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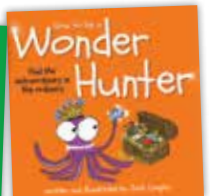
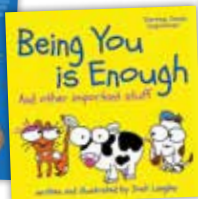
Award Winning Author Josh Langley's series 'Being You is Enough'

"What would I go back and tell my 8-year-old self about life?"



That simple question changed Josh Langley's life forever and launched a self-acceptance movement that's changing the lives of kids around the world. He's been called the "The role model for our next generation" with his story from failure to success and unique philosophy on what matters in life.

Josh's work is loved by kids, parents, schools, libraries, child psychologists, counsellors, therapists, speech pathologists, education support experts and child disability advocates.



How to be a Wonder Hunter 🍏

Josh Langley

Themes: curiosity, lifelong learning, self-awareness, inclusion, diversity

How do you get kids off their devices and interacting with the real world?

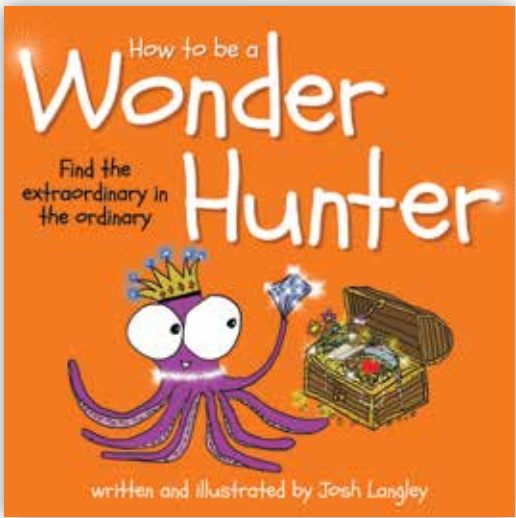
Get them to become a Wonder Hunter.

How to Be a Wonder Hunter invites kids of all backgrounds and abilities to use their senses, imagination and natural curiosity to learn how to deeply interact with the world around them and the world inside them.

This entertaining and accessible book is the circuit breaker every kid needs to balance out screen time with getting real time.

ISBN: 9781922765406 | \$14.99 | All Ages

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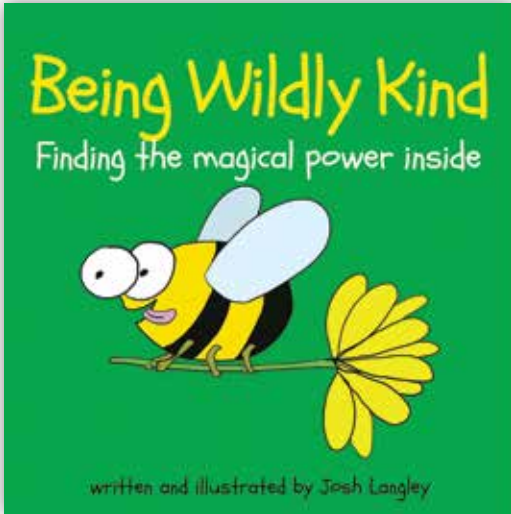


“And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.”

- Roald Dahl, the Minpins



Award winner 2018! Australian Book Industry Awards Small Publisher - Children's Book of the Year!



Being Wildly Kind 🍏

Josh Langley

Themes: wellbeing, emotions, individuality, kindness, inspirational

Why just be kind when you can BE WILDLY KIND?

Be WILDLY KIND to people!

Be WILDLY KIND to animals!

Be WILDLY KIND to the planet!

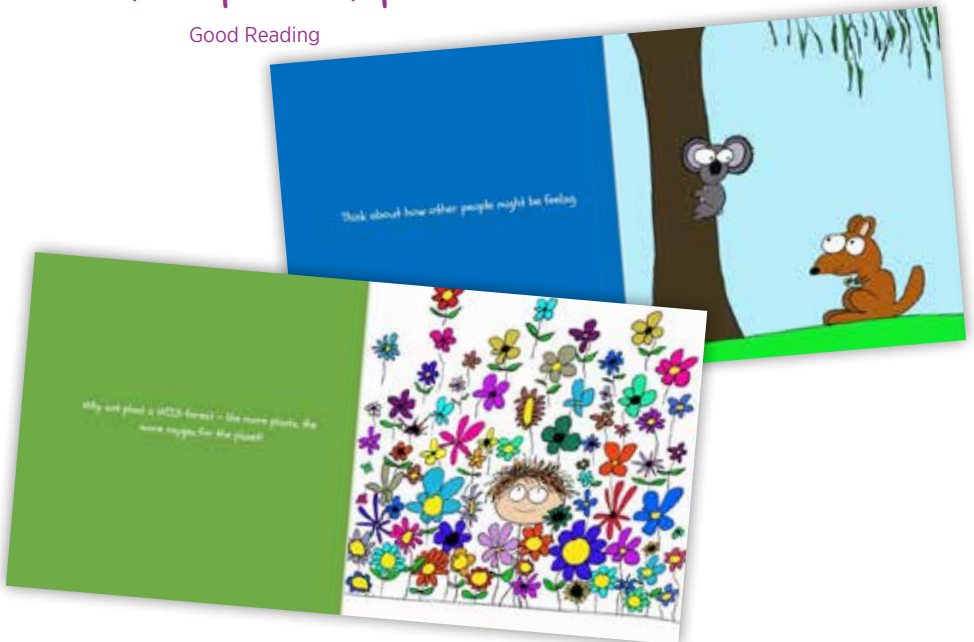
Being wildly kind is a magical power that can help change the world in big and small ways.

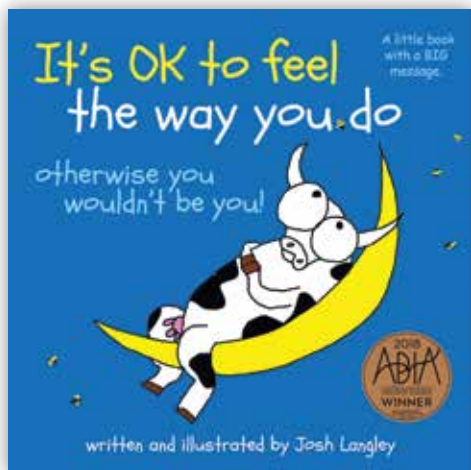
This infectious, fun and hope-filled book is packed full of ideas to help build empathy and compassion in kids of all ages.

ISBN 9781922488053 | \$14.99 | All Ages

Langley's little books with BIG messages of self-help and self-esteem are a house favourite. Brilliant!

Good Reading





It's Ok to Feel the Way You Do 🍎

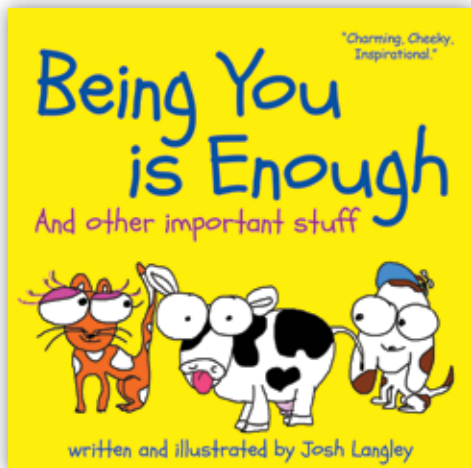
Josh Langley

Themes: wellbeing, emotions, individuality, pastoral care, anxiety, inspirational

Everyone has feelings ... sometimes we just don't know what to do with them! In this bright and heartening book, Josh Langley helps kids get to know and make friends with their feelings. A delightful addition to the wellbeing collection for all ages.

ISBN 978-1-925520-96-5 | \$14.99 | All Ages

OCTOBER 2017



Being You is Enough 🍎

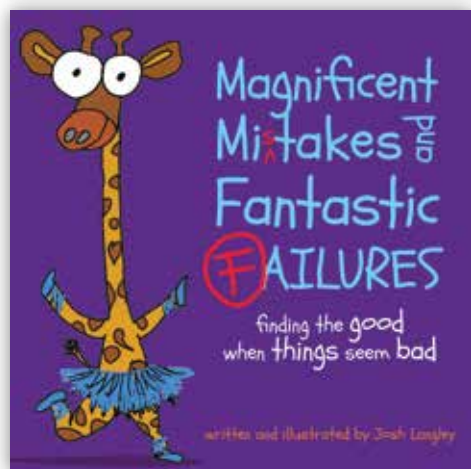
Josh Langley

Themes: wellbeing, self-esteem, individuality, inspirational

Inspire kids to be themselves and stand up tall. Delivering a deep message of self-acceptance, positive thinking and friendship in a positive, upbeat style.

ISBN 978-1-925275-82-7 | \$14.99 | All Ages

MARCH 2016



Magnificent Mistakes and Fantastic Failures 🍎

Josh Langley

Themes: wellbeing, self-esteem, persistence, resilience, positive risk taking, friendship, creativity, curiosity, kindness

Mistakes can be magnificent! Failures fantastic! And problems turned upside down!

Refreshingly simple and delightfully quirky, Magnificent Mistakes and Fantastic Failures, will help kids build resilience. They'll discover how life's little upsets can be big opportunities to learn and grow. And how good friends, positive self-talk, creativity and curiosity can help them become more confident.

ISBN 978-1-922265-69-2 | \$14.99 | All Ages

APRIL 2020



Ginnie & Pinney Learn & Grow Series

Penny Harris & Winnie Zhou

Themes: Friendship, wellbeing, emotional intelligence, empathy, relationships, selflessness, persistence, sharing, being fair, inclusiveness, responsibility, accepting difference and learning to say sorry.

Single Book Top Up: 32pp (paperback) | RRP \$16.99 | Age: 0-8 years

An innovative, award-winning series helping children develop ethical thinking, emotional intelligence and social and emotional wellbeing.

An award-winning 8-book series, including a 64 page Teacher Resource. All books can be purchased individually.

- Developed by an award-winning writer and animator, in consultation with Australian experts in education, linguistics and psychology. Being used in Early Childhood and School programs throughout Australia.
- Designed to stimulate lively discussion & deep thinking about social and emotional themes suitable for all levels of readiness.
- Awarded as a 1 of 100 innovative, educational programs by HunderED's international committee.
- Based on learning outcomes from Australian Government Frameworks aligning with Social and Emotional Learning (relevant across the globe).
- Developed to support the Early Years Learning Frameworks.
- Every book includes a free animated video that can be accessed by QR code.

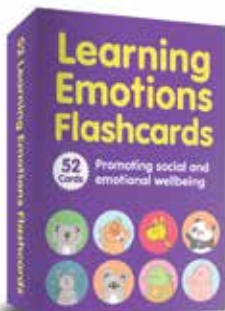
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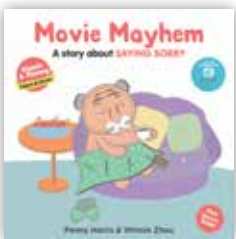
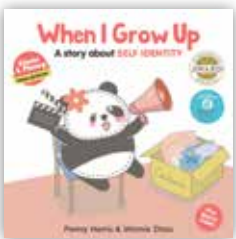
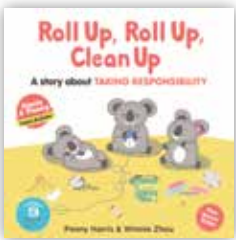
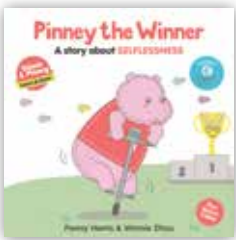


**Delightful characters
with engaging and
whimsical stories to
encourage wellbeing and
emotional intelligence!**

NEW Learning Emotions Flashcards

Set of 52 cards. An engaging way to talk to children about different emotions based on the learning outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia





About the Books

Exclusive 8 Book Slipcase Set:
 ISBN 978-1-922265-81-4 | 8 Book Set, Videos and Teachers Resource | RRP: \$196.99 - May 2020

Pinney the Winner - Selflessness
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-78-4 **JULY 2020**

It is sports day and Pinney is determined to win, but when his close friend, Ginnie, has a fall, Pinney has to make a decision. What will Pinney do?

3,2,1 Here I Come - Fairness
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-73-9 **JULY 2021**

Ginnie has found the perfect hiding spot in the game of Hide and Seek, but is Ginnie being fair to her friends?

Movie Mayhem - Learning to Say Sorry
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-77-7 **SEPTEMBER 2021**

Tao Tiger reacts badly when his friends arrive unannounced. Why is Tao angry, and can he say sorry? Will Ginnie forgive Tao?

Roll Up, Roll Up, Clean Up - Taking Responsibility
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-79-1 **SEPTEMBER 2021**

Ginnie & Pinney teach their friends to spring-clean their home, but have the Koalas really learnt how?

A Bedtime Story - Sharing
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-74-6 **FEBRUARY 2021**

It's exciting to have a sleepover, but not when Dodo won't share or help. What is wrong with Dodo and will he learn to share?

A Brand New Band - Inclusiveness
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-75-3 **FEBRUARY 2021**

Lulu has been excluded, but Pinney discovers that her friend has something to offer the band after all. Will Lulu be included and will she forgive her friends?

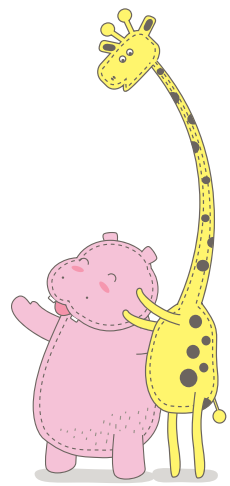
Flight of the Kite - Persistence
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-76-0 **MAY 2021**

It is a perfect day for flying kites but Pinney has trouble, will Pinney finally make a kite that flies?

When I Grow Up - Self Identity
 ISBN: 978-1-922265-80-7 **MAY 2021**

The friends are playing dress-ups. Ginnie doesn't feel brave enough to be a firefighter, but will she change her mind?

Each book comes with a full animated video. Scan this code to view





One to Ten and Back Again 🍏

Grace Nolan & Nancy Bevington

Themes: Mathematics: Counting numbers 1-10, Addition, Subtraction, Australian native animals, rhyming

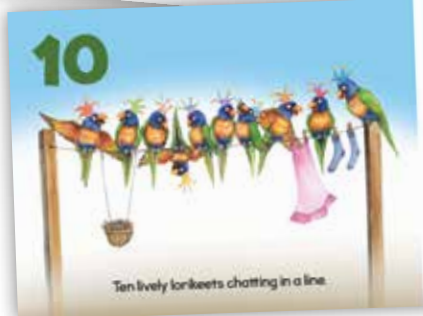
32pp | RRP: \$14.99 (Paperback) | Age: 0-7 years

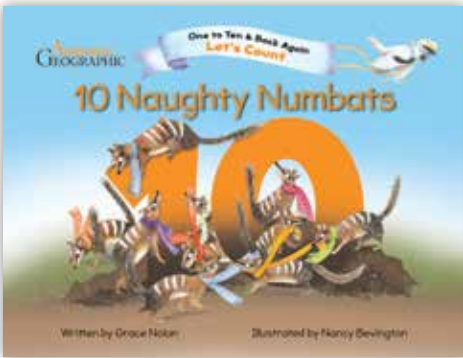
Fun and learning go together in this beautifully presented counting series *One to Ten and Back Again*.

Packed with imaginative rhyming text and expressive illustrations full of life and humour to captivate the youngest of readers. Children will learn to count while learning the names of 30 different Australian animals! Books two and three provide a simple introduction to addition and subtraction from birth to age seven. The simple reinforcement activities included at the end of each book add to the fun!

International Rights Sales:
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A delightful series for learning to count, adding up and taking away!

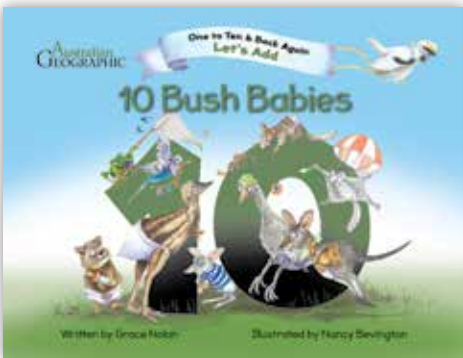




1 Let's Count: *Ten Naughty Numbats*
978-1-922265-61-6 **FEBRUARY 2021**

Counting to ten is exciting and fun with ten naughty numbats and their Aussie friends. The entertaining rhyming text and delightful illustrations introduce readers to the amazing world of number.

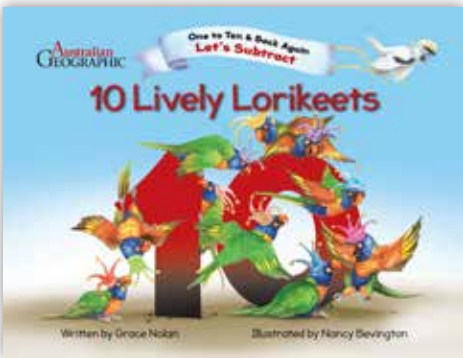
Learn to count from one to ten
With ten Australian Animal
Friends. Let's start to count
From number one, and name the
animals just for fun.



2 Let's Add: *Ten Bush Babies*
978-1-922265-62-3 **APRIL 2021**

Join the cute bush babies as they jump, run and race across the pages of this bright and colourful picture book. This entertaining counting book introduces the concept of addition through appealing rhyming text and vibrant illustrations.

Now that you can count to ten
let's join some bush friends
once again. You'll see it's such
a lot of fun, adding animals
one by one.

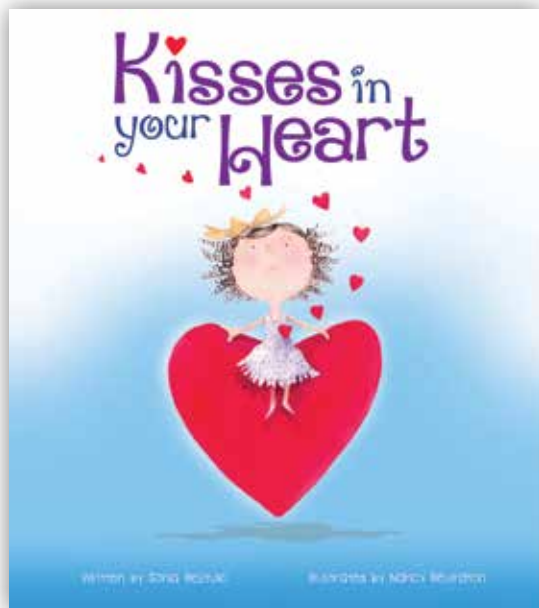


3 - Let's Subtract: *Ten Lively Lorikeets*
978-1-922265-63-0 **APRIL 2021**

Come and learn the first steps in subtraction with the happy, larking lorikeets who are busy doing flying tricks. A vibrant, captivating tale told with the help of ten different native Australian birds.

"It's so easy," the lorikeets
say, "Minus just means
take away!"

Through rhyme, rhythm, alliteration and playful language, children will understand the concept of numbers introduces basic counting, adding and subtracting in its simplest forms.



Kisses in Your Heart

Sonia Bestulic & Nancy Bevington

Themes: emotions, inspirational, stories in rhyme, poetry

Sweet and sentimental, mum says goodnight by placing kisses in her child's heart. The love these kisses carry inspire the child to overcome feelings of sadness, loneliness and worry, no matter where she goes! From speech pathologist and founder of Talking Heads Speech Pathology comes a charming tale of affirming love.

Age 0-6 years

\$14.99 ISBN 978-1-925675-92-4 (PB)

\$24.99 ISBN 978-1-925675-93-1 (HB)

powerful ... highly recommended for any home, school or professional setting for children from age four.



Paint with Magic 🍎

Sandi Wooton & Pat Kan

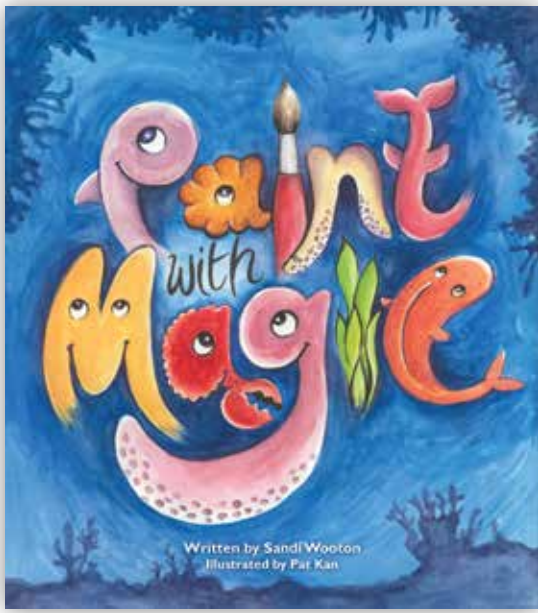
Themes: stories in rhyme, poetry, sea animals, ocean environments, colour

An outrageous octopus, an aspiring artist and a host of sea creatures combine in a humorous tale told in delightful and lyrical language. Charming illustrations bring the sea to life. First published as a poem in The School Magazine.

Age 4-8 years
 \$ 14.99 ISBN 978-1-922265-09-8 (PB)
 \$ 24.99 ISBN 978-1-922265-18-0 (HB)

... the language has a zany, Dr Seuss appeal and it's about art, inspiration, creativity and fun.

Sue Murray, *The NSW School Magazine*



Written by Sandi Wooton
 Illustrated by Pat Kan



I painted a whale
 then you know what I did?
 I added a dolphin,
 a ray and a squid.

I took a deep breath,
 Sniffing, sniffing, want my breath
 so I wanted a tick for
 the magic to start.



The octopus frowned, his work not finished.
 Have you forgotten about the low tide?
 Painted gold a starfish, and coral. They're cool,
 Sometimes you'd find them inside a rock cove.

I painted them in, He was not satisfied.
 Now 'bout a sea urchin' the octopus cried.



The Forever Kid 🍎

Elizabeth Mary Cummings & Cheri Hughes

Themes: Grief, loss, wellbeing

The Forever Kid is a powerful picture book tackling the complex subject of grief from a child's perspective. The thoughtful, wise narrative and beautiful illustrations combine to sensitively explore the idea that loved ones are always connected even when relationships change. This story about the strength of family love is gently told and tenderly illustrated.

It's Johnny's birthday but he is no longer here. His family still gathers and lovingly celebrates him on his birthday. By continuing Johnny's favourite party traditions, and sharing special memories, the family feel a sense of closeness and comfort on this day of remembrance. They will always cherish Johnny, their Forever Kid.

"Some stories remind us that this life that has been gifted to us is finite. *The Forever Kid*, written by Elizabeth Mary Cummings, is that story."

Age 4-8 years | 32 pages

\$14.99 ISBN 978-1-925-675-38-2 PB

\$24.99 ISBN 978-1-925675-39-9 HB

OCTOBER 2018

'A gentle story about loss, lasting love and remembrance that will move hearts.'



The Land Belongs to Me 🍏

Alys Jackson & Shane McGrath

Themes: early readers, stories in rhyme, memory verse, repetition, sharing, environment

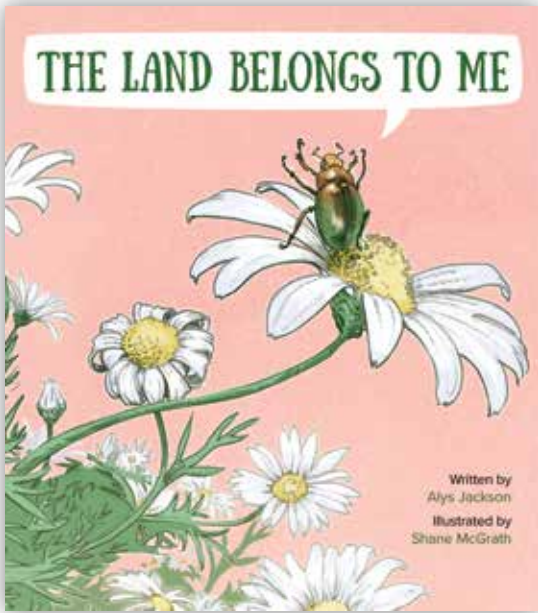
Who does the land belong to? Is it the raven, the farm cat, the dog, or the farmer? Could it be the Queen? An engaging story told in memory verse to inspire early readers with repetitive refrains – perfect for reading aloud!

Age 4-8 years

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AUGUST 2019



will readily encourage students to talk about their environment, who owns it and just who is responsible.

ReadPlus





A charming tale of imagination and superbly illustrated!

A perfect visual representation of emotion and is lovely reminder for children that moods are not permanent.

Happiness is a Cloud 🍎

Robert Vescio & Nancy Bevington

Themes: Science, clouds, weather, emotions, family, pets, imagination, the beach, mindfulness

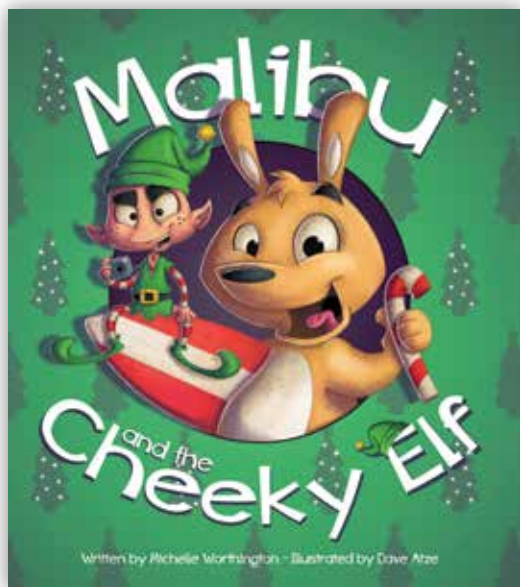
ISBN 978-1-922265-71-5 **MAY 2020**

\$14.99 | Pages: 32 | Ages: 4-8 years

Look up to the clouds and what do you see? A delightful, lyrical tale of the emotions that family love, mindfulness and imagination can inspire!

Harry and his father and their dog, Jasper, spend a day together at the beach observing the ever-changing shapes of the clouds. Harry sees different shapes and gives each cloud an emotion. 'That cloud is angry'. 'That cloud is happy'. 'That cloud is lonely'. He watches as the clouds slowly drift across the sky and transform. Harry shows us that emotions are like clouds. They change shape and roll by. He feels overwhelmed with a feeling and watches it change and drift out of view. Some days are wonderful, filled with sunlight, inviting us to play outside. Other days are cloudy and stormy ... but the sun will always return to brighten our day!





Malibu and the Cheeky Elf

Michelle Worthington & Dave Atze

Themes: Children, Christmas, Humour, Understanding

ISBN 978-1-922615-06-0 (HB) **DECEMBER 2021**
RRP: \$19.99 | Age: 4-10 years

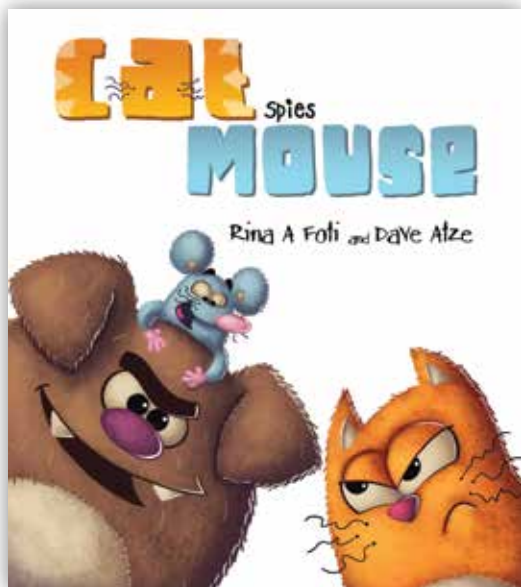
Award winning author Michelle Worthington is back with a fun look at Christmas with Santa and a little message about fitting in!

It's Christmas time and Malibu and his surfing crew are relaxing on beautiful Bondi Beach. Santa, Mrs Claus and the elves are there too. Everyone is having fun, playing in the sun, surf and sand, but one little elf is being very mischievous and creating chaos. Can Malibu help him understand about being brave enough to stand out, without acting out? After all, if anyone knows about not fitting in, it's Malibu the three-legged surfing kangaroo from Uluru.

ALSO BY MICHELLE



A wonderful tale highly recommended for discussion about choosing to look at ability, instead of focusing on disability.



Cat Spies Mouse 🍎

Rina A Foti & Dave Atze

Themes: Humour, cats, mice, tolerance, acceptance, respect, critical and creative thinking

What happens when an arrogant and impatient cat comes head-to-head with a humble and patient mouse? Can mouse make the world a better place? A simple story with a big message.

32 pages

Age 4-8 years

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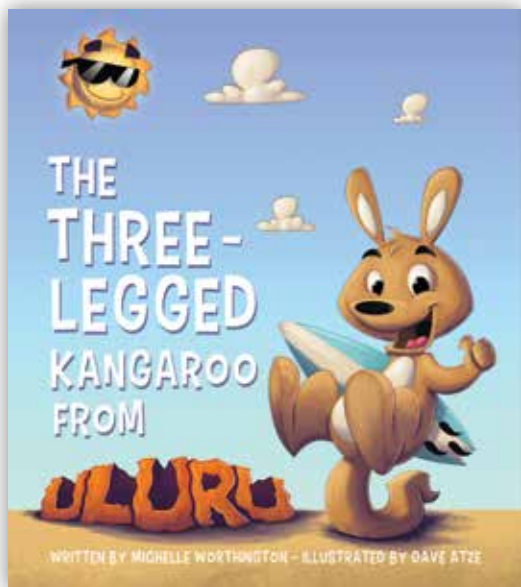
Cat Spies Mouse serves as a catalyst for conversations around critical thinking, questioning the norm and treating each other with respect.

ReadingTime

'A fun and funny picture book that subtly teaches kids about tolerance, respect and challenging stereotypes.'



'With a laugh-out-loud ending, entertaining characters and engaging illustrations, kids will love it.'



The Three Legged Kangaroo from Uluru 🍏

Michelle Worthington & Dave Atze

Themes: Humour, tolerance, acceptance, respect, critical and creative thinking

A rollicking adventure story told through rhythmic words and enchanting illustrations. This plucky little kangaroo from Uluru helps children celebrate what makes them special.

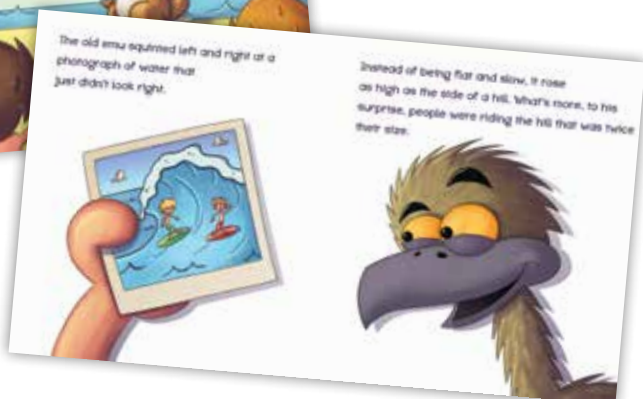
Written by internationally published and award winning children's author Michelle Worthington.

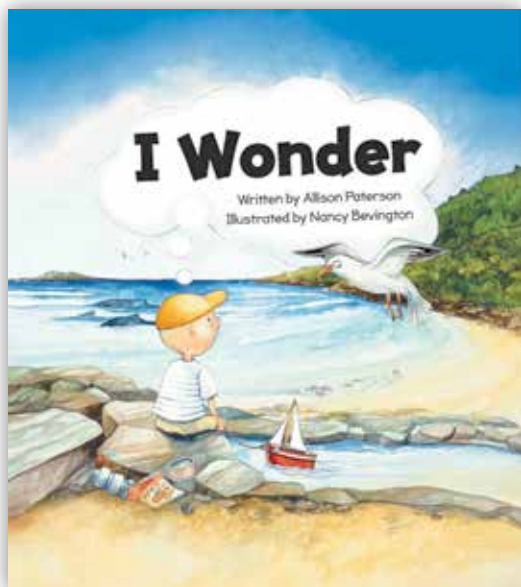
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'Michelle Worthington's books carry strong messages. They encourage, inspire and empower children to improve themselves, have confidence and believe they can. This delightful book is another example of how positive beliefs can change lives.'





I Wonder 🍏

Allison Paterson & Nancy Bevington

Themes: Weather, imagination, plants, farm life, environment

ISBN978-1-922488-47-3 | 32pp (paperback)
RRP: \$14.99 | Age: 4-10 years
AUGUST 2021

A powerful and timely tale of the small steps we can take to care for our world.

The little wooden boat has been left behind in the sand dunes.

Odd things pass it by, tumbling and floating into the ocean – a chip packet, a takeaway cup and a plastic bag.

The little wooden boat wonders and worries ... Is it a forgotten thing? Is it just rubbish now? Will it ever find a home again?

This delightful tale will inspire readers to take the small steps needed to care for their world – no matter how young they are!



**CARING
FOR OUR
WORLD**



'This important environmental message is delivered with perfect words and wonderful illustrations and is a delight to read.'

- Catherine, Librarian

'I Wonder is a sensitive, thought-provoking look at how we can better take care of our belongings and the world around us.'

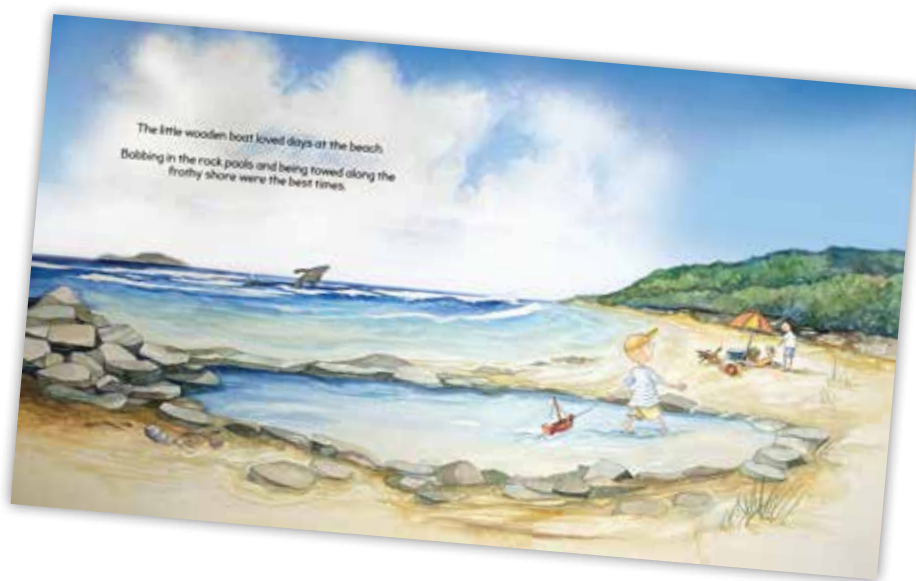
- Aleesah Darlison, Author

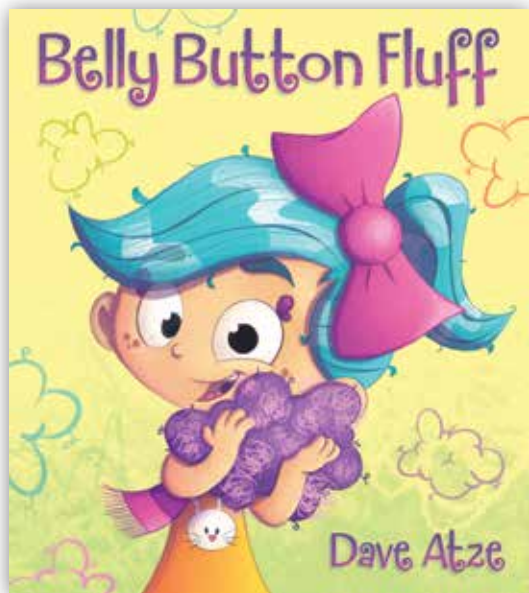
'What a brilliant concept to teach kids about environmental issues. Love the surreal illustrations.'

- Goodreads

'Big Sky's Caring for our World series - this innovative publisher has done well to recognise this; thus making their own stance for environmental protection through the knowledge and understanding that are gently exposed in this series.'

- Elizabeth Cummings, Author





Belly Button Fluff

Dave Atze

Themes: Picture book, humour, fun, belly buttons, read out loud, early childhood, children, kids' books, adventure, curiosity

ISBN 978-1-922488-96-1 (paperback)
\$19.99 | Pages: 32 | Ages: 4-8 years
OCTOBER 2021

Illustrator and author Dave Atze is back with another brilliantly illustrated, super fun children's picture book series that kids will love.

Scarlett Von Scruff is a hoarder of lots of gross stuff. From dandruff to earwax to stinky gym shorts - if it's weird or icky or yucky, Scarlett loves to collect it! Nobody's safe as Scarlett goes on a fluff-gathering adventure. So, kick off your shoes and lay on the couch, let's have a look in your tummy pouch.

Popular children's book illustrator and cartoonist Dave Atze brings his lively, bold and humorous style to elevate the story and delightful protagonist, Scarlett, to life.

Kids will love this wonderful new series about a sassy little girl blissfully shining her light and curiosity on the world; in her own, individual way.

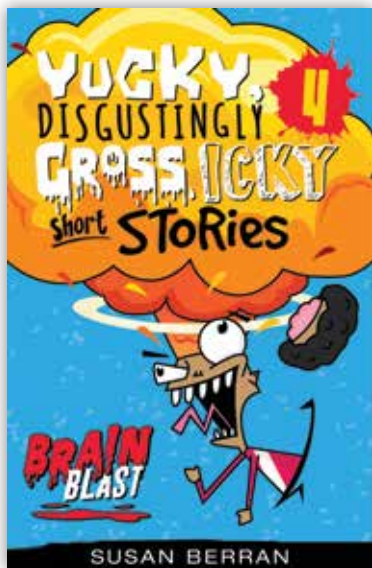
The story is fun, and a little bit gross it gives kids guidance to look outside the square, to not just see something for what it is, but for what it can be.

- Adam Wallace, Author

Rhyme, rhythm and a hilarious, fun-packed story will delight young readers and adults. Packed full of fun, this picture book is perfect for story time and reading aloud.

Humorous and endearing, leaving the reader with a satisfaction akin to a good belly rub.





Yucky Disgustingly Gross Icky Stories No 4, Brain Blast 🍎

Susan Berran

Themes: short stories, humour, reluctant readers

Just when you thought it was safe ... first there was Booga Blast, then there was Barf Blast and Butt Blast now comes the most outrageous - Brain Blast! A fun, action-packed, super-sized, seriously gross series. Ideal for reluctant readers with loads of hilarious humour packaged in short bite-sized stories!

Age 8-10 years | 160 pages PB | \$14.99

ISBN 978-1-925675-80-1

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1 Yucky Disgustingly Gross Icky Stories, Booga Blast

\$14.99 ISBN 978-1-925675-36-0

2 Yucky Disgustingly Gross Icky Stories, Barf Blast

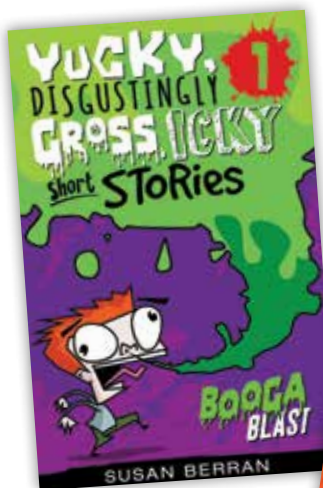
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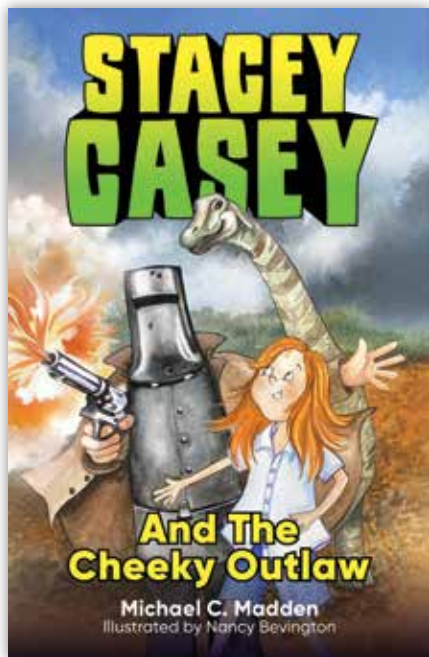
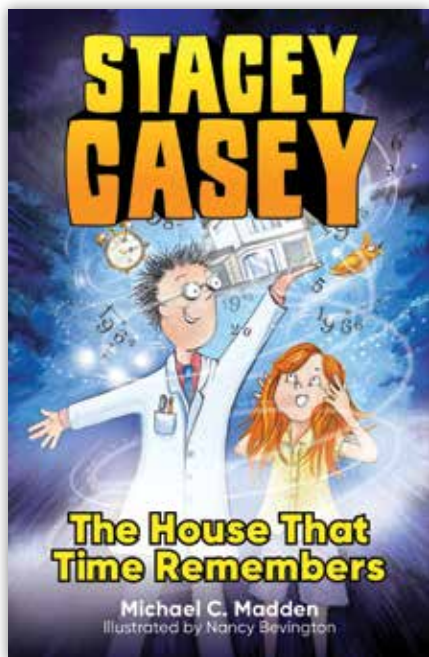
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... boys who are not into reading will love this
(and boys who love to read too).

Creative Kids Tales





Stacey Casey Series 🍎

Michael C. Madden & Nancy Bevington

Themes: Humour, early reader reluctant readers, mystery, illustrated novels

160pp | RRP: \$14.99 | Age: 7-12 years

Join Stacey and her friend Oliver as they catapult back in time on an almost working time machine ... get ready for a wild ride of suspense mystery and adventure!

Stacey Casey is a fun and adventurous middle grade series that will take kids on a wild ride into the past. On their journey, readers will discover surprising and sometimes hidden and fascinating historical facts. Stacey and her friend Oliver travel back in time where they encounter villains, heroes, tantalising mysteries and intriguing adventures that will keep kids guessing. The Stacey Casey series is a wonderful combination of time travel, friendship, courage, science, history and mystery all wrapped up in one.

Book 1: Stacey Casey and the House that Time Remembered

Stacey Casey's father is a terrible inventor. But now, despite years of failed inventions, he has created a functioning time machine. Well...kind of! Instead of sending him back in time, he turns their entire house into a time machine, transporting everyone and everything in it. Stacey and her friend Oliver find themselves in 1965 faced with a series of extraordinary events. They find a bizarre artifact and encounter strange man who seems to know Stacey ... but why is he chasing them? Who set the school on fire? And what's with all the famous people they keep meeting? Can the friends solve the string of unanswered questions and find their way home?

ISBN: 978-1-922615-88-6 **JUNE 2022**

Book 2: Stacey Casey and the Cheeky Outlaw

Stacey, Oliver and Mr Casey are 100 million years in the past looking at dinosaurs. They are chased by a lightning claw and escape by an emergency jump back to 2022. Now they have two problems, a stowaway baby cooperenis and a damaged time machine! To fix it they travel back in time to 1880s Australia where they find themselves faced with outlaws, explorers and a mystery that could destroy the universe.

ISBN: 978-1-922615-95-4 **SEPTEMBER 2022**

What if Histories 🍎

Craig Cormick & Cheri Hughes

Themes: Humour, early reader reluctant readers, history, illustrated novels

RRP: \$14.99 | Age: 7-12 years

The What If histories of Australia imagine a very different history of Australia, where the unexpected happens in unexpected ways. Starting by defining the real histories, the books then look at possible paths of different settlements that history could have taken. Written with the perfect combination of fun, history, imagination and entertaining illustrations, this series is sure to delight kids, parents, and teachers.

Book 1 Colonial Settlement: France vs Britain

What if Captain Cook's ship sank when it hit the Great Barrier Reef in 1770? What if the French settled Australia first? What if King Louis 16th and Napoleon both ended up here, fighting over who was the rightful ruler in exile? And then ... the British arrived! A very different and amusing history of Australia, where the unexpected happens in unexpected ways!

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Book 2 Gold Rush: Going Gold Crazy!

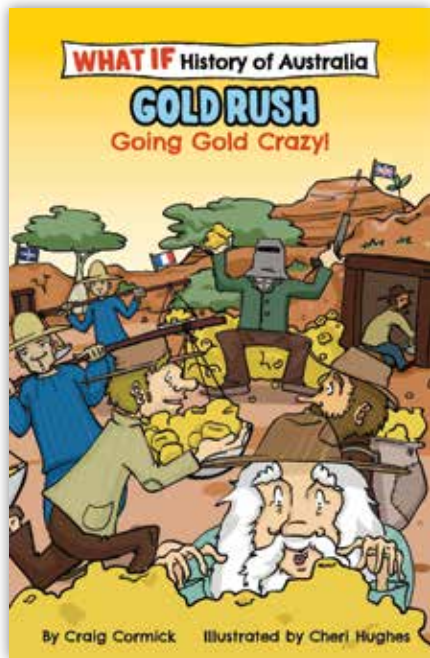
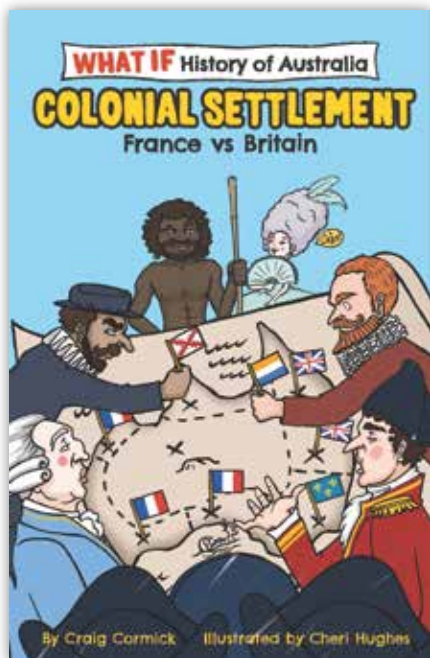
We all know that gold makes people act a bit crazy – but imagine just how crazy things would be if the 19th Century Australian colonies were run by different countries! The French in Victoria and British in New South Wales would be busy devising crazy plans to steal each other's gold. And First Nations people, diggers and bushrangers would have their own plans for that same gold! Add a peculiar bushranger in armour with plans to start a new Irish republic ... what happens next could be anybody's guess!

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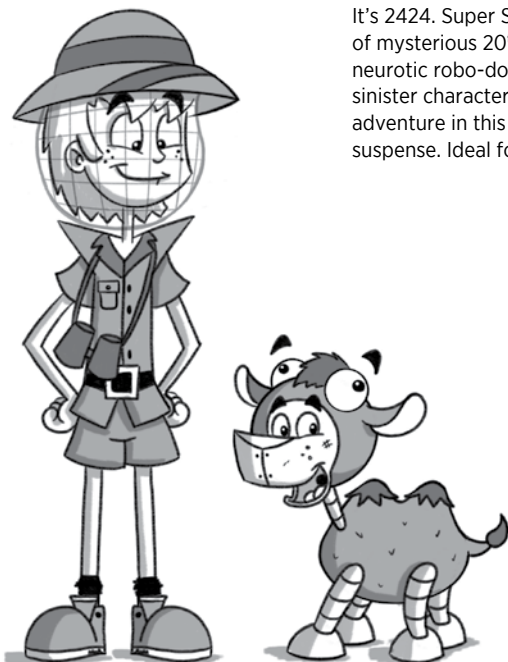
A humorous and imaginative way to engage kids with Australian history

Perfect for kids who like facts, presented in a way that will engage their imaginations



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Buzz Words



Max Booth Future Sleuth

Cameron McIntosh & Dave Atze

Themes: STEM - Science, Technology, Environment, Sci-Fi, Adventure, Humour, early-reader, reluctant reader, illustrated novels

International Rights Sales: US education - Rosen Publishing

130pp | RRP: \$12.99 | Age: 8-10 years

THERE'S A NEW SLEUTH IN TOWN - HE'S FUN, FUNNY, AND VERY 2424!

It's 2424. Super Sleuth Max Booth is uncovering the secrets of mysterious 20th Century gadgets. His faithful, but slightly neurotic robo-dog Oscar is also on the case! But there are sinister characters and challenges along the way. Join the adventure in this fabulous series full of mystery, surprises and suspense. Ideal for reluctant readers!

This is a fun and fast-moving series packed with action, something fresh and fun.

Kids Book Review

Fascinating reflections into technological history and advancements.

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#1 Tape Escape

Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar been asked to identify an object that's baffling everyone – a 1980s cassette tape. But there's more to the tape than meets the eye – or the ears! When devious Dr Grizzlowe tries to take credit for the tape's rock-tastic recordings, Max and Oscar know they're going to need all their future sleuthy skills to put things right.

ISBN 978-1-925520-60-6 **AUGUST 2017**

#2 Selfie Search

Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar, have been handed an ancient mobile phone. It's from the year 2017, it's more than 400 years old! What's more, it's full of photos – of the same person! The photos hold a secret that could lead them to fame and fortune. Max and Oscar face the fight of their lives to keep their discovery safe from some very greedy hands ...

ISBN 978-1-925520-88-0 **OCTOBER 2017**

#3 Stamp Safari

A tiny piece of paper from the year 2019 might not BE very interesting to most people. But Max and Oscar aren't most people! Max has a hunch that this ancient patch of paper might be valuable, and extremely rare. It's a strange, sticky thing called a postage stamp, and it's more than 400 years old! It's an exciting discovery that leads Max and Oscar into some very sticky situations...

ISBN 978-1-925675-36-8 **AUGUST 2018**

4 Film Flip

Max and Oscar are shocked when they find a 400-year-old roll of film. They're even more shocked to discover that it still contains someone's happy snap! Unfortunately, they're not the only people who realise how rare, and valuable, this photo could be. Max and Oscar will need all their wits to ensure the photo ends up in the museum, where it belongs!

ISBN 978-1-922265-10-4 **SEPTEMBER 2019**

5 Chip Blip

Max and his robo-dog, Oscar, are baffled by the discovery of a tiny device that looks like a grain of rice. Using their future-sleuthy skills, they figure out what it is – an ID chip that should have been implanted into a very special dog ...400 years ago! They unleash the truth of a long-lost treasure. But, Bluggsville's savviest sleuths could be hounded off the treasure trail for good.

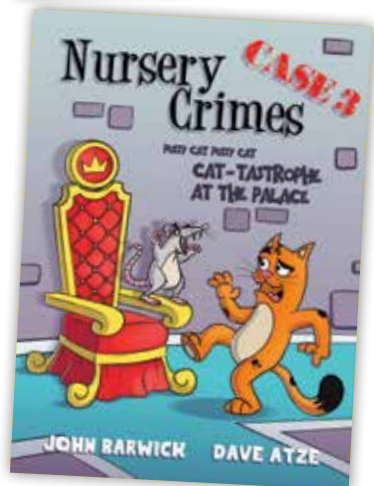
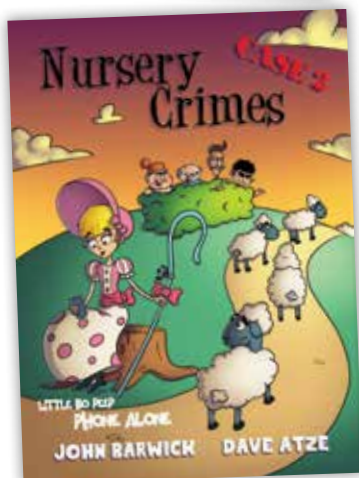
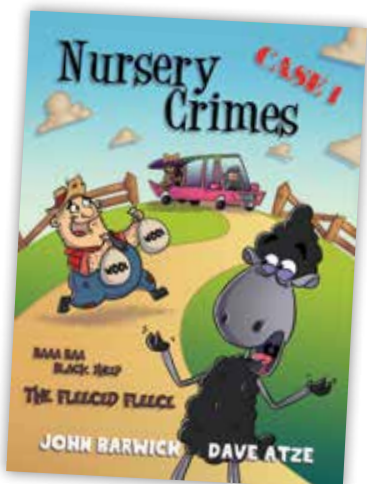
ISBN 978-1-922265-68-5 **JULY 2020**

6 The Map Trap

When Max and his brainy beagle-bot, Oscar, find a 400-year-old navigation unit, they're shocked to discover that it still works. Tracing its owner's last journey, they find themselves in very big trouble! Far from home, they cross paths with a bunch of bungling burglars. Max and Oscar will need to map out a rapid plan to catch the thieves and navigate their way out of danger!

ISBN: 978-1-922265-90-6 **JULY 2021**





Nursery Crime Series

John Barwick & Dave Atze

Themes: Humour, nursery rhymes, fairytales, early reader reluctant readers, parody, mystery, illustrated novels

International Rights Sales: US education - Rosen Publishing

114pp | RRP: \$12.50 | Age: 6-12 years

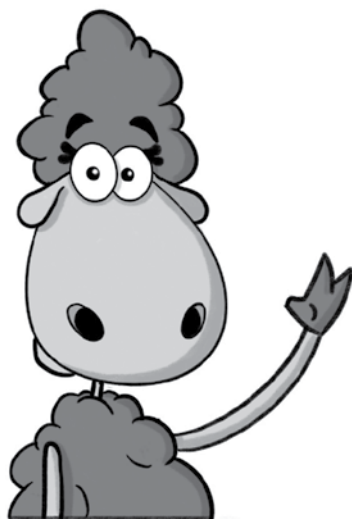
VILLIANS, EVIL WITCHES AND MYSTERIES GALORE! JOIN LITTLE MISS MUFFET AS SHE TAKES ON THE BAD GUYS!

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A recently shorn black sheep is horrified when her farmer gives away her precious black wool. With the help of Little Miss Muffet, she discovers that the farmer is being blackmailed by a ruthless gang of criminals - a (Head)Master, a Dame and a very unpleasant little boy.

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#2. Little Bo Peep - *Phone Alone*

While a shepherdess chats to her friends on her mobile phone, all her sheep escape. Will she find them again? And why are the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker hiding in the bushes? Little Miss Muffet cracks the case!

ISBN 978-1-922265-19-7 **AUGUST 2020**

#3 Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat - *Cat-tastrophe at the Palace*

A pussy cat discovers that the Queen is in danger. The evil Lord Chamberlain is plotting to kidnap her and replace her with a wicked fairy story queen. She rushes to London to warn her. Will she and Little Miss Muffet get there in time?

ISBN 978-1-922265-20-3 June 2021

#4 Humpty Dumpty - *The Scrambled Egg*

A badly fractured egg is certain that he was pushed off the wall. But who pushed him? Together with Little Miss Muffet, he sets out to solve the mystery. They discover that his "accident" is all part of a fiendish plot to take over the King's kingdom.

ISBN 978-1-922265-21-0 **OCTOBER 2021**

#5 This Little Piggy - *A Wee Bit of Trouble*

Pinkie Piggy, the smallest piggy, discovers that his four brothers and sisters aren't the innocent little porkers they appear to be. They're all gangsters. Little Miss Muffet joins him in a desperate quest to save his family from their life of crime.

ISBN 978-1-922265-28-9 **SUMMER 2022**

#6 Little Jack Horner - *Plum Crazy*

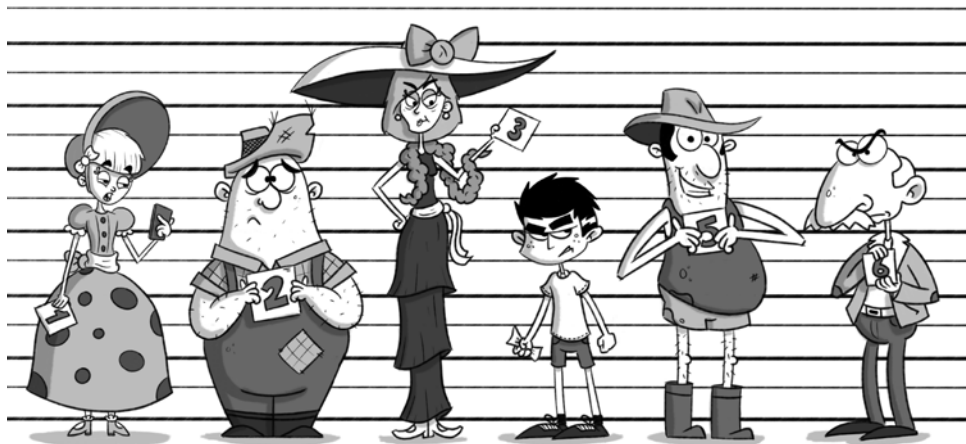
A plum pie tester discovers that the plum pie factory he works for is really a front for a wool smuggling operation. He sets out to find who is behind the devious plan. Luckily, Little Miss Muffet is also on the case.

ISBN 978-1-922265-29-6 **FEBRUARY 2023**

#7 Little Miss Muffet - *A Sleuth is Born*

Did the spider really frighten Little Miss Muffet? This book supplies the amazing answer. But it does more than that. It tells the inspirational story of a little girl's journey from lowly dairy product taster to the nursery rhyme world's greatest detective.

ISBN 978-1-922265-30-2 **OCTOBER 2023**





Carly Mills Pioneer Girl – Time-Travelling Adventures 🍎

Jane Smith

Themes: time-travel, women’s rights and status, adventure, HASS-continuity and change, past and present, colonial times, significant individuals, reluctant readers

294pp | RRP: \$12.50 | Age: 8-13 years

From the author of the ABIA shortlist series’ Australian Bushrangers and Tommy Bell comes a brand new time travel series to empower and engage!

A significant new series featuring Carly Mills, a modern time-traveller transported back in time. Empowering encounters with influential women of the ilk of Caroline Chisolm, Florence Nightingale and Emelia Earhart and Dr Lilian Cooper are just the beginning of a new set of adventures from the author of *Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy*.

Based on true events! An excellent, accessible resource to develop the knowledge and understanding elements HASS – History Years 5 and 6.

A groundbreaking new series that celebrates the courage and contribution of inspiring pioneer women!

Highly recommended ... truly inspiring, exhilarating and intriguing. Look out for the whole series!



A rollicking good story that will capture the imaginations of readers.

It ticks all the boxes in terms of engaging middle to upper grade readers during and after reading, and providing scope for discussion and lessons in history, humanities and social studies, women's rights, and health.

1 A New World (Caroline Chisolm)

It's not easy coming to the city all alone when you're a young country girl. It's even harder when a strange discovery sends you back in time to 1841! Carly Mills is about to learn how dangerous Sydney can be for a lonely colonial girl ... and how hard it is to move in a corset! Caroline Chisolm tells her that kindness and friendship can make the world a better place. Could Mrs Chisolm be right?

ISBN 978-1-922765-20-8 **JULY 2022**

2 Emergency (Lilian Cooper)

Carly learns just what it means to be strong and brave when her magical shawl takes her back to 1891 and into the path of Australia's first female doctor, Lilian Cooper.

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3 Superstar (Dame Nellie Melba)

Carly learns what it means to follow your heart and let your talent shine when she meets Nellie Melba, one of the most famous singers in the world in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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4 : The Lady with the Lamp (Florence Nightingale)

Carly returns to the past to discover the care, compassion and determination of Florence Nightingale – the founder of modern nursing!

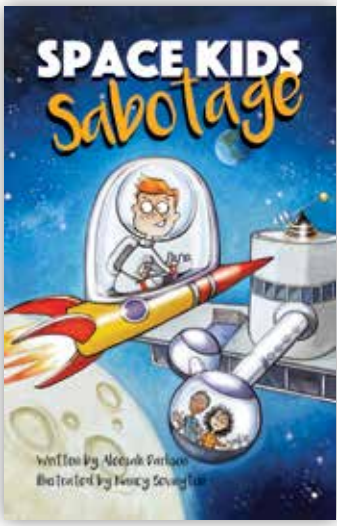
ISBN 978-1-922765-23-9 **OCTOBER 2022**

5 Taking Flight (Amelia Earhart)

Taking to the skies with aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, Carly learns that following your dreams and being determined can lead you to reach for the stars!

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Space Kids 🍷

Aleesah Darlison & Nancy Bevington

Themes: STEM, Science Fiction, Space, humour, adventure, mystery, friendship, illustrated novels

ISBN 978-1-922387-17-2 | 180pp | RRP: \$ 12.50 | Age: 7-10 years

Welcome to the world of Misty Space Station and intergalactic adventure! An engaging new series for young readers from award-winning author Aleesah Darlison.

The Space Kids live far from Earth on Misty Space Station. While their parents are involved in maintaining the station and welcoming tourists, the kids get themselves into all sorts of hilarious and dangerous adventures.

1 Space Kids: Sabotage

When eleven-year-old Nash arrives on Misty Space Station, he meets new friends, the Space Kids. But danger awaits the trio. It appears that someone is sabotaging Misty. Could it be grumpy Mr Nakimoto? Will they solve the mystery and save the space station? And, just who is their new friend Bingo Crafter? A fabulous new series for young readers!

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#2 Space Kids: Blast Off

It's the inaugural Milky Way Space Race and teams from around the world converge on race host, Misty Space Station, to compete.

When billionaire inventor, Cooper Borgstein and his son, Finn, invite the Space Kids to race with them in their blaster ship, Ventura, it's an opportunity too good to pass up.

But when competitors take it too far and push the rules and each other to the limit, lives are put in danger.

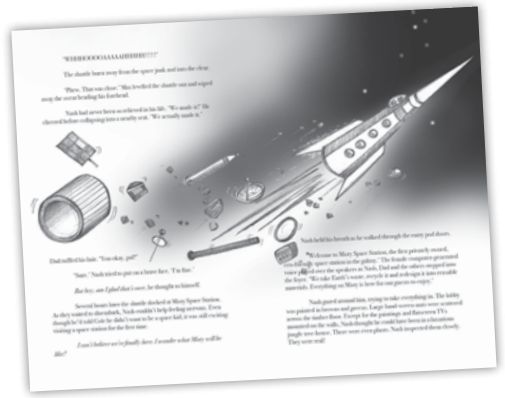
Things spiral out of control and it's up to Nash and the other Space Kids to save the day.

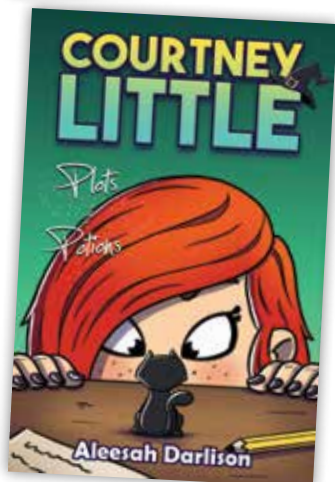
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Five books to be launched in this series.



This action-packed space adventure will have young readers enthralled from beginning to end.





Courtney Little Series 🍎

Aleesah Darlison

Themes: magic, friendship, tween romance, reluctant readers

Age 8-13 years | RRP: \$12.50

Courtney Little never knew her grandmother. But with the help of a special cat and a magical book, she's going to learn more than she ever imagined.

Welcome to Mixton Bay and the sparkling, magical *Courtney Little* series from popular children's author, Aleesah Darlison.

- The Courtney Little series has received acclaim across publications such as *CBCA Reading Time*, *News Limited Funday Section*, *Magpies Magazine*, *Oz_Lit* and more.
- Fun, adventure-packed storyline with loads of laughs and quirky characters.
- Accessible and engaging language and themes for young readers. Shorter chapters and easy to read language. Great for reluctant readers!
- Strong, independent and unique female lead character.
- Wholesome magic story with gentle elements of sweet tween/early-teen romance.
- Utterly enticing for the tween market. Young girls will love *Courtney Little* and will totally relate to her.

contains a wonderful concoction of magical delight; a pinch of mystery, a splash of humour and a dash of young romance, entrancing its audience from start to finish.

- Reading Time

Secrets & Spells – Book 1

Twelve-year old Courtney never met her grandmother but it seems like Delia wants to make her presence felt. Courtney's Dad isn't saying why he left Mixton Bay years ago, and the strange things that are happening in her grandmother's old house, well, they're just adding to the mystery!

When Courtney finds a mystical 'Book of Spells' with her name on the box, you could say that Courtney's boring holiday starts to get a whole lot more interesting. Add in to the mix Ink the talking cat, and her new friend, Justice, a surfer boy with a secret of his own, and this new little witch is just getting started with hilarious consequences.

Will Courtney discover what lies behind all the secrets and bring her family closer together or will she explode trying?

ISBN 978-1-922488-36-7 **AUGUST 2021**

Hauntings & Hexes - Book 2

New home. New school. New friends. And new enemies...

The summer holidays are over. It's time for Courtney to start at her new school and settle into life in Mixton Bay. No problem. Right?

Except for the fact that Courtney is a witch-in-training so 'fitting in' isn't the easiest thing to do.

When a malevolent spirit bent on revenge is released into the world, things get dangerous for Courtney and those closest to her. Will she be able to save the day and keep her growing powers a secret?

ISBN 978-1-922488-37-4 **AUGUST 2021**

Plots & Potions – Book 3

School camp promises adventure and high jinks for Courtney and her friends!

When Courtney first learns about an upcoming school trip to Bromlow Forest Adventure Camp, she's far from impressed. After all, day-long hikes, challenging rock climbs and stomach-churning whitewater rafting aren't usually her go-to activities. When Courtney stumbles across the devious plans of some important people at the camp, however, she must call on some powerful potions and spells to help rescue those in danger. Drama, magic – and a miniature cat – abound in this latest *Courtney Little* adventure.

ISBN 978-1-922488-38-1 **OCTOBER 2021**

The Courtney Little series, with its themes of magic, friendship and adventure is sure to appeal to the tween crowd. Hopefully Aleesah Darlison will magic up a few more installments in this fun new series.

- Buzz Words

Courtney is a fabulous role model for young girls and very relatable. A very cool new series.

- KBR

Mystery, adventure and spells, these fast-paced reads that are highly addictive.

- Kids Book Review

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