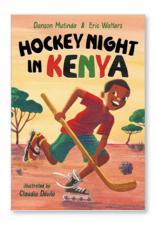
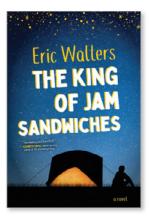
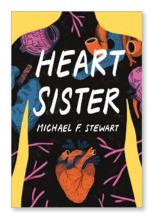
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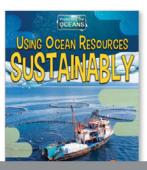
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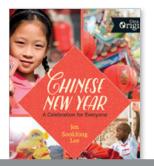


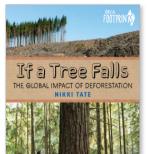


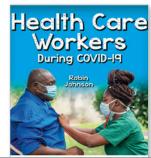






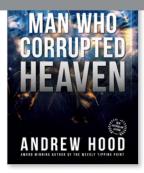




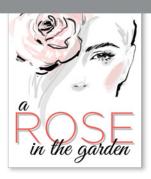


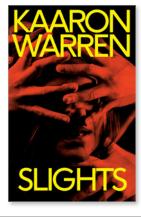
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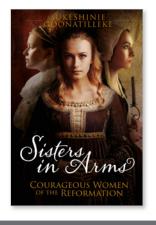


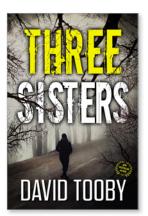








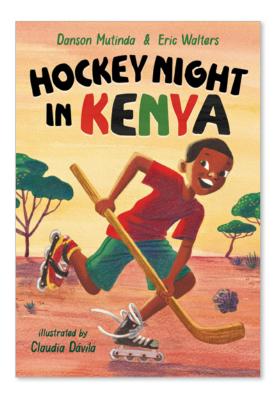




#### **HOCKEY NIGHT IN KENYA**

**Orca Echoes** 

Eric Walters & Danson Mutinda, Illustrated by Claudia Dávila





15/02/21 | Orca Book Publishers | BC JUV032110 | 104pp | 19.37 x 13.34 cm \$14.95

"This simple story of discovery, sport, and friendship is filled with likable characters and innocently joyful moments... Delightful."-Kirkus Reviews, starred review

#### **SALES POINTS**

- Recommended for ages 6 to 8.
- Themes: Hockey, Friendship, Dreams, Orphans & **Foster Homes**
- While the characters and story are fictional, the orphanage and ice rink exist in real life. In 2018, Tim Hortons brought the 12 players of the Kenya Ice Lions to Canada to play hockey. Twice a week the Kenyan team gathers in Nairobi to practice, but there aren't enough players to create a second team so their trip to Canada was the first time they had a proper opponent.
- Coauthor Danson Mutinda's parents founded an orphanage, the Hope Development Centre, with Eric and Anita Walters in 2007. Danson is currently patron of the program and Eric is considered an elder and an important member of the Hope Development Centre community.

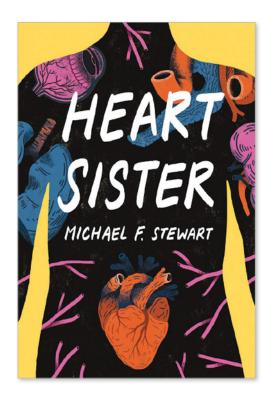
#### Is skating on ice in Kenya too big of a dream?

Kenyan orphans, Kitoo and Nigosi, spend their days studying, playing soccer, helping their elders with chores around the orphanage and reading from the limited selection of books in their library. When the librarian finds a box of damaged books that she can't shelve, she offers them to Kitoo who becomes fascinated by one called Sports Around the World. Kitoo is particularly interested in an image of the Canadian Ice Hockey team. When the fates align and Kitoo finds a pair of beat up old roller blades, he teaches himself to skate and dreams of one day playing hockey like the men in his book. But you can't play ice hockey in Kenya, can you?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Eric Walters began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario. Danson Mutinda's parents, Ruth and Henry Kyatha, co-founded the Hope Development Centre orphanage with Eric and Anita Walters in 2007. When Henry passed away, Dansen became patron of the program. He and his co-author, Eric Walters, worked together to write this story of two energetic and joyful children who are based on many of the children they work with at the centre. Danson lives in Kikima, Kenya, on the grounds of the orphanage.

#### **HEART SISTER**

Michael F. Stewart





15/02/21 | Orca Book Publishers | BC YAF058050 | 336pp | 20.96 x 13.97 cm \$26.95

"A touching, heartfelt story with a healthy measure of hope." —Kirkus Reviews

"The characters are refreshingly unique as is the storyline. Stewart takes an honest look at the paralysis of grief, the profound suffering of losing a loved one and the courage required to move on in the face of tragedy."

-Canadian Review of Materials

## **SALES POINTS**

- A teen filmmaker, reeling from the loss of his twin sister, tries to track down the recipients of her organs.
- Explores themes of grief and loss and how families cope in the face of inconceivable tragedy.
- Award-winning author Caroline Pignat describes it as "raw, real and riveting...a powerful story of hope."
- The author is also a screenwriter, which is reflected in the book's unique structure.
- A few years ago, the author's brother received a new heart. This story is written in gratitude to the (still anonymous) family of the young woman who gave him a new lease on life.
- Themes: grief and loss, sibling relationships, depression, organ donation, virtual reality

#### Emmitt has a plan.

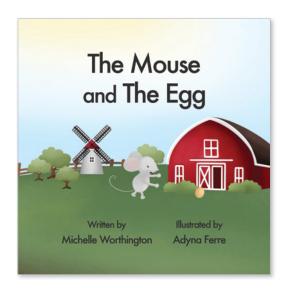
After Emmitt's twin sister, Minnie, dies in an accident, his world goes sideways. He's lost his best friend and it feels like his family is falling apart without her. But Minnie was an organ donor and Emmitt soon receives an anonymous thank you letter from one of the transplant recipients. Inspiration strikes, and he decides to try and put his sister back together, in spirit. He's going to track down each organ recipient and film them to show his parents Minnie's selfless act and help them move on. But when each recipient falls short of his expectations and the star of his film, the girl who received his sister's heart, refuses to meet him, Emmitt has to turn to extreme measures to find her. What he doesn't know is that his "heart sister" is hiding an agonizing secret, one that could push Emmitt to the breaking point.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Michael F. Stewart is an award-winning author of many books for young people in various genres, including Ray Vs. the Meaning of Life. He is also a screenwriter and television and video game writer. Michael lives in Ottawa.

#### THE MOUSE AND THE EGG

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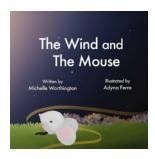
#### Michelle Worthington





15/02/21 | Daisy Lane Children's | BC JUV 013000 | 32pp | 19.5 x 12.8 cm | \$18.99

Baby Bird is coming. Mouse wants to help. Can she get used to the responsibility of babysitting before mama bird gets back?

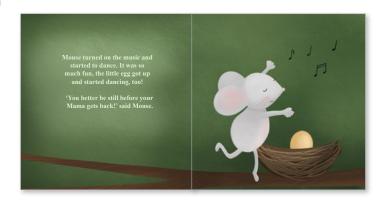


#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**

The Wind and the Mouse 9780648771807 \$18.99

## **SALES POINTS**

- Written by International award-winning author Michelle Worthington.
- The Mouse and The Egg is the second book in the Willing Kids Program which introduces children to friendship, kindness and responsibility.
- The story aims to promote mental health awareness through literacy, beginning with the pre-school market.
- Adyna Ferre has provided sensory-friendly animations on Youtube for children on the autism spectrum, narrated by Michelle for children to read along to.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Michelle Worthington is an international award-winning author and businesswoman based in Brisbane. Two-time winner of the International Book Award and finalist in the USA Best Book Awards, Michelle also received a Gellett Burgess Award and a Silver Moonbeam Award for her contribution to celebrating diversity in literature.

Michelle is also a real life book fairy. Her magic powers include turning coffee into award-winning books. As Founder of 'Share Your Story Australia', she waves her wand to coach aspiring authors and illustrators all over the world achieve their dreams of publication.

Michelle's first picture book with Daisy Lane Publishing, The Wind and The Mouse, is the first in a series of books for The Willing Kids Program which aims to help literacy by addressing mental health issues and to address mental health through literacy.

#### **FERGUS THE FLAMINGO**

Jess Bedford, Illustrated by Tess Dowling





01/02/21 | Playtime Books | BC | JUV039000 34pp | 21.6 x 28 cm | \$16.95

## **SALES POINTS**

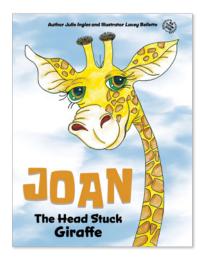
- Target audience of 3 to 8 years.
- Themes: self-discovery, identity, learning.
- The message of Fergus the Flamingo is that it's ok to be different and to not necessarily feel as though they fit in, and to remember to always be themselves.

Fergus the flamingo is a story about a flamingo that is unlike the rest of the flamingos. Fergus chooses to go against the crowd and likes to follow his heart. A quirky picture book about being who you are.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Jess Bedford is a Melbourne mum of three small children and, on the rare occasions that she has any spare time, she is a budding author. Jess is a youth worker currently working in the field of child protection and studying for a degree in social work.

#### JOAN THE HEAD STUCK GIRAFFE

Julie Ingles, Illustrated by Lacey Bellette





01/02/21 | Playtime Books | BC JUV002320 | 24pp | 21.6 x 28 cm | **\$16.95** 

## **SALES POINTS**

 Target audience of 3 to 8 years; Picture book following the adventures of a mischievous Giraffe.

Joan has the longest neck of any giraffe you will ever see! She lives in a big city zoo and is always getting her head stuck in places it shouldn't be. What will the zookeepers do to help Joan and find her somewhere safe to live?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Julie Ingles's background is in the travel and tourism industry. She has worked for Qantas, Cathay Pacific, Ansett and Traveland. Julie started her own tourism sales and marketing company which she successfully operated for 27 years. During this time, Julie wrote many stories, articles and editorials for magazines and travel related publications.

## SPLISH, SPLASH, AND SPLOSH

Chloe, Illustrated by Tess Dowling





01/02/21 | Playtime Books | BC JUV002070 | 34pp | 21.6 x 28 cm | \$16.95

## **SALES POINTS**

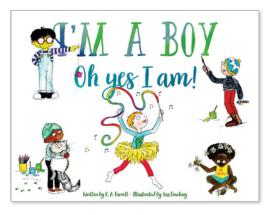
- Target audience of 3 to 8 years.
- Lovely rhyming picture book for animal lovers

Bindi and Tika just want to have fun splashing in puddles all day long! But Mother Princess wants them to take a bath. From adventures in the mud, to eventually taking a bath... Come with Bindi and Tika as they SPLISH, SPLASH, and SPLOSH their way through an exciting day with Mother Princess cleaning up after them every step of the way!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Chloe, from rural Victoria, splits her time between her studies and reading. Chloe believes in the importance of growing up around family, friends and loving pets, along with good stories that inspire a love of reading from a young age.

## I'M A BOY, OH YES I AM

K. A. Farrell, Illustrated by Tess Dowling





01/02/21 | Playtime Books | BC JUV005000 | 34pp | 22 x 15 cm | **\$16.95** 

## **SALES POINTS**

- Target audience of 3 to 8 years.
- Defies gender stereotypes and supports self discovery for young boys in early years.

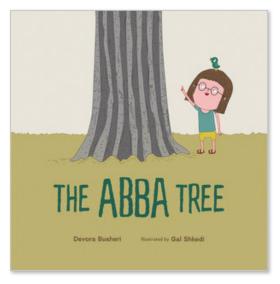
#### I am a boy. Oh yes I am. There's nothing I can't do. And everything I can.

Creativity, authenticity, self-love... this book encourages it all. From exploring play to expressing their feelings, I am a boy teaches our young people that it's normal for boys to adapt to their surroundings and discover who they are in any way they feel is natural. A staple book for your household minimizing stereotypes and supporting self discovery.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: K.A. Farrell is an Australian based children's author who grew up on the coast of Jervis Bay before moving to Melbourne. She is a mother and a former police officer who worked helping children to find their path in life. Farrell hopes to entertain her audience while empowering them with self love and enough awareness to build resilience and respect from a young age.

#### THE ABBA TREE

Devora Busheri, Illustrated by Gal Shkedi



#### **SALES POINTS**

- A story of the relationship between a girl and her dad within a story for Jewish Arbor Day, Tu B'Shevat Few stories about the early spring holiday Tu B'Shevat in the marketplace Fun, droll cartoon-ish illustrations
- A Tu B'Shevat story that's really about the relationship between a girl and her dad
- Author Biography, Full-Color Illustrations, Illustrator Biography



15/02/21 | Kar-Ben Publishing | BB JUV017090 | 24pp | 22.86 x 22.86 cm | **\$34.95** 

Hannah and Abba—Hebrew for "Dad"—are spending time together in nature on Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish Arbor Day. As Abba rests under a carob tree, Hannah declares that she wants to climb a tree.



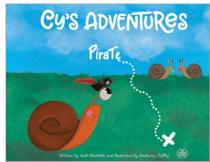
## ALSO AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK

BC | 9781541534759 | \$14.95

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Devora Busheri is a children's book writer, editor, and translator. She has authored and edited many books for various publication houses in Israel. Devora lives in Jerusalem with her husband and their four children. **ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:** Gal Shkedi is an animation director, illustrator and character designer based in Tel Aviv, Israel.

#### CY'S ADVENTURES: PIRATE

Jodi MacNish, Illustrated by Kimberley Coffey



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01/02/21 | Playtime Books | BC JUV002300 | 24pp | 28 x 21.6 cm | \$16.95

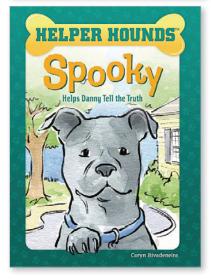
## **SALES POINTS**

Target audience of 3 to 8 years.

Cy loves to go on adventures! There's so much to see and so much to learn. I wonder where Cy will take us today?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Jodi MacNish grew up in Esperance WA and has always had a flare for words. This book brings her story of Cy, a one-eyed snail, to life.





#### **HELPER HOUNDS**

Red Chair Press | \$12.95 ea

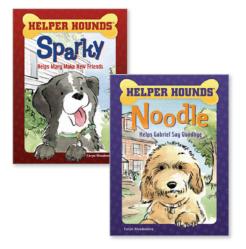
15/02/21 | BC | JUV002070 | 72pp | 13.97 x 19.05 cm Written by Caryn Rivadeneira, Illustrated by Priscilla Alpaugh

Title	ISBN
King Tut Helps Ming Stay Weird	9 781634 409193

Ming often gets teased for being "weird." His curious mind and wild imagination make him extra nervous for his school's upcoming lockdown drill after a deadly dance hall shooting. His teacher calls the Helper Hounds to help calm his nerves and King Tut comes to the rescue! King Tut knows all about being weird—she's been in some scary situations herself after being abandoned under a bridge as a puppy. King Tut helps Ming and his classmates through the lockdown drill. Discover how King Tut helps Ming and his friends see the beauty in being "weird."

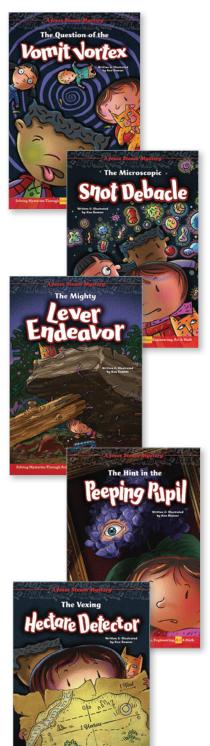
Title	ISBN
Spooky Helps Danny Tell the Truth	9 781634 409209

Danny is scared to tell the truth. After he saw someone steal some bikes, now he has to see that person in court and tell what he did. To help calm Danny's fears on the big day, his parents call the Helper Hounds—and there's no better pup for the job than Spooky. Spooky was involved in a crime herself—she lost her leg after being shot by a police officer who thought she was dangerous. Will Spooky's best calming tricks give Danny the courage to tell the truth in court?



OTHERS IN THE SERIES		
Noodle Helps Gabriel Say Goodbye	9 781634 409186	
Penny Helps Portia Face Her Fears	9 781634 407786	
Robot Helps Max and Lily Deal with Bullies	9 78 16 34 40 77 93	
Sparky Helps Mary Make Friends	9 781634 407779	

**ABOUT THE SERIES:** An early chapter book series about specially trained emotional support dogs who help the kids who need them most. Meet these uncommon heroes with wet noses and big hearts. These stories are told from the point-of-view of the helper hound so that young readers can easily relate to the story. Each book centers around a different emotional support dog, and how the dog helps kids process emotional experiences and overcome obstacles. The helper hounds are here to assist kids dealing with bullying, grief, making new friends, and facing their fears!



#### JESSE STEAM MYSTERIES

Red Chair Press | \$16.95 ea

15/02/21 | BC | JUV028000 | 64pp | 15.24 x 22.86 cm Written by Ken Bowser, Illustrated by Ken Bowser

Ten-year-old Jesse Steam's curiosity about how the world works leads her to one mystery after another as she pedals around town with Mr. Stubbs, her tabby cat, keeping her company in the bike basket. Using simple scientific tools and their powers of observation, Jesse and her friends analyze, test hypotheses, and conduct experiments. If the kids get stuck, they know they can count on Professor Peach, a retired science educator, to step in with a clear explanation. In this series focuses on one STEAM subject including science, technology, engineering, the arts, or math. Each book also features a culminating hands-on makerspace activity to help kids solve their own STEAM-based questions!

Title	ISBN
The Hint in the Peeping Pupil	9 781643 710198
The Microscopic Snot Debacle	9 781643 710075
The Mighty Lever Endeavor	9 78 16 43 7 10 13 6
The Question of the Vomit Vortex	9 781643 710013
The Vexing Hectare Detector	9 781643 710259

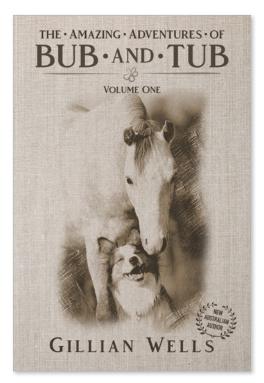
OTHERS IN THE SERIES		
The Case of the Clicking Clock	9 781634 409469	
The Clue in the Painted Pattern	9 781634 409520	
The Conundrum of the Crooked Crayon	9 781634 409346	
The Riddle of the Spinning Sycamore Seed	9 781634 409407	
The Secret in the Jelly Bean Jar	9 781634 409582	

**ABOUT THE PUBLISHER:** Red Chair Press books support a child's character development, social-emotional development, and academic development. Our fiction and nonfiction books are created to inspire children to be the best they can be, to be positive contributors to their communities, to build a foundation for good decision-making for a lifetime, and to have fun while learning. Established in 2009, Red Chair Press has grown from producing early leveled readers to a full line of fiction and nonfiction titles spanning ages 4 to 12 (*PK* to grade 5).

#### THE ADVENTURES OF BUB & TUB

#### **VOLUME ONE**

Gillian Wells, Illustrated by Craig Childs





01/02/21 | Shawline Publishing Group | BC JUV001000 | 105pp | 22 x 15 cm | \$19.95

#### **SALES POINTS**

- Chapter book aimed at 6 to 12 year olds; easy to read.
- Lively chapter illustrations enhance visual responses and literacy.
- Charming friendship story for animal lovers.

Bub & Tub's adventures are fun, exciting, and easy to enjoy. Tub is a small, rather naughty, black and white dog and his best mate is a grey pony called Bub. They both like exploring and get into all sorts of scrapes. There are other animals too like: Mr Roo, the Kookaburra family, and other dogs.

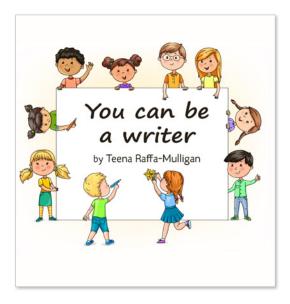
Emily, whom they belong too, loves them and they her. They all look out for each other, but Emily has the idea that she looks after them (even though it's the other way round). Emily's animals all talk to each other, but their humans don't understand them. The outback around them is their playground; From swimming in the creek, to making up a circus, to getting lost and found, their adventures are many and varied. Come along for an experience you will savour, as animals show humans how to be the best they can beespecially when they are not looking...

"A wonderful array of fresh, fun filled tales by a talented author who has a passion for storytelling and an obvious love of animals... each has a personality that shines through... thoroughly recommend this for all ages..." - Patricia, IndieBooks Reviewer

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Gillian Wells lives in southeast Queensland on a rural property with her dog Jess. She enjoys gardening, cooking, horse riding and many other interests though she loves writing above all. She has travelled many parts of Australia, meeting people and hearing their stories. She finds the wide open spaces of the Outback awe inspiring and this is reflected in these wonderful children stories.

#### YOU CAN BE A WRITER

#### Teena Raffa-Mulligan





15/01/21 | Sea Song Publications | BC JNF029010 | 34pp | 20.5 x 20.5 cm \$14.99

## **SALES POINTS**

- Picture book taking primary aged children through the writing process.
- Inspired by established writer Teena Raffa-Mulligan's school based workshops.

You Can Be A Writer takes early primary age children on a story writing adventure. Imagination is their passport and they can go anywhere, be anyone and do anything in their stories.

Based around the multi-published author's successful group presentations in schools and libraries over many years, it is presented in a reader friendly conversational style with accompanying cartoon-style illustrations.

Starting with where ideas can come from, they are taken through a simple process of choosing characters, deciding where they can live, when their story might take place and what could happen to them.

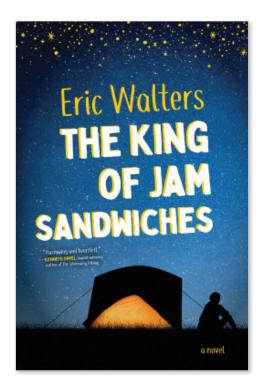
By following the simple instructions and completing the worksheets, readers will have their own story to share.



**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Teena Raffa-Mulligan has been having fun with words for as long as she can remember. She discovered the wonderful world of storytelling as a child and decided to become a writer at an early age. Teena is the author of more than 20 books for children and many of her short stories and poems have appeared in magazines and anthologies. Teena is an experienced presenter whose author talks and workshops focus on inspiring and encouraging children to write their own stories.

#### THE KING OF JAM SANDWICHES

#### **Eric Walters**





15/02/21 | Orca Book Publishers | BC JUV039070 | 320pp | 19.05 x 12.7 cm \$24.95

"Robert's narration unfolds with wry, self-deprecating humor, showcasing his stoic patience... and masterful achievements." -Kirkus Reviews

"A superb middle grade novel that focuses on the effects of poverty and mental illness on children and their families. Not only is it a realistic portrayal, but its being written in a nonjudgmental and compassionate way allows children to better understand a very serious topic. Highly Recommended."

-Canadian Review of Materials

## **SALES POINTS**

- Examines the effects of mental illness, poverty and parental neglect.
- Themes: mental illness, self-reliance, foster care, poverty, coming of age.
- This is a very personal story for author Eric Walters, informed by his own experience.
- Eric Walters is an avid presenter and makes hundreds of school visits each year.
- Extensive ARC distribution, including NetGalley.

Thirteen-year-old Robbie leads a double life. It's just Robbie and his dad, but no one knows that his dad isn't like most parents. Sometimes he wakes Robbie up in the middle of the night to talk about dying. Sometimes he just leaves without telling Robbie where he's going. Once when Robbie was younger, he was gone for more than a week. Robbie was terrified of being left alone but even more scared of telling anyone in case he was put into foster care. No one can know. Until one day when Robbie has to show the tough new girl, Harmony, around school. Their first meeting ends horribly and she punches Robbie in the face. But eventually they come to realize that they have a lot more in common than they thought. Can his new friend be trusted to keep his secret?

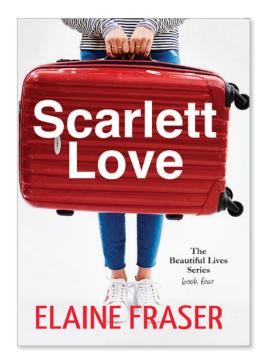
> "Tugs at the heartstrings and tickles the funny bone...This warm tale is definitely one for the keeper shelves. Highly recommended."

-School Library Journal, starred review

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Eric Walters began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario.

#### **SCARLETT LOVE**

#### Elaine Fraser







30/01/21 | Beautiful Books | BC YAF051110 | 270pp | 13 x 19 cm \$16.95







#### OTHERS IN THE SERIES

Perfect Mercy | BC | 9780980780222

Love, Justice | BC | 9780980780253

Amazing Grace | BC | 9780980780277

## **SALES POINTS**

- · Contemporary young adult book.
- Diverse representations such as sexual orientation, racial diversity, cultural diversity, religious diversity, and mental health issues.
- Notes available for readers/teachers.
- Release will be promoted on radio, online, and inperson.
- Book Four in the Beautiful Lives series. Book Five to be released May 2021.
- If you enjoy stories with a spiritual edge and characters who wrestle with real-life issues, you'll love Scarlett Love.

An LA fashion influencer with a secret mission, a girl who doesn't speak, and an unlikely friendship.

Scarlett wants an adventure. When she agrees to go to Australia on a secret mission, she has no idea she'll become the target of an online journalist. Jaya wants to help Scarlett, but she hasn't spoken for four years and has her own secrets.

When they join forces to expose a bullying gossip writer, will they find more in common than they ever imagined? When their secrets threaten to thrust Jaya into the limelight, she is pushed to the edge. If she can't be heard, then why be here at all? Can Scarlett save Jaya and complete her mission?

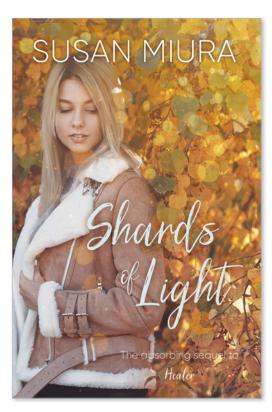
If you enjoy stories with a spiritual edge and characters who wrestle with real-life issues, you'll love the latest instalment in Elaine Fraser's *Beautiful Lives* Series.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Elaine was a high school English teacher who took the plunge and began writing full-time. Since then, she has published six books–inspirational non-fiction and fiction–and blogs at Elaine Fraser and several other sites. Elaine's passion is to write contemporary books that are honest, concerned with real lives and real issues, with a spiritual edge.

#### SHARDS OF LIGHT

Healer #2

Susan Miura





11/01/21 | Rhiza Edge | BC | YAF051060 280pp | 20.3 x 13.3 cm | \$22.99



#### ALSO AVAILABLE

Healer (Healer #1) 9781761110207 \$22.99

#### **SALES POINTS**

- · Christian Young Adult Fantasy.
- Easy to Read.
- Recommended for ages 15+.
- A fictional tale that highlights the value of healing.
- Australian edition of Award-winning US title from Vinspire Publishing.

Ice crystalizes around Shilo's heart, threatening to plunge her into darkness as she's gripped by evil. And it is only Week Two of her summer-long exile to Sicily. But Shilo will face the evil, and the torment of missing Kenji, because the reason she crossed an ocean is worth that and more. Nonna Marie, her great-grandmother. The one who set their family tree on fire.

Years ago, she received The Gift – a miraculous, divine power to heal. The same power bestowed upon Shilo just before her seventeenth birthday. Becoming a Healer has already led to danger and heartache, but it is nothing compared to what lies ahead. High on Mt. Etna, in a centuries-old convent, Shilo will discover the horrors of human trafficking, heroic feats propelled by courage and faith, and the unbearable pain of another loss.

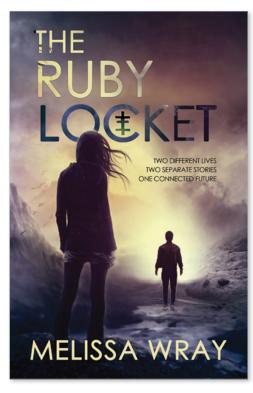
On a ballet stage halfway around the world, Melody grand jetés into a life-changing moment. But after years of strenuous preparation, something goes terribly wrong. When she regains consciousness, her ballet dreams lie shattered, piercing Melody with shards of hopelessness. What is life without ballet? And how will she survive this ordeal without Shilo?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Susan is an author, speaker, public relations professional and book reviewer. She grew up in a Chicago suburb and graduated from NIU with a degree in journalism, then became a newspaper reporter before moving to New Mexico. Living in Albuquerque, she landed a job with KOB-TV and worked as a television reporter for a couple of years before returning to Illinois. The author of three young adult novels and one children's wildlife book, Susan also has several short stories published in anthologies. She is president of the American Christian Fiction Writers Chicago Chapter, a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and a member of Willow Creek Community Church. She loves to travel, especially with her family, and enjoys photography, hiking, boating, snorkeling and diving, cooking, baking, and reading.

#### THE RUBY LOCKET

DROP IN TITLE

Melissa Wray





20/10/20 | Odyssey Books | BC FIC055000 | 300pp | 21.6 x 14 cm \$26.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- The Ruby Locket will appeal to a wide range of readers from pre-teen to adults.
- The target audience is 12 years and up.
- Alternating POVs and fast-paced story.
- An ideal read for even the most reluctant of readers as each chapter is short and direct, telling only enough information and backstory for that scene.
- For readers who enjoy world-building with a dystopian theme that is relatable and realistic.

When Saxon finds a girl with no memory on the outskirts of the Nevertyre community, his family take her in and nurse her back to health. He is wary of this stranger but compelled to learn more about her. He soon realises the danger they all face.

When Kerina wakes she must fight to make sense of her situation, but she is haunted by images of her past. She is the key to the future, she just doesn't know it yet. To find answers, Kerina and Saxon must work together. They set off on a quest of self-discovery. Along the way they meet allies and enemies, and uncover truths too difficult to accept. Both must leave the past behind and find a way toward their future.

Kerina and Saxon. Two different stories. Two separate lives. One connected future.

"The author has penned down the novel in extremely heart touching and simple language which can be read by all and not making the language unwantingly complex."

-Goodreads reader review

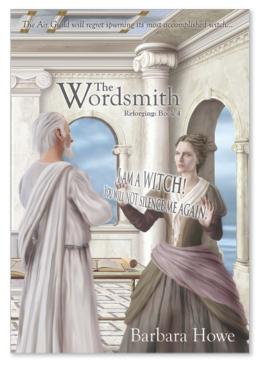
**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Melissa lives on the Bellarine Peninsula with her husband and two children. She enjoys walks along the beach to recharge the soul. As a teacher, Melissa is passionate about education, in particular literacy, and believes the ability to read and write gives power to change. She looks forward to sharing more of her writing in the future.

#### THE WORDSMITH

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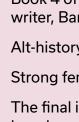
Reforging #4

#### Barbara Howe





15/02/21 | IFWG Publishing Australia | BC YAF019040 | 316pp | 22.9 x 15.2 cm \$34.95



#### **SALES POINTS**

- Book 4 of a well-received series by New Zealand writer, Barbara Howe.
- Alt-history, epic fantasy young adult novel.
- · Strong female characters.
- The final instalment of the series, The Forge, will also be released in 2021.
- The wonderful cover art is by British artist Catherine Archer-Wills.

Irene van Gelder's drudge job is killing her, but how can she earn a living as an air witch when her own guild calls her a fraud? The Fire Warlock doesn't ask for her credentials, but with tensions rising between the Fire and Air Guilds, proving her value to him is not a safe move. With the White Duchess and her son intent on revenge, what defences can a failure as an air witch muster? All she has is words. Will that be enough to save herself, and Frankland?







#### **OTHERS IN THE SERIES**

The Locksmith # 1 9781925496284 | \$29.95

Engine of Lies # 2 9781925496925 | \$30.95

The Blacksmith #3 9781925759969 | \$31.95

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Barbara Howe lives on the third rock from the sun, while her imagination travels the universe and beyond. Born in the North Carolina, she spent most of her adult life in New Jersey, working in the software industry, on projects ranging from low-level kernel ports to multimillion-dollar financial applications. She moved to New Zealand in 2009, gained dual citizenship, and now works as a software developer in the movie industry. She lives in Wellington, in a house overflowing with books and jigsaw puzzles, and wishes she had more time to spend universe hopping.

#### **SILENT SORROW**

The Book of Remezov #1

#### Russell Kirkpatrick





01/02/21 | IFWG Publishing Australia | BC FIC009020 | 478pp | 22.8 x 15.3 cm \$45.95

"Russell has a wonderful record in fantasy literature and his newest manuscript blew our team away for its originality. Kirkpatrick's work is a great inclusion for our [list]... that we have long sought for."

—Gerry Huntman, Publisher, IFWG

## **SALES POINTS**

- · Epic fantasy novel.
- Canberra-based author is a well known and respected fantasy genre writer, including his critically acclaimed Fire of Heaven trilogy, and Broken Man/Husk trilogy.
- Across the Face of the World was the biggest selling debut fantasy in the United States in 2008.
- Kirkpatrick won the Julius Vogel award in 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- Keywords: epic fantasy, high fantasy, world building, geography, mapmaking, maps.

Brilliant and ambitious, Remezov is already recognised as the best earthquake predictor in the business. He travels to the ancient city of Hanemark to be received into the powerful Guild of Geographers, the youngest inductee in decades.

On the way he finds a dead scientist's diary, warning of an imminent invasion. Nonsense, of course—except the diary explains otherwise puzzling occurrences. Does he surrender it to the Guild, risking accusations he killed the scientist and stole the diary—all for an invasion that may never come—or does he keep it and use it to make his name? He has to decide soon, because he's being hunted by something leaving a trail of mutilated bodies across the city.

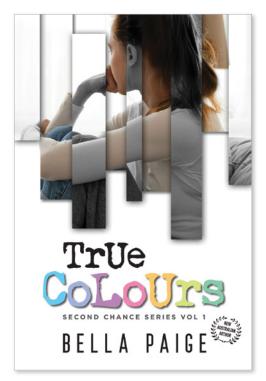
The lizards are coming...

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Russell Kirkpatrick is an award-winning, best-selling author of both epic fantasy books and thematic atlases. His first novel was the biggest-selling debut fantasy of 2008 in the USA, and his fiction has won three Sir Julius Vogel awards. Atlases he's worked on have twice been finalists in New Zealand's Montana Book Awards. He's still a university lecturer, despite having tried to retire at least twice. Although he lives in Canberra, Australia with Kylie and Rogue (one of whom is a dachshund), he is most definitely a New Zealander. His biggest claim to fame is that he has the most wonderful group of friends in the world.

#### TRUE COLOURS

The Second Chance Series

Bella Paige





01/02/21 | Shawline Publishing Group BC | FIC050000 | 340pp | 22.9 x 15.6 cm \$24.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- An exciting new Australian Author.
- True Colours is the first instalment in the Second Chance Series.
- Themes: Family, homelessness, identity, upbringing.

Even though someone may smile, it doesn't mean their world isn't crashing down around them.

Ariel's life was in a rut as she lived a privileged life with everything a person could ask for: wealth, a loving family, great friends and even a fulfilling job. But something was missina.

Then she found an old, abandoned recreation centre where five homeless children seemed to survive alone. They came into her life and changed it forever. Ariel learns that family doesn't always share the same DNA. The bonds of family are created by getting through the tough times together and protecting the people that you're willing to fight for.

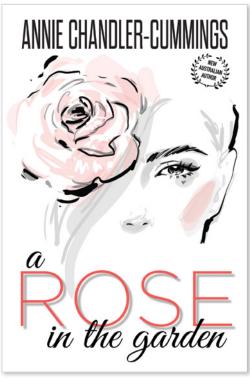
Noah, home from Afghanistan after being severely injured, gets a chance to reconnect with his daughter, Emma. He meets Ariel, who has raised his daughter while he had been away at war. A friendship formed of many letters during the years Noah was away, creates a connection between Ariel and Noah that grows stronger; Their passion to help the children brings them even closer together.

The Second Chance estate is designed to house and protect any homeless, abused and or neglected child. Not every child has a great first start in life, but it doesn't have to define them...

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Bella Paige was born and raised in the South Burnett in Queensland, and now lives on the Gold Coast. She has been writing since she was sixteen but didn't get serious about her novel writing until she was 21, when it turned from a hobby into a passion. She loves creating different worlds and environments, creating new characters and storylines.

#### A ROSE IN THE GARDEN

**Annie Chandler-Cummings** 





01/02/21 | Shawline Publishing Group | BC FIC027000 | 225pp | 22.9 x 15.2 cm \$22.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- An emerging Australian Author.
- Whimsical later-years romance set on a cruise holiday.
- Diverse character representations, including people with disabilities.

Just when Rose is accepting romance into her life again, someone from her past arrives to turn her world upside down. Rose, a young widow, is given a cruise holiday by her family for her 50th birthday—accompanied by her friend, Linda.

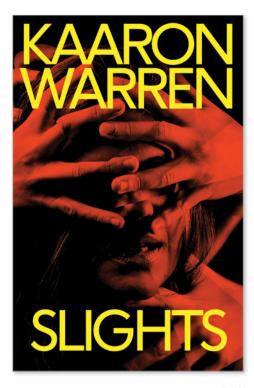
One night, over dinner, Rose and Linda meet the cruise ship captain's father, Leon Gardner. Linda and Rose 'adopt' Leon, often taking him on their excursions and dine with him each evening for enjoyable conversation and laughter. Richard Gardner, the captain, upon being introduced to Rose becomes smitten. As he walks the decks one night, he saves Rose from falling into the pool...and from then on, they see each other often. Yet, Rose also has feelings for another male passenger on the ship, Abe Shah, who she also believes holds a connection to her late husband. Captain Richard Gardner's feelings for Rose become complicated as his daughter, Dayna, is very protective of both her father and her son, who has autism, and becomes jealous of the relationship Rose has with both of them...

Would Rose forfeit a new love for something that may not even exist...Or does the future hold for her a chance at true happiness...?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Annie Chandler-Cummings has always been a writer, but it took until she was 60 to publish her first novel. She is semi-retired from teaching students with special needs and lives with her partner-in-crime, Grant, and their dog, Missy, in a beachside suburb north of Perth.Annie loves to travel, especially on cruises, and it's where she finds inspiration for her writing, which is generally in the romance genre. Annie is a mother of three wonderful children, and has three beautiful grandchildren.

## **SLIGHTS**

#### Kaaron Warren





08/02/21 | IFWG Publishing Australia | BC FIC015000 | 300pp | 21.59 x 21.59 cm \$32.95

## **SALES POINTS**

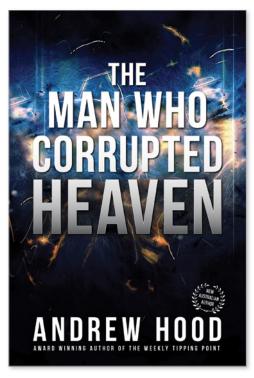
- A reissue of Slights, Warren's debut novel, which has attained a cult status.
- Author Kaaron Warren has a large fan base in the horror-reading world.
- Slights was listed on Book Riot's '20 Must-Read Horror Books You've Never Heard Of'.
- This novel is psychological profile of a deeply disturbed woman and is visceral in its stylesomething the horror, and psychological horror readers want.
- A visceral and heavily character-driven book.

When Stevie Searle almost dies in the accident that kills her mother, she doesn't see a shining path or a golden light. Instead, she sees everyone she's ever slighted, waiting to take a piece of her in a cold, dark room. The person whose place she took in the gueue, the schoolmate she cheated off, the bus driver she didn't pay? All waiting. All wanting to take their revenge when she finally crosses over. Stevie is fascinated by the dark room so she sends herself there again. And again. And Again.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Shirley Jackson award-winner Kaaron Warren published her first short story in 1993 and has had fiction in print every year since. She was recently given the Peter McNamara Lifetime Achievement Award and was Guest of Honour at World Fantasy 2018, Stokercon 2019 and Geysercon 2019. Kaaron was a Fellow at the Museum for Australian Democracy, where she researched prime ministers, artists and serial killers. She's judged the World Fantasy Awards and the Shirley Jackson Awards. She has published five multi-award winning novels (Slights, Walking the Tree, Mistification, The Grief Hole and Tide of Stone) and seven short story collections, including the multi-award winning Through Splintered Walls. She has won the ACT Writers and Publishers Award four times and twice been awarded the Canberra Critics Circle Award for Fiction. Her most recent novella, Into Bones Like Oil (Meerkat Press), was shortlisted for a Shirley Jackson Award and the Bram Stoker Award, winning the Aurealis Award.

#### THE MAN WHO CORRUPTED HEAVEN

#### **Andrew Hood**





18/01/21 | Shawline Publishing Group | BC FIC000000 | 190pp | 22.9 x 15.24 cm \$22.95

"Robert's narration unfolds with wry, self-deprecating humor, showcasing his stoic patience... and masterful achievements." —Goodreads reader review

#### **SALES POINTS**

- Andrew Hood, award-winning Australian writer has released a breakout novel to rave reader reviews.
- Follows the death of a man, Isaac McGlynn, who gets to see his life flashed before his eyes as he crosses from this life, to the next.
- Media and promotion will be high as of November 2020.
- A sequel, The Man Who Settled the Score, is due for release in 2021.

Isaac is cold, unfeeling, and wildly successful. After experiencing the loss of his mother and living his childhood in an orphanage, he gained everything as a businessman. Everything but emotion.

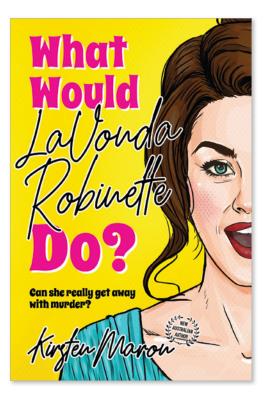
When Isaac is diagnosed with terminal cancer and realizes that his time on Earth is severely limited, he decides to take some of his money with him rather than leaving it all to John Hannebury (his best friend and business partner) or Susan Mitchell (his personal assistant and only other friend). He wants his position of power to continue on the other side.

In heaven, Isaac is given the chance to revisit pivotal moments in his life and see them through a different perspective. He visits the present and finds his friends miserable and nearly dysfunctional without him. Will Isaac finally come around and understand what love is through a final act of self-sacrifice?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Award-winning Australian writer of the *The Weekly Tipping Point* blog, Andrew Hood, has released his breakout novel *The Man Who Corrupted Heaven*. When asked what sparked the move from blogger to author, Hood replied "I wanted to tell bigger stories and help more people. With a book, I can do that on a much bigger scale than just telling small anecdotal stories about my battles with work, family life and mental health. I can take on the big issues of life, through the stories of my characters, without mining so much of my own life in the process". His blog was voted 39 in the Top 101 Best and Most Inspiring Personal Development Blogs of 2016. Andrew lives in Sydney with his family.

#### WHAT WOULD LAVONDA ROBINETTE DO?

#### Kirsten Maron





18/01/21 | Shawline Publishing Group | BC FIC000000 | 250pp | 22.9 x 15.24 cm \$22.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- Unconventional thriller about getting away with murder.
- New Australian author of this exciting series with good support for media and promotion on and offline.
- Interest has been strong on the previous edition release with Goodreads reviews.
- Sequel What LaVonda Robinette Did Next coming in 2021.

#### Can she really get away with murder?

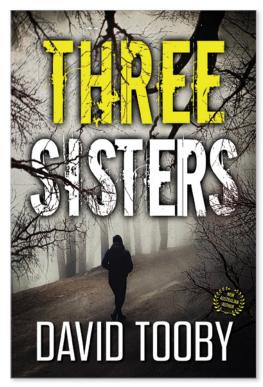
LaVonda Robinette likes to take charge, and yes, she can be a little bossy, because sometimes that is the only way to get things done. But lately, LaVonda's life is spinning out of her control: Her husband of twenty-five years walks out, she has a horrible run-in with a colleague, and to make matters worse, she experiences her first hot flush in a crowded supermarket. On her birthday. It is enough to drive a person to murder.

After her colleague is accidentally, but conveniently killed, LaVonda is left in a bit of a state. The appropriate thing to do would be to confess and accept her punishment. And she will. But maybe she could put right a few wrongs first? Not everything is as straight-forward as LaVonda would like though and bumping people off is proving to be rather tricky. Does she have what it takes? Will her newfound interest put herself, and her family, in danger?

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Kirsten Maron writes fiction and What Would LaVonda Robinette Do? is her second book. Kirsten has been creating stories since she first learned to write, and won her first literary award at the age of six with a cunning retelling of Maurice Sendak's Where The Wild Things Are. The frustrations of middle-age provided Kirsten with the authorial fuel for writing her second book, but of course, unlike LaVonda, she would never actually murder anyone. Kirsten lives in rural NSW with her husband and several bossy kangaroos. She currently is working on her third novel: a sequel called What LaVonda Robinette Did Next is due in 2021.

#### THREE SISTERS

#### **David Tooby**





01/02/21 | Shawline Publishing Group | BC FIC050000 | 220pp | 21.6 x 28 cm \$22.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- An exciting new thriller by an emerging new Australian author.
- Author lived in Perth for many years, and is now located in the North Coast of NSW.
- A complex thriller about identity, loss, grief, and survival.

The scream carried on the wind, long and shrill... Then came a second scream, this time longer, louder and no doubting the terror behind it...

In *Three Sisters*, Australian author, David Tooby, explores the causes and consequences of human difference: the different backgrounds, different opportunities, and different journeys that shape people and make them who they are.

Set in an idyllic North Coast town of New South Wales, Jim, a complex man who lost his wife and is now consumed by grief, and Bonny, a young mother who has suffered a similar devastating loss and is left isolated by her fear. Jim manages to claw himself back from the brink of suicide. But will he ever find purpose again? Bonny is inured to violence, but never has she met a man as unpredictable and brutish as one she joins for a mid-week party on an isolated beach north of town.

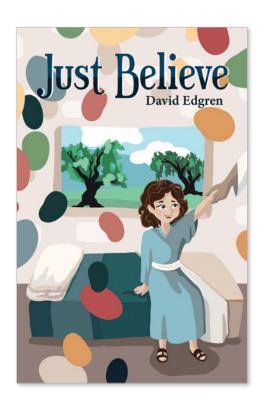
Their lives are thrust together when Bonny is assaulted, and Jim is compelled to intervene. And for those that survive, things will never be the same again...

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** David Tooby was born in Scotland in 1964 and migrated to Perth in 1971. David started writing later in life owing to undiagnosed childhood dyslexia. He left Perth to study landscape architecture and urban design in the eastern states in 1983. Following university graduation and a period of travelling and working in various design practices in Australia and overseas, he and his wife settled on the North Coast of NSW. David has four adult children and has been a director of a successful design consultancy practice for over 20 years.

#### **JUST BELIEVE**

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#### David Edgren, Illustrated by Maryellen Fairfax





01/02/21 | Signs Publishing | BC JNF049150 | 76pp | 22.9 x 15.2 cm \$12.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- A favourite Bible story creatively re-told, bringing together a number of stories about Jesus.
- Written for early readers, aged 6 to 10, or for exploring together as a family, with questions to prompt conversations about each chapter.
- Simple illustrations in each chapter.

Talitha has been sick for a long time. She hears about the miracles Jesus is doing, but her Papa, Jairus, is not sure that they should ask him for help. After all, Jesus seems to be a Sabbath-breaker! Will Papa learn to trust Jesus in time to save Talitha's life? David Edgren's retelling of the resurrection of Jairus' daughter is sure to capture the imagination. Written especially for early independent readers, this book explores themes such as faith in Jesus and the purpose of the Sabbath in a way that appeals to the heart. It is also perfect for family worship, with discussion questions at the end of the book.



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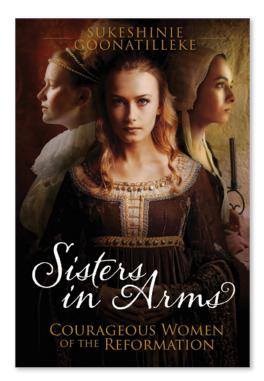
best friend Josh lives next door He came to see me every day when ck. Usually he would stop by in the morning on his way to school and again on his way home. On the weekend, he would day. Mama and Papa were best friends with Josh's parents. One morning, we ate breakfast together.

Josh and his parents had come to our house and I was feeling well enough to join in. We all sat at the table.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** David Edgren is a storyteller, author and chaplain in Melbourne, Australia. He is passionate about sharing stories that build faith and values and has done so at churches, camps and schools around Australia, New Zealand and beyond. He is author of the "Adventures in the Bible" series and other books for children and young people. Feel free to check out his website at davedgren.com where you can read more of his stories!

## SISTERS IN ARMS: COURAGEOUS WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION

Sukeshinie Goonatilleke





01/02/21 | Signs Publishing | BC REL116000 | 208pp | 22.86 x 22.86 cm \$24.95

## **SALES POINTS**

- True stories of eight of leading women of the Reformation, told in long-form narrative format.
- A different perspective on this formative period of Christian history.
- Presents a legacy of strong and faithful female Christian leaders.

The Reformation was led by men like Luther, Calvin and Zwingli who revolutionised their world and ours. But there were also many remarkable women who defied social biases and traditions with a dauntless commitment to God's Word.

These are the true stories of eight of these women: follow Katharina von Bora as she escapes from a convent to start a revolutionary new life; flee Paris with Charlotte Duplessis de Mornay, who wrote an eyewitness account of the gruesome St Bartholomew's Day massacre; and learn about the new faith with Queen Katherine Parr, the only one of Henry VIII's wives to survive him.

These women were heads of state, writers, activists, poets and scholars but they were also very human, with their own loves, fears, heartbreaks and temptations. When we are called to stand for our faith, we can be inspired by their legacy.

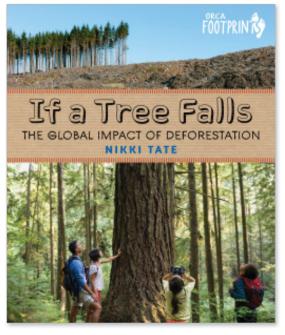
**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Sukeshinie Goonatilleke loves a good story and has been telling them as far back as she can remember. Her first article was published in Insight magazine in 1998 and she regularly contributed articles to the magazine for many years after. She spent a number of years directing and producing children's and youth theatre and worked as a drama teacher in her native country of Sri Lanka. She and her husband moved to Australia in 2006.

She currently writes and curates web content for Lineage Journey and is a freelance script writer for The Incredible Journey, which are both Christian media ministries. When she isn't researching or writing, Sukeshinie is homeschooling her children or curled up in a corner with a good book. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Melbourne, Australia.

#### IF A TREE FALLS THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF DEFORESTATION

**Orca Footprints** 

Nikki Tate





15/02/21 | Orca Book Publishers | BB JNF037040 | 48pp | 24.13 x 20.32 cm \$38.95

#### **SALES POINTS**

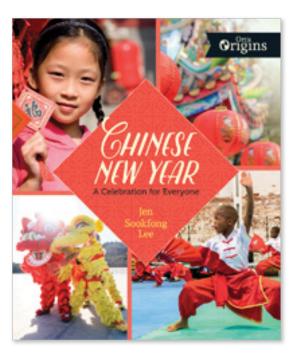
- From the burning of the Amazon to the clear-cutting of old-growth trees in Western Canada, deforestation is making news around the world.
- The author fought to protect old-growth forests in British Columbia more than 20 years ago.
- This year the (UN) International Day of Forests is being celebrated on March 21, 2021.

Every day more of the world's forests disappear. Trees are cleared for agriculture, lost in wildfires and harvested for the valuable products they supply. Called the lungs of the planet, forests play a critical role in climate moderation. What happens when they're gone? Are replanting and afforestation efforts helping? In If A Tree Falls: The Global Impact of Deforestation, author Nikki Tate provides an accessible and balanced look at forest practices through history, the growth of industry and the fight for preservation. Global deforestation affects us all. Find out what you can do to protect forests today and keep them healthy for future generations.

OTHERS IN THE SERIES - BB \$34.95, BC \$22.95			
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Brilliant   BC	9 <sup>  </sup> 781459 <sup> </sup> 812147	Let's Eat   BB	9 781459 809390
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What's The Buzz   BB	9 781459 809604		

#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

Festival Origins
Jen Sookfong Lee





25/02/21 | Orca Book Publishers | BC JNF026080 | 88pp | 24.13 x 17.78 cm \$24.95

#### **SALES POINTS**

- Chinese New Year is Feb. 12, 2021
- Offers a look at the origins, history and evolution of this dynamic holiday and includes recipes for traditional foods eaten at Chinese New Year.
- Released in 2017, it is now available for the first time in paperback. It was recognized as a CCBC Best Book in 2018.

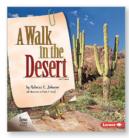
From its beginnings as a farming celebration marking the end of winter to its current role as a global party featuring good food, lots of gifts and public parades, *Chinese New Year* is a snapshot of Chinese culture. Award-winning author and broadcaster Jen Sookfong Lee recalls her childhood in Vancouver and weaves family stories into the history, traditions and evolution of *Chinese New Year*. Lavishly illustrated with color photographs throughout.

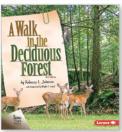
"With cozy memories of her own childhood celebrations, Chinese-Canadian Lee successfully sets the tone—the text provides information, but it also acknowledges the very personal aspects of holidays and traditions...Lee capably conveys the diverse, dynamic nature of this holiday, from past to present to future. A thoughtful, thorough reference."

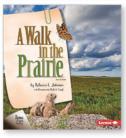
-Kirkus Reviews

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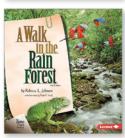
**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Jen Sookfong Lee was born and raised on Vancouver's East Side, and she now lives with her son in North Burnaby. Her books include *The Conjoined*, nominated for the International Dublin Literary Award and a finalist for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize; *The Better Mother*, a finalist for the City of Vancouver Book Award; *The End of East; Gentlemen of the Shade; Chinese New Year* and *The Animals of Chinese New Year*. Jen edits fiction for Wolsak & Wynn and co-hosts the literary podcast Can't Lit.

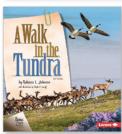












#### **BIOMES OF NORTH AMERICA SECOND EDITIONS**

Lerner Publications | \$22.95 ea

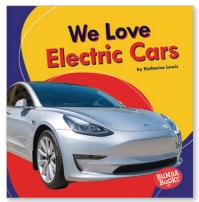
15/02/21 | BC | JNF051100 | 48pp | 21.59 x 22.86 cm Written by Rebecca L. Johnson, Illustrated by Phyllis V. Saroff

The interdependence of plant and animal species comes alive in these immersive looks at North American biomes. Descriptive text engages the senses as it takes readers through each habitat. Scientifically accurate illustrations and striking photos add to the you-are-there approach.

Title	ISBN
A Walk in the Boreal Forest, 2nd Edition	9 781728 429229
A Walk in the Deciduous Forest, 2nd Edition	9 781728 429168
A Walk in the Desert, 2nd Edition	9 781728 429144
A Walk in the Prairie, 2nd Edition	9 781728 429199
A Walk in the Tundra, 2nd Edition	9 781728 429281
Walk in the Rain Forest, 2nd Edition	9"781728"429250



ABOUT THE CREATORS Rebecca L. Johnson writes award-winning nonfiction for children and young adults about scientific discoveries and the scientists who make them. She hopes her books will inspire new generations of scientists by introducing readers to some of the remarkable species with whom we share the planet. Learn more at www.rebeccajohnsonbooks.com. Phyllis Saroff is a freelance illustrator located in Annapolis, Maryland. Her illustrations have been used in books and magazines for children, and her scientific illustrations appear on displays in wildlife management areas across the country. Phyllis also paints fine art and portraiture.

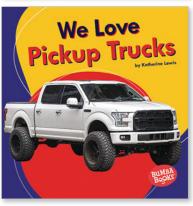


### BUMBA BOOKS — WE LOVE CARS AND TRUCKS

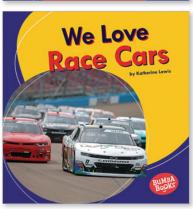
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15/02/21 | BC | JNF057030 | 24pp | 22.23 x 22.86 cm Written by Katherine Lewis

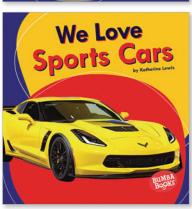
Vehicle fans will love learning about the special parts of their favorite vehicles, from the many different kinds of race cars to the strength and power of a pickup truck.



Title	ISBN
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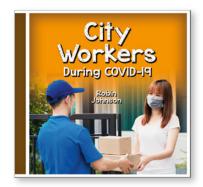


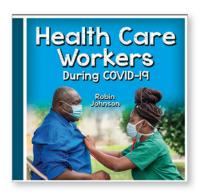




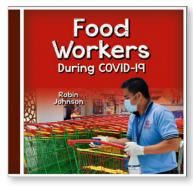


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### **COMMUNITY HELPERS DURING COVID-19**

Crabtree Publishing Company | \$14.95 ea

15/02/21 | BC | JNF024020 | 24pp | 22.86 x 22.86 cm Written by Robin Johnson

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a huge challenge for our communities. We have all relied on community helpers to help us keep safe and have our needs met. The jobs they do have always been essential, but COVID-19 made them more difficult to do. From health care professionals to food delivery people, find out how community workers have had to adapt to new circumstances to do their jobs during the pandemic—and why we owe them our gratitude. Free downloadable Teacher's Guide available.

Title	ISBN
City Workers During COVID-19	9 781427 128355
Food Workers During COVID-19	9 781427 128362
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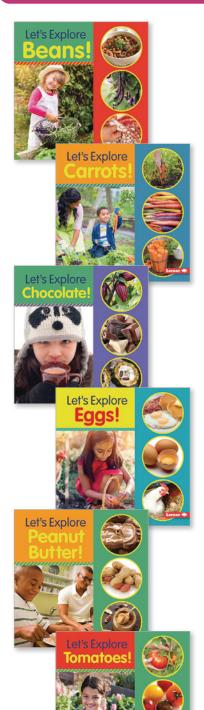


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#### **FOOD FIELD TRIPS**

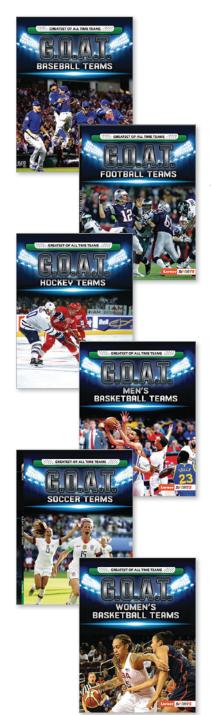
Lerner Publications | \$14.95 ea

15/02/21 | BC | JNF014000 | 24pp | 22.23 x 22.86 cm Written by Jill Colella

Take readers on fun food adventures that feature a variety of foods from apples to cookies. Kids will explore food literacy concepts, including where a food comes from, its nutritional value, and how it is prepared. Readers also learn by playing with their food through simple recipes and experiments. Hungry for more? Page Plus QR codes link to a digital landing page showing detailed steps, photos and videos that will help young eaters discover everyday food science.

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Let's Explore Beans!	9 781728 402802		
Let's Explore Carrots!	9 781728 402819		
Let's Explore Chocolate!	9 781728 402826		
Let's Explore Eggs!	9 781728 402833		
Let's Explore Peanut Butter!	9 781728 402840		
Let's Explore Tomatoes!	9 781728 402857		
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Food Field Trips: Let's Explore Apples!	9"781541"587410		
Food Field Trips: Let's Explore Bread!	9 781541 587427		
Food Field Trips: Let's Explore Cookies!	9 781541 587434		
Food Field Trips: Let's Explore Honey!	9 781541 587441		
Food Field Trips: Let's Explore Pumpkins!	9"781541"587458		
Food Field Trips: Let's Explore Strawberries!	9"781541"587465		

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## **GREATEST OF ALL TIME TEAMS** (LERNER SPORTS)

Lerner Publications | \$18.95 ea

15/02/21 | BC | JNF054010 | 32pp | 17.15 x 22.86 cm Written by Matt Doeden & Joe Levit

Discover the greatest athletes across the world's most popular sports in a fun, top-ten format! Packed with color photos, exciting stats, and thrilling action, each book is sure to appeal to sports fans.

Title	ISBN	
G.O.A.T. Baseball Teams	9 781728 420684	
G.O.A.T. Football Teams	9 781728 420691	
G.O.A.T. Hockey Teams	9 781728 420707	
G.O.A.T. Men's Basketball Teams	9 781728 420714	
G.O.A.T. Soccer Teams	9 781728 420721	
G.O.A.T. Women's Basketball Teams	9 781728 420738	
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Auto Racing's G.O.A.T.	9 781541 574403	
Baseball's G.O.A.T.	9 781541 574410	
Basketball's G.O.A.T.	9 781541 574427	
Football's G.O.A.T.	9 781541 574434	
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## LIGHTNING BOLT BOOKS — PLANET EXPLORER

Lerner Publications | \$16.95 ea

15/02/21 | BC | JNF051080 | 24pp | 19.05 x 26.04 cm Written by Jackie Golusky & Liz Milroy

This informative series introduces young readers to basic physics concepts, from gravity and friction to floating and sinking. Bright photos and accessible text clarify each concept and bring curricular topics to life.

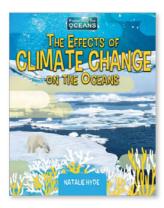
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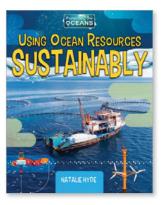


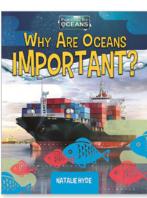
**ABOUT THE PUBLISHER:** Engage young readers with fascinating nonfiction topics, easy-reading text, vivid photos, and a colorful design. Familiar examples make abstract concepts easy to grasp.

Reading Level: Grades 2-3 Interest Level: Grades 1-3









#### PROTECTING THE OCEANS

Crabtree Publishing Company | \$16.95 ea

15/02/21 | BC | JNF037070 | 32pp | 20.32 x 25.4 cm Written by Natalie Hyde

In its Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, the United Nations states a healthy Earth requires healthy oceans - and life below water must be protected. Protecting the Oceans is a timely series that explains the threats to our oceans and explores ocean action being taken around the world. Readers will learn how we depend on oceans and what sustainable use of ocean resources looks like. They will also discover the effects of climate change and pollution on oceans. Each book uses infographics to clearly communicate key facts and figures, and highlights human efforts to protect oceans, inspiring readers to take ocean action in their communities. A free downloadable Teacher's Guide is available on the Crabtree website.

Title	ISBN
Preventing Ocean Pollution	9 780778 782056
The Effects of Climate Change on the Oceans	9 780778 782063
Using Ocean Resources Sustainably	9 780778 782070
Why Are Oceans Important?	9 780778 782087





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