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Poster image from *Fortunately, the Milk...* by Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell (Illus), published by Bloomsbury.



WELCOME



Dear reader,

Nurturing a love of books is the best way of enlarging your child's world. Books are an endless source of entertainment and learning, they fire a child's imagination and provide hours of reading pleasure, enjoyment and education.

On the pages of this guide, you'll find a great selection of books for children of all ages – from picture books for babies and toddlers, to first readers and junior fiction, to more sophisticated texts for teens and young adults. Included in this guide are the best contemporary Australian and international children's writers.

We are pleased to present special features by much-loved Australian and international authors: a Q&A with Kate DiCamillo on page 7; a piece on creating the Don't Look Now series by Paul Jennings and Andrew Weldon on page 8; an extract from *Extra Time* by Morris Gleitzman on page 11; and a Q&A with James Dashner, the author of a new young adult series, on page 17.

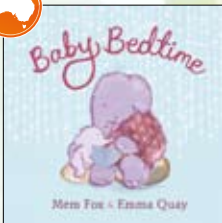
The cover illustration of our guide comes from the jacket image of Neil Gaiman's new children's book *Fortunately, the Milk...* (back page).

Happy reading!

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PICTURE BOOKS FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS



Baby Bedtime

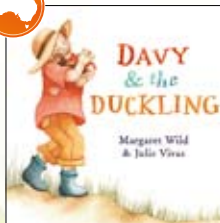
Mem Fox & Emma Quay (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

November release,
advance orders welcome

*There comes a time for sleeping,
and our sleepy time is now...*

*So fall asleep, my angel, with a
kiss upon your brow. A gentle,
heartwarming picture book to
share and treasure from picture
book masters Mem Fox and
Emma Quay.* **Age: 1+**



Davy & the Duckling

Margaret Wild & Julie Vivas (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

When the baby duck hatched,
the first thing it saw was Davy.
It fluffed its feathers – and started
following Davy everywhere.
Around the farmyard, under the
apple trees and all the way home.
A gentle and moving story about
the love between a little boy and
the duckling that stays with him all
of its life. **Age: 3+**



I Got This Hat

J. Temple, K. Temple
& J. Foye (Illus)

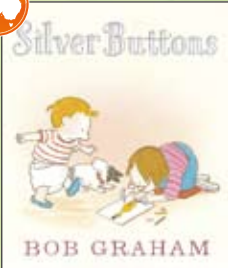
Hardback RRP \$24.99

Hats. Only the headless dislike
them. Everyone else loves wearing
them! From the team that made
Parrot Carrot comes a very clever
and funny rhyming tale about the
surprisingly large world of hats.

Age: 4+

PICTURE BOOKS

UP TO
5 YEARS



Silver Buttons

Bob Graham

Hardback RRP \$27.95

At 9.59 on Thursday morning, Jodie draws a duck. Just as she is about to add one final silver button to the duck's boots, her little brother takes his first step. At this exact same moment, a man buys bread, a soldier leaves home, and a baby is being born... a heartwarming story from award-winning author and illustrator, Bob Graham. **Age: 3+**



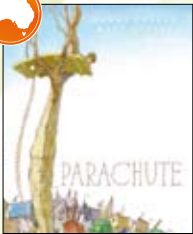
Starting School

Jane Godwin &
Anna Walker (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99



Tim, Hannah, Sunita, Joe and Polly are all off to school for the first time. Would you like to meet them and see how they go? There are new friends to make, fun ways to learn, and lots of different things to discover. **Age: 4+**



Parachute

Danny Parker &
Matt Ottley (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.95

Toby wears a Parachute. All the time. It gives him the courage to deal with all kinds of tricky situations, such as getting out of bed, sliding off a chair, and riding his bike. But sometimes someone else's trouble can be greater than your own... **Age: 3+**



Banjo And Ruby Red

Libby Gleeson &
Freya Blackwood (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.95

Banjo is a hard-working farm dog and Ruby Red is a haughty chicken, and they never see eye to eye. Can they ever be friends? A funny and touching story of antagonism and love by award-winning Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood. **Age: 3+**



Little Big

Jonathan Bentley

Hardback RRP \$24.95

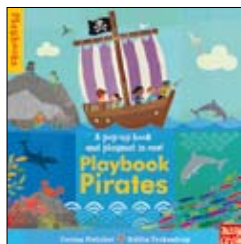
*November release,
advance orders welcome*



Being little is no good. That's because being big is better. Except when being little is best of all. *Little Big* is international favourite Jonathan Bentley's debut as both author and illustrator. **Age: 3+**

UP TO
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MORE Picture Books

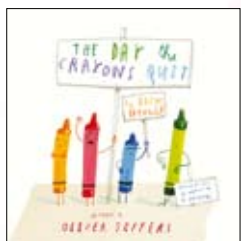


Playbook Pirates

Corina Fletcher & Britt Teckentrup (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

This ingenious pop-up storybook transforms into a 3D pirate seascape playmat with cut-out cardboard boats, pirates and sea-creatures for a great adventure! Then fold it away in its own box-style slipcase—perfect portable fun for journeys, playdates and bedtime too. **Age: 3+**



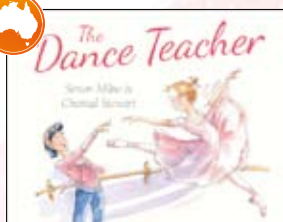
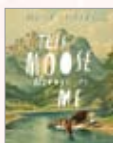
The Day the Crayons Quit

Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Debut author Drew Daywalt and international bestseller Oliver Jeffers team up

to create a colourful solution to a crayon-based crisis in this playful, imaginative story that will have children laughing and playing with their crayons in a whole new way. **Also available is Oliver Jeffers' *This Moose Belongs to Me*. Age: 4+**

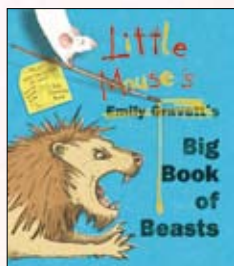


The Dance Teacher

Simon Milne & Chantal Stewart (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Isabelle loves to dance. But does she have what it takes to become a prima ballerina? Celebrating the joy of dance, and the special relationship between a girl and her teacher, this timeless story will enchant readers young and old. **Age: 4+**

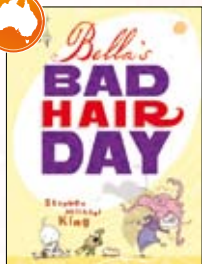


Little Mouse's Big Book of Beasts

Emily Gravett

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Little Mouse has found a new book, and this time it's full of scary creatures! Full of flaps, jokes and Emily Gravett's trademark wit, with a brilliantly satisfying ending, this is a worthy successor to *Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears*. **Age: 4+**



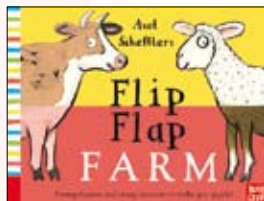
Bella's Bad Hair Day

Stephen Michael King

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Bella has woken up to a horrible, horrific, horrendous hair day. What is she to do? If only she had a hat that could hide all her messed, mashed and

muddled hair! A heartwarming and hair-raising tale from a much-loved picture-book creator. **Age: 3+**



Axel Scheffler's Flip Flap Farm

Axel Scheffler

Hardback RRP \$15.99

With its sturdy, split pages and spiral binding, pre-schoolers will adore flipping Axel Scheffler's animals again and again to see what crazy creatures they can create—and to find out what strange noises they make too! **Age: 2+**



Favourites at GREAT PRICES



SAVE \$10.00

Diary of a Wombat 10th Anniversary Edition

Jackie French &
Bruce Whatley (Illus)

Hardback

SPECIAL PRICE \$19.99
(RRP \$29.99)

Monday Morning: Slept. Afternoon: Slept. Evening: Ate. Scratched. Night: Ate.. The much-loved modern children's classic is now available at a great price. **Age: 3+**



SAVE \$15.00

Julia Donaldson 10-pack set

Julia Donaldson

Shrink-wrapped Set

SPECIAL PRICE \$34.99
(RRP \$50.00)

Ten fantastic stories including *The Smartest Giant in Town*, *A Squash and a Squeeze*, *Tyrannosaurus Drip*, *The Troll*, *One Mole Digging a Hole*, *Hippo Has a Hat*, *Chocolate Mousse For Greedy Goose*, *Rosie's Hat*, *One Ted Falls Out of Bed* and of course, *The Gruffalo!* Great gift at a great price. **Age: 3+**



SAVE \$10.00

Paddington Suitcase

Michael Bond

Gift Suitcase

SPECIAL PRICE \$29.99
(RRP \$39.99)

Children's favourite, *Paddington Bear* is a distinguished small bear of earnest good intentions who gets drawn into mishap and adventure at every turn. Buy this special gift edition suitcase at an extra special price. **Age: 4+**



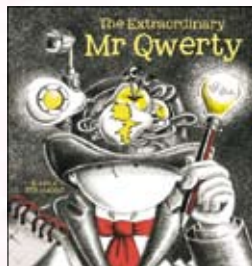
Noah Dreary

Aaron Blabey

Hardback RRP \$24.99

One day, Noah Dreary complained so much that his head fell off. It's an expression we've all heard many times, but in this hilarious story a boy discovers the very real

consequences of his continual complaining. **Age: 6+**



The Extraordinary Mr Qwerty

Karla Strambini

Hardback RRP \$27.95

Mr Qwerty worries that his ideas might seem strange ... so he keeps them under his hat. But extraordinary

ideas refuse to stay hidden for long. Unique black and white illustrations with spot colour. A delightful story celebrating creativity and individuality. **Age: 5+**

CLASSICS & FAVOURITES



Just So Stories

Rudyard Kipling & Robert Ingpen (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$39.95

Once upon a time, O my Best Beloved... So begins this classic collection of 13 gloriously fanciful tales of how things in the world came to be as they are.

How did the lazy camel find himself with a hump and how did the insatiable curiosity of the elephant earn him his long trunk? Richly beautiful illustrations by award winner, Robert Ingpen. **Age: 8+**



The Power of One

Bryce Courtenay

A Fortunate Life

A B Facey

Hardbacks RRP \$19.99 each

In *The Power of One*, little six-year-old Peekay learns that small can beat big. Armed with this knowledge, he resolves to take on the injustices of his country.

A Fortunate Life is a re-telling for your readers of A. B. Facey's life.

Despite enduring hardships we can barely imagine today, Facey always saw his life as a 'fortunate' one. **Age: 8+**



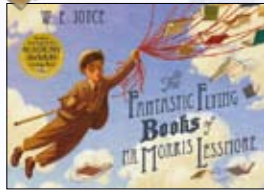
Possum Magic, 30th Anniversary

Mem Fox

Boxed set RRP \$29.99

Celebrating 30 magical years, Australia's best loved picture book is now available in this

special 30th anniversary gift set that contains a mini hardback edition of *Possum Magic* plus an adorable plush toy for your little possum to love! **Age: 3+**



Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore

William Joyce

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of story will save the day. Stunningly brought to life, this is the book that inspired the Academy Award-winning short film. **Age: 5+**



Parsley Rabbit's Book About Books

Frances Watts & David Legge (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$14.99

Parsley Rabbit's Book About Books is an exciting introduction to the

wonderful world of... books, of course! Celebrate the joy of reading and begin a lifelong love of books with the help of Parsley and his brother Basil. **Age: 3+**



Winnie the Pooh: Four First Tales

Boxed set RRP \$14.95

November release, advance orders welcome

This beautiful boxed set contains four little books re-telling Winnie-the-Pooh stories in a simple

way, complete with a beautiful bow! The perfect gift for any new baby. **Age: 0+**

JUNIOR FICTION

6-8
YEARS

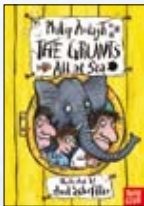


Ava Appleton #1 Accidental Adventurer

Wendy Harmer

Paperback RRP \$9.99

Ava Appleton lives with her mum, dad and her dog Angus, at number 3A Australia Avenue. But when the Appleton family heads off on a grand adventure for a whole year, Ava is horrified! What ever will she do? **Age: 7+**



The Grunts in Trouble

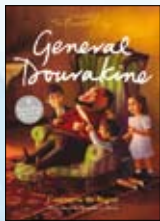
Paperback RRP \$11.99

The Grunts all at Sea

Hardback RRP \$15.99

Philip Ardagh & Axel Scheffler (Illus)

Follow the hilarious adventures of the gloriously repulsive Mr and Mrs Grunt and their son, Sunny (who they stole off a washing line when he was a baby), in this riotous series created by two stars of the children's book world. **Age: 8+**



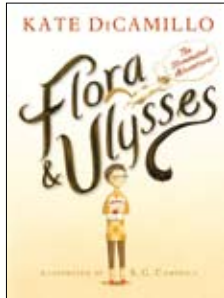
General Dourakine

Comtess de Segur
& Stephanie Smee

Paperback RRP \$17.99

In this rollicking tale, the cantankerous but lovable General

Dourakine finds his fortune under threat when his greedy niece Madame Papofsky comes to visit. Find out if the General can save the day in this beloved French classic – now translated into English. **Age: 7+**



Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures

Kate DiCamillo & K. G. Campbell (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.95

October release, advance orders welcome

It begins with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses

(the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry – and that Flora will be changed too. **Age: 8+**

Q&A with Kate DiCamillo

Q: Our entry point into the story of Ulysses is literally and figuratively through a vacuum cleaner. Explain how your own connection to the vacuum cleaner of all vacuum cleaners first inspired this story.

A: My mother had an Electrolux tank vacuum cleaner that she was, um, obsessed with. Actually, she loved the vacuum cleaner. And in a weird way, the Ulysses 2000X, and what happens because of it, is an homage to my mother. My mother loved to laugh!

Q: Were you a comics reader as a child, like Flora? Do you remember having any favourite superheroes?

A: What I read as a child, what I lived in as a child, was Charles Schulz's *Peanuts*. My brother and I checked out *Peanuts* anthologies from the Cooper Memorial Library and read them from front to back and then started over again. My favourite superhero is Charlie Brown.

Q: Did you have a strong reaction when you first saw K. G. Campbell's art for the book? Is it anything like what you envisioned while you were writing?

A: I did have a strong reaction. I levitated with joy. It's nothing like I envisioned. It's better than anything I am capable of envisioning.

Q: Another common strand in many of your books is the emergence of an unlikely hero. Ulysses is about as unlikely as they get. What drew you to a squirrel for this story?

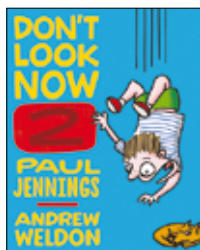
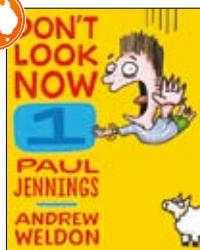
A: Well, there was a squirrel death on the front steps of my house. And I thought, What if the squirrel didn't die? What if the squirrel were rescued? It is that "marvellous what-if" that continues to preoccupy me.

Q: Your books have certainly navigated humour writing on many levels, particularly the series for younger readers. Was it a challenge to sustain a humorous, laugh-out-loud sort of narrative of this length?

A: All I know is that this book never failed to make me laugh. I did a lot of rewrites, and I laughed my way through all of them. This could be because I am crazy. Or maybe it is because the book is funny. You decide.

To read the whole Q & A, go to www.indies.com.au





**Don't Look Now Book #1:
Falling For It and the Kangaroo Key**

**Don't Look Now Book #2:
A Magician Never Tells and Elephant Bones**

Paul Jennings and Andrew Weldon (Illus)

Paperbacks RRP \$12.99 each

Ricky is an ordinary boy who has a secret. He can fly! But there's a hitch, he can't let anyone see him. Which is a pain, because he wants to be famous. This hilarious series, by two master storytellers, will have you laughing out loud at Ricky's adventures on-and-off the ground. **Age: 7+**

On creating the Don't Look Now series

Author Paul Jennings explains how he initially got the idea for these books: 'I think it first occurred to me when I was aged about six. I remember that I wanted to fly - and I would get on rocks and JUMP - and always come to ground of course. And the reason why I wanted to fly wasn't because I wanted to be soaring up there with the birds or looking down at the lovely world. What I really wanted was "Look at Jennings! He's flying!" - to get this attention. Kids of that age, they really just want to be seen.'

Illustrator Andrew Weldon talks about how the series developed, and creating humorous books for kids: 'Paul approached me with the idea of creating an illustrated book for kids, in which the art works did not illustrate the story, they helped tell it. We knew each other as I had illustrated his book *The Reading Bug*, a non-fiction book that helped parents teach their kids to love reading...'

'We went back and forth for some months evolving ideas - by phone, email and occasional meetings. Paul, generously, invited me to not be precious with his work - to add to and change his stories, to become an equal collaborator.'

'Like Paul I believe humour for kids is not necessarily that different from humour for adults. As long as the content is understandable by kids, and suitable for them, a funny joke is a funny joke - for both kids and adults. Kids can sense when they are being spoken down to - joked down to. I aimed to make the drawing component of these books simply funny - using the same methods I use to create other cartoons aimed at adults.'

Look out for Books One and Two in the series in stores now, with two more books to follow in October.



BESTSELLING



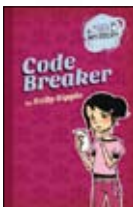
**Alice-Miranda
Shines Bright**

Jacqueline Harvey

Paperback RRP \$15.95

In the latest Alice-Miranda adventure, Alice-Miranda and Millie have made a dazzling discovery in the woodlands near their school. They vow to keep

the secret to themselves, but it seems that a greedy politician and a pair of old friends are searching for the same treasure. Also available is *Alice-Miranda Diary* filled with inspiring quotes, pretty illustrations and wonderful extras for the fans of the series. RRP \$17.95 **Age: 8+**



**Billie B Mysteries
Spooky House**

**Billie B Mysteries
Code Breaker**

Sally Rippin

Paperback
RRP \$9.95 each

The *Billie B Mysteries* take Billie into a new genre... MYSTERY! In the *Spooky House*, Billie and her friends dare each other to explore the spooky house at the end of the street. They are sure it's haunted. Sooo scary! In the *Code Breaker*, Billie and Jack find a note hidden under a rock at school. It seems to be written in code! It's time the two friends put their code-breaking skills to the test. **Age: 9+**



**Lulu Bell and the
Cubby Fort**

**Lulu Bell and the
Moon Dragon**

Belinda Murrell

Paperbacks
RRP \$9.95 each

Two new stories in the Lulu Bell series. In *Lulu Bell and the Cubby Fort* Lulu and her family are visiting their uncle's farm for the Easter holidays. There are horses to ride, a creek to swim in, and they can even sleep outside in a tent. What fun! Then in, *Lulu Bell and the Moon Dragon* Lulu's best friend, Molly, is preparing for the Moon Festival. But there's so much to do! There are dragon costumes and paper lanterns to make, and yummy moon cakes to bake, too. **Age: 6+**

KIDS SERIES

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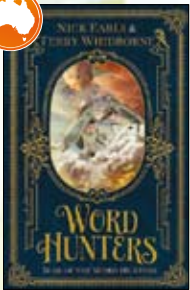


Skulduggery Pleasant: Last Stand of Dead Men

Derek Landy

Paperback RRP \$19.99

War has finally come. But it's not a war between good and evil, or light and dark - it's a war between sanctuaries. The eighth instalment in the funniest, most thrilling comedy-horror-adventure series in the universe. **Age: 9+**



Word Hunters: War of the Word Hunters Book 3

Nick Earls & Terry Whidborne

Paperback RRP \$14.95

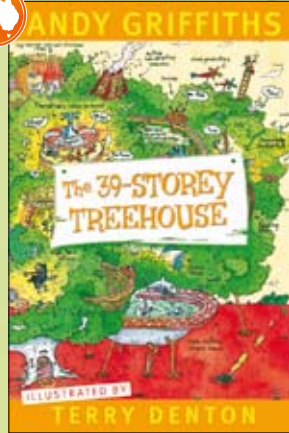
In this amazing last adventure, Lexi and Al plunge back into the past to fight for English, and to discover that language isn't the only thing worth fighting for. **Age: 9+**



Geronimo Stilton #54: Get into Gear, Stilton!

Paperback RRP \$12.99

Geronimo Stilton's driver's licence has expired. He must relearn everything to pass the test for a new one! Can Geronimo, with the help of a talking robot car, stop a thief and make the roads safer for everyone? The latest in the popular children's series. **Age: 7+**



The 39-Storey Treehouse

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$12.99

Andy and Terry's amazing treehouse has 13 new levels including a chocolate waterfall, a non-erupting active volcano, a baby-dinosaur petting zoo, a boxing elephant called the Trunkinator, an X-Ray room, a disco with light-up dance floor, the world's scariest roller-coaster and a top secret 39th level that hasn't even been finished yet! **Age: 6+**



Welcome to the Brilliant World of Tom Gates

Liz Pichon

Boxed set RRP \$59.99

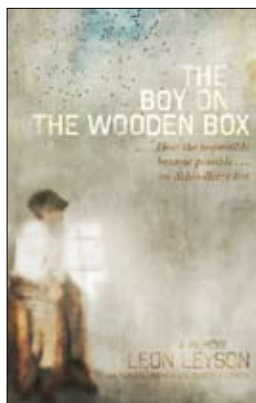
Tom Gates is the master of excuses for... everything! Join him in his doodle-tastic adventures! This box set includes

books 1-5 in the bestselling Tom Gates series. Warning... do not read these books in public - you will snigger loudly! **Age: 9+**



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OLDER READERS



The Boy on the Wooden Box

Leon Leyson

Hardback RRP \$19.99

Leon Leyson was ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance and grit, Leon survived the sadism of the Nazis. The generosity and cunning of one man saved Leon's life by adding his name to his list of workers in his factory: world renowned Schindler's List. This, the only memoir published by a Schindler's List child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. **Age: 9+**



Refuge

Jackie French

Paperback RRP \$15.99

Brilliant in construct, compelling and extraordinarily moving, this is a book that speaks to each of us and reminds us that while we mightn't be refugees, we are all newcomers to this country and that everyone has a story worth hearing. **Age: 10+**



The Underland Chronicles #1:

Gregor the Overlander

The Underland Chronicles #2:

Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane

Suzanne Collins

Paperbacks RRP \$14.99 each



From the author of *The Hunger Games* series. In *Gregor the Overlander*, when 11-year-old Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room and hurtles into the Underland, he embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both Gregor and the

Underland forever. In Book 2, Gregor comes face to face with the Rat King but he is unable to kill this creature. Gregor's heart tells him he's making the right decision, but will he live to regret it? **Age: 9+**

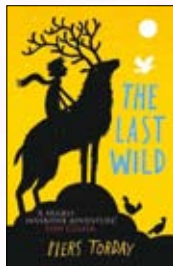
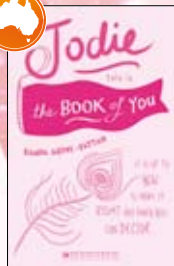
The Book of You #1: Jodie

Randa Abdel-Fattah

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Best friends Jodie, Rania and Deyana have found a mysterious book in the school library, a book that writes itself! But the advice the book is giving them is so confusing. Who is the

ghostly writer? What does she want? **Age: 10+**



The Last Wild

Piers Torday

Paperback RRP \$14.99

October release,
advance orders welcome

This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows is there is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom, they are talking to him and his life will never be quite the same again. **Age: 8+**

CROSSOVER Fiction

10-14
YEARS



The Last Thirteen #1: I3

James Phelen

Paperback
RRP \$7.50

The first book in a fantastic new children's

series! Nothing will ever be the same again for Sam. His life is shattered and he is in a battle to save the world. Can he find the last 13 – are you one of them? 13 books, 13 nightmares, one destiny! **Age: 10+**



Extra Time

Morris Gleitzman

Paperback RRP \$16.99

When 13-year-old Matt is discovered impressing the livestock in an Aussie country town with his remarkable soccer skills, he's offered the chance of a lifetime – a try-out at one of Europe's biggest and most glamorous soccer clubs. **Age: 10+**



Extract from Chapter 3

Me and Uncle Cliff sprint to the fence.

'Don't run,' says Uncle Cliff to me. 'You'll stress your pipes.'

I can feel asthma coming on, but I have to risk it. Matt is already in the cattle yard.

I can't see any cattle, which is good. But I can see people, which isn't good. If they spot Matt, he's in big trouble.

Next to the office, standing in the back of a ute, is a bloke with a microphone. His voice starts echoing out from the auctioneer's loudspeaker. A crowd of people are listening to him, a couple with cameras. 'Some politician up from the city,' says Uncle Cliff as we climb over the cattle yard fence. 'Probably here to tell us the Chinese have bought another million tonnes of our beef.'

Now I'm nearer, I can see our ball sitting right in the middle of one of the big empty cattle pens. There's Matt, climbing over the chutes towards it. Just as he reaches it, I hear something else. Grumpy bellowing. Even louder than the orange team in a bad mood.

'Oh Jeez,' mutters Uncle Cliff.

I see where the bellowing is coming from. Crashing along one of the chutes, stampeding out into the pen towards Matt, are a mob of cattle, huge ones. A million tonnes of beef at least. The cattle look like they're in a panic. They probably think they're on their way to the abattoir to be turned into rissoles and wallets.



Russian Roulette

Anthony Horowitz

Hardback
RRP \$22.95

A gripping insight into the teenage life of Yassen Gregorovich,

set against a backdrop of violence and corruption. From Yassen's training to become a deadly assassin, to his orders to kill the young Alex Rider, this nail-biting adventure will be the deadliest yet. **Age: 11+**



Spirit Animals #1: Wild Born

Brandon Mull

Paperback
RRP \$6.50

October release,
advance orders welcome

As their world crumbles, four children discover they each have a spirit animal, a mystical bond between human and beast that bestows great power on both. Will it be enough to save a land in peril? **Age: 8+**

Matt sees the cattle and freezes. He looks like a skinny rabbit on a highway, blinking at trucks thundering down on him, trucks with horns and snots.

'Matt,' I scream.

We run towards the pen. I'm starting to struggle for breath. Sometimes there's not much difference between asthma and terror

Some of the crowd are screaming at Matt too. I try to think of a game plan for him.

Run for it, Matt.

Too late, the cattle are too close.

Lie on the ground, Matt. Curl up and put your arms over your head.

No good, you'll be trampled.

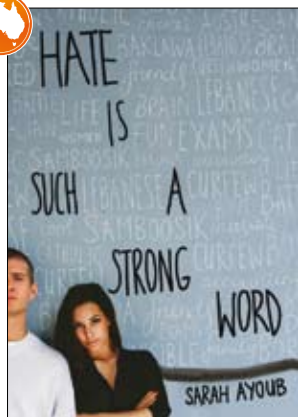
'Matt,' I yell again.

Matt doesn't do either of my game plans. He does his own.

As the cattle surge around him, snorting and swiping at him with their horns, Matt starts moving the ball from foot to foot, swaying his hips, tilting his shoulders, crouching, turning, keeping his balance, using his arms as well as his feet, dodging the horns and the huge crushing bodies, gliding the ball through the bellowing herd, doing more skill than I've ever seen him do, and that's saying a lot.

12+
YEARS

BOOKS FOR TEENS

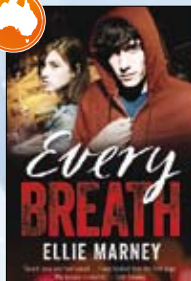


Hate is Such a Strong Word...

Sarah Ayoub

Paperback RRP \$17.99

I hate being invisible. I hate that I can't fight my own battles. I hate that I'm stuck in social Siberia. In the vein of *Does My Head Look Big in This* and *Looking for Alibrandi*, this is the story of a seventeen-year-old girl caught between two cultures, Lebanese and Anglo-Australian. **Age: 12+**



Every Breath

Ellie Marney

Paperback RRP \$18.99

What if Sherlock Holmes was the boy next door? Rachel finds herself unable to resist Mycroft when he wants her help to investigate a murder—that leads them literally into the lion's den. A thoroughly addictive and

fast-paced romantic thriller. **Age: 13+**



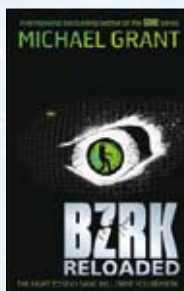
All Our Yesterdays

Cristin Terrill

Paperback RRP \$12.99

Marina has everything. She's got money, popularity, and a bright future. Plus, she's best friends with the boy next door, who happens to be a gorgeous prodigy from one of America's most famous families. Em has nothing.

Imprisoned in a small white cell in the heart of a secret military base, all she has is the voice of the boy in the cell next door and the list of instructions she finds taped inside the drain. But Marina and Em have one big thing in common: they're the same person. **Age: 13+**



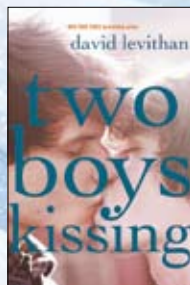
BZRK Reloaded

Michael Grant

Paperback RRP \$19.95

The second title in a brand new trilogy from the man who brought you the *Gone* series. The nano is as terrifying, exhilarating and unpredictable as ever. But the wall of secrets that

surrounds it is cracking. What will it reveal? **Age: 16+**



Two Boys Kissing

David Levithan

Paperback RRP \$19.99

Seventeen-year-olds Craig and Harry are trying to set a new Guinness World Record for kissing. Around them, Ryan and Avery are falling in love, Neil and Peter are falling out of love, and Cooper might be somewhere, but he

is also, dangerously, nowhere. A thematic companion to David Levithan's groundbreaking *Boy Meets Boy*.

Age: 14+

& YOUNG ADULTS

12+
YEARS



Vango

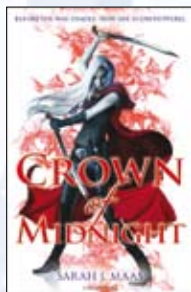
Timothee de Fombelle

Hardback RRP \$24.95

October release,
advance orders welcome

17 year old Vango is taking his holy orders when he is falsely accused of murder – now he is on the run. A breathless and highly cinematic story of

identity, action, murder and mayhem involving arms traffickers, crooked policemen, Russian spies and even Stalin! A gripping mystery-adventure set in the 1930s interwar period about a character desperately searching for his identity, by the much admired French author of *Toby Alone*. **Age: 12+**



Crown of Midnight

Sarah Maas

Paperback RRP \$15.99

A deal always comes at a price, and assassin Celaena Sardothien has made a deal with the very man who took away everything she loved... can she live with that? 2012's hottest YA

Fantasy novel, *Throne of Glass*, just got competition— its action-packed, heart-wrenching, fantastically addictive sequel.

Age: 12+



Fall of Five

Pittacus Lore

Paperback RRP \$19.99

I thought things would change when I found the others. We would stop running. We would fight the Mogadorians. And we would win. The six of us are powerful - but not strong enough to take on their

entire army. Time is running out, and there's only one thing we know for certain: We need to find Number Five before they do. **Age: 12+**



More Than This

Patrick Ness Hardback RRP \$27.95



A boy named Seth drowns, desperate and alone in his final moments. But then he wakes - naked, thirsty, starving. But alive. How is that possible? He remembers dying, his bones breaking, his skull dashed upon the rocks. So how is he here? And why is it that whenever he closes his eyes, he falls prey to vivid, agonising memories that seem more real than the world around him? Insanely beautiful writing by award winner, Patrick Ness. **Age: 14+**



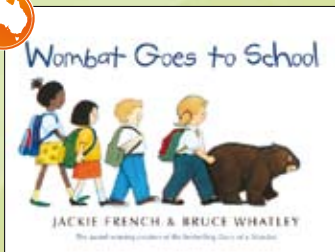
Vanishing Moment

Margaret Wild

Paperback RRP \$17.99

If you could live a different version of your life, would you take the chance? This spellbinding story of loss and courage, from an award-winning author, places two girls at the turning point in their lives—with a surprising twist. **Age: 13+**

GREAT NEW CHILDREN'S



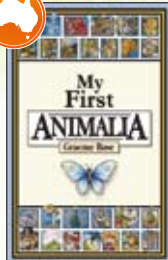
Wombat Goes to School

Jackie French & Bruce Whatley (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

October release, advance orders welcome

When Mothball discovers a new hole, it leads her to the local school. Mothball learns that lunch boxes contain few carrots, sports sheds can be a good place to nap, and that when you're brown and round, it's not a good idea to get too close to a ball... Also available from the creative duo of writer Jackie French and illustrator Bruce Whatley are *Christmas Wombat* and *Baby Wombat's Week*. **Age: 3+**



My First Animalia

Graeme Base

Paperback RRP \$19.99

November release, advance orders welcome

My First Animalia celebrates the magic of *Animalia* in a playful introductory format for the very young, specially created by Graeme Base. So turn the

pages, lift the flaps and rediscover the world of *Animalia*. **Age: 0+**

Also available now in paperback format is Graeme Base's *Uno's Garden*. **Age: 4+**



Kissed by the Moon

Alison Lester

Hardback RRP \$19.99

October release, advance orders welcome

May you, my baby, sleep softly at night, and when dawn lights the world, may you wake up to birdsong. Part poem, part lullaby, this gentle story celebrates a baby's wonder at our beautiful world. From much-loved Australian Children's Laureate Alison Lester comes a timeless book to share and to treasure. **Age: 2+**



The Swap

Jan Ormerod & Andrew Joyner (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.95

October release, advance orders welcome

Caroline Crocodile's baby brother dribbles. But all Mama EVER says

is how GORGEOUS he is. Caroline is VERY jealous. So she goes to the Baby Shop and tries to swap her brother for a new baby. The trouble is, there's something not quite right with any of them... **Age: 3+**



Noni the Pony boxed set

Alison Lester

Boxed set RRP \$29.99

November release, advance orders welcome

Noni the Pony boxed set is an utterly charming picture book,

now available in a gorgeous gift box containing a plush Noni toy. **Age: 1+**

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS



Figaro and Rumba and the Cool Cats

Anna Fienberg & Stephen Michael King (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.99

October release,
advance orders welcome

Another exciting adventure starring the irrepressible Figaro, his old friend Rumba, and the cats who run the *Cool Cats Café* where customers come from everywhere to try chicken empanadas, and swoon beneath the spell of the singing and steel guitars. **Age: 5+**



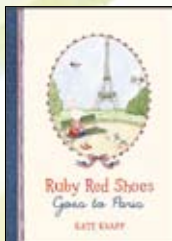
Once Tashi Met a Dragon

Anna and Barbara Fienberg and Kim Gamble (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

November release,
advance orders welcome

A glorious new picture book featuring our favourite adventuring hero. When Tashi reaches the golden palace, he meets an angry young dragon whose mother is under the spell of a demon sleep. Can Tashi break the spell and save his village? **Age: 4+**



Ruby Red Shoes Goes to Paris

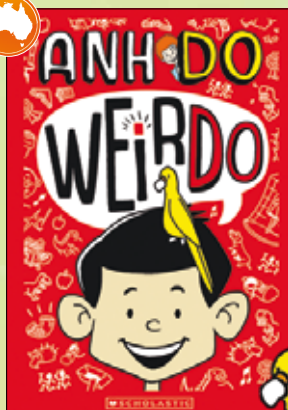
Kate Knapp

Hardback RRP \$19.99

November release,
advance orders welcome

Ruby and her grandmother Babushka are off to Paris! It is the

adventure of a lifetime, filled with memories that Ruby will treasure forever. *Ruby Red Shoes Goes to Paris* follows Kate Knapp's critically-acclaimed and bestselling debut, *Ruby Red Shoes*. **Age: 4+**



WeirDo

Anh Do Paperback RRP \$12.99

October release, advance orders welcome

Meet Weir Do. No, that's not a typo, that's his name! Weir Do's the new kid in school. With an unforgettable name, a crazy family and some seriously weird habits, fitting in won't be easy...but it will be funny!

A hilarious new book from bestselling and award-winning author, Anh Do. **Age: 6+**



The Wombats Go on Camp

Roland Harvey

Hardback RRP \$24.99

November release,
advance orders welcome

The start of a wonderful series following the adventures, and misadventures, of twelve knockabout kids and their two teachers. Raucous and full of fun, this hilarious story is full of the brilliantly detailed pictures Roland Harvey is famous for. **Age: 6+**

MORE FANTASTIC BOOKS



All The Wrong Questions: When Did You See Her Last?

Lemony Snicket
Hardback RRP \$16.95
October release, advance orders welcome

Young apprentice Lemony Snicket has a new case to solve when he and his chaperone are hired to find a missing girl. Is the girl a runaway? Was she seen last at the grocery store? Is it really any of your business? These are All The Wrong Questions... **Age: 12+**



House of Hades: Heroes of Olympus

Rick Riordan
Paperback RRP \$19.99
October release, advance orders welcome

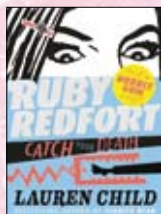
At the conclusion of *The Mark of Athena*, Annabeth and Percy tumble into a pit leading straight to the Underworld. The other five demigods have to put aside their grief and follow Percy's instructions to find the mortal side of the Doors of Death. **Age: 12+**



Rangers Apprentice #12: The Royal Ranger

John Flanagan
Paperback RRP \$17.95
October release, advance orders welcome

John Flanagan makes a spectacular return to the world of Ranger's Apprentice - but what has happened since you last saw Will and his friends might shock you! Will took an oath when he joined the Ranger Corps. Does it mean nothing to him now? **Age: 12+**



Ruby Redfort Catch Your Death

Lauren Child
Hardback RRP \$19.99
October release, advance orders welcome

Hey, buster! Normal life is a total yawn. So break out of boredom with Ruby Redfort: detective, secret agent, thirteen-year-old kid. Packed with off-the-wall humour and action, this is the third book in the super-cool *Ruby Redfort* series. **Age: 10+**



Hard Luck: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Book 8

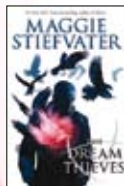
Jeff Kinney
Paperback RRP \$14.99
November release, advance orders welcome

Being a kid can really stink. And no one knows this better than Greg Heffley. This is now the 8th book of this hilarious and highly successful series, and Greg Heffley and his friends now have a whole new set of adventures. **Age: 9+**



The Raven Cycle #1: Raven Boys

Paperback RRP \$19.99
October release, advance orders welcome



The Raven Cycle #2: The Dream Thieves

Hardback RRP \$24.99
November release, advance orders welcome

Maggie Stiefvater

In *Raven Cycle*, Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love to die. She doesn't believe in true love so she never thought this would be a problem...until she enters the strange world of the Raven Boys. In *The Dream Thieves*, If you could steal things from your dreams what would you take? Ronan is one of the Raven Boys and he can bring things out of his dreams, but sometimes he is not the only one that wants those things... **Age: 12+**

FOR CHRISTMAS



Ice Breaker

Lian Tanner

Paperback RRP \$18.99

November release,
advance orders welcome

Petrel, outcast on an ancient icebreaker, saves a frozen boy without knowing the secret he has been sent to destroy—along with the ship. The first in *The Hidden series*, from the author of the bestselling *Keepers* trilogy, is a vividly exciting fantasy-adventure. **Age: 9+**



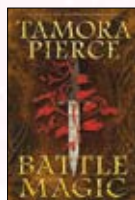
Mortality Doctrine: Eye of Minds

James Dashner

Paperback RRP \$19.95

October release, advance orders welcome

From James Dashner, the author of the bestselling *Maze Runner series*, comes an edge-of-your seat adventure. *The Eye of Minds* is the first book in *The Mortality Doctrine*, a series set in a world of hyperadvanced technology, cyberterrorists, and gaming beyond your wildest dreams... **Age: 12+**



Battle Magic

Tamora Pierce

Paperback RRP \$19.99

October release,
advance orders welcome

Tamora Pierce returns to the magical world of the Winding Circle. Briar, Rosethorn and Evvy must help the country prepare for battle, but will they and their allies be able to fight the imperial army and win the war? **Age: 12+**



Picture Me Gone

Meg Rossoff

Paperback RRP \$19.99

October release,
advance orders welcome

Mila is on a roadtrip across the USA with her father.

They are looking for his best friend but Mila discovers a more important truth. Sometimes the act of searching reveals more than the final discovery can. Adults do not have all the answers. It all depends what questions you ask. **Age: 12+**



Q&A WITH JAMES DASHNER

Q: What is your new series about?

A: The new series is about a gamer named Michael who lives in the future, where technology has taken some major leaps. Virtual reality—the VirtNet—is extremely advanced, almost indistinguishable from the real world. Someone is trapping people inside the VirtNet, and their real bodies are showing up brain-dead. Michael finds himself involved against his will, and the deeper he gets, the stranger the truth becomes.

Q: If you could go into the VirtNet, what are some of the things you'd do?

A: I'd fly, like a bird, for sure. That's always been a fantasy of mine. I'd also go out and explore the universe, jumping from one star and planet to the next. I might never come back to the real world!

Q: How do you make your characters so believable?

A: That's such a hard question to answer. And I struggle with it all the time. I guess I just follow my instincts, try to think of them as real people, and hope it comes out that way.

Q: What are your top three tips for writing edge-of-your-seat thrillers?

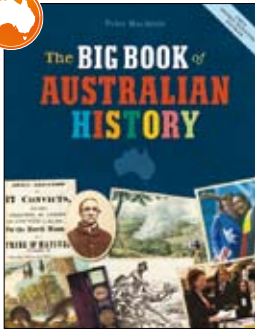
A: Structure the book in a way that lends itself to a fast pace. Make sure the reader knows that the stakes are high and that people can really be hurt, or die. And add levels, show patience, have plenty of clues, and set things up in the right way so that the payoffs don't feel contrived.

Q: What are you working on now?

A: I'm working on revisions to the sequel to *The Eye of Minds*. It's a tough one!

FOR
KIDS

NON-FICTION BOOKS



The Big Book of Australian History

Peter Macinnis

Hardback
RRP \$39.99

*October release,
advance orders welcome*

The Big Book of Australian History by CBC award-winning author Peter Macinnis features stunning

images and includes the main contributors and events in our nation's indigenous, cultural, political, social, multicultural and sporting history.'er Gough Whitlam and aviator Charles Kingsford Smith. **Age: 8+**



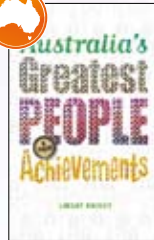
The Big Book of Art

Herve Tullet

Hardback RRP \$24.95

This is your first book of art. Grab it, hold it, flip through the pages, turn it upside down... there's no limit to what you

can make with it. What can you see? Scribbles and splodges, shapes and letters, signs and lines? Now you're the artist. **Age: 2+**



Australia's Greatest People & Their Achievements

Linsay Knight

Paperback RRP \$24.95

*November release,
advance orders welcome*

From explorers to scientists, business people, artists,

politicians and writers, this book celebrates the many Australians who have made this country the great nation it is today. Includes profiles on Gough Whitlam, Donald Bradman, Fred Hollows, Margaret Olley, Saint Mary MacKillop and many more. **Age: 10+**



NOT FOR PARENTS SERIES

AFRICA: Everything you ever wanted to know

ASIA: Everything you ever wanted to know

EUROPE: Everything you ever wanted to know

SOUTH AMERICA: Everything you ever wanted to know

Lonely Planet

Paperbacks RRP \$19.99 each

October release, advance orders welcome

Four more titles in Lonely Planet's fun series about places far from home. This lively series blends photographs, graphics and illustrated text bringing spooky histories and amazing facts to a whole new generation of world explorers. **Age: 8+**



Eco Warriors to the Rescue!

Tania McCartney

Paperback RRP \$17.99

Join Banjo, Matilda and Ned on a magical adventure into the Australian native. Along the way, these intrepid warriors seek 'tips' to ensure

the survival of our native landscape for generations to come. Can these eco-warriors help save our native flora from extinction? **Age: 5+**

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates Australian children's literature and its creators, and seeks to engage the community with literature for young Australians. Each year the CBCA run the Book of the Year Awards, and supports the Children's Book Week - the longest running children's festival in Australia. Here is this year's list of CBCA Winners and Honour Books in each category:



Older Readers WINNER

Sea Hearts
Margo Lanagan (Allen & Unwin)

Honour books

The Ink Bridge
Neil Grant (Allen & Unwin)

Friday Brown
Vikki Wakefield (Text Publishing)



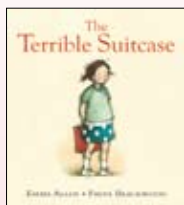
Younger Readers WINNER

Children of the King
Sonya Hartnett (Viking)

Honour books

Pennies for Hitler
Jackie French (Angus & Robertson)

The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk
Glenda Millard, illus by Stephen Michael King (ABC Books)



Early Childhood WINNER

The Terrible Suitcase
Emma Allen, illus by Freya Blackwood (Omnibus)

Honour books

With Nan
Tania Cox, illus by Karen Blair (Windy Hollow Books)

Too Many Elephants in This House
Ursula Dubosarsky, illus by Andrew Joyner (Viking)



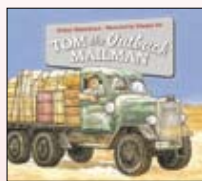
Picture Book WINNER

The Coat
Ron Brooks, illus by Julie Hunt (Allen & Unwin)

Honour books

Herman and Rosie
Gus Gordon (Viking)

Sophie Scott Goes South
Alison Lester (Viking)



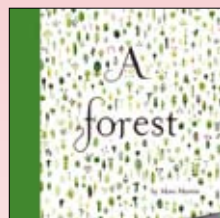
Eve Pownall Award for Information Books WINNER

Tom the Outback Mailman
Kristin Weidenbach, illus by Timothy Ide (Lothian)

Honour books

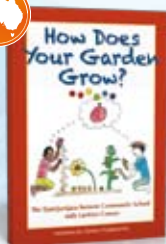
Lyrebird! A True Story
Jackie Kerin, illus by Peter Gouldthorpe (Museum Victoria)

Topsy-Turvy World: How Australian Animals Puzzled Early Explorers
Kirsty Murray (NLA)



Crichton Award for new illustrators WINNER

A Forrest
Marc Martin (Viking)



How Does Your Garden Grow? Stories from Tjuntjuntjara Remote Community School

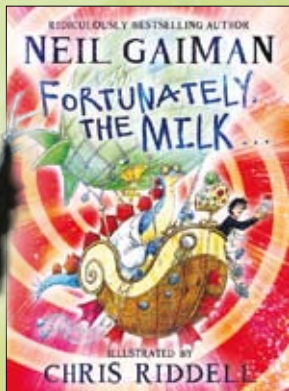
Indigenous Literacy Foundation Paperback RRP \$16.99

Vegies aren't the only things that grow in gardens... friendship grow in gardens too.

Proudly published by the Indigenous Literary Foundation, this lovely compilation of stories is written by 16 children (aged 6-9) from Tjuntjuntjara in remote Spinifex country in Western Australia and compiled by an 11-year-old school boy from Melbourne, Lachie Coman, who raised funds for the community and visited them in 2012.

Proceeds from the purchase of this book will go to support children in remote indigenous communities.

MORE BOOKS GALORE



Fortunately the Milk...

Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$17.99

October release, advance orders welcome

From multi-award-winning Neil Gaiman comes a spectacularly silly, mind-bendingly clever, brilliantly bonkers adventure with lip-smackingly gorgeous illustrations by Chris Riddell. You know what it's like when your mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really, really long list of what he's got to do. And the most important thing is DON'T FORGET TO GET THE MILK.

Unfortunately, Dad forgets. So the next morning, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very, very long time to get back.

Age: 10+



The Kensington Reptilium

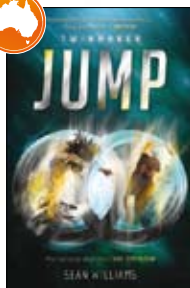
N. J. Gemmell

Paperback RRP \$16.95

November release, advance orders welcome

A most unexpected adventure into a world unknown. Enter if you dare... A feel-good tale that will have you cheering on these four

fearless bush kids as they take on the world! **Age: 9+**



Jump: Twinmaker #1

Sean Williams

Paperback RRP \$18.99

November release, advance orders welcome

Clair lives in a world where people can transport themselves instantaneously around the globe—sometimes with deadly consequences.

A daring near-future thriller,

from an award-winning author, about technology, identity, and the lengths one girl will go to, to save her best friend. **Age: 13+**

OUR STORE DETAILS

