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new books
Gwen and the pack are back for a thrilling new adventure!

On a mission to find their families, Gwen, Rupert and the dogs strike out across treacherous ice and frigid oceans.

If they are to have any hope of survival, they must stowaway on a ship full of enemy soldiers. But sometimes help comes in unexpected forms. Someone new will join the pack . . . but who will leave?

Deep in the frozen tundra, the danger is heating up!

Another thrilling, page-turning and exciting adventure from the bestselling author, comedian and artist Anh Do. For ages 8-14.

Anh Do is one of Australia's best-loved storytellers. His series, including Wolf Girl, E-Boy and WeirDo are adored by millions of kids around the country.
THE BEST FRIEND PROMISE:
MERTALES 1
Rebecca Timmis

A sea-sational new series, packed with mermagic and flipperific adventure

Today is Pearl's ninth birthday, and she is planning a sea-sational day with her best friends. But when Pearl takes a shortcut on the way to merschool and sees a shooting star fall into the ocean, things begin to drift off course.

Suddenly, her mermaid tail begins to shimmer and sparkle. What could it mean? Well for a start, Pearl discovers she can now talk to animals, which comes in very handy when one of her friends is cornered by a hungry reef dragon!

It's time for a mermazing adventure in clamtastic Cockleshell Cove! For ages 6-9.

Rebecca Timmis is an author-illustrator from Australia's sunny Gold Coast.
THE ABC OF CUDDLES
Sophy Williams, illustrated by Gavin Scott

We could all use a cuddle! This is a gorgeous and warm-hearted book to treasure and to share.

A is for airport cuddle, when it's time to go away.
B is for bear hug, when teddy goes astray.
C is for crying cuddle, a scary ghost went boo!
D is for daddy cuddle, when only Dad will do.

A glorious celebration of family love, life and laughter—perfect for bedtime and storytime, and all those times when we just need a hug. For ages 2-5.

Sophy Williams is a Melbourne-based writer and publisher. Gavin Scott is a UK-based illustrator.
**STORY DOCTORS**
Boori Monty Pryor, illustrated by Rita Sinclair

Legendary storyteller Boori Monty Pryor invites us to travel with him from the first footsteps through 80,000+ years of strength, sickness and immense possibility. From the very first stories and art, to dance, language and connection with the land, Boori offers a powerful, beautiful and deeply rich account of Australia's true history, drawing on a lifetime of wisdom, and on his generous instinct to teach and heal.

An exquisitely illustrated celebration of the power of storytelling to unite us, how nature connects us, and the wonderful truth that the medicine needed for healing lies within us all. For ages 7-12.

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**WHO FED ZED?**
Amelia McInerney, illustrated by Adam Nickel

Zed the fish is white and red.
*His poo hangs down in one long thread.*
The main thing, though, is what Fred said, *'NEVER, EVER FEED ZED BREAD.'*

A darkly comic story about a pet in peril that pays homage to classic picture books such as *Fish Out of Water*, from an exciting creative team working together for the first time. For ages 3-6.

Amelia McInerney is a humorous picture book author whose titles include the CBCA Notable Book *The Book Chook*. She lives in Canberra. Adam Nickel is the illustrator of the phenomenal bestseller *No One Likes a Fart*. He lives in Brisbane.
BAZ & BENZ
Heidi McKinnon

From the creator of I Just Ate My Friend, this is a gorgeous and hilarious exploration of enduring friendship

‘Benz, are we friends?’
‘Yes, Baz, we are best friends.’
‘For how long?’
‘For ever and ever.’

But what do you do when your best friend is... kind of annoying? A delightfully funny and warm-hearted story about a little owl exploring the boundaries of love and friendship. For ages 3-6.

Heidi McKinnon is a graphic designer and creator of the bestselling I Just Ate My Friend. She lives in Melbourne.

THE SNOW PONY
Alison Lester

A new cover edition of the authentic, compelling bush drama classic set in the high snow plains of south-eastern Australia

Three years of drought have reduced the Rileys' farm to a dirt patch and strained the family to breaking point. A trip to the mountains to muster their cattle promises a fresh start, but sudden violence erupts into the peaceful landscape. Now Dusty and her beautiful brumby are tested as never before.

A tough and tender novel about a family's struggle to hold together during harsh times, and fourteen-year-old Dusty's faith in a wild horse they said could never be tamed. For ages 10-14.

Alison Lester is one of Australia's inaugural Children's Book Laureates and was awarded the Dromkeen Medal for her outstanding achievement in the creation of Australian children's and young adult literature.
MELT
Ele Fountain

A breathless adventure story of courage and survival in a warming climate from a multi-award-winning author

United by greed and self-interest. But not their own. A boy lives in a remote, snow-bound village with his elderly grandmother. Their traditional way of life is threatened by the changing snow and ice: it melts faster every year. When the sea-ice collapses while he is out hunting, he only just escapes with his life and is left stranded in the Arctic tundra.

Meanwhile a girl is trying to adapt to another new school. Her father promises his new job at an oil company will mean they never have to move again, but not long after he starts, his behaviour becomes odd and secretive. When their fates take a drastic turn, the girl's world collides with the boy's and they find themselves together in a desperate search for survival, and for the truth. For ages 10+.

Ele Fountain is the multi-award-winning author of Boy 87 and Lost. She lives in the UK.

THE LIFE AND TIME OF LONNY QUICKE
Kirsty Applebaum

Lonny is a lifeling. He has the power to heal any living creature and bring it back from the dead. But he pays a price for this gift—by lengthening the creature's life, he shortens his own. So Lonny has to be careful, has to stay hidden in the forest. Because if people knew what he could do, Lonny would be left with no life at all . . .

A brilliant novel from about family, secrets and a terrible power. For ages 9-12.

Kirsty Applebaum is the author of The Middler and Troofriend. She lives in the UK.
From an award-winning author comes a revelatory YA novel about a transgender teen grappling with identity and self-discovery while falling in love for the first time.

Felix Love has never been in love. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. What's worse is that, even though he is proud of his identity, Felix also secretly fears that he's one marginalisation too many—Black, queer and transgender—to ever get his own happily-ever-after.

When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages—after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned—Felix comes up with a plan for revenge. What he didn't count on: his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle . . .

But as he navigates his complicated feelings, Felix begins a journey of questioning and self-discovery that helps redefine his most important relationship: how he feels about himself.

Felix Ever After is an honest and layered story about identity, falling in love and recognising the love you deserve.

Kacen Callender is the bestselling author of Hurricane Child and This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story. They live in the USA.
SOMETIMES BABIES . . .
Charlotte Trounce
Nosy Crow
9781788008808 | $16.99 | ☑ | BDBK | Baby Book

A book about babies for a new baby!

Babies change and babies grow. They're different every day. But you're the baby I love best, in every single way.

There are so many different kinds of babies in the world . . . big, small, short, tall—they can even be cheeky or squeaky! With bright, bold animal artwork on every spread and a mirror on the last page, this irresistibly lovely board book will brighten up any bookshelf and is the perfect first book to share with babies everywhere. For ages 0+.

Charlotte Trounce is a freelance illustrator based in London.

HOW TO BE A VET AND OTHER ANIMAL JOBS
Dr Jess French, illustrated by Sol Linero
Nosy Crow
9781788006859 | $24.99 | ☑ | HB | Careers

A friendly and fascinating book about how to work with animals

Do you have what it takes to become a vet, a horse trainer or to work at a nature reserve? Find out all about the incredible animal jobs you could do, from training to become an animal behaviourist or a wildlife rehabilitator to working at a zoo or even becoming a bug wrangler!

This fully illustrated book will inspire any child with an interest in animals. For ages 6-9.

Dr Jess French is a British veterinarian and TV presenter. Sol Linero is a children's book illustrator and graphic designer from Buenos Aires.
The powerful memoir of one of the co-founders of Black Lives Matter which explores how the movement was born, adapted for young adults and featuring brand new content

A movement that started with a hashtag—#BlackLivesMatter—and spread across the world.

From one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement comes a poetic memoir and reflection on humanity. Necessary and timely, Patrisse Khan-Cullors' story asks us to remember that protest in the interest of the most vulnerable comes from love. Leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have been called terrorists, a threat to America. But in truth, they are loving women whose life experiences have led them to seek justice for those victimised by the powerful.

In this meaningful, empowering account of survival, strength and resilience, Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele seek to change the culture that declares innocent Black life expendable. For ages 14-18.

Patrisse Khan-Cullors is an artist, organiser and freedom fighter from Los Angeles. Asha Bandele is an award-winning American journalist and bestselling author of The Prisoner's Wife.
**My First Book of Dinosaur Comparisons**
Sara Hurst, illustrated by Ana Seixas

Ivy Press
9780711260733 | $19.99 | ☑ | HB | Early Learning

My First Book of Dinosaur Comparisons is the perfect gift for dinosaur-loving kids. Turn the pages and compare the deadliest dinosaurs with today's top predators, discover which teeny dinos size up with our pets, and find out just how much Diplodocus ate. From heights, weights, diets, speed, features and much more—this book covers and compares it all! For ages 5+.

Sara Hurst is a nonfiction children's writer and editor. She lives in the UK. Ana Seixas is a Portuguese graphic designer and illustrator.

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**My Dad**
Susan Quinn, illustrated by Marina Ruiz

Happy Yak
9780711255326 | $12.99 | ☑ | PB | Picture Book

My Dad is a beautifully illustrated, stereotype-busting celebration of all the everyday things one child's dad does to make him so wonderfully, daddish-ly awesome! With lyrical rhyming text and gentle illustrations, this is a joyous celebration of fatherhood which creates a special reading experience between a child and their father. Inspire a child to explore what makes the relationships in their own life special with this touching book. For ages 4-7.

Susan Quinn is the author of Little Bear and the Butterflies. Born in the UK, she now lives in Sydney. Marina Ruiz is a Spanish illustrator.

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**This Book Is Feminist**
Jamia Wilson, illustrated by Aurélie Durand

Frances Lincoln Children's
9780711256392 | $16.99 | ☑ | PB | Social Issues

A vibrantly illustrated introduction to intersectional feminism for next-generation changemakers. Expand what feminism means to you, your community and society by examining such themes as identity, justice, education, money, power, health and relationships. You will close the book with an understanding that history and culture play a role in shaping systems of power and of what we can do with our strengths, community and values to help change course when needed. For ages 10-14.

Jamia Wilson is the American publisher of the Feminist Press. Aurélie Durand is the French illustrator of This Book Is Anti-Racist.
MICHELLE OBAMA (LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS)
Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara, illustrated by Mia Saine

Frances Lincoln Children's
9780711259409 | $19.99 | HB | People & Places

In this title from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy bestselling series, discover the life of Michelle Obama, the iconic first lady, advocate, lawyer and author. This empowering book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the inspiring woman's life. Inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with Little People, BIG DREAMS! For ages 4-7.

Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara is a Spanish writer and creative director. Mia Saine is an American illustrator.

A Quick History of Money takes us from barter to Bitcoin, packed with facts and jokes about how and why money works . . . and sometimes doesn't. For ages 8-12.

A Quick History of Politics takes us from pharaohs to fair votes, packed with facts and jokes about the many faces of politics through time. For ages 8-12.

Ben Bailey Smith is a comedian, actor and screenwriter. He lives in the UK.

SOMETHING I SAID
Ben Bailey Smith

Bloomsbury
9781526628688 | $14.99 | PB | Middle Fiction

For thirteen-year-old Carmichael Taylor, life is one big joke in a good way. He just can't understand why no one else seems to find everything as funny as he does. When Car accidentally delivers a hilarious stand-up routine at the school talent show, targeting his family and his school, it goes viral. As fame and fortune beckon, it's up to Car to decide what or who he's willing to risk in pursuit of his dream of fame. A heart-warming and hilarious look at family, friendship and what really matters. For ages 9-13.
Ever since she can remember, Briseis has had power over plants. When she inherits an old house, she has the privacy to test her powers for the first time. But as Briseis starts to bring the house's rambling garden back to life, she finds she has also inherited generations of secrets. A young Black woman embraces her extraordinary powers and discovers a deadly family legacy in this contemporary, diverse feminist fantasy about a woman finding the strength to challenge everything she has been told is true. For ages 14+.

Kalynn Bayron is the author of Cinderella Is Dead. She lives in Texas.

A few months ago, Alex's world changed—forever. Now, just when it seems life is getting back to normal, his grandfather crashes back into the picture with grave news: their friend Harry has fallen into the clutches of a familiar foe. This time, the duo's desperate dash across Europe leads from Paris deep into Germany's foreboding Black Forest, as they chase down the mystery Harry had been investigating. Alex and his grandfather hold the fate of history itself in their hands in this thrilling sequel to Monstrous Devices, publishing in the new series style at the same time. For ages 9+.

Damien Love is the author of Monstrous Devices. He lives in Scotland.

Engaging picture books with simple words and delightful full-colour illustrations from a leading Early Childhood consultant that help children to understand and follow routines and learn important life skills—with useful tips for parents.