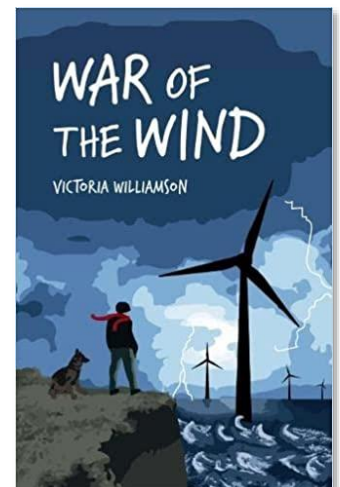
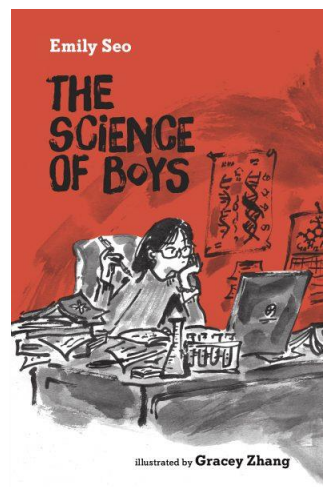
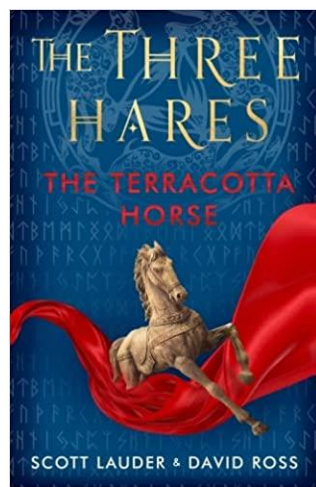
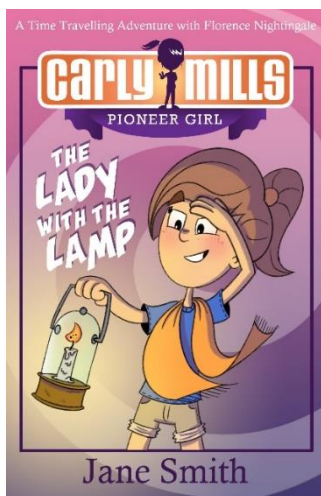
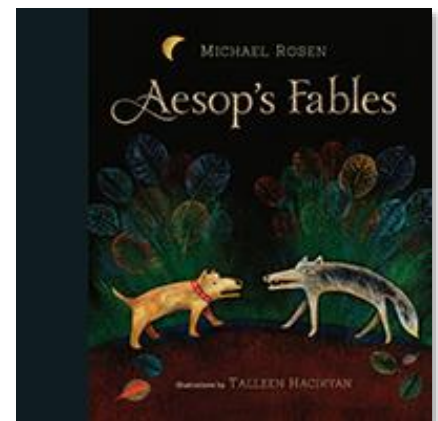
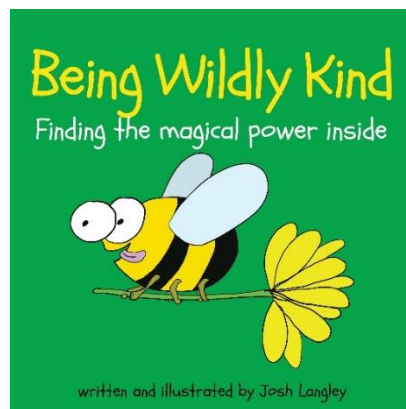
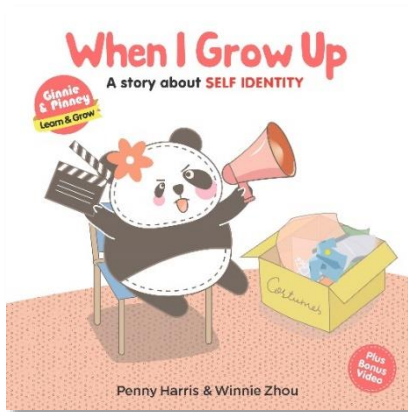


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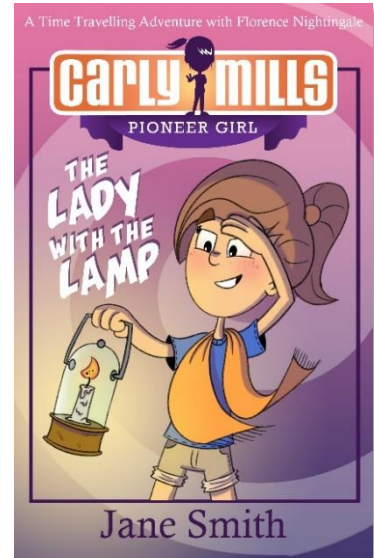
Carly Mills, Pioneer Girl: The Lady with the Lamp
by Jane Smith, illustrated by Dave Atze

(Big Sky Publishing - July 2022)

In this empowering new middle-grade series feisty tween and time-traveller, Carly Mills discovers how female pioneers, such as Florence Nightingale, Marie Curie and Amelia Earhart, paved the way to help change the world. In each adventure, Carly and her friends learn about the past and discover how to apply the lessons from their heroes to modern life.

Jane Smith is a librarian and the author of 14 middle-grade titles, many of which have won national awards and are favourites of children and parents alike.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** Time-travel, feminist, adventure



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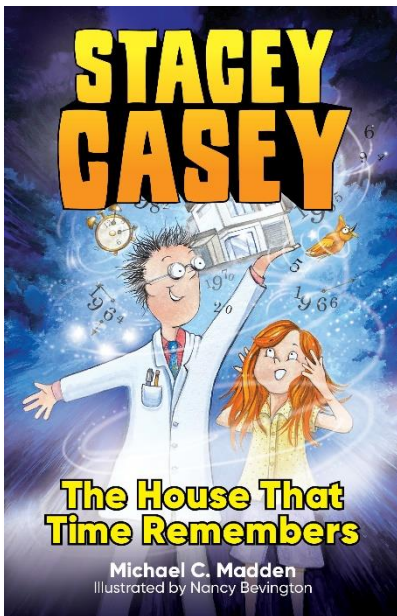
Stacey Casey: The House That Time Remembers
by Michael C Madden, illustrated by Nancy Bevington

(Big Sky Publishing - June 2022)

A fast-moving, action-packed and educational adventure middle-grade series, perfect for literature based historical studies in the middle years. Stacey and her friend Oliver travel back in time where they encounter villains, heroes, tantalising mysteries and intriguing adventures that will keep kids guessing.

Michael C Madden is an author and photographer from Victoria, Australia.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** Time-travel, history, adventure, science



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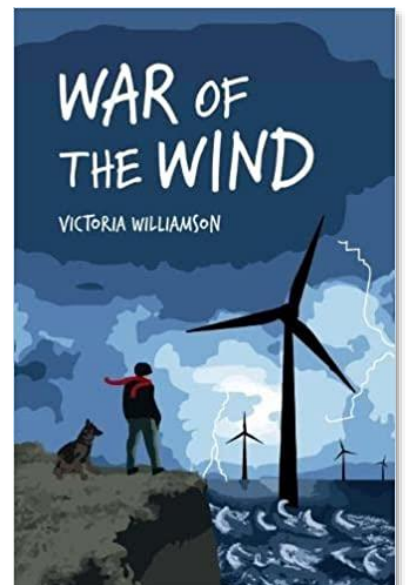
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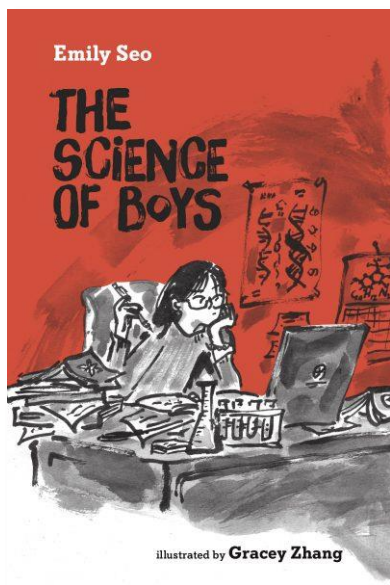
(Neem Tree Press - May 2022)

An upper middle-grade eco-thriller about secret government weapons testing gone wrong! Set on a remote Scottish island and featuring a dazzling cast of teens with special needs, this is a unique and engrossing read from an exciting new voice in teen writing.

Victoria Williamson is a special needs teacher from Scotland. This is her first novel.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** environment, inclusivity





The Science of Boys by Emily Seo, illustrated by Gracey Zhang

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(Tradewind Books - May 2022)

Science nerd, Emma Sakamoto, puts her skills to good use by compiling a manual called *The Science Of Boys* for the girls at Minato High in this hilarious middle-grade debut. Real science and enthusiasm for scientific principles are interwoven into this humorous story of friendship, family and what it means to truly belong.

Emily Seo writes stories about science, nature, food and culture. She lives in Richmond, BC with her husband and two children. *The Science of Boys* is her first published book.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL excl UK, US & China

KEYWORDS: STEM, Humour

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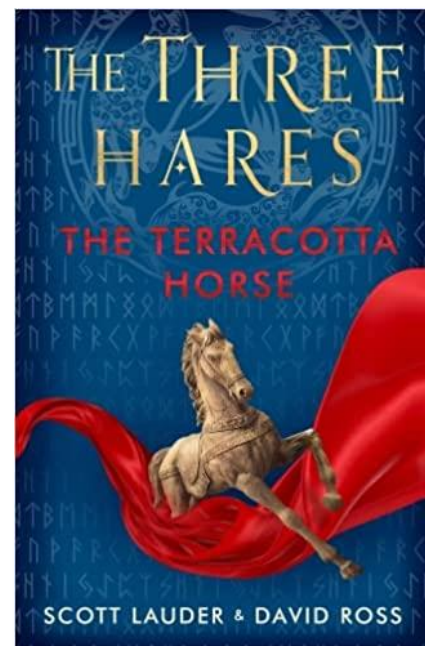
The Three Hares: The Terracotta Horse by Scott Lauder and David Ross

(Neem Tree Press - October 2022)

Originating in modern day USA, this gripping and twisty middle-grade fantasy series plunges us back in time, first to ancient China and then to travel along the Silk Road, mixing worlds together with magic and a mysterious quest. Hitting the sweet combination of action, cultural insights, and imagination, follow Sara's dangerous confrontation with ancient forces.

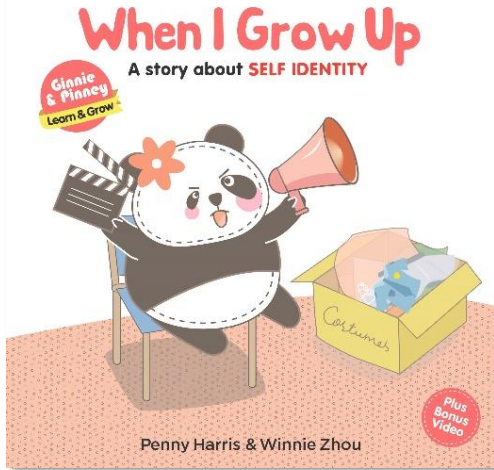
Scott Lauder was born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Having taught in Greece, Japan, and England, he now lives in the UAE where he teaches English and writes. **David Ross** has travelled and taught throughout Asia since he first moved there in 1987. He currently teaches in upstate NY and writes middle-grade and detective novels.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** quest fantasy, historical, ancient China



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Ginnie & Pinney Learn and Grow series by Penny Harris, illustrated by Winnie Zhou

(Big Sky Publishing - May 2021)

A best-selling 8 title picture-book series about big messages for little people, currently being adapted for TV animation. This series was chosen for a HundrEd Innovator Award and awarded 'Highly Commended' in Educational Publishing Awards for Australia.

Penny Harris is an international award-winning author and animator, and has worked with **Winnie Zhou** and educational developmental experts on this series.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** emotional intelligence, interactive, educational, award-winning, long-seller

Being Wildly Kind (It's OK series)

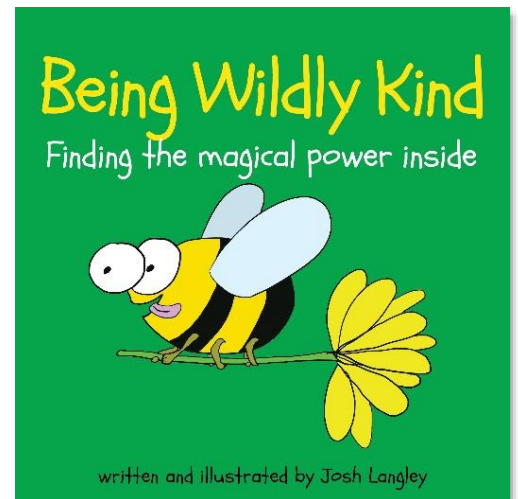
By Josh Langley

(Big Sky Publishing - May 2021)

A hug-in-a-book nonfiction picture book series focussing on emotional wellbeing, with an online self-esteem course for kids.

Josh Langley is the author of 8 books and in 2018 won the Australian Book Industry Awards Small Publishers' Children's Book of Year. He is also a passionate advocate for mental health care.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** emotional intelligence, self-esteem



Aesop's Fables

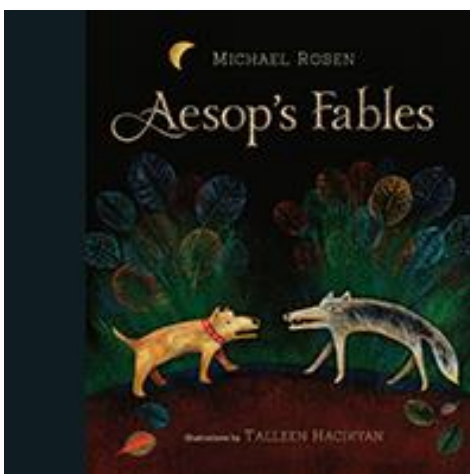
by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Talleen Hacikyan

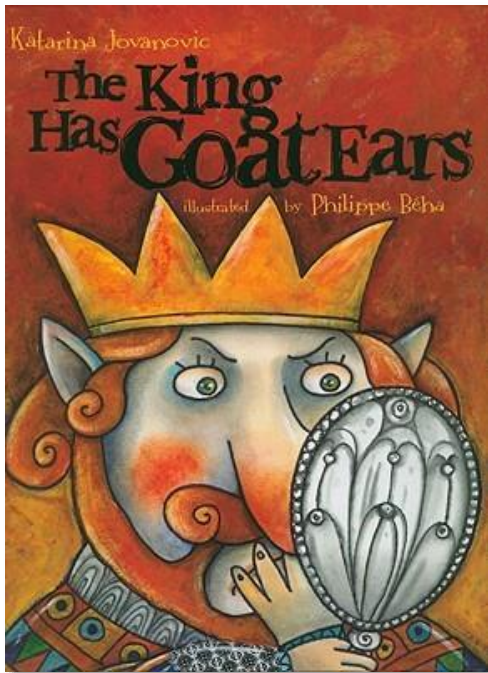
(Tradewind Books - September 2013)

Two Greats join forces to portray some of Aesop's most famous fables in this beautifully illustrated picture book teaching children age-old life lessons, featuring a large cast of animals.

Michael Rosen is a best-selling children's author of 140 books. He served as Children's Laureate from 2007 to 2009. **Talleen Hacikyan** has illustrated multiple children's books using acrylic on blackboard.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** award-winning, classic, children's laureate





The King Has Goat Ears
by Katarina Jovanovic, illustrated by Philippe Béha

(Tradewind Books - September 2008)

In this lively retelling of a Serbian folktale, each barber who cuts the king's hair ends up being kept prisoner in the palace. One day, however, a young apprentice named Miro accepts the challenge to cut the king's hair. When he discovers that the king has goat ears, Miro is careful not to tell anyone. But alas, secrets have a way of being found out! What will the king do when he learns that everyone in town knows his secret?

Katarina Jovanovic is an award-winning writer, teacher, journalist and poet. She worked for many years in children's programming for Serbian radio. **Philippe Béha** has illustrated more than 200 children's books and won many national awards in Canada.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** world literature, award-winner, classic

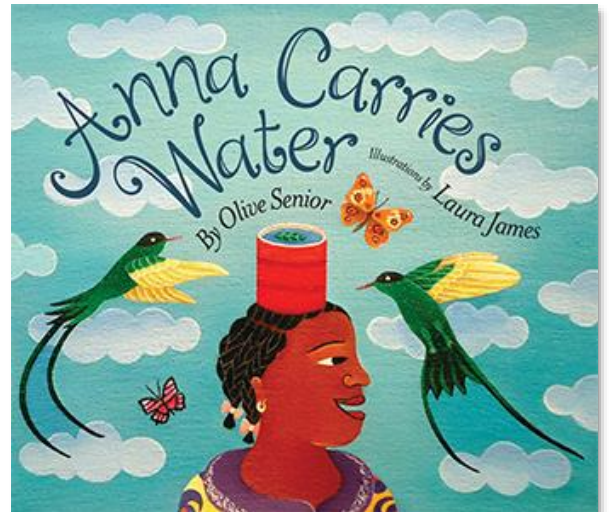
Anna Carries Water
by Olive Senior, illustrated by Laura James

(Tradewind Books - November 2013)

In this charming and poetic family picture book story set in Jamaica, Commonwealth Prize-winning author Olive Senior shows young readers the power of determination, as Anna achieves her goal and overcomes her fear. This title was a best-selling New York Public Library Best Book and recipient of many more awards.

Olive Senior is an award-winning author from Jamaica. She is the recipient of the Commonwealth Prize and the Institute of Jamaica's Gold Medal for her poetry. **Laura James** is an award-winning artist and self-taught painter of Antiguan heritage

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** own voices, award-winner, best-seller, moral story



The Clan Quartet **by Rennie McOwan**

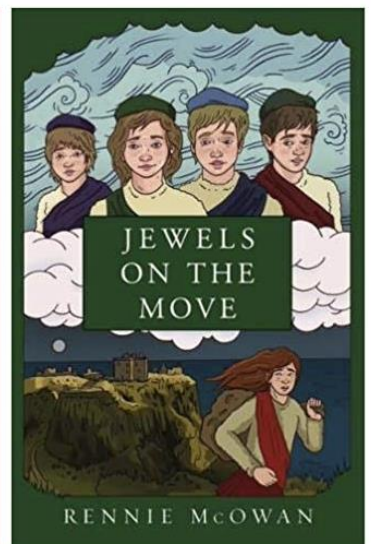
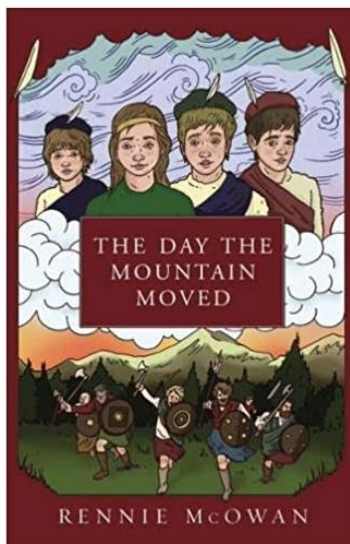
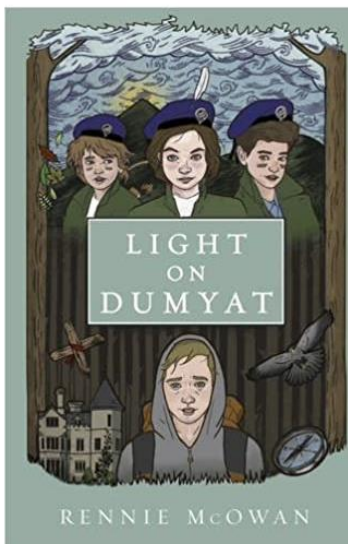
(Rowan Tree Publishing – April 2020)

These timeless tales of adventure and intrigue starring eleven year old Gavin and the Stewart children, are perfect for readers of 7 - 12 years and a classic family read. Now in their fifth edition and in print for over 30 years, this is a 'lost classic' (according to Waterstones) exploring themes like friendship, appreciating the natural world, and adventure, as well as a hint of scout survival skills. After two years of being stuck inside, these books have had a new lease of life. Going back to the joy of playing outside with your friends is a breath of fresh air (excuse the pun!). The quartet is set in the Ochil Hills of bonnie Scotland and, due to the international TV hit 'Outlander', tartan literature is having a bit of a moment in the spotlight, making it the perfect time to pick up this gem of a series which has been dubbed '*The Famous Five (but better)*'!

“Rennie McOwan has the great gift of telling an exciting story in a way that children love to hear. These lovely books will be cherished by generation after generation”
– best-selling author, Alexander McCall Smith OBE

Rennie McOwan was a revered journalist for The Scotsman and keen outdoorsman. He gained fame for being an architect of the Freedom to Roam Act in Scotland, protecting the right to explore the land freely. He made these bedtime stories up for his children. Rennie sadly died in 2018, and you can see his obituary [here](#) as covered by *The Times* and *The Herald*.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL **KEYWORDS:** environment, adventure, long-seller, moral story, timeless classic, friendship, time-travel



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