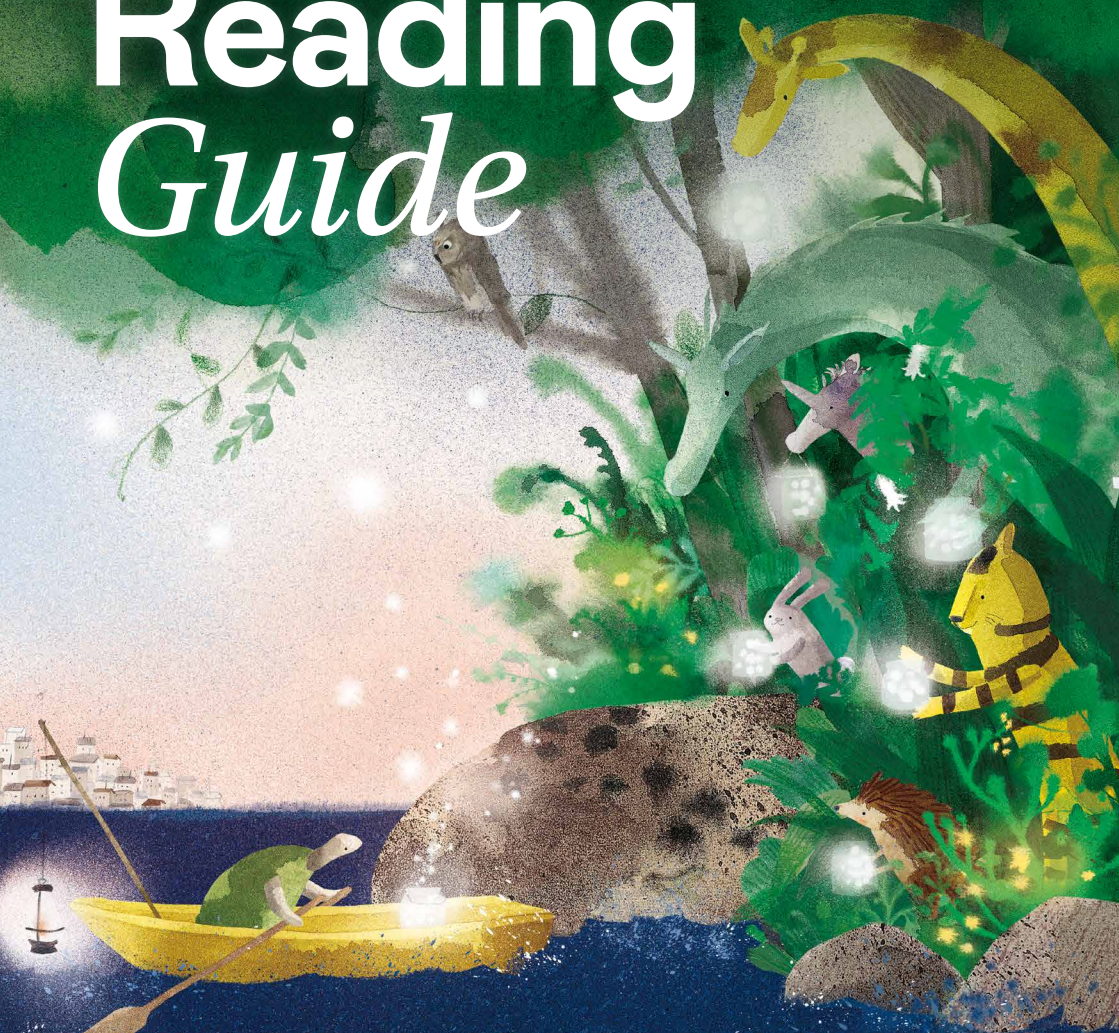


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Kids' Reading *Guide*



Handpicked and reviewed by
Australia's leading booksellers



Welcome to the 2026 Winter edition of the Kids' Reading Guide!

In this guide you'll find stories full of laughter, wonder, mystery and discovery. Some are heartwarming, others hilarious, but all remind us of the magic of getting lost and found between the pages of a book.

Every title in this guide has been carefully chosen by passionate booksellers who love helping young readers find books that spark imagination, comfort, curiosity and courage.

Whatever a child's age or interest, there's a book here to engage, delight and stay with them long after the last page is turned.



The Dream Keeper

Anna Walker

HB \$27.99

Join the magical journey of the Dream Keeper as he sets out into the sleepy minds of young ones to deliver dreams with the help of some friends. Told in simple sentences and breathtaking illustrations, this is the perfect tale for little ones before bedtime.

Our Flowers Our Marsupials

Bronwyn Bancroft | BB \$19.99

These vibrant board books showcase the stunning, distinctive art of Bundjalung artist Bronwyn Bancroft. Perfectly suited to a young audience, each page of *Our Flowers* depicts a native flower; twenty included, ranging from Banksia to Geraldton Wax, accompanied by simple, rhyming text that provides a snippet of information. *Our Marsupials* follows the same format, creating a beautiful matching set.



Now I See Summer Now I See Autumn Now I See Winter Now I See Spring

Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen (illus) | BB \$14.99

A quartet of board books from bestselling duo Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen. Each book uses the same simple text, but the illustrations shift to show spring, summer, autumn and winter through a child's eyes. Set on a farm, there's a gentle focus on everyday moments and seasonal changes. Lovely to read aloud, and nice to have as a set or on their own.



What's that Splat?

Johanna Bell and Amelia Luscombe (illus) | HB \$24.99

The creators of *What is a Dot?* are back with this delightful rhythmic book about the incredible art you can make from the simplest of splats. Children are encouraged to apply their creativity and imagination to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary. *What's that Splat?* is sure to find a home amongst the art books and act as an inspiration to explore, play and create.

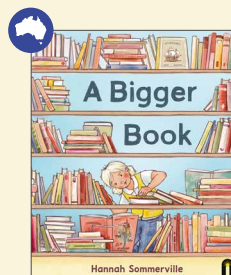


A Bigger Book

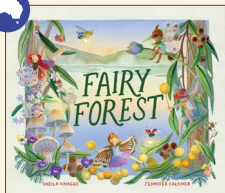
Hannah Sommerville | HB \$24.99

August release

Cora loves books. Books about pirates, knights, heroes, villains and everything in between. As her friends start to move onto bigger books with smaller writing and fewer pictures, Cora finds herself getting stuck on the words; they get foggier the harder she concentrates. Cora's love of stories starts to fade... until she finds a whole new world within the pages of a book. *A Bigger Book* is renowned illustrator Hannah Sommerville's solo debut and features a character close to her heart; a little girl with dyslexia who loves stories.



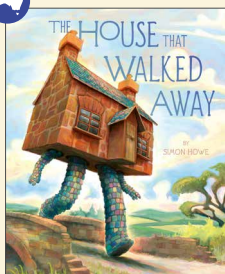
Picture Books



Fairy Forest

Sheila Knaggs and Jennifer Falkner (illus) | HB \$22.99

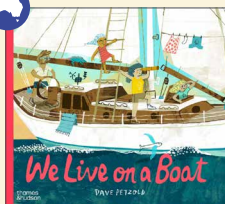
Following the success of *Fairy Beach*, this new story introduces a fresh group of tiny, Vegemite-loving fairies and their nighttime antics in the forest. As dusk falls, a hidden world comes to life among the trees, filled with native plants and animals. A sweet, imaginative picture book that brings a touch of magic to the Australian bush.



The House That Walked Away

Simon Howe | HB \$24.99

A house goes in search of a place to feel at home, and a family in search of a home decides to follow it. Simon Howe's charmingly simple story and magical artwork give us a classic in the making for young readers to love and think about.



We Live on a Boat

Dave Petzold | HB \$26.99

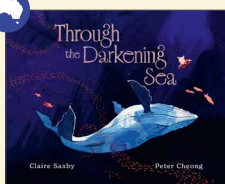
Follow one family's life at sea in this delightful picture book. When the open ocean is your home, you never know what wonders wait on the horizon. From CBCA-shortlisted author Dave Petzold comes a bright, beautiful adventure about sailing the open sea, swimming under moonlight and discovering spectacular sights far from shore.



Tiny Good Things

Gabrielle Tozer and Sophie Beer (illus) | HB \$24.99

Hearing a bird sing, splashing in a puddle after it rains, or watching a spiderweb glisten in the morning light—these are the simple joys that remind us to slow down. With gentle prose and vibrant illustrations, this book is a whimsical celebration of mindfulness, encouraging us to look for the wonder in everyday moments in and around our neighbourhood.



Through the Darkening Sea

Claire Saxby and Peter Cheong (illus) | HB \$24.99

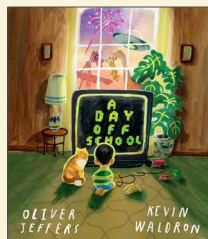
It is always a treat to see a new book from award-winning author Claire Saxby. With Peter Cheong's striking collage-style illustrations, we follow a whale fall through shifting ocean depths, meeting the remarkable creatures at every layer. A lyrical, thoughtful look at the cycle of life and the extraordinary animals that live beyond the light.



A Day Off School

Oliver Jeffers and Kevin Waldron (illus) | HB \$24.99

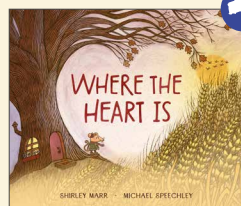
Feel like a day off school? Oliver Jeffers helps us imagine just what you might miss when trying to avoid your school work—maybe a birthday cake or an excursion on a spaceship! This is a hilarious and fun book with vibrant illustrations for early learners. It will be very much loved by both kids and their parents.



Where the Heart Is

Shirley Marr and Michael Speechley (illus) | HB \$27.99

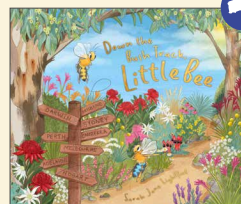
Watching birds and animals set off on long migrations, from geese flying with the seasons to wildebeest crossing vast distances, a small mouse starts to wonder if he's missing out and decides to try a journey of his own. It doesn't quite go to plan, but he discovers something along the way. A simple, thoughtful picture book about home and belonging.



Down the Bush Track, Little Bee

Sarah Jane Lightfoot | HB \$24.99

Sarah Jane Lightfoot's follow up to her much loved *Down the Road, Little Bee* takes us all over to meet our native bee friends. Using gorgeous illustrations of Australian bees, native plants and wildlife, kids learn all about the flora and fauna in different Australian landscapes with a fun rhyming text.

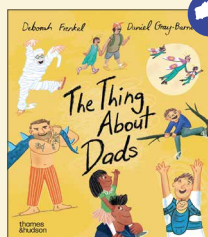


The Thing About Dads

Deborah Frenkel and Daniel Gray-Barnett (illus) | HB \$24.99

August release

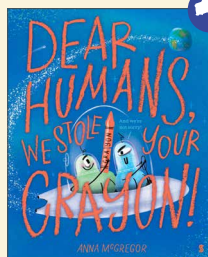
The Thing About Dads shows you how exceptional the ordinary moments are, with your Dad. Told in rhyme, discover all about different dads—some of them wrestle dragons, some of them wear dresses. The vibrant, boisterous illustrations capture so many small details from everyday life—so that every family will feel seen.



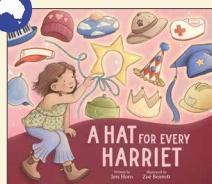
Dear Humans, We Stole Your Crayon!

Anna McGregor | HB \$27.99

Two aliens steal a crayon and are completely baffled by it, treating it like a piece of advanced human technology. What follows is a mix of curiosity, trial and error, and unexpected creativity. There's a real sense of wonder about what drawing can unlock, and a lovely reminder that making art is for everyone, whether you're on Earth or somewhere much further away. Such a fun and playful story!



Picture Books



A Hat for Every Harriet

Jess Horn and
Zoë Bennett (illus)
HB \$24.99

August release

In this wonderful companion book to the much loved *Bernie Thinks in Boxes*, Harriet introduces us to her extensive hat collection. She has a hat for listening, a hat for joining in and a hat for focusing on what she has to say, but sometimes she becomes overwhelmed when she realises she can't wear all the hats at once! This is the perfect book to encourage conversations about inclusion and thinking differently in a neurotypical world.



There's a Chicken in the House

Sonya Hartnett and Lucia Masciullo (illus) | HB \$24.99

August release

This is a charming, slice-of-life picture book, about the disruption a chicken causes when it is blown into the house on a lazy morning and our narrator's task of getting her back to her coop. The sweet story and the gentle illustrations wonderfully capture the nuances of family life and relationships, revealing a delightful surprise at the end.

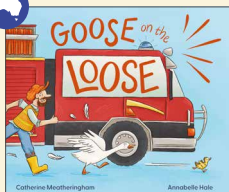


One Last Leaf

Patrick Guest and
Jess Racklyeft (illus)
HB \$24.99

One Last Leaf tells the soft story of the last little brown leaf on a mighty oak tree, clinging on through

the winter. With a powerful message about love being all around and how to let go, this picture book is a great conversation starter for children and families dealing with big changes, separation anxiety and loss.



Goose on the Loose

Catherine Meatheringham and
Annabelle Hale (illus)
HB \$24.99

Watch out! There's a goose on the loose. Or is that a duck on the truck? As the farmer chases after the escaped bird, he's joined by a firefighter, pilot, crane driver, teacher and sailor on a wild goose chase. None of them seem to have realised that Goose is on a chase all of her very own. This is a charming progressive rhyming picture book perfect for reading aloud with your little animal lovers.





Josie Mack and the MEGA Division

Bethany Loveridge and Jade Goodwin (illus) | PB \$14.99

When Ursula the wombat taps on Josie's window late at night, with an important mission from the Fellowship of Underground Nocturnals (FUN!), she learns that some tasks need opposable thumbs. By working with her new animal friends, Josie gets the opportunity to be part of something MEGA—literally! Given the option to turn mega-sized on special missions, will Josie take it?



Your Next Read Silver: A Horse in a Tree

Peter Cheong | PB \$12.99

Your Next Read Silver: Dragon Beach

Kylie Howarth and Gus Gordon (illus) | PB \$12.99

Ready for some reading magic and adventure? These new junior chapter books in the *Your Next Read Silver* collection are all about fun and building confidence in emerging readers. In *A Horse in a Tree*, a lost football leads to a massive surprise, while *Dragon Beach* features a pet dog with a fiery transformation!

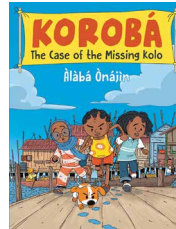


Sagittarius Rising

Maxine Beneba Clarke and Jade Goodwin (illus) PB \$17.99

August release

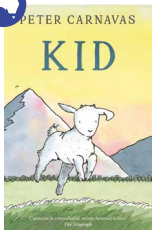
Tip finds a puppy in a box at the markets and is determined to keep it, even if Dad isn't so sure. Before long, the tiny puppy has grown into a lively, messy dog named Sagittarius Rising, and life gets a lot more chaotic. Told in fun rhyming couplets, it's full of energy, mischief and everyday family moments.



Korobá: The Case of the Missing Kolo

Àlábá Ònájì | PB \$19.99

A thief is afoot in Makoko! Luckily, ten-year-old detective Korobá is more than up to the task with her trusted puppy sidekick, Popi, and her closest friends. A beautifully illustrated graphic novel that's perfect for fans of *Tintin*. Young sleuths will have a thrilling time digging for clues hidden in the detailed graphics.



Kid

Peter Carnavas HB \$22.99

Imagine a goat called Kid raised in a chicken coop by a hen named Audrey! Peter Carnavas brings this 'modern classic' to life with his signature ink and grey wash illustrations and a tale that balances whimsical humour with moments with real heart. It's a beautiful journey about a small hero's quest to find his lost family beyond the forbidden farm fence.





Ivy and Bearlock Holmes: The Mystery of the Dinosaur Fossil **Ivy and Bearlock Holmes: The Case of the Missing Flower**

Kristyna Litten | HB \$21.99

What a joy—another adventure with Ivy and Bearlock Holmes! After helping them solve The Case of the Missing Flower,

their second adventure requests the help of readers to discover the truth about a missing dinosaur fossil. Part comic, part narrative, and dotted throughout with interactive puzzles, this delightful, fully colour-illustrated book is an engaging treat for newly independent readers.



First Bounce: Little Isaac Footy Fever 1 **Game On: Little Isaac Footy Fever 2**

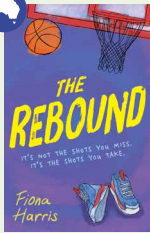
Isaac Heeney, Nicole Hayes and Dan McGuinness (illus) | PB \$16.99

August release

A fun new series for sport lovers by Sydney Swans legend, Isaac Heeney and award-winning writer, Nicole Hayes. Isaac loves playing soccer

and NRL but he wants to combine all those things he loves into one fabulous game. When Pop gives him an old AFL football he discovers the answer and is ready to convince his friends to join in. Brilliantly illustrated throughout with themes of teamwork, resilience and trying new things, this is a great read aloud for the whole family or perfect for newly confident readers.





The Rebound

Fiona Harris | PB \$17.99

Basketball means everything to Harry and when he misses tryouts for the Under Sixteens Firsts team, his only option is to play with the school's worst training team. The Redbacks are a mess, but Harry finds himself making new friends and rediscovering his love of basketball as the team starts to pull itself together. When the school arranges a match between the Redbacks and the Firsts, Harry has to decide if winning is all that matters.



Shakespeare in the Orchard

Danielle Binks | PB \$17.99

Set in 1914 in a small farming community, Jack's beloved brother is away fighting in the war. 14-year-old Jack's job is to hold down the home front and with prisoners of war being held at the military base close-by, he is filled with fear and animosity. Learning to find common ground and understanding happens with a little help from Shakespeare. This is a beautiful thought-provoking story for upper primary school children.



The Clueless Guide to Solving a Mystery (Clueless #1)

Samera Kamaledidine and Hykie Breeze (illus) | PB \$17.99

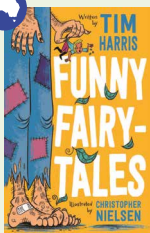
Claudia has been left at her grandparents' retirement village while her parents are on a cruise. Claudia is stuck listening to residents like Joyful Joyce (an ironic name!), Graeme (Australia's oldest Swifty) and Edward the Great (who is... great). Discovering a mysterious note that puts the oldies in a fluster, Claudia joins an unlikely team to try and solve the mystery, all without having a single clue.



Cleopatra: The Girl Who Would Be King

Jackie French | PB \$16.99

In this new series, beloved author Jackie French explores figures in the ancient world. Here she tells of a little-known year in the life of Cleopatra, reimagining her time in Rome after fleeing Egypt. Telling of Cleopatra's daring escapes and thrilling adventures with crocodiles and pirates, reveals this intelligent and unconventional girl who would take back Egypt and become pharaoh.



Funny Fairytales

Tim Harris and Christopher Nielsen (illus) | PB \$16.99

We all know the classic fairy tales, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks, Hansel and Gretel, Three Billy Goats and Red Riding Hood, but if you want to know the real stories and not the fake news, then you need to read Tim Harris' new book. You will laugh out loud at these tales of obnoxious Billy Goats, magical cowpats and one very mean Granny. A fantastic bedtime read.

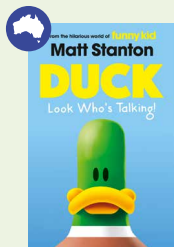


Dream On

Shannon Hale and Marcela Cespedes (illus) | PB \$22.99

Life in the 80s isn't easy for Cassie: her family has money struggles, her house is cramped, and her best friend has a new friend. This first book in a new series explores how one 'winning' letter can spark huge daydreams that don't always match reality. A heartfelt and hopeful read that Raina Telgemeier fans will absolutely adore.

Middle Fiction



Duck Look Who's Talking! (Duck #1)

Matt Stanton | PB \$16.99

Fan-favourite Duck from the *Funny Kid* series is back, this time leading Mouse and Dog in a revolt against the humans taking over their town. When a suspicious new coffee shop

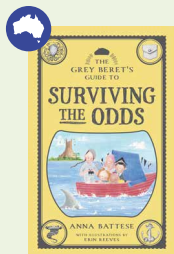
appears, the animals decide it's time to act. Fast, silly and packed with illustrations, this is laugh-out-loud humour.



The Unchosen One

Amy Sparkes | PB \$17.99

Tassie is more than ready to be the chosen one and save her magical home... until she realises there's a lot of homework involved. Now, the Chosen-One-For-The-Time-Being she must set out and find a more suitable hero. Full of laughs, explosive action and a chaotic heroine, this will have you hooked from page one!



The Grey Beret's Guide to Surviving the Odds

Anna Battese and Erin Reeves (illus) | HB \$22.99

August release

Odie is about to head to one of the most dangerous places

on earth... a cruise. Armed with a mysterious guide to prepare for all and any catastrophes (such as the dangers of tortoises), our reluctant heroine must face down disease-infested pools, carnivorous flowers and save a baby from a very large bird. A charming and adventurous first instalment in a new trilogy.



Stuck in the Middle

**Anton Clifford-Motopi
PB \$17.99**

August release

Leon is the middle child of seven brothers and sisters. Not only can he not get a word in or find any quiet time at home, but his best friend has moved to the other side of the world and he has to be a buddy to the new kid at school, Victor. When Leon introduces Victor to his family, it's not long before Leon feels as though they like Victor more than him. Can things possibly get any worse? This is a laugh-out-loud story about finding your voice, friendship and a big raucous family. Perfect for fans of Nat Amooore and Morris Gleitzman.



The Epically Awesome Odyssey, as told by Nanny Piggins

R.A. Spratt | PB \$16.99

Nanny Piggins sets the record straight on what really happened in *The Odyssey*, and it's not quite the version you've been told. According to her, Odysseus

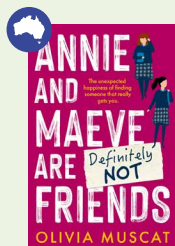
was actually a staggeringly beautiful woman... and a pig. What follows is a wildly funny take on the classic, with monsters, moody gods and plenty of chaos. A great one for readers who like their myths with a generous dose of humour.



Hunt for the Nighthawks

Felice Arena | PB \$17.99

Jake is staying with his grandmother when he stumbles across a group of thieves looting an ancient Roman site. After a frightening encounter, he finds himself drawn into a mystery that leads him to an unexpected ally, the ghost of a young Roman boy. With his new friends Tilly and Rabbit, Jake sets out to recover the stolen treasure and uncover who's behind it. A fast-paced mix of history, mystery and adventure.



Annie and Maeve Are Definitely Not Friends

Olivia Muscat | PB \$17.99

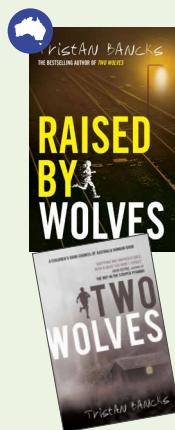
When Annie changes schools and is forced to buddy up with the other blind student, they come to an understanding: they are NOT friends. Forced together by class seating plans, birthday parties and shared friend groups, they come to find they do have a lot in common – and isn't it nice to have someone in your corner, who relates to you?



The Apocalypse and Other Mild Inconveniences

Alex Dyson | PB \$19.99

In this not-too-distant future Australia, the land is parched and bushfire prone and people are still making bad environmental decisions. But this is not a cli-fi tragedy. It brilliantly uses carefully crafted humour to highlight society's inconsistencies and ironies, creating a funny, warm and optimistic book about a couple of kids just starting high school who are trying to save their homes.



Raised by Wolves

Tristan Banks | PB \$17.99

The king of suspense is back in the world of *Two Wolves*! Olive's dad is desperate for cash and Olive is desperate to have him back in her life, after five years apart. A sudden decision and a brutal betrayal triggers an intense chase into the night. A razor sharp thriller with plenty of heart!



Nowhere House

Adrian Beck | PB \$15.99

A mystery full of chills and twists. For readers who love a spooky mysterious story that is a real page-turner and will keep them guessing until the last page. Set in a suitably creepy house with strange happenings, Nate and his sister Mila have to solve a decades-old disappearance or they may be next!



Lily Tripp: Diary of an Accidental Time Traveller

Amelia Tait | PB \$16.99

Lily is a regular 13-year-old, except every New Year's Eve she's suddenly dropped into a different time period. One year she's in the present, the next she's stuck in the 1600s... often right alongside her best friend, her crush and her worst enemy. As she tries to navigate each new era, there are plenty of awkward moments, friendship dramas and firsts. Funny, fast-moving and full of historical detail.



Young Adult



Don't Let Them Leave

Mike Lucas | PB \$19.99

Mike Lucas has spun another masterfully suspenseful novel. When Charlotte and her siblings are orphaned and sent to live with their grandmother on remote Black Island, Charlotte begins to

question what she knows about ghosts and curses. Could they actually be real? If so, how can they be released?



Once Upon Tomorrow

Karen Comer | PB \$19.99

Spanning a hundred years from the present to the future, three girls search for truth and connection amidst family dysfunction, climate change and the march of new technology. Told in verse, their

interwoven experiences shape an extraordinary story about carving out your own history and the impact that has on others.



My Wonderful Disgrace

Angourie Rice and Kate Rice
PB \$21.99

Strap in for a cacophony of disasters in this dark comedy of errors! Amy has planned her school formal perfectly—she is glowing and her long

time crush Leo is her date. Told through diary entries, text messages and police interviews, discover the tale of photos that shouldn't have been sent, attempted kisses that shouldn't have been made, and a dead goat.

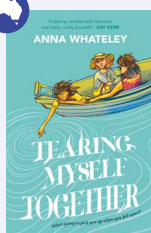


Hearstopper Volume 6

Alice Oseman | PB \$24.99

The one that everyone has been waiting for—the conclusion to Alice Oseman's much loved and best-selling graphic novel series! Oseman is a deft hand at navigating

real teen issues, including love and relationships, mental health and gender identity. This final volume continues to showcase both her immense illustrating and writing talent, and will absolutely delight fans.



Tearing Myself Together

Anna Whateley | PB \$19.99

Hilzy is trying to get through Year Twelve while everything around her feels uncertain. She's lost her job, money is tight, and her friendship with Imogen has fallen apart. As a

neurodivergent young woman living with invisible disabilities, she's dealing with a lot. A thoughtful novel about friendship, family and figuring things out when life feels very uncertain.



Us in the Bright Lights

Zanni L. Arnot | PB \$19.99

August release

Stevie has always been in her best friend Bella's orbit, so when Bella is gone, she's left unsure of who she is on her own. Following Bella's bucket

list, she heads to Europe for a year, ticking off experiences and slowly figuring things out along the way. It gets complicated when she grows close to Theodore, Bella's long-time crush. A deeply romantic novel about a girl who loses everything, but finds herself in the process.



We Did it Anyway

Carla Salmon | PB \$19.99

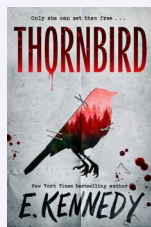
When five friends arrive on an island for a week of surf camp they're expecting beach camping. Instead, there's stolen gold, sinkholes, gunshots from the sea, smugglers and a lake with a ghost. Perfect for fans of *We Were Liars* and *Tristan Banks*; this is a pacey, brilliant thriller.



A Flash in the Dust

Meg Caddy | PB \$21.99

It's 1899, and Gilberta has spent three years in the asylum attempting to whittle herself into the woman her brother will allow to rejoin society. When brave Norah arrives, keys are stolen, trains 'caught', horses 'found' and the most unexpected bushranger gang formed. This historical thriller is visceral; beautifully written with artful characters.



Thornbird

E. Kennedy | PB \$22.99

Ryan Shipley has the unfortunate luck of being the daughter of a serial killer. Since her father's murders she has been living incognito with her grandmother, far away from her traumatised Tennessee upbringing. When her grandmother dies, she is forced to return to the town of her birth, just as her father's execution is approaching. What a set-up, what a page turner!



One Knight Stand: Lady's Knight 2

Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner | PB \$26.99

Dear reader, our favourite lady knight and her fierce lady love are back. A sinister curse has been cast on a town and our heroines must not only fight monsters in the land but ones that haunt their minds too. An action-packed hilarious adventure that's bold in its joy and shades of girlhood.



Drawing Nudes While Making Other Plans

Zoe Gaetjens | PB \$19.99

Cleo signs up for a summer life-drawing course before Year Twelve and finds herself out of her comfort zone from the start. Between classes, new friendships and a possible first romance, she's also dealing with the loss of her sister. As the weeks go on, the course becomes a place where things begin to shift.



Shadow Reaper

Lynette Noni | PB \$27.99

Lynette Noni's latest novel delivers everything her readers love: dark magic, high stakes, and a complex flirty, banter-filled romance that goes from enemies to lovers. It's a twisty, action-packed mystery that keeps the tension high all the way to its heart-stopping cliffhanger ending. Darker themes make this suitable for 14+.

Explore and Learn



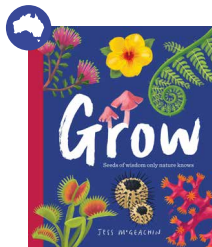
Welcome to Friendship!

Yumi Stynes, Dr. Melissa Kang and Jenny Latham (illus) | PB \$24.99

August release

A really helpful guide for tweens and teens

navigating friendship in all its forms, from the bestselling team of Dr Melissa Kang and Yumi Stynes. It covers everything from making new friends to handling fallouts, tricky group dynamics and online connections. It answers the kinds of questions young people actually have. A practical, reassuring book to dip into whenever things feel a bit complicated.

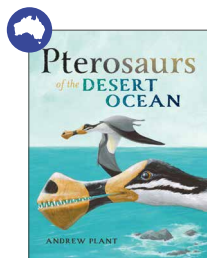


Grow

Jess McGeachin
HB \$24.99

The Earth is filled with living, breathing things that grow every day; and you are one of them. Jess McGeachin takes the

reader on a journey; through the quiet magic of the unnoticed moss, to the sturdy trees standing tall. This lyrical book is accompanied by stunning illustrations, exploring the expansive natural world we live in, whilst delivering a soft message about embracing change.



Pterosaurs of the Desert Ocean

Andrew Plant | HB \$32.99

Learn all about Australian dinosaurs in a fun and entertaining way. We follow a pterosaur called Ferrodraco as she is separated from her

nesting flappings and mate. We travel through ancient Australia, finding dinosaurs unique to our land 100 million years ago. The dinosaurs are illustrated with amazing detail and vibrancy.



What If You Could

Jacinda Ardern | PB \$26.99

Jacinda Ardern is a remarkable role model for young people everywhere who are coming of age in a time of global instability. Her strengths and ability to speak honestly about her vulnerabilities resonated

around the world as a new kind of 21st century leader. She brings all of these qualities to *What If You Could*, and in sharing her personal story authentically, she makes big accomplishments seem achievable. An inspirational text for young people with altruistic dreams.

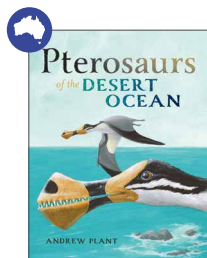


Birds, Blooms & Bugs

Megan McKean
HB \$24.99

This is such a charming look-and-find book. It explores Australian birds, bugs and plants across all

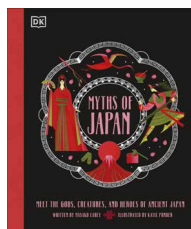
sorts of backyards; from balconies and verandahs to parks, ponds and beaches. The illustrations are bright and busy and there's plenty to spot and talk about together. A lovely way to notice the wildlife around us, wherever we happen to be.



Airports

Laurence Hardisty and Maxim Usik (illus)
HB \$36.99

If you've got a curious kid who loves planes or travel, this is such a fun book to share. It answers all those questions kids ask like, "Why can't I ride on the bag carousel?" and "Do planes get stuck in traffic jams?". The illustrations are packed with detail, so there's plenty to pore over. A great mix of facts and fun that will keep them engaged for hours.

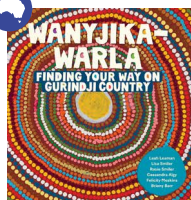


Myths of Japan

Masako Carey and Katie Ponder (illus) | HB \$37.99

August release

The latest stunning addition to DK's collection of myths from around the world takes us into the stories and legends of Japan. The richly illustrated pages are full of stories about gods and emperors, mischievous shape-shifting foxes, and kappa water-demons. This is going to be a fantastic book for young readers fascinated by mythology, or looking to delve deeper into the legends and creatures behind their favourite manga and anime.

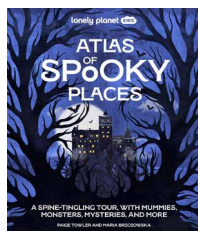


Wanyjika-warla

Leah Leaman, Lisa Smiler, Rosie Smiler, Cassandra Algy, Felicity Meakins and Briony Barr
HB \$29.99

August release

From the creators of *Tamarra*, this story follows a grandmother and grandchild heading out fishing together, drawing on Gurindji knowledge, language and everyday life. It weaves in ideas about navigation and connection to Country, along with the ways we use our senses to understand the world around us. Written in Gurindji, Gurindji Kriol and English, and illustrated by 35 Gurindji artists.



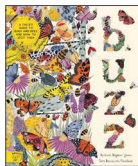
Atlas of Spooky Places

Paige Towler and Maria Brzozowska | HB \$29.99

August release

If you fancy a bit more fright and terror in your Atlas, Lonely Planet has put together an awesome collection of spooky places from all over the world. Not so scary that you will need to sleep with the light on, it is however a fascinating guide that includes maps, mysteries, stories and gorgeous illustrations of some of the creepiest places on Earth. Which haunted hotel, ghost park or mystery island will you put on your travel wish list?

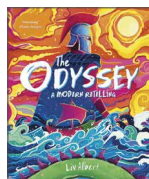




Buzz

Richard Jones and Sara Boccaccini Meadows (illus) | HB \$34.99

Buzz is the latest book in the stunning series that includes *Grow*, *Glow* and *Fly* and is buzzing with the tiny bugs, bees and other critters that have a crucial role in keeping our planet happy and healthy. Jam-packed with facts, information on how and where to spot insects, stories and folklore from around the world and the most beautiful illustrations by Sara Boccaccini Meadows. A perfect gift for the bug-lovers in your life!

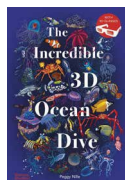


The Odyssey: A Modern Retelling

Liv Albert | HB \$37.99

Take a journey across the sea in this lively retelling of *The Odyssey*. It follows Odysseus through all the

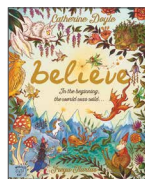
adventure you'd expect, from the Cyclops and sirens to plenty of meddling gods, with trickery, danger and close calls throughout, alongside stunning illustrations. With maps, facts and character profiles throughout, there's plenty to explore as you read.



The Incredible 3D Ocean Dive

Peggy Nille | HB \$34.99

A bright and playful search-and-find set under the sea. Follow Hubble the hermit crab as he looks for a new shell and meets all sorts of sea creatures along the way. The bold illustrations are full of things to spot, and the 3D glasses add an extra layer of fun.



Believe

Catherine Doyle and Freya Hartas (illus) HB \$36.99

August release

A beautiful book to gift or share. It feels like stepping into a magical field guide, exploring where creatures like dragons, unicorns and trolls came from. The detailed illustrations are full of things to discover on every page. Perfect for kids who love fantasy and getting quietly lost in a world of wonder.



The books in this guide have been chosen and reviewed by members of the Australian Booksellers Association, who use their expertise to support reading for all ages.

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