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CHRISTMAS



#### 1. ALICE-MIRANDA AND THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY ALICE-MIRANDA

Jacqueline Harvey | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Join Alice-Miranda in a delightful Christmas adventure. Christmas is almost here, and Alice-Miranda and her closest friends are celebrating early at Highton Hall. But it's not all gingerbread, parties and present shopping. There are mysteries to be solved! Why are Christmas decorations disappearing and local stores empty of festive treats? What long-kept family secret does Alice-Miranda discover? More importantly, what will she do about it?

Categories: Christmas, Mystery

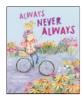


# 2. ALL IN A YEAR

Chihiro Takeuchi | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

The Tanaka family are moving out of their apartment building and into a house. Follow them on their journey to see how their life changes over the course of a year. See the family engage with their new environment and keep ties with their old community, as they enjoy a year full of adventures. This isn't your typical book of seasons. Instead, awardwinning paper-cut artist Chihiro Takeuchi has crafted a celebration of the way one family spends a year and the relationships that change and develop over time.

Categories: Moving House, Seasons, Lifecycles



# 3. ALWAYS NEVER ALWAYS

Meg McKinlay | Leila Rudge (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$20.79

Always follow secret tracks – the paths that wind and wend through cracks. Never worry where they go. When you get there, then you'll know. A poetic and quirky one-of-a kind classic-in-the-making, that encourages readers to explore their world.

Categories: Mindfulness, Curiosity, Rhyming Text, Imagination, Exploring, Nature, Patience



# 4. ARTICHOKE TO ZUCCHINI: ALPHABET OF DELICIOUS THING

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

A is for artichokes and long spears of asparagus. It's for bright, creamy avocados and salty little anchovies ... From apple pie to zeppole, and everything in between, Artichoke to Zucchini introduces young readers to fruit, vegetables, and dishes from around the globe. Full of tasty favourites and delicious new discoveries, it's sure to lead to inspiration in the kitchen! Following from the award-winning Off to The Market, acclaimed artist Alice Oehr takes you on a mouthwatering trip through the alphabet and around the world.

Categories: Multicultural, Food



#### 5. AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS: FROM BEACH TO BUSH

Brentos | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Australia is home to many unique animals. Let's see how many we can meet! Find Humpback Whales in coral reefs, seek out Australian Sea Lions in kelp forests, search for Short-Nosed Wombats on mountains and spot Saltwater Crocodiles in wetlands. This is Australia's native wildlife as you have never seen before: a dreamy, pastel-popping meditation on these special animals, their conservation status and what we can do to protect them, from award-winning artist Brentos.

Categories: Australian Animals, Australiana, Wildlife



#### 6. A-Z OF WHO I COULD BE: 26 ATHLETES THAT EVERY KID

Chloe Dalton | Kim Siew (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

A wonderfully inspirational and celebratory picture book showcasing 26 amazing female and non-binary Australian athletes across 26 different sports - perfect for sporty kids, future sports stars and fans of the Rebel Girls books.

Categories: Famous People, Famous Women, Sport, Diversity



#### 7. BAD GUYS: LOOK WHO'S TALKING BAD GUYS

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

Forget what you know. This book changes everything. Someone's found her voice and she has a lot to tell you. Take a deep breath, hermano, it's The Bad Guys: Episode 18.



#### 8. BEGIN AGAIN: THE STORY ABOUT HOW WE GOT HERE

Oliver Jeffers | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$23.99

In his first picture book created specifically with a wider audience in mind, Oliver Jeffers shares a history of humanity and his dreams for its future. Where are we going? He starts at the dawn of humankind following people on their journey from then until now, and then offers the reader a challenge: where do we go from here? How can we think about the future of the human race more than our individual lives? How can we save ourselves? How can we change our story? Oliver Jeffers's exploration of the state of the world today is insightful, moving and powerful. A must-have for every forward-thinking person who wants the next generation to inherit a world to be proud of.

Categories: Philosophical, Humaninty, Future, Past

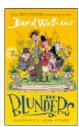


# 9. BILL DUP, THE

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

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

Categories: Weather, Drought, Rain, Outback



# 10. BLUNDERS, THE

David Walliams | Adam Stower (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

Meet the Blunders: Bertie, Betsy, their children, Brutus and Bunny, along with their beloved grandma Old Lady Blunder, and their pet ostrich, Cedric. An ostrich is not a sensible pet, but then the Blunders are not sensible people. This family of upper-class twits live in a crumbling country house named Blunder Hall. When their home comes under threat, they must embark on a series of comic misadventures to save it. Absurd and hilarious, The Blunders is David Walliams' funniest book yet. A laugh-out-loud tale of the most blundering and lovable family in history.

Categories: Humour, Family Unit



# 11. BODY IN THE BLITZ, THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY

Robin Stevens | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

March 1941. Britain is at war, and a secret agency called the Ministry of Unladylike Activity is training up children as spies – because grown-ups always underestimate them. Enter May, Eric and Nuala- courageous, smart, and the Ministry's newest recruits. May's big sister Hazel has arranged for them to stay on a quiet street close to the Ministry, home to an unlikely collection of people thrown together by the war. And it is in the basement of the bombed-out house at the end of that street that they discover something mysterious. Something that was not there when the Blitz wreckage was first combed through. Something that has been placed there recently. A body... Could this be the missing Ministry spy that Daisy Wells is on a dangerous mission in France to find? Or could it be someone else – someone a resident of the street wanted silenced...?

Categories: Historical, Mystery, World War 2, Spies



#### 12. BOY WHO SLEPT THROUGH CHRISTMAS, THE

Matt Lucas | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Leo LOVES Christmas. And this Christmas needs to be absolutely perfect, because it's the first one without Mum. Only it all keeps going wrong! The fairy lights are in a tangle, the tree's wonky and the Christmas biscuits taste AWFUL. Soon Leo decides he's had enough – he makes a heartfelt wish that it would all GO AWAY. Then Leo wakes up on Christmas morning – and it's gone!! All of Christmas! But Leo isn't going to let it get away that easily. With the help of his best friends, Prisha and Ivan, he sets out on a mission to undo his wish and get Christmas back.

Categories: Christmas, Humour, Grief, Adventure, Family Unit, Friendship



#### **13. BRAVE LITTLE BEAR**

Steve Small | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

It's time for Arlo's family to leave their winter den and journey to Spring Valley, but he isn't so sure about all this change. Arlo likes their home just as it is; and after all, his sister, Eva, is the brave one. But when a snowstorm separates them as they travel through the Great Wood, Arlo finds that when it's his turn to be brave, being afraid won't stop him from saving the day.

Categories: Bravery, Fear, Family Unit, Danger, Problem Solving



#### 14. BUSH BIG WORLD, TINY WORLD

Jess Racklyeft | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

At times in this big universe, you can feel rather small. But there are worlds of every size to see, worlds for each and all. Wander into the wilderness and explore the many worlds that exist in the bush, from dingoes that croon with the rising moon to possums that enjoy a midnight feast in the treetops. Roam the big worlds and tiny worlds of the bush, find magic in the unique animals, and delight in the busy lives of all who live above, below and within.

Categories: Australia, Australiana, Flora, Fauna, Rhyming Text, Habitats, Nature, Environment, Perspective

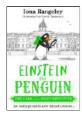


#### 15. CAN YOU TEACH A FISH TO CLIMB A TREE?

Jane Godwin | Terry Denton (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

So ... can a fish climb a tree? Can a horse drive a car? Can a baby bake a cake? And if they can't, what wonderful things can they do? From bestselling creators Jane Godwin and Terry Denton comes a quirky and inspiring book about celebrating who YOU are and the power and peace to be found in not trying to be anyone else.

Categories: Comparisons, Differences, Uniqueness, Diversity, Individuality



# 16. CASE OF THE FISHY DETECTIVE, THE EINSTEIN THE PENGUIN

long Rangeley | David Tazzyman (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

An unforgettable friend returns in this warm and fantastically funny sequel to the bestselling debut Einstein the Penguin. Imogen and Arthur have been missing their friend, the penguin, Einstein, since he went back to Australia. So when an opportunity for him to return arises, they jump at the chance. But then Einstein and his friend Isaac are kidnapped. It's time to turn detective again...

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Mystery, Humour

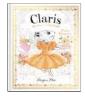


#### 17. CHARLIE'S WAR

Vicki Bennett | Debbie Taylor Worley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$28.99 | School Price \$23.19

A young Aboriginal boy's dream of shearing sheep turns into reality. Then war breaks out in Europe. Despite initially not being able to enlist, he and his two best friends eventually sign up and their lives are changed forever.

Categories: World War 1, Aboriginal Studies, Camels, Middle East, Australian History



# **18. CLARIS: PASTA DISASTER**

Megan Hess | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Ciao! Claris the mouse and her best friend Monsieur are in Italy! ?But after a pasta disaster at their favourite bistro, Claris meets a seamstress who needs her help. Can she make the perfect dress in time for the Venice Film Festival and find Monsieur again?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Travel, Italy, Courage, Compassion



# 19. DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: NO BRAINER DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Jeff Kinney | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Up until now, middle school hasn't exactly been a joyride for Greg Heffley. So when the town threatens to close the crumbling building, he's not too broken up about it. But when Greg realizes this means he's going to be sent to a different school than his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, he changes his tune. Can Greg and his classmates save their school before it's shuttered for good? Or is this the start of a whole new chapter for Greg?

Categories: Humour, School, Teachers, Friendship



#### 20. DIPROTODON: A MEGAFAUNA JOURNEY

Bronwyn Saunders | Andrew Plant (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Diprotodon leaves the protection of his family herd to find his own place in the world. He is vulnerable, and survival will be challenging. Follow him as he discovers his surroundings and encounters other creatures along the way. Diprotodon: A Megafauna Journey features the largest marsupial that ever lived, and its Ice Age environment. This enthralling and fascinating story, with fabulous illustrations, brings this extinct giant back to life.

Categories: Prehistoric World, Megafauna, Survival, Environment



#### 21. DORK DIARIES: I LOVE PARIS! DORK DIARIES

Rachel Renee Russell | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

OMG, oh la la! Join Nikki Maxwell and her BFFs as they jet off to Paris in the fifteenth book in the bestselling Dork Diaries series!



#### 22. EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SNAKES EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

John Woodward | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

All the basics of these amazing creatures are covered in this beautiful and informative photographic book on snakes and other reptiles. Anatomy, along with habitat and behaviour, and lots of fascinating facts about reptiles that every child will just love reading about. See how they survive in forests, deserts, and oceans, and how these clever creatures have adapted to live in seemingly inhospitable habitats. Alongside, in between, and on top of all that, Everything You Need To Know About Snakes also provides ideas for things to make, games to play, quizzes, and amazing facts to share with friends. From the very first page it combines little-known information with engaging text and innovative, high-quality design. It's everything you need to know, and everything you WANT to find out.

Categories: Reptiles, Snakes



#### 23. G.O.A.T. GREATEST OF ALL TIME

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

This is Goat. He's a pretty great goat. In fact, he thinks he's the Greatest of all Time! But some of Goat's friends are great too. Who is really the Goat?

Categories: Humour, Acronyms



# 24. HOT DOG! TOY TIME HOT DOG!

Anh Do | Dan Mcguiness (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Hotdog and his friends are entering a Toy-Making Contest! The winners score a trip to Doc Spot's Toy Factory! Toy-Tally Awesome! Can they turn their trash into treasure and snatch the prize?

Categories: Friendship, Teamwork, Recycling, Problem Solving, Creativity, Kindness



#### 25. HOW ARE YOU FEELING NOW?

Molly Potter | Sarah Jennings (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Feelings visit us all the time. They are a normal part of being human! This is the perfect picture book to help children understand and manage their feelings early on. This book looks at 12 complex emotions and makes them simple for children. From feeling proud, brave and grateful to frustrated, anxious and lonely, it shows children just what to do when they're faced with these everyday emotions. Notes at the back of the book explain emotional intelligence to parents, carers and practitioners and provide more ideas and strategies to use with children. Written by an expert and covering topics like feelings, relationships, diversity and mental health, these comforting picture books support healthy discussion right from the start.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Wellbeing



#### 26. HOW DOES SANTA GO DOWN THE CHIMNEY?

Mac Barnett | Jon Klassen (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

When Santa arrives at a child's house on Christmas Eve, does he go down the chimney feetfirst or headfirst? What if he gets stuck? What if there's no chimney? Maybe he slides under the door, as thin as a piece of paper? Or is it possible he pours himself through the tap? What happens once he's inside? The multi-award-winning duo of Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen tackle a perennial question: how does Santa go down the chimney?

Categories: Christmas, Humour

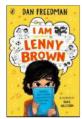


#### 27. HOW WE CAME TO BE: CREATURES OF CAMOUFLAGE

Sami Bayly | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Discover the secrets behind some of the natural world's most unusual creatures of camouflage and mimicry. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings. You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators!

Categories: Natural World, Environment, Habitats, Camouflage, Communication



#### 28. I AM LENNY BROWN

Dan Freedman | Kajsa Hallstrom (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Lenny Brown is eight years old and can't talk. Except to his mum and his dog, Rocky. When Lenny has to move house and start at a new school, it feels like his whole life is changing, and not for the better. Will he be able to make friends and find a way to fit in? But when Lenny finds a different way to express himself, everyone is in for a big surprise as they find out just how amazing he can be . . .

Categories: New School, Non Verbal, Relationships, Neurodiversity



#### 29. LEO MESSI LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Florencia Gavilan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

In this book from the highly acclaimed Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the incredible life of Leo Messi, one of the worlds most skilled and celebrated footballers. As a child, Leo developed his passion for football playing games with his brothers and cousins in the streets of Rosario, Argentina. He later honed his skills on the pitch as part of the local youth team, Newells Old Boys - who famously won every tournament whilst Leo was with them. But life wasnt without its challenges. Aged 9, he was diagnosed with Growth Hormone Deficiency, which meant he had to inject himself with hormones from the doctor every day to help him grow. But nothing was going to stop Leo from following his dreams. He debuted with FC Barcelona in 2004 and across the next 17 years scored 672 goals for the club and helped them to win 35 trophies. Leo has also received seven Golden Ball awards, more than any other football player in history, and won 4 trophies with Argentinas national football team, including the 2022 World Cup, where he captained the team to victory. Today, he is considered by many to be The Greatest of All Time - and is a hero off the pitch, too, as a committed ambassador for UNICEF and founder of his own childrens charity.

Categories: Sport, Famous People, Soccer, Biography



# 30. LIFE SONG, A

Jane Godwin | Anna Walker (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

When you are born, you make up a song It doesn't rhyme, and it isn't long A song of everything you hold dear It's your own tune, it's loud and clear A musical journey from the time a child's life song first begins, through all its modulations, adding new verses and extra voices through the years, until it becomes their own unique composition - and one that is ultimately a part of the beautiful, grand and glistening score of the world.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Individuality, Connectivity, Family, Lifecycles, Experiences, Challenges, Community, Love, Music



# 31. LITTLE PUGGLE'S CHRISTMAS

Vikki Conley | Helen Magisson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Christmas in the Australian bush is Puggle's favourite time of year. All the animals return to decorate the oldest tree, and to prepare for the big day. Every year, Puggle tries to help. But even though Puggle tries hardest, none of the special Christmas jobs seem to suit him. In despair, Puggle waddles off to his special place where he makes a Christmas wish on the first shooting star...but is it actually a shooting star? And what is stuck in the billabong? Can Puggle save Christmas and make his Christmas wish come true?

Categories: Self Esteem/Resilience, Christmas, Inclusivity



# 32. LOST LIBRARY, THE

Rebecca Stead | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

When a mysterious little free library (guarded by a large orange cat) appears overnight in the small town of Martinville, eleven-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from its shelves, never suspecting that his life is about to change. Evan and his best friend Rafe quickly discover a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about. The two boys start asking questions whose answers will transform not only their own futures, but the town itself. Told in turn by a ghost librarian named Al, an ageing cat named Mortimer, and Evan himself, The Lost Library is a timeless story. It's about owning your truth, choosing the life you want, and the power of a good book (and, of course, the librarian who gave it to you).

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Reading, Books, Truth, Choices



#### 33. LUCKY BOTTLE, THE

Chris Wormell | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Ten-year-old Jack is stranded on a desert island. He's been very lucky: he's survived a terrible storm and the mysterious island he has found himself on has a kindly if unusual inhabitant, fresh water and plenty of food. But Jack needs to find his way home, and as he uncovers incredible hidden treasures on the little island, he starts to formulate a plan. A plan that will involve witchcraft, terrifying sea monsters and pirates! But if Jack's going to succeed he will need to be very very lucky.

Categories: Survival, Danger, Shipwreck

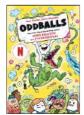


#### 34. MR CHICKEN GOES TO MARS

Leigh Hobbs | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Mr Chicken is very curious. He loves meeting new people and travelling to new places. He's been to Paris, London, Rome and all over Australia, but one day, he realises that he has never been to outer space. Mr Chicken is on his way to Mars and you, the adventurous reader, are invited to join him!

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Space Travel, Exploration



#### 35. ODDBALLS: GRAPHIC NOVEL

James Rallison | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Join James, Max, Echo and all of your favourite Oddballs characters as they get into epic amounts of preventable trouble. In these five exclusive mini stories, James grows sentient bacteria in his mouth, sells his yard, turns the whole town into ASMR zombies, enrages several birthday girls and faces his own impending death. And, of course, he learns nothing.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour, Short Stories



# **36. ODEGAARD** ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Matt Oldfield | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

As the son of a former footballer, Martin Odegaard spent his early years at local Norwegian sports club Drammen Strong and, at the age of 10, joined the youth division at Stromsgodset where he trained with older players. 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. In 2015, Odegaard caught the eye of Real Madrid where he trained with both the first team and the reserves. In 2021, Odegaard moved to Arsenal where he quickly became an essential part of the team and was named captain ahead of the 2022–23 season.

Categories: Famous People, Football, Soccer, Sport



# **37. ONCE UPON A LEGEND**

Ben Miller | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Marcus has just started at a new and very unusual school, Merlin's. Determined to get expelled, Marcus does everything he can think of to get into big trouble. But when a prank involving an ancient relic and some old wizard robes accidentally wakes a sleeping giant one night, things take a turn for the magical. Marcus has unwittingly triggered a chain of events and soon the race is on to save the school and discover his own bravery!

Categories: Magic, Adventure

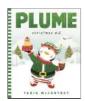


# 38. PERCY JACKSON AND THE CHALICE OF THE GODS PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS

Rick Riordan | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

After saving the world multiple times, Percy Jackson is hoping to have a normal senior year. Unfortunately, the gods aren't quite done with him. Percy will have to fulfil three quests in order to get the necessary three letters of recommendation from Mount Olympus for college. The first quest is to help Zeus's cup-bearer retrieve his goblet before it falls into the wrong hands. Can Percy, Grover, and Annabeth find it in time?

Categories: Mythology, Greek, Fantasy



# 39. PLUME: CHRISTMAS ELF PLUME

Tania McCartney | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

It's Christmas in Antarctica and our favourite travelling penguin is popping with festive excitement. There are gifts to wrap, cards to write, fairy lights to untangle and gingerbread to bake. Ava of the Albatross Express is extra busy. The penguins are buying up big, decking their halls with the biggest and best gifts of all. But things go awry when Ava arrives with terrible news. Santa's workshop is in trouble and toy production has stopped! With a little help from his penguin friends, Plume is off to the North Pole. Can he help Santa and make children's wishes come true?

Categories: Christmas, Travel, Festivals, Multicultural



# 40. REAL PIGEONS FLAP OUT REAL PIGEONS

Andrew McDonald | Ben Wood (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

The Real Pigeons love flapping around the city and fighting crime. But when lunches start mysteriously DISAPPEARING from tummies, a LOOKALIKE pigeon makes evil plans and a dangerous DOVE starts DESTROYING the city, the pigeons will need to use all the powers they have – and more! Can the Real Pigeons stick together through the chaos? Or will someone fly away for good? One thing is for sure: the squad will never be the same again!

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Danger, Teamwork



#### 41. RUBY'S REPAIR CAFÉ

Michelle Worthington | Zoe Bennett (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

Ruby loves to fix things, rather than throwing them away. When a shiny new department store opens next door to Ruby's Repair Cafe, everyone in town soon forgets about fixing things. But will Ruby be able to save her family business from big business before the rubbish takes over the town?

Categories: Sustainability, Recycling, Community, Friendship, Problem Solving



#### **42. SECRETS OF THE SALTMARSH**

Claire Saxby | Alicia Rogerson (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

You will find me where land meets sea... Saltmarshes are full of energy and life. They protect our coastlines, and provide food and shelter for migratory birds and microscopic plants and animals. Most of all, saltmarshes are places of discovery and wonder. With lyrical text and captivating illustrations Secrets of the Saltmarsh offers a close-up look at the fascinating world of saltmarsh wetlands.

Categories: Water Cycle, Lifecycles, Migration, Habitats, Conservation



#### **43. SILVER LININGS**

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

A new heart-warming novel set in 1950s Australia from bestselling author Katrina Nannestad. Nettie Sweeney has a dad, three big sisters, a farm full of cows and a cat called Mittens. But it's not enough. She longs for a mother. One with a gentle touch and sparkles in her eyes. Instead, she has Aunty Edith with slappy hands, a sharp tongue and the disturbing belief that peas are proper food. When Dad marries Alice, all Nettie's dreams come true. The Sweeney home overflows with laughter, love and, in time, a baby brother. Billy. The light of Nettie's life. Then tragedy strikes. The Sweeney family crumbles. Nettie tries to make things right, but has she made everything so much worse?

Categories: Historical, Humour, Kindness, Love, Family Unit, Siblings



#### **44. SPIES IN THE SKY**

Beverley McWilliams | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

From the writer of The Reindeer and the Submarine comes a tale of courage and hope, inspired by the true lives of the brave pigeons who helped win the war... Royal Blue is a royal racing pigeon of impeccable pedigree. His father was a racing champion, and Blue can't wait to follow in his impressive footsteps. Every morning he wakes up in his comfortable box in the beautiful loft at Sandringham House, eats the very best of seeds, and spends the day training with his friends to be the fastest and strongest pigeon in Britain. But the landscape beneath him as he flies is beginning to change: the lovely gardens are being dug up, ugly vegetables are replacing the beautiful flowers, and large trucks are driving up and down the roads. Until one day the King himself comes to visit the loft, choosing Blue personally for a very special assignment. Blue finds himself on the coast of England, far away from his comfortable home, the newest member of the Royal Pigeon Service, a group of pigeons that don't appreciate his refined manners and requests for better food. Racing soon falls away, as Blue takes on new responsibilities, helping with rescues, carrying secrets, and facing dangers he could never have imagined. As he and his new friends face the dark days of war, one thing will become clear: courage and friendship can be found in the unlikeliest of places. For readers of Katrina Nannestad and Bren MacDibble comes an uplifting adventure story about how even the smallest of us can make a big difference.

Categories: Historical, World War 2, Spies, Adventure



# **45. SUPER SPEEDY SLOTH, THE**

Rebecca Young | Heath McKenzie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Ever since she was small, Spike wished she could be a Super Speedy Sloth on a great rescue spree. The other sloths said it just wasn't right. But Spike was ready to show them her might! A joyful and inspiring zero-to-hero story by award-winning creators Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie.

Categories: Persistence, Determination, Rhyming Text



# **46. TOM GATES: FIVE STAR STORIES (HOORAY!)** TOM GATES

Liz Pichon | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

Q: Who wants their five star funny story included in Oakfield School's story book? A: Everyone! But what will Tom write about? Inspiration strikes when he looks at his excellent collection of odd objects and remembers the funny stories behind each one. Starting with Great Great Aunt Aggie's fake bird hat, the weird stone with a hole and his very special doodle pen. Marcus wants to write about Tom (which is annoying), Amy's got a funny poem and Norman's story is all about ... cheese. But Mr Fullerman can only choose the Five Star Stories - will Tom get his work in on time? And will Granddad read Tom's story and find out what really happened to Aunt Aggie's hat? (Spoiler alert – probably.)

Categories: Humour, Family Unit



#### **47. TURTLE AND THE FLOOD**

Jackie French | Danny Snell (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Myrtle the turtle knows everything about the waterhole where she lives in the creek. She can also sense the giant flood that is coming, long before other animals or humans. And when Myrtle begins her long, slow climb up the mountain to safety, who will follow her? A companion title to the best-selling The Fire Wombat, this is the story of Myrtle, a small turtle who, by heading uphill, tells the other animals that a flood is coming.

Categories: Natural Disaster, Connectivity, Flood, Environment, Weather, Turtles



#### 48. ULTRAWILD: A PLAN TO REWILD EVERY CITY ON EARTH

Steve Mushin | Hardback | RRP \$34.99 | School Price \$27.99

Join maverick inventor Steve Mushin as he tackles climate change with an avalanche of mind-bending, scientifically plausible inventions to rewild cities and save the planet. Jump into his brain as he designs habitat-printing robot birds and water-filtering sewer submarines, calculates how far compost cannons can blast seed bombs (over a kilometre), brainstorms biomaterials with scientists and engineers, studies ecosystems and develops a deadly serious plan to transform cities into jungles, rewilding them into carbon-sucking mega-habitats for all species, and as fast as possible. Through marvellously designed and hilarious engineering ideas, Mushin shares his vision for super-high-tech urban rewilding, covering the science of climate change, futuristic materials and foods, bio reactors, soil, forest ecosystems, mechanical flight, solar thermal power and working out just how fast we could actually turn roads into jungles, absorb carbon and reverse climate change.

Categories: STEAM, Science, Inventions, Environment, Climate Change, Lateral Thinking



#### 49. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT SURE WHAT TO DO

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

Another warm and whimsical guide to negotiating life's little and big moments, What to Do When You're Not Sure What to Do focuses on situations outside a child's home and domestic realm where they might feel unsure. It's another gentle exploration of empathy, courage and confidence from award-winning and much-loved author Davina Bell and with beautiful, heartwarming illustrations by Hilary Jean Tapper.

Categories: Empathy, Courage, Confidence, Uncertainty, Dilemma



# **50. WHERE ARE ALL THE CHRISTMAS BEETLES?**

Suzanne Houghton | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Sparkling, brightly coloured Christmas beetles usually appear in the heat of December — a sign that the festive season has begun. But recently they have been hard to find. We aren't seeing them in the eucalyptus trees, or dancing around lights at night. These shimmering, shiny beetles are disappearing from our summers. Where have they gone? Where Are All the Christmas Beetles? takes us on a lyrical discovery of these fascinating creatures and explores the possible reasons for their decrease in numbers.

Categories: Christmas, Nature, Environment, Lifecycles

# **Australian Picture Book**



#### 51. AYLA'S CHRISTMAS WISH

Pamela Jones | Lucia Mascuillo (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Christmas is coming and Ayla wants a snowman just like in her book, but there is no snow to be found in her drought-stricken town, not even a drop of rain. Only bales of hay. Ayla's Christmas Wish is inspired by the small, south-west Victorian town of Tarrington, which runs a hay bale design competition each year. This book compares European Christmas traditions with the reality of a hot, dry Australian summer. Behind the story of Ayla wishing for a snowman, there is a town wishing for rain. This story celebrates a community at Christmas-time, and highlights the importance and beauty of small-town resilience.

Categories: Christmas, Differences, Rural, Drought



#### **52. BACK TO THE STORKS**

Cressida Gaukroger | Andrew Joyner (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$18.39

When the parents of naughty babies realise they can send them back, the storks' village is suddenly inundated! Will the babies settle into their new home, or will they be returned to sender? From sparkling new duo Cressida Gaukroger and illustrator Andrew Joyner, comes this wickedly funny cautionary tale about naughty babies and their exasperated parents learning to get along, with a little help from the storks.

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Humour, Family Unit, Behaviour



# **53. EIGHTEEN SUMMERS**

Penny Harrison | Leila Rudge (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Let me tell you a tale of the stars and the sea, of adventures we'll have as you grow, wild and free. For the days may drift past, but the years will sail by, and we've just eighteen summers to share, you and I ... From beloved storytellers Penny Harrison and Leila Rudge comes a tender and timeless ode to the unbreakable bond between parent and child, and a celebration of the moments that weave together to become eighteen summers to treasure.

Categories: Relationships, Family Unit, Growing Up



#### **54. FOOTY TAIL, A**

Alex Johnston | Gregg Dreise (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Join AJ and his teammates, Cody and Latrell, and the Bunnies on their triumphant footy journey from being the competition underdogs to unlikely winners, with a little help from some friends - especially a wise and confident Crow! Inspired by the South Sydney Rabbitohs, written by NRL star Alex Johnston and illustrated by celebrated First Nations artist Gregg Dreise, this rhyming picture book about an underdog team of bunnies who are up against the stronger teams of animals is a wonderful story of unity, togetherness, resilience and teamwork.

Categories: Sport, Rugby League, Teamwork, Persistence



#### 55. I AM THIS BIG

Janeen Brian | Jess Racklyeft (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

How does it feel when we can't reach something? But how does it feel when we CAN? I am This Big gently explores a child's fascination with growing bigger. The homely scenes and repetitive text will comfort children and spark discussions about what they can and can't reach, and what they're most excited about doing once they're bigger. There might always be things that we can't reach, but the important thing is to keep trying... especially when we're reaching for the stars.

Categories: Perspective, Size, Comparison, Growing Up



# **56. IF I WAS A HORSE**

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

If you were a horse, what would you do? Could you fit in your clothes? Would you give your little sister a ride? Would your brother even notice? Gallop along with two-time Caldecott Medallist Sophie Blackall through this riotous day in the life of a child who imagines their life as a horse. Sophie's delightful text and resonant illustrations that feature a giant horse in familiar settings offer a visual feast, a grand dose of joy and a celebration of the real power of imagination to help us navigate the world.

Categories: Horse Lovers, Imagination



# 57. LITTLE BONT'S BRAVE PLAY LITTLE BONT

Marcus Bontempelli | Megan Higgins (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Marcus had a bad day on the footy field, but maybe his Nonna's birthday lunch will cheer him up. Marcus loves visiting his Nonna, although he's afraid of her spooky cellar. Marcus has never been down there, and he never will. But when disaster strikes, Little Bont might have to face his fear to save Nonna's birthday dessert ... From Western Bulldogs' captain and four-time club Best & Fairest winner Marcus Bontempelli comes a heartwarming story about courage, family ... and of course, a little bit of footy.?

Categories: Sport, AFL, Football, Courage, Family



#### **58. MONSTER GAME, THE**

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

Do you see monsters in your mind at bedtime? This book is here to help! The Monster Game is a refined collection of tried and tested techniques to help you bust the bedtime baddies in your brain.

Categories: Humour, Monsters



#### **59. MY LITTLE STAR**

Rory H Mather | Matt Shanks (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

My sister is a star; I'm not on my own. As long as she looks down on me I'll never be alone. A beautiful and gentle exploration of grief and loss in memory of all the little stars who live in our night sky.

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Family Unit, Grief, Healing, Siblings



#### **60. NIGHTSONG**

Sally soweol Han | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A gorgeous new picture book about the wonder of nature from Sally Soweol Han, shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Award for New Illustrator. A joyful story about listening to the world around you. After a big day in the noisy city, Lewis and his mother are heading home. But on the way, their bus breaks down, leaving them stuck on the side of a country road. It's still and quiet, but when Lewis ventures into a nearby field, he discovers that nature is full of wonder and music.

Categories: Onomatopoeia, Connectivity, Engagement, Nature



#### **61. NOTHING EVER HAPPENS**

Heidi Mckinnon | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

'Nothing ever happens!' 'Every day is always the same.' 'Same old rock. Same old shell.' 'Same old seaweed. Same old starfish.' If only something amazing and extraordinary and unexpected would happen ...

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Humour, Perspective



#### **62. PARCEL FOR TURTLE, A**

Shelley Knoll-Miller | Hardback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

What is in the parcel for Turtle...?! Guess along with Turtle and pals in this brilliantly fun surf-side story. The next book in the playful 'Parcel for...' series, Parcel for Turtle brims with the anticipatory magic of receiving - and opening! - a surprise gift. Guess along with the lovable characters who are stuck on the beach, hiding from a pesky pelican, about what could be in the parcel for Turtle. Will it be something to help them reach the safety of the ocean?

Categories: Celebrations, Anticipation, Surprise, Problem Solving



# **63. PEAS ON EARTH**

Huw Lewis Jones | Ben Sanders (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

In this festive edition, Bad Apple faces his greatest challenge yet: it's Christmas day and everyone is just so ... jolly. Granny Smith's carol singing and Pineapple's incessant dancing are grating to say the least, but it's the cheery arrival of Pea and his extended family that pushes Bad Apple over the edge. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas ... but how long can the Peas last?

Categories: Christmas, Humour



# 64. RUN PUPS RUN

Kerri Day | Nicky Johnston (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

When a family heads to the beach with their dogs an adventurous summer day unfolds. A lost kite, riding the waves, sandcastles, ice-cream, hiding from their parents and a thunderstorm! A rollicking, rhyming adventure story to read aloud and share with the whole family. Run Pups Run celebrates the simple joys of childhood and the bond between children and their dogs. Illustrator Nicky Johnson perfectly brings to life this whimsical text about a runaway day at the beach.

Categories: Dogs, Pets, Family, Rhyming Text, Beach



# **65. SURPRISE AT THE END OF ONKAPARINGA LANE**

Rhian Williams | Martina Heiduczek (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Today is a very special day, one that Joe will never forget. He is so excited to share it with all his friends in the street. But as he makes his way to school for his very first day, not one of his neighbours is home. Have they all forgotten? But a surprise is waiting for Joe at the end of Onkaparinga Lane!

Categories: Starting School, Community, Surprise, Celebration



#### **66. THESE LITTLE FEET**

Hayley Rawsthorne | Briony Stewart (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

These little feet, so tiny and new. The places they'll go, the dances they'll do. The mountains they'll climb, the dreams they'll pursue. These little feet, so tiny and new. A delightful celebration of love, hope and promise, this beautiful picture book perfectly captures the precious dreams of childhood and parenting.

Categories: New Baby, Hope, Optimism, Love



# **67. THIS BOOK IS A TIME MACHINE**

Tracey Dembo | Lucinda Gifford (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Hello there! Guess what? You are holding a real-life time machine! You don't believe me? I'll show you! For a start, I wrote this blurb in the PAST. Yet, you are reading it in the PRESENT. And when you finish reading the blurb, it will be the FUTURE. Tell them the bit about what happened when the past, present and future collided! - Lucinda Shhh! The blurb isn't meant to give away the whole story! - Tracey But that's the best part! - Lucinda You reckon? - Tracey Why don't you let them decide? - Lucinda Well, what are you waiting for? Take a look!

Categories: Humour



#### **68. UNDER THE RED SHAWL**

Vikki Conley | Martina Heiduczek (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Starting out in a new place is tough, but friendship, kindness and imagination help Salim, Mama and Donkey discover their new world. In this stunning picture book, by award-winning creators – Vikki Conley and Martina Heiduczek – we journey with Salim as he grows up creating a new life around him. This is a story about a journey, hope and creating fun with the little that you have.

Categories: Refugees and Migration, Hope, Resilience, Journey, Culture, Family Unit, Displacement

# **Aboriginal Picture Book**



#### **69. CROW BABY**

Helen Milroy | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Crow Baby was born with two spirits – one crow, and one human. Spending her time living across two worlds, she is content within her crow clan and her human family. But one day, a time of crisis arrives, and Crow Baby must make a difficult decision in order to save both her families. With the help of her two spirits, she embarks on a journey that celebrates the beauty of diversity and the importance of making difficult decisions. Crow Baby is a story that will capture the imagination of both young and older readers, inspiring them to embrace their own unique gifts. Featuring stunning illustrations and easy-to-read text, this picture book will take you on a whimsical adventure into the heart of First Nations storytelling.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Dreaming Stories, Creation, Bushfire, Dilemma



#### 70. GIINAGAY GAAGAL, HELLO OCEAN

Melissa Greenwood | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Gaagal (ocean) is our special place, we love to swim in the waves. We'll catch some yamaarr (fish), eat, dance and play games. An ode to joyful days spent by the ocean, from Gumbaynggirr artist Melissa Greenwood, the creator of the heart-stirring picture books Miimi Marraal, Mother Earth and My Little Barlaagany (Sunshine).

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Connectivity, Ocean, Dual Language



#### 71. IN MY BLOOD IT RUNS

Dujuan Hoosan | Blak Douglas (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$21.59

This is the story of Dujuan Hoosan, a 10-year-old Arrernte and Garawa boy. A wise, funny, cheeky boy. A healer. Out bush, his healing power (Ngangkere) is calm and straight. But in town, it's wobbly and wild, like a snake. He's in trouble at school, and with the police. He thinks there's something wrong with him. Dujuan's family knows what to do: they send him to live out bush, to learn the ways of the old people, and the history that runs straight into all Aboriginal people. So he can be proud of himself. Illustrated by Blak Douglas, winner of the Archibald Prize 2022.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Hope, Family Unit, Community, Belonging, Culture



#### 72. LISTEN

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

Listen encourages the reader to reflect on the importance of listening and truth-telling in response to Australia's complex history. The poetic writing style creates a rich and respectful text, and the bright colours inject a sense of joy into a text that explores what is often a painful history. The use of traditional First Nations techniques reinforces the longevity and importance of a culture that has lived on Australian land for over 65,000 years.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Ancestors, Listening, First Nations, Reconciliation



#### 73. SEASONS: AN INTRODUCTION TO FIRST NATIONS SEASONS ASK AUNTY

Aunty Munya Andrews | Charmaine Ledden-lewis (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Have you ever been excited for the first day of summer, only to be disappointed when it arrives cold and rainy? For First Nations People, the seasons don't change when the calendar does. Instead, we can look for changes in plants, animals, water, weather and the stars to mark the start of a new season. Aunty Munya explains how there are six seasons on her Country. Mankal is the rainy season, bringing strong winds from the ocean, while Barrgan is the season when bush fruits are most plentiful. With stunning illustrations by Charmaine Ledden-Lewis, Ask Aunty: Seasons encourages all readers to develop a deeper connection with the land, waters and sky.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Seasons, Weather



# 74. SONGLINES FIRST KNOWLEDGES

Margo Neale | Blak Douglas (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

How do you find your way around, get your food and drink, connect with your friends and family? How do you know the right and safe way to do things, or how to make things? Before the white people came to the continent, all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples knew how to do all these things – and much, much more. Margo Ngawa Neale and Lynne Kelly invite you on a journey through the oldest, biggest library of knowledge on Earth. This knowledge isn't held in books: you will find it in Songlines of the land, sea and sky. Learn about history, art, song, science and more in this engaging and inviting introduction to Indigenous traditional knowledges, how they apply today and how they can help all people thrive into the future.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, History, Art, Song, Science, Tradition, First Nations



# 75. WALK WITH US WELCOME TO OUR COUNTRY

Adam Goodes | David Hardy (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Harvey and Mum are heading to their favourite park for a walk on Cammeraygal land. 'Time to awaken the ancestors,' says Uncle Boris.' Every time we sing or acknowledge Country, the ancestors are listening.' What do you know about the Country where you live? Inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, Walk With Us is an invitation to go on a journey of learning and appreciation – with family, with friends, and with our nation – together. The bestselling Welcome to Our Country series aims to connect young children, parents and educators with First Nations history and culture.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Connection, Country, Bilingual, Culture, Bushwalking

# **Overseas Picture Book**



#### 76. ALL WE NEED IS LOVE AND A REALLY SOFT PILLOW!

Peter H Reynolds | Henry Rocket Reynolds (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Little one, I've got you! We've got Love! Love is all we need. Yes, Love and a really soft pillow! Sometimes all we need is a gentle reminder to appreciate what truly matters: Love.

Categories: Love, Appreciation



#### 77. BIG CHEESE, THE

Jory John | Pete Oswald (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

The Big Cheese is the best at everything, and brags about it, too. When the annual Cheese-cathlon comes around, the Big Cheese is prepared to win, as always. But what happens when the quiet new kid, Wedge Wedgeman, comes out on top. Is a slice of humility all the Big Cheese needs to discover that some things are better than being the best?

Categories: Humour, Sportsmanship, Cautionary Tale



#### 78. DIS FOR DOG

Em Lynas | Sara Ogilvie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Whether it's getting marvellously muddy, leaping and lolloping or hiding under the bed with a stolen slipper, a dog's life is so much FUN. This hilarious alphabet celebration of canine capers is perfect for dog lovers young and old. Featuring stylish and vibrant artwork by the award-winning Sara Ogilvie, this bright and cheerful book is the perfect gift for any child (or adult!) to read aloud or enjoy alone.

Categories: Pets, Dogs, Alphabet



#### 79. DADAPALOOZA: A CELEBRATION OF DADS

Sarina Dickson | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

A gizmo dad, a sweet dad, a moves to this own beat dad. An honest dad, a doggy dad, a 'why is that so soggy?' dad. What kind of Dad do you have? Celebrate them all in this colourful rhyming picture book from bestselling author Sarina Dickson, with humourous search-and-find style illustrations from award-winning artist Ant Sang.

Categories: Father's Day, Dads, Family, Celebration



#### **80. DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Sydney Smith | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

Tucked up in bed at their new flat, a boy and his mum share memories. Some are idyllic, like a picnic with Dad, but others are more surprising: a fall from a bike into soft piled hay, the smell of an old oil lamp when a rainstorm blew the power out. Now it's just the two of them, and the house where all of those memories happened is far away. But maybe someday, this will be a favourite memory, too: happy and sad, an end and a beginning intertwined.

Categories: Separation, Moving House, Relationships, Memories



# 81. GIRAFFE AND A HALF

Nicola Kent | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Giraffe and a Half has six legs and three ears, which is brilliant for dancing and listening, but not so good for making friends. But one day, playing on her own, she meets Bird and a Third, who knows that sometimes, it's our insecurities that hold us back the most. This delightful story will encourage children to embrace their differences.

Categories: Difference, Acceptance, Diversity, Disability, Friendship



#### 82. GOOD NIGHT, GOOD BEACH

Joy Cowley | Hilary jean Tapper (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

An evocative and beautiful bedtime picture book that distils the essence of summer at the beach—skin sticky with salt, sandy feet, waves hush-hushing and a shell under the pillow. This simple poem by internationally renowned Joy Cowley transports the reader instantly to a childhood summer. Summer holidays by the sea have a rhythm all their own. With a few well-chosen images Cowley takes us straight to the end of a long hot day, with beach treasures under the pillow, the sound of the waves and the salty smell of the sea. Hilary Jean Tapper's warm watercolour and ink illustrations bring to vivid life a quintessential childhood experience.

Categories: Family Unit, Beach, Outdoors, Bedtime

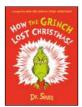


# 83. GREAT STORM WHALE, THE

Benji Davies | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

As a fearsome storm blows around Noi's house, his grandma tells of an unforgettable friendship between a little girl and a whale, many storms ago. But as she finishes her tale of perseverance and new beginnings, Noi soon realises it's part of their own story, too. This glorious addition to the bestselling Storm Whale series celebrates the stories and the love that are passed down through generations.

Categories: Connectivity, Family, Storytelling, Nature

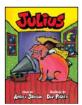


#### **84.** HOW THE GRINCH LOST CHRISTMAS!

Dr Seuss | Aristides Ruiz (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

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

Categories: Christmas



#### 85. JULIUS

Angela Johnson | Dav Pilkey (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

When Maya's grandfather comes to visit from Alaska, he brings a surprise in a crate—something, he says, to teach her "fun and sharing". Maya hopes it's a horse or a big brother. But instead, it's a huge, pink pig named Julius! Maya's parents see Julius as a slob, but Maya feels differently. She sees a playmate, a protector and a sharer in all that's magical and wild. This brand-new edition of the classic picture book by award-winning author Angela Johnson and illustrator Dav Pilkey will teach a new generation of readers about friendship, affection and sharing, with lots of laughs along the way.

Categories: Family Unit, Friendship, Grandfather



#### **86. LILA GREER, TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Andrea Beaty | David Roberts (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$26.99 | School Price \$22.95

Lila Greer is full of worries. Even the smallest things-from cabbages to cardboard-fill her with dread and What Ifs. So when her family makes a big change-moving to a new town-the worry and What Ifs only grow. What if things go wrong? What if no one likes her? At first, Lila feels right to be worried. In her new home, everything is strange. The new kids, the new smells. Lila feels alone and invisible. But there's one person who sees her: Lila's teacher, Ms. Kern. Through some creativity, blackboard erasers, and-most of all-kindness, Ms. Kern finds a way to make Lila feel welcome and open to new experiences. A lesson that will resonate with Lila long after second grade.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Teaching, Teachers, Growing Up, Occupations



#### 87. MAISY'S BIG BOOK OF KINDNESS

Lucy Cousins | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Join Maisy and her friends as they explore all sorts of wonderful ways to be kind, such as sharing, caring, giving, helping the planet and more! This beautiful, bright and joyful celebration of kindness will be an inspiring addition to the bookshelves of little ones and their parents, carers and teachers.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Kindness, Caring



# 88. MAX AND MOONBEAM

Rob Scotton | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

It's the night before the big show-and-tell, and Max isn't sure what to bring. He's shy and worried that it will all go all wrong. But when a space creature named Moonbean crashes into his room, Max discovers all he needed was a friend to help him find his confidence.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Bravery, Friendship, Confidence



# 89. MOLLY, OLIVE AND DEXTER: GUESSING GAME

Catherine Rayner | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

Olive the owl loves guessing games, and her best friends Molly the hare and Dexter the fox decide to play one together. But when it's Olive's go, try as they might, Molly and Dexter can't seem to work out the answer... Whatever is Olive thinking about?! One of three books, each starring a different member of this adorable trio, this story explores big emotional themes with gentle humour – delivering the charm of the 100 Acre Wood in a delightful package for toddlers

Categories: Friendship



#### 90. NOT SO LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Michael Rosen | David Melling (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Little Red Riding Hood – who is not-so-little anymore! – is riding her pony through the woods to visit Granny for a picnic and a surprise. Now that she is bigger, she feels much braver than the last time she went. Until . . . what was that? Was it the Big Bad Wolf? A funny story full of surprises!

**Categories:** Twisted Fairytales



#### 91. SAY MY NAME

Joanna Ho | Khoa Le (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Names reveal generational ties and histories, weaving an intricate tale of the past. Names—and correctly saying them—are important. Each one carries the hopes, dreams, and traditions of those that came before us. Joanna Ho's lyrical story explains how saying a person's name is the only way we can truly know another.

Categories: Multicultural, Culture, Ethnicity, Recognition, Pronunciation, Communication



#### 92 SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

Helen Docherty | David Roberts (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Somewhere in this world, there is someone just like you, who finds the same things funny and who laughs the way you do. Have you ever stopped to think that there might be someone out there who is just like you? And if they needed you, would you help them? A deeply moving, vitally important picture book encouraging empathy and kindness.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Empathy, Resilience, Growth Mindset, Acceptance, Kindness



# 93. STINKY WONKY DONKEY, THE

Craig Smith | Katz Cowley (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

The whiffy Wonky Donkey is back, and this time he is playing an outrageous bad Dad joke on Dinky. As Wonky listened, his face was deadpan, but he was devising an outrageous plan! Dinky Donkey loves hooved animals so much, Wonky Donkey poses the question to her: "Are you hoof-hearted?" Hilarity ensues as Dinky innocently enquires of other members of her family if they are 'hoof-hearted', much to the delight of her dad.

Categories: Rhyming Text, Humour, Toilet Humour



# 94. TINY OWL'S SCARY DAY

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

Tiny Owl wants to explore the day. Mummy Owl says the day can be dangerous but Tiny Owl isn't scared! So, when Mummy Owl is asleep, Tiny Owl tiptoes out of the nest and flies off. There are all kinds of other birds and animals out during the day, and everything is so colourful! But maybe night-time is best for owls after all...

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Independence, Nocturnal, Predators



# 95. WAY TO THE STARS, THE

David Almond | Gill Smith (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

Joe wants to find a way to the stars. With the help of his dad, he builds a ladder, a tower, even a rocket to go up, up, up, up... Oh no! Crash, bang, wallop! What next? Together, the pair jump on pogo sticks and build sheds to paint their dreams and find a way. An uplifting and magical tale of sky-high courage, imagination and the bond between father and son that will make your heart soar.

Categories: Relationships, Space, Imagination, Dreaming, Imagination Play



#### 96. WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD AT CHRISTMAS

Julia Donaldson | Lydia Monks (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

In a big old house, the ladybird is visiting her friend the spider for the festive season. But those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are up to no good again. They have a devious plan - to steal the children's Christmas presents from their stockings! It's a good thing that the clever little ladybird has overheard their awful plotting, and she has a cunning plan to make sure they don't get away with it.

**Categories:** Christmas



# 97. WOMBATS ARE PRETTY WEIRD: A (NOT SO) SERIOUS GUIDE

Abi Cushman | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Wombats are elusive, burrowing marsupials. Their teeth never stop growing, they have backward-facing pouches, and they're the only animal to have cube-shaped poop. And if you ask their snake friend, Joey, those aren't the only things that are weird about wombats!

Categories: Australian Animals, Marsupials, Australiana, Wombats

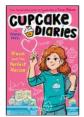
# **Graphic Novel**



# 98. 100 TALES FROM THE TOKYO GHOST CAFÉ GRAPHIC NOVEL

Julian Sedgwick | Chie Kutsuwada (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Abducted by spirits from his village, lost boy Akira must make the long journey in north Japan to find his family and save his young sister, before time runs out. Voyaging deeper and deeper into a Japan 'between the worlds', Akira and his companions encounter a host of yokai monsters and famous ghosts, discovering a sometimes comical and sometimes terrifying world of interlinked and ghostly short stories along the way.



# 99. ALEXIS AND THE PERFECT RECIPE: GRAPHIC NOVEL CUPCAKE DIARIES GRAPHIC NOVEL

Coco Simon | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Alexis Becker is by far the most prepared, exact, and organized Cupcake Club member, which is why she's in charge of the business end of the club. But when she suddenly develops a major crush on Matt Taylor—her BFF Emma's brother—things get a little disorganized. Alexis decides to figure her way around this strange new feeling the way she figures out everything else: by conducting research, collecting data, and setting a goal. Is there a perfect recipe for love? Alexis is ready to find out!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship



#### 100. BARB AND THE SHADOW ARMY GRAPHIC NOVEL BARB THE BRAVE

Dan Abdo | Paperback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Barb is a Berzerker, one of an elite crew of warriors who protect the land of Bailiwick from the scourge of monsters. Barb has been captured by the evil Witch Head and, too injured to fight back, her chances for freedom are slim. They're both in for a surprise when her Berzerker mum, Raven comes to the rescue. The mother-daughter duo escapes but can't stop Witch Head from summoning a powerful army from the Shadow Realm to take over Bailiwick. Can Barb and her ragtag crew of Berzerkers find a way to beat the infamous Shadow Army? Can she figure out how to harness the mystical power of the Ghost Blade? And can Porkchop make sure everybody has enough snacks?



# 101. BATTLE FOR THE DRAGON'S TEMPLE, THE UNOFFICIAL GRAPHIC NOVEL FOR MINECRAFTERS

Cara J Stevens | David Norgren (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Can Phoenix, Xander, and T.H. find the Ender Dragon—and survive a fight against her? With the help of her friends, Phoenix has finally solved the mystery of where she came from! But unraveling the truth about her past only leads to more questions, like why her parents gave their lives to defeat the powerful Ender Dragon. Determined to finish what her parents started, and unaware that an old enemy haunts her tracks, Phoenix sets out on her latest adventure. Clue after clue leads Phoenix, Xander, and T.H. closer to the darkness of the End. What awaits them there is their greatest battle yet—and perhaps the key to Phoenix's true destiny.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Magic, Dragons



# 102. BAWK-NESS MONSTER GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Natalie Riess | Sara Goetter (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Penny swears that when she was a little girl, a creature called the Bawk-ness Monster-half sea serpent, half chicken-saved her from drowning. Now, years later, she's about to move away to a new city, and before she goes, she needs the help of her best friends, Luc and K, for a vitally important mission: seeing "Bessie" one more time. But in their quest to find Bessie and give Penny the send-off she deserves, the kids stumble into a whole new problem-cryptids are being kidnapped by an evil collector, and only Penny, Luc, and K can save them!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Mystery, Friendship, Monsters



# 103. BEST FRIENDS GRAPHIC NOVEL SWEET VALLEY TWINS

Francine Pascal | Claudia Aguirre (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Jessica and Elizabeth have always been inseparable twins, but starting middle school means a chance for new beginnings! Elizabeth is excited to organise a school newspaper, but Jessica is more interested in joining the exclusive Unicorn Club. What will happen when the twins realise they might not be as alike as they thought? Middle school is hard enough, but with these twins each dealing with becoming their own person – will they be able to stay friends at the same time?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Humour, Siblings, Twins, School



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

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

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

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Adventure, Comedy



#### 105. BUNNY VS MONKEY AND THE HUMAN INVASION GRAPHIC NOV BUNNY VS MONKEY

Jamie Smart | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Since he crash-landed to Earth in a rocket, Monkey has been causing absolute mayhem! Bunny and the gang (Squirrel, Pig [the Pig], Action Beaver, and Skunky the Inventor) have almost had enough. In this rollicking comic extravaganza, the pint-sized friends must tackle a helliphant, rocket-powered hot air balloons, and the most mind-boggling creatures of all...hew-mans...

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



#### 106. BUNNY VS MONKEY GRAPHIC NOVEL BUNNY VS MONKEY

Jamie Smart | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

Welcome to the woods. It's chaos in there! Bunny and his friends Weenie the Squirrel, Pig (the pig), Action Beaver and Skunky the Inventor lived a peaceful life in the forest - until Monkey's rocket crash-landed and he decided to take over! Now Monkey is causing mayhem, Bunny is determined to put a stop to it, and... what's that? It's an out of control shark tank, ruining a lovely picnic!

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



#### 107. CAT'S CLAW GRAPHIC NOVEL CAT NINJA

Matthew Cody | Chad Thomas (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

When a notorious band of ninjas discovers a certain Metro City hero wearing their colors and practicing their Kat Fu, their leader sets out to settle an old score. Plus, a nocturnal ninja flaps into town, Octopunch puts up his dukes (all eight of 'em!), Adonis plays hero, Master Hamster's creative kitchen repairs end with a scorching surprise, and our favorite frenemies-against-the-odds compete in the villainous Vroomin' Race!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Vengeance, Revenge



#### 108. CHANGE THE GAME GRAPHIC NOVEL

Colin Kaepernick | Orlando Caicedo (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

High school star athlete Colin Kaepernick is at a crossroads in life. Heavily scouted by colleges and MLB as a baseball pitcher, he has a bright future ahead of him as a highly touted prospect. Everyone from his parents to his teachers and coaches are in agreement on his future. Colin feels differently. Colin isn't excited about baseball. In the words of five-time all-star MLB player Adam Jones, Baseball is a white man's game. Colin looks up to athletes like Allen Iverson: talented, hyper-competitive, unapologetically Black, and dominating their sports while staying true to themselves. College football looks a lot more fun than sleeping on hotel room floors in the minor leagues of baseball. But Colin doesn't have a single offer to play football. Yet. This touching graphic novel explores the story of how a young change-maker learned to find himself and never compromise. How the right decision is very rarely the easy one, but taking the road less traveled can make all the difference in the world.



# 109. DANCE CLASS GRAPHIC NOVEL

Beka | Hardback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The Dance Class students prepare to put on a production of Swan Lake at the Opera de Paris, a ballet company that was founded by Louis XIV in 1669. But with such a big production, tensions abound in the studio! At this rate, can the show go on?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Ballet, Dancing

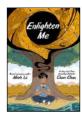


#### 110. DRACULA GRAPHIC NOVEL USBORNE GRAPHIC

Russell Punter | Valentino Forlini (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When Jonathan Harker arrives in Transylvania, he finds himself caught up in a fiendish plot to raise an army of the undead. Can he and his friends stop the plans of the terrifying vampire Count Dracula before it's too late? Bram Stoker's classic gothic novel, retold in comic strip for today's readers.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Classic



#### **111. ENLIGHTEN ME GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Minh Le | Chan Chau (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

When Binh fights back against a bully who makes fun of his Vietnamese heritage, he expects to be cheered as the hero. He defeated the bad guy, right? Instead, it gets him a stern warning from his vice principal and worried parents. Now he's stuck on a family trip to a silent meditation retreat. That means no talking-and no video games!-for a whole weekend. Could things possibly get any worse? However, when a nun gathers all the kids to tell them the Jataka tales-the stories of the Buddha's many past lives-Binh takes a fantastical dive into his imagination and starts to see himself in these stories. Will he retreat further into himself, or will he emerge from the weekend open to change? With any luck, these next few days will prove more enlightening than he thought.



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

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

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

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



#### 113. FRY GUYS FRY GUYS

Eric Geron | Jannie Ho (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Waffle has always dreamed about adventure outside her small town of Spudtown, Idaho. But as it turns out, adventure was dreaming of her, too. One day, Waffle's hometown is invaded by evil UFO-nion Rings. They're big. They're greasy. And they're ready to take all the fries back to their lair. It's up to Waffle and her best buddies, Curly and Sweets, to put an end to the UFO-nion Rings' rampage. That is . . . if they can!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour



#### 114. GREATEST IN THE WORLD GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE TATER TALES

Ben Clanton | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Rot is a mutant potato who wakes up feeling great, maybe even...the greatest in the world! But that only makes Rot's brother Snot the grumpiest in the world. The only solution? An epic contest to prove who is the greatest once and for all, judged by the only impartial party they can find—their small fry little sister, Tot. But as the stakes get higher through the muddy potato sack race, sacred hot potato roll, and a hilarious laughing contest, their rivalry spirals out of control. Suddenly Rot's not feeling so spudtacular anymore. Will this tater trio ever be able to determine who the greatest in the world really is?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Sibling Rivalry



#### 115. HOW TO CATCH AN ELF: GRAPHIC NOVEL PUP AND DRAGON

Alice Walstead | Paul Gill (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Pup has boundless energy and endless optimism; Dragon is cool and thoughtful but always up for adventure ... together, they are best friends who are always there for one another. In their first adventure, they are trying to catch one of Santa's little helpers--only Dragon has no idea what a Santa is, let alone an elf.

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



#### 116. I SURVIVED THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE, 1871 GRAPHIC NO I SURVIVED GRAPHIC NOVEL

Lauren Tarshis | Cassie Anderson (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Oscar Starling never wanted to move to Chicago. The smog, the stench, the thieves around every corner—it's so different from his old life on the farm. Will the big city ever feel like home? But shortly after Oscar arrives, a huge fire breaks out. All of Chicago is ablaze and one thing is clear: the city is like a powder keg, ready to explode. An army of firemen tries to help, but this fire is a ferocious beast that wants to devour everything in its path. Will Oscar—and his new city and new friends—survive one of the most famous and devastating fires in history?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Survival, Expedition, Fire, Historical Fiction



#### 117. MALL GOTH GRAPHIC NOVEL

Kate Leth | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Liv Holme is not exactly thrilled to be moving to a new town with her mother. After all, high school can be brutal, even more so when you're a fifteen-year-old, bisexual goth. But Liv is determined to be who she is, bullies or not. Still, being the new kid and the only out student brings her a lot of unwelcome attention, and Liv flounders in her search for community. The only person who makes time for her is one of teachers, but Liv isn't sure how to feel about the way he behaves toward her. Thankfully, she's found the perfect escape: the mall. Under its fluorescent lights, Liv feels far away from her parents' strained marriage and the peers who don't understand her. Amid the bright storefronts, food court smell, and anonymous shoppers, Liv is safely one of the crowd and can enjoy the feeling of calling the shots in her own life for once. With the help of her suburban refuge, Liv sets off on a journey of self-acceptance and learns to navigate the ups and downs of high school and to recognize true friendship.

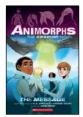


# 118. MEESH THE BAD DEMON GRAPHIC NOVEL

Michelle Lam | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

How far would you go to save your home - and find yourself? Bullied by the other demons, twelve-year-old Meesh is more likely to be reading magazines from Plumeria City - the fairy realm - and fangirling about the fairy princesses. But when disaster strikes and all of demon-kind is threatened, Meesh must journey to other worlds in search of help. As luck would have it, she meets a fairy princess right away. Things in the fairy realm aren't so perfect either, though. As Meesh makes surprising new friends and unites a band of outcasts, she learns there's much more to being a demon than she ever realised. And learning to love herself might just uncover the secret to saving her home.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Bullying, Danger, Journey



# 119. MESSAGE: GRAPHIC NOVEL ANIMORPHS GRAPHIC NOVEL

KA Applegate | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

It begins with the dreams. Cassie has been having strange nightmares of a voice calling to her from deep beneath the ocean. They're unsettling, but it isn't until Cassie discovers Tobias has been having dreams too -- the exact same dreams, of a voice pleading for help—that she decides it's time to start listening. When pieces of debris wash up on shore, marked with alien writing, the team realises they may still have allies in the fight for Earth -- allies who are trying to make contact. Now they just have to reach them, before time runs out.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Science Fiction, Aliens, War



# 120. MOLE KING'S LAIR GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE CAT'S CRADLE

Jo Rioux | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Suri has what it takes to be a monster tamer-she just knows it! She's even tamed her first monster, if you count Byron. He's less like a monster, more like a giant dog. He needs a master that's just his size, so Suri, Caglio, and Byron set off for the land of the giants: the Monster's Cradle. An epic journey like this requires money and provisions, which they don't have. But the treasure at the heart of the mole king's lair might be the solution to their problem!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Journey, Monsters, Fantasy

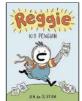


#### 121. OFFICER CLAWSOME: LOBSTER COP OFFICER CLAWSOME

Brian Smith | Chris Giarrusso (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Meet Clawsome: lobster, crime fighter, and all-round badass, and his partner Stariana, the sharpest and smartest starfish in all of Caper Cove! Follow the dynamic duo as they fight such denizens of the deep as the Catfishburglar, Chowderhead, and the Brain Sturgeon. Crime doesn't pay in Caper Cove with Officer Clawsome and his partner, Stariana, on the case. But when the beloved bakery Kelpy's Kelpcakes goes missing and rumors begin swirling about shark sightings for the first time in a hundred years, the duo is about to find themselves claw-deep in a mystery for the ages. Will this dynamic duo save the day yet again, or have the citizens of Caper Cove eaten their last Kelpcake... for good?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Mystery, Crime, Teamwork



#### 122. REGGIE: KID PENGUIN GRAPHIC NOVEL

Jennifer De Oliveira | Paperback | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Reggie is just like any other kid: always looking for fun and adventure! But Reggie s curious, playful side sometimes gets him into trouble. Like when he tries to give himself a haircut before picture day and ends up gluing his feathers back on his head! Or when he sneaks a mouthful of cookie dough from the kitchen then feels the sun baking cookies in his tummy! Or when his babysitter puts him on a kid leash while they walk to the park and he rebels by acting like a dog! Reggie: Kid Penguin is a collection of six silly stories that explore kid-friendly themes, all through the eyes of a lovable, spunky penguin.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Adventure, Humour



# 123. RISE OF THE SHADOWFIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL CITY OF DRAGONS

Jaimal Yogis | Vivian Truong (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Ever since the battle in Hong Kong, Grace and her friends have been trying to find a way to get to Paris. When Nate suddenly appears and whisks Grace away to the Dragon King's lair, she learns that Daijiang and his underlings are searching for an ancient relic that will let them subjugate the dragons and Grace needs to find it first! With Grace's burgeoning Hunxue powers, the team must get to Paris and stop Daijiang's plan. But their new ally, Dr. Kim, may not be all she appears and Daijiang has formidable allies of his own: a strangely familiar accomplice and a terrifying, powerful dragon that could threaten all of Paris.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Dragons



#### 124. RIVER RESCUE PEANUT, BUTTER AND CRACKERS

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

Peanut, Butter and Crackers are off to the great outdoors in a camper van. But when indoor cat Butter discovers that their human forgot to pack a litter tray, he's sure there must be one in the forest - how else do cats go to the toilet?! Together with puppy Peanut, he sets out to find one ... only to get lost. And things go from bad to worse when Butter and Peanut fall into a river! Can Crackers pull off a river rescue and help his two friends get back home?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Pets

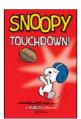


#### 125. SCIENCE FAIR FRENZY GRAPHIC NOVEL WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Jess Smart Smiley | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Megan Hathaway came to Sunbright Middle School's Science and Invention Fair expecting to have fun-she and her friend Charlotte had prepared a presentation on crow calls, and their table gave her a great view of her crush, Dillon. But for some reason, everything is going wrong. There are lemons all over the hallways, Megan's parents insist on embarrassing her, and there are rumors that the monstrous Sunbright Muck Man is on the hunt! Can YOU help Megan get through this day with her dignity and her life?! With over 25 different parallel realities to explore in Science Fair Frenzy, there's gotta be at least one where Megan gets a happy ending. Right\*?! \*We cannot confirm the existence of a happy ending in Science Fair Frenzy.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Interactive



#### 126. SNOOPY: TOUCHDOWN GRAPHIC NOVEL SNOOPY

Charles Schulz | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

These classic Peanuts comics by Charles Schulz feature the Peanuts gang at its finest—waiting for The Great Pumpkin, baseball games, and the many escapades of Snoopy, the world's most beloved cartoon beagle.

**Categories:** Graphic Novel



# 127. STACEY'S MISTAKE GRAPHIC NOVEL BABY-SITTERS CLUB GRAPHIX

Ann m Martin | Ellen T Crenshaw (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Stacey is so excited! Her friends from The Baby-sitters Club are coming to New York City for a long weekend. It's going to be perfect -- a party and a sleepover on Friday night, a big baby-sitting job on Saturday and lots of sightseeing throughout. But it turns out that the baby-sitters are way out of place in the big city. Mary Anne sounds like a walking guidebook, Dawn is afraid of everything, Kristy can't keep her mouth shut, Claudia is jealous of Laine -- Stacey's New York best friend -- and Mallory and Jessi feel intimidated by Stacey's classmates. With ten kids to baby-sit and a full schedule of activities, how will Stacey keep the weekend from becoming a complete disaster?

Categories: Graphic Novel, Friendship, Mystery



# 128. SUPER RABBIT BOY VS SUPER RABBIT BOSS! GRAPHIC NOV PRESS START!

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

Sunny's favourite game is Super Rabbit Boy, where his carrot-loving friend must thwart all the plots the evil King Viking of Boom Boom Mountain comes up with. Oh no! On his way to foil King Viking's latest evil plan, Super Rabbit Boy is sucked into opposite land. In this world, the good guys are bad, and the bad guys are good. And the worst bad guy of all is Super Rabbit Boss! What?! Can Super Rabbit Boy work with his new robot friends to save Good King Viking and make it back to his world? Or will Super Rabbit Boss get him first? You'll have to read and find out...

Categories: Graphic Novel, Gaming



# 129. SUPER SCARY NARWHALLOWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL, A NARWHAL AND JELLY BOOK

Ben Clanton | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

Dive into three new stories that are sure to fright and delight! Narwhal loves Halloween — it's a great excuse to dress up in a spooky and silly costume, like a ghost, a mermaid, a banana or maybe even Marlow the Mustachioed Moose. It's a skeleTON of fun! Jelly isn't dressing up, though — he's a little scared of this time of year, and would prefer to hunker down in a hidey-hole until Halloween is over. But when a scary sea monster makes an appearance and swallows Narwhal (gulp!), can Jelly, with the help of some super friends, pluck up the courage to save his best bud

Categories: Graphic Novel, Spooky, Halloween, Humour



# 130. THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE GRAPHIC NOVEL CREEPOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

PJ Night | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Jenna Sanchez has always been fascinated by the legend of the Marked Monster, the scarred half-bird, half-beast creature that is said to roam the forests around her hometown. But is it real or just a myth? Jenna decides to find out once and for all with a campout at her house where she and her friends can search for the legendary beast. But as Jenna starts to learn more about the Marked Monster, she realizes it may have roots more sinister than she ever could have imagined. Will her quest for the truth end with her being marked for life? Creepy full-color graphic panels tell the story with the same horror as the original novel! This creepy tale is a level 4 on the Creep-o-Meter.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horror



# 131. WOE IS FOR WORM! FRIENDLY BEE AND FRIENDS

Sean e Avery | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Friendly Bee loves dressing up, parties and being BEST FRIENDS with everyone. So when he and his reluctant bestie Angry Wasp are invited to Enormous Hairy Spider's dress-up party, he's so excited he could burst. Things just get better when he has the chance to make a new friend, but the Pessimistic Earthworm is determined to be miserable. Cheering him up will be hard work, but luckily Friendly Bee is the bug for the job!

Categories: Graphic Novel, Humour, Friendship, Difference, Nature, Party

# **Australian Novel**



# 132. BATTLE FOR IMPERIA, THE DRAGON GAMES

Maddy Mara | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Team Dragon is facing their most challenging adventure yet! Luca, Yazmine and Zane have been dropped in the ancient dragon city of Dracopolis. They have only one more Thunder Egg to return before the prophecy can come true, and dragons can return to Imperia. The people of Dracopolis are counting on Team Dragon to win, but the evil ruler Dartsmith never plays fair. Luca, Yazmine and Zane will need all the help they can get if they're going to defeat him for good and finally bring peace to Imperia.

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

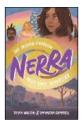


#### 133. BIG SHOW, THE MEET ELLA

Rebecca McRitchie | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$7.99 | School Price \$6.80

Ella and her class are putting on a show! But Ella gets nervous and forgets her lines. How will she remember the right words to say?

Categories: Family Unit, Friendship, School, First Experiences



#### 134. BROKEN RAINBOW, THE NERRA: DEEP TIME TRAVELLER

Tasma Walton | Samantha Campbell (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

"Nerra, you are the next Deep Time Traveller, as your great-grandmother was before you." When Nerra's great-grandmother passes away, she leaves a box of artefacts to Nerra. Nerra is drawn to the clapsticks which glow red hot, and when she picks them up, she is transported back in time. Dreaming is out of balance and a hero needs to help. Bineal and Pirnbial, husband and wife of the rainbow, have been split apart and captured by the evil Devour'ena. With the help of the Keeper of Clean Sand and Clear Water and the cleverman, Bobbinary, can Nerra reunite the rainbow and bring Dreaming back into balance?

Categories: Adventure, Time Travel, Magic, Ancestry, Connection, First Nations, Dreaming



# 135. BULLIES BEWARE! FLUFF

Matt Stanton | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

For Gilbert Morris, the day begins badly with his undies flapping on the school gate and his name written across them in big black letters! When your dad's missing in outer space and the school bully is on your case, there's only one thing to do- call on your best friend for help. But what if your best friend is totally furry and completely out of the ordinary?

Categories: Bullying, Humour, Friendship



# 136. CHRISTMAS WISH, THE WISH SISTERS

Allison Rushby | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

It's Christmastime, but Flick and Birdie are missing their Granny Aggie. To cheer them up, Mum and Dad invite the neighbours over to decorate gingerbread houses. All is going well until Mrs Mortlake brings up Christmas wishes, giving baby Birdie all the wrong ideas. How can Flick spread the joy of Christmas when a gingerbread person is biting the auests?

Categories: Siblings, Friendship, Community, Magic, Christmas, Family



#### 137. CLASS PARTY VOLUME 1 SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

Sally Rippin | 10 in 1 | Age 5+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Welcome to the School of Monsters: the funniest, silliest and most accessible series for first readers! Grab this book and take a peek at all the monsters you will meet! This bumper bind-up contains TEN stories from the first year of the School of Monsters. 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: Monsters, Phonics, Rhyming Text



#### 138. DOUBLE THE DRAMA WILLA AND WOOF

Jacqueline Harvey | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

Adventure, imagination and loads of fun! It's time to put on a play at school, but not everyone is getting along. Will a new friend come between Willa and Tae?

Categories: Friendship



#### 139. FIRESTORM SKYDRAGON

Anh Do | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Amber paused. When she spoke again, it was almost a whisper. 'What if we could be a family again?' Reunited at last, Amber and Reggie combine forces to save insects and humans from a catastrophic fire. But somehow, Agent Ferris is tracking their every step. Could they have been lured into a trap?

Categories: Adventure, Fantasy, Friendship, Courage, Identity, Survival

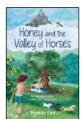


#### 140. FRIDAY WORST WEEK EVER

Eva Amores | Matt Cosgrove (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Have you ever had a bad week? Justin Chase sure has, and this is it! Against all odds, he somehow survived the trials and torments of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. But now ... it's Friday! Just when Justin thinks his wacky week can't get any worse, he's plunged to a new, all-time low. We're talking subterranean levels. The actual pits. An abysmal abyss. So prepare to plumb the depths!

**Categories: Humour** 



#### 141. HONEY AND THE VALLEY OF HORSES

Wendy Orr | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$14.39

When Honey was four and her brother Rumi was a tiny baby, her family loaded up their converted ice-cream-van-camper and drove away from all they knew, as an illness swept the sad wide world. High in the mountains, they crossed a bridge to follow a mysterious herd of enchanted horses into a sheltered valley. The bridge and the track disappeared behind them – and now they are trapped in paradise. In the valley of horses, Honey's family becomes self-sufficient, fishing, growing vegetables and using solar power. But no messages from the outside world are ever received. When her father falls desperately ill, Honey is sure there must still be people in the big wide world who can help. She is determined to draw on her resourcefulness, self-belief and courage, but will this be enough to find a way out of the valley?

Categories: Adventure, Family Unit, Grief, Horse Lovers, Fantasy, Resilience, Courage



#### 142. IMPOSSIBLE SECRET OF LILLIAN VELVET, THE KINGDOMS AND EMPIRES BOOK

Jaclyn Moriarty | Kelly Canby (Illustrator) | Hardback | Age 10+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Lillian Velvet lives a very lonely life with her cold and remote Grandmother. That is, until her tenth birthday, when she is given a pickle jar of gold coins, along with a note with clear instructions: don't go out, don't open the door for anyone, and don't spend all your coins in one day. What happens next seems impossible. The coins whisk Lillian away to a different time and place. There she meets a small boy in a circus about to be crushed to death; a lively family, each member in a distinctive form of mortal danger; a boy with a skateboard; and a girl who can Whisper. And a web of dangerous magic closing tight around it all. Why is Lillian here? How is she supposed to help these new friends? And - most importantly - what happens if she fails?

Categories: Fantasy, Magic, Quest, Courage



# 143. KIP OF THE MOUNTAIN

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

Kip Boowitt wants a best friend. So when she rescues a tiny creature that looks like a kitten but isn't a kitten, she loves him with all her heart. Kip names him Buffel, and he really listens when she talks. He's there when her dad is too busy to notice her, and he's there when the kids at school are being mean. He's there when Kip feels all alone. So when Buffel is kidnapped, there is only one thing to do - take a slow ride on a fast motorbike, sail across the ocean, and take back what belongs to Kip. But will Buffel want to leave?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic



#### 144. LITTLE ASH: PUPPY PLAYTIME! LITTLE ASH

Ash Barty | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$7.99

Ash is so excited to get a NEW PUPPY! He is full of energy and ready to play, but every game Ash chooses ends in disaster! Whatever will Ash do? Australian tennis superstar Ash Barty teams up with Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin to bring young readers this fun and exciting illustrated series about school, sport, friendship and family.

Categories: Sport, Tennis, School, Family, Friendship

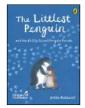


# 145. LITTLE ASH: SPORTS CARNIVAL! LITTLE ASH

Ash Barty | Jade Goodwin (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 5+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$7.99

Ash LOVES tennis. So when it's the school sports carnival, Ash wishes she was playing tennis instead. Will Ash find her school spirit and help her team win the day? Australian tennis superstar Ash Barty teams up with Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin to bring young readers this fun and exciting new illustrated series about school, sport, friendship and family.

Categories: Sport, Tennis, School, Family, Friendship



#### 146. LITTLEST PENGUIN AND THE PHILLIP ISLAND PARADE, TH

Jedda Robaard | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

The adorable little penguins come waddling and tumbling out of the water and up the hill, back to their burrows on the island . . . But that's just the end of an even more amazing story. Where have they been? What adventures did they have? A charming story for young readers that follows a group of gorgeous little penguins out to sea and back to their beloved Phillip Island. Beautifully illustrated on every page and packaged as a small gift-hardback format, this is as irresistible as the cuddly little birds the story is based on. Come on an incredible journey with Little Penguin, Scruffy, Cheeky and Big Chick as they go out to sea for the very first time. And learn everything you need to know about our real-life little penguins too.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Conservation, Environment, Penguins, First Experiences

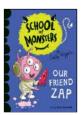


#### 147. MISS PENNY DREADFUL AND THE MERMAID'S LOCKS MISS PENNY DREADFUL

Allison Rushby | Bronte rose Marando (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Searching for a new story idea for her aunt's famous penny dreadfuls, Penny and Aunt Harriet decide to follow up a newspaper article about a mysterious mermaid's grotto. Hidden down a secret passageway on the banks of the River Thames, the only way to enter is through a tavern, aptly named The Mermaid's Locks. In the glittering grotto, Penny and her aunt find a comb with some strands of the mermaid's red-gold hair. Penny sets out to investigate – can the mermaid truly be real? Also, why doesn't Mr Crowley, Aunt Harriet's publisher, want her to write about it? Meanwhile, another cryptic postcard arrives from Penny's missing parents. Nothing is as it seems in Penny's world. Will Penny be able to finally piece together all the clues?

Categories: Mystery, Magic, Victorian Era



#### 148. OUR FRIEND ZAP SCHOOL OF MONSTERS

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

Zap is a monster who comes from afar in a red rocket ship from a faraway star! Zap is an alien who doesn't speak the local language, and communicates with his friends in his own special way. So when he gets teased by a stranger, how can his friends tell him they love him?

Categories: Humour, Monsters



#### 149. PUPPY RESCUE ELLA AT EDEN

Laura Sieveking | Danielle McDonald (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

Ella's class are given a new opportunity to help the community through their Service-Learning project, and Ella is excited to be assisting at the Morningside Animal Shelter. She immediately bonds with a dog named Luna, and has a bunch of ideas for the shelter's special adoption day. But when Ella overhears something that makes her fear for Luna's future, she knows she must do whatever it takes to help Luna find her forever home.

Categories: Animal Rescue, Dogs, Friendship



# 150. SOLOMON MACARONI AND THE VAMPIRE VACATION SOLOMON MACARONI

Ashleigh Barton | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

It's holiday time for Solomon and his cousins. Uncle Dracula has planned a surprise visit to Paris. There will be fine food, fabulous fashion and fang-tastic art. When the cousins become captivated by a magical Mona Lisa, Solomon gets a bad feeling they're up to something. Again. Soon they have accidentally unleashed mayhem on the city of love and Uncle Dracula is too busy testing his renewed vampire skills to notice. Can Solomon and Lucy save the day before it's too late?

Categories: Humour, Vampires



# 151. STOCKINGFUL OF SADIE, A SADIE

Lana Spasevski | Joanie Stone (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

In this book, Sadie needs to: Surprise her class with Christmas cookie gifts Make a berry pavlova for a Christmas Eve tea party Build a gingerbread house masterpiece with her best friends But Sadie's sweet intentions do not always go to plan! Her cookie gifts are surprisingly messy. Her pavlova is a crackly catastrophe. And the gingerbread house starts to crumble! Can Sadie find a way to save the day?

Categories: Christmas, Cooking, Recipes



# 152. STORM WARNING FAMILY DISASTERS

Nathan Luff | Chris Kennett (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

There's a reason families usually live together—to contain the horror and not inflict it on others. A family holiday is a really, really bad idea! After getting stranded on a deserted island and then escaping an erupting volcano, Jakob thought his holiday troubles were over. Now onboard the luxury cruise ship that rescued them, Jakob and his family are ready to relax. But they haven't factored in water slide blockages, wardrobe malfunctions, hypnotism mishaps, sea sickness and much worse. Little does Jakob know there are stormy waters ahead in this next family holiday disaster!

Categories: Family Unit, Humour, Holidays, Disaster



#### **153. TAKE FLIGHT** RATBAGS

Tim Harris | Shiloh Gordon (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

The Ratbags are on holiday on the trash-filled Scum Island, where everything is just how the ratbags like it - terrible! Even cats are kept in line by a high-flying falcon, who puts on a show for the ratbags! But when Cracker is carried away to the falcon's lair, Jigsaw starts to worry... is the pesky falcon a feathery friend or foe? One thing's for sure, with the ratbags in town, the holiday is packed with action, danger and VERY bad manners.

Categories: Humour



#### 154. TINY TIMMY: INDOOR SUPER SKILLS! TINY TIMMY

Tim Cahill | Heath McKenzie (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Timmy is super excited to show off the Lions home pitch to his old friend, Nic. But what's this?! The pitch has been turned into a big pile of dirt! Where will Timmy and the team play and train now? Luckily, Coach Roach has some ideas to keep the Lions' skill levels up – but it's going to take some getting used to! Can Timmy take the hard knocks in the small-sided skills sessions? Find out in Book 15 of the best-selling series from Socceroos Legend, Tim Cahill!

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



#### 155. TO THE RESCUE SMARTY PUP

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

I've decided what to be when I grow up!' announced JJ. 'I want to be a firedog!' Lily and JJ the genius pup are thrilled when Chief Firefighter Do and his son Weirdo visit their school. JJ would love to be a firedog! But when fire threatens to burn down a local building, they realise there's more to firefighting than just driving a big red truck. Will JJ's and his latest invention save the day?

Categories: Animal Stories, Dogs



#### 156. TRAPPED DEADLANDS

Skye Melki-Wegner | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Battle rages on between the two surviving dinosaur kingdoms. Eleri and his fellow outcasts are searching for evidence to prove that the carnivores have manipulated the herbivore kingdoms into war, so they can feast on the slain. But soon the friends must flee from a pack of raptors and become trapped inside the Fire Peak: the volcanic heart of the dreaded Carrion Kingdom. Can the outcasts escape and gather proof of the Carrion Kingdom's vicious plans in one fell swoop?

Categories: Dinosaurs, Fantasy, Survival, Perspective



#### 157. WHEN GHOSTS CALL US HOME

Katya De Becerra | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Never, ever look directly into the eyes of a ghost. Because once you see it, once you see her, once you acknowledge her impossible existence, you can never un-see it. And that's how she gets you. When Sophia Galich was twelve, she starred in her older sister Layla's amateur horror movie Vermillion, which recorded raw footage of her very real reactions to scenes her sister concocted in their old Californian house on the coast - Cashore House. In the years after the film's release, Sophia's memories of the now-infamous house fueled her nightmares. Vermillion amassed an army of fanatical fans who speculated about the film's hidden messages, and it was rumored that Layla made a pact with the devil - her soul in exchange for fame and arcane knowledge. Sophia dismissed this as gossip . . . until Layla disappeared. Now, Sophia must study the trail of clues Layla has left behind, returning to the very place where it all began. As she gets closer and closer to Cashore House's haunted heart, she must once again confront the ghosts of her childhood. But the house won't reveal its secrets without a fight.

**Categories:** Horror, Ghost Stories



#### 158. WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHERE IN THE TREEHOUSE

Andy Griffiths | Terry Denton (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Explore the vast, surprising and silly world of the Treehouse with your expert tour guides, Andy and Terry. There are so many things to know. And so many things you didn't know you didn't know! This guide to the Treehouse is full of trivia, fun facts and behind-the-scenes details about all 169 levels, all the characters Andy and Terry have met, the places they've visited, and all the amazing gadgets and machines they've invented.



#### 159. WRITE FIGHT FLEE! STORIES ON THE RUN BY YOUNG AUSS

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

Expect escapades in this year's Early Harvest short story anthology. This collection features daring jailbreaks, unlikely survival, fugitives on the lam, and countless other runaway plot points! Fifteen young editors, mentored by author Alice Pung and publishing industry professionals, have assembled a collection of escapist fiction unlike anything you've ever seen. The collection includes 15 intrepid tales and poems written by young Australian writers between the ages of 8 and 12, alongside a white-knuckled rollercoaster ride of a contribution from a best-selling children's author.

Categories: Short Stories, Adventure, Action, Survival

# **Younger Novel**



#### 160. CARRIE AND THE ROLLER BOOTS BARRINGTON STOKE LITTLE GEMS

Lisa Thompson | Jess Rose (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$13.99 | School Price \$12.60

Carrie's best friend Sidney is planning to show off his tap-dancing skills during Friday Fun Time at school and Carrie wants to join in. She plans an amazing routine where Sidney will dance and she will roller skate. But there's one big problem .... Carrie has never roller skated before. Will the performance end in disaster or will their friendship help them to dazzle the audience?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexia



#### 161. CORA AND SPARKLE MERMAID ACADEMY

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

Cora loves all ocean animals, but there's something strange about the creature she spots stealing jewels from the school's coral walls. With Sparkle's help, she follows it to a mysterious cave. Then the tide starts to turn... Can Cora and Sparkle escape before their water runs out? Hidden deep beneath the waves is Mermaid Academy, a magical school where mermaids are paired with their very own dolphin and must discover their unique mermaid magic, with plenty of adventure along the way!



# 162. SECRET UNICORN SOCIETY, THE UNICORN SEEKERS

Cerrie Burnell | Paperback | Age 7+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

The next book in the beautifully illustrated and magical Unicorn Seekers series by BBC disability ambassador, Cerrie Burnell! Elodie Lightfoot and her friends are Unicorn Seekers. They can see unicorns, feel their magic, and most importantly, are determined to protect them. So when a snow-white unicorn with a blue mane appears running through the streets of south London, they know something is wrong. Elodie and the Unicorn Seekers' Society embark on their most exciting adventure yet, but they're about to learn that not all unicorn seekers are good ...

Categories: Adventure, Magic, Unicorns



# 163. SKY EAGLE, THE BIG SKY MOUNTAIN

Alex Milway | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

When Rosa wakes one morning to find Grandma Nan missing, she must use all of her survival skills to uncover her grandma's whereabouts. With the help of the mountain community, Rosa's investigation leads her to the very summit of Big Sky Mountain, where a family of eagles are facing huge problems of their own. Through helping the eagles, Rosa realises she really is at home on Big Sky Mountain.

Categories: Adventure, Outdoors, Habitats



# 164. STARLIGHT ADVENTURE FAIRY FOREST SCHOOL

Olivia Brook | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Poppy Merrymoss is taking part in the Starlight Dance Show with her best friends Ninad and Rose. They're so excited to perform in the magical toadstool ring with their new firefly friends, Zip and Zap. But before the big performance, mean Lady Nightshade puts an evil spell on the forest, making it night time forever! All the forest animals are confused and exhausted without day and night to guide them. Poppy and her friends must help the animals and make things right. Will they fix day and night before the big show?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic



#### 165. STINK: SUPERHERO SUPERFAN STINK

Megan McDonald | Peter H Reynolds (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 6+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

At a Moody family yard sale, Stink uncovers a box of old comics about a hero he's never heard of: Super Gecko. What could be more fantastic than a superhero with lizard superpowers? Hello, fun! Even better, Super Gecko is making a comeback, and Stink quickly becomes his number-one fan. Stink starts receiving mysterious notes signed by Super Gecko himself. But Super Gecko isn't real, is he? Using his own powers of deduction – thanks to all the cool stuff he's learning at Saturday Science Club – can Stink figure out who is writing the letters?

Categories: Family Unit, Siblings, Superheroes



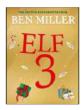
# 166. TREASURES OF THE KINGDOM, THE GERONIMO STILTON: KINGDOM OF FANTASY

Geronimo Stilton | Hardback | Age 7+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

I, Geronimo Stilton, have been called to the Kingdom of Fantasy so many times. Each visit is more of an adventure than the last! This time there was big trouble! Queen Imaginaria has been kidnapped. The evil witch is using her wand to take treasures from the kingdom. Can I help stop the evil witch before all the treasures are gone?

Categories: Adventure, Fantasy, Humour

# **Middle Novel**



#### **167. ADVENTURES OF A CHRISTMAS ELF**

Ben Miller | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Father Christmas needs a holiday. He isn't feeling well and someone seems determined to ruin the festivities. It's up to Christmas Elves, Tog and Holly, to find a way to deliver the presents on time and bring the Christmas magic back for everyone.

Categories: Christmas, Humour, Teamwork, Magic



#### **168. ALL THE WAY DOWN**

Stewart Foster | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

When three eleven-year-old 'problem children' are thrown together at summer camp, they're challenged to build a place to live together for the next week. But after a trip to a disused tin-mine goes awry, Milo and his new friends, Oscar and Effie, soon find themselves split off from the group and trapped underground. Can they work through their individual issues and come together as a team to find their way to freedom?

Categories: Friendship, Adventure, Confidence, Self Belief, Teamwork

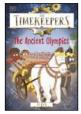


#### **169. AN ALIEN STOLE MY PLANET**

Pooja Puri | Allen Fatimaharan (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

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

Categories: Humour, Adventure, Comedy



#### 170. ANCIENT OLYMPICS, THE THE TIMEKEEPERS

SJ King | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

The Timekeepers are a secret organisation of kids who keep the course of history on track – and history needs them – a villain called DeLay is set on causing chaos! When the hands on their special watches start to spin backwards, the Time Keepers know that DeLay has been up to no good, and it's up to them to put things right... In this instalment, the Timekeepers are tipped off that the Time Pirate DeLay is planning on sabotaging the first Olympic Games, and are whisked back to Ancient Greece to put a stop to his plans.

Categories: History, Adventure

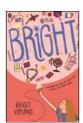


# 171. ARKSPIRE

Jamie Littler | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Arkspire is a city obsessed by magic. The five Arcanists – a group of all-powerful magicians – have protected the great city for as long as anyone can remember. Within the hustle and bustle of these cobbled streets lives Juniper Bell, a thief who'd do anything for her family – even her unbelievably annoying sister. Then one night, something incredible happens. A mysterious stolen relic (nothing to do with Juni, ahem...) explodes, revealing a mysterious creature, Cinder – who appears to 'bond' with Juni. The only creatures like that are allegedly dangerous enemies of the Arcanists . . . and its not long before they turn their attention to Juni. Soon Juni, Cinder and everyone she loves are pulled into an extraordinary world of magic, power and prestige – but also grave danger. It seems the world Juni thought she knew is nothing but a lie – and now only Juniper and Cinder can bring it down.

Categories: Magic, Adventure, Humour



# **172. BRIGHT**

Brigit Young | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Marianne Blume knows she's one of the stupid kids. After years of trying and trying and feeling like she's always failing, she has mastered the art of turning off her brain whenever questions or lectures arise. She gets by in school on a combination of luck, deflection, and charisma-that is, until she lands in the classroom of Mr. Garcia. To avoid flunking Mr. Garcia's class, Marianne joins her school's Quiz Quest team, hoping the move will ingratiate her to him, the team's coach. Can Marianne learn to be smart if she puts her mind to it? And what does it really mean to be 'bright,' anyway?

Categories: Self Esteem/Resilience, Support, Teamwork

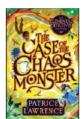


#### 173. CASANDER DARKBLOOM AND THE THREADS OF POWER

PA Staff | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Casander Darkbloom has no memory, lives outside a curiosity shop, and experiences random surges of uncontrollable energy in his limbs. When he inexplicably brings a stuffed raven to life, he unravels a strange and thrilling magical world. A world waiting for Cas to save it. Cas is the Foretold, the one prophesied to defeat the malevolent Master of All. Under the protection of Wayward School, Cas must learn to master his magical abilities. But, as he soon discovers, all may not be quite as it seems – and Cas will need to take control of his own destiny if he is to find the strength to fight the powers of evil. Spectacular and imaginative, this thrilling fantasy novel celebrates difference and how what makes us unique is also our greatest strength.

Categories: Fantasy, Differences, Neurodiversity, Neurodiverse

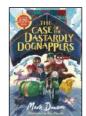


#### 174. CASE OF THE CHAOS MONSTER, THE ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES

Patrice Lawrence | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Step into a London lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs. Marisee and Robert – the Elemental Detectives – are back to solve another mystery on the streets of eighteenth-century London. An orchestra explodes in Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and suddenly the music of London disappears ... and a terrifying monster stirs off the Greenwich peninsular, threatening to trample London underfoot. The detectives must track down the thief behind the music's disappearance – via the Whispering Gallery of St Paul's Cathedral, a Windmill-with-teeth on the Isle of Dogs and the dark streets of Soho ... where a shadowy villain and his mechanical animal spies live.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure

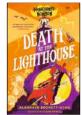


#### 175. CASE OF THE DASTARDLY DOGNAPPERS, THE AFTER SCHOOL DETECTIVE CLUB

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

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

Categories: Mystery, Adventure, Treasure

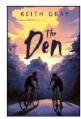


#### 176. DEATH AT THE LIGHTHOUSE MONTGOMERY BONBON

Alasdair Beckett-King | Claire Powell (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

When Bonnie Montgomery finally gets a break from cracking cases as her alter-ego, Montgomery Bonbon, something terribly fishy happens the moment she and Grampa Banks arrive on Odde Island for half-term – and it's not just the smell of the harbour. There's been a mysterious death at Leerie Lighthouse, and what everyone assumed was an accident is setting Bonbon's moustache all a-quiver: a sure sign that something is Highly Suspicious. When a second death takes place on the other side of the island, Bonnie is sure the two are connected. But can she solve this case alone, or will she need double the detectives to solve double the murder?

Categories: Mystery, Detective, Murder, Crime



# 177. DEN, THE BARRINGTON STOKE

Keith Gray | Tom Clohosy Cole (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Marshall feels the need to escape because things are so tough at home. Rory is just happy it's the first day of the summer holidays. While out on their bikes they stumble across a long-forgotten underground bunker at the edge of the woods. This is the den, and going down inside will stretch their friendship to its limits. There will be rivalry and betrayal, but can wrecked relationships be saved before the summer has even begun?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexia



# 178. DOGTOWN

Katherine Applegate | Wallace West (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

A story of kindness and finding a home. Dogtown is a shelter for stray dogs, misbehaving dogs, and discarded robot dogs, whose owners have outgrown them. When two dogs - and a mouse - embark on an adventure to find their forever homes, there is danger, cheese sandwiches, a charging station, and some unexpected kindnesses along the way.

Categories: Dogs, Kindness, Home



#### 179. FIRST FLIGHT THE TIMEKEEPERS

SJ King | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

The Timekeepers are a secret organisation of kids who keep the course of history on track while a villain called DeLay is set on causing chaos! When the hands on their special watches start to spin backwards, the Time Keepers know that DeLay has been up to no good. In this instalment, The Timekeepers are whirled back in time to 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. An exhausted Orville and Wilbur Wright are desperately trying to fix their aeroplane. Their initial tests had been so promising, but all of a sudden the Wright Flyer's propeller has gone missing! The Timekeepers realise it's been stolen by villainous DeLay, and only they can help save the day and put history back on track.

Categories: History, Adventure

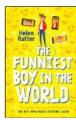


#### 180. FOXLIGHT

Katya Balen | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Fen and Rey were found curled up small and tight in the fiery fur of the foxes at the very edge of the wildlands. Fen is loud and fierce and free. She feels a connection to foxes and a calling from the wild that she's desperate to return to. Rey is quiet and shy and an expert on nature. She reads about the birds, feeds the lands and nurtures the world around her. They are twin sisters. Different and the same. They will always have each other, even if they don't have a mother and don't know their beginning. But they do want answers. Answers to who their mother is and where she might be. What their story is and how it began. So when a fox appears late one night at the house, Fen and Rey see it as a sign - it's here to lead them to their truth, find their real family and fill in the missing pieces. But the wildlands are exactly that: wild. They are wicked and cruel and brutal and this journey will be harder and more life changing than they ever imagined ...

Categories: Relationships, Belonging, Siblings, Nature

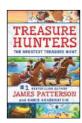


# 181. FUNNIEST BOY IN THE WORLD, THE

Helen Rutter | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Billy Plimpton took to the stage and captivated the crowd at the triumphant ending to The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh, and in the sequel, he's going to go viral. Celebrity comedian Leo Leggett takes Billy under his wing, as his new sidekick: when Leo tweets a clip of his stand-up act, Billy suddenly becomes the most famous boy in the country. At first, this is great -- all the kids at school think he's cool and he gets to appear on his favourite morning TV show. But Leo's motives turn out to be shady and Billy must turn the tables in a very public way ...

Categories: Humour, Determination, Kindness, Empathy



#### **182. GREATEST TREASURE HUNT, THE** TREASURE HUNTERS

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

The Kidd siblings have rescued some of the world's greatest treasure, without ever seeking fame and glory. So they aren't happy when the Collier kids start treasure hunting for the camera, more focused on looking good and selling ads than actually recovering treasure. When the Kidds are invited to compete with the Colliers for the title of 'The World's Greatest Treasure Hunting Kids,' they jump at the chance to show the world real treasure hunting. But with rumors swirling of a mistake made by the Kidds' great-grandfather years ago, the Kidds discover that fame and glory aren't the only things on the line. Will they be able to solve the mystery, restore their family name, and recover their biggest treasure haul yet?

Categories: Exploration, Discovery, Adventure



# 183. INFINITY'S SECRET DRAGON FORCE

Katie Tsang | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

It's been five years since the Dragon Realm fell into the Human Realm and both populations are now living side by side. But dangerous magical creatures are threatening to disrupt the peace and it's up to a new group of heart-bonded humans and dragons to protect the world – the Dragon Force. Under the watchful eye of seventeen-year-old Billy Chan, Lance Lo, his younger sister Zoe and new friends enrol at Camp Claw to learn all the skills they need to become protectors. But when Camp Claw is mysteriously attacked and an evil plot is exposed, it's up to the latest recruits to prove they've got what it takes to save the day.

Categories: Action, Adventure, Thriller, Dragons, Imagination



# **184. JUNIPER'S CHRISTMAS**

Eoin Colfer | Chaaya Prabhat (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

It's been ten years since Santa Claus performed his Christmas duties, but when Juniper Lane discovers the mysterious Niko, who lives in her local London park surrounded by Christmas trees and reindeer that can fly, she steps into a Christmas story like no other. When Juniper's mum goes missing and the park comes under threat from an ambitious park keeper, Juniper enlists Niko, who is surely Santa Claus, to help. As the countdown to Christmas begins, Juniper must find her mother, restore the festive spirit, bring to life the true magic of the season and learn to ride her very own reindeer. A brand-new festive classic, Juniper's Christmas is a rip-roaring magical adventure filled with heart and humour – where one girl's love might just be strong enough to save her family and Father Christmas himself.

Categories: Christmas, Mystery, Magic



# 185. KIND OF SPARK, A

Elle McNicoll | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

A story about friendship, courage and self-belief. Addie's story was born from Elle McNicoll's own experiences of neurodiversity and her commitment to seeing greater representation in children's books. A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her and her autism, and make her voice heard?

Categories: Neurodiverse, Neurodiversity, Autism, Courage, Friendship



#### 186. KINGDOM OVER THE SEA, THE

Zohra Nabi | Paperback | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map – Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme – and the answers Yara is searching for seem to be out of reach. Yara must summon all of her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity . . . and to find her place in this magical new world.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic



#### 187. LAST KIDS ON EARTH AND THE MONSTER DIMENSION, THE LAST KIDS ON EARTH

Max Brallier | Douglas Holgate (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$13.60

The last kids may have escaped the forbidden fortress by the skin of their teeth, but there isn't much to celebrate. Thrull has what he needs to complete the Tower, Rezzoch will most certainly come to Earth, and the world as they know it will cease to exist. Except Jack's Cosmic Hand is now even more powerful than he realized, and it might just be able to stop the inevitable from happening. To get the answers he seeks, he'll need to travel farther than he's ever been. He must go . . . to the monster dimension!

Categories: Humour, Monsters, Zombies, Adventure



#### 188. LIGHT THIEVES AND THE SEARCH FOR THE BLACK MIRROR LIGHT THIEVES

Helena Duggan | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

Only kids can save the world. The sun's light is being stolen. It's a catastrophe for the planet and every living thing on it! Friends Grian, Jeffrey and Shelli are desperately trying to work out how it's happening. They know tech genius Howard Hansom is behind the theft and they're determined to stop him. But they can't use any of Hansom's smart technology in their quest as it will track them wherever they go. The three young heroes need to find a strange black mirror to help them save the sun. Time is running out. Can kids really save the world?

Categories: Adventure, Environmental Issues



#### 189. LIGHTS, DRAMA, ACTION! WHAT'S NEW HARPER DREW

Kathy Weeks | Aleksei Bitskoff (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

I'M HARPER DREW AND MY LIFE IS COMPLETELY BEYOND NORMAL! Sometimes it's hard to believe this is a regular week in my household, but I'll let you be the judge ... There is a nit infestation. My little brother is making them race across the kitchen counter. Gross! My friend Edward just had an important basketball match. Let's just say it was ELECTRIC (and not in the way you might think)! My grandparents are taking part in a TV house decorating show. My grandpa REALLY likes animal print ... OH... and my big brother has been signed to model for a hair brand. So right this second there's a camera crew spraying shampoo around my living room. They seem to think he's some kind of celebrity. What has happened to the world?

Categories: Family, Humour



# 190. LONELY LIGHTHOUSE OF ELSTON-FRIGHT, THE AN ELSTON-FRIGHT TALE

Reece Carter | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Nobody in Elston-Fright believes in magic anymore. Well, nobody except for Flip Little, his nan and his friends: a girl called Corpse, a ghost called Girl and a very large spider called Simon. But when Simon is spider-napped by ancient weather ghouls called the Poltergusts, Flip and his ghostly companions turn to the last Lightkeeper's journals for answers. To rescue their friend, they will need to find and return the missing Light to the lighthouse, restoring its lost magic. Only nothing in Elston-Fright is as it seems. Questions bubble up from the deep. Dark secrets come to light. And pretty soon, Flip and his friends learn that in order to save the future of Elston-Fright, they'll first need to understand its past.

Categories: Friendship, Family, Compassion, Ghosts, Witches



# 191, LOOK BOTH WAYS

Jason Reynolds | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Parents, siblings, teachers, coaches, nosy neighbours, babysitters-there's not much of your day that isn't dictated by someone else. Unless you walk home from school- walkers have a rare unsupervised independence! What waits for them is the mischief of curiosity, allies and enemies, a taste of freedom, and plenty of humour.

Categories: Curiosity, Racism, Bullying, Freedom, Humour



# 192. MAGIC FARAWAY TREE: A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

Jacqueline Wilson | Mark Beech (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Milo, Mia and Birdy are excited to return to the cottage beside the Enchanted Wood for Christmas. They can't wait to visit their magical friends Silky the fairy and Moonface again. Which amazing worlds will arrive at the top of the Faraway Tree at this time of year? The children are hoping for a trip to the Land of Presents or perhaps the Land of Snow. But before they can celebrate, there is a chilling visit to the Land of the Frozen North...

Categories: Christmas



# 193. MEMORY THIEVES, THE THE CONJUREVERSE

Dhonielle Clayton | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Eager to wield their stapiers for Marvel Combat, Ella, Brigit, and Jason are back for their second year at the Arcanum Training Institute. With Ella's celebrity growing throughout the Marvellian world after thwarting the Ace of Anarchy's diabolical plans, it's proving hard for her to focus on her coursework. But back home in New Orleans the Conjure community isn't too happy about her return to the skies for another year learning to become a Marveller. As if life wasn't complicated enough, Ella soon discovers more dangerous secrets about the Conjure architect who built the school. Before she can dig deeper, a mysterious magical illness sweeps through the Institute, and Ella lands at the top of the suspect list. Can Ella and her friends save themselves and the Marvellian world before chaos breaks loose?

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic, Differences, Prejudice



#### 194. PENTAGON ESCAPE SEARCH AND RESCUE

Alex London | Paperback | Age 10+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Twelve-year-old Mikey is doing a school project on the Pentagon, where his father works as a civilian contractor. Mikey has been given special permission to visit his dad's office and do some research on the facility, all for a class report. At first he finds the tour strangely tame ... until all the TVs across the office space begin showing the attacks on the Twin Towers. Like everyone, Mikey is transfixed and horrified by what he's seeing. Then, the world around him explodes. Sage is an 18-month-old border collie and search-and-rescue dog. He's been training since he was a young pup, and is eager for his first official mission. Sage is confident in his skills, perhaps even too confident. But today those skills will be put to a dire and tragic test. Thrust together on one of the darkest days in American history, Mikey and Sage are both still young. But they'll do everything they can to help ... and to survive.

Categories: Action, Danger, Rescue Dog, Rescue



#### 195. PERIL ON THE ATLANTIC MYSTERIES AT SEA

AM Howell | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$11.99

July, 1936. As the Queen Mary sets sail across the Atlantic, Alice can't wait for the summer of adventure that lies ahead. She's excited to explore the huge ship, with its shops, animals and even celebrities on board. But while Alice's sailor father focuses on winning a prestigious race, she witnesses a shocking attack. Alice and her new friend Sonny start to uncover a dark sabotage plot, and as they investigate gold bars, anonymous notes and lost silk gloves, secrets in their own lives come to the surface. When fog threatens the boat's journey, and dangerous enemies show themselves, Alice and Sonny are in their own race to solve all the mysteries unfolding. But what they discover might change both their lives forever...

Categories: Mystery, Adventure



#### 196. PHANTOM THIEF, THE BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES

Marcus Rashford | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

A mysterious figure is stealing from clubs all over Rutherford High! The only clue is a strange calling card left at the scene of the crime. . . When the thief strikes just as Art Club is getting ready for a big show, everyone is worried the exhibition will be cancelled. As suspicion falls on one of the Breakfast Club Investigators, Marcus and friends must race against time to find the stolen painting and unmask the true thief before it's too late!

Categories: Adventure, Mystery, Crime, Thief



# 197. PLAYER ATTACK MINECRAFT WOLF DIARIES

Winston Wolf | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Winston is a Minecraft wolf on a mission: to become a Guard and protect Minecraft, just like his mum and every other wolf. The problem is Winston is not very good at guarding. Can he work out who is causing trouble in the Overworld and prove to everyone what a great Guard he can be?

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Gaming



#### **198. PROJECT FAIRY**

Jacqueline Wilson | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Mab's mum is obsessed with fairies - she even named Mab after the Fairy Queen! Their flat is full of fairy ornaments, tiny fairy furniture and they've even got fairy lights in the toilet. Mab doesn't quite get it, but she knows that fairies make her mum happy, especially after Dad left. When Mab comes into school with a new fairy dress on her birthday, her teacher gives her a book all about Victorian fairies. She reads it with her mum and her little brother Robin, and she's surprised to see the drawings inside are nothing like the sweet fairies she imagined. But the biggest surprise of all is a tiny thing that tumbles out of the pages of the book...

Categories: Family Unit, Fairies, Friendship, Magic



#### 199. PUPPETS OF SPELHORST, THE

Kate DiCamillo | Julie Morstad (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Once, there was a king. And a wolf. And a girl with a shepherd's crook. And a boy with a bow and arrow. And also, there was an owl... They were puppets, and they were waiting for a story to begin. From master storyteller Kate DiCamillo comes an original fairy tale, enchantingly illustrated, in which five puppets confront circumstances beyond their control with patience, cunning and high spirits.

Categories: Fairytale, Patience



#### 200. SCARIEST. BOOK. EVER GOOSEBUMPS: HOUSE OF SHIVERS

RL Stine | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

A brand new Goosebumps series is coming – prepare to be scared like never before! From the delightfully twisted mind of R.L. Stine comes a fresh new vision for the fan-favourite brand. This new series will feature an all-new line-up of incredible villains, with iconic monsters as you've never seen them before, whose antics are destined to make them every bit as beloved as Slappy. This exciting new Goosebumps series will have the same humour and terrifying tone that millions of readers love, but will be bigger, bolder, funnier and scarier!

**Categories:** Horror, Monsters



#### 201. SECRET EXPLORERS AND THE CAVE CRISIS, THE SECRET EXPLORERS

SJ King | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.05

In this fun, fact-filled instalment, Leah the biology explorer and Cheng the geology expert are sent on a daring mission to a network of caves in India. However, when they get there they realise there's more to this mission than meets the eye. With a gripping narrative that keeps kids engaged, The Secret Explorers and the Cave Crisis by SJ King is the perfect book for children who are into all things nature and science. It's written with lots of information about caves, the subterranean world, and the animals that live there. At the end of this fictional book, you'll find "Leah's Mission Notes" which is a summary of the scientific facts and discoveries made throughout the story. With fun illustrations, quizzes, and a glossary, the educational value of this book is outstanding and great for a classroom read

Categories: Adventure, Exploration, Discovery



# 202. SECRET EXPLORERS AND THE SUNKEN TREASURE, THE SECRET EXPLORERS

SJ King | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$12.99 | School Price \$11.70

Meet the Secret Explorers - a band of kids from all around the world. Everyone in this diverse group of young experts has a speciality that helps on their adventures. In this instalment, Connor and Kiki go in search of pirate treasure, but their plans change when they encounter a basking shark in need of help. Can they find the treasure as well as rescue the shark? Only time will tell!

Categories: Exploration, Discovery, Treasure, Mystery



#### 203. SILVER ROAD, THE

Sinead O'Hart | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

When Rose is entrusted with a powerful stone by a Frost Giant, she is swept into an adventure full of danger. The stone can be used for great good or great evil, depending on its keeper. It leads Rose to discover the magic that runs through all of Ireland. A magic that is threaded together beneath the land: the Silver Road. But the Silver Road is under threat. Now Rose must keep the stone from falling into the wrong hands and embark on a quest to find its rightful owner and keep the magic alive . . . A stunning new fantasy adventure for children, drawing on Celtic folklore. Perfect for fans of Catherine Doyle and Ross Montgomery.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic

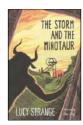


# 204. STEPFATHER CHRISTMAS

LD Lapinski | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

It's 25 days until Christmas... And 10-year-old Harper gets a surprise when Mum announces she's bringing her new boyfriend Nick home for the holidays! Nick seems nice enough. But why do strange Christmassy things happen whenever he's around? Like snow falling only in the family's garden? Or a reindeer suddenly appearing on the roof?! Harper's convinced that Nick must be Father Christmas! And if her mum and older brother won't believe her, she'll just have to find a way to prove it herself...

Categories: Christmas, Humour, Family Unit



# 205. STORM AND THE MINOTAUR BARRINGTON STOKE

Lucy Strange | Pam Smy (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Money is scarce in George's family and so at the age of nine he has to join his father underground, hewing coal in the local mine. It's far from the dreams George had of continuing his education, and it's also a dangerous way to earn a living that has already claimed the life of his dad's older brother. Not long after he starts work, a summer storm leads to flooding in the mine. Trapped down in the dark, George spots a shadowy figure that seems to be telling George to follow him. Can a ghost from the past lead him back to safety, or will George meet the same fate as his long-lost uncle?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Dyslexia



#### 206. SURVIVE THE ISLAND DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO

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

Ari is just a regular avatar from Blockville who loves hanging out with his two best friends – Zeke, an obby and parkour pro, and Jez, the ultimate hacker and Queen of Tech. Ari was super excited for school holidays, until his mum announced he's going to vacation care with his sister. Boring! But the trip takes an unexpected turn that leaves Ari and his friends stranded on a deserted island. How will they survive? And what about that strange buzzing that's coming from the island's centre?

Categories: Friendship, Holidays, Survival



#### 207. TRANSYLVANIAN EXPRESS, THE SOLVE YOUR OWN MYSTERY

Gareth p Jones | Louise Forshaw (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

All aboard the Transylvanian Express! YOU and your yeti boss Klaus are headed to Castle Ursprung, home of the infamous vampire Count Fledermaus. But before you get there, you have a mystery to solve: Night Mayor Franklefink has vanished from the train. Someone on board must have played a role in his disappearance, but who has the strongest motive? Could it be Franklefink's archnemesis Bramwell Stoker? Or is Sandra Rigmarole, elf District Governor and colleague of the Night Mayor, a more likely suspect? Or perhaps Franklefink's monster wife has suddenly turned against him? YOU decide!

**Categories:** Interactive, Mystery



#### 208. TREASURE HUNT DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO SUPER SPECIAL

Ari Avatar | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$13.59

Ari is just a regular avatar from Blockville who loves hanging out with his two best friends – Zeke, an obby and parkour pro and Jez, the ultimate hacker and Queen of Tech. Ari, Jez and Zeke are off to the Block Coast for a holiday. But their trip takes a turn when they discover an old map that could lead them to a massive treasure hoard. Ari and his friends must decipher the map's secrets and solve dangerous puzzles if they want to find it before someone sinister gets there first.

Categories: Adventure, Friendship



#### 209. UNDERWATER HEIST MINECRAFT WOLF DIARIES

Winston Wolf | Paperback | Age 8+ | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$8.50

Winston is a Minecraft wolf on a mission: to be the best secret agent the Overworld has ever seen! So when a distress signal from the Drowned requests urgent undercover help, he jumps at the chance to prove his skills. Can Winston and his junior agent, Brian, recover the stolen item before anything more sinister happens?

Categories: Adventure, Humour, Gaming

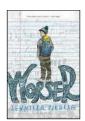


# 210. WHICH WAY ROUND THE GALAXY WHICH WAY TO ANYWHERE

Cressida Cowell | Paperback | Age 9+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

The O'Hero-Smiths may have rescued their little sister Annipeck, found K2 and Izza's father Everest and triumphed over the robot assassin called the EXCORIATOR - but their story isn't quite over yet. Because there is danger and possibility in the Which Ways. And a new adventure bursting with magic is about to take them through the crossing points and into new worlds.

Categories: Fantasy, Magic Realism, Adventure



#### 211. WORSER

Jennifer Ziegler | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

William Wyatt Orser, a socially awkward middle schooler, is a wordsmith who, much to his annoyance, acquired the ironically ungrammatical nickname of "Worser" so long ago that few people at school know to call him anything else. Worser grew up with his mom, a professor of rhetoric and an introvert just like him, in a comfortable routine that involved reading aloud in the evenings, criticizing the grammar of others, ignoring the shabby mess of their house, and suffering the bare minimum of social interactions with others. But recently all that has changed. His mom had a stroke that left her nonverbal, and his Aunt Iris has moved in with her cats, art projects, loud music, and even louder clothes. Home for Worser is no longer a refuge from the unsympathetic world at school that it has been all his life. Feeling lost, lonely, and overwhelmed, Worser searches for a new sanctuary and ends up finding the Literary Club--a group of kids from school who share his love of words and meet in a used bookstore- something he never dreamed existed outside of his home. Even more surprising to Worser is that the key to making friends is sharing the thing he holds dearest- his Masterwork, the epic word notebook that he has been adding entries to for years. But relationships can be precarious, and it is up to Worser to turn the page in his own story to make something that endures so that he is no longer seen as Worser and earns a new nickname, Worder.

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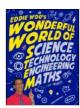


#### 212. AUSSIE RULES WOMEN IN GREAT AUSSIE SPORTS

Tony La Torraca | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Aussie Rules is a game of skill strength and athleticism. The speedy movement of the ball the overhead marking the fierce tackling and the accuracy of the kicking makes for a great spectacle. Learn about the different roles of each playing position discover the tactics of the game then find profiles of your favourite players and meet the coaches.

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



#### 213. EDDIE WOO'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF STEM

Eddie Woo | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

STEM is everywhere. It's the Science that helps us understand the natural world. It's the Technology that uses knowledge and principles to invent tools. It's the Engineering that solves problems and builds our modern environment. It's the Maths that explores the patterns in the universe. Draw, imagine, create, explore, discover, invent and find out about our wonderful world with this bumper book of STEM and STEAM activities from Australia's favourite maths teacher, Eddie Woo.

Categories: STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths

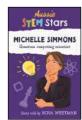


#### 214. FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW

Paul Kelly | Peter Hudson (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Re-issue of this beloved classic on the 30th anniversary of Paul Kelly and Kevin Carmody's iconic song. Description The iconic Australian song - "our anthem of hope" - appears here for the first time as a beautiful book for the young, and young at heart - which is to say, all of us. Featuring the inspirational words from Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody, the riveting paintings of Peter Hudson and the sweet, wild artwork of Gurindji schoolchildren from Kalkaringi, NT, this book will light up rooms and hearts all over Australia. All profits will be donated to arts the Gurindji community, in tribute to one of the greatest moments of courage and commitment in Australia's history.

**Categories:** Aboriginal Studies



# 215. MICHELLE SIMMONS: QUANTUM COMPUTING SCIENTIST AUSSIE STEM STARS

Nova Weetman | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$12.79

Growing up in London, Michelle's interests frequently bumped up against expectations of girls which she pushed through, including her love of playing soccer and chess, and later, her passion for science and technology. Professor Simmons is well-known for creating the field of atomic electronics. Since 2000 she established the Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology dedicated to the making of tiny atomic-scale devices in silicon and germanium. Her research group at the University of New South Wales is the only group worldwide that can create atomically precise devices in silicon. It was also the first team in the world to develop a working 'perfect' single-atom transistor and the narrowest conducting doped wires in silicon. In 2018 Michelle became Australian of the Year and is an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow. She is passionate about encouraging girls to pursue a career in science and technology: 'Seeing women in leadership roles and competing internationally ... gives them the sense that anything is possible'.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Science, Scientist, STEM



# 216. NIKKI HIND: DRESSED FOR SUCCESS BIG VISIONS

John Dickson | Chantel De Souza (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$25.99 | School Price \$22.10

Meet Nikki Hind, the blind fashion designer with her own fashion label. When she was growing up, Nikki couldn't see out of her left eye. That didn't stop her from dressing-up and making her own clothes though. When she put on different outfits, she could be anyone. After a stroke during her pregnancy took away Nikki's vision in her right eye, she decided to pursue a career doing what she had always loved: designing. Nikki started her own fashion label, Blind Grit and now, Nikki's label is shown at Melbourne Fashion Week and employs people with disabilities and challenges.

Categories: Biography, Disability, Vision Impairment, Inspiration, Braille



# 217. NOT HERE TO MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE: 50 WOMEN WHO STA

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Here are fifty times a woman did something brave. Something disruptive. Something exceptional. We saw them. And we were inspired to be more confident and maybe a little bold. It's time to stop saying yes all the time. It's time to stop apologising all the time. It's time to stop avoiding conflict all the time. It's time to our emotions, whatever they are. We're not here to make you comfortable. We're here to celebrate being ourselves.

Categories: Inspiration, Courage, Change, Activism



218. RUGBY LEAGUE WOMEN IN GREAT AUSSIE SPORTS

Tony La Torraca | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Rugby league is Australias fastest-growing womens sport. With more interest from spectators and amateur and junior players than ever this exciting sport is fast becoming the sport of choice for girls across the country. Learn about the different roles of each playing position discover the tactics of the game and find training tricks to boost your game. Read all about your favourite players and then meet the coaches.

Categories: Sport, Rugby League, NRLW



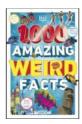
# **219. WOLLEMI: SAVING A DINOSAUR TREE**

Samantha Tidy | Rachel Gyan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

Deep in the forest, an ancient wonder is about to be found. Descended from a family of trees going back 200 million years, the Wollemi pine has survived ice, fire and the passing of many generations. Will a bushfire be the final threat to this living fossil? And how will we protect it, now that everyone wants a dinosaur tree? How can we make sure the Wollemi's secret location is not discovered and damaged? Wollemi: Saving a Dinosaur Tree explains the unique and critically endangered status of the Wollemi pine and explores what actions can be taken today to contribute to the conservation of this rare and beautiful tree.

Categories: Conservation, Climate Change, Bushfire, Trees, Endangered

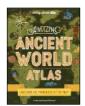
# **General Information**



#### 220. 1000 AMAZING WEIRD FACTS

Dorling Kindersley | Paperback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

A jaw-dropping collection of incredible facts about our weird and wonderful world. The bizarre beasts, incredible places, and peculiar phenomena featured in this mind-blowing compendium are not just really weird - they're really real. Did you know there's a plant that eats mice? Or that you can dip your toe in a rainbow-coloured river? From fiery tornadoes flying across the sky to huge sinkholes eating up the earth, each example is illustrated with jaw-dropping images and handy fast facts that provide the explanations behind the stories. Whether it's geography, people, places, animals, plants, or weather, 1,000 Amazing Weird Facts is the ideal book for curious young minds who are fascinated by our amazing planet.

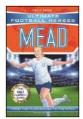


# 221. AMAZING ANCIENT WORLD ATLAS LONELY PLANET KIDS

Nancy Dickmann | John Haywood (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Unearth our ancient world, continent by continent, with this amazing kids atlas. Explore over 40 historical cultures, societies and civilizations from across the planet. Mind-blowing maps bring history to life and show the rise and fall of mighty empires over time. Plus discover where the remains of our planet's ancient history can be found today!

Categories: Ancient Civilizations, Ancient History



#### 222. BETH MEAD ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Emily Stead | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

As an energetic six-year-old, Beth Mead was taken to a weekly local football session by her mum. Finding a passion for the game, Beth often found herself as the only girl on the team. Despite being laughed at for this, she let her natural talent do the talking. At 16, Mead was signed to Sunderland where she made a name for herself as a top goal scorer. Putting off offers from Arsenal until she completed her university degree, Mead continued juggling work, study and football until she graduated. She then signed to Arsenal and earned a place as a Lioness, representing the England national team.

Categories: Biography, Sport, Soccer



# 223. BIRD ATLAS LONELY PLANET KIDS

Camilla De La Bedoyere | Josy Bloggs (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Take to the skies and meet the world's most amazing birds. Navigate your way across the continents using detailed maps and discover birds of prey, birds of paradise, aquatic birds and more. Fun lift-the-flaps offer kids an immersive experience, revealing surprises, wow-factor facts and a fascinating glimpse into the lives of our feathered friends. Stretch your wings for an epic journey around the globe and discover the many incredible birds that share our planet. Use the handy maps and diagrams to understand more about each bird's natural habitat and track impressive migration routes for those that travel extraordinary distances. Learn about their spectacular courtship displays, mind-blowing nest-building techniques and the environmental changes that threaten their way of life. This is the ultimate book for children – and grown ups – who are wild about wildlife.

**Categories: Birds** 



# 224. BOOK OF TIME, THE

Clive Gifford | Teo Georgiev (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Did you know that a zeptosecond is a trillionth of a billionth of a second? Or that the US once had 144 different time zones? Or that across your lifetime, you'll spend about 33 years in bed? The Book of Time is brimming with fascinating information about the concept of time. What is time? How does it work? And is it even real? The book uses time as a lens to explore a wide variety of STEAM subjects that kids know and love-such as space, dinosaurs, animals, the human body, and machinery-with a completely fresh perspective.

Categories: STEM, Maths, Time, Machines



#### 225. CAMBODIA GLOBETROTTERS

Jane Hinchey | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Lets go Globetrotters! We're travelling to Cambodia to discover its ancient temples remarkable river systems and vibrant storytellers. Find out about the people and their culture learn how to say a few words in the local language then learn a little about the history of the Cambodian Civil War.

Categories: Countries, Cambodia



#### 226. FOOTBALL LEGENDS 2024

David Ballheimer | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Messi may have won the World Cup in 2022 but is he really a better striker than Mbappe? Which midfielder creates more chances for his side – City's De Bruyne or Barca's Pedri? While every fan has their opinion, back yours up with the latest stats featured in Football Legends 2024 and show them who's the best football pundit! Showcasing the top 100 stars in the modern game, Football Legends 2024 offers the latest facts and stats of players in every position who play in Europe's elite leagues. With a star profile on each page, this visually arresting almanac is packed with incisive data and includes stunning heat maps that show the pitch movements of every player featured. Get your copy now and start comparing the goals, assists, saves, freekicks (and a host of other data) of the current icons in world football

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer



#### 227. HOW THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD WERE BUILT

Jiri Bartunek | Jan Sramek (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

The Great Wall of China, Petra, The Colosseum, Chichén Itzá, Machu Picchu, The Taj Mahal, and Christ the Redeemer were selected as the new seven wonders of the world by over 600 million people who participated in a vote between 2000 and 2007. But have you ever wondered how these monumental structures were built centuries ago without using the modern technologies and heavy machinery that is available today? This book will give you the answers you are looking for. Come and travel with us across the world and time and peek behind the curtain of the creation of the architectural monuments that have helped shape the current world.

Categories: STEM, Architecture, Construction, Design, Technology



#### 228. HOW TO DRAW A GRAPHIC NOVEL

Balthazar Pagani | Otto Gabos (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$35.00 | School Price \$31.50

Packed with professional tips and interviews with leading graphic novelists, this is the ultimate guide on how to create a graphic novel. How to Draw a Graphic Novel is structured as a series of short art courses that combine technical advice with creative inspiration. Written by graphic novel producer Balthazar Pagani, the book includes lessons in how to construct a narrative, develop characters, design settings, as well as the basics of printing, binding and digital file set-up. Each lesson is supported by striking illustrations by graphic novel artist Marco Maraggi, and professional artworking tips are delivered in the style of a graphic novel by renowned Italian cartoonist and comics lecturer Otto Gabos. The book also includes biographies of and interviews with cult creators who share insights into their working process as well as work from their sketchbooks. Featuring reproductions and a recommended reading list of famous graphic novels and comic books past and present, this is the ideal workbook for all aspiring graphic novelists.

Categories: Art/Craft, Drawing, Cartoons



# 229. ICE JOURNEY OF THE POLAR BEAR PROTECTING THE PLANET

Martin Jenkins | Lou Baker-Smith (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

It snowed last night. The first fall of the season. More is on its way. For this polar bear, this is a sign it's time to make a den, a safe place to sleep through the harsh Arctic winter and to give birth to her cubs. But the Arctic is changing; familiar landscapes are melting. What kind of world will her cubs grow up in? This beautifully illustrated picture book gently explores the effects of climate change on polar bears, along with information on how we can all make a difference and protect the planet for these majestic animals.

Categories: Environmental Issues, Climate Change, Habitats, Conservation



# 230. IF THE WORLD WERE 100 DAYS

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

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

**Categories:** History, Perspective



# 231. INTERVIEW WITH A PANDA AND OTHER ENDANGERED ANIMAL

Andy Seed | Nick East (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Get familiar with 10 endangered animals as they step up to the mic and share their habits, behaviour, likes and dislikes, favourite foods, and more. Each animal has its own story to tell... and its own attitude! In this fun and fact-filled book, bite-sized text in a question-and-answer format is paired with colourful and engaging illustrations throughout, perfect for emerging or reluctant readers, or any young animal enthusiast who enjoys a bit of humour! Features 'interviews' with a giant panda, green turtle, black rhino, flying fox, Sumatran elephant, Cuban crocodile, tiger chameleon, kakapo and Western Nimba toad. Plus, ideas for how to do your bit to help endangered species.



# **232. ITALY** GLOBETROTTERS

Jane Hinchey | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Lets go Globetrotters! We're travelling to Italy to discover its fascinating cities glorious food and world-famous artworks. Find out about the people and their culture learn how to say a few words in the local language then learn a little about the most famous volcano eruption in the world.

Categories: Countries, Italy

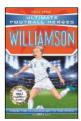


# 233. JURGEN KLOPP LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Beatriz Castro (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Discover the incredible life of Jurgen Klopp, the game-changing football manager and inspirational leader. Little Jurgen grew up in a village in Germany's Black Forest and spent most of his time watching or playing football. As a small child, Jurgen listened to matches on the car radio, making tactical suggestions only to hear them implemented moments later! As an adult, he spent ten years as a professional footballer, before deciding his future lay off the pitch. Jurgen successfully managed German teams Mainz 05 and Borussia Dortmund to multiple victories, and then became the manager of Liverpool Football Club. Within just five years he had made them champions of England, Europe and the world. Jurgen is widely considered football's best manager and is admired for his leadership style, which champions hard work, compassion and, above all, team spirit!

Categories: Famous People, Football, Soccer, Sport



# 234. LEAH WILLIAMSON ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Emily Stead | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Born into a footballing family, Leah Williamson followed in the footsteps of her mother who cut her hair short so she could play with the boys. Williamson began playing at Scot Youth, a boys' team in Bletchley, quickly becoming their star striker. Williamson went on to join Rushden & Diamonds Centre of Excellence, before joining Arsenal at the age of nine, where she has remained, making her senior team debut in 2014 at the age of 17. Representing England since 2010, Williamson has played at an international level since the age of 13, and was made permanent captain of the Lionesses in 2022.

Categories: Biography, Sport, Soccer



#### 235. LET'S PLAY SPORTS LONELY PLANET KIDS

Kate Baker | Hannah Riordan (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Embark on a fun-filled sporting journey with this lift-the-flap book for young readers. Find famous and lesser-known games and sports from across the continents and learn how children around the world play. From ice hockey in Canada, baseball in the USA to kabbadi in India - discover interactive surprises and beautiful illustrations on every page. Packed with super-cool artwork and fascinating insights, curious kids aged 3-5+ can explore 8 vibrant sporty scenarios, each set in a different country, with flaps that lift to reveal hidden team uniforms, behind-the-scenes imagery of stadiums and more. This one-of-a-kind book is a brilliant introduction to the world of sports for children who love to play.

**Categories: Sport** 



# 236. LET'S PLAY: CHILDREN'S GAMES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Nancy Dickmann | Monica Andino (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Say goodbye to boredom with this globe-spanning guide to the world's favourite children's games. Let's Play is a gorgeously illustrated collection of games from all around the world for children to discover and enjoy. Games for 1 player to 5 players, and even large groups, are clearly explained and provide endless opportunities for playful adventure, alongside a resource for learning about cultures and traditions from countries across the globe.

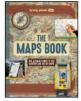
Categories: Multicultural, Games



#### 237. MAGIC EYE: HAVE FUN IN 3D

Cheri Smith | Hardback | RRP \$39.99 | School Price \$34.00

New York Times best-selling Magic Eye 3D optical illusions are back with all-new images. Through Magic Eye's patented 3D technology, viewers can find a full-color image on each page, with a smaller black-and-white image of the "hidden" scene in the back of the book to help solve each optical illusion. Magic Eye: Have Fun in 3D includes Magic Eye images that include a humorous puzzle or joke for viewers to solve as they view each image, creating a fun reader experience for families and readers of all ages.



# 238. MAPS BOOK, THE LONELY PLANET KIDS

Jo Bourne | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$27.00

Explore the amazing world of maps from the first sketches on cave walls to real time maps on phones. Discover their incredible history and marvel at ancient maps, war maps, weather maps and even interactive maps from computer games. Packed with awesome facts, kids will soon grasp how to read maps and symbols - plus learn how to make their own!

Categories: Maps, Mapping, Geography



# 239. MOZART LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Lia Visirin (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Discover the incredible life of Mozart, world-renowned classical musician and composer. Wolfgang Mozart first started playing the keyboard at just three years old. Inspired by his sister's talent, little Wolfgang soon mastered several instruments and was even writing his own musical compositions. As a young boy, he travelled from city to city with his father and sister, playing for Europe's royal families and delighting them with his talents. As he grew, Mozart pushed the boundaries of western music and created exciting masterpieces: from dances and masses to symphonies and operas. Wolfgang became a world-renowned musician and composer, known for his prodigious talent and ability to write across a wide variety of styles. Today, Wolfgang's music still delights audiences across the world, from the smallest school hall to the biggest opera house.

Categories: Famous People, Biography, Music, Composer



#### 240. PRINCESS DIANA LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS

Isabella Sanchez Vegara | Archita Khosla (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Known for her kind-hearted nature from a young age, Diana touched the hearts of many. She was working as a primary school teacher when she met Prince Charles and they married in front of millions of people. With her sudden fame, Diana used her status to bring awareness to a number of charitable issues across the globe, whilst raising her two sons to be more in touch with the world outside of the palace. And even after her divorce, she remained in the public eye, working to make the world a kinder place. An icon of style and grace, Diana is remembered as the princess of the people, who encouraged us all to stand for what we believe in.

Categories: Biography, Famous People, Famous Women, Royalty



#### 241. SAKA RULES FOOTBALL SUPERSTARS

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

Is Bukayo Saka your ultimate football hero? The young winger is known for his pace on the flanks, his tekkers and goals! He is a regular starter for club side Arsenal and a full England international. He was named England's Player of the Year in 2021-22. Discover how Bukayo - whose Nigerian name means 'adds to happiness' developed his love of football, supported by parents who were keen for him to join Arsenal. With former Arsenal fan-favourite Freddie Ljunberg as his mentor, read how Saka honed his skills and discipline to break through into the Arsenal ranks and become one of their most outstanding stars as the Gunners vie for the Premier League title in 2023!

Categories: Sport, Football, Soccer, Biography



#### **242. SIZE WISE: FROM COLOSSAL SQUIDS TO SNOWFLAKES**

Camilla De La Bedoyere | Vasilisa Romanenko (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

This book explores the wonders of nature with awe-inspiring, realistic illustrations at life-size. Across each fascinating spread, beautiful artwork shows breathtakingly large or unbelievably small natural wonders, including eyes, wings, tentacles, sand, snowflakes, flowers and much more, all at real-life size, or zoomed in for extra interest. Marvel at the dinner-plate-sized eye of the colossal squid, the rainforest flowers you can sit inside, the fingernail-width dwarf blue butterfly and what sand really looks like when magnified. Paired with captivating information about these incredible things, size comparisons and extra fun facts, this book will have you absorbed with the littlest and largest things on our astonishing planet.

Categories: Comparisons, Size, Perspective, Animals, Natural World, Maths



#### 243. SOLAR SYSTEM: DISCOVER THE MYSTERIES OF OUR SUN

Sophie Allan | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

The perfect introduction for young readers who want to learn about our local star - the Sun - and the planets that orbit it. Starting with the birth of the Sun and the solar system, readers continue on a journey through space. They discover the smallest planet, rocky Mercury, which is closest to the Sun, and Venus, the hottest planet. There is also Mars, with its polar ice caps and volcanoes, and Jupiter, with its swirling storm clouds. Then readers venture further into space to explore the icy giants of outer space. The Solar System covers space in thrilling detail and is the perfect book for space lovers everywhere.

Categories: Space, Moon, Space Travel



#### 244. WHAT YOU NEED TO BE WARM

Neil Gaiman | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

Sometimes it only takes a stranger in a dark place... to say we have the right to be here, to make us warm in the coldest season. In 2019, Neil Gaiman asked his Twitter followers- What reminds you of warmth? Over 1,000 responses later, Neil began to weave replies from across the world into a poem in aid of the UNHCR's winter appeal. It revealed our shared desire to feel safe, welcome and warm in a world that can often feel frightening and lonely. What You Need to Be Warm is an exploration of displacement and flight from conflict through the objects and memories that represent warmth. It is about our right to feel safe, whoever we are and wherever we are from. It is about holding out a hand to welcome those who find themselves far from home. Sales of every copy of this book will help support the work of UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, which helps forcibly displaced communities and stateless people across the world

**Categories:** Poetry, Poverty, Refugees and Migration, Safety, Human Rights



# 245. WHEN I SMILE: A BOOK OF KINDNESS

Jo Witek | Christine Roussey (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

One girl discusses the power of a smile and the many different smiles she gives to those around her throughout the day. There are soft, sleepy smiles that greet a new day; goofy smiles with her best friend; and even playful, supportive smiles, which help her sister when she's feeling down. With charming text and bright illustrations, this story shows the power and gift of a smile.

Categories: Feelings/Emotions, Kindness



# 246. WORLD OF DOGS: CELEBRATION OF FASCINATING FACTS

Carlie Sorosiak | Luisa Uribe (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Throughout human history dogs have been by our side, paw prints following our footprints wherever we roamed. In this treasury of fascinating facts and amazing real-life stories, discover everything you ever wanted to know about our very best friends. From tracing the evolutionary history of dogs to explaining the science of doggy senses, find out how pups communicate, whether they understand us, and if they really love us back! Meet the hounds of ancient history, worshipped as gods, and painted in works of art from the stone age to the modern day, and explore the stories of real-life doggy heroes, dogs with jobs, and how dogs help humans every day.

# **Christmas**



#### 247. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS RAIN

Cori Brooke | Megan Forward (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

An Australian Christmas is threatened when drought takes hold. A little girl has only one wishfor rain. Will her wish come true?

**Categories:** Christmas



#### 248. BUNNIES IN A SLEIGH: CRAZY CHRISTMAS STORY! A

Philip Ardagh | Ben Mantle (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$25.20

It's Christmas Eve and Santa's elves have fallen suspiciously unwell (just WHO gave them all those candy canes?), so it looks like Santa needs some help. Luckily, our gang of vehicle-loving bunnies are here to the rescue. Cue chaos at every turn – hopping in and out of chimneys, getting stuck in snow, stuffed in stockings, and having the time of their lives on Santa's sleigh. It's a crazy Christmas, but it's SO MUCH FUN.

Categories: Christmas, Humour



#### 249. CHRISTMAS TRAIN, THE

Mike Lucas | Sofya Karmazina (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

The night before Christmas is here once again. The North Pole is waiting, let's climb on the train. The Christmas Train follows the journey of a brother and sister as they journey towards Santa's home in the North Pole. As they travel, they experience all of the magic Christmas has to offer, from candy cane trees to gingerbread houses and everything in between!

Categories: Christmas



#### 250. COCO AND THE CHRISTMAS BEETLE

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

Coco loves Christmas. Everything about it. She is most looking forward to the celebrations in town, especially the lighting of the tree. But then she finds out Tabby Town won't be putting on a celebration this year. Can a lonely Christmas beetle give Coco the bright idea she needs to create the most meow-gical Christmas ever?

Categories: Christmas, Community, Change



# 251. DASHER CAN'T WAIT FOR CHRISTMAS

Matt Tavares | Hardback | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$22.39

In Dasher's excitement for the approaching Christmas season, she takes a quick flight in search of festive cheer – she just couldn't wait. But when Dasher gets lost and is unable to use the North Star as a guide home, she meets a young child whose kindness and a gift helps her find her way back to the North Pole just in time for Christmas Eve.

Categories: Christmas, Santa, Reindeer, Kindness



# 252. ELF ON THE SHELF'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THE

Chanda A Bell | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

On the Night Before Christmas, Scout Elf has everything perfectly prepared for Santa's arrival ... or has he? The children are nestled, the stockings hung. Elf is ready to say goodbye to his family for the year, when this perfect Christmas Eve scene becomes a twisty, tangled calamitous sight! Can Santa and his Christmas magic save The Night Before Christmas? Join Scout Elf in this playful retelling of the beloved Christmas classic, with charming illustrations that capture the magic of the festive season.

Categories: Christmas



# **253. FATHER CHRISTMAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

Raymond Briggs | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Blooming Christmas is here again and Father Christmas is grumpily making his rounds...

Categories: Christmas



# **254. HERE COMES A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Justine Clarke | Heath McKenzie (Illustrator) | Hardback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$15.99

A heart-warming seasonal tale for kids and their families to share, based on the popular Justine Clarke song. There's a feeling in the air, We've been waiting all the year. There's a new star up in the sky tonight, And it's shining oh so bright! Here comes a Merry Christmas - for all of the family.

Categories: Christmas



#### **255. JINGLE BELLS**

Nick Butterworth | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

Christmas time, a happy time – or so it should be. But for two small mice, Lottie and Jack, Christmas Eve is overshadowed by one big problem... That Cat. How can they stop him from spoiling everything? Their friend, the wise rat, Ton Chee, has an idea involving a little golden bell ... but will it work?

**Categories:** Christmas



# 256. LEGO CHRISTMAS GAMES BOOK, THE

Dorling Kindersley | Hardback | RRP \$35.00 | School Price \$28.00

Keep the whole family entertained this holiday season with more than 50 ideas for festive games, puzzles, challenges, and brainteasers for all ages and abilities – plus 60 LEGO bricks to play the games featured in the book Build in some time for festive fun with the whole family! With more than 50 all–new Christmas themed games and activities, there is something to keep everyone entertained during the whole festive season. Grab this book and your LEGO bricks and get ready for a jolly time at ho–ho–home with your friends and family! Comes with 60 bricks to help you play the games in the book.



#### 257. OFFICIAL HARRY POTTER COOKBOOK, THE

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

Cook your way through Hogwarts and the rest of the wizarding world in this official cookbook inspired by the Harry Potter films! This gorgeous book is packed with full-colour photography and over 40 recipes—both savoury and sweet—including snacks, desserts, drinks and meals fit for a Hogwarts feast! Whip up some owl post-savoury crepes, Hagrid's hearty soup, Malfoy blondies, Sir Cadogan's sword kebabs, a troll bogey smoothie and more! Nutritional and dietary information is provided throughout, along with gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. Plus, this cookbook features tonnes of cooking tips and advice for the youngest aspiring chefs. The perfect book for any beginning cook and Harry Potter fan!

Categories: Cooking, Cookbook



# **258. ONCE UPON A SILENT NIGHT: A NATIVITY STORY**

Dawn Casey | Katie Hickey (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

It is midnight on Christmas Eve, and a child is about to be born in a stable. How can the creatures help? First, the cow offers up his manger, and the donkey gives his hay. The doves will sing the babe to sleep, the trees will watch over him, and the moon will fill his dreams with silver light. It's a moment of magic, as a little child enters the world and brings with him the most precious gift of all- love. A beautiful and timeless retelling of the nativity story, with a lyrical rhyming text and luminous illustrations.

Categories: Christmas, Nativity



# 259. STOCKING STUFFER LAUGH O'CLOCK

Compilation | Paperback | RRP \$9.99 | School Price \$9.00

It's time to be merry and share some Christmas laughter. Laugh O'Clock: Stocking Stuffer is a collection of puns, silly scenarios, knock-knock jokes and more. This book can be read alone or better yet turn it into a game to play with family and friends! Time to see who has the funny bone in the family! Christmas is a time of gifts—both giving and receiving. Give the gift of laughter to your loved ones!

Categories: Joke Books



# **260. THREE WISHES: A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE**

Alan Snow | Paperback | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

A young boy is herding his family's reindeer when they are drawn into a mysterious cave. The cave is the holder of eternal summer, looked after by three strange characters – a wooden creature, a bird and a fish. Once entered, the cave cannot be left without time in the outside world standing still. In his sadness at not being able to leave, the boy is granted three wishes and chooses freedom, happiness and time. He is told that they will all be granted – eventually. Coming together like a perfect festive jigsaw, this story explains all of the traditions and myths around Santa Claus, from how he travels around the world in one night, how his sleigh and reindeer can fly, and why he leaves presents, to the origins of his red coat.

Categories: Christmas, Father Christmas, Myths, Traditions



#### **261. TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Clement Clarke Moore | PJ Lynch (Illustrator) | Paperback | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..." P.J. Lynch brings his rich and atmospheric art to the well-loved Christmas verse. From the stockings hung by the chimney to the bundle of toys flung over St Nicholas's back and the family snug in their beds, children will love to pore over the detailed images inside. A book to return to again and again.

**Categories:** Christmas



#### 262. TWELVE DAYS OF KINDNESS

Sophie Beer | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Sophie Beer's Twelve Days of Kindness is all about the lovely things you can make and do for others during the festive season. Whether it's making a card to say thank you, baking cookies to share, or bringing joy to someone in need, everyone can spread kindness at Christmas.

Categories: Christmas, Kindness



#### **263. WE DISAGREE ABOUT THIS TREE**

Ross Collins | Paperback | RRP \$15.99 | School Price \$14.40

Bear and Mouse have finally overcome their differences and are living together in perfect harmony ... until it's time to decorate the Christmas tree! Bear wants dazzling lights, while Mouse prefers gigantic baubles ... and, wait a minute, did Mouse just put a MANATEE on the top?! A topsy-turvy tree is definitely THE LAST STRAW and it looks as if Christmas is RUINED. But maybe, just maybe, Bear and Mouse can reach a compromise in time ...?

Categories: Rhyming Text, Christmas



#### 264. WHERE'S SANTA'S ELF? AROUND AUSTRALIA WHERE'S SANTA?

Bill Hope | Hardback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

It's Christmas Eve, and Henry the Elf and Santa are delivering presents around Australia when Mrs Polar Bear puts out an urgent call to say her ten cubs are missing. But, wait—one of the cubs is hiding inside a present! Will Henry be able to track down the rest of the cubs before Christmas Day?

Categories: Look and Find



#### 265. YOU CHOOSE CHRISTMAS YOU CHOOSE

Pippa Goodhart | Hardback | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$19.99

A brand new Christmas adventure every time - what will YOU CHOOSE today? Make up your own Christmas adventure where YOU CHOOSE what happens. Which Christmas jumper would you like to wear? Which job would you choose to do in Santa's workshop? Where would you like to sleep on Christmas Eve? The possibilities are infinite in this magical storytelling toolkit which will inspire children to make their own stories again and again.

Categories: Christmas, Interactive



#### **266. ZOO CHRISTMAS**

Heath McKenzie | Hardback | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$15.19

It's Christmas! But wait ... what do we have here? Snakes in the stockings! An actual reindeer?! Birds in the tree, rhinos and llamas too! And presents for them all ... and me and you! Christmas is hilarious fun when your house is a Zoo!

Categories: Christmas, Humour