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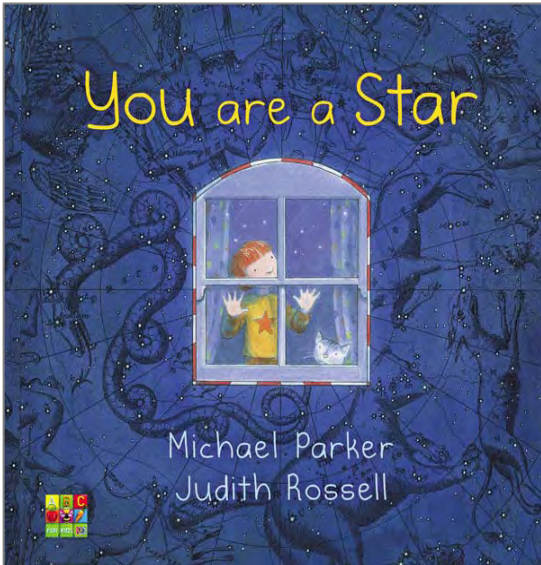
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# YOU ARE A STAR

*Michael Parker, illustrated Judith Rossell*



**YOU ARE A STAR**  
 September 2010  
 9780733325397  
 250 mm x 249 mm HB  
 32 pp, full colour  
**Rights available: World**  
**Rights sold: Brazil**

Take a trip out of this world, into the sky, past the moon and through the universe to find out how we are all made of stars. This is science, but not as you know it ... Mesmerising.

Take a trip out of this world, into the sky, past the moon, through the universe ... and discover how we are all made of stars.

- An uplifting, inspirational picture book highlighting how special each and every one of us are



**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**  
**Michael Parker** studied law and worked (extremely briefly) in corporate litigation before seeing the light and retraining to teach English. He currently co-ordinates English at a school in Sydney. He has lived with the Japanese mafia and climbed to Camp One on Mount Everest in Tibet. His first novel, *Doppelganger*, for young adults, was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Awards.

**Judith Rossell** worked as a CSIRO scientist, for a cotton spinning company, and studied textile design in Scotland before becoming a full-time illustrator. She lives in Melbourne.

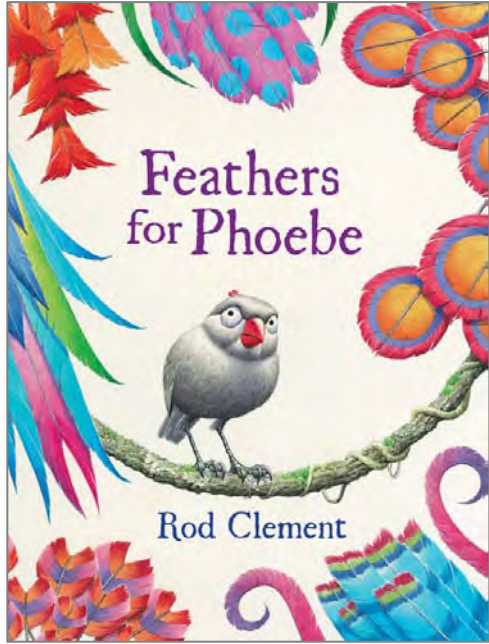
**Reviews for You Are A Star:**  
 'This is a beautiful, reassuring story with calming words and comforting illustrations – perfect for a child's bedtime.' - **Kids' Book Review**

'The idea that we are all made of stars ... is a fantastic thought and a brilliant idea to carry through our lives. But more, the book is a call to exploration and discovery: "Come and see". And it conveys the message that life is wonderful and miraculous. A fantastic message to give to children starting on their journey through life' - **Sydney Observatory**

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# FEATHERS FOR PHOEBE

*Rod Clement*



A story about a bird who learns that fine feathers don't necessarily make fine birds.

Phoebe is small, grey, and ordinary – very ordinary. 'I want to get noticed!' she declares.

Zelda is glamorous, talented and famous – and she runs the most popular beauty salon in the forest. And she's only too happy to help Phoebe become the bird she's always wanted to be. First a little feather headdress, then wing extensions – until Phoebe is transformed into a Diva.

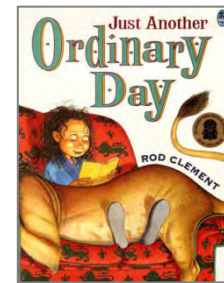
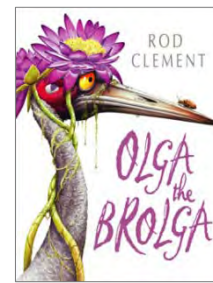
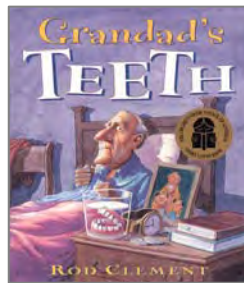
She looks gorgeous – but when she tries to take off, surprises are in store for them both!

**FEATHERS FOR PHOEBE**  
9780732289195  
November 2010  
295 x 220 mm HB, full colour  
32 pp  
Rights available: World

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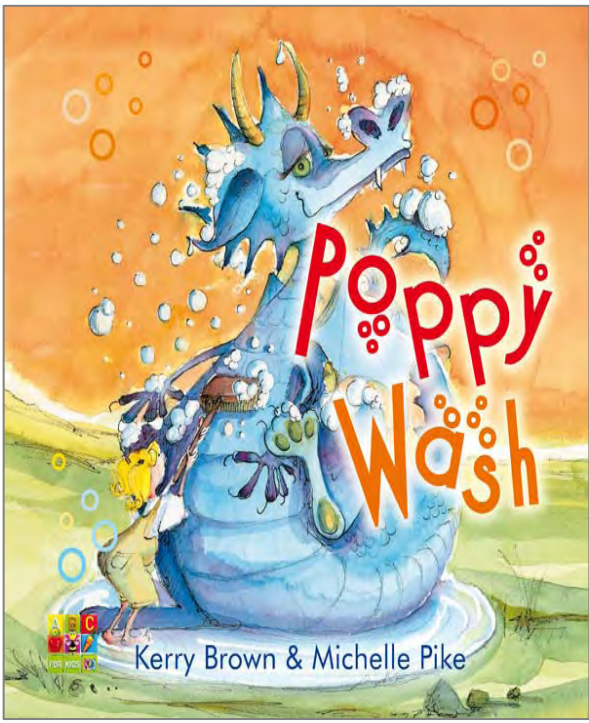
**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**  
**Rod Clement** is one of Australia's leading picture book author/illustrators and his acclaimed books include *Counting on Frank*, *Just Another Ordinary Day*, *Olga the Brolga*, *Edward the Emu*, and *Edwina the Emu*. *Grandad's Teeth* was shortlisted for the CBC Awards in 1998.  
Rod works as a daily cartoonist for the *Australian Financial Review* and lives in Haberfield, Sydney, with his wife and three children.



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# POPPY WASH

*Kerry Brown & Michelle Pike*



**POPPY WASH**  
November 2010  
9780733325212  
244 mm x 244 mm 32pp HB  
**Rights available: World**

**A funny, heart-warming story about friendship, family ... and dragons.**

Poppy has the best job in the world – every day she washes all kinds of dragons at her Dragon Wash.

Poppy loves her job, but most of all she loves the dragons themselves. All that’s missing is a dragon she can call her own ...

A funny, heart-warming story from Kerry Brown and Michelle Pike about friendship, family ... and dragons.

- Activity sheets available to download from HarperCollins website

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

**Kerry Brown** (sister to Michelle Pike) is a children’s author, children’s magazine journalist and primary school teacher.

**Michelle Pike** grew up in Carnarvon, Western Australia. She now resides on the Sunshine Coast. Represented nationally, Michelle is a self-taught artist drawing inspiration from both her own childhood memories and those currently being formed by her two young sons.

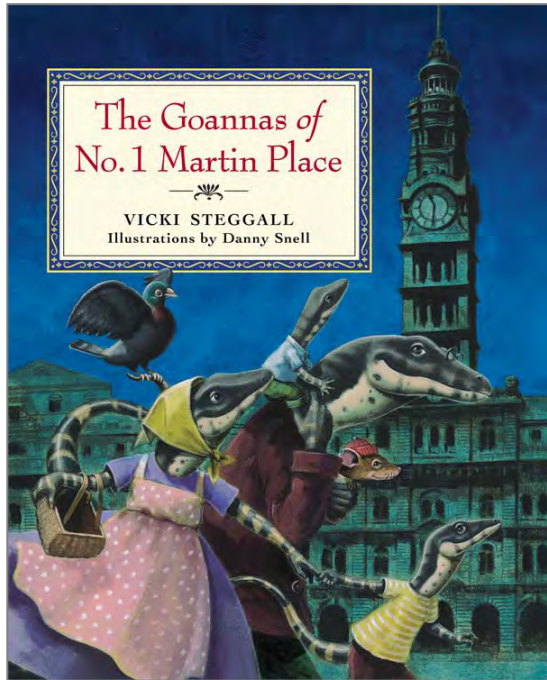
**Reviews for PoppyWash:**

‘written in a musical language that is a pleasure to read [and] will appeal to both boys and girls ... *Poppy Wash* has a complex enough storyline to allow parents and teachers to read it over and over again, without the story losing its appeal.’  
- *Bookseller+Publisher*

‘there are also deeper messages embedded in the plot, such as the importance of caring for others in a community. Children will enjoy the delightful watercolour illustrations of dragons in this first collaboration between sisters Kerry Brown and Michelle Pike’ - *Magpies*

# THE GOANNAS OF NO. 1 MARTIN PLACE

*Vicki Steggall*



**THE GOANNAS OF NO. 1 MARTIN PLACE**  
 December 2010  
 9780733324987  
 242 mm x 193 mm 64pp HB  
 Rights available: World

When Moreton the goanna and his family move into the GPO Clock Tower, the Pitt Street Cat isn't happy! Luckily, Moreton's new friends help him save the day.

When Moreton and his parents, Go-ma and Go-pa, are forced to leave their beautiful home in Sydney's Botanic Gardens, they decide they need to move somewhere that's high above the ground, away from all the humans.

So when they discover the little sun-filled room at the top of the clock tower at No. 1 Martin Place, the goanna family are sure they've found the perfect home.

But the Pitt Street Cat rules Martin Place, and he's not interested in welcoming new neighbours.

With the help of some unlikely friends, can the goannas finally tame Australia's meanest cat?

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Vicki Steggall** has written extensively for business, newspapers and magazines across Australia. She has a special interest in the history of Australian childrens' literature and recently started writing for children. *The Goannas of No 1 Martin Place* is her second book, her first was *Lunchtime Rules*, part of the 'Go Girl!' series.

**Danny Snell** has worked as a freelance illustrator for over ten years and lives in Adelaide with his partner Louise and two young daughters.

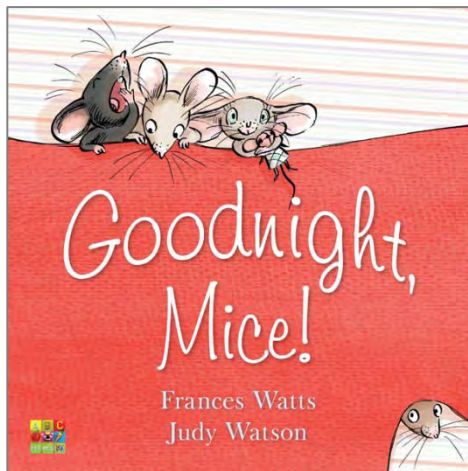
### Reviews for *The Goannas of No. 1 Martin Place*:

'I love an animal story with a difference, and *The Goannas of No. 1 Martin Place* delivers ... This works as a first chapter book but also as a read-aloud book for any age, with amusing turns of phrases and instantly likeable characters.'

*Bookseller + Publisher*

# GOODNIGHT, MICE!

Frances Watts, illustrated by Judy Watson



Celebrate the rituals of bedtime with Mitzi, Billy, Clementine and Oliver. The perfect bedtime book!

*Kiss Dad once...*  
*Cuddle Mum twice...*  
*'Goodnight, Mum and Dad.'*  
*'Goodnight, mice.'*

This warm, affectionate story is the perfect bedtime book for the whole family to share.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Frances Watts spent ten years as an editor before she started writing. Her picture book *Kisses for Daddy* (illustrated by David Legge), is a best-selling CBC Honour Book. Her second book, *Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books*, won the CBC Eve Pownall Award. Frances lives in Sydney's inner west.

Judy Watson is the talented illustrator of the *Extraordinary Ernie* and *Marvellous Maud* series (written by Frances Watts) and several books in the *Aussie Bites* series. Judy lives in a seaside town in Victoria, with her husband and two children.

- A beautiful bedtime story with perennial appeal

**GOODNIGHT, MICE!**  
April 2011  
9780733324215  
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24 pp, full colour  
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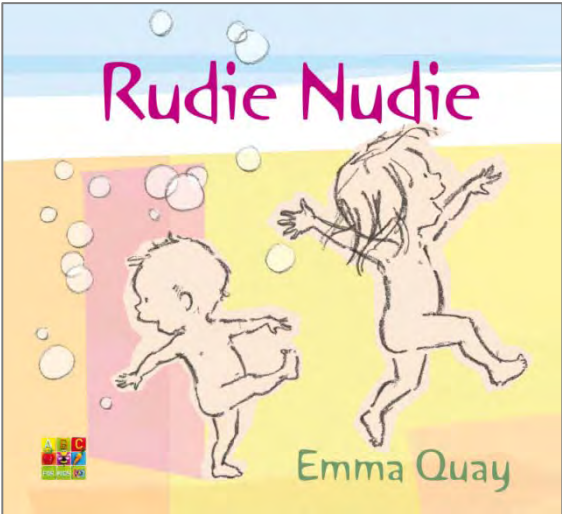
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# RUDIE NUDIE

*Emma Quay*



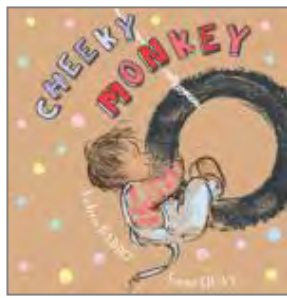
**RUDIE NUDIE**  
 Emma Quay  
 August 2011  
 9780733323355  
 230 x 252mm HB  
 24 pp  
 Rights available: World

A charming bath time and bedtime book for very young children.

Two little children go through their night-time routine in this fun picture book. From the bath to the bed – a classic tale all children (and parents!) are familiar with.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

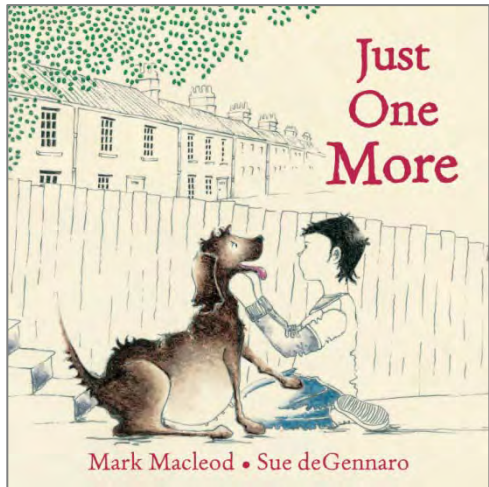
**Emma Quay** wanted to be a children's book illustrator from a very early age. After moving from England to Australia in 1993, she began her illustrating career and has since become one of Australia's most sought-after picture-book artists. She has won numerous awards, including the 2010 CBC Early Childhood Book of the Year for *Bear and Chook by the Sea* (written by Lisa Shanahan). Emma lives in Sydney with her husband and two young daughters.



**CHEEKY MONKEY** (2008)  
 9780733321009  
 Rights available: World  
 Rights sold: Korea

# JUST ONE MORE

*Mark Macleod/Sue deGennaro*



**A delightful and informative book about a dog having puppies.**

With her pups on the way, Jessie the dog is full of surprises. And when her family think they've had the last of them, there's just one more!

A heartwarming story about all the changes created by a new arrival.

- There is an undeniable ever-expanding market for dog-lovers
- Informative content - will appeal to the schools market

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

**Mark Macleod** has been a university lecturer, writer, speaker, TV presenter and award-winning publisher. He was Children's Publishing Director at Random House Australia and published books for adults and young readers at Hodder Headline Australia. He won the CBCA's Lady Cutler Award in 2001 and the APA Pixie O'Harris Award for distinguished services to children's literature in 2003.

**Sue deGennaro** studied film at university, learnt how to weld and draw at art school and moved to Sydney to become an aerialist/performance artist. She now lives in Melbourne with her partner and two children.

### JUST ONE MORE

Mark Macleod/Sue deGennaro

June 2011

9780733324734

250 x 250mm HB

32 pp

**Rights available: World**

# MR BEAR BRANCHES AND THE CLOUD CONUNDRUM

*Terri-Rose Baynton*



A charming and whimsical new picture book that introduces us to Mr Bear Branches and his best friend, Lintfrey Longfellow – join the friends as they explore the wondrous world around them!

Mr Bear Branches' best friend, Lintfrey Longfellow, would love nothing more than to sit amongst the clouds ... but, sadly, clouds are just not made for sitting on.

Can Bear find a solution to Lintfrey's cloud conundrum?

Join these two charming friends as they explore the wondrous world around them.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Terri-Rose lives in the beautiful seaside town of Waihi Beach, New Zealand, amongst good friends, warm waves and a menagerie of animals. She is a scriptwriter and storyliner for children's television, working with WETA Productions on *Jane And The Dragon* and *The Wotwots*, alongside her father, *The Wotwots* creator Martin Baynton.

### MR BEAR BRANCHES AND THE CLOUD CONUNDRUM

Terri-Rose Baynton

September 2011

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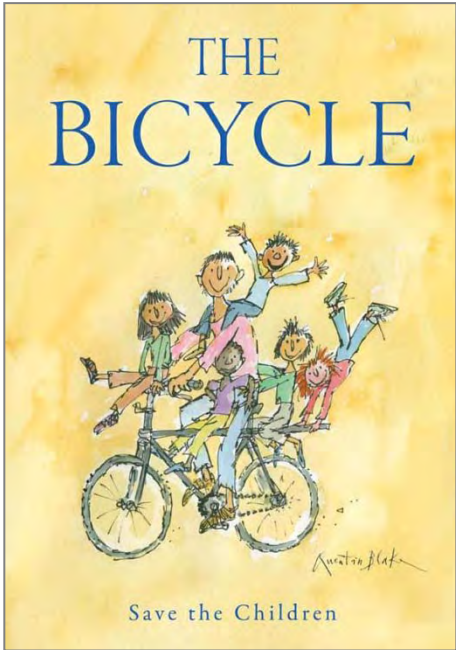
225 x 210mm HB

32 pp

Rights available: World

# THE BICYCLE

*Colin Thompson*



Fifteen premier Australian and international illustrators contribute to this upbeat follow-up to *Dust*. *The Bicycle* celebrates the great work Save the Children are doing around the world and all royalties from its sale will be donated to Save the Children.

In a perfect world, this book would not exist. But we do not live in a perfect world. Even if we all learn to live in peace, there will still be millions of people who need our help.

*The Bicycle* is a collaboration between Colin Thompson and fourteen internationally acclaimed artists. By buying this book, you are helping those who cannot help themselves.

'Today I read this book and it changed my life. Lots of people have told me that we are a very lucky world but when I read this book I discovered I was way more luckier than I thought I was. I didn't know that there was a country that was slowly dissolving happiness'

- Gretta Ray, 9, writing about *Dust* - our first book for Save the Children.

- All royalties from the sale of this book will be donated to Save the Children.

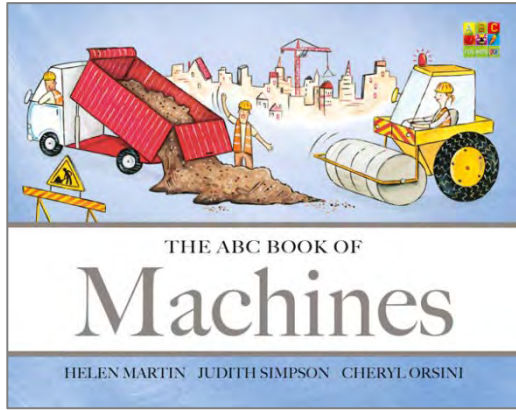
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Colin Thompson is an internationally recognised author and illustrator whose books have won many awards, including a Children's Book Council Notable Book for *Fearless* (illustrated by Sarah Davis; 2010) and a CBC Honour Book for *Dust* (2007).

**THE BICYCLE**  
 Colin Thompson  
 September 2011  
 9780733329876  
 305 x 215mm HB  
 32 pp  
 Rights available: World

# THE ABC BOOK OF MACHINES

*Helen Martin/Judith Simpson/Cheryl Orsini*



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**THE ABC BOOK OF MACHINES**  
 Helen Martin/Judith Simpson/Cheryl Orsini  
 July 2011  
 9780733329586  
 150 x 190mm HB  
 13 spread pages  
**Rights available: World**

From the team that brought you the hugely popular *ABC Book of Cars, Trains, Boats and Planes*

Tip trucks and toasters! Clocks and carousels!

Machines are all around us, helping us every day.

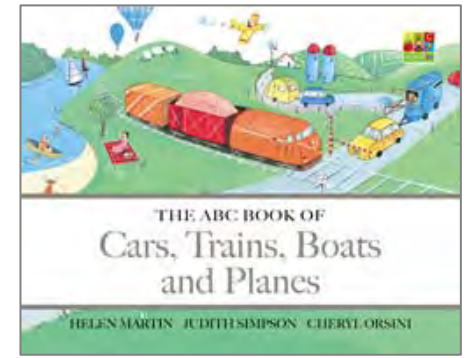
Come and explore the fascinating world of machines

**ABOUT THE AUTHORS:**

**Helen Martin** is an award-winning writer and director. She has been an early childhood producer on TV programs such as *Play School* and *HI-5*.

**Judith Simpson** is an experienced and award-winning author for very young children.

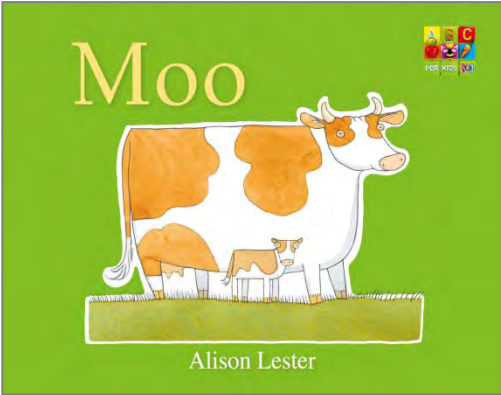
**Cheryl Orsini** is a Sydney-based illustrator of more than twenty children's books.



**THE ABC BOOK OF CARS, TRAINS, BOATS AND PLANES (2010)**  
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**Rights available: World**

# MOO, ROAR and PURR

*Alison Lester*



Can you moo like a cow? Can you roar like a lion? Can you purr like a cat?

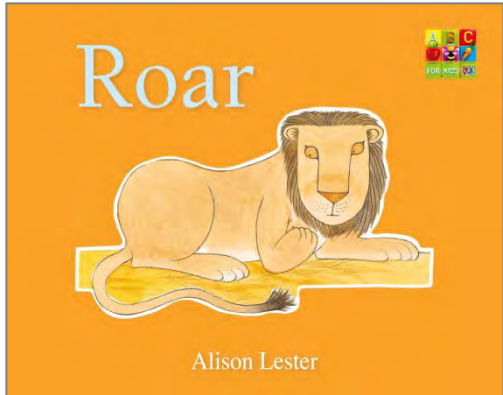
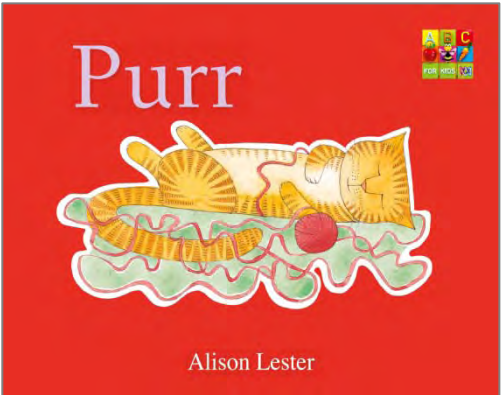
These delightful board books of animal sounds for 0-3 year olds, from one of Australia's best-loved author-illustrators.

*Moo, Roar and Purr* are a wonderful series by author-illustrator Alison Lester, designed especially for 0-3 year olds and now in board book format. Babies will respond to the rhythm of the text and the simple, colourful images, while toddlers will love joining in to make their own animal sounds.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Alison Lester is one of Australia's most popular author-illustrators. Her books are published in many languages and enjoyed by children all over the world.

Alison grew up on a farm overlooking the sea and first rode a horse as a baby in her father's arms. She still lives in country Victoria and rides her horse, Woollyfoot, whenever she can.



**MOO** 9780733329944

**ROAR** 9780733329951

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Alison Lester

June 2011

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