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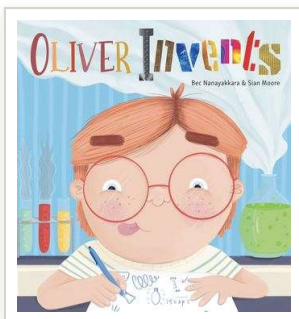
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Children's books with heart on issues that matter

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New from EK

New and forthcoming titles, 2025 onwards



Oliver Invents

Bec Nanayakkara & Sian Moore · 9781923011588 · August 2027

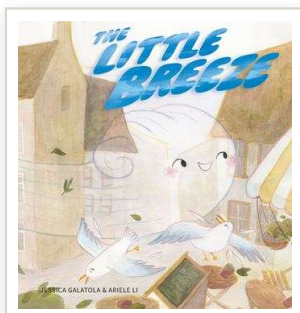
A warm, funny picture book about worry and friendship: a young inventor builds a machine to solve everyone's worries.

Oliver is a great inventor: no problem is too big for him! But when he starts wondering whether his classmates like him, Oliver's wondering turns to worrying, and worrying makes everything harder. So Oliver invents a mind-reading machine, and discovers a surprise: everyone is busy with worries of their own. Worries, it

turns out, are a problem for everyone. A warm, funny story about social anxiety, friendship and looking out for each other. Ages 4-8.

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The Little Breeze

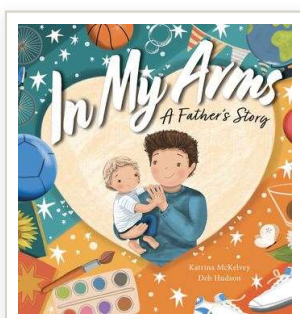
Jess Galatola & Arielle Li · 9781923011472 · July 2027

A fun, whirling tale about a little breeze who blows through town wreaking havoc before learning to breathe in ... and out ... and put things right.

A little breeze grows restless and blows off to find some fun , toppling hats, scattering sandcastles and snatching a seagull's chip. But the more fun he has, the bigger he grows, until he's a wild, roaring hurricane and the whole town is in chaos! Alone amid the mess, the breeze feels silly and sorry, but with a big breath in and out, begins to calm down and put things right. A funny, blustery story about big feelings and finding calm. Ages 4-8.

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In My Arms

A Father's Story

Katrina McKelvey & Deb Hudson · 9781923011458 · June 2027

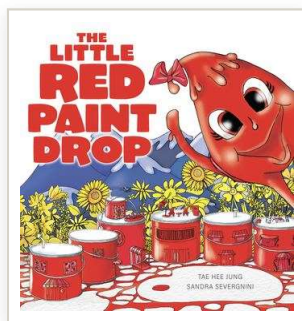
A joyful celebration of a dad's love – through every cuddle, catch and cheer, there's always room for one more hug.

From the very first cuddle, a dad is right there – blowing bubbles in the bath, helping with tricky buttons, scooping you up when you're scared and cheering you on. *In My Arms* celebrates all the fun, everyday ways a father shows his love through his hands and arms, right up to the day he waves goodbye... with the happy promise

that there's always room for one more hug. Told from the dad's point of view and warmly illustrated by Deb Hudson. A Father's Day treat for ages 2-6.

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The Little Red Paintdrop

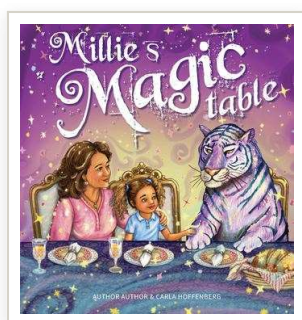
Dr Tae Hee Jung & Sandra Severgnini · 9781923011441 · May 2027

A warm, colourful story about difference, heritage and friendship – and a world far bigger and brighter than you knew.

Little Red Paintdrop grew up feeling comfortable in her red world. One morning, a blue paintdrop appeared in her classroom – sitting alone, her classmates whispering. Curious, she sits down next to him and asks where he's from. Blue tells her he was born here but that his family came from across the Great Purple Bridge. Excited about all she's learned, Red reaches out to a yellow paintdrop at recess and gradually discovers a world bigger and brighter than she could imagine.

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Millie's Magic Table

Nicole Conner & Carla Hoffenberg · 9781923011434 · April 2027

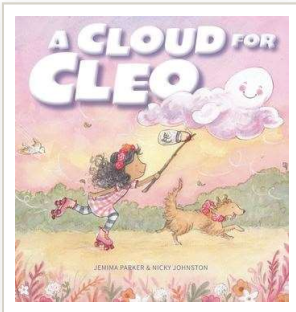
A tender story about starting over in a new place – and finding you can carry home (and courage) inside you.

At home, her grandmother called her Malalai. At her new school, everyone calls her Millie. But the halls are loud, the words move too fast, and Millie's own words feel stuck. Then she remembers her grandmother's secret: when your heart feels heavy, set a table and invite the ones who help you carry it. A magic table appears – and with it her grandmother, Courage, Loneliness and gentle

Permission. A tender, beautiful story about belonging, big feelings and carrying home inside you. Ages 5-8.

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A Cloud for Cleo

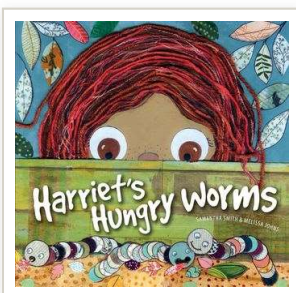
Jemima Parker & Nicky Johnston · 9781923011403 · March 2027

A curious girl sets out to catch a cloud for her museum – and learns the best clouds are the ones set free.

Cleo loves clouds – and to open her very own cloud museum, she needs a real one: the puffiest, fluffiest cumulus of all. She races, chases and whirls, but cumulus clouds are far too high and fast. Then the tiniest silver-tufted cloud drifts into her hand... and Cleo must decide whether a museum is really the best place for a cloud. A heart-warming, gently funny picture book about curiosity, determination and the joy of setting something free, for ages 4-8.

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Harriet's Hungry Worms

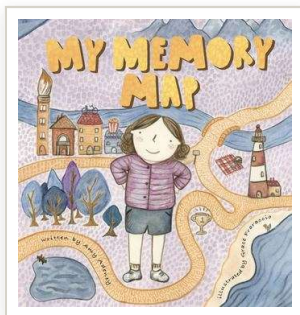
Samantha Smith & Melissa Johns · 9781923011410 · February 2027 · first published May 2023

Harriet's ravenous compost worms munch their way through the family food scraps on a mission to produce ... worm wee!

This funny, engaging eco story invites young readers to follow the adventures of Harriet's ravenous compost worms as they munch their way through their wide and wonderful weekly menu, eventually producing ... worm wee!

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My Memory Map

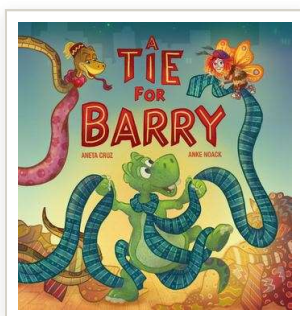
Amy Adeney & Grace Fraraccio · 9781923011267 · February 2027

A warm, affirming picture book that helps children see their bodies as maps of memories, growth, and self-worth.

My Memory Map is a thoughtful picture book that encourages children to see their bodies as unique maps shaped by memories, experiences, and growth. With warmth and sensitivity, it promotes self-acceptance, body awareness, and emotional literacy for young readers.

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A Tie for Barry

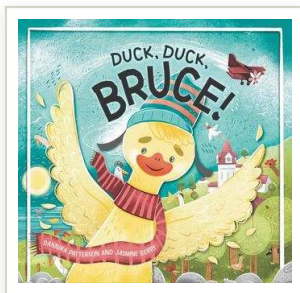
Aneta Cruz & Anke Noack · 9781923011243 · November 2026

A delightful dinosaur tale of how friendship, creativity and determination can help you be your unique self!

Barry the Brontosaurus just wants to fit in at his new school – and he's going to buy a new tie so he can look like all the other students. But then he discovers he has a very short neck ... and all the ties are very long! This makes him so nervous he'll stand out, that he loses heart. But what Barry eventually finds is that with friendship, creativity and determination, being yourself is fabulous! *A Tie for Barry* is a delightful tale of kindness, good friends, and the joy of being yourself.

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Duck, Duck, Bruce!

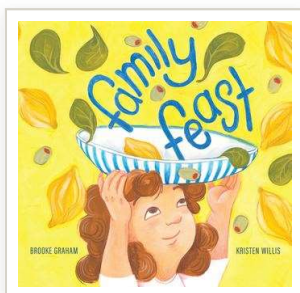
Dannika Patterson & Jasmine Berry · 9781923011212 · October 2026

Bruce marches to the beat of his own quack in this joyful story of a duck whose unique mind saves the day!

Duck, Duck, Bruce! is a joyful picture book about belonging and identity, told through playful repetition and expressive illustration. As Bruce searches for connection, young readers are invited into a fun, affirming story about being seen, named, and valued.

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Family Feast

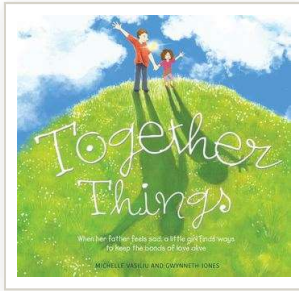
Brooke Graham & Kristen Willis · 9781922539007 · September 2026

Tallula's family sometimes behave like wild animals! So when Mia comes to Family Feast, Tallula is embarrassed. A humorous, multicultural story about the importance of diversity and family – and a good meal.

Tallula's family is louder than a herd of elephants and have worse table manners than wild hogs. She wants a family like Mia's – proper and polite. One day, Tallula discovers Mia is coming to *Family Feast*, when all Tallula's relatives gather. Her tummy flip flops: Mia will taste, see and hear all kinds of embarrassing things! Celebrating diversity, love and cultural differences, *Family Feast* is a humorous, multicultural story about the importance of family – and enjoying a good meal!

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Together Things

When her father feels sad, a little girl finds ways to keep the bonds of love alive

Michelle Vasiliu & Gwynneth Jones · 9781923011427 · August 2026 · first published February 2020

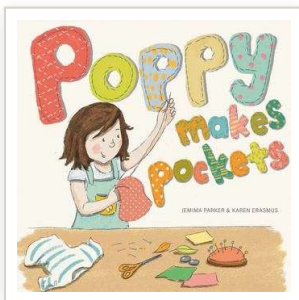
Her Dad used to be fun, but now he is sad. When depression strikes, a girl and her dad do different together things so he can work on getting better.

Sometimes, when mental health issues arise, a parent can't play like they used to. In *Together Things* a girl faces conflicting feelings toward her depressed father, but her mother soon helps her realize they can do different things together to preserve their relationship while her dad tries to get better.

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Polish



Poppy Makes Pockets

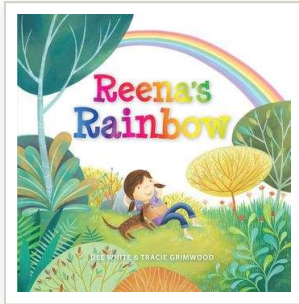
Jemima Parker & Karen Erasmus · 9781921966330 · July 2026

Treasure-hunter Poppy thinks everyone should have pockets ... so she sets out to make them! A charming story about community spirit and sustainability, featuring a guide for children to make their own upcycled pockets.

Poppy is a treasure-hunter extraordinaire, but she doesn't have any way to carry her findings home! When she decides to make her own pockets, she soon ends up making them for the whole neighbourhood ... but where will she get enough materials? A heart-warming story about community spirit, up-cycling and the joy of pockets.

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Reena's Rainbow

Dee White & Tracie Grimwood · 9781925820676 · July 2026 · first published September 2017

A heartwarming story about deafness, diversity and the true friendship that forms between people who accept each other's differences.

Reena is deaf and Dog is homeless, but they are also so much more than that. At first Reena and Dog feel like they don't belong, but when they form a unique bond with each other, and become friends with the hearing children in the park, they discover that everyone is different and special in their own way. *Reena's Rainbow* is about friendship, diversity and acceptance. It sends the message that true friends will always accept your differences and love you just the way you are.

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Spot the Dot

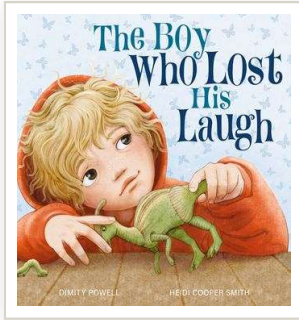
Kris Herbert · 9781921966675 · June 2026

Spot the dot goes on a journey of discovery in this heartwarming story about finding your place in the world.

Meet Spot. A dot from what? Poor Spot forgot. *Spot the Dot* tells the story of a little dot trying to find his place in the world. When he realizes he's forgotten where he came from, Spot goes on a journey of discovery. Is Spot a lost full stop? Or did he fall from a mushroom top? Along the way, Spot finds there are many wonderful places he might belong. Simple, rhythmic and graphic, *Spot the Dot* is a universal story of belonging and finding your own path.

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The Boy Who Lost His Laugh

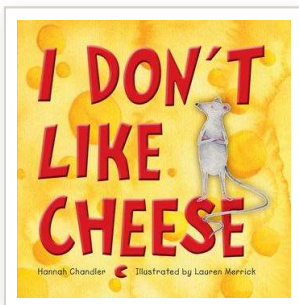
Dimity Powell & Heidi Cooper Smith · 9781921497087 · March 2026

Foster child Tim finds what he's been searching for in this tale of love, family, humor and learning to bounce back.

Tim is always losing things when he travels, he is a foster child, and often moves from one family to the next. One day he realizes he has lost something very precious: his laugh. Then he moves in with the Lee family, and some news arrives that might just help Tim find his laugh again. *The Boy Who Lost His Laugh* takes a sensitive look at foster care from the child's perspective, and shows how humor and love can help you bounce back and find what you've been looking for all along.

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I Don't Like Cheese

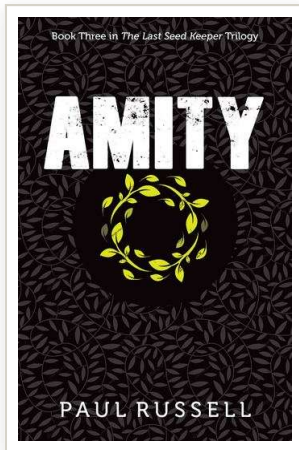
Hannah Chandler & Lauren Merrick · 9781923011236 · March 2026 · first published December 2014

Mike the mouse just won't eat cheese, yet he loves tacos and pizza! The perfect picture book for little fussy eaters!

Mike the mouse isn't like other mice. He just won't eat cheese. Fortunately, his friend Ashley feeds him lots of tasty treats from all over the world, like pizza and tacos. But, hold on, don't those have cheese in them? And what will Mike do when Ashley goes on holiday? This delightful picture book explores how even the fussiest eaters can be tempted to try new flavours. Even better, if you're anything like Mike, you might find you develop quite a taste for international cuisine along the way!

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Amity

Book 3 in *The Last Seed Keeper* series

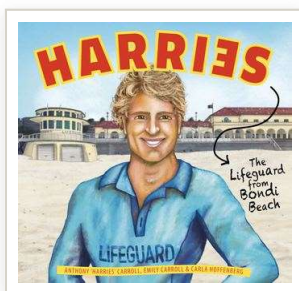
Paul Russell · 9781922539953 · November 2025

A must-read sequel for 9–13-year-olds, Amity brings to a close this gripping trilogy about true friendship, hope, and the battle between good and evil on a planet on the brink of collapse.

Fighting the devastating legacy of earlier generations, friends Ivy, Skyler and Durie must pull together to save the world and create a better tomorrow. And they must confront how their parents' actions brought the world to this daunting precipice. Moving between the past and present, *Amity* shows how, years ago, two power-hungry people set the planet on a path to destruction, and how two babies became destined to lead. *Amity* brings to a thrilling close this story of friendship, courage and hope.

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Harries

The lifeguard from Bondi Beach

Anthony 'Harries' Carroll & Emily Carroll & Carla Hoffenberg ·
9781923011205 · October 2025

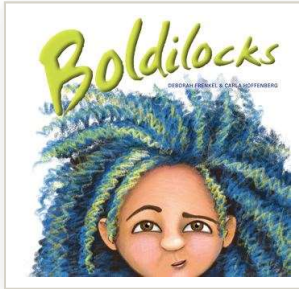
A story of hope about how we sometimes need to dig deeper to find our unique gifts, from Bondi Rescue's beloved Harries.

Bondi Rescue lifeguard *Harries* wasn't always confident. Bullied as a child for dyslexia, he quickly became sad. But his life changed once he discovered he could see and hear things others might not. With this heightened alertness, *Harries* can anticipate when someone might be in danger, which led him to carve out a successful 30-year

career as a lifeguard, rescuing thousands of people. *Harries* is a hopeful story about how, sometimes, we need to dig a little deeper to find our special gifts.

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Boldilocks

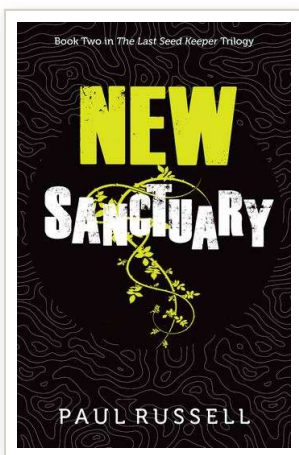
Deborah Frenkel & Carla Hoffenberg · 9781921966378 · September 2025

Boldilocks learns to embrace difference in this joyful story of the power of community, family love and shimmering hair!

Boldilocks is a boy with hair so spectacular and shimmering that everyone looks at him, embarrassing him wherever he goes. But when Pa takes him to the hairdresser to do something about it, something unexpected happens. With a little salon magic and a whole lot of love, much more than hair is transformed. *Boldilocks* celebrates the power of community and being confident in your skin (and hair), and will resonate with anyone who's ever felt a little bit embarrassed about how they look.

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New Sanctuary

Paul Russell · 9781922539946 · September 2025

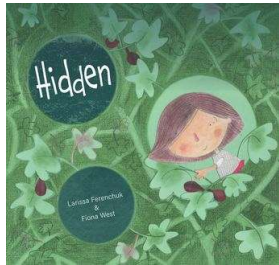
Can Ivy and Skyler find their lost fathers and save the new world in this tale of courage, nature and friendship?

Ivy and Skyler share an unbreakable bond. They have discovered dangerous secrets and saved their crumbling world's dwindling food resources. Now, both their fathers are missing. Together, they search for answers as villains become allies and true enemies make themselves known, and hope for the new world hangs in the balance. Can these two friends really be the key to saving it all?

New Sanctuary is a thrilling adventure about a world where nature has been forgotten but courage and hope remain.

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Hidden

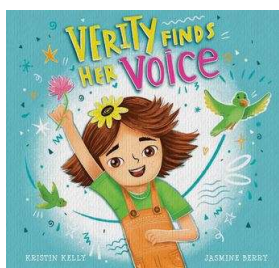
Larissa Ferencuk & Fiona West · 9781921497100 · June 2025

One brave little girl creates an amazing change in her community in this story about inclusion, kindness and connection.

A little girl watches the people of her neighbourhood come and go from the branches of her fig tree, but none of them seem to notice her – or even each other. How can she get everyone to slow down and connect with the people around them? Encompassing themes of inclusion, kindness and sharing, *Hidden* is the inspiring story of a brave, outgoing little girl whose actions help the people in her community find a sense of belonging. It is an important reminder that everyone deserves to feel seen.

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Verity Finds Her Voice

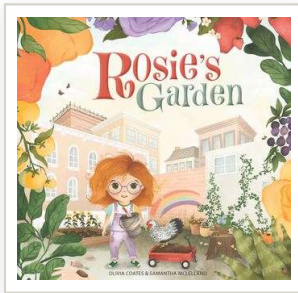
Kristin Kelly & Jasmine Berry · 9781921497148 · May 2025

Verity discovers the courage to speak up in this delightful tale of finding joy in being your own best friend!

Verity is a shy preschooler who always does whatever others tell her. She picks up after her friends, has no say in games, and even plays second fiddle to a drooling baby. But when she is overlooked at her beloved swimming class, Verity realises something needs to change – and discovers the courage to speak up. *Verity Finds Her Voice* will help children learn that not only is it okay to be assertive, but that being a good friend to yourself is just as important as being a good friend to others.

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Rosie's Garden

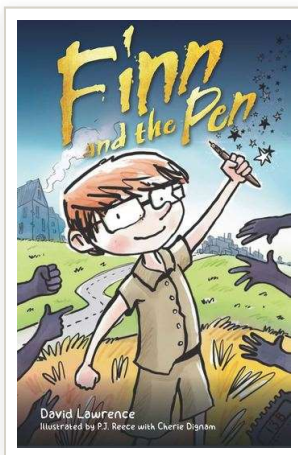
Olivia Coates & Samantha McLelland · 9781921497056 · April 2025

One very brave little girl makes a world of difference in this inspiring story about preserving nature, building community, and standing up for the things we love.

One very determined little girl does something incredible for her community in this inspiring story about preserving green spaces. Rosie loves nothing more than spending time in her neighbourhood garden. But when the garden is destroyed to make way for a towering skyscraper, suddenly there's nowhere for Mr Dellagatti to collect seeds, or Esmeralda the chicken to get her worms for breakfast. With a lot of bravery and some unexpected teamwork, can Rosie find a solution that makes everyone happy?

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Finn and the Pen

David Lawrence & PJ Reece & Cherie Dignam · 9781921966538 · March 2025

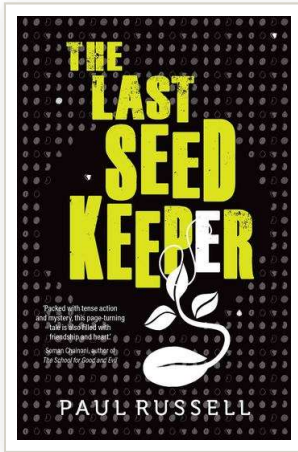
A magic pen causes more mayhem than good for Finn in this absorbing adventure featuring AWFUL foster parents, high-stakes basketball battles, family secrets, and a lesson about the importance of doing the right thing.

The magical – and occasionally catastrophic – pen is back in the third instalment of The Pen series! This time, it's in the hands of eleven-year-old Finn, who is on a mission to save himself and his foster siblings from the TERRIBLE Mr and Mrs Grimshaw, and find out the truth about his past. But while the pen grants him freedom, fortune and even fame, the consequences to his actions start to

mount up. Can Finn save the day the right way? Find out in this fast-paced, laugh-out-loud adventure!

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The Last Seed Keeper

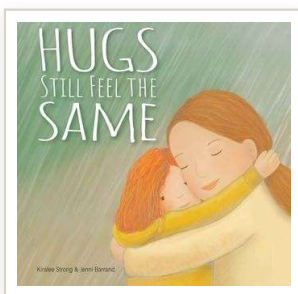
Paul Russell · 9781922539939 · March 2025

Can Ivy and Skyler uncover the key to saving a barren Earth in this epic adventure about nature, friendship and hope?

In a world that has forgotten about nature, two girls live on opposite sides of society. Skyler exists above the clouds in a haven of boundless technology, while Ivy is a Groundling, roaming the surface of the Earth, eking a living from the rubble of the past. Then Ivy makes a discovery that changes everything, and brings their lives crashing together. A tense, heart-pounding and empowering read about corruption, environmentalism, and what we would do if nature gave us a second chance.

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Hugs Still Feel the Same

Kiralee Strong & Jenni Barrand · 9781922539960 · March 2025

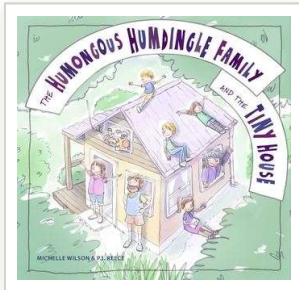
Inspired by real events, this is an inspiring story of resilience during times of huge change and trauma. Warmly illustrated and gently written, it shows young readers how to find comfort when life turns upside-down.

When a little girl and her family are evacuated from their town during a severe flood, it feels like life has been turned upside down. Nothing is the same anymore... except how it feels when Mum, Dad and Teddy hug her. Inspired by the author's experience as a flood recovery volunteer, *Hugs Still Feel the Same* is a story of resilience and hope in life's toughest times. It shows young readers that even

when it feels like everything is changing, it's possible to find comfort if we know where to look.

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The Humongous Humdingle Family and the Tiny House

Michelle Wilson & PJ Reece · 9781922539922 · February 2025

A big-hearted story about minimalism, multi-generational living, and the importance of appreciating what we have.

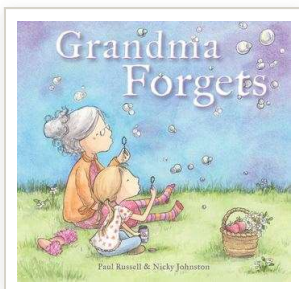
Things are a bit squashy and noisy in the Humdingle family home, with three generations living under one tiny roof. It's easy to see why they sometimes wish they didn't have to share quite so much. But when their wishes are granted, perhaps they'll find that there was something special about living in their tiny house after all. A vibrant story about minimalism, multi-generational living, family connections and the importance of appreciating what we have.

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Featured backlist

Key titles with multiple foreign rights deals



Grandma Forgets

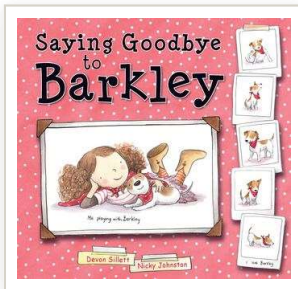
Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston · 9781925335477

A tender, beautifully illustrated story about a family's enduring love for a grandmother whose memory is fading, and the granddaughter who treasures their shared memories for them both. A gentle way to talk with children about dementia.

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SOLD 9 languages

Catalan, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Thai, Traditional Chinese



Saying Goodbye to Barkley

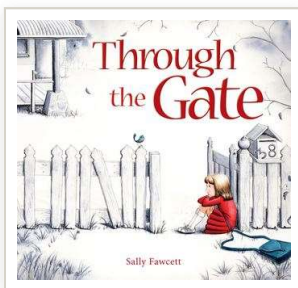
Devon Sillett & Nicky Johnston · 9781925335965

A warm, comforting picture book about a boy and his beloved dog Barkley, and the tender experience of losing a cherished pet.

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Greek, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Slovak, Spanish, Traditional Chinese



Through the Gate

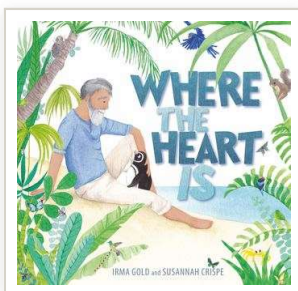
Sally Fawcett · 9781925335415

Moving house can be hard. Confronted with a dilapidated new home and an unfamiliar life, a little girl slowly discovers that change can bring unexpected joy. A story about resilience and coping with change.

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German, Simplified Chinese, Slovak



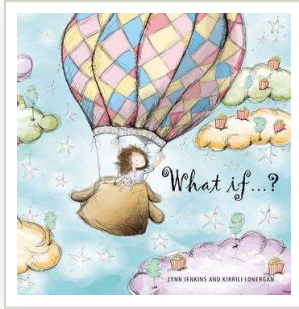
Where the Heart Is

Irma Gold & Susannah Crispe · 9781925820874

Inspired by an incredible true story, this beautifully illustrated book explores the friendship between Dindim the Magellanic penguin and the man who rescued him, a celebration of loyalty and the bonds between people and animals.

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What If...?

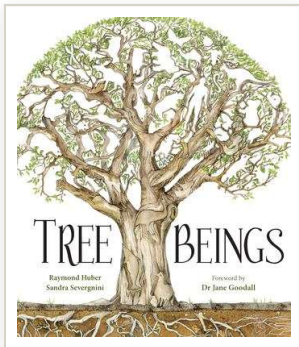
Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan · 9781925820973

From psychologist Lynn Jenkins, a warm and reassuring story about the anxious 'what if' thoughts that can crowd a child's mind, and gently learning to quieten them.

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Arabic, Polish, Romanian



Tree Beings

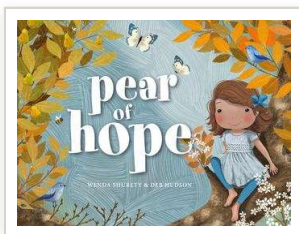
Raymond Huber & Sandra Severgnini · 9781925820539

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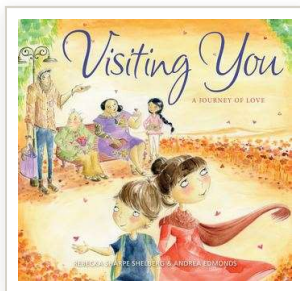
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