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**MUCUMBER MCGEE AND THE LUNCH LADY'S LIVER**  
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In a dismal old schoolhouse down by the sea, there was a young boy named Mucumber McGee. Lunch had begun and was nearly complete. Would there still be food for Mucumber to eat? There was nary a hot dog or even beef stew, only a plate full of brown, lumpy goo. Some decisions are often quite hard to make—should Mucumber *really* eat that liver cake?

Wonderful rhyming text, full of humour. Will be enjoyed by readers from 4-10 years.



**THE COMPOSER IS DEAD** **LEMONY SNICKET**  
ISBN: 9780061236273 \$24.99

There's dreadful news from the symphony hall—the composer is dead! If you have ever heard an orchestra play, then you know that musicians are most certainly guilty of something. Where exactly were the violins on the night in question? Did anyone see the harp? Is the trumpet protesting a bit too boisterously?

In this perplexing murder mystery, everyone seems to have a motive, everyone has an alibi, and nearly everyone is a musical instrument. But the composer is still dead.

Perhaps you can solve the crime yourself. Join the Inspector as he interrogates all the unusual suspects. Then listen to the accompanying audio recording featuring Lemony Snicket and the music of Nathaniel Stookey performed by the San Francisco Symphony. Hear for yourself exactly what took place on that fateful, well-orchestrated evening. A treat for all ages. \*Teaching Notes available.

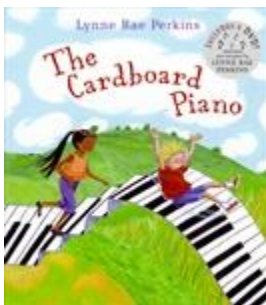


**SUPERHERO ABC** **BOB MCLEOD**  
ISBN: 9780060745165 \$14.99

Silly and zany, and armed with the most unusual skills, the cast of superheroes that fill these pages will make learning your ABC's an out-of-this-world experience.

Meet Bubble-Man, who blows big bubbles at bullies; Laughing Lass, who laughs loudly at lawbreakers; and many more hilarious and irresistible characters from renowned comic-book illustrator Bob McLeod.

Alliteration abounds in this laugh out loud introduction to the alphabet. Children of all ages will love it and invent their own alliterations.



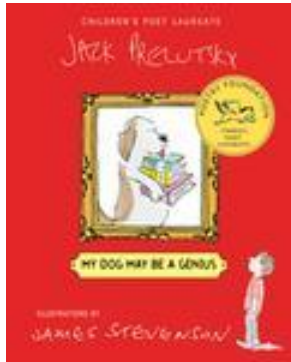
**THE CARDBOARD PIANO** **LYNNE RAE PERKINS**  
ISBN: 9780061542657 \$14.99

When Debbie gives Tina a cardboard piano, she is sure that Tina will love it. After all, Debbie spent a long time making it, and it looks just like a *real* piano. Now Tina can learn to play, too. It will be so amazing.

But just because you are friends with somebody, and just because you are the same in most ways, doesn't mean that you will always see eye to eye. Friendship can be tricky. Really, really tricky. Even for true best friends. Even for Debbie and Tina. This book comes complete with an audio CD.

Lynne Rae Perkins won the Newbery Medal for her novel "Criss Cross".

Suitable for readers from 5 through to 10 years.



**MY DOG MAY BE A GENIUS JACK PRELUTSKY ILL. JAMES STEVENSON**

ISBN: 9780066238623 \$24.99

Have you ever encountered an underwater marching band, a pig in a bathing suit, a pet orangutan, or a witch in a hardware store? Have you ever sat with a skunk in a courtroom, shopped for a dinosaur, or conversed with a Bupple, a Wosstrus, a Violinnet, or a Celloon? You will have, once you've read this exuberant collaboration from Jack Prelutsky and his "partner in crime"\* James Stevenson.

The "reigning czars of silliness"\* have once again teamed up to bring readers an irresistible collection of poems that will have tongues twisting, imaginations soaring, and sides aching with laughter. The result is genius, indeed.

\*Publishers Weekly (starred review)

Suitable for readers of all ages.



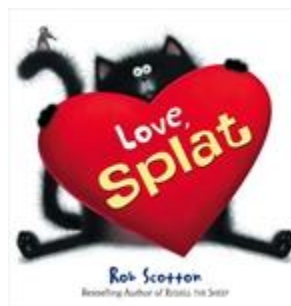
**SPLAT THE CAT ROB SCOTTON**

ISBN: 9780007284559 \$24.99

It's Splat the Cat's first day of school and he's worried. What if he doesn't make any new friends? Just in case, Splat decides to bring along his pet mouse, Seymour, and hides him in his lunch box.

The teacher, Mrs Wimpydimple, introduces Splat to the class and he soon starts learning all his important cat lessons. But when Seymour escapes and the cats do what cats do (they chase mice!), Splat's worried again. Maybe now he'll lose all his friends, old and new! Just in time, wise Mrs Wimpydimple takes charge and teaches everyone an important new lesson... Maybe Cat School is going to be ok after all!

Splat is an endearing character brought to us by the creator of 'Russell the Sheep' and Splat will make you smile on every page. A children's book adults will love to read and children will love to have read to them.



**LOVE SPLAT ROB SCOTTON**

ISBN: 9780007293414 \$24.99

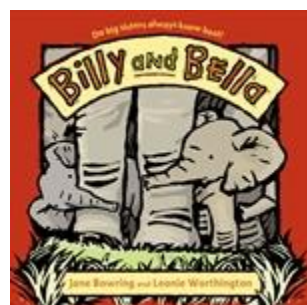
It's Valentines Day and Splat has a special card for a certain someone in his class.

Her name is Kitten and Splat likes her even more than fishfingers and ice cream. But she doesn't seem to like him at all.

And then there's Splat's rival, Spike, who also likes Kitten.

Will Splat's heartfelt card win Kitten's paw in the end?

Suitable for readers from 3 – adult. Even though this is a Valentine's Day story, it can be read any time! Expect repeated requests from children too young to read and multiple readings from readers.

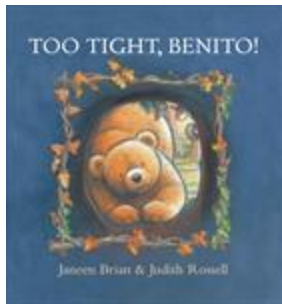


**BILLY AND BELLA JANE BOWRING ILL LEONIE WORTHINGTON**

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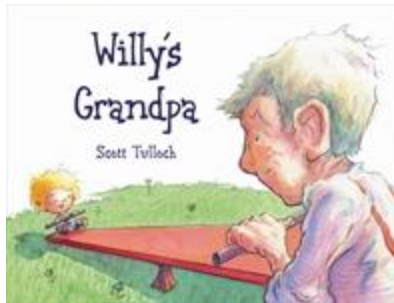
Big sister elephant Bella teases little brother Billy because he can't squirt water through his trunk. But when Bella's mischief lands them both in trouble, Billy not only comes to her rescue, but gives Bella her comeuppance as well. Both siblings are surprised to discover that the most challenging achievements sometimes happen by accident.

Suitable for children from 3-8. Sibling rivalry solved with laughter.



**TOO TIGHT BENITO JANINE BRIAN ILL. JUDITH ROSSELL**  
ISBN: 9781921272943 \$14.99

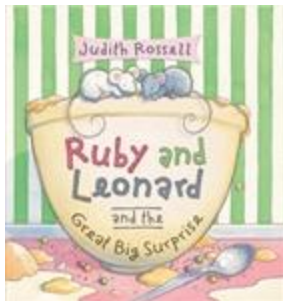
'Benito Bear had grown during the long days of summer...'  
Summer is over and Benito the bear cub needs a new cubby-hole. His old one is just too small and winter is coming fast. Benito searches high and low, far and wide for the perfect new home. Fox holes, rabbit burrows and ant holes will just not do. Benito needs a cubby-hole just right for a not-so-little bear. Then one day, Benito discovers his perfect cubby-hole by accident.  
A warm story of discovery with lots of repetition just right for little people.



**WILLY'S GRANDPA SCOTT TULLOCH**  
ISBN: 9781869507381 \$14.99

Willy loves his Grandpa Pop. He tells funny stories about Willy's mum, and he has a cool cat called Max. but Grandpa Pop is coming to the end of his long life and there are sad times ahead for Willy.

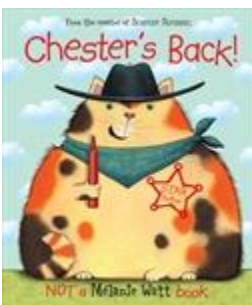
He's about to discover that while some sadness is inevitable, it's no match for a lifetime of love. A special story to share about the loss of a grandparent, Suitable for children of all ages.



**RUBY AND LEONARD JUDITH ROSSELL**  
ISBN: 9781921272967 \$24.99

Leonard wants to make a birthday cake for Ruby, but finds he can't do it without enlisting Ruby's help. So he adopts a clever ploy, only to find that it is he who gets the biggest surprise in the end!

In this delightful story you can create a recipe for cup cakes.  
Suitable for children from 2+

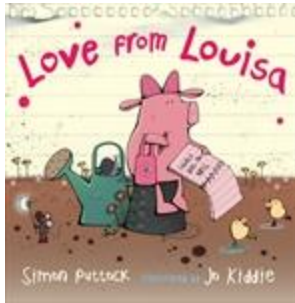


**CHESTER'S BACK MELANIE WATT**  
ISBN: 9780007270248 \$14.99

Chester the cat is back and as eager as ever to play the starring role in Melanie Watt's book.

This time Chester portrays himself as Cave Cat, inventor of the wheel; 'Chesterdini', acclaimed magician; a cowboy and a famous film star. As usual things get rather out of control as Chester attempts to take over Melanie's book. But Melanie has a surprise for Chester which might just put him in his place!

A lively interactive story which will entertain readers of all ages.

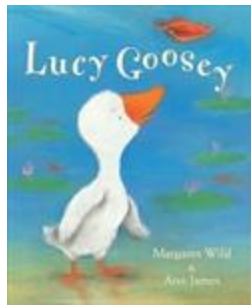


**LOVE FROM LOUISA SIMON PUTTOCK ILL JO KIDDIE**

ISBN: 9780007147649 \$14.99

Dear Farmer Giles,  
Your farm is mucky and messy. Please clean it up at once!  
Sincerely, Disgruntled!  
Poor Farmer Giles... No matter how hard he tries to clean up the farm, he receives an anonymous letter of complaint.  
Who can the mystery letter-writer be? Could Louisa the Pig have anything to do with it?

A lively tale which illustrates that 'the grass is not always greener on the other side' Suitable for 3+

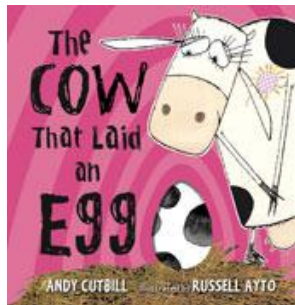


**LUCY GOOSEY MARGARET WILD ILL. ANN JAMES**

ISBN: 9781921272394 \$14.99

Lucy Goosey has been playing happily in the same pond all her life. Then comes time to fly away. She is so terrified of getting lost in the huge sky that she refuses to leave with the others. Only when her mother reassures her that no matter what happens, she will always come looking for Lucy Goosey, does Lucy Goosey feel brave enough to make the flight.

This award winning picture book is now in paperback.



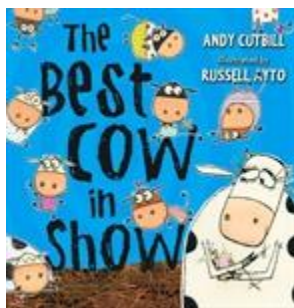
**THE COW THAT LAID AN EGG ANDY CUTBILL ILL. RUSSELL AYTO**

ISBN: 9780007179688 \$14.99 With CD 9780007299102 \$19.99

Marjorie the cow doesn't feel very special. She can't ride bicycles or do cartwheels like the other cows. But one morning, Marjorie is astonished to discover something extraordinary... She's laid an egg!

But does the baby inside the egg really belong to Marjorie?  
Emotions run high in the farmyard as everyone waits to find out...  
Be prepared for lots of laughter with a wonderful surprise ending.

Suitable for all ages.



**BEST COW IN SHOW ANDY CUTBILL ILL. RUSSELL AYTO**

ISBN: 9780007179695 \$19.99

Marjorie the cow is terribly excited. She's going to enter her daughter, Daisy, in the baby cow contest. Daisy has been a very special cow ever since the day that she surprised everyone by hatching out of an egg! Marjorie feels sure that Daisy will win, hooves down.

But the other mothers are starting to talk... Daisy isn't quite like the other babies; she's small and feathery, and she can't even chew the cud yet. Is there something Marjorie should know?

There are plenty of surprises in store for Marjorie the cow in this hilarious follow-up to THE COW THAT LAID AN EGG, introducing handsome new character, Derek the bull!  
More hilarity down on the farm, but with a super sub text. Suitable for all ages.



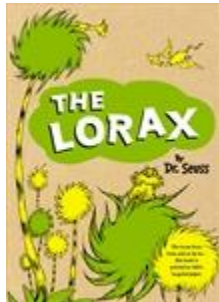
**MUMMY AND ME EMMA CHICHESTER CLARK**

ISBN: 9780007273232 \$14.99

The first book in a wonderful new series exploring the experiences of the very young through the eyes of the irrepressibly endearing Humber the bear.

Humber's mum is the centre of his world and he loves doing so many different things with her. But one day Humber's mum is busy and doesn't have time for him, so Humber decides he can be busy too!

Emma Chichester Clark's exquisite illustrations and wonderfully acute observation evoke a captivating world that both young children and their parents will instantly recognize. Suitable for 3+



**THE LORAX DR SEUSS**

ISBN: 9780007305827 ISBN: 9780007305827

"Mister!" he said with a sawdusty sneeze,  
"I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees."

In this haunting fable about the dangers of destroying our forests and woodlands, the long-suffering Lorax struggles to save all the Truffula Trees from the wicked Once-ler's axe.

A hilarious story with typical zany humour and silly rhymes, that packs a punch with its ecological message without feeling heavy-handed or worthy. Dressed in an ecologically sound new hardcover, this timeless story will last even longer.

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Flax the Feral Fairy – tired of being the odd fairy out at Miss Kisses’ Academy of Sweetness, Flax Lilykicker hopes to earn a Badge of Badness. This will get her into a school for bad fairies, instead. Together with her new friend the dog–fae, Flax hatches a plan that’s badder than bad. But will it all work out bad in the end?  
Suitable for newly independent readers.



**LITTLE HORRORS: NO 2 MAL THE MISCHIEVOUS MERMAID**  
**TIFFANY MANDRAKE/MARTIN CHATTERTON**

ISBN: 9781921272714 \$10.99

Mal the Mischievous Mermaid – Mal is worried she will never be as bad a mermaid as her perfect sister Sal. But when she is offered the chance to win a Badge of Badness, everything changes. Or at least, it would, if only Mal could get the idea of winning the "Face of Mermaid Bay" contest out of her head...  
Suitable for newly independent readers.



**WONDERFULLY WACKY FAMILIES**  
**JACKIE FRENCH ILL. STEPHEN MICHAEL KING**

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So you think your family is wacky? Wait till you read these stories...  
How can Buster solve the disappearance of his werewolf parents when Uncle Wal keeps bugging him to act like a human all the time? What would TJ’s friends say if they knew his gran was a gorilla? Is Drackie’s Auntie Chook really a vampire chicken? And what will Fuzz do when his Pa makes him travel in the Arctic dressed as a polar bear?

Containing: My Uncle Wal the Werewolf; My Gran the Gorilla; My Auntie Chook the Vampire Chicken; My Pa the Polar Bear.



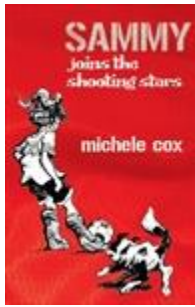
**ONE BIG WACKY FAMILY**  
**JACKIE FRENCH ILL. STEPHEN MICHAEL KING**

ISBN: 9780732287450 \$19.99

Cecil’s Mum wears long black boots and carries a sword; Gunk’s dog Spot loves lettuce and seems to be growing awfully big, awfully fast; Horace’s Dad has silver wings and a green and orange tail; and Tom’s family circle includes a Senior Bogeyman, a Tooth Fairy’s assistant and a large and hairy best friend called Mog.  
Fortunately for Tom, his Uncle Gus is great at proving the old saying that small people can make a big difference.

Containing: My Mum the Pirate; My Dog the Dinosaur; My Dad the Dragon; My Uncle Gus the Garden Gnome.

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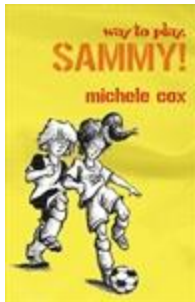


**SAMMY JOINS THE SHOOTING STARS MICHELE COX**

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When Sammy Banks used her new Comet boots to kick her football into a bowl of custard, she thought she was doomed. Instead, she is given the chance of a lifetime – to try out for the best football club in town. But is she good enough? Will she be able to ignore the teasing?

And will she ever be able to dribble the ball past her dog, Splodge?  
Soccer story for girls which boys will enjoy. Suitable for years 3-4

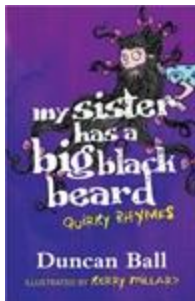


**WAY TO GO SAMMY! MICHELE COX**

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Sammy has made the team – but can she make the grade?

There's more to football than scoring goals and doing fancy tricks, but will Sammy be smart enough to realize that in time? Will she be able to handle success – and failure? Will her pride come before a fall?  
And there's a big surprise for the Shooting Stars: what does it have to do with the number nine?



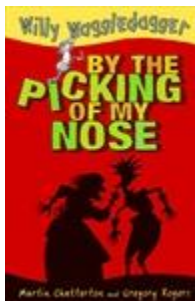
**MY SISTER HAS A BIG BLACK BEARD and Other Quirky Rhymes DUNCAN BALL**

ISBN: 9780207200892 \$14.99

My sister has a big black beard  
My brother needs a bra É

So begins one of the poems in this collection of the quirky, delicious and outrageously funny poems for kids by Duncan Ball, author of the Selby books.

Sisters with beards, exploding bullies, a nightmare driving test, a girl whisked away by aliens, and poor old Uncle Norm who 'got sucked up in a lightning storm', these poems and many more in this book will have the kids reading and reciting with glee.



**WILLY WAGGLEDAGGER: BY THE PICKING OF MY NOSE  
MARTIN CHATTERTON ILL. BY GREGORY ROGERS**

ISBN: 9781921272837 \$14.99

A tingle ran down Willy's spine. Or possibly it was a rat. It was hard to tell, so closely packed was the audience. Whatever it was, Willy knew one thing: he wouldn't have swapped places with anyone!

Straight outta Stratford, these twisted takes on the Bard's works deliver not only bucket-loads of the author's trademark headlong humour, but reveal for the first time how elements of the greatest plays of all time may have been inspired by young

Shakespeare's misadventures on the infamous Black Skulls tour of 1575.

Suitable for years 5-8. Teaching notes available.



**SCRATCH KITTEN AND THE TERRIBLE BEASTIES JESSICA GREEN/MITCH VANE**

ISBN: 9781921272950 \$10.99

Scratch Kitten has just escaped from a land-locked life as the pet and plaything of some spoilt children. Determined to get back to sea, he tries to swim aboard a passing ship. When he doesn't make it, he is rescued by Jock, a deck hand on a tiny fishing ship bound for the North Sea in search of herring. Scratch should be in heaven but instead, he and Jock have their work cut out for them, trying to keep The Rat Pack away from their rat-phobic captain. Will Scratch and Jock get the better of these Terrible Beasties, or will it be the other way around...?

More adventures with the intrepid Scratch Kitten. Suitable for years 3-5.



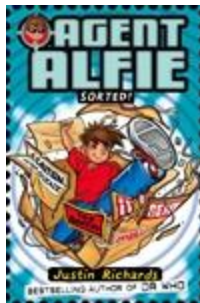
**TEAM STRIKES AGAIN: (BindUp) David Bedford**

ISBN: 9781921272844 \$16.99

**SUPERTEAM:** The new soccer season is here-but how will The Team stay on top when Professor Gertie accidentally destroys Harvey's only soccer boots, and rich kid Jackie Foyle tries to lure their players into joining her superteam?

**BANNED:** When the Team enter The Floodlights Cup, they are sure the cup is theirs. But then captain Harvey Boots is banned for spending too much time thinking about football instead of schoolwork. How can The Team win without him?

**MASTERS OF SOCCER:** Harvey and Darren are delighted to hear their all-time favourite soccer star, Pedro Manolo, is visiting their school. But then they are horrified to discover they will have to perform a ballet dance for him! Surely dance and soccer just don't mix?

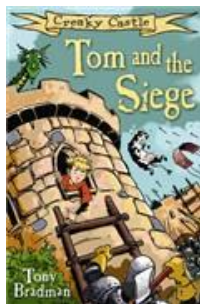


**SORTED: AGENT ALFIE NO 2 JUSTIN RICHARDS**

ISBN: 9780007273584 \$9.99

Alfie and his friends are preparing for their SATS exams - because everyone knows that if you don't have your Special Agent Training Standards you can't go on to do your GCSEs. And if you didn't have your General Certificate in Surveillance and Espionage then where would you be?

The thing is, SATS are hard enough as it is. But when the test papers go missing in the post and are replaced by competitions to win sets of matching saucepans, it just gets ridiculous! Can Alfie and his friends solve the mystery of the missing post? One thing's for sure: SPUD just have to be behind it, somehow...



**TOM AND THE SIEGE TONY BRADFORD**

ISBN: 9780746081211 \$9.99

Tom Bailey, the mischievous star of a colourful medieval world, has finally pushed his luck too far. His mother is determined to send him to Squire School. Only a full-scale siege could possibly stop her plans. Luckily...

Large print, illustrated, easy fun read. Suitable for years 3-5



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Oliver thinks his luck is in when he wins a painting in the Magic School raffle. But could there be more to the picture than meets the eye?

Packed with comic exploits, extraordinary characters and more than a handful of magic.

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**OLIVER MOON AND THE TROLL TROUBLE**

**SUE MONGREDIEN ILL. JAN MCCAFFERTY**

ISBN: 9780746086865 \$9.99

Oliver wants to play the hero in the Magic School play. But when an unexpected visitor arrives he gets the chance to be a hero for real.

Large print, illustrated, easy fun read. Suitable for years 3-4

There are several titles in this delightful series: Check out the Usborne catalogue or the Usborne website at [www.usborne.co](http://www.usborne.co) or for magic mayhem [www.olivermoon.co.uk](http://www.olivermoon.co.uk).

## **NOVELS**



### **KILLER SPIDERS SUSAN GATES**

ISBN: 9780746096130 \$14.99

Animal Investigators: Team File

ELLIS STRAKER: Expert tracker, trained in the African bush.

MERIEL: Gifted animal-mind reader. Raised by wild dogs.

PROFESSOR TALLTREES: Reclusive scientist. Guardian of Ellis and Meriel.

MISSION: To stop the terrifying Killer Spiders.

FILE NOTES: Famous explorer Jack Nelson has shut himself inside an experimental space dome on the polluted Wastelands. System reports state that everything is normal, yet in an e-mail to his son, Jack raves that he is being attacked by giant spiders ... Something has obviously gone badly wrong. Ellis and Meriel must enter the dome and find a way to combat the terror within. MISSION ACCEPTED

This is the third book in this series of Animal Investigators by this award winning author:  
RED EYE #1 GHOST DOGS #2

Fast paced, thrilling adventure suitable for years 5-8



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**LEILA RASHEED**

ISBN: 9780746098851 \$14.99

Bathsheeba Clarice de Trop is going to school for the first time in her life. The daughter of a world-famous novelist, she has had a pampered, home-tutored – and pretty lonely – lifestyle, till now. But her larger-than-life personality means it's not that easy for her to fit in. After all, she's known as the heroine of all her mother's exciting books – and she has to live up to her name. And so she embarks on an investigation to catch the thief of

the school computers – and hopefully win herself some friends into the bargain.

Book one is also available..

CHIPS, BEANS AND LIMOUSINES The Fantastic Diary of Bathsheeba Clarice de Trop. ISBN: 9780746090916

Fun stories that make you think. Suitable for years 4-8



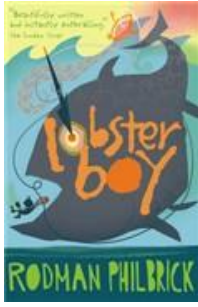
### **FIRE PONY RODMAN PHILBRICK**

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Everybody is welcome at the Bar None ranch, and to Roy and his big brother Joe, it seems like the ideal place to escape their past. Joe has a special way with horses and it soon becomes obvious that Roy takes after his brother when he breaks in the wild pony Lady Luck. But Joe also has a way with fire, a secret passion that Roy fears, because if Joe can't keep control, it could send their new life up in smoke.

New edition with new jacket and isbn

Rodman Philbrick has the ability to make you feel for the characters in his books and admire the young people who refuse to be victims. Suitable for years 5-8



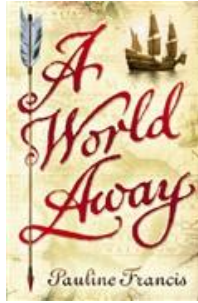
**LOBSTER BOY RODMAN PHILBRICK**

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Twelve-year-old Samuel "Skiff" Beaman is a boy with incredible determination. Since the death of his mother, his father has sunk into depression, and now Skiff's pride and joy, their boat the Mary Rose has sunk too. If only he can raise and fix Rose, Skiff is sure he'll be able to get the family business, and his dad, back on track. But to fix the boat he needs \$5000. Determined to raise the money himself, Skiff decides to go out on the open ocean all alone, on a dangerous mission to harpoon a prize giant tuna.

New edition with new jacket and isbn.

Suitable for years 5-8



**A WORLD AWAY PAULINE FRANCIS**

ISBN: 9780746081129 \$14.99

Plymouth 1586. I am afraid.

These pale-skinned men have killed my mother and betrayed my people. Now they have brought me to a place they call England where they want to display me in front of their 'Virgin Queen'.

My name is Nadie, but some call me 'savage'. I find it hard to endure their taunts, stares and insults. I do not want to live in this grey, inhospitable land.

And yet there is one boy, Tom, whose blacksmith's dark skin matches my own. When he looks at me the fire of love burns in my heart. I feel I could find happiness with Tom - but can his love for me survive in my world, with my people?

Historical fiction suitable for years 6-8



**SOLITAIRE BERNARD ASHLEY**

ISBN: 9780746081372 \$14.99

A boy. Lost. Alone. Shipwrecked on an island called Solitaire. He doesn't know who he is, how he got there or where he's from. All that matters is survival.

A man. Rich. Powerful. Convinced his grandson is still alive. He has the influence and determination to find and rescue him. His search will bring him to Solitaire.

Fast paced thriller suitable for years 7-9

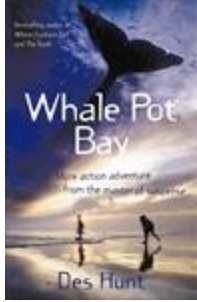


**THE LAST BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE RODMAN PHILBRICK**

ISBN: 9780746090794 \$14.99

In a land dominated by vicious gangs and mindprobe entertainment, Spaz is alone. His foster sister is the only good thing in his life and she is dying. Determined to save her, Spaz bravely sets out into dangerous and forbidden territory, accompanied only by an old man, with his philosophies and memories of what the world once was.

Futuristic story set in an apocalyptic world. Suitable for years 7-9



**WHALE POT BAY    DES HUNT**

ISBN: 9781869507305    \$14.99

Jake and his father live in a female-free zone in a remote part of the Wairarapa, where he can surf and watch the whales feeding as they pass up and down the coast. It's paradise – and that's why international rock celebrity Milton Summer has built a private retreat next door.

Milton treasures his privacy as much as Jake loves being free to do what he pleases. So when Jake's dad begins a relationship with a new partner, who moves in with her daughter, Stephanie, at the same time as a local photographer starts stalking Milton, Jake's peaceful life erupts in violence and deceit. And when a whale and her calf get into trouble on the treacherous coast, the history of Whale Pot Bay seems tragically doomed to repeat itself, unless Jake, Milton and Stephanie can survive the deadly tide.

Exciting adventure suitable for years 6-8



**MONSTER REVENGE    NIGHTMARE ACADEMY NO 2    DEAN LOREY**

ISBN: 9780007276714    \$19.99

Final exams don't normally end in death, but Charlie Benjamin's final exams are far from normal.

When Charlie, Violet and Theodore embark on a routine test in the Nether, they don't expect Violet to be abducted by demonic, kangaroo-like Dangeroos and they really don't expect to end up in the middle of an all-out breakout attempt by the remaining Named monsters.

With the mysterious "Guardian" under threat, and Barakkas and Verminion still loose on earth, only the misfits of the Nightmare Academy stand between an oblivious humanity and total annihilation. Because if the Four Named should ever escape the Nether and assemble on earth, they would be able to summon the Fifth. And that, by all the most reliable accounts, would be Bad. Really, really Bad.

Magic and mayhem in this second installment of Nightmare Academy. Suitable for years 5-8



**CHARLIE'S MONSTERS    NIGHTMARE ACADEMY NO 1    DEAN LOREY**

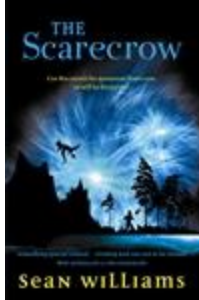
ISBN: 9780007273706    \$19.99

Charlie Benjamin is not like other children – when he sleeps he has terrible nightmares, and when he wakes it is to find his room has been wrecked. Then one day he wakes up to find a monster by his bed. Luckily, a band of monster-hunting strangers arrives and saves him, only to whisk him away for interrogation by the mysterious "Nightmare Division".

It turns out that Charlie has the "Gift" – a rare ability to open portals into the dimension where monsters lurk, and the explanation for the devastating force of his nightmares. But his gift makes him a danger to himself and others: when he is made to open a portal his power is so great that he inadvertently wakes Barakkas, one of the most powerful and evil of all monsters.

Threatened with "Reduction" (a lobotomy that would remove his imagination) Charlie is saved by the wise Headmaster of the Nightmare Academy, where he is taken to explore his talents – and prepare for the coming showdown with Barakkas

Humour in the style of Roald Dahl, these books are sure to keep readers laughing at Charlie's 'problems'.



**THE SCARECROW –BOOK 3 BROKEN LANDS TRILOGY SEAN WILLIAMS**

ISBN: 9780732284763 \$14.99

The exciting finale to the Broken Lands series.

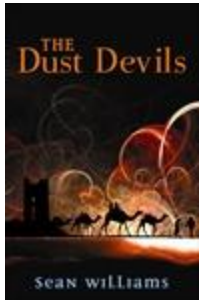
Ros , Adi and Know-it-all, accompanied by Varis as their guard, are heading to the coast to dispose of the crystal containing the Golem. In the small town of Samimi, the friends encounter a man called Quirk who has heard much of Ros’s heroic adventures. They do not suspect treachery until he disappears, along with Varis,

Tracking them by use of the magic known as the Change, the friends are confronted by a powerful charm impeding further discovery. But a brush with the spirit world has given one of them the power to see the island fort where Varis has been taken, and helped by Pukje, an imp-like stranger, they plan a rescue.

Inside the fort, though, lurks the Scarecrow, a sinister amalgamation of man and material. He wants the incredibly powerful Golem of Omus, imprisoned in crystal by Ros – and he’ll do anything to get his hands on it. The Scarecrow offers Ros a deal; Pukje offers him hope of escape- who does Ros trust?

A fabulous ending for a wonderful series. Suitable for years 5-8.

\*Teaching notes will be available for the series.



**DUST DEVILS – BOOK 2 BROKEN LANDS TRILOGY SEAN WILLIAMS \$14.99**

ISBN: 9780732284756 \$14.99

Adi’s body has been borne away across the desert by her Clan, but her spirit remains Ros’s constant companion. If he can’t find the travellers in time, Adi will be presumed dead and her body cremated, leaving her a ghost forever.

But Ros is not prepared for the dangers lurking in the shifting sands. Rescued from bandits and Dust Devils by a boy named Yury, he takes refuge in Yury’s home – an extensive network of tunnels known as Dunetown – and learns that Yury in turn needs

Ros’s help. His family has been kidnapped by the sand bandits, a ruthless gang led by a psychopath obsessed with treasure and power.

Ros must learn to trust again, and to overcome those who cannot ever be trusted. Darker things lurk in the desert than Dust Devils and sand bandits. And, all the while, Adi’s voice is a constant reminder that time is running out ...



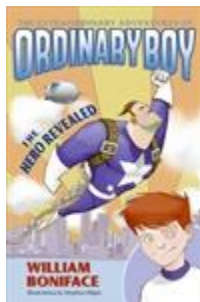
**THE CHANGELING BOOK ONE THE BROKEN LANDS TRILOGY SEAN WILLIAMS**

ISBN: 9780732284749 \$14.99

Ros is in real danger. His family are so desperate to save their drought-stricken farm that they’ll sacrifice anything – even him – for rain. His only friend is Escher, an unseen entity with a voice that whispers in Ros’s head, continuously warning him to leave before it’s too late.

Escaping from his vengeful family astride a stolen camel, Ros decides to try his luck in the desert, discovering along the way a power he never knew he had. Through Escher, Ros learns to control the Change, a magical force that taps into the land, the water, fire and the air. He also meets Adi, a girl from a travelling clan of nomads, who asks him to save her from a future she’s desperate to avoid. When tragedy strikes, Ros seeks help from a powerful Stone Mage.

But when even she can’t save him, he starts to question everything that has happened on his journey. Who is telling the truth? Who are his friends?



**HERO REVEALED: EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF ORDINARY BOY**  
**WILLIAM BONIFACE** ISBN: 9780060774660 \$12.99

A hilarious new series that proves superpowers are no match for brainpower.

In the town of Superopolis, everyone has a superpower. Everyone, that is, except Ordinary Boy. He's—well, he's pretty much ordinary. But that won't stop him from taking on supervillains like the sinister Professor Brain-Drain....

A clever, funny new series for kids who've outgrown Captain Underpants or anyone who loves The Incredibles and The Tick. Packed with dynamic illustrations and starring a smart young hero who could hold his own with Charlie Bone, Klaus Baudelaire, and Stanley Yelnats, -stories that kids will find undeniably super!



**RETURN OF METEOR BOY: EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF ORDINARY BOY**  
**WILLIAM BONIFACE** ISBN: 9780060774691 \$12.99

Uh-Oh! The super town of Superopolis is hiding a gigantic secret! Years ago, a young superhero named Meteor Boy mysteriously vanished during a dangerous mission. But what really happened to him?

Not only that! There may be more to the Meteor Boy secret than anybody suspected! As Ordinary Boy begins to investigate, he discovers that nobody knows where Meteor Boy came from in the first place . . . and clues start to indicate that he may in fact still be alive. Who is Meteor Boy?

As the Amazing Indestructo plots to exploit the memory of Meteor Boy for profit, Ordinary Boy knows that the time has come to solve the mystery once and for all. And then Superopolis will finally know the real truth about Meteor Boy. . . . In a town where everyone is extraordinary, this might just be a job for . . . Ordinary Boy.



**FLYBOY OF UNDERWHERE** **BRUCE HALE**

ISBN: 9780060851309 HB \$19.99  
ISBN: 97800608 PB \$12.99

Here's the thing: Zeke's busy being the so-called Prince of Underwhere. His prissy sister, Stephanie, is some sort of pirate queen. But Hector? Everyone treats him like a joker and a sidekick. Well, those days are over. Now only Hector can save the day—if he can survive the swarms of sharp-beaked midget flying dinos, smart-aleck flying horses, angry armies in their undies, a really, really bad hypnotist, and a duel with deadly toilet plungers. . . all the ordinary wedgie weirdness of the tighy-whitie world under our own.

Part text, part graphic, this funny tale is suitable for years 6-8.



**SPECKY MAGEE (REV ED)** **FELICE ARENA & GARRY LYON**  
ISBN: 9780732289027 \$14.99

Simon 'Specky' Magee is twelve years old and mad about Australian Rules football. He's such a talented player he got his nickname 'Specky' for taking 'spec-tacular' marks. Not that anyone in his family would know – or care – about his ability.

When Specky finds a baby photo of himself dressed up in footy gear he is completely confused. Why would his parents have done this when they hate footy so much? Who dressed him in those clothes, and why won't his parents give him a straight answer when he asks them about it? Determined to find out the truth, Specky embarks on a quest that uncovers more than he ever bargained for.  
A new look for the first book in the series, and updated in line with current football information.



**VON GOBSTOPPER'S ARCADE BOOK 3 THE STRANGEST ADVENTURES**  
**ALEXANDRA ADORNETTO** ISBN: 9780732286637 \$19.99

Master toymaker Gustav Von Gobstopper announces plans to build a special Toy Arcade to commemorate the extraordinary bravery of Drabville's children, who have twice escaped the clutches of the wicked Lord Aldor.

The children couldn't be more excited. But when Milli and Ernest encounter a suspicious collection of characters at the Arcade, it quickly becomes apparent they have stumbled upon a malicious master plan designed to extinguish the very existence of childhood!

As Christmas Eve draws close, Milli and Ernest find themselves enlisted as Santa's helpers for a Christmas spectacle like no other.



**PLAYING WITH FIRE SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT BOOK 2 DEREK LANDY**  
ISBN: 9780007257058 \$14.99 (B Format)

With Serpine dead, the world is safe once more. At least, that's what Valkyrie and Skulduggery think - until the notorious Baron Vengeous makes a bloody escape from prison, and dead bodies and vampires start showing up all over Ireland. With Baron Vengeous after the deadly armour of Lord Vile, and pretty much everyone out to kill Valkyrie, the daring detective duo face their biggest challenge yet. But what if the greatest threat to Valkyrie is just a little closer to

home...?

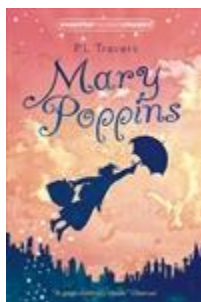


**FACELESS ONES SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT BOOK 3 DEREK LANDY**  
ISBN: 9780007302154 \$19.99

If you've read the previous Skulduggery books then you know what the Faceless Ones are – and if you know what the Faceless Ones are, then you can probably take a wild guess that things in this book are going to get AWFULLY sticky for our skeletal hero and his young sidekick.

If you haven't read the previous Skulduggery books then what are you doing reading this? Go and read them right now, so that you know what all that stuff in the previous paragraph was about.

Done? Good. So now you're on tenterhooks too, desperately seeking the answers to all your questions!



**MARY POPPINS P.L TRAVERS MODERN CLASSIC EDITION**  
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This, the first book about Mary Poppins, will be familiar to everyone who has seen the film. For it is in this book that Jane and Michael draw up their advertisement for a nanny, and Mary Poppins appears out of the sky with her parrot-headed umbrella which talks. She is strict but fair, slides happily up the banisters, and takes the children on the most extraordinary outings – to a funfair inside a pavement picture; to uncle Andrew who sails up to the ceiling when he laughs – which she firmly denies afterwards. Needless to say, the children are devastated when she leaves, but by then, they and their parents are far more of a family than they ever were before Mary Poppins appeared.

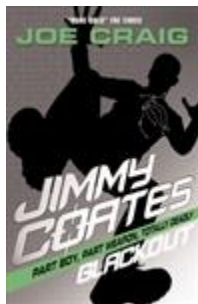


**WHITE BOOTS NOEL STREATFIELD MODERN CLASSIC EDITION**

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"If you pass your inter-silver, I'll tell Aunt Claudia that I don't want to work with you any more."

Harriet is told that she must take up ice-skating in order to improve her health. She isn't much good at it, until she meets Lalla Moore, a young skating star. Now Harriet is getting better and better on the ice, and Lalla doesn't like it. Does Harriet want to save their friendship more than she wants to skate?

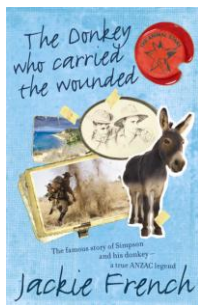


**JIMMY COATES: BLACKOUT JOE CRAIG**

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Jimmy Coates seems like an ordinary boy, but he's not. He's genetically engineered to grow into the perfect government assassin. Speed, strength and deadly instinct – it's all in the blood. He has to fight not to kill, while his government fights to kill him. Jimmy Coates can only trust one man to bring the country back from the brink of chaos. When that man disappears, Jimmy must battle the shadow of corruption. But the shadows are darker than they seem, and the darkness reaches further than Jimmy could ever imagine. Suitable for years 6-9.

Check out the other titles in the series: [www.harpercollins.com.au](http://www.harpercollins.com.au)



**DONKEY WHO CARRIED THE WOUNDED JACKIE FRENCH**

ISBN: 9780732288396 \$14.99

Most Australians know of Simpson and his donkey, who became heroes at Gallipoli, even among the Turkish forces. Few know where the donkey came from, or what happened to him after World War I. Or that another man carried on rescuing the wounded with the donkey after Simpson died.

This is the story of a small unassuming donkey. It's also the story of Gallipoli, of Jack Simpson, and New Zealander stretcher-bearer Richard Henderson, who literally took up the reins after Simpson's death. Exhaustively researched, it gives a new depth to our understanding of this story of Anzac heroism. \*Teaching Notes available. Suitable for years 5-8



**OUT OF THE BLUE MICHAEL PANCKRIDGE/PAM HARVEY**

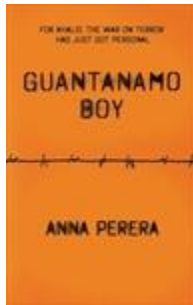
ISBN: 9780207200601 \$14.99

One autumn night, when most people in the small town of Teasdale are sleeping, the sky fills with strange blue flashing lights. Is it just a meteor shower?

The town is buzzing with questions, and ED, Angus, Hannah, Gabby, Ling and Sean set out to find the answers. Why do those two unfriendly scientists have 'UFOSITE' written on their caravan? Was Byron Watts – the local unofficial UFO expert – really abducted by aliens, as he claims?

Then Sean discovers a mysterious canister on the old rifle range ... Is this what the UFOSITE people are looking for? And why is Gabby so moody and unhappy? What on Earth is going on?  
The Clued Up Six are on the trail again! Suitable for years 5-8

**OLDER READERS**



**GUANTANAMO BOY ANNA PERERA**

ISBN: 9780732288952 \$19.99

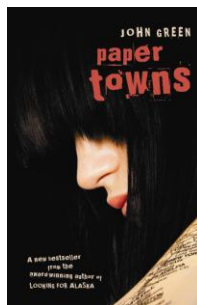
In the tradition of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, this is the story of one boy's experience of the war against terror – behind the barbed wire.

Khalid is a normal fifteen-year-old. He likes footy, seeing his friends, playing football down the park. He isn't too excited about visiting his family in Karachi, but his Mum and Dad shame him in to going with them – for the family's sake.

So he goes, and one day opens the door to an unthinkable nightmare. Kidnapped by unknown assailants, Khalid is forced to go to a place no child should ever see. A place where systematic humiliation, torture and brutality are part of the daily routine. A prison he is powerless to escape.

A living hell called Guantanamo Bay.

\* Teaching Notes available Suitable for years 8-10



**PAPER TOWNS JOHN GREEN**

ISBN: 9780732289003 \$15.99

Quentin Jacobsen – Q to his friends – is eighteen and has always loved the edgy Margo Roth Spiegelman. As children, they'd discovered a dead body together. Now at high school, Q's nerdy while Margo is uber-cool.

One night, Q is basking in the predictable boringness of his life when Margo, dressed as a ninja, persuades him to partake in several hours of mayhem. Then she vanishes. While her family shrugs off this latest disappearance, Q follows Margo's string of elaborate clues – including a poem about death.

Q's friends, Radar, Ben and Lacey, help with the search, and a post turns up on a website: Margo will be in a certain location for the next 24 hours only. The race is on!

After an epic drive through the night, they catch up with Margo, and Q learns first-hand that the way you think about a person isn't the way they actually are.

Praise from the USA for Paper Towns:

*A teen-pleasing read. Readers will enjoy the edgy journey and off-road thinking' Publishers Weekly*  
*'fascinating, cleverly constructed, and profoundly moving' School Library Journal, starred review*  
*'Green ... delivers once again ... A winning combination' Kirkus Reviews*



**EVERNIGHT CLAUDIA GRAY**

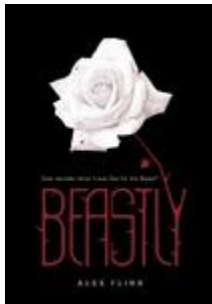
ISBN: 9780732289676 \$19.99

Bianca is starting school at Evernight Academy, a prestigious boarding school deep in the countryside, and from the first day, she can't wait to escape. Her parents, who are teachers there, are sure she'll be happy, but Bianca has a feeling there's something seriously wrong with the place. Something evil lurking in the shadowy woods at the edge of the school grounds ...

As she settles in, Bianca's sense of unease grows. Her classmates are impossibly perfect, her teachers are slightly sinister, and the new boy, Lucas, continues to send out mixed signals. Is he attracted to her or not? Meanwhile, another classmate, Balthazar, is definitely interested ... and he's totally gorgeous!

Things come to a horrifying climax on the night of the Autumn Ball, where Bianca makes a shocking discovery about herself and her feelings for Lucas that will affect their lives forever.

Sequel "Stargazer" will be published in July. (At least the wait is not too long!) Suitable for readers 14+



**BEASTLY ALEX FLINN**

ISBN: 9780060874186 \$14.99

beast. Not quite wolf or bear, gorilla or dog but a horrible new creature who walks upright—a creature with fangs and claws and hair springing from every pore. I am a monster.

You think I'm talking fairy tales? No way. The place is New York City. The time is now. It's no deformity, no disease. And I'll stay this way forever—ruined—unless I can break the spell.

Yes, the spell, the one the witch in my English class cast on me. Why did she turn me into a beast who hides by day and prowls by night? I'll tell you. I'll tell you how I used to be Kyle Kingsbury, the guy you wished you were, with money, perfect looks, and the perfect life. And then, I'll tell you how I became perfectly . . . beastly.

Suitable for years 9-10



**EVER GAIL CARSON LEVINE**

ISBN: 9780061229626 \$24.99

Falling in love is never easy, but falling in love with an immortal god while your days on earth are numbered is almost more than a young girl can bear.

Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine has created a stunning new world of flawed gods, unbreakable vows, and ancient omens in this spellbinding story of Kezi, a girl confronted with a terrible destiny. Attempting to thwart her fate, Kezi and her love, Olus

-- the god of wind and loneliness -- embark on a series of dangerous and seemingly impossible quests.

Recommended for Year Levels 7-10.

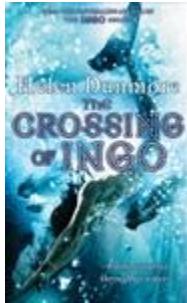


**THE LAST KNIGHT HILARI BELL**

ISBN: 9780060825058 \$14.99

To say it was a dark and stormy night would be a gross understatement. It was colder than a witch's kiss, wetter than a spring swamp, and blacker than a tax collector's heart. A sane man would have been curled up in front of a fire, with a cup of mulled wine and a good boo—, ah, a willing wench. But not me. I was out in it. I'm squire to a hero.

Quirky writing reminiscent of Catherine Jinks 'Pagan' series, this funny, clever story is a delight. Suitable for years 7=9



**CROSSING OF INGO HELEN DUNMORE**  
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Sapphire, Conor and their Mer friends Faro and Elvira are ready to make the Crossing of Ingo – a long and dangerous journey that only the strongest young Mer are called upon to make. No human being has ever attempted this thrilling voyage to the bottom of the world. Ervys, his followers and new recruits, the sharks, are determined that Sapphire and Conor must be stopped – dead or alive...

The final episode in this intriguing quartet. Recommended for Year Levels 7-9



**SMALL WHITE SCAR K.L.KUNZE**  
ISBN: 9780060756413 \$12.99

Dreams always have a price

Will can see his future stretch out before him. It's as clear as the plains that lead to La Junta and the first-place winnings at the rodeo. He will become a man, a cowboy with a life of his own. But his twin brother, Denny, follows, bringing with him the memory of that small white scar. Ahead lies adventure; behind, responsibility. And on the road between, Will and Denny will travel together—brothers united by blood.

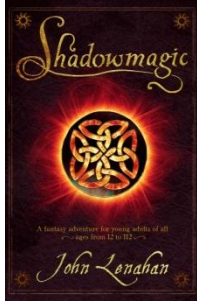
Beautiful writing puts this western into a class of its own. Suitable for years 7-9



**BONE TIKI DAVID HAIR**  
9781869507343 \$15.99

Matu Douglas has a bone tiki he stole from a tangi. His father's important new client wants it. Badly. And he has some very nasty friends. When Mat is forced to flee for his life, an unexpected meeting with a girl called Pania sets his world spinning. Suddenly he's running through the bush with a girl-clown, a dog who is way too human, and a long-dead warrior. Fearful creatures from legend are rising up around him, and Mat faces a terrifying ordeal. And there is nowhere left to hide . . . not even in another world.

A breathtaking adventure set in two parallel worlds, from exciting new author. Recommended for year levels 7-9.



**SHADOWMAGIC JOHN LENAHAN**

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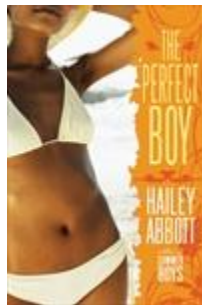
A Lord of the Rings for the 21st century. Only a lot shorter. And funnier. And completely different.

Conor thought he was an average teenager. OK, so his father only had one hand, spoke to him in ancient languages and was a bit on the eccentric side but, other than that, life was fairly normal. Until, that is, two Celtic warriors on horseback and wearing full armour appear at his front door and try to kill him. After that, things get pretty weird.

Shadowmagic is a fantasy adventure for young adults of all ages from 12 to 112. Written by one of the most popular magicians in the country it brings a fresh approach to the genre and will have a broad appeal beyond the fantasy sections.

**ROMANTIC MYSTERIES**

**PERFECT BOY HAILEY ABBOTT**

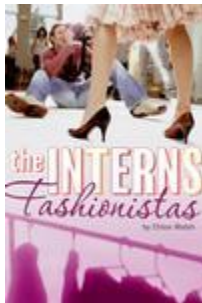


ISBN: 9780060824341 \$14.99

Ciara's summer must-haves: Breezy beachside job  
Bright white uber-short tennis skirt  
Backstage passes for the B-Dizzy Crew  
The Perfect Boy

Ciara Simmons is tired of random hook-ups with lame guys from school. She wants a boyfriend. So she waves good-bye to her wild LA ways and heads to Santa Barbara for the summer. When she sees sexy AJ rapping at a local club, she's sure he's the one! But

AJ is only devoted to his music career. So Ciara and her pal Kevin develop a sneaky little scheme to pull AJ out of the limelight and into her arms. But does AJ have what it takes to be Ciara's perfect boy?



**INTERNS: FASHIONISTAS**

ISBN: 9780061370885 \$14.99

Fashion—it's an obsession for millions. But for four lucky, talented girls, fashion is a full-time, style-transforming . . . internship in New York City! Some might call it work, but as interns at high-end Couture magazine, Callie, Nadine, Ava, and Aynsley are workin' it in style.

Callie Ryan: Innocent aspiring designer or claws-out fashion phony?

Nadine Van Buren: Brings the party. Loves to party (even if it's a pity party).

Ava Barton: Happy to be here . . . and about to take over!

Aynsley Rothwell: Sexy socialite with a killer wardrobe—and the attitude to match.

Hanging with the Couture interns is what's in this season. But who's the glamorous sage behind the Fashionista blog serving up style wisdom and sartorial send-ups?

It's enough to spark a hot-and-heavy fashion frenzy. Hold on to your Manolos . . . read on and find out.



**SLEEPLESS TERRI CLARK**

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The swaying Palms Hotel late-night room-service menu

Tuck-Me-In Tuna Salad on Rye \$7.50

Catch-Some-ZZZs Cheeseburger and Fries \$10.00

Up-All-Night Chocolate-Chip Cookies with Milk \$5.50

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I can't go to sleep!!! And not because of the cute boy lying next to me. There's a killer stalking me in my dreams. And if it's up to him . . . I'll never wake up. I have to find a way to get him, before he gets me.



**KILLER CRUISE JENNIFER SHAW**

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Onboard facilities

Pool 1, Caribbean Deck Met hot crewmember while soaking up the sun!

The Santorini Restaurant, Olympia Deck Heard about last year's mysterious disappearance on board. What could have happened?

Movie Theater, Fiesta Deck Still can't stand horror flicks. Too scary.

Paris Boutique, Panama Deck Then again, so was my near-death fall overboard last night . . .

Glamorama Spa, Bermuda Deck Must relax. No one's trying to kill me—I'm just being paranoid.

Club Paradise, Diablo Deck But what if someone does want me dead?