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# EDUCATOR RESOURCES

All our books contain specific themes tailored to the educational needs of each age-group. Be sure to keep a look out for these under each book title as you browse our catalogue. They are there to help you discover the perfect book based on the topic you want. From entering the world of a relative with dementia, to a child with autism, from overcoming anxiety, to coping with the loss of a parent and much much more, EK Books has real life happily covered for children aged 3 to 13.



Our books are accompanied by Guidelines created to help Parents and Teachers. They contain discussion points, activity ideas and tips on how to help children understand the topics we present in our stories. We also prepared some worksheets and colouring pages.

## WHAT IF YOU COULD CHANGE THE WORLD WITH THE STROKE OF THE PEN?



### Ruby and the Pen

David Lawrence & Cherie Dignam

THE PEN SERIES, BOOK 1

9781922539380 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 280 pp

**THEMES:** DRAWING, ENVIRONMENT, PERSONAL ETHICS, FAMILY BREAKDOWN, RESPONSIBILITY

*Ruby and the Pen* is the story of a 12-year-old, cartoon-drawing girl who buys a pen from a mysterious market stall. She soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever she draws, happens! Initially the pen protects Ruby from the meanest girls at her new school, but over time the pen's power becomes dangerous. Soon, Ruby has problems galore and one big question to be answered - should she fix all of her problems with the stroke of a pen?



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*"An engaging study of power and moral choices." - Kirkus*

### Xander and the Pen

David Lawrence & Cherie Dignam

THE PEN SERIES, BOOK 2

9781922539403 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 280 pp

**THEMES:** DRAWING, ENVIRONMENT, PERSONAL ETHICS, FAMILY BREAKDOWN, RESPONSIBILITY

*Xander and the Pen* is the story of a boy who loves to draw superheroes, and the pen he buys from a mysterious market stall. He soon learns that the pen has a magical power: whatever he draws, happens! At first the pen helps Xander improve his family's fortunes, but there are many unintended consequences and soon everybody is angry at Xander. With problems galore, Xander has one big decision to make - should he use the pen to draw one more picture?



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#### ABOUT THE CREATORS

**David Lawrence** penned his first book in 2007. Since then, he has written 12 fun-filled children's books aimed at engaging reluctant readers.

**Cherie Dignam** has always loved drawing and works in a variety of mediums. However, she is at her happiest with a good old-fashioned dip pen and ink.

## NEW RELEASE



### Super Heroes for a Day

Craig Cormick & Lauren Mullinder

9781922539977 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 112 pp | JULY 2024

**THEMES:** AUTISM, NEURODIVERSITY, SCHOOL, SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE, EMPATHY

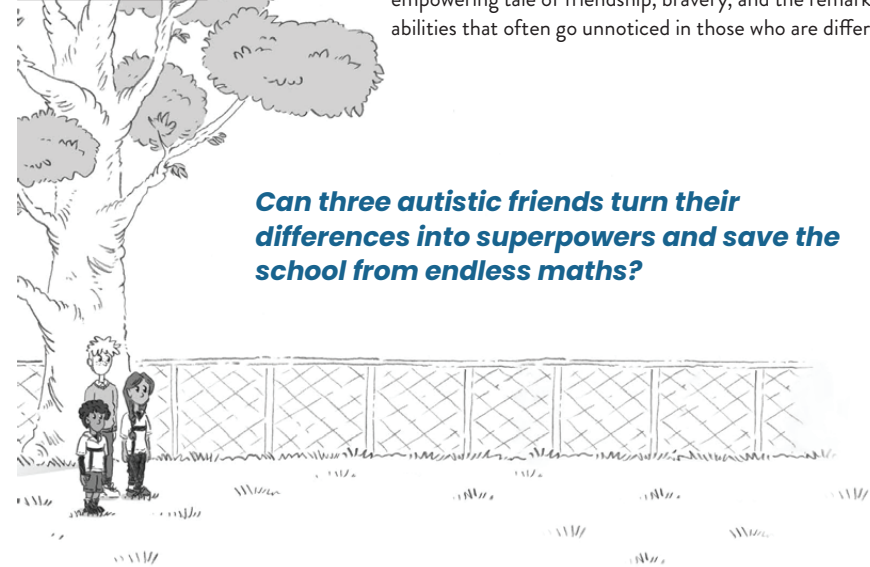
*Superheroes for a Day* tells the engaging story of Max, Daniel, and Natalie's mission to save their school from endless maths lessons. Using their unique abilities like heightened memory and attention to detail, they turn their differences into superpowers.

Offering a refreshing perspective, where differences that often mark kids as 'other' are reframed as uniquely useful, this book transfer the quirky into cool, allowing both kids on the spectrum and their neurotypical classmates to rethink what it means to be hero. The story offers insight into what life it like for kids on the spectrum in a fun and engaging manner, resonating with readers in mainstream classrooms.

Filled with delightful illustrations, *Superheroes for a Day* is an empowering tale of friendship, bravery, and the remarkable abilities that often go unnoticed in those who are different.



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*Can three autistic friends turn their differences into superpowers and save the school from endless maths?*

#### ABOUT THE CREATORS

**Dr Craig Cormick OAM** is the author of over 30 books for adults and children, several of them winning awards. He is a member of the Children's Book Council of Australia. Dr Cormick has a son on the autism spectrum.

**Lauren Mullinder** is an Adelaide-based illustrator and teacher with a degree in Visual Communication.

## NEW RELEASE

**The Last Seed Keeper**

Paul Russell

9781922539939 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | TBA pp | **NOV 2024****THEMES:** NATURE, THE ENVIRONMENT, CORRUPTION

In a world that has forgotten about nature, two girls live on opposite sides of society. Skyler exists above the clouds in a haven of boundless technology, while Ivy is a Groundling, roaming the surface of the earth, eking a living from the rubble of the past. Then Ivy makes a discovery that changes everything, and brings their lives crashing together. A tense, heart-pounding and empowering read about corruption, environmentalism, and what we would do if nature gave us a second chance.

AGES  
8-12**ABOUT THE CREATOR**

**Paul Russell** is a primary teacher, artist, playwright and children's author of *Grandma Forgets* and *My Storee*, among others, with *Grandma Forgets* making the CBCA list of notable picture books in 2018. Having been in classrooms for over 30 years, it really isn't surprising that all of his heroes are teachers. He is passionate about children's literacy and building young appetites for the written word.

**Oliver Kitten's Diary***The Journals of a Mischievous Cat's First Year*

Gareth St John Thomas

9781922539359 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 192 pp

**THEMES:** HUMOUR, LIVING WITH A PET

*Oliver Kitten's Diary* is a must for cat lovers who will enjoy Oliver's precocious and naughty antics, learn something about kitten care and appreciate his perceptions of the human condition. Includes elegant line drawings.

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*"Oliver Kitten's Diary is a picture of a cat as accurate as it is loving; a welcome return to the charm and lilt of E.B. White's Charlotte's Web"* – Cat Affairs Magazine

## NEW RELEASE

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**Emily Snape** is a children's author and illustrator living in London. Her work has appeared online, on television, in shops and even on buses! She loves coffee and notebooks, and has three cheeky children, Leo, Fin and Flo, who keep her on her toes and give her lots of inspiration for stories.

*"This is the sort of story that will pull even reluctant readers away from their screens"* – Barbara Braxton, Teacher Librarian

**Game On: Glitched**

GAME ON SERIES, BOOK 2

9781922539410 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 224 pp

**THEMES:** GAMING, RIDDLES, SIBLING RILVARY, PROBLEM SOLVING, HISTORY

In *Game On: Glitched*, Max and his brother Liam take a trip through time. History comes alive but to return home they must work together to solve some historical riddles.

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GAME ON SERIES, BOOK 1

9781922539397 | Paperback with Flaps | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | 184 pp

**THEMES:** GAMING, RIDDLES, SIBLING RILVARY, PROBLEM SOLVING, HUMOUR

When rebellious Liam starts playing 'Shrinkle' on his babysitter's phone, the app shrinks Liam and his brother Max to the size of a minifigure! Their safe home has suddenly become a treacherous landscape. Can they escape before the phone goes flat!

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Emily Snape

GAME ON SERIES, BOOK 3

9781922539984 | Paperback | 210 x 135 mm | 8¼ x 5¼ in | TBA pp | **SEP 2024****THEMES:** GAMING, SIBLINGS, HUMOUR, ANIMALS

Gaming-obsessed brothers Max and Liam are back, and they're in for another adventure of CATASTROPHIC proportions. It all goes wrong when a rogue app transforms them from human boys into fleas, and it only gets worse from there. The speed a cheetah can run and the acidity of pigeon poo have never been more important. A laugh out loud, fast-paced adventure full of comic-style illustrations that bring the action to life and will absorb even the most reluctant of readers.

**NEW IN THE POPULAR SERIES FOR KIDS WHO WOULD RATHER BE GAMING THAN READING!**





## Coolmind

*The Young Person's Guide to a Calmer Life*

David Keefe

9781921497933 | Paperback | 138 x 105 mm | 5½ x 4 in | 120 pp



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### THEMES: SELF-CONTROL, MINDFULNESS

Your teacher is laying out the exam papers in front of you and you're starting to stress. You have only a few minutes to get yourself together before the exam begins ... how do you stay calm? At a party, someone you're keen on is walking your way. You always seem to get nervous about dating so how do you stay cool and not make a goose of yourself? Competitors in the final look pretty determined. They are staring you out. How do you stay focused and rise above it all? Are you fed up with being nervous and full of self-doubt? Do you wonder how you will ever get to feel confident and comfortable with yourself? Are you bursting with energy to try something new ... but the same old nerves and doubts freeze you up? If any of these situations seem familiar to you, then you have found the right little book, because this book is all about the art of relaxing, the art of becoming consciously cool now to rise above stress. And the good news is ... it's not hard! In as little as three minutes a day, author David Keefe will show you how to gain mental calm and clarity in any situation by selecting from the techniques outlined in Coolmind. Written specifically for teenagers, this is the 'Little Book of Calm' for the leaders of tomorrow!

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## I Just Want to Be ... Me!

*Building Resilience in Young People*

Timothy & Sandra Bowden

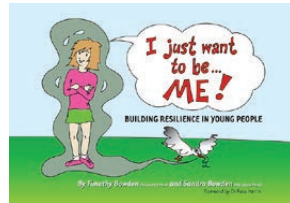
9781921497476 | Paperback | 170 x 245 mm | 6½ x 9¼ in | 64 pp  
AVAILABLE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ONLY

THEMES: SELF-CONTROL, ACCEPTANCE & COMMITMENT THERAPY

Flexible strategies for dealing with the stressors in life, based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). By following the main character, Holly, through her encounters with monsters (symbolising her inner doubts and unpleasant thoughts), children will learn how to similarly deal with their own issues and develop a more resilient mental attitude and achieve better emotional balance.

### A GRAPHIC NOVEL FORMAT

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## Our Dog Benji

Pete Carter & James Henderson

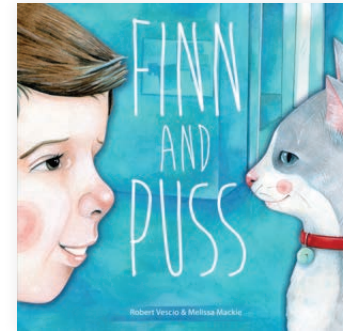
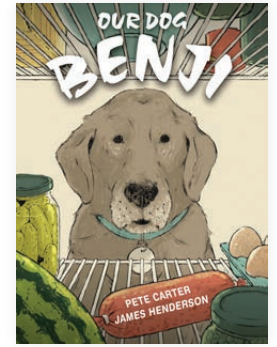
9781925335330 | Hardcover | 217 x 160 mm | 8½ x 6¼ in | 32 pp

THEMES: FUSSY EATING, THE WILLINGNESS TO TRY NEW THINGS

We all know that dogs will eat anything. We also know that kids' tastes generally aren't so wide-ranging. In delightful duotone illustrations and engaging text, we see how the family dog's willingness to eat anything — from daffodils to brussels sprouts — gradually inspires his child owner to be a little more adventurous at mealtimes.



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## Finn and Puss

Robert Vescio & Melissa Mackie

9781925335507 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

THEMES: LONELINESS, FRIENDSHIP, DOING THE RIGHT THING

Finn is lonely, Puss is lost. When Finn finds Puss, he also finds a friend. But Puss's real owners miss their cat. Will Finn do the right thing and take Puss home? A story that Subtly explores how hard it can sometimes be for us to do the right thing, but how making the right decision can often have unexpected rewards.



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RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia

## Saying Goodbye to Barkley

Devon Sillett & Nicky Johnston

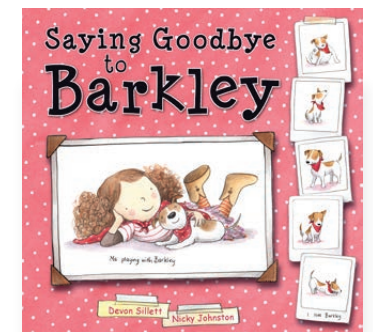
9781925335965 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820447 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

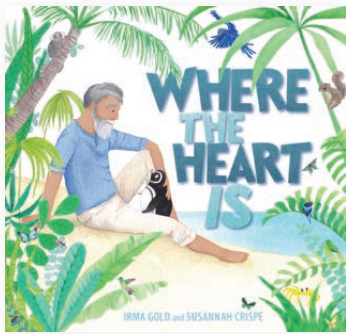
THEMES: PETS, LOSS, ANIMAL WELFARE

*"This beautiful picture book explores how it feels when your much loved pets pass away." - Animania (published by the RSPCA)*

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RIGHTS SOLD: GREEK, CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, CHINESE TRADITIONAL, SPANISH, ENGLISH, POLISH



## Where the Heart Is

Irma Gold & Susannah Crispe

9781925820874 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FRIENDSHIP, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION

Inspired by an incredible true story, *Where the Heart Is* explores the friendship between Dindim the Magellanic penguin and his rescuer, Joao. Young readers will delight in its beautiful depiction of the intrepid penguin's journey, and the wildlife he meets on the way. Heartfelt and educational, this is a celebration of nature and belonging.



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**RIGHTS SOLD:** CHINESE TRADITIONAL, SPANISH, POLISH, distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

## Paddy O'Melon

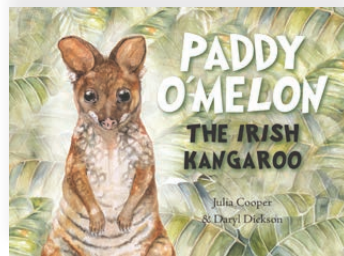
The Irish Kangaroo

Julia Cooper & Daryl Dickson

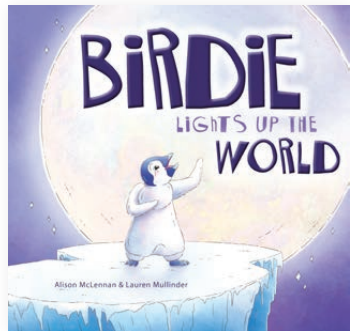
9781925335637 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** AUSTRALIAN NATIVE WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, IDENTITY, BELONGING

Separated from his mother as a joey, Paddy O'Melon tries to find out what he really is from the other rainforest animals. But none of them can help him. It's not until he meets the cassowary that he manages to find out both his identity and the way home.



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## Birdie Lights Up the World

Alison McLennan & Lauren Mullinder

9781922539489 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** PENGUINS, SINGING, UNIQUE GIFTS, SELF ESTEEM, ZOOS

*Birdie Lights Up the World* is a story about the importance of being yourself and sharing your unique gifts with the world. Birdie the penguin believes she is the chosen one who lights up the world every night with her song. When the sky lights up without her one evening, she is left feeling lost and confused - until her friends help her realize her true purpose. Sensitive illustrated, with zoo characters children will love.



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*"Children as old as 10 will also benefit from discussions on topics such as extrinsic and intrinsic motivation, and the importance of self-worth."* - Books + Publishing

## Tree Beings

Raymond Huber & Sandra Severgnini  
With foreword by Dr Jane Goodall

9781925820539 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 96 pp

**THEMES:** NATURAL WORLD, PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

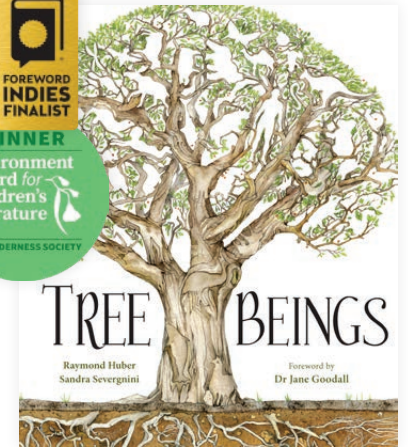
*Tree Beings* takes a fresh look at trees as beings that enrich the whole planet. Get to know trees through the inspiring true stories of people who love them: from a scientist who discovered how trees 'talk'; to a young woman with the world record for living up a tree. Learn about recent tree science, and explore tree wisdom from many cultures.



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**RIGHTS SOLD:** TURKISH

*"A delightful and enriching exploration of tree heroes and saviours that will appeal to kids and adults alike. It is exquisitely illustrated."*  
- Organic Gardener



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## Harriet's Hungry Worms

Samantha Smith & Melissa Johns

9781922539472 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, GARDENING, SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Packed with worm facts, *Harriet's Hungry Worms* is the ideal companion for worm warriors and curious composters keen to roll up their sleeves. Before they know it, young readers become equipped with the basic information they need to start putting their own kitchen food scraps to good use!

*"A perfect picture book for the early childhood years. A joy to read aloud or listen to."*  
- Magpies Schools Magazine



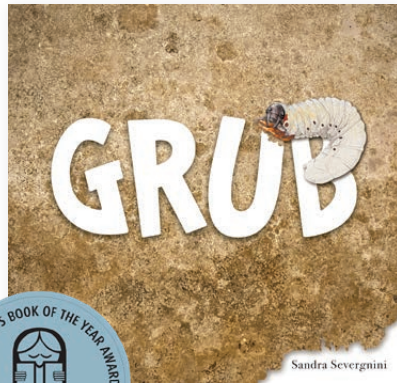
## Grub

Sandra Severgnini

9781922539267 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** NATURE, INSECTS, METAMORPHOSIS

Far below the rainforest canopy, a grub feels that his body is about to change. Wondering what he will turn into, he looks to his insect friends for answers. With lush illustrations full of realistic detail, Grub immerses us in the world of the forest floor as we take a journey of discovery on the way to the final, surprising, metamorphosis.



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**Come on a journey as a little grub searches for the answer to his big question, 'What will I become?'**



## Meet Mim

Sandra Severgnini

9781922539557 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** NATURE, SEA CREATURES, OCTOPUS, CAMOUFLAGE, SHAPE SHIFTER, OCEANS

The world of the shallow ocean seabed is brought to life in this story of an amazing animal, the mimic octopus. The illustrations give a realistic picture of the sea creatures in this environment and how perfectly the octopus impersonates and outwits them. For the reader, the fun is in the guessing - what is the real shape of the master of disguise that Meet Mim introduces us to?



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**Dive down into the world of the sandy seabed and observe the clever transformations of a very tricky sea creature - the mimic octopus.**



## NEW RELEASE



## The Real Cowgirl

Isabelle Duff & Susannah Crispe

9781922539687 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | JUNE 2024

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, SCHOOL, ANIMALS AS THERAPY

When Sal rides her pony, she feels like a cowgirl; brave, smart and wild. But at school, she is isolated and anxious. In this vibrantly illustrated, heart-warming story, find out how a small act of bravery and the power of friendship help Sal to be herself even when she is scared. Perfect for young readers who are struggling with nerves or anxiety.



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**New from the talent young author of Cookie, Isabelle Duff draws on her own experiences of childhood anxiety to create a relatable character kids will love.**



### ABOUT THE CREATORS

**Isabelle Duff** is a farmer, author, and student at the University of New South Wales, where she is studying Advanced Science and Commerce.

**Susannah Crispe** is a Canberra-based children's book illustrator with a background in zoology and art history and a love of beautifully crafted books.

## ALSO FROM THIS DYNAMIC DUO

### Cookie

Isabelle Duff & Susannah Crispe

9781925820959 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, DEPRESSION

Join Cookie the mischievous pup and his Girl as they play together and make each other happy, even on the days when Cookie is the only one who can make Girl smile. With beautiful words and illustrations, this is a sensitive exploration of childhood depression and anxiety, and a tribute to the love between a pet and their person.



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## Through the Gate

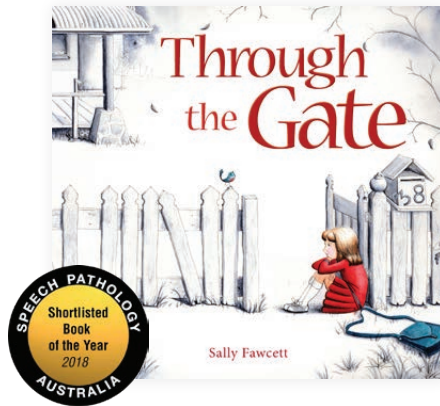
Sally Fawcett

9781925335415 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820096 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** MOVING HOUSE, COPING WITH CHANGE

Like all changes, moving house can be difficult. A little girl struggles to cope when confronted with a dilapidated house and a new life. But, over time, the renovations to the house parallel a shift in her perspective, as she realises that change can include good things too.

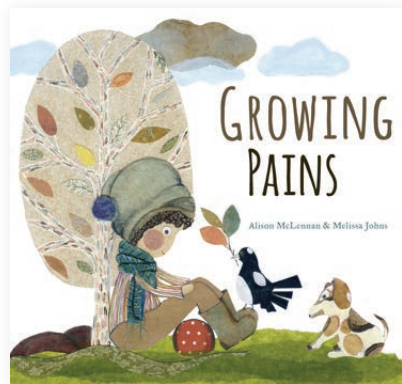


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**A gorgeous story about finding the bright side of change.**



## Growing Pains

Alison McLennan & Melissa Johns

9781925820522 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** EMPATHY, KINDNESS, CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

When Finn's family plants a tree, he feels responsible for it, worrying that the sapling might be cold or hungry. He tries to share his breakfast with it and offers it his scarf. But when his nightlight goes out, it's time for the tree to inspire Finn, as it stands tall and brave in the moonlight. A touching story of empathy and overcoming fears.

RIGHTS SOLD: Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

**From the talented first nations illustrator of Harriet's Hungry Worms**



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## NEW RELEASE



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## Nobody Likes Monday

Kelly Lee & Amy Calautti

9781922539847 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | AUG 2024

**THEMES:** RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL GROWTH, POSITIVITY, SELF ACCEPTANCE

It's pretty tough being Monday – you're not named after a god like Thursday, and you're certainly not a two-day party like Saturday and Sunday. Instead, you're the start of the week, when people have to wake up early and head back to school and work. Monday even has a pile of complaint letters to prove that nobody likes her. *Nobody Likes Monday* is a story about the impact of people's perceptions of ourselves, and the fact that we all have value; we just need to learn to see it.

**In a world where the days of the week come to life, Monday learns to let go of negativity and accept herself for who she is.**



### ABOUT THE CREATORS

**Kelly Lee** is a teacher, educational curriculum designer and mum. She lives in Australia and can see kangaroos over her back fence.

**Amy Calautti** often made up games based around drawing to entertain her younger brother and cousins. She now lives with her small tribe of humans who inspire her every day.

## LET GO OF THE BAD FEELINGS

### Tabitha and the Raincloud

Devon Sillett & Melissa Johns

9781925820133 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANGER, EMOTIONAL REGULATION, OPTIMISM

When you wake up under a raincloud you have a choice: feel soggy and miserable or dance in the rain! An empowering story of resilience and optimism for anyone who's ever had a raincloudy day.

RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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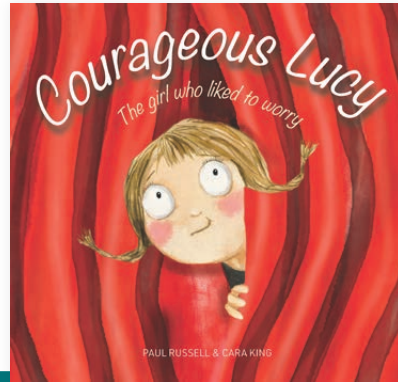
## Courageous Lucy

The Girl Who Liked to Worry  
Paul Russell & Cara King

9781925820775 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, BRAVERY, OVERCOMING FEARS, SCHOOL

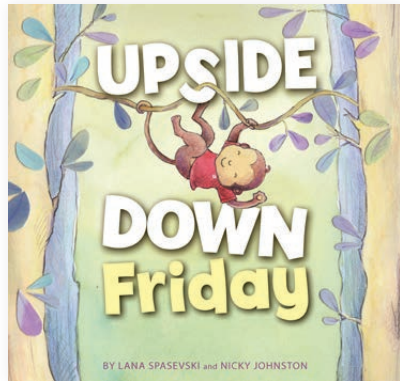
Her knees may knock, her tummy ties in knots and Lucy may worry quite a lot, but with a small sprinkle of courage, Lucy takes tiny steps of bravery to be in the school play and becomes the best tree ever, despite her anxiety.



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*"Books like this are essential. They show that we can take a deep breath and rise above our fears and say yes to the many opportunities that life presents" – Reading Time*



## Upside-Down Friday

Lana Spasevski & Nicky Johnston

9781925820850 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, COPING WITH CHANGE, SCHOOL

Upside-Down Fridays turn Hugo the monkey's routine into chaos and fill his tummy with butterflies. Find out how he learns to find the fun in change with this story about the power of helping others. With emotive language and unique 'upside-down' illustrations, this is the perfect resource for building emotional resilience in children.



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Young children's lives are full of big, scary changes. Help them to build emotional resilience, and find the fun in days that don't go to plan!



## NEW RELEASE



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## Too Many Acorns

Susannah Crispe

9781922539748 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | OCT 2024

**THEMES:** LOSS, GRIEF, ISOLATION, COMPLUSIONS, COPING STRATEGIES

When Patrick suffers a huge loss, he finds comfort in holding an acorn that drops at his feet. The more acorns he collects, the less empty he feels... but as the house fills with acorns, events quickly overtake him. Can Patrick and Dad find a way to move past the acorn chaos and cope with their grief together? An uplifting story about resilience, connection, and growth, perfect for sharing with little ones who are experiencing the loss of a loved one, or any other emotional upheaval.



*An uplifting story about resilience, connection, and growth.*



## LIVING WITH LOSS

### The Fix-It Man

Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335347 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** GRIEF, DEATH, HOPE, HEALING FROM LOSS

A young girl believes her father can fix anything, but following the death of her mother, she discovers that broken hearts are not as easy to repair as cracked teapots. A poignant picture book that explores how a child can cope with the loss of a parent.

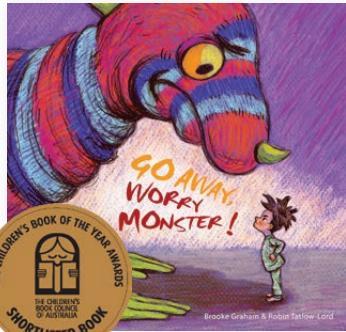


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## NEW RELEASE

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4-8**Go Away, Worry Monster!**

Brooke Graham &amp; Robin Tatlow-Lord

9781925820393 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, RESILIENCE, EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Worry Monster loves 'helping' Archie worry, especially the night before he starts his new school. Archie feels so anxious that his head hurts, his tummy flutters and his heart pounds. He soon realizes that the only way to feel better is to make Worry Monster go away. He does his belly breaths and challenges his inner fears by facing facts. Go Away, Worry Monster! gives children useful strategies to cope with their anxieties and stress, showing them how to make their own Worry Monsters leave.

**What if...?**

Lynn Jenkins &amp; Kirrili Lonergan

9781925820973 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, IMAGINATION

In this colourful adventure, 'what ifs' become springboards for happiness and imagination. Why worry about monsters under the bed when you could wonder what it would be like if the clouds were purple and orange and green? Children will delight in this playful exploration of words and their power to change how we feel.

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**Don't Think About Purple Elephants**

Susan Whelan &amp; Gwynneth Jones

9781921966699 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925335484 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

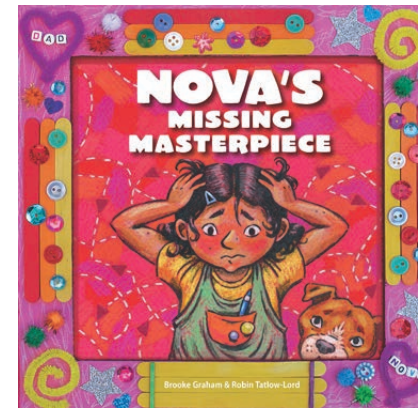
**This perennial favourite is now back in stock in hardcover.**

**THEMES:** WORRY, COPING WITH ANXIETY

Sophie worries — not during the day when she is busy with family and friends, but at night when everything is calm and quiet. Her family all try to help, but somehow they just make her worries worse. Until her mother thinks of a clever way to take her mind off her troubles, by asking her NOT to think of purple elephants.

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4-8**ABOUT THE CREATORS**

**Brooke Graham** is a primary school teacher and children's author. She is passionate about reducing the stigma around mental illness.

**Robin Tatlow-Lord** is a writer, animator and cartoonist who loves bringing character and emotion to all of her illustrations.

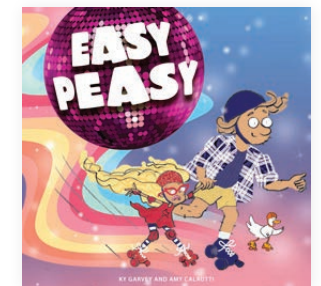
**Easy Peasy**

Ky Garvey &amp; Amy Calautti

9781922539441 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ROLLER SKATING, PERSISTENCE, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, ACCEPTING HELP

A fun, engaging story, perfect for children learning how to do something new. Easy Peasy follows Ruby, who has just received sparkly roller skates as a present from her dad. Ruby is convinced it will be easy to learn how to roller skate and dismisses her dad when he offers to help her. But after a few tumbles, Ruby realises it isn't as easy as she thinks and that she might need his help after all!

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Brooke Graham &amp; Robin Tatlow-Lord

9781922539373 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | APR 2024

**THEMES:** SELF REGULATION, ANGER CONTROL, PROBLEM SOLVING, PETS, LIFE SKILLS

Features current evidence-based strategies to help self-regulate/calm down, including belly breathing, drinking water, listening to music, stretching and relaxing. When Nova realises the artwork she created for Dad's birthday present is missing, her tummy flip flops. Nova and her dog, Harley, turn the house upside down, but the missing masterpiece is nowhere to be found. Nova loses her temper but Harley remains calm. Can Nova learn from her dog, calm herself down and find her Dad's present in time?

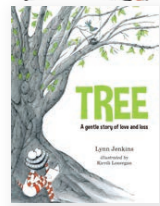
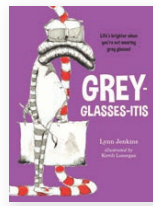
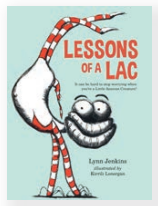
**The much-anticipated new release the creators of *Go Away, Worry Monster!***

## 'Lessons of a LAC' series

Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan

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Written by experienced clinical psychologist, Lynn Jenkins, and illustrated by art therapist and former paediatric nurse Kirrili Lonergan, this popular series gives children tools to help manage their worries.



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### Lessons of a LAC

*It Can Be Hard To Stop Worrying When You're A Little Anxious Creature!*

9781925335828 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE

Learn alongside Lopy the Little Anxious Creature as he finds out how to manage his anxieties, let go of his worries, and above all have fun!



### Brave

9781925117844 | Paperback | 310 x 230 mm | 12¼ x 9 in | 36 pp | LITTLE STEPS PUBLISHING  
AVAILABLE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ONLY

**THEMES:** ANXIETY, WORRY, RESILIENCE, COURAGE

Lopy is starting school and he's a little anxious. Can Curly the Calmster show Lopy how to 'find his brave'?



### Perfect Petunias

*The 'Perfect' Book for Little Perfectionists Everywhere!*

9781925335583 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** PERFECTIONISM, SELF-ACCEPTANCE, RESILIENCE

Learn that 'perfect' just means trying your best, in the 'perfect' book for kids who find it hard to make mistakes!



### Grey-glasses-itis

*Life's Brighter When You're Not Wearing Grey Glasses!*

9781925335958 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** MOODS, FEELINGS, EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

When Lopy takes off his grey glasses, life doesn't look so sad! A simple way to teach kids how thoughts influence mood.



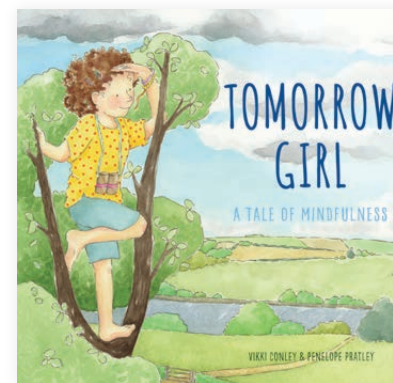
### Tree

*A Gentle Story of Love and Loss*

9781925820126 | Paperback | 305 x 230 mm | 12 x 9 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** GRIEF, LOSS, EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

A gentle story of loss to help children learn how to say goodbye, process grief, and commemorate a loved one's life.



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"Tomorrow Girl is the perfect book to kickstart discussions about mindfulness and slowing down to appreciate the wonder around us. A truly magical (and mindful) find." – Children's Books Daily

## Tomorrow Girl

*A Tale of Mindfulness*

Vikki Conley & Penelope Pratley

9781925820362 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** MINDFULNESS, FRIENDSHIP

Catch up with a girl called Tomorrow as she rushes through life. But when Tomorrow meets Yesterday and trips over Today, her whole world begins to slow down. Tomorrow Girl is a quirky tale delivering a timely reminder of mindfulness and what can happen when we allow ourselves time to be in the moment.

## Ollie's Treasure

*Happiness is Easy to Find if You Just Know Where to Look!*

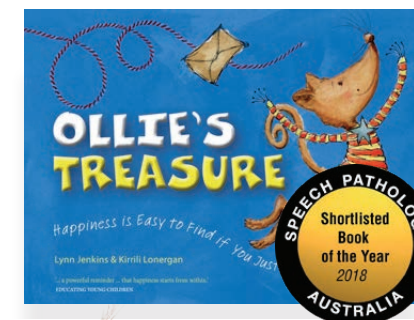
Lynn Jenkins & Kirrili Lonergan

9781925335422 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

9781925820263 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FINDING HAPPINESS THROUGH MINDFULNESS

Ollie's grandma sends him a treasure map that promises to lead him to 'something that will make him happy always'. Of course, Ollie thinks this 'something' will be a toy of some sort, but he gets both a rude shock and a big surprise when his treasure turns out to be him!



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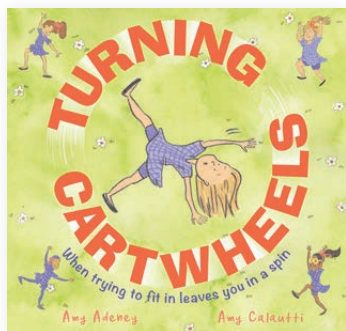


Psychologist Lynn Jenkins melds mindfulness with playfulness in a joyous exploration of the senses and emotions to help children's healthy development.



RIGHTS SOLD: CHINESE SIMPLIFIED, BULGARIAN. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

## NEW RELEASE

**Turning Cartwheels**

*When Trying to Fit In Leaves You in a Spin*  
Amy Adeney & Amy Calautti

9781925820515 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** SOCIAL BULLYING, FRIENDSHIP, PEER PRESSURE, FITTING IN, SCHOOL

Emma is desperate to join queen bee Carly's Cartwheel Club. But will being in the club be as much fun as Emma hopes? Bullying is all too common in schools but it's not always physical. Underhanded, manipulative behaviour by so-called 'frenemies' can cause just as much damage. This is a clever exploration of self-esteem, inclusiveness and true friendship.



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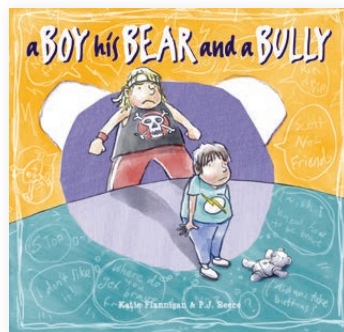
**A Boy, His Bear and a Bully**

Katie Flannigan & P.J. Reece

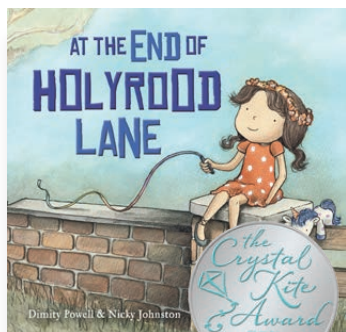
9781925820898 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** BULLYING, FRIENDSHIP, BRAVERY, FORGIVENESS, SCHOOL

*A Boy, his Bear and a Bully* tells the story of the day Scott's bear, Buttons, goes missing and Scott has to be brave and stand up to his bully. It addresses the global issue of bullying in a hopeful, gentle way, opening the conversation for children, carers, and professionals, and providing guidance for anyone who wishes they could be brave.



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**At the End of Holyrood Lane**

Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335767 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820454 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, RESILIENCE, TRUST, HOPE

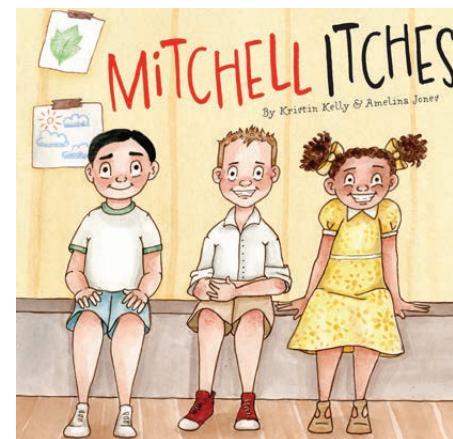
*"At The End of Holyrood Lane is a beautiful story about a little girl who is terrified by the storm that chases and scares her but when Flick reaches out for help she finally becomes safe and the sunshine comes out. Dimity Powell should be commended for the gentle way in which she approaches the challenges faced by so many children growing up in a house of violence." – Nicolle Edwards, CEO RizeUp*



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**Mitchell Itches**

Kristin Kelly & Ameliana Jones

9781922539724 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | APR 2024

**THEMES:** ECZEMA, BULLYING, RESILIENCE, EMPATHY

In a world where eczema affects up to one in five kids, Mitchell's uplifting story resonates. Young readers will learn both how difficult it is for those who live with eczema and, if they have the condition, that there are ways to make life more bearable. Despite bullying and discomfort, Mitchell stays strong with his family and friends by his side. He even finds that playing guitar is a great distraction from the itch. But will all his practicing pay off when he tries out for the school band?



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**A relatable story for the one in five children living with eczema, offering understanding and tools for managing the condition.**

**ABOUT THE CREATORS**

**Kristin Kelly's** professional journey spans from nursing in a large Sydney, Australia hospital to preschool teaching and working as an end-of-life biographer. She combined her lifelong experiences with eczema and her diverse professional background to craft "Mitchell Itches." Kristin believes in nurturing kindness in the classroom and cherishes the privilege of capturing individuals' life stories.

**Amelina Jones'** passion for nature, stories, and paints shines through her illustrations. Working with traditional watercolor and ink, she loves weaving storytelling elements and emotions into her artwork. Her preferred medium, watercolor and ink, offers her the creative freedom she enjoys, creating illustrations that breathe life into stories.



## Mama's Chickens

Michelle Worthington & Nicky Johnston

9781922539458 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT ANIMALS

Over 5% of people with Alzheimer's show symptoms before they are 65 (Mayo Clinic). *Mama's Chickens* is a beautifully told story about a young mother facing early-onset dementia, her kids, and their endearing backyard chickens.



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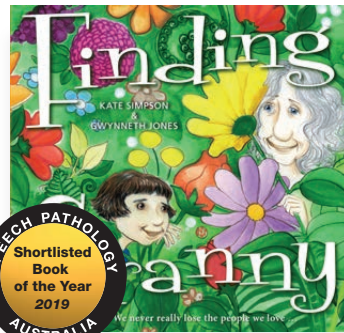
## Finding Granny

*We Never Really Lose the People We Love*  
Kate Simpson & Gwynneth Jones

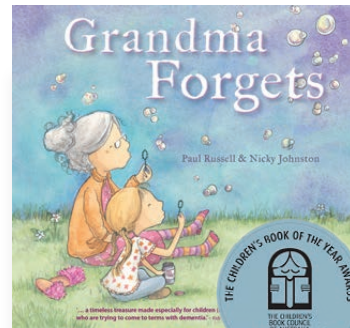
9781925335699 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** GRANDPARENTS, ILLNESS, STROKE AWARENESS

Every year, 15 million people worldwide suffer a stroke. Sadly, there is a high likelihood that someone a child knows will experience one. This is a sensitive exploration of the impact of stroke that any child will be able to relate to. Written in a warm, engaging style, it both comforts and educates.



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## Grandma Forgets

Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston

9781925335477 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 24 pp

9781925335811 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 24 pp

**THEMES:** DEMENTIA, AGEING, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

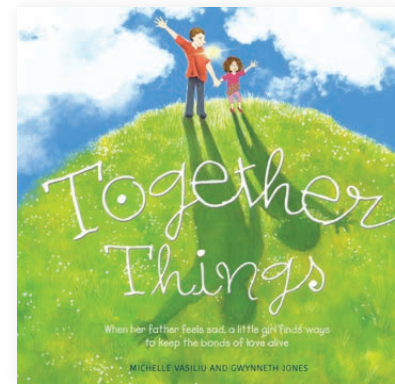
*"A wonderful book for helping children make sense of dementia and memory loss. It uses anecdotes that children can relate to and simple language that makes it very accessible. Themes of love, family and memory are woven throughout the story, and the ending is very touching."*  
-CBCA's Reading Time



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## Together Things

*When Her Father Feels Sad, A Little Girl Finds Ways To Keep The Bonds Of Love Alive*  
Michelle Vasiliu & Gwynneth Jones

9781925820294 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION, MENTAL HEALTH. PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

*Together Things* helps young kids to understand that sometimes they must do different things together while their parent focuses on their mental health.



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RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH

*"A compelling story about adult depression, encouraging kids to understand the presence of mental illness in the world around them."*  
- Midwest Book Review

## Pear of Hope

Wenda Shurety & Deb Hudson

9781925820867 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** ILLNESS, OVERCOMING CHALLENGES, RESILIENCE, HOPE, CANCER

*Pear of Hope* is the story of a little girl with cancer and her tale of recovery. This is intertwined with the growth of a pear tree, which symbolises the enigmatic concept of hope. Told through sensitive words and gentle, beautiful illustrations, the story is a reminder of the fact that, like Anna, with hope you can face any battle!



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**WINNER OF THE FOREVABILITY BOOK AWARDS - an award programme that recognises books that empower people living with disabilities or illnesses.**

RIGHTS SOLD: SLOVAK, SLOVENE



## NEW RELEASE



### Up to Something

Katrina McKelvey & Kirrili Lonergan

9781925335705 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp  
**THEMES:** RECYCLING, IMAGINATION, FATHER-SON BOND

Billy is only allowed to watch as his dad works in the shed, but when Billy decides to use his dad's off-cuts and other items to build his own project, Dad is in for a surprise! Up to Something is a beautiful exploration of the father-son relationship, the importance of creativity and the satisfaction to be gained from making things ourselves.



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**A great gift for Dads who love to tinker in their sheds.**

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

### Isla's Family Tree

Katrina McKelvey & Prue Pittock

9781925820379 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp  
**THEMES:** FAMILY STRUCTURE, SIBLINGS

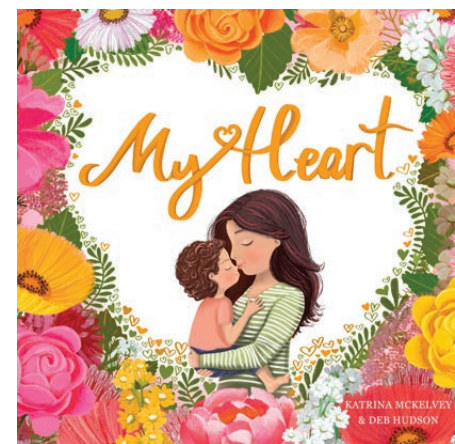
Isla's family is changing and she's not happy! She doesn't want siblings. Her mother explains how families grow by making a family tree with her, but Isla's branch is already full! But once she meets her new brothers, she falls in love and makes room for them after all.



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*"Perfect for young families expecting a new sibling."*  
 - Daily Telegraph



### My Heart

Katrina McKelvey & Deb Hudson

9781922539571 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp |  
**MAR 2024**

**THEMES:** MILESTONES, MOTHER/CHILD BOND

My Heart depicts the many ways a mother's heart can experience love and emotion while her baby journeys through the milestones of growing up. The story uses repetition and subtle variation to reflect the activity and reactions of the mother's heart, and how they change with each mother-child interaction.

The narrative moves through the early years until the child goes off on their first independent activity, a deeply moving moment for all mothers. Beautifully detailed illustrations depict the connection between mother and child, reminding readers that a mother's heart will always be with her children, no matter where they go.

#### ABOUT THE CREATORS

**Katrina McKelvey** loves tea, mint chocolate, scary movies and rollercoasters. As a child, she witnessed a hot air balloon's unexpected landing in her backyard. Her previous books include *Up To Something*, *Isla's Family Tree* and *Dandelions*.

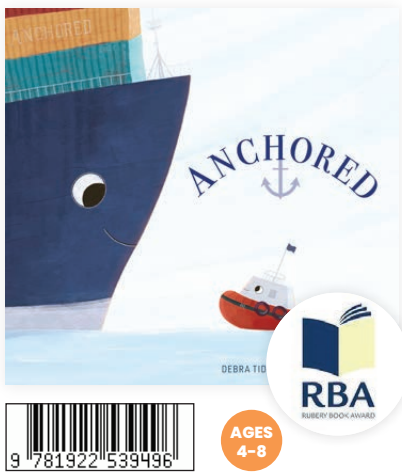
**Deb Hudson** is an illustrator who finds inspiration in the magical, joy-filled moments of everyday life, her previous books with EK are *Pear of Hope* and *Milly and The Mulberry Tree*

**A moving story about the bond between a mother and her child.**

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## NEW RELEASE

**Anchored****Debra Tidball & Arielle Li**

9781922539496 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** EMOTIONAL BONDS, ATTACHMENTS, TUGBOATS, SEPERATION

In this sensitive tale, Tug and Ship are connected by bonds of love despite being separated by danger and distance. In a world where so many parents are apart from their children for periods of time due to work and/or living arrangements, sometimes the sense of attachment can feel a little vulnerable. *Anchored* is a reassuring book, reminding children that their attachment with those they love can weather the tides of time away from each other: they are firmly anchored in each other's hearts.

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*"A comforting picture book about separation and reunion"*  
- The Times of London

RIGHTS SOLD: GERMAN, distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA

**Milly and the Mulberry Tree****Vikki Conley & Deb Hudson**

9781922539120 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** HOME, TRAVEL, ADVENTURE, LOVE, CHILDHOOD, OUTDOOR PLAY

Milly's mulberry tree is the centre of her world; the place where she plays with her Papa, learns about nature, and creates magical potions... until she grows up and finds herself in a faraway land, still dreaming of home. A delightful story about the importance of exploration, appreciating nature, and keeping home close to our hearts.

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*"When the mulberry tree's limbs stretched out to the world, so did Milly's."*

**Some Families Change**  
**Jess Galatola & Jenni Barrand**

9781922539670 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | MAY 2024

**THEMES:** BLENDED FAMILY, SEPARATION, DIVORCE, FAMILY DIVERSITY, SAME SEX PARENTS

Family changes can be challenging, especially for young children. *Some Families Change* offers a comforting exploration of changing family structures through gentle verse and inclusive illustrations. Covering scenarios including single-parent families, blended families, and the loss of a loved one, it serves as a reassuring guide for children experiencing such transitions. Candid and big-hearted, *Some Families Change* is a timely resource for navigating the inevitable changes that life brings.

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The book candidly explores concepts such as split families, single-parent households, families with two mums or dads, families that join together, and how changes to family might make children feel.

**ABOUT THE CREATORS**

**Jess Galatola** is a teacher and mother to two boys. She has a passion for helping young people to heal and build resilience through literature.

**Jenni Garrand** is a children's art teacher who lives on the Northern Beaches of Sydney with a husband, two kids, one cat and three guinea pigs.





## Get Ready, Mama!

Sharon Giltrow & Arielle Li

9781922539083 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FAMILY, ROUTINE, ROLE REVERSAL

Getting Mama ready for the day can be a challenge... you'd better watch out that she doesn't sneak back into bed, try to distract you with cuddles, or... wait, is Mama watching TV?! Even the most reluctant risers will find the fun in the morning routine with this playful role-reversal story about a mama who just doesn't want to get ready!



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RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH

## Bedtime, Daddy!

Sharon Giltrow & Katrin Dreiling

9781925820386 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** BEDTIME ROUTINE, FATHER-CHILD BOND

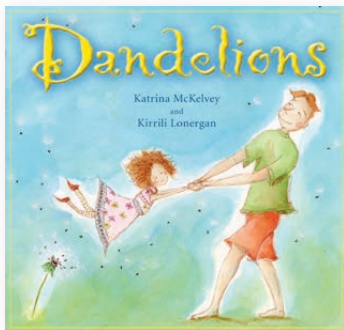
Daddy can be a handful when it's time to go to bed. Especially when he starts crying! This story will show you how to wrestle your daddy into his pyjamas, read just one more bedtime story, battle bedtime excuses and use go-away monster spray until Daddy finally goes to sleep. Full of heart and humour, for anyone who wants to try to put a grown-up to bed.



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RIGHTS SOLD: POLISH



## Dandelions

Katrina McKelvey & Kirrili Lonergan

9781925335569 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** HOPE, RESILIENCE, FATHER-DAUGHTER BOND

Dandelions explores the bond between a father and his daughter. One day, a little girl notices her father mowing the lawn — in the process destroying her favourite flowers. Will she forgive her dad, and will nature surprise her?

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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## The Mosaic

Deborah Kelly & Nicky Johnston

9781922539731 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | OCT 2024

**THEMES:** FAMILY BREAKDOWN, ART

A lyrical and optimistic tale about the power of possibility and perspective, told from the point of a child experiencing a family breakdown. Frankie's parents have separated, and her world has fallen apart, much like the precious vase that broke on the day Dad left. But then Nana takes her to an art gallery where she falls in love with a massive mosaic, built from a ceramicist's broken works after an earthquake. Frankie realises that though the pieces of her life may never fit together again as they did before, there is a chance that from the 'broken' pieces she will be able to rebuild a new beautiful life.

*"The pieces of her world would probably never fit together exactly how they used to, but maybe they could find a different way to fit together, a new way, a way that was every bit as beautiful ... a mosaic"*



## SOLO PARENTS

### This is My Dad

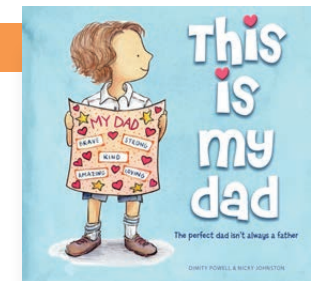
The perfect dad isn't always a father  
Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston

9781922539076 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FAMILY, SINGLE PARENTS, OCCUPATIONS

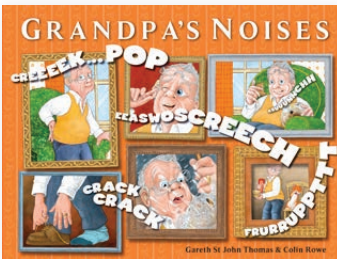
Leo has never known a father figure, but that won't stop him from telling his class about someone cool, courageous and clever on Tell Us About Your Dad Day — someone who might not be his dad, but is his everything. A heart-warming story about bravery and modern family dynamics that will resonate with millions of children.

**RIGHTS SOLD:** SPANISH (Latin America), SLOVENE



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## Grandpa's Noises

Gareth St John Thomas & Colin Rowe

9781925335989 | Hardcover | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

9781925820461 | Paperback | 215 x 288 mm | 8½ x 11¼ in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FAMILY, HUMOUR

*"It is a long time since I have giggled through an entire children's book. A great read for young and old, A chance for children to reflect on the older family figures in their lives and a chance for adults to see themselves and others through the eyes of a child."*

– Educating Young Children



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## Peas in a Pod

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

9781921966712 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925335286 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY AS A MULTIPLE

Pippa, Pia, Poppy, Polly and Peg are quintuplets. Since birth, they've done everything the same, but as they get a little older they want to do things differently – very differently. Can Mum and Dad keep their little girls as matching peas in a pod, or will those five very individual personalities win out in the end?

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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## Arabella and the Magic Pencil

Stephanie Ward & Shaney Hyde

9781925820010 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820553 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** CREATIVITY, SIBLING RIVALRY

Arabella is a beloved only child until her brother arrives. While she loves him, it's hard to like him. One day, she decides drastic action is required and she erases him from her life with her magic pencil. Oops! Can she get him back? Arabella and the Magic Pencil will appeal to any child with a new sibling and those with changing family dynamics.

**RIGHTS SOLD:** POLISH, SLOVAK. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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## The Art of Words

Robert Vescio & Joanna Bartel

9781925820843 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** WORDS, LANGUAGE, STORYTELLING, CREATIVITY

Words are everywhere! In this story about the magic of words, imaginative illustrations show a young boy and girl stretching words, squashing them, colouring them, and sewing them together to reflect their meaning. *The Art of Words* will inspire young readers to appreciate the joy of making stories from words.



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*"If you're a casual teacher this is the perfect book to have in your tool kit! It's a great way to talk about the purpose of words" – Love Four Learning.*

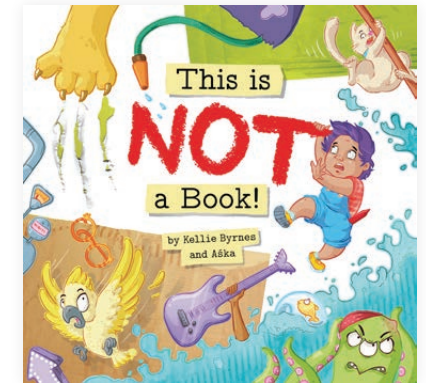
## This is NOT a Book!

Kellie Byrnes & Aśka

9781925820508 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** METAFICTION, STORYTELLING

In this action-packed picture book, our main character is convinced they're not in a book. After all, if this was a book there'd be pages to turn and problems to solve. But hold on, we've turned the page ... and why are those pirates stealing that treasure? The perfect introduction to storytelling, *This is NOT a Book!* is metafiction made fun!



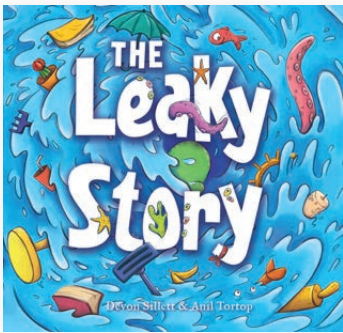
PERFECT FOR CLASSROOMS

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*"This book is filled with metalanguage or the building blocks of what makes a story. It would make such a brilliant start to a narrative writing lesson." – Love Four Learning.*





## The Leaky Story

Devon Sillett & Anil Tortop

9781925335392 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** IMAGINATION, THE JOY OF READING, FAMILY

A book sits abandoned on a living room shelf. While the Blossburn family gets on with other things, the book aches to be read. Slowly it starts to swell, then leak! At first it's only a trickle, but when pirates sail out of the book, the family must band together to reclaim their living room. An action-packed adventure about the magic of books.



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**RIGHTS SOLD:** TURKISH, distributed in ENGLISH in CHINA.  
Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

## Scaredy Book

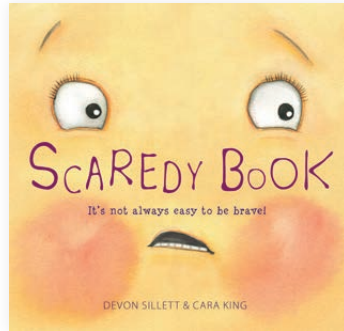
*It's Not Always Easy to Be Brave!*  
Devon Sillett & Cara King

9781925335682 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp  
9781925820683 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

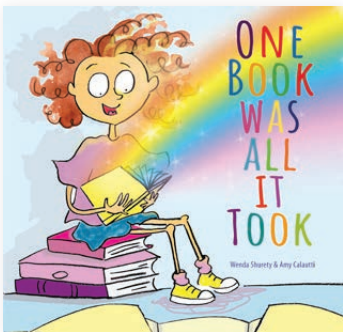
**THEMES:** COURAGE, FRIENDSHIP, BOOKS, LIBRARIES

Book lives at the library and desperately wants to go outside, but is scared of what might happen! Emma loves visiting the library and delights in the adventures she finds there. They're just what each other needs. A story about being brave and living to tell the tale!

**RIGHTS SOLD:** SPANISH (Latin America). Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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## One Book Was All it Took

Wendy Shurety & Amy Calautti

9781922539137 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** BOOKS, READING, AND LIBRARIES

Find out how reading just one book can lead to a brand-new library in this lively chain-reaction story about actions and their consequences – however unintended they may be! *One Book Was All it Took* is the perfect tongue-in-cheek adventure story to share with budding bookworms, and a heart-warming reminder of the importance of libraries.



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*"I really love the rainbow magic that comes from the book. It goes through the whole story. It's so true, because books are magical!"* – Bianca, age 9

## Grace & Katie

Susanne Merritt & Liz Anelli

9781925335545 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** SIBLING RIVALRY, CREATIVITY, INDIVIDUALITY BETWEEN TWINS

Grace and Katie are twins. Grace loves everything to be organised and neat, while Katie loves everything to be bold and messy. Not surprisingly, when they want to draw a map of their home and street, the girls can't agree on how it should be done. An imaginative story of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's strengths.



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*"An imaginative exploration of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's differences."* –Kiddo Magazine

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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**RIGHTS SOLD:** POLISH, TURKISH

## Jørn's Magnificent Imagination

Coral Vass and Nicky Johnston

9781922539144 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY, ARCHITECTURE, AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Celebrating new ideas that can make a world of difference, *Jørn's Magnificent Imagination* is the true story of Jørn Utzon, the architect of the world-renowned Sydney Opera House. In this gorgeously illustrated book, we follow Jørn through his life as he discovers his love of building and creating, gathering ideas from everything around himself. Along the way, young readers will be reminded of the importance of taking the time to dream and create, and of the incredible power of the imagination.

*"Cleverly leaves the reveal of the Sydney Opera House to the last page, so that young readers have many opportunities to guess what the magnificent landmark that the book is referring to might be. This is the perfect picture book to give to any young creators and builders as it shows that not everyone may always like what you do but to never give up trying."* Story Links

## The Art Garden

*Sowing the Seeds of Creativity*  
Penny Harrison & Penelope Pratley

9781925335590 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

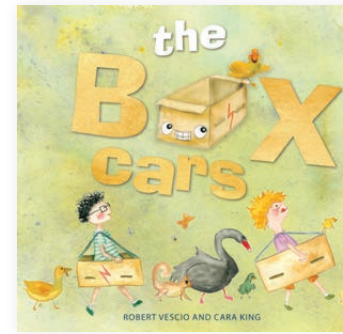
**THEMES:** CREATIVITY, SELF-BELIEF, FRIENDSHIP

Sadie wants to be a painter, just like her best friend, Tom. But whenever Sadie picks up a paintbrush she makes a big mess. So instead, she spends time working in the garden or playing with Tom. But, one day, Sadie gets a look at things from a different perspective.

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.



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## The Box Cars

Robert Vescio & Cara King

9781925335835 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FRIENDSHIP, CREATIVITY, PROBLEM-SOLVING

Liam and Kai are the best of friends. Each day in the park they race around in their box cars. One day they notice a little girl watching them — she's keen to join in, but there's only room for two. A fun-filled story of friendship, sharing and creative problem-solving!

**RIGHTS SOLD:** POLISH. Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

## Violin and Cello

Catherine Greer, Alex Lau & Joanna Bartel

9781922539274 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, COLLABORATION

The perfect read for every emerging musician, Violin & Cello includes a bonus duet children can learn to play. For every child practicing their new instrument and the parents and teachers helping them along the way, this book celebrates the joy of unexpected friendship through music. Young readers will love the appealing characters and carefully drawn settings. Two cultures, two instruments, one piece of music; the inclusion of a playable tune is a bonus!

**RIGHTS SOLD:** POLISH



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## The Incurable Imagination

Paul Russell And Aśka

9781925335972 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** EDUCATION, IMAGINATION

Audrey has the worst case of 'imaginitis' her teachers have ever seen! While other children paint their families, Audrey paints an ogre who drinks tea. She writes a song about a desk with legs that runs away. What's worse, her condition is contagious and soon the other kids in her class start showing symptoms of an incurable imagination! Before long, parents begin to protest. But perhaps imagination isn't such a bad disease after all? It might even be useful if it makes learning more fun.

*"A super fun book with bright, bold illustrations that celebrates the absolute awesomeness of having a vivid imagination."*  
- One More Page Podcast



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## Butterfly Girl

Ashling Kwok & Arielle Li

9781922539564 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FRIENDSHIP, NATURE, BUTTERFLIES, COMMUNITY BUILDING, COPING WITH CHANGE

In this charming and sensitively illustrated book, a young girl whose only friends are butterflies must learn how to transform a city balcony into a welcoming environment for her fluttering friends

**INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUILDING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN.**

## NEW RELEASE



9781922539656 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | FEB 2024



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## Two Rabbits

Larissa Ferenchuk & Prue Pittock

**THEMES:** FRIENDSHIP, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, EMPATHY

In *Two Rabbits*, Little Brown Rabbit and Little Grey Rabbit have had an argument. As they go their separate ways into the night, the wind whispers around them to remind them of their sharp words. Will they be able to come back together and find a way to save their friendship? The story portrays the physical and emotional journey of two best friends as they experience feelings of anger, sadness and loneliness. Young readers will learn that friendship can overcome differences and disagreement.

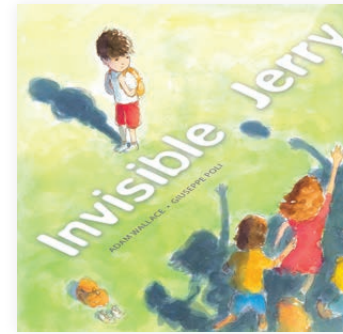
When best friends argue, the wind follows them, reminding them of their sharp words. Will they ever be friends again?



### ABOUT THE CREATORS

**Larissa Ferenchuk** is a writer who loves all things magical and whimsical. She lives in Adelaide with her husband, three children and one very lovely Little Grey Rabbit. *Two Rabbits* is her debut picture book. Larissa also loves to volunteer her time, including with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, where she has assisted many groups of children in the cooking program over the last six years.

**Prue Pittock** studied Art and Design. She began her career working in advertising, which led to her dream job, illustrating and designing record covers for EMI Australia. Prue used her love of a limited colour palette to develop her own distinctive style.



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## Invisible Jerry

Adam Wallace & Giuseppe Poli

9781925335781 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** FRIENDSHIP, LONELINESS, BELONGING, SELF-CONFIDENCE

People don't notice Jerry. If someone bumps into him, they don't say sorry. If he makes a joke, no one laughs. He never gets picked last for teams — but that's because he never gets picked at all. It's like he's invisible. Until Molly arrives. This is a picture book with heart for everyone who has ever felt like they're on the outside looking in.

**RIGHTS SOLD:** POLISH, ROMANIAN

## The Battle

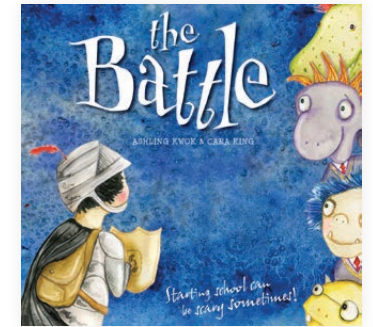
*Starting School Can Be Scary Sometimes!*  
Ashling Kwok & Cara King

9781925820409 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

9781925820904 | Paperback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** STARTING SCHOOL, FRIENDSHIP

Starting school is scary. *The Battle* is an imaginative, relatable story, teaching children that maybe things aren't as bad as they might first seem, with magic and fun awaiting if they let their guard down.



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## Tottie and Dot

Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling

9781921966491 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** COMPETITION, RIVALRY, FRIENDSHIP

Tottie and Dot are two little girls who live side by side. Life is very peaceful until one day the girls begin competing with each other to create the best house. Jealousy takes hold and their competitive spirit gets increasingly out of control until ultimately, things collapse in a disastrous heap. Will Tottie and Dot realise the importance of their friendship before it's too late?

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Available in an Educational APP in English in Asia.

## NEW RELEASE

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# Anzac Ted



## Anzac Ted

Belinda Landsberry

9781922539755 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp | **MAR 2024**

**THEMES:** ANZAC, WORLD WAR I, TEDDY BEAR, THE LEGACY OF WAR

A contemporary classic Anzac Ted has helped a generation of children better understand the legacy of the Anzac service men. A poignant story, told through rhyme, of a little boy's teddy bear that was passed down to him from his grandfather. Battered, torn, missing an eye and an ear, he might look scary but he's got a great story to tell. For Anzac Ted went to war, keeping soldiers company and giving them comfort. Exquisite watercolour illustrations combine with evocative text to create a picture book that, while perfect for parents and teachers to share with children, is also guaranteed to touch the heart of every adult.



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**10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION. FEATURES NEW CONTENT AND ARLIN COVER**

*'They'd see a hero, plain as day  
Who sits upon my bed.  
A hero, who saved me and you.  
His name ... is Anzac Ted*

## THE LEGACY OF WAR

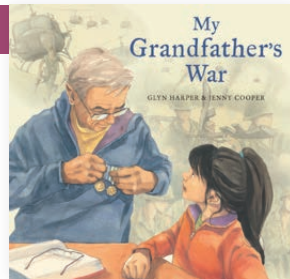
### My Grandfather's War

Glynn Harper & Jenny Cooper

9781775592990 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** VIETNAM WAR, PTSD, FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

A touching story about a Vietnam veteran and his relationship with his granddaughter. The young girl senses her grandfather's pain and is curious to find out the cause. She discovers her grandfather's sadness is a legacy of the Vietnam War and his experiences there. This is a sensitive exploration of the cost of war on those who serve.



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## The Doll Box

Deborah Kelly & Joanna Bartel

9781922539700 | Hardcover | 280 x 245 mm | 11 x 9½ in | 32 pp | **JULY 2024**

**THEMES:** FAMILY HERITAGE, WOMENS STORIES, FEMALE EMPOWERMENT, KEEPSAKES, IMMIGRATION

Whenever Isla's mother brings out her small blue doll box, Isla knows she will hear the stories of the women in her family's past. Their incredible tales of immigration, war, and fighting for their rights show Isla the strength she has in herself and lead her on a journey of self-discovery. Inspired by the author's own family, *The Doll Box* is a testament to the power of our personal histories, and the spirit of the many women who had to overcome incredible odds to achieve their dreams.



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**Unravelling the tales of strong women in her family, Isla discovers her own strength in *The Doll Box*.**

**A heart-warming story for daughters everywhere.**

## ABOUT THE CREATORS

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**Joanna Bartel** loves designing characters and creating playful images to enhance imaginative learning. Her previous books include *The Art of Words* and *Violin & Cello*.



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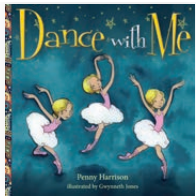
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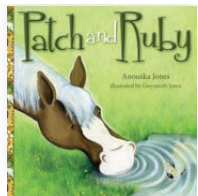
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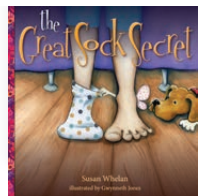
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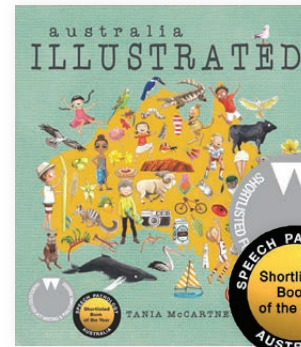
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Penelope Pratley

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**THEMES:** ACCEPTANCE, BEING YOURSELF, FRIENDSHIP, FITTING IN

Sapling Green has always hidden her green thumbs. But one day the old schoolyard tree is damaged in a storm. Can Sapling be brave enough to show her classmates her secret and save the tree?

This story is an important reminder that we should always accept each other for who we are.



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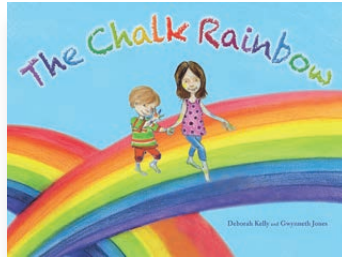
## The Chalk Rainbow

Deborah Kelly & Gwynneth Jones

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**THEMES:** UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

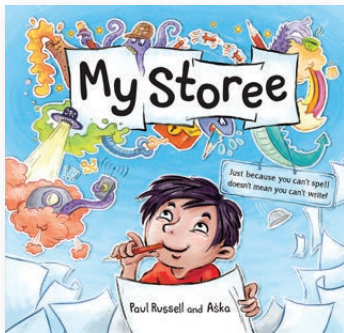
*“Deborah Kelly’s charming picture book explores difference and diversity through a family living with Autism Spectrum disorder” – Disability Link*



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*Just Because You Can't Spell, Doesn't Mean You Can't Write!*

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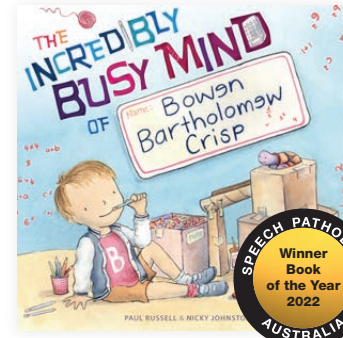
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**THEMES:** DYSLEXIA, CREATIVITY, RELUCTANT WRITERS

Written by a primary school teacher, who is dyslexic himself, this engaging picture book provides inspiration and support for reluctant writers and dyslexics, and shows the importance of good teachers.



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## The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp

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**THEMES:** NEURODIVERSITY, CURIOSITY, FITTING IN, SCHOOL

Being 'normal' might just be overrated..

Bowen Bartholomew Crisp's mind is full of curious questions and mile-a-minute trains of thought. Learn how he finds his place in the world by using his ability to think differently as his greatest strength.



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## The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses

Susanne Garvay & Marjorie Crosby-Fairall

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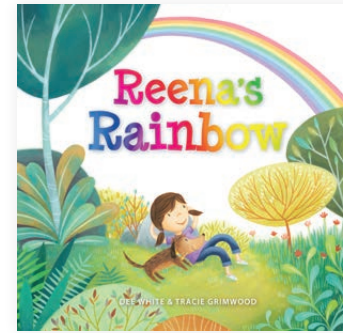
**THEMES:** SELF-ESTEEM, DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE

Sam's new glasses that the grown-ups say make him look like a superhero, but he just wants to look like himself. Will he ever fit in again?

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## Reena's Rainbow

Dee White & Tracie Grimwood

9781925335491 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** HEARING IMPAIRMENT, DIVERSITY, FRIENDSHIP, ACCEPTANCE

Reena is deaf and Dog is homeless. Sometimes neither of them feels as if they quite fit in. But when Reena and Dog form a unique bond, it's not long before everyone finds out just how special they are. A story of friendship, diversity and acceptance.

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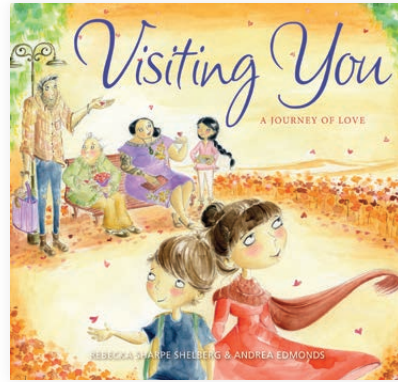
*A Journey of Love*

Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg & Andrea Edmonds

9781925335668 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** COMMUNITY, DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE, LOVE

A young child and their mother set out to visit a loved one. Along the way, the child curiously interacts with other commuters and discovers that we all are bound by the common experience of love, and that it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.

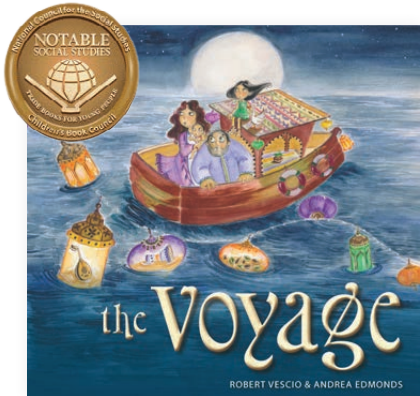


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**A heart-warming celebration of the power of love, and how it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.**

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## The Voyage

Robert Vescio & Andrea Edmonds

9781925820034 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** EMPATHY, RESILIENCE, REFUGEES

A child-friendly introduction to the important global issues of war, the refugee crisis and human rights. Displaced by war and conflict, a refugee family sets out on a dangerous voyage into the unknown. The sparse text and evocative illustrations combine powerfully to encourage young readers to create their own background story and identify more deeply with the plight of refugees.



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## The Welcome Cookies

Kay Baillie & Hilary Jean Tapper

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**THEMES:** BELONGING, CHANGE, KINDNESS

Mabel loves visiting Miss Plum's Sugar Plum Café and drawing pictures for the arty-smarty wall. But one day, Mabel finds the café under renovation by someone new. She misses her favourite café, and she misses Miss Plum's smiles. One day, the café reopens, and Mabel reluctantly visits there with her mother. Will this new place provide Mabel with the same joy she felt in the old café? And how will Mabel accept its differences?



**Everyone enjoys the cosiness and friendliness of their favourite café. But what happens when the place you love suddenly changes?**

## SPREADING KINDNESS

### Ella & Mrs Gooseberry

*Discovering What Love Looks Like*

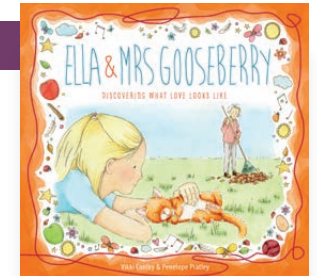
Vikki Conley & Penelope Pratley

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**THEMES:** LOVE, KINDNESS, EMPATHY

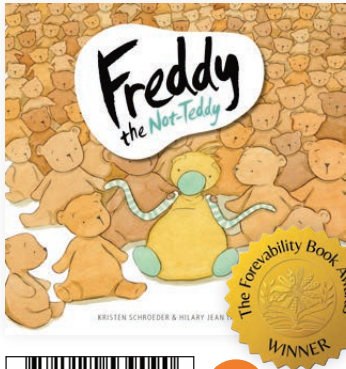
Grumpy old Mrs Gooseberry from next door has lost her love, so Ella begins a quest to help Mrs Gooseberry rediscover it. A heartwarming story about the importance of community, love and selfless giving.

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## Freddy the Not-Teddy

Kristen Schroeder & Hilary Jean Tapper

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**THEMES:** ACCEPTANCE, STANDING UP FOR OTHERS, INCLUSION, FITTING IN

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*"The strongest theme in this book is the bravery it takes to be true to yourself or kind to others, especially when you expect peers will not understand" – Reading Time*

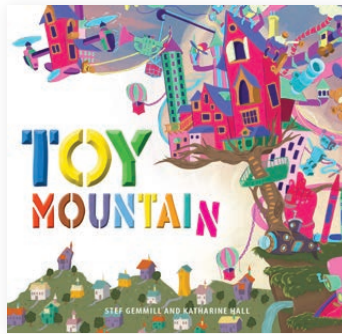
## Toy Mountain

Stef Gemmill & Katharine Hall

9781925820966 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** RECYCLING, SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT

Sam's dreams seem to have come true when he becomes a toy tester for the Tiny Hands Toy Factory, and his house is filled with plastic toys in all sorts of shapes and colours. But one by one his shiny new toys start to break. Soon enough, Sam has a mountain of broken toys that just won't stop growing! A story that empowers children to take sustainability into their own hands.



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## Once, I Was Loved

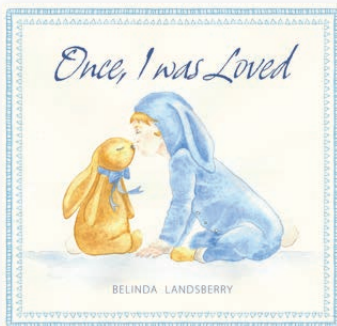
Belinda Landsberry

9781925820027 | Hardcover | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 in | 32 pp

**THEMES:** HISTORY, CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

A celebration of the timeless nature of love set against the backdrop of iconic moments in 20th-century history, this heart-warming picture book will resonate with anyone who has ever cherished a childhood toy.

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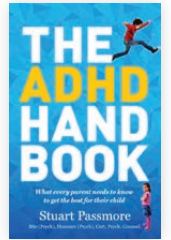
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## The ADHD Handbook

*What Every Parent Needs to Know to Get the Best for their Child*  
Stuart Passmore

9781921966118 | Paperback | 234 x 151 mm | 9½ x 6 in | 264 pp



## The Anxiety Coach

*Every Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in their Child*  
Michael Hawton

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9781991001498 | Audiobook | Duration 5hrs 10mins

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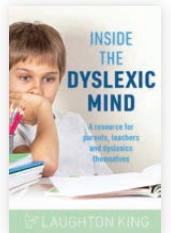
## Inside the Dyslexic Mind

*A Resource for Parents, Teachers and Dyslexics Themselves*  
Laughton King

9781922539427 | Paperback | 229 x 152 mm | 9 x 6 in | 256 pp

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