

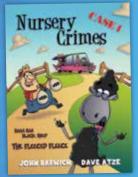
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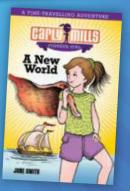












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Delightful Characters with engaging and whimsical stories to encourage wellbeing and emotional intelligence!

... young readers will enjoy the different adventures as well as pondering what the best course of action would be to solve the problem.

Barbara Braxton



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- Developed to support the Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning Frameworks.
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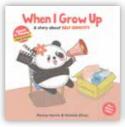














About the Books

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ISBN: 978-1-922265-78-4 **JULY 2020**

It is sports day and Pinney is determined to win, but when his close friend, Ginnie, has a fall, Pinney has to make a decision. What will Pinney do?

3,2,1 Here I Come - Fairness

ISBN: 978-1-922265-73-9 JULY 2020

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Tao Tiger reacts badly when his friends arrive unannounced. Why is Tao angry, and can he say sorry? Will Ginnie forgive Tao?

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Ginnie & Pinney teach their friends to springclean their home, but have the Koalas really learnt how?

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ISBN: 978-1-922265-74-6 JANUARY 2021

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Lulu has been excluded, but Pinney discovers that her friend has something to offer the band after all. Will Lulu be included and will she forgive her friends

Flight of the Kite - Persistence

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It is a perfect day for flying kites but Pinney has trouble, will Pinney finally make a kite that flies?

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A delightful series for learning to Count, adding up and taking away!

One to Ten and Back Again •

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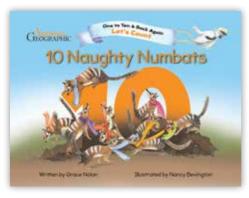
Themes: Mathematics: Counting numbers 1-10, Addition, Subtraction, Australian native animals, rhyming

32pp | RRP: \$14.99 (Paperback) | Age: 0-7 years

Fun and learning go together in this beautifully presented counting series *One to Ten and Back Again.*

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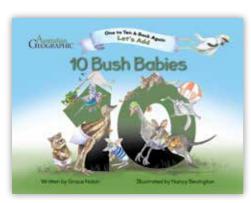




1 Let's Count: Ten Naughty Numbats 978-1-922265-61-6 FEBRUARY 2021

Counting to ten is exciting and fun with ten naughty numbats and their Aussie friends. The entertaining rhyming text and delightful illustrations introduce readers to the amazing world of number.

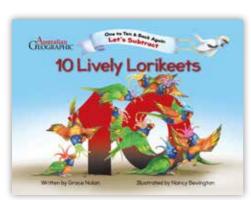
Learn to count from one to ten With ten Australian Animal Friends. Let's start to count from number one And name the animals just for fun.



2 Let's Add: Ten Bush Babies 978-1-922265-62-3 APRIL 2021

Join the cute bush babies as they jump, run and race across the pages of this bright and colourful picture book. This entertaining counting book introduces the concept of addition through appealing rhyming text and vibrant illustrations.

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Futuristic, humorous, Fun-filled chapter books, suitable for readers 7+.

Buzz Words



Cameron McIntosh & Dave Atze

Themes: STEM - Science, Technology, Environment, Sci-Fi, Adventure, Humour, early-reader, reluctant reader, illustrated novels

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#1 Tape Escape

Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar been asked to identify an object that's baffling everyone – a 1980s cassette tape. But there's more to the tape than meets the eye – or the ears! When devious Dr Grizzlowe tries to take credit for the tape's rock-tastic recordings, Max and Oscar know they're going to need all their future sleuthy skills to put things right.

ISBN 978-1-925520-60-6

#2 Selfie Search

Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar, have been handed an ancient mobile phone. It's from the year 2017, it'S more than 400 years old! What's more, it's full of photos – of the same person! The photos hold a secret that could lead them to fame and fortune. Max and Oscar face the fight of their lives to keep their discovery safe from some very greedy hands ...

ISBN 978-1-925520-88-0

#3 Stamp Safari

A tiny piece of paper from the year 2019 might not BE very interesting to most people. But Max and Oscar aren't most people! Max has a hunch that this ancient patch of paper might be valuable, and extremely rare. It's a strange, sticky thing called a postage stamp, and it's more than 400 years old! It's an exciting discovery that leads Max and Oscar into some very sticky situations...

ISBN 978-1-925675-36-8

4 Film Flip

Max and Oscar are shocked when they find a 400-year-old roll of film. They're even more shocked to discover that it still contains someone's happy snap! Unfortunately, they're not the only people who realise how rare, and valuable, this photo could be. Max and Oscar will need all their wits to ensure the photo ends up in the museum, where it belongs!

ISBN 978-1-922265-10-4

#5 Chip Blip

Max and his robo-dog, Oscar, are baffled by the discovery of a tiny device that looks like a grain of rice. Using their future-sleuthy skills, they figure out what it is – an ID chip that should have been implanted into a very special dog ...400 years ago! They unleash the truth of a long-lost treasure. But, Bluggsville's savviest sleuths could be hounded off the treasure trail for good.

ISBN 978-1-922265-68-5 JULY 2020

6 The Map Trap

When Max and his brainy beagle-bot, Oscar, find a 400-year-old navigation unit, they're shocked to discover that it still works. Tracing its owner's last journey, they find themselves in very big trouble! Far from home, they cross paths with a bunch of bungling burglars. Max and Oscar will need to map out a rapid plan to catch the thieves and navigate their way out of danger!

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Nursery Crime Series

John Barwick & Dave Atze

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114pp | RRP: \$12.50 | Age: 6-12 years

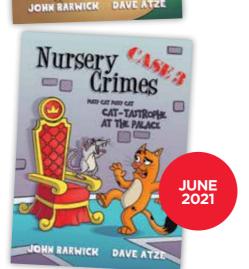
VILLIANS, EVIL WITCHES AND MYSTERIES GALORE! JOIN LITTLE MISS MUFFET AS SHE TAKES ON THE BAD GUYS!

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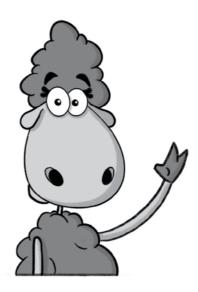
A rollicking good fun, laugh-oufloud series, perfect to read aloud!

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Barbara Braxton



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A pussy cat discovers that the Queen is in danger. The evil Lord Chamberlain is plotting to kidnap her and replace her with a wicked fairy story queen. She rushes to London to warn her. Will she and Little Miss Muffet get there in time?

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A badly fractured egg is certain that he was pushed off the wall. But who pushed him? Together with Little Miss Muffet, he sets out to solve the mystery. They discover that his "accident" is all part of a fiendish plot to take over the King's kingdom.

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A plum pie tester discovers that the plum pie factory he works for is really a front for a wool smuggling operation. He sets out to find who is behind the devious plan. Luckily, Little Miss Muffet is also on the case.

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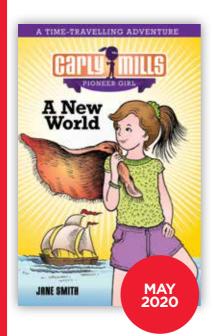
#7 Little Miss Muffet - A Sleuth is Born

Did the spider really frighten Little Miss Muffet? This book supplies the amazing answer. But it does more than that. It tells the inspirational story of a little girl's journey from lowly dairy product taster to the nursery rhyme world's greatest detective.

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Carly Mills Pioneer Girl – Time-Travelling Adventures •

Jane Smith

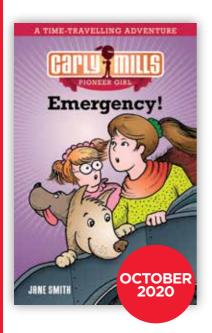
Themes: time-travel, women's rights and status, adventure, HASS-continuity and change, past and present, colonial times, significant individuals, reluctant readers

294pp | RRP: \$12.50 | Age: 8-13 years

From the author of the ABIA shortlist series' Australian Bushrangers and Tommy Bell comes a brand new time travel series to empower and engage!

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Carly learns just what it means to be strong and brave when her magical shawl takes her back to 1891 and into the path of Queensland's first female doctor, Lilian Cooper.

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Carly returns to the past to discover the care, compassion and determination of Florence Nightingale – the founder of modern nursing!

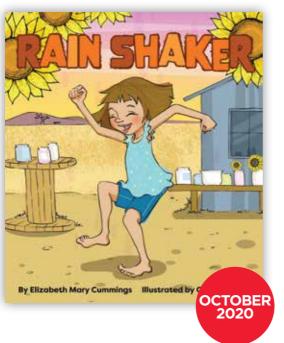
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5 Taking Flight (Emelia Earhart)

Taking to the skies with aviation pioneer Emelia Earhart, Carly learns that following your dreams and being determined can lead you to reach for the stars!

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Rain Shaker •

Elizabeth Mary Cummings & Cheri Hughes

Themes: Drought, weather, imagination, plants, farm life, environment

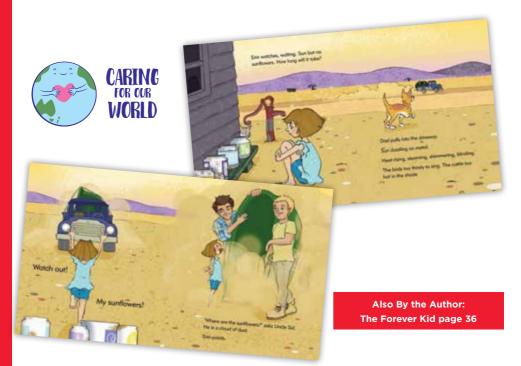
ISBN 978-1-922387-16-5 | 32pp (paperback) | RRP: \$14.99 | Age: 4-10 years

The drought is devastating. With Christmas arriving, all Erin wishes for is rain.

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ISBN 978-1-922387-14-1 MARCH 2021

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When a mysterious flying machine crashes at the town fair, Howie finds himself in yet another hilarious adventure! Who are the shadowy new arrivals? What powers does the mysterious amulet truly possess? And ... how dare the new egghead steal the limelight! Howie will need all of his brain power to solve this mystery!

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Also by the Author: Little Witch Series page 37 Stripes in the Forest page 43

Space Kids •

Aleesah Darlison & Nancy Bevington

Themes: STEM, Science Fiction, Space, humour, adventure, mystery, friendship, illustrated novels

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Intergalactic mystery & adventure





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Ella Saw the Tree
Barnaby & the Lost Treasure of Bunnyville

Happiness is a Cloud **♥**

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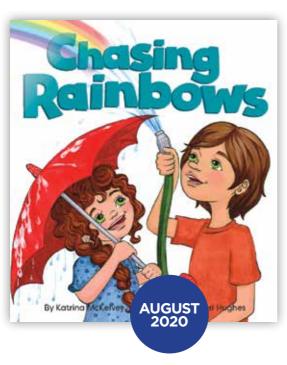
Themes: Science, clouds, weather, emotions, family, pets, imagination, the beach, mindfulness

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Look up to the clouds and what do you see? A delightful, lyrical tale of the emotions that family love, mindfulness and imagination can inspire!

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Chasing Rainbows •

Katrina McKelvey & Cheri Hughes

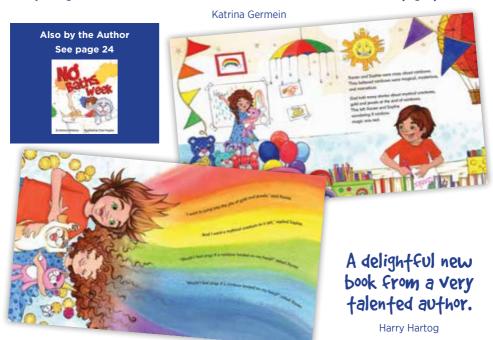
Themes: Science, rainbows, weather, experiments, water play, siblings, imagination, creativity, curiosity

ISBN 978-1-922265-70-8 32 pages | \$14.99 | Age: 4-8 years

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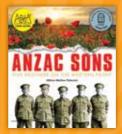


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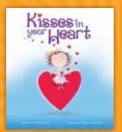




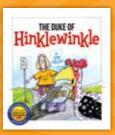


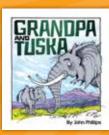




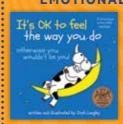


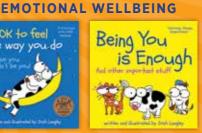




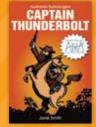








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Praise for Australia Remembers book 1

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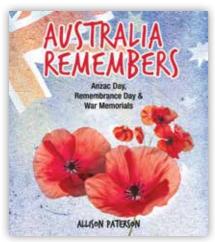
Barbara Braxton

... a powerful, exceptional resource that will have a high engagement of interest from anyone who reads it.



This is exactly the type of non-fiction book I would have loved at age 6 to 12. Informative and interesting with relatable content. I highly recommend it.

Buzz Words



Customs and Traditions of th Australian Defence Force ISON PATERSON **FEBRUARY** 2021

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Australia Remembers 1: Anzac Dav. **Remembrance Day and War Memorials**

Allison Paterson

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Australia Remembers #3: Len Waters -Australia's First Aboriginal Fighter Pilot (June 2021)

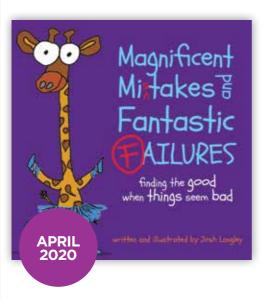
Catherine Bauer

Themes: Aboriginal Rights, inequality, national social and cultural history, determination, WWII, RAAF, flying traditions, flight pioneers.

Born and raised on an Aboriginal reserve, Kamilaroi man Len Waters dreamed of taking to the skies. It was an unlikely dream at the time, but during WWII he beat the odds to become Australia's first Aboriginal fighter pilot.

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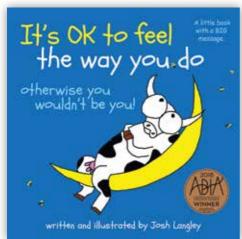
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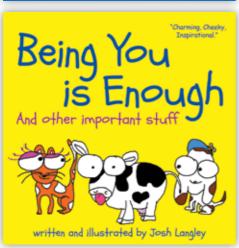
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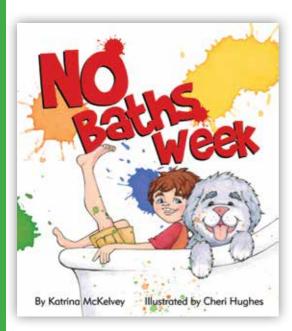
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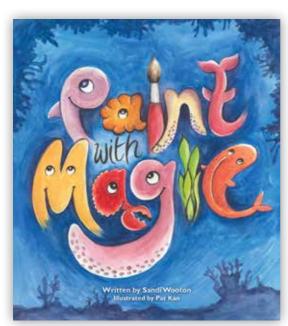
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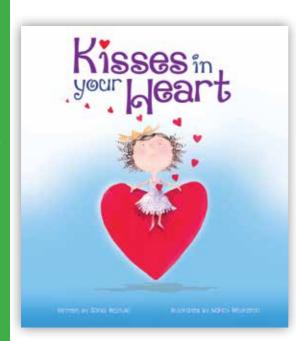
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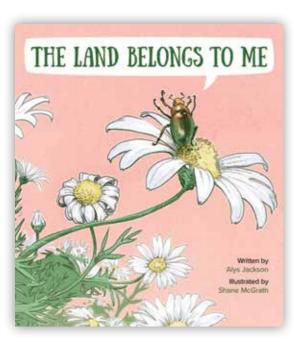
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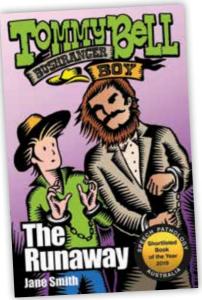
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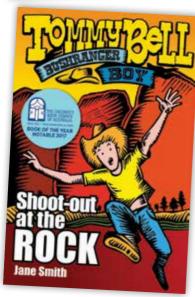
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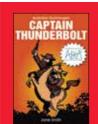
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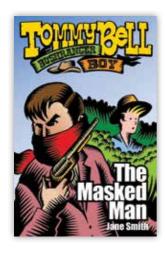
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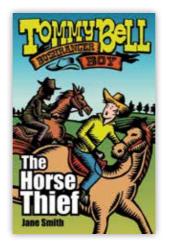




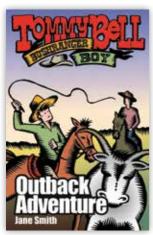


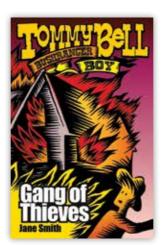














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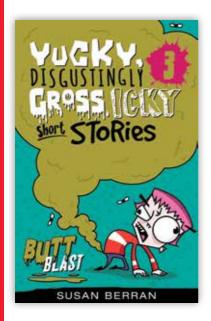
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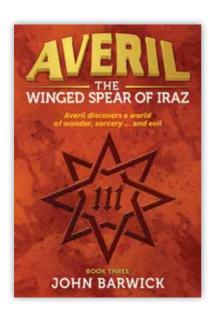




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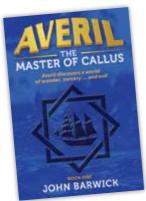
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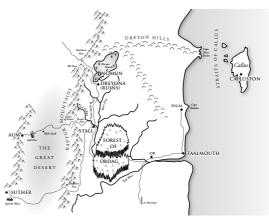
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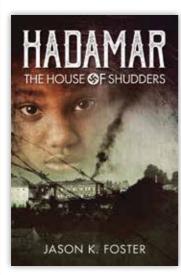




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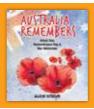
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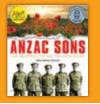
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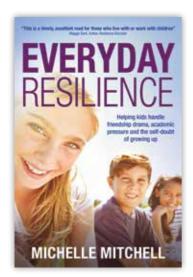






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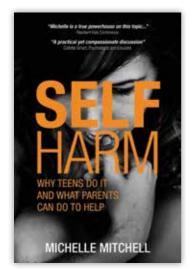
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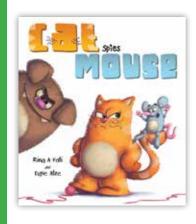
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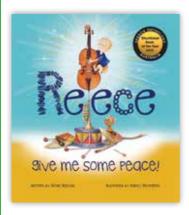
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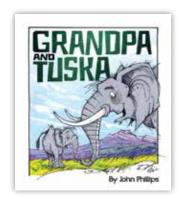
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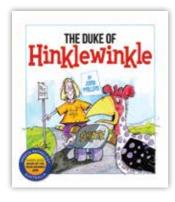
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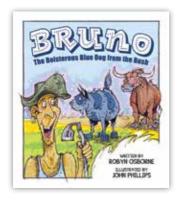
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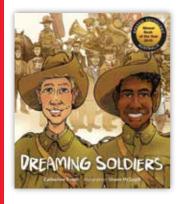
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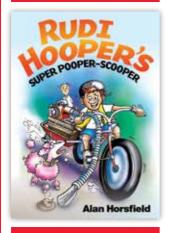
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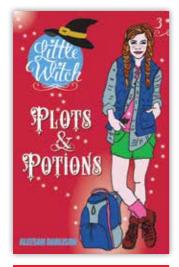
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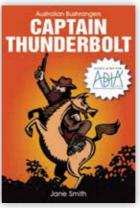
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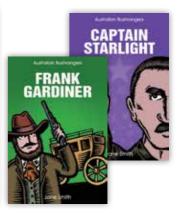
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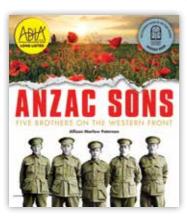
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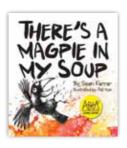
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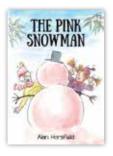


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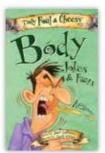
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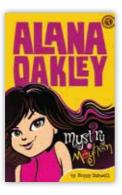
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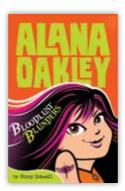
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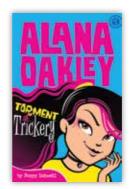
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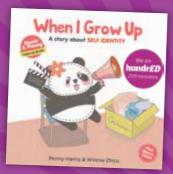
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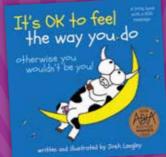


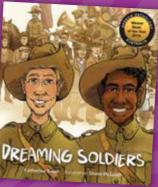
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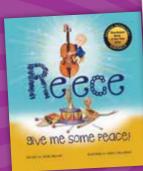
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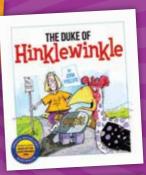




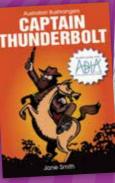




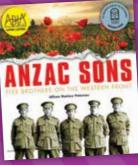












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