

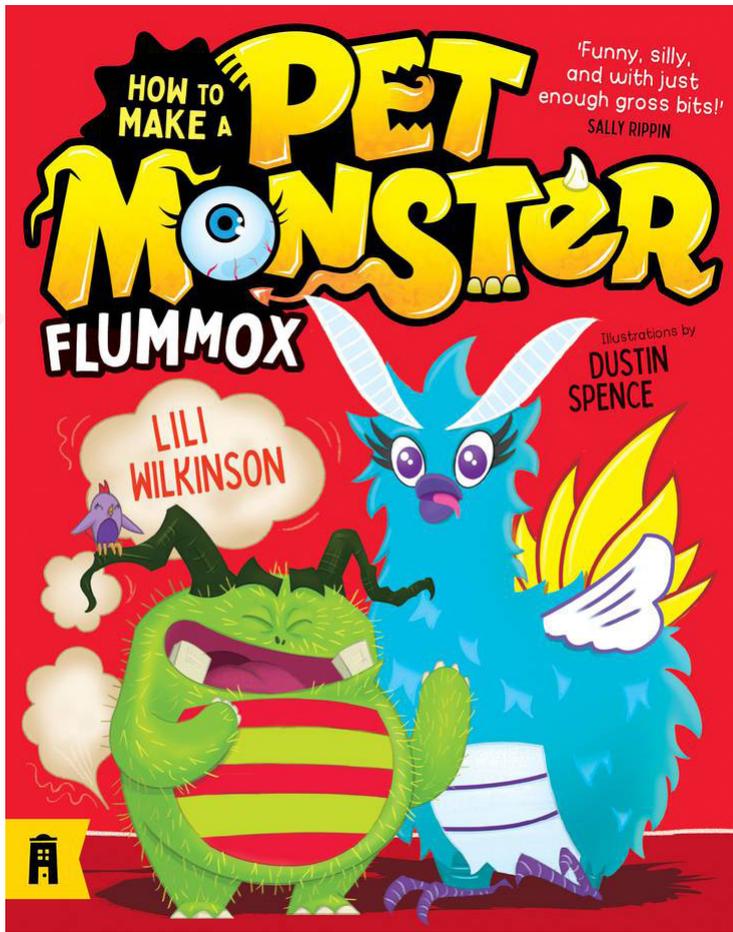
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FLUMMOX: HOW TO MAKE A PET MONSTER 2

Lili Wilkinson,
illustrated by Dustin Spence

Albert Street Books

9781760877392 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Junior Fiction

Doesn't everyone want their very own pet monster? A fantastically readable, gloriously funny and collectable junior fiction series

Have you ever wanted a pet monster?

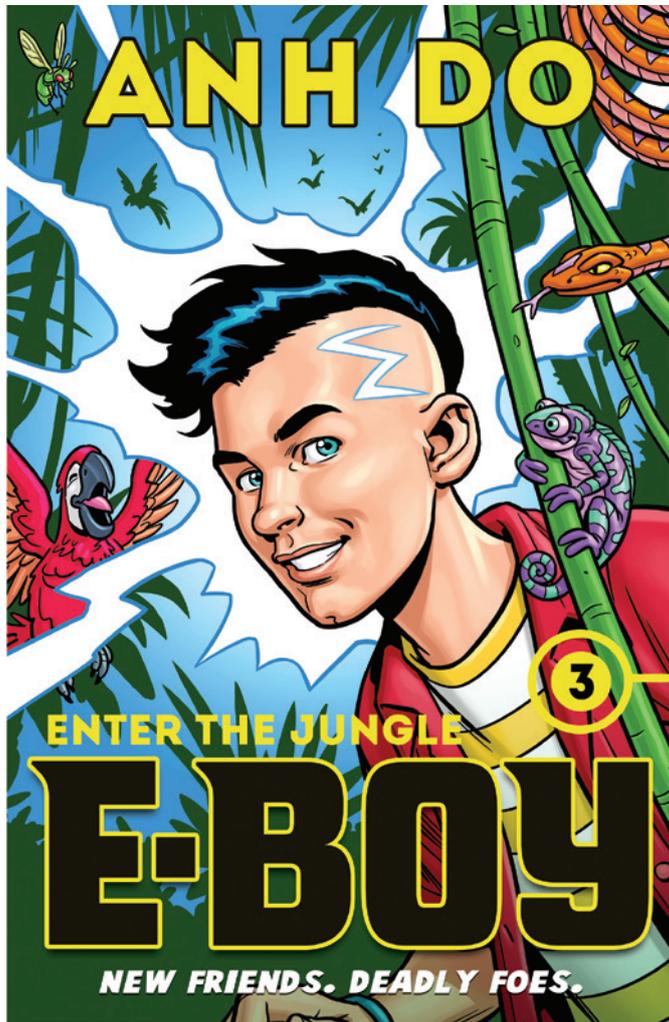
If you are like me, the answer is NO, because you think monsters don't exist.

If you are like Willow, the answer is YES DEFINITELY.

Willow and I found an ancient spell book called the BIGGE BOKE of fetching monsters, which shows you how to make REAL MONSTERS. We made HODGEPODGE, who's a bit furry and a bit stinky. He's my best friend.

Willow wants to make a best friend, but I'm worried. Now that I know monsters are REAL, what if this new one is REALLY dangerous? For ages 7-10.

Lili Wilkinson is the award-winning author of *That Christmas Feeling* and *Clancy the Quokka*. She lives in Melbourne. Dustin Spence is an illustrator with a background in animation and games.



ENTER THE JUNGLE: E-BOY 3

Anh Do, illustrated by Chris Wahl

Albert Street Books

9781760879020 | \$15.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

New friends. Deadly foes.

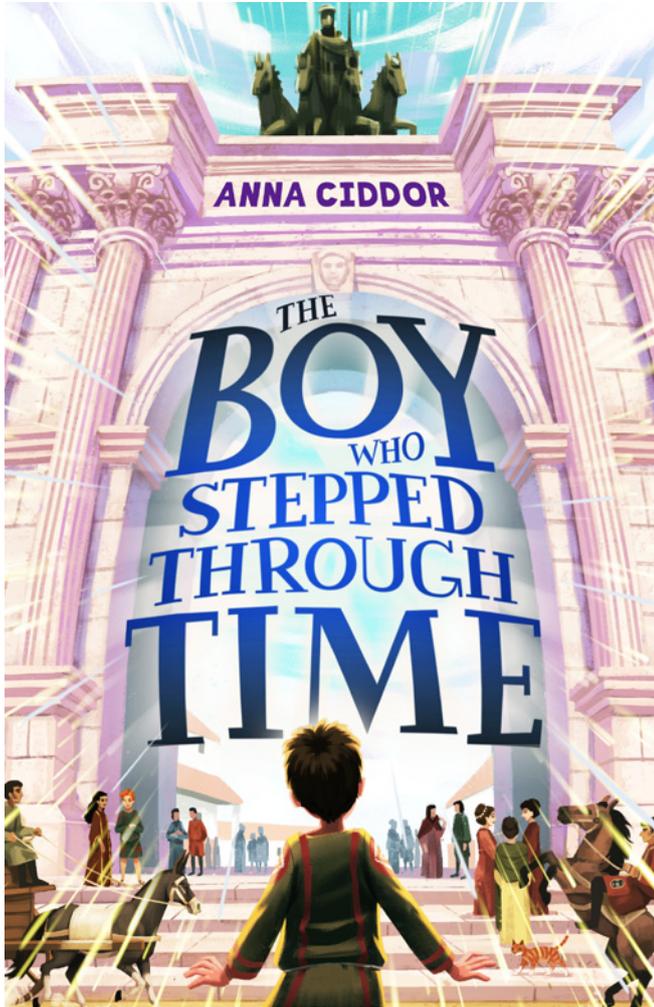
Ethan was a normal teenager, until a freak lightning strike gave him the power to control any electronic device within range. Now he's on the run from the dangerous Agent Ferris and his killer android Gemini, whose sole goal is to terminate Ethan.

But at the moment, that's the least of his worries! When Ethan accidentally interrupts a robbery by the mysterious Money Man, the villain vows to make him pay. Escaping the Money Man will lead Ethan deep into the jungle, where he'll need all his wits to survive.

And Gemini is still on his tail...

An electrifying adventure series from the bestselling author Anh Do. For ages 10-14.

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. Chris Wahl is an award-winning Australian illustrator and comic artist.



THE BOY WHO STEPPED THROUGH TIME

Anna Ciddor

Allen & Unwin

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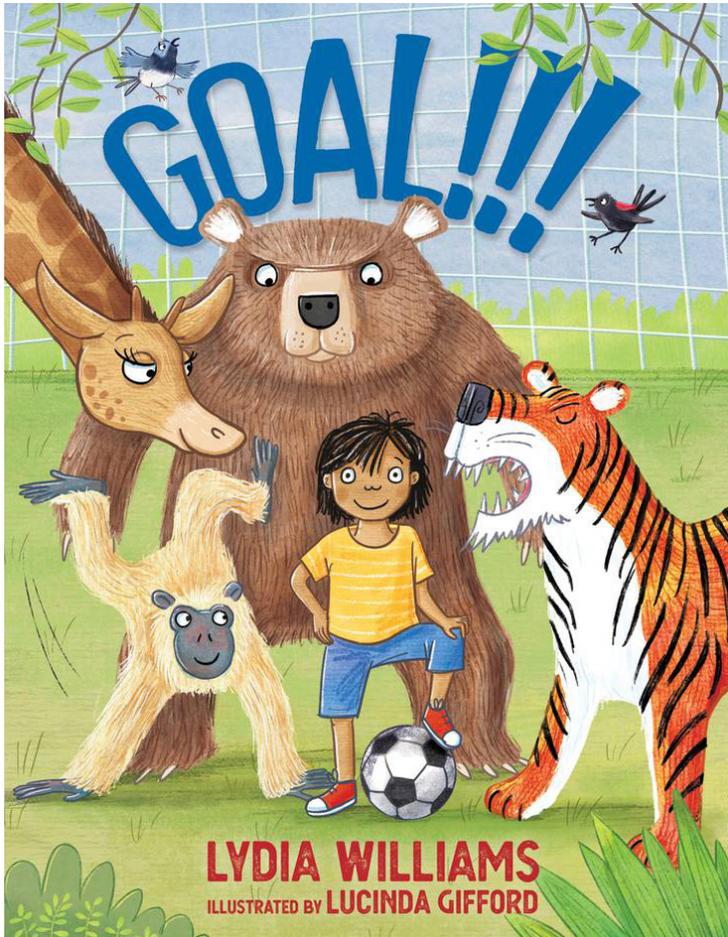
A thrilling time-slip adventure from a much-loved Australian author

When Perry steps into a crumbling ruin while on holiday in France, he is not expecting to be transported back 1700 years to Roman times. While he hunts desperately for a way home, he must blend in as a slave in a grand villa—even if it means eating mice for dinner!

Gradually, Perry is caught up in the fascinating world of Villa Rubia and a life he could never have imagined. But when he makes a new friend, he has a startling realisation. He has seen her name in his own time . . . engraved on a child's stone coffin. This couldn't really be the same girl, could it?

The question burns in Perry's head as he dodges the perils of Roman life. And all the time there is the danger that he will be trapped in the past forever . . . For ages 8-12.

Anna Ciddor has made her name as a versatile and acclaimed writer and illustrator of fiction, travel and historical books for children. She lives in Australia.



GOAL!!!

Lydia Williams, illustrated by
Lucinda Gifford

Allen & Unwin

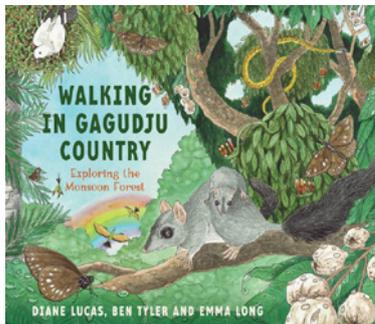
9781760526146 | \$19.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

Join Little Lydia and her new friends as they all strive to be their best AND work together as a team—another wonderful picture book about the joy and friendships to be found in sport written by a genuine superstar of women's soccer

Little Lydia moves from the desert to the big city. Leaving her animal friends behind is hard but before long she's meeting new ones at the zoo. At first she can't keep up with Tiger, Bear and Gibbon—their skills are amazing. But soon Lydia discovers that learning from others is the best way to improve AND have more fun.

A joyous and triumphant picture book about friendship, sport and teamwork by Lydia Williams, goalkeeper for the Australian Matildas and for Arsenal in the UK. For ages 5-8 years.

Lydia Williams is an Indigenous Australian soccer player. She currently plays for Arsenal in the WSL in England and is the first-choice goalkeeper for the Australian Matildas. Lucinda Gifford is the author and illustrator of many well-loved books for kids.



WALKING IN GAGUDJU COUNTRY

Exploring the Monsoon Forest
Diane Lucas and Ben Tyler,
illustrated by Emma Long

Allen & Unwin

9781760525958 | \$29.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

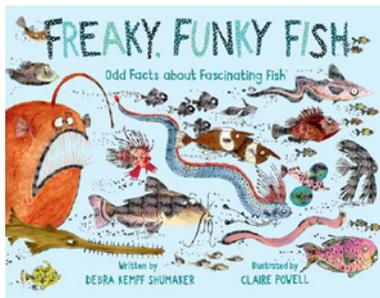
Walk with us through one of the Top End's magnificent monsoon forests, in Kakadu National Park, learning about the plants, animals and Kundjeyhmi culture along the way

When we go walking, we never know how long we will be, what we will hear and what we will see. We pack our bags with food and water, a billy and some matches to light a fire.

We head off into the shady monsoon forest on the edge of the billabong.

Diane Lucas, Ben Tyler and Emma Long share their knowledge and love of the Top End in this enchanting and accessible book about one of Australia's most ancient and beautiful ecosystems that brings together First Nations Australian knowledge and history with Western science. For ages 5-10.

Diane Lucas is the author of *Waking with the Seasons in Kakadu*. Ben Tyler is a Bininj entrepreneur and founder of bush food brand Kakadu Kitchen. Emma Long is an illustrator and art educator. They all live in the Northern Territory.



FREAKY, FUNKY FISH

Odd facts about fascinating fish
Debra Kempf Shumaker,
illustrated by Claire Powell

Allen & Unwin

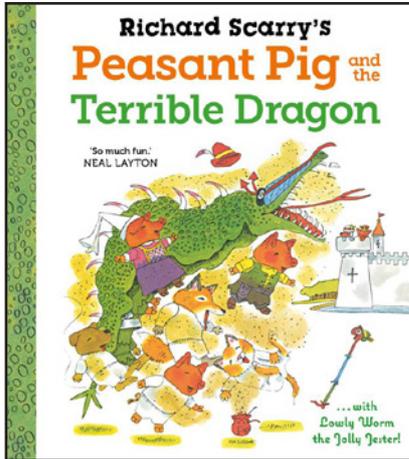
9781760526733 | \$24.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

The world of fish is a whacky and wonderful place, filled with stingers and singers, climbers and slimers—take a deep-dive into the incredible diversity that can be found beneath the waves

Fish have fins and gills and tails. All fish swim and most have scales...

But not all fish act or look the same. Read about the fascinating ways some fish spend their days in this funny celebration of everything fishy. Full to the gills with facts, *Freaky, Funky Fish* captures the marvels of the underwater world and the wonder of our ecosystem. For ages 4-8.

Debra Kempf Shumaker loves weird and fascinating facts. She lives in the USA. Claire Powell is a bestselling children's book illustrator working in London.



RICHARD SCARRY'S PEASANT PIG AND THE TERRIBLE DRAGON

RICHARD SCARRY'S ABC WORD BOOK

Richard Scarry

Faber

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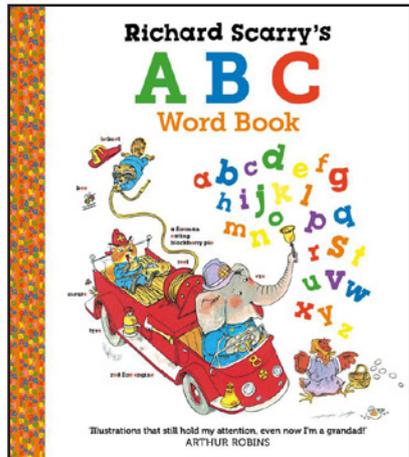
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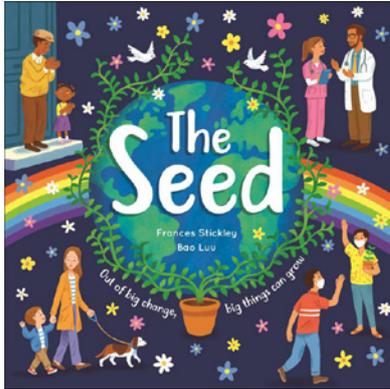
Classic Richard Scarry: gifted humourist, national treasure, newly published by Faber

Beloved Busyland meets the Middle Ages—and the result is a joyful reworked fairy tale starring knights on horseback, wandering minstrels, intrepid peasants, a beautiful princess and a frightening dragon! Busyland is a very busy, happy kingdom—until a roaring dragon kidnaps Princess Lily. Who will save her? The knights do try, but everything goes wrong. Now it's all up to Peasant Pig and Lowly Worm . . . but they've not faced a challenge like this—ever!

Jump into Busy Town and learn your ABCs with Richard Scarry and his friends! Each double page spread is packed with words starting or finishing or including a specific letter of the alphabet. It's busy and it's bright and it makes learning your alphabet fun.

Richard Scarry (1919-1994) was an American children's author and illustrator who is unquestionably one of the most-loved children's authors of all time. He wrote more than 250 books which went on to sell more than 150 million copies globally.





THE SEED

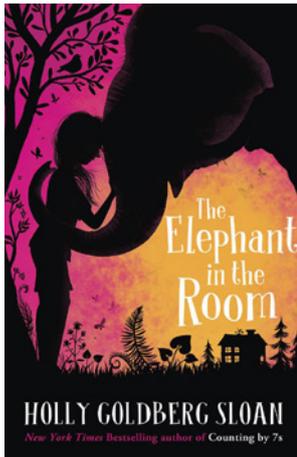
Frances Stickley

Studio Press
9781787419445 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

A lyrical picture book reflecting on the positive messages and actions which came from the pandemic lockdown

In 2020, during the lockdown where we all stayed home, we planted the seed of better things to come. We filled our windows with rainbows, cars didn't block up the roads, we learnt our neighbour's names and said hello and nature returned to our gardens, parks and cities. This lyrical, rhyming picture book explores the sacrifices made by people across the world during the global Covid-19 pandemic, but looks with hope to the future, when the seeds we planted will unfurl and flower.

Frances Stickley is the award-winning author of *Love You Always* and *What Will You Dream of Tonight?* She lives in the UK.



THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

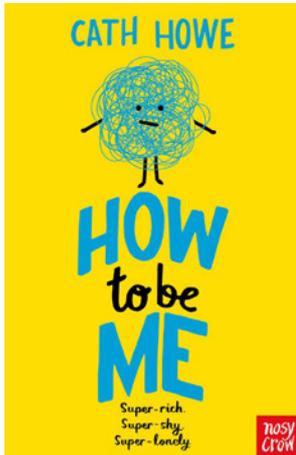
Holly Goldberg Sloan

Piccadilly Books
9781800780002 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

A moving story of family separation and the importance of the connection between animals and humans

It's been almost a year since Sila's mum travelled halfway around the world to Turkey, hoping to secure the immigration paperwork that would allow her to return to her family in the United States. The long separation is almost impossible for Sila to bear. But things change when Sila meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Their new alliance leads to the rescue of a circus elephant named Veda, and then to a friendship with a unique boy named Mateo, proving that comfort and hope come in the most unlikely of places. For ages 8-12.

Holly Goldberg Sloan is the bestselling author of *Counting by 7s*. She lives in California.



HOW TO BE ME

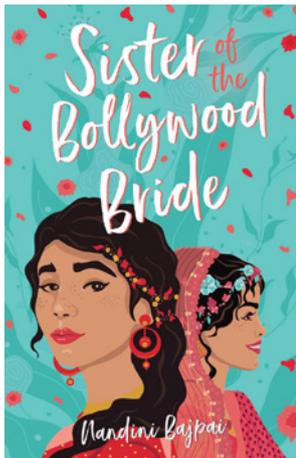
Cath Howe

Nosy Crow
9781788005975 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

A beautiful, moving story of family, friendship and self-discovery

Lucas is all alone. Since his mum died, Lucas and his dad don't seem to understand each other at all. And Lucas is dreading the summer drama club that his dad has signed him up for. But the people Lucas meets at the club force him to open up and start talking. Can his new-found friends teach Lucas how to be himself? A beautiful, moving story of family, friendship and self-discovery. For ages 9-12.

Cath Howe is author of the high-acclaimed novels *Ella on the Outside* and *Not My Fault*. She lives in London.



SISTER OF THE BOLLYWOOD BRIDE

Nandini Bajpai

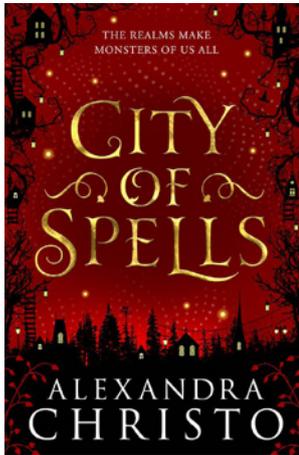
Allen & Unwin
9781760526825 | \$19.99 | © | PB | YA

A fun and lighthearted novel about one teen's summer tackling disasters as she plans her sister's Bollywood-style Indian wedding

Mini's big sister is getting married. Their mum passed away seven years ago and between Dad's new start-up and Vinnie's medical residency, there's no one but Mini to plan the wedding. Dad raised her to know more about computers, calculus and cars than desi weddings but from the moment Mini held the jewellery Mum left them, she wanted her sister to have the wedding Mum would've planned.

Now Mini has only two months to get it done and she's not going to let anything distract her, not even the persistent, mysterious and smoking-hot Vir Mirchandani. Flower garlands, decorations, music, even a white wedding horse—everything is in place. That is, until a monster cyclone heads for Boston that could ruin everything. Will Mini come through as sister of the bride and save the day? For ages 13-18.

Nandini Bajpai was born and raised in India and has worked and lived around the world, including Australia. She now lives in the USA.



CITY OF SPELLS

Alexandra Christo

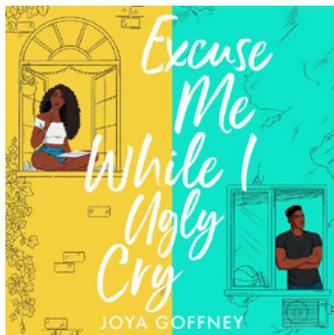
Hotkey

9781471408434 | \$16.99 | © | PB | YA

The second in a spectacular fantasy duology that began with Into the Crooked Place, in a world thriving with black magic

With Wesley as their prisoner, Dante Ashwood and Zekia tear through the streets of Uskhanya, conquering cities at a time with their army of Crafters and enthralled citizens. As the cities fall, Tavia, Saxony and Karam prepare for a fight unlike any other. They must unite an army of Crafters, crooks and even politicians if they truly want to take down Ashwood once and for all. With dark magic circling and old secrets clawing from the grave, the unlikely friends have to decide just how far they'll go to do what's right and if they're willing to sacrifice everything to win—including each other. For ages 14-19.

Alexandra Christo is the author of *To Kill a Kingdom* and *Into the Crooked Place*. She lives in London.



EXCUSE ME WHILE I UGLY CRY

Joya Goffney

Hotkey

9781471410116 | \$19.99 | © | PB | YA

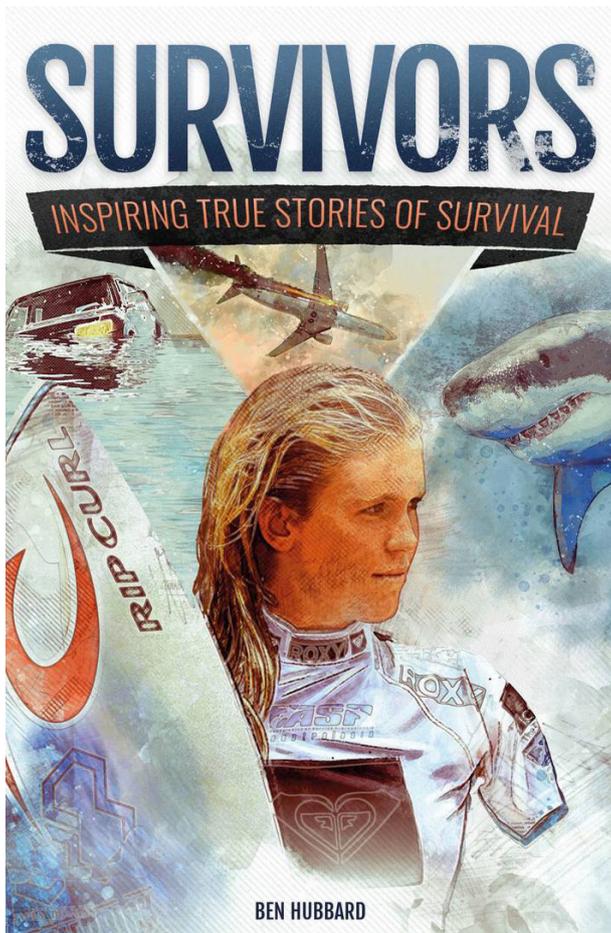
A passionate, hilarious and heartfelt YA romcom debut full of juicy secrets and leap-off-the-page chemistry about how we choose to live our lives and what it means to live your truth

Quinn keeps lists of everything—from the days she's ugly cried, to 'Things That I Would Never Admit Out Loud,' to all the boys she'd like to kiss. Her lists keep her sane. By writing her fears (as well as embarrassing and cringeworthy truths) on paper, she never has to face them in real life. That is, until her journal goes missing . . .

An anonymous account posts one of her lists on Instagram for the whole school to see and blackmails her into facing seven of her greatest fears, or else her entire journal will go public.

Now she's on a journey through everything she's been too afraid to face—will she find the courage to be honest, to live in the moment, and to fall in love along the way? For ages 16-19.

Joya Goffney lives in Texas.



SURVIVORS OF LAND, SEA AND SKY

Inspiring true stories of survival

Ben Hubbard

Welbeck Children's

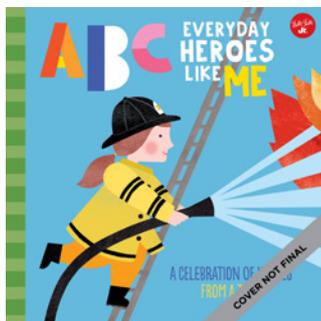
9781783125524 | \$19.99 | © | PB | True Stories

Fifteen amazing stories of survival against the odds, focussing on positive outcomes of natural disasters and accidents from recent history

Prepare to be amazed by these incredible tales of human strength and determination in the face of disaster. Read fifteen amazing survival stories, and let the exciting narrative text and dramatic illustrations drop you right into the action.

Find out how these real-life heroes survived volcanic eruptions, floods, tsunamis, wildfires, plane crashes, shark attacks and much more, using only their wits, their determination and the most basic of tools. From the much-anticipated 2018 rescue of the thirteen Thai boys who were trapped in a cave, to Steve Callahan, who was adrift at sea for 76 days, you'll be astonished by these thrilling stories of survival. For ages 8+.

Ben Hubbard is an accomplished writer with over 100 titles for children and adults to his name.



ABC EVERYDAY HEROES LIKE ME (ABC FOR ME)

Heroes like you and me, from A to Z!
Sugar Snap Studio

Walter Foster Jr

9781600589133 | \$19.99 | 🗿 | BDBK | Early Learning

For little kids with big dreams, *ABC Everyday Heroes Like Me* spotlights the heroes who are all around us—from A to Z. With this fun approach to learning the alphabet, kids can learn how to spot the hidden everyday superheroes (even themselves!). Depicting a diverse mix of inspirational people, each page introduces a letter of the alphabet with bright artwork and highlights a hero who is relatable, inspiring and makes a big impact in their own way. For ages 3-6.

Sugar Snap Studio is led by English illustrator, Jessie Ford whose books include *ABC: What Can I Be?*



PENELOPE STRUDEL AND THE BIRTHDAY TREASURE TRAIL

Brendan Kearney

Frances Lincoln Children's

978160711254299 | \$19.99 | 🗿 | HB | Picture Book

It's Penelope Strudel's birthday! Her Uncle Derek Custard has hidden her birthday surprise somewhere in Custard Manor and it's up to you to help Penelope find it. Can you help Penelope track it down before the pesky puffins get there first? Follow the clues, crack the codes and help Penelope on her great birthday treasure hunt! For ages 5-7.

Brendan Kearney is the author/illustrator of *Musical Mac*. He lives in the UK.

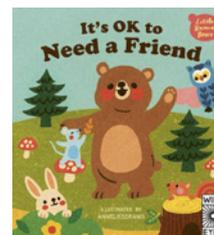


IT'S OK TO MAKE MISTAKES (LITTLE BROWN BEAR)

AnneliesDraws

Wide Eyed Editions
9780711251984 | \$18.99 | 🗿
| HB | Picture Book

A charming picture book with important messages about perseverance. For ages 3-6.

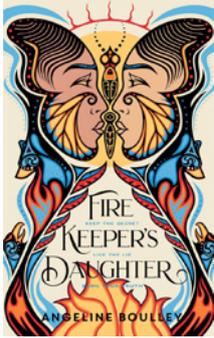


IT'S OK TO NEED A FRIEND (LITTLE BROWN BEAR)

AnneliesDraws

Wide Eyed Editions
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| HB | Picture Book

A charming picture book that teaches the skills needed to build strong friendships. For ages 3-6.



FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER

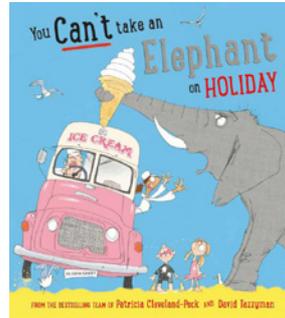
Angeline Boulley

Oneworld

9780861540907 | \$18.99 | © | PB | YA

Eighteen-year-old Daunis's mixed heritage has always made her feel like an outsider, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. When she witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to be part of a covert FBI operation into a series of drug-related deaths. But soon the threat strikes too close to home. Now Daunis must decide what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go to protect her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known. For ages 14+.

Angeline Boulley is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians based in Michigan.



YOU CAN'T TAKE AN ELEPHANT ON HOLIDAY

Patricia Cleveland-Peck,
illustrated by David Tazzyman

Bloomsbury

9781408898567 | \$12.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

A cheetah in charge of a camper van? Rhinos rampaging round the campsite? Meerkats playing minigolf? This riotous book features all sorts of crazy creatures that you would definitely NOT want to take on your holiday! Jam-packed with crazy creatures, this brilliant new book is riotous, laugh-out-loud fun! For ages 3+.

Patricia Cleveland-Peck and David Tazzyman are the creators of *You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus*. They live in the UK.



THE KING'S BIRTHDAY SUIT

Peter Bently, illustrated by
Claire Powell

Bloomsbury

9781408860144 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Picture Book

A hilarious and timely retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fable *The Emperor's New Clothes* that will not only make children laugh, but also encourage them to think and speak up for what they believe. For ages 3+.

Peter Bently is the award-winning author of many children's books. Claire Powell is the illustrator of the bestselling *The Night Before the Night Before Christmas*. They live in the UK.

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