



Books with Heart on Issues that Matter

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The Boy Who Lost His Laugh

Dimity Powell & Heidi Cooper Smith

THEMES: FAMILY, ADOPTION, FOSTER CARE

9781921497162 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | 390 WORDS | **OCT 2025**

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 humour and love can help you bounce back and find what you've been looking for.





Poppy Makes Pockets

Jemima Parker & Karen Erasmus

THEMES: UPCYCLING, COMMUNITY, CREATIVITY

9781921497131 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | 449 WORDS | AGES 4-8 | FEB 2026

Poppy loves collecting treasures while out exploring, from smooth stones to glossy feathers and everything in between. But hardly any of her clothes have pockets to carry them! Join Poppy as she sets about solving her pocket-less problem, for herself and the whole neighbourhood. Touching on themes of **creativity, fabric upcycling and community**, Poppy Makes Pockets will bring a smile to the face of little readers everywhere – and might even inspire some to get crafting themselves.



Family Feast

Brooke Graham & Kristen Willis

THEMES: FAMILY, FAMILY TRADITIONS, ACCEPTANCE

9781922539007 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | 440 WORDS | AGES 4-8 | **AUGUST 2025**

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!



My Mother's Invisible Shield

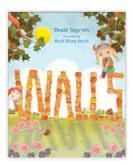
R. A. Stephens & Jasmine Berry

THEMES: FAMILY, MOTHERLY LOVE

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761111945 | Hardcover | 260 x 220 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | 300 WORDS | **APRIL 2025**

A fun picture book to celebrate mums and their love for their children, written from the perspective of a child. This book playfully comments on the multifaceted talent of mums, living their life and loving their kids. No matter what her mischievous children attempt, Mum is always ready and prepared.

My mother has an invisible shield. She has a sensor that tells her l'm coming. And warns her when l'm up to something.



Walls

Tania Ingram & Ruth-Mary Smith THEMES: DIFFERENCES, PREJUDICE

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761111518 | Hardcover | 260 x 210 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | 150 WORDS | **JULY 2024**

A Viking and a Knight are both convinced that they live on the best side of the book. When an argument ensues and each becomes suspicious of their neighbour, their solution is to build walls to keep them safe from the other side. They have to learn the hard way that the walls don't make things better or safer!



If I Were A Lion Kitty Black & Giuseppe Poli THEMES: SELF-ACCEPTANCE

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761110191 | Hardcover | 260 x 210 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | 250 WORDS

If I Were A Lion follows the journey of different children as they express admiration for different lion traits, wishing they had the same courage, curiosity, lounging ability or terrific smile that lions do. But, with the wishing comes the realisation that those same abilities are the ones they already have. Everyone can be a lion, everyone is fierce and free to be themselves!



The Humongous Humdingle Family and the Tiny House

Michelle Wilson & PJ Reece

THEMES: FAMILY, MULTI-GENERATIONAL LIVING, SUSTAINABILITY

9781922539922 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | **FEBRUARY** 2025

A story about Humdingles, a big family that lives in a tiny house. Sometimes they wish they had more bedrooms and more than one toilet. One day their wishes are granted by a falling star and they magically get a bigger house. But it turns out that it doesn't make them happier! A story about minimalism and the importance of family connections. **Possessions don't equate to happiness!**

Verity Finds Her Voice

Kristin Kelly & Jasmine Berry

THEMES: COURAGE , SPEAKIG UP

9781921497148 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | MAY 2025

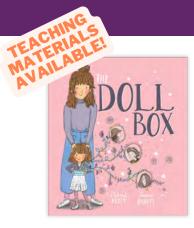
Verity is a shy girl who always does whatever others tell her. One day she realises something needs to change and discovers the courage to speak up. Now her life is so much better! She is able to refuse the activities she doesn't like and she's not afraid to ask for more sausages for dinner. **This book will help shy kids to learn that it's ok to speak up. It can bring happiness!**



Verity loved swimming. As all the other children were getting out of the pool, Verity did something she had never done before ... 'Excuse me, 1 didn't get a turn'

she said, in a quiet clear voice.

From now on, things were going to change.



The Doll Box Deborah Kelly & Joanna Bartel

THEMES: FAMILY HERITAGE, WOMENS STORIES, FEMALE EMPOWERMENT, KEEPSAKES, IMMIGRATION

9781921497148 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | MAY 2025

Isla is a little girl who is scared of climbing. But she wants to climb the frame with her friends! Her mom uses some old dolls to tell her the stories of the brave women in their family's past. The incredible tales of immigration, war, and fighting for their rights show Isla the strength she has in herself. Finally, Isla is able to do what she thought was impossible: to climb the frame.



MORE ON FEMALE EMPOWERMENT



When Grandma Burnt Her Bra Samantha Tidy & Aśka

THEMES: FEMINISM, SOCIAL ATTITUDES, WORLD HISTORY

9781922539465 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | September 2023

Little Maggie has a chat with her grandma Margaret, who tells her stories from the olden days when women had no rights. A fun book that teaches about history of fighting for equality.



Hugs Still Feel the Same Kiralee Strong & Jenni Barrand

THEMES: RESILIENCE, HOPE, FINDING COMFORT, NATURAL DISASTER

9781922539960 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | **MARCH 2025**

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 and Dad hug her. A story of hope, resilience, and finding comfort in the familiar – **perfect for children experiencing times of change or distress.**

Based on a proven strategy for finding comfort; hugs have been shown to relieve stress during traumatic situations.

This story, just like a hug from a loved one, wraps itself around readers, reassuring them that comfort can be found in the familiar even when life turns upside down. Perfect for children experiencing big changes, and recovering from trauma.



Shadow Play Kate Forsyth & Rosalie Street

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, OVERCOMING FEARS

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781925563740 | Hardcover | 260 x 250 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | 150 WORDS | **FEB 2024**

Minnie May has tried everything to escape her Shadow. It is only when she makes herself really small that she can find an escape. But Ziggy isn't afraid. His shadow is big. Ziggy shows Minnie May all the wonderful things that you can do with your shadow. It can tell time, it can make puppets, and it can even go flying through the air. Minnie May likes her shadow now.





Hidden

Larissa Ferenchuk & Fiona West THEMES: COMMUNITY, SHARING, KINDNESS, VALUE OF CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE AROUND US

9781921497100 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | JUNE 2025

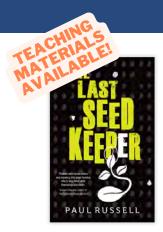
Δ little airl watches the people of her neighbourhood while hidden in the branches of a tree, wishing to become friends with them. She comes up with a plan - she throws a party and everyone is invited. This way, she is able to get to know the people around her and now the whole neighbourhood becomes a much nicer space. A beautiful story about community, connection, inclusion, sharing and kindness.

Rosie's Garden

Olivia Coates & Samantha McLelland THEMES: NATURE, COMMUNITY, GARDENING

9781921497056 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 32 pp | AGES 4-8 | APRIL 2025

There's a little garden in the neighbourhood. Rosie loves this place and the people who she met there. One day, the piece of land is sold to a big company. The garden is destroyed, replaced by a skyscraper. But Rosie has a brave idea. She goes to the boss of the big company and suggests they should build a garden on the top of the building. And the boss says yes!



NEW RELEASE

The Last Seed Keeper Trilogy

Paul Russell THEMES: DYSTOPIA, NATURE, THE ENVIRONMENT, CORRUPTION

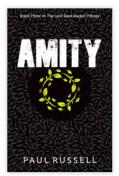
Book 1: The Last Seed Keeper

9781922539939 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 46 000 words | 256 pp | AGES 9-16 | **MARCH 2025**

Book 2: New Sanctuary

9781922539946 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 46 000 words | approx. 256 pp | AGES 9-16 | **JULY 2025**





Book 3: Amity

9781922539953 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 46 000 words | approx. 256 pp | AGES 9-16 | **NOVEMBER 2025**

The Last Seed Keeper is an empowering read about corruption, environmentalism, and what we would do if nature gave us a second chance.

Ivy is a Groundling, living in the rubble of the past. Skyler lives above the clouds in a haven of technology, wanting for nothing yet knowing there must be something more. Their paths are fixed, in a barren world that has forgotten nature... until Ivy makes a discovery that changes everything - the last living plant on Earth.

The Last Seed Keeper is a tense, heart-pounding adventure about friendship, secrecy, breaking down barriers, questioning everything, and holding onto hope in the darkest of places.

- A timely and urgent book that explores a worst-case scenario of the climate crisis, with an emphasis on hope, positive action and collaboration.
- An excellent classroom resource for teaching **environmental impact**, **sustainability and climate change**.
- Provides upper middle grade and early YA readers with a complex, dynamic plot, without the mature themes such as romance and violence that sometimes feature in this age bracket.
- Centres around two strong female characters.

The Game On! Trilogy

Emily Snape

THEMES: GAMING, SIBLINGS, HUMOUR, FUN FACTS, SELF-ESTEEM

Book 1: Shrinkle

9781922539397 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 20 000 words | 192 pp | AGES 7-12 | b&w illustrations | MAY 2023

Book 2: Glitched

9781922539410 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 20 000 words | 192 pp | AGES 7-12 | b&w illustrations | SEPTEMBER 2023

Book 3: Critters

9781922539984 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 20 000 words | 216 pp | AGES 7-12 | b&w illustrations | **SEPTEMBER 2024**

Author and illustrator Emily Snape's sons were both reluctant readers, which made her want to write books that they wouldn't be able to resist reading! Gaming-obsessed Max and his infuriating younger brother, Liam, are forced to work together to survive epic adventures. It all goes wrong when a mysterious app transforms them into tiny versions of themselves, into fleas, transports them back in time... With a clever mix of realism and fantasy and packed with exciting gaming strategies, crazy scenarios and gross facts, Game On! is perfect for reluctant readers, particularly boys.

The Pen Trilogy

David Lawrence & Cherie Dignam & P.J. Reece

THEMES: DRAWING, ENVIRONMENT, PERSONAL ETHICS, FAMILY BREAKDOWN, RESPONSIBILITY

Book 1: Ruby and the Pen

9781922539380 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 30 000 words | 280 pp | AGES 8-12 | b&w illustrations | JULY 2023

Book 2: Xander and the Pen

9781922539403 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 30 500 words | 272 pp | AGES 8-12 | b&w illustrations | NOVEMBER 2023

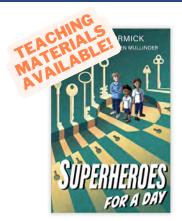
Book 3: Finn and the Pen

9781921966538 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | approx. 30 000 words | 256 pp | AGES 8-12 | b&w illustrations | MARCH 2025

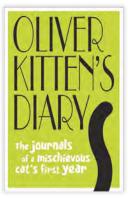
Three stories about kids who came into possession of a magical pen that makes everything they draw happen. Chaos ensues as they discover that power comes with its own problems and the pen causes more trouble than good. Featuring hilarious illustrations, and with messages about family, bullying, teamwork and the environment, this is fast-paced, entertaining middle grade fiction that will resonate with kids everywhere. After all, who wouldn't want to fix all of their problems with the stroke of a pen! Suitable for younger advanced readers and older reluctant ones.











Superheroes for a Day

Dr Craig Cormick & Lauren Mullinder

THEMES: AUTISM, NEURODIVERSITY, SCHOOL, SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE, EMPATHY

9781922539977 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 112 pp | approx. 10 000 words | b&w illustrations | AGES 8-12 | **JULY 2024**

Three friends try to save their school from never-ending maths in this fast and fun story, told from a rarely seen perspective.

Using their unique abilities like heightened memory and attention to detail, they turn their differences into superpowers. The book seeks to normalise the experiences of high-functioning autistic kids who are often seen as uncool because of their quirks. An empowering tale of friendship, bravery, and the remarkable abilities that often go unnoticed in those who are different.

The Thing About Oliver Deborah Kelly



Speech Pathology Australia

THEMES: AUTISM, NEURODIVERSITY, EMPATHY

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781925563818 | Paperback | 203 x 133 mm | approx. 30 000 words | 132 pp | AGES 10+

A stunning middle-grade novel centred on twelve-year-old Tilly and her brother Oliver, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder. When the family is uprooted to the Queensland coast, Tilly is one step closer to her dream of becoming a marine scientist, but Oliver struggles to cope with event the tiniest change to his routine. Will the change threaten to tear the family apart?

Short-listed in the CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers 2020 Short-listed in the Speech Pathology Awards 2019 Winner of the Family Therapy Awards: Junior Readers 2020

Oliver Kitten's Diary: The Journals of a Mischievous Cat's First Year

Gareth St John Thomas

THEMES: HUMOUR, LIVING WITH A PET

9781922539359 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 192 pp | approx. 35 000 words | b&w line drawings | AGES 8+ | NOVEMBER 2022

Oliver Kitten was born in a firetruck and ends up living with a threegeneration multicultural human family in a four-bedroom house. He keeps a diary of his own escapades and the things he hears and sees his family get up to. **You will be surprised to learn about humans from a feline perspective!** Elegantly produced with black and white line drawings, Oliver Kitten's Diary shows us a kitten evolving into a powerful and smart adult cat with lots of fun, affection, love and adventures.

RIGHTS SOLD: HUNGARIAN



The Riz Chester Series

R. A. Stephens & Em Hammond

THEMES: DETECTIVE STORY, SENSORY SENSITIVITY

Book 1: THE COUNTERFEIT BUST

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761111181 | Paperback | 198 x 129 mm | approx. 9000 words | 80 pp | AGES 6+ | b&w illustrations | MAY 2023

Book 2: THE FINGERPRINT CODE

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761111280 | Paperback | 198 x 129 mm | approx. 9000 words | 80 pp | AGES 6+ | b&w illustrations | NOV 2023 AWARDS: Shortlisted in <u>Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year Awards 2024</u>



You Know

You want

Press me

Tane

Science

Book 3: THE EVIDENCE TRACK

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761111556 | Paperback | 198 x 129 mm | approx. 9000 words | 96 pp | AGES 6+ | b&w illustrations | SEPTEMBER 2024

Riz Chester is an average 10-year-old girl with a passion for forensics. Her unique observational skills help Riz and her friends to solve puzzling mysteries. The book shows realistic forensic investigations for kids with a neurodivergent female protagonist and relatable group of characters using problem solving and data analysis to uncover unique mysteries.

The Secret Science Society Series

Kathy Hoopmann, Josie Montano & Ann-Marie Finn

THEMES: NEURODIVERSITY, SCIENCE

Book 1: THE SECRET SCIENCE SOCIETY IN SPACE

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781925563764 | Paperback | 198 x 129 mm | approx. 10 000 words | 108 pp | AGES 8+ | b&w illustrations

Book 2: THE SECRET SCIENCE SOCIETY'S SPECTACULAR EXPERIMENT

WOMBAT BOOKS | 9781761110092 | Paperback | 198 x 129 mm | approx. 10 500 words | 108 pp | AGES 8+ | b&w illustrations | JUN 2023

Mona likes to moan. Kiki worries a lot. Bart loves following rules. And Zane HATES following rules. When the four of them are put into The Secret Science Society together, this could only mean one thing: DISASTER! The children must create and present a science experiment when each has significant learning challenges.

The books show neurodiverse characters who are just living life. They have friends, interests, and are navigating school, the same as any other kid.





Isabelle Duff & Susannah Crispe

9781922539687 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | JUNE 2024

THEMES: ANXIETY, SCHOOL, ANIMALS AS THERAPY

When Sal rides her pony, she feels like a cowgirl; brave, smart and wild. But at school, she is isolated and anxious. In this vibrantly illustrated, heartwarming story, find out how a small act of bravery and the power of friendship help Sal to be herself even when she is scared. Perfect for young readers who are struggling with nerves or anxiety.





New from the talent young author of Cookie, Isabelle Duff draws on her own experiences of childhood anxiety to create a relatable character kids will love.



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Isabelle Duff is a farmer, author, and student at the University of New South Wales, where she is studying Advanced Science and Commerce. **Susannah Crispe** is a Canberra-based children's book illustrator with a background in zoology and art history and a love of beautifully crafted books.

ALSO FROM THIS DYNAMIC DUO

Cookie

Isabelle Duff & Susannah Crispe

9781925820959 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: ANXIETY, DEPRESSION

Join Cookie the mischievous pup and his Girl as they play together and make each other happy, even on the days when Cookie is the only one who can make Girl smile. With beautiful words and illustrations, this is a sensitive exploration of childhood depression and anxiety, and a tribute to the love between a pet and their person.





Through the Gate

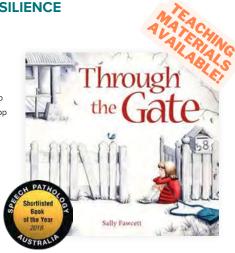
Sally Fawcett

9781925335415 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp 9781925820096 I Paperback I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** MOVING HOUSE, COPING WITH CHANGE

Like all changes, moving house can be difficult. A little girl struggles to cope when confronted with a dilapidated house and a new life. But, over time, the renovations to the house parallel a shift in her perspective, as she realises that change can include good things too.

A gorgeous story about finding the bright side of change.









RIGHTS SOLD: CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, SLOVAK, GERMAN

Growing Pains

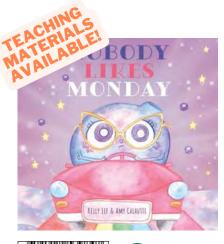
Alison Mclennan & Melissa Johns

9781925820522 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** EMPATHY, KINDNESS, CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

When Finn's family plants a tree, he feels responsible for it, worrying that the sapling might be cold or hungry. He tries to share his breakfast with it and offers it his scarf. But when his nightlight goes out, it's time for the tree to inspire Finn, as it stands tall and brave in the moonlight. A touching story of empathy and overcoming fears.

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

From the talented first nations illustrator of *Harriet's Hungry Worms*





Nobody Likes Monday

Kelly Lee & Amy Calautti 9781922539847 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | AUG 2024

THEMES: RESLIENCE, EMOTIONAL GROWTH, POSITIVITY, SELF ACCEPTANCE

It's pretty tough being Monday – you're not named after a god like Thursday, and you're certainly not a two-day party like Saturday and Sunday. Instead, you're the start of the week, when people have to wake up early and head back to school and work. Monday even has a pile of complaint letters to prove that nobody likes her. Nobody Likes Monday is a story about the impact of people's perceptions of ourselves, and the fact that we all have value; we just need to learn to see it.

In a world where the days of the week come to life, Monday learns to let go of negativity and accept herself for who she is.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Kelly Lee is a teacher, educational curriculum designer and mum. She lives in Australia and can see kangaroos over her back fence. Amy Calautti often made up games based around drawing to entertain her younger brother and cousins. She now lives with her small tribe of humans who inspire her every day.

LET GO OF THE BAD FEELINGS

Tabitha and the Raincloud

Devon Sillett & Melissa Johns

9781925820133 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: ANGER, EMOTIONAL REGULATION, OPTIMISM

When you wake up under a raincloud you have a choice: feel soggy and miserable or dance in the rain! An empowering story of resilience and optimism for anyone who's ever had a raincloudy day.

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



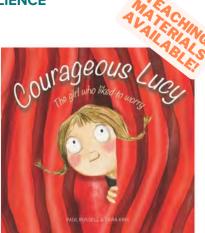
Courageous Lucy

The Girl Who Liked to Worry

Paul Russell & Cara King

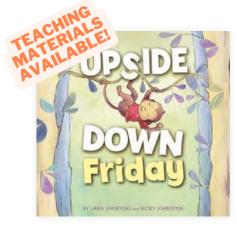
9781925820775 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** ANXIETY, BRAVERY, OVERCOMING FEARS, SCHOOL

Her knees may knock, her tummy ties in knots and Lucy may worry quite a lot, but with a small sprinkle of courage, Lucy takes tiny steps of bravery to be in the school play and becomes the best tree ever, despite her anxiety.



"Books like this are essential. They show that we can take a deep breath and rise above our fears and say yes to the many opportunities that life presents" -Reading Time





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Young children's lives are full of big, scary changes. Help them to build emotional resilience, and find the fun in days that don't go to plan!

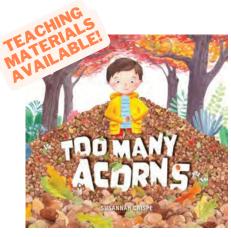


Upside-Down Friday

Lana Spasevski & Nicky Johnston

9781925820850 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** ANXIETY, COPING WITH CHANGE, SCHOOL

Upside-Down Fridays turn Hugo the monkey's routine into chaos and fill his tummy with butterflies. Find out how he learns to find the fun in change with this story about the power of helping others. With emotive language and unique 'upside-down' illustrations, this is the perfect resource for building emotional resilience in children.





Too Many Acorns

Susannah Crispe

9781922539748 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **OCT 2024**

THEMES: LOSS, GRIEF, ISOLATION, COMPLUSIONS, COPING STRATEGIES

When Patrick suffers a huge loss, he finds comfort in holding an acorn that drops at his feet. The more acorns he collects, the less empty he feels... but as the house fills with acorns, events quickly overtake him. Can Patrick and Dad find a way to move past the acorn chaos and cope with their grief together? An uplifting story about resilience, connection, and growth, perfect for sharing with little ones who are experiencing the loss of a loved one, or any other emotional upheaval.

An uplifting story about resilience, connection, and growth.



The Fix-It Man

Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston 9781925335347 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: GRIEF, DEATH, HOPE, HEALING FROM LOSS

A young girl believes her father can fix anything, but following the death of her mother, she discovers that broken hearts are not as easy to repair as cracked teapots. A poignant picture book that explores how a child can cope with the loss of a parent.

RIGHTS SOLD: CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, POLISH, DISTRIBUTED IN ENGLISH IN CHINA.





Go Away, Worry Monster!

Brooke Graham & Robin Tatlow-Lord

9781925820393 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 PIEMES: ANXIETY, RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Worry Monster loves 'helping' Archie worry, especially the night before he starts his new school. Archie feels so anxious that his head hurts, his tummy flutters and his heart pounds. He soon realizes that the only way to feel better is to make Worry Monster go away. He does his belly breaths and challenges his inner fears by facing facts. Go Away, Worry Monster! gives children useful strategies to cope with their anxieties and stress, showing them how to make their own Worry Monsters leave.

What if ... ?

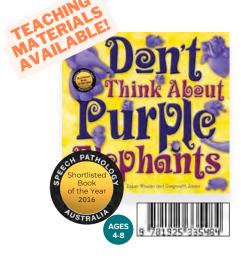
Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan 9781925820973 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: ANXIETY, IMAGINATION

RIGHTS SOLD: ROMANIAN, ARABIC, POLISH

In this colourful adventure, 'what ifs' become springboards for happiness and imagination. Why worry about monsters under the bed when you could wonder what it would be like if the clouds were purple and orange and green? Children will delight in this playful exploration of words and their power to change how we feel.







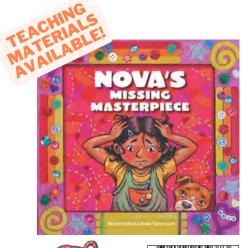
Don't Think About Purple Elephants Susan Whelan & Gwynneth Jones

9781921966699 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp 9781925335484 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: WORRY, COPING WITH ANXIETY

Sophie worries — not during the day when she is busy with family and friends, but at night when everything is calm and quiet. Her family all try to help, but somehow they just make her worries worse. Until her mother thinks of a clever way to take her mind off her troubles, by asking her NOT to think of purple elephants.

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.





Nova's Missing Masterpiece

Brooke Graham & Robin Tatlow-Lord

9781922539373 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | APR 2024

THEMES: SELF REGULATION, ANGER CONTROL, PROBLEM SOLVING, PETS, LIFE SKILLS

Features current evidence-based strategies to help self-regulate/calm down, including belly breathing, drinking water, listening to music, stretching and relaxing. When Nova realises the artwork she created for Dad's birthday present is missing, her tummy flip flops. Nova and her dog, Harley, turn the house upside down, but the missing masterpiece is nowhere to be found. Nova loses her temper but Harley remains calm. Can Nova learn from her dog, calm herself down and find her Dad's present in time?

The much-anticpated new release the creators of Go Away, Worry Monster!

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Brooke Graham is a primary school teacher and children's author. She is passionate about reducing the stigma around mental illness. **Robin Tatlow-Lord** is a writer, animator and cartoonist who loves bringing character and emotion to all of her illustrations.

Easy Peasy

Ky Garvey & Amy Calautti

9781922539441 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: ROLLER SKATING, PERSISTENCE, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, ACCEPTING HELP

A fun, engaging story, perfect for children learning how to do something new. Easy Peasy follows Ruby, who has just received sparkly roller skates as a present from her dad. Ruby is convinced it will be easy to learn how to roller skate and dismisses her dad when he offers to help her. But after a few tumbles, Ruby realises it isn't as easy as she thinks and that she might need his help after all!

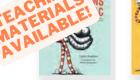




'Lessons of a LAC' series

Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan

Written by experienced clinical psychologist, Lynn Jenkins, and illustrated by art therapist and former paediatric nurse Kirrili Lonergan, this popular series gives children tools to help manage their worries.







RIGHTS SOLD: INDONESIA, SPANISH WORLD, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

Lessons of a LAC

It Can Be Hard To Stop Worrying When You're A Little Anxious Creature! 9781925335828 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp THEMES: ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE

Learn alongside Loppy the Little Anxious Creature as he finds out how to manage his anxieties, let go of his worries, and above all have fun!

Brave

9781925117844 | Paperback | 310 \times 230 mm | 12½ \times 9 in | 36 pp | LITTLE STEPS PUBLISHING AVAILABLE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ONLY

THEMES: ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE, COURAGE

Loppy is starting school and he's a little anxious. Can Curly the Calmster show Loppy how to 'find his brave'?

Perfect Petunias

The 'Perfect' Book for Little Perfectionists Everywhere! 9781925335583 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp THEMES: PERFECTIONISM. SELF-ACCEPTANCE. RESILIENCE

Learn that 'perfect' just means trying your best, in the 'perfect' book for kids who find it hard to make mistakes!

Grey-glasses-itis

Life's Brighter When You're Not Wearing Grey Glasses! 9781925335958 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** MOODS, FEELINGS, EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

When Loppy takes off his grey glasses, life doesn't look so sad! A simple way to teach kids how thoughts influence mood.

Tree

A Gentle Story of Love and Loss 9781925820126 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** GRIEF, LOSS, EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

A gentle story of loss to help children learn how to say goodbye, process grief, and commemorate a loved one's life.





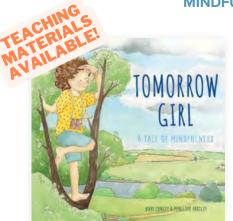








MINDFULNESS AND ACT



Tomorrow Girl

A Tale of Mindfulness

Vikki Conley & Penelope Pratley

9781925820362 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: MINDFULNESS, FRIENDSHIP

Catch up with a girl called Tomorrow as she rushes through life. But when Tomorrow meets Yesterday and trips over Today, her whole world begins to slow down. Tomorrow Girl is a quirky tale delivering a timely reminder of mindfulness and what can happen when we allow ourselves time to be in the moment.



"Tomorrow Girl is the perfect book to kickstart discussions about mindfulness and slowing down to appreciate the wonder around us. A truly magical (and mindful) find." -Children's Books Daily

OLLIE

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Shortlisted Book of the Year

Ollie's Treasure

Happiness is Easy to Find if You Just Know Where to Look!

Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan

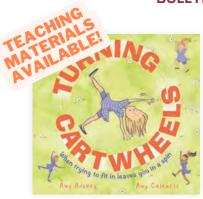
9781925335422 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp 9781925820263 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp THEMES: FINDING HAPPINESS THROUGH MINDFULNESS

Ollie's grandma sends him a treasure map that promises to lead him to 'something that will make him happy always'. Of course, Ollie thinks this 'something' will be a toy of some sort, but he gets both a rude shock and a big surprise when his treasure turns out to be him!

Psychologist Lynn Jenkins melds mindfulness with playfulness in a joyous exploration of the senses and emotions to help children's healthy development.

RIGHTS SOLD: CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, BULGARIAN. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

BULLYING/CHILDREN AT RISK





Turning Cartwheels

When Trying to Fit In Leaves You in a Spin

Amy Adeney & Amy Calautti

9781925820515 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: SOCIAL BULLYING, FRIENDSHIP, PEER PRESSURE, FITTING IN, SCHOOL

Emma is desperate to join queen bee Carly's Cartwheel Club. But will being in the club be as much fun as Emma hopes? Bullying is all too common in schools but it's not always physical. Underhanded, manipulative behaviour by so-called 'frenemies' can cause just as much damage. This is a clever exploration of self-esteem, inclusiveness and true friendship.

A Boy, His Bear and a Bully

Katie Flannigan & P.J. Reece

9781925820898 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: BULLYING, FRIENDSHIP, BRAVERY, FORGIVENESS, SCHOOL

RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL

A Boy, his Bear and a Bully tells the story of the day Scott's bear, Buttons, goes missing and Scott has to be brave and stand up to his bully. It addresses the global issue of bullying in a hopeful, gentle way, opening the conversation for children, carers, and professionals, and providing guidance for anyone who wishes they could be brave.







RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH



9781925335767 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp 9781925820454 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, RESILIENCE, TRUST, HOPE

"At The End of Holyrood Lane is a beautiful story about a little girl who is terrified by the storm that chases and scares her but when Flick reaches out for help she finally becomes safe

and the sunshine comes out. Dimity Powell should be commended for the gentle way in which she approaches the challenges faced by so many children growing up in a house of violence." – Nicolle Edwards, CEO RizeUp

ILLNESS AND RECOVERY





Mama's Chickens

Michelle Worthington & Nicky Johnston

9781922539458 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT ANIMALS

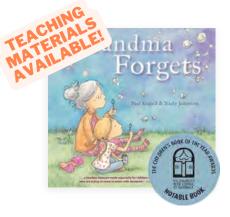
Over 5% of people with Alzheimer's show symptoms before they are 65 (Mayo Clinic). Mama's Chickens is a beautifully told story about a young mother facing early-onset dementia, her kids, and their endearing backyard chickens.

Finding Granny

We Never Really Lose the People We Love Kate Simpson & Gwynneth Jones 9781925335699 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: GRANDPARENTS, ILLNESS, STROKE AWARENESS

Every year, 15 million people worldwide suffer a stroke. Sadly, there is a high likelihood that someone a child knows will experience one. This is a sensitive exploration of the impact of stroke that any child will be able to relate to. Written in a warm, engaging style, it both comforts and educates.





RIGHTS SOLD: ITALIAN, SPANISH WORLD, CATALAN, PORTUGUESE (BRAZIL), GREEK, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, CHINESE TRADITIONAL, BILINGUAL (ENGLISH AND THAI) EDITION IN THAILAND, POLISH, DISTRIBUTED IN ENGLISH IN CHINA

Grandma Forgets

Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335477 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 24 pp 9781925335811 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 24 pp **THEMES:** DEMENTIA, AGEING, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



"A wonderful book for helping children make sense of dementia and memory loss. It uses anecdotes that children can relate to and simple language that makes it very accessible. Themes of love, family and memory are woven throughout the story, and the ending is very touching." -CBCA's Reading Time

ILLNESS AND RECOVERY



Together Things

When Her Father Feels Sad, A Little Girl Finds Ways To Keep The Bonds Of Love Alive

Michelle Vasiliu & Gwynneth Jones 9781925820294 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION. MENTAL

HEALTH. PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

Together Things helps young kids to understand that sometimes they must do different things together while their parent focuses on their mental health.



RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH "A compelling story about adult depression, encouraging kids to understand the presence of mental illness in the world around them." - Midwest Book Review

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Pear of Hope

Wenda Shurety & Deb Hudson

978 1925 820867 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: ILLNESS, OVERCOMING CHALLENGES, RESILIENCE, HOPE, CANCER

Pear of Hope is the story of a little girl with cancer and her tale of recovery. This is intertwined with the growth of a pear tree, which symbolises the enigmatic concept of hope. Told through sensitive words and gentle, beautiful illustrations, the story is a reminder of the fact that, like Anna, with hope you can face any battle!

WINNER OF THE FOREVABILITY BOOK AWARDS - an award programme that recognises books that empower people living with disabilities or illnesses.

RIGHTS SOLD: SLOVAK, SLOVENE



Up to Something

Katrina Mckelvey & Kirrili Lonergan

9781925335705 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** RECYCLING, IMAGINATION, FATHER–SON BOND

Billy is only allowed to watch as his dad works in the shed, but when Billy decides to use his dad's off-cuts and other items to build his own project, Dad is in for a surprise! Up to Something is a beautiful exploration of the father–son relationship, the importance of creativity and the satisfaction to be gained from making things ourselves.





A great gift for Dads who love to tinker in their sheds.

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

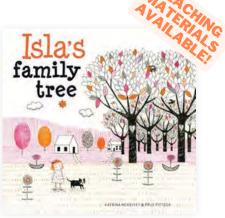
Isla's Family Tree

Katrina Mckelvey & Prue Pittock

9781925820379 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FAMILY STRUCTURE, SIBLINGS

Isla's family is changing and she's not happy! She doesn't want siblings. Her mother explains how families grow by making a family tree with her, but Isla's branch is already full! But once she meets her new brothers, she falls in love and makes room for them after all.











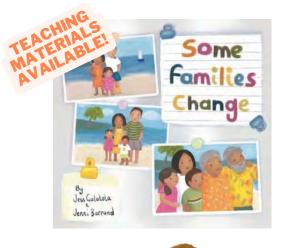
My Heart Katrina McKelvey & Deb Hudson

9781922539571 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | MAR 2024 THEMES: MILESTONES, MOTHER/CHILD BOND

RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL

My Heart depicts the many ways a mother's heart can experience love and emotion while her baby journeys through the milestones of growing up. The story uses repetition and subtle variation to reflect the activity and reactions of the mother's heart, and how they change with each mother- child interaction.

The narrative moves through the early years until the child goes off on their first independent activity, a deeply moving moment for all mothers. Beautifully detailed illustrations depict the connection between mother and child, reminding readers that a mother's heart will always be with her children, no matter where they go.



Some Families Change Jess Galatola & Jenni Barrand

9781922539670 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | MAY 2024

THEMES: BLENDED FAMILY, SEPARATION, DIVORCE, FAMILY DIVERSITY, SAME SEX PARENTS

Family changes can be challenging, especially for young children. Some Families Change offers a comforting exploration of changing family structures through gentle verse and inclusive illustrations. Covering scenarios including singleparent families, blended families, and the loss of a loved one, it serves as a reassuring guide for children experiencing such transitions. Candid and big-hearted, Some Families Change is a timely resource for navigating the inevitable changes that life brings.

The book candidly explores concepts such as split families, single-parent households, families with two mums or dads, families that join together, and how changes to family might make children feel.



Debra Tidball & Arielle Li

9781922539496 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** EMOTIONAL BONDS, ATTACHMENTS, TUGBOATS, SEPERATION

In this sensitive tale, Tug and Ship are connected by bonds of love despite being separated by danger and distance. In a world where so many parents are apart from their children for periods of time due to work and/or living arrangements, sometimes the sense of attachment can feel a little vulnerable. Anchored is a reassuring book, reminding children that their attachment with those they love can weather the tides of time away from each other: they are firmly anchored in each other's hearts.

"A comforting picture book about separation and reunion" -The Times of London

RIGHTS SOLD: GERMAN, distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA, TAMIL

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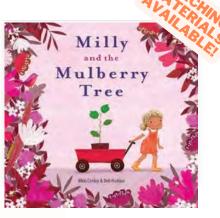
AGE

Milly and the Mulberry Tree

Vikki Conley & Deb Hudson

9781922539120 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** HOME, TRAVEL, ADVENTURE, LOVE, CHILDHOOD, OUTDOOR PLAY

Milly's mulberry tree is the centre of her world; the place where she plays with her Papa, learns about nature, and creates magical potions... until she grows up and finds herself in a faraway land, still dreaming of home. A delightful story about the importance of exploration, appreciating nature, and keeping home close to our hearts.



RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL



"When the mulberry tree's limbs stretched out to the world, so did Milly's."



Get Ready, Mama!

Sharon Giltrow & Arielle Li

9781922539083 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FAMILY, ROUTINE, ROLE REVERSAL

Getting Mama ready for the day can be a challenge... you'd better watch out that she doesn't sneak back into bed, try to distract you with cuddles, or... wait, is Mama watching TV?! Even the most reluctant risers will find the fun in the morning routine with this playful role-reversal story about a mama who just doesn't want to get ready!

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH, TAMIL

Bedtime, Daddy!

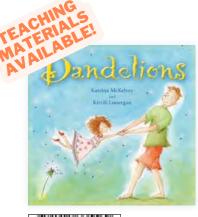
Sharon Giltrow & Katrin Dreiling 9781925820386 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: REDTIME ROLLINE FATHER-CHILD BOND

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH, TAMIL

Daddy can be a handful when it's time to go to bed. Especially when he starts crying! This story will show you how to wrestle your daddy into his pyjamas, read just one more bedtime story, battle bedtime excuses and use goaway monster spray until Daddy finally goes to sleep. Full of heart and humour, for anyone who wants to try to put a grown-up to bed.







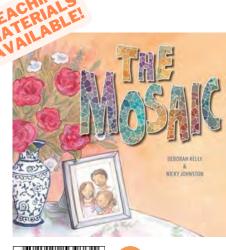


Dandelions

Katrina Mckelvey & Kirrili Lonergan 9781925335569 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: HOPE, RESILIENCE, FATHER–DAUGHTER BOND

RIGHTS SOLD: Distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

Dandelions explores the bond between a father and his daughter. One day, a little girl notices her father mowing the lawn — in the process destroying her favourite flowers. Will she forgive her dad, and will nature surprise her?





Grace & Katie Susanne Merritt & Liz Anelli

9781925335545 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: SIBLING RIVALRY, CREATIVITY, INDIVIDUALITY BETWEEN TWINS

Grace and Katie are twins. Grace loves everything to be organised and neat, while Katie loves everything to be bold and messy. Not surprisingly, when they want to draw a map of their home and street, the girls can't agree on how it should be done. An imaginative story of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's strengths.

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia

This is My Dad

The perfect dad isn't always a father **Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston** 9781922539076 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 91/2 x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** FAMILY, SINGLE PARENTS, OCCUPATIONS

RIGHTS SOLD: SPANISH (Latin America), SLOVENE

Leo has never known a father figure, but that won't stop him from telling his class about someone cool, courageous and clever on Tell Us About Your Dad Day – someone who might not be his dad, but is his everything. A heart-warming story about bravery and modern family dynamics that will resonate with millions of children.

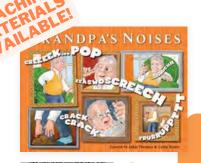
The Mosaic

Deborah Kelly & Nicky Johnston 9781922539731 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | OCT 2024

THEMES: FAMILY BREAKDOWN, ART

A lyrical and optimistic tale about the power of possibility and perspective, told form the point of a child experiencing a family breakdown. Frankie's parents have separated, and her world has fallen apart, much like the precious vase that broke on the day Dad left. But then Nana takes her to an art gallery where she falls in love with a massive mosaic, built from a ceramicist's broken works after an earthquake. Frankie realises that though the pieces of her life may never fit together again as they did before, there is a chance that from the 'broken' pieces she will be able to rebuild a new beautiful life.

Grace & KAT C



Grandpa's Noises

Gareth St John Thomas & Colin Rowe

9781925335989 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp 9781925820461 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: FAMILY, HUMOUR

"It is a long time since I have giggled through an entire children's book. A great read for young and old, A chance for children to reflect on the older family figures in their lives and a chance for adults to see themselves and others through the eyes of a child." - Educating Young Children

Peas in a Pod

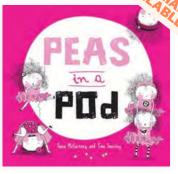
Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

9781921966712 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp 9781925335286 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY AS A MULTIPLE

Pippa, Pia, Poppy, Polly and Peg are quintuplets. Since birth, they've done everything the same, but as they get a little older they want to do things differently — very differently. Can Mum and Dad keep their little girls as matching peas in a pod, or will those five very individual personalities win out in the end?

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.









Arabella and the Magic Pencil

Stephanie Ward & Shaney Hyde

9781925820010 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp 9781925820553 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** CREATIVITY, SIBLING RIVALRY

Arabella is a beloved only child until her brother arrives. While she loves him, it's hard to like him. One day, she decides drastic action is required and she erases him from her life with her magic pencil. Oops! Can she get him back? Arabella and the Magic Pencil will appeal to any child with a new sibling and those with changing family dynamics.

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH, SLOVAK. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

IMAGINATION & CREATIVITY

The Art Garden

Sowing the Seeds of Creativity

Penny Harrison & Penelope Pratley

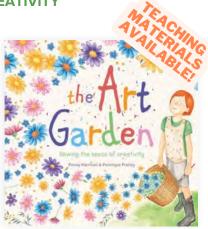
9781925335590 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: CREATIVITY, SELF-BELIEF, FRIENDSHIP

Sadie wants to be a painter, just like her best friend, Tom. But whenever Sadie picks up a paintbrush she makes a big mess. So instead, she spends time working in the garden or playing with Tom. But, one day, Sadie gets a look at things from a different perspective.

RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL, available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.







The Incurable Imagination

Paul Russell And Aska

9781925335972 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** EDUCATION, IMAGINATION

Audrey has the worst case of 'imaginitis' her teachers have ever seen! While other children paint their families, Audrey paints an ogre who drinks tea. She writes a song about a desk with legs that runs away. What's worse, her condition is contagious and soon the other kids in her class start showing symptoms of an incurable imagination! Before long, parents begin to protest. But perhaps imagination isn't such a bad disease after all? It might even be useful if it makes learning more fun.

RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL

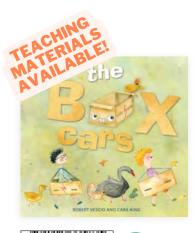
Jørn's Magnificent Imagination

Coral Vass and Nicky Johnston

9781922539144 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY, ARCHITECTURE, AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Celebrating new ideas that can make a world of difference, Jørn's Magnificent Imagination is the true story of Jørn Utzon, the architect of the worldrenowned Sydney Opera House. In this gorgeously illustrated book, we follow Jørn through his life as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself. Along the way, young readers will be reminded of the importance of taking the time to dream and create, and of the incredible power of the imagination.

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH, TURKISH





FRIENDSHIP

The Box Cars Robert Vescio & Cara King

9781925335835 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, CREATIVITY, PROBLEM-SOLVING

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

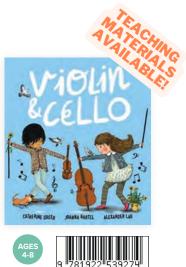
Liam and Kai are the best of friends. Each day in the park they race around in their box cars. One day they notice a little girl watching them — she's keen to join in, but there's only room for two. A fun-filled story of friendship, sharing and creative problem-solving!

Violin and Cello

Catherine Greer, Alex Lau & Joanna Bartel 9781922539274 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 11 x 9½ in I 32 pp THEMES: MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, COLLABORATION

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH

The perfect read for every emerging musician, Violin & Cello includes a bonus duet children can learn to play. For every child practicing their new instrument and the parents and teachers helping them along the way, this book celebrates the joy of unexpected friendship through music. Young readers will love the appealing characters and carefully drawn settings. Two cultures, two instruments, one piece of music; the inclusion of a playable tune is a bonus!







Butterfly Girl Ashling Kwok & Arielle Li

9781922539564 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, NATURE, BUTTERFLIES, COMMUNITY BULDING, COPING WITH CHANGE

In this charming and sensitively illustrated book, a young girl whose only friends are butterflies must learn how to transform a city balcony into a welcoming environment for her fluttering friends

INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUILDING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN.

FRIENDSHIP



9781922539656 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | FEB 2024



Two Rabbits

Larissa Ferenchuk & Prue Pittock

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, EMPATHY

In Two Rabbits, Little Brown Rabbit and Little Grey Rabbit have had an argument. As they go their separate ways into the night, the wind whispers around them to remind them of their sharp words. Will they be able to come back together and find a way to save their friendship? The story portrays the physical and emotional journey of two best friends as they experience feelings of anger, sadness and loneliness. Young readers will learn that friendship can overcome differences and disagreement.

RIGHTS SOLD: CZECH, TAMIL

When best friends argue, the wind follows them, reminding them of their sharp words. Will they ever be friends again?



ABOUT THE CREATORS

Larissa Ferenchuk is a writer who loves all things magical and whimsical. She lives in Adelaide with her husband, three children and one very lovely Little Grey Rabbit. Two Rabbits is her debut picture book. Larissa also loves to volunteer her time, including with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, where she has assisted many groups of children in the cooking program over the last six years. **Prue Pittock** studied Art and Design. She began her career working in advertising, which led to her dream job, illustrating and designing record covers for EMI Australia. Prue used her love of a limited colour palette to develop her own distinctive style.





FRIENDSHIP

Invisible Jerry

Adam Wallace & Giuseppe Poli 9781925335781 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, LONELINESS, BELONGING, SELF-CONFIDENCE

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH, ROMANIAN

People don't notice Jerry. If someone bumps into him, they don't say sorry. If he makes a joke, no one laughs. He never gets picked last for teams — but that's because he never gets picked at all. It's like he's invisible. Until Molly arrives. This is a picture book with heart for everyone who has ever felt like they're on the outside looking in.

The Battle

Starting School Can Be Scary Sometimes!

Ashling Kwok & Cara King

9781925820409 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp 9781925820904 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: STARTING SCHOOL, FRIENDSHIP

Starting school is scary. The Battle is an imaginative, relatable story, teaching children that maybe things aren't as bad as they might first seem, with magic and fun awaiting if they let their guard down.





Tottie and Dot

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

9781921966491 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: COMPETITION, RIVALRY, FRIENDSHIP

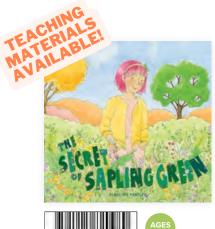
Tottie and Dot are two little girls who live side by side. Life is very peaceful until one day the girls begin competing with each other to create the best house. Jealousy takes hold and their competitive spirit gets increasingly out of control until ultimately, things collapse in a disastrous heap. Will Tottie and Dot realise the importance of their friendship before it's too late?

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.





CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE



The Secret of Sapling Green

Penelope Pratley

9781925820980 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: ACCEPTANCE, BEING YOURSELF, FREINDSHIP, FITTING IN

RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL

Sapling Green has always hidden her green thumbs. But one day the old schoolyard tree is damaged in a storm. Can Sapling be brave enough to show her classmates her secret and save the tree? This story is an important reminder that we should always accept each other for who we are.

The Chalk Rainbow

Deborah Kelly & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335453 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp THEMES: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

"Deborah Kelly's charming picture book explores difference and diversity through a family living with Autism Spectrum disorder" - Disability Link



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Freddy the Not-Teddy

Kristen Schroeder & Hilary Jean Tapper

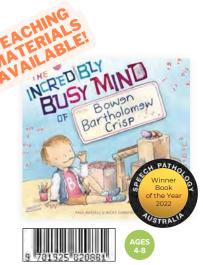
9781922539090 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: ACCEPTANCE, STANDING UP FOR OTHERS, INCLUSION, FITTING IN

Freddy looks a little different to other stuffed toys, but thanks to a young boy's courage, that doesn't stop him from being the star of the show in an inspiring story about being true to yourself.

"The strongest theme in this book is the bravery it takes to be true to yourself or kind to others, especially when you expect peers will not understand" - Reading Time



CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE



The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp

Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston

9781925820881 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: NEURODIVERSITY, CURIOSITY, FITTING IN, SCHOOL

RIGHTS SOLD: SLOVAK

Being 'normal' might just be overrated. Bowen Bartholomew Crisp's mind is full of curious questions and mile-a-minute trains of thought. Learn how he finds his place in the world by using his ability to think differently as his greatest strength.

The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses

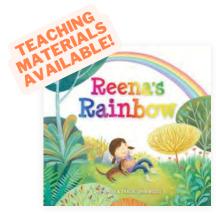
Susanne Garvay & Marjorie Crosby-Fairall

9781925335996 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp 9781925820560 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp **THEMES:** SELF-ESTEEM, DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE

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Sam's new glasses that the grown-ups say make him look like a superhero, but he just wants to look like himself. Will he ever fit in again?







Reena's Rainbow

Dee White & Tracie Grimwood

9781925335491 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** HEARING IMPAIRMENT, DIVERSITY, FRIENDSHIP, ACCEPTANCE

Reena is deaf and Dog is homeless. Sometimes neither of them feels as if they quite fit in. But when Reena and Dog form a unique bond, it's not long before everyone finds out just how special they are. A story of friendship, diversity and acceptance.

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

COMMUNITY & BELONGING





Visiting You

A Journey of Love

Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg & Andrea Edmonds

9781925335668 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** COMMUNITY, DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE, LOVE

A young child and their mother set out to visit a loved one. Along the way, the child curiously interacts with other commuters and discovers that we all are bound by the common experience of love, and that it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.

A heart-warming celebration of the power of love, and how it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.

RIGHTS SOLD: TAMIL, POLISH, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

Ella & Mrs Gooseberry

Discovering What Love Looks Like

Vikki Conley & Penelope Pratley

9781925335255 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: LOVE, KINDNESS, EMPATHY

Grumpy old Mrs Gooseberry from next door has lost her love, so Ella begins a quest to help Mrs Gooseberry rediscover it. A heartwarming story about the importance of community, love and selfless giving.

RIGHTS SOLD: CHINESE TRADITIONAL, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

The Welcome Cookies

Kay Baillie & Hilary Jean Tapper

9781922539502 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | OCT 2024

THEMES: BELONGING, CHANGE, KINDNESS

Mabel loves visiting Miss Plum's Sugar Plum Café and drawing pictures for the arty-smarty wall. But one day, Mabel finds the café under renovation by someone new. She misses her favourite café, and she misses Miss Plum's smiles. One day, the café reopens, and Mabel reluctantly visits there with her mother. Will this new place provide Mabel with the same joy she felt in the old café? And how will Mabel accept its differences?

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NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

Tree Beings

Raymond Huber & Sandra Severgnini With foreword by Dr Jane Goodall

9781925820539 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 96 pp

THEMES: NATURAL WORLD, PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

It is exquisitely illustrated." - Organic Gardener

Tree Beings takes a fresh look at trees as beings that enrich the whole planet. Get to know trees through the inspiring true stories of people who love them: from a scientist who discovered how trees 'talk'; to a young woman with the world record for living up a tree. Learn about recent tree science, and explore tree wisdom from many cultures.

"A delightful and enriching exploration of tree heroes

and saviours that will appeal to kids and adults alike.

RIGHTS SOLD: TURKISH, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED

BEINGS

Dr Jane Gooda

Harriet's Hungry Worms Samantha Smith & Melissa Johns



9781922539472 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, GARDENING, SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Packed with worm facts, Harriet's Hungry Worms is the ideal companion for worm warriors and curious composters keen to roll up their sleeves. Before they know it, young readers become equipped with the basic information they need to start putting their own kitchen food scraps to good use!

"A perfect picture book for the early childhood years. A joy to read aloud or listen to." -Magpies Schools Magazine

NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

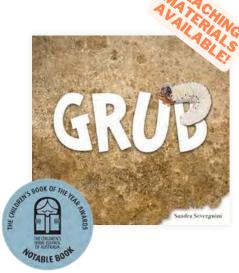
Grub

Sandra Severgnini

9781922539267 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: NATURE, INSECTS, METAMORPHOSIS

Far below the rainforest canopy, a grub feels that his body is about to change. Wondering what he will turn into, he looks to his insect friends for answers. With lush illustrations full of realistic detail, Grub immerses us in the world of the forest floor as we take a journey of discovery on the way to the final, surprising, metamorphosis.



Meet Mim

Sandra Severgnini

9781922539557 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** NATURE, SEA CREATURES, OCTOPUS, CAMOUFLAGE, SHAPE SHIFTER, OCEANS

The world of the shallow ocean seabed is brought to life in this story of an amazing animal, the mimic octopus. The illustrations give a realistic picture of the sea creatures in this environment and how perfectly the octopus impersonates and outwits them. For the reader, the fun is in the guessing what is the real shape of the master of disguise that Meet Mim introduces us to?

Toy Mountain

Stef Gemmill & Katharine Hall

9781925820966 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: RECYCLING, SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT

Sam's dreams seem to have come true when he becomes a toy tester for the Tiny Hands Toy Factory, and his house is filled with plastic toys in all sorts of shapes and colours. But one by one his shiny new toys start to break. Soon enough, Sam has a mountain of broken toys that just won't stop growing! A story that empowers children to take sustainability into their own hands.



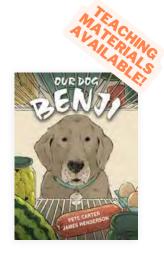
ANIMAL TALES

Our Dog Benji

Pete Carter & James Henderson

9781925335330 I Hardcover I 217 x 160 mm I 8½ x 6½ in I 32 pp THEMES: FUSSY EATING, THE WILLINGNESS TO TRY NEW THINGS

We all know that dogs will eat anything. We also know that kids' tastes generally aren't so wide-ranging. In delightful duotone illustrations and engaging text, we see how the family dog's willingness to eat anything — from daffodils to brussels sprouts — gradually inspires his child owner to be a little more adventurous at mealtimes.





Finn and Puss

Robert Vescio & Melissa Mackie

9781925335507 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp **THEMES:** LONELINESS, FRIENDSHIP, DOING THE RIGHT THING

Finn is lonely, Puss is lost. When Finn finds Puss, he also finds a friend. But Puss's real owners miss their cat. Will Finn do the right thing and take Puss home? A story that Subtly explores how hard it can sometimes be for us to do the right thing, but how making the right decision can often have unexpected rewards.



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Saying Goodbye to Barkley

Devon Sillett & Nicky Johnston

9781925335965 l Hardcover l 245 x 255 mm l 9½ x 10 in l 32 pp 9781925820447 l Paperback l 245 x 255 mm l 9½ x 10 in l 32 pp

THEMES: PETS, LOSS, ANIMAL WELFARE

"This beautiful picture book explores how it feels when your much loved pets pass away." - Animania (published by the RSPCA)



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ANIMAL TALES



Where the Heart Is



Irma Gold & Susannah Crispe 9781925820874 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION

Inspired by an incredible true story, Where the Heart Is explores the friendship between Dindim the Magellanic penguin and his rescuer, Joao. Young readers will delight in its beautiful depiction of the intrepid penguin's journey, and the wildlife he meets on the way. Heartfelt and educational, this is a celebration of nature and belonging.

RIGHTS SOLD: CHINESE TRADITIONAL, SPANISH, POLISH, distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

Paddy O'Melon

The Irish Kangaroo

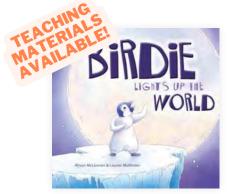
Julia Cooper & Daryl Dickson

9781925335637 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 81/2 x 111/4 in | 32 pp

THEMES: AUSTRALIAN NATIVE WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, IDENTITY, BELONGING

Separated from his mother as a joey, Paddy O'Melon tries to find out what he really is from the other rainforest animals. But none of them can help him. It's not until he meets the cassowary that he manages to find out both his identity and the way home.





Birdie Lights Up the World



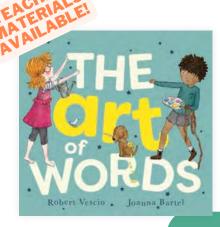
Alison McLennan & Lauren Mullinder 9781922539489 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32

THEMES: PENGUINS, SINGING, UNIQUE GIFTS, SELF ESTEEM, ZOOS

Birdie Lights Up the World is a story about the importance of being yourself and sharing your unique gifts with the world. Birdie the penguin believes she is the chosen one who lights up the world every night with her song. When the sky lights up without her one evening, she is left feeling lost and confused - until her friends help her realize her true purpose. Sensitively illustrated, with zoo characters children will love.

"Children as old as 10 will also benefit from discussions on topics such as extrinsic and intrinsic motivation, and the importance of selfworth." - Books + Publishing

WORDS AND STORY



The Art of Words

Robert Vescio & Joanna Bartel

9781925820843 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: WORDS, LANGUAGE, STORYTELLING, CREATIVITY

Words are everywhere! In this story about the magic of words, imaginative illustrations show a young boy and girl stretching words, squashing them, colouring them, and sewing them together to reflect their meaning. The Art of Words will inspire young readers to appreciate the joy of making stories from words.



"If you're a casual teacher this is the perfect book to have in your tool kit! It's a great way to talk about the purpose of words" – Love Four Learning.

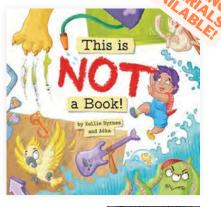
This is NOT a Book!

Kellie Byrnes & Aśka

9781925820508 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: METAFICTION, STORYTELLING

In this action-packed picture book, our main character is convinced they're not in a book. After all, if this was a book there'd be pages to turn and problems to solve. But hold on, we've turned the page ... and why are those pirates stealing that treasure? The perfect introduction to storytelling, This is NOT a Book! is metafiction made fun!

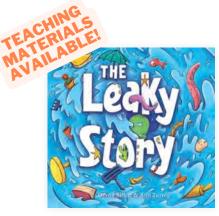


PERFECT FOR CLASSROOMS



"This book is filled with metalanguage or the building blocks of what makes a story. It would make such a brilliant start to a narrative writing lesson." –Love Four Learning.

WORDS AND STORY



The Leaky Story



Devon Sillett & Anil Tortop 9781925335392 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: IMAGINATION, THE JOY OF READING, FAMILY

A book sits abandoned on a living room shelf. While the Blossburn family gets on with other things, the book aches to be read. Slowly it starts to swell, then leak! At first it's only a trickle, but when pirates sail out of the book, the family must band together to reclaim their living room. An action-packed adventure about the magic of books.

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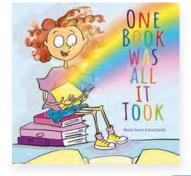
Scaredy Book

It's Not Always Easy to Be Brave!

Devon Sillett & Cara King

9781925335682 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: COURAGE, FRIENDSHIP, BOOKS, LIBRARIES

RIGHTS SOLD: SPANISH (Latin America). Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

Book lives at the library and desperately wants to go outside, but is scared of what might happen! Emma loves visiting the library and delights in the adventures she finds there. They're just what each other needs. A story about being brave and living to tell the tale!. 

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One Book Was All it Took

Wendy Shurety & Amy Calautti

MATEACHING AVAILABIAIS

9781922539137 I Hardcover I 245 x 255 mm I 9½ x 10 in I 32 pp THEMES: ${\sf BOOKS}, {\sf READING}, {\sf AND} {\sf LIBRARIES}$

Find out how reading just one book can lead to a brandnew library in this lively chain-reaction story about actions and their consequences – however unintended they may be! One Book Was All it Took is the perfect tongue-in-cheek adventure story to share with budding bookworms, and a is heart- warming reminder of the importance of libraries.

*"I really love the rainbow magic that comes from the book. It goes through the whole story. It's so true, because books are magical!." -*Bianca, age 9



Australia Illustrated

(2nd ed.)

Tania McCartney

9781925335880 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ | 96 pp

THEMES: AUSTRALIANA, DIVERSITY, MULTICULTURALISM

"Explore Australia with your little one through this beautifully illustrated book covering everything from native Australian animals, Aussie icons and slang words, to multiculturalism, signature foods and all the things that make each state unique." -Child Magazine

BESTSELLER!

Smile Cry

Happy or Sad, Wailing or Glad — How Do You Feel Today?

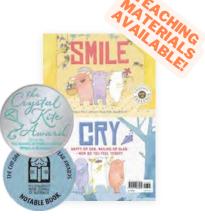
Tania McCartney & Jess Racklyeft

9781921966989 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ | 32 pp 9781925335378 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ | 32 pp

THEMES: RECOGNISING AND ACCEPTING DIFFERENT EMOTIONS

An award-winning flip-over picture book for young kids, showcasing the full emotional range of their formative years.





RIGHTS SOLD: PORTUGUESE (Brazil). Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



See Hear

There's Magic All Around You. What Can You See? What Can You Hear? Tania McCartney & Jess Racklyeft

9781925335675 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ | 32 pp

THEMES: RECOGNISING AND ACCEPTING DIFFERENT EMOTIONS

In an innovative flip-book format, See Hear invites us to open our eyes and ears to the everyday magic around us in a celebration of our senses.



A KID'S YEAR SERIES

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

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THEMES: MULTICULTURALISM, CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS



9781925820270 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp



9781925820287 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

SC-T-BAR

Review

9781921966873 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp



"These books open up a whole new world to children who want to learn

about other cultures" - Kids' Book



9781925335071 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THE SUGAR AND SPICE COLLECTION



9781925335200 I 3 x Hardcovers in a beautiful slip case | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in

This is a collection that little girls will treasure and families will hand down from generation to generation. Ponies, fairies and ballerinas come out to play in these frolicking picture books.





Dance with Me

Penny Harrison & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335231 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: CHILDHOOD MEMORIES, TREASURED OBJECTS

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A ballerina in a music box loves to dance. A gorgeous story about treasured possessions and the memories they hold.

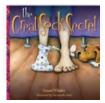
Patch and Ruby

Anouska Jones & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335224 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp **THEMES:** FRIENDSHIP. BELONGING

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

Will Patch the lonely pony ever feel at home? A wonderful tale about friendship and finding out where you belong.



The Great Sock Secret

Susan Whelan & Gwynneth Jones

9781925335248 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp THEMES: FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THE POWER OF IMAGINATION

Sarah's mother can only find odd socks. Where do all the missing socks go? A fun adventure into a fairy-filled world.

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The Anxiety Coach

Every Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in their Child Michael Hawton 9781922539588 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 240 pp 9781991001498 | Audiobook | Duration 5hrs 10mins RIGHTS SOLD: FRENCH WORLD, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, POLISH

Inside the Dyslexic Mind

A Resource for Parents, Teachers and Dyslexics Themselves Laughton King 9781922539427 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 256 pp 9781991001443 | Audiobook | Duration 6hrs 16mins

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH

Mind Kind Your Child's Mental Health Dr Joanna North 9781925335941 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 256 pp RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH, TURKISH, ARABIC







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