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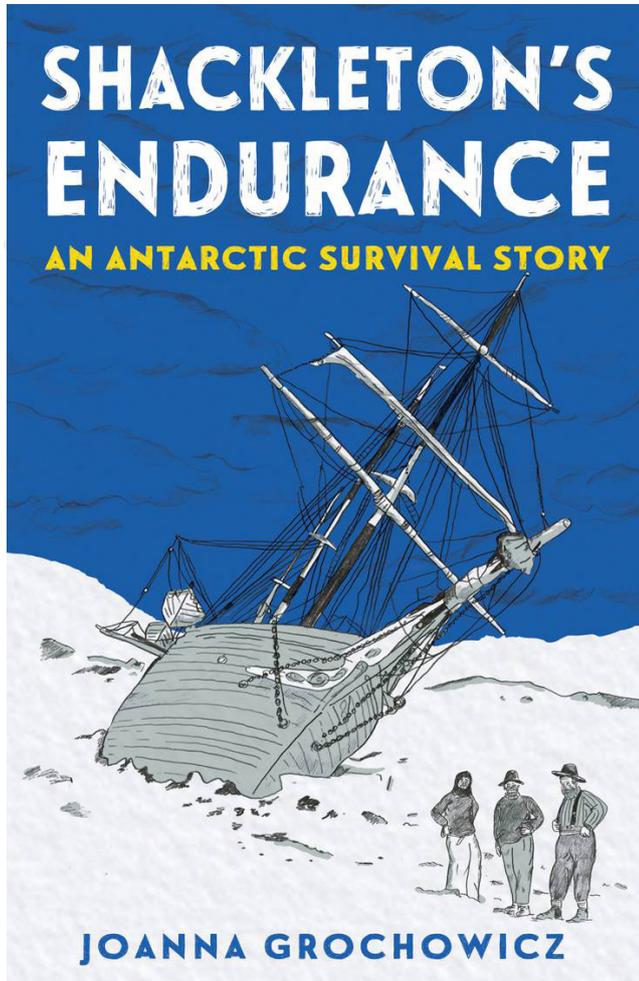
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## SHACKLETON'S ENDURANCE

Joanna Grochowicz

Allen & Unwin

9781760526092 | \$18.99 | © | PB | True Stories

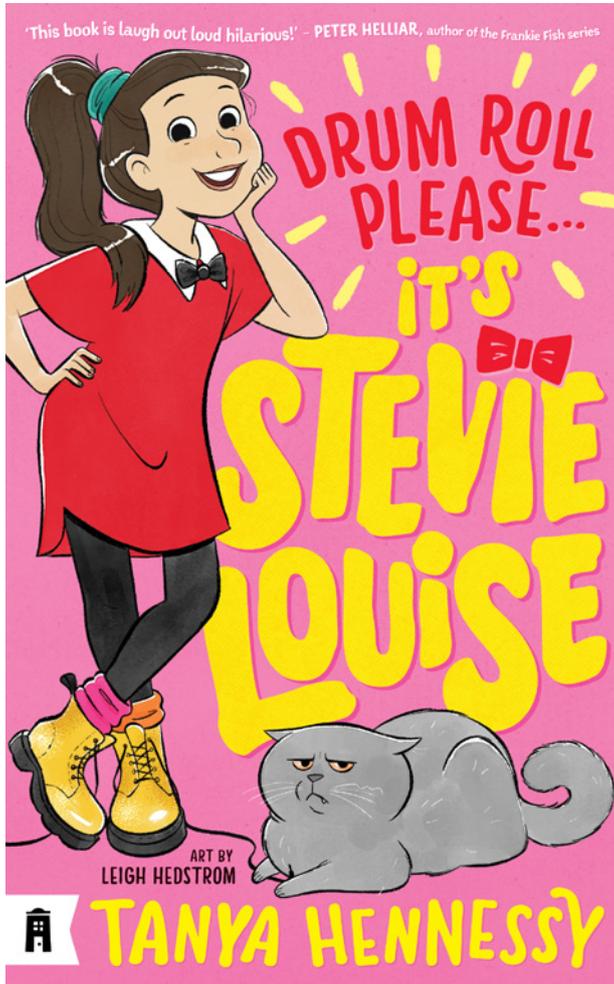
*Ernest Shackleton's remarkable story is a terrifying adventure with the happiest of endings—another brilliant narrative non-fiction Antarctic adventure featuring an explorer who was a true polar hero*

Adrift on the Antarctic pack ice with no means of escape and no hope of rescue, Ernest Shackleton and his men are surely doomed.

In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and his men set sail for Antarctica, where he planned to cross the last uncharted continent on foot. In January 1915, his ship, the *Endurance*, became locked in pack ice and later, sank without a trace.

To survive, Shackleton and his crew of twenty-seven men must undertake a trial even more extreme than their planned crossing of the frozen continent. Their aim is to make it home against tremendous odds, with only lifeboats to cross the heavy seas of the South Atlantic—and the life-saving power of Shackleton's extraordinary leadership skills. For ages 10-14.

**Joanna Grochowicz is a polar historian and author. She lives in New Zealand.**



## DRUM ROLL PLEASE, IT'S STEVIE LOUISE

Tanya Hennessy, illustrated by Leigh Hedstrom

Albert Street Books  
9781760526412 | \$18.99 | © | PB | Junior Fiction

*A delightfully funny and deeply relatable junior fiction story from one of Australia's most loved multi-media stars*

*Hi there. My name is Stevie. NOT Steven. I mean, you can call me Steven if you MUST, literally everyone does... including my own mum. But my ACTUAL name is Stevie Louise Mason. I'm eleven years old. I love reading and watching musicals. I hate olives and when people say I ask too many questions. I think I ask just the right amount of questions. And today, I am going to ask the Brooke Street kids the Most Important Question of their lives!*

Stevie has an Unmissable Business Proposition—an AMAZING idea to make money and make sure the Brooke Street kids stay best friends forever. Until a new neighbour threatens to derail all Stevie's plans, and soon real disaster strikes. But the show must go on. After all, Stevie is A Professional . . . For ages 7-11.

Tanya Hennessy is a much-loved comedian, writer, radio announcer and social media sensation. She lives in Australia.



## FLY FREE: SKYDRAGON 2

Anh Do, illustrated by James Hart

Allen & Unwin  
9781760876425 | \$17.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

*Amber is back! The second book in the high-flying adventure series from Anh Do*

*Amber held her arms out. Surround me. Locusts, beetles, bees and all manner of flying insects nestled together tightly. Shapes formed. Horns on her head, claws on her hands and feet. A thick, long tail. She was a dragon!*

Amber is on the run. What will happen when she and the Firefighter finally come face to face? For ages 8-14.

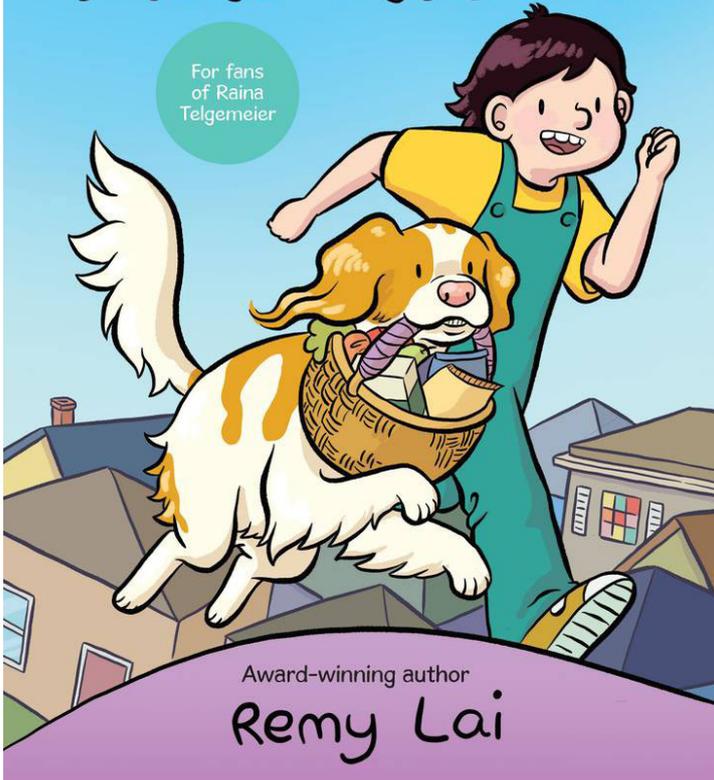
**Anh Do is a much-loved storyteller. His junior fiction series Wolf Girl, WeirDo, Hotdog! and Ninja Kid are adored by millions of kids, having sold in excess of 2.5 million books. James Hart is a designer, animator and illustrator. They live in Australia.**

"Will steal your heart and melt it into a puddle of warm fuzzies.  
Dog-lovers and art-fans—this is the book for you!"

OLIVER PHOMMAVANH

# PAWCASSO

For fans  
of Raina  
Telgemeier



## PAWCASSO

Remy Lai

Allen & Unwin

9781760526771 | \$18.99 | © | PB | Graphic Novel

*A delightful graphic novel about friendship and belonging, starring the world's most adorable dog, perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier's Guts*

Every Saturday, Pawcasso trots into town with a basket, a shopping list, and cash in paw to buy groceries for his family. One day, he passes by Jo's house, where she's peering out the window, bored and lonely. When Jo sets out to follow him, a group of kids from school mistake her for Pawcasso's owner and, excited to make new friends, she reluctantly hides the truth. But what starts as a Chihuahua-sized lie quickly grows into a Great Dane-sized problem when Pawcasso gets his own internet fan club . . . Trapped in a web of lies, will Jo risk her new friendships by telling the truth?

From the award-winning creator of *Pie in the Sky* comes a heartwarming and hilarious story about an unexpected friendship between the loneliest girl in class and the coolest canine in town. For ages 8-12.

**Remy Lai is the critically acclaimed author of *Pie in the Sky* and *Fly on the Wall*. Born in Indonesia and raised in Singapore, she now lives in Brisbane.**



## THE OTHER SIDE OF PERFECT

Mariko Turk

Allen & Unwin  
9781760526252 | \$22.99 | 📖 | PB | YA

*A stunning and wholly unique story about healing that offers a gentle hand to anyone who struggles with perfectionism, competition and an all-or-nothing mindset, as well as those who don't understand ambition*

Alina Keeler was destined to dance, but then a terrifying fall shatters her leg—and her dreams of a professional ballet career along with it. She is forced to trade her pre-professional dance classes for normal high school, where she reluctantly joins the school musical. However, rehearsals offer more than she expected—namely Jude, her annoyingly attractive castmate she just might be falling for. She wonders what it means to yearn for ballet—something so beautiful, yet so broken. And as broken as she feels, can she ever open her heart to someone else?

Touching, romantic and peppered with humour, this debut novel explores the tenuousness of perfectionism, the possibilities of change and the importance of raising your voice. For ages 12-18.

**Mariko Turk is an #OwnVoices author and former ballet dancer. She lives in Colorado.**



## WAY OF THE ARGOSI

Sebastien de Castell

Hotkey  
9781471410314 | \$22.99 | 📖 | PB | YA

*A brilliant origin story of adventure, wit and philosophy to enrapture devotees as well as newcomers to the Spellslinger series*

Ferius Parfax has a simple plan: kill every last inhabitant of the spell-gifted nation that destroyed her people, starting with the man who murdered her parents. Killing mages is a difficult and dangerous business, of course, but when she meets the inimitable and extraordinary Durrall Brown, she discovers that physical strength is not the only way to defeat evil of all kinds.

So Ferius undertakes to study the ways of the Argosi: the loosely-knit tribe of tricksters known for getting the better of even the most powerful of spellcasters. But the Argosi have a price for their teachings, and by the time Ferius learns what it is, it may be too late.

The stunning prequel to the Spellslinger series is an intoxicating blend of high adventure and riveting philosophical quest. For ages 14+.

**Sebastien de Castell is the author of the Spellslinger series. He lives in Vancouver.**



**GROWL LIKE A TIGER  
GREEN AS A BEAN  
RUN LIKE A RABBIT  
ONE CLUCKY HEN**  
Alison Lester

Allen & Unwin

9781760526337 | 9781760526351 | 9781760526344 | 9781760526320 | \$12.99 | © | BDBK | Baby Books

These bright, happy boards book from much-loved author-illustrator Alison Lester are perfect for little children discovering the world around them. Have fun making the sounds of animals and birds while learning new words and colours together. Read along and make all the sounds. Collect the set! For ages 1-4.

**Alison Lester is an award-winning children's author and was one of Australia's first Children's Book Laureates.**



**MAKE TRACKS:  
BUILDING SITE  
MAKE TRACKS:  
FARM**  
Johnny Dyrander

Icon

9781788009669 | 9781788009676 | \$22.99 | © | BDBK |

Novelty Books

A brand new series of interactive chunky board books featuring things that go and sliding counters with easy-to-use moving parts! Discover five different building site vehicles and five different farm vehicles. Learn vehicle vocabulary with simple first words, clear diagrams and helpful text prompts to encourage discussion. The perfect books for children who love being in the driving seat! For ages 2-5.

**Johnny Dyrander is an illustrator based in Sweden.**

James  
Catchpole

Karen  
George



# What Happened to YOU?

## WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

James Catchpole, illustrated by  
Karen George

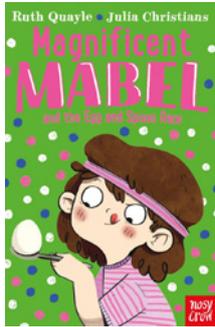
Faber  
9780571358304 | \$27.99 | © | HB | Picture Book

*James' story plays a vital role in conversations about visible disability, and is packed with fun and humour*

Imagine you were asked the same question again and again throughout your life . . . Imagine if it was a question that didn't bring about the happiest of memories . . . This is the experience of one-legged Joe, a child who just wants to have fun in the playground. Constantly seen first for his disability, Joe is fed up with only ever being asked about his leg. All he wants to do is play Pirates. But as usual, all the children ask him, "What happened to you?"

Until finally the penny drops, and the children realise that it's a question Joe just doesn't want to answer . . . and that Joe is playing a rather good game . . . one that they can join in with if they can stop fixating on his missing leg . . . For ages 5+.

**James Catchpole is a British literary agent who grew up with one leg. Karen George is an award-winning illustrator.**



## MAGNIFICENT MABEL AND THE EGG AND SPOON

Ruth Quayle, illustrated by  
Julia Christians

Nosy Crow

9781839940125 | \$14.99 | © | PB | Junior Fiction

Sometimes life isn't fair for Mabel Chase. Like for instance she ALWAYS comes last at sports day, even though it is NOT HER FAULT. And her family have not taken her to one SINGLE dog show. And she NEVER gets a good part in the school play. But none of that matters in the end ... because Mabel is still MAGNIFICENT. A hilarious new series, highly illustrated throughout and with three short stories, this is ideal for newly-confident readers. For ages 5-7.

Ruth Quayle is a journalist from the UK.  
Julia Christians is a graphic designer and  
illustrator from Germany.



## COOKIE AND THE MOST ANNOYING GIRL IN THE WORLD

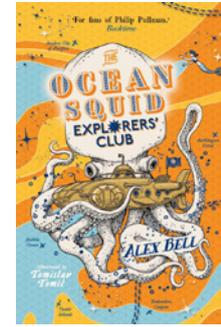
Cookie! (Book 2)  
Konnie Huq

Piccadilly Books

9781848128637 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

In her second brilliantly funny story, science-mad Cookie is ready to save the planet! When Cookie finds herself with two tickets to see popstar Aliana Tiny, Suzie Ashby suddenly wants to be her best friend. One small problem—Suzie is the most annoying girl in the world. UGH! So how is that Cookie manages to fall out with her real friends Jake and Keziah and become best buddies with Suzie instead? Can she win them back, ditch Suzie and save the planet in the process? For ages 7-11.

Konnie Huq is the author of *Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World*. She lives in the UK.



## THE OCEAN SQUID EXPLORERS' CLUB

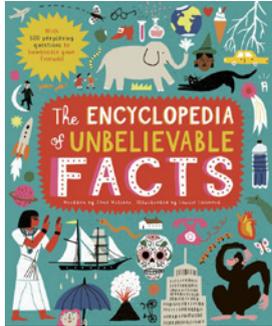
Alex Bell, illustrated by  
Tomislav Tomic

Faber

9780571359714 | \$18.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

In this fourth explorers adventure we meet a part mermaid girl who is determined to follow in Stella's footsteps! In a distant watery corner of the Explorers Kingdom, submarine engineer Ursula hides an extraordinary secret which makes her the sworn enemy of the Ocean Squid Explorers' Club were they ever to find out . . . But when The Collector threatens the Club, Ursula throws caution to the wind and leads an expedition through treacherous waters, filled with gremlins, aboard the Blowfish submarine. For ages 8-12.

Alex Bell is the author of *The Polar Bear Explorers' Club* series. Tomislav Tomic is a Croatian illustrator.



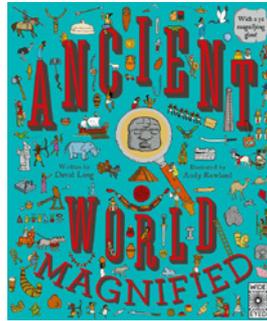
## THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UNBELIEVABLE FACTS

Jane Wilsher, illustrated by Louise Lockhart

Frances Lincoln Children's  
9780711256248 | \$36.99 | 📱 | HB | Trivia

Test your knowledge with 500 perplexing questions to bamboozle and delight trivia buffs both young and old. How many kinds of germs live in your bellybutton? Which creature takes a three-year-long nap? If someone asked you to spare a zeptosecond, how long would that be? Organised into ten chapters and written in simple, easy-to-understand language, this stunning visual encyclopedia is ideal for fact-loving kids and a perfect excuse to bring the family together for some top trivia fun. For ages 7+.

Jane Wilsher is an author and editor. Louise Lockhart is the illustrator of *The Dictionary of Difficult Words*. They live in the UK.



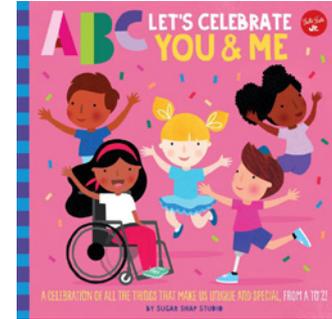
## ANCIENT WORLD MAGNIFIED

David Long, illustrated by Andy Rowland

Wide Eyed Editions  
9780711249707 | \$32.99 | 📱 | HB | History

Travel through time, grab your magnifying glass and seek out incredible facts about ancient history in this search-and-find adventure, packed with over 200 things to spot! Spanning continents and covering thousands of years, this fun, lively book shows how the people of vanished civilisations lived and how their societies evolved. This book will inform and entertain even the youngest historian for hours on end. For ages 5-10.

David Long is the author of *Pirates Magnified*, *Egypt Magnified* and *Castles Magnified*. Andy Rowland is an award-winning illustrator. They live in the UK.



## ABC LET'S CELEBRATE YOU & ME

A celebration of all the things that make us unique and special, from A to Z!  
Sugar Snap Studio

Walter Foster Jr  
9781600589058 | \$22.99 | 📱 | BDBK | Early Learning

*ABC Let's Celebrate You & Me* presents a whole alphabet full of positive attributes kids can celebrate about themselves, including their bodies, skin, eyes and hair, on the outside, as well as inner qualities, such as their choices, kindness and respect. A fun read for the whole family, it is not only perfect for teaching toddlers their ABCs, but also for encouraging kids to love themselves—and other people too—just as they are. For ages 3-6.

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



## THE LIGHTNING CATCHER

Clare Weze

Bloomsbury

9781526622174 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction  
Available 18 May 2021

Alfie has noticed a few things since his family moved to Folding Ford. There's nothing to do in the countryside. He and his sister are the only kids in the whole village who aren't white. But the most interesting one is that the weather is BONKERS. When Alfie sets an electrical creature loose, it brings trouble of its own. As barometers and tempers go haywire in Folding Ford, Alfie finds himself at the centre of a perfect storm. A funny and heartfelt adventure story perfect for fans of *Stranger Things*. For ages 9+.

Clare Weze is a scientist. She lives in England and has British and Nigerian heritage.



## FANTASTICALLY GREAT WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND THEIR STORIES

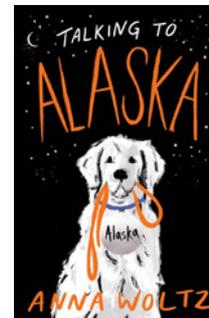
Kate Pankhurst

Bloomsbury

9781526615336 | \$16.99 | © | PB | People

Women have been responsible for many of the world's most ground-breaking scientific discoveries. Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, tells the stories of some incredible female scientists whose hard work and persistence changed our understanding of science, and transformed people's ideas of what women can do. Including comic strips, family trees, maps and more, *Fantastically Great Women Scientists and Their Stories* is a celebration of women who made some of the world's most important scientific breakthroughs.

Kate Pankhurst is a bestselling author and illustrator. She lives in the UK.



## TALKING TO ALASKA

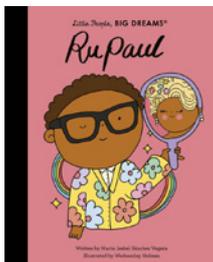
Anna Woltz

Oneworld

9781786075833 | \$16.99 | © | PB | Middle Fiction

Sometimes rivals just need a helping paw . . . It only takes one day at their new school for Parker and Sven to become mortal enemies. Parker just wants to be invisible, while Sven is desperate to be known as anything other than 'the boy with epilepsy'. When Parker discovers her beloved dog Alaska who she had to give away last year now belongs to Sven, she's determined to steal Alaska back. Of course, that's easier said than done. For ages 11-16.

Anna Woltz is an internationally bestselling children's author based in the Netherlands.

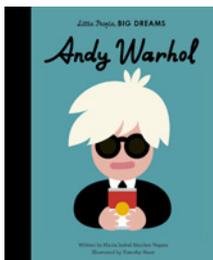


## RUPAUL (LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS)

Maria Isabel  
Sánchez Vegara,  
illustrated by  
Wednesday Holmes

Frances Lincoln Children's  
9780711246805 | \$22.99 |  
📖 | HB

Discover the life of RuPaul, the shape-shifter,  
performer and supermodel. For ages 3-7.



## ANDY WARHOL (LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS)

Maria Isabel  
Sánchez Vegara,  
illustrated by  
Timothy Hunt

Frances Lincoln Children's  
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Discover the life of Andy Warhol, the ground-  
breaking pop artist. For ages 3-7.

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