

NEW RELEASES: APRIL 2019

BOOKS FOR ALL AGES



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ISBN: 978-1925563566 (hardback)

Author: Kate Forsyth

Illustrator: Krista Brennan

Release Date: 1 April 2019

Publisher: Wombat Books

Genre: Picture Book

Pages: 32

Trim: 28.8 x 23 cm

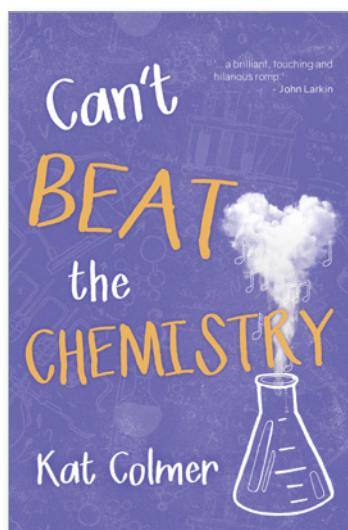
RRP: \$24.99



Once
A long time ago
My grandmother's grandmother
Travelled far, far across the seas
Over the rim of the world to where
The stars were new

DESCRIPTION: Kate Forsyth tells tales of her ancestors' lives in Australia in this beautifully illustrated picture book that celebrates the power of story. From the first perilous journey to a new land, to the great wars and civil rights movements, readers live through key moments in Australia's fascinating history.

Genre/Themes: Heritage, Australian History, Family, Ancestors



CAN'T BEAT THE CHEMISTRY

ISBN: 978-1925563696

(paperback)

Author: Kat Colmer

Release Date: 20 April 2019

Publisher: Rhiza Edge

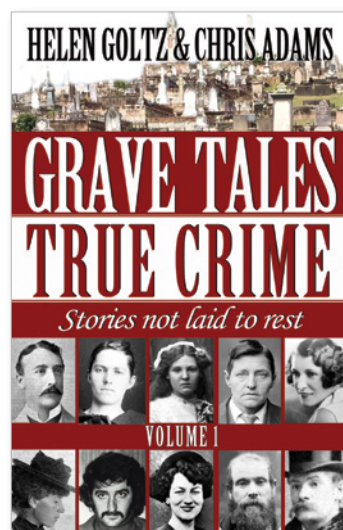
Age: Young Adult

Trim: 20.3 x 13.3 cm

RRP: \$17.99



DESCRIPTION: Ionic and covalent bonds are a piece of cake for MJ. But human bonds are a little harder ... There are only two things MJ wants in her final year of high school: 1) Glowing grades and ... 2) to convince uber-smart, chiselled-jaw Jason they'd be a winning team outside the science lab as well as in. Tutoring deadbeat drummer, Luke, isn't part of the plan. After all, he has average intelligence, takes disorganised notes and looks like a partied-out zombie at their study sessions! Not even his taut biceps will win MJ over. But MJ learns that she could be tutored in a few life lessons too: That sometimes there's good reason to skip chemistry tutorials. That intelligence is so much more than a grade average. And that sometimes you can't beat the chemistry.



GRAVE TALES: TRUE CRIME

ISBN: 978-0987160577

(paperback)

Author: Helen Goltz

& Chris Adams

Release Date: 4 April 2019

Publisher: Atlas Productions

Age: General

Pages: 295

Trim: 20.3 x 13.3 cm

RRP: \$29.95



DESCRIPTION: In cemeteries throughout Australia, victims and their perpetrators rest in the same earth. But Grave Tales: True Crime reveals more than the headstone can ever convey by tracing the tumultuous journeys that lead to these final resting places.

Genre/Themes: True crime, true stories, crime, murder, biography, history, mystery, graves, Australiana

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE GRAVE TALES SERIES:



Sydney Vol.1

ISBN: 978-0994376220



Bruce Highway

ISBN: 978-0994376244



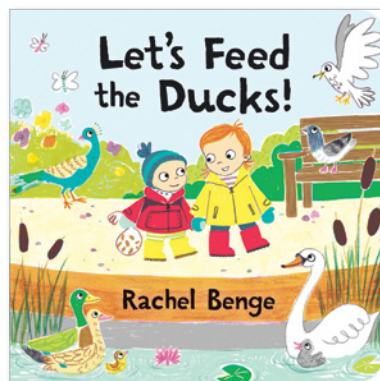
Brisbane Vol.1

ISBN: 978-0995377684



**Great Ocean Road
Country – Geelong to
Port Fairy**

ISBN: 978-0995377646



LET'S FEED THE DUCKS

ISBN: 978-0807544655

(boardbook)

Author/Illustrator:

Rachel Bengé

AU Release Date:

1 April 2019

US Release Date:

1 March 2019

Publisher: Albert Whitman

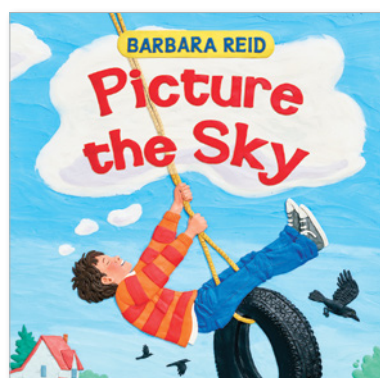
Genre: Picture Book

Pages: 16

Trim: 16.5 x 16.5 cm

RRP: \$12.95

DESCRIPTION: When a brother and sister go on a walk to feed the ducks, they come across many different animals with different sounds—but where are the quacking ducks? Young readers will learn to identify and connect different animals and sounds in this delightful and engaging story.



PICTURE THE SKY

ISBN: 978-0807595251

(hardback)

Author: Barbara Reid

Illustrator: Barbara Reid

AU Release Date:

1 April 2019

US Release Date:

1 March 2019

Publisher: Albert Whitman

Genre: Picture Book

Pages: 32

Trim: 22.9 x 22.9 cm

RRP: \$29.95

DESCRIPTION: The sky can often tell different stories: in the clouds having a parade, in the stars blanketing the night, and in our imagination. Every hour, every day, in every season, the sky is different. In this companion to *Picture a Tree*, award-winning creator Barbara Reid offers a lyrical story using plasticine relief illustrations to explore the wondrous and ever-changing sky.



QUEEN PANDA CAN'T SLEEP

ISBN: 978-1635920956 (paperback)

Author: Susanna Isern

Illustrator: Mariana Ruiz Johnson

AU Release Date:

1 April 2019

US Release Date:

1 August 2018

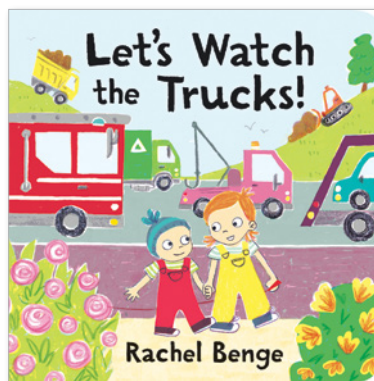
Publisher: StarBerry Books – Kane Press

Genre: Picture Book

Pages: 40

Trim: 29.2 x 21 cm

RRP: \$34.95



LET'S WATCH THE TRUCKS!

ISBN: 978-0807544662

(boardbook)

Author/Illustrator:

Rachel Bengé

AU Release Date:

1 April 2019

US Release Date:

1 March 2019

Publisher: Albert Whitman

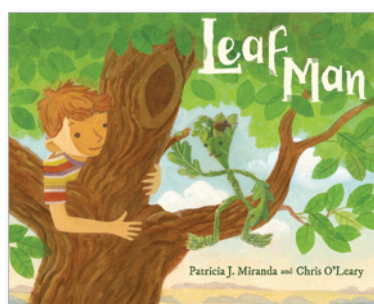
Genre: Picture Book

Pages: 16

Trim: 16.5 x 16.5 cm

RRP: \$12.95

DESCRIPTION: When a brother and sister go on a walk to find the yellow truck, they come across many different kinds, colors, and sounds—but where is the yellow truck? Young readers will learn to identify colors, trucks, and sounds in this delightful and engaging story.



LEAF MAN



ISBN: 978-0807544167

(hardback)

Author: Patricia J. Miranda

Illustrator: Chris O'Leary

AU Release Date:

1 April 2019

US Release Date:

1 March 2019

Publisher: Albert Whitman

Genre: Picture Book

Pages: 32

Trim: 21.6 x 27.3 cm

RRP: \$29.95

DESCRIPTION: While wandering through a field of tree stumps that was once a forest, a boy collects twigs, sticks, and leaves that remain and decides to create something new. He makes a figure—a leaf man—who inspires him to dream and invent, to plant the seed for a better world. Based on ancient folklore of the “green man” as a symbol of renewal, lyrical text and immersive visual storytelling fills this uplifting picture book with optimism for the future.



DESCRIPTION: Queen Panda hasn't slept in days. Her subjects are worried and exhausted. So animals from faraway places rush to the palace to help. Who will find the magic solution to Queen Panda's problem?

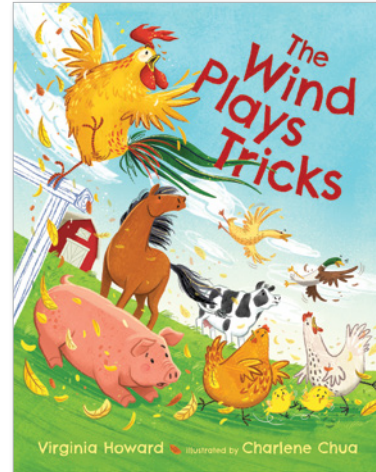


THE BUG GIRL

ISBN: 978-0807592571
(hardback)
Author: Sarah Glenn Marsh
Illustrator: Filippo Vanzo
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 1 February 2019
Publisher: Albert Whitman
Genre: Picture Book
Pages: 32
Trim: 25.4 x 20.3 cm
RRP: \$29.95



DESCRIPTION: Maria Sibylla Merian was fascinated with insects. But in the mid-1600s, superstitions about bugs prevented most people from taking a closer look. That didn't stop Maria. Filled with curiosity, she began to study and paint them. She even witnessed silkworms form cocoons and transform into moths—discovering metamorphosis! Painting and drawing as she studied, Maria pushed the boundaries of what girls were expected to do, eventually gaining recognition as one of the first entomologists and scientific illustrators. This illustrated biography celebrates a fascinating female pioneer who broke boundaries in both the arts and sciences.



THE WIND PLAYS TRICKS

ISBN: 978-0807587355
(hardback)
Author: Virginia Howard
Illustrator: Charlene Chua
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 1 March 2019
Publisher: Albert Whitman
Genre: Picture Book
Pages: 32
Trim: 25.4 x 20.3 cm
RRP: \$29.95



DESCRIPTION: What happens when the pig goes cluck and the rooster goes cheep? The wind swirls through the farmyard one dark night. It tears around the farmyard, over the meadows, past the pond. It blows so hard and so long that all the animals howl, too. And, in the sunny morning, the animals learn that the wind has played tricks on them. Pig goes, "Cluck!", Little Chicks go, "Neigh!", Hens go, "Moo!", Horse goes, "Cock-a-Doodle-Do!", Cow goes "Quack!", and Rooster—well, Rooster goes, "Cheep!" Can the animals work together to find a solution and get their own voices back?



ISBN: 978-0648462705
(paperback)
Author: Louise Parrott
Illustrator: Ann-Marie Finn
Release Date: 1 April 2019
Publisher: Life Education
Genre: Picture Book
Pages: 32
Trim: 22 x 22 cm
RRP: \$14.99



HEALTHY HAROLD'S FITNESS FUN

DESCRIPTION: Fitness + friends = Fun for Harold, Boots and Red as their team powers through soccer season. The pressure is mounting. How will they go as the finals are approaching? Harold's fun stories are designed to share with pre-schoolers or for early readers. They subtly reinforce the safer, smarter life choices that he and Life Education are famous for.



ISBN: 978-0648462712
(paperback)
Author: Louise Parrott
Illustrator: Ann-Marie Finn
Release Date: 1 March 2019
Publisher: Life Education
Genre: Picture Book
Pages: 32
Trim: 22 x 22 cm
RRP: \$14.99



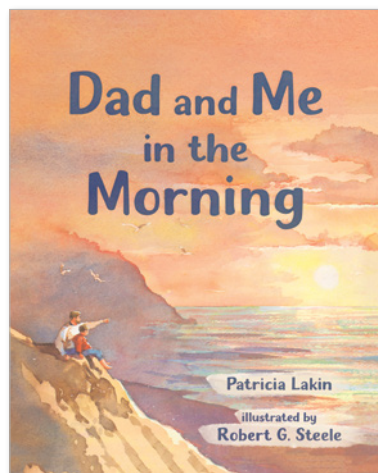
HEALTHY HAROLD'S LIBRARY LIFTOFF!

DESCRIPTION: Harold discovers how the library is his ticket to anywhere. Where will he go? What will he see? Find out what he's been up to thanks to visits to the school library! Harold's fun stories are designed to share with pre-schoolers or for early readers. They subtly reinforce the safer, healthier life choices that he and Life Education are famous for.

ALSO AVAILABLE

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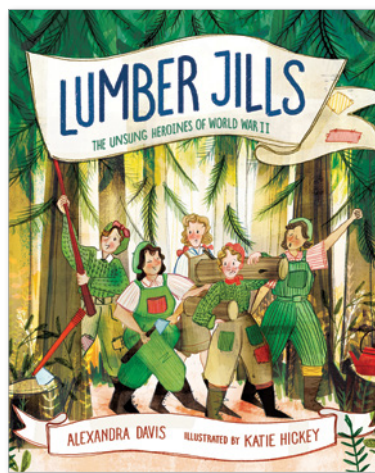
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HEALTHY HAROLD**



DESCRIPTION: Early one morning, a young boy wakes to the light of his alarm clock, puts on his hearing aids, and goes to wake his father. Together they discover nature's wonders as they walk down the dirt road to the beach. This understated story reminds readers that sometimes the best way to communicate doesn't involve words at all.

DAD AND ME IN THE MORNING

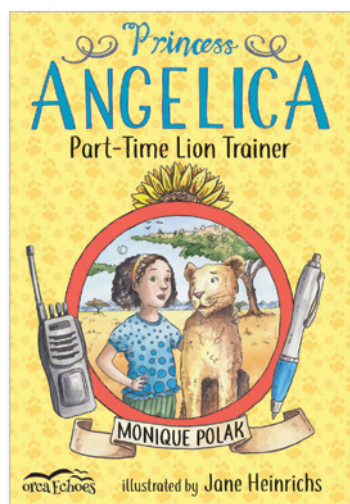
ISBN: 978-0807514207
(paperback)
Author: Robert G. Steele
Illustrator: Patricia Lakin
AU Release Date:
1 April 2019
US Release Date:
1 March 2019
Publisher: Albert Whitman
Genre: Picture Book
Pages: 32
Trim: 25.4 x 20.3 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: In World War II, Great Britain needed lumber to make planes, ships, and even newspapers—but there weren't enough men to cut down the trees. Enter the fearless Lumber Jills! These young women may not have had much woodcutting experience, but they each had two hands willing to work and one stout heart, and they came together to do their part. Discover this lyrical story of home front heroism and female friendship.

LUMBER JILLS: UNSUNG HEROINES OF WWII

ISBN: 978-0807547953
(hardback)
Author: Alexandra Davis
Illustrator: Katie Hickey
AU Release Date:
1 April 2019
US Release Date:
1 March 2019
Publisher: Albert Whitman
Genre: Picture Book
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Trim: 25.4 x 20.3 cm
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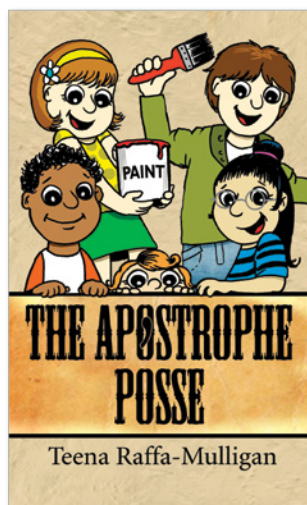


DESCRIPTION: Our favorite pretend princess, Angelica, aka Jelly, is back! A case of mistaken identity, a wild imagination and a love of storytelling leads Jelly to tell her friend Joon and the new kid she's just met, Leo, that she's a part-time lion trainer at the local animal rescue center. Her inventiveness has them completely convinced, but things get a bit more complicated when the resident lioness, Mwezi, escapes from her enclosure and the kids look to Jelly's "expertise" to save the day.

Genre/Themes: big cat rescue, storytelling, imagination, make believe, humor, mistaken identity

PRINCESS ANGELICA, PART TIME LION TRAINER

PRINCESS ANGELICA # 2
ISBN: 978-1459815476
(paperback)
Author: Monique Polak
Illustrator: Jane Heinrichs
AU Release Date:
1 April 2019
US Release Date:
19 February 2019
Publisher: Orca Books
Publishers
Age: Junior Fiction
Pages: 96
Trim: 19.6 x 13.2 cm
RRP: \$12.95



DESCRIPTION: Trouble comes to Tea Tree Bend... In cowboy movies the sheriff forms a posse to round up all the bad guys. Cam and Ellie from Daisy Cottage and their friends Billy and Louisa have formed a different posse. Their mission is to find and fix all the signs in Tea Tree Bend with missing apostrophes. The summer holidays are almost over so they have just nine days to complete their task. How can doing the right thing go so wrong?

Genre/Themes: Adventure, humour, community, cooperation, friendship

THE APOSTROPHE POSSE

ISBN: 978-0648250371
(paperback)
Author: Teena Raffa-Mulligan
Release Date: 31 March 2019
Publisher:
Sea Song Publications
Age: Junior Fiction | **Pages:** 76
Trim: 20.5 x 12.5 cm
RRP: \$14.99

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE PRINCESS ANGELICA SERIES:



Princess Angelica: Camp Catastrophe
Princess Angelica # 1
ISBN: 978-1459815384 (paperback)
RRP: \$11.95



LARK AND THE DESSERT DISASTER

LARK BA DETECTIVE # 4

ISBN: 978-1459820678

(paperback)

Author: Natasha Deen

Illustrator: Marcus Cutler

Release Date:

2 April 2019

Publisher:

Orca Book Publishers

Age: Early Reader

Pages: 104

Trim: 13.208 x 19.304 cm

RRP: \$12.95



DESCRIPTION: Lark and Connor are judges for the annual baking contest at the community center. When they arrive, they discover that someone has destroyed a contestant's entry. And not just any contestant's entry—Sophie's! Sophie is Lark's best friend (she just doesn't know it yet). The twin sleuths can't simply roll with it. To save the contest they'll have to take a whisk risk and start investigating the other contestants. With the timer ticking, Lark and Connor have to find the culprit before someone actually takes the cake. *Lark and the Dessert Disaster* is the fourth title in the *Lark Ba Detective* series, following *Lark Holds the Key*, *Lark and the Diamond Caper* and *Lark Takes a Bow*.

Genre/Themes: mystery, detective, siblings, dyslexia, baking contest



BEATRICE MORE AND THE PERFECT PARTY

ISBN: 978-1459817098

(paperback)

Author: Alison Hughes

Illustrator: Helen Flook

Release Date:

19 March 2019

Publisher:

Orca Book Publishers

Age: Early Reader

Pages: 104

Trim: 13.208 x 19.304 cm

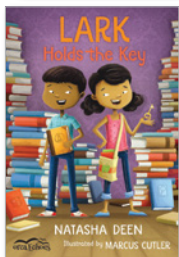
RRP: \$12.95



DESCRIPTION: Hyper-organised perfectionist Beatrice More is determined to plan a spectacularly professional birthday party for her little sister, Sophie. But she is foiled at every turn: her mother insists on making a homemade cake (disaster!), her father offers up discount mismatched decorations (debacle!), guests are hard to find in their new neighbourhood (dire!), and no gift seems remotely special enough (defeated!). Will Beatrice's organisational skills be enough to turn this party around, or will she need a little help from her friends and maybe even from Sophie herself?

Genre/Themes: birthdays, siblings, perfectionism, list making, family

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LARK HOLDS THE KEY

LARK BA DETECTIVE # 1

ISBN: 978-1459807273 (paperback)

Release Date: 18 October 2016

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Age: Early Reader | Pages: 80

RRP: \$11.95



LARK AND THE DIAMOND CAPER

LARK BA DETECTIVE # 2

ISBN: 978-1459814004 (paperback)

Release Date: 19 September 2017

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Age: Early Reader | Pages: 96

RRP: \$11.95



LARK TAKES A BOW

LARK BA DETECTIVE # 3

ISBN: 978-1459817159 (paperback)

Release Date: 9 October 2018

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Age: Early Reader | Pages: 96

RRP: \$11.95



BEATRICE MORE MOVES IN

ISBN: 978-1459807617 (paperback)

Author: Alison Hughes

Illustrator: Helen Flook

Release Date: 3 November 2015

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Age: Early Reader | Pages: 80

Trim: 13.208 x 19.304 cm

RRP: \$11.95

DESCRIPTION: In this early chapter book, amateur detectives Lark and Connor Ba figure out which of their fellow actors is playing pranks on the local theater company.





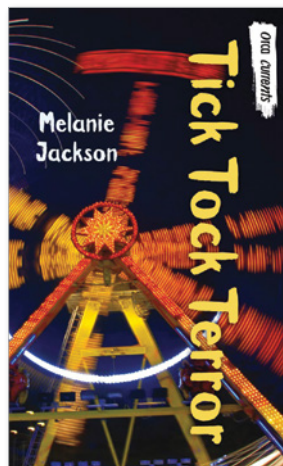
ROOM 555

ISBN: 978-1459820586
(paperback)
Author: Cristy Watson
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Currents
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 128
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Fourteen-year-old Roonie loves hip-hop almost as much as she loves her grandmother. She cannot wait to compete in her school's dance competition. But as her grandmother's health deteriorates, Roonie becomes more and more reluctant to visit her in the care home. These feelings of guilt and frustration cause Roonie to mess things up with her hip-hop dance partner and best friend, Kira. But while doing some volunteer hours in the hospital geriatric ward, Roonie meets an active senior recovering from a bad fall. Their shared love of dance and the woman's zest for life help Roonie face her fears, make amends with Kira and reconnect with Gram before it's too late.

Genre/Themes: multigenerational families, aging, facing your fears, friendship, caring for the elderly



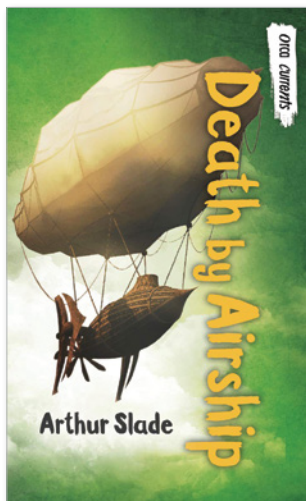
TICK TOCK TERROR

ISBN: 978-1459819559
(paperback)
Author: Melanie Jackson
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Currents
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 144
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Conor loves to climb. So when the crusty old manager of a thrill ride based on Edgar Allan Poe's "The Pit and the Pendulum" challenges Conor to scale the ride in the dark of night and hide a package at the top, he foolishly accepts. But it isn't long before he realizes that he is now involved in something far more dangerous. What is in the package, and what does it have to do with Edgar Allan Poe? And why is the town bully so terrified of the old man? The more Conor learns, the deeper in trouble he gets.

Genre/Themes: mystery, theft, bullying, secrets, facing your fears



DEATH BY AIRSHIP

ISBN: 978-1459818705
(paperback)
Author: Arthur Slade
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Currents
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 128
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Prince Conn will never be king. And that's just fine with him. He's ninth in line for the pirate throne and is quite happy to sail the skies in his airship with his crew of cheery misfits, plundering as they go. But one by one his siblings are being murdered, in tragic fires, violent cannon attacks or mysterious poisonings. Soon all fingers are pointing toward Conn as the mastermind. To prove his innocence, Conn must make his way to Skull Island, navigating his airship through a gauntlet of villains, explosions and betrayals. Can he reach his father's kingdom before it's too late? Or will he suffer the same fate as the rest of his family?

Genre/Themes: mystery, adventure, fantasy, steampunk, humorous stories



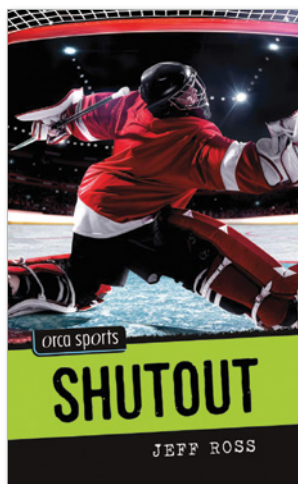
EMBRACE THE CHICKEN

ISBN: 978-1459819733
(paperback)
Author: Mahtab Narsimhan
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Currents
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 144
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Even though she only left Mumbai a few months ago, Shivani isn't feeling like such an outsider anymore. She likes her new school. She finally has a best friend. But when her mother volunteers for the school's annual fundraiser, Shivani is sure she will completely embarrass her. Especially if she cooks one of the "stinky" dishes that Shivani loves but is too ashamed to eat in front of her friends. On the day of the fair, the moment Shivani walks into the gym she knows her worst fears have come true: the unmistakable scent of Indian spices is in the air. But then she sees that dozens of people are lined up at her mom's stall. It's the most popular one!

Genre/Themes: acceptance, cultural differences, community, mothers and daughters, being proud of your heritage



SHUTOUT

ISBN: 978-1459818767
(paperback)
Author: Jeff Ross
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Sports
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 160
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Alex Paterson is the number-one goalie on his high-school hockey team. And he's thrilled that his team has made the playoffs. But when graffiti that apparently can be traced back to Alex is found on the walls of the school, and a photo of Alex at a party with a beer in his hand starts making the rounds, he is suspended from the team, and his reputation as a good kid is put in doubt. Alex knows he's innocent. The problem is, he cannot figure out who would want to frame him. Or why. Is it the other goalie who wants all the glory for himself? Or someone from a rival team looking for an advantage? With everyone assuming the worst about him, it's up to Alex to find out who is behind it all, not only to clear his name, but to save the season.

Genre/Themes: competition, bullying, social media, peer pressure, teen romance



NOVA IN NEW YORK

ISBN: 978-1459820296
(paperback)
Author: Katherine Richards
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Limelights
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 112
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$16.95



DESCRIPTION: Seventeen-year-old Nova Abbott grew up dancing barefoot in the backyard with her aunt Ivy, whose dreams of becoming a professional ballerina were cut short by cystic fibrosis. Nova is invited to attend a prestigious ballet school's summer intensive program. She is a bit overwhelmed by New York City: the bustle of people, the talent of the other dancers, the demands of the instructors and being separated from her beloved aunt, whose health is deteriorating rapidly. With a coveted apprenticeship up for grabs, Nova isn't sure she'll make it in the big leagues, and now she's not even sure she wants to.

Genre/Themes: following your dreams, death of a loved one, bravery, new experiences, family, ballet, big city



JAMMER STAR

ISBN: 978-1459817180
(paperback)
Author: Kate Hargreaves
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Sports
Age: 9 to 12 years
Pages: 152
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Sixteen-year-old Robin Ellis (aka Robin CookieJars) wants to be the best jammer on her roller-derby team and maybe one day play for the Creek City Roller Derby All-Stars like her idol, Annie Mossity. But star junior player April Reid (aka April Powers) always seems to be one lap ahead. Until recently, that is. Robin has noticed that April has been losing a lot of weight, and her game is suffering. This may be Robin's chance to finally grab the mvp title. But her success may come at a very heavy cost.

Genre/Themes: body positivity, eating disorders, female empowerment, inclusivity, mentoring young girls

BEST BOOKS FOR YOUR RELUCTANT READERS!

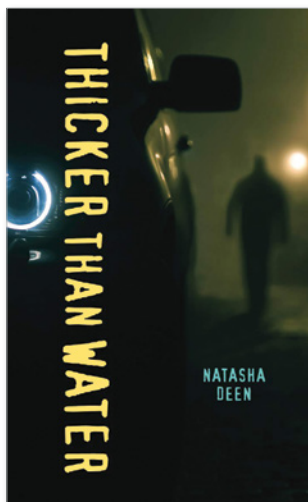
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THICKER THAN WATER

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(paperback)
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Soundings
Age: 12 years +
Pages: 144
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$14.95



DESCRIPTION: Zack Bernard has a thing for crime shows, especially the forensic-investigation kind. So when his friend Ella goes missing, Zack can't help piecing together what he thinks is concrete evidence that could lead to her whereabouts. The problem is, it's all pointing toward his dad. He knows his dad is lying about not having seen Ella because Zack saw them together at the mall the day she disappeared. What he doesn't know is why. With the help of his friend Ayo, Zack tries to solve the mystery himself to avoid having to make the terrible choice between losing someone close to him and betraying his family.

Genre/Themes: doing the right thing, family loyalty, secrets, mystery, dysfunctional families, police investigations



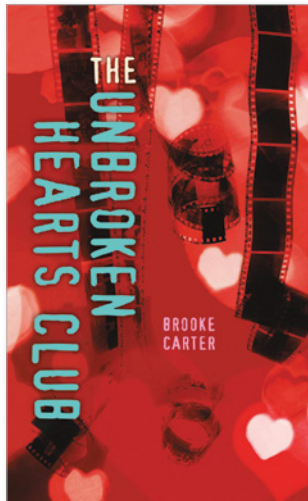
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DESCRIPTION: Ryan Hale, aka Replay, is the most successful running back in his high school's history. With university scouts making him offers he can't refuse, his future seems set. The problem is, Ryan would much rather go to film school. But his dad doesn't want to hear it. His teammates sure don't. He can't afford the application fees anyway. But then a solution appears when Markus, a strange exchange student with outrageous stories about mobsters and hackers, offers to pay Ryan to be his bodyguard. Things get complicated when Ryan realizes the stories may be closer to the truth than anyone imagined.

Genre/Themes: following your dreams, fathers and sons, career aspirations, organized crime



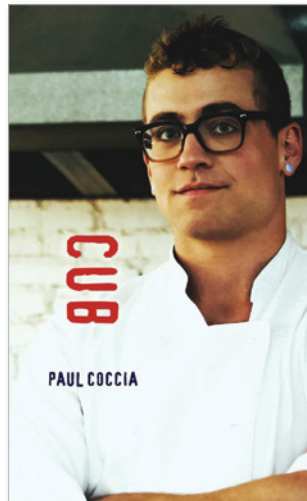
THE UNBROKEN HEARTS CLUB

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Author: Brooke Carter
Release Date: 29 January 2019
Publisher: Orca Soundings
Age: 12 years +
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DESCRIPTION: Ever since her mom died of Huntington's disease, Logan has been in a permanent state of neutral. Her dad has been depressed and lonely, but Logan is ... something else. So much so that she doesn't even see that her best friend, Cole, is head over heels in love with her. To make matters worse, Logan's dad is now hosting a bereavement group in their basement. That was Logan's place to escape; it's where she keeps her darkroom and where she and Cole indulge their mutual love of cinema and black-and-white photography. But Logan agrees to help her dad out with these sad "Broken Hearts Club" meetings, unaware of the effect the group will have on her as she struggles to find meaning in her life.

Genre/Themes: loss of a parent, grief, teen romance, hereditary disease, photography



CUB

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DESCRIPTION: In the gay community, a young, husky man is known as a "cub" Seventeen-year-old Theo fits the definition perfectly, but he is very self-conscious about his body. So when his best friend signs him up for a cooking competition at Heat, the city's newest trendy restaurant, Theo is nervous. He's confident in his baking ability, and dreams of opening his own bakery one day, but he's not a chef, and he hates being in the spotlight. As Theo survives round after round, he gains the admiration of both the audience and the restaurant owner, a sexy celebrity chef known as KCC. When the owner makes it clear he is more interested in what Theo might do outside the kitchen, Theo has to decide how far he is willing to go to launch his career.

Genre/Themes: LGBTQ+, body positivity, exploitation, sexual misconduct, abuse of power

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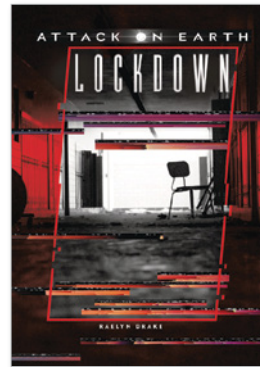


GETTING HOME ATTACK ON EARTH

DESCRIPTION: Bailey and her brother, Blake, are traveling to their dad's house when aliens attack Earth. After their bus breaks down, it's up to Bailey to get them home—but first she must figure out where they are.



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Author: Stephanie Perry Moore
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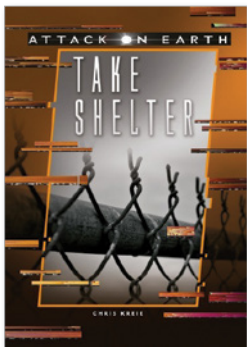


LOCKDOWN ATTACK ON EARTH

DESCRIPTION: After aliens attack Earth, Sanjay is trapped inside his high school on lockdown. But when teachers start to disappear and no one will give Sanjay and his friends any answers, they begin to worry about their safety.



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Author: Raelyn Drake
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Publisher: Darby Creek
Age: 12 to 18 years
Pages: 104
Trim: 19.1 x 13.335 cm
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TAKE SHELTER ATTACK ON EARTH

DESCRIPTION: Days after aliens attacked Earth, Austin has reached an emergency shelter. Overcrowded with little food and medical supplies, Austin is tempted to look for somewhere better—but beyond the gates there are no guarantees. Is it worth the risk?



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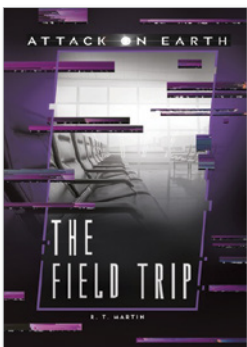


THE FALLOUT ATTACK ON EARTH

DESCRIPTION: Nina doesn't have the best timing—she breaks up with her boyfriend the day before aliens attack Earth. Now the two of them are stuck, trapped together. Can they get past their awkward breakup in order to survive?



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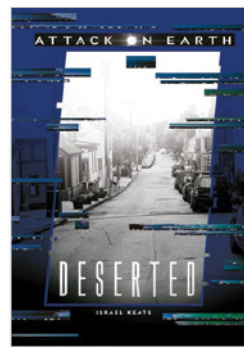


THE FIELD TRIP ATTACK ON EARTH

DESCRIPTION: When the aliens attack Earth, Kayla and her friends are stuck in the airport. They'll have to decide whether to wait around for help or risk trying to get home on their own.



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Author: R. T. Martin
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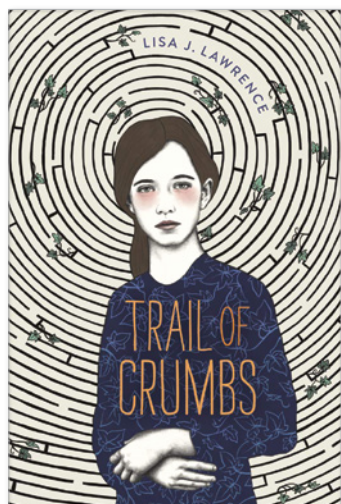


DESERTED ATTACK ON EARTH

DESCRIPTION: Aliens attacked Earth, and Leo had no idea. He may or may not have been out in the woods skipping class. After returning to town to find it evacuated, Leo must use his instincts and wits to survive.



ISBN: 978-1541526297
(paperback)
Author: Israel Keats
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
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Pages: 112
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TRAIL OF CRUMBS

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(paperback)
Author: Lisa J. Lawrence
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Publisher:
Orca Book Publishers
Age: Young Adult
Pages: 256
Trim: 13.97 x 20.955 cm
RRP: \$24.95



DESCRIPTION: After moving into a dank and drafty basement suite in West Edmonton with her truck-driving father, nasty stepmother and taciturn twin brother, Ash, seventeen-year-old Greta doesn't have high expectations for her last year of high school. When she blacks out at a party and is told the next day that she's had sex, she thinks things can't get any worse. She's wrong. While Greta deals with the confusion and shame of that night, her stepmother and father choose that moment to disappear, abandoning Ash and Greta to the mercy of their peculiar landlord, Elgin, who lives upstairs. Much to Greta's surprise, she realizes there is still kindness in the world—and hope.

Genre/Themes: rape, shame, abandonment, twins, family, consent, #metoo, siblings, chosen family



THE GODDAUGHTER DOES VEGAS

A GINA GALLO MYSTERY

ISBN: 978-1459821156
Author: Melodie Campbell
AU Release Date: 1 April 2019
US Release Date:
29 January 2019
Publisher:
Orca Book Publishers
Age: Adult Fiction
Pages: 144
Trim: 12.192 x 18.288 cm
RRP: \$16.95



DESCRIPTION: Gina Gallo is a mob goddaughter who doesn't want to be one. She's left her loopy family behind to elope with Pete to Vegas. Except that eloping may be a mortal sin in an Italian family. Between that and some weird deliveries and suitors, Gina's nerves are frayed. Vegas is full of great acts, but one impersonation is real: Gina has a crime-committing double whose activities are making Gina front-page news. Gina has to track down this fiendish fraud before the police catch up with her. And, of course, cousin Nico is along for the ride. Another madcap adventure for the loveable Gallo cousins that proves the rule "Why should things go right when they can go wrong?"

Genre/Themes: crime fiction, female sleuth, humorous, Vegas wedding, identity theft



TINY HOUSE, BIG FIX

ISBN: 978-1459821187
Author: Gail Anderson-Dargatz
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US Release Date:
29 January 2019
Publisher:
Orca Book Publishers
Age: Adult Fiction
Pages: 144
Trim: 10.668 x 17.78 cm
RRP: \$16.95



DESCRIPTION: Sadie works as a framer, building houses. She lost her own home in a recent divorce and now lives with her two daughters in a rented bungalow. When her landlady says she needs to move out, Sadie finds there's a housing crisis in her community. She can't find a place to live and is forced to move her family into a travel trailer at a local campsite. When her ex-husband finds out, he insists that the girls come live with him in another city, Sadie is forced to rethink her dream of living in a full-sized house. Then, with the help of her friends and daughters, she builds a tiny house. In the process she finds living with less has its rewards and that living in a small space brings her family closer together.

Genre/Themes: housing crisis, single mother, tiny houses, family dynamics, community



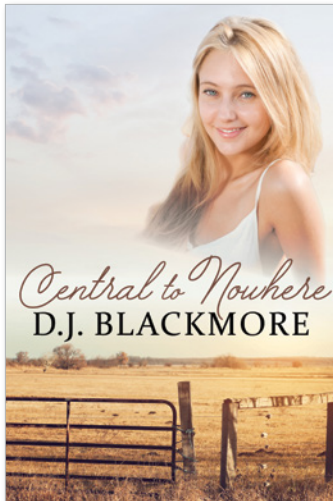
IN HIS PROTECTION

BURRUM RIDGE

ISBN: 978-0648180098
(paperback)
Author: P.L. Harris
Release Date: 3 April 2019
Publisher: Gumnut Press
Age: Adult Fiction
Pages: 280
Trim: 15.2 x 22.9 cm
RRP: \$25.99



DESCRIPTION: Melody Maddison's life hasn't been the same since her mother's passing. When she discovers a photo of her mother and a mysterious child, she'll stop at nothing to find the truth. Noah St. Reeve has a soft spot for women in trouble. When he rescues Melody from an attempt on her life, he can't turn his back on the fierce and lovely woman in front of him. Melody's quest for answers leads her from one dangerous path to the next. When the first shot is fired, the handsome and steady Noah is there to keep her safe. She knows she should back down, but Melody owes it to her mother to get to the bottom of a history that will rock her family forever. Except, the photo isn't only a link to her mother's past. It's proof of a dangerous secret—a secret that someone is willing to kill to keep.



CENTRAL TO NOWHERE

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(paperback)

Author: Deirdre Blackmore

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10 April 2019

Publisher: Rhiza Connect

Age: Adult Fiction

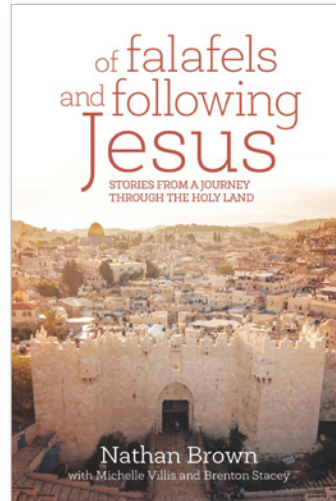
Trim: 22.9 x 15.2 cm

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DESCRIPTION: When Ivy steps over the cattle grid, reality hits. Capricorn Station is vast, desolate and Central to Nowhere. But Ivy has come too far to back out now. She's left her past behind her and is desperate to make this work. Stockman Adam O'Rourke is equally determined she's going home ASAP. This girl is not the jillaroo he was expecting to help on his station over the summer. She can't even handle a horse. It isn't long before Ivy realises there's more between her and Adam than the job. But Ivy has only one summer on Capricorn Station. One season that's passing way too fast. And when Adam's past blows in unexpectedly, Ivy realises too late that falling for him is bringing back everything she is running from.

Genre/Themes: Australian Outback, Farming, Family, Horses, Relationships



OF FALAFELS AND FOLLOWING JESUS

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(paperback)

Author: Nathan Brown

with Michelle Villis and

Brenton Stacey

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Age: General | **Pages:** 208

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RRP: \$24.95



DESCRIPTION: Since the time of Jesus, visiting the places of His life has held a fascination and attraction for His followers from many parts of the world. This is the story of one of those journeys, encountering and reflecting on the stories themselves, as well as the realities of visiting these places today. From the rugged wilderness of Petra and the Dead Sea to the sparkling waters and lush valleys of Galilee, this is a story of re-discovering the stories of Jesus and the Bible, and how this journey changes and challenges us as we seek to follow Him as His disciples today.

Genre/Themes: Israel, Jordan, archaeology, pilgrimage, travel, history, Jerusalem

EDUCATIONAL TITLES



GO GREEN (EARLY BIRD STORIES™)

Author: Lisa Bullard

Publisher: LernerClassroom

AU Release Date: 1 April 2019

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Illustrator: Xiao Xin

Age Group: 7 to 10 years | **Pages:** 24

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Readers will learn about protecting a vital natural resource in this tale full of diverse characters and fun illustrations. Comprehension questions, fast facts, and critical thinking questions keep readers engaged and thinking about what they're reading.

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