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# Younger Readers

## Playground Circus

Written by Chrissy Byers and illustrated by Simon O'Carrigan

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 3-6 years



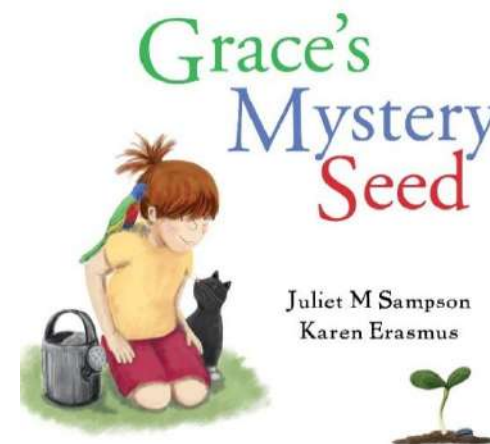
A family visit to the playground becomes a circus extravaganza. This little girl can do anything, if only her mum would look up from her phone and join in the fun.

Uniquely written through the eyes of a child growing up in a technologically driven society, *Playground Circus* is a gently amusing story about the magic of imaginative play and what we miss when we're not paying attention.

## Grace's Mystery Seed

Written by Juliet M Sampson and illustrated by Karen Erasmus

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4-9 years



'Polly likes these stripy seeds,' Grace said.  
'What are they from?'  
'Let's find out,' said Mrs Marino.

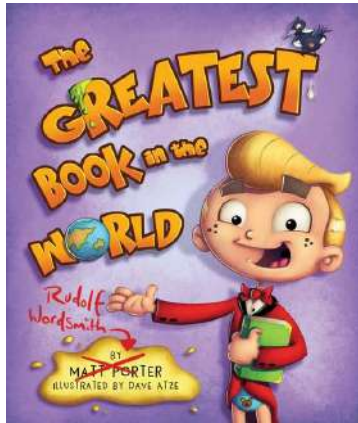
Grace and her neighbour plant a mystery seed.  
They wait and wait for ages.

Then a little green shoot starts to grow . . . and grow . . . and grow . . . until, at last, Grace discovers the truth about her amazing mystery seed.

## The Greatest Book in the World

Written by Matt Porter and illustrated by Dave Atze

hardback, paperback • 32 pages



In this laugh-out-loud read, Rudolf Wordsmith requests that readers finish his rhyming couplets and admonishes them when they're tricked into supplying a 'rude' rhyme.

This trickery is achieved through clever text and lively illustrations. As the reader's 'rude' rhymes cause the illustrator to draw Rudolf in humiliating predicaments, he becomes increasingly frustrated. This culminates in a surprising and hilarious ending that will have children howling with laughter.

## Jacaranda Magic

Written by Dannika Patterson and illustrated by Megan Forward

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4-7 years



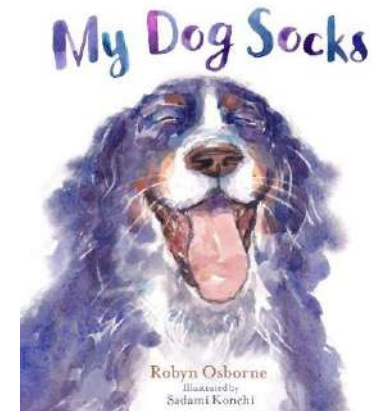
Five friends are feeling bored on a hot sticky day. Just when they think they'll never find anything fun to play, a simple gust of wind changes everything . . .

*Jacaranda Magic* is a unique rhyming picture book that celebrates imaginative play and highlights the value of boredom and nature in inspiring creativity.

## My Dog Socks

Written by Robyn Osborne and illustrated by Sadami Konchi

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years



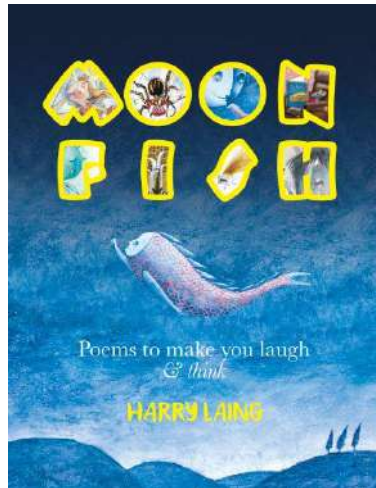
**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia  
Shortlisted – Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year**

Join Socks in his secret world, where imagination rules and the everyday becomes extraordinary. Socks is not just an ordinary dog. Through a child's eyes he becomes an enchanted character of many disguises. One day he's a contented cow rolling in grass, the next a sleek seal basking on rocks. Socks offers unconditional love and loyalty, for 'when he is by my side, he is my best friend'.

## MoonFish

By Harry Laing

paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years



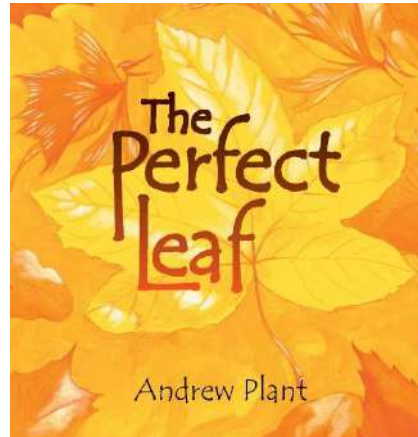
*MoonFish* is Harry Laing's sparky new collection of poems featuring eye-catching and fresh art by some of Australia's best known illustrators including Shaun Tan, Leigh Hobbs, Judy Watson and Anna Pignataro.

Children will love the humour and catchy rhymes of the twenty-nine poems featuring manic TVs, monsters and everything in between.

## The Perfect Leaf

By Andrew Plant

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years



*The Perfect Leaf* takes the simple joy of leaf-kicking and turns it into an extraordinary flight of the imagination. The autumn theme promotes discussions of seasons, time and colours for early readers.

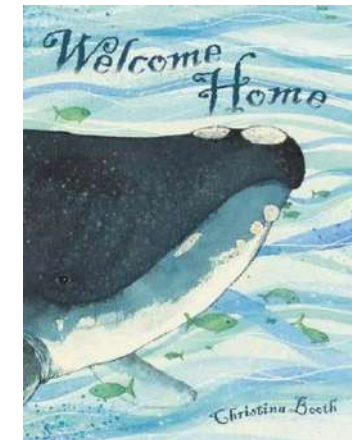
*The Perfect Leaf* is a glorious celebration of the power of invention, and of the joys of being a child.

## Welcome Home

By Christina Booth

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 7+ years

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**WINNER – 2014 Environment Award for Children's Literature: Picture Fiction by The Wilderness Society**

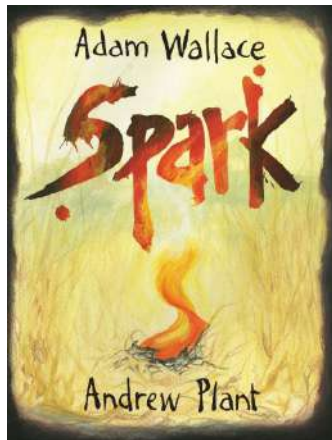
*Welcome Home* is the story of a young boy and a whale as she swims into the harbour seeking safety and a resolution to the violent past relationship between whales and man. Can the boy make amends for the past? Can the whale forgive and return to what was once her ancestor's home?



## Spark

Written by Adam Wallace and illustrated by Andrew Plant

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 6-10 years



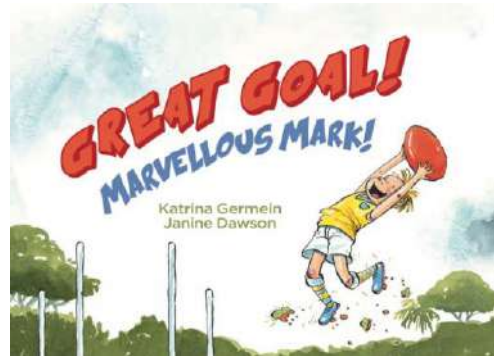
**Notable Book for Picture Book of the Year –  
Children’s Book Council of Australia**

*I began as a tiny spark in the dry grass.  
All I wanted was a friend.  
I found one in the wind,  
who helped me grow, who helped me to fly!  
But was the wind really my friend at all?*

## Great Goal! Marvellous Mark!

Written by Katrina Germein and illustrated by Janine Dawson

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4-6 years



**Notable Book – Children’s Book Council of  
Australia**

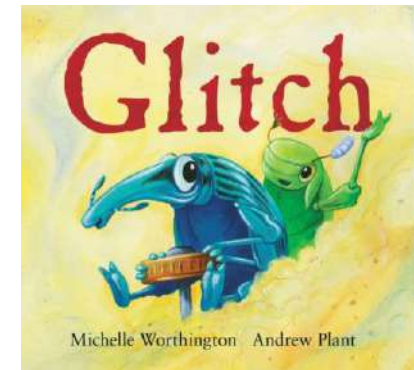
Get ready for a great game of football. There’s plenty of action and masses of mud. Who will kick the first goal? Who will take the best mark? And will the yellow team win?

A zippy, colourful, wet and muddy children’s weekend footy game that relates to all budding AFL champions and their families.

## Glitch

Written by Michelle Worthington and illustrated by Andrew Plant

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 3-6 years



**Notable Book for Picture Book of the Year –  
Children’s Book Council of Australia**

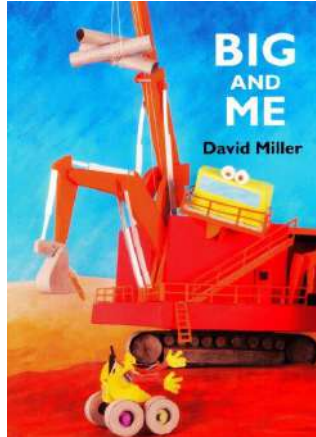
Glitch spends his life searching through mountains of mouldy mess at the dump. He wants to make the fastest billycart ever.

This year, he will be competing in the Big Race! But will his twitch stop him from winning?

## Big and Me

By David Miller

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 7+ years



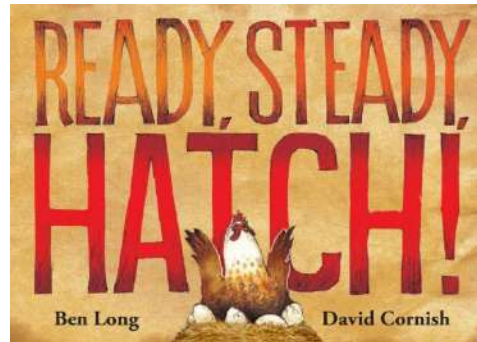
Big and Small are machines that work together as a team. *'But some days Big goes a bit wobbly, and I get a lot worried.'* Big malfunctions in a variety of ways and Small tries to help with the assistance of The Boss and Mechanic.

The story is a metaphor for a child living with an adult who suffers from mental illness. *Big and Me* is dramatically illustrated with paper sculpture.

## Ready, Steady, Hatch

By Ben Long and David Cornish

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 2-5 years



**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**

Round and bright and creamy white. Amid the pumpkin patch, a clutch of eggs was sprouting legs. Ready, steady, hatch!

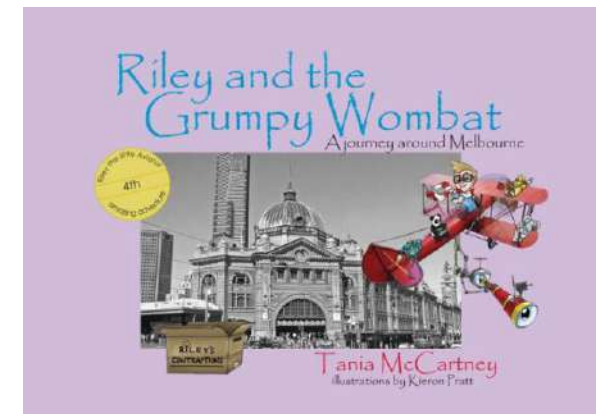
Ten chicks are excited to discover the world outside their eggshells, but the smallest is soon separated from the rest. Where can she be?

A rollicking adventure about curiosity, camaraderie and, above all, having a play along the way!

## Riley and the Grumpy Wombat: a Journey around Melbourne

Written by Tania McCartney and illustrated by Kieron Pratt

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 6-10 years



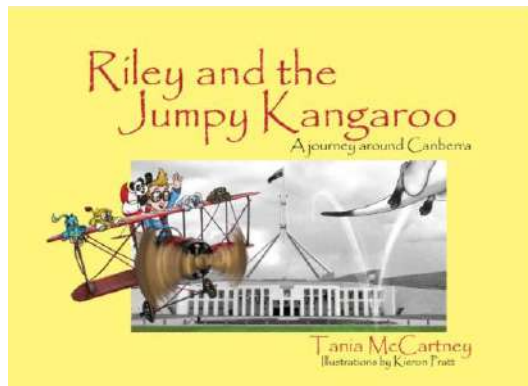
Riley has discovered a wombat in his nanny's garden. But why is this furry creature so grumpy?

Join Riley and his friends as they zoom around the stunning sights of Melbourne in search of a wombat that simply needs a place to call home.

## Riley and the Jumpy Kangaroo: a Journey around Canberra

Written by Tania McCartney and illustrated by Kieron Pratt

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 6-10 years

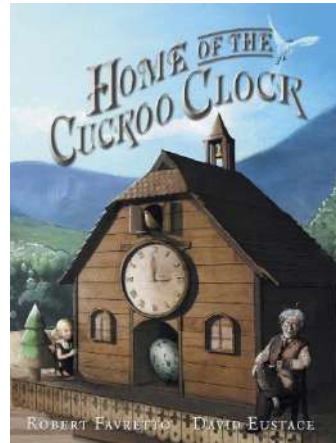


While visiting Canberra, Riley encounters a very jumpy kangaroo that is frantically searching for something she's lost. Bounding around the iconic sights of Canberra, can this roo finally find what she's been looking for?

## Home of the Cuckoo Clock

Written by Robert Favretto and illustrated by David Eustace

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 6+ years



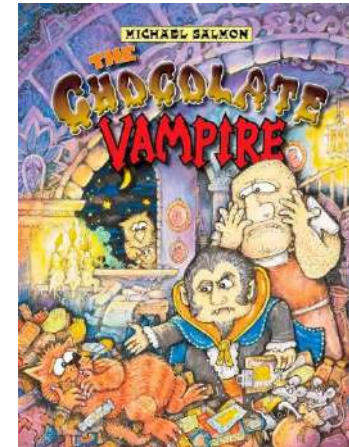
The village of Schoenwald is frozen in time. With no clock to measure their lives, the townsfolk live in chaos. Until an unexpected visitor arrives and changes the village that time forgot, forever.

*Home of the Cuckoo Clock* is a magical legend about the incredible cuckoo clock.

## The Chocolate Vampire

By Michael Salmon

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years



Count Munch was a very unusual vampire. He didn't like doing those creepy things that other vampires did – scaring lonely travellers in the dark forest, gnawing on necks, or even turning himself into a bat.

Somewhere along the way, things had gone terribly wrong. All Count Munch liked to do was eat chocolate . . . and lots of it!



## Belinda, the Ninja Ballerina

Written by Candidia Baker and illustrated by Mitch Vane

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years



It's every little girl's dream to be a ballerina, right? Well, not for Belinda, the ninja ballerina.

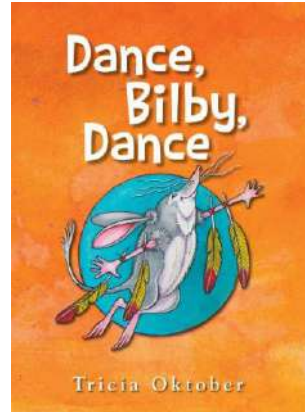
Belinda would take a headstand over a pirouette any day. But nobody will listen to Belinda's protests that she wants to be a ninja, not a ballerina.

That is until Belinda stages a one-girl protest and demands her rights. Her teacher has to put her thinking cap on and finally comes up with a solution that will keep everybody happy.

## Dance, Bilby, Dance

By Tricia Oktober

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years

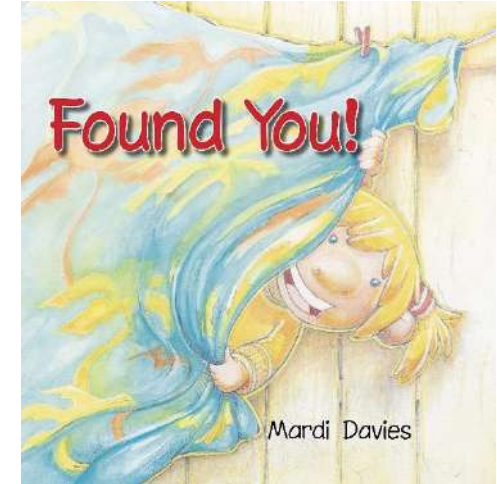


Bilby wishes he could dance. Everyone around him bounces, whirls and prances. They're having so much fun! Can Bilby learn to dance too?

## Found You!

By Mardi Davies

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 3+ years



'Ready or not, here I come!'

The backyard is bursting with places to play hide-and-seek. Florence Moon is seeking and Trevor is hiding. Terribly. Every time. Is Trevor good at anything? Florence thinks she has the answer.

## Blue Moon

By Tricia Oktober

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years



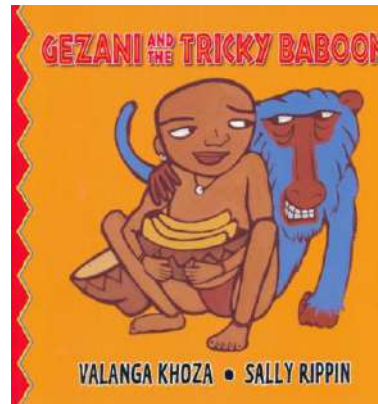
Cat kneads and treads, weaving a dream mat. All cats make them . . . to sleep on and to dream. Each blue moon, cats come together in a fabulous dream that lasts until dawn.

Follow Cat's adventures in the fantastical garden and see if you can spot the famous cats, fishbone ferns, the pussy willows and tiger lilies. And could that be a meerkat tangled up with Cat's dreams?

## Gezani and the Tricky Baboon

Written by Valanga Khoza and illustrated by Sally Rippin

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4-7 years



'Bananas, bananas, bananas on my head!' Gezani sets off to deliver a bunch of bananas to his cousins on the hill. But along the way he meets Tricky Baboon who is feeling very hungry.

Baboon tricks Gezani into leaving him the bananas. It is up to Gezani to teach Tricky Baboon a lesson!

## I Wish My Mum Was an Octopus

By Shona Revie Keenan and Lee Burgemeestre

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4-6 years



Shona Keenan's son Lachlan, at age four, said exactly how she felt – there was not enough of her to go around. What amazed her was that he gave the tentacles to the phone, kitchen, laundry, work and siblings first. Tentacle eight just wanted them to be together.

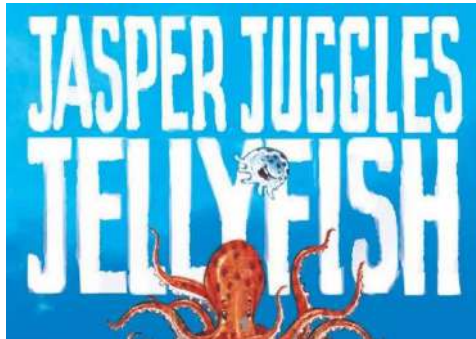
This book explains why we may not be with our children as much as we may wish, but also provides some humour into the extremely busy life of a mother.

From one child to another. From one mother to another.

## Jasper Juggles Jellyfish

By Ben Long and David Cornish

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 2+ years



An octopus called Jasper gives up on learning the basics at school to pursue something he thinks will be more fun.

He soon finds that even fun things can be difficult to learn. But luckily, a smack of jolly jellyfish are there to help him every step of the way.

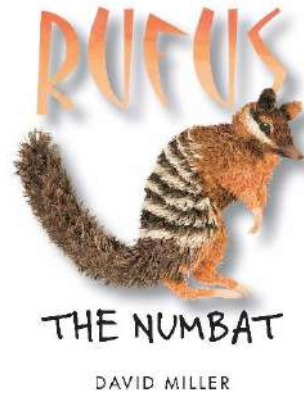
How many jellyfish do you think Jasper will be able to juggle by the end? Count along!

Maybe he will end up learning the basics without even knowing it!

## Rufus the Numbat

By David Miller

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4-6 years



**Shortlisted – 2011 Environmental Award for Children's Literature by The Wilderness Society**

Rufus the numbat is just passing through. But his quiet stroll through town causes all kinds of trouble. Rufus startles a cyclist and a Chinese Dragon, creating all sorts of mayhem.

David Miller's minimalist text contrasts with his detailed paper sculptures set over pen and ink backgrounds.

## Boxed Set – Marcy (series 2) and Too Cool (series 5)



*Marcy*  
Written by Susan Halliday  
and illustrated by Tom Jellett

*Too Cool*  
Written by Phil Kettle  
and illustrated by Tom Jellett

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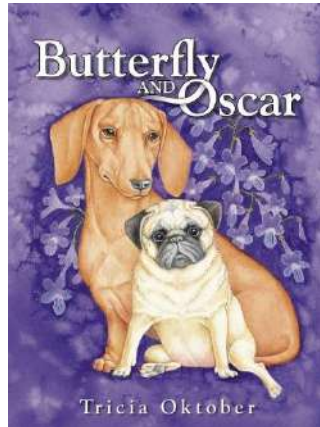
This set of 10 books contains:

- Netball Challenge
- Quiz Champs
- Thirteen Dolphins
- Lost Dogs
- Award Winners
- Round 'em Up
- The Race
- The Big Bash
- Pirates
- The Interview

## Butterfly and Oscar

By Tricia Oktober

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years



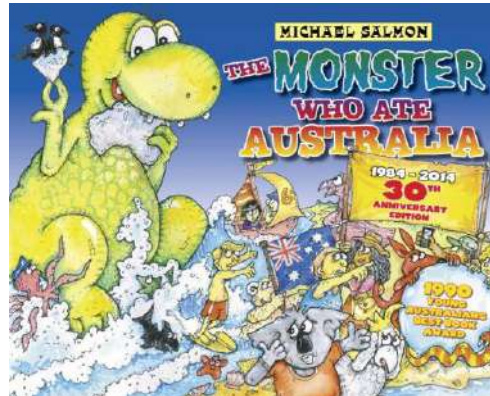
When Butterfly joins a family of dachshunds, she doesn't realise how different she looks . . . until she unexpectedly sees herself in a mirror.

It takes Oscar, her best friend, to convince her that the other dogs love her for herself. Butterfly and Oscar is a joyful celebration of difference.

## The Monster Who Ate Australia

By Michael Salmon

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5-9 years



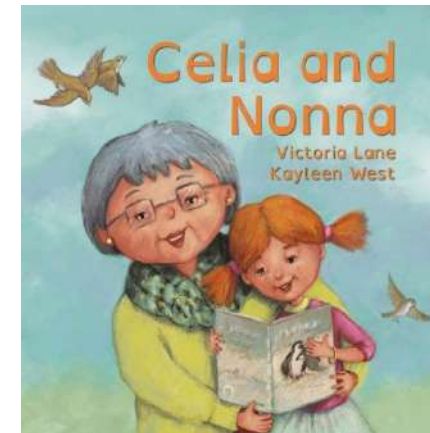
Meet Burra the boggabri. Sensitive and shy, he lives in a secret cave at the back of Uluru. Noisy tourists disturb his peaceful life, driving him out onto the road in search of a new home.

During his travels around the countryside, Burra meets – and eats! – many famous Australian icons, creating havoc wherever he goes.

## Celia and Nonna

By Victoria Lane and Kayleen West

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 4+ years



Celia loves sleepovers at her grandmother's house. There are so many fun things to do. But everything changes when Celia's grandmother moves to a new home. Clever Celia decides to help make the move easier – with delightful results!

Celia and Nonna is a heartwarming picture book about the special bond between children and grandparents – and what happens when life changes. Celia finds a delightful and positive way to navigate this confusing time.



## Chasing Shadows

Written by Corinne Fenton and illustrated by Hannah Sommerville

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years



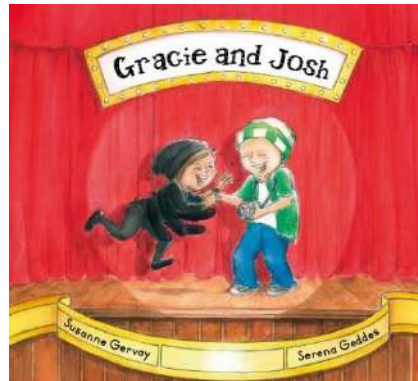
Everyone feels sad sometimes, but when sadness lingers, shadows appear. Some of us, even children, chase shadows.

Will a wriggly, mischievous surprise help Beth chase her shadows away?

## Gracie and Josh

Written by Susanne Gervay and illustrated by Serena Geddes

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5+ years



Gracie's brother Josh is funny and strong. He is always there for his sister Gracie.

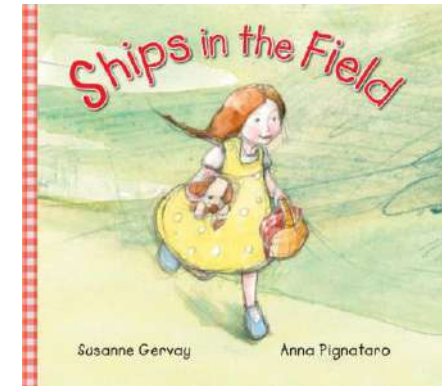
Josh is a movie maker and Gracie is a star. Gracie works busily finding stories for her brother Josh and gets angry at doctors who make Josh take off his beanie. Together they make a film that celebrates their relationship and the wonderfulness of every day.

*Gracie and Josh* is endorsed by Variety, the children's charity, helping children live life to the fullest.

## Ships in the Field

Written by Susanne Gervay and illustrated by Anna Pignataro

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 7+ years



**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**

Australia is an immigrant nation with many stories. *Ships in the Field* is a moving and significant picture book. It crosses boundaries in a universal recognition that children are part of the journey of war, migration, loss and healing.

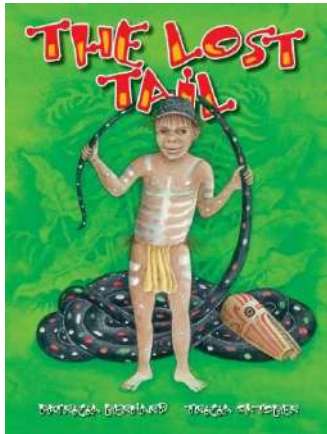
Through warmth, humour, pathos and story within story, it breaks the silence, engaging children, families and community.



## The Lost Tail

Written by Patricia Bernard and illustrated by Tricia Oktober

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5-10 years



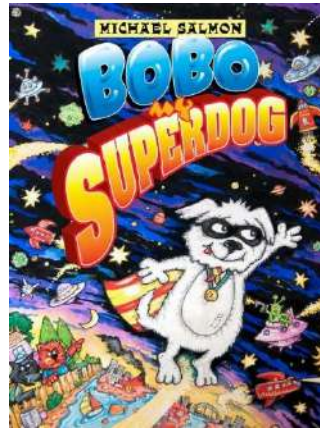
The Bundi Boys dance group will perform their snake dance in the dance competition at the Goroka Show. Little Nura will carry the snake's tail in the dance, but what happens when the snake loses its tail?

About the Goroka Show: Each year, groups from all over Papua New Guinea take part in the Goroka Show. This colourful cultural gathering attracts thousands of participants in a celebration of Papua New Guinea's diverse tribal rituals, talents, music and dances.

## Bobo My Superdog

By Michael Salmon

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5-10 years



Bobo appears to be like any other annoying, yappy little white and fluffy lap-dog. Bobo indeed has another life, he is a dog with super powers: Super-Bo, his kennel is in fact an Operations HQ with screens, monitors and lots of buttons to press.

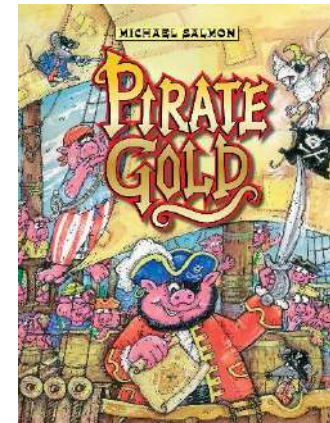
He wears a mask so that he won't be recognised and an old striped beach towel as a cape. Super-Bo is often called away to help when danger threatens.

But he's always back in time for dinner!

## Pirate Gold

By Michael Salmon

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 5-10 years



Yo ho ho and a bottle full of fun!

Avast there, me hearties! Join the Piganeers, the most bumbling band of swashbuckling pirates ever to sail the seven seas.

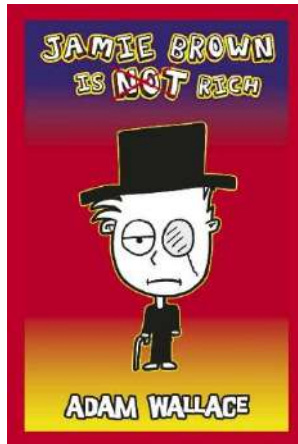
Suffering seaweed! Captain Porker's treasure is missing, and he's not happy!

## Jamie Brown is ~~NOT~~ Rich

By Adam Wallace

B format paperback • 186 pages • 6-10 years

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Jamie Brown and his family have no money.

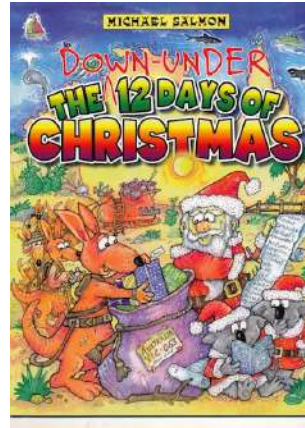
None. Zip. Zilch. Zero. Nada. Nix. Nachos.

When a letter from the mysterious Barnaby Von Barnabus arrives, everything changes. The question is . . . can the Browns handle their newfound fortune? Only time, and maybe the words in this book, will tell.

## The Down Under 12 Days of Christmas

By Michael Salmon

hardback, paperback • 32 pages



Santa Claus has landed in the outback and is busily checking his list. The kangaroos are in charge of all the presents and his koala helpers are not being much help at all!

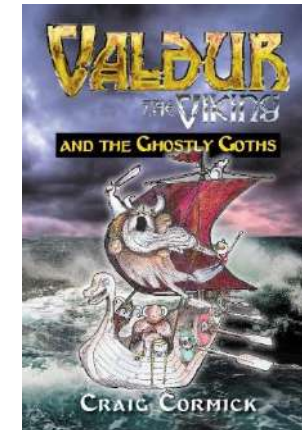
And are those crocodiles really 'a-snoozing'? With surfing sharks, skiing snakes, dancing dingoes, leaping lizards and lots more, Michael Salmon's Aussie characters come to life in pictures and verse.

Welcome to Christmas 'down-under'!

## Valdur the Viking and the Ghostly Goths

By Craig Cormick

B format paperback • 115 pages • 6-10 years



Hi. My name is Valdur and I'm a Viking. Well, I hope to be a real Viking one day. I'm still a child, but I do get to roam the seas on my father's ship.

Until, that is, I was kidnapped by his arch-enemy, the Goth pirate Germanicus Bottom. So now, by Odin's smelly socks, I have to fight Romans, sea monsters and the Pirate Goths to rescue him. Luckily I have my dragon-dog Ragna with me though.

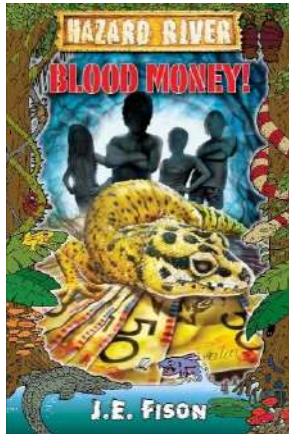
And we are all ghosts. Did I mention that?

## Blood Money

*Hazard River series*

By J.E. Fison

B format paperback • 101 pages • 8+ years



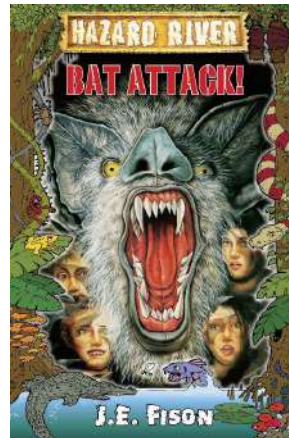
Everyone wants to have cool new stuff. Right? So when Jack Wilde and his friends find a bag full of money at Hazard River, it looks like all of their dreams have come true. But as they soon discover, money doesn't always bring happiness. Sometimes, it buys a whole lot of trouble.

## Bat Attack

*Hazard River series*

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It's New Year's Eve and Jack Wilde and his friends are getting ready for a night of fun at the local disco. But when a mad driver almost runs them over, things start to go badly wrong.

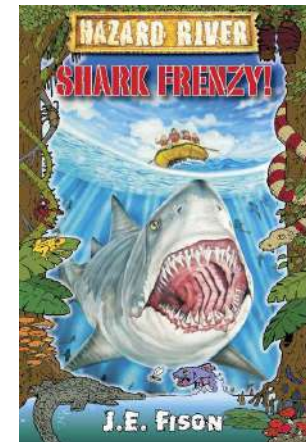
Will New Year's Eve be the best night of their lives or the very worst? As the clock ticks towards midnight, only time will tell.

## Shark Frenzy

*Hazard River series*

By J.E. Fison

B format paperback • 86 pages • 8+ years



Jack, Ben, Lachlan and Mimi discover a dead shark washed up on Hazard River. The shark has no fins. When another shark washes up without fins, the gang decides to investigate.

Their attempt to uncover what is killing the sharks leads them to a marine park. They discover fishermen killing endangered grey nurse sharks and taking their fins for shark fin soup in Asia. The Hazard River crew must stop them at all costs!

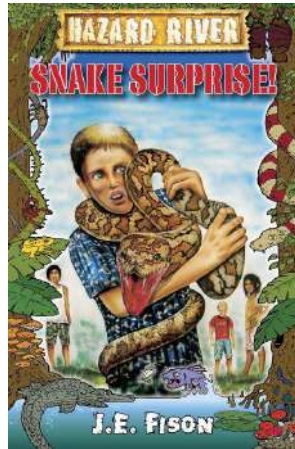


## Snake Surprise

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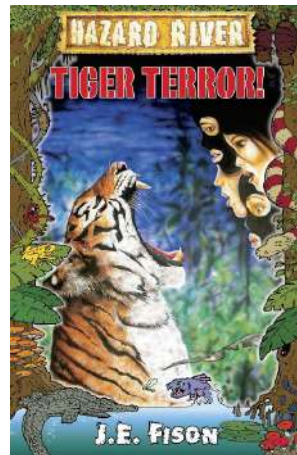
It's a boring wet day on Hazard River until Jack Wilde and his friends find a note on an abandoned boat. The message is damaged but they can all read the words HELP ME. The gang must find out who needs help and why. But as they get closer to the answer, will they be the ones who need help?

## Tiger Terror

*Hazard River series*

By J.E. Fison

B format paperback • 92 pages • 8+ years



Tigers are on the verge of extinction. Everyone knows that. So why does Jack Wilde think he's seen a tiger paw in a medicine shop in Chinatown?

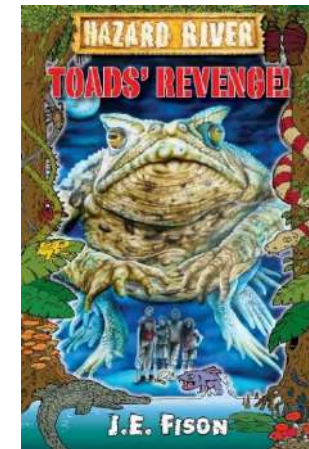
To find out the truth, Jack and his friends must become junior spies. But they soon realise that their mission is anything but child's play.

## Toads' Revenge

*Hazard River series*

By J.E. Fison

B format paperback • 82 pages • 8+ years



When a famous adventurer moves to Hazard River, Jack, Ben, Mimi and Lachlan want to meet him. But instead of getting to know Just Orsum, the kids end up on his most dangerous and daring mission ever.

Where will they end up? And more importantly, how will they ever get back?

# Middle Readers

## Gorski's Bitemare

By Robert Favretto

B format paperback • 100 pages



Gorski the vampire is in a flap! Following a frightful event, he has noticed his fangs are shrinking and that he faints at the sight of blood.

What is he going to do? Can he find a cure, or will things go from bat to worse?

## Trust Me

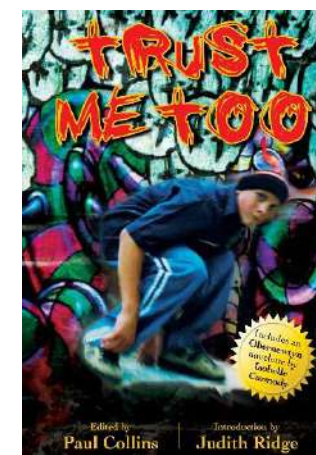
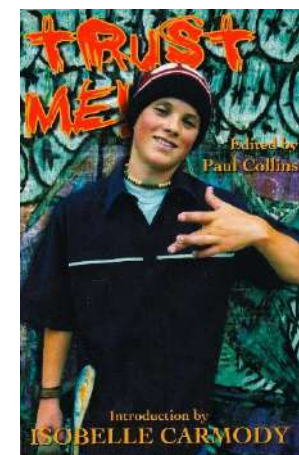
Edited by Paul Collins

B format paperback • 412 pages

## Trust Me Too

Edited by Paul Collins

B format paperback • 481 pages



**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia  
International Youth Library - White Raven Selection**

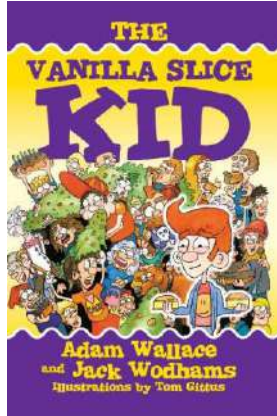
*Trust Me!* and *Trust Me Too* feature original contributions by over 50 of Australia's best known children's authors, poets and illustrators. Stories and poems cover all genres: mystery, romance, crime, fantasy, science fiction, humour and more.



## The Vanilla Slice Kid

By Adam Wallace and Jack Wodhams,  
illustrated by Tom Gittus

B format paperback • 100 pages • 11+ years



**Shortlisted – Young Australians' Best Book Awards**

Archie Cunningham is a shy boy who has three things – incredibly mean and greedy parents, no friends, and an amazing power.

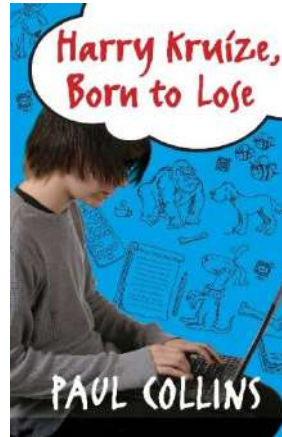
When an uploaded video shows the world what Archie can do, he suddenly becomes the main ingredient in a recipe for world domination.

Which is when the fun really begins!

## Harry Kruize, Born to Lose

By Paul Collins

B format paperback • 224 pages • 11+ years



A tale of the acceptance of change and loss; the importance of friends and family, and the uplifting strength that comes from hope.

Harry's mum runs a boarding house for transient old men who are down on their luck. More than anything in the world, Harry would love to enter a dog into the Annual Gala race and win it.

A new lodger, Jack Ellis, befriends Harry and shares a wealth of outback adventure stories featuring dogs with him.

## Greylands

By Isobelle Carmody

B format paperback • 189 pages • 12+ years

*Published by One Woman Press in the Czech Republic (rights expired)*



**WINNER – Aurealis Award for Best Young Adult Novel**

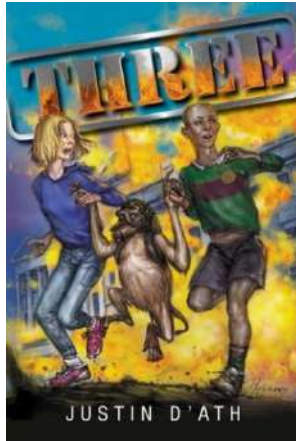
One wakeful night in the aftermath of his mother's death, Jack enters a land devoid of colour or scent. Here he meets the tragic laughing beast and Alice, a strange girl with a secret.

Will Jack escape before the terrifying wolvers find him? Or is he destined to be trapped in the Greylands forever? Only the cats know . . .

## Three

By Justin D'Ath

B format paperback • 270 pages • 11+ years



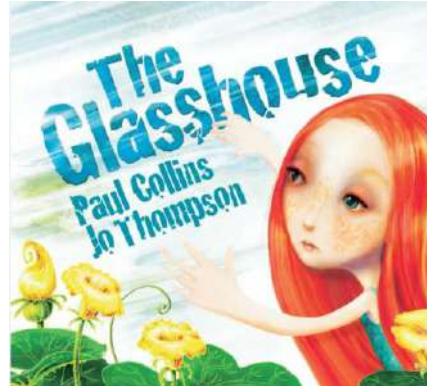
Sixteen-year-old Sunday Balewo is next in line for the presidency of Zantuga. When his father dies, Sunday finds himself on the run from the unlikeliest of assassins – a baboon with a bomb.

Not just an action-packed thriller, but a novel about friendship, loyalty and the value of life itself.

## The Glasshouse

Written by Paul Collins and illustrated by Jo Thompson

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 7+ years



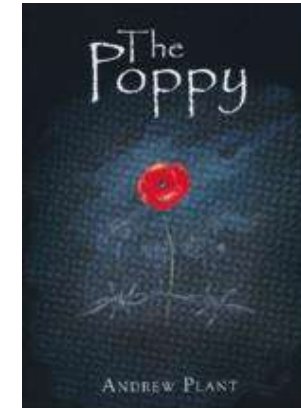
**Shortlisted – Crichton Award for New Illustrators**  
**Selected – IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People): 50 Outstanding Books Exhibition**

Clara lives in her perfect world. Her glasshouse is free of bugs, and her prized pumpkins free of blemishes. One day a boy walks into her life and slowly Clara realises that her world is not perfect at all. Her paranoia spreads and she loses all her customers. Finally, she must face up to the realisation that she must make allowances and compromise if she is to survive.

## The Poppy

By Andrew Plant

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 9+ years



**Notable – Children's Book Council of Australia Eve Pownell Award**

Stunningly illustrated in over 70 paintings, *The Poppy* is the true story of one of Australia's greatest victories, and of a promise kept for nearly a century.

On Anzac Day, 1918, a desperate night counter-attack in the French village of Villers-Bretonneux became one of Australia's greatest victories. A bond was forged that night between France and Australia that has never been broken. Villers-Bretonneux is 'The town that never forgets'.

## Gamers' Trilogy

By George Ivanoff

### *Book One: Gamers' Quest*

B format paperback • 172 pages • 11+ years

**WINNER – Chronos Award for Best Short Fiction**

Tark and Zyra are teenage thieves on a quest. In a world where dragons and mages exist alongside drones and lasers, they endeavour to reach the haven of Designers' Paradise. But their world is not what it appears to be and their haven is about to come under threat of destruction. Can Tark and Zyra save Designers' Paradise and their own world?



### *Book Two: Gamers' Challenge*

B format paperback • 200 pages • 11+ years

For Tark and Zyra, life was literally just a game, controlled by the all-powerful Designers. But then they broke the rules and life got a whole lot more complicated and deadly. Pursued by a powerful computer virus, they must locate the Ultimate Gamer with the help of some unexpected allies, and face their greatest challenge — finding a way out of the game.



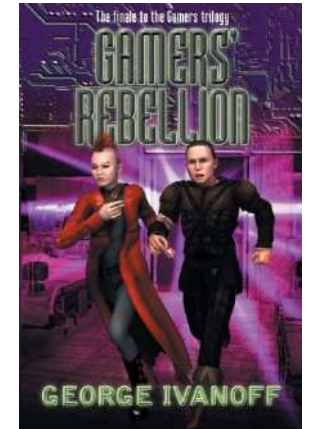
### *Book Three: Gamers' Rebellion*

B format paperback • 176 pages • 8+ years

**WINNER – Chronos Award for Best Long Fiction**

When Zyra is captured by the Designers, Tark finds himself among a group of teenage rebels. It seems like Tark and Zyra are to be the pawns in other people's power games. They soon discover the sinister uses to which the game is being put and the shocking way it is all operated — with dozens of kidnapped children wired directly into the mainframe, their brains keeping the whole thing going.

Will Tark and Zyra be able to free these children? Will they even be able to remain in the real world? Or will the Designers' plans for world domination win out?





## City of Monsters Trilogy

By DC Green

‘A wild, wise-cracking ride.’ – Ian Irvine

### *Book One: Monster School*

B format paperback • 291 pages • 10+ years

### *Book Two: Goblin Mafia Wars*

B format paperback • 358 pages • 10+ years

### *Book Three: Dragon Apocalypse*

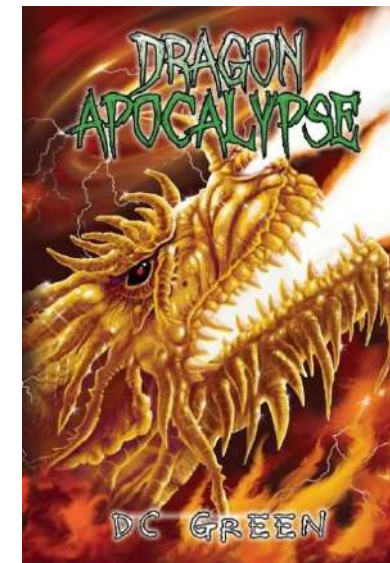
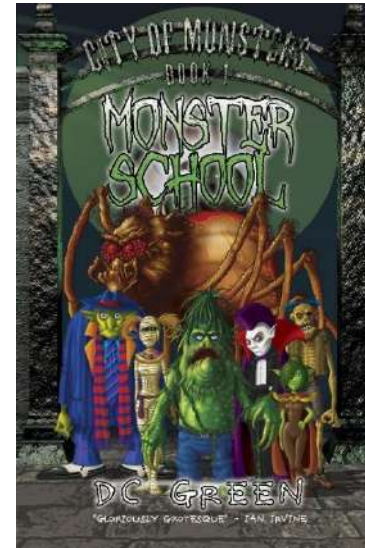
B format paperback • 409 pages • 10+ years

‘Beware! You are entering The City of Monsters.  
All tourists will be eaten. Have a nice day!’

I’m PT, the Swamp Boy, and I’m terrified! During my first class at Monster School, mafia goblins threatened to murder me and I was saved by the meanest monsters in school.

Everyone wants me dead – except my Dead Gang monster mates. And our quests have only just begun:

- Escape the Dead Zone (without being eaten)!
- Find the lost eggs of the world’s last dragon!
- Challenge a brainwashed grommet king!
- Prevent a goblin mafia war!
- Oh, and save the world!



## The Warlock's Child series

By Paul Collins and Sean McMullen

### *Book One: The Burning Sea*

B format paperback • 118 pages • 10+ years

There is no lower rank than cabin boy on the warship, Invincible. But Dantar knows he is important, because anyone who threatens his life gets turned into a pile of ashes. With his older sister Velza, a shapecasting warrior, Dantar must solve the mystery of broken magic and escape the dragon.

### *Book Two: Dragonfall Mountain*

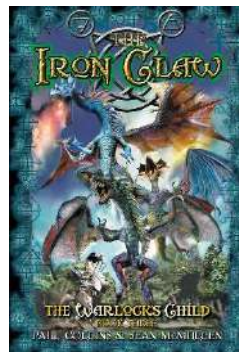
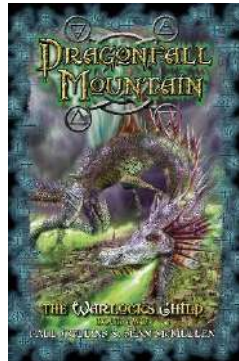
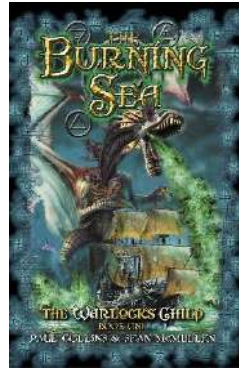
B format paperback • 100 pages • 10+ years

The Invincible has been attacked, and Dantar's only escape from his enemies is through the foul-smelling sewers of Savaria. Can Dantar and Velza deliver the city from danger?

### *Book Three: The Iron Claw*

B format paperback • 119 pages • 10+ years

The warlock Calbaras wants to revive the ancient, forbidden magic of dragons. His son Dantar is vital to his plans. Dantar is on the run in an enemy kingdom, unaware that he is so important. Worse, his sister Velza is now working for the enemy king.



### *Book Four: Trial by Dragons*

B format paperback • 97 pages • 10+ years

It's hard to save the world when you are in jail. Dantar and Velza need to escape from jails six hundred miles apart to stop their father unleashing a catastrophically dangerous spell. Both will soon learn that they are not just special, they are also very dangerous.

### *Book Five: Voyage to Morticas*

B format paperback • 112 pages • 10+ years

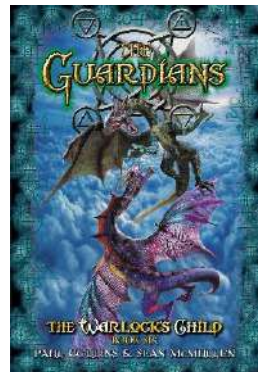
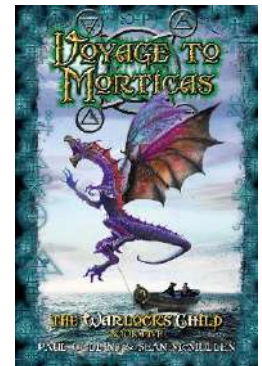
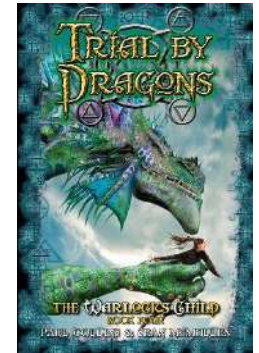
Although Dantar is able to shapeshift into dragon form, he still thinks like a rebellious teenager. Velza has been given the ultimate gift by the dragons of Dracondas – the mind of a dragon. Now they must combine their gifts to stop the most powerful warlock of all time from casting his doomsday spell.

### *Book Six: The Guardians*

B format paperback • 116 pages • 10+ years

The Dracondian dragons – once powerful and dangerous – now lie helpless on the mountaintop as a human army closes in to kill them. Only the warlock's children, Dantar and Velza, can save them. But will their own powers be enough?

And what of the evil Calbaras? Can he achieve his aim to become the greatest warlock of all time?





## Quentaris: Quest of the Lost City series

### *Book One: The Spell of Undoing*

By Paul Collins

B format paperback • 186 pages • 12+ years

A vengeful plot by warlike Tolrush, has uprooted the city of Quentaris, and hurled it into the uncharted rift-maze. Lost and adrift in this endless labyrinth of parallel universes, encountering both friend and foe and facing unknown dangers, Quentaris must somehow forge a new identity and find its way home.

### *Book Two: The Equen Queen*

By Alyssa Brugman

B format paperback • 163 pages • 12+ years

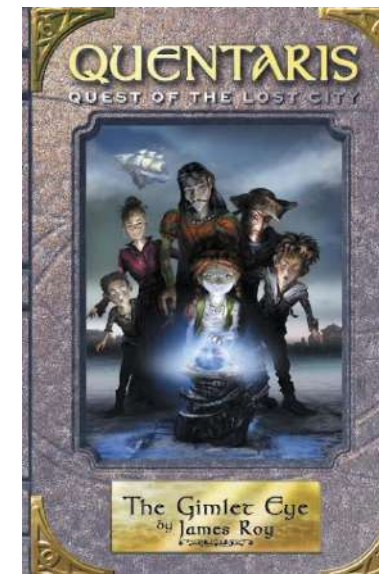
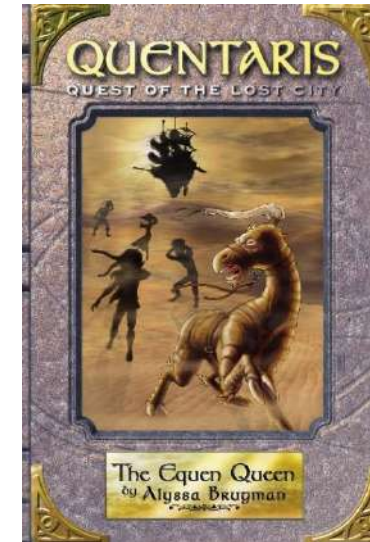
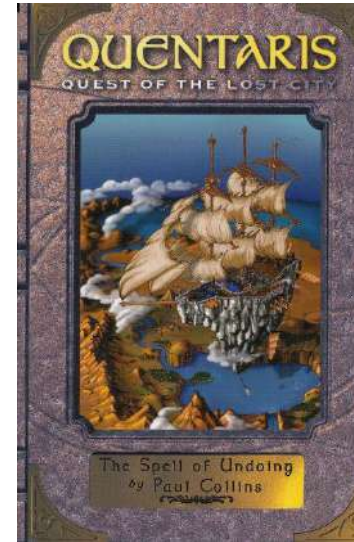
While moored to a new world, Quentaris is approached by another sky-city. The traders on board seem friendly and generous, offering the Quentarans food and gems, but are they setting a trap for Quentaris? Despite losing her special powers Tab Vidler must find some answers fast, before all is lost.

### *Book Three: The Gimlet Eye*

By James Roy

B format paperback • 226 pages • 12+ years

Much has changed in the sky-city of Quentaris. With the Archon dead, dark forces have come into play. New faces are appearing, familiar ones vanishing, and the horrid Florian has claimed the throne. Then, as Quentaris slips quietly through a vortex into the watery world of the Yarka, Tab Vidler and her friends suddenly realise they are the city's only hope.



## The Legend Series

By Michael Panckridge

### *Chasing the Break*

B format paperback • 128 pages • 10+ years

Eight different sporting challenges await the students at Sandhurst Primary School. This year, the competition will be hotter than ever. Can the new kid, Mitchell Grady, take down last year's winner and infamous bad boy, Travis Fisk? It all starts with the Legend of the Surf.

### *Against the Spin*

B format paperback • 148 pages • 10+ years

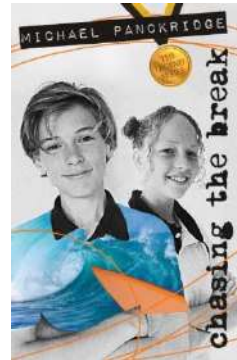
It's official, Mitchell Grady is a sporting legend. Now it's time to let the ball games begin. Travis Fisk, the school bully, has been put back in his place. But for how long? It's a battle on and off the field as Mitchell and his friends strive for victory and the chance to be crowned Legends of Cricket.

### *Down the Line*

B format paperback • 140 pages • 10+ years

Surely Travis Fisk, the school thug who'll do whatever it takes to win, won't let him win three events in a row. What will he try this time?

For the first time Mitch and Luci are pitted directly against their friends. It's one thing to play your enemies and win, but how does it feel to beat your friends? It's not all fair play when the stakes are high.



### *Clearing the Pack*

B format paperback • 148 pages • 10+ years

Football and netball are the next two sports in the Legends series, and Travis and Mia are flying high.

Travis steps up his intimidation tactics, knowing he's got to win this one to stay in the race. But has he gone too far this time? Can Mitchell and Travis set aside their differences to battle the tough Wetherhood team and achieve the impossible?

### *Over the Wall*

B format paperback • 148 pages • 10+ years

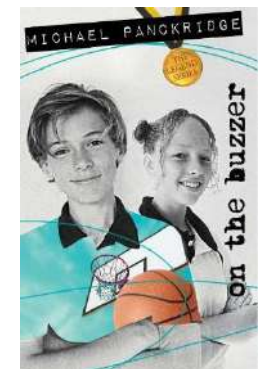
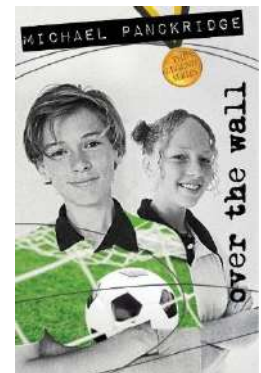
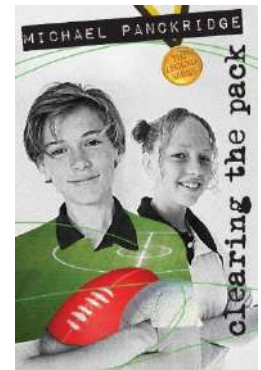
It's the halfway point of the Legends Cup and the competition is heating up. Only two points behind Mitchell, Fisk is boasting that he will be crowned the Legend of Soccer, but Mitchell has other ideas. Elsewhere there is a mystery unfolding that reveals a secret that has been hidden for years.

### *On the Buzzer*

B format paperback • 168 pages • 10+ years

It's Round 6 and basketball is the next sport in the action-packed Legends series. But the competition takes a back seat when Sandhurst's sporting reputation is put on the line.

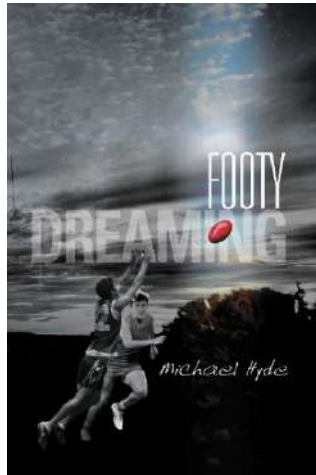
**'An authentically Australian series that boys can not only relate to, but actually want to read.'** – Bookseller and Publisher



## Footy Dreaming

By Michael Hyde

B format paperback • 190 pages • 11+ years



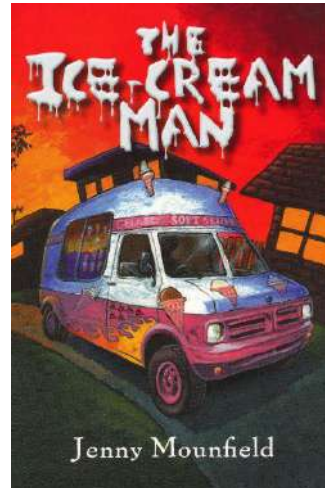
Ben and Noah play on opposing teams in a footy-obsessed town. They each dream of playing on the G – and this is their make or break season. Tensions rise as sledging goes too far.

Will Noah lose his cool, and his chance, in the face of prejudice? Will Ben reject racism and forge his own path? Noah and Ben both have the potential to play in the AFL. It's up to each of them whether they make it.

## The Ice-cream Man

By Jenny Mounfield

B format paperback • 186 pages • 12+ years



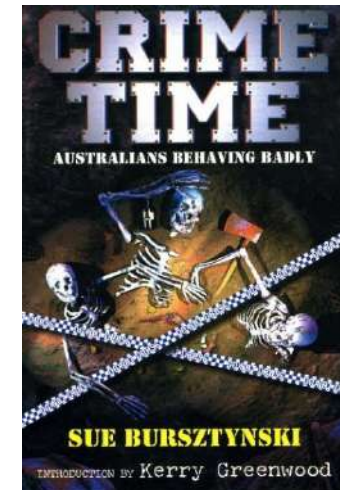
One summer afternoon, three boys play a prank on the ice-cream man. This one decision sets into motion a chain of events that will forge a life-long bond, testing each boy as never before.

Three boys united by fear and their need for friendship. Three boys united against the ice-cream man.

## Crime Time

By Sue Bursztynski

B format paperback • 208 pages



*Crime Time – Australians Behaving Badly* is a collection of true Australian crime stories ranging from bushrangers such as Ned Kelly and Mad Dan Morgan through to serial killers, fraudsters and modern celebrity criminals.

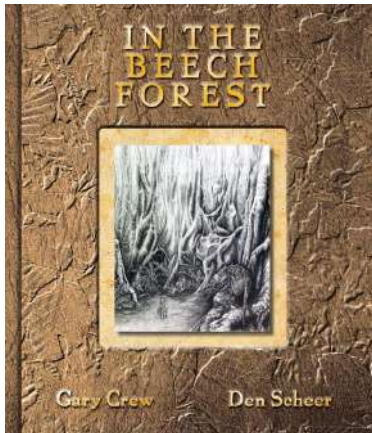
It has an introduction by Kerry Greenwood and contains details of the crimes, biographical details, portraits by Louise Prout and interesting trivia in Did You Know boxes.



## In the Beech Forest

Written by Gary Crew and illustrated by Dan Scheer

hardback • 32 pages • 10+ years



*In the Beech Forest* is a story from long ago, from now and from the future.

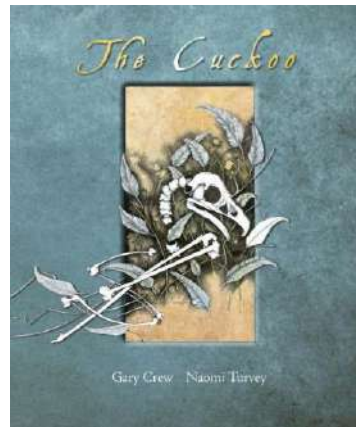
An ordinary boy takes a path leading him from the safety of his home into a dark forest. His head is full of the fearful images of his computer games that so excite, yet terrify him; battles between heroes and dreadful beasts that may haunt this primal landscape.

What will become of him on this journey? Will he survive? Will he defeat his fears? Will he emerge, still an ordinary boy?

## The Cuckoo

Written by Gary Crew and illustrated by Naomi Turvey

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 10+ years



Gary Crew at his fantastical best! Martin is the runt of his family. Without a mother to protect him, his overbearing father and brothers reject him. Aided by the self-sacrifice of loving friends, Martin finds the courage to fight for personal fulfilment.

**'An ideal read for children and adults alike, particularly young boys' – Candida Baker in The Sydney Morning Herald**

## The Star

By Felicity Marshall

hardback, paperback • 32 pages • 10+ years



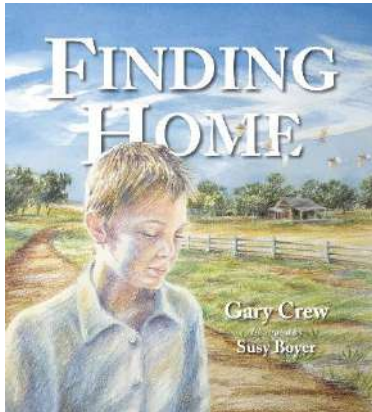
*The Star* reflects the contemporary phenomenon of 'fame without substance', a part of our celebrity-soaked culture.

Marion, a wooden doll, her friend Harley and their dog Polka, enter the World of Fame where Marion becomes a glamorous Star. But she learns painfully that stardom has a use-by-date. Her experience changes her forever but her true friends still love her. The story explores the superficiality of stardom and the value of true friendship.

## Finding Home

Written by Gary Crew and illustrated by Susy Boyer

hardback • 32 pages • 10+ years



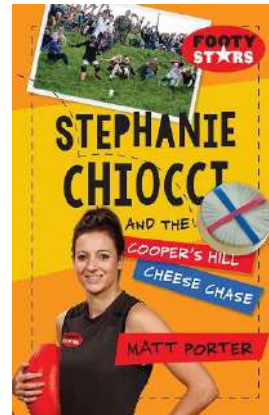
Rich and beautiful, Gary Crew's text is redolent with the sounds and colours of the Australian bush. This picture book for older children is an ode and an obituary to the indigenous landscape, much of which was destroyed by white colonists.

Ignorance and selfishness can destroy the things we love and value most – the child whose parents don't value his differences, the beauty of wild nature – and this story offers the reader a metaphor for the greater destruction of the environment through thoughtless acts.

## Stephanie Chiocci and the Cooper's Hill Cheese Chase

By Matt Porter

B format paperback • 74 pages • 10+ years



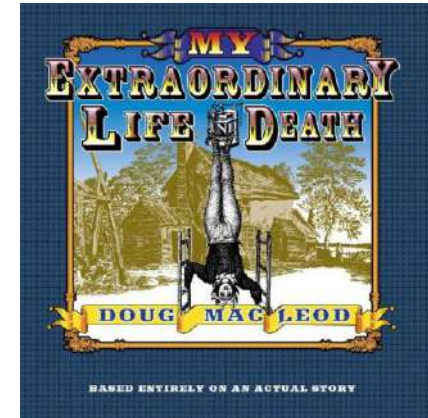
Stephanie Chiocci is a team captain in the Women's Australian Football League. Full of humour and action, the book contains many football references, words and skills but also sees Stephanie Chiocci using her football skills outside a game situation and being a role model for girls.

Stephanie has taken it upon herself to save the family cheese-making business of one of her fans. Standing at the summit of Cooper's Hill in England, Stephanie prepares to barrel down the slope in the annual Gloucester Cheese-Rolling Race, one of the world's most dangerous foot races.

## My Extraordinary Life and Death

By Doug MacLeod

Gatefold paperback • 140 pages • 12+ years



### WINNER – Chronos Award for Best Artwork

What is The Tight Trousers Club? How do you survive a father who buries you in the garden whenever you misbehave? And who do you contact when your wife starts to shrink?

None of these questions are answered in My Extraordinary Life and Death, though what do you expect if the author is dead?

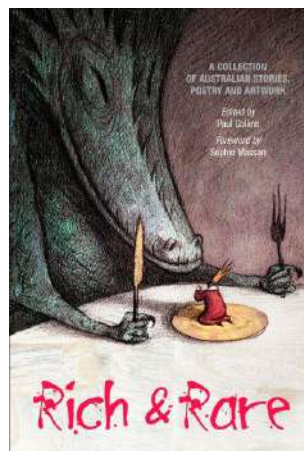


# Older Readers

## Rich and Rare

Edited by Paul Collins

B format paperback • 512 pages



**Notable Book –  
Children’s Book  
Council of Australia**

A violin that comes to life, a knitting needle ninja, a cat with many names, a prince who finds a friend, an alien invasion . . .

Welcome to a world of ‘beauty rich and rare’, a world of natural (and unnatural) gifts on every page – from humour to horror, thriller to fantasy – encompassing the past, the present and the future.

Contributors include: Gary Crew, Justin D’Ath, Scot Gardner, Kerry Greenwood, Leigh Hobbs, Sofie Laguna, Shaun Tan and Gabrielle Wang.

## Paper Cranes Don’t Fly

by Peter Vu

B format paperback • 298 pages • 13+ years



For Adam Auttenberg, hospital is like a second home. With Tess, AJ, and Rachael by his side, it’s even bearable. Facing the toughest challenge of his life, all Adam has to help him are his friends. But will they be enough?

This story describes the life of a cancer patient in a way that few other young adult books do, focusing not just on living with cancer, but going through it, with the help of patience, love and friendship.

## The Things We Can't Undo

By Gabrielle Reid

B format paperback • 346 pages • 15+ years



*There's no backspace key for life's decisions.*

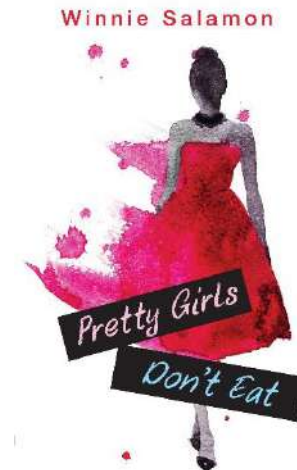
Samantha and Dylan are in love – everyone knows it. They've been together for nearly a year, so it's nothing to be worried about when they leave Saturday night's party in favour of a quiet bedroom. Right?

Malicious rumours are spreading throughout their Sydney private school, and Sam is avoiding Dylan. He's fast discovering the effects that one bad misunderstanding can have. Will Sam make a decision she can't take back?

## Pretty Girls Don't Eat

By Winnie Salamon

B format paperback • 208 pages • 13+ years



Sixteen-year-old Winter Mae Jones knows exactly what she wants: a career in fashion design. There's only one thing standing in her way – 'fat girls' don't work in the fashion industry.

So Winter decides to take matters into her own hands. She goes on a diet, which at first makes her feel fab and in control. It's only when things get out of hand that she comes to realise that, not only has she less control than she thought, but also that her weight has nothing to do with what's holding her back.

## Pool

By Justin D'Ath

B format paperback • 297 pages

*Rights sold: France*



Shortlisted – Victorian Premier's Awards

Something strange has happened to the public swimming pool. The water is no longer level and is rumoured to have curative powers.

When sixteen-year-old Wolfgang Mulqueen takes a summer job at the pool, he meets Audrey, a blind girl who claims she's nocturnal. With the discovery of a butterfly unknown to science, and an unusual request from Audrey's father, Wolfgang finds himself inextricably drawn into an eighteen-year-old mystery, the tragic resolution of which will change his life forever.

## The Variants series

By Cheree Peters

### *Book One: Time Catcher*

B format paperback • 382 pages • 12+ years

In a post-apocalyptic world of rigid rules, Althea's luxurious life is turned upside-down when she is kidnapped by the dreaded Variants.

Betrayed by those she trusts most, Althea is forced to question everything she thought she knew – including who she is and what she's capable of.

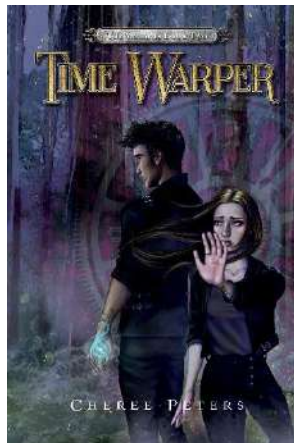
Are the Variants dangerous insurgents or a new breed of human, fighting for freedom? Althea must separate deception from truth to claim her own power.

### *Book Two: Time Warper*

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After discovering that she is a Variant, Althea and her friends must continue their escape from the Cardiff armament. What awaits in the woods and beyond is only the beginning of Thea's worries. Her memories continue to return, leaving her with questions she doesn't know if she wants the answer to.

With her Ability growing stronger, will Althea be able to protect her friends and family from an old enemy and a new threat?



## The Rare series

By Foz Meadows

### *Book One: Solace and Grief*

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Solace Morgan is a vampire. She has tried to keep her abilities secret, until an eerie encounter with a faceless man prompts her to run away.

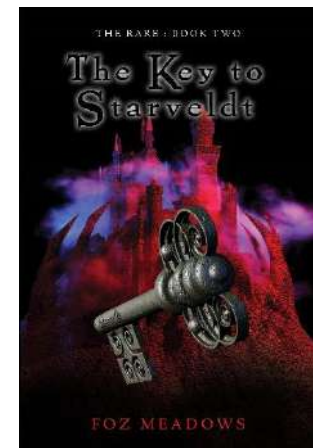
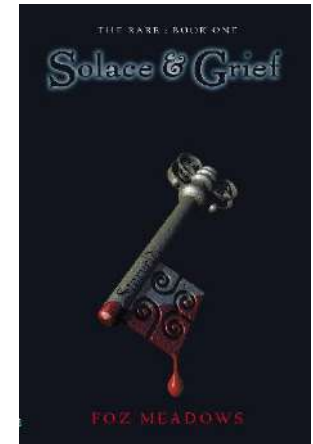
Finding others with similar gifts, Solace soon becomes caught up in a strange, more vibrant world than she ever knew existed. But when the mysterious Professor Lukin takes an interest in her, she is forced to start asking questions of her own. What happened to her parents? And since when has there been a medieval dungeon under Hyde Park?

### *Book Two: The Key to Starveldt*

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Having escaped from Sanguisidera, Solace and her friends are in desperate need of guidance. Seeking to unravel a cryptic prophecy, they travel to the Rookery. Magical and wild, the Rookery tests them all in preparation for the crossing to Starveldt.

The threat of Lord Grief continues to grow; old betrayals, lies and secrets boil to the surface – with startling consequences. As danger closes in, can they make their peace before everything falls apart?





## The Jelindel Chronicles

By Paul Collins

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### Book One: Dragonlinks

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An all-powerful, enchanted mailshirt from the stars. Six links are missing. An orphan, a streetwise urchin and a swordsman must find the links before the greatest evil known descends upon Q'zar.

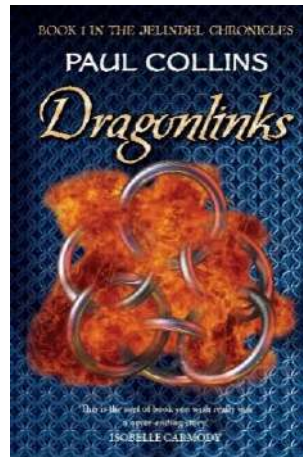
**'Dragonlinks offers compulsive reading in a thrilling and wonderfully imagined quest for the individually power-bestowing links of a mysterious and arcane mailshirt. The story performs the unusual feat of combining meticulous and original world-building with a matchless heroine in the extraordinary young Countess Jelindel.'** – Isabelle Carmody.

### Book Two: Dragonfang

B format paperback • 342 pages • 12+ years

Five pentagram gems. Two people want them. Only one can have them.

**'Anyone who has read Dragonlinks will recognise Paul Collins as a writer who truly understands the power of high fantasy. It is the power to tease the imagination with worlds so exotic, yet so seemingly familiar, that we allow ourselves to recognise within them the best and worst that we can be.'** – Brian Caswell.



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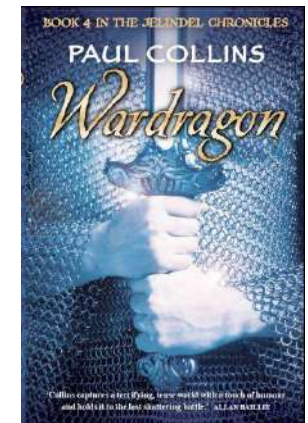
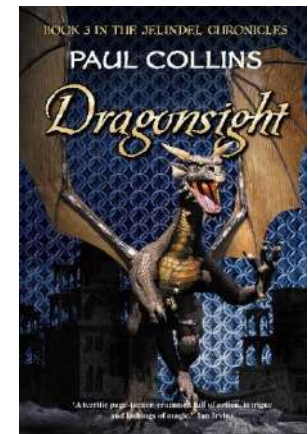
Three mercenaries. Poison coursing through their veins. And only six weeks to find a stolen dragon relic.

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A sorceress. A swordsman. A thieving larrikin. A deadliest foe, the omnipotent, Wardragon.

**'Collins captures a terrifying, tense world with a touch of humour and holds it to the last shattering battle.'** – Allan Baille



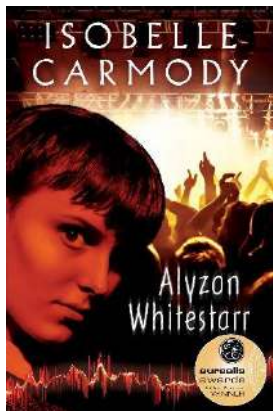


## Alyzon Whitestarr

By Isobelle Carmody

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**WINNER – Golden  
Aurealis Award**

Most people have six limited senses. But after a freak accident, Alyzon Whitestarr finds her senses growing. She hears and sees and smells things no one else can detect.

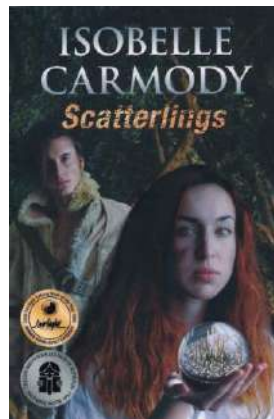
She begins to smell something truly terrible; a sickness of the spirit infecting some people, leading them to violence and destruction. It is only as she strives to discover its origin that she realises the infection is targeting people she loves, and that it is aware.

## Scatterlings

By Isobelle Carmody

paperback • 280 pages • 12+ years

*Published in the UK (rights expired)*



**Notable Book – Children's  
Book Council of Australia**

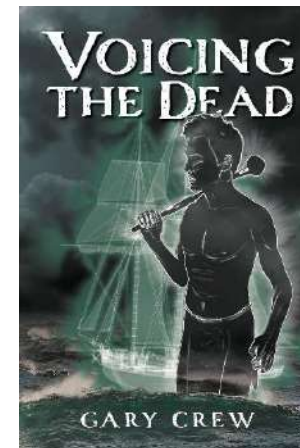
Merlin wakes to a world that is utterly changed. She has no memory besides a name whispered to her by one of the strange voices in her mind, and the knowledge that she is being hunted. Merlin is swept up by the renegade Scatterlings and drawn into their rebellion against the all-powerful Citizen Gods.

As she strives to separate herself from the telepathic clanfolk, she discovers the way to the freedom the Scatterlings' seek, lead to the same place – the forbidden domed city of the Citizen Gods.

## Voicing the Dead

By Gary Crew

paperback • 345 pages • 15+ years



You ask, 'Can the dead speak?'

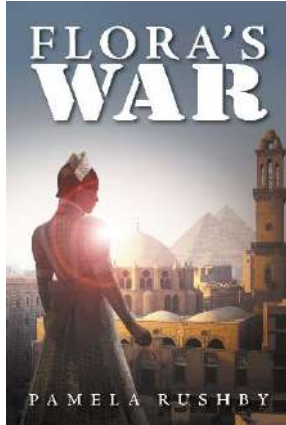
I answer, 'Is this blood that runs in my veins, or ink? I ask that you read me. I ask that you hear me. See me. Touch me. Others have, and tasted my blood.'

So writes Jack Ireland, a teenage English-born shipwreck survivor captured by headhunters. In *Voicing the Dead*, internationally-awarded author Gary Crew revisits the astonishing story of nineteenth-century teenager Jack Ireland who survived – and lived to fight back through his 'never say die' determination and creativity.

## Flora's War

By Pamela Rushby

B format paperback • 243 pages • 11+ years



**Notable Book – Children's Book Council of Australia**

In 1915, sixteen-year-old Flora Wentworth, visits Cairo with her archaeologist father. Flora's comfortable life is turned upside down when a hospital visit thrusts her into the realities of World War 1. She is soon transporting injured soldiers, helping out exhausted nurses, and managing to fall in love along the way.

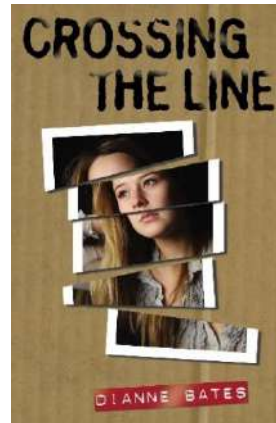
As Flora battles to save lives and find her own, a tragic misunderstanding changes everything.

## Crossing the Line

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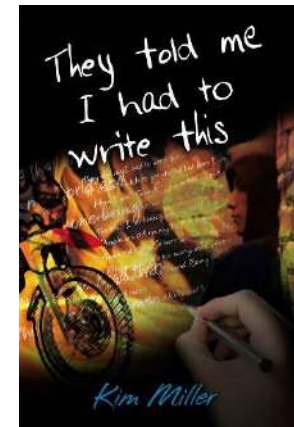
For a long time and unknown to others, Sophie has been self-harming: more recently she has been in therapy.

Concerned about Sophie's increasing depression, the doctor admits her to a hospital. There, Sophie is placed in an adolescent ward where she forms tentative relationships with other troubled teenagers and begins sessions with psychiatrist, Helen Marshall. However, the doctor crosses the patient-therapist line, but so too does Sophie.

## They Told Me I Had to Write This

By Kim Miller

B format paperback • 204 pages • 13+ years



Blamed for the death of his mother, carrying a terrible secret and in trouble with the police, Clem is now in a school for toxic teenagers. And that rev-head school counsellor wants him to write letters. Through his writing Clem goes deep into the trauma that has defined his life, and comes face to face with his mother's death.

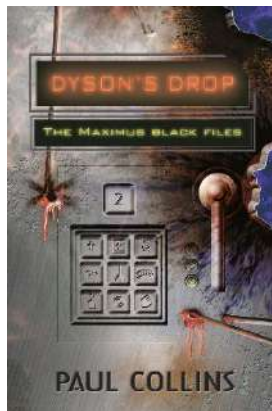
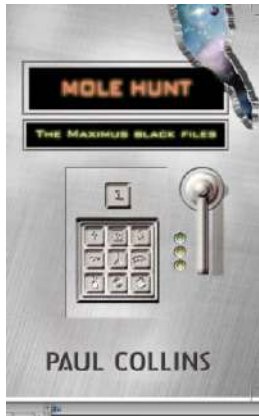
In a rush of bush bike racing, the death of one student and the consequent arrest of another, an unexpected first girlfriend, and some surprising friendships, Clem's story is the celebration of a boy who finds an unexpected future.

## The Maximus Black Files

By Paul Collins

In a galaxy of cutthroat companies, shadowy clans and a million agendas, spy agency RIM barely wields enough control to keep order.

Maximus Black is RIM's star cadet. But he has a problem. One of RIM's best agents, Anneke Longshadow, knows there's a mole in the organisation. And Maximus has a lot to hide.



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### *Dyson's Drop*

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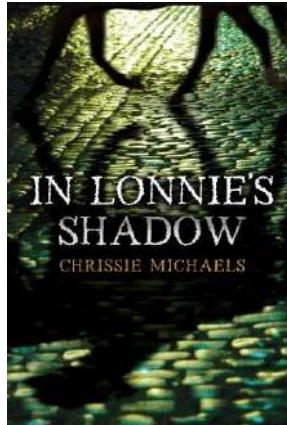
### *The Only Game in the Galaxy*

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By Michelle Heeter

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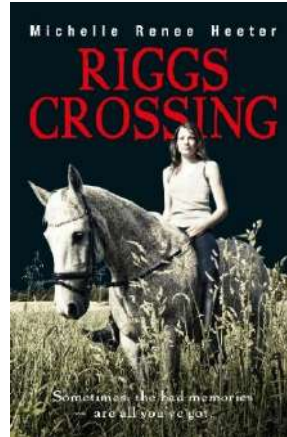
A girl is found in the wreckage of a car crash. Severely injured and psychologically damaged, the girl cannot, or will not, tell the authorities who she is or where she comes from. Her carers call her 'Len', after the name embroidered on the jumper she was wearing when she was found.

Secretive, intelligent, and abrasive, Len is moved to a children's shelter. Slowly, Len's repressed memories fight their way to the surface of her troubled mind. And an evil figure from her shadowy past comes looking for her.

## In Lonnie's Shadow

By Chrissie Michaels

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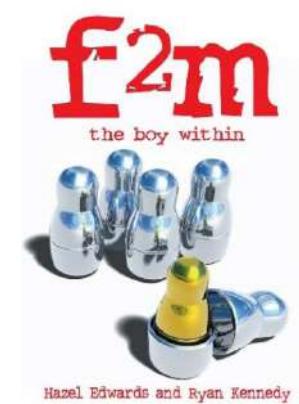
The discovered artifacts from an archaeological dig in Melbourne become the backdrop for this story about a group of teenagers in 1891 who are struggling to make their way in a world that seems to be conspiring against them whichever way they turn.

Lonnie McGuinness knows only one thing for sure – there doesn't seem to be any fairness in life for him or his mates. So he decides to take matters into his own hands. But when does a favour turn into a crime? And when should a secret no longer be kept?

## f2m: The Boy Within

By Hazel Edwards and Ryan Kennedy

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### International Youth Library - White Raven Selection

Skye plays guitar in the all-female Chronic Cramps band. Making her name in the punk/indie scene is easier than FTM (female to male) transitioning: from Skye to Finn, from girl to man.

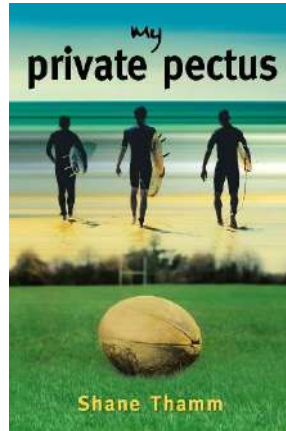
Transgender identity is more than injections and surgery, it's about acceptance. With help from mates and family who don't want to lose a daughter, but who love their teenager, Finn is transitioning.



## My Private Pectus

By Shane Thamm

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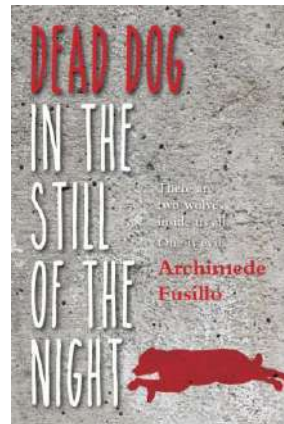
*'There's something different about my body. It's like the missing piece of a jigsaw you can't take your eyes off. If I were to take off my shirt you wouldn't see my face, freckles or ratty hair. All you'd see is the hole in the middle of my chest.'*

A story about sport, cars and a young man who discovers that revealing his greatest secret is the only way to hold on to the people he loves.

## Dead Dog in the Still of the Night

By Archimede Fusillo

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In the garage at the back of the family home sits Primo's father's pride and joy; a red Fiat 500 Classic. It waits amongst the dust motes for Primo's father to recover, to come out of his paranoia and delusions. It waits and teases, like nothing else can – least of all the demands of everyday life, for things to return to normal. And that isn't going to happen any time soon.

## Before the Storm

By Sean McMullen

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Fox and BC travel through time from the distant future to 1901. Elite cadets in the Imperial Army, they are young, handsome, well-mannered . . . and now, mutineers.

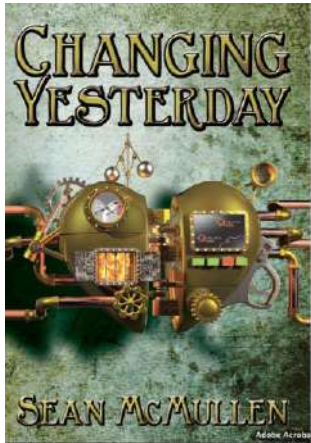
They have journeyed into the past to save the opening ceremony of Australia's first parliament from being bombed. If the cadets fail, thousands will die, sparking a century of total war. However, to change the destiny of the world, the young warriors will need the help of three ordinary teenagers.

## Changing Yesterday

*The Sequel to Before the Storm*

By Sean McMullen

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It's 1901 and Battle Commander Liore has travelled back in time to stop a war that will rage for over a hundred years. But time itself is against her. Whenever she changes history, a new beginning to the war emerges and the world once again teeters on the brink of disaster.

To make matters worse, Barry the Bag has stolen Liore's plasma rifle, the most dangerous weapon in the world. Can anything prevent Liore from risking the world's future for the sake of revenge?



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