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

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

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Rights: World, all languages

**WHY YOU'LL
LOVE IT!**

- Over 155,000 copies sold across the series

AUSSIE BEACH BABIES

(BLACK AND WHITE FOR BABIES #9)

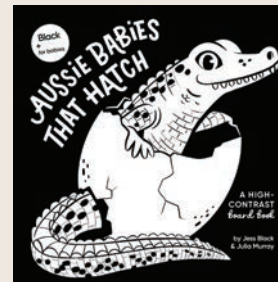
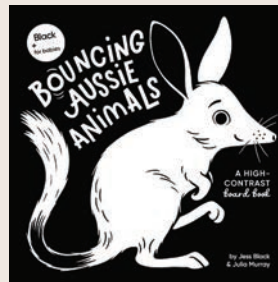
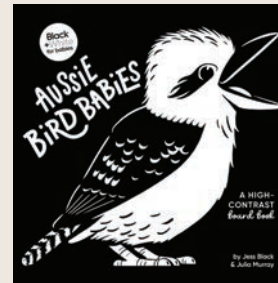
Jess Black, Julia Murray


BABIES LOVE BLACK AND WHITE!

New babies see the world differently, and these high-contrast board books are perfect for engaging their developing eyesight, strengthening their cognitive abilities and encouraging their gross motor skills.

Designed to help parents bond with their baby and start them on a lifelong love of books by introducing them to the world of adorable baby animals!

In this book, it's a big day out at the beach where we meet hermit crabs, starfish, seagulls, manta rays, octopuses, pelicans, and penguins, playing in the water and sand!





PICTURE BOOKS

THIS IS AN ELF

(BOOK #6, BOOKS THAT DRIVE KIDS CRAZY!)

Beck & Matt Stanton

This Is an Elf is a fabulous Christmas book with a difference AND a companion to the bestselling *Books That Drive Kids Crazy*, *This Is a Ball*. *This Is a Ball* is celebrating it's 10th anniversary this year.

For the Grown-Ups: You know how you're right all the time? All. The. Time. Yes, well, it's time to give the kids a turn. Which is why everything you read in this book is going to be wrong. But that's ok, because the kids are going to correct you. And they're going to love it! That's what makes this series such a hit with kids! And this time, it's all about Christmas.

This Is an Elf is a boldly absurd spin-off of concept books and an audacious invitation for readers to practise deadpan delivery; after all, the picture on the cover clearly shows a reindeer, not an elf! What is WRONG with this silly book? Kids will demand to know – and all readers will be howling with laughter along the way.

PRaise FOR DID YOU TAKE THE B FROM MY _OOK?

'It's a winning bit of interactive silliness that offers insight into the way small changes can have big results where words are concerned.'

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

'Funny, clever, deliciously dry ... this book encourages kids to think outside the square, and hopefully, somewhere deep in that unlimited sub-conscious, understand that what we see is all about perception. What a powerful thought.'

KIDS' BOOK REVIEW
(AUSTRALIA)



PRaise FOR THIS IS A BALL

'A string of narratorial mistakes ... gives children a chance to gleefully correct the adult reading it aloud ... Another metafictional storytime crowd-pleaser.'

KIRKUS REVIEWS

'[The Book with No Pictures, Press Here, and Mix It Up] are international bestsellers and deservedly so, but closer to home we now have a book which is just as delightfully frustrating, clever and nuts.'

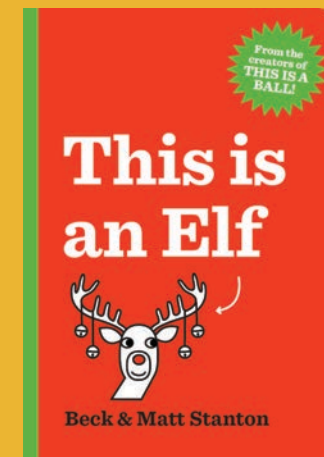
CHILDREN'S BOOK
DAILY (AUSTRALIA)

'The kids are having a ball (whoops, having fun) and a discussion is born.'

GOOD READING

'a hilarious ride and one that adults and kids will both love'

JAYEBYDAY.COM



Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator who has sold more than one million books in Australia. The first title in his middle-grade series *Funny Kid* debuted as the #1 Australian kids' book and the series has fans all around the world. His other hit series include the award-winning *Books That Drive Kids Crazy!* and *Fart Monster* series, *Bored*, *Fluff* and the immensely popular graphic novel series, *The Odds*.

Beck Stanton is the acclaimed co-creator of the bestselling *Books That Drive Kids Crazy*. Before her career in children's books, she was a primary school teacher.

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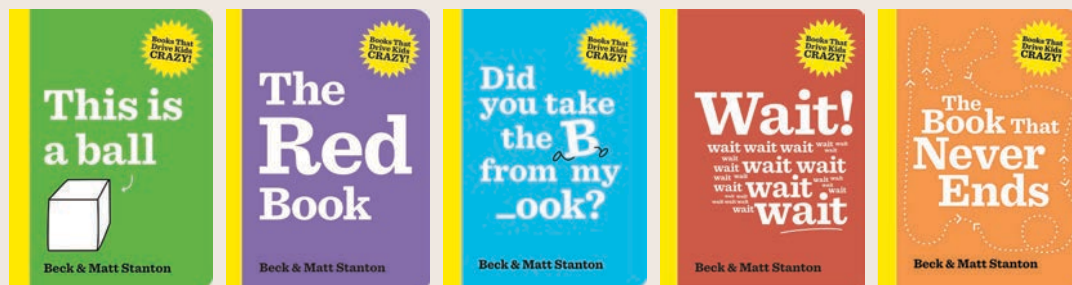
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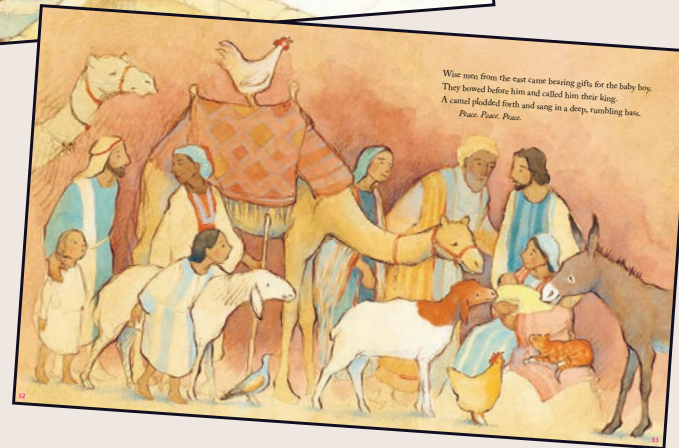


**COVER
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Katrina Nannestad is a multi-award-winning Australian author. Her books include the CBCA shortlisted *We Are Wolves*, *The Girl Who Brought Mischief*, *The Travelling Bookshop* series, *The Girl, the Dog and the Writer* series, the *Olive of Groves* series, the *Red Dirt Diaries* series, the *Lottie Perkins* series, and the historical novels *Rabbit*, *Soldier*, *Angel*, *Thief*, *Waiting for the Storks*, *Silver Linings* and *All the Beautiful Things*. www.katrinanannestad.com

Freya Blackwood is a multi-award-winning illustrator and writer. Her picture books are beloved for her warm and perceptive drawings. In 2010, Freya won the UK's most prestigious prize for illustrators, the Kate Greenaway Medal, for her book *Harry and Hopper*. Freya has worked with writers such as Libby Gleeson, Margaret Wild, Jan Ormerod, Nick Bland and Danny Parker.

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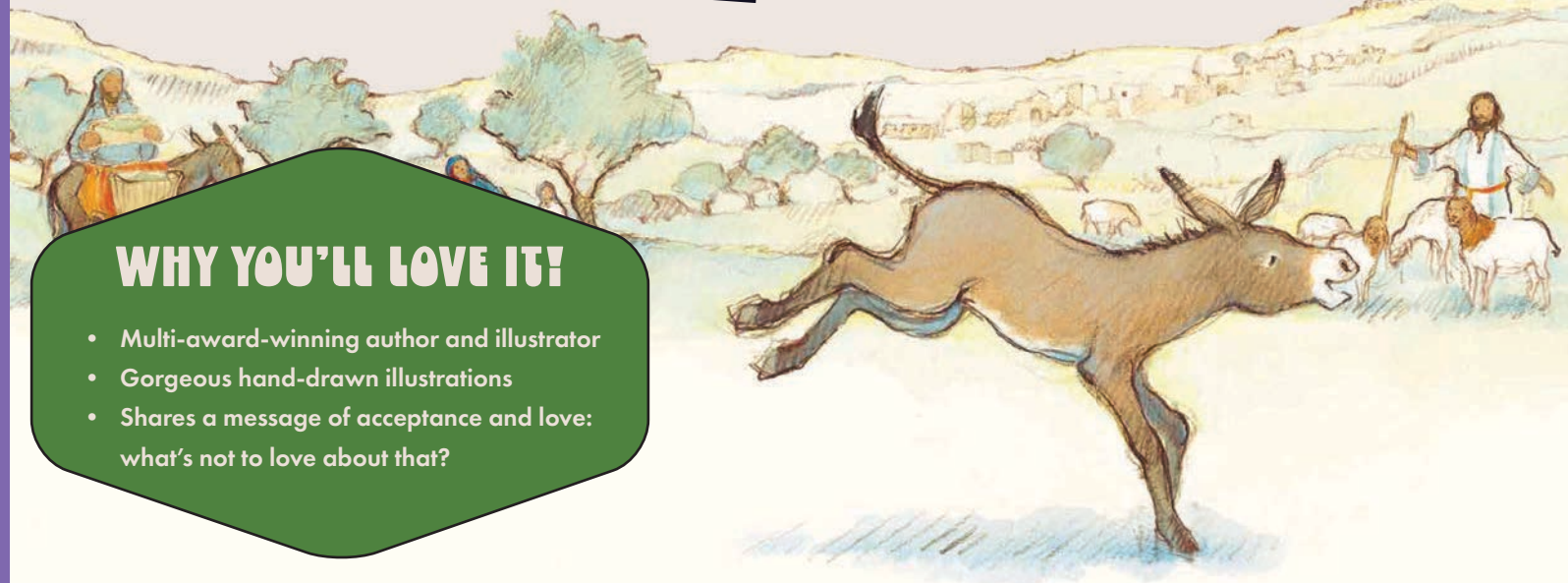


A SONG FOR THE KING

Katrina Nannestad, Freya Blackwood

A heart-warming and humorous retelling of the traditional nativity story, told from the viewpoint and 'singing voices' of the baby animals at the inn, starring Netta, a donkey foal.

A Song for the King is a touching modern re-telling of the nativity story, told from the perspective of the baby animals rejoicing at the birth of Jesus. It conveys a heartening message of acceptance and love, which is a gentle contrast to the many garish Christmas books in the market. This is a book about celebrating friendship and the gift of a 'song' at Christmas.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Multi-award-winning author and illustrator
- Gorgeous hand-drawn illustrations
- Shares a message of acceptance and love: what's not to love about that?

THE CHRISTMAS TREE CATASTROPHE

Emma Bowd, Matt Shanks

This is an occasion story with a difference! And one that children will delight in as they watch naughty Kitty McCatty create complete Christmas Eve chaos.

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Kitty McCatty was chasing a mouse.*

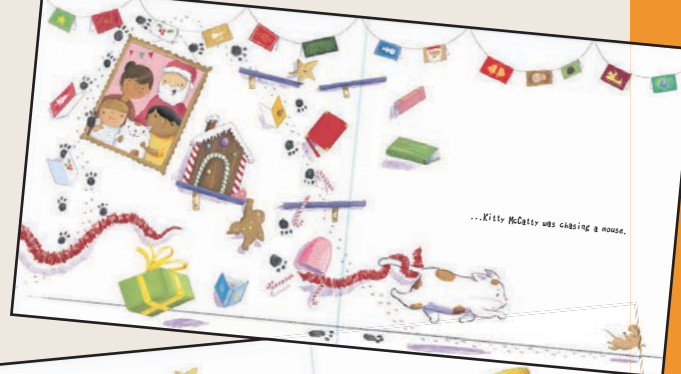
It's Christmas Eve, and the baubles are bickering over the best spots on the Christmas tree, when an unexpected visitor appears.

A tree-toppling catastrophe seems certain ... unless the decorations can set aside their differences and work together?

From the talented and award-winning duo, Emma Bowd and Matt Shanks, comes a rollicking festive tale full of humour and heart — and more than a tiny bit of tinsel.

INSPIRATION

The fresh, fun storyline was inspired by a tiny flea-ridden kitten Emma Bowd's little sister proudly brought home on her last day of school in Prep, which she'd won for 2 cents in a class raffle. As soon as she put the kitten down on the lounge room floor it raced up the middle of the Christmas tree to the very top and promptly got stuck, in turn, nearly toppling the tree.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Funny picture books about pets are always popular so it's an easy choice as a stocking stuffer
- Christmas books endure and have the potential to become classics!



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Emma Bowd is an internationally published and award-winning author, and a dedicated literacy advocate. Her bestselling books *The Day You Were Born* (with Hilary Jean Tapper) and *This Is My Happy Place* (with Jen Khatun) followed her acclaimed debut, *Wonderful Shoes* (with Tania McCartney), which is a CBCA Notable Book and features on *Play School Story Time*.

Visit her at www.emmabowd.com

Matt Shanks is an internationally published and critically acclaimed author/illustrator of over twenty picture books, several of which have been awarded CBCA Notable Books. www.mattshanks.com.au

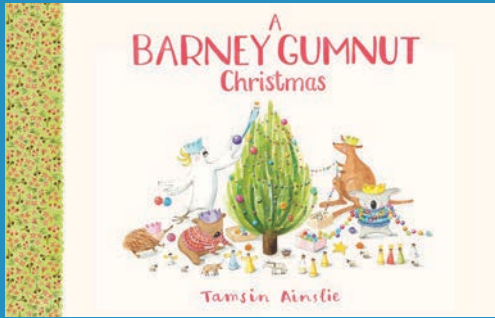
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Rights: World, all languages



A BARNEY GUMNUT CHRISTMAS

(BARNEY GUMNUT, #2)

Tamsin Ainslie

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Award-winning creator
- Adorable characters – a classic-feel brand in the making

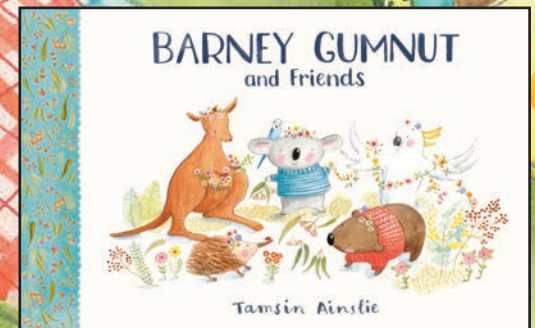
A celebration of the meaning of Christmas with adorable Australian animal characters, Barney Gumnut and Friends, from the publishing house that brought you *Ruby Red Shoes!*

Christmas means ... celebrating with friends, swimming in the creek and eating watermelon!

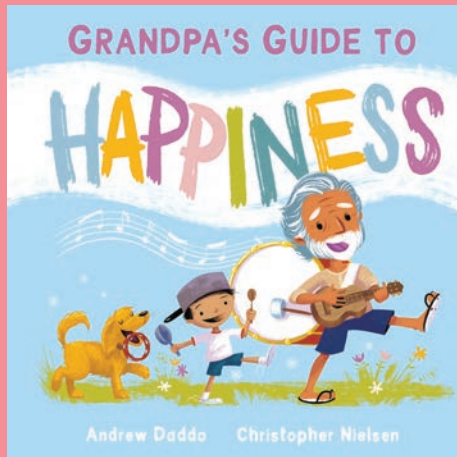
Join Barney Gumnut and his friends as they share what Christmas means to them while having a festive adventure in Scribbly Gum Forest. Look out for the shooting star!

A gentle and heartfelt tale about the meaning of Christmas, with adorable Australian animals from bestselling creator Tamsin Ainslie.

Tamsin Ainslie has illustrated more than fifty books, including *In My Garden* (with Kate Mayes), *Count My Kisses*, *Little One* and *Count My Christmas Kisses* (with Ruthie May). *The Sisters Saint-Claire* (with Carlie Gibson), *Collecting Sunshine* (with Rachel Flynn), *Sometimes Cake* (with Edwina Wyatt), *Grumble Boats* (with Susannah McFarlane) and *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* (with Carol Goess) have all been CBCA Notable Books, with *Can We Lick the Spoon Now?* also winning the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award for Young Children. Her paintings and drawings are held in collections all over the world.



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Ages 0+
Rights: World, all languages



GRANDPA'S GUIDE TO HAPPINESS

Andrew Daddo, Christopher Nielsen

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Bestselling and award-winning creators
- Sold over 6000 copies of *Grandma's Guide to Happiness*, which is strong in the Australian market
- A great Father's Day gift!

Andrew Daddo is an author, columnist, broadcaster and TV presenter. He has been writing for children for over 25 years, including *First Day*, *When I Grow Up* and *Old Friends*, *New Friends*. *Grandpa's Guide to Happiness* is the follow-up to *Grandma's Guide to Happiness* and both books are about good old-fashioned fun.

Christopher Nielsen is an Australian author/illustrator specialising in bringing joy and wonder to children through his art and storytelling. His illustrations are inspired by a deep passion for mid-century culture and design. In 2018 his first picture book saw him shortlisted for the CBCA Crichton Award for best new illustrator and in 2022 his book *Just One Bee* (written by Margrete Lamond and Anthony Bertini) received the CBCA Honour Award for Picture Book of the Year.



A companion to *Grandma's Guide to Happiness*, this picture book from bestselling author Andrew Daddo is a heartwarming book of grandfatherly philosophy.

My grandpa says the funniest things. He says the happiest days are the busiest days, and there's usually a stack of things to do.

It's always fun spending time with Grandpa — fixing things in the shed, doing some gardening, fishing at the pier or telling jokes in the backyard.

A joyful story celebrating grandfathers from beloved Australian author Andrew Daddo, with heartwarming art by Christopher Nielsen.

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Ages 3+
Rights: World, all languages



HOW TO GO TO BIG SCHOOL

Sarah Ayoub, Mimi Purnell

A LYRICAL STORY WITH PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR STARTING BIG SCHOOL.

This new rhyming story follows on from the success of *How to Be a Friend* and *The Love that Grew* and captures lots of practical details about what things a child needs to know and take for starting big school. From lunch box to hat, uniform and bag. The things they'll learn and the people they'll meet.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Back-to-school themed books are very popular, and this story is practical and reassuring
- *How to Be a Friend* has sold over 11,000 copies (excellent for the Australian market)



COVER ROUGH

Sarah Ayoub is a journalist, bestselling author and academic with a PhD in migrant Australian YA literature. Sarah is an advocate for education and Australian stories, appearing at schools and festivals where she promotes her YA novels *Hate is Such a Strong Word*, *The Yearbook Committee* and *The Cult of Romance*, as well as her picture books *The Love that Grew*, *Nice and Slow* and *How to Be a Friend*.

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

December, 2025
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BOSS OF YOUR OWN MIND

Byll Stephen, Beth Stephen, Simon Howe

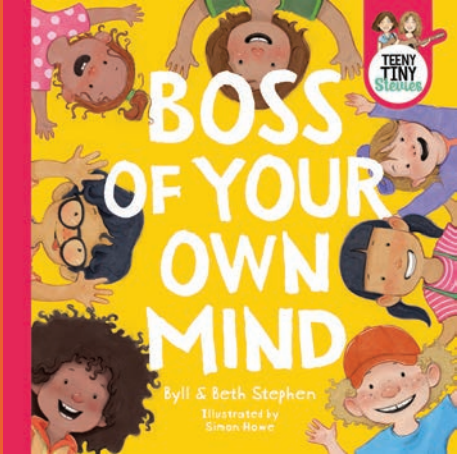
Empower young kids with the help of the critically acclaimed Teeny Tiny Stevies!

You're not the boss of what other people think, what they say and how they exist.

You're not the boss of how someone else behaves – the positions they take and the decisions they make.

But you ARE the boss of one thing ...

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



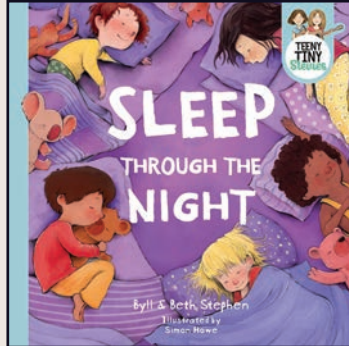
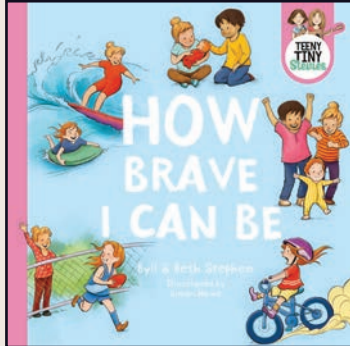
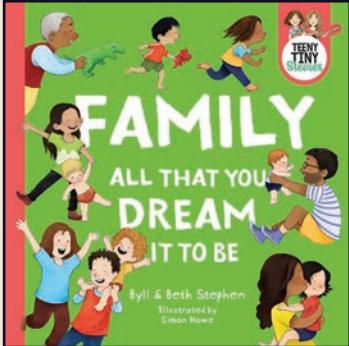
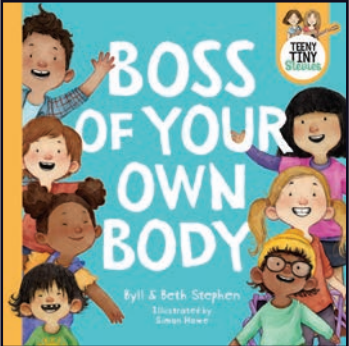
Sisters **Byll** and **Beth Stephen** are 'every parent's favourite kids band', the Teeny Tiny Stevies. Based on their songs that explore both life's little and big challenges with eloquence and humour, they are now creating fun and insightful picture books, including the ABIA-nominated *Boss of Your Own Body, Family, All That You Dream it to Be, Sleep Through the Night, How Brave I Can Be, Christmas Days in the Sunshine* and *Boss of Your Own Mind*.

Simon Howe is an illustrator and author with a broad appetite for children's literature, animation, storytelling and design. He has worked with several notable Australian authors on books for children, and has designed and directed animation for advertising and television. His long-time collaboration with ARIA award-winning children's band, Teeny Tiny Stevies, has seen him produce more than a dozen animated music videos. His first authored picture book, *Shoosh!*, was published in 2020.

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Ages 3 +
Rights: World, all languages

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

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

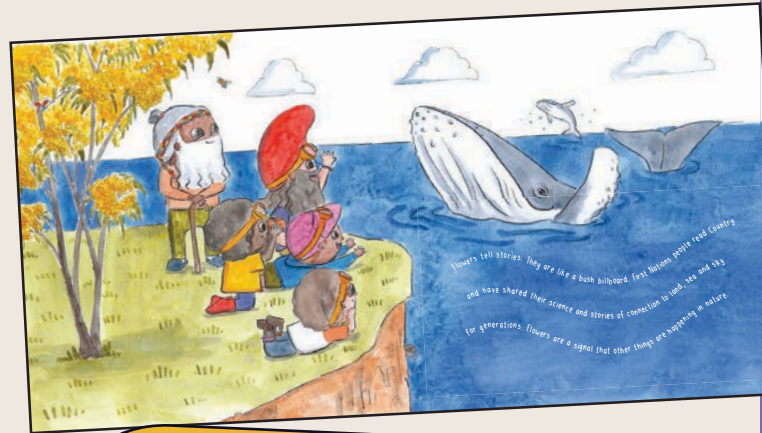


GOSTA'S GARDEN: FLOWERS

Costa Georgiadis, Brenna Quinlan

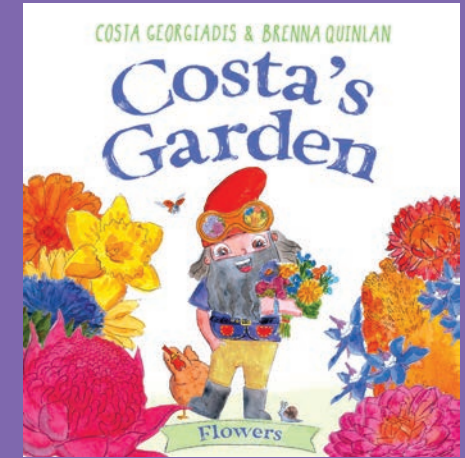
**'HELLO! I'M GOSTA.
LET'S DISCOVER THE JOY
OF NATURE TOGETHER.'**

Flowers are the part of a plant that smiles. Flowers make us smile too! There are so many different kinds of flowers – all the colours of the rainbow.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Costa Georgiadis is a landscape architect, author and host of tv shows *Gardening Australia* and *Gardening Australia Junior*
- In this book, Costa shrinks down and explores different parts of the garden
- The lyrical and informative text combined with the heartwarming illustrations make this narrative non-fiction series a must for every playroom and classroom
- Simple activity ideas that young adventurers can go out and discover for themselves are dotted throughout



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

Legend has it that upon being born, Brenna Quinlan promptly picked up a pencil and began to draw. She's still going, because drawing is important, and because it makes people happy. When she's not drawing, she's to be found in the garden, admiring the beauty of a home grown eggplant or the taste of a sun-warmed strawberry.

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Age 3+

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BUNNY AND BIRD: HOW TO MAKE A SNOWMAN

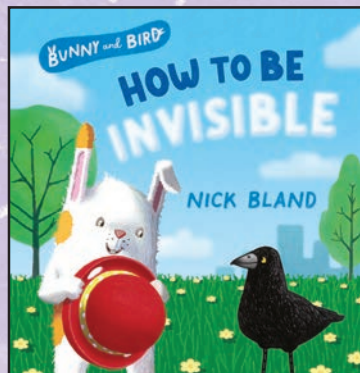
(BUNNY AND BIRD #3)

Nick Bland

A joyful picture book series about friendship from bestselling creator, Nick Bland

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

Bunny and Bird are two endearing characters who will make readers laugh out loud as they are taken along on a journey of surprising scenarios in the snowy park.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Nick Bland's Very Cranky Bear series has sold over 200k!
- Dedicated page on Teachers' Hub website highlighting themes and curriculum links

PRAISE FOR BOOKS IN THE SERIES

'Filled with hilarity and banter, this picture book is perfect for fun storytime or bedtime reading.'

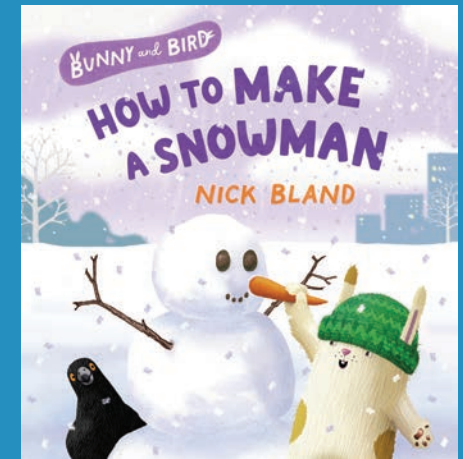
**BETTER READING ON
HOW TO HATCH A DRAGON**

'A wonderfully inventive, funny tale.'

READPLUS ON HOW TO BE INVISIBLE

'It's fabulous.'

**GOOD READING MAGAZINE ON
HOW TO HATCH A DRAGON**



Nick Bland is one of Australia's bestselling authors and illustrators. Nick is the creator of the hugely successful The Very Cranky Bear series, *The Wrong Book*, *Walk of the Whales* and author of *The Runaway Hug* (with Freya Blackwood). His award-winning creations have been published around the world.

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**JUNIOR
FICTION**



MIKKA'S MAGICAL SURPRISE

(PRINCESS AND THE UNICORN, #1)

Kyla May, Zanni Louise

Princess in Black meets *Pearl the Unicorn* in a delightful new illustrated chapter book series.

Princess Mikka is given a magic unicorn for her birthday and they immediately become best friends. Marshmallow is perfect in every sense. Except for one thing – she hasn't quite got a handle on her magic horn, and so she causes chaos wherever she goes!

A series about friendship, having fun, and making mischief. Plus a sprinkle of adorable magic!

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Globally bestselling team!
- Irresistible new series!
- A princess! A magic unicorn called Marshmallow!

Zanni Louise has been writing stories since she was little, growing up in country NSW. She's written over forty internationally published books for kids including picture books, chapter books and books for 10-12 year-olds. www.zannilouise.com

Kyla May is an Australian illustrator, writer and designer. She is the creator and illustrator of over 50 books. Some of the book series she's worked on include *Diary of a Pug* and *Paris Takes Over The World*, *Monsties*, *Lotus Lane* and *Juliet*, *Nearly a Vet*. In addition to books, Kyla has created several animated TV series for children such as *Kuu Kuu Harajuku*, *SheZow*, and *Flea-Bitten*. Kyla has also designed toys for Mattel and Moose and other toy companies.

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FROG SQUAD: SINK OR SWIM

(FROG SQUAD #3)

Kate Temple, Jol Temple

Step into a top-secret world where frogs don't just eat flies, they eat danger! This is FROG SQUAD!

Frog Squad dives into the treacherous waters of the Bermuda Triangle to find Captain Froggy Longbottom's shipwreck. It's filled with stolen treasure, including the world's largest pearl! But The Organisation of Amphibious Devious Scoundrels (TOADS) is hunting for the treasure, too. Will the brave rescue frogs reach it first, or will they be swallowed by quicksand?



PRAISE FOR BOOKS IN THE SERIES

'The action is fast, the puns are punny and the illustrations perfectly capture the peril and the hilarity. [...] Highly recommended.'

READING TIME

BETTER READING'S PREVIEW READERS ON *DESSERT DISASTER*:

'This brand new series for young readers is brilliant.'

JENNY, VIC



'The *Frog Squad: Desert Disaster* was hop-tastic and hop-larious. I loved the puns and the plot. [...] 10/10 recommend for audiences 0-100.'

CHARLIE, NSW



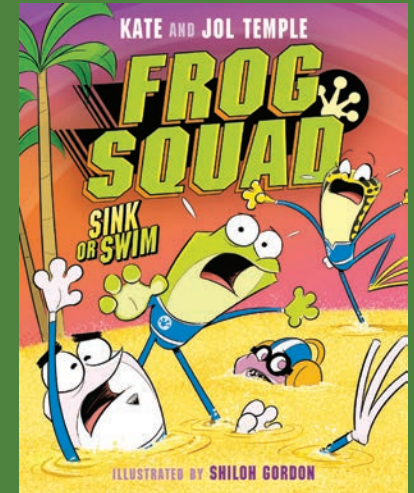
'The book's stunning images and adventurous storyline in support of a great cause have left me spellbound. Moreover, the book is incredibly easy to read, adding to the overall enjoyment of the experience. I cannot recommend it highly enough!'

MARGARET, NSW



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

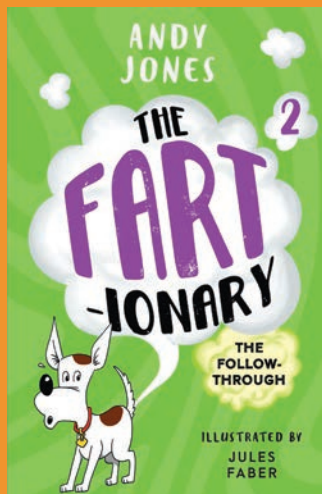
- It's frog-tastic
- Streaming now on Frogflix!



Kate and Jol Temple are the internationally awarded authors of more than 26 books for children. Their work has been translated into over 20 languages. They write picture books (including the smash-hit series *Bin Chicken*) as well as bestselling junior fiction. Kate also writes her own middle-grade dark fantasy series. www.katejoltemple.com

Shiloh Gordon is the illustrator of the popular junior-fiction series *The Underdogs* and *Ratbags*. He has a passion for creating lively, engaging illustrations that are full of character, story and fun. Shiloh graduated with a BA in animation from the Queensland College of Art and has worked as a professional illustrator for over 20 years.

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Andy Jones is a bestselling children's author, entertainer, musician, songwriter and comedian. He performs up to 300 shows a year in schools, clubs, libraries and festivals all over Australia. He has released six titles with HarperCollins including the bestselling *Hot Jokes for Kool Kids* and *The Fartionary*, and six CDs of music for ABC Kids.

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

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Ages 6+
Rights: World, all languages

THE FARTIONARY 2: THE FOLLOW-THROUGH

Andy Jones, Jules Faber

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

A book with more POP, BANG and CRACKLE than a 100-year-old vintage car fuelled on baked beans!

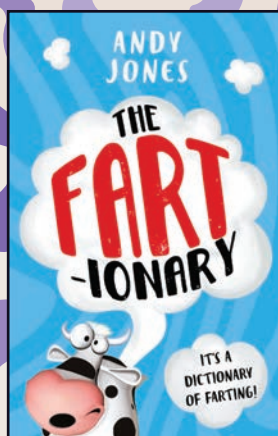
Who farts? The why, when and how of farting ...
Farting by age, location and climate ... The Whoopee Cushion ... why? All this and much, much more will be revealed by self-proclaimed fart guru to the stars, the 'Fart Whisperer' himself, ANDY JONES! Aply assisted by his go-to gas consultant, world-renowned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

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

So get ready to let one rip with
The Fartionary Two: The Follow Through!

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Over 50,000 copies sold of *The Fartionary*!
- Kids love farts!
- Bestselling author and award-winning illustrator!



FUNNY KID SERIOUSLY SOGGER

(FUNNY KID #14)

Matt Stanton

Funny Kid is the mega-bestselling series from author-illustrator Matt Stanton that has kids around the world laughing!

This is the latest book in the series!



PRAISE FOR BOOKS IN THE SERIES

'humour is injected into every page'

CHILDREN'S BOOK
COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA'S
READING TIME

'absolutely hilarious'

TIM HARRIS,
AUTHOR OF THE
EXPLODING ENDINGS SERIES



**COVER
COMING
SOON**

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

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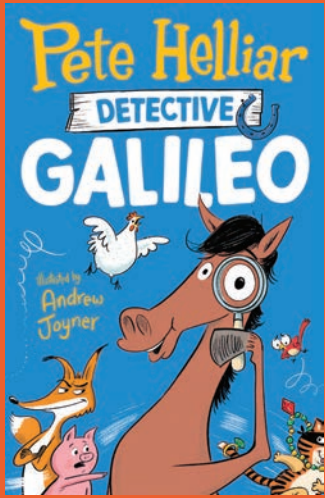
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Pete Helliar is one of Australia's favourite comedians and the bestselling author of *Frankie Fish*.

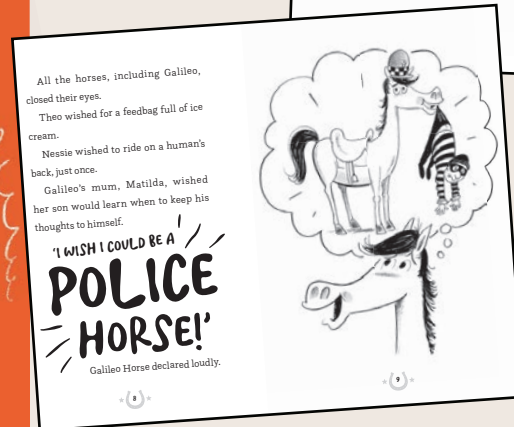
Andrew Joyner is an illustrator, author and cartoonist based in Strathalbyn, South Australia. His much-loved books include *The Terrible Plop* and *Mary & Marcus* (both written by Ursula Dubosarsky), *The Swap* (written by Jan Ormerod) and *The Bum Book* (written by Kate Mayes).

Read more at www.andrewjoyner.com.au

June, 2025
 ISBN: 9781460766217
 \$15.99 | NSP | 240 pages | 190 mm x 150 mm
 Ages 7+
 Rights: World, all languages

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- A hilarious new four-book series from Australia's favourite comedian
- Girls and boys will love the combination of fun, mystery and wonderful illustrators



DETECTIVE GALILEO

Pete Hellier, Andrew Joyner

A very funny new four-part series about a police horse who takes crime solving into his own hands (er, hooves) from one of Australia's favourite comedians.

For as long as he can remember, it has been Galileo's dream to become a police horse. But when his dream comes true, he soon realises he's not there to solve crimes, but merely as a vehicle to carry around the 'real' human detectives. When Galileo witnesses a crime, he decides to take matters into his own hands (or, rather, hooves). He has a lot to learn, but each crime he solves is sure to take him one step closer to becoming a *real* detective ...



MIM AND THE MOTHER MUDDLE

(THE TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP #6)

Katrina Nannestad

The right book might just change your life ...

Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy.

Flossy leads them where she will, to the place where they're needed most ... the place where the perfect book will find its way home.

Now Mim has arrived in Salzburg - the city of Mozart and mountains, gardens and castles, Sacher torte and sausages ... and Mum!

Mim knows they're here to help Mum recover from the bump to her head. To show her love and patience until her memory returns.

If only they could find Mum the right book. If only Dad would stop giving everyone the same silly book.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Book number 6 in this much loved series!
- The right book can change a life!

PRAISE FOR BOOKS IN THE SERIES

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

THE BOOK MUSE

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

READPLUS



Katrina Nannestad is a multi-award-winning Australian author. Her books include the CBCA-shortlisted *We Are Wolves*, *The Girl Who Brought Mischief*, *The Travelling Bookshop* series, *The Girl, the Dog and the Writer* series, the *Olive of Groves* series, the *Red Dirt Diaries* series, the *Lottie Perkins* series, and the historical novels *Rabbit*, *Soldier*, *Angel*, *Thief*, *Waiting for the Storks*, *Silver Linings* and *All the Beautiful Things*. Her books have been published around the world.

Cheryl Orsini is the much-loved illustrator of *The Fairy Dancers*, *The Tales of Mrs Mancini* and *The Magic Bookshop*. She has illustrated more than thirty children's books, and her work regularly appears in magazines and exhibitions.

www.cherylorcini.com/work/picturebooks

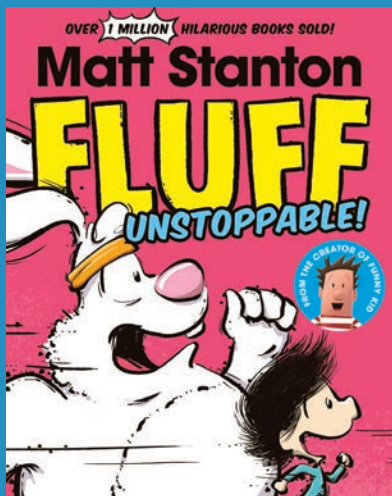
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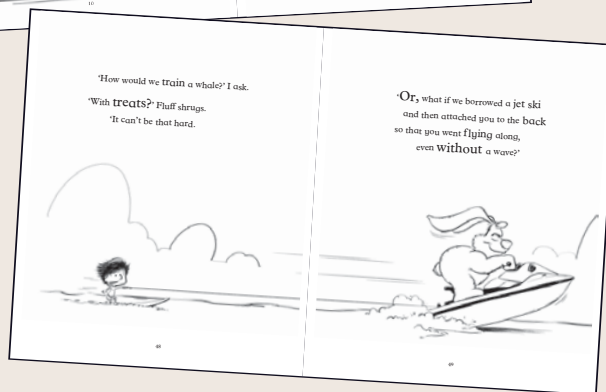
Ages 7+

Rights: World, all languages



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Over a million copies of Matt's books in Australia alone!
- The latest series of the globally super-popular creator of Funny Kid!



PRAISE FOR BOOKS IN THE SERIES

'Entertaining and laugh-out-loud funny, expertly mixing humour and heart'

BOOKS AND PUBLISHING

'...a must-read for new and existing Stanton fans'

BETTER READING

'The funniest Matt Stanton book so far'

COOPER, AGE 9

'100/10!'

ARLO, AGE 7

'Really funny and fantastic!'

MAX, AGE 7

FLUFF: UNSTOPPABLE

(FLUFF BOOK #3)

Matt Stanton

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

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

To be a real winner, maybe he needs ...
A BUNNY TO BEND THE RULES!

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

From Matt Stanton who brought us Funny Kid and The Odds comes ... the best friend you could ever imagine ... Fluff!

December, 2024

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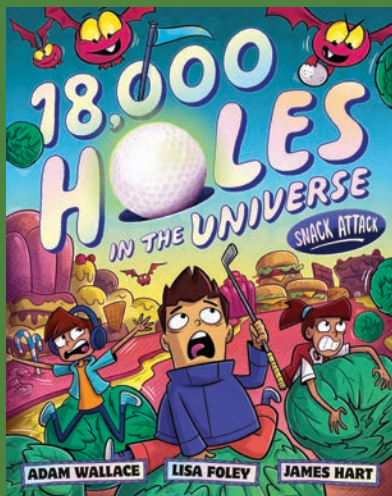
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Ages 7+

Rights: World, all languages

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Melbourne-based creator **Adam Wallace's** books have sold over 11,000,000 copies, and have appeared on the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and Amazon Bestseller lists. His books have also appeared in Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian's homes.
www.adam-wallace-books.com

Lisa Foley has spent her life trekking through various creative jungles, including film/TV, visual arts and, most importantly, writing! Her penchant for storytelling began at seven years of age and, decades later, she is still writing stories for kids.

James Hart's love of drawing has led him to have a 20-plus-year career as an illustrator. His most popular and award-winning series include *Fartboy*, *You Choose*, *Skydragon* and *Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables*.

November, 2024
ISBN: 9781460764831
\$15.99 | NSP | 192 pages | 190 mm x 150 mm
Ages 7+
Rights: World, all languages



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Adam knows what kids want to read with 11 MILLION books sold, FIVE Number 1 and TWO Number 2 New York Times bestselling books!
- Be chased by dragons, swallowed by your own food and attacked by sand zombies (and much MUCH more!) across the madcap and thrilling trilogy
- Stories read as if straight out of a video game so are highly appealing to gamers and kids who love action!

SNACK ATTACK

(18,000 HOLES IN THE UNIVERSE #2)

Adam Wallace, Lisa Foley, James Hart

A hilarious illustrated series for children aged 7+ from the creators of the bestselling *Fartboy* series!

Noah, Jordie and their GOLF Squad friends are still trying to rescue Grandpa Galileo. And now the most incredible golf course in the universe is threatening to swallow THEM whole!

Will they be squished by giant cabbages? Will they be turned into huge hand-burgers? Will anyone survive this snacktacular quest?

There's only *bun* way to find out ...

But BEWARE! If you keep reading, YOU might get sucked into THE MOST INCREDIBLE GOLF COURSE IN THE UNIVERSE too ...



CRICKET CHAMPS

(HOWZAT PAT #4)

Pat Cummins, Dave Hartley, Serena Geddes

An action-packed illustrated adventure series created by Australian Cricket Captain Pat Cummins, Dave Hartley and Serena Geddes!

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

Something AMAZING is happening! Prav, Beth and me are on track to be selected to the state cricket team! It's our dream come true! We just have to survive things like ...

A friend feeling off his game.

Being on the SAME team as the school bully!

Prav losing his favourite shoes (it's no joke!)

Rescuing a teammate from CERTAIN DEATH! (Kinda).

If you want to know more, READ THIS BOOK!

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Over 6,500 copies sold!
- A series for cricket fans, but also for fans of action and adventure as they stories go beyond cricket and include themes of friendship, school life, community, animals, the environment, and family



**COVER
COMING
SOON**

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

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

Serena Geddes is an international children's author and illustrator who grew up in Melbourne and now lives in Sydney. She's published over 70 titles in Australia and overseas.

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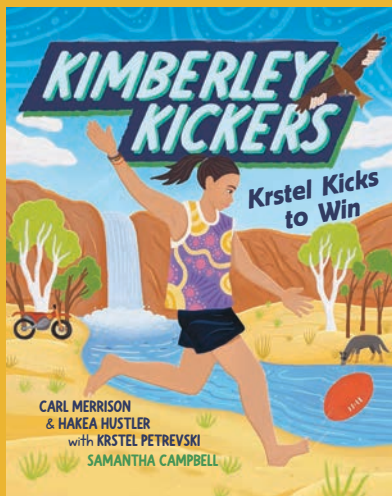
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\$15.99 | BPB | 192 pages | 198 mm x 128 mm

Ages 8+

Rights: World, all languages





KRSTEL KICKS TO WIN

(KIMBERLEY KICKERS, #2)

Krstel Petrevski, Carl Merrison,
Hakea Hustler, Samantha Campbell

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

It's a GOAL!

A rush of adrenaline courses through me as I jump in the
air in celebration. This is big - my first goal in the AFLW.
I've achieved my dream!

My teammates gather around to celebrate. I can hear my
family cheering from the crowd.

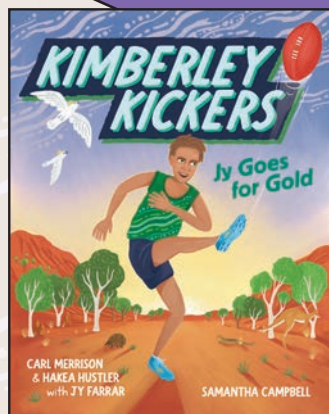
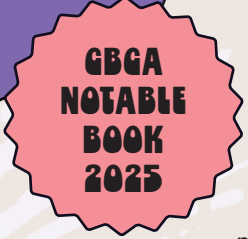
I'm Krstel Petrevski and the dream I had to play
professional Aussie Rules footy since I was a kid in
outback Halls Creek has finally come true.

Let me tell you the story of how I got here - about my
mates, my family, growing up in the Kimberley on a huge
station with motorbikes, horses, swimming holes, playing
footy and going to boarding school far away from home.

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

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- It's an action-packed footy series based on the true stories of successful First Nations Footy players from the Kimberley from award-winning author, Carl Merrison
- This book focuses on Krstel Petrevski, a proud Kija and Jaru woman who was drafted in 2019 to the Melbourne Demons Football club and joined the West Coast Eagles Football club in 2022!
- For fans of ALL types of footy!



Krstel Petrevski is a proud Kija and Jaru woman. She was drafted in 2019 to the Melbourne Demons Football club and joined the West Coast Eagles Football club in 2022.

Carl Merrison is a respected Jaru/Kija man who has worked alongside Aboriginal youth as a mentor and coach in education, AFL and community.

Hakea Hustler is an experienced teacher who has taught around Australia including in remote Aboriginal communities. Hakea and Carl are an award-winning writing duo of many books, including CBCA Honour Book *Black Cockatoo*.

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

August, 2025

ISBN: 9781460765081

\$15.99 | NSP | 192 pages | 190 mm x 150 mm

Ages 8+

Rights: World, all languages

MEGA RICH GUINEA PIGS

(MEGA RICH GUINEA PIGS #1)

Kate Temple, Jol Temple

The fabulous new series from award-winning, bestselling creators Kate and Jol Temple that takes us into the world of MEGA RICH GUINEA PIGS!

The world's richest man, Magnus MacAloon, has tragically died in a rocket experiment gone wrong. Sole heirs to this estate are his three beloved pet guinea pigs and a capybara (who thinks he is a guinea pig). These pampered pets have led a real life of luxury: golden water bowls, specially imported organic Guatemalan heirloom cabbage, even super expensive speech therapy so they can talk!

Only now they've got a problem. Not only is Magnus gone—his family are not happy about the guinea pigs (and capybara) getting it all and they're creeping out of the woodwork to claim what they feel is their share of the inheritance...

For fans of Andie Griffith's and Terry Denton's Tree House series and Matt Stanton's Funny Kid series. And, obviously, guinea pigs.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- From the creators of the smash hit series *Bin Chicken!*
- Humour, action, adventure, and even a message that money isn't everything! Plus guinea pigs.

**COVER
TO
COME**

Kate and Jol Temple are the internationally awarded authors of more than 26 books for children. Their work has been translated into over 20 languages. They write picture books (including the smash-hit series *Bin Chicken*) as well as bestselling junior fiction. Kate also writes her own middle-grade dark fantasy series. Their work is hilarious, playful, outrageous and full of heart. www.katejoltemple.com

September, 2025
ISBN: 9781460767207
\$16.99 | BPB | 192 pages | 198 mm x 128 mm
Ages 8+
Rights: World, all languages



Lucie Stevens is a children's writer who grew up in a semi-rural area of Dharug Country, north-west of Sydney. *R.I.P. Nanny Tobbins* is Lucie's first novel for children.

June, 2025 (sequel in June, 2026)
ISBN: 9781460766521
\$18.99 | BPB | 304 pages | 198 mm x 128 mm
Ages 8+
Rights: World, all languages

R.I.P NANNY TOBBINS

Lucie Stevens

A quirky and very funny middle-grade fantasy title that is perfect for fans of *A Girl Called Corpse* and *Nevermoor*.

When Nanny Tobbins fell off a horse and broke her neck, the grown-ups told nine-year-old Albertine she'd never see her beloved governess again. But it simply isn't true. For every night, when the clock strikes twelve, Nanny returns to the nursery.

Yet in her new ghostly state, Nanny Tobbins quickly causes chaos in the household - and the timing couldn't be more inconvenient. Albertine's new stepmother is struggling to settle in, and Papa is much occupied working with Prince Albert on the Great Exhibition.

To make matters worse, the grown-ups don't believe in ghosts at all, leaving Albertine to take the blame for Nanny's unruly antics.

How will Albertine restore peace to her home before the unthinkable occurs?

ADVANCE PRAISE

'Quirky, mysterious, intriguing and spooky.'

JUDITH ROSSELL

'Mary Poppins by way of Tim Burton. Perfect for fans of *The Secret Garden* and *Coraline*.'

JAMES FOLEY

'A delightfully fun and deliciously spooky debut!'

REBECCA MCRITCHIE

'Poignant and funny, tender and spooky, cosy and compelling, with an endearing central character, a vivid cast of characters and a richly textured Victorian atmosphere, this is a book to curl up with and devour in one delicious sitting.'

SOPHIE MASSON



MILLIE MAK MAKES HER MARK

(MILLIE MAK #3)

Alice Pung, Sher Rill Ng

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

Millie Mak and her friends are trying to start a business creating and selling their upcycled designs. But it's school holidays, and looking after their annoying younger siblings is really slowing them down.

Meanwhile, Millie's friend Veesa wonders whether she should continue to help her mother work. Veesa's mother sews fast fashion and Veesa feels worried and guilty about its impact on the planet.

Can Millie and her mates resolve these dilemmas? And can Millie overcome her own challenges and learn how to make her mark?

From the creators of *Millie Mak the Maker* and *Millie Mak the Mender*, comes another inspiring book that celebrates the joy of creativity and the immense power of friendship.

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- New title in the *Millie Mak* series from renowned creators, Alice Pung and Sher Rill Ng

PRAISE FOR TITLES IN THE SERIES

'Crafty, creative, and courageous'

SOPHIE BEER

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

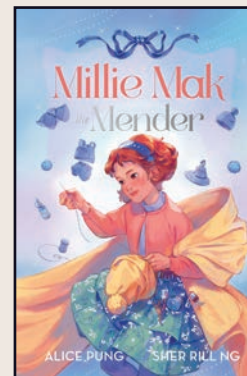
JACLYN CRUPI

'Clever, whip-smart, with a touch of whimsy'

WAI CHIM

'a girl for our times'

REBECCA LIM



Alice Pung is the bestselling and multi-award winning author of memoirs, essay collections, anthologies and children's books. She is the author of children's books including *Millie Mak the Maker* and *Be Careful, Xiao Xin!* (ill. Sher Rill Ng), *When Granny Came to Stay* (ill. Sally Soweol Han) and the *Meet Marly* books (ill. Lucia Masciullo). Alice was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to literature in 2022.

Sher Rill Ng is a Woi Wurrung/Melbourne-based illustrator. Her first author-illustrated picture book *Our Little Inventor* (2019) was adapted into a children's opera by the West Australian Opera. Her work includes middle grade book covers, and most recently Sher Rill has illustrated *Be Careful, Xiao Xin!* and the *Millie Mak* series written by Alice Pung.

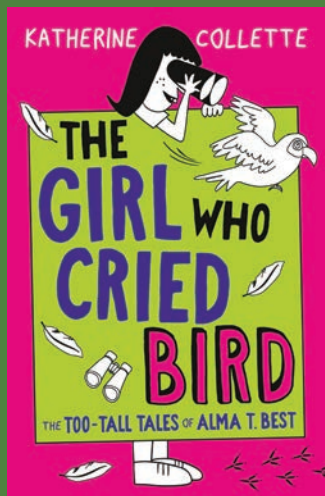
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ISBN: 9781460767009

\$24.99 | CHB | 288 pages | 234 mm x 153 mm

Ages 9+

Rights: World, all languages



Katherine Collette is the author of two novels for adults, *The Helpline* and *The Competition*. *The Helpline* was published in Australia, the UK, the US, Italy and Germany and long listed for the Indie Book award for debut fiction. Katherine co-hosts popular writing podcast *The First Time* and its recent spin-off *The Next Step*. *The Too-Tall Tales of Alma T. Best* are her first middle-grade books.



April, 2025
ISBN: 9781460765401
\$17.99 | BPB | 304 pages | 198 mm x 128 mm
Ages 9+
Rights: World, all languages

THE GIRL WHO CRIED BIRD

(THE TOO TALL TALES OF ALMA T. BEST #2)

Katherine Collette

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

The problem with Bird Day is that all everyone does is go birdwatching. Alma's not very interested in birds. But when she manages to see an extremely rare purple-bellied parrot, it's big news. She's practically, almost, nearly, entirely famous!

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

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

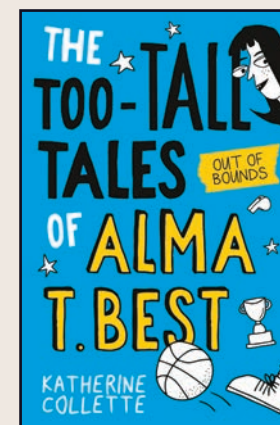
PRAISE FOR TITLES IN THE SERIES

'The Too Tall Tales of Alma T Best #1: *Out of Bounds* is designed to appeal to a broad range of readers. Its relatable themes make it suitable for both younger readers and adults with a balance of fun, hilarious, and meaningful misfit tales starring the one and only Alma T Best, a character that'll go down as a classic.'

BETTER READING

'It's a great fast paced story, filled with humour, suspense, and positive family values...I look forward to the next Too-Tall Tale as this one was such terrific fun.'

STORYLINKS





**OLDER READERS
AND
YOUNG ADULTS**

MING AND MARIA EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE (THE GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD #5)

Jackie French

In this fifth and final book in *The Girls Who Changed the World* quintet, Ming Qong discovers who she is, and that she, too, will change the world.

Ming has travelled through history to meet girls who have changed the world. However, this time is different as Herstory, History's sister, promises to reveal to Ming something of her own past: her long-lost mother.

When Ming washes up on the icy shores of Nantucket Island in 1836 she is saved by the elderly Mrs Sloe and the wealthy Miss Reynolds, but there is no sign of a woman who might be her mother.

The island is home to Maria Mitchell, who at seventeen has already published her first papers on astronomy and will go on to inspire scientists around the world for generations to come.

Maria's future holds extraordinary promise and fame. But what about Ming? And who is her mother?



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT!

- Multi-million copy-selling, award-winning author
- What women really did in the past!

PRAISE FOR MING AND FLO FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE #3 IN THE SERIES

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

THE BOOK MUSE



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

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\$16.99 | BPB | 272 pages | 198 mm x 128 mm

Ages 10+



Jackie French AM is an award-winning writer, wombat negotiator, the 2014-2015 Australian Children's Laureate and the 2015 Senior Australian of the Year. In 2016, Jackie became a Member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to children's literature and her advocacy for youth literacy. She is regarded as one of Australia's most popular children's authors and writes across all genres — from picture books, history, fantasy, ecology and sci-fi, to her much-loved historical fiction for a variety of age groups.
www.jackiefrench.com

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\$17.99
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Ages 12+
Rights: World, all languages

THE MUSHROOM IN THE SKY

Jackie French

In the 80th anniversary year, bestselling author Jackie French explores the dropping of the bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, which ended World War 2.

1942.

Japan has bombed Sydney Harbour. Sixteen-year-old Ossie lies about his age to protect his country, even though it means abandoning his only family, a one-eyed dog named Lucky.

Kind-hearted Mrs Plum is already looking after forty-six dogs for soldiers. She's becoming desperate because there are no wartime rations for dogs. Help arrives when thirteen-year-old Kat Murphy volunteers to take Lucky and persuades the girls at her school to also help.

As Kat grows to love Lucky, she realises he can still see his master. And Kat can see him, too, as Ossie is captured and taken as a prisoner of war to Japan, where he will see a strange mushroom cloud rise above Nagasaki. The result of a bomb that will change lives and forever leave the question: was it worth it?

Including true accounts of that extraordinary but often misunderstood time, this is a story of quiet heroism, endurance and an unimaginable occurrence that continues to resound to this day.

WHY IT MATTERS

- August 2025 is the 80th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; it's an event that is still debated today
- Important topic with few fiction titles written for young people

YOKO'S DIARY

(10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EDITION)

Paul Ham (editor), Debbie Edwards (translator)

The discovered diary of Yoko, a 13-year-old Japanese girl who lived near Hiroshima during the war.

1945 was a hard time to be a child in Japan. Many had seen their cities destroyed by US bombers. Food, fuel and materials were in short supply. Yet spirits remained high. In April 1945, Yoko Moriwaki started high school in Hiroshima, excited to be a prestigious 'Kenjo' girl, and full of duty towards her parents, school and country. But the country was falling apart and in four months' time her city would become the target for the first atomic bomb ever used as a weapon.

In her diary, Yoko provides an account of that time - when conditions were so poor that children as young as twelve were required to work in industry; when fierce battles raged in the Pacific and children like Yoko believed victory was near.

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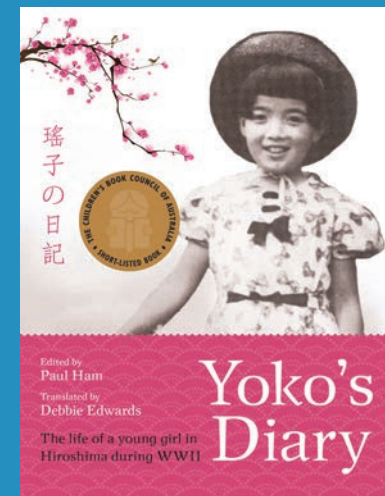
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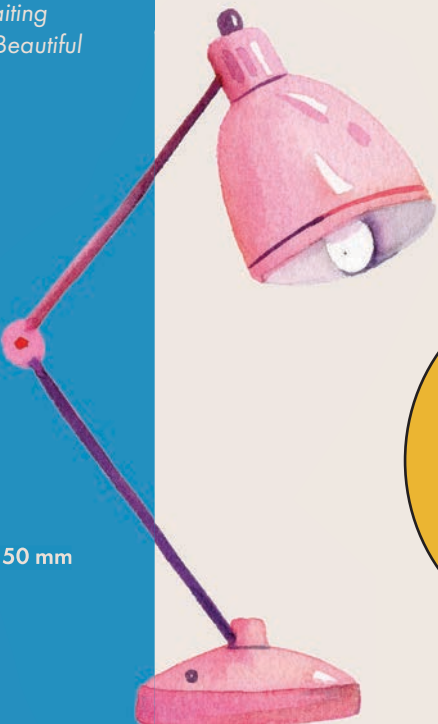

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