

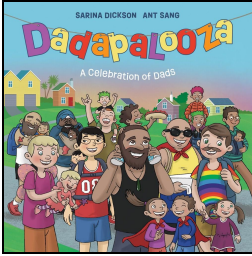


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Print Run: 0.6K
Ages 0 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Holidays & Celebrations
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25 cm H | 25 cm W | 300 g
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Dadapalooza

A Celebration of Dads

Sarina Dickson, Ant Sang

Summary

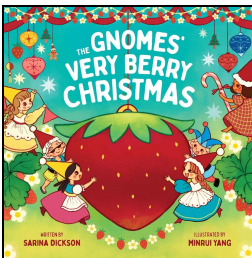
**A gizmo dad, a sweet dad, a moves to this own beat dad.
An honest dad, a doggy dad, a 'why is that so soggy?' dad.**

What kind of Dad do you have? Celebrate them all in this colourful rhyming picture book from bestselling author Sarina Dickson, with humorous search-and-find style illustrations from award-winning artist Ant Sang.

Contributor Bio

Sarina Dickson is a number 1 bestselling writer, artist and educator. She has enjoyed a varied and creative working life, which has led to connections and collaborations with experts in publishing, mental health and wellness, education, illustration, printing, video production, public art, book design, disaster relief and tertiary research. Her writing has been highly commended in the Scribbles Creative Writing Awards.

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The Gnomes' Very Berry Christmas

Sarina Dickson, Minrui Yang

Summary

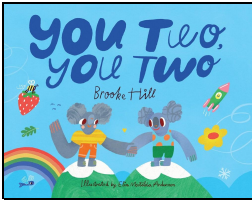
*The strawberries are judged
for sweetness and size.
Innovation and teamwork
means we all win a prize.*

Get ready for a berry-licious Christmas with the gnomes as they compete in the annual Christmas Strawb-Galorb. From the author that brought you *The Fairies' Night Before Christmas* and *The Chaos Before Christmas*, and the illustrator that won the Margaret Mahy Illustration Prize, comes a Christmas story of teamwork and triumph.

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You Two, You Two

Brooke Hill

Summary

A gorgeous award-winning celebration of two little people growing up together. A timeless book to treasure, and a wish to the universe for friendship and adventures shared between siblings.

You two, you two - higgie and piggle, a hullabaloo.

A gorgeous celebration of two little people growing up together. A timeless book to treasure, and a wish to the universe for friendship and adventures shared between siblings. With a gentle rhyme, vibrant and imaginative illustrations and a simple message of love and fun, it's a bedtime story that will be enjoyed time and time again.

'I wish I had this when my girls were really little . . . a beautiful picture book' **Megan Daley, award-winning teacher-librarian and author**

Contributor Bio

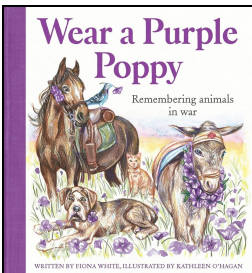
Brooke Hill (Author)

Brooke Hill has worked for iconic Australian magazine titles *Harpers Bazaar* and *The Australian Women's Weekly* and one of London's leading communications agencies. Later, she headed up brand marketing teams for some of Australia's best-loved brands. Currently, she's the director of The Content(ed) Copywriter, where she heads up a team of Australia's most talented content writers, helping brands marry stories with sales.

She lives in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, Australia. *You Two, You Two* is Brooke's first children's picture book.

Elin Matilda Andersson (Illustrator)

Elin Matilda Andersson is an award-winning Swedish-Australian illustrator working out of her bush-encapsulated



Wear a Purple Poppy

Fiona White

Summary

On the National Day for War Animals, we wear a purple poppy to remember those animals who have served, and those who continue to serve, alongside our soldiers. This heartwarming tribute explores the different roles of animals in wartime, and honours their strength, courage and dedication.

From the horses and the mules to the elephants, cats and dogs, we wear a purple poppy for you.

Contributor Bio

Fiona White (Author)

Fiona is a primary school teacher with a lifelong love of horses and animals. She lives in the Macedon Ranges with her two badly behaved but extremely lovable dogs. The greatest love of her childhood was her horse Nimbus; a feisty, head shy pony who survived the Ash Wednesday fires and lived to be 35 years old. *Wear a Purple Poppy: Remembering Animals in War* is her first book.

Kathleen O'Hagan (Illustrator)

Kathleen O'Hagan is an emerging Meeanjin-based artist, educator and arts worker. Her work has been displayed in numerous exhibitions and art prizes across Australia. Her debut children's book, *Colourful Memories*, was illustrated in the spare hours during her final year of school. In 2021, she completed a Bachelor of Visual Art (First Class Honours) at the Queensland College of Art and was awarded the University Medal.

She is passionate about illustration's ability to give life to unique stories, voices and histories. You will often find her tucked away in her small studio - head down at her drafting table, flipping through her art book collection, or working pai...

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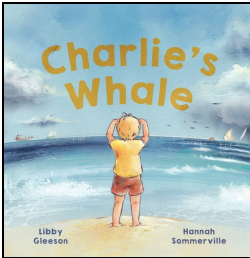
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Hardcover Picture Book

24 Pages
Carton Qty: 0
Ages 0 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction
JUV000000

28.6 cm H | 26.3 cm W | 300 g Wt



Charlie's Whale

Libby Gleeson, Hannah Somerville

Summary

Charlie loves the sea.

He loves the seashells and the seahorses, the sharks and the stingrays, the crabs and the crayfish.

He loves the gentle waves that creep up onto the sand and tickle his toes.

He loves the huge wild waves that crash onto the sand and make the beach tremble.

But most of all he loves the whales.

'A simple but heart-felt story about the wonders of the natural world and the rewards of patience' **SYDNEY MORNING HERALD**

'Libby Gleeson's words are lyrical, and Hannah Somerville's illustrations are almost ethereal as they combine to make a story that is as magical as the whales themselves' **READPLUS**

Contributor Bio

Libby Gleeson (Author)

Libby Gleeson AM has published over 30 popular, highly acclaimed books for children and teenagers, been shortlisted for 13 CBCA Awards, and won three. Libby has been a teacher and lecturer and contributes regularly to national conferences. She chaired the Australian Society of Authors from 1999-2001, and in 2007 was awarded membership to the Order of Australia. She won the 2011 Dromkeen Medal, awarded for contributions to children's literature.

Her books have been shortlisted numerous times for the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards and Libby has won several times with *Hannah Plus One* (Fiction for Young Readers Book of the Year 1997), *An Ordinary*

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Juvenile Fiction /
Imagination & Play
JUV051000
25.9 cm H | 25.9 cm W



Let's Build a House

Mike Lucas

Summary

Slip on your overalls, pop on your hard hat and jump in the digger - let's build a house!

*First the floor, and then the walls,
Then the roof. Let's build it tall.
You and me - we'll build it all!
Up, up, up.*

A step-by-step look at how a house is constructed from digging the foundations and laying the bricks through to fitting the drains and painting the walls. *Let's Build a House* is a high-energy, gorgeously illustrated picture book written by a real-life engineer.

Contributor Bio

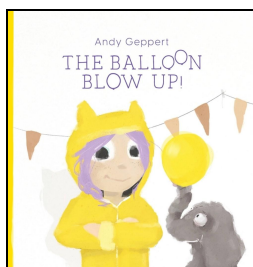
Originally from the UK, Mike moved with his family to Adelaide in 2010. He started his writing career writing funny poetry anthologies and visiting schools and libraries to encourage children to create their own silly rhymes. He has had work published in various magazines and anthologies.

Mike's first picture book, *Olivia's Voice*, was a 2018 CBCA Awards Notable book, followed by *Vanishing*, *Let's Build a House* and *Let's Build and Backyard*.

As well as being a writer, Mike also owns a bookshop in Adelaide, Shakespeare's Bookshop in Blackwood. In 2017, he was the lead organiser of the first ever Adelaide Festival of Children's Books. For five days a week Mike works as an engineer and has very little time for sleep.

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Juvenile Fiction / Lifestyles
JUV023000
Series: Let's Build
22.9 cm H | 22.9 cm W



Big Balloon Blow-up

Andy Geppert

Summary

Would you like a balloon?

Yes please, Elly. Can you make it big?

How big?

Even small questions are big when you're a kid. In this charming picture book, a little girl must decide how big she wants her yellow balloon to be. As big as a fishbowl or even bigger, like the moon? She has to decide quickly because it looks like the balloon has its own ideas.

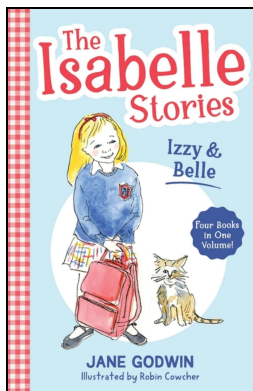
'A very funny story ... Each page was a delight, informing the readers about the complex plight of the humble balloon' **READPLUS**

Contributor Bio

Andy Geppert is an Australian illustrator based in Brisbane. He won the Crichton Award for new illustrators for his work on *Little Big Tree* in 2010. His follow up picture book, *Meep*, was selected as a Notable Book by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) in 2016. Andy is also an award-winning marketing designer.

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Juvenile Fiction /
Imagination & Play
JUV051000
25 cm H | 25 cm W



The Isabelle Stories: Volume 1

Izzy and Belle

Jane Godwin

Summary

Six-year-old Isabelle doesn't have any brothers or sisters. But she does have her dad, her cat Steve, her friend Harry B, and her baby cousin, Bibi, who she's very good at looking after. And then along comes Isobel, a new girl at school. They have the same name, but will they be friends?

Four gentle stories in one volume, all about Isabelle and her world, its trials and triumphs, its small moments and big dramas: friends, family, school life and growing up, from Jane Godwin, one of Australia's respected writers for children, and with delightful illustrations by Robin Cowcher.

'Jane Godwin understands what it is to be a child or young person, what matters to them at different ages and stages' **Living Arts Canberra**

Contributor Bio

Jane Godwin (Author)

Jane Godwin is the highly acclaimed and internationally published author of many books for children and young people, across all styles and ages. Children's Publisher at Penguin Books Australia for many years, Jane's books include her novels *A Walk in the Dark* (September 2022), *Falling From Grace*, *As Happy as Here* (a CBCA Notable Book) and *When Rain Turns to Snow* (shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers and for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards) and picture books *Tilly*, illustrated by Anna Walker and *The Best HidingPlace* (illustrated by Sylvia Morris), both shortlisted for the CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award. Jane is dedicated to pursuing quality and enriching reading and writing experiences for young people, and spends as much time as she can working with them in schools and communities and running literature and writing programs.

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Robin Cowcher (Illustrator)

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Juvenile Fiction / Social
Themes
JUV039020
Series: The Isabelle Stories
19.8 cm H | 12.9 cm W | 1.1
cm T | 120 g Wt



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Paperback

384 Pages
Carton Qty: 52
Print Run: 0.3K
Ages 9 to 11, Grades 4 to 6
Juvenile Fiction / Fantasy & Magic
JUV037000
Series: Wednesday Weeks
19.8 cm H | 14 cm W | 1.9 cm T | 230 g Wt

Wednesday Weeks and the Tower of Shadows

Wednesday Weeks: Book 1

Denis Knight, Cristy Burne

Summary

In a world of magic, can science save the day?

Wednesday Weeks never wanted to be a sorcerer's apprentice. She'd rather study science than magic. But when her cloak-wearing, staff-wielding grandpa is captured by a power-hungry goblin king, Wednesday must find a way to embrace her magical heritage and rescue him from the dreaded Tower of Shadows.

Luckily, she's not alone. Her best friend Alfie is a prime-number fan and robotics expert who's all-in on Wednesday's epic plan involving parallel universes, swords of power, and a wise-cracking talking skull.

But it's going to take more than science, magic, and the world's cutest robot to take down this bad guy. Because the goblin king is playing for the ultimate prize - and Wednesday and Alfie just walked into his trap...

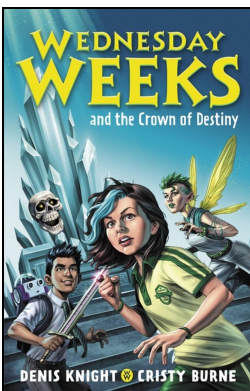
Contributor Bio

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Juvenile Fiction / Fantasy & Magic
JUV037000
Series: Wednesday Weeks
14.1 cm H | 19.6 cm W | 2.1 cm T | 240 g Wt

Wednesday Weeks and the Crown of Destiny

Wednesday Weeks: Book 2

Denis Knight, Cristy Burne

Summary

Wednesday Weeks is just starting to get the hang of this whole magic thing. But Gorgomoth the Unclean is on the loose again and he's out to ruin everything, for keeps.

When Gorgomoth steals the Crown of Destiny and turns Grandpa into a frog, it's up to Wednesday and Alfie - with help from Bruce and their new friend Adaline - to track him down.

But wormholes, giant pinball machines and a stolen crown are only the beginning. Throw in a floating fortress full of goblins, some misbehaving magic and a missing pair of eyebrows, and Wednesday and Alfie are going to have to take their magic - and their science - to the next level.

Book 2 in the brilliant Wednesday Weeks series, which asks the question: In a world of magic, can science save the day?

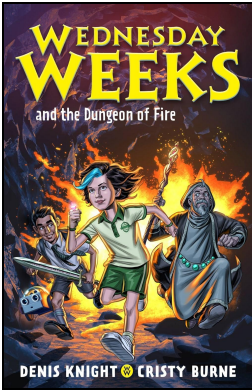
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Wednesday Weeks and the Dungeon of Fire

Wednesday Weeks: Book 3

Denis Knight, Cristy Burne

Summary

Wednesday Weeks just wants to finish Year Six without any more magical mishaps. But Gorgomoth the Unclean has other plans.

The tyrannical goblin king is back, and he's hot on the trail of the long-lost Stone of Power. If he finds it, it'll be goodbye school holidays and hello Third Age of Never-Ending Darkness.

To beat Gorgomoth to the stone, Wednesday and her friends must prove themselves worthy by passing three deadly trials. And so the race is on. But unfriendly cats, tomato sauce geysers and a pizza-train rollercoaster ride through a live volcano won't make their mission any easier. Will their magic and science be enough to stop Gorgomoth from taking over the universe?

'Clever, energetic, sassy and very well written . . . *Wednesday Weeks and the Dungeon of Fire* is a funny, beautiful book, part of a funny, clever series' **READPLUS**

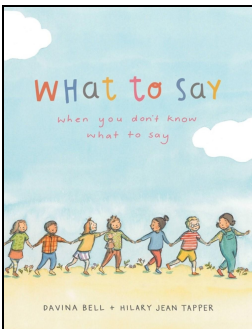
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Juvenile Fiction / Fantasy & Magic
JUV037000
19.7 cm H | 12.9 cm W | 3.4 cm T | 260 g Wt



What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say

Davina Bell, Hilary Jean Tapper

Summary

WINNER OF THE ABIA CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023
A CBCA NOTABLE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR 2023

I'm not brave enough today. Maybe next time.
You're hurting my feelings right now.
Want to join in?

A warm and whimsical guide to negotiating life's little moments and big emotions with empathy, kindness and words from the heart.

From award-winning and much-loved author Davina Bell and exciting new illustrator, Hilary Jean Tapper.

'A soothing story with gentle tips on how to respond with compassion and care when life gets tricky ... The ideal book to gently encourage young readers to open up about their feelings' ***Sydney Morning Herald***

Contributor Bio

Davina Bell (Author)

Davina Bell is a children's book editor and a writer for young people of many ages. Her picture books include *All the Ways To Be Smart*, *All of the Factors of Why I Love Tractors* and *Under the Love Umbrella*. Her debut young adult novel, *The End of the World is Bigger than Love*, won the 2021 CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers and the NSW Premier's Literary Awards' Ethel Turner Prize for Young Adult Fiction.

For more information, visit www.davinabell.com

Hilary Jean Tapper (Illustrator)

Hilary Jean Tapper is an international award-winning illustrator based in New Zealand,. She is winner of the

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Juvenile Fiction / Classics
JUV007000

300 g Wt

Goodnight Stories

Enid Blyton

Summary

A bedtime collection of short stories by the world's best-loved storyteller. Perfect for children aged 5 and up!

From a wizard on the moon to midnight fairy parties, there's a dreamy story for everyone in this short story collection by Enid Blyton. Drift off to dreamland with these starlit adventures!

These traditional tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime or in the classroom.

Enid Blyton remains one of Britain's favourite children's authors and her bumper short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.

Read all of Enid Blyton's bumper short story collections. New in 2024:

Goodnight Stories

Five-Minute Summer Stories

Magical Stories

One-A-Day Christmas Stories

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Contributor Bio

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Juvenile Fiction / Fairy Tales
& Folklore
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19.8 cm H | 12.9 cm W

Spellbinding Stories

Enid Blyton

Summary

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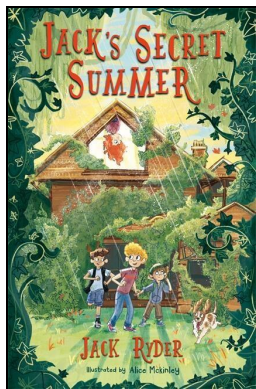
Spellbinding Stories

Stories for Christmas

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Jack's Secret Summer

Jack Ryder, Alice McKinley

Summary

Join the Secret Summer gang on an unforgettable magical adventure, full of humour and heart - for fans of The Famous Five and Roald Dahl.

Jack has been dreading the summer holidays - his dad works long hours, and so all he has to look forward to is an empty house. But when his boisterous neighbours, Bruno and Rocco, make it their mission to pull him into an adventure, his life will never be the same again.

Together they decide to explore the strange old house at the top of the hill, long abandoned and overgrown with ivy. But they soon discover the ivy hides more than just walls... the house is full of magical secrets, including a strange girl with no memory, who may hold the key to it all, if only she can remember..

Imaginative and fun-filled, Jack Ryder's first story is inspired by the summer holidays of his childhood and brought to life with glorious black-and-white illustrations by Alice McKinley. Young readers will be spellbound by this heartfelt adventure.

Contributor Bio

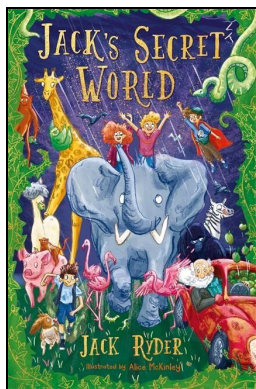
Jack Ryder was cast in the role of Jamie Mitchell in *EastEnders* at the age of 16, a character he played for five years. He then moved into theatre, performing in plays by Alan Bennett, Tim Firth and David Hare, before going on to direct *Calendar Girls*, *The Full Monty* and the West End production of *The BandMusical*. He played Evan Crowhurst in *Holby City* in 2019, and in January 2020 he is directing a production of Alan Bennet's *The History Boys*. It is his lifelong ambition to be a children's book author.

Alice McKinley has worked in publishing for most of her career, working with brilliant companies such as Andersen Press, Little Tiger Press and Nobrow.

She decided to chase her dreams and become an Author/Illustrator and completed the Children's Picture Book Illustration MA at the Cambridge School of Arts in 2018.

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Themes
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Series: Jack's Secret
Summer
19.8 cm H | 12.9 cm W



Jack's Secret World

An unforgettable magical adventure for readers aged 7+

Jack Ryder, Alice McKinley

Summary

Join Jack and the gang on another unforgettable adventure, full of magic and mayhem - for fans of The Famous Five and Roald Dahl.

Everything changed the day Jack and his neighbours Bruno and Rocco went to explore the old empty house.

There they discovered a strange girl called Blossom, who introduced them to a world of magic - talking to animals, flying like birds, and even... a doorway to another world, hidden within the ivy-covered walls of the old house.

Now the gang have gone through the doorway, looking for Blossom's missing dad, the man who made the magic.

But finding him will be just the start of the adventure, as Blossom's dad has a mission for the gang, and they're going to need all the magical powers they can get.

Contributor Bio

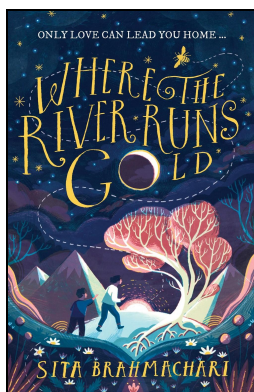
Jack Ryder was cast in the role of Jamie Mitchell in *EastEnders* at the age of 16, a character he played for five years. He then moved into theatre, performing in plays by Alan Bennett, Tim Firth and David Hare, before going on to direct *Calendar Girls*, *The Full Monty* and the West End production of *The BandMusical*. He played Evan Crowhurst in *Holby City* in 2019, and in January 2020 he is directing a production of Alan Bennet's *The History Boys*. It is his lifelong ambition to be a children's book author.

Alice McKinley has worked in publishing for most of her career, working with brilliant companies such as Andersen Press, Little Tiger Press and Nobrow.

She decided to chase her dreams and become an Author/Illustrator and completed the Children's Picture Book

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Juvenile Fiction / Social
Themes
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Series: Jack's Secret
Summer
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Where the River Runs Gold

Sita Brahmachari

Summary

Sita Brahmachari is a World Book Day author for 2021 with gorgeous short story, The River Whale!

Two children must risk everything to escape their fate and find the impossible . . . bold adventure, timely climate change themes and breathtaking writing, from award-winning author Sita Brahmachari.

'Lavishly written and full of love of the natural world.' - *Sunday Times*

Shifa and her brother, Themba, live in Kairos City with their father, Nabil. The few live in luxury, whilst the millions like them crowd together in compounds, surviving on meagre rations and governed by Freedom Fields - the organisation that looks after you, as long as you opt in.

The bees have long disappeared; instead children must labour on farms, pollinating crops by hand so that the nation can eat. The farm Shifa and Themba are sent to is hard and cruel. Themba won't survive there and Shifa comes up with a plan to break them out. But they have no idea where they are - their only guide is a map drawn from the ramblings of a stranger.

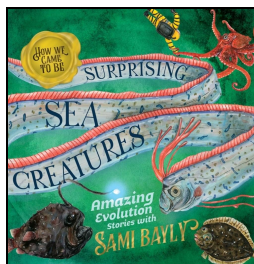
The journey ahead is fraught with danger, but Shifa is strong and knows to listen t...

Contributor Bio

Sita Brahmachari won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her debut *Artichoke Hearts* and is one of the most interesting and important voices in children's books today. *Tender Earth* was awarded an honour by the International Board of Books for Young People, and her most recent novel, *Where The River Runs Gold*, published to great acclaim in July 2019. Sita's books have been shortlisted for the UKLA Book Award, nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, and have been translated into many languages around the world. She

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Ages 9 to 11, Grades 4 to 6
Juvenile Fiction / Action & Adventure
JUV001000
17.8 cm H | 12.7 cm W



How We Came to Be: Surprising Sea Creatures

Sami Bayly

Summary

Come with us on a deep dive through the ocean zones. Meet some of the most unusual creatures from the sea and hear their stories about how they have changed over millions of years to survive in the inky ocean depths.

Discover why the deepsea flounder is as flat as a pancake, learn all about the 500-million-year-old comb jelly and find out why yeti crabs are so hairy. From the barreleye fish to the tripod spiderfish, prepare to be amazed by the incredible creatures that inhabit our seas.

From the award-winning creator of *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals*, *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals* and *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Peculiar Pairs in Nature*.

How We Came to Be: Surprising Sea Creatures is a wondrous book that will appeal to curious kids, adults and anyone who enjoys learning more about our incredible planet ... [Sami's] passion for weird and wonderful wildlife is simply infectious. **BETTER READING**

'Cleverly presented and strikingly illustrated . . . This fabulous book has a place in all libraries and would also be a wonderful gift for children of all ag...

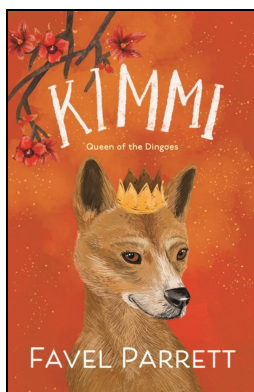
Contributor Bio

Sami Bayly is a natural history illustrator based in Newcastle, NSW, who loves all things weird and wonderful. She finds the beauty and importance of all animals regardless of their appearance, and hopes to share her appreciation with others.

Sami's first book, *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals*, won the Children's Indie Book of the Year Award and the Australian Book Design Award for Younger Readers. It was a CBCA Honour Book and was shortlisted for an ABIA Book of the Year for Younger Children and longlisted for the ABA Booksellers' Choice 2020 Book of the Year Awards. Her second book, *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals*, was a

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Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals
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Kimmi
Queen of the Dingoes
 Favel Parrett

Summary

LONGLISTED FOR THE 2023 CHILDREN'S INDIE BOOK AWARD

On the night of a full moon, a small tropical dingo cub is born. And it is her destiny to travel far from home to change things for her kind.

Kimmi sleeps with her mama at her back, her aunty at her front and her three brothers squeezed in beside her. They are a family. But when the farmer who took her father returns to threaten the rest of them, Kimmi is separated from her mama.

In an incredible act of determination, Kimmi's mama runs over mountain tops and dusty red earth to spend one last day with her cub and share with her the knowledge that will one day make her a queen.

This is Kimmi's story, the story of how she became Queen of the Dingoes in a sanctuary that saves them from extinction. It is her mama's story, too. But mostly it is a story that goes back thousands of years, and follows the long line of female dingoes they belong to.

An inspiring true story of survival and courage from one of Australia's best-loved writers.

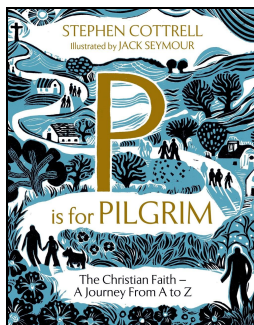
'Parrett blends matter-of-fact content with a confidently poetic voice . . . For readers aged 8+'
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Contributor Bio

In 2011, Favel Parrett's career was launched with her critically acclaimed debut *PAST THE SHALLOWS*. A heart-breaking novel, it was sold internationally, shortlisted in the prestigious Miles Franklin Literary Award and won the Dobbie Literary Award. Favel herself won the ABIA Newcomer of the Year Award in 2012. Her next novel,

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P is for Pilgrim
 Stephen Cottrell

Summary

This A-Z of the Christian faith is written for beginners of all ages.
 It suitable for anyone aged 9 - 90.

It introduces the key words and concepts of the Christian faith and tells the story of how God's heart's is open to everyone through the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ.

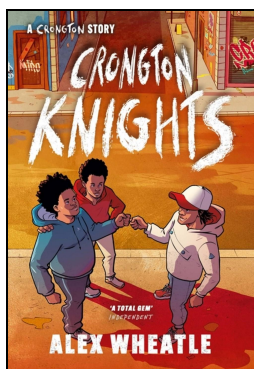
Contributor Bio

Stephen Cottrell is the Archbishop of York and was for almost ten years Bishop of Chelmsford; before that he was Bishop of Reading. He has worked in parishes in London and Chichester, as Canon Pastor of Peterborough Cathedral, as Missioner in the Wakefield diocese and as part of Springboard, the Archbishop of Canterbury's evangelism team.

He has written widely on evangelism, spirituality and discipleship. Among his most recent books are *On Priesthood* (2020), a series of Lent and Holy Week meditations, *The Things He Carried* (2008), a follow up of reflections for Easter Day, *The Things He Said* (2009), *The Nail: Being part of the Passion* (2011) and *Christ in the Wilderness: Reflecting on the paintings of Stanley Spencer* (2012). His bestselling *I Thirst* was the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2004.

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A Crongton Story: Crongton Knights

Book 2 - Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize

Alex Wheatle

Summary

Winner of the *Guardian* Children Fiction's Prize 2016

Shortlisted for the YA Book Prize 2017

WELCOME TO CRONGTON, WHERE YOUR LOYALTY AND WITS WILL BE TESTED ...

Living on the South Crongton council estate has its worries - and life for McKay has been even tougher since his mum died.

His dad has been working all hours to keep the bailiffs from their door.

His brother is always out riding the streets at night, tempting trouble.

And now, having strayed off his turf on a 'heroic' (if misguided) mission to help out a girl, McKay finds himself facing a friend's crazy ex-boyfriend, some power-tripping hood-rats *and* a notoriously violent gangster with a vendetta which hits too close to home.

Poor McKay. He never asked for trouble . . . But during one madcap night of adventure and danger, he will find out who his true friends are, what it means to stick with your family and that, sometimes, the lessons learned the hard way are the ones you'll never forget.

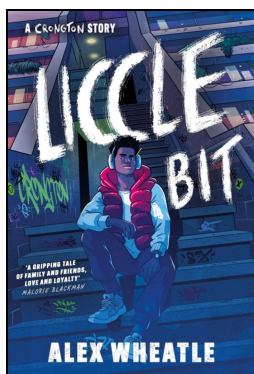
'... powerful writing by an author with great talent and great heart.' David Almond

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Young Adult Fiction / Diversity & Multicultural
YAFO14000
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17.8 cm H | 12.7 cm W

Contributor Bio

Alex Wheatle is the author of several acclaimed novels, many of them inspired by experiences from his childhood. He was born in Brixton to Jamaican parents, and spent most of his childhood in a Surrey children's



A Crongton Story: Liclle Bit

Book 1

Alex Wheatle

Summary

WELCOME TO CRONGTON, WHERE YOUR LOYALTY AND WITS WILL BE TESTED ...

What's worse than hiding a secret? Liclle Bit's about to find out...

Venetia King is the hottest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liclle Bit, and his two best friends, McKay and Jonah, never tire of telling him he has no chance with girls. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liclle Bit wishes he could do something - anything! - to make life better. A new phone would be a start...

When Venetia starts paying Liclle Bit attention, he secretly hopes he's on a fast track to a first date. Unfortunately, as a new gang war breaks out, he finds himself on a fast track to something much more sinister. South Crongton's notorious gang leader has taken an interest in Liclle Bit. Before he knows what's happening, he finds himself running errands. But when he hears about a killing on the estate, Liclle Bit is forced to question his choices. How can he possibly put things right?

Contributor Bio

Alex Wheatle is the author of several acclaimed novels, many of them inspired by experiences from his childhood. He was born in Brixton to Jamaican parents, and spent most of his childhood in a Surrey children's home. Following a short stint in prison following the Brixton uprising of 1981, he wrote poems and lyrics and became known as the Brixtonbard. Alex has been shortlisted for numerous awards including the Carnegie Medal and the YA Book Prize. He won the Guardian Children's Fiction Award and was awarded an MBE for services to literature in 2008.

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Juvenile Fiction / Social
Themes
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Let Me Be Frank

Jess Urlichs, Minrui Yang

Summary

*There are so many toys,
and games we can play.
Whatever we choose,
let's do it our way.*

Join Frank and Quinn on their playdate - there are no limits to which toys they can play with and which games they can choose. A fun rhyming picture book to read with children to reinforce that they can choose to be and do the things that feel most like them.

A book perfect for encouraging being proud of who you are.

From the bestselling author of *The Rainbow in My Heart* and *You Hung the Moon*, Jessica Urlichs, and the illustrator behind the 2021 Margaret Mahy Illustration Prize book, *There's A King in the Cupboard*, Minrui Yang.

Contributor Bio

Jessica Urlichs shot to stardom on social media with her honest and heartfelt poetry centering around her family and motherhood. Jessica met her husband in Australia where they lived together for many years and are now raising their children in New Zealand. She continues to connect with the world with her writing via Instagram. Follow her @jessurlichs.