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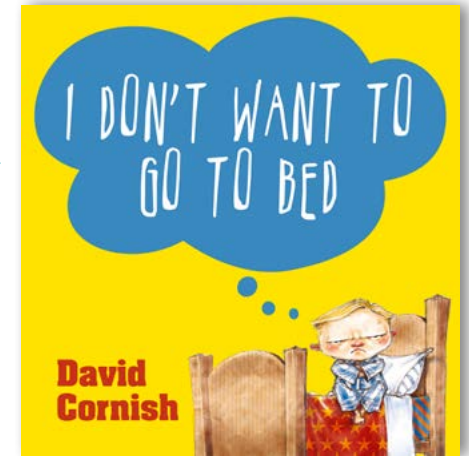
PICTURE BOOKS

The sequel to the very funny picture book, *I Don't Want to Eat My Dinner*.

David Cornish

I Don't Want To Go To Bed

Ages 3+

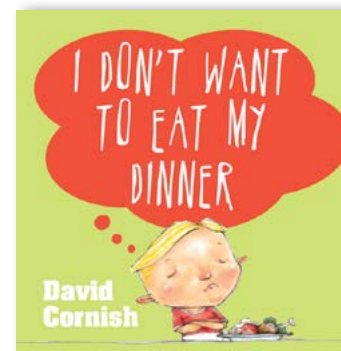


Every night when dinner was done, Rollo would cry, “I don’t want to go to bed!”

The sequel to the very funny picture book, *I Don't Want to Eat My Dinner*, just when Rollo’s parents think they’ve got the food thing sorted, Rollo announces he doesn’t want to go to bed...

From talented author-illustrator David (D.M.) Cornish, comes the perfect bedtime story for sleep-deprived parents.

Also by David Cornish:



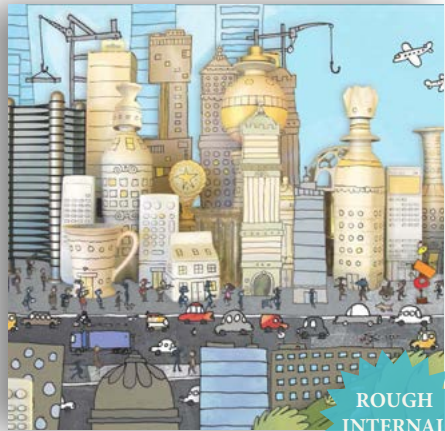
David M. (DM) Cornish is a fantasy author and illustrator and creator of the internationally successful *The Monster Blood Tattoo* trilogy. He is also the author-illustrator of *I Don't Want to Eat My Dinner*, and illustrated *Emu's Halloween* by Anne Mangan.

David lives in Adelaide, SA.

Manuscript Available

September 2016 | 32pp | 250x250 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9781460750582

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages



Bestselling author Andrew Daddo teams up with award-winning illustrator Stephen Michael King to bring you a very special new picture book.

Andrew Daddo &
Stephen Michael King

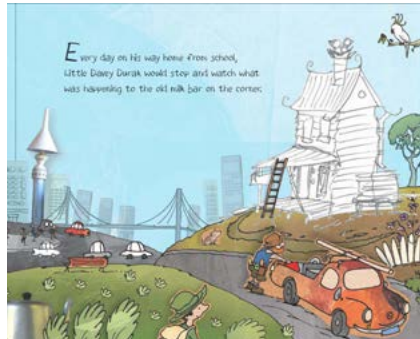
Whatcha Building?

Ages 3+

The old milk bar on the corner is coming down to make way for something new. Little Davey Durak is gathering scrap – a short piece of wood here, a long piece there.

But what's Davey building? Bruce the Builder wants to know, but Davey won't tell...

A charming new story from bestselling author Andrew Daddo and award-winning illustrator Stephen Michael King, with an important and relevant message at its heart.



Andrew Daddo is an author, columnist, broadcaster and TV presenter. He has written 25 books (including the bestselling *Goodnight, Me*) has a regular column in Australian Golf Digest and podcasts with Mamamia Women's Network. Andrew lives on Sydney's northern beaches with his wife and three children.

Stephen Michael King is one of Australia's most sought-after and admired illustrators for children. His gentle, whimsical drawings have brought to life many picture books and novels. He lives in Newcastle, NSW.

Draft Manuscript Available Now. Final Manuscript Available February 2017

June 2017 | 32pp | 230 x 280 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733334153

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

From the talented duo who created *The Hairy-Nosed Wombats Find a New Home*.

Jackie French &
Sue deGennaro

Millie Loves Ants



Ages 4+

'My friend Millie just loves ants.'

Emily is intrigued to know why Millie the echidna loves ants so much. And so Emily carefully observes Millie until she discovers her secret.

Millie is collecting food for her baby puggles!

Created by talented duo Jackie French and Sue deGennaro, this delightful book explores the fascinating behaviour of these mammals.



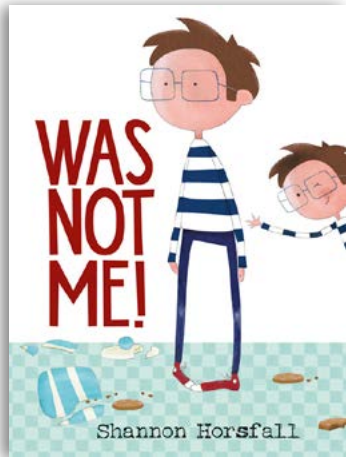
Jackie French is an award-winning writer, wombat negotiator and was the Australian Children's Laureate for 2014-2015 and the 2015 Senior Australian of the Year. In 2016 Jackie became a Member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to children's literature and her advocacy for youth literacy.

Sue deGennaro studied film at university, and after focussing on drawing at art school she became an aerialist and performance artist. Sue is the illustrator of *The Tomorrow Book* and *The Hairy Nosed Wombats Find a New Home*. Sue lives in Melbourne.

Manuscript Available January 2017

April 2017 | 32pp | 250 x 210 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9781460751787

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages



A very funny book about a cheeky twin brother, 'Not Me'. Sure to delight pre-schoolers - and their exasperated parents!

Shannon Horsfall

Was Not Me!

Ages 4–7

I have a naughty twin brother who only I see,

A cheeky twin brother. His name is Not Me'.

From talented debut author illustrator Shannon Horsfall, comes a playful, funny and charming book about a young boy who escapes getting into trouble with his mother by declaring, 'No, was Not Me.'



Shannon Horsfall is a graphic designer and illustrator whose illustration work for many corporate, not for profit and arts organization has won AGDA and BAD awards.

Shannon lives in Bongaree, Queensland.

Manuscript Available

July 2016 | 32pp | 297x210 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9781460752463

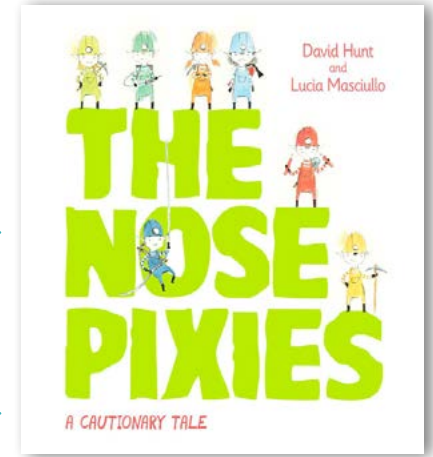
Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

The hilarious debut picture book from the award-winning author of *Girt*. This is a book with a grossness that kids will love, and with a message that parents will adore.

David Hunt & Lucia Masciullo

The Nose Pixies

Ages 4–8



The wickedly funny, deliciously clever picture book debut from David Hunt with illustrations by award-winning artist Lucia Masciullo.

Oliver has a bad habit. A very bad habit.

He just can't keep his fingers out of his nose, which is a big problem for the tiny pixies who mine his 'nose gold' to keep their cities running.

The Nose Pixies return to their kingdom with empty handkerchiefs night after night. And unless their luck changes, they'll be out of a job... or worse!



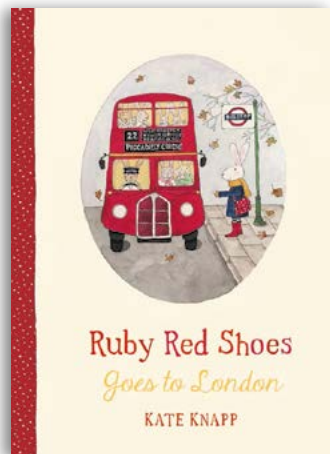
David Hunt is the bestselling author of *Girt*, which won the 2014 Indie Award for Non-Fiction and was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and the ABIAs.

Lucia Masciullo grew up in Livorno, Tuscany, among smells of saltiness and rosemary. In 2006 she moved to Queensland and since then has become a much loved, award winning Australian illustrator. Her books include *The Boy and the Toy*, *Come Down, Cat* and *The Wild One* and *Olive of Groves*.

Manuscript Available

August 2016 | 32pp | 275x225 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733334870

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages



The third book in the best-selling Ruby Red Shoes series.

Kate Knapp

Ruby Red Shoes Goes to London

Ages 4–8

Ruby and her grandmother love to travel and now they are in London, the home of red buses, red telephone boxes and red letter boxes.

No wonder Ruby's red shoes feel especially at home in this wonderful city!



Also in the Ruby Red Shoes Series:



A graduate of the Queensland College of Art, Kate divides her time between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Ruby Red Shoes Goes to London is the third in her critically-acclaimed Ruby Red Shoes series.

Manuscript Available

December 2016 | 48pp | 230x163 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780732297626

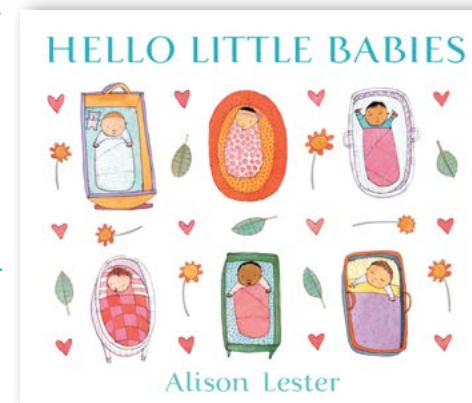
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From the bestselling author of *Kissed by the Moon*, *Noni the Pony* and *Are We There Yet?* comes a book to be cherished by children and parents everywhere.

Alison Lester

Hello Little Babies



Ages 0–2

From the precious early days of a baby's life to those first tentative steps, so much changes over a year...

The perfect book for new bubs and new parents, Alison Lester's *Hello Little Babies* rejoices in all those wonderful moments in the first year of a baby's life.

A warm and tender picture book for families everywhere.

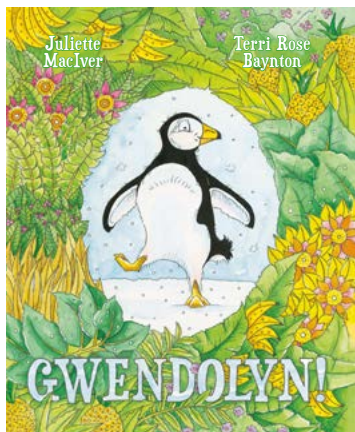
Alison Lester is one of Australia's most popular author illustrators. She has written and illustrated many picture books for children, including the multi-award-winning, bestselling *Are We There Yet?*

Alison grew up on a farm overlooking the sea and first rode a horse as a baby in her father's arms. She still lives in country Victoria and rides her horse, Woollyfoot, whenever she can.

Manuscript Available

December 2016 | 24pp | 235 x 275 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733330414

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A PENGUIN in the JUNGLE?

Juliette MacIver &
Terri Rose Baynton

Gwendolyn!

Ages 2–5

In the jungle there are jaguars, monkeys and parrots aplenty, but there are no penguins. None at all. Because penguins do not live in the jungle, except for... GWENDOLYN!

A story about friendship, adventure and finding your home.



Juliette MacIver is a former musician who lives in Wellington, New Zealand. Her previous picture books include *Marmaduke Duck and the Marmalade Jam* (shortlisted for the NZ Post Children's Book Awards) and *Queen Alice's Palaces*.

Terri Rose Baynton lives in the beautiful seaside town of Waihi Beach, New Zealand, amongst good friends, warm waves and a menagerie of animals. She is a scriptwriter and storyliner for children's television, working with Weta Productions on *Jane and the Dragon* and *The Wotwots*, alongside her father, *Wotwots* creator Martin Baynton.

Manuscript Available

November 2016 | 32pp | 280x220 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733335174

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

From the bestselling creators of *The ABC Book of Seasons* comes a delightful introduction to the world around us.

Helen Martin, Judith Simpson
& Cheryl Orsini

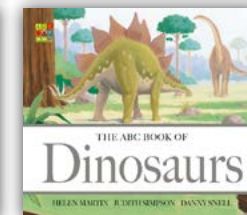
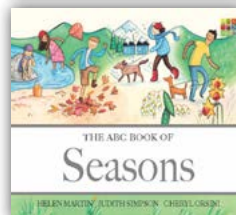
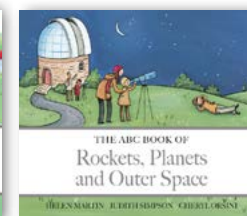
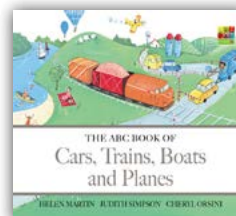
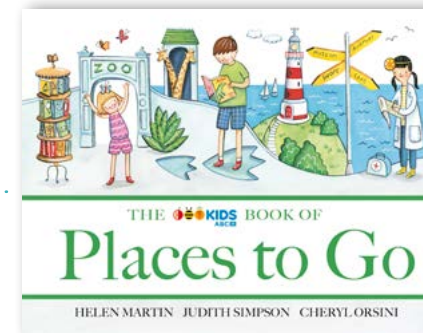
The ABC Book of Places to Go

Ages 2–6

So many different places – special things to do...

This charming picture book celebrates the fun and excitement of places we can visit, both close to home and far away. The simple, engaging text explores fascinating places such as the library, the zoo, the lighthouse and many more.

An adventurous book that is a delightful introduction to the world beyond our backyard.



Helen Martin is an award winning writer and director. She has been an early childhood producer on TV programs such as *Play School* and *HI 5*.

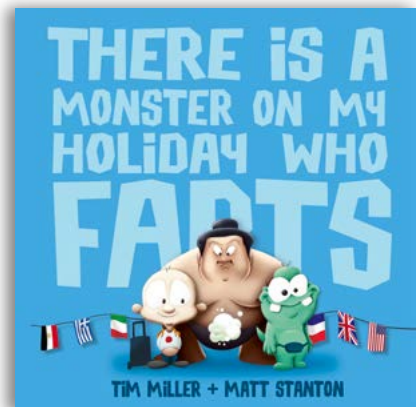
Judith Simpson is an experienced and award winning author for very young children.

Cheryl Orsini is a Sydney-based illustrator of more than twenty children's books.

Draft Manuscript Available Now. Final Manuscript Available December 2016.

February 2017 | 32pp | 225x285mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733334283

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages



The Fart Monster is back! And he's gone global! Get your passports ready; we're about to go around the world in 80 farts.

Tim Miller & Matt Stanton

There Is a Monster on My Holiday Who Farts

Ages 2–5

Ever wondered what could remove that smile from the Mona Lisa's face? What could force the Buckingham Palace guards to run for their lives? What mighty gust of wind could finally make the Leaning Tower of Pisa fall? All will be revealed in *There is a Monster on my Holiday Who Farts...*

Adored by The Shaytards – the 'first family of YouTube'! – and viewed by over 1.2 million people:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WirHjpmozGw&feature=youtu.be>

Tim Miller and Matt Stanton are the bestselling co-creators of the picture books *There Is a Monster Under My Bed Who Farts*, *The Pirate Who Had To Pee*, *There Is a Monster Under My Christmas Tree Who Farts* and *Dinosaur Dump*.

With his wife, primary school teacher Beck Stanton, Matt also publishes the critically acclaimed *This Is a Ball* and *Did You Take the B from My _ook?*

Also in the Fart Monster Series:



Manuscript Available

October 2016 | 32pp | 244x244 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733334658

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

A gorgeous new illustrated storybook from the bestselling creators of *The Fairy Dancers*.

Natalie Jane Prior & Cheryl Orsini

The Tales of Mrs Mancini

Ages 4+



The Tales of Mrs Mancini tells the story of a cat who, together with her human friend, Filippina, runs a cake shop full of delectable treats. Alongside her flair for flan, Mrs Mancini also has a special ability to bring lonely children together.

A collection of three fully-illustrated stories celebrating friands and friendship.



Natalie Jane Prior is the award-winning author of numerous books for children and young adults. Her work includes the classic picture book *The Paw* (illustrated by Terry Denton) and the internationally successful fantasy series *Lily Quench*. She lives in Brisbane with her husband, daughter and two Dachshunds.

Cheryl Orsini has illustrated more than twenty children's books, including the much-loved *ABC Book of Cars, Trains, Boats and Planes*. Her work also regularly appears in magazines and exhibitions.

Manuscript Available

November 2016 | Hardback | ISBN 9780733335655

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages





For the giggling masses who love Herve Tullet's modern classic *Press Here* and BJ Novak's #1 NYT bestseller *The Book With No Pictures* comes this brilliant book that will frustrate... and delight!

Beck Stanton & Matt Stanton

This Is a Ball

Ages 4+

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 okay, because the kids are going to correct you. And they're going to love it!

Beck Stanton is a mother, primary school teacher and the creative director/owner of mybabymoments.com.au. She has worked extensively with children throughout her teaching career and in roles that include before-and-after school care centre director, a nanny and youth and children's worker.

Matt Stanton is the co-creator of the bestselling Fart Monster picture book series and has sold more than 125,000 copies of his books.

They live by the beach in Sydney with their daughter Bonnie and son Boston.

Manuscript Available

April 2015 | 32pp | 267x192 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733334351

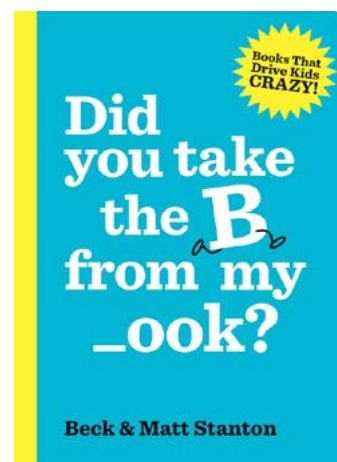
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From the brilliant brains behind *This is a Ball* comes a new giggle inducing bestseller!

Beck Stanton & Matt Stanton

Did you take the B from My _ook?



Ages 4+

For the Grown Ups:

OK. Two things you need to know.

Firstly, your favourite thing in the whole world is the letter B.

And secondly, you're about to sneeze and all the Bs are going to be blown out of the book.

So until you can get your favourite letter back, you're about to sound really, really silly... And the kids will love it!

Coming in April 2017:

The much anticipated next instalment in the Books That Drive Kids Crazy series by Beck and Matt Stanton

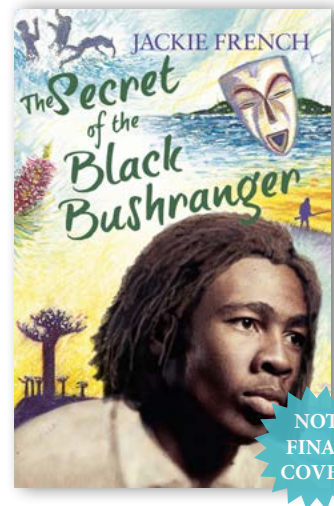
Draft Manuscript Available Soon. Final Manuscript Available Jan 2017

April 2016 | 32pp | 265x192 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733334832

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MIDDLE GRADE & JUNIOR



The third in a series that explores Australia's secret history.

Jackie French

The Secret of the Black Bushranger

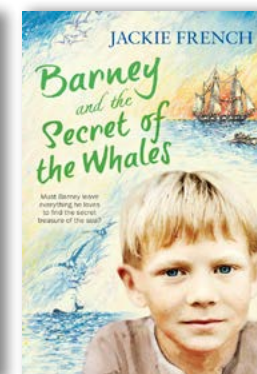
Ages 7–10

By the 1790s orphaned Barney Bean finally has his own farm in the early NSW colony. All his dreams are coming true! But now we are to learn of Barney's biggest secret yet: how he helped Australia's first bushranger escape.

Was Black Caesar a wronged man, an ex-slave who vowed to be free? Or was he a laughing villain, a trickster who planned to terrorise the colony?

And in helping him, did Barney do right or wrong?

You decide.

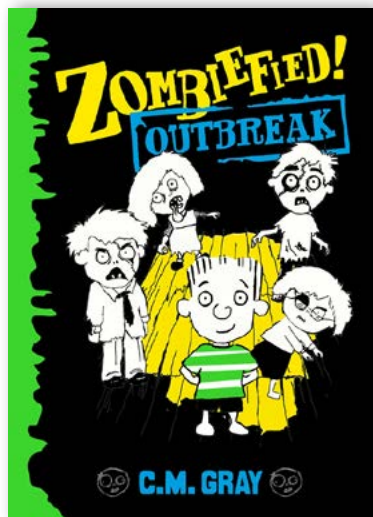


Also in the
Secret Histories Series

Manuscript Available November 2016

February 2017 | 160pp | 198x128 mm | Paperback | ISBN 9780732299453

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The third book in this hilariously spooky and spookily hilarious new middle grade series!

C. M. Gray

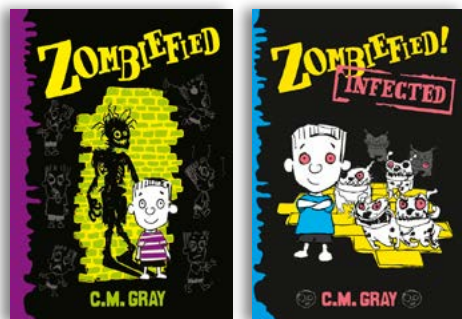
Zombiefied! Outbreak

Ages 8+

Benjamin Roy has finally learnt to control his infra-red vision and super strength, so he's sure his undead life is about to get easier.

But being a zombie isn't all grave dirt and brains. There's bad stuff too. Like the creepy teacher at school watching his every move. And the dangerous secret haunting his best friend.

Then things really get spooky when Ben's annoying brother goes missing. Will Ben find him in time?



Or will he stumble across something even scarier than himself?

Also in the
Zombiefied! Series

Manuscript Available

June 2016 | 192pp | Paperback | 170x128 mm | ISBN 9780733334238

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The fourth and final book in the Zombiefied series!

C. M. Gray

Zombiefied! Apocalypse

Ages 8+



Trick or treat?!

It's Benjamin Roy's first Halloween as a zombie and he's keen to see if being a real ghoul gets him more candy. But it doesn't take long before the tricks become dangerous and the treats turn deadly.

Then when the only bridge out of town is destroyed, and corpses start creeping from their caskets, he realises there's something rotten in his town, and it's not just the zombies...

But how will Ben save anyone else, when he's barely alive himself?

Carmen Gray graduated from Edith Cowan University (WAAPA) with a diploma in Production and Design. She moved to Rockhampton in Central Queensland with her partner.

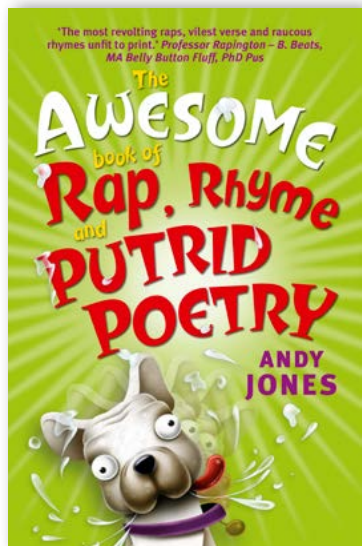
Between theatre design contracts in Central Queensland, Brisbane and Darwin, she began to write fiction, including short stories. One of them, 'Solomon's Song', was shortlisted for the Young Queensland Writer of the Year Award (1998).

Manuscript Available November 2016

January 2017 | 192 pp | 170x128 mm | Paperback | ISBN 9780733334245

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A collection of grotty and snotty raps, rhymes and riddles from the master of bodily functions, Andy Jones. Wash your hands and get ready for...

Andy Jones

The Awesome Book of Rap, Rhyme & Putrid Poetry

Ages 6+

From the bestselling author of *The Fartionary*, *The Burptionary* and *The Enormous Book of Hot Jokes for Kool Kids* comes a hilarious new collection of radical rap, rockin' rhyme and vile verse!

Also by Andy Jones:



Andy Jones is an in-demand children's entertainer. He constantly tours schools Australia-wide with his music and humour-based shows. Andy is also the bestselling author of *The Enormous Book of Hot Jokes for Kool Kids*, *The Fartionary* and *The Burptionary*.

Manuscript Available

December 2016 | 272pp | Paperback | ISBN 9780733335662

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

The third adventure in this incomparably witty and charming series from award-winning author Katrina Nannestad.

Katrina Nannestad & Lucia Masciullo

Olive of Groves and the Right Royal Romp

Ages 8–12



The Queen is coming to Mrs Groves' Boarding School for Naughty Boys, Talking Animals and Circus Performers for tea! Nothing, absolutely nothing, could possibly spoil this right royal moment.

Except for the return of scheming villain, Pig McKenzie... and the arrival of a strange, harsh woman called Thistlebloom... and the fact that the Inspector of Schools has promised to close the doors of Groves forever

if the Queen's visit does not run smoothly...

Oh deary, deary me! Nothing ever runs smoothly at Groves!

Also in the Olive of Groves series

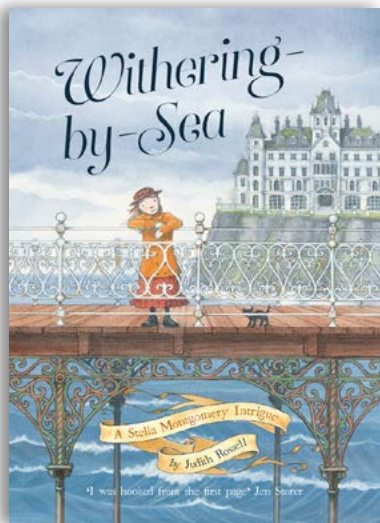


Katrina Nannestad grew up in country NSW in a neighbourhood stuffed full of happy children. Her adult years have been spent teaching, raising boys, perfecting her recipe for chocolate chip bickies and pursuing her love of stories. Katrina now lives near Bendigo with her family and an exuberant black whippet called Olive. She dreams of one day owning a spotted pig called Harold.

Manuscript Available

October 2016 | 288pp | 185x135 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733333712

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages



A Victorian fantasy adventure,
perfect for fans of *Wildwood*,
Lemony Snicket and *Tensy Farlow*.

Judith Rossell

Withering-by-Sea

Ages 8–12

High on a cliff above the gloomy coastal town of Withering-by-Sea stands the Hotel Majestic. Inside the walls of the damp, dull hotel, eleven-year-old orphan Stella Montgomery leads a miserable life with her three dreadful Aunts.

But one night, Stella sees something she shouldn't have... Something that will set in motion an adventure more terrifying and more wonderful than she could ever have hoped for...

From hugely talented Judith Rossell comes a thrilling and gripping Victorian fantasy adventure, the first in an extraordinarily exciting new series.

Winner - 2015 Indie Awards, Book of the Year: Children's & YA

Winner - 2015 Aust. Book Industry Awards, Book of the Year: Older Children

Honour Book - 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Awards



Manuscript Available

November 2014 | 304pp | 198x128 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733333002

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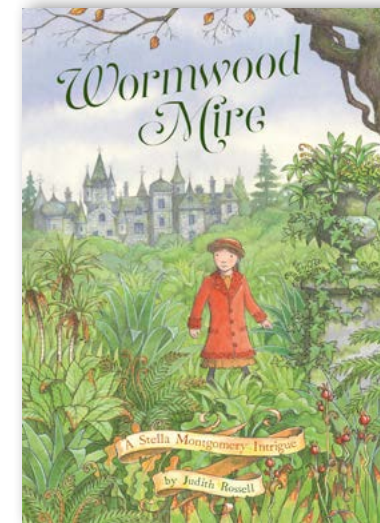
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The much-anticipated sequel to
the most talked about Australian
children's novel of 2015!

Judith Rossell

Wormwood Mire

Ages 8–12



When Stella Montgomery returned to the Hotel Majestic cold and wet but exhilarated by adventure, the Aunts were furious.

Now they are sending Stella away to the old family home at Wormwood Mire, where she must live with two strange cousins and their governess.

But within the overgrown grounds of the mouldering house, dark secrets slither and skulk, and soon Stella must be brave once more if she's to find out who – or what – she really is ...

From bestselling writer illustrator Judith Rossell comes the thrilling and magical sequel to her multi-award-winning novel, *Withering-by-Sea*.

Judith has been an illustrator and writer of children's books for more than 12 years. Before that, she worked as a government scientist (not a mad scientist, a normal kind of scientist) and also for a cotton spinning company (that made threads for t-shirts and denim jeans and mops and teabag strings).

She has written 11 books and illustrated more than 80. Her have been published in the UK, the USA and have been translated into more than 10 languages.

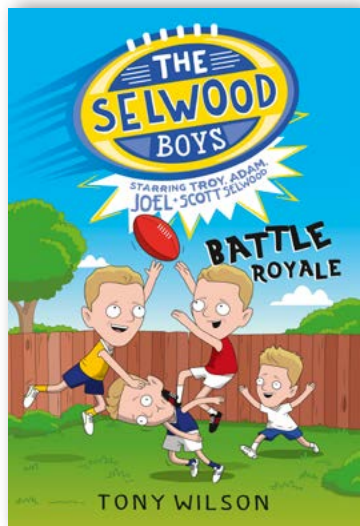
Judith lives in Melbourne with a cat the size of a Walrus.

Manuscript Available

November 2016 | 304pp | 198x128 mm | Hardback | ISBN 9780733333019

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

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A hilarious new series about four of Australia's favourite football sons.

Tony Wilson

The Selwood Boys: Battle Royale

Ages 7+

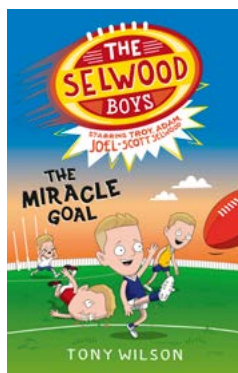
In the Selwood house, someone's always up to no good!

One minute it's the twins, Troy and Adam, pulling pranks and making mischief...

Next second it's Joel and his sneaky, cheeky antics.

And little Scott just does his best (or make that his worst!) to keep up with the others.

With four boys under one roof, there's madness and mayhem every day – and footy of course!



Also in the Selwood Boys series

The Selwood Boys: The Miracle Goal

The Selwood brothers are four of the AFL's favourite sons. Troy Selwood played for the Brisbane Lions from 2005 to 2010 and his twin brother, Adam Selwood, was a Premiership player for the West Coast Eagles. Joel Selwood is a three-time Premiership player, five-time All-Australian, four-time AFLPA Most Courageous Player and the current captain of the Geelong Cats. Youngest brother, Scott Selwood, was vice-captain of the West Coast Eagles and their 2012 Best and Fairest, before joining Joel at Geelong in 2016.

Tony Wilson is the author of *The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas*, *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon*, *Emo the Emu* and many more.

Manuscript Available

November 2016 | 160pp | Paperback | ISBN 9780733335457

Rights Held: World English; Translation – all languages

For fans of *Diary of Wimpy Kid*, *Tom Gates* and *Big Nate*, *Funny Kid* is the hilarious new series from bestselling children's author Matt Stanton.

Matt Stanton

Funny Kid for President



Ages 8–12

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

He's the class clown, the punch line and he's even volunteered his bottom to be the butt of the joke.

Max is the funny kid... and he's running for class president.

Poop scandals, stalker ducks, surprise debates, psycho sports teachers, tell-all-interviews and the great library vomit-a-geddon are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends at Redhill Middle School this election season.

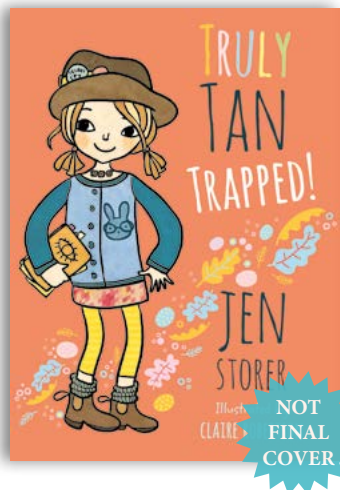
Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator, with over a quarter of a million books in print. He is the co-creator of seven bestselling picture books, including the mega hits, *There is a Monster Under My Bed Who Farts* and *This Is a Ball*. He is launching his much-anticipated middle grade series, *Funny Kid*, around the world in 2017.

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The next adventure in the best-selling Truly Tan series.

Jen Storer

Truly Tan: Trapped!

Ages 8 – 12

Way out in the country, Mrs Topple is Tan's closest neighbour. But Mrs Topple has gone on a cruise and Tan is in charge of security at the Topple cottage.

Tan is also looking after the garden and watering the plants. But mostly she's in charge of security. Which is just as well because something suspicious is going on.

A strange car has been coming and going and a shadowy figure has been spotted snooping around. And now Tan has noticed items moving around in the garden - on their own!

As tensions mount, Tan decides a stake out is in order. Little does she know she is walking straight into a trap.

Also in the Truly Tan Series:



Jen Storer is the author of the bestselling Truly Tan series. Truly Tan: Jinxed was named CBCA Notable Book in 2014, and the series has been shortlisted and awarded for several children's choice and book awards.

Her novel *Tensy Farlow and the Home for Mislaid Children* was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the 2011 CBCA Book of the Year. Jen is also the author of *The Fourteenth Summer of Angus Jack* and *Danny Best: Full On*.

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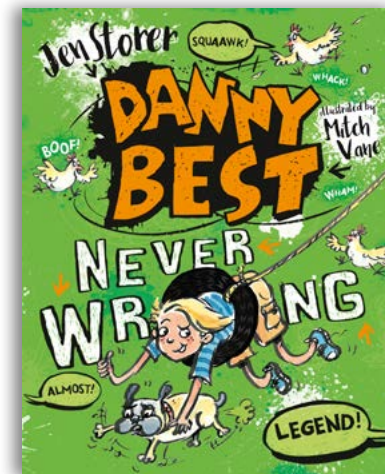
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A hilarious series about a LEGEND named Danny Best. Best by name, Best by reputation.

Jen Storer & Mitch Vane

Danny Best: Never Wrong

Ages 7+



We all know that Danny Best is THE BEST (because he has told us!). We also know that he is FULL ON. Now are going to find out that this TOTAL LEGEND is... NEVER WRONG!

From best-selling author Jen Storer comes the second book in the *Danny Best* series, a collection of very funny short stories about life, as seen through the eyes of Danny, who with his gang of friends and trusty dog Pugsley rules the neighbourhood. Jam-packed with hilarious illustrations by renowned illustrator Mitch Vane, this is a book guaranteed to be read and re-read until it becomes as scruffy as Danny and his gang.

Jen Storer is the author of the bestselling and very popular *Truly Tan* series. Her fantasy novel *Tensy Farlow and the Home for Mislaid Children* was shortlisted for a number of awards. Jen is also the author of *The Fourteenth Summer of Angus Jack* and the picture book *Clarrie's Pig Day Out*. Jen lives in Melbourne.

Mitch Vane has been working as a freelance illustrator for over twenty years, five of those based in London. Mitch has illustrated and co-created many bestselling series, including *The Little Lunch* series by Danny Katz. Mitch lives in South Caulfield, Melbourne.

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YOUNG ADULT

The edge-of-your seat powerful
conclusion to *Ghost House*.

Alexandra Adornetto

Haunted

Ages 12+

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In the sequel to the page-turning *Ghost House*, Alexander Reade turns up at Sycamore High not remembering how he got there. But worse, he doesn't remember Chloe Kennedy and believes he has come back to search for his lost love Isobel.

Chloe soon realizes that Alex needs her help surviving in the modern world. With his looks and the way he speaks, it's as though he's from another century. Which he is. In fact Alex has been dead for 157 years, but that doesn't change how Chloe feels about him.



Chloe begins to experience dreams that take her to a past life and realizes they are linked to Isobel. But when Isobel appears, Alex and Chloe must accept that the past and the present have collided. Chloe is being hunted by ghosts led by Isobel, who is just as vengeful as ever and out to sever any bond between Alex and Chloe.

And she will do so - no matter the cost.

The first book in the series:

Ghost House

Alexandra Adornetto was born in Melbourne in 1992 and now lives in Los Angeles with her mini Yorkie, Boo Radley. Her first series, *The Strangest Adventures*, was published when Alexandra was fifteen. The YA series *Halo* marked her international debut with publication in over 25 countries and the first title appearing at No. 4 on the New York Times Bestseller List.

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Harnessing the power of the #LoveOzYA social media movement, this new anthology will feature short stories from ten beloved Australian YA authors.

Danielle Binks

Begin, End, Begin: A #LoveOzYA Anthology

Ages 12+

This brilliant anthology of young adult short stories will feature new work from Amie Kaufman, Melissa Keil, Will Kostakis, Ellie Marney, Jaclyn Moriarty, Michael Pryor, Alice Pung, Gabrielle Tozer and Lili Wilkinson.

Youth literature advocate Danielle Binks is spearheading the project as anthology editor and will also contribute to the collection.

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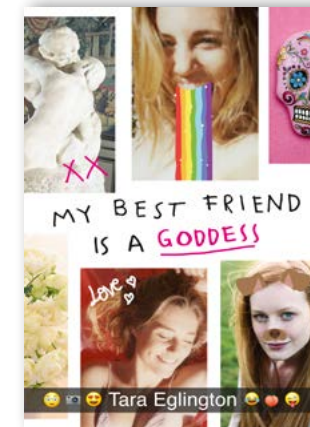
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Two best friends crushing on one very cute guy... someone's going to get their heart broken.

Tara Eglington

My Best Friend is a Goddess

Ages 12+



Emily has been best friends with Adriana since Year One.

At the beginning of Year Ten Adriana's mother dies suddenly, and everything changes. Adriana's father accepts a job in Borneo. When they return at the end of the year, Adriana has gone from awkward to AMAZING and turned into a goddess!

Luckily Adriana is no different on the inside. She's still the same best friend Emily knows and loves. Emily just wishes that someone would show interest in her for any other reason besides being Adriana's best friend. In the meantime, she's committed to helping Adriana manage the throngs of potential suitors that are texting and emailing in the hope of an introduction to 'the goddess'.

That is, until she sees the brand new guy in art class. The one who's called Theo James and makes Emily laugh. The one who doesn't seem all that affected by Adriana's appearance.

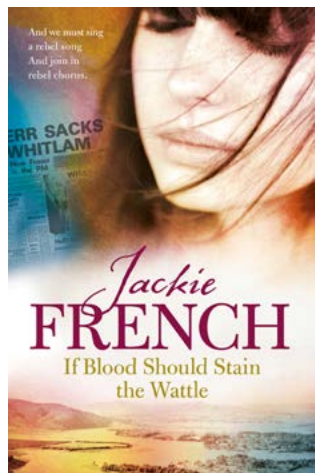
Two best friends crushing on one very cute guy... someone's about to get their heart broken.

Tara Eglington grew up in Byron Bay, NSW, where she was brought up by her NAD (New Age Dad). Surrounded by crystals, chakras and sound-based healing, Tara's only option for teen rebellion was to complete a non-arts degree and move to Sydney for a 'normal' career. She ended up following a creative pursuit anyway. Tara's previous YA titles *How to Keep a Boy from Kissing You* and *How to Convince a Boy to Kiss You* have been published in various territories including Brazil and the US. She lives in Sydney.

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It's 1972 in Gibber's Creek, and across the nation, the catchcry is, 'It's time'.

Jackie French

If Blood Should Stain the Wattle

Ages 12+

In 1972 in Gibber's Creek, and across the nation, the catchcry is, 'It's time'. Time for old folk, time for young folk, time for everyone to welcome a renewed Australia with a new, idealistic Labor Government.

The 1970s was a time of extraordinary idealism, when anything seemed possible. A nation filled with dreams of a better world, but deep conflicts about exactly what that better world might be. Jackie French, author of the best-selling *To Love a Sunburnt Country*, has drawn on her personal experiences and memories of that time and created a sweeping story of a small rural community which, like all of Australia, was affected by the tumultuous political events of 1972 to 1975 – events still being debated today.

Also in the Matilda Series:



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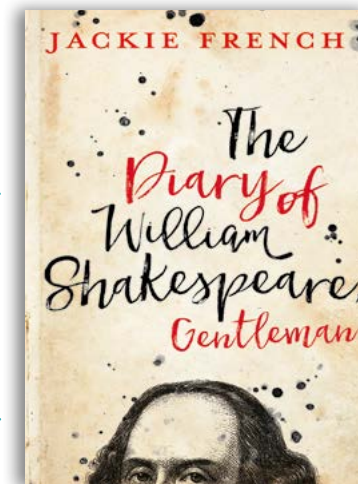
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Part comedy, part love story; the threads of Shakespeare's life as drawn from his plays.

Jackie French

Diary of William Shakespeare, Gentleman

Ages 12+



Could the world's greatest writer truly put down his pen forever to become a gentleman?

He was a boy who escaped small town life to be the most acclaimed playwright of the land. A lover whose sonnets still sing 400 years later; a glover's apprentice who became a gentleman.

But was he happy with his new riches? Who was the woman he truly loved?

The world knows the name of William Shakespeare. This book reveals the man - lover, son and poet. Based on new documentary evidence, as well as textual examination of his plays, this fascinating book gives a tantalising glimpse at what might have been: the other hands that helped craft those plays, the secrets that must ever be hidden but - just possibly - may now be told.

Jackie French is an award-winning writer, wombat negotiator and was the Australian Children's Laureate for 2014-2015 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. 'Share a Story' was the primary philosophy behind Jackie's two-year term as Laureate.

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Anniversary edition of the first book Jackie French published with Angus & Robertson. This is where a truly remarkable career began.

Jackie French

Rain Stones

Ages 10+

'Rain Stones' and the other stories in this collection reveal that the country is a magical place, that there is an extra dimension to be found by those whose minds and hearts are open to the possibility. Michael knows that the hills around Canberra are sleeping dinosaurs waiting for darkness to fall to begin their nightly dance. Jacob is blind, but he can show his friends things they never dreamt existed. And Helen is hoping that the rain stones will bring rain to the parched land where everything is dying.

Powerful, imaginative and moving, this collection of short stories reveal the extraordinary early talent of this remarkable writer.

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A boy-meets-girl-again story from the award-winning author of *The Intern* and *Faking It*.

Gabrielle Tozer

Remind Me How This Ends

Ages 12+

It's the summer after high school ends and everyone is moving on. Winning scholarships. Heading to uni. Travelling the world.

Everyone except Milo Dark.

Milo's life is stuck on pause. His girlfriend is 200km away, his mates have bailed for bigger things and he's convinced he missed the memo reminding him to plan out the rest of his life.

Then Layla Montgomery barrels back into his world.

As kids, Milo and Layla were family friends who shared everything – hiding in her tree house, secrets made at midnight and afternoons at the river. But they haven't spoken since her mum's funeral.

Layla's fallen apart since then. She pushed away her dad, dropped out of school and recently followed her on-again-off-again boyfriend back to town because she has nowhere else to go. What begins as innocent banter between Milo and Layla soon draws them into a tangled mess with a guarantee that someone will get hurt.

While it's a summer they'll never forget, is it one they want to remember?

Gabrielle Tozer is a senior editor, journalist and copywriter who has edited and written for several magazines, newspapers and anthologies throughout the past decade. Gabrielle also writes YA fiction and her debut novel, *THE INTERN*, won the 2015 Gold Inky Award. The sequel, *FAKING IT*, was published in the same year.

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