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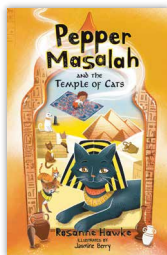


PEPPER MASALAH AND THE FLYING CARPET

Rosanne Hawke & Jasmine Berry

9781761111105 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 72pp | 7,000 words | Paperback | 6 to 10 years | **MAR 2023** | AU \$11.99 | NZ \$12.99 | UK £7.99 | US \$8.99 | CA \$12.99 |

A fierce storm sweeps Zamir and his cat Pepper Masalah away upon their ancient carpet. After flying far from home, they crash-land in the Arabian Peninsula. Pepper and Zam make a friend but it's not enough to escape the local camel traders. How will they escape? Can they make the carpet fly again?

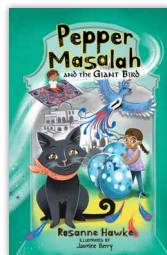


PEPPER MASALAH AND THE TEMPLE OF CATS

Rosanne Hawke & Jasmine Berry

9781761111143 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 72pp | 7,000 words | Paperback | 6 to 10 years | **JUL 2023** | AU \$11.99 | NZ \$12.99 | UK £7.99 | US \$8.99 | CA \$12.99 |

Pepper Masalah's flying carpet lands in Ancient Egypt where Pepper and Zam are taken to a temple full of cats by a girl called Tabia. Pepper is in danger as the people want to make her into a mummy as she is so special. To make it worse the carpet has floated away on the Nile and Pepper and Zam are stuck in time.



PEPPER MASALAH AND THE GIANT BIRD

Rosanne Hawke & Jasmine Berry

9781761111204 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 72pp | 7,000 words | Paperback | 6 to 10 years | **NOV 2023** | AU \$11.99 | NZ \$12.99 | UK £7.99 | US \$8.99 | CA \$12.99 |

The carpet is shot at over Afghanistan and the Simurgh (a giant bird from Persian folklore) snatches Pepper from the carpet to feed her young when they hatch. The carpet is disorientated without Pepper and disappears after Zam falls off. He makes the long climb up the mountain to find Pepper. How will they get home to Australia without the carpet?

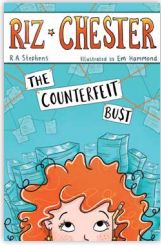
A boy and his clever cat fly on an ancient carpet having fantastical adventures where they land.

- A story that emphasises the power of true friendship and the important role pets play in the development of some young children
- Teaching kids the value of kindness and self-giving
- Fantastical adventure visiting the vibrant cultures across the many countries in the Middle East.



ROSANNE HAWKE has written more than 30 books for young people and is the recipient of the Nance Donkin Award for a woman author who writes for children. She has been a teacher, a lecturer in creative writing at Tabor Adelaide, and worked with a mission agency in Pakistan & UAE. Her books explore cultural and social issues. She often writes of displacement, belonging and reconciliation and tells stories of children unheard.

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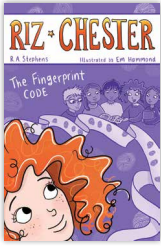


RIZ CHESTER: THE COUNTERFEIT BUST

R. A. Stephens & Em Hammond

9781761111181 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 90pp | 7,000 words | Paperback | 6+ years | **MAY 2023** | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$12.99 | UK £8.99 | US \$9.99 | CA \$14.99 |

Riz Chester is an average 10-year-old girl. She doesn't think she can do anything special and is average at school. But Riz is particularly observant. When she finds out about a counterfeit ring, can she use her powers of observation to work out who is behind it? Will the police officers even believe her?



RIZ CHESTER: THE FINGERPRINT CODE

R. A. Stephens & Em Hammond

9781761111280 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 96pp | 9,000 words | Paperback | 6+ years | **NOV 2023** | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$12.99 | UK £8.99 | US \$9.99 | CA \$14.99 |

One day at school there is a commotion outside the music room. Something is missing. Riz and her friends break out her new forensics kit and set out to uncover the truth. Is the mark left behind in the music room a real fingerprint?

Riz Chester is an average 10-year-old girl with a passion for forensics. Her unique observational skills help Riz and her friends to solve puzzling mysteries.

- Realistic forensic investigations for kids
- Neurodivergent female protagonist
- A relatable group of characters using problem solving and data analysis to uncover unique mysteries

THE SECRET SCIENCE SOCIETY IN SPACE

Kathy Hoopmann, Josie Montano & Ann-Marie Finn

9781761110092 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 108pp | 10,480 words | Paperback | 8+ years | **JUN 2023** | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | UK £7.99 | US \$9.99 | CA \$14.99 |

The Secret Science Society need to come up with a prize-winning experiment. Do they really build a rocket ship to put a dog in space? And will they solar-brate a win at the Science Expo? Zane's mystery modifications can only lead to one thing: An astronomical DISASTER! But sssshhhhh, the ending is out of this world.

When Zane, Bart, Kiki and Mona set out to create a spaceship for dogs, the results are out of this world!

- Depicts various forms of neurodiversity from a neurodivergent child's perspective
- A science and space themed story for children with a relatable comedic twist

JOSIE MONTANO's dream from age nine was to be an author and now she is an international award-winning author of over 60 books. Josie, also writes under the pseudonym of Santomauro on the topic of Autism.

KATHY HOOPMANN has written over twenty books for all ages with translations into nineteen languages. Kathy is best known for her photo-illustrated books on neurodivergence and their simplicity, charm and insight has made them must-haves for children and adults worldwide.



ALSO IN THIS SERIES
SPECTACULAR EXPERIMENT

9781925563764 |

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9781761110771



9781761110788



9781761110795

AMANDA COMMANDER

Coral Vass & Heidi Cooper Smith

9781761110771 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 72pp | 7,000 words | Paperback | 6 to 10 years | MAR 2022 | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$12.99 | UK £8.99 | US \$9.99 | CA \$14.99 |

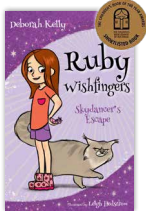
It's OPERATION INVITATION! Amanda tries everything to make Eve like her and get an invitation her party, until she finally learns it's more important to be kind, not for what you can get but because of who you are.

It's OPERATION CROSS COUNTRY! Even though she is competitive, Amanda learns it is more important to show kindness to others than win.

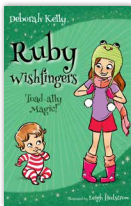
It's OPERATION DISCO DRESS! In their mission to get Eve to wear a different coloured dress, however, the Dolphin Squad find that there might be something amazing to be had out of wearing the same dress...

The Dolphin Squad always has a plan for any problem that comes their way but things don't always turnout the way they expected.

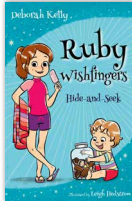
- A charming story about a Amanda and her faithful friends as she explores some important learning moments at school
- Teaches kids valuable life lessons like: be kind not for personal gain but out of love; empathy and self-sacrifice for people in need
- Three more titles coming in 2024



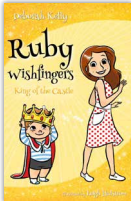
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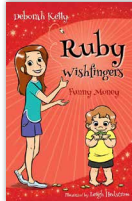
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RUBY WISHFINGERS

Deborah Kelly & Leigh Hedstrom

WOMBAT BOOKS | 96pp | 10,000 words | Paperback | 6 to 10 years | MAR 2016 to OCT 2017 | AU \$9.99 | RIGHTS SOLD: #1 - Slovene

Ruby Wishfingers is an ordinary girl with an extraordinary name. Only nobody else seems to think so. That is until Ruby Wishfingers wakes up with a strange feeling in the tips of her fingers. She soon finds out that there is far more to being a Wishfingers than having a funny name!

An ordinary girl with a extraordinary name. When her fingers start to tingle she knows a magical adventure is about to begin.

- A humorous series about an ordinary girl with an extraordinary gift—magical wishing fingers!
- Teaches kids to be careful what they wish for and the unintended side effects of acting rashly
- Taking ownership of mistakes and problem-solving from a child's perspective
- Teaches kids about coping with changes in the home such as new siblings, difficult relatives and the struggles of growing up
- Skydancer's Escape was shortlisted in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards 2017



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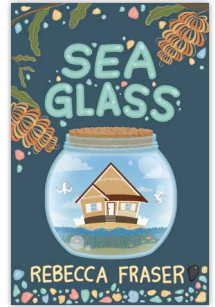
SEA GLASS

Rebecca Fraser

9781761111075 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 112pp | 22,000 words | Paperback | 7 to 12 years |

MAR 2023 | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | UK £8.99 |

When Cailin must spend Christmas at her eccentric grandfather's shack at Whitefoam Cove, her holiday plans are ruined. Cailin barely remembers him. Memories of her father are everywhere—and worse, she left her cricket bat at home! She's set for the worst summer ever, until she learns treasure can be found in the most unexpected places!



A coming-of-age story celebrating the importance of family, *Sea Glass* is contemporary Australian middle grade novel.

- Follows the reconnection between an estranged grandparent and grandchild
- Easy enough for younger readers, and enjoyable for older middle fiction readers
- Explores healing family relationships, particularly through grief
- Relatable story

THE THING ABOUT OLIVER

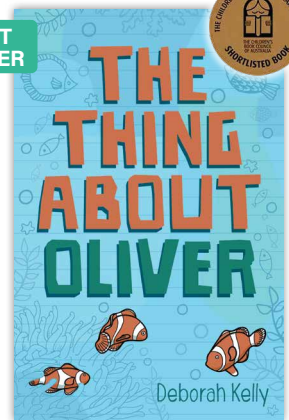
Deborah Kelly

9781925563818 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 132pp | 30,000 words | Paperback | 10+ years |

JAN 2019 | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$17.99 |

Twelve-year-old Tilly dreams of becoming a marine scientist, but she doesn't even own a swimsuit. She lives in a drought-stricken town with her mum and younger brother Oliver, who is autistic. Tilly knows Oliver's needs have to come first, but it's hard feeling invisible all the time. When Mum announces they are moving to the Queensland coast, Tilly is excited at the thought of finally learning to swim— even snorkel! But the thing about Oliver is, he can't cope with even the tiniest of changes to his routine. It isn't long before the cracks begin to show. Could so many changes all at once threaten to shatter the whole family?

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SELLER**



12 year old Tilly dreams of becoming a marine scientist but she lives in a drought stricken town with her mum and her brother Oliver who has autism.

- A stunning middle-grade novel centred on twelve-year-old Tilly and her brother Oliver, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Themes of acceptance and patience.
- Short-listed in the CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers 2020
- Short-listed in the Speech Pathology Awards 2019
- Winner of the Family Therapy Awards: Junior Readers 2020



MIDDLE FICITON

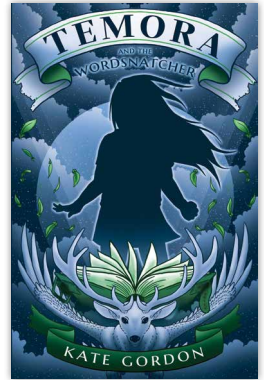
TEMORA AND THE WORDSNATCHERS

Kate Gordon

9781761110122 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 276pp | 80,000 words | Paperback | 10+ years |

MAY 2023 | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | UK £12.99 | US \$16.99 | CA \$22.99 |

Temora Murphy lives in an immaculate house, with a controlling mother. The only other children she sees are the “shiny” girls her mother selects for her as friends. Girls who tease her for her size and shyness. To escape, she reads books about adventure and magic, which she finds in a black pearl box at the bottom of the garden, beneath the Bloodwood tree. Then, at a party for her twelfth birthday, Temora Murphy makes another wish. And with that wish, Temora Tempest’s life alters forever.



TEMORA AND THE DREAMERS

Kate Gordon

9781761110153 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 280pp | 80,000 words | Paperback | 10+ years |

SEP 2023 | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | UK £12.99 | US \$16.99 | CA \$22.99 |

Temora Tempest used to think she was just a regular girl, but after making a wish on her twelfth birthday, she learns the truth: She’s one of the wordspellers from the fantastical Lunary World, tasked with bringing stories and dreams to the children of the other realm. But with the Wordsnatcher on the loose, the stories of the wordspellers are at risk. It’s up to Temora and her group of friends to stop him and protect the realm from the Wordsnatcher’s horrible machine.



A diverse portal fantasy, for fans of “magical school” books looking for a more modern, inclusive read and a protagonist who does not fit into society’s boxes.

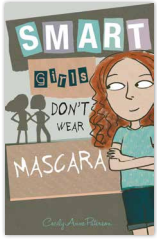
- Diverse cast of characters
- Love of reading
- Portal fantasy with a female lead
- Challenging conventional stereotypes



KATE GORDON grew up in a small town by the sea in Tasmania. She is the author of six novels for teenagers, as well as the picture books, *Bird on a Wire* and *Amira’s Magpie*, and the junior fiction series, *Juno Jones*. She now writes middle grade fiction. Kate’s books have been published internationally. *Girl Running*, *Boy Falling* and *Aster’s Good, Right Things* have both been adapted for the stage. Her books have been long-listed in the 2019 CBCA Awards and shortlisted and longlisted in the 2021 awards. She received the 2016 IBBY Ena Noel Award. In 2018, Kate was

shortlisted in the Dorothy Hewett Awards for an Unpublished Manuscript, and was commended in the 2018 Vogel’s Awards. In 2021, *Aster’s Good, Right Things* was shortlisted in the Speech Pathology Book of the Year Awards and won the CBCA Book of the Year for Younger Readers.

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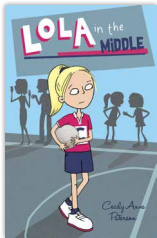


SMART GIRLS DON'T WEAR MASCARA Cecily Anne Paterson

9781925563443 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
241pp | 70,000 words | Paperback |
10+ years | JUL 2018 | AU \$17.99 |

NZ \$21.99 |

Stella turns up at school, fluttering her mascara eyelashes and now Abby's Smart Girls Club like ridiculous things such as makeup and new music! Will Abby follow her friends, or follow her dreams? Because she can't have both. After all, Smart Girls don't wear mascara!



LOLA IN THE MIDDLE Cecily Anne Paterson

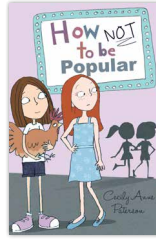
9781925563900 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
192pp | 50,000 words | Paperback |
10+ years | MAY 2020 | AU \$16.99 |
NZ \$20.99 |

Lola is always in the middle on the netball court. But netball is not the only situation she is always stuck in the middle of. Her parents fight all the time and her best friends hate each other. When Lola steps up as team captain for the State Finals, the doctor says she might have to stop playing all together. Lola feels like she's losing from all sides. Can she ever stand up for herself? Or will she always be stuck in the middle?

Fluttering mascara eyelashes, hilarious antics with chickens, netball state finals, and no toilet paper and missing puppies! It's never a dull moment for the kids of Kangaroo Valley.

- Teaching middle fiction readers valuable life lessons like: be considerate to others; take responsibility for your actions; how to stand up for yourself; treat other the way you want to be treated
- Relatable and fun stories featuring young girls navigating their personal struggles in school and at home and growing from their experiences.

CECILY ANNE PATERSON grew up overseas, going to boarding school in the Himalayan mountains and spending her holidays in the deserts of Pakistan. She's the author of eight books for girls, including the CALEB Prize winner, *Charlie Franks is A-OK*, and the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award semi-finalist, *Invisible*. Her 'brave-hearted' stories for preteen and young teen girls focus on friendships, real life and growing up. She hopes her characters will inspire girls to make great friendships and to be great friends themselves.



HOW NOT TO BE POPULAR Cecily Anne Paterson

9781925563658 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
192pp | 50,000 words | Paperback |
10+ years | MAR 2019 | AU \$16.99 |
NZ \$20.99 |

Maddie has a decision to make. She tries to be nice to everyone—even chicken-obsessed Tahlia—but she'd way prefer to hang out with the cool k-girls at school. How far will she go to be popular? Will she be able to live with the guilt when she finally has everything she's been hoping for?



THE AVA SHOW Cecily Anne Paterson

9781761110405 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
130pp | 40,000 words | Paperback |
10+ years | SEP 2021 | AU \$17.99 |
NZ \$21.99 |

Life's great for Ava. Mum gets annoyed at Ava's lack of organisation but Ava can always rely on her best friend Josie to pick up after her. But when the pandemic hits, everything's cancelled. There's no school, no birthday, no athletics, no toilet paper and definitely no Josie to rely on. A puppy goes missing and it's Ava's fault. Can she mend her irresponsible ways in time?

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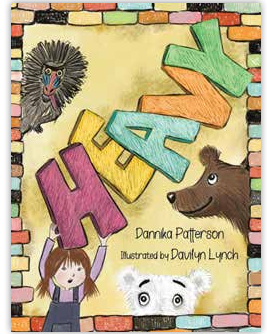
HEAVY

Dannika Patterson & Davilyn Lynch

9781761111020 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 350 words | Hardback | 4 to 8 years |

MAR 2023 | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$24.99 | UK £14.99 | US \$18.99 | CA \$25.99 |

Nina teaches her family of incredibly strong women how to take a break from their busy and exciting lives with her amazing inventions. The author and illustrator blend exciting language with dynamic artwork to create a fun story for children about letting go of our burdens. *Heavy* is author Dannika Patterson's twelfth book.



Heavy is an empowering children's book about a family of very strong women, an inventive girl, and the value of rest.

- Themes of family, diversity, equality and familial/societal expectations of women and girls
- Empowering story, especially for young girls (show Nina's new ideas creating intergenerational change and family patterns)
- STEAM curriculum links in the examples of main character Nina's inventions (Science: force, push/pull, use of pulleys, etc)
- A great story to celebrate International Women's Day in primary schools
- A gentle conversation starter about societal expectations, multi-tasking, load-carrying and the value of rest
- A fun story set in a Wild Animal Rescue Centre

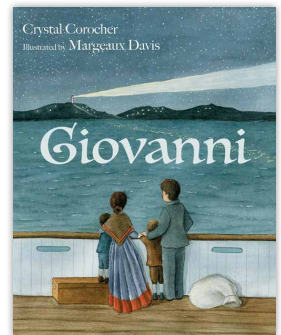
GIOVANNI

Crystal Corocher & Margeaux Davis

9781761111235 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 1,000 words | Hardback | 4 to 8 years |

OCT 2023 | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$24.99 | UK £14.99 | US \$18.99 | CA \$25.99 |

In the tradition of great high seas adventure stories of times passed, with one key difference - this is a true story! The epic adventure of four-year-old Giovanni and the journey that could have ended his life, bringing him instead to start a new adventure in a new country, Australia.



This is a true story of some of the first Italian migrants to arrive in Australia and the perilous journey they survived in 1881.

- An important part of Australia's migration history, told for the first time.
- Resilience is a key theme in this book.
- Giovanni is a survival story, one that evokes empathy and understanding toward migrants.

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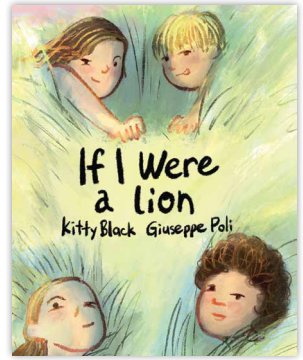
IF I WERE A LION

Kitty Black & Giuseppe Poli

9781761110191 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 250 words | Hardback | 4 to 6 years |

JUN 2023 | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$26.99 | UK £14.99 | US \$18.99 | CA \$25.99 |

If I Were A Lion follows the journey of different children as they express admiration for different lion traits, wishing they had the same courage, curiosity, lounging ability or terrific smile that lions do. But, with the wishing comes the realisation that those same abilities are the ones they already have. Everyone can be a lion, everyone is fierce and free to be themselves!



If I Were A Lion is a frolicsome anthem of self-affirmation for all children.

- Teaches children the importance of self-acceptance and how to identify traits they admire of others in themselves
- Charming, expressive and colourful illustrations that capture the energy and innocence of childhood
- A funny tale about how anyone and every one wishes they could be as strong confident as a lion—and maybe they already are.

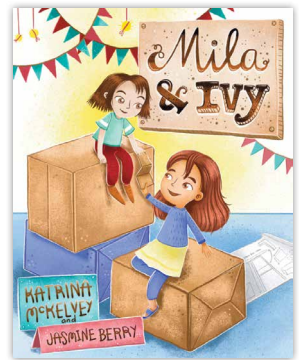
MILA AND IVY

Katrina McKelvey & Jasmine Berry

9781761111112 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 407 words | Paperback | 2 to 7 years |

APR 2023 | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$18.99 | UK £9.99 | US \$12.99 | CA \$18.99 |

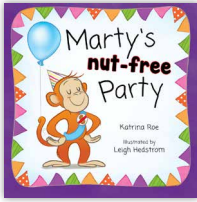
Mila likes to build things and is designing a cupcake catapult with her little sister, Ivy. However, a problem arises when it seems that Ivy is intent on destroying things. Frustrated by her sister's behaviour, Mila decides to build the catapult on her own, but it soon becomes clear that something is missing. Something that only Ivy can help with... This is a fun story about how different people work in different ways, and how we can embrace and harness those differences to get better results.



This tale of two sisters shows how people work differently, and how we can harness our differences to get better results.

- Teaches children that people are different and the importance of communication
- Perfect book to help young children develop good sibling relationships
- Colourful illustrations show the sisters engaging in creative play, designing and building

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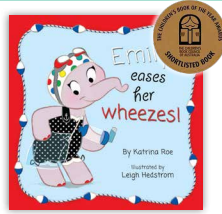


MARTY'S NUT-FREE PARTY

Katrina Roe & Leigh Hedstrom

9781921633362 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 600 words | Hardback | 4 to 8 years | JAN 2012 | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 |

Marty loved to party. At every party, Marty was the first to arrive and the last to leave. That was before Marty found out that peanuts make him sick. Really sick. Parties aren't so much fun for Marty now that he keeps ending up in hospital. How can Marty and his friends make their parties safe and fun for everybody?

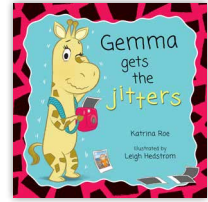


EMILY EASES HER WHEEZES

Katrina Roe & Leigh Hedstrom

9781925139129 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 600 words | Hardback | 4 to 8 years | JUL 2014 | AU \$11.99 | NZ \$12.99 | **RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese Traditional**

If Emily tries to play basketball, she ends up puffing. What can you do when asthma stops you from playing with your friends? Join Emily, Marty and their friends in this new adventure to help them to understand asthma in a fun and entertaining way.



GEMMA GETS THE JITTERS

Katrina Roe & Leigh Hedstrom

9781925563139 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 700 words | Hardback | 4 to 8 years | JAN 2017 | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$24.99 | **RIGHTS SOLD: Arabic**

Gemma has a new camera! She is visiting the mountains and wants to get the perfect photo. But at the top of the lookout, Gemma gets the jitters. Will she let her fear of heights stop her from achieving her dream? Join Gemma, Marty and their friends as they help Gemma overcome her jitters.

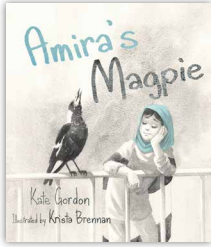
Join Marty and his friends in educational adventures to help them to understand allergies, asthma and anxiety.

- Teaches kids about real life health issues, such as allergies, asthma and anxiety with fun and appealing characters
- Friendships grow and deepen when the characters accept and support each other
- Children learn to identify and respond to big emotions
- Marty was shortlisted in the Speech Pathology Awards 2013
- Supportive friends work together to overcome challenges
- Lively illustrations full of colour and movement bring characters to life
- Emily was a notable book in the CBCA Eve Pownall Award 2015



KATRINA ROE is an author, broadcaster and podcaster who can be heard each weekday on Sydney's Hope 103.2 radio. Her books tackle real-life issues she has faced first-hand. Katrina's first book, *Marty's Nut-Free Party*, was shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award. Her second book, *Emily Eases Her Wheezes*, was listed as a Notable Book by CBCA in 2015. Her third children's book, *Same*, is a true story about her brother, Charlie, who has cerebral palsy. It was shortlisted for the Caleb Prize, 2016.

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AMIRA'S MAGPIE

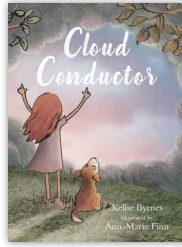
Kate Gordon &
Krista Brennan

9781925563986 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
32pp | 200 words | Hardback |
4 to 10 years | OCT 2021 | AU \$24.99 |
NZ \$24.99 |

Amira's Magpie is a story of friendship, family and escape; of bravery and resilience in the face of hardship. It is the story of hope we find in small happinesses, even when it seems like all hope is lost. In a beautifully lyrical way, this gentle yet powerful story reminds us of asylum seekers and anyone who longs for home.

Hope can be found even in smallest happinesses, when it seems like all hope is lost.

- A powerful story of bravery, resilience, and hope despite hardship
- Using lyrical prose, we are reminded of asylum seekers and those who long for home.
- Written by award-winning author Kate Gordon



CLOUD CONDUCTOR

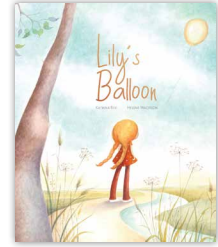
Kellie Byrnes &
Ann-Marie Finn

9781925563344 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
32pp | 300 words | Hardback |
3 to 8 years | JAN 2018 | AU \$24.99 |
NZ \$24.99 |

Frankie loves to just sit and watch the clouds. She conducts symphonies in the sky and listens to the melodies that only she can hear. Even when illness means she can't leave her bed, Frankie can escape to the beach with shimmering waves or the outback with thundering horses.

Your imagination can take you on an adventure, even if your body can't.

- A journey of recovery, using clouds to soar through the darkest and brightest days.
- Encourages imagination through the endless stories we can craft from clouds.
- An expressive story, filled with messages of hope and the power of the imagination even in the face of illness.



LILY'S BALLOON

Katrina Roe &
Helene Magisson

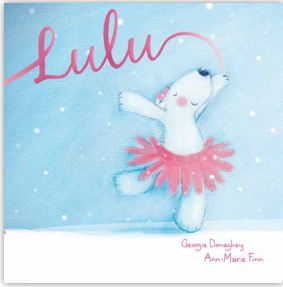
9781925563399 | WOMBAT BOOKS |
32pp | 500 words | Hardback |
4 to 6 years | JUL 2018 | AU \$19.99 |
NZ \$24.99 |

When Lily finds a beautiful, big, shiny balloon she wants to keep it forever... But what if somebody else needs it more? *Lily's Balloon* is a gentle, hopeful story about disappointment, loss and learning to let go. Three young lives are connected through one balloon, which touches them in different ways.

Even in times of sadness, beauty and joy can be found all around us.

- A hopeful story about letting go of loss, pain and disappointment
- Shows the ways we are all connected, even when we can't see it.
- A gentle lesson in perspective and learning to see the bigger picture

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LULU

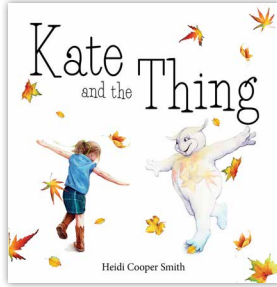
Georgie Donaghey & Ann-Marie Finn

9781925563078 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 300 words | Paperback | 4 to 8 years | JAN 2017 | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$17.99 | **RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese Simplified**

Lulu's life was quite cosy and nice, with mountains of fish and even more ice. But something was missing, something wasn't quite right. She dreamed of the stage, she yearned for the lights. Join Lulu on her adventure and see what she discovers...

Following your dreams can take you on adventures far from home, but never forget the people who love you most.

- Encouragement to chase your dreams despite obstacles while highlighting the importance of friendships.
- Flowing rhyming makes a fantastic story to be read aloud.



KATE AND THE THING

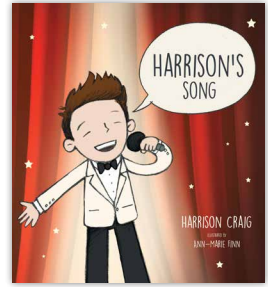
Heidi Cooper Smith

9781925563290 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 300 words | Hardback | 3 to 8 years | JAN 2018 | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$24.99 |

Moving to a new place, or starting a new school, can be overwhelming — more than anything you need a friend. Luckily for Kate, she has the Thing. *Kate and the Thing* is a story of courage and kindness, and the need to belong.

Moving is a big change but no challenge is too tough to handle when you have a good friend by your side.

- A reminder to children that they are never truly alone and the strength they need is already within them.
- Reassurance to children that it's normal to be overwhelmed in new situations and that those feelings can be overcome.
- A soft story of belonging and helping others feel the same.



HARRISON'S SONG

Harrison Craig & Ann-Marie Finn

9781925563115 | WOMBAT BOOKS | 32pp | 300 words | Hardback | 3 to 8 years | JAN 2017 | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$20.99 |

Harrison is a bit different to the other kids. Each time he tries to speak, he stutters. No matter how hard he tries, his tongue feels tied up in knots. That is, until one day when Harrison discovers his talent ...

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Hiding inside you is a great gift waiting to be discovered.

- A positive story of how dreams can be followed even though there might be challenges.
- Story for kids to overcome bullying and adversity and achieve their potential.
- The true story of Harrison Craig, winner of The Voice Australia in 2013, who overcame his stutter and became a professional singer.