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**Children's & Young Adult**

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## MY DREAM FOR YOU

ASH BARTY WITH JASMIN  
McGAUGHEY & JADE GOODWIN

AGES: 0–2

A heart-warming, aspirational picture book for new mums and babies from First Nations tennis champion, Ash Barty, with Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin, the bestselling team behind Little Ash.

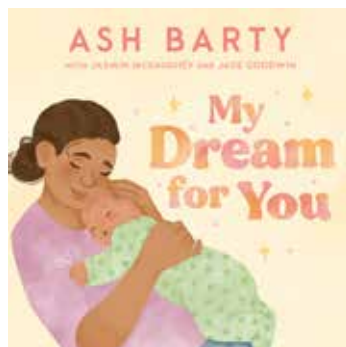
March 2024 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460765159

**Publisher:** Angie Masters

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children

*My dream for you begins earlier than dawn,  
in the magical days before you are born.  
I dream of our future with you in my arms,  
waking to birdsong, sharing sunlit yarns.*

A loving story about a mother's hopes and dreams for her new baby. From Ash Barty, tennis champion, with bestselling creative duo, Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin.



Australian Ashleigh Barty was a professional tennis player on the Women's Tennis Association tour. Ranked WTA World No. 1 and with three Grand Slam singles titles, she departed the sport as one of the most accomplished players ever. With her signature humility, confidence to guide her own path and commitment to being a good person, she became a role model for many. A proud First Nations woman, Ash is committed to creating sport and education opportunities for youth in communities around Australia.

Jasmin McGaughey is a Torres Strait Islander and African American writer and editor. In 2019 she was a black&write! editor intern and a Wheeler Centre Next Chapter recipient. She has written for *Overland*, *Kill Your Darlings*, SBS Voices and *Griffith Review*.

Jade Goodwin is a First Nations illustrator, letterer and arts worker. Her work is aimed at a younger audience with a unique style using both traditional and digital mediums. Over the last few years, Jade has used lettering projects to explore new ways to convey her connection to her Gamilaraay heritage.

**Rights Held:** World English and translation

## LITTLE BOOK BABY

KATRINA GERMEIN  
& CHERYL ORSINI

AGES: 0–2

A heart-warming story about the joy and delight of sharing books from the super talented duo, award-winning author Katrina Germein and much loved illustrator Cheryl Orsini.

February 2024 | 24pp | 220x220mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763407

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children

This little baby loves sharing books!

Books on the tram with Dad, books at picnics with Nanna and Pa, and even bath-time books with Mummy. Morning, noon and night, books make everything better.

PRAISE

'This is a lovely book to read and share, and will be enjoyed by all ages.' *ReadPlus*

KEY POINTS

- Katrina's books have been published around the world and include *Big Rain Coming* and *My Dad Thinks He's Funny*



Katrina Germein is a bestselling picture book author. Her most popular titles include *Big Rain Coming* and *My Dad Thinks He's Funny*, which was Highly Commended in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards. In 2019 Katrina received a Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award for *Let's Go Strolling*. Many of her other stories are CBCA Notable Books. Katrina is an ambassador for Raising Literacy Australia, a Books in Homes Role Model and a Premier's Reading Challenge Ambassador.

Cheryl Orsini is the much-loved illustrator of *The Fairy Dancers*, *The Tales of Mrs Mancini* and *The Magic Bookshop*. She has illustrated more than 30 children's books, and her work regularly appears in magazines and exhibitions. For more, visit [cherylorsini.com](http://cherylorsini.com)

**Rights Held:** World English and translation

## MARRINGA LULLABY

EMILY WURRAMARA,  
SYLVIA WURRAMARRBA TKAC  
& DYLAN MOONEY

AGES: 0–3

**A gentle lullaby that helps children wind down at the end of the day, with an appreciation of nature and respect for country.**

June 2024 | 20pp | 220x200mm  
Board Book | ISBN 9780733343551

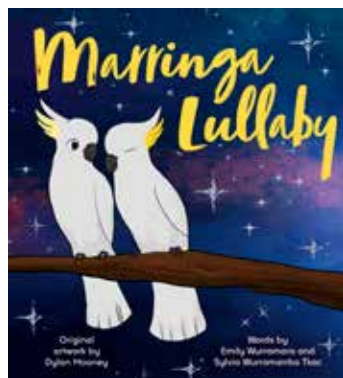
**Publisher:** Eve Tonelli

**Imprint:** ABC Kids

*Sea breeze,  
stars rising high ...  
Night-time is here, it's time to go to sleep.*

Marringa, which means sleeping in the Anindilyakwa language, is a beloved ABC Kids lullaby to sing your little ones to sleep.

With words by Emily Wurramara and Sylvia Wurramarrba Tkac and original artwork by Dylan Mooney, this board book helps children wind down at the end of the day, with an appreciation of nature and respect for Country.



## TJITJI LULLABY

MICHAEL ROSS,  
ZAACHARIAHA FIELDING  
& LISA KENNEDY

AGES: 0–3

**Tjitji is a very special lullaby, showcasing Australia's rich and diverse animals and land, helping families transition to quiet time and bedtime.**

December 2022 | 20pp | 220x220mm  
Board Book | ISBN 9780733342783

**Publisher:** Eve Tonelli

**Imprint:** ABC Kids

*Tjitji – sleep is a present from a day that was gorgeous.*

Tjitji, meaning child in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara languages, is a beloved lullaby to sing your little ones to sleep.

With words by Michael Ross and Zaachariaha Fielding of Electric Fields and original artwork by Lisa Kennedy, this board book is a keepsake to be treasured by families everywhere.



Emily Wurramara is an AIR Award-winning and ARIA-nominated artist. She released her 11-track album Milyakburra in 2018, which educates and informs in both English and Anindilyakwa languages.

Dylan Mooney is a proud Yuwi, Torres Strait and South Sea Islander man from Mackay in North Queensland working across painting, printmaking, digital illustration and drawing.

**Rights Held: World English and translation**

Multi-award-winning Electric Fields create a striking and haunting merging of living traditional culture with electronic music, bringing moments of breathtaking beauty and power to the stage. Featuring the rare and beautiful voice of Zaachariaha Fielding – who often sings in his traditional languages of the Anangu people – and the brilliance of producer Michael Ross, Electric Fields' music ranges from soulful pop to epic-scale electronic works, from intensely intimate story-songs through to contemporised versions of traditional music from the APY Lands.

Lisa Kennedy is a descendant of the Trawlwoolway People on the north-east coast of Tasmania. Lisa was born in Melbourne and as a child lived close to the Maribymong River. Here she experienced the gradual restoration of the natural river environment alongside cultural regeneration and reclamation. Through sense of place she feels connected to the Wurundjeri country and all that entails – the water, the land, the animals and the ancestors. The experience of loss and reclamation is embedded in her work.

**Rights Held: World English and translation**



## AUSSIE CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

JESS BLACK & JULIA MURRAY

AGES: 0–2

**Baby loves black and white at Christmas!**  
**The new book in the bestselling Aussie animal babies series.**

September 2024 | 16pp | 150x150mm  
 Board Book | ISBN 9781460764541



Bond with baby and start a lifelong love of books as you turn the pages to reveal each Christmas surprise!

Open up to see what Possum, Kookaburra, Echidna, Blue-tongue, Kangaroo, Lorikeet and Wombat got for Christmas.

## CLASSIC AUSSIE CHRISTMAS

JESS BLACK & JULIA MURRAY

AGES: 0–2

**Baby loves black and white at Christmas!**  
**The new book in the bestselling Aussie animal babies series.**

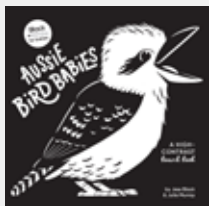
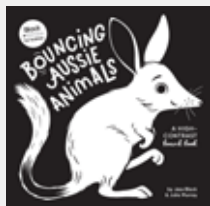
September 2024 | 16pp | 150x150mm  
 Board Book | ISBN 9781460764534



Bond with baby and start a lifelong love of books as you introduce them to a classic Aussie Christmas!

Open up to see how wombats, kookaburras, bilbies, fairy-wrens, numbats, kangaroos, cockatoos and more Aussie animals spend Christmas.

ALSO  
 IN THE  
 SERIES:



## AUSSIE BABIES THAT HATCH

JESS BLACK & JULIA MURRAY

AGES: 0–2

**Baby loves black and white!**

June 2024 | 16pp | 150x150mm  
 Board Book | ISBN 9781460764527

**Publisher:** Angie Masters

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



New bubs see the world differently, and this high-contrast board book is perfect for engaging their developing eyesight, strengthening their cognitive abilities and encouraging their gross motor skills.

Bond with baby and start a lifelong love of books as you introduce them to the world of adorable hatching baby animals!

Open up to meet ducklings, turtles, clownfish, bees, crocodiles, emus, snakes and platypuses.

### KEY POINTS

- Over 37,000 copies sold across the series
- Award-winning author

Jess Black is an award-winning author of over 47 children's books. Jess is the author of the following series – *Pepper Creek Ponies*, *The Tales of Mr Walker*, *Kitty is Not a Cat*, *Little Paws* and the *Keeper of the Crystals* series; and is co-author of the hugely successful *Bindi Wildlife Adventure* series, the *Kaboom Kid* series and the *Animal Tales* series..

Julia Murray is an illustrator and designer living in Tamaki Makaurau, Aotearoa (Auckland, New Zealand). Her illustrations have been applied to books, packaging, clothing and advertising for clients such as HarperCollins, Garage Project, Huffer and Westpac. Her previous experience includes working as a magazine art director in London for ten years.

## BARNEY GUMNUT AND FRIENDS

TAMSIN AINSLIE

AGES: 0–3

A new character to love from bestselling, multi-award winning creator Tamsin Ainslie.

### Manuscript available

October 2024 | 24pp | 165x260mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460759714

Publisher: Angie Masters

Imprint: HarperCollins Children

Barney Gumnut, the koala, lives in Scribbly Gum Forest with his friends Wilfred the budgie, Hoppity the kangaroo, Edith the echidna, Charles the cockatoo and Robert the wombat. Join them on a joyful adventure through the forest. Just watch out for the rain!

A gentle and sweet tale about friendship between beloved Australian animals from bestselling creator Tamsin Ainslie.

### KEY POINTS

- Barney Gumnut is a popular character featured on crockery and homewares, sold by Ashdene in Australia.



Tamsin Ainslie is an illustrator living in Murwillumbah, Northern New South Wales, on a rambling, messy farm with her family and three dogs, two horses and an array of chickens and ducks that provide never-ending inspiration for drawing. She has illustrated more than 50 books, including *In My Garden* (with Kate Mayes), *Count My Kisses*, *Little One* and *Count My Christmas Kisses* (with Ruthie May). *The Sisters Saint-Claire* (with Carlie Gibson), *Collecting Sunshine* (with Rachel Flynn), *Sometimes Cake* (with Edwina Wyatt), *Grumble Boats* (with Susannah McFarlane) and *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* (with Carol Goess) have all been CBCA Notable Books, with *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* also winning the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award for Young Children. Her paintings and drawings are held in collections all over the world.

Rights Held: World English and translation

## BEFORE WE MET

GABRIELLE TOZER & SOPHIE BEER

AGES: 3+

A timely and moving picture book that captures the excitement, hope and love within families of all shapes and sizes. The perfect gift for any parent, carer or grandparent.

September 2024 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460764961

Publisher: Lisa Berryman

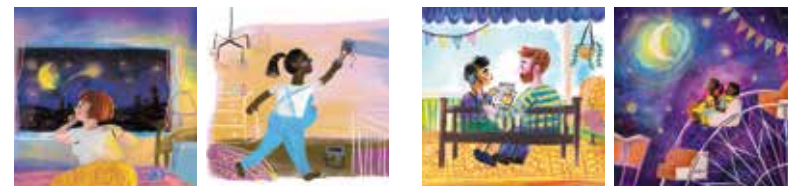
Imprint: HarperCollins Children

*Before we met,  
I made a wish upon a starry night ...  
To bring you home into my arms,  
to fill our world with light.*

Waiting to meet a new addition to your family is a special time as you dream of the joy to come.

This beautiful picture book is a heartfelt and moving tribute to the anticipation and excitement that a child can bring, and the ways in which a family can be created, including IVF and adoption.

A joyous celebration of growing families of all shapes and sizes from award-winning duo Gabrielle Tozer and Sophie Beer.



Gabrielle Tozer is an award-winning author, freelance writer and editor based in regional New South Wales. She is the author of seven books, including *Can't Say It Went to Plan*, *Remind Me How This Ends*, *Melody Trumpet*, *Peas and Quiet*, *Faking It* and *The Intern*, which won the 2015 State Library of Victoria's Gold Inky Award. Gabrielle has had a non-fiction piece featured in the *Teacher, Teacher* anthology and a short story in *Begin, End, Begin: A #LoveOzYA Anthology*. *The Unexpected Mess of It All* is Gabrielle's latest young adult novel. Say hello: [gabrielletozer.com](http://gabrielletozer.com)

Sophie Beer is an award-winning illustrator/author living in Brisbane, Australia. She rejoices in creating bright, funny picture books which centre equality, inclusion and kindness. Her books have been printed all over the world and have sold close to one million copies.

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## BOSS OF YOUR OWN MIND

BYLL STEPHEN, BETH STEPHEN & SIMON HOWE

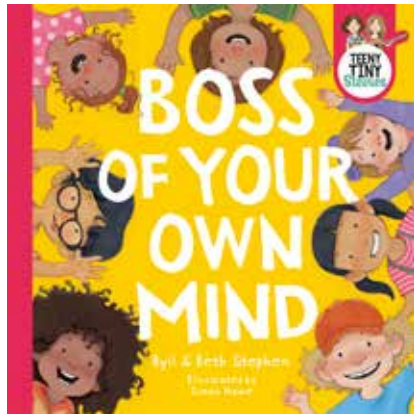
AGES: 3+

Empower young kids with the help of the critically acclaimed Teeny Tiny Stevies.

### Manuscript available

December 2024 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733342769

Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids



From Byll and Beth Stephen, the writers behind the ABC TV musical sensation Teeny Tiny Stevies, comes a book to show young kids everywhere their minds are their own.

### KEY POINTS

- Over 60,000 copies sold over the series
- Series inspired by the Teeny Tiny Stevies critically acclaimed songs
- The Teeny Tiny Stevies are 'every parent's favourite kids band'

## SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT

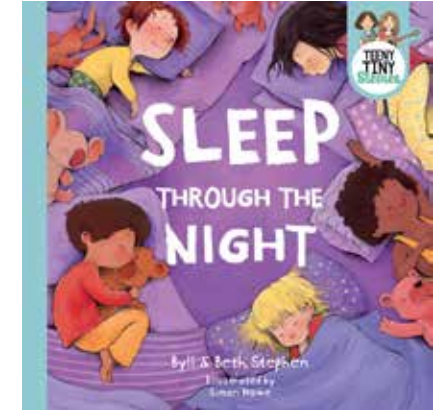
BYLL STEPHEN, BETH STEPHEN & SIMON HOWE

AGES: 3+

An empowering and fun picture book from the cool musician everyone loves to sing along with ...

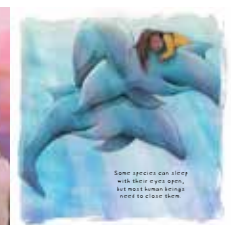
December 2022 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733342707

Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids

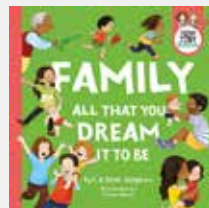


*Some species sleep wherever they choose to roam,  
but human beings sleep the very best when they are home.*

From Byll and Beth Stephen, the writers behind the ABC TV musical sensations Teeny Tiny Stevies, comes a bedtime story for children about the joy of sleeping ... flat on a mattress ... nice and still ... with your eyes closed ... through the night.



ALSO  
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Sisters Byll and Beth Stephen are 'every parent's favourite kids band', Teeny Tiny Stevies. ARIA award-winners for their album 'Thoughtful Songs for Little People' (Best Children's Album of 2020), Byll and Beth have written, recorded and performed music for *Play School*, Sesame Studios and ABC Kids. Based on their songs that explore both life's little and big challenges with eloquence and humour, they are now creating fun and insightful picture books, including the ABIA-nominated *Boss of Your Own Body*.

Simon Howe is an illustrator and author with a broad appetite for children's literature, animation, storytelling and design. He has worked with several notable Australian authors on books for children, and has designed and directed animation for advertising and television. His long-time collaboration with ARIA award-winning children's band, Teeny Tiny Stevies, has seen him produce more than a dozen animated music videos. Simon lives in regional Victoria with his family.



## HOW BRAVE I CAN BE

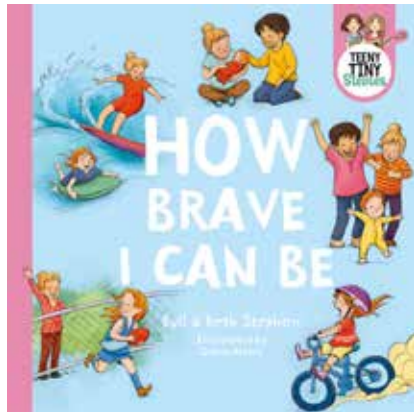
BYLL STEPHEN, BETH STEPHEN & SIMON HOWE

AGES: 3+

From the critically acclaimed ABC TV musical stars, Teeny Tiny Stevies, comes a book to empower young kids.

May 2023 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733342721

Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids



*You've got my back and I know that I've got this,  
I'll show you how brave I can be.  
'Cause I had you to teach me.*

From Byll and Beth Stephen, the writers behind the ABC TV musical sensations Teeny Tiny Stevies, comes a heartwarming book that celebrates how children learn from their parents – and vice versa.

### KEY POINTS

- Over 60,000 copies sold over the series
- Series inspired by the Teeny Tiny Stevies critically acclaimed songs
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I've been feeling a little nervous lately,  
Every time I try to stand on my own.  
My legs get shaky,  
I need you near around. I've got you wrong,  
I'm still waiting out how fast to  
dance on my own.



Dating, I've been feeling wasteful lately,  
I'm so proud of you, but I feel sad  
that you don't deserve

Can you stay where I can watch from the side?  
I won't get in the way,  
I'll just be looking 'till you see the fire.

## FAMILY, ALL THAT YOU DREAM IT TO BE

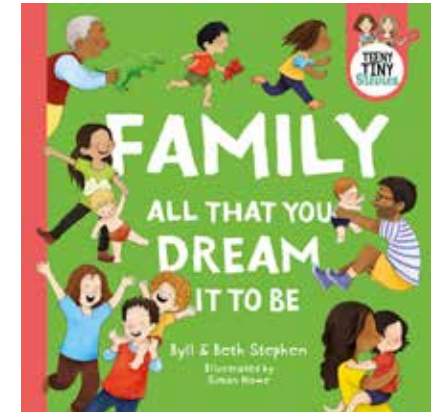
BYLL STEPHEN, BETH STEPHEN & SIMON HOWE

AGES: 3+

An empowering and fun picture book from the cool musician mums everyone loves to sing along with ...

June 2022 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733341748

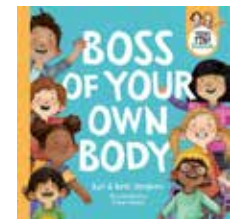
Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids



*You love who you love, and you build a great team,  
because family's all that you dream it to be.*

From Byll and Beth Stephen, the writers behind the ABC TV musical sensations Teeny Tiny Stevies, comes a gorgeous reimagining of their much-loved song, 'Family (Love is Love)'.

ALSO BY:



They are people's pets, they listen to birds,  
they catch big trucks and they stop at the roads.

Now and again, when families are same,  
they stop for a chat with the people they love.



She thinks of all the families who live nearby,  
how they're all a bit different but also really alike.

Because they love each other as much as she loves  
her people, that's obvious to her, in fact it's quite simple.

Sisters Byll and Beth Stephen are 'every parent's favourite kids band', Teeny Tiny Stevies. ARIA award-winners for their album 'Thoughtful Songs for Little People' (Best Children's Album of 2020), Byll and Beth have written, recorded and performed music for *Play School*, *Sesame Studios* and *ABC Kids*. Based on their songs that explore both life's little and big challenges with eloquence and humour, they are now creating fun and insightful picture books, including the ABIA-nominated *Boss of Your Own Body*.

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Rights Held: World English and translation

## BUNNY AND BIRD: HOW TO MAKE A SNOWMAN

NICK BLAND

AGES: 3+

A new series from bestselling, award-winning author-illustrator Nick Bland.

### Manuscript available

November 2024 | 32pp | 250x240mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460764077

Publisher: Ana Vivas

Imprint: HarperCollins Children

Bunny has found a hole in the forest. A magic one! But Bird is confused. Bunny says there is a tiger, a bear and a bull inside the hole. What are they doing in there? And how can a hole help make a snowman?

From Australia's bestselling picture-book creator, Nick Bland, comes a new series that celebrates friendship and fun

### KEY POINTS

- New series from the bestselling author of *The Very Cranky Bear* series, *The Wrong Book* and *The Runaway Hug* (with Freya Blackwood)
- Nick's previous books have won many awards including the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards, the Kids Own Australian Literature Awards and the Australian Book Industry Awards.

### PRAISE FOR THE SERIES

'It's fabulous.' *Good Reading* magazine on *How to Hatch a Dragon*

'Filled with hilarity and banter, this picture book is perfect for fun storytime or bedtime reading.' *Better Reading* on *How to Hatch a Dragon*

'A wonderfully inventive, funny tale.' *ReadPlus* on *How to be Invisible*



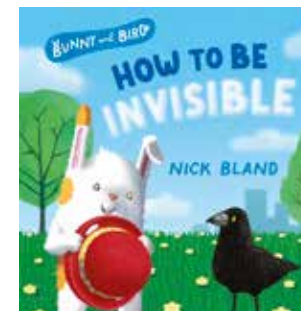
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## BUNNY AND BIRD: HOW TO BE INVISIBLE

NICK BLAND

AGES: 3+

March 2024 | 32pp | 250x240mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460764060



When Bunny arrives at the park wearing Grandpa's hat, he thinks it has made him invisible. But Bird can still see him!

The more Bunny tries, the less invisible he seems. The best friends enjoy the hat even if it's *not* magical. But are they *sure* it's not a magical hat?

From Australia's bestselling picture-book creator, Nick Bland, comes a new series that celebrates friendship and fun.

## BUNNY AND BIRD: HOW TO HATCH A DRAGON

NICK BLAND

AGES: 3+

September 2023 | 32pp | 250x240mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460764053



Bunny and Bird are best friends. When Bunny buys Bird a present, Bird is surprised to receive an egg. But it's no ordinary egg. It's a *dragon's* egg.

While the egg hatches, the two friends learn that if the dragon is blue, it will make a fantastic pet. But if it's yellow, they're in trouble ...

From Australia's bestselling picture-book creator, Nick Bland, comes a new series that celebrates friendship and fun.

Nick Bland is one of Australia's bestselling authors and illustrators. Nick's books include the hugely popular *The Very Cranky Bear* series, *The Runaway Hug* (with Freya Blackwood) and *The Wrong Book*, and his award-winning creations have been published around the world. He lives in tropical Darwin, where he works full time as an author and illustrator.

Rights Held: World English and translation

Rights Licensed – (*Bunny and Bird: How to Catch a Dragon*): Brazilian (Editora Fundamento)

## GIINAGAY JULUUM, HELLO MOUNTAINS

MELISSA GREENWOOD

AGES: 3+

A wondrous walkabout through the mountains from Gumbaynggirr artist Melissa Greenwood, the creator of the heart-stirring picture books *Miimi Marraal*, *Mother Earth*, *My Little Barlaagany*, *Giinagay Gaagal*, *Hello Ocean* and *Miimi and Buwaarr*, *Mother and Baby*.

October 2024 | 24pp | 210x260mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9780733343025

**Publisher:** Angie Masters  
**Imprint:** ABC Kids

Join the family as they journey through the mountains, observing animals, plants and trees, waterways and high peaks as their ancestors and the mountain watch over them.

A lyrical and heart-stirring series by Gumbaynggirr artist Melissa Greenwood.

Gumbaynggirr translation included.

ALSO BY MELISSA GREENWOOD:



Melissa Greenwood was born on her Gumbaynggirr jagun (Country) in Coffs Harbour and raised between Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung Nations, both her ancestral homelands. On Melissa's matriarchal side, she is Gumbaynggirr, Bundjalung and Dunghutti. Melissa has a BA degree, majoring in Critical Criminology, and worked in Aboriginal affairs for over 11 years. Melissa is the founder and director of Miimi & Jiinda, an Australian art and design brand. Melissa now has a high-fashion women's label, which tells visual stories of Country through her hand-painted designs. Melissa is a passionate writer who weaves the intricacies of her Aboriginal spiritual upbringing with the wisdom passed down to her from her Elders.

**Rights Held:** English ANZ, World all languages

## ON THE HUNT FOR SANTA

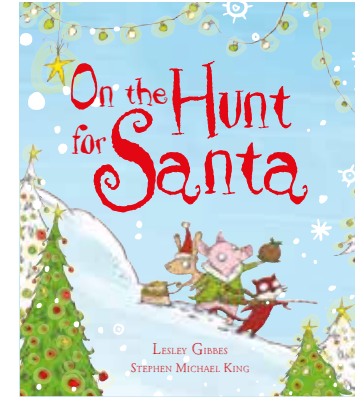
LESLEY GIBBES &  
STEPHEN MICHAEL KING

AGES: 3+

A companion title for the bestselling picture book, *Scary Night*, that takes us to the North Pole as three friends, Hare, Cat and Pig, set out on a journey.

September 2024 | 32pp | 270x230mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781922033109

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman  
**Imprint:** Working Title Press



*Once upon a snowy day, three friends set out on a journey.  
Hare with a honey pot, Cat with a candy cane, Pig with a plum pudding.  
But where were they going that snowy day, out in the cold so far away?  
It was a mystery!*

A companion title to the bestselling *Scary Night* by award-winning Lesley Gibbes and Stephen Michael King.



Lesley Gibbes is an award-winning, internationally published children's author, teacher and presenter at the Australian Writers' Centre. She is the author of more than fourteen books for children. Her books include CBCA Honour Book *Scary Night*, CBCA Shortlisted Book *Searching for Cicadas*, Whitley Award Winner *Fluke*, *A Boat of Stars* (poetry anthology) and the hilarious chapter book series Fizz. Lesley's writing has received acknowledgement from The Children's Book Council of Australia, The Royal Zoological Society of NSW, The Wilderness Society, Speech Pathology Australia, International School Libraries Network Singapore and The American Booksellers Association.

Stephen Michael King is an internationally renowned, award-winning author and illustrator whose career has spanned over 30 years, producing more than 100 titles. He has worked with a stable of Australia's best children's book authors including Jackie French, Andrew Daddo, Glenda Millard and Margaret Wild. His latest HarperCollins book is *Grandma's Guide to Happiness* by Andrew Daddo (ABC Books, 2023). Stephen's books have been translated into over 20 languages, and he is frequently honoured in children's book award categories – including winning the CBCA Book of the year, and the Prime Minister's Literary Award.

**Rights Held:** World English and translation



## LIGHTS OUT, LITTLE DRAGON!

DEBRA TIDBALL & RAE TAN

AGES: 3+

What's a kid to do when a cheeky little dragon keeps them awake at bedtime? Ask the reader to help, of course, in this delightfully funny, interactive bedtime romp.

June 2024 | 32pp | 220x295mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763421

Publisher: Lisa Berryman

Imprint: HarperCollins Children

*My little dragon is so tired, but he won't go to sleep.  
What can I do?*

It's bedtime and Little Dragon is trying every trick to stay awake.

Can you help him get to sleep? You might just have the magic touch!

From award-winning Debra Tidball and talented newcomer Rae Tan comes a delightful book about one cheeky little dragon who is determined to beat bedtime.

### PRAISE

'a beautiful and adorable book' Readings

'A fun exploration of the bedtime struggles parents battle nightly, this delightful picture book gives kids the tucking-in duty. Kids will love being part of the story and getting involved as you turn each page.' Kids Book Review

'a fabulous book for young children' Queensland Reviewers Collective



Debra Tidball is a picture book author, social worker, blogger and children's book reviewer. Debra's book *When I See Grandma*, illustrated by Leigh Hedstrom (Wombat Books, 2014), won the Children's section Caleb Award and was shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Book of the Year. *The Scared Book*, illustrated by Kim Siew (Lothian/Hachette, 2017), won the SCBWI Crystal Kite (Australia East and NZ), was a CBCA 2018 Notable Book and was shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Book of the Year. Debra's most recent book, *Anchored*, illustrated by Arielle Li, was published by Exisle Books in 2023.

Rae Tan is an illustrator who works mainly with watercolours and soft pastels. Her illustrative style is bold and loose, yet meticulous when it comes to the expression of moods and emotions.

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## BOSS CAT

SARAH SPEEDIE &  
TOM JELLETT

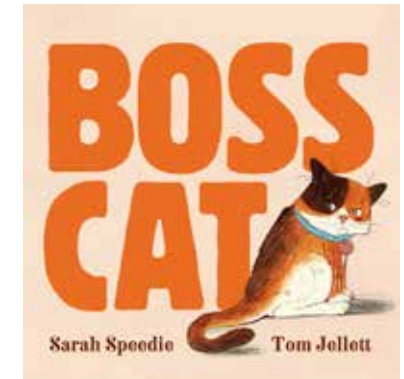
AGES: 3+

A very funny 'pets behaving badly' story.

June 2024 | 28pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460764046

Publisher: Lisa Berryman

Imprint: HarperCollins Children



Boss Cat is so used to ruling the roost, she isn't impressed when her family bring home an adorable new puppy.

A canine intruder who needs to be shown who's boss.

From talented duo, Sarah Speedie and Tom Jellett, comes a very funny picture book about life's annoying challenges – as seen through the eyes of one exceptionally grumpy cat.

### COMPARISON

Will appeal to those who love the outrageous antics of Aaron Blabey's *Pig the Pug* and Mothball wombat in *Diary of a Wombat*.



Sarah Speedie's debut picture book, *Mozzies vs Flies*, was released in November 2021 and her second picture book, *Meowster Chef*, in July 2022. Both books were published by Larrikin House and *Mozzies vs Flies* was shortlisted for the 2022 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards. Sarah is the mother of two teenagers and lives in the Melbourne suburb of Ascendale.

Tom Jellett is an Australian illustrator based in Sydney. Tom has been an editorial illustrator for News Limited, working on *The Australian*, *The Weekend Australian* and *The Daily Telegraph*. He has also illustrated a number of books for children, including *Australia at The Beach* by Max Fatchen, *Why I Love Footy* for Penguin Books, *The Gobbledygook is Eating A Book* by Justine Clarke and Arthur Baysting, *My Dad Thinks He's Funny* by Katrina Germein and the follow up *My Dad Still Thinks He's Funny* for Walker Books.

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## THE GARDEN OF BROKEN THINGS

FREYA BLACKWOOD

AGES: 3+

From award-winning creator Freya Blackwood comes a beautifully tender story about curiosity and the joy of listening.

May 2024 | 32pp | 275x225mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460757550

**Publisher:** Ana Vivas

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



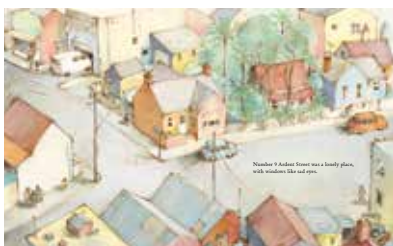
One day, curious Sadie follows a cat into the tangled vines behind the lonely house at Number 9, Ardent Street.

Deep in the undergrowth, past all the twisted, rusted things, Sadie finds the cat sitting on the lap of a woman, bent with time and weariness.

Sadie has found the Garden of Broken Things.

### KEY POINTS

- Freya Blackwood is a multi-award-winning illustrator and writer; her awards include the prestigious Kate Greenaway Meda



Freya Blackwood's picture books are beloved for her warm and perceptive drawings. Since publishing her first picture book in 2003, Freya has worked with writers such as Libby Gleeson, Margaret Wild, Jan Ormerod, Nick Bland and Danny Parker.

In 2010, Freya won the UK's most prestigious prize for illustrators, the Kate Greenaway Medal, for her book *Harry and Hopper*. And in 2015 she did what no other creator has ever done, taking out three CBCA Book of the Year awards in a single year. *The Unwilling Twin* was shortlisted for Picture Book of the Year in the 2021 CBCA Awards.

Freya lives in Orange, New South Wales, with her daughter, Ivy.

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**Rights Licensed:** Korean (Booklight Publishing)

## HAPPY ALL OVER

EMMA QUAY

AGES: 3+

A glorious celebration of happiness from multi-award-winning author–illustrator Emma Quay

April 2024 | 32pp | 280x220mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733341441

**Publisher:** Ana Vivas

**Imprint:** ABC Kids



From Emma Quay, the award-winning and much-loved creator of *Rudie Nudie*, comes an irresistible celebration of the small joys to be found in the everyday.

### PRAISE

'Happy All Over is exactly that. Emma Quay's capacity to capture miniatures of joy, through both word and image, will bring a smile to even the most careworn and cynical faces.'

*Books + Publishing*

### KEY POINTS

- Multi-award-winning creator whose work is held in collections around the world, including the Victoria & Albert Museum in London
- Much loved author of *Rudie Nudie*
- Teacher resources on the author's website



Emma Quay is an illustrator and writer of many award-winning picture books; her memorable characters for *Rudie Nudie*, *Baby Bedtime*, *Shrieking Violet*, *Bear and Chook*, *Daddy's Cheeky Monkey*, *Good Night, Me* and *Scarlett, Starlet* are favourites on children's bookshelves all over Australia. One of her more recent titles, for very young children, is *My Sunbeam Baby*.

Emma grew up in the English countryside, and has wanted to illustrate children's books for as long as she can remember. She works from a studio in her home and sometimes feels like she barely leaves it, but she can be visited at [emmaquay.com](http://emmaquay.com)

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## AS BRIGHT AS A RAINBOW

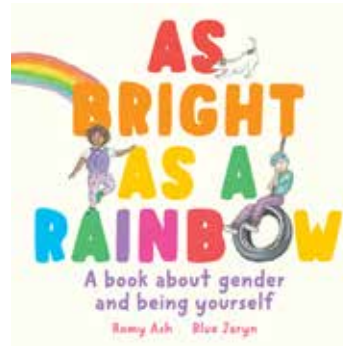
ROMY ASH & BLUE JARYN

AGES: 3+

Written from a place of deep understanding and love, this beautiful book explores and explains for young children what it means to be gender diverse.

February 2024 | 24pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781922033062

Publisher: Lisa Berryman  
Imprint: Working Title Press



There are so many ways to be a girl, a boy, both – or neither.

Created by writer Romy Ash and illustrator Blue Jaryn, this beautiful picture book shows us that there is no right way to be any gender.

You can just be yourself. Perfect for young children, this book explores gender identity in a warm-hearted and gentle way.

### PRAISE

'As right as a rainbow is a beautiful, warm introduction to the concept of gender.' *Reading Time*



Romy Ash is the author of *Floundering*, her first novel, which was shortlisted for the Miles Franklin, Commonwealth Writer's Prize and Prime Minister's literary award, amongst others. She was awarded the SMH Best Young Australian Novelists of the year award for 2013. She lives in Melbourne.

Blue Jaryn (they/he) is an author/illustrator. Blue previously wrote *Payden's Pronoun Party*, illustrated by Xochitl Cornejo, a picture book introduction to nonbinary pronouns. They live in Boonwurrung land/Melbourne. Learn more at [bluejaryn.com](http://bluejaryn.com)

**Rights Held: World English and translation**

## HOW TO BE A FRIEND

SARAH AYOUB  
& MIMI PURNELL

AGES: 3+

A new picture book from dynamite pairing, Sarah Ayoub and Mimi Purnell

December 2023 | 24pp | 297x210mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763230

Publisher: Angie Masters  
Imprint: HarperCollins Children



*Do you know what it takes to be a friend,  
someone on whom someone else depends?  
Just a few ingredients, tips and tricks,  
Make the perfect friendship mix!*

A lyrical story with heartfelt ideas about what it means to be a good friend from the team that brought us *The Love That Grew*.

### PRAISE

'... an excellent resource for kids struggling with the concept of sharing, or for those who have just welcomed a new sibling.' Nadia Heisler, *Books+Publishing*

### AWARDS

- Shortlisted – Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year 2024 (Three to Five Years)



Sarah Ayoub is a journalist, bestselling author and academic with a PhD in migrant Australian YA literature. Her work has been published in *The Guardian*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Sydney Review of Books*, *Meanjin* and more. Sarah is a Stella Schools Program ambassador, has mentored the youth curators of 'The Sydney Writers' Festival YA program, contributed to the anthology *Arab, Australian, Other: Stories on Race and Identity* and most recently been a judge for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Sarah was elected to the board of the Australian Society of Authors in 2021 and is currently working on her first novel for adults as the writer-in-residence of Sweatshop Literacy Movement.

Mimi Purnell is an illustrator and graphic designer born in England and now living in Australia. After completing a degree in Creative Industries she designed for agencies, animations and films and is now focusing her time on creating sweet illustrations and spending lots of time outdoors.

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## COSTA GARDEN: FLOWERS

COSTA GEORGIADIS  
& BRENNA QUINLAN

AGES: 4+

‘Hello! I’m Costa, and welcome to my garden.  
Let’s discover the joy of nature together.’

### Manuscript available

December 2024 | 32pp | 250x240mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733343360

Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids



Friendly, fun and making gardening cool, Costa is endlessly excited by the natural world and he loves communicating that curiosity to kids and this series will showcase the things around us we can treasure and cultivate, such as flowers, seeds, fruit and soil.

Flowers are the part of a plant that smiles. Flowers make us smile too!

There are so many different kinds of flowers – all the colours of the rainbow.

Join Australia’s favourite garden gnome as he shares the magic and wonder of the natural world with young readers.



Costa Georgiadis is a landscape architect, environmental educator and television presenter who has an all-consuming passion for plants and people. He knows how to bring out the best in each and takes great pleasure in bringing them together. Costa believes in embracing and celebrating mother nature’s cycles and seasons and nurturing her balance, beauty and bounty organically. His holistic approach is all about gardening the soil and the soul.

Legend has it that upon being born, Brenna Quinlan promptly picked up a pencil and began to draw. She’s still going, because drawing is important, and because it makes people happy. When she’s not drawing, she’s to be found in the garden, admiring the beauty of a home grown eggplant or the taste of a sun-warmed strawberry. She also likes doing hard things - one time she spent a whole year riding a bicycle across the Americas. She lives in a straw bale house that she built herself, in a permaculture community at the ends of the earth in Denmark, Western Australia.

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## LEARNING COUNTRY

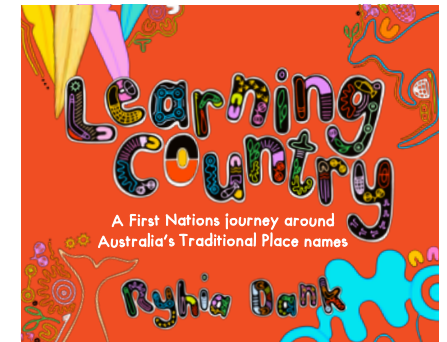
RYHIA DANK

AGES: 4+

**A First Nation’s journey around Australia’s  
Traditional Placenames.**

October 2024 | 32pp | 210x260mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460765517

Publisher: Mark Campbell  
Imprint: Harper By Design



I wanted to travel this place to hear some of its old stories ... to learn.

From popular Indigenous artist Ryhia Dank comes *Learning Country*, a vibrant and contemporary new picture book to celebrate the traditional names of well-known Australian places that will inform and delight children and parents alike.



Ryhia Dank is a Gudanji/Wakaja woman who grew up in a remote community in the Gulf of Carpentaria. She got to know her Country though the stories her family told, and through walking in the places and footprints her family has travelled since the beginning. Her painting is storywork, and tells stories through pattern and design.

Ngurruwani Gudanji-marndi maga guda gurijba iligirra gamamjani  
(Gudanji people are from the fresh water and hill country.)

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## WHAT DO YOU CALL YOUR DAD?

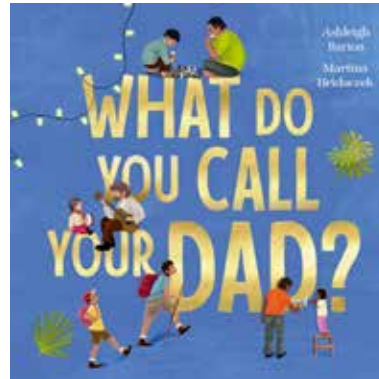
ASHLEIGH BARTON & MARTINA HEIDUCZEK

AGES: 4+

An inclusive picture book for parents everywhere.

July 2024 | 32pp | 244x244mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733343476

Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids



*In every country around the world are dads – some short, some tall.  
Though they go by different names, we love them one and all.*

From bestselling duo Ashleigh Barton and Martina Heiduczek comes a heartfelt and charming book that celebrates the many different ways we say dad.

*What Do You Call Your Dad?* is a love letter to fathers and families from every corner of the globe.



ALSO  
IN THE  
SERIES:



Ashleigh Barton is author of the picture books *What Do You Call Your Grandma?*, *What Do You Call Your Grandpa?*, *What Do You Do To Celebrate?* and *How Do You Say I Love You?*, Ashleigh loves writing stories for children of all ages. Ashleigh lives in Sydney with her husband, dog, and three little bookworms.

Martina grew up in a small village on the Baltic Sea in Germany. These days she is an illustrator and graphic designer and lives in Australia. Martina's illustrations are a mixture of digital and traditional media. With a passion for colour and textures she works with layers of scanned materials, coloured pencils, watercolour and gouache.

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## TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

BECK & ROBIN FEINER

AGES: 4+

In this colour-drenched picture book, the bestselling creators of *If I Was Prime Minister* show kids how to be a mental gymnast.

August 2023 | 32pp | 285x230mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733341618

Publisher: Eve Tonelli  
Imprint: ABC Kids



Cats or dogs? Living in the city or the country? Going to the pool or the beach? Life presents lots of questions and lots of choices ...

For Oscar, there's no question or choice he won't twist, tumble, turn inside out and explore every which way.

From the creators of *If I Was Prime Minister* comes a book that invites you to be a mental gymnast and look at both sides of the story!

PRAISE

'With striking vector art illustrations and charming, diverse characters, this is a quirky story that will be enjoyed by young children' *Books+Publishing*



Beck Feiner is an art director, graphic designer and illustrator. Her first book, *Aussie Legends Alphabet*, was released in 2017. Her second book, *If I Was Prime Minister*, created with Robin Feiner, was released in 2018, followed by *My Folks Grew Up in the '80s* (2019), *The Polar Bear in Sydney Harbour* (2020), *My Favourite Teachers* (2022) and *The Story of Us*, written by Michael Wagner (2021). Beck lives in Sydney with her family.

Robin Feiner is a lover of communication with originality and craft. As an advertising creative, he's written campaigns that Australians talk about. Now, with two young children, Robin writes books that he thinks they would love.

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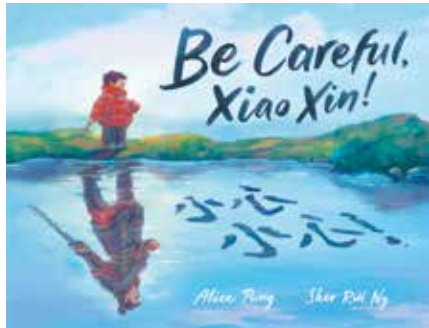


## BE CAREFUL, XIAO XIN!

ALICE PUNG &  
SHER RILL NG

AGES: 4+

An award-winning, extraordinarily powerful and moving book about how the past can shape the future from bestselling author Alice Pung and renowned illustrator Sher Rill Ng.



September 2022 | 48pp | 280x210mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781922033932

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman  
**Imprint:** Working Title Press

Xiao Xin believes he is a red fire warrior but his family are always telling him to be careful. They believe the world is a dangerous place. Too dangerous for a little boy on his own.

Renowned storytellers Alice Pung and Sher Rill Ng bring to life a beautiful and tender story, told in both English and Simplified Chinese, about learning to conquer your own fears – as a child, and as an adult.

### PRaise

‘... a beautiful story by two masterful creators ...’ Gabrielle Wang, 2022-2023 Australian Children’s Laureate

### Awards

- Winner of the APA 2023 Educational Publishing Picture Book Award
- Winner of the IBBY Ena Noel Award 2024 (Sher Rill Ng as Illustrator)
- A CBCA 2023 Notable Book
- Longlisted for The Danz Children’s Book Award 2024 (Picture Book)



Alice Pung is a Melbourne author whose award-winning books include *Unpolished Gem*, *Her Father’s Daughter* and *Laurinda*. She also wrote the Marly books for the Our Australian Girl series, and edited *Growing Up Asian in Australia* and *My First Lesson*. Visit [alicepung.com](http://alicepung.com) to find out more.

Sher Rill Ng is a Melbourne-based author and illustrator. She graduated from RMIT with a Bachelor of Design and works as a web and mobile UX/UI designer. Sher Rill’s debut picture book, *Our Little Inventor*, was followed by contributing Thumbelina’s illustrations to the anthology *Fairytales for Feisty Girls* by Susannah McFarlane and illustrating Emma Allen’s *The Night of the Hiding Moon*.

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**Rights Licensed:** North America (Crown Children’s)

## IN MY GARDEN

KATE MAYES  
& TAMSIN AINSLIE

AGES: 6+

Bestselling duo Kate Mayes and Tamsin Ainslie return with a beautiful gift picture book for budding gardeners everywhere.



September 2023 | 32pp (including self-ends)  
210x297mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733340253

**Publisher:** Angie Masters  
**Imprint:** ABC Kids

From blossoming spring flowers in Japan to the waterside of Malawi, the frozen scapes of Iceland to the bush tracks of Australia, children share their flora, fauna and environments from around the world. A wonderful story of discovery.



Kate Mayes is the bestselling author of the picture books *Daddy Cuddle* and *Mummy Cuddle* (illustrated by Sara Acton), *The Bum Book*, *The Christmas Bum Book* and *The Easter Bum Book* (illustrated by Andrew Joyner), *Count My Kisses*, *Little One* and *Count My Christmas Kisses* (illustrated by Tamsin Ainslie and written as Ruthie May), and is a contributor in the children’s poetry book *A Boat of Stars*. She lives in Sydney, Australia, and works in the book publishing industry.

Tamsin Ainslie has illustrated more than 50 books. *The Sisters Saint-Claire* (with Carlie Gibson), *Collecting Sunshine* (with Rachel Flynn), *Sometimes Cake* (with Edwina Wyatt), *Grumble Boats* (with Susannah McFarlane) and *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* (with Carol Goess) have all been CBCA Notable Books, with *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* also winning the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award for Young Children.

Her paintings and drawings are held in collections all over the world.

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## LITTLE ASH SLEEPOVER SURPRISE!

ASH BARTY, JASMIN McGAUGHEY  
& JADE GOODWIN

AGES: 5+

**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.**

May 2024 | 64pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460764664

Publisher: Angie Masters

Imprint: HarperCollins Children

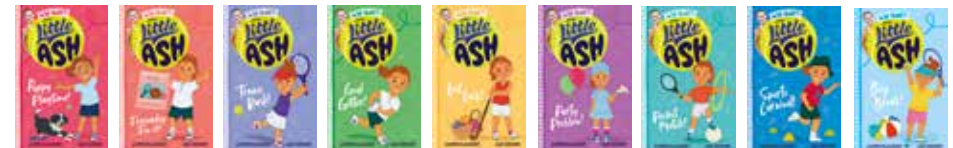


It's time for a SLEEPOVER! Ash is so excited to watch a movie and eat popcorn with her friends. But not everyone is happy to be away from home. How will Ash help her friends and make sure it's the best sleepover EVER?

### KEY POINTS

- Over 100,000 copies sold across the 10-book series

### ALSO IN THE SERIES:



Australian Ashleigh Barty was a professional tennis player on the Women's Tennis Association tour from 2011 to 2022 (with a break from late 2014 to early 2016). Widely regarded as one of the sport's most naturally talented players, Ash's game style and ability to play a wide variety of shots set her apart from her opponents. Ash's off-court manner endeared her further to the tennis community and fans around the world. With her signature unassuming approach, confidence to forge her own path and commitment to being a good person before all else, she became a role model for many.

Jasmin McGaughey is a Torres Strait Islander and African American writer and editor. In 2019 she was lucky enough to be a black&write! editor intern and a Wheeler Centre Next Chapter recipient. She has been able to write for *Overland*, *Kill Your Darlings*, *SBS Voices* & *Griffith Review*. Jasmin's always loved storytelling, and she is proud to be able to work and learn in this field.

Jade Goodwin is a First Nations illustrator, letterer and arts worker. Her passion for creating colourful work aimed at a younger audience is shown through her unique style that she creates in both traditional and digital mediums. Over the last few years Jade has used lettering projects to explore new ways to convey her connection to her Gamilaraay heritage. Jade has worked on commissions, created and designed original characters and products, and is a published illustrator.

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junior &  
middle grade



## THE FARTIONARY 2: THE FOLLOW-THROUGH

ANDY JONES & JULES FABER

AGES: 6+

With even more hilarious jokes, trivia, facts and cartoons, *The Fartionary 2: The Follow Through* is guaranteed to be a hit with kids everywhere!

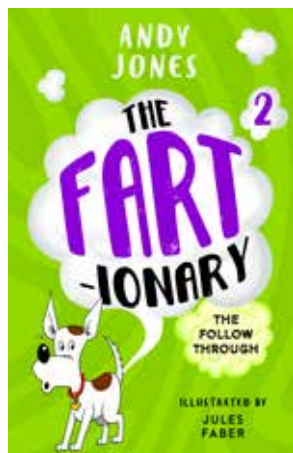
### Manuscript available

December 2024 | 240pp | 198x128mm

Paperback | ISBN 9780733343537

Publisher: Eve Tonelli

Imprint: ABC Kids



Who farts? The why, when and how of farting ... Farting by age, location and climate ... The Whoopee Cushion ... why? All this and much, much more will be revealed by self-proclaimed fart guru to the stars, the 'Fart Whisperer' himself, ANDY JONES! Ably assisted by his go-to gas consultant, world-renowned 'farto-logist', Dr Windee Wendy (BSc-GAS, PhD-Wind, Mas-Odor).

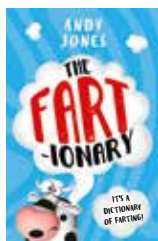
Science! Facts! Comedy! Rap! Poetry! All things gassy will be discussed, dissected and disposed of in this deliciously gassy raspberry romp.

So get ready to 'let one rip' with *The Fartionary 2: The Follow-Through!*

### KEY POINTS

- Over 50,000 copies sold of the crowd-pleasing first installment, *The Fartionary*

### ALSO IN THE SERIES:



Andy Jones is a bestselling children's author, entertainer, musician, songwriter and comedian. He performs up to 300 shows a year in schools, clubs, libraries and festivals all over Australia. Andy's 'What's the Joke' and 'Rap and Rhyme' shows are a high-energy mix of music, dance, rap, rhyme and audience participation. He has released six titles with HarperCollins including the bestselling *Hot Jokes for Kool Kids* and *The Fartionary*, and six CDs of music for ABC Kids.

Jules Faber has been a full-time professional cartoonist since 2004. After working on a Disney program, teaching at TAFE and a variety of other illustration-related jobs, Jules illustrated his first book, *WeirDo*, for author Anh Do in 2014. They won Book of the Year for Older Children with it, among other awards, and in 2020, Jules was honoured to receive the Jim Russell Award for Significant Contribution to Australian Cartooning. In 2023, Jules was named the Kids Own Australian Literature Awards (KOALA) Legend.

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## MIM AND THE VICIOUS VENDETTA (THE TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP, #5)

KATRINA NANNESTAD & CHERYL ORSINI

AGES: 7+

The lively new adventure from award-winning author Katrina Nannestad and beloved illustrator Cheryl Orsini proposes that the right book might change your life.

March 2024 | 240pp | 198x128mm

Paperback | ISBN 9780733343117

Publisher: Ana Vivas

Imprint: ABC Kids



Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy. Flossy leads them where she will, to the place where they're needed most ... the place where the perfect book will find its way home.

Now Mim has arrived in wonderful Venice, city of canals, palaces, bridges, boats and ... quarrels. Gondolier battles, cat-nappings and laundry theft are just the beginning. The Magnifico family and the Forte family are at war.

Mim knows they're here to help the feuding families. To show them a better way to behave. To bring an end to the vicious vendetta.

If only Mim could find each of them the right book. If only they'd all stop reading the *wrong* books.

### PRAISE

'I have been reading and adoring this series since it started because it has allowed me to travel the world through words and letters, and I adore Mim as a character – she is the kind of character I would have loved as a child reader and think she's great to highlight the magic of words, books, family and travel – and reading is a great way to travel the world and through time.' *The Book Muse*

'*Mim and the Vicious Vendetta*, written by the amazingly talented Katrina Nannestad and interspersed with some lovely black and white illustrations by Cheryl Orsini, will appeal to all ages. The fifth book in the enchanting series *The Travelling Bookshop*, this time taking readers on a wonderful journey to picturesque Venice.' *ReadPlus*

Katrina Nannestad is an award-winning Australian author. Her books include the CBCA-shortlisted *We Are Wolves*, *The Girl Who Brought Mischief*, the *Travelling Bookshop* series, the *Girl*, the *Dog* and the *Writer* series, the *Olive of Groves* series, the *Red Dirt Diaries* series, the *Lottie Perkins* series, and the historical novels *Rabbit*, *Soldier*, *Angel*, *Thief*, *Waiting for the Storks* and *Silver Linings*. Visit [katrinanannestad.com](http://katrinanannestad.com)

Cheryl Orsini is the much-loved illustrator of *The Fairy Dancers*, *The Tales of Mrs Mancini* and *The Magic Bookshop*. She has illustrated more than 30 children's books, and her work regularly appears in magazines and exhibitions. For more, visit [cherylorsini.com](http://cherylorsini.com)

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## FLUFF: UNSTOPPABLE! (FLUFF, #3)

MATT STANTON

AGES: 7+

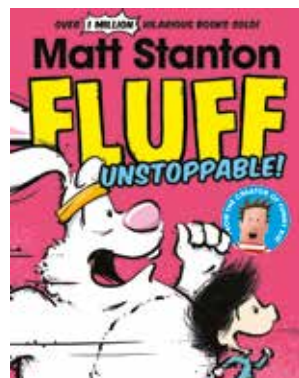
The hilarious and unmissable series about Gilbert, a boy whose best friend is an imaginary giant fluffy bunny called Fluff, from the creator who brought us *The Odds*, *Funny Kid* and *Bored*.

### Manuscript available

December 2024 | 216pp | 190x150mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9780733342097

Publisher: Ana Vivas

Imprint: ABC Kids



Gilbert is determined to win the local surfing competition and he will do anything to make it happen.

To be a real winner, maybe he needs ...

A BUNNY TO BEND THE RULES!

A hilarious story full of heart and packed with disguises, octopuses, lawn bowls and boxing grandpas!

From the creator of *Funny Kid* and *The Odds* comes ... the best friend you could ever imagine ... Fluff!

### PRAISE FOR THE SERIES

‘Entertaining and laugh-out-loud funny, expertly mixing humour and heart’ – *Books + Publishing*

‘I can see Fluff quickly gaining a fanbase to rival *Funny Kid* ... a must-read for new and existing Stanton fans’ *Better Reading*

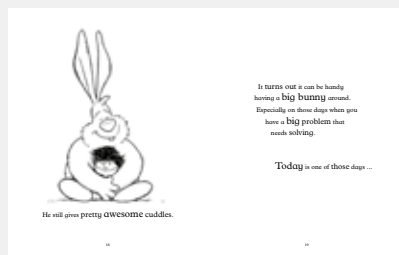
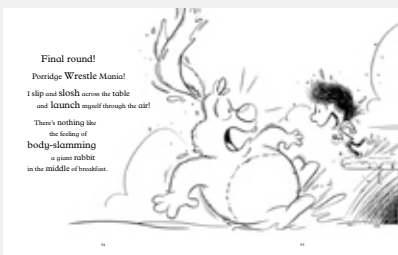
‘The funniest Matt Stanton book so far’ Cooper, age 9

‘100/10!’ Arlo, age 7

‘Really funny and fantastic!’ Max, age 7

### KEY POINTS

- Over a million copies of the series sold in Australia alone
- Much loved author of the globally super-popular series *Funny Kid*



## FLUFF, MESS UP! (FLUFF, #2)

MATT STANTON

AGES: 7+

June 2024 | 208pp | 190x150mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9780733342110



Gilbert and Fluff have got themselves into an enormous mess!

They have to clean up, but Gilbert would rather not get his hands dirty. What he needs is ... a bunny with a wild idea!

A hilarious story full of heart and packed with food fights, jumbo jets, banana smoothies and world domination!

From the creator of *Funny Kid* and *The Odds* comes the best friend you could ever imagine ... Fluff!

## FLUFF, BULLIES BEWARE! (FLUFF, #1)

MATT STANTON

AGES: 7+

November 2023 | 216pp | 190x150mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9780733342080



Gilbert's underpants are hanging on the school gate.

He must get revenge on the bully who put them there and who better to help than A BUNNY WITH ATTITUDE!

A hilarious story full of heart and packed with drones, wedgies, rockets and Parmesan cheese!

From the creator of *Funny Kid* and *The Odds* comes the best friend you could ever imagine ... Fluff!

Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator who has sold more than one million books. His middle-grade series *Funny Kid* debuted as the #1 Australian kids' book and has fans all around the world. He has 20 picture books to his name, including the award-winning *Books That Drive Kids Crazy!* and *Fart Monster* series, and is the creator of the immensely popular graphic novel series, *The Odds*, and the *Bored* novels.

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## FUNNY KID SPOOKYTIME (FUNNY KID, #13)

MATT STANTON

AGES: 7+

**Funny Kid is the mega-bestselling series from author-illustrator Matt Stanton that has everyone laughing!**

October 2024 | 288pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9780733342011

Publisher: Ana Vivas  
Imprint: ABC Kids



Every kid wants to laugh, but Max is the boy who can make it happen.

When everyone starts talking about a new scary movie, Max realises his friends don't just want to laugh ... they also want to scream!

Max is the funny kid, but does he know how to make his own scary movie?

An oversupply of slime, a bumbling babysitter, ghastly ghosts, melodramatic mummies and a terrifying beast called Duckenstein are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends in this brand-new Funny Kid adventure.

### SERIES PRAISE

'humour is injected into every page' Children's Book Council of Australia's Reading Time

'absolutely hilarious' Tim Harris, author of the Exploding Endings series

### KEY POINTS

- Nearly one million copies sold across the series
- Rights licensed to books in the series in the US, UK, and in translation in Czech, Turkish, Dutch, Portuguese (Brazil) and Vietnamese

### ALSO IN THE SERIES:



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Rights Licensed: Available on request for individual titles in the series

## THE POWER OF BEING ODD (THE ODDS, #3)

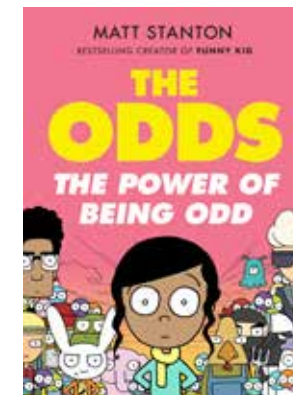
MATT STANTON

AGES: 7+

**Two worlds collide in this conclusion to The Odds trilogy.**

June 2023 | 192pp | 210x153mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9780733340659

Publisher: Ana Vivas  
Imprint: ABC Kids



Kip, Dad and the Odds have been taken to Kip's Imaginorium – a mysterious building in the middle of the desert. This is her imagination in real life. Going in is easy. Getting out might be impossible.

**KIP AND THE ODDS DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE IMAGINATION!**

A place filled with magnificent new characters, unbelievable rooms, secret doors, terrifying Fears and the incredibly strange Dots, could this finally be the way for the Odds to get back to their own worlds? And will the greatest adventure of Kip's life be inside her own mind?

From million-copy bestseller Matt Stanton comes a hilarious and heart-filled story about imagination, creativity and our unique power within.

### SERIES PRAISE

'Stanton writes with a fine balance of humor and pathos ... Nuanced explorations of grief and self-discovery temper all the weirdness in this odd – and oddly satisfying – story' *Kirkus Reviews*

'Perfect for independent readers aged seven and up ... filled with Stanton's trademark humour and irreverence, embedded with themes of friendship, family and identity' *Books + Publishing*

'Matt Stanton is rapidly becoming one of the decade's most sought-after authors by young, newly independent readers who like his humour that is always tempered with a good, solid storyline ... this is a book that has depth as well as diversity and carries a message that will reach out to even the most reluctant reader' *The Bottom Shelf*

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## DARE TO BOWL (HOWZAT PAT, #1)

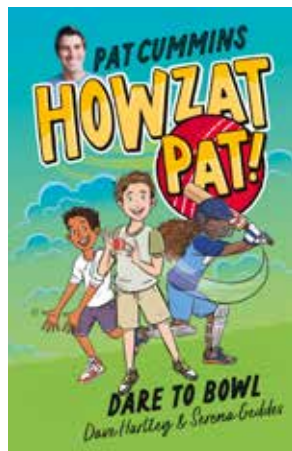
PAT CUMMINS WITH DAVE  
HARTLEY & SERENA GEDDES

AGES: 8–12

A NEW illustrated adventure series created  
by Australian Cricket Captain Pat Cummins,  
Dave Hartley and Serena Geddes!

October 2024 | 192pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460764688

Publisher: Angie Masters  
Imprint: HarperCollins Children



I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat!

There's BIG NEWS in my family – we're moving from the coast all the way to the mountains and I'm NOT HAPPY about it. I have LOTS of questions, like ...

- Will I FIT IN at my new school?
- How will I make new FRIENDS?
- What's there to DO in the MOUNTAINS?!
- MOST importantly – WHERE WILL I PLAY CRICKET?!!!

If you want to know the answers to these questions, too – READ THIS BOOK!

### KEY POINTS

- Pat Cummins is the captain of the Australian Cricket team so he knows his cricket!
- Will appeal to cricket obsessed young readers world over

Pat Cummins is best known as an Aussie international fast bowler and the current Captain of the Australian Men's Test and One Day cricket teams.

Dave Hartley is a school principal who has worked with the Queensland government on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education programs. A sports-obsessed Barunggam man, Dave is also an incredibly talented First Nations author who co-wrote the award-winning Strangers on Country and more amazing books.

Serena Geddes is an international children's author and illustrator who grew up in Melbourne and now lives in Sydney. Growing up, she was always playing sports and whilst she wasn't much of a cricket player, she could be found playing netball, softball, baseball and athletics. Serena worked for Disney Studios and loves bringing characters to life in the over 70 books she has illustrated.

## MISSION WILDLIFE RESCUE (HOWZAT PAT, #2)

PAT CUMMINS WITH DAVE  
HARTLEY & SERENA GEDDES

AGES: 8–12

The second book in the new illustrated adventure series  
created by Australian Cricket Captain Pat Cummins,  
Dave Hartley and Serena Geddes!

October 2024 | 192pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460764695



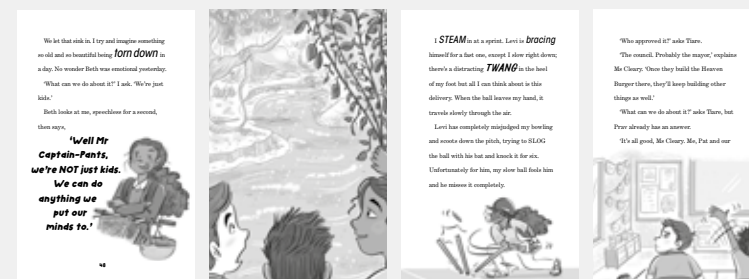
I'm Pat Cummins and I love playing cricket. I love it so much that I sleep with my bat!

I'm in a great cricket team with my best mates Prav and Beth, and we're all really keen to know who our team's cricket CAPTAIN will be.

But on our way to practise, something HUGE happened. We were bike racing through the bush when we came across bulldozers knocking down a section of trees where KOALAS live. We couldn't believe our eyes! We have LOTS to find out, like ...

- Who is behind this DISASTER?
- What HAPPENED to the koalas?
- How can we make sure they are SAFE ...
- AND have somewhere to live?

If you want to know the answers to these questions, too – READ THIS BOOK!



## MILLIE MAK THE MAKER (MILLIE MAK, #1)

ALICE PUNG & SHER RILL NG

AGES: 8+

**An inspiring series for young and old makers by the award-winning, much loved author-illustrator team Alice Pung and Sher Rill Ng.**

September 2023 | 288pp | 234x153mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763773



Ten-year-old Millie Mak is a maker and a problem-solver. And a clever one too, as out of recycled materials she creates beautiful and useful things – that also help people.

From two of Australia's most renowned creators comes an inspiring and timely series about Millie Mak, a young Chinese-Scottish girl who loves to create. And when she does so, Millie recycles and upcycles and also shares her skills and knowledge with her friends.

A series for every young person whose aim is to help those around them and also make the world more sustainable.

### PRAISE

'A gentle story about family' Deborah Abela

'Crafty, creative, and courageous' Sophie Beer

'Clever, whip smart, with a touch of whimsy' Wai Chim

'A big-hearted book about transformation, creativity and discovery' Jaclyn Crupi

'... a girl for our times' Rebecca Lim

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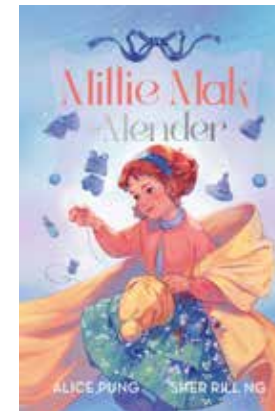
## MILLIE MAK THE MENDER (MILLIE MAK, #2)

ALICE PUNG & SHER RILL NG

AGES: 8+

**Everyone's favourite crafty ten-year-old Millie the Maker is back using her superpower of making everyday objects into something beautiful and useful.**

September 2024 | 288pp | 234x153mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763797



**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children

Millie Mak is now ten, and often feels shy and awkward. But by using her special gift to make useful and beautiful things, Millie befriends residents at the aged care home where her mum works. When the whole school becomes involved in making hats for the residents, a tricky situation arises between Millie's friends. Millie is a maker – but can she also mend friendships? Millie also discovers her sewing superpower can attract the attention of important adults. And when Millie and her friends are invited to be on TV – on *Young Hero Hour!* – they must work out how to stay true to themselves.

### KEY POINTS

- For fans of renowned storytellers Emily Rodda, Judith Rossell and Katrina Nannestad
- Contains easy-to-follow instructions of the special things that Millie and her friends make

Alice Pung is the current Artist in Residence at Janet Clarke Hall, the University of Melbourne, and Adjunct Professor at RMIT University's School of Media and Communication. A bestselling, award-winning author for adults, her highly praised children's books include *Millie Mak the Maker* and *Be Careful, Xiao Xin!* (ill. Sher Rill Ng), *When Granny Came to Stay* (ill. Sally Sowool Han) and the Meet Marly books (ill. Lucia Masciullo). Alice was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to literature in 2022.

Sher Rill Ng is a Woi Wurrung/Melbourne-based illustrator. She designed and illustrated for SaaS companies before releasing her first author-illustrated picture book *Our Little Inventor* in 2019. In 2022, *Our Little Inventor* was adapted into a children's opera, composed by Emma Jayakumar and presented by the West Australian Opera. Her work includes middle-grade book covers for *The Twelve* by Cindy Lin, *The Rogues* by Lian Tanner and *Winnie Zeng Unleashes a Legend* by Katie Zhao. Most recently Sher Rill has illustrated *Be Careful, Xiao Xin!* written by Alice Pung.

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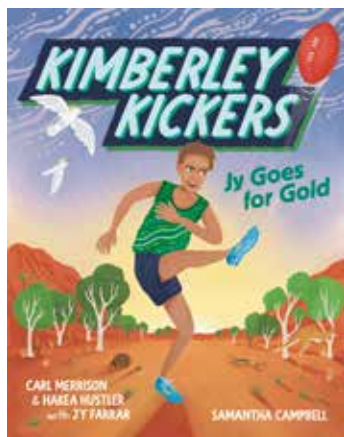
## JY GOES FOR GOLD (KIMBERLEY KICKERS, #1)

CARL MERRISON, HAKEA  
HUSTLER & SAMANTHA  
CAMPBELL

AGES: 8+

**An action-packed illustrated series for ages 8+, from the award-winning authors of *Black Cockatoo* and *My Footy Boots*.**

September 2024 | 192pp | 190x150mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460765074  
Publisher: Angie Masters  
Imprint: HarperCollins Children



*I'm about 35 metres out from the goal and, running on instinct, I do a snap kick of the ball. I watch as the footy flies through the air.*

*Will it bend enough?*

*I can hear the roar of the crowd but my focus is on that red ball. It flies through the big white sticks.*

*It's a goal!*

I'm Jy Farrar and the dream I had to play professional Aussie Rules footy since I was a kid in outback Halls Creek has finally come true.

Let me tell you the story of how I got here – about my mates, my family, growing up in the Kimberley around the bush and the red dirt and spinifex and goannas, playing footy and going to boarding school far away from home.

A footy adventure story based on Jy Farrar's life by award-winning authors Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler.

Jy Farrar was born and raised in Halls Creek in the Kimberley in Western Australia. Jy loves fishing and being out on Country with his family. He attended the remote outback school of Halls Creek until Year 7 when he went to school in Hale College in Perth. In 2015 he played for Scotch College in Adelaide. Jy was drafted into the Gold Coast Suns team in 2019 and played his first game of AFL in September 2020.

Carl Merrison is a respected Jaru/Kija man who has worked alongside Aboriginal youth as a mentor and coach in education, AFL and community. Hakea Hustler is an experienced teacher who has taught around Australia including in remote Aboriginal communities. Hakea and Carl are an award-winning writing duo of many books, including CBCA Honour Book *Black Cockatoo*.

Samantha Campbell is a children's book illustrator and graphic designer. She is descended from the Dagoman people and lives in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) with her family. She draws inspiration from her childhood growing up in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

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## COPYCAT

KELLI ANNE HAWKINS

AGES: 8+

**A funny and thrilling crime caper for kids from the author of *The School for Talking Pets* and *Birdbrain*.**

September 2023 | 304pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460763315  
Publisher: Angie Masters  
Imprint: HarperCollins Children



There are some things about Seagulls Nest that eleven-year-old Skye Starling likes ...

- Egg sandwiches (tick)
- Admiral Mittens (her cat), who's always trying to get her attention (tick)
- Writing mystery stories about star detective Red Fox (tick)
- Spying on suspicious townsfolk with her new friend Bailey (tick)
- The Annual Squawk Awards (tick)

and there are some things she doesn't like at all ...

- Winston, the Mayor's chicken (he pecks!) (cross)
- Her freshly finished novel being stolen (cross)
- The crimes in her novel happening in REAL LIFE! (cross)
- Everyone in the town acting suspiciously (cross)
- Being the only one who can find the real criminal! (cross cross cross!)

Will Skye uncover the culprit in time to save the town?

PRAISE:

'Terrific characters and lots of suspense keep the pages turning in this creative novel full of ups and downs, twists and turns.' *Kids Book Review*

'Fans of R.A. Spratt's Friday Barnes detective series would enjoy this book, as well as the Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens series.' *ReadPlus*

KEY POINTS

- Shortlisted, Sisters in Crime 24th Davitt Awards for Best Children's Novel, 2024

Kelli Anne Hawkins has worked as a journalist, graphic designer, administration assistant and mystery shopper – she's even had a job where she just had to remove staples! But all along, her love of books and libraries and reading and daydreaming should have told her she was meant to write books. Some of her favourite things are airports, velvet jackets, mangoes, the colour yellow, the satisfaction of crossing stuff off lists and staring at the ocean. She lives in Newcastle, NSW, with her two children, who are now taller than she is and far better at maths.

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## MING AND ADA SPARK THE DIGITAL AGE (THE GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD, #4)

JACKIE FRENCH

AGES: 8+

The fourth book in the bestselling Jackie French historical series that places girls centre stage.

June 2024 | 336pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460764879

Publisher: Lisa Berryman

Imprint: HarperCollins Children



Ming Qong is convinced that girls have changed the world throughout history.

History's sister, the mysterious Herstory, believes that the more you know about the past, the better you can understand the future. And so she now sends Ming to work as a maid in an isolated English mansion to see a girl change the world in 1829.

But which girl? The young mistress of the house is lying in bed, recovering from the measles. Abandoned by her aristocratic mother and family, she may never walk – or even read and write – again.

Ming becomes friends with another scullery maid, Hepzibah, who is desperately teaching herself to read and longs to free slaves, as she and her parents had been. But what hope has a scullery maid?

PRAISE for *Ming and Flo Fight for the Future* #3 in the series:

'The latest book from Jackie French is another fabulous look at women in history, and what they really did, rather than what the history books assume.' *The Book Muse*

## TIGG AND THE BANDICOOT BUSHRANGER

JACKIE FRENCH

AGES: 9+

The UK had highwaymen, Australia had bushrangers. The new action-packed adventure from bestselling, award-winning national treasure, Jackie French.

**Manuscript available**

December 2024 | 320pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460763506

Publisher: Lisa Berryman

Imprint: HarperCollins Children



Orphaned twelve-year-old Tigg is the Bandicoot Bushranger, the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859.

When a robbery goes wrong, Tigg must flee in disguise as one of the tens of thousands of Chinese men and boys braving heat, thirst, starvation and murderous attacks on the long road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria.

But even further danger threatens. Who has offered a large sum of money for Tigg's capture? And is the mysterious Henry Lau a friend or enemy?

To be safe, Tigg must solve the greatest mystery of all.

Who is Tigg?

### KEY POINTS

- Jackie French has shared over 4 million books with readers!
- Her writing career spans: 25 years, 140 books, 36 languages, 60 awards

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SERIES:



Jackie French AM is an award-winning writer, wombat negotiator, the 2014–2015 Australian Children's Laureate and the 2015 Senior Australian of the Year. In 2016 Jackie became a Member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to children's literature and her advocacy for youth literacy. She is regarded as one of Australia's most popular children's authors and writes across all genres – from picture books, history, fantasy, ecology and sci-fi to her much-loved historical fiction for a variety of age groups. 'A book can change a child's life. A book can change the world' was the primary philosophy behind Jackie's two-year term as Laureate.

## OUT OF BOUNDS (THE TOO-TALL TALES OF ALMA T. BEST, #1)

KATHERINE COLLETTE

AGES: 9+

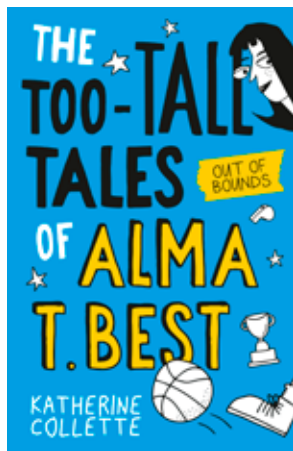
When you're 12 years old and 6 foot tall, people ask the most annoying questions. The #1 Most Annoying Question according to Alma T. Best is, 'Do you play basketball?'

Uh, no. She *bates* basketball.

September 2024 | 336pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460765388

Publisher: Eve Tonelli

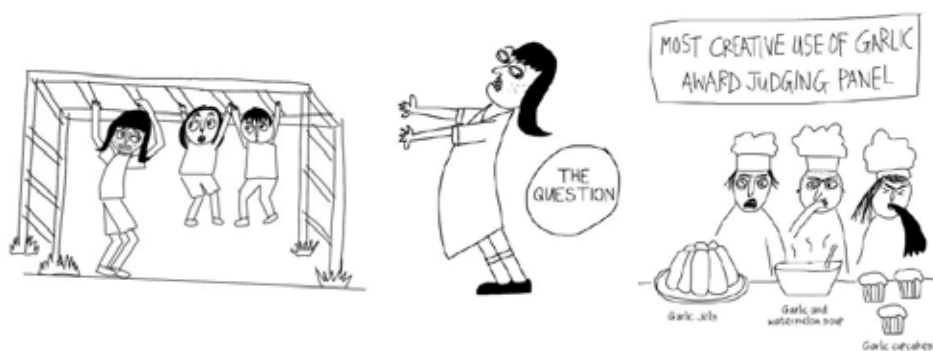
Imprint: HarperCollins Children



Then Alma wins a scholarship to attend Holy Grace, a fancy, basketball-obsessed girls school, and she worries about fitting in.

Rather than admit she lives in Shellsville, home to Holy Grace's biggest basketball rivals, she pretends to have grown up on a distant peach farm.

But when a twist of fate means Alma has to suddenly produce large quantities of peaches, she finds herself in a bit of a jam ...



## GIRL WHO CRIED BIRD (THE TOO-TALL TALES OF ALMA T. BEST, #2)

KATHERINE COLLETTE

AGES: 9+

When you're 12 years old and 6 foot tall, prepare for a hilarious ride through that notoriously tricky first year of high school.

**Manuscript available January 2025**

April 2025 | 336pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460765401

Publisher: Eve Tonelli

Imprint: HarperCollins Children



The problem with Bird Day is that all everyone does is go birdwatching. Alma's not very interested in birds.

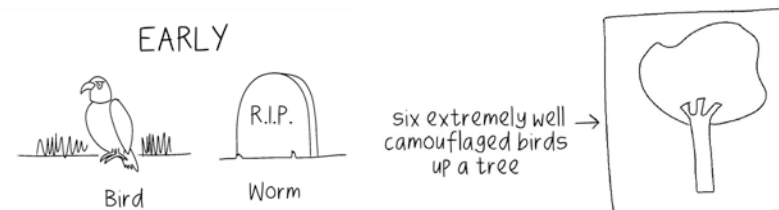
But when she manages to see an extremely rare purple-bellied parrot, it's big news. She's practically, almost, nearly, entirely famous!

The only problem is, no one else saw the parrot ... And no one saw Alma see the parrot ... And no one's seen the parrot since.

When some so-called 'experts' suggest Alma didn't see the bird at all, she's determined to prove them wrong, no matter what.

### KEY POINTS

- Katherine is a hilarious new middle-grade voice!
- Perfect for fans of Australian superstars like Matt Stanton, Fiona Hardy and Nat Amoore.



Katherine Collette is the author of two novels for adults, *The Helpline* and *The Competition*. *The Helpline* was published in Australia, the UK, the US, Italy and Germany and long listed for the Indie Book award for debut fiction. Katherine co-hosts popular writing podcast *The First Time* and its recent spin-off *The Next Step*. She coaches writers and authors on writing and publishing, and her cartoons have appeared in *Griffith Review*.

*The Too-Tall Tales of Alma T. Best* is her first middle-grade book.

## HESTER HITCHINS AND THE FALLING STARS

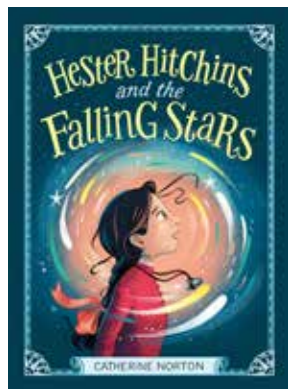
CATHERINE NORTON

AGES: 10+

Navigation skills have many uses, but can they help Hester find her place in the universe? Fans of *The Fortune Maker* will be sure to love award-winning author Catherine Norton's enchanting new middle-grade historical fiction title.

August 2024 | 240pp | 210x153mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763179

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman  
**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



It's 1866, and Hester Hitchins' father is missing at sea.

Determined to find him, eleven-year-old Hester wins a place at Addington's Nautical Navigation Academy, where she will learn to navigate by the stars. But the academy is just for boys, and what's more, no one seems to be in charge.

Bumbling schoolmaster Captain Slingsby doesn't know anything about navigation. Lord Addington is obsessed with building the world's biggest telescope and Lady Addington believes that falling stars are the souls of the dead.

With the help of a lodestone, her new friends Pru and Nelson, and a dazzling meteor storm, can Hester set things right – and find her own place in the universe?

**Rights Held:** World English and translation

## THE FORTUNE MAKER

CATHERINE NORTON

AGES: 10+

**Which is more dangerous – a future you can't see – or one that you can? Twelve-year-old Maud Mulligan is about to find out in this compulsively readable novel from award-winning author, Catherine Norton.**

August 2023 | 320pp | 210x153mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9781460763155

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman  
**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



Twelve-year-old Maud Mulligan knows there's no future for her in London, in the rat-infested slum where she grew up. But in the tunnel under the river are fortune tellers, Seers, who will tell your future for a few pennies. And then there is Mr Mandalay, Seer to the king and anyone else rich enough to afford him.

When Mr Mandalay sees Maud in a foretelling for a wealthy factory heiress, she believes Maud can save her family from financial ruin. But how? And why? What could a girl like Maud do to change anyone's future – or even her own?

Full of more twists and turns than any fortune-teller's tales, this is a story that will keep you reading to the very last page.

**PRAISE** for Catherine Norton's *The Fortune Maker*

'A glorious book, rich with historical understanding,' Jackie French

'I didn't want to tear myself away from this book! SO exciting – and immersive. Gritty yet mystical. I LOVED it.' Catherine Jinks

Catherine Norton is a children's writer from Adelaide. Her first novel, *Crossing* (Omnibus Books), was joint winner of the Patricia Wrightson Prize in the 2015 NSW Premier's Awards. It was also a CBCA Notable Book.

Catherine holds a PhD in Creative Writing from the University of Adelaide and has written fiction and reviews (under her real name, Helen Dinmore) for a variety of publications, including *Overland* and *Kill Your Darlings*.

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## WAITING FOR THE STORKS

KATRINA NANNESTAD

AGES: 10+

**The powerful novel from master storyteller  
Katrina Nannestad.**

November 2022 | 352pp | 210x153mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733342271

**Publisher:** Ana Vivas

**Imprint:** ABC Kids



It's the Second World War and Himmler's Lebensborn Program is in full flight when eight-year-old Zofia Ulinski is kidnapped by the Germans. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, just like the other Polish children taken from their families and robbed of their names, their language, their heritage.

But when Zofia is adopted into a wealthy and loving German family, it is easier, it is *safer* to bury her past, deep down, so everything is forgotten. Until the Polish boy arrives.

And the past comes back to haunt her.

### PRAISE

'I could talk about how much I adore Katrina Nannestad's work all day. Profound, emotional and gripping, Nannestad's writing is also sensitive enough to depict the darkest parts of history in a way that is appropriate for children without holding back.' *Readings*

AWARDS for previous books:

*We Are Wolves* – Winner of the 2021 ARA Historical Novel Prize (Children and Young Adult)

*Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief* – Winner of the 2022 ARA Historical Novel Prize (Children and Young Adult) and the 2022 ABA Booksellers' Choice Book of the Year Award (Children's)

ALSO BY:



## SILVER LININGS

KATRINA NANNESTAD

AGES: 11+

**A heart-warming novel set in the 1950s from  
bestselling, award-winning author Katrina Nannestad**

November 2023 | 304pp | 210x153mm  
Hardback | ISBN 9780733342257

**Publisher:** Ana Vivas

**Imprint:** ABC Kids



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 Auntie 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?

From multi-award-winning Australian author Katrina Nannestad comes a heartbreakingly beautiful and uplifting historical novel. Life and death. Weddings and floods. Coronation joy and post-war grief. Nettie Sweeney and her community experience it all. Together. With humour, kindness and love.

### PRAISE

'*Silver Linings* is a gorgeous, memorable read for ages 11+.' *Better Reading*

'... the prose is filled with humour, cleverly creating sharp images that roll like a film through the reader's mind.' *Kids Book Review*

Katrina Nannestad is an award-winning Australian author. Her books include the CBCA-shortlisted *We Are Wolves*, *The Girl Who Brought Mischief*, the Travelling Bookshop series, the Girl, the Dog and the Writer series, the Olive of Groves series, the Red Dirt Diaries series, the Lottie Perkins series, and the historical novels *Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief* and *Waiting for the Storks*. Visit [katrinanannestad.com](http://katrinanannestad.com)

## SECRET SPARROW

JACKIE FRENCH

AGES: 12+

**Award-winning, bestselling author Jackie French's riveting tale of 'The Telegraph Girl', the unknown frontline coder of WW1.**

December 2023 | 256pp | 198x128mm

Paperback | ISBN 9781460760468

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



In 1917 sixteen-year-old Jean McLain is working as a post-office assistant in England. But when she wins a national Morse code competition, the British army makes a request Jean cannot refuse – to take a secret position as a signaller in France.

If Jean can keep the signals flowing between headquarters and the soldiers at the Front, Britain might possibly win the war.

But the British army are determined to hide its desperation – and will go on to burn every document that showed how women and girls were working behind the scenes, in the trenches, and even in battles during World War I.

Decades later, an old woman tells the story of 'the telegraph girl': the friends she lost, the man who loved her, and the happiness she so surprisingly found again.

Based on true events, this story of adventure, courage and unshakable loyalty restores women and girls to their place in history that the authorities tried to erase.

### PRAISE

'Jackie French has an excellent reputation for her historical fiction, and this story does not disappoint. Based on true events, rich in historical detail and filled with characters who come alive, this is an engaging read that will be enjoyed by readers of Michael Morpurgo and Katrina Nannestad, as well as history and thriller lovers aged 10–14.' *Books + Publishing*

Jackie French AM is an award-winning writer, wombat negotiator, the 2014–2015 Australian Children's Laureate and the 2015 Senior Australian of the Year. In 2016 Jackie became a Member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to children's literature and her advocacy for youth literacy. She is regarded as one of Australia's most popular children's authors and writes across all genres – from picture books, history, fantasy, ecology and sci-fi to her much-loved historical fiction for a variety of age groups. 'A book can change a child's life. A book can change the world' was the primary philosophy behind Jackie's two-year term as Laureate.

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## A GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE

BROOKE BLURTON &  
MELANIE SAWARD

AGES: 13+

**A brilliantly warm-hearted new series from Brooke Blurton and Melanie Saward, full of high school longing, friendship, AFL matches, and dreams to change the world!**

### Manuscript available

February 2025 | 256pp | 198x128mm

Paperback | ISBN 9781460761496

Publisher: Angie Masters

Imprint: HarperCollins Children



It's funny how your life changes.

I used to be worried about playing footy and whether my first kiss would be with a boy or a girl. I used to worry about having enough time after school and putting my little cousins to bed to go for a run with my best friend Loz and whether she'd ever look at me the way she looks at my brother Poss.

But a new girl came to school and there's something about her ... I suddenly got the courage to stand up to our history teacher about teaching our true history with books written by blackfullas. And somehow she did too!

At first we were on top of the world – and we might even have a chance to change it just a little bit. But now I'm banned from footy and I wonder ... is it all going to be worth it?

### KEY POINTS

- Brooke Blurton broke records as the first Indigenous and bisexual Bachelorette for Network Ten's reality television franchise
- Brooke co-hosts the podcast *First Things First* with Matty Mills where they share personal yarns through a First Nations Lens and has a legion of social media followers (more than 300k)

Brooke Blurton is a proud Noongar-Yamatji woman and broke records as the first Indigenous and bisexual Bachelorette for Network Ten's reality television franchise. Brooke is a passionate mental health advocate and champion of young people, especially First Nations and queer youth, and all people of colour. Brooke developed her passion for mental health advocacy as a youth worker by reflecting on her own challenging journey and educating young people about essential life skills, including Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid. Brooke is an RUOK Ambassador, supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart via the Uluru Youth Network, and is a champion for LGBTIQ groups. She lives in Melbourne.

Melanie Saward is a proud Bigambul and Wakka Wakka woman. She is a writer, editor, and academic based in Tulumur (Ipswich), Queensland. Her debut novel *Burn* was published in 2023 and her first romantic comedy novel, *Love Unleashed*, was published in 2024.

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## THE UNEXPECTED MESS OF IT ALL

GABRIELLE TOZER

AGES: 14+

**A very funny and fraught ‘enemies-to-will-they-won’t-they’ romance between family friends Jamila and Billy.**

May 2024 | 352pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460761441

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



Jamila Dakhoul wants to escape her life.

Forget everything. Forget that her only friends are strangers on the internet. Forget that she’s stuck in a caravan after a fire destroyed her family’s house. Forget that Year 12 is a brutal hellhole where bullying is an Olympic sport. Forget Billy Radcliffe once and for all.

But as Jamila tries to untangle the messy threads of her life on a weekend away with her family, it becomes clear that she can’t outrun her past, no matter how hard she tries ...

A coming-of-age story about falling apart, starting over, and the people and places you can’t live without from the award-winning author of *Remind Me How This Ends*, *Can’t Say It Went to Plan* and *The Intern*.

### PRAISE

‘... displays [Tozer’s] trademark empathy, humour and cheekiness’ *Books + Publishing*

‘Another great YA novel from Gabrielle Tozer.’ *The Book Muse*

Gabrielle Tozer is an award-winning author who has published six books, including the young adult novels *Remind Me How This Ends*, *Faking It* and *The Intern*, which won the 2015 State Library of Victoria’s Gold Inky Award. Her first picture book, *Peas and Quiet* (illustrated by Sue deGennaro), was published in 2017, as was her young adult short story ‘The Feeling From Over Here’ (featured in *Begin, End, Begin: A #LoveOzYA Anthology*). Gabrielle’s debut children’s novel, *Melody Trumpet*, hit shelves in 2019. *Can’t Say It Went to Plan* is her latest young adult novel,

## FIREFLIES IN FLIGHT (THE TOWERS, #2)

METTE JAKOBSEN

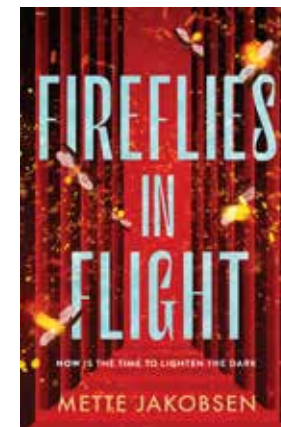
AGES: 14+

**A captivating, fast-paced thriller set in a dystopian world not so different from our own.**

June 2023 | 320pp | 198x128mm  
Paperback | ISBN 9781460762097

**Publisher:** Lisa Berryman

**Imprint:** HarperCollins Children



Nothing about being back in the city is easy, but Ally knows that she must find the missing research before ONE does. The Administration has tight control of the capital and there are eyes everywhere. In her attempt to find somewhere to hide, Ally discovers that not everyone in the underground resistance group she encounters is welcoming – or safe.

As tension builds in the city, Ally learns that the go-ahead has already been given to start the deadly experiments on her friends who are still locked up in the Towers.

In a race against time, Ally is forced to risk everything. Will she be able to find the hidden research? Can she get back to the Towers to save her friends before it’s too late?

And can she really trust Josh, the handsome resistance group leader?

### PRAISE FOR *THE SNOW LAUNDRY*

‘An utterly gripping tale of strength and survival in dark times’ Amie Kaufman

‘... a valuable addition to the Australian dystopian YA tradition’ *Books + Publishing*

‘... a must-read for YA readers who love a fast-paced, futuristic read’ *Better Reading*

‘Highly recommended’ *ReadPlus*

### KEY POINTS

- A duology with the intensity of *The Handmaid’s Tale*, the drama of *Divergent* and the political intrigue of *The Darkest Minds* series

Originally from Denmark, Mette Jakobsen now resides in Sydney. Her novels have been shortlisted for the Commonwealth Book Prize, topped the Indie Book List, and mentioned on Oprah’s Booklist. *The Snow Laundry* was her first YA title.

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