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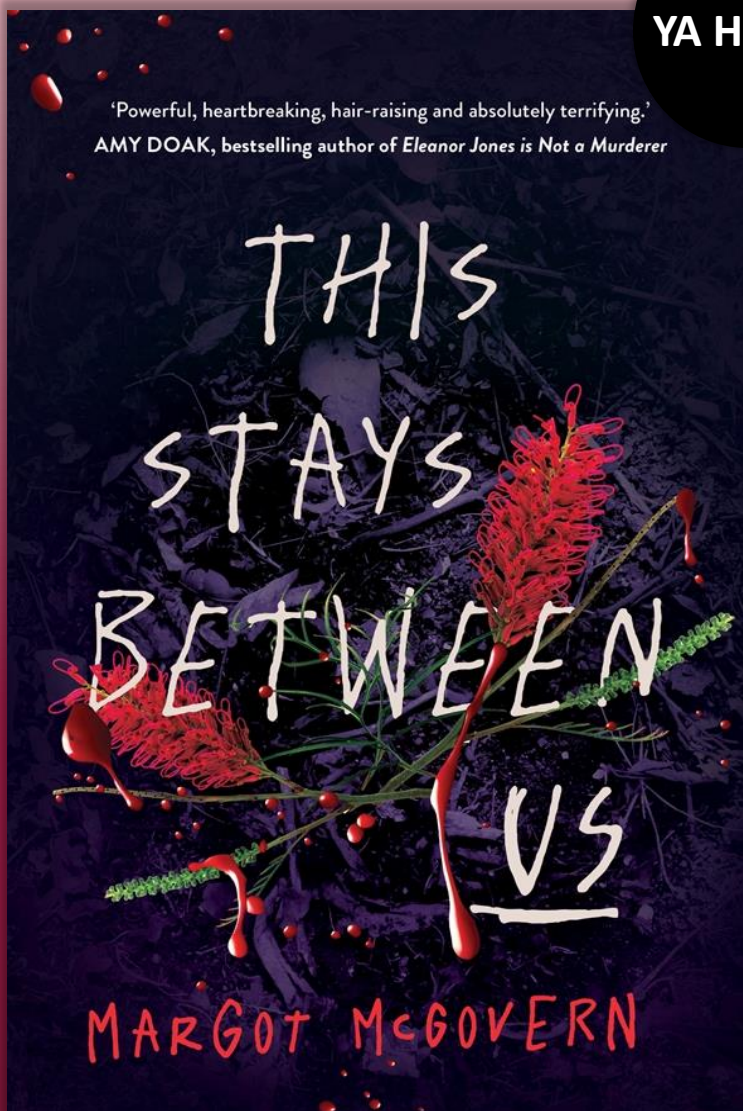
YOUNG ADULT



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YA Horror



This Stays Between Us

Margot McGovern

- *'Powerful, heartbreaking, hair-raising and absolutely terrifying. This feminist ode to the 90s slasher films is twisty, clever and frightening from beginning to end.'* AMY DOAK, bestselling author of *Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer*
- Edgy and subversive, this dark YA novel combines late 90s slasher vibes with the elevated themes of prestige horror, and will appeal to readers of Ellie Marney, Vikki Wakefield, Lili Wilkinson and Sarah Epstein, as well as fans of *Yellowjackets*, *Carrie* and meta-horror, such as the *Scream* franchise and Stephen Graham Jones' *Chainsaw* trilogy.
- Contains themes and current trends about women and power, how women and girls are portrayed in the horror genre and how that can be reclaimed. Feeds into the current conversation about consent and empowerment.

Four girls share a cabin on their school retreat – in an abandoned town where the ghost of Smiling Jack is known to haunt the isolated campers.

Shelley is the new girl with her own haunted past.

Mack made things awkward by kissing her best friend.

Priya thinks she's ready to take the next step with her boyfriend.

Raffi has a flair for drama, and convinces them all to hold a seance.

But when you call on the darkness, sometimes the darkness replies . . .



Margot McGovern lives in Adelaide and has a creative writing PhD from Flinders University. Her debut novel, *Neverland*, was shortlisted for the Text Prize and the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature, and her short horror fiction has appeared in issues of *The Dark* and the Aurealis-Award-shortlisted anthology *Hometown Haunts: #LoveOzYA Horror Tales*. You can find Margot on Instagram: @margot.mcgovern

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Eleanor Jones Can't Keep A Secret

Amy Doak

- For fans of YA thrillers like *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* and *One of Us Is Lying*.
- *Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer* was the #2 bestselling Australian YA debut of 2023, was the Dymocks YA Book of the Month and was shortlisted in the Australian Book Industry Awards.
- *Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer* Rights sold to Italy (Cairo).

Eleanor Jones stirs up more mystery and danger in this fast-paced YA mystery.

Things have settled down in Cooina and Eleanor Jones is getting used to her new normal – spending time with her friends, going to school, and working on a project at the local old age home. But just as things start to feel calm, a series of events once again rock Eleanor's world: Troy's ex-girlfriend is back in town and, during a visit to the old age home, Eleanor's buddy Nance admits to witnessing a murder, swearing Eleanor to secrecy.

In an effort to definitely not be concerned about Troy's ex, Eleanor throws herself into solving the mystery of the murder Nance spoke about. Enlisting the help of new friend and genealogy expert Jem to research Nance's past, Eleanor soon realises that digging into old secrets can sometimes be incredibly dangerous indeed.

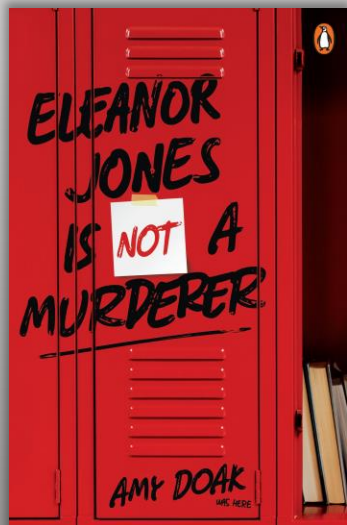
Praise for *Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer*

'Doak has written an ode to the strength of women, believing in yourself and finally finding your people.' *Books+Publishing*

'Eleanor Jones is smart, strong and very much the person I'd want on my side in a crisis. Brilliant.' Katrina Nannestad, award-winning author of *Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief*



AMY DOAK is a lifelong lover of books, reading and writing. Following a career in media: advertising, radio, television and magazines, she continues to work as a freelance writer and is excited to see her non-fiction writing career evolve into a fiction one. Amy lives in regional Victoria with her husband, teen, tween, dog, and a very grumpy cat.



Eleanor Jones is on Fire

What Have They Done to Eliza McLean?

2025

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Young Adult



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The Locked Room (Working Title)

Adam Cece

- *Squid Game* meets *The Maze Runner* with a hint of *The Queens Gambit* in this tense YA Thriller
- High concept, high stakes, high emotions – this story packs a punch and you won't be able to put it down.
- 'I devoured this in one sitting – I HAD HAD HAD to get to the end to find out what was happening to these kids! Compelling. Page-turning. Tense. Funny. All perfect words to describe this entertaining and intriguing offering from Adam Cece . . . You'll never look at a green door the same way . . .' – Mary Verney (PRH Senior Editor Young Readers)

The clock is ticking...

Four teens from the same school wake up in a locked room. One's the narrator. One's a bully. One's a popular girl. And one's so mysterious none of them can remember her name.

The room has no windows, but it has a locked green door, with a countdown clock above it. They have less than an hour to figure out how to get out of this room. But when they do?

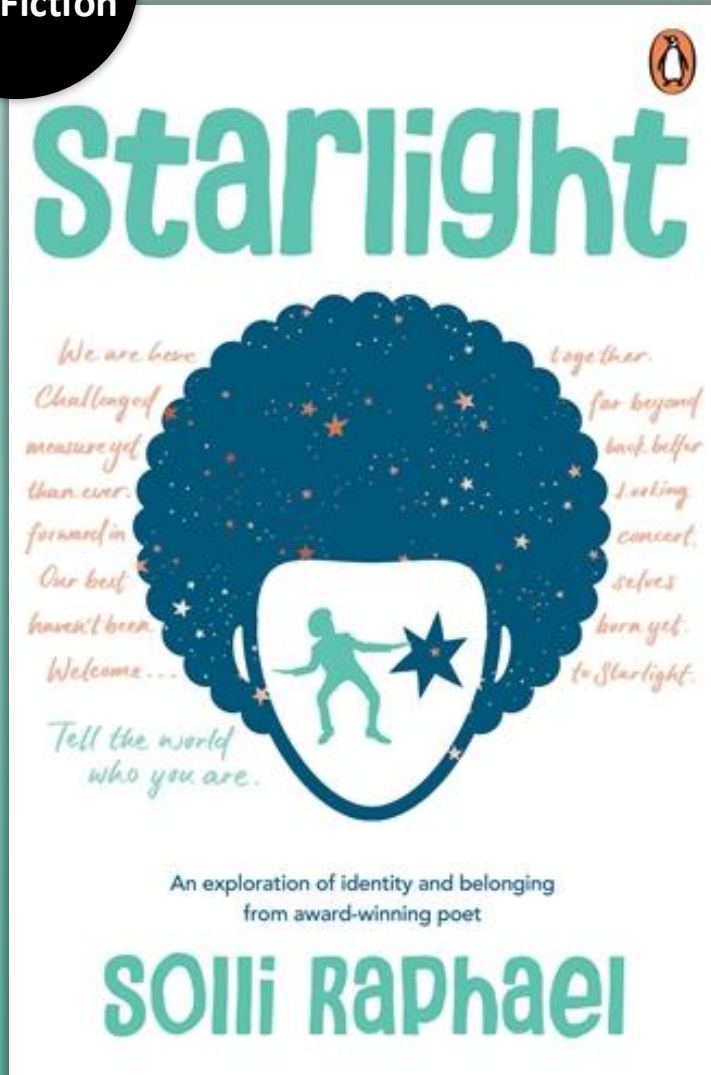
There's another locked room. And they can't go back . . .



ADAM CECE is an award-winning author of children's books, including *Wesley Booth Super Sleuth*, *Twin Spin* and the hilarious Huggabie Falls series, which has been published worldwide. He is passionate about inspiring people, young and old, to read and write. He is an SA Premier's Reading Challenge Ambassador, mentor, workshop facilitator and manuscript assessor, and visits schools and libraries around Australia delivering fun, interactive talks focused on being an author, the craft of writing, getting published, solving mysteries, and how to write a cracking shopping list.

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Starlight Solli Raphael



- Words have the power to empower others. Spoken-word poet Solli Raphael explores the concepts of belonging and identity for young people through his poetry and by sharing information and his own experiences.
- Solli's books *Limelight* and *Spotlight* have received accolades for their capacity to engage students in poetry, with *Limelight* winning a Nautilus Book Award in 2019 for best middle-grade nonfiction.

Adolescence is a time of self-discovery and identity formation as teenagers consider who they are, what they believe in, and where they fit in the world. Building a strong sense of self is a critical stage of development, and in a world with more choices, challenges, influences and information than ever, developing an understanding of identity has become essential for adolescents to establish successful and meaningful lives as adults.

Part analysis, part contemplation, *Starlight* covers the topics of adolescence, youth, identity, self-discovery and influence as Solli, now 18 years of age, explores what it means to find oneself and the barriers and opportunities we face along the way. In two parts, Part 1 explores these topics through poetry and creativity, while Part 2 explores the same topics through theories, scenarios, and parts of Solli's personal story.



At 12 years of age, **SOLLI RAPHAEL** was titled the youngest ever winner of the Australian Poetry Slam held at the Sydney Opera House after he performed 'Australian Air' – a poem about political wisdom, environmental awareness and the importance of social consciousness. He then rose to fame after his winning performance was viewed online over four million times in 24 hours.

Now a young adult, Solli is a globally renowned poet and keynote speaker; having led workshops; performed and spoken at conferences, schools and universities. Additionally (and passionately), Solli is an environmental activist and humanitarian who works closely as an ambassador for four charities and organisations.





NeuroWild Graphic Novel

Em Mainey

- A funny and poignant coming-of-age graphic novel about finding those people who see you for who you are and seeing them right back.
- The next stand-out MG graphic novel read for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Kayla Miller.

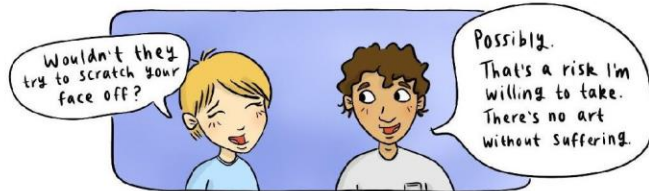
This beautifully crafted and funny story sings with schoolfriend dramas and will-they won't-they tingles, capturing all the thrilling and awkward feels of first love alongside the early-teen friendship turmoil and neurodivergent experience.

Eve, Sasha and Zack all try so hard to both fit in at school and be themselves. But is that even possible? ADHDer Eve can't help but create a whirlwind wherever she goes, but it always seems to wreak a tornado-like havoc whenever she tries to befriend her peers, without her knowing why or how. And with her BFF Sasha finding out she's autistic and Zack becoming something 'more' than a friend, even her anchor points are turning chaotic. Can Eve find a way to calm her chaos? Or will she find a way use it . . . ?

This striking graphic novel idea is the most delightful mix of frustrated anticipation and missed opportunities, beautifully framed within a doting three-way friendship that incorporates both the mutual understanding shared by two neurodivergent friends as well as a blooming romance born out of a neuro-respectful friendship, wrapped up in a warm-hug-of-a-cast.



EM MAINEY is known in the social media world as NeuroWild. Em is a late-diagnosed Autistic speech pathologist with ADHD. She is also mum to three neurodivergent kids, cat-lover, coffee-drinker, illustrator, and the face behind the NeuroWild social media accounts. Em is passionate about bringing neurodiversity-affirming practice into all therapy centres and schools and changing the world for our neurodivergent kids.



AGE
12+

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GRAPHIC
NOVEL



MY MENTAL BATTERY



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How I look when I'm LISTENING

How I look when I'm NOT listening

NeuroWild

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neurowild_ If you ever wanted to see my kids stop listening, all you would have to do is ask them to look in your eyes while you talk... more

9 May

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NEURODIVERGENT PEOPLE OFTEN FIND THAT THEIR MENTAL BATTERY DRAINS QUICKLY, TAKES LONGER TO RECHARGE, + REGULARLY RUNS OUT.

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These A4 pics don't show up here. So these... more

11 July





Audience

Quality audience
66.5K 85%

Top country
United States of America 30%

Top gender
Female 84%

Top age
25-34 35%

Countries



United States	29.6%
Australia	23.1%
United Kingdom	11.9%
Canada	4.6%
Italy	3.4%
Other	27.4%

Audience Type



Real people	64.6K	82.7%
Influencers ⓘ	1.8K	2.4%
Mass followers ⓘ	10.8K	13.8%
Suspicious accounts ⓘ	907	1.2%



MIDDLE GRADE



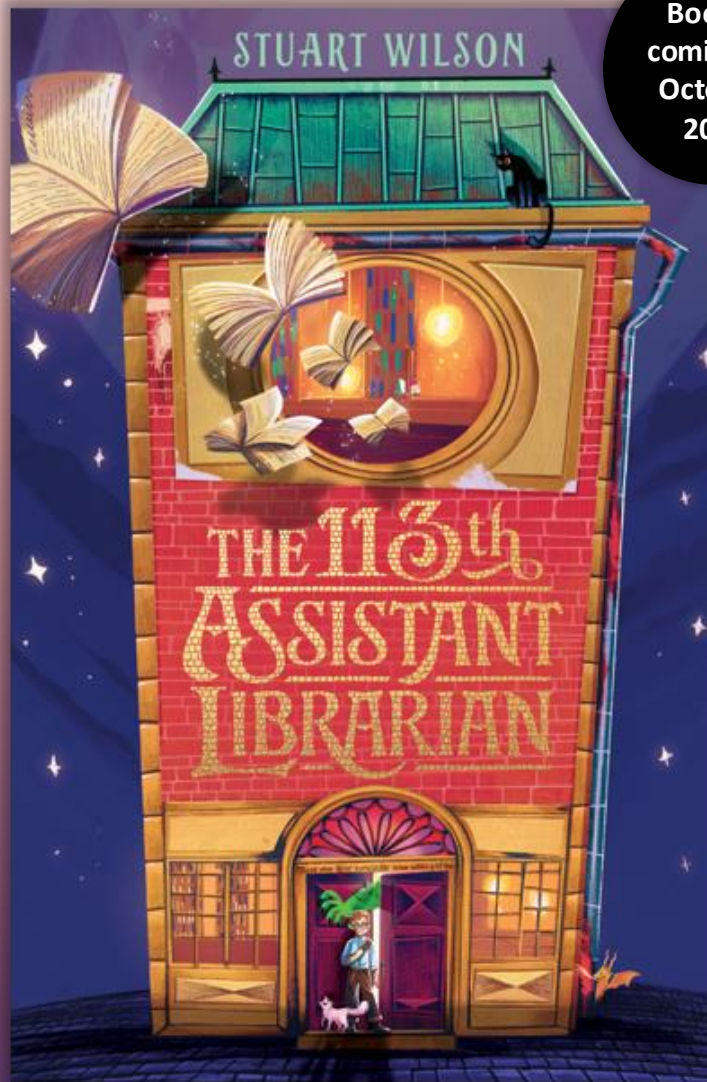
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The 113th Assistant Librarian

Stuart Wilson

- A cosy fantasy adventure story where books have power, cats are more than they seem, and the library is the most dangerous place in the city . . .
- Stuart Wilson's Prometheus High series has been sold into Germany (Carlsen Verlag).
- Translation rights sold to France (Editions Larousse) and Japan (Tokyo Sogensha Co).



Book 2
coming in
October
2025

On the day of his Calling, Oliver Wormwood is desperate to follow in the footsteps of his five older sisters by being apprenticed to one of the heroic Trades. Instead, he is picked by Hieronymus Finch-Thackeray to become the Assistant Librarian.

Oliver resigns himself to an uneventful, studious life. But on his first day, Hieronymus tells Oliver that books hold great power, and many assistant librarians have met an untimely end. Hieronymus then promptly dies of a heart attack – just as he's about to tell Oliver more about the library's dangers.

Oliver is left to navigate the hazards of the library – including razor-toothed bookworms, labyrinthine aisles, an infestation of bats, and the sometimes-scary library patrons – and then there are the books themselves! His only company are the nine library cats, who hinder as often as they help. When a woman is killed in the street outside, Oliver wonders if it's connected to the library and decides to investigate. Why do people keep dying around the library? Is it a hazard of the job, or does someone have a motive for murder?



STUART WILSON lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife and son. An omnivore when it comes to consuming stories, he reads too many books, watches too many films and plays too many videogames.

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Middle
Grade

A CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA HONOUR BOOK

'GRIPPING AND UNPREDICTABLE,
WITH A HERO YOU WON'T FORGET.'
JOHN BOYNE, AUTHOR OF
THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS



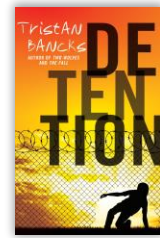
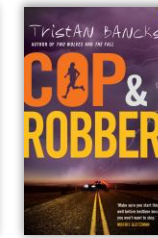
TWO WOLVES

TRISTAN BANCKS

Sequel to a
beloved
bestseller!

MAY 2026 | Paperback | 256pp
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Raised by Wolves Tristan Bancks



- The nail-biting sequel to the award-winning and 100,000-copy bestselling *Two Wolves*.
- Tristan Bancks is the biggest-selling Australian author of action-packed, fast-paced, high-interest stories for upper middle grade readers aged 10 to 14.
- Tristan's previous book, *Scar Town*, won the 2024 CBCA Book of the Year for Younger Readers.

What would you do if your dad had been on the run for five years and, one cold winter night, you were home alone and he arrived at your door, sick, begging to come in? Would you let him? And, if you did, what if he stole from you?

Olive and Ben Silver's dad has been on the run from the law, and from his family, for five years. But, tonight, when Olive (now twelve) is all alone, Dad comes home. He steals money that they need to survive and disappears into the night. Olive can't reach Mum or Ben, so she follows Dad on foot and by train into the city where she meets Ben (now eighteen).

Ben is two days away from graduating from the police academy and tells her to let Dad go.

But Olive knows what's right, and they need the money. She's been wronged so many times by this man, she craves justice.

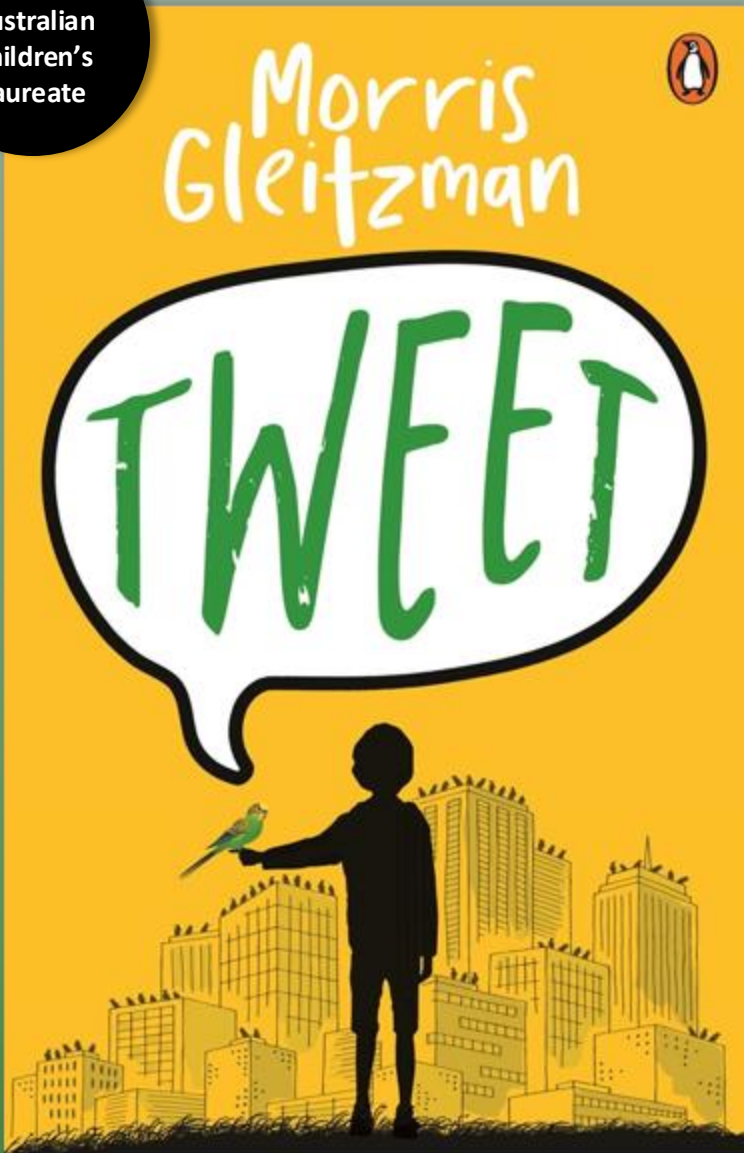
And if Ben, of all people, won't help, she'll do it alone . . .



TRISTAN BANCKS tells stories for the page and screen. His books for kids and teens include *Two Wolves*, *The Fall*, *Detention*, the Tom Weekly series, *Nit Boy* and *Ginger Meggs*, a 100th anniversary book of short stories based on characters created by his great-great uncle, Jimmy Bancks, in 1921. Tristan's books have won and been shortlisted for many awards, including a Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book, the Prime Minister's Literary Awards, ABIA, YABBA, KOALA, NSW Premier's Literary Awards and Queensland Literary Awards. His latest book is *Cop and Robber*, a tense, fast-paced crime novel with lots of laughs for age 10+.

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From former
Australian
Children's
Laureate



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Tweet

Morris Gleitzman



- The highly anticipated new standalone by Morris Gleitzman, one of Australia's most beloved and popular children's authors.
- Morris Gleitzman has been published into the UK (PRH UK), USA (Macmillan), Spain (Editorial Kailas), Brazil (Paz e Terra), Portugal (2020 Editora) Germany (Carlsen Verlag), Slovenia (Mis Založba), Czech Republic (Argo spol), France (Editions des Grandes Personnes), Lithuania (Alma Littera), Macedonia (Sakam Knigi) and Korea (Manu Books).

A boy and his beloved parakeet are thrust into an epic adventure that could change absolutely everything.

Birds. Lots of birds.

The people of the world are puzzled. Their feathered friends are trying to tell them something, and they're not sure what it is.

Then a boy and his pet parakeet discover the secret.

Join Jay and Clyde, and their friends Maxine and Dora, on an exciting, funny, risky journey to save their families.

And every other family too.



MORRIS GLEITZMAN grew up in England and came to Australia when he was sixteen. After university he worked for ten years as a screenwriter. Then he had a wonderful experience. He wrote a novel for young people. Now, after 43 books, he's one of Australia's most popular authors. He was appointed the Australian Children's Laureate for 2018–2019.

Middle
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The Great Chocolate Caper

Joel McKerrow

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- *Oceans Eleven* meets the quirky charm of a David Walliams adventure sprinkled with a dose of sci-fi, *The Great Chocolate Caper* has all the twists, turns, tech and tropes of the heist genre, only re-imagined for a younger audience and all within a humorous story of teenage friendship (with plenty of friction) and hostile aliens.
- Joel McKerrow is an award-winning writer, keynote speaker, creativity specialist, children's author, educator and, having performed for hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world, is one of Australia's most successful performance poets.
- This first instalment of a trilogy sets the stage for even grander escapades, with our young heroes in future books evolving into an interstellar heist team working with a group of rebel aliens and tackling increasingly planetary capers.

Narrated by reluctant nerd-boy Andy McGee, a Year Seven student at Bellington High School, the story unfurls as Andy and a group of unlikely allies begin to unravel an astonishing conspiracy happening within their very school.

To their great surprise they discover that an alien race has started using human bodies as hosts by splicing alien DNA into chocolate – namely, the Bellington High School Year 12 Formal fundraising chocolate.

It's a secret extraterrestrial invasion that is soon to go global UNLESS this motley group of students can turn themselves into an elite heist squad and execute the most audacious heist this world has ever seen.

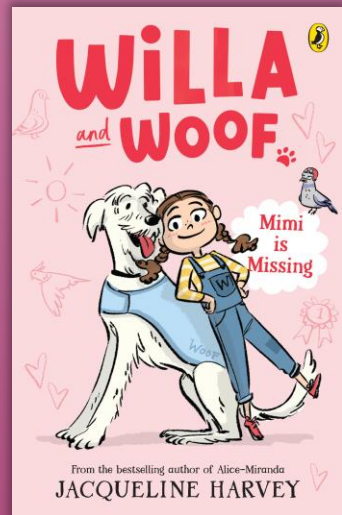
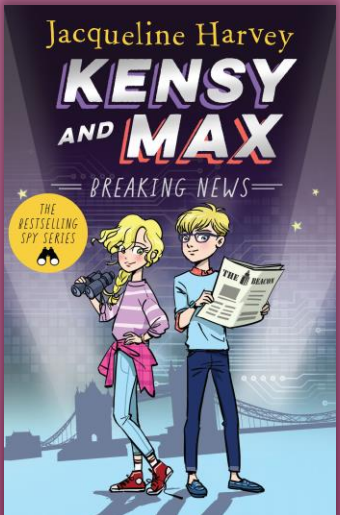
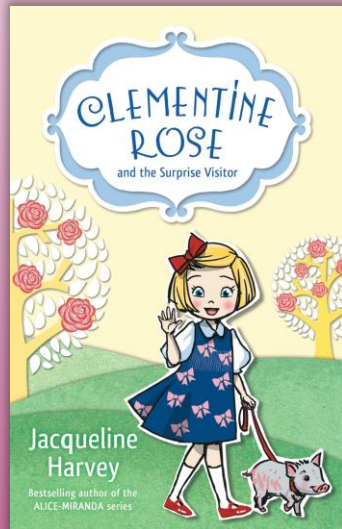


JOEL MCKERROW is an award-winning writer, keynote speaker, creativity specialist, children's author, educator and, having performed for hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world, is one of Australia's most successful performance poets. Joel has released seven spoken word/music albums, six published books of poetry, and he has his first junior fiction series, *URBAN LEGEND HUNTERS*, due for release with Larrikin House in April 2024.

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A BRAND NEW
SERIES STARTS
IN 2025!



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The Girl and the Ghost Books 1 - 3 Jaqueline Harvey

- A new 3 book series that combines bestselling author Jacqueline Harvey's signature sweetness of setting and characters (with a supernatural element!)
- With over 1.5 M books sold in Australia and New Zealand alone, the Alice Miranda series Has been adapted into two features length animated film and foreign rights to her books have been sold to North America (Kane Miller) , United Kingdom (PRH) , Brazil (Fundamento) , Turkey (Final Kültür Sanat Yayınları) , Hungary (Manó Könyvek) , Sri Lanka (Little House) , Latvia (Uhinenu) and Portugal (Porto Editora).

Josephine Eloise Thomas (JET) is a 12-year-old girl who moves to a chateau in southwest France with her parents who are converting it into a small hotel.

When exploring all the nooks and crannies of her new room, she finds all sorts of interesting things, including a gold locket which she opens... and the ghost of a young boy pops out!

The boy is Prince Louis XVII who died in 1792. He is 10 years old, annoying, definitely strange and from another time, and of course develops a crush on Josephine.

Josephine and Louis become an unlikely pair solving small local mysteries, but soon they'll have to turn their attention to the biggest mystery of all.

When Josephine discovers who Louis is and that the locket belongs to a Queen, she realises her family could be rich! But to sell it would mean to trade away Louis and the chance she has to help him move on. Which begs the question, why is he still here as a ghost anyway?



Jacqueline Harvey is the author of the popular Alice-Miranda, Clementine Rose and Kensy and Max series, which have sold over one and a half million copies in Australia alone. Her books have received numerous shortlistings and awards while her picture book, *The Sound of the Sea*, was a CBCA Honour Book. Jacqueline speaks to thousands of young people at schools and festivals around the world and says the characters in her books are often made up of the best bits of children she's met over the years.
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Alice Miranda
as seen
on Prime!



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GIRL DETECTIVE
EXTRAORDINAIRE!



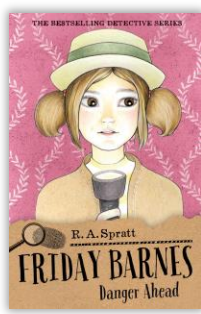
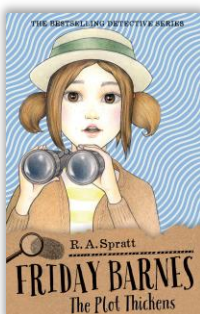
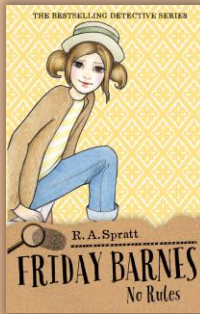
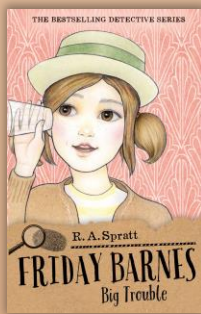
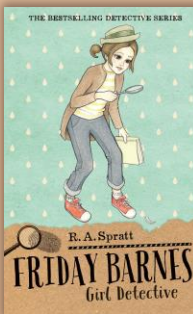
Friday Barnes 13: In Plain Sight

R.A. Spratt

- Friday Barnes is best described as Nancy Drew for the new generation – like Nancy, she’s courageous, resourceful and extremely intelligent. She’s also *hilarious* and will have young readers laughing out loud!
- The Friday Barnes series has sold 175,000+ copies in Australia and continues to grow in popularity.

When Princess Ingrid is kidnapped, along with her fiancée, Binky Pelly, it’s all over the international news. The King of Norway is distraught. The people of Norway are bewildered. Interpol sends their leading expert, Friday Barnes, to unravel the mystery of the disappearing lovebirds.

In this day of CCTV and modern security, where could you hide a royal princess with nobody knowing? The trail soon leads them to – New York City. The one place on earth where a European princess is harder to find than a needle in a haystack.



R.A. SPRATT was born in the UK and lived in Dursley, Gloucestershire – a town immortalised by Harry Potter’s deeply unpleasant relatives – until she was two years old. Then, like many ambitious English people cursed with regional accents so strong no other British person can take them seriously, her family moved to Australia.

Now based in Bowral NSW, she’s the bestselling writer of dozens of absurd and witty books including Friday Barnes, The Adventures of Nanny Piggins, The Peski Kids and the *Shockingly* and *Astonishingly Good Stories* collections. Her podcast, *Bedtime Stories with R.A. Spratt*, has had over 4 million downloads and connects R.A. with story-lovers across the globe.

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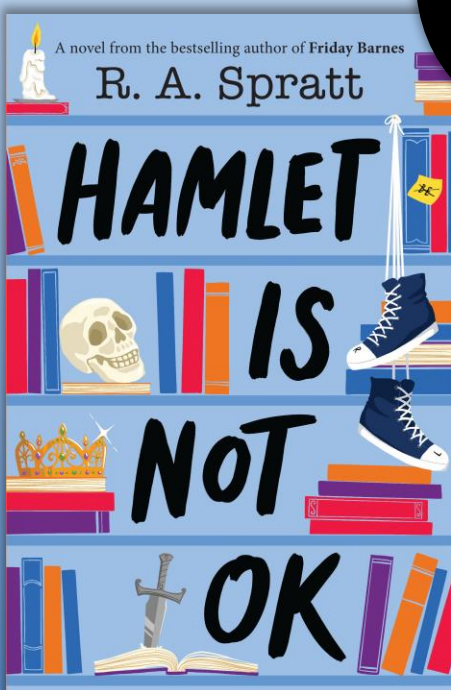


Romeo and Juliet Are Not OK

R.A. Spratt

- A sequel to the 2023's bestselling *Hamlet is Not Okay*
- The original enemies-to-lover's tale gets the R.A. Spratt treatment
- A whip-smart, laugh-out-loud take on Shakespearean moral dilemmas.

FUNNY,
SHOCKING AND
BRILLIANT!



Romeo & Juliet Are Not OK

Selby and Dan return to the magic bookshop and fall into another classic book . . . this time, it's Romeo and Juliet!

Praise for *Hamlet is Not OK*:

'The book presents a convincing argument for Shakespeare's value in modern-day classrooms' – Kirkus Reviews
'A refreshingly different, wildly imaginative take on Shakespeare's Hamlet.' – Booklist

'Spratt doesn't waste words, and is an expert at whittling away the blurry edges of a story to reveal the golden core. Through Selby's eyes, Spratt delicately and thoughtfully opens up the famous play to readers who may feel that Shakespeare is just for people who excel at English.' – Storylinks

'Sharp-witted and funny. . . Shelby's ignorance of anything Shakespeare brings a fresh teen perspective on the behaviour of the characters and their actions to one another. A clever, entertaining read.' – What Book Next

'Books like this are a joy to read, because they acknowledge mental health issues, celebrate words, and acknowledge the difficulties some have with reading.' – Ashleigh Meikle, the Book Muse

'Absolutely brilliant! Full of humour, warmth and some pretty serious messages in a subtle way. What a great way to engage teenagers with Shakespeare. Five stars' – Goodreads

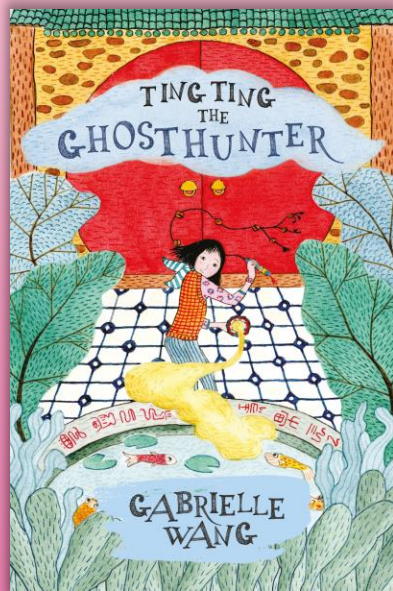
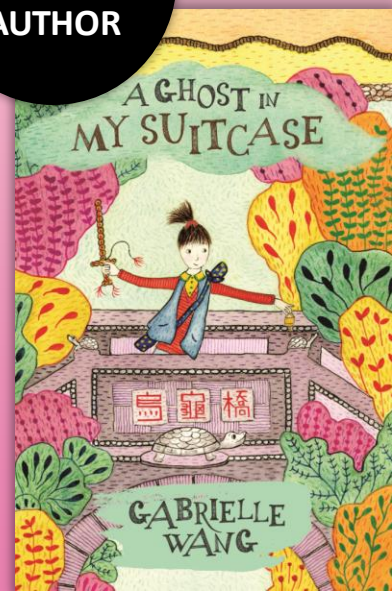
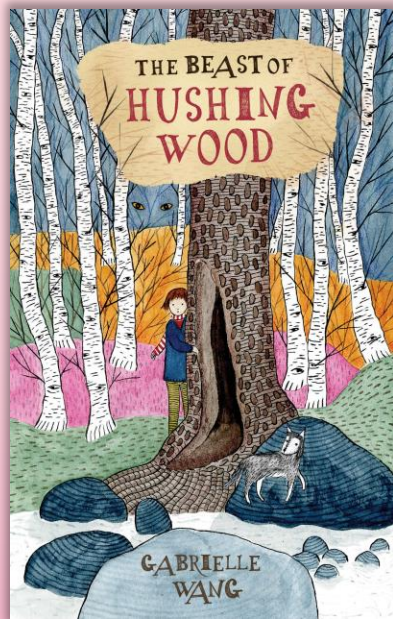
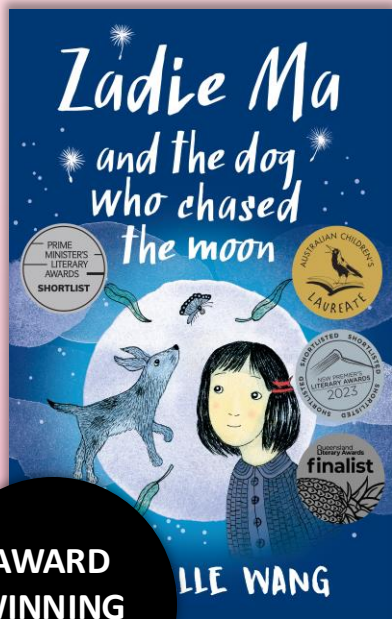


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AWARD
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AUTHOR

The Silken Thread

Gabrielle Wang

- A magical, passionate story for middle-grade readers about a Chinese Australian girl living in Depression-era Melbourne and a peasant boy in rural China, with themes of family, friendship, loss, diversity, discrimination, pursuing dreams and resilience.
- Gabrielle was the recent Australian Children’s Laureate (2022–23) and regularly speaks at conferences, writers’ festivals and schools around the country. Gabrielle is also the 2024 Victoria Premier’s Reading Challenge author ambassador.

Set during the Great Depression and inspired by elements of Gabrielle’s parents’ childhood, *The Silken Thread* tells the story of a special friendship between 12-year-old Moonie, an Australian Chinese girl living in Melbourne who dreams of making dresses for movie stars, and 13-year-old Little Dipper, a poor peasant boy living on a silkworm farm on Chongming Island in China.

Both children have been affected by loss in their lives. Moonie’s mum has been unwell and spirited away very suddenly and Little Dipper has lost his much-loved younger sister, Little Tian. Through this shared experience of loss, as well as overcoming adversity, a magical connection is made over distance and Little Dipper appears to Moonie as a ghost boy. Aided by a special silk cocoon, each time Little Dipper visits, Moonie notices a fine silken thread left dancing on the breeze. This is the thread that connects their two worlds. With each visit the silken threads of friendship are forged between the two and they help each other to overcome adversity in their lives. For Moonie, it’s working out how to get rid of mean Miss Yip, who’s come to keep house while their mother is away, and for Little Dipper it’s finding the courage to pursue his dream of learning English so he can escape a limited future on his parents’ farm.

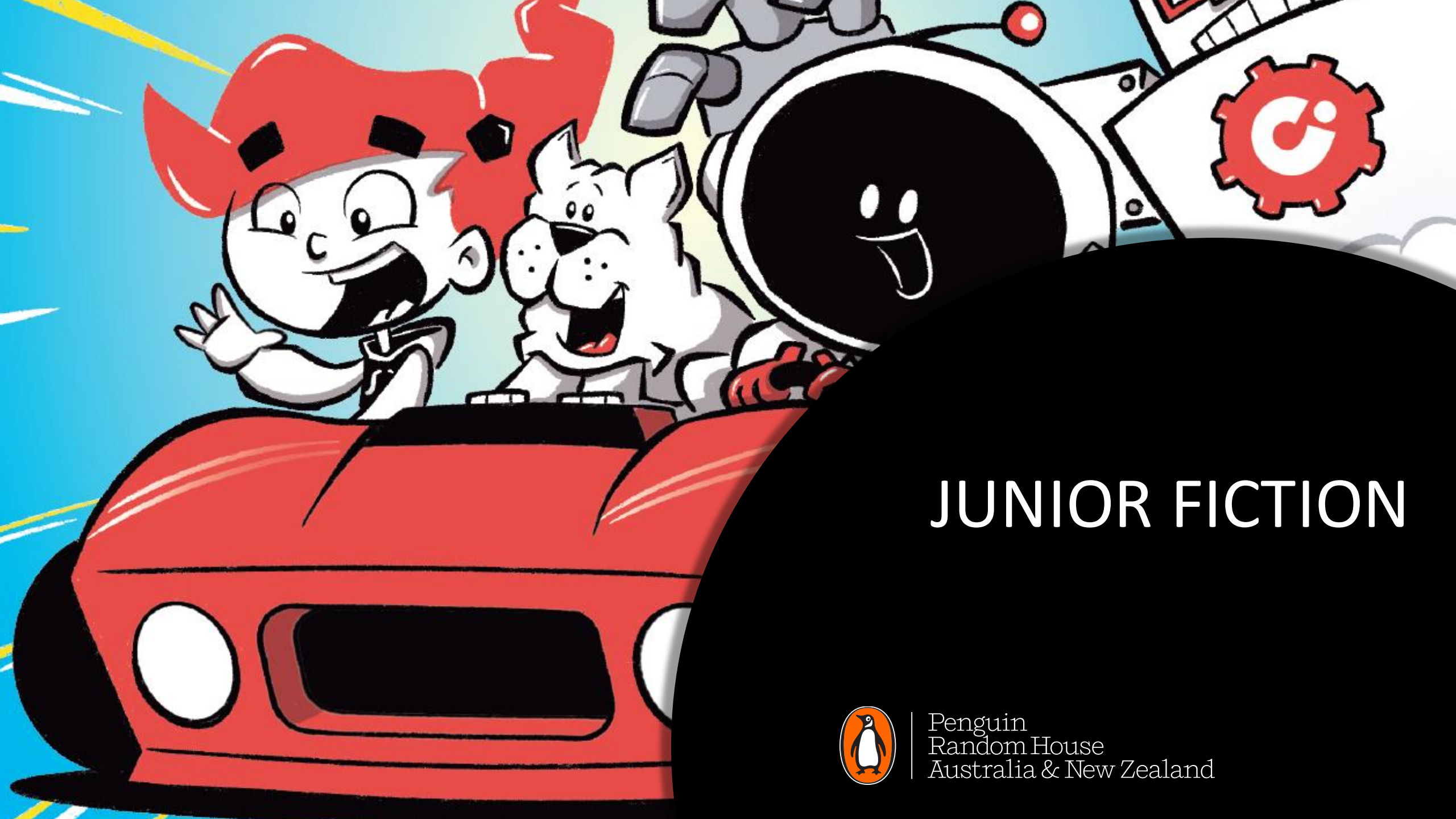
Written vividly with warmth and humour, *The Silken Thread* employs Gabrielle’s enjoyable and highly engaging blend of historical detail, imagination and fantasy. As per her much-loved novel *A Ghost in my Suitcase*, it also features some of her characterful Chinese ghosts!



GABRIELLE WANG is an author and illustrator, and the Australian Children's Laureate for 2022 to 2023. Born in Melbourne of Chinese heritage, her maternal great-grandfather came to Victoria during the Gold Rush and her father was from Shanghai. Her stories are a blend of Chinese and Western culture with a touch of fantasy. She is the winner of multiple literary prizes for her work.

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THE TERRIBLE TOYS



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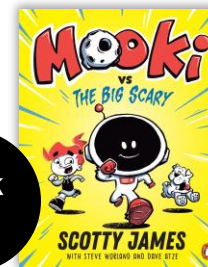
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MOOKi vs The Terrible Toys Scotty James with Steve Worland and Dave Atze

- MOOKi returns in a second book, full of heart-warming humour and adventure!
- Written with filmmaker Steve Worland and illustrated by David Atze, with two-colour internals throughout and a super-fun design.

Join MOOKi and his best friends Cindy and Ralph as they discover an AMAZING toy store, meet COOL new friends, face TERRIBLE new foes and go on a DARING rescue mission!

Why You and Your Child Will Love This Book

Inspiring Message: MOOKi embodies the spirit of dreaming big and overcoming hurdles, inspired by Scotty's own life.

Fun: You will laugh out loud at the results of MOOKi's bravado.

Engaging Story: This book is a page-turner for young readers, each page filled with excitement.

Captivating Illustrations: Vivid and eye-catching illustrations bring MOOKi's world to life from beginning to end.

What Will Children Learn?

The importance of friendship. The resilience to overcome challenges. The courage to face their fears. That knowledge that reading is entertaining!



SCOTTY JAMES is an Australian professional snowboarder. He is a four-time Olympian, a triple World Snowboard Halfpipe champion and boasts six X-Games gold medals. At age fifteen, Scotty was the youngest male to compete at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, and in 2018 he was the flag bearer for Australia at the PyeongChang Winter Olympics.



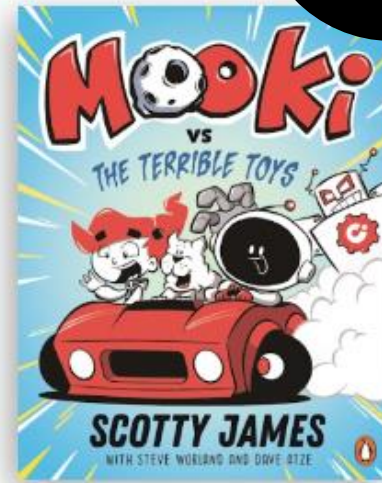
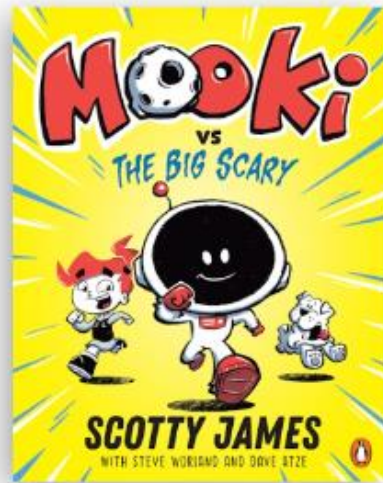
DAVE ATZE illustrates amazing books that sell all over the world including And Do's Champ series, Belly Button Fluff and Numbskull and Nincompoop. When he's not busy drawing up a storm, you can find him spending time his wife Ashleigh and daughter Ella.

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Adventure has a new name...

Meet MOOKi!





Willa and Woof: Best Idea Yet Jacqueline Harvey

- Jacqueline Harvey's books have sold over 1.5 million copies in Australia and rights to her books have been sold to North America (Kane Miller), United Kingdom (PRH), Brazil (Fundamento), Turkey (Final Kültür Sanat Yayınları), Hungary (Manó Könyvek), Sri Lanka (Little House), Latvia (Uhinenu) and Portugal (Porto Editora)

Adventure, imagination and loads of fun!

When Willa accidentally learns that Sunset Views Retirement Village, home of her best old-age friend, Frank, is about to be sold, she has a feeling something isn't right. Trouble is she's super busy with Clubs and soccer matches, and there's a fete to prepare for.

With her suspicions confirmed, Willa will need to enlist her best four-legged friend, Woof, and her best same-age friend, Tae, to help solve the trouble next door and save Sunset Views.

Can Willa come up with her best idea yet?



Jacqueline Harvey is the author of the popular Alice-Miranda, Clementine Rose and Kensy and Max series, which have sold over one and a half million copies in Australia alone. Her books have received numerous shortlistings and awards while her picture book, *The Sound of the Sea*, was a CBCA Honour Book. Jacqueline speaks to thousands of young people at schools and festivals around the world and says the characters in her books are often made up of the best bits of children she's met over the years. Photo Credit: © Jenni Bradley

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WILLA and WOOF



Can Willa come up with her best idea yet?

From the bestselling author of Alice-Miranda
JACQUELINE HARVEY

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- **Australia's Most Loved Zoo:** Created in partnership with Taronga Conservation Society Australia, this series is backed by the beloved Taronga Zoo Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo, a destination with over 2 million visitors annually.
- **Packed with Fun Facts and Insider Info:** no fact is too weird for the world-class experts at Taronga.

The ultimate animal adventure series! From Taronga's two Zoos comes a wild junior fiction series, purrfect for animal lovers aged 7 and up! Join best friends Sophia and Ollie as they experience a day in their DREAM JOB and get up-close and personal with all your favourite zoo animals, big and small.

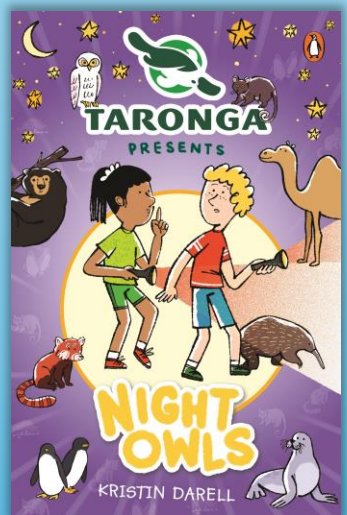
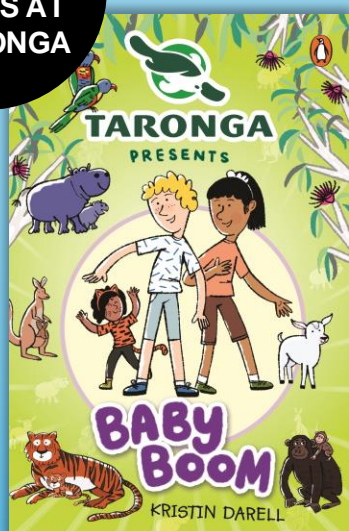
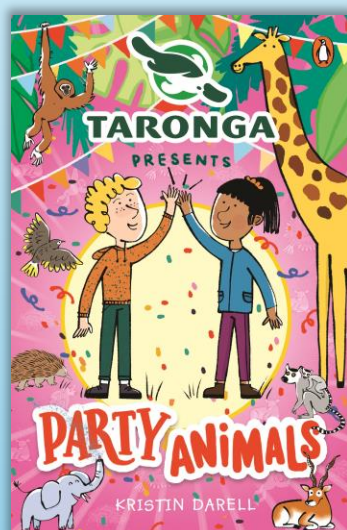
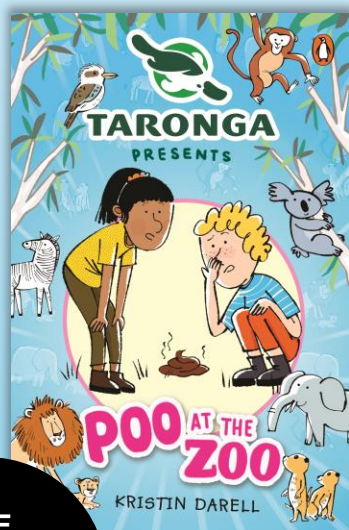
Sophia and Ollie are on their first Zoo-tastic adventure. Join the best friends as they dive into the wild world of zookeeping, discovering new animals and fun facts at every turn!



TARONGA CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA is a Government of New South Wales agency responsible for Taronga Zoo Sydney and the Taronga Western Plains Zoo in New South Wales, Australia. The board is a part of the Australian Regional Association of Zoological Parks. It sponsors a number of research centers, such as the Australian Marine Mammal Research Centre.



KRISTIN DARELL is a strong advocate for children's literature, working as the Program Manager for the Australian Children's Laureate Foundation. She lives on Sydney's northern beaches with her husband, two children, two dogs, pet snake and three-legged pygmy bearded dragon.



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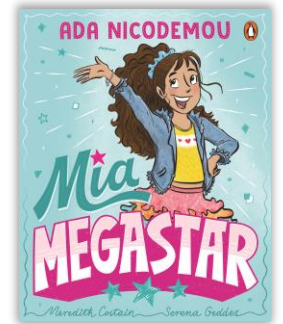
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Mia Megastar: In the Spotlight

Ada Nicodemou,
Meredith Costain & Serena Geddes



- The hilarious and heartwarming adventures of *Mia Megastar* continue in this third instalment.
- Age range 8+

Hi, I'm Mia!

Since my drama group put on our epic play, the spotlight is on me. I thought I wanted to be a big star, but . . . do I really?

From beloved screen star Ada Nicodemou (*Home and Away*) comes this energetic series, perfect for kids aged eight-and-up dreaming of the stage! Fire up the *souvla* (that's the Greek barbecue, by the way) and join the Summerdale Stage Stars on a journey of friendship, teamwork, family . . . and more than a few wacky dance moves.



ADA NICODEMOU is one of Australia's favourite media personalities. She is best known for her role as Leah Patterson on Channel 7's longest running and highest rating series, *Home & Away*, on which she still stars. *Mia Megastar* is inspired by Ada's childhood.



MEREDITH COSTAIN is a versatile writer for children whose work ranges from picture books through to poetry, series fiction and narrative non-fiction. Her books include CBCA Honour Book *Doodledum Dancing*, *Bed Tails*, and the quirky *Ella Diaries*.



SERENA GEDES has illustrated over seventy titles from picture books to middle grade readers, and is about to step into the colourful world of graphic novels. Some of Serena's work includes the *Lulu Bell* series, *We Are Matildas* and her most recent comic series *Miles From Home*. As a Disney artist she worked on sequels to the *Lion King*, *Peter Pan*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Jungle Book*.

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A MAGICAL
ADVENTURE
AWAITS!



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Yarn Quest: The Power of the Heart

Brooke Scobie
& Jade Goodwin

- Age range 8+.
- In the third instalment of the magical adventure series, join Sibyl, Tane and P in the ultimate battle to save the Story Realm.



Long ago (or maybe it was just yesterday?) all the universes were linked together. But one day, after millions of years of peace a great war broke out, and the fibres that held the woven universes together broke.

The Story Realm grew in harmony on its own for the longest time, until the day a group of beings came in search of land and power to steal. Though the Story Realm survived this invasion, the land, and the magic within were never the same.

For weeks, Sibyl has been haunted by nightmares that feel magic. A mysterious illness is ripping through the Story Realm: trees are disappearing, animals are acting vicious and now Sibyl herself is sick too.

The only cure? Our adventurers, Tane, P and Sibyl must find the heart of the Story Realm. With a new Storyteller in town, their quest might just be possible.

But who is this new Storyteller? Can they be *trusted*?

And with so much at stake, how can Sibyl save the Story Realm . . . before she disappears with it?



BROOKE SCOBIE is a queer, auDHD, First Nations mum, author and poet that lives on Darkinjung land. Brooke is most passionate about creating stories and worlds where weird, wonderful kids and adults of all shapes and sizes can see themselves in magical places, on extraordinary adventures! She hopes that one day every child who reads her stories will know they can be a storyteller too.



JADE GOODWIN is a First Nations illustrator from Australia with a big imagination. Her sweet and bright illustrations bring imagination to life, and she hopes to inspire both children and adults alike. Jade loves finding magic in everyday moments, dreaming up new worlds and drawing way past her bedtime.

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Shower Land: Walk The Plank Nat Amooore & James Hart

- Nat Amooore has been sold into United Kingdom (One World), Italy (DeA Planeta Libri), Estonia (Esti Ramaat), Romania (Didactica) and China (Beijing White Horse Time Culture Development)
- Age range 7+



The third book in a hilarious junior fiction series where getting in the shower might send you into another world!

Felix's shower is a portal to another world. Never fear. He's ready for anything this time, with a backpack full of survival gear. He turns on the shower and . . .

REEEEKKKKK!

Felix finds himself in the middle of the ocean . . . sinking . . . but there's a ship on the horizon!

Step 1: Don't drown.

Step 2: Don't think about sharks.

Step 3: WHO IS THAT MYSTERY GIRL?



NAT AMOORE (AUTHOR) is a Sydney-based children's author and kidlit podcast host of *One More Page*. Her MG novel *Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire* has now sold into the UK, US, Italy, China, Estonia and Romania.

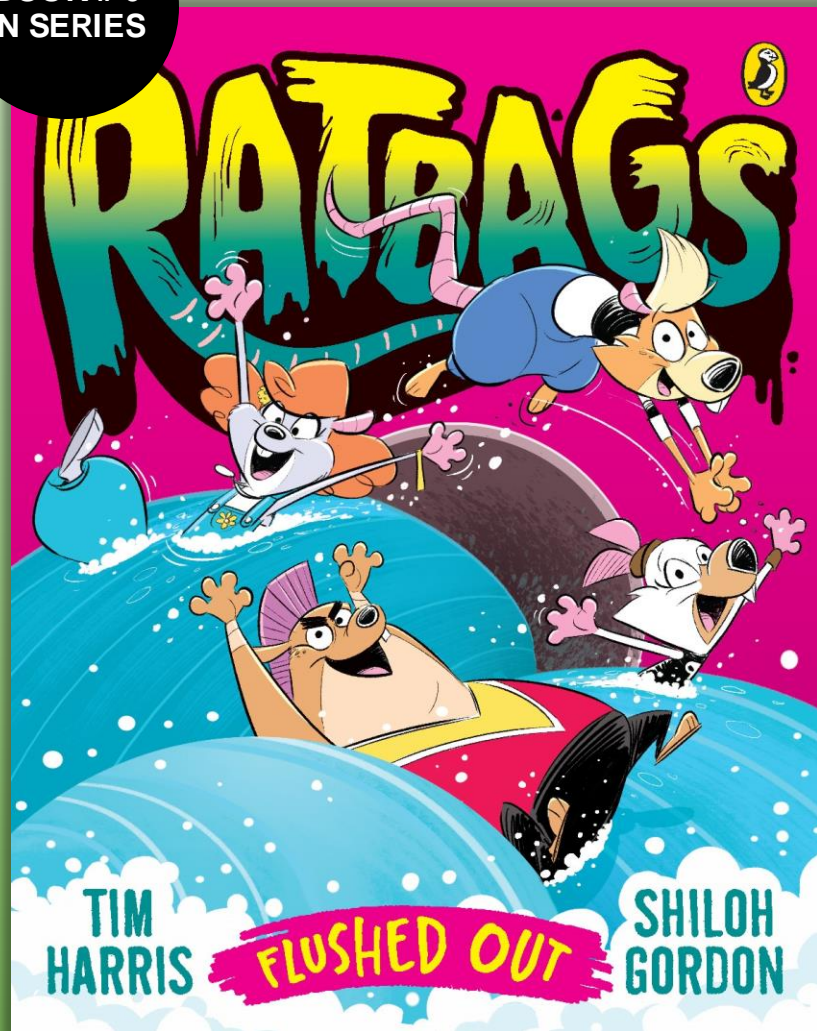


JAMES HART (ILLUSTRATOR) grew up loving comics, cartoons and drawing. Projects include: the popular animated series of *The Day My Butt Went Psycho*, the award-winning *You Choose* series and the CBCA-notable *Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables* series.

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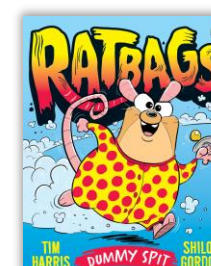
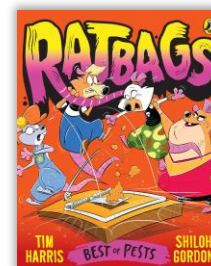
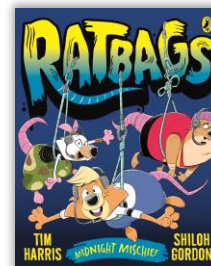
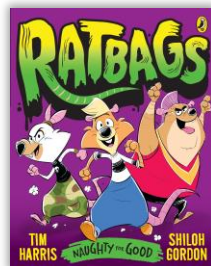


Ratbags 6: Flushed Out

Tim Harris & Shiloh Gordon

- The sixth book in the rat-tastically brilliant Ratbags series by award-winning and bestselling author Tim Harris and the brilliant creator of laugh-out-loud illustrations Shiloh Gordon.
- Tim Harris is the bestselling author of several laugh-out-loud series for kids, including *Toffle Towers*, *Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables* and *Exploding Endings*.
- Translation Rights sold to Germany (Verlag Friedrich Oetinger) and China (Beijing Huaxia Winshare Books).

Swept down the drain, the ratbags are trapped in the city sewers - the deep, dark realm of Crusher the Crocodile. How will they get out? Will infamous sewer-rat Sludge help them escape Crusher's hungry jaws? Or will Jigsaw find a way to get them all flushed out?



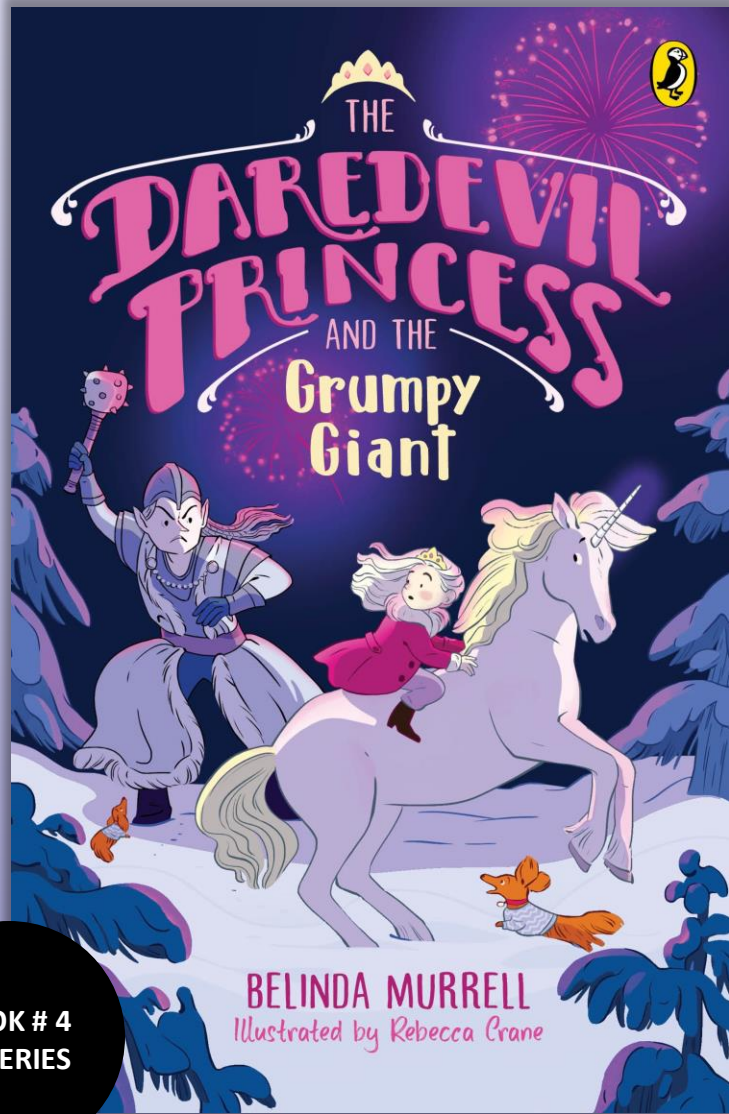
TIM HARRIS is the bestselling author of several laugh-out-loud series for kids, including *Toffle Towers*, *Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables* and *Exploding Endings*. A former primary school teacher of 15 years, Tim fills his stories with quirky scenarios, loveable characters and plenty of imagination. Tim's 'humour with heart' writing style has seen his books receive multiple awards. He has been published in Australia and the US. Photo Credit: © Ryan Pernofski



SHILOH GORDON has a passion for creating lively, engaging illustrations that are full of character and fun. He graduated with a BA in animation from the Queensland College of Art and has worked as a professional illustrator for over 20 years. Shiloh lives in Brisbane with his wife and three kids, who are an endless source of fun and inspiration.

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The Daredevil Princess and the Grumpy Giant

Belinda Murrell & Rebecca Crane



- Combines the magic ingredients of a princess, a unicorn, a pair of adorable dachshunds, a palace full of ways to get into trouble, and some mischievous mythical creatures. It's a winning recipe for a delightful junior fiction series!
- Illustrations throughout by Rebecca Crane bring the castle and its characters to life and make it a gorgeous package, with plenty of interest for beginner and newly independent readers.
- Bold and adventurous, cute and fun, *The Daredevil Princess* series has everything girls aged 6 to 9 will love.

Princess Tillie and Honey Blossom are excited. It's the mid-winter Eisfest and all the townsfolk of Rosenberg are celebrating. But things go wrong when a naughty prank awakens Bodo, the giant.

The festival will be ruined!

Can Princess Tillie be brave enough to face Bodo and stop her gigantic troublemaking?



BELINDA MURRELL is an award-winning, internationally published children's author with a history of writing in her family that spans over 200 years. Her previous titles include *The Golden Tower*, her fantasy adventure series *The Sun Sword* trilogy and her award-winning time-slip adventures, *The Locket of Dreams*, *The Ruby Talisman*, *The Ivory Rose*, *The Forgotten Pearl*, *The River Charm*, *The Sequin Star*, and *The Lost Sapphire*. For younger readers Belinda has her popular Lulu Bell and Pippa's Island series.



REBECCA CRANE is an author, illustrator and visual development artist, specialising in dynamic character designs for books and animation. Over the years she has illustrated a number of popular stories enjoyed by readers around the world, and spends her spare time traveling and seeking out new inspiration in coffee shops.

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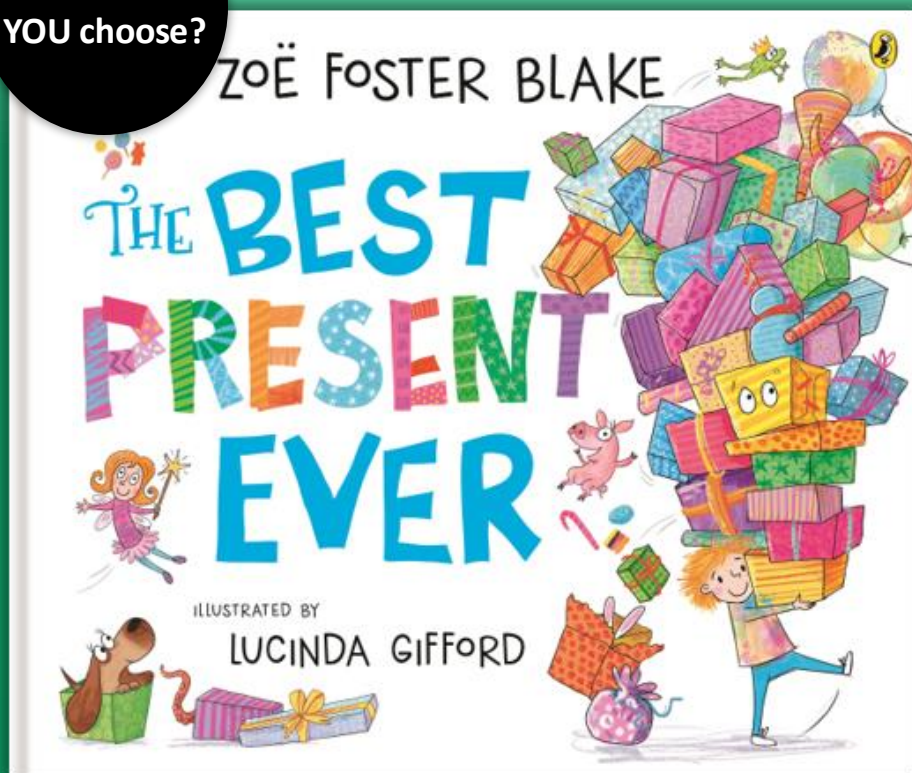
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The Best Present Ever

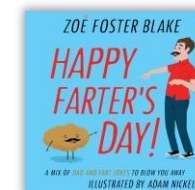
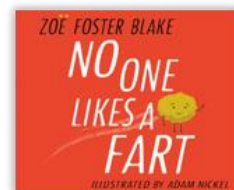
Zoë Foster Blake & Lucinda Gifford

What would YOU choose?



- Zoë Foster Blake's work has sold into North America (Penguin Workshop), Germany (arsEdition), Italy (Adriano Salani Editore), Japan (Alphapolis), China (Look Book), Israel (Modan) and Taiwan (Grimm Press).
- A funny and delightful picture book about dreaming up the perfect gift for a friend, where your imagination has no limits!
- 'Foster Blake has a talent for finding the unexpected in the unexceptional (bath time, bedtime, burps and farts.)' Sydney Morning Herald

What would YOU choose as the best present ever? A magical creature? A swimming pool filled with candy? Or maybe your very own amusement park? Still not special enough . . . then let your imagination soar with this funny and heartwarming book about finding the perfect gift for a friend.



ZOE FOSTER BLAKE writes fiction, non-fiction and children's picture books because she enjoys hijacking shelf space across multiple genres in bookshops. Zoë has written four novels, *Air Kisses*, *Playing the Field*, *The Younger Man* and *The Wrong Girl*; three self-help/relationship books, *Textbook Romance*, *Break-Up Boss* and *LOVE!*, and *Amazing Face*, a collection of her best beauty tips and tricks after spending years as a beauty director. If that's not enough Zoë is also a columnist, magazine editor, and cosmetics entrepreneur. Photo Credit: © Dave Wheeler



LUCINDA GOFFORD is the author and illustrator of many well-loved books for kids. In the 90s, Lucinda studied architecture in Scotland, where she learned to draw fancy buildings and moody scenery. Many years later, she put some of her best drawings in a folio and started looking for work illustrating children's books. Lucinda has since illustrated over 40 books, nine of which she has also written

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Then it came to me. And it was

SUPER-AMAZING-FANTASTICO!

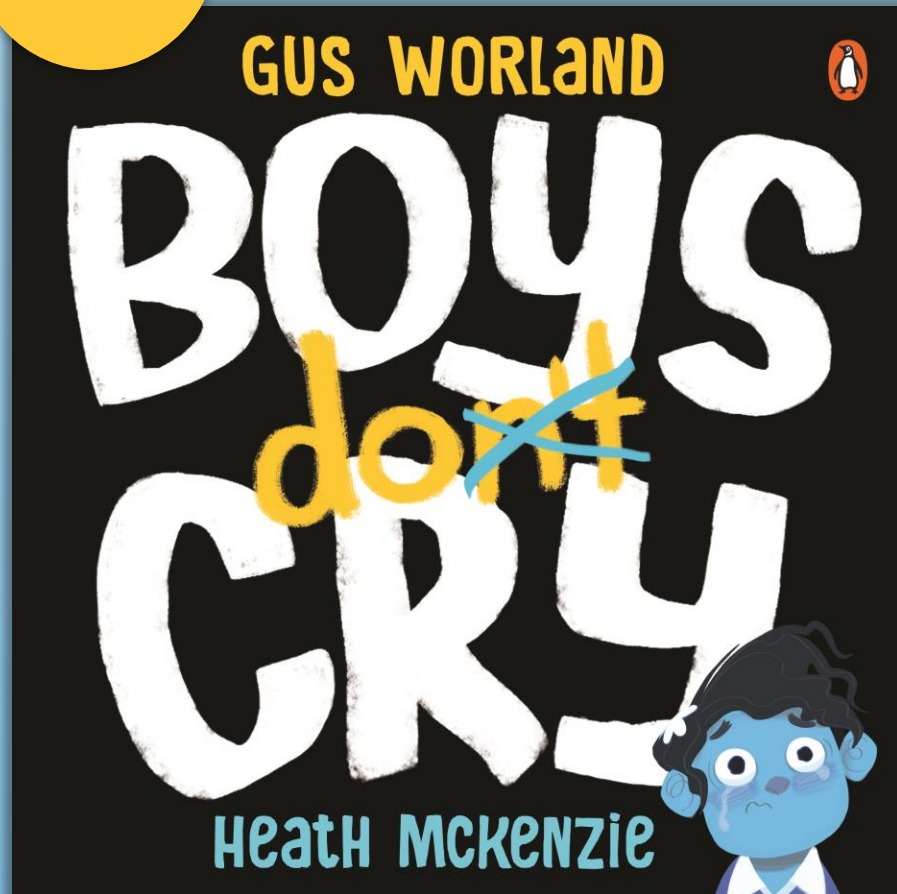


The best present ever.
You would be the **only** person
in the world to have it!

In fact . . .
. . . I kinda wanna keep it for myself!



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Boys Do Cry

Gus Worland & Heath McKenzie



- Gus Worland is a passionate advocate for men's mental health.
- Actor, Hugh Jackman, will be writing a letter for the reader that will be inside this book.
- A highly entertaining read for children aged 3-6 with a wonderful story that playfully challenges common tropes and social attitudes about expressing feelings

This boy is having a REALLY bad day:

He falls off his bike.

His dog has eaten his homework.

His sandwich runs away.

A spaceship crashes on his toe.

The list goes on and on!

But no matter what seems to happen, this boy does not, will not, CAN NOT cry!

... or can he?

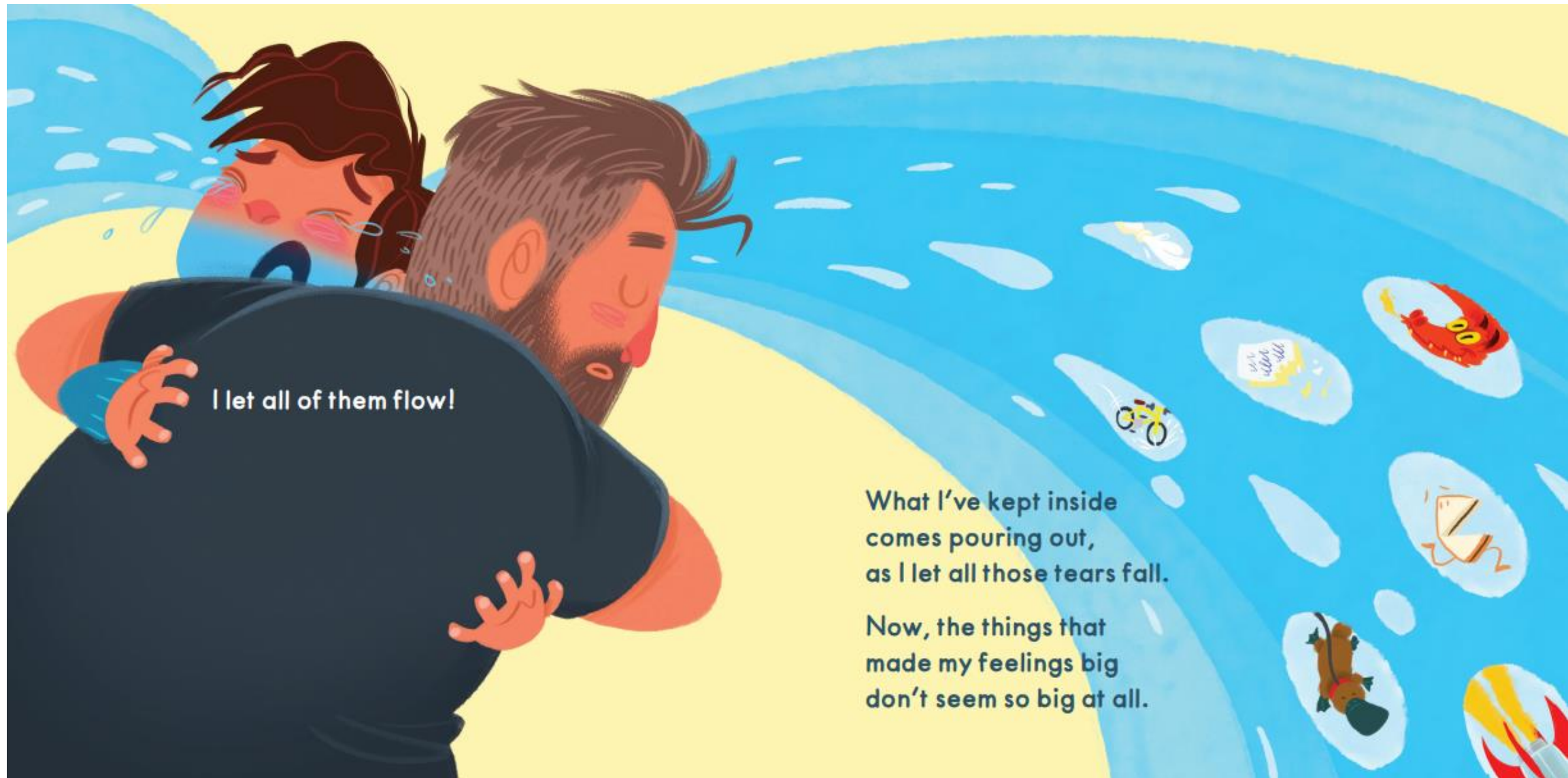
A funny, rip-roaring picture book from TV and radio personality Gus Worland about battling big feelings and being okay about not feeling okay.



GUS WORLAND is a Gotcha4Life Founder, Speaker, and Mental Fitness advocate. Gus gets a room (or a global audience!) laughing, crying, thinking and talking afterwards about a topic others feel uncomfortable speaking about. Gus breaks down barriers with an authentic, honest, interactive conversation delivered in his relaxed, informal style. What you see is what you get. And what you get is incredible.



HEATH MCKENZIE is a best-selling, award-winning Melbourne-based author and illustrator who specialises in stylised digital illustrations (aiming to make them look as non-digital as possible). He has written and illustrated over 40 picture books and illustrated a whole lot more across numerous forms of print media.



I let all of them flow!

What I've kept inside
comes pouring out,
as I let all those tears fall.

Now, the things that
made my feelings big
don't seem so big at all.



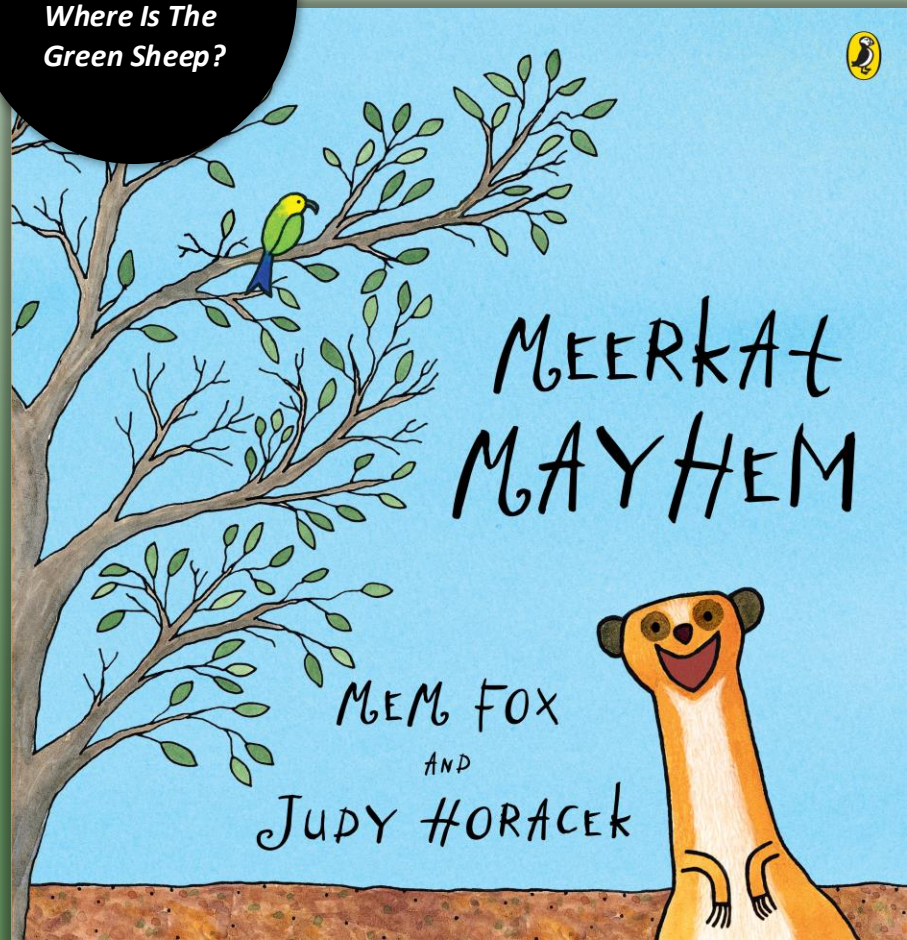
when I want to cry.

I feel a whole lot better,
now, and I think I might
know why.

I should just let my feelings
out and cry . . .



From the legendary team who brought us *Where Is The Green Sheep?*



Meerkat Mayhem

Mem Fox & Judy Horacek

- Another hilarious picture book gem from the legendary team who brought us the highly acclaimed and bestselling *Where is the Green Sheep?*
- A story for 3+ about solving a problem with the help of friends.
- *Where is the Green Sheep?*, Mem Fox and Judy Horacek's last collaboration with PRH, has sold over a million copies on Bookscan across formats.

*One day, after another hearty meal,
Meerkat decided to leave his burrow and take a walk.
But he found himself, all at once...stuck fast!
'Mother of all meerkats!' he said.
And that is where the mayhem began...*

With brilliantly clever text from the great Mem Fox, *Meerkat Mayhem* tells a fun and silly tale about one of the most popular and iconic animal of Africa, based on the classic folktale 'The Gigantic Turnip'.

Illustrated by the brilliant illustrator and acclaimed cartoonist, Judy Horacek, who brought all those colourful sheep to life in *Where is the Green Sheep?*



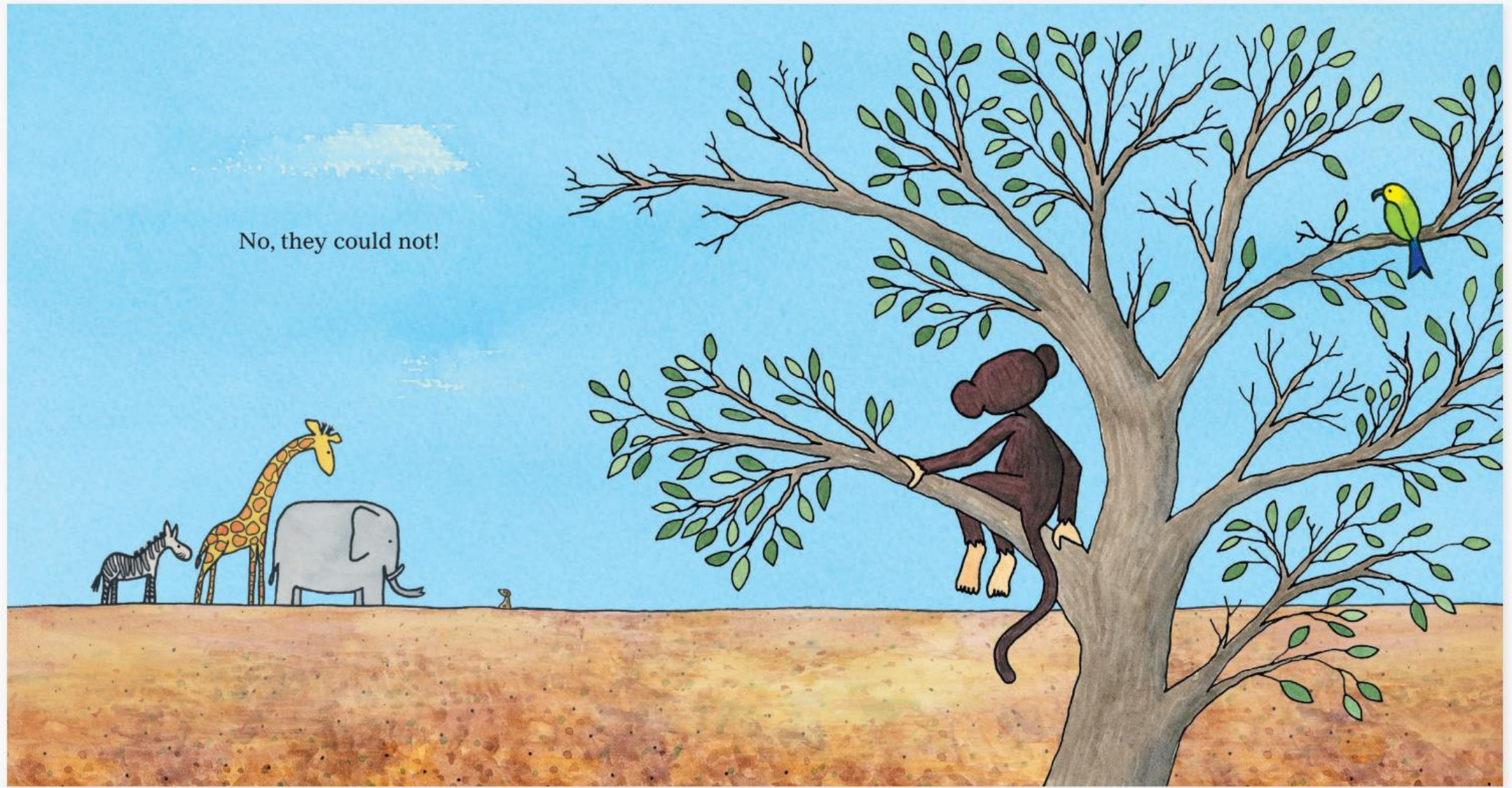
MEM FOX has written more than 40 books for children, including the bestselling and much-loved picture books *Possum Magic* and *Where is the Green Sheep?*. In 2019, *The Tiny Star* was released to great critical acclaim from the Australian Book Industry. Mem's newest picture book, *Meerkat Mayhem*, to be published in late 2024, is another exciting collaboration from the talented and bestselling *Where is the Green Sheep?*

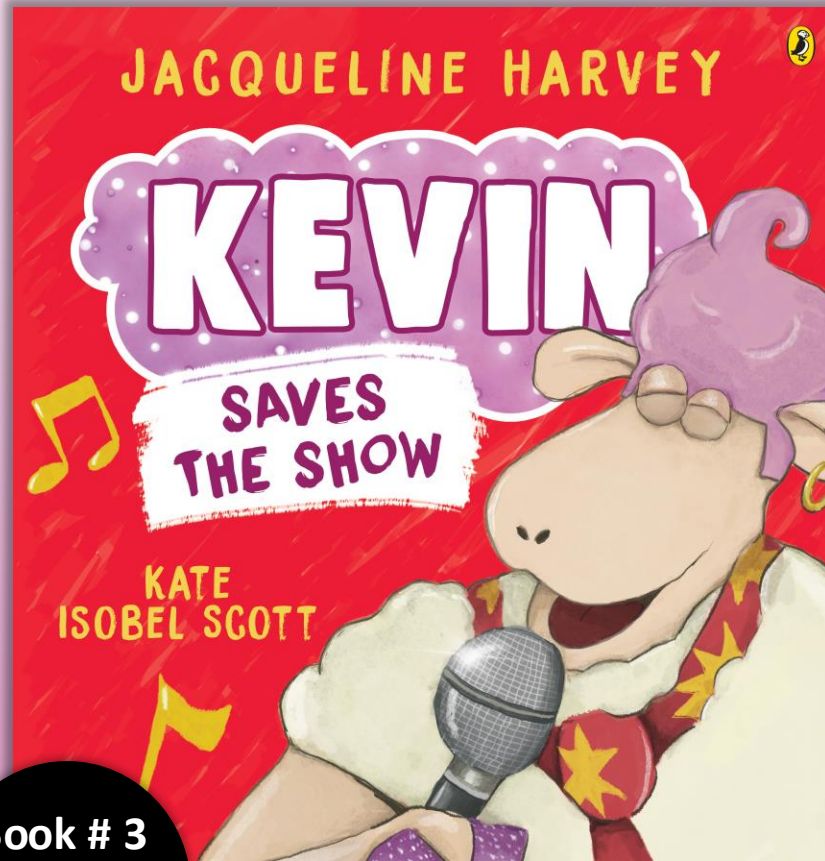


JUDY HORACEK is an Australian cartoonist, writer and illustrator.. Her work is often concerned with feminism, the environment and social justice issues. Ten collections of her cartoons have been published, including *Woman with Altitude*, *Life on the Edge*, *I am woman hear me draw*, and her most recent, *Now or Never*. Major retrospectives of her cartoons have been held at the National Gallery of Victoria and the National Museum of Australia in Canberra.

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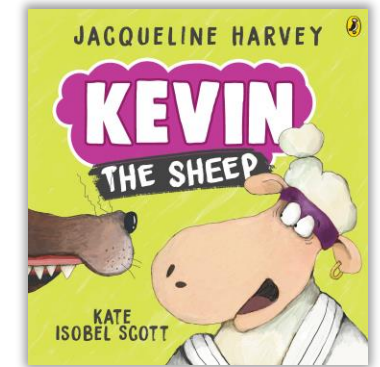


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Kevin Saves the Show

Jacqueline Harvey & Kate Isobel Scott



- Kevin the Sheep is back and this time he's saving the show!
- A heartwarming and hilarious story about embracing what makes you unique, for ages 3+
- Illustrator, Isobel Scott, was one of Jacqueline Harvey's students during her years as a teacher
- Jacqueline Harvey's books have sold into North America, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Hungary, Brazil and Sri Lanka

A laugh-out-loud picture book perfect for children who love Thelma the Unicorn and Macca the Alpaca.

Why can't Kevin be more like the flock?!

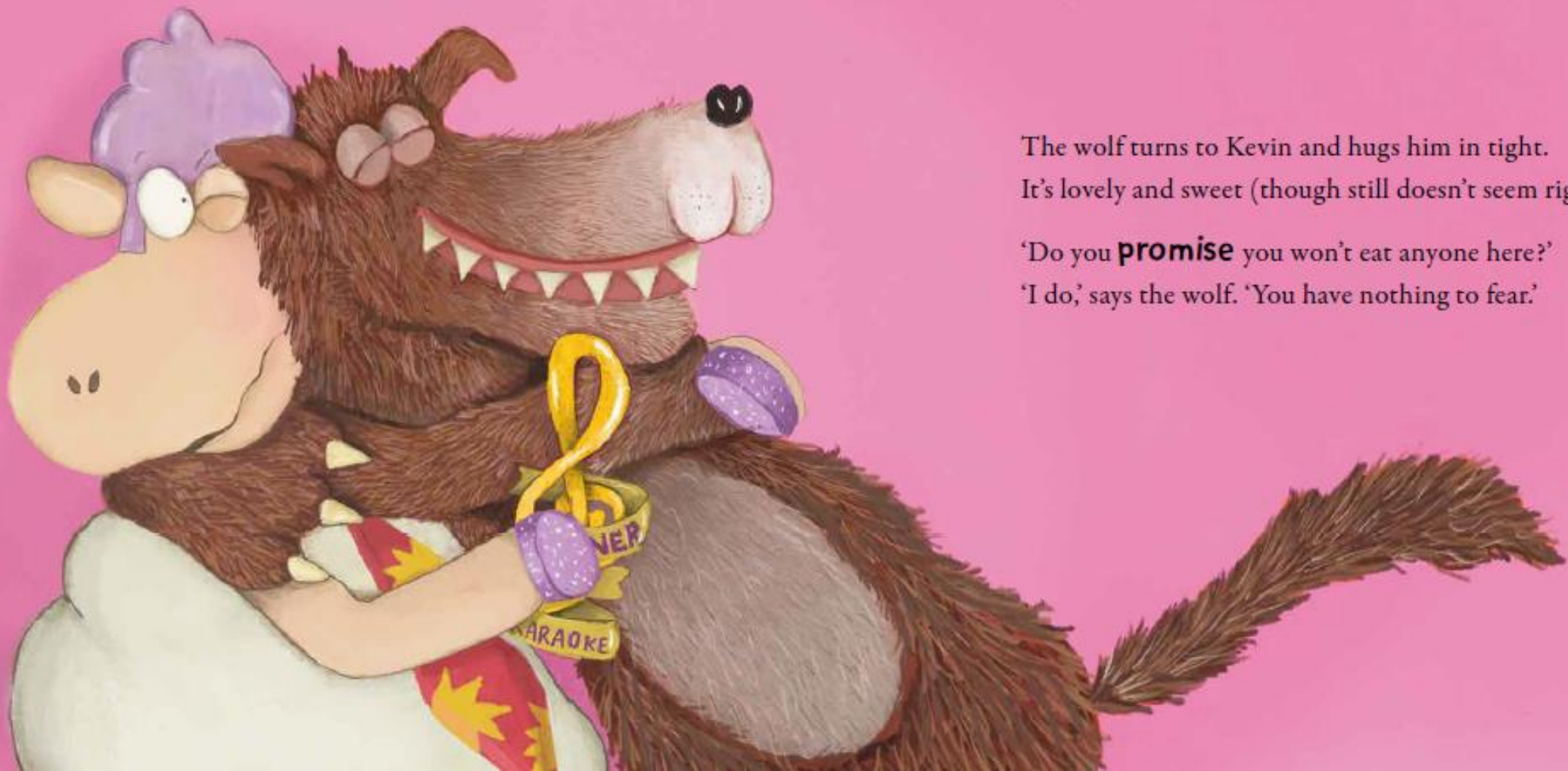
Kevin the Sheep is unusual,
he does things his own way.
But will being different help him save the day?



Jacqueline Harvey is the author of the popular Alice-Miranda, Clementine Rose and Kensy and Max series, which have sold over one and a half million copies in Australia alone. Her books have received numerous shortlistings and awards while her picture book, *The Sound of the Sea*, was a CBCA Honour Book. Jacqueline speaks to thousands of young people at schools and festivals around the world and says the characters in her books are often made up of the best bits of children she's met over the years. Photo Credit: © Jenni Bradley



Kate Isobel Scott graduated with a BA Honours degree in illustration and has worked as an animation director and illustrator for clients such as New York Times, Adobe, Libresse, Greenpeace, Off-White and Gymshark. Kate has developed her own visual language within the stop motion animation industry, using plasticine as a main medium often combined with painted elements. Kate's handmade plasticine style is heavily inspired by the nostalgia of 80s/90s children's television. Her colourful, friendly and sometimes wonky characters celebrate the essence of hand-made craft.



The wolf turns to Kevin and hugs him in tight.
It's lovely and sweet (though still doesn't seem right).

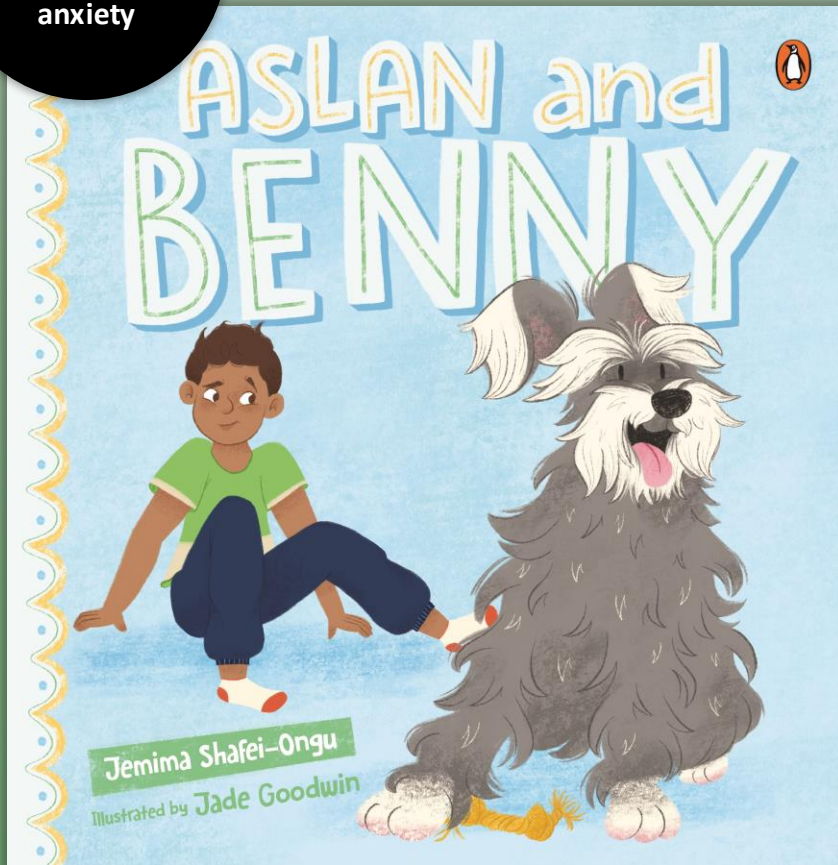
'Do you **promise** you won't eat anyone here?'
'I do,' says the wolf. 'You have nothing to fear.'



Aslan and Benny

Jemima Shafei-Ongu & Jade Goodwin

A heartwarming picture book about overcoming anxiety



- Illustrated with warmth and compassion by First Nations artist Jade Goodwin, whose Little Ash series with Ash Barty has sold more than 100,000 copies, this is a sweet and appealing picture book about a boy who has to learn ways to overcome his anxiety.
- For ages 4 – 8 years.

Aslan is fearless! But when his cousins get a new dog, he doesn't feel so brave. A warm and relatable picture book for anyone who's ever felt stuck by their worries and needed help to do what matters most to them. With vivid and bright illustrations by First Nations artist Jade Goodwin, the acclaimed illustrator of Ash Barty's Little Ash series and picture book, *My Dream for You*.

Aslan has the heart and the name of a lion.

His favourite days are Sundays when the whole family gathers at his yenge's house for a barbecue, and he can play with his cousins all day. But when they get a scary dog called Benny, it spoils everything.

Will Aslan be able to manage his fears and play with his cousins again?



Jemima Shafei-Ongu is a Sydney-based writer committed to promoting inclusion and representation in children's literature. Combining a professional background in psychology and teaching, Jemima explores themes of belonging, connection and wellbeing. Jemima is the author of two picture books, *Aslan and Benny* and *A Lemon for Safiya*, and she resides on unceded Dharug land with her husband, their mini schnauzer and their three daughters.



Jade Goodwin is a First Nations illustrator from Australia with a big imagination. Her sweet and bright illustrations bring imagination to life, and she hopes to inspire both children and adults alike. Jade loves finding magic in everyday moments, dreaming up new worlds and drawing way past her bedtime.

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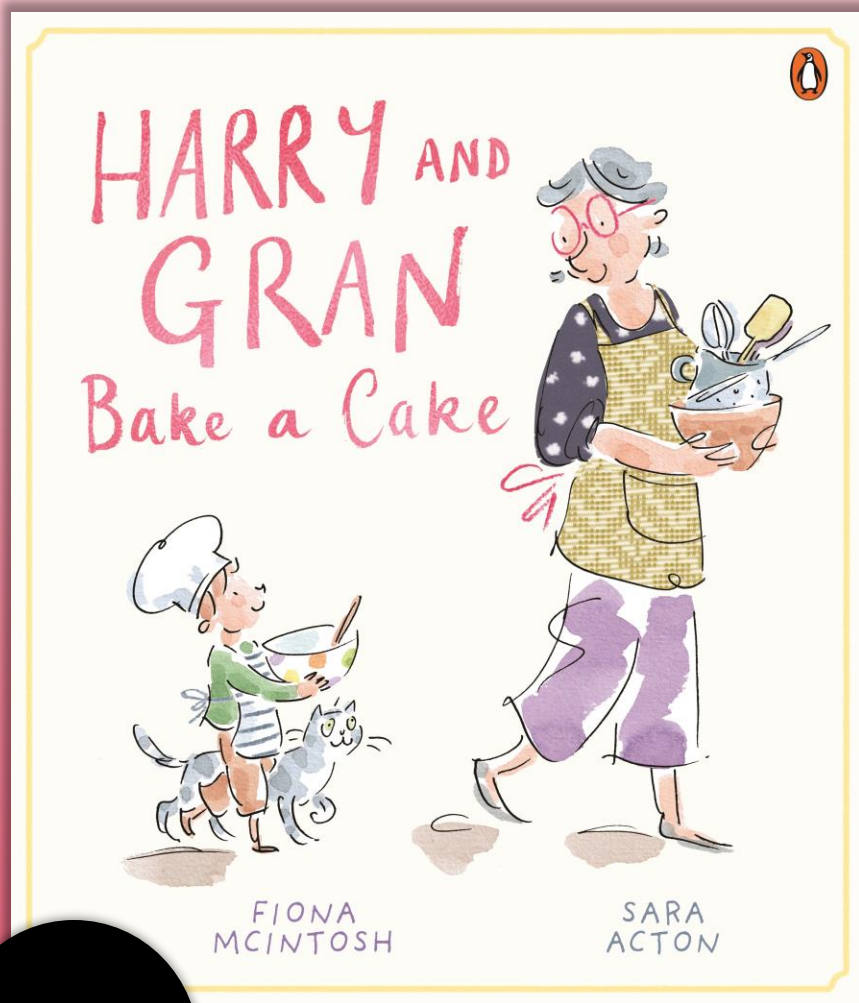
'Benny's not allowed on the stairs,'
said Leyla.

So Aslan bolted up them.

And there he stayed. Even while his cousins were
playing new games that he wanted to join.

Every time Benny came close, Aslan's fears **grew**.





**BESTSELLING
AUTHOR**

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Harry and Gran

Fiona McIntosh and Sara Acton

- From the adored bestselling author, Fiona McIntosh, comes this picture book celebration of family, food and fun!
- Highly giftable, with classically beautiful illustrations and an endearingly sweet story, the perfect book for grandparents to read with grandchildren.
- Perfect read-aloud picture book for children ages 3 – 5 years.

Harry and Gran are going to bake a cake. What could possibly go wrong?

A funny and charming story of a grandmother and her grandchild sharing the joy of baking together and embracing the hilarious mishaps that occur along the way.



FIONA MCINTOSH is an internationally and million-copy bestselling author of novels for adults and children across several genres. Alongside her highly successful historical fiction titles, for which she has been nominated at the Australian Book Industry Awards for commercial fiction book of the year, her popular Detective Jack Hawksworth series will soon be released across the UK. Several of her historical titles as well as the 'world of Hawksworth' crime novels have been optioned for the screen. Her debut children's picture book, *Harry and Gran*, will be published in 2025. Fiona roams the world for her research and lives between Adelaide in South Australia and Wiltshire in England.



SARA ACTON is an award-winning author and illustrator. Sara grew up in the Cotswolds in England and always loved drawing, especially people and other strange creatures. She studied BA Hons Fine Art and trained as an Art Teacher in London. After teaching and practicing art in England and New Zealand Sara moved with her family to Australia. Her first picture book *Ben and Duck* won the 2012 Children's Book Council of Australia Crichton Award for new illustrators.

**PICTURE
BOOKS**

There's one more thing they need to make their cake. *What is it?*
Both Harry and Gran scratch their heads.



**ILLUSTRATION
ROUGH**

Then Harry says, 'Mummy puts eggs in cakes.'
'Eggs!' says Gran. 'Well done, Harry.'

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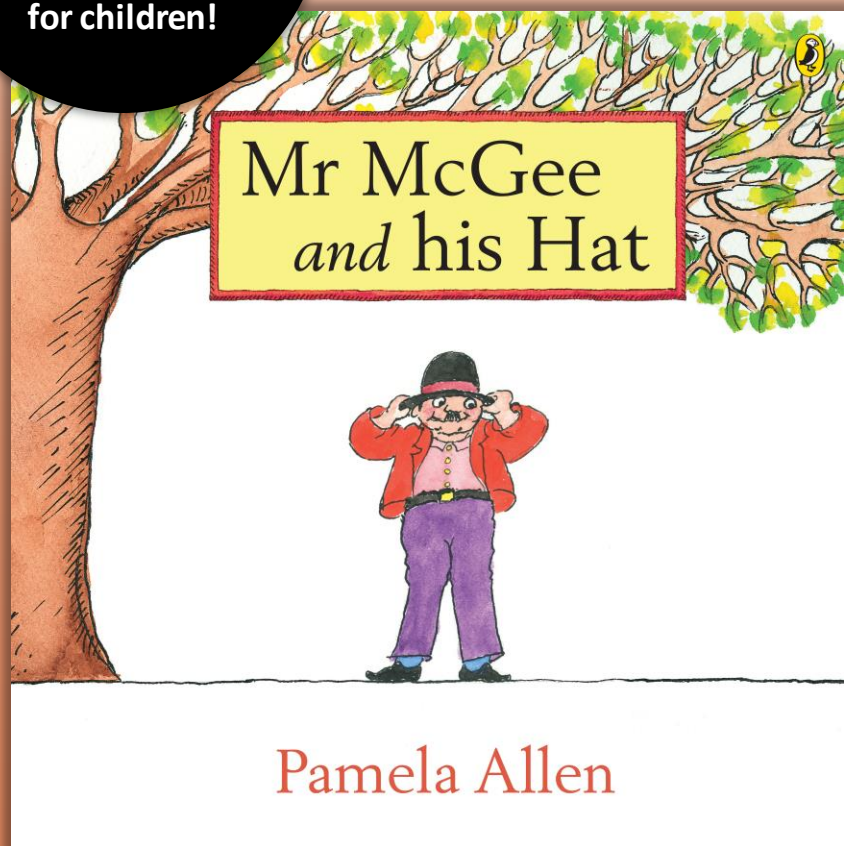
This is the best chocolate cake ever, Gran,' says Harry.



'That's because we made it
with love,' Gran says.



Since her first children's picture book in 1980, Pamela Allen has published more than 50 books for children!



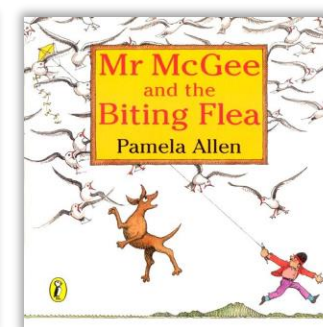
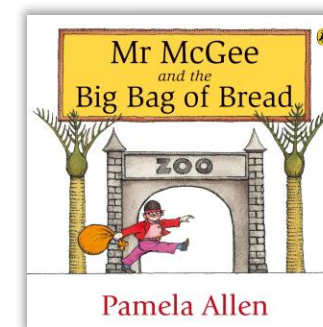
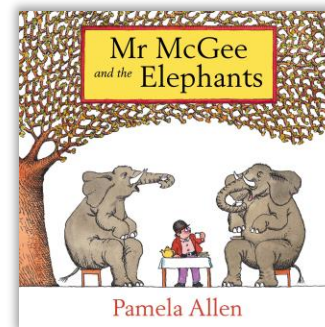
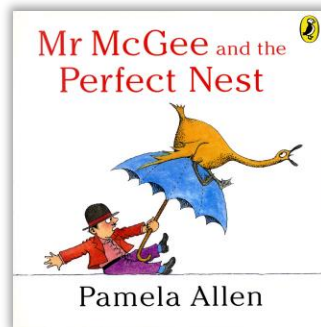
Mr McGee and his Hat

Pamela Allen

- An exciting new Mr McGee adventure, published in Pamela Allen's 90th year – a fitting celebration of more than fifty classic stories for children published by Pamela Allen over more than forty years.
- For ages 3 - 5 years.
- Pamela Allen's work have been published into China, (Dolphin Media) and Korea (Two Ponds).

In a return to this classic picture book series, Mr McGee is getting ready to go and play when a strong wind blows him, his hat, his cat and his bed high up in the air.

When they finally come down again, Mr McGee's hat is mysteriously missing...



PAMELA ALLEN is a phenomenon in the world of children's literature. Since her first publication in 1980, her picture books have enchanted generations of children around the world, and have garnered a glittering array of awards and commendations including six Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards, two New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards, an International Board on Books for Young People Diploma for Illustration, the Margaret Mahy Medal, New Zealand's most prestigious award for children's literature, and most recently The Gaylene Gordon Award for a Much Loved Book from the Children's Literature Foundation of New Zealand.

Pamela's books are full of the music of language; they are 'fragments of theatre', designed to be read aloud and shared between an adult and a child. Patch Theatre Company of Adelaide has created three theatrical performances from a selection of Pamela's books. These have toured throughout Australia and New Zealand, performing to packed houses.

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Mr McGee was under his tree.
He'd finished his toast
and was drinking his tea,



when there came a strong wind.
It went racing through.
It blew and it blew and it blew!



Big Book of Animals Taronga

- Over 200 fascinating facts for curious kids
- Discover *hundreds* of the animal kingdom's most fascinating facts in this stunningly illustrated tribute to the natural world, from the world-class wildlife experts at Taronga. A book to treasure and share, destined to become a childhood classic.
- Perfect for animal lovers of all ages, the *Taronga Big Book of Animals* is more than just a book – it's a treasure to share and inspire, destined to become a childhood classic.

Unveil the secrets of the natural world with this stunningly illustrated tribute to the animal kingdom, crafted by the world-class wildlife experts at Taronga.

Think you know animals? Did you know the most poisonous animal in the world is a frog? Tigers have spikes on their tongues? Walruses can sing? Echidna poo is glittery?

Explore these and hundreds more funny, surprising, and completely unexpected facts about creatures from all corners of the globe. This book is packed with charming, vibrant illustrations of over 140 creatures and their habitats, guaranteed to capture your imagination.

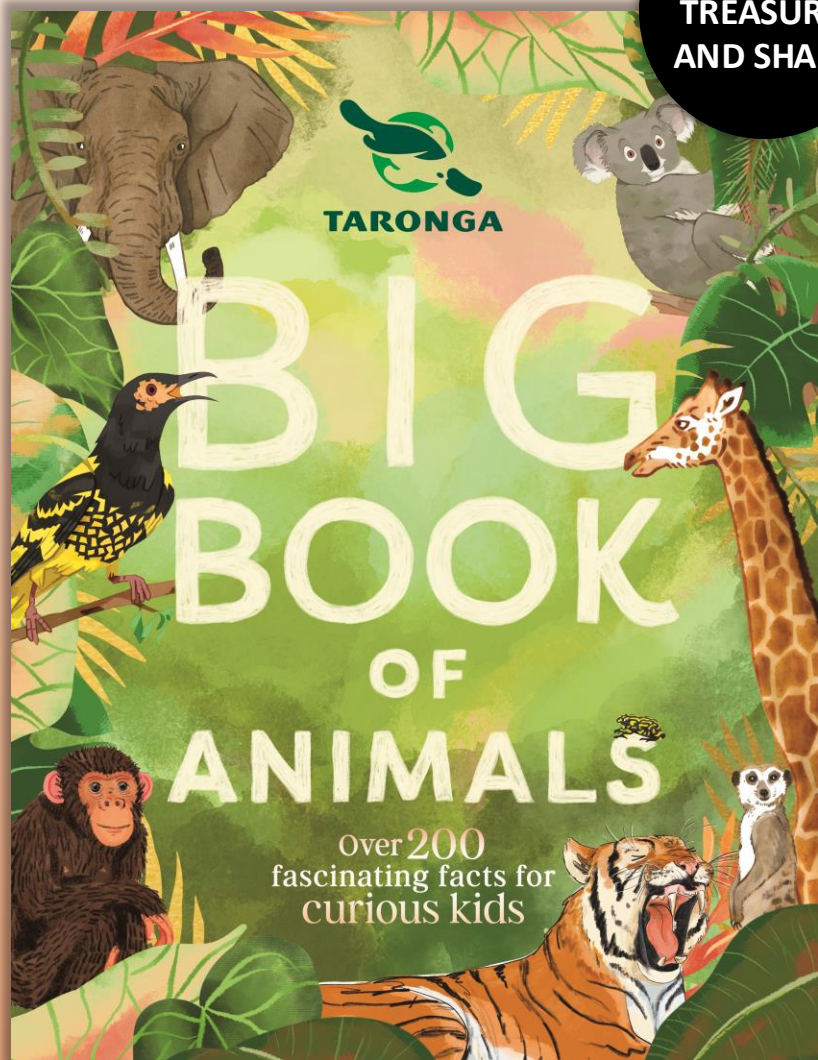
With easy-to-read maps and chapters organised by habitat, this beautifully designed hardback is as informative as it is captivating. Learn about the Taronga Conservation Society's incredible work with endangered and critical species and be inspired by their commitment to securing a future for wildlife.

Perfect for Curious Minds: Whether you read a chapter a day or flip to a random page whenever curiosity strikes, this book is a delightful companion for curious kids and inspired adults alike.



TARONGA CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA is a Government of New South Wales agency responsible for Taronga Zoo Sydney and the Taronga Western Plains Zoo in New South Wales, Australia. The board is a part of the Australian Regional Association of Zoological Parks. It sponsors a number of research centers, such as the Australian Marine Mammal Research Centre.

A BOOK TO
TREASURE
AND SHARE



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THE BLUE-EYED BLACK LEMUR IS THE ONLY OTHER PRIMATE TO HAVE BLUE EYES.

Blue eyes are very rare among primates. Aside from the blue-eyed black lemur, only certain species of spider monkeys have been found to have blue eyes.

A HOWLER MONKEY IS AS LOUD AS A PLANE.

One of the loudest animals in the world, this monkey's howl can be heard five kilometres away and can be as loud as a plane taking off.

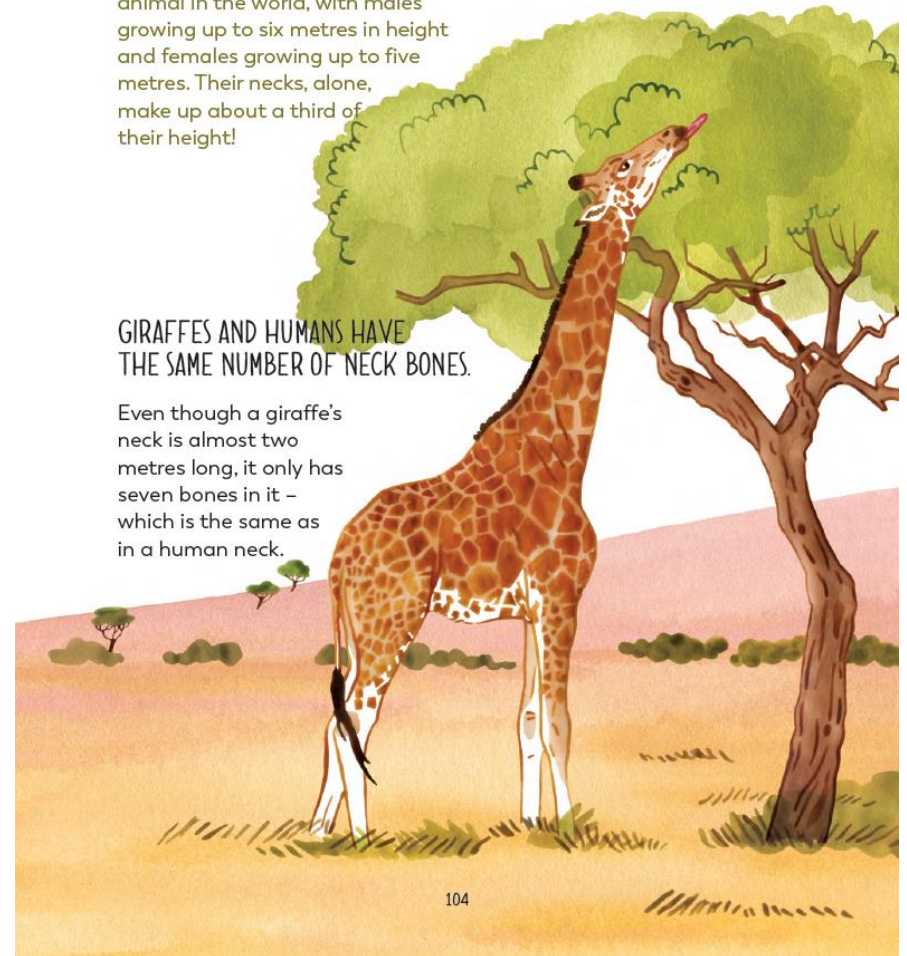


GIRAFFES ARE THE TALLEST LAND ANIMALS.

Giraffes tower over every other land animal in the world, with males growing up to six metres in height and females growing up to five metres. Their necks, alone, make up about a third of their height!

GIRAFFES AND HUMANS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF NECK BONES.

Even though a giraffe's neck is almost two metres long, it only has seven bones in it – which is the same as in a human neck.





The Space Between

Jess McGeachin

Age 3+



- Jess McGeachin's backlist titles have sold into North America (PRH US & Kane Miller), Germany (Thiemann), Taiwan (China Times), Turkey (Bilgi Yayinevi) and Indonesia (Badan Pengembangan Dan Pembinaan Bahasa).
- The Space Between is a celebration of those special friendships that last, no matter the distance, by the CBCA-award winning creator of Fly.
- An exciting new talent in Australian picture books, reminiscent of talents such as Oliver Jeffers and Gus Gordon and Anna Walker. Jess's picture books Fly, The Lost Library, Frankie and the Fossil, The Tree at Number 43 and Business Chickens have been a critical success and sold internationally.

Max and Milo do everything together, every day, and in their rocket ship even the stars and planets don't seem too far to reach. But when Milo must move away, the space between them seems too great . . . and Max must find another way to navigate the galaxy.

Sold into
5 territories



JESS MCGEACHIN is a writer/illustrator/designer based in Melbourne. He loves telling stories about hidden worlds just outside our own and hiding clues in them for small eyes to find. Drawing on a love of natural history (and a day job at Melbourne Museum), Jess hopes that his stories inspire the reader to explore both real and imaginary places and meet the characters that live in them.

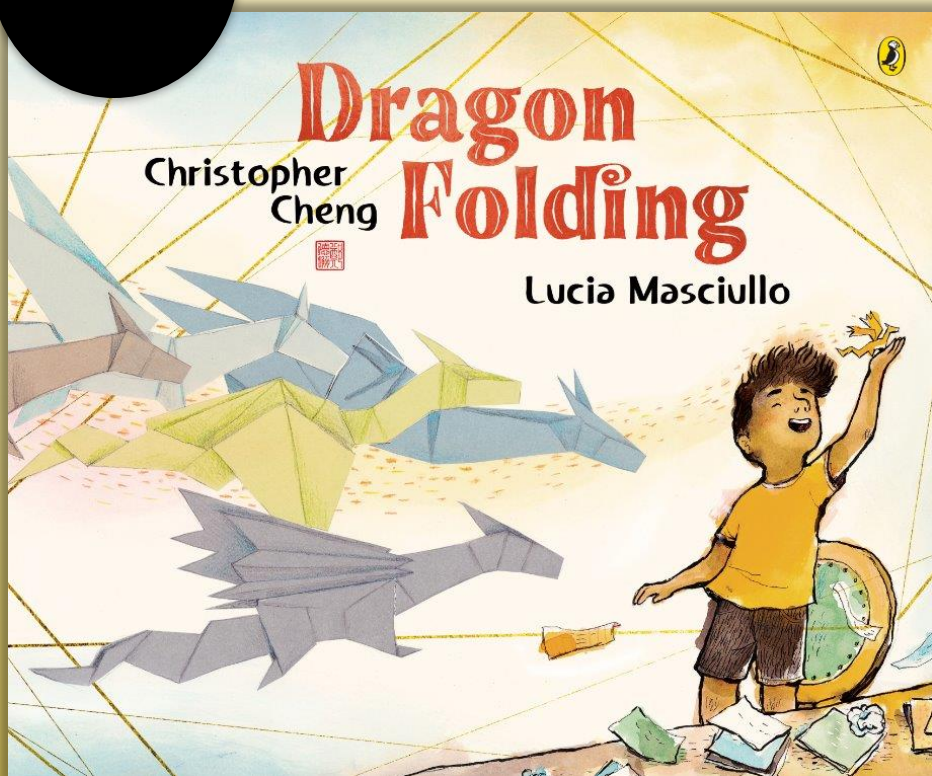
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'Prepare for take-off,' announced Max.

'Counting down – three, two, one ...!'

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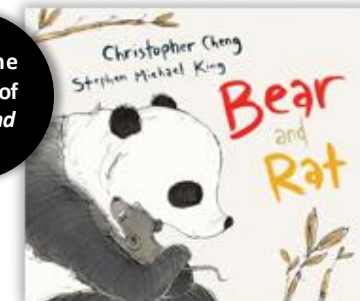


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Dragon Folding

Christopher Cheng
& Lucia Masciullo

From the
author of
*Bear and
Rat*



- A very personal story from an award-winning author and illustrator team.
- *Bear and Rat* sold into North America (PRH US), Brazil (Saber e Ler), Portugal (PRH Spain), Italy (Nomos Edizioni di Tosi Emanuele), Germany (PRH Germany), Israel (Tchelet Books), Turkey (Kultur) & Japan (Kokudoshia Co).

Ever since Mrs Singer left, the colour and life has gone out of Dragon Hall. The neighbours try to help Mr Singer wherever they can, but it's not until little Evan from across the street needs help to fold a paper dragon that, little by little, colour, light and dragons return to Dragon Hall.

In a fractured old house

With wiggly shutters

Lived a bent old man – alone.

But it wasn't always this way ...

A note from Christopher Cheng: 'Nearly all the picture books that I write have a personal element to them, where something has had a direct impact on me ... and none had ever been more so than with *Bear and Rat*, my way of coping with my wife's battle with cancer. *Dragon Folding* is my response to the next part of that journey.'



CHRISTOPHER CHENG writes fiction and non-fiction for children. He is Co-Chair of the International Advisory Board for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). His picture book *One Tree* was shortlisted in the 2020 NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Christopher's stunning picture book *Bear and Rat* was published in North America as *Will We Always Hold Hands?* and was selected for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Picture Books exhibit.

LUCIA MASCIULLO grew up in Livorno, Tuscany. She moved to Australia in 2007 and since then she has been happily working as an illustrator. She has illustrated more than 30 books, among which are the CBCA Honour Book and Prime Minister Award short-listed *Come Down, Cat!* by Sonya Hartnett, as well as the Our Australian Girl series, *Meet Katie at the Beach* by Rebecca Johnson in the Aussie Kids series, and *An A to Z of Dreaming Differently* by Tracey Dembo. She now lives on the Gold Coast.

PICTURE
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Very soon a flight of dragons had arrived.

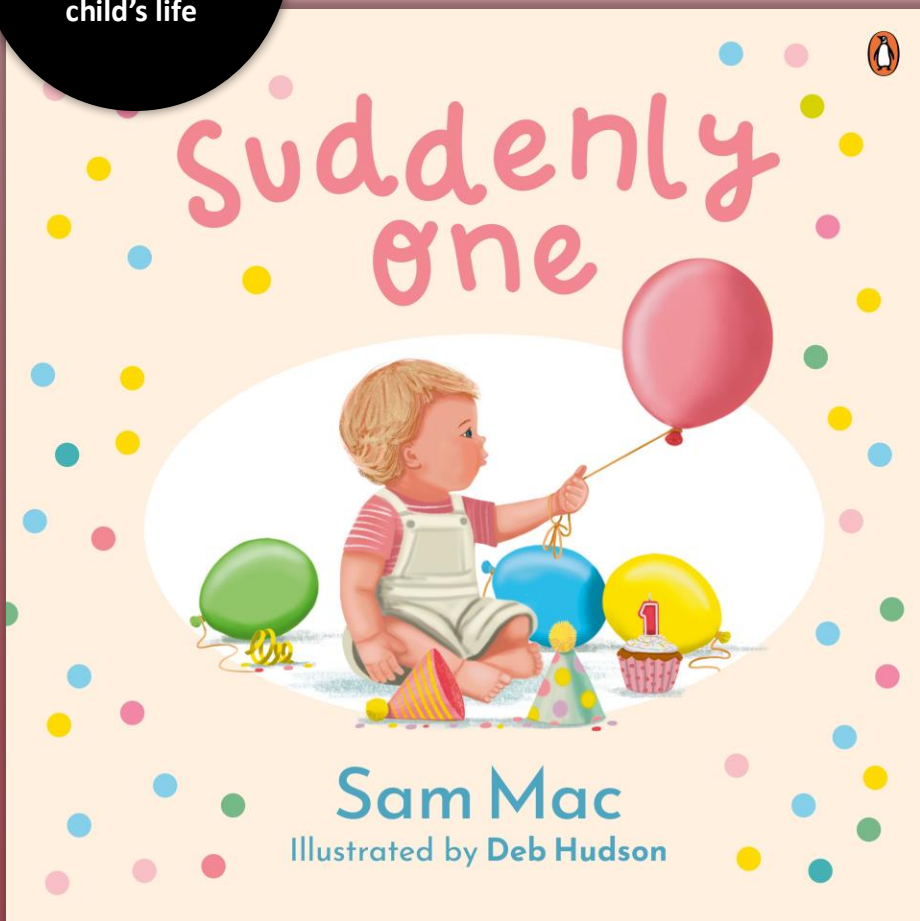


The next day, for the first time in a very long time,
Mr Singer baked his famous Dragon Forest Cake.

He even hummed.



Includes a photo sleeve to personalise the first year of your child's life



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Suddenly One

Sam Mac and Deb Hudson

- A story that started life as a poem which has more than 1.5M views of on TikTok.
- A perfect gift for new parents and a beautiful keepsake that captures the universal experience of parenting.
- A delightful celebration of love and the moments to treasure in a child's first year, this beautiful and comforting picture book is one to cherish with your child again and again as you delight in and reflect on the wonder and joy of this special time.

A classic picture book for babies in the spirit of *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes* and *Goodnight Moon*. *Suddenly One* is a heartwarming story that celebrates the milestones to treasure in your baby's first year. The perfect gift for newborns, new parents and young children everywhere.

This heartwarming book is a joyous celebration of the milestones to treasure in your baby's first year.

*Time flies by – time is a treasure.
Our firsts with you, we'll cherish forever.
Today you're walking.
Tomorrow you'll run.
Our precious newborn – suddenly one.*



SAM MCMILLAN (AJA 'SAM MAC') is a much-loved TV/radio host, author and entertainer. He's best known as the **highly unpredictable weatherman on Australia's number one breakfast TV show, Sunrise**. In 2019, he was nominated for the coveted Gold Logie, the highest award in Australian television. Sam did not win the award and would rather not talk about it if you see him in person. But his most important, rewarding and magical role is being a father.



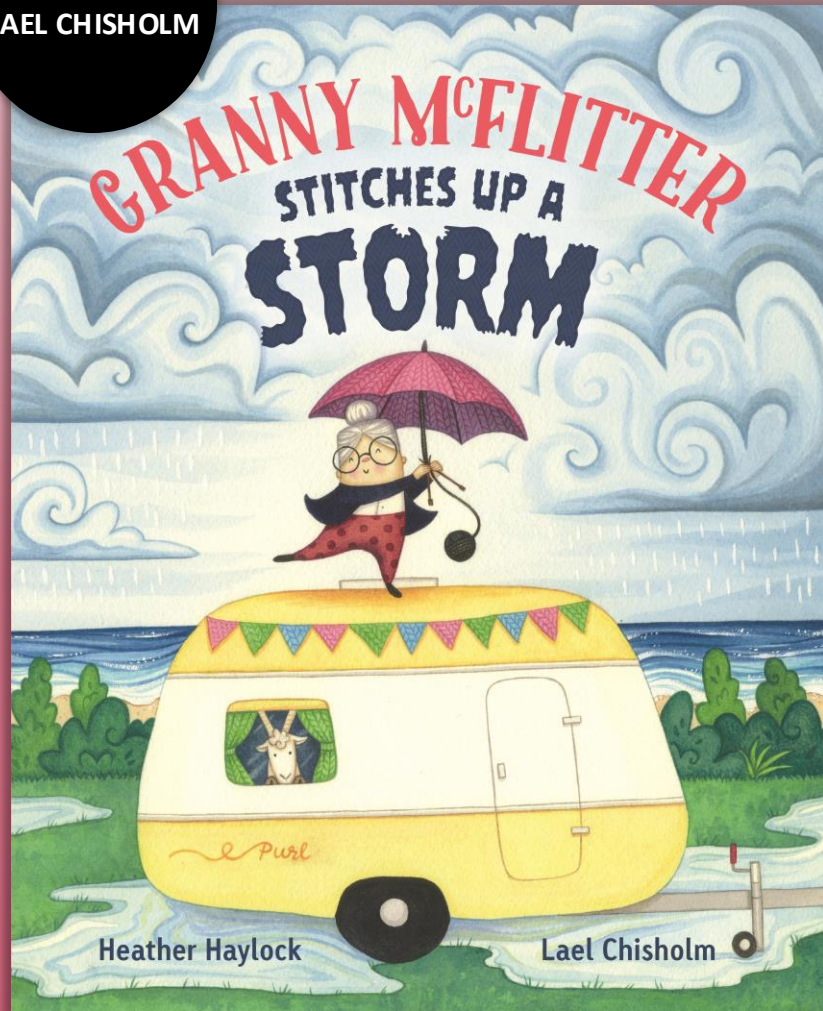
DEB HUDSON is passionate about drawing bright, happy and colourful images that evoke emotion and thought in the viewer – the dreamy, joy- and wonder-filled moments of the everyday. She has been drawing and creating since she was a little girl and lives in the fabulous city of Melbourne with her husband, three kids, energetic border collie and a bright yellow canary.

First book.



First song.

ILLUSTRATED BY
LAEL CHISHOLM



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Granny McFlitter Stitches Up a Storm Heather Haylock



- Granny McFlitter is back again, knitting up a storm on her camping vacation!
- A new tale in the witty, knitty, bestselling Granny McFlitter series, which has gathered a cult following of knitters and crafty types!
- For ages 2 - 6 years.

Granny McFlitter is ready for some sun and surf! She flings her knitting bag into the trunk, hitches the caravan to her car with its licence plate KN1TTR, and heads off on a summer camping holiday.

On her first day at the campground, she is kept busy dealing with a troublesome goat attracted to her tasty knitting, and she must re-knit a lot of her camping items.

But far worse things are in store . . .

A purler of a storm blows up and wrecks the campground, and Granny needs an assistant to help her stitch everyone's holiday back together. This is where Guzzle the goat proves he's more than an angora jumper!



HEATHER HAYLOCK is the author of *Granny McFlitter the Champion Knitter* (2018), which won a Storylines Notable Book Award 2019 and was shortlisted for the Best Picture Book category of the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Its sequels, *Granny McFlitter: A Country Yarn* (2019) and *Granny McFlitter: The Knit Before Christmas* (2022) were awarded Storylines Notable Picture Book Awards.

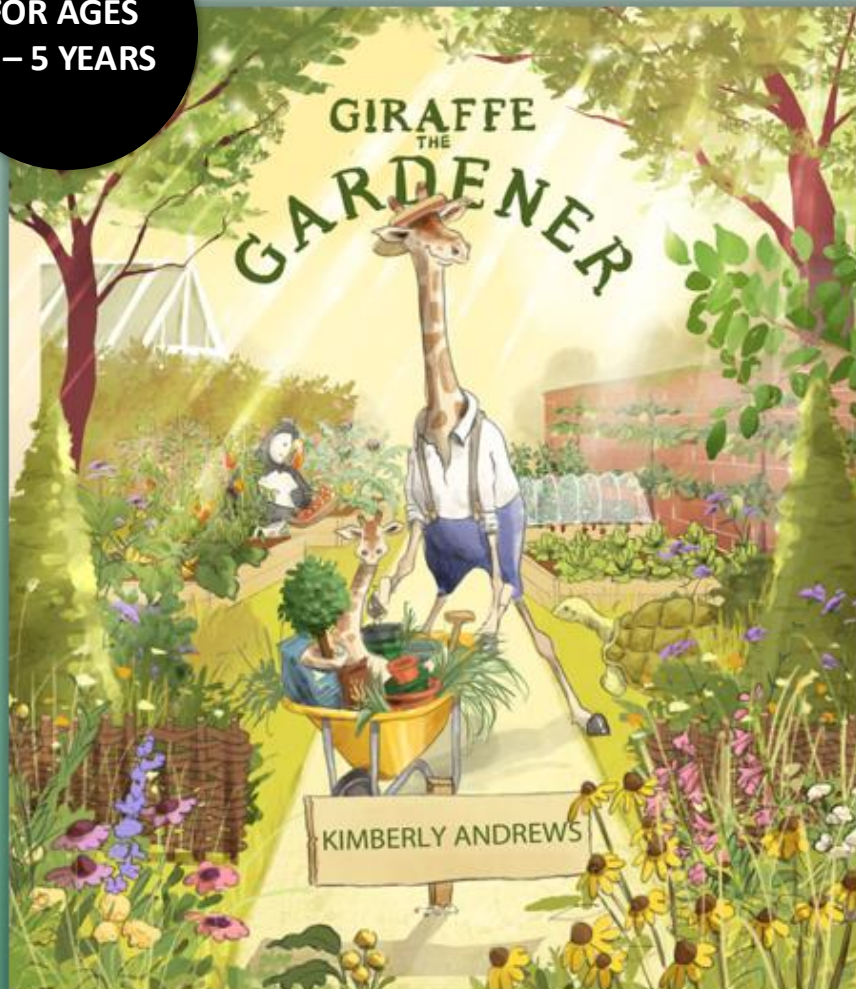
BUT did Granny stop knitting?
Oh no, she did not.
She kept right on knitting,
like it or not.



She knitted a clothesline,
a bucket and spade,
and a great big umbrella
to give her some shade.



FOR AGES
3 – 5 YEARS



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Giraffe the Gardener

Kimberly Andrews

- Meet Giraffe, a dedicated and unstoppable creator of beautiful gardens. But will plant-loving Giraffe ever get the chance to be still and relax in the environment he's grown with his own four hooves?
- Puffin the Architect was published into the UK (PRH), China (Hsinx International Corporation), Taiwan (The Eastern Publishing Co.), Korea (RedBean) and Russia (Komosomolskaya). Hound the Detective was published into Taiwan (The Eastern Publishing Co.) and Korea (RedBean)

A story for all driven children and adults who struggle to let themselves slow down, let go and smell the roses. Giraffe The Gardener is also beautiful exploration of friendship, patience, finding joy in your work and investing in the future.

Illustrations are crammed with details to discover and full of delightful visual references to various gardening styles.

The fifth story in the world of Puffin the Architect tours a series of gorgeous gardens with the workaholic, green-fingered (-hoofed?) Giraffe. That is, until a pruning disaster strikes, and he injures his neck. Whatever will become of his beautiful garden and life's work?

Giraffe Junior comes up with a plan to save it – and to save Giraffe's neck.



KIMBERLY ANDREWS is a trained biologist and geologist who grew up in the Canadian Rockies, and she has also lived and worked in New Zealand, Borneo and the UK. In London, she worked for The House of Illustration, whose main ambassador is Quentin Blake, and at the Natural History Museum. Kimberly now lives with her partner James and two daughters in a small house near Wellington, where she illustrates and writes, and runs her business Tumbleweed Tees - designs which feature her illustrations of New Zealand birds and wildlife.



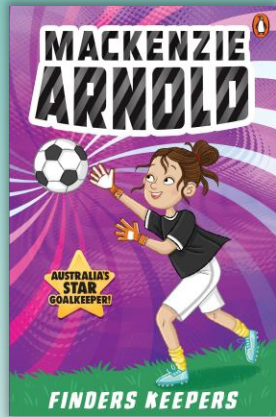
Straining my long neck has taught me
a skill I didn't know —
that beyond the busy list of jobs
is the joy of gardening...



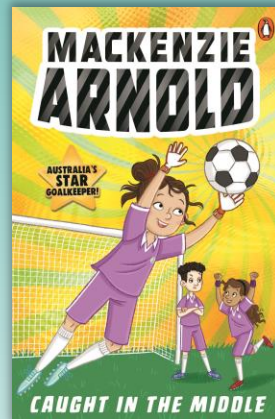
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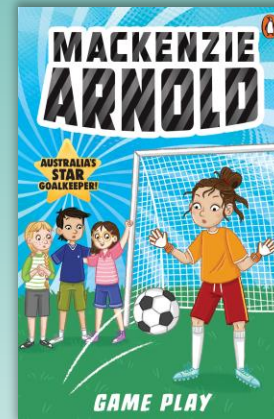
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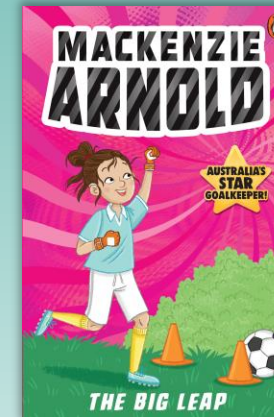
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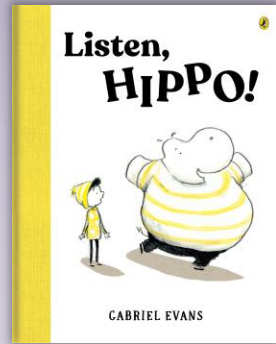


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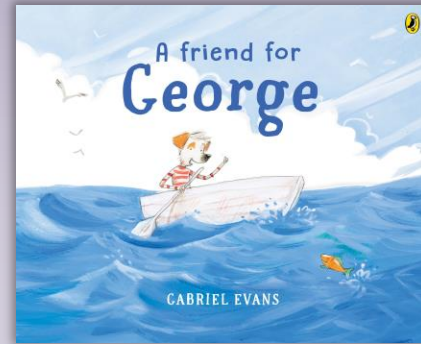
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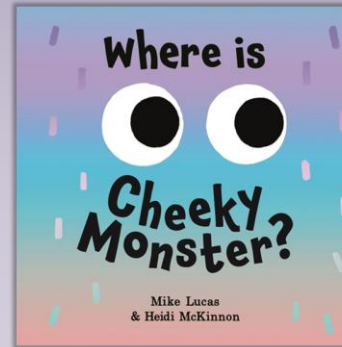
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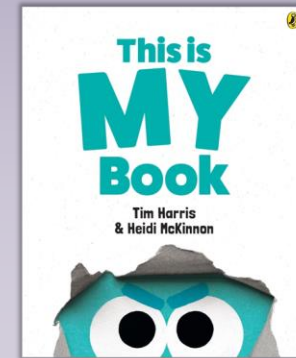
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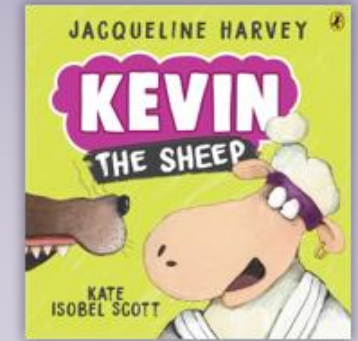
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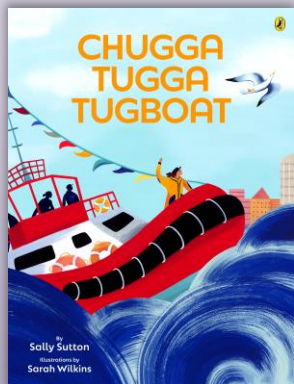
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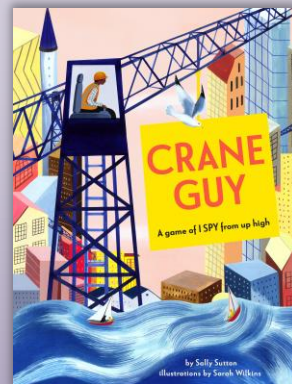
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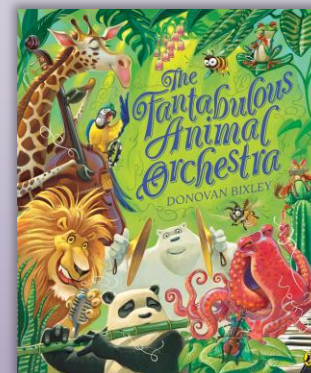
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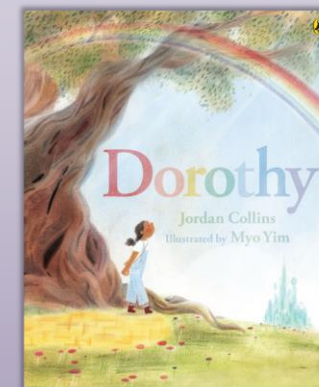
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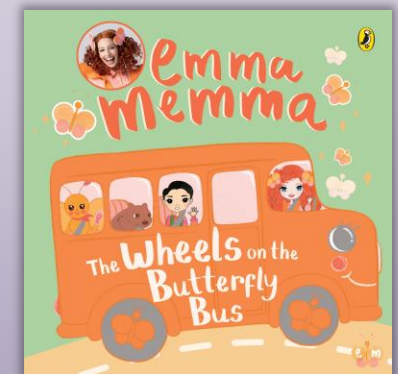
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