loves the people the horses and the atmosphere. Sadly, Leah's family is moving and the new stable is the exact opposite. Leah feels out of place immediately. Even worse the other riders bully her about her appearance and size. Leah loses her joy of riding and her self-worth. Leah has all the skills and talent for horse riding success but will she gain back her confidence in time to prove it?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horse Lovers



149. HUNTED GRAPHIC NOVEL UNICO

Osamu Tezuka | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Join Unico on an unforgettable journey! Lost in space and time, Unico awakens in an abandoned factory town. Saved by the resourceful mouse, Garapachi, Unico befriends Chiko, a human girl. But he soon learns that a sinister force is at work in the town's factory, bent on killing all living things. Meanwhile, Venus unleashes a fierce hunter who will stop at nothing to find Unico. Can Unico save Chiko? Can the West Wind save Unico?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Manga, Adventure



150. I SURVIVED THE JAPANESE TSUNAMI, 2011 GRAPHIC NOVE I SURVIVED GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lauren Tarshis | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Visiting his dad's hometown in Japan four months after his father's death would be hard enough for Ben. But one morning, the pain turns to fear: first, a massive earthquake rocks the quiet coastal village, nearly toppling his uncle's house. Then the ocean waters rise, and Ben and his family are swept away—and pulled apart—by a devastating tsunami. Can he fight hard enough to survive one of the most destructive disasters of all time?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Disasters, Tsunami, Natural Disaster



151. INTO THE BEWILDERNESS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Gus Gordon | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

A funny, life-affirming graphic novel from award-winning Australian creator Gus Gordon. Best friends Luis and Pablo spend their days wandering through nature, playing songs on the guitar, and eating pinecone porridge. But Luis wonders if there's more to life than just the woods and the rivers and the sky. Sure, life is good. but maybe it could be ... better? When adventure in the big city calls, will the friends find what they're looking for?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Friendship, Humour, Nature



152. LIZZIE BORDEN STORY GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE I WITNESSED

Jeramey Kraatz | Crystal Jayme (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

On the morning of August 4, 1892, fourteen-year-old Charlie sees a horrifying act unfold at his next-door neighbor Lizzie Borden's house—something he can't keep to himself. Yet no one believes what Charlie saw . . . not even when Andrew and Abby Borden are found dead later that morning. Charlie is determined to use all that he witnessed to help find the murderer…even if it means having to face the prime suspect, his enigmatic neighbor Lizzie Borden, accused of killing her own father and stepmother. What began as one innocent moment of being in the wrong place at the wrong time becomes a suspenseful game of cat and mouse as Lizzie faces the trial of the century, and Charlie must ask himself: Can you ever really know someone's true character

Categories: Graphic Novel, Crime, Mystery



153. MEDICAL MARVELS GRAPHIC NOVEL COMIC STRIP SCIENCE ADVENTURES

Paul Mason | Jess Bradley (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

An entertaining collection of comic strip stories uncovering some amazing advances in medicine. Discover how Charles Drew saved millions by storing blood plasma, how a Chinese scientist discovered a malaria treatment and much more. This book is sure to entertain children, while giving them insights into the many challenges and rivalries behind scientific achievements and how scientists learn from mistakes. With hilarious comic strips illustrated by award-winning artist Jess Bradley and written by Paul Mason, who is well known for making science learning fun, key science concepts are pulled out in more depth through feature spreads.

Categories: Graphic Information, Science, Technology, Medicine



154. MILLIE OF THE MANOR GRAPHIC NOVEL

Karina Evans | Andrea Bell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Amy has always loved a good mystery. So when her classmate Reagan invites her to a murder-mystery-themed birthday party, she should be ecstatic. Instead, she's worried that her social anxiety will mess everything up. Thankfully, all the guests are given characters to play for the night, so Amy will go as "Millie Morgan," a scientist looking to solve the murder and clear her name. With newfound confidence as Millie, Amy must work with the other partygoers to solve the crime. But when evidence piles up and clues begin to incriminate her alter ego, Amy's anxiety comes rushing back. With the help of her new friends, Amy must learn to navigate her own anxiety as Millie works to solve the mystery and prove her innocence.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Mystery, Anxiety, Friendship, Teamwork, Crime



155. MIRROR TOWN GRAPHIC NOVEL BIZARRE BAZAAR

Daniel Nayeri | Liz Enright (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

No one ever pays attention to twelve-year-old Abel Azari: not his parents, not the cool kids at school, and certainly not his crush, Ginny Mendoza. That all changes the day he discovers a peculiar mirror. But this isn't any old mirror, as Abel finds out soon enough when he accidentally falls through it. What waits for him on the other side is a world just like his, except something is...off. Suddenly, his busy parents are spending every minute with him, his classmates treat him like a king, and now Ginny wants to hang out? It's the life Abel's always dreamed of. But Mirror Town hides evil secrets, and Abel will have to unravel them fast before he ends up trapped there forever.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Magic, Parallel World



156. MIXED-UP GRAPHIC NOVEL

Kami Garcia | Brittany N. Williams (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Stella knows fifth grade will be the best year ever. Her closest friends, Emiko and Latasha, are in her class and they all got the teacher they wanted. Then their favourite television show, Witchlins, announces a new guidebook and an online game! But when the classwork starts piling up, Stella struggles to stay on top. Why does it take her so long to read? And how can she keep up with friends in the Witchlins game if she can't get through the text-heavy guidebook? It takes loving teachers and her family to recognise that Stella has a learning difference, and after a dyslexia diagnosis, she gets the support and tools she needs to succeed.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Courage, Dyslexia



157. MONSTER BLOOD GRAPHIC NOVEL GOOSEBUMPS GRAPHIC NOVEL

RL Stine | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

While staying with his great-aunt Kathryn, Evan Ross visits an eerie old toy store. Among the dusty shelves, he finds a can of something called 'Monster Blood'. The odd, sticky substance really does look like the blood of a creature. It has a greenish glow and sometimes feels warm to the touch. But the most alarming thing about the toy ooze is the way it keeps growing, overflowing its container, then a bathtub, then filling up a whole trash can. Evan worries that all that growing has given the Monster Blood a monstrous appetite.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horror

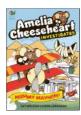


158. MUMMIES IN THE MORNING GRAPHIC NOVEL MAGIC TREE HOUSE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Mary Pope Osborne | Kelly Matthews (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Be careful what you wish for in the magic tree house - it might just come true! This time, Jack and Annie have been whisked away to ancient Egypt. After getting lost inside a pyramid, the siblings meet a real-life mummy who needs their help solving a centuries-old riddle. Join Jack and Annie as they learn about the past and try to solve the ancient mystery - if only they can find their way through the pyramid's maze!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Magic, Time Travel



159. MUMMY MAYHEM! GRAPHIC NOVEL AMELIA CHEESEHEART INVESTIGATES

Cat Weldon | Nene Lonergan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

A comic-form mystery series for emerging readers starring sparky mouse aviator, Amelia Cheeseheart and her best friend Webster, a banana-loving spider; they investigate mysterious goings-on in their home at the museum - things are going missing, and are found in the Ancient Egyptian room. What on earth is Cleo the Cat Mummy up to? Amelia Cheeseheart saves the day!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery, Detective, Crime, Investigation



160. NO COUNTRY GRAPHIC NOVEL

Patrice Aggs | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

What would you do if your home wasn't safe anymore? Bea and her family are trying to live as if everything is normal. She and her sister Hannah look out for one another, at home and in school. But their country is starting to fall apart. A civil war is raging, and it's getting closer. Bea is desperate not to leave home, but how long will it be before they have to run?

Categories: Graphic Novel, War, Holocaust



161. PIRATES PAST NOON GRAPHIC NOVEL MAGIC TREE HOUSE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Mary Pope Osborne | Kelly Matthews (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Be careful what you wish for in the magic tree house - it might just come true! This time, Jack and Annie have been whisked away to a beautiful beach. It's paradise! That is, until the pirates arrive... The dreaded Cap'n Bones is looking for buried treasure, but he can't solve the treasure map's riddle. He thinks Jack and Annie know where his treasure is, and he's not letting them go until they find it! Join Jack and Annie as they sail the high seas of history and try to solve the treasure map mystery - and meet a magical, mysterious new friend!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Pirates



162. POETRY COMICS

Grant Snider | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From the cloud-gazing hours of early spring to the lost bicycles of late autumn, Grant Snider's brilliantly illustrated Poetry Comics will take you climbing, floating, swimming, and tumbling through all the year's ups, downs, and inbetweens. He proves that absolutely everything, momentous or minuscule, is worthy of attention, whether snail shells, building blocks, the lamented late bus, or the rare joy of unscuffed shoes. These poems explore everything you never thought to write a poem about, and they're so fun to read you'll want to write one yourself. Not to worry, in this wonderful paperback edition there's a poem for that, too!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Poetry



163. PUZZLING FATE OF MILLICENT GRAVES GRAPHIC NOVEL

Dora M Mitchell | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Twelve-year-old Millicent Grave's life is a mess. After her mom sank all their money into a fancy fish tank business, her family had to move to an apartment with three creepy landladies. Then fate (or, actually, the Fates) leads Millie to discover a room full of jigsaw puzzles that give her the power to fix the imperfections in everyone she knows. Soon, her sister is sensible instead of gross, and her mom is successful instead of unlucky. Dad still needs some work, and her new neighbor and classmate Sam Smolt is still annoying-but he's kind of becoming her best friend anyway. And if there are mysterious new cracks in the universe in the exact shape of those puzzle pieces, that's not a problem, right? It's not like all of reality is about to unravel. Right... Right?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Fantasy, Magic, Humour, Family



164. QUEST FOR THE TRUE DRAGON GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Jaimal Yogis | Vivian Truong (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

As Grace's Hunxue powers grow stronger, she can't help but feel it's unfair she might be missing out on a normal school life. Other kids get to relax, watch movies with friends, and go on dates, while Grace is risking her life to save the world. But something has felt off about her connection with Nate lately, and she keeps dreaming of her father and his ominous insistence that she must wake the dragon kings.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Dragons, Mythology



165. REEL LIFE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Kane Lynch | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When Galen's parents reveal that they're splitting up, his life is thrown into chaos. He knows he shouldn't like his dad's home-wrecker girlfriend, Jasmine, but she isn't as nasty as he expected. Then his mum brings home a new boyfriend - and his teenage daughter! To top it off, Galen's friend Kyle has inexplicably become really mean. To process these confusing emotions, Galen and his best friend, Luna, decide to make a documentary movie all about his parents' divorce. But will the reel life of filmmaking help Galen face his real life?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Separation, Empathy



166. ROCK 'N' GOAL GRAPHIC NOVEL JAKE MADDOX GRAPHIC NOVELS

Jake Maddox | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

It's been a year since Robert's brother died and Robert is miserable. He no longer cares about school or friends and he's angry all the time. When Robert is forced to join the soccer team he wants to hate it. But the team's energy is contagious. Robert channels his brother's love of music into his game and starts rocking his time as goalie.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Sport, Soccer, Football



167. ROMAN HOLIDAY GRAPHIC NOVEL PABLO AND SPLASH

Sheena Dempsey | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

When their penguin pal Benji won't believe they've travelled through time, Pablo and Splash have a point to prove. The two travel to Ancient Rome, hoping to bring back a centurion helmet as proof of their adventures. But when Pablo and Splash meet an emperor with a passion for collecting exotic birds, only some quick thinking – and emergency time travel – can save them from the fate that awaits them in the Colosseum!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Time Travel



168. SNEAKING OUT GRAPHIC NOVEL SWEET VALLEY TWINS

Francine Pascal | Claudia Aguirre (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Everyone at Sweet Valley Middle School is going to the biggest concert ever ... everyone except twins, Jessica and Elizabeth! Their favourite band is back in town but no matter how much they beg their parents, they can't get permission to go. Elizabeth is ready to sulk and stay home, but Jessica refuses to give up hope. She'll see this band even if it means lying or leaving her sister behind. Caught between her parents and her twin, will Elizabeth sneak out with Jessica? Or will she blow the whole plan out of the water?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Siblings



169. SONG OF SWORDS AND STUFFIES GRAPHIC NOVEL, A LAST COMICS ON EARTH

Max Brallier | Jay Cooper (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

The series that proves that the zombie apocalypse is better with friends. Featuring new Last Kids on Earth stories by Max Brallier and full-colour artwork throughout! Jack, June, Quint and Dirk – AKA the Last Kids on Earth – are creating ANOTHER COMIC BOOK MASTERPIECE! Are you ready for the next Last Comics adventure? Of course you are! And this next book doesn't disappoint. It's bigger, better, and just plain awesome. What is it about, you ask? Well ... as Maverick would say, "It's classified." Could I tell you? Uhhh ... sure, I guess? Maybe? Okay, fine, no. No, I can't. But soon, SOON I will. And you'll say it was aaaall worth the wait.

Categories: Graphic Novel



170. STAR WARS ADVENTURES VOLUME 1 GRAPHIC NOVEL STAR WARS

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

Get ready for action-packed Star Wars adventures in this thrilling ride across the galaxy! With stories from across the saga, a mix of legendary heroes and exciting new faces, these exhilarating tales are sure to excite Jedi of all ages. Get ready to experience the epic struggle between good and evil as you never have before! May the Force be with volume

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure



171. STITCH HEAD: PIRATE'S EYE GRAPHIC NOVEL STITCH HEAD

Guy Bass | Pete Williamson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Enter the darkly funny world of Stitch Head, as he steps out of the shadows into the adventure of an almost-lifetime... When Stitch Head sees his ice-blue eye for the very first time, he's convinced that it once belonged to the legendary pirate, Captain Flashpowder. Could it be that he is part-pirate? But as Stitch Head prepares for a life of derring-do on the high seas, some fishy business closer to home puts a stop to his swashbuckling plans...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour, Experiments



172. SUPER FRIENDS! GRAPHIC NOVEL KENNETH AND QUEENIE

Raymond McGrath | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Kenneth is on a mission. Queenie is almost the queen of her hive. Together with their pollinating pals, they're going to save the world, one flower at a time... Story 1: Fuzzy Bits! Queenie has found a fun new way to pollinate, but Kenneth is not impressed! Will they ever agree? Story 2:Fuzzy Friends! Kenneth is thrilled when Queenie makes an important discovery. Shall Kenneth try something new? Story 3: Fuzzy Feelings! After a big day, Queenie has some big feelings. Luckily, Kenneth, Barbara, Zippo and Dungaree are Super Friends!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour, Teamwork, Fairness



173. SUPER RABBIT ALL-STARS! GRAPHIC NOVEL PRESS START!

Thomas Flintham | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Sunny's playing his favourite video game again! Super Rabbit Boy is taking part in the Super All-Star Games Tournament! He has to survive three rounds of games - MEGA MOUNTAIN CLIMB, BUBBLE BOP and DANGER ZONE - to make it to the final game. Does Super Rabbit Boy have what it takes to win? Who will be crowned the Ultimate All-Star Champion? Sunny's ready to PRESS START and find out!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour, Gaming, Reluctant Readers



174. UNFAIRIES GRAPHIC NOVEL

Huw Aaron | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Prepare to enter the world of the Unfairies! Where battles are epic, mighty and mega . . . though on a slightly miniature scale (just don't tell them that . . .) Some stories will tell you fairies are sweet, kind, magical creatures. Well, those stories are WRONG. It's time everyone knew the TRUTH! Fairies are sneaky, cunning and about as magical as slugs. Join our impulsive, hilarious and somewhat surprising hero Pip on a breakneck adventure among the warring unfairy tribes of The Garden. Expect sinister plots, epic acorn-based warfare, a dubious ancient prophecy, thrilling centipede chases . . . and a hero who doesn't give two hoots about anything.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Fairies, Adventure



175. WILD GHOST CHASE GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE AGENTS OF S.U.I.T.

John patrick Green | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Get ready to dive into the third volume of Agents of S.U.I.T., featuring the weird and wacky coworkers, Mango and Brash! Now, new recruit Zeb the sheep joins the flock to help crack the greatest mystery of all! But, uhh... just what is the greatest mystery of all? Pondering that conundrum is what has kept the dearly departed General Inspectre tethered to Earth long after he should have moved on. Having a ghost haunting the halls of S.U.I.T. wouldn't be so bad... except he's possessed Monocle to serve as his Earthly form! Zeb – along with Cilantro, Bongo, Marsha – must decipher the series' biggest mystery EVER to free their pal and finish the Inspectre's unfinished business!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



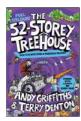
176. WISH I WAS A BALLER GRAPHIC NOVEL

Amar Shah | Rashad Doucet (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Amar Shah wants to be in the game. Wish I Was a Baller is a graphic memoir chronicling Amar Shah's real-life experiences as a fourteen-year-old sports journalist covering the golden era of the NBA, when he befriended Shaquille O'Neal and hung out with Michael Jordan and the Bulls, all while surviving the high school caste system, dealing with crushes, and friendships being tainted by jealousy.

Categories: Sport, Basketball, Growing Up, Family Unit, Drama

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177. 52-STOREY TREEHOUSE COLOUR EDITION

Andy Griffiths | Terry Denton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Celebrate the phenomenal, sales-smashing, award-winning Treehouse series with this stunning colour edition of the bestselling The 52-Storey Treehouse. Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse has 13 new storeys, including a watermelon-smashing level, a wave machine, a life-size snakes and ladders game (with real ladders and real snakes), a rocket-powered carrot-launcher, a Ninja Snail Training Academy and a high-tech detective agency with all the latest high-tech detective technology, which is lucky because they have a BIG mystery to solve - where is Mr Big Nose??? Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up!

Categories: Humour



178. BAD GUYS: ALIEN VS BAD GUYS FULL COLOUR EDITION BAD GUYS

Aaron Blabey | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

One by one, the Bad Guys are vanishing. Taken by a creature with way too many teeth and far too many bottoms. Is this the end? Maybe. But will it be funny? You bet your butts it will!

Categories: Humour



179. BEST (WORST) FARMER EVER

Pat Cummins | Louis Shea (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

The cows have broken the fence! The sheep are acting funny. There's a boat that has to be put into a tree! And someone really must stop the birds from eating all the apples! There's no end of work for Farmer Pat, his son Albie and their dog Normie. But that's not a problem because Farmer Pat always knows exactly what to do! Kind of. A rollicking father-son adventure that captures a laugh-out-loud day on the farm, while featuring a cheeky cast of animals. This heartwarming book is the creation of Australian Cricket Captain, L-plate farmer and proud dad of Albie, Pat Cummins, with acclaimed author, Michael Wagner, and bestselling illustrator, Louis Shea.

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Farming



180. BEST START KICKING IT FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Jess Black | Mario Gushiken (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Alex has only ever wanted one thing: to attend Kicking It Football Academy and make her dream of becoming a professional footballer come true. Alex's dream of getting into the best football academy in the country has finally come true. But now that her first day has come and gone, Alex finds that she isn't off to the best start. Is it nerves? Or is Alex simply not cut out for the football academy of her dreams?

Categories: Family, Friendship, Challenges, Soccer, Football, Teamwork



181. BOOK SWAP FLOP, THE BILLIE B BROWN

Sally Rippin | Aki Fukuoka (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

Billie's school is holding a book swap to raise money for kids in hospital. Everyone brings a book and a gold coin. Billie donates her best book, but is upset to discover it is not going to the kids – only the money is. How can Billie get her book back? Billie B Brown is the perfect first chapter-book series for young readers. Every down-to-earth story follows bold, brilliant Billie as she uses her imagination to tackle a new challenge, whether it's about friends, family or feelings. With her best friend, Jack, by her side, there's nothing Billie can't do!

Categories: Books, Hospital, Dilemma



182. CHAMPIONS WYLAH: THE KOORIE WARRIOR

Jordan Gould | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

A heart-stopping adventure, starring a hero for the ages and her mega-funny megafauna friends - this best-selling series is a kid favourite. When her koala friends are stolen by the Dragon Army and whisked away to a distant land, Wylah knows she must follow. But life on the other side of the portal is not what she expects, and soon Wylah and her crew find themselves taking part in a series of epic challenges. The stakes are high but the rewards just might be worth the risk! Who can Wylah trust in this strange place, and can she find a way to win?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Friendship, Culture, First Nations



183. CHAOS! WHICH WAY WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Andrew Cranna | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

YOU choose what happens next! Chaos Theory: the scientific theory that a single occurrence, no matter how small, can change the course of the universe forever. When Bodhi, Jemima and Kevin the pig find Grandpa's famous Amazonian Chilli Collection, they have no idea what sort of power is about to be unleashed. And now the fate of their world depends on the choices they make. Oh no!! That sounds like a recipe for disaster ... and outrageous hilarity!! Laugh out very loud at the most ridiculous, absurd adventures ever, where you get to choose what happens next. But whatever you choose ... BEWARE of the CHILLIES! BWAH HA HA HA HA HA HA.

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Interactive



184. COOL BEANS EBB AND FLO

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$11.99 | School Price \$10.20

Small words, big feelings! Learn to read! Love to read! Flo does not see what is so cool about Ebb's new Cool Beans. Will Ebb and Flo find a way to play together again, or is this cool new craze here to stay?

Categories: Friendship, Humour

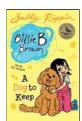


185. DISAPPEARING CIRCUS, THE

Helen Edwards | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When Emme and Ivy—two runaway girls weighed down by grief—stumble upon a strange circus on the moors, they discover ghostly performers, mythical creatures, and a Ringmistress with dark secrets await them beneath the blood-red Big Top. To save the fading circus from vanishing forever, Emme and Ivy must uncover their hidden talents and put on a show to end all shows. And can they uncover them in time? As secrets are unravelled, Emme and Ivy must step into the spotlight and take a chance on themselves and each other. A breathtaking blend of magic, mythology, and heart, The Disappearing Circus reminds us that friendship and courage can be found in the most unexpected of places.

Categories: Magic, Adventure, Friendship, Grief, Kindness, Forgiveness, Family, Hope, Circus



186. DOG TO KEEP, A BILLIE B BROWN

Sally Rippin | Aki Fukuoka (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

Billie meets an adorable foster dog called Otto. Everyone in the neighbourhood loves him, but no-one can adopt him. Can Billie find Otto his forever home? Billie B Brown is the perfect first chapter-book series for young readers. Every down-to-earth story follows bold, brilliant Billie as she uses her imagination to tackle a new challenge, whether it's about friends, family or feelings. With her best friend, Jack, by her side, there's nothing Billie can't do!

Categories: Friendship, Relationships, Pets, Dogs, Rescue Animal, Adoption



187. EDIE TELLS A LIE

Ingrid Laguna | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A heartwarming middle-grade novel about finding courage, making new friends, being proud of family culture and learning from mistakes. Edie lives with her mum-it's just the two of them. Her best friend, Bowie, lives right next door, until Bowie moves to the country. Edie feels alone and forgotten, but she soon meets Aleki, and she's happy to have a new friend. Aleki has a big family with lots going on all the time. Edie wishes she had a big, interesting family too. So she invents a story-a lie. It's only a small story, but it soon grows, and it lands her in trouble. Suddenly Edie is lonelier than ever. But then she finds a mysterious letter in an old book. It's written in Polish, the language of her dad's family, and Edie discovers she has a famous great aunt who lived a remarkable life with wild animals in a forest in Poland. Edie is proud of her Polish heritage, and she wants to tell her classmates about her amazing auntie. But, after her lie, will anyone believe her? Edie Tells a Lie is a heartfelt story about friendship and family, loneliness, and the consequences of making a mistake.

Categories: Friendship, Courage, Culture, Loneliness, Mistakes, Consequences



188. ESCAPE FROM FIRESTONE FORTRESS

Rachel Jackson | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Grand Wizard Dawlish has tasked you — his apprentice — with stealing the firestone of legend from a neighbouring kingdom. Breaking into the fortress is one thing, but escaping with the firestone is a whole new challenge! Escaping from Firestone Fortress, alive, just became a whole lot more complicated, especially as you must forge an alliance with your dragon before it all comes to a fiery end. There are lost dragonian texts to decipher, ancient riddles to solve and spells to be cast as you navigate the dangerous world of dragons as well as your own fledgling magic. There are thirty-eight unique ways to escape and a multitude of dragons to discover.

Categories: Interactive, Adventure, Humour



189. FARM SLEEPOVER, THE BILLIE B BROWN

Sally Rippin | Aki Fukuoka (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

Billie is spending the night at her friend Sara's farm! She braves a long drive, strange goats, and even a huge horse. But is she brave enough to admit she still sleeps with her teddy bear? Billie B Brown is the perfect first chapter-book series for young readers. Every down-to-earth story follows bold, brilliant Billie as she uses her imagination to tackle a new challenge, whether it's about friends, family or feelings. With her best friend, Jack, by her side, there's nothing Billie can't do!

Categories: Family, Home, Nature, Farms, Farming

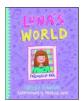


190. FOUL PLAY NETBALL BESTIES

Jo Weston | Sam Loman (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

It's all hands on deck for the harvest as the Weston nut farm prepares for the biggest market of the year. Jo has to juggle farm duties, netball training and a big school project. Her team has a big game against their rivals, The Ogres, on Saturday - the same day as the market. But everything that can go wrong, does go wrong! The harvesting machine breaks down, and it looks like sabotage. It's up to Jo and her friends to find out more and crack the case! Can they fix things in time for the market and the big game?

Categories: Sport, Netball, Friendship, Adventure, Mystery



191. FRIENDSHIP FAIL! LUNA'S WORLD

Hayley Gannon | Michelle Conn (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Hi, I'm Luna! This diary you're reading? My mum's idea. She said it will help me to focus. You see, my mind is always racing with a million thoughts! I have so much I want to say and do! So, I'm going to use this diary to show you EVERYTHING that's going on in my world. Luna Merrian has BIG news! Not only is she loving her role as a Little Librarian, but she is also getting along with her school rival, Jade Jones. Luna and Jade are becoming friends, and Luna couldn't be happier! But then Luna sees a birthday party invite that changes everything ... Can Luna overcome this friendship fail?

Categories: Reading, Books, Library, Friendship



192. GREG'S SPOOKY SURPRISE SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | David Kennett (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

In this hilarious story, Greg's monster surprise goes monstrously wrong! Greg loves the spooky season. BOO! But others don't. What can he do? Greg's built a haunted house, but it's a bit too scary for his friends. Can he work out a way for them all to have fun? Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers, by Australian Children's Laureate Sally Rippin! Start by reading only the last word on every line and work your way up to reading the whole story. With tumbling rhymes and an infectious sense of humour, the weird and wonderful students at the School of Monsters are guaranteed to spark a love of reading!

Categories: Humour, Monsters



193. JANE DOE AND THE GOD OF ALL HOURS JANE DOE CHRONICLES

Jeremy Lachlan | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

A lost girl. A nefarious god. A secret path to save the worlds. Jane Doe has vanished. Her friends have scattered. The God-King has claimed the Otherworlds, victorious. Still, his Amber-eyed Legion hunts, scouring the Manor for his one true vessel: Jane. With her powers, he could rule not only the Otherworlds, but the Manor itself. But where is Jane? Why did she disappear? And what will happen when she returns with no memory of her life at all? With a mythical relic in hand and an old ally by her side, Jane has one last chance to find her friends and save the Otherworlds. But first, she will have to find herself...

Categories: Quest, Courage, Magic, Journey, Adventure, Fantasy, Parallel Worlds



194. KRSTEL KICKS TO WIN KIMBERLEY KICKERS

Carl Merrison | Samantha Campbell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

It's a GOAL! A rush of adrenaline courses through me as I jump in the air in celebration. This is big – my first goal in the AFLW. I've achieved my dream! My teammates gather around to celebrate. I can hear my family cheering from the crowd. I'm Krstel Petrevski and the dream I had to play professional Aussie Rules footy since I was a kid in outback Halls Creek has finally come true. Let me tell you the story of how I got here – about my mates, my family, growing up in the Kimberley on a huge station with motorbikes, horses, swimming holes, playing footy and going to boarding school far away from home.

Categories: Sport, AFL, AFLW, Football, Adventure, Boarding School



195. MEGA RICH GUINEA PIGS MEGA RICH GUINEA PIGS

Kate Temple | Jol Temple (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The world's richest man, Magnus McAloon, has tragically died in a rocket experiment gone wrong. The sole heirs to his estate are his four beloved pet guinea pigs: Hot Head, Lunk, G-Chip and Big Pig (who is actually a capybara, but don't tell him that). Not everyone is happy – especially the members of the McAloon family, who are determined to get back the fortune that they feel belongs to them, and not the newly mega rich guinea pigs.

Categories: Humour, Experiments, Science, Friendship



196. MILLIE MAK MAKES HER MARK MILLIE MAK

Alice Pung | Sher rill Ng (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Millie Mak and her friends are trying to start a business creating and selling their upcycled designs. But it's school holidays, and looking after their annoying younger siblings is really slowing them down. Meanwhile, Millie's friend Veesa wonders whether she should continue to help her mother work. Veesa's mother sews fast fashion and Veesa feels worried and guilty about its impact on the planet. Can Millie and her mates resolve these dilemmas? And can Millie overcome her own challenges and learn how to make her mark? From the creators of Millie Mak the Maker and Millie Mak the Mender, comes another inspiring book that celebrates the joy of creativity and the immense power of friendship.

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, Creativity, Siblings, Dilemma



197. NEEKA AND THE STORM WILDER ZOO

Tina Strachan | Max Hamilton (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals and is lucky enough to live at Wilder Zoo where her mum is Head Vet. The deadline for the school Reading Challenge is only a few days away and Neeka has a lot of reading to do! A fun day at the waterpark and new sports equipment for the school are on the line and every student must complete their books. Then a wild and damaging storm hits. Roads are blocked and emergency evacuation plans for some of the animals are put in place. But when Neeka's bedroom is turned into an animal nursery, focusing on reading becomes her biggest challenge of all.

Categories: Adventure, Family, Animals, Zoo, Reading, Weather, Storm



198. NETBALL RULES ELLA DIARIES

Meredith Costain | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

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 class have a Sports Day competition coming up, and Ella is playing netball! But there's one person on her team who doesn't know any of the rules ... and they only have a week to practice until the big game! Ella is determined to lead her team to greatness!

Categories: Friendship, Teamwork, Sport, Netball



199. NEW FRIENDS WOLF GIRL

Anh Do | Kalp Sanghvi (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When Gwen and her pack fall from Castle Winter into the churning sea, she wonders if this might be the end of their adventures... but then they are rescued by an unlikely group - a boy, a girl and two dolphins. Together the new alliance sets out to Rocky Bay to search for their lost families and are met by a strange sight - prisoners hauling glowing rocks from the ocean under the watch of Braxan guards. But soon the group are spotted... Will they survive this battle against enemies on sea and land? And might Gwen finally be reunited with her family? From Australia's bestselling author comes this thrilling new tale of survival and friendship featuring Wolf Girl and her fearless pack!

Categories: Fantasy, Friendship, Courage, Identity, Survival



200. NINJA GIRL 2: NINJA SUPERSTARS! NINJA GIRL

Anh Do | James Hart (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Niki used to be an average, everyday kid ... until she found out she has amazing ninja skills. And that her kitten can talk and do karate! Now, evil lizards are terrorising the town and causing chaos at the talent quest. Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten will have to come up with their best ninja act ever to fix this mess!

Categories: Martial Arts, Ninja, Mystery, Humour



201. NINJA KID 16: NINJA REWIND! NINJA KID

Anh Do | Mario A Gonzalez (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

It's Kenny's birthday! Just the day to try out Grandma's new invention: The backwards bracelet! But Kenny doesn't want to go back in time ... or to eat the world's biggest ice-cream ... he just wants the most perfect day ever! Can Nelson help their soccer team win and make Kenny's dreams come true?!



202. PARIS ADVENTURE ELLA AT EDEN SUPER SPECIAL

Laura Sieveking | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

It's the end of Year 7 for Ella and her friends at Eden College. And they can't believe their luck when they are invited to join their friend Ariel for a movie-award ceremony in Paris! The girls are treated like celebrities and enjoy everything Paris has to offer, from the best hot chocolates to delicious croissants. It feels like the perfect vacation ... until a piece of Ariel's borrowed diamond jewellery goes missing. Can Ella and her friends find the thief and recover the jewellery in time for the ceremony? Or will it be lost forever?

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Travel, Paris, Mystery



203. PARTY POOPERS EBB AND FLO

Laura Bunting | Philip Bunting (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$11.99 | School Price \$10.20

When Ebb finds out there are no sweets at a party, he turns into a real party pooper. Can Flo help Ebb find his manners before he ruins a friend's birthday? Each stand-alone story features: a hilarious and relatable friendship story; decodable phonetic words; essential sight words and high-frequency words; phoneme manipulation to boost phonological awareness ... and lots of fun!

Categories: Friendship, Humour, Manners



204. PRANK WARS: LEVEL UP PRANK WARS

Louise Park | Mo Johnson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Life on Caper Street has been quiet since the Cruelly Pranksters disappeared after their defeat at the hands of prank-busting agents Hannah and Jake Vann-Wong. When an ice cream van at Hannah's birthday party serves weird flavours, and things go wrong at the swimming carnival, it's clear—the Cruelly kids are back. And they've seriously levelled up. The Vann-Wong agents have mastered some amazing new skills but will they be enough to win this next battle?

Categories: Humour, Problem Solving, Secrets, Mystery, Persistence, Differences



205. PREHISTORIC PERIL YOU CHOOSE MEGA

George Ivanoff | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

You go on a school excursion to a new dinosaur-themed educational centre. ROAR! Do you go to the animatronics exhibition, and discover dangerous robot dinosaurs? Or the research institute, where a rogue scientist has been experimenting with dinosaur DNA? Or perhaps you uncover the secret time travel project, where pressing the wrong button accidentally transports you back in time!? Whatever you choose, it's going to be MEGA!

Categories: Interactive, Adventure, Dinosaurs, Time Travel



206. PUPPY PROJECT, THE MILLIE AND STELLA BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Josephine Moon | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Millie and Stella have wanted a puppy for the longest time. So when Fergus, an adorable assistance dog in training, needs their help, they're up for the challenge. But it's harder than they thought and the cheeky puppy has his own plans about what to learn.

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Mystery, Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, Creativity



207. REMARKABLE ROBOT ROBBERY, THE HEIST

Joel McKerrow | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

After saving the world from an alien takeover in The Great Chocolate Caper, the Heist team are back in a stonking new adventure - and this time, they're saving the aliens from the humans! When Andy McGee and his crew make it to the finals of the National Robot Battle in Sydney, they find themselves exactly where they need to be to join the alien Resistance and do what they do best - orchestrate a daring, audacious, high-stakes heist that will go down in the history books. Magic tricks and misdirection, with a sideshow of clever robot trickery amidst secret tunnels in Sydney's iconic harbour, make this heist especially spectacular!

Categories: Humour, Teamwork, Aliens, Adventure



208. REP TRIALS DIARY OF A NETBALL STAR

Liz Watson | Laura Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

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's injury has healed and she is finally able to play netball again! Which is perfect because the rep team trials are just around the corner. Liz and Katie decide to try out together, but what happens if they don't get in? And who has moved in next door?

Categories: Family, Friendship, Teamwork, Netball



209. SILVERBORN MYSTERY OF MORRIGAN CROW, THE NEVERMOOR

Jessica Townsend | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

Morrigan Crow is ready for a new adventure. In Silverborn: The Mystery of Morrigan Crow, we will travel to places in Nevermoor that we've never seen, meet people from Morrigan's past who will be very important in untangling the mystery of who she is ... and see Morrigan aligning herself with someone very dangerous to learn more of the Wundrous Arts.

Categories: Fantasy, Friendship, Resilience, Mystery



210. SILKEN THREAD, THE

Gabrielle Wang | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Moonie lives in Melbourne and dreams of designing dresses for movie stars. Eight thousand kilometres away, on Chongming Island in China, peasant boy Little Dipper cares for the silkworms on his family's farm and hopes to learn English. On the day Moonie's beloved Ma Mi goes away, Little Dipper appears in her house. Before they can speak, he is whisked back home. Aided by a magical silk cocoon, Little Dipper's visits become a regular event and although neither knows how or why they are connected their bond grows each time. Will the silken threads of friendship be enough to help Moonie bring Ma Mi home, or to save Little Dipper from the troublesome ghosts who stand between him and his dream of learning English?

Categories: Family, Friendship, Resilience, Diversity, Discrimination, Culture



211. SNOT SCARY JUNGLE STORIES! GRAPHIC NOVEL KEV AND TREV

Kylie Howarth | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Join Kev and Trev's epic jungle adventure - full of roarsome new friends and frightfully fun times! Outswing a scary jaguar, steer clear of hairy spiders, poison frogs and cheeky monkeys, and dance like your life depends on it, all the while searching for mysterious pugorillas ... and Kev's missing shorts! Jump on board Kev and Trev's popcorn powered houseboat and sail to the jungle for their most tree-mendous journey yet.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Reluctant Readers, Humour



212. SNOW FOR HETI SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | David Kennett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$8.79

In this hilarious story, Heti's wish for snow has some surprising results! Heti wishes it would snow! Can her friends help make it so? Heti's friends are determined to make it snow, but it seems their magic spells only spell disaster! Can they figure out how to make winter magic for Heti? Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers, by Australian Children's Laureate Sally Rippin! Start by reading only the last word on every line and work your way up to reading the whole story. With tumbling rhymes and an infectious sense of humour, the weird and wonderful students at the School of Monsters are guaranteed to spark a love of reading!

Categories: Humour, Monsters



213. SONG OF A THOUSAND SEAS

Zana Fraillon | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Houdini the octopus lives in an aquarium, but she misses her home in the wild Sea. She doesn't like the visitors who bang on her tank. Or the way she can't feel the sun on her skin or the wind rippling the water. It's a dull existence for a creature with nine brains. Then one day she meets someone who is different to the other visitors. Juno's busy brain buzzes with so many questions and thoughts that Houdini's skin tingles with wonder. But the singing of the Sea is growing stronger and harder to resist. Can Houdini make Juno understand what she needs before it's too late?

Categories: Verse Novel, Relationships



214. STORIES FOR THE KID NEXT DOOR

Emma Holland | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Dive into a hilariously unpredictable world where every page is packed with laughter, mischief and a touch of the absurd. You're probably wondering what could be SO FUNNY that you should read this book over all the OTHER BOOKS on the shelf. Is it the unicorn, causing chaos in a suburban home? I mean, the story about a backyard MUSEUM OF WEIRD THINGS is pretty good. You could even flick to the back and find out what happens when TWINS take their competitiveness TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

Categories: Short Stories, Humour



215. STUCK IN A HAND STAND! PAW PRINTS

Andrew Hansen | Jessica Roberts (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

FUNNY stories from your favourite FUNNY people! Pattie Cake would love to have a special talent, just like everyone else in her class. Luckily, her school principal (umm, make that 'un-principal') has a magic fish. It grants Pattie the special talent she longs for – doing handstands. The only problem is, she gets stuck upside down! Will she ever be the right way up again?

Categories: Humour, Magic, School



216. TOO BIG TO BE A FAIRY LITTLE BIT LOLA

Kiah Thomas | Bec Kitson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Everyone in Lola's family has wheels except Lola. So, when she spots the perfect pair of roller skates, she has to have them! There's just one problem: Lola doesn't have any money. But the tooth fairy does ... Can Lola figure out how to shrink down to the size of a fairy so she can be rich too? Youngest sibling Lola inspires and delights with her limitless imagination, inventive problem-solving and determination to prove she's NOT as little as she looks. No matter the obstacle, Lola always finds a way to be whatever she dreams and to be herself.

Categories: Fairies, Humour, Siblings, Conflict Resolution, Problem Solving



217. TOO SMALL TO BE A GIANT LITTLE BIT LOLA

Kiah Thomas | Bec Kitson (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Lola is on a mission to grow big enough for the water slides – even if it means eating broccoli. Lola's big sister, Emma, and big brother, Max, are going to the water slides, but Dad says that Lola is too small to go. If Lola was a giant, Dad would have to take her. And how hard can it be to grow a bit taller? All Lola needs is some sunshine, a splash of water, a little love and maybe a sandwich or two... Youngest sibling Lola inspires and delights with her limitless imagination, inventive problem-solving and determination to prove she's NOT as little as she looks.

Categories: Fairies, Humour, Siblings, Conflict Resolution, Problem Solving



218. WANDA WEAR-YOUR-GLASSES SOMETHING TERRIBLE

Sally Barton | Christopher Nielsen (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Wanda Hushberry lives at 4 Rufus Street. You might be surprised to know that is her name, because most people think her name is Wanda Wear-your-glasses. But no matter how many people tell her, or how often, Wanda never wears her glasses. One morning, just as Wanda is leaving for school, her mum called, 'Wanda! Wear your glasses. Something terrible could happen!' This is the story of the something terrible that did. Sally Barton weaves a tale of mistakenness, mischance and mess, in this blindingly hilarious third instalment of the terrible things that happen in Rufus Street.

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Humour



219. WEIRDO 25: WEIRD STAR! WEIRDO

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

Weir's joining a band for the School Talent Quest. Bella's on guitar, Henry's on drums and Wendy's on flute. Problem is, Weir can't play anything! What will he do?! It won't be easy ... but it will be funny!

Categories: Friendship, Family Unit, School, Confidence, Music, Drawing



220. YOU AND ME AND THE PEANUT BUTTER BEAST YOU AND ME

Andy Griffiths | Bill Hope (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Hey, you - yes, you! Remember when we found that really deep hole and you jumped in and I had to jump in to rescue you and at the bottom of the hole we found the cave of the legendary Peanut Butter Beast? That was one of our deepest - and most dangerous - adventures ever! What? You don't remember? Well, have I got a story for you! Let me remind you how it all went down ... and down ... and down ... and down.

Categories: Adventure, Humour

Younger Novels

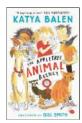


221. ADVENTUREMICE: MICE, CAMERA, ACTION! ADVENTUREMICE

Philip Reeve | Sarah McIntyre (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

A gloriously glitzy story full of friendship, adventure and stunning full-colour artwork, from adored, award-winning author/illustrator duo Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. The newest sparkling title in the adored Adventuremice series! Get those cameras rolling - Pedro and co are off to Hollybush! There will be glitz, glam, and an out-of-control otter... All in service of ADVENTUREMICE: The Movie!

Categories: Adventure, Friendship



222. APPLETREE ANIMAL AGENCY, THE

Katya Balen | Gill Smith (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

The first book in a new series by award-winning creators Katya Balen and Gill Smith, featuring heart-warming adventures for readers who love animals. When Mattie wishes on a shooting star for a puppy, she knows her wish is hopeless. Her dad just doesn't believe Mattie is responsible enough to look after a puppy. She finds the next best thing when she and her friend Zoë start helping the new vet and animal rescuer, Dr Polly. Mattie still may not have a pet of her own, but she has amazing adventures rescuing a runaway ferret, trying to stop a greedy goat from eating everything in the garden and looking after an adorable puppy with a hurt paw. But as the animal rescue gets more and more crowded, Mattie, Zoë and the vet's son, Casper, realize that they need to do something more. Can they help the animals find their forever homes?

Categories: Animal Rescue, Dogs, Friendship



223. CASE OF THE ANGRY GHOST, THE VIOLET AND THE VELVETS

Rachael King | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Violet and her band have made it to BandChamps! Armed with their own songs, they're competing alongside their school rivals The Alphas for glory. But wait! Strange goings-on are afoot at the Royal Theatre, where it's rumoured a grumpy ghost ballerina haunts the stage. Can Violet and her friends solve the mystery of the angry ghost? And how can they possibly win when they're all feeling so spooked? It's going to take courage, detective work and a lot of creative thinking: have they got what it takes?

Categories: Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, ADHD, Mystery, Music

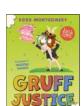


224. EDMONTOSAURUS STAMPEDE, THE DINOSAUR CLUB

Rex Stone | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Jamie has just moved to Ammonite Bay, a stretch of coastline famous for its fossils. Jamie is exploring the 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: Prehistoric World, Dinosaurs



225. GRUFF JUSTICE BARRINGTON STOKE LITTLE GEMS

Ross Montgomery | Marisa Morea (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$13.99 | School Price \$12.60

Who's the NAUGHTY NIBBLER? Someone has taken a big bite out of the birthday cake the famer has baked, and he's FURIOUS! Big Goat Gruff is always in trouble for eating things on the farm. So when the farmer discovers that the birthday cake he made for his wife has a huge bite taken out of it, Gruff is naturally the first suspect. But he didn't do it! Can Gruff find the culprit and clear his name before the farmer and his wife get home and turn him into goat pie?!

Categories: Birthday, Celebrations, Humour



226. GUINEA-PIG PARTY, THE BARRINGTON STOKE LITTLE GEMS

Holly Webb | Rosie Butcher (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$13.99 | School Price \$12.60

Katy has always longed for a pet of her own, so when a cute ginger-and-white guinea pig turns up in her mum's vegetable patch, she thinks her dreams have come true! Katy calls the guinea pig Lettuce, as that seems to be her favourite food, and makes a lovely home for her in an old greenhouse at the bottom of the garden. But where has Lettuce come from and will Katy really be able to keep her?

Categories: Dyslexic Friendly, Pets, Guinea Pigs



227. HENRY AND THE SOMETHING NEW

Jenn Bailey | Mika Song (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$10.99 | School Price \$9.35

It's Field Trip Day! Henry's class is excited to visit the museum, but Henry is not so sure. The museum means maybe seeing dinosaurs, Henry's favourite. But it also means a lot of things that are new: a noisy school bus ride, a building full of echoes and hallways, and plenty of chances to get lost! Will he find something that makes all of this new worth the trip? Come along with Henry in this funny, bighearted tale about trying new things, exploring new places, and finding the courage to make yourself heard.

Categories: Friendship, Humour, Autism, Neurodiversity, Neurodiverse

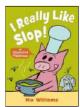


228. HONEY'S HIVE: BEELIEVE IN YOURSELF HONEY'S HIVE

Mo O'Hara | Aya Kakeda (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Honey scouts out a problem with the local water supply. Can she and her friends get it flowing again? Honey is settling into her role as scout bee for her hive. Now she has a new mission: to find more water. Together with her friends Beanie, Hex and Fred the Fly, Honey buzzes off on an adventure. Yet they soon discover there's something very wrong with the local stream. It's going to take lots of cunning and clever tricks to fix the problem and make sure the water flows freely again.

Categories: Problem Solving, Adventure, Teamwork, Bees



229. I REALLY LIKE SLOP! AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

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 Really Like Slop!, Piggie invites Gerald to try her favourite food ... slop! But Gerald is not so sure he's going to like it. AT ALL. Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade starring the award-winning duo that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

Categories: Humour



230. LOST TREASURES, THE FINDERS OF SILVERTHORN FOREST

Rachel chivers Khoo | Laura Catalan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

While hunting for an old time capsule that his grandma once buried in the woods, Max never expects to discover the home of a small magical creature. Nor does he expect that magical creature to have an extensive collection of lost items, all catalogued and labelled. Yet this is how he meets Tuftorious Snook, collector of lost objects, and just one of the many Finders living in Silverthorn Forest. Thrilled by his discovery, Max can't wait to find out more about these extraordinary creatures. But when he accidentally breaks the most important rule – never steal – he's banished from their home. With Silverthorn Forest in danger, however, Max must somehow find a way to save Tuft and the other Finders before it's too late.

Categories: Adventure, Magic

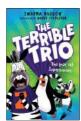


231. MY NEW FRIEND IS SO FUN! AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

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 My New Friend Is So Fun!, Piggie has found a new friend! But is Gerald ready to share...? Mo Willems creates another hilarious escapade starring the award-winning duo that will have early readers breaking into laughter from the first page.

Categories: Humour, Friendship



232. TERRIBLE TRIO: THE (NOT SO) SUPERHEROES TERRIBLE TRIO

Swapna Haddow | Minky Stapleton (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The first in a terrible, terrific, funny and heartwarming new series by award-winning children's author, Swapna Haddow, hilariously illustrated by Minky Stapleton. In a world where all animals have superpowers, cafe workers Zeb the zebra, Margarine the penguin and Barry the lemur have been given the worst powers of all. Watching all the other superheroes save the world, day in and day out. Zeb, Margarine and Barry wonder if they will ever get to be superheroes for a day themselves.

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Friendship



233. THANK YOU BOOK, THE AN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOK

Mo Willems | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

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 The Thank You Book!, Piggie wants to thank EVERYONE. But Gerald is worried Piggie will forget someone ... someone important. This is the final story in the hilarious and award-winning series by Mo Willems, king of early-years comedy.

Categories: Humour



234. TINY AND THE CAVE GHOST CALL THE PUFFINS

Cath Howe | Ella Okstad (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Muffin, Tiny and the rest of the trainees are busy learning the skills they need to become rescue puffins on the island of Egg. The friends are delighted to practise all the things they've learnt on a celebratory day called Puffin Power. But when a chick goes missing the young rescuers must put their training into practice, and before long they're deep in the cave network searching for the lost chick. It's dark and spooky - what if the legend of the ghost puffin that haunts these caves is true? Muffin, Tiny and the others need to gather their courage and work as a team to rescue the chick and lead everyone to safety!

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Rescue

Middle Novels



235. ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN, THE CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

RA Montgomery | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

This book is different from others. YOU decide what happens in this story. As a fearless explorer, you are hiking through the treacherous peaks of the Himalayas in pursuit of the Abominable Snowman. But then disaster strikes: your climbing companion, Carlos, has vanished without a trace! Three long days have passed since anyone last heard from him, and now a late monsoon storm has covered the mountains, making them nearly impassable. Time is running out, and Carlos is counting on you to make the right choice. But what is it?

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



236. ADVENTURES OF RAP KID, THE

MC Grammar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Meet Z, he only speaks in rhyme. Teased all the time. But now it's his time to shine. Z stands for ZERO: being the amount of words that Z speaks at school. Why? Because every time he talks, it rhymes. Every. Single. Time. But, things are about to change. The Royal Rap Rumble is coming to town in search of the next rhyming rap legend. With the help of his super-cool English teacher, Mr G, his best friend, SFX, and the ultimate hip-hop makeover, Rap Kid is born.

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Humour



237. BOY IN THE TREE, THE BARRINGTON STOKE

Lisa Thompson | Katie Kear (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Troublemaker Noah reveals hidden depths as he teams up with goodie-two-shoes Grace to save a majestic local oak tree in this uplifting tale. No one can quite believe it when troublemaker Noah gets involved in the campaign to save a local oak tree. And when he takes his protest up into its branches and refuses to get down, the story goes viral, attracting more attention than he could ever imagined. But while Noah does really want to save the tree, he also really wants to save his parents' marriage. He hopes that his actions will somehow unite them again and stop them arguing, but has he gone too far this time?

Categories: Relationships, Activism, Family Unit, Conservation, Nature



238. CANDLE ISLAND

Lauren Wolk | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Lucretia and her mother have come to tiny Candle Island, Maine (Population: Summer, 986; Winter, 315) with a secret to keep ... and to escape—escape memories of the car accident that killed her father and escape the journalists that hound her mother, a famous and reclusive artist. The rocky coast and ocean breeze are a welcome respite for Lucretia, who dedicates her summer days to painting, exploring the island, and caring for an orphaned osprey chick. But Candle Island also has secrets—a hidden room in her new house, a mysterious boy with a beautiful voice—and just like the strong tides that surround the shores, they will catch Lucretia in their wake. With an unforgettable New England setting and a complex web of relationships old and new, this is a powerful story about art, loss and the power of being true to your own voice.

Categories: Mystery, Family Unit, Hope, Loss



239. COURT OF THE DEAD, THE WORLD OF PERCY JACKSON

Rick Riordan | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

After returning from the depths of Tartarus, demigods Nico and Will agree to join Nico's half-sister Hazel Levesque at Camp Jupiter. Hazel needs their help in managing a situation that the boys inadvertently brought about, where the demigods showed the monsters of the Underworld that they don't have to be evil. Now some of those monsters have taken up residence at Camp Jupiter to seek refuge. Nico and Will are on site, assisting Hazel when one by one monsters start disappearing from camp. A mysterious dark force is at work, and its plan is to punish all monsters for their past crimes. Things only get worse when Nico, Will, and Hazel learn that they're all connected to it...

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure

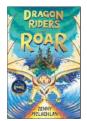


240. DANTE N FERNO IS NOT A LOSER

Brian Gordon | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Ever since his trousers fell down in front of the whole school, Dante has struggled to shake off his seriously uncool reputation. Luckily, he has a foolproof plan to become the most popular kid at his new school: 1. Completely reinvent himself. 2. Make a ton of friends and accept his nomination as their leader. 3. Become good at sports stuff and win all the game things. 4. Rub his newfound popularity in the face of all the haters he grew up with. Sounds easy, right? Well think again – Purg School is attended by infamous creatures from myths and legends and they're not going to let him shake off his loser status overnight! Dante is going to have his work cut out to beat the bullies and show the world that he is NOT a loser.

Categories: Humour



241. DRAGON RIDERS OF ROAR LAND OF ROAR

Jenny McLachlan | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Twins Rose and Arthur love visiting their imaginary world of Roar which is hidden inside a folding camp bed in their grandad's attic. When they can't get to Roar, Rose writes about it instead, inventing the Dragonlands, a realm where the dragons are ferocious and a clan of witches are rumoured to be rising. When Arthur reads Rose's story he can't believe he's been left out. They argue and the story gets shoved deep inside the folding camp bed...where it bursts into life. Now Rose, Arthur and Win must race to the Dragonlands, enrol at Dragon Rider Academy and try to stop to the disaster they have set in motion. But do they have what it takes to become Dragon Riders?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure



242. END OF THE STORY, THE CHRONICLES OF NEVER AFTER

Melissa De La Cruz | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

With Olga drawing ever nearer, Filomena and her friends race to find the last surviving fairy, Sabine, and protect her at all costs. For if Sabine dies, so does all of Never After. Without a moment to lose, Fil, Jack, Alistair, Gretel, and the rest of the gang – along with some new pals like Captain Hook – set off for Neverland to find Sabine. But even in Neverland, there's mischief afoot. With Olga's evil forces closing in, will Fil find a way to protect the magic of Never After once and for all, and ensure a happily-ever-after for the End of the Story?

Categories: Fantasy, Fairytales, Twisted Fairytales, Family



243. ESCAPE ROOM: GAME ZERO ESCAPE ROOM

Christopher Edge | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

If you can't stop playing, it's not a game. Eden is on her way to an escape room party, when a huge murmuration of birds swoop ever closer... Suddenly, Eden awakes in The Escape - the most ambitious game ever created, but no one knows it exists. There she meets avatar, Ted, and together they search for the 'keys' needed to 'unlock' this world and progress to the next level. As they travel through epic landscapes of forest, mountains and desert they face big obstacles and ever-growing danger. It seems The Escape is hiding secrets that not only threaten Eden and Ted, but the entire world. And the only way to save all that they know and love, is to keep playing.

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Danger, Bravery, Courage, Action



244. FOR THE ONES YOU LOVE

Jeremy Dronfield | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Friedel and Gina, twins and best friends, live happy enough lives. Their world is cycling trips and visits to their father's shops. But it's the 1930s, and the Nazis are on the rise across Germany. They hate anyone who is different - anyone who is Jewish. Friedel and Gina and their family are Jewish, and before long they are forced to journey to Poland, where terrible hardships await in a prison-like ghetto. Friedel and Gina are eventually taken to a Nazi prison camp - a place of danger and fear, where they must do everything they can to survive. From daring recues to incredible acts of kindness, this is the story of the sisters' love for each other, and of friendships found in the darkest of places.

Categories: World War 2, Holocaust, Survival, Courage, Sisters, Siblings, Kindness



245. GAME I WILL NEVER FORGET, THE

Onjali Rauf | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The day after his tenth birthday, the last thing Zak expects – or wants – is to have to give up his room for an ageing old grandmother! With a face like an extra wrinkly raisin, hands as cold as an iceberg and always smelling of smoked fish and custard creams, there's nothing she gives Zak but the chills. With the help of his friends and a series of tactics inspired by his school's chess club, Zak is convinced it'll be no time before he can reclaim his rightful territory! But Zak soon discovers that his nani is no ordinary old grandma but a former chess prodigy, able to outwit and outdo him – and his friends – at every turn. Just as both players begin to forge a mutual respect and a friendship that might finally overcome all obstacles, Zak begins to notice things. Like how Nani sometimes forgets where she is, or who she is... Or how she keeps asking for people who are no longer by her side... Once he learns the real reason she has been brought to live with them is because she is struggling with Dementia, Zak launches a desperate bid to ensure Nani never forgets who she is ever again. He enters her into the chess competition of a lifetime. But will Zak's nani remember long enough to play?

Categories: Dementia, Family, Grandmother, Chess, Respect



246. GOBLIN'S REVENGE, THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Marcus Rashford | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Join Marcus and friends as they solve another mystery in The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Goblin's Revenge. This is the sixth exciting adventure by England International footballer, child food-poverty campaigner and bestselling author Marcus Rashford MBE. Inspired by Marcus's own experiences growing up! A vengeful goblin is targeting bullies at Rutherford School. Notes warning students to 'be nice or be next' start appearing after each incident and soon no one is safe from the goblin's wrath - not even the Breakfast Club Investigators. As the school descends into chaos, the head teacher threatens to cancel the annual science competition unless the creature is caught. Can Marcus and his friends stop the goblin before it's too late?

Categories: Detective, Crime, Investigation, Mystery, School



247. GOOD BITS: BITS OF STORIES. ENDLESS FUN

Kes Gray | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

From a spaceship flight into a Black Hole, to a town plagued by zombie beavers; from a magical pen that knows all the answers to a test, to a crochet-loving pirate; this collection of original short stories by bestselling author, Kes Gray, will excite and inspire young readers not only to read on, but also to write and illustrate their own stories.

Categories: Short Stories



248. GREAT MOUSE ESCAPE, THE WORD OF MOUSE TAIL

James Patterson | Jennifer L Meyer (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Free from the lab at last, talking mouse Isaiah lives a picture-perfect life with his human friend, Hailey. But the evil scientists - and their evil cats - are hot on his tail. When they mouse-nap his friend Mikayla, it's up to Isaiah and Hailey to rescue her. Their search takes them on a cross-country adventure, facing foes and making unexpected friends. If they find Mikayla, they might even manage to free Isaiah's siblings and create a happy ending for all of the lab mice.

Categories: Adventure, Friendship, Bravery, Determination



249. GREENWILD: FOREST IN THE SKY, THE GREENWILD

Pari Thomson | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

With the support of the Iffenwilders and their mighty water magic, Daisy and her friends are finally setting off to rescue the Botanists held prisoner in the heart of the Amazon rainforest. But their rescue mission is sent spinning off course when Daisy and Max are separated, and Max shipwrecked on an impossible shore with no way of escape. Even Daisy's arrival at the forest in the sky - the stunning Amazerian pocket of the Greenwild, teeming with green magic - is in jeopardy as the mysterious Great Reaper draws ever closer. Daisy and her friends must draw on every ounce of courage they have to fight for Daisy's Ma, for the Greenwild, and for everything they hold most dear.

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Magic Realism, Suspense



250. IVYPOOL'S HEART WARRIORS SUPER EDITION

Erin Hunter | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

It's been many moons since Ivypool lost her daughter, yet Ivypool can't bear to move on. When Whistlepaw has a disturbing vision, a group of cats is selected to go on a quest to investigate. Ivypool is happy to join their mission. Perhaps being away from her daily responsibilities will help her escape the painful memory of Bristlefrost's death. The cats set out on an arduous journey, but nothing can prepare them for what they find: a series of strange animals, including two who may have surprising ties to the Clans. In order to complete their quest, the five Clan cats must help these creatures find their true home.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure

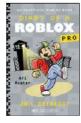


251. J VS K

Kwame Alexander | Jerry Craft (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

J and K are the most creative fifth graders at Dean Ashley Public School (DAPS). J loves to draw and his wordless stories are J-ENIUS! K loves to write and his stories are K-LASSIC!! Both J and K are determined to win the DAPS annual creative storytelling contest or at least get in the top five. And when they find out that they are both entering The Contest, it's the beginning of one of the most intense rivalries the world has ever seen. It's artist vs. writer with plenty of shady double crosses as J and K plot their way to the top. This epic story celebrates comics, creativity, and the magic of collaboration.

Categories: Humour, Comedy, Creativity, Competition



252. JAIL BREAKOUT 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. When Ari, Jez, and Zeke stumble through a portal, they're not convinced they even left Blockville. Everything looks the same! But after they find themselves locked up in a high-security prison, they realize that things are in fact very different. Can they manage a jailbreak and put things right in this strange place?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, High Interest



253. JOURNEY UNDER THE SEA CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

RA Montgomery | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

This book is different from others. YOU decide what happens in this story. You are a famous deep-sea-explorer searching for the sunken city of Atlantis. In your state-of-the-art submarine, you dive into the dark, mysterious depths of the ocean. As you approach a treacherous-looking canyon, you must decide whether to plunge in and explore it on your own. A lost civilisation awaits, but will its guardians welcome a stranger or see you as a threat? Choose carefully, for the undersea world is filled with hidden dangers and ancient mysteries...

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



254. LAST JOURNEY, THE

Stacy Gregg | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Pusskin has always lived with his loving owner, eleven-year-old Lottie. The bond between them is unbreakable, or so they both thought. But when the bird and insect populations are depleted, cats are made a scapegoat. Keen to protect his cat friends on the cul-de-sac, Pusskin sets off on a journey that will take them to a hidden island at the furthest reaches of the country. When Lottie tries to bring him home, she soon comes to realise that for Pusskin to have any chance of survival, she'll have to let him go. Could this be their final goodbye?

Categories: Adventure, Survival



255. LEGEND OF THE CRYSTAL CAVES BEASTLANDS

Jess French | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

THE WINDS OF PROPHECY ARE WHISPERING. A NEW BEAST IS RISING . . . Alethea, Kayla and Rustus are the only ones standing in the way of the evil Professor Penn, who is raising an army of beasts. Desperate to protect their home, they split up to find a way to defeat the professor. Kayla tries to uncover Penn's plans in the ruthless Southlands, as Rustus hunts for prophecies within the hidden Crystal Caves. Meanwhile, Alethea must journey to a new realm to unite the people against the danger ahead. But the island is changing: plants and beasts are dying, volcanoes are erupting and waterways are drying up. Could it all be linked? Alethea, Kayla and Rustus will have to trust the people and beasts they meet to help them on their way. And listen to the whispers on the wind that warn of an ancient legend ready to rise . . .

Categories: Adventure, Fantasy, Quest, Conservation



256. LETTERS TO A DOG BARRINGTON STOKE

Piers Torday | Alice McKinley (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Jamie is in hospital waiting for a life-changing operation. And to make a difficult time even harder, he's fallen out with his dad and refuses to speak to him when he comes to visit. To keep his spirits up, nurse Shirley suggests he writes a letter to the dog he desperately wants to adopt from the local dog home. But imagine his surprise when Dog writes back!

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexia, Pets, Humour, Dogs



257. LIBBY AND THE HIGHLAND HEIST TRAVELLING SCHOOL MYSTERIES

Jo Clarke | Becka Moor (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Libby and Connie are looking forward to a quiet holiday in Scotland before they start a new term at Miss Mousedale's Travelling School. But when a priceless family painting appears for sale in an Edinburgh art gallery, they find themselves caught up in a picture-perfect mystery... Can Libby and Connie unravel decades of secrets and save the family reputation?

Categories: Adventure, Mystery



258. LIBBY AND THE PARISIAN PUZZLE TRAVELLING SCHOOL MYSTERIES

Jo Clarke | Becka Moor (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

A delightfully fast-paced, intricately-plotted story full of adventure (and cakes!) that will keep you guessing until the end. Mystery-lover Libby is excited but nervous when she's sent to live with her aunt, while her mother is working abroad. Her Aunt Agatha is the headmistress of an extraordinary travelling school that moves from country to country. Libby joins the school in Paris, where she is just starting to find her feet, when Agatha is arrested, accused of a daring jewel robbery. Can Libby and her new best friend Connie find the real thief and save her aunt?

Categories: Adventure, Mystery

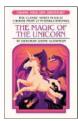


259. LOTTIE BROOKS VS THE ULTRA MEAN GIRLS LOTTIE BROOKS

Katie Kirby | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Today we brainstormed strategies to #GETAMBERBACK. Our top ideas are- Send her flowers Hypnotise her Kidnap her Tell everyone she smells like lasagne Emotionally blackmail her by making a BFF photo montage Just when Lottie thought life might be going back to normal, everything goes wrong again! Amber's hanging out with the Ultra Mean Girl Gang at school and is completely ignoring the Queens of Eight Green. Mum's gone back to work and expects Lottie to 'help around the house more', Bella keeps biting everyone and Pot Noodle will not stop sniffing every dog's bum. DISASTER! Now Lottie has to come up with a foolproof plan to get Amber back before her friendship group is destroyed forever. What could go wrong??? Join Lottie as she battles the mean girls, takes on school injections (apparently they can go through your arm!) and even more extremely embarrassing moments.

Categories: Friendship, Puberty



260. MAGIC OF THE UNICORN, THE CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Deborah Lerme Goodman | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

This book is different from others. YOU decide what happens in this story. Description You are a brave, quick-thinking kid searching for a magical unicorn's horn. You set off with a talisman in hopes of solving the town riddle and saving your village. Will your enchanted net catch a unicorn or a dragon? Can the sorceress help? Or will she cause even more trouble?

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



261. MAGIC PAINTBRUSH, THE

Kat Zhang | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Amy has always loved art, but lately her drawings have been less than impressive. There's no passion, no personality, no... magic. Until Amy visits her Lao Lao, her grandmother, and finds an ancient paintbrush that brings anything Amy creates to life! Now her creation Luna has taken over her bedroom and is running through the streets of Flushing, Queens. What awaits- an international adventure filled with an ancient Chinese legend, a greedy adversary and ghastly beasts!

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure



262. MEG AND MERLIN: HAVING FUN BARRINGTON STOKE

Tanya Landman | Sonia Albert (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Meg and her friend Sam take their ponies Merlin and Alfred for a "Fun Day" at a nearby stables. But with Sam's bossy mum as one of the instructors, the day isn't anything like as much fun as they'd hoped. Not until Merlin has to tackle a water jump, and then there are plenty of laughs all round!

Categories: Friendship, Horses, Horse Lovers, Dyslexic Friendly



263. MY DOG: STORY OF AN EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDSHIP

Olivia Wakeford | David Litchfield (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Ten-year-old Rhys really loves dogs. When he finds a lost black Labrador with big conker eyes and ears like soft velvet, he can't quite believe his luck. Nobody comes forward to claim Worthington, giving Rhys the perfect opportunity to prove he's a good owner. But when Rhys moves to London to live with his estranged dad who hates dogs, Rhys decides to keep Worthington secret. Struggling to connect with his dad in a new city, Rhys takes comfort in Worthington. But he soon discovers that looking after a secret dog is anything but easy, and he knows that before long he'll have to confront his fears and find a way to tell Dad...

Categories: Friendship, Pets, Dogs, Adventure, Secrets, Grief, Loss, Change, Moving House



264. MY LIFE AS A BILLIONAIRE MY LIFE

Janet Tashjian | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

Derek Fallon won the lottery and now gets to split over a billion dollars with a friend—the buying possibilities are endless—skateboards!, sneakers! video games!, a backyard skateboard park!!!—let the shopping begin. But Derek is soon challenged with new obstacles that he hadn't thought of before. Having money to spend should make his life easier but it's bringing with it lots of anxiety. It's up to Derek to find a balance with his newfound wealth, and to consider the best ways to spend his money.

Categories: Humour



265. MY MUMMY VS YOUR GHOST

Paul Tobin | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Seasoned trainers Hayden and Gabe return to the battlefield with an ancient mummy ready to bring the heat. But the cold can burn just as bad, and new coaches Lilly and Amos have a centuries-old ghost with the power to freeze anyone out of a win. It's the undead going head-to-head! But who will end up with the win of their afterlife? My Mummy vs. Your Ghost is the second book in an epic horror series from bestselling author Paul Tobin featuring all your favourite monsters – from vampires and werewolves, to the monster in your closet and zombies, and witches and warlocks – daring to answer the question: Who would win in a fight?

Categories: Horror



266. MYSTERY OF THE MAYA CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

RA Montgomery | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

This book is different from others. YOU decide what happens in this story. Your best friend Tom has mysteriously disappeared while investigating the ancient Mayan civilization in Mexico. The only clue is a patch of fresh blood on an altar that Tom had been examining just hours before he vanished. Now, it is up to you to find him. Will you dare to travel back in time to the world of the Maya? Or is Tom still in the present, held prisoner by some unknown enemy? Choose your next move wisely. The wrong decision could have deadly consequences...

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



267. NARNIA 1: MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

One touch of a magical ring sends two friends hurtling into another world and accidentally releases an evil sorceress from her enchanted sleep. Hungry for ultimate power, she's determined to destroy everyone – and every world – in her path. But a song from the Great Lion, Aslan, awakens a new hope and a new world: Narnia, where anything is possible.

Categories: Classics, Fantasy, Power, Hope

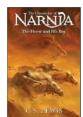


268. NARNIA 2: LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Four siblings step through a mysterious wardrobe and into the magical Narnia, a once-peaceful land now frozen in snow and stone by the cruelty of the evil White Witch. Only the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, can put an end to the White Witch's tyranny and restore peace. But for winter to meet its death and spring to come again, a great sacrifice must be made.

Categories: Classics, Fantasy



269. NARNIA 3: HORSE AND HIS BOY, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

An unlikely pair of runaways trying to escape their misfortunes collides in a chance meeting of fate. The magical land of Narnia promises them both a chance for happiness and freedom, if they can survive the perils and traps lying in wait. But who can they trust on their journey? And what if they aren't the only ones headed north?

Categories: Classics, Fantasy



270. NARNIA 4: PRINCE CASPIAN CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

A false king has seized Narnia's throne, and corruption ensnares the land in his iron grip. Many Narnians have been forced into hiding, and the Great Lion, Aslan, has not been seen for a very long time. Only a brave few under the banner of the true king stand defiant, as they fight to restore the young prince to his rightful throne even as all hope seems lost.

Categories: Classics, Fantasy



271. NARNIA 5: VOYAGER OF THE DAWN TREADER, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

A crew of brave heroes sets sail on a voyage east beyond the edge of the world in search of the wrongfully banished seven lords of Narnia. Their quest moves into uncharted waters, bringing them face-to-face with their deepest fears – and the great dangers awaiting them on the horizon.

Categories: Classics, Fantasy



272. NARNIA 6: SILVER CHAIR, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Two friends set off on a perilous mission from the Great Lion, Aslan: to find the missing prince of Narnia, who hasn't been seen in over ten years. Through dangers untold, their search leads them deep down into the darkness, where a deadly and enchanting evil lies in wait. All those who have gone in search of the prince have never returned. Will these brave friends triumph, or be lost to the darkness forever?

Categories: Classics, Fantasy



273. NARNIA 7: LAST BATTLE, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

CS Lewis | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

During the last days of Narnia, the Great Lion, Aslan, is missing. And in his place, an impostor spreads treachery and lies across the land and welcomes a great evil intent on destroying Narnia and its people – forever. Only the king and a small band of loyal followers and friends of Narnia are left to make one last stand against complete annihilation and fight in the greatest of all battles, the last battle.

Categories: Classics, Fantasy



274. NATE YU'S BLAST FROM THE PAST

Maisie Chan | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Nate Yu Riley loves three things: his Switch, his ant farm and his family. He's not so sure about some other things, like moving to a big city, starting a new school, and his mum is making him do Chinese stuff. She's always trying to get him to embrace his heritage, but Nate can't speak Chinese, and he doesn't know anything about Chinese customs. So what if an old shell casing engraved with a Chinese dragon turns up in a history exhibition at school – why should he be interested in it? But when Nate touches the shell, someone extraordinary appears. A ghost from long ago. Someone who needs Nate's help – and Nate might just need his, too...

Categories: Friendship, Belonging, World War 1, School, Past and Present



275. POISONED KING, THE IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES

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

The dragons call out, and the ratatoskas tell of murder. Come with us now. There is justice to be done. When Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago the secret islands where all the creatures of myth still live. But he did not know it would involve a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx, or a plan to enter a dragon's lair. Nor did he imagine it would involve a girl with a flock of birds at her side, a new-hatched chick in her pocket and a ravenous hunger for justice...

Categories: Friendship, Courage, Loyalty, Bravery, Magic



276. PRE-CLASSIC ADVENTURES DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE SUPER SPECIAL

Zack Zombie | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Zombie is off to visit his grandparents for the school holidays, which already sounds lame, but now he has to share a room with his brother! Bleugh. So Grandpa Oswald sends Zombie to the attic, claiming he's sure to find something there to pass the time. Bored, and just a little bit curious, Zombie begins exploring the attic when he discovers some old family diaries. He expects to uncover juicy family secrets, but instead stumbles into something far more than he bargained for. From fighting in the Zombie Special Forces, to flying a plane and even saving the Overworld from a mad scientist, Zombie's holiday is about to get epic.

Categories: Adventure



277. REVENGE OF THE MISFITS ARKSPIRE

Jamie Littler | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Glorious, powerful, magic; a city of twists, turns and tricksters; extraordinary secrets which only one girl can uncover . . . Welcome to the world of Arkspire, a city obsessed by magic, and controlled by the Arcanists – five marvellous beings who wield unbelievable magical power. Juniper Bell is on her own. She's betrayed her friends, been double-crossed by the Arcanists, and ejected from her home. The Arcanists have won, and she can only watch from afar as her city is destroyed and her twin sister corrupted by evil magic. But Juni's got one thing going for her – she's a breaker of rules, a maker of trouble. But can she save the city and everyone she loves, before it's too late?

Categories: Magic, Adventure, Mystery

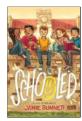


278. S.T.E.A.L.T.H. ACCESS DENIED S.T.E.A.L.T.H.

Jason Rohan | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Arun, Donna and Sam are ordinary school kids with an extraordinary secret. They are S.T.E.A.L.T.H., a crack team of agents in charge of the most cutting-edge piece of tech the world doesn't know exists: MANDROID. Always flying under the radar, they solve crimes, prevent disasters and rescue the innocent - and they STILL have to get their homework in on time! It's the summer holidays and the S.T.E.A.L.T.H. team is split up. Donna is in the Caribbean visiting family while the boys are bored at home, filling time with computer games - until Sam persuades Arun to pay Donna a surprise visit using MANDROID. At the same time, plans are underway to hijack and destroy an oil platform off the Trinidad coast while a tropical storm rages. With MANDROID the only craft capable of operating in such challenging conditions, S.T.E.A.L.T.H. know they have to act to save the workers on the blazing platform and prevent an environmental catastrophe. Without the backing of MI6, the kids have to go it alone in their most dangerous mission yet...

Categories: Adventure, Diversity, Action



279. SCHOOLED

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

As part of a brand-new experimental school, Lenny Syms and four other students are starting sixth grade on a university campus, where they'll be taught by the most brilliant professors and given every resource imaginable. Instead of hunkering down behind a desk to study math, science, and history, Lenny finds himself meditating and spying on the campus population in the name of anthropology. But Lenny just lost his mom, and his Latin professor dad is better with dead languages than actual human beings. He just wants to be left alone. Is a group of misfit sixth graders and one particularly quirky professor enough to pull him out of his sadness and back into the world?

Categories: Friendship, Grief, Loss, School



280. SEASON OF FLAMES, THE CHRONICLES OF WHETHERWHY

Anna James | David Wyatt (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

At the magical Circus Astra, Elio helps his father look after miniature tigers, mice with butterfly wings and a peacock made of ice crystals. Always on the move, the circus puts on incredible performances across the land of Whetherwhy under the stern eye of their ringleader Stella. But after the arrival of a mysterious visitor to one of their performances, Elio discovers that he has something the queen of Whetherwhy wants, something she will stop at nothing to get. Elio must leave the circus behind and team up with some unexpected friends, as his journey takes him to the very edges of Whetherwhy in search of a way to restore the magical balance of the island.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Friendship



281. SECRET LIVES OF WOMEN SPIES, THE

Charlotte Philby | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

A collection of incredible true stories of daring and bravery from the most amazing female spies. Step into the Secret World. Charlotte Philby's grandfather was the most infamous double agent in history. Inspired to find out about his world, Charlotte discovered that there were plenty of untold stories of courage and secrets and daring . . . And so many were about women. There are a host of extraordinary tales involving female spies- from dare-devil skiers delivering top-secret information, to clever codebreakers taking down the world's biggest criminals, to brave undercover agents fighting alongside the French Resistance. Starring Edith Cavell, Elizebeth Friedman, Noor Inayat Khan and many more, the stories in this book explore the hope, courage, fear, loves and lives of these remarkable women.

Categories: History, Intrigue, Spies



282. SKANDAR AND THE SPIRIT WAR SKANDAR

Af Steadman | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Skandar is in hiding after the Chaos Cup where Rex Manning revealed a game-changing secret. But as Rex prepares to invade the Mainland, the Islanders are not sure who to trust. With one of Skandar's closest friends now fighting for the enemy, Skandar must build new alliances – including an uneasy truce with Kenna. To defeat Rex, Skandar and his friends will need to look back to the origins of the Island, and harness the full power of their elemental magic. Can Skandar become the leader he needs to be to save the Mainland – and the heart of the Island itself?

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Adventure



283. SKELETON IN THE CLOSET, A MIZZY MYSTERIES

Claire Hatcher-Smith | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Twelve-year-old Mizzy dreams of being a detective and she won't let anything stand in her way — not her reputation for tall tales, or her embarrassing fear of escalators, and definitely not her Down syndrome. Dumped for the summer with cousins who've outgrown her, Mizzy feels even more sidelined than usual. But when she discovers Great Aunt Jane's diaries in a locked wardrobe in their spare room, and realises her aunt didn't die in her sleep but under suspicious circumstances, everything changes. What's more ... someone in the family appears to have been involved. Under the guise of a family-tree project for school, and armed with a brand new set of Pipsqueak markers, Mizzy grabs the chance to prove herself to her cousins — and the world.

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Detective, Crime, Murder



284. SMALL WONDER

Ross Montgomery | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Remember everything I taught you, Small Wonder. Take care of Leaf. Take care of Pebble. I've done all I can. The rest is up to you... Small Wonder lives peacefully at the edge of Ellia, along with his little brother and faithful horse. But then a deadly assassin descends. Enemies are invading and the kingdom is in danger. Small Wonder has six moons to get to Kings' Keep and warn their ruler. Travelling forests and mountains, encountering bandits and rogue knights, Small Wonder is determined to honour his grandfather's last advice... Make it count.

Categories: Adventure



285. SPACE AND BEYOND CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

RA Montgomery | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

This book is different from others. YOU decide what happens in this story. You were born on a spaceship travelling between galaxies on a dangerous research mission. Now that you have come of age, you must choose which planet to live on before travelling to your new home. Regardless of your decision, you are sure to face many terrifying dangers on the voyage ahead, from black holes to meteor showers and even aliens. You will need all your wits and courage to reach your home planet alive.

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



286. STRANGER THINGS: HEROES AND MONSTERS CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Rana Tahir | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Are YOU ready to journey to the dark side of Hawkins, Indiana? Join Eleven, Dustin, Max, Lucas, and their friends as they explore Pennhurst Asylum, the creepy old Creel house, and possibly even the Upside Down. The decisions YOU make will decide the fates of the characters and lead to unexpected, thrilling, and even deadly outcomes. Fans of Netflix's hit show Stranger Things will love this exciting addition to the Choose Your Own Adventure series. In Netflix's Stranger Things, a group of young friends explore supernatural forces and secret government exploits in Hawkins, Indiana, in the 1980s. As they search for answers, the children embark on incredible adventures and unravel extraordinary mysteries.

Categories: Interactive, Adventure



287. SURPRISE PETS ROYAL SCHOOL FOR ROBLOX PRINCESSES

Elaina Avatar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Princess Eliana has arrived at the Royal School for Roblox Princesses and it's everything she's ever dreamed of! Join Eliana and her friends as they take classes in fashion, design and magic. When Eliana first arrives at the Royal School for Roblox Princesses, she is eager to decorate her room and choose a royal companion from the Egg Nursery. But when she must train her new pet for an upcoming test, kingdom rival Raven Tempest has other plans. Will Raven's schemes ruin Eliana's chances of success?

Categories: Gaming, Adventure, Magic, Roblox



288. VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Liz Kessler | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

A rip-roaring adventure story of magic, myth and mermaids. Neptune and Thor battle for power and their fight upsets the balance of the world. Lightning strikes, curses fly and towering waves swallow a Viking longship and its crew into a watery valley, taking with it the secret of the magical blue crystals. A thousand years later, Emily, a girl who is half human, half mermaid, discovers a bangle with a mysterious blue crystal. With the help of her human and mer-friends, she discovers the truth about the jewel and the danger the world faces. The team must race against time to persuade the powerful but notoriously selfish gods of sea and sky to make peace with each other, before disaster strikes.

Categories: Adventure, Magic, Mystery, Mythology, Mermaids



289. VOLCANOES ARE HOT! OLIVER'S GREAT BIG UNIVERSE

Jorge Cham | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

Hi, I'm Oliver! Writing a book has made me kind of a celebrity around school – no big deal. But does that mean everything is perfect? No way! I'm still trying to figure out the usual stuff: school cliques, weird family, and how to finally win the science fair. While I may know EVERYTHING about space, there's a lot to learn about the planet we live on, like: • volcanic burps and bacteria farts • how the Earth's layers are like boba tea • aliens! (Are we the aliens?)

Categories: Humour, School, Family, Science, Friendship

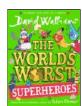


290. WITCH IN THE WOODS, THE SERIAL CHILLERS

Jennifer Killick | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Welcome to Hazard. An ordinary town where strangeness is a way of life. A town where sink holes appear with no warning, where people go missing way too often and where things really DO go bump in the night... To Travis and his classmates, Hazard is home. But when they're set a school project to investigate the history of the town, they soon realise that something strange and alien lies beneath Hazard. What can they learn from their investigations into the mysterious witch in the woods? And – if the witch really does exist – will they make it home to tell the tale...?

Categories: Horror, Humour



291. WORLD'S WORST SUPERHEROES, THE

David Walliams | Adam Stower (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

GET READY FOR SOME SUPERSIZED FUN! When is the queen not just the queen? When she is WONDERQUEEN! KAPOW! Is that an especially large bird? Is it a weirdly small plane? No: it's THUNDERHOUND! BLAM! When her schoolteachers turn into deadly dinosaurs, who can possibly stop them? Why, DINO-KID, of course! ROAR! Be amazed by these ten thrilling adventures, featuring the bravest, strongest and silliest superheroes the world has ever seen, alongside more secret lairs, disguises and surprises than you will believe possible! Illustrated in marvellous colour, this collection is super, it's duper and most importantly – it's wuper.

Categories: Short Stories, Humour

Australian Information



292. ANGRY ARTHROPODS WORLD'S SCARIEST CREATURES

John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Most of the creatures we think of as creepy crawlies bugs and pests are in an animal group called arthropods. They were on Earth before trees and flowers appeared and they are still here surprising us at every turn. The world is full of animals that buzz bite hiss and leap out at you! Find out why they behave like this and what we are doing to make them so anary. Are they really as dangerous as we think and why are we so scared of them?

Categories: Minibeasts, Bugs, Arthropods



293. ATHLETICS PLAY THE GAME

Bernie Blackall | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Play The Game Athletics features star athletes and an overview of its history rules equipment key skills and warm-ups. It is ideal for young players who are being introduced to the sport for the first time as well as enthusiasts who want to hone their skills. Readers will bring to the field a grasp of the basic principles and the confidence to participate.

Categories: Sport, Athletics



294. FURRY AND DEADLY WORLD'S SCARIEST CREATURES

John Lesley | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Despite the closeness we feel to furry animals some of them are dangerous and deadly. They have poison that makes us sick they hunt us for food and they have big claws and sharp teeth. Let's find out more about those furry but dangerous creatures that share our world and discover if there's more to being a mammal than we imagined. The world is full of animals that buzz bite hiss and leap out at you! Find out why they behave like this and what we are doing to make them so angry. Are they really as dangerous as we think and why are we so scared of them?



295. FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The technology that drives our world today will not be the same in fifty or a hundred years. Delve into the possibilities that will make life on Earth and beyond completely different in the future. STEM stands for science technology engineering and mathematics and it is not just for scientists. The concepts we learn by studying STEM subjects can explain the existence of the whole Universe, including us and our daily lives. In this series you will find out how easy STEM is to understand and also discover how you can see it in action every second of every day.

Categories: STEM, Technology



296. GOLF PLAY THE GAME

Bernie Blackall | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Play The Game Golf features a broad overview of the history rules equipment key skills and warm ups, including star players and courses. It is perfect for young players who are new to golf as well as those looking to hone their skills to a higher level. Readers will gain a knowledge of the basic principles and will gain the confidence to participate.

Categories: Sport, Golf



297. HEDGEHOG OR ECHIDNA? ANIMALS WHO ARE THE SAME, BUT

Ashleigh Barton | Amandine Thomas (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

When a hedgehog and an echidna meet and realise they have many similarities, they take a look at other animal pairs around the world who look the same but aren't: crocodiles and alligators, llamas and alpacas, rabbits and hares, and more. Join Echidna and Hedgehog as they meet animals who look similar to one another - and learn to tell the difference between them!

Categories: Comparisons, Differences, Rhyming Text



298. MARTIAL ARTS PLAY THE GAME

Bernie Blackall | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Play The Game Martial Arts features key information on Aikido judo and karate. It provides a broad overview of the history, rules, equipment, key skills and warm ups. It is perfect for young players who are new to the sport for the first time as well as those looking to hone their skills. Readers will gain a knowledge of the basic principles and will gain the confidence to participate in the Martial Arts disciplines.

Categories: Sport, Martial Arts



299. PECULIAR PARENTS

Stephanie Owen Reeder | Ingrid Bartkowiak (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Welcome to the charmingly funny and perfectly peculiar world of Aussie animal mums and dads and their awesome kids. Peculiar Parents explores 60 Australian native animals, focusing in particular on all things family, including their courting practices, gestation periods, births and the raising of their young. Discover the weird and wonderful, the cute and cuddly even the slimy and ugly! You will find parrots that play the drums and cuttlefish that can change the colour of their skin to attract a mate, as well as dancing spiders, kissing lizards, parading pelicans, plonking pobblebonks and many more.

Categories: Australian Animals, Geography, Sustainability



300. QUOLL NATURE STORYBOOKS

Christopher Cheng | Cindy Lane (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

An exciting addition to the narrative non-fiction series Nature Storybooks, about an Eastern Quoll. The blue-black sky is painted with glistening stars. Quoll has woken. It's playtime here in the moonlit night. Join a female Eastern quoll and her playful pups as they venture through the forest and fields on their nightly hunt for food.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Australian Animals, Quolls



301. RUGBY LEAGUE PLAY THE GAME

Bernie Blackall | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Play The Game Rugby League features star players and an overview of its history, rules, equipment, key skills and warm-ups. It is ideal for young players who are being introduced to the sport for the first time as well as enthusiasts who want to hone their skills. Readers will bring to the field a grasp of the basic principles and the confidence to participate.

Categories: Sport, Rugby League



302. SOFTBALL PLAY THE GAME

Bernie Blackall | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Play The Game Softball features an overview of the history of softball in Australia and around the world, along with its rules, equipment, key skills and warm-ups. It is ideal for young players who are being introduced to the sport for the first time as well as enthusiasts who want to hone their skills. Readers will bring to the field a grasp of the basic principles and the confidence to participate.

Categories: Sport, Softball



303. SWIMMING PLAY THE GAME

Bernie Blackall | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

Play The Game Swimming features the key swim strokes and provides a broad overview of the history, rules, equipment, key skills and warm ups. It also provides a valuable resource on surfing boogie boarding and safe water practices. It is perfect for young players who are new to the sport as well as those looking to hone their developing skills. Readers will gain a knowledge of the basic principles and will gain the confidence to participate.

Categories: Sport, Swimming



304. THIS BIRD: NOTICING OUR URBAN BIRDS

Astred Hicks | Holly Parsons (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

Discover the birds that share our urban spaces. What's so fancy about this bird? What's so clever about that bird? Perhaps it's a weightlifter, a marathon flier, an artist, or even a liar. You don't need to go far to see intriguing birds, even in the city. From colourful parrots to artistic bowerbirds and fancy fairy-wrens, there's lots to notice in our local backyards, streets and parks. Written by Astred Hicks in collaboration with bird scientist Dr Holly Parsons, This Bird features fun facts about some remarkable Australian native birds and hints on where (and how) to find them!

Categories: Australian Birds, Nature, Urban, Identification, Habitats



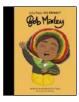
305. WATER AND TECHNOLOGY STEM IS EVERYWHERE

Carla Delos | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Water is more than a necessity for life on Earth for drinking and for watering crops. It also encourages human inventiveness, driving people to invent ways to use it to make work easier, to generate electricity, to provide transport and to keep a whole range of our technology working without breaking down. STEM stands for science technology engineering and mathematics and it is not just for scientists. The concepts we learn by studying STEM subjects can explain the existence of the whole Universe, including us and our daily lives. In this series you will find out how easy STEM is to understand and also discover how you can see it in action every second of every day.

Categories: STEM, Technology, Water, Water Conservation

General Information



306. BOB MARLEY LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Subi Bosa (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Discover the inspirational story of Bob Marley, the man who moved the world with his music and inspired generations with his message of peace, love and hope. Born to a Black mother and a white father, little Bob learned at a very young age that life could be difficult for reasons that don't make sense. He was often bullied for the colour of his skin, but he never let unkindness harden his heart; instead, he dreamt of a world where everyone could belong. At twelve years old he moved to the sunny Caribbean town of Kingston and promptly fell in love with Ska, a popular style of music indigenous to Jamaica, and spent years writing songs and taking guitar lessons to hone his skills. And then? Bob Marley and the Wailers were born! From then on, Bob began to practise Rastafari beliefs, and through Reggae used their lyrics and melodies to fight for social justice and advocate for peace. Before long, his songs were spreading a message of unity across the world. Bob Marley was, and is, a cultural icon, whose work and message remain as relevant as ever. His story demonstrates the power of music as a force for good and the joy to be found when we open our hearts to others. This powerful book features quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the musician and activist's life. Little People, BIG DREAMS is a bestselling biography series for children that explores the lives of outstanding individuals, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. Each of them achieves incredible things, yet they all began life as a child with a dream.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music

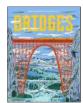


307. BONES: AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

Jules Howard | Chervelle Fryer (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

What's so special about animal skeletons? Find out in BONES, an inside look at the animal kingdom. How are animals able to bite, run, jump and fly? What special adaptions have they developed over time? Bones takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the biological history of the animal kingdom, with sections focusing on different animal abilities – biting, flying, jaws, tails, and more – explaining how their amazing bodies allow them to do so many different things.

Categories: Skeletons, Bones, Animals



308. BRIDGES

Magda Gargulakova | Jakub Bachorik (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$29.70

A fascinating journey into the world of bridges, this large-format book is perfect for any budding young architect. From striking modern marvels like the Golden Gate Bridge and the Millau Viaduct to historic stone arches like the Ponte Vecchio, discover how these ingenious structures shorten journeys, save us time and effort and offer breathtaking views. As well as learning about bridges spanning deep valleys, raging rivers, bustling roads and vast seas, this book explores the evolution of bridge-building, from the first fallen tree across a river to today's engineering wonders. Explore the amazing world of bridges, from ancient stone arches to modern marvels, and see how they connect our world.

Categories: STEM, Engineering, Structure, Materials

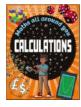


309. BROTHER BOOK, THE

Todd Parr | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Some brothers are big. Some brothers are little. Some brothers are quiet. Some brothers are a little wild. All brothers are a special part of your family! Following his family classics The Mommy Book, The Daddy Book, The Grandma Book, and The Grandpa Book, Todd celebrates all different kinds of brothers with his trademark child-friendly art and silly humour. Whether they are older or younger, enjoy playing sports or dancing, prefer to hang out together or need time to themselves, brothers are always a special part of your family. This sibling celebration is perfect for brothers of all ages, and for children who are expecting a new little brother.

Categories: Family Unit, Brothers

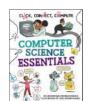


310. CALCULATIONS MATHS ALL AROUND YOU

Rob Colson | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Simple artworks illustrate each concept to help visual learners get to grips with mathematical concepts and to encourage children to open their minds to how maths plays an important part of the buildings we live in, the games we play and the ways we live our lives. Readers are also encouraged to have a go at some simple maths exercises, putting into practice what they have learned.

Categories: STEM, Maths

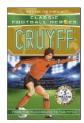


311. COMPUTER SCIENCE ESSENTIALS CLICK, CONNECT, COMPUTE

Dharini Balasubramaniam | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

This book looks at the key pillars of this fascinating discipline: from its role in communication and education, to healthcare and entertainment. Readers will get to understand the hardware, software and pioneers of computer science who have driven new ideas and changed the world. And the end of the book fast-forwards to the future of computer science, robotics and considers what it might mean to live in a 'smarter' world. It features fun, friendly comic strip illustrations, pioneer bios and a quiz!

Categories: STEM, Science, Computers, Technology



312. CRUYFF CLASSIC FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Meet Johan Cruyff - Ultimate Football Hero! Johan Cruyff revolutionised football. Hailed as one of the greatest footballers in history and most forward-thinking managers of all time, Cruyff was awarded the Ballon d'Or three times in the space of four years. His career began with Ajax, winning three European Cups, eight Eredivise titles and an Intercontinental Cup before Barcelona bought the forward for a world record transfer fee of \$2 million.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



313. DIGGING FOR DINOSAURS GRAPHIC NOVEL COMIC STRIP SCIENCE ADVENTURES

Paul Mason | Jess Bradley (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

An entertaining collection uncovering the stories of dinosaur discoveries told in comic strips. Discover the story of Mary Anning, why there is a dinosaur called Sue, what the Bone Wars were and much more. This book is sure to entertain children, while giving them an insight into the many challenges and rivalries behind scientific achievements and how scientists learn from mistakes. It is produced by the same team as Comic Strip Science with hilarious comic strips illustrated by award-winning artist Jess Bradley and written by Paul Mason, who is well known for making science learning fun. Key science concepts are pulled out in more depth in feature spreads. The book has a specialist text consultant, palaeontologist Dr Dave Hone.

Categories: Graphic Information, Science, Dinosaurs



314. DINOSAURS: AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO 100 DINOSAURS!

Compilation | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

From tiny dinosaurs to towering giants to some really unusual suspects, this book has it all! Discover your favourite species and unearth some new ones too. Each of the 100 illustrated dinosaurs is accompanied by fun facts and stats giving you the lowdown on their history, size and special abilities.

Categories: Dinosaurs



315. EXPLORING EARTH EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with the latest about Earth the planet that we call home. Learn about how much of its surface is covered in water, where the hottest and coldest places are, what Earth's different layers are made of - and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts Exploring Earth is perfect for young explorers wanting the latest news about the celestial objects that fill our solar system. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future.

Categories: Space, Earth, Planets



316. EXPLORING JUPITER EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with this guide to Jupiter the largest planet in the solar system. Learn about what Jupiter's big red spot is, how fast it spins, the largest moon of all and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts Exploring Jupiter is perfect for young explorers wanting the latest news about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Solar System, Planets, Jupiter

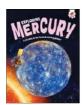


317. EXPLORING MARS EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with the latest guide to Mars the Red Planet. Learn about what gives it its distinctive red colour, how long it would take astronauts to fly there, how tall the highest mountain in the solar system is and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts Exploring Mars is perfect for young explorers wanting the latest news about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Solar System, Planets, Mars

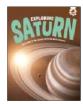


318. EXPLORING MERCURY EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with the latest about Mercury the smallest planet in the solar system. Learn about how to spot Mercury in the skies from Earth, why it is the fastest planet to orbit the Sun, what created the huge cracks on its surface - and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts, Exploring the Mercury is perfect for young explorers wanting to learn more about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Planets, Mercury



319. EXPLORING SATURN EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with this guide to Saturn – the planet with the most moons in the solar system. Learn about how many moons it has, the giant thunderstorm nicknamed The Dragon Storm, what its rings are made from, and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts, Exploring Saturn is perfect for young explorers wanting the latest news about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Solar System, Planets, Saturn



320. EXPLORING SPACE GRAPHIC NOVEL COMIC STRIP SCIENCE ADVENTURES

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An entertaining collection uncovering amazing stories of space exploration told in comic strips. Discover the history of the first missions to the Moon, how space rovers have adventures, the mystery of a floating poo and much more. This book is sure to entertain children, while giving them an insight into the many challenges and rivalries behind scientific achievements and how scientists learn from mistakes. It is produced by the same team as Comic Strip Science with hilarious comic strips illustrated by award-winning artist Jess Bradley and written by Paul Mason. Key science concepts are pulled out in more depth in feature spreads. The book has a specialist text consultant, Sophie Allan of the National Space Centre.

Categories: Graphic Information, Science, Space, Exploration



321. EXPLORING THE MOON EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with this guide to the Moon – Earth's only natural satellite. Learn about what created the craters on the Moon's surface, how it affects the ocean's tides, how many astronauts have walked on it, and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs, awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts, Exploring the Moon is perfect for young explorers wanting to learn more about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Space Exploration, Moon



322. EXPLORING THE SUN EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with this guide to the star at the centre of our solar system. Learn about how the Sun was formed, how it causes the Northern Lights, why humans need protecting from its rays - and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts, Exploring the Sun is perfect for young explorers wanting up to date news about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Solar System, Sun



323. EXPLORING VENUS EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Calling all budding astronauts and space scientists! Prepare to blast-off on a journey through space with this guide to Venus the hottest planet in the solar system. Check out the latest news: why it is so hot, why it spins backwards, why humans will never likely walk on its surface - and so much more! Packed with full-colour photographs awesome graphics and fun bite-sized facts Exploring Venus is perfect for young explorers wanting to learn more about the celestial objects that call our solar system home. A book to inspire the astrobiologists of the future!

Categories: Space, Solar System, Planets, Venus



324. GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2026: GAMER'S EDITION

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$39.99 | School Price \$34.00

Explore the coolest records across the most popular consoles, developers and games through a brand-new list from the ultimate authority on record breaking. From Lara Croft to Link and the crew of Mass Effect to the Creepers of Minecraft, see where the biggest and best characters ranked. Do you agree and did your favourites make the list?

Categories: Gaming



325. GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS: FOOTBALL EDITION 2026

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$39.99 | School Price \$34.00

Count down the 100 most significant records from the beautiful game, showcasing the greatest teams, the most prolific goal scorers, the fastest strikes, the highest-scoring matches and much more. Whether you're new to football or an expert in XG, satisfy your need for trivia, facts and stats with an all-new edition from the ultimate authority on record breaking.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Statistics



326. HARRY STYLES ULTIMATE SUPERSTARS

Dan Whitehead | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

The bells rang out at Coachella and Harry stepped onto the stage and into the spotlight in his sparkly jumpsuit. This was the moment that he had been waiting for all his life. To share his own music with the world felt special. Commanding the attention of the crowd, he began to sing... Discover the journey of this modern-day pop icon, from reality-TV contestant to global star! This retelling of Harry Styles' story is perfect for young fans to learn about the early life of a music legend, from boy band member to his solo career as a chart-topping artist. Discover the story of his life in a world where dreams really do come true!

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music



327. KOHLI RULES SPORTS SUPERSTARS

Simon Mugford | Dan Green (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$10.39

Is Virat Kohli your ultimate cricketing hero? From when he was a small boy, Virat Kohli's special talent for cricket has wowed everyone around him. His dedication to his training and teammates, smart tactics and his incredible ability with the bat have placed him firmly among the ranks of the best cricketers of all time. Read the amazing story of how Virat honed his skills as a boy to become a living legend following in the footsteps of the great Sachin Tendulkar. Filled with lots of facts and stats, the inspiring narrative features fun cartoons, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments.

Categories: Sport, Cricket, Biography, Famous People



328. LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Romina Galotta (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Little Ludwig grew up in Germany. His father and his grandfather were both musicians, and they hoped that Ludwig would take after them. He learned to play the piano before his feet could even touch the floor, and his talent only continued to grow. He went on to compose amazing musical pieces, including symphonies for orchestras! But his musical skill was about to be put to the test . . . Ludwig began to lose his hearing, and eventually became deaf, though he could still hear every instrument in his mind. Through resilience and creativity, Ludwig continued composing extraordinary pieces that changed musical history. Ludwig van Beethoven's inspiring story shows the power of music as a force for creativity and self-expression.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music, Composer



329. MAXIMUM SPEED: FASTEST MACHINES ON EARTH!, THE

Rob Colson | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Discover some of the fastest vehicles ever made! From deafening dragsters to a rocket car that is faster than the speed of sound, these are vehicles that push the extremes. Find out about the fastest cars on the planet, and learn what it takes to drive them to maximum speed. The book explores how cars and motorbikes have evolved over time, and how they're engineered for extreme performance. It features fantastic large photos of the vehicles and technical data to support the text and increase STEM learning. At the end of the book are several pages of fun quizzes and games, sure to engage the reader even further.

Categories: Machinery, Technology, STEM

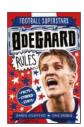


330. NAUTICAL: A VISUAL HISTORY OF BOATS

Matt Ralphs | Dieter Braun (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$35.00 | School Price \$29.75

A stunningly illustrated tribute to all things maritime, Nautical celebrates the ingenuity of boats, ships and submarines past, present and future. From the first canoe carved from a single tree trunk nearly 10,000 years ago, through to enormous warships capable of carrying over 75 aircraft, this super-stylish book by the award-winning artist Dieter Braun is the perfect gift for lovers of all things nautical. Written by expert author Matt Ralphs, Nautical is packed full of daredevil explorers, bloodthirsty pirates and ingenious inventors, and the extraordinary vessels they designed, built and sailed, including Viking dragonboats, the Mary Rose, the Cutty Sark, RMS Titanic, and many more.A stunningly illustrated tribute to all things maritime, Nautical celebrates the ingenuity of boats, ships and submarines past, present and future. From the first canoe carved from a single tree trunk nearly 10,000 years ago, through to enormous warships capable of carrying over 75 aircraft, this super-stylish book by the award-winning artist Dieter Braun is the perfect gift for lovers of all things nautical. Written by expert author Matt Ralphs, Nautical is packed full of daredevil explorers, bloodthirsty pirates and ingenious inventors, and the extraordinary vessels they designed, built and sailed, including Viking dragonboats, the Mary Rose, the Cutty Sark, RMS Titanic, and many more.

Categories: Transport, Boats, Ships



331. ODEGAARD FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS

Simon Mugford | Dan Green (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Is Martin Odegaard your ultimate footballing hero? The magician in midfield has become Arsenal's talisman since being handed the captain's armband in 2023. The son of a former footballer, discover how by the age of 15, Odegaard was playing in the UEFA Champions League and even represented Norway in a friendly against the UAE, making history as Norway's youngest ever national team player. Filled with lots of facts and stats, the inspiring narrative features fun cartoons, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



332. OUR ISLANDS

Yuval Zommer | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

On this island-hopping adventure, readers will come face-to-face with incredible creatures - from the giant tortoises of the Galápagos islands to the leaping lemurs of Madagascar. They'll visit wonders of the world - both natural and manmade - including the towering Moai statues of Easter Island, swirling Northern Lights in the skies above Svalbard, and ice caves on Mount Erebus. Combined with visits to old pirate hide-outs, windswept cliffs and untouched rainforests, 'Our Islands' reveals how life can survive in even the most extreme conditions and why these isolated lands are often home to animals and plants found nowhere else on Earth.

Categories: Environment, Geography, Islands



333. PELE VS MARADONA FOOTBALL GOAT

Matt Oldfield | Seth Burkett (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Pelé vs Maradona: which of these footballing legends is the Greatest Of All Time? The third title in a the new series from Matt Oldfield, the bestselling author of Ultimate Football Heroes, and Seth Burkett, a former professional footballer, tackles the question that every football fan wants answered: who is the GOAT? Each book pits two of the biggest and best players in the world head-to-head in a battle for the crown. Next up we go back in history and travel to South America for the superstar clash of Pelé vs Maradona. Action-packed and full of detailed facts, trivia, stats and funny illustrations, this is a collectable new series that's perfect for fans of Ultimate Football Heroes and Football School.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



334. PYGMY HIPPO YOUNG ZOOLOGIST

Fiona Sach | Hardback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

You might not be able to get enough of Moo Deng and her sassy antics, but there's so much more to learn about these elusive creatures. Discover why the pygmy hippo's skin is always shiny, the surprising aquatic mammals that they're closely related to, and why their unusual toilet habits help support the ecosystem. You'll also discover the threats they face in their natural habitat and how you can help. Filled with simple science and plenty of animal facts, it's a must for all pygmy hippo fans!

Categories: Habitats, Environment, Ecosystems, Nature



335. SECRET WORLD OF SPIDER WEBS, THE

Jan Beccaloni | Namasri Niumim (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$28.05

Despite their familiarity, spider webs are drastically under-appreciated, and yet without them, the world as we know it would be overrun by insects (spiders catch and consume 800 million tonnes of insects every year - roughly the same weight as all the humans in the world). Because spider webs are so successfully hidden, very little is known about these beautiful but deadly traps. From classic orb webs, to spectacular tent webs, hidden trapdoor webs and water webs that attach to the surface of a flowing river, The Secret World of Spider Webs reveals the incredibly diverse ways spiders catch their prey.

Categories: Spiders, Insects, Minibeasts



336. SISTER BOOK, THE

Todd Parr | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Some sisters are big. Some sisters are little. Some sisters want to be scientists. Some sister want to be mermaids. All sisters are a special part of your family! Following his family classics The Mommy Book, The Daddy Book, The Grandma Book, and The Grandpa Book, Todd celebrates all different kinds of sisters with his trademark child-friendly art and silly humour. Whether they are older or younger, enjoy helping in the kitchen or the garage, live with you or live far away, sisters are always a special part of your family. This sibling celebration is perfect for sisters of all ages, and for children who are expecting a new little sister.

Categories: Family Unit, Sisters



337. SMART MACHINES CLICK, CONNECT, COMPUTE

Dharini Balasubramaniam | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

This book uncovers how machines that can learn are created and how they operate. Readers will discover the meaning of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the benefits of teamwork in tech, and the role that the 'Internet of Things' plays in helping homes, hospitals and cities run. And the end of the book fast-forwards to the future of computer science, robotics and AI and considers what it might mean to live in a 'smarter' world. It features fun, friendly comic strip illustrations, pioneer bios and a quiz!

Categories: STEM, Science, Computers, Technology



338. STATISTICS MATHS ALL AROUND YOU

Rob Colson | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

In 'Statistics', learn how to conduct research and display numbers in brightly coloured pie charts, find out to take a census and how statistics help to track the weather. Simple artworks illustrate each concept to help visual learners get to grips with mathematical concepts and to encourage children to open their minds to how maths plays an important part of the buildings we live in, the games we play and the ways we live our lives. Readers are also encouraged to have a go at some simple maths exercises, putting into practice what they have learned.

Categories: STEM, Maths

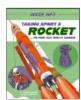


339. STORY OF MUSIC, THE

Mick Manning | Brita Granstrom (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$24.30

A friendly and inspiring introduction to music history, telling the stories of the world's greatest musicians from Bach to Beyonce. The Story of Music begins with the early drums and flutes of our ancestors, which date back to the last ice age. Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom take you on a tour of their personally selected music library, showcasing the work of some of the world's most famous artists. The musicians featured include Vivaldi, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Chuck Berry; Aretha Franklin, Bob Marley, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, David Bowie, Blondie, Grandmaster Flash, Nicki Minaj, Beyonce as well as Bjork and Kraftwerk. The friendly text and illustrations help children to appreciate the music, highlighting interesting biographical details.

Categories: Musical Instruments, Music, History



340. TAKING APART A ROCKET INSIDE INFO

Chris Oxlade | Sean O'Brien (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

For any kid who's ever wanted to take a rocket apart to see how it works - this book invites you to slice, dice and delve into these amazing machines! Inside Info: Taking Apart a Rocket is a feast of facts, figures, diagrams and details with no layer unexplored. Pull apart all the rocket's stages, fuel tanks, engine parts, boosters, thrusters, exhaust systems, on-board controls, crew modules, escape systems, even space suits and splash-down parachutes!

Categories: STEM, Technology



341. TAKING APART THE HUMAN BODY INSIDE INFO

Chris Oxlade | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Peel back, take apart and get inside the awesome science of the human body, then put it back together again! Inside Info: Taking Apart the Human Body is full of the fast-pumping, electric and surprising features of our insides. Working inwards from the outermost body bits - our millions of hairs and many layers of protective skin - to the very centre of our bones, we get to know the parts and processes keeping our body running. Finally, see how our cells build up and bring together each part, and how doctors get up-close 'inside info' every day using amazing tech, such as, MRIs, X-rays and ultrasound.

Categories: Human Body, Anatomy



342. TOES, TEETH AND TENTACLES: CURIOUS COUNTING BOOK

Steve Jenkins | Robin Page (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Did you know... A praying mantis only has one ear? A squid has three hearts? A giant African land snail can have up to eighteen thousand teeth? 'Toes, Teeth, and Tentacles' celebrates and highlights the numerous unusual and strangely fascinating features and appendages of all kinds of animals, from horns to toes and stomachs to hearts. From the two-tongued loris to a scallop's 200 eyes, readers will enjoy learning all kinds of fun facts from the animal world as they look for fingers and fins!

Categories: Counting, Animals



343. ULTIMATE FOOTBALL 2026

Toby Reynolds | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Who are the greatest players in the world today? Who has scored the most goals or saved the most shots? Who can run the fastest? Who has won the most silverware and awards? Who would make the cut in your definitive dream team? Categorized by player position, this book is crammed full of stats, graphics and photographs of your favourite players and managers. See how superstars of the modern game stack up against past legends and select your ultimate squad at the back of the book.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Statistics



344. USBORNE AI FOR BEGINNERS USBORNE BEGINNERS

Rachel Firth | Hylton Warburton (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Artificial Intelligence is all about humans asking computers and other machines to think and even behave like humans, and to take on jobs that people find too difficult or too boring. But how do you actually define the term? What exactly can machines with Al already do, and what might they be able to do in the future? Al For Beginners answers all the questions – where answers exist – and raises debating points at every turn about what it all means. Should we be asking machines to do creative tasks, such as writing and illustrating books? Do we need to worry if intelligent machines need to be treated like people? Is there a chance that machines might take over the world, either by accident or on purpose? Is there any point going to school and doing homework if computers can do it all for us, and better?

Categories: Artificial Intelligence, Technology, STEM



345. USBORNE FOOTBALL SKILLS

Usborne | Fran Bueno (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

An excellent introduction to all the football skills every fan and player needs to know. This must-have manual, written in collaboration with professional footballers, covers the main skills every player needs. It combines photographs, illustrations and instructions in a clear, concise and highly-visual format. Football fans can learn everything from perfecting their first touch to scoring the winning goal – with plenty of freestyling along the way. Difficulty ratings, top tips and a strong emphasis on diversity and inclusion make this book the perfect way for everyone to enjoy the beautiful game.

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



346. VIRGINIA WOOLF LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Maria Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Audrey Day (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Born into an artistic household, little Virginia loved writing. But life took a sad turn in her teens, when he mother, sister and father passed away just a few years apart. Having fallen into a depression, Virginia stopped writing. It took time, but she eventually felt well enough to pick up her pen again. She was determined that her books would be different from the popular Victorian novels of the time and became known for her inventiveness. Virginia Woolf's works have become classics and her story shows the power of writing as a form of self-expression and source of comfort. This powerful book features quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the writer's life.

Categories: Famous People, Author, Biography, Feminism



347. WATER FLOWER: JOURNEY OF A LOTUS SEED, THE

Yingting Chen | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

From its beginnings in a peaceful pond, The Water Flower chronicles the journey of a sleepy seed that awakens in spring, pushing through its shell to grow leaves reaching for the sunlight. As summer arrives, it blooms into a stunning flower, opening and closing its petals each day, attracting passing insects. After completing its beautiful display, the flower fades, revealing new seeds inside a pod, ready to begin the cycle again. A beautiful depiction of the transformation of a lotus seed, symbolising resilience and beauty in nature.

Categories: Narrative Non Fiction, Lifecycles, Plants



348. WELCOME: A BOOK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

Alison Green | Axel Scheffler (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

A joyful picture book about friendship and togetherness, from international bestselling illustrator, Axel Scheffler. Would you like to come inside this book? You're very welcome. In fact, everyone is welcome here, whether you're big or small, flappy or jumpy, noisy or quiet. With its simple text and endearing animal characters, Welcome shows how everyone can be a good friend, and how we can all help others to feel welcome.

Categories: Friendship, Acceptance



349. WHALE'S SONG: DISCOVER THE GIANTS OF OUR OCEANS

Rossana Bossu | Margaret Greenan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

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