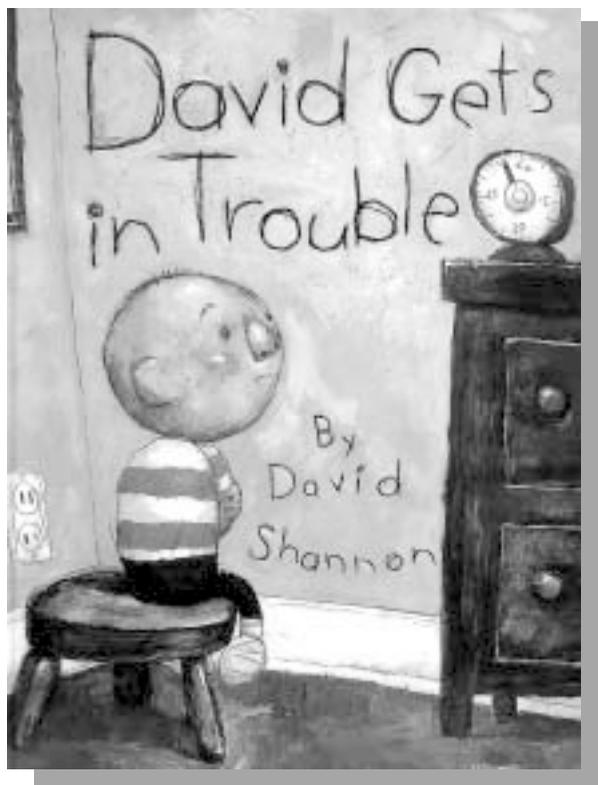


Holiday Reading

A selection of children's and young adults' books



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In Memoriam 2002

Mildred Wirt Benson
Franklin M. Branley
Eileen Colwell
Judy Delton
Virginia Hamilton
Isabelle Holland
Astrid Lindgren
Pat Marriott
Elyne Mitchell
Beni Montresor
Bill Peet
Esphyr Slobodkina
Zena Sutherland
David Wisniewski



Picture Books

Ahlberg, Alan **A bit more Bert** A follow up to the wonderful **The adventures of Bert**. Again illustrated by Raymond Briggs.

Ahlberg, Allan. **Miaow!** A lift the cat-flap book

Anholt, Catherine. **Chimp and Zee and the big storm** It's a stormy, windy, rainy day in the coconut tree, and Chimp and Zee are squabbling and driving everyone bananas. But they get more than they bargained for when a huge gust of wind sweeps them off on another adventure.

Auch, Mary Jane. **The princess and the pizza** An inventive tale about how the first pizza was accidentally created. An out-of-work princess applies to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but first she must pass several tests, including a cooking contest.

Barton, Byron. **My car** Sam describes in loving detail his car and how he drives it.

Blake, Quentin. **Loveykins** One morning, after a night of gales in the woods, Angela Bowling discovers a small helpless bird who has fallen from his nest. Determined to help, she bears him home, to wrap him in the softest blankets and feed him the finest food. But Augustus is growing up and one night the storms rage again.

Blake, Quentin. **The sailing boat in the sky** On a great adventure around the world in a ruined old sailing boat, Isobel and Nicholas see a world that has lost its way. At each place they stop to help and finally they are able to mend the sailing boat with the help of their new friends.

Browne, Eileen. **Handa's hen** Handa and Akeyo are searching for grandmother's black hen, Mondli. In the process they find all sorts of other animals. Finally they hear a cheeping noise and there, under a bush, is Mondli with ten brand-new little chicks.

Carle, Eric. **"Slowly, slowly, slowly," said the sloth** The sloth moves very slowly and takes life very gently; all the other animals in the rainforest want to know why he is so slow, so quiet, so boring and so lazy. The sloth's reply is a surprising one, a philosophical statement in favour of slowness.

Catalanotto, Peter. **Matthew A.B.C.** A new boy named Matthew joins Mrs. Tuttle's class, which already has twenty-five students whose first names are Matthew and whose last names begin with every letter except Z.

Child, Lauren **That pesky rat** Pesky Rat longs to be someone's pet, so he puts an ad in the pet shop.

Child, Lauren. **What planet are you from Clarice Bean?** When Clarice has to do a school project on the environment, she and her family become eco-warriors in an attempt to save a tree on their street.

Cowell, Cressida. **Claydon was a clingy child** Claydon will not let go of his mother's leg – a bad idea when your mother is into dangerous sports!

Cronin, Doreen. **Giggle, giggle, quack** When Farmer Brown goes on vacation, leaving his brother Bob in charge, Duck makes trouble by changing all his instructions to ones the animals like much better.

Deacon, Alexis. **Slow Loris** Slow Loris wasn't his real name, but that's what everyone called him. Everyone thought he was dead boring, but Slow Loris didn't care. Why not? Because he had a wild, secret life of his own.

Doyle, Malachy. **Cow** Oil-on-canvas paintings tell of a day in the life of a cow, from the dawn rising and the early morning walk to the barn to be milked, through the hot summer's day, the evening milking, and dusk. The large, life-like illustrations give a real sense of being there.

Doyle, Malachy. **Sleepy Pendoodle** A girl tries to follow her uncle's instructions for getting her puppy Pendoodle to open his eyes.

Dunrea, Olivier. **Gossie** Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots every day, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she can't find them anywhere. Also **Gossie & Gertie**.

Ehlert, Lois. **In my world** Describes some of the many things in the natural world such as worms, seashells, flowers, and stars.

Falconer, Ian. **Olivia saves the circus** At school, Olivia tells about her summer vacation and how, when she went to the circus and all the performers were sick, she saved the day, becoming Olivia the Tattooed Lady, Olivia the Lion Tamer, The Amazing Flying Olivia, and more.

Fisher, Leonard Everett. **Sky, sea, the jetty, and me** A young boy describes how a storm sweeps over the ocean jetty where he likes to spend time.

Fleming, Denise. **Alphabet under construction** A mouse works his way through the alphabet as he folds the 'F', measures the 'M', and rolls the 'R'.

Fox, Mem. **The magic hat** A wizard's hat blows into town, changing people into different animals when it lands on their heads.

Gay, Marie-Louise. **Stella, fairy of the forest** Stella's little brother, Sam, wonders whether fairies are invisible. Intrepid as ever, Stella decides to explore the forest in search of them. But

Sam is getting bigger and bolder, and he surprises Stella and himself by having a few ideas of his own.

Graham, Bob. **Jethro Byrde, fairy child** Annabelle's dad says she'll never find fairies in cement and weeds. But Annabelle does.

Grey, Mini. **Egg drop** The egg has always dreamed of being able to fly, but it doesn't really know much about making the dream a reality. The only method that seems guaranteed to work is to get to a very high place and then jump. Not a good idea for an egg.

Gunson, Christopher. **Animal surprise!** This picture book contains bright and simple artwork of different animals plus onomatopoeic language that should engage the very young. Every spread has a simple development of an idea and only one word per picture, with a punch-line behind the final fold-out flap.

Henkes, Kevin. **Owen's marshmallow chick** Owen has an Easter basket full of chocolate and sweets, and eats them all except the marshmallow chick which he keeps to play with.

Holabird, Katharine. **Angelina and Henry** Angelina and her cousin Henry go camping in the Big Cat Mountains with Uncle Louie.

Hort, Lenny. **The seals on the bus** Different animals including seals, tigers, geese, rabbits and monkeys make their own sounds as they ride around the town on a bus.

Hughes, Shirley. **Annie Rose is my little sister** Shirley Hughes's popular character, Alfie, shares the story of his little sister Annie Rose.

Hutchins, Pat. **We're going on a picnic!** Hen, Duck, and Goose go on a picnic but have trouble deciding where to stop and eat.

James, Simon. **The birdwatchers** "When I go birdwatching, things happen," Grandad says. "Birds are amazing." Jess isn't sure, so one day she goes with him.

Kerr, Judith. **Goodbye Mog** Mog was tired – dead tired. She thought, "I want to sleep for ever." And so she did. But a little bit of her stayed awake to see what would happen next. So Mog keeps watch over the upset Thomas family, who miss her terribly, and she wonders how they will ever manage without her.

Kitamura, Satoshi. **Comic adventures of Boots** In comic strip adventures, including "Operation Fish Biscuit", Boots gets up to all sorts of mischief.

Lawrence, John. **This little chick** A little chick shows that he can make the sounds of the animals in his neighbourhood.

London, Jonathan. **What the animals were waiting for** In simple, stirring verse, this book tells the story of the dramatic cycles of life on the African savanna.

Marceau, Marcel. **Bip in a book** A new book captures the genius of Marcel Marceau in a series of thirty-six photographs featuring his most beloved routines, including The Cage.

Macaulay, David. **Angelo** While restoring the front of a church, an old plasterer rescues an injured pigeon and nurses her back to health.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. **My grandmother's clock** Grandma says you can tell time without a clock. You can count seconds by the beating of your heart, an hour is how long it takes the bathwater to go cold, and you know each day is over when your mother kisses you goodnight.

McKee, David. **Elmer and butterfly** Elmer frees a butterfly that is trapped, and the grateful butterfly promises to help him if he ever needs it. The intrepid elephant laughs, "a butterfly saving an elephant – that's a good one!" But when the cliff path he is treading starts to crumble, it doesn't seem so ridiculous!

McMullan, Kate. **I stink!** A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.

McNaughton, Colin. **S.W.A.L.K.** A new *Preston Pig* story

McPhail, David. **Edward in the jungle** Edward loves to read about Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle, and one afternoon he becomes so absorbed in his book that he finds himself deep in Tarzan's jungle.

McPhail, David. **The teddy bear** In this touching story a teddy bear, lost by the little boy who loves him, still feels loved after being rescued by a homeless man.

Masurel, Claire. **Two homes** Alex enjoys the homes of both of his parents who live apart but love Alex very much.

Meserve, Adria. **Smog the city dog** Smog the City Dog is worn out by the busy, buzzy city. All the bins on his street are empty and he's hungry. "I'm out of here!" he says and scampers off across town to try his luck by the quiet canal. Sure enough, he spies...dinner!

Murphy, Jill. **All for one** Marlon tries very hard to be part of the neighbourhood games until he finds something else to do that makes everyone want to join him.

Nicoll, Helen. **Meg up the creek**

Paul, Korky. **Winnie's magic wand** At last it's the day of the Witches' Magic Show and Winnie has a new spell to perform and a beautiful new dress to wear. When she sees she has spilt jelly

on it, she pops it into the machine - along with her wand! The dress is clean, but her wand is just not the same. Can Wilbur the cat help?

Peake, Mervyn. **Captain Slaughterboard drops anchor** On a fantastic island populated by unusual animals, a pirate captain finds a trustworthy companion in the little "Yellow Creature". Originally published by *Country Life* in 1939.

Prater, John. **Hold tight!** Baby Bear is busy playing in a box while Grandbear is trying to get the washing done and tidy the house. Will Grandbear ever get the washing done? Not until Baby Bear gets one last ride – a Grandbear piggyback ride. Good rhythm and predictable structure.

Ringgold, Faith. **Cassie's word quilt** Names the people and objects that make a girl's New York City apartment, school, and neighbourhood special.

Ross, Tony. **One hundred shoes** When a centipede trips over and hurts his foot, the only thing for him to do is obtain a set of shoes for all of his feet!

Schwarz, Viviane. **The adventures of a nose** A nose looks for a place where it will fit in.

Shannon, David. **David gets in trouble** When David gets in trouble, he has excuses right up until bedtime, when he realizes he really is sorry.

Shannon, David. **Duck on a bike** A duck decides to ride a bike and soon inspires all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.

Sis, Peter. **Madlenka's dog** The author of **Madlenka** uses lift-up flaps and peek-through windows to create a magical world where play and fantasy make wishes come true for Madlenka, who wants a dog but whose parents won't allow it.

Smith, Lane. **Pinocchio: the boy** Pinocchio has been turned into a boy but no one, not even he, realizes it as he walks through Collodi-town trying to get some hot chicken soup for Geppetto.

Steig, William. **Potch & Polly** Lively Potch pursues the girl of his dreams, the darling Polly Pumpernickel.

Steig, William. **Which would you rather be?** Two children play a game with a rabbit, who gives them choices he pulls out of his hat.

Stevenson, James. **The castaway** During a family holiday, Hubie the mouse falls out of a dirigible and is stranded on a tropical island where a very inventive fellow castaway, Leo, helps him overcome his fear.

Taback, Simms. **This is the house that Jack built** The classic children's rhyme is retold with a twist as Jack builds a house and fills it with cheese from around the world, which attracts the rat that stirs up the cat, etc.

Thomas, Frances. **One day, Daddy** Little Monster is worried because he wants to grow up to be an explorer in outer space, but that means leaving his parents behind. Sequel to **Supposing**

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Vulliamy, Clara. **Small** When Tom goes to Grandma's house to stay, he remembers to pack everything – except his favourite toy, Small. Tom can't sleep without Small and imagines him sad and lonely in his bedroom in the dark. Small can't sleep either, so he goes looking for Tom. Will Tom and Small find each other?

Walton, Rick. **Bertie was a watchdog** Bertie is a watchdog. A very small watchdog, the size of a watch! But size isn't everything as one great, big horrible robber finds out.

Willis, Jeanne. **Don't let go!** A little girl wants to visit her father and she wants to learn to ride her bicycle, and it seems to her that that is the perfect reason to persuade him to help her learn! She has trouble with balancing and speed control - but at last she is whipping down the path.

Willis, Jeanne. **Manky monkey** In this picture book take on evolutionary theory, a monkey realizes that his tastes are different from his relatives, the apes, so he wanders off to find a new way of life. He discovers he can walk upright and so takes up residence in a cave. He is lonely at first but soon a lady companion arrives.

Wormell, Christopher. **George and the dragon** Far, far away in the darkest cave lives a huge and terrifying dragon who can burn down a forest with one blast of his fiery breath. This awesome beast fears nothing except mice. Enter George: he may not look like much of a hero, but a hero he turns out to be!



Fiction for younger readers

Ahlberg, Allan. **The woman who won things** A sequel to **The man who wore all his clothes**, this second Gaskitt family adventure has Mrs Gaskitt winning prizes, Mr Gaskitt working as a postman and Gus and Gloria getting a new teacher with silver hair and a big suitcase, who is very helpful when things start going missing in the classroom.

Burns, Khephra. **Mansa Musa : the lion of Mali** A fictional account of the nomadic wanderings of the boy who grew up to become Mali's great fourteenth-century leader, Mansa Musa.

Colfer, Eoin. **Ed's bed** Ed is the class star. He can spell tyrannosaurus and can do a backward roll, but he can't learn his maths tables.

De Paola, Tomie. **What a year** The author celebrates his sixth birthday, deals with a bout of chicken pox, takes part in Halloween festivities, and more.

Dubosarsky, Ursula. **Special days with Honey and Bear** Honey is a bird and Bear is a bear.

Together they have special days. There's a birthday, a new year, a surprise and an adventure. These gentle stories, reminiscent of *Frog and Toad*, are a sequel to **Honey and Bear**.

Feiffer, Jules. **By the side of the road** Richard refuses to stop fooling around in the backseat of the car despite his father's warning that he's going to pull over by the side of the road and let Richard out unless he behaves.

Fine, Anne. **How to cross the road and not turn into a pizza** Crossing the road safely is like anything else – you can learn how to do it. That's what Miss Talentino tells Simon and the rest of his class, and she even gives them a demonstration. But there is one big difference: if you get a question wrong in class, you won't end up as flat as a pizza!

Gantos, Jack. **Practice makes perfect for Rotten Ralph** When he goes to a carnival with Sarah and his cousin Percy, Rotten Ralph learns that winning is not everything.

Hathorn, Libby. **The wishing cupboard** While Tan is waiting impatiently for his Mum to come home from Vietnam bringing his cousin Lan, his grandma decides to show him the wonders of the wishing cupboard. In every drawer there is an object which has its own story. Attached to the object is a wish. Tan finds the last space is empty and his grandma invites him to place his own object inside and make his own wish.

Hoffman, Mary. **The colour of home** Hassan feels out of place in a new, cold, grey country. At school, he paints a picture showing his colourful Somalian home, covered with the harsh colours of war from which his family has fled. But gradually things change and Hassan begins to see the colours of his new home.

Hurst, Carol Otis. **Rocks in his head** A young man has a lifelong love of rock collecting that eventually leads him to work at a science museum.

Lehmann, Geoffrey. **Sky boy** A story of courage and love set in Sicily. It's the story of a special baby with unusual blue eyes: he's called Sky Boy and although the villagers say that he has been brought by bad spirits and will bring bad luck, his sister Teresa loves him very much.

Le Guin, Ursula K. **Tom Mouse** Tom Mouse hides on the train he has boarded for travel and adventure, but an old woman finds and befriends him.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. **Six storey house** Every floor of the Six Storey House has a different address: flats 1 to 6. Each chapter of this text follows the characters from a different flat number and gradually all the neighbours' lives are woven more closely together, until a brush with chicken-pox changes their lives – and their flats

McDonald, Meme and Boori Monty Pryor. **Flytrap** Nancy promises to bring a Venus flytrap to school, only she doesn't really have one. A story about stories.

Mak, Kam. **My Chinatown : one year in poems** A boy adjusts to life away from his home in Hong Kong, in the Chinatown of his new American city.

Marsden, Carolyn. **The gold-threaded dress** When Oy and her Thai American family move to a new neighbourhood, her third-grade classmates tease and exclude her because she is different.

Mason, Simon. **The Quigleys** In an ordinary city, in an ordinary street, in an ordinary house, live an ordinary family called the Quigleys. They all want different things, but, as with all families, occasionally things do go as planned – but not necessarily for the right person.

Miller, Sara Swan. **Three more stories you can read to your cat** Stories addressed to cats and written from a cat's point of view, featuring such topics as birthday presents, snow, and breakfast.

Myers, Christopher. **Fly!** On the roof of his building, lonely Jawanza meets a homeless man who teaches him how to make friends with the sparrows and pigeons.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Flamingo dream** Grieving over her father's death from cancer, a young girl celebrates their last year together by making a book that includes mementos and a story.

Reeve, Philip. **Night of the living veg** First title in a new series by the author of **Mortal engines** (see below).

Teague, Mark. **Dear Mrs. LaRue : letters from obedience school** Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.

Van Allsburg, Chris. **Zathura: a space adventure** Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game. Sequel to **Jumanji**.

Vaugelade, Anais. **The war** Prince Fabien uses an ingenious trick to end the war between the Reds and the Blues without violence.

Yorinks, Arthur. **Company's going** After inviting two spacemen to stay for dinner, Shirley and Moe are asked to return with them to their planet Nextoo to cater their sister's rather large wedding. Sequel to **Company's coming**.



Fiction for older readers

Ahlberg, Allan. **The improbable cat** A seemingly harmless kitten limps into the Burrell family's garden, but as it grows bigger and bigger, the family are sucked into its service. Eventually David, the only person who is not in thrall to this huge black cat, breaks the spell, forcing its dramatic exit and fitting demise.

Aldridge, James. **The girl from the sea** When Leleé, the wild daughter of a Provençal smuggler, bursts from the sea, it becomes a summer of diving, food, hidden treasure and smuggling.

Avi. **Crispin: the cross of lead** Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in 14th-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Banks, Jacqueline Turner. **Egg-drop blues** Twelve-year-old Judge Jenkins has a low science grade because of his dyslexia, so he convinces his twin brother Jury to work with him in a science competition in order to earn extra credit.

Blacker, Terence. **The angel factory** Thomas Wisdom, convinced that his parents are hiding some kind of secret from him, decides to hack into his father's computer. What he discovers there leads him into a strange adventure that reaches from his own family to the far ends of the universe and involves the future of the human race.

Blume, Judy. **Double Fudge** After 12 years Fudge is back. Money, money, money! Fudge just loves it. His embarrassing new obsession seems incurable, despite his parents' efforts. As usual, Fudge causes chaos everywhere he goes and it's left to his big brother Pete to sort out the mess.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **Halfway to the sky** After her brother dies and her parents get a divorce, twelve-year-old Katahdin sets out to hike the whole Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine on her own.

Byars, Betsy. **The keeper of the doves** Set at the end of the nineteenth century, aspiring writer Amen McBee is enjoying life with her four sisters and extended family, yet her discovery of Mr. Tominski, a strange man who lives in the woods with a flock of trained doves, brings an unexpected dilemma to her peaceful existence.

Choldenko, Gennifer. **Notes from a liar and her dog** Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her 'real' parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl: the Arctic incident** Sequel to **Artemis Fowl**. This adventure finds old enemies Holly Short and Artemis Fowl working together. A bold and daring plan is necessary to fight the threat to the Lower Elements from the goblin B'wa Kell triad – and to rescue Artemis's father.

Coville, Bruce. **Half-human** A collection of stories about such creatures as mermaids and centaurs, who are part-human and part-animal or part-plant, and their struggles to understand their true identity. Authors include Tamora Pierce, Nancy Springer, Jane Yolen and the editor, Bruce Colville.

Creech, Sharon. **Ruby Holler** Thirteen-year-old twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

D'Lacey, Chris. **The fire within** David discovers the dragons when he moves in with Liz and Lucy. The pottery models fill up every spare space in the house! Only when David is given his own special dragon does he begin to unlock their mysterious secrets, and to discover the fire within.

Danziger, Paula. **United States of America: a novel with scrapbook art** Eleven-year-old aspiring artist Skate experiences many changes when she enters middle school, finds her best friend drifting away from her, and loses her beloved great-uncle.

Elboz, Stephen. **A wild kind of magic** The kidnapping of the visiting American president plunges Kit Stixby and his friend Prince Henry into another wild adventure. They have to race against time to rescue the president, there's a killer on the loose, vampires everywhere, and a mysterious plant is coming to life.

Farmer, Nancy. **House of the scorpion** Matt is six years old when he discovers that he is different from other children, from other people. To most people, he isn't even a boy, but a disgusting beast. But to El Patron, lord of a country called Opium, Matt is the guarantee of eternal life because they share the same DNA.

Fine, Anne. **Up on cloud nine** While Stolly struggles to regain consciousness in a hospital bed, Ian recalls some of their best and worst times together as he writes a biography of his eccentric best friend.

French, Simon. **Where in the world** The first new novel in eleven years by this Australian writer. Since moving to Australia Ari, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary talent for music has had enough to deal with. A story about finding your place in the world.

Gaiman, Neil. **Coraline** Just as the mice did not get Coraline's name wrong their warning message was also not wrong. She finds a secret corridor behind a locked door, a corridor that takes her into a house very similar to her own, but with counterfeit parents and a quest on which her survival, and more, depends.

Gleitzman, Morris. **Boy overboard** Jamal and Bibi have a dream. To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup. But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins.

Glori, Debi. **Pure dead wicked** With the roof of the StregaSchloss crumbling round their ears, the Strega-Borgia family, along with staff and mythical beasts, has to decamp to a local hotel for Christmas. Bored of being cooped up, Titus tries his own experiment in cyber-cloning, while the beasts are determined to return home. Sequel to **Pure dead magic**.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Among the betrayed** Thirteen-year-old Nina is imprisoned by the Population Police, who give her the option of helping them identify illegal “third-born” children, or facing death.

Heneghan, James. **Flood** After his mother and stepfather die in a Vancouver mudslide, eleven-year-old Andy Flynn, having been saved by leprechauns, is taken by his stern aunt to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he meets the charming father he thought was dead, and where he must decide what place to call home.

Herrick, Steven. **Tom Jones saves the world**

Hirsch, Odo. **Have courage, Hazel Green!** Early in the morning, while the Moodey Building sleeps, a man is shouting at the caretaker. He thinks no else will hear him – but he hasn’t reckoned with Hazel Green! She can hardly believe the awful things she hears – or who is saying them. She hatches a plan to teach him a lesson. Also received this year: **Bartlett and the Forest of Plenty; Frankel mouse and the Bestish Lair and Pincus Corbett’s strange adventure**.

Hoeye, Michael. **Time stops for no mouse: a Hermux Tantamoq adventure** When Linka Perflinger, a jaunty mouse, brings a watch into his shop to be repaired and then disappears, Hermux Tantamoq is caught up in a dangerous search for eternal youth as he tries to find out what happened to her.

Jennings, Paul. **Tongue-tied!** A new collection of short stories.

Kemp, Gene. **Snaggletooth’s mystery, or, The alternative cricklepit story**

Lawrence, Iain. **Lord of the nutcracker men** An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. **How I became a writer and Oggie learned to drive** As sixth-grader Archie and his six-year-old brother Oggie shuttle back and forth between their separated parents’ two homes, Archie tries desperately to take care of Oggie and to pretend that everything is normal.

Love from Dad Stories about fathers and daughters, featuring writers like Anne Fine and Jacqueline Wilson.

Mayne, William. **The worm in the well**

McKay, Hilary. **Saffy's angel** After learning that she is adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes until they help her go back to Italy, where she was born, to find a special memento of her past.

Morpurgo, Michael. **The sleeping sword** A surprising ending and a convincing portrait of a boy blinded in an accident are the strengths of this revisit to Arthurian myth.

Morpurgo, Michael. **Toro!Toro!** Antonito lives an idyllic life on his parents' bull farm in Andalusia, Spain. But the idyll is shattered when he realises that his beloved bull calf Paco is destined for the bloody struggle of the bullring.

Murray, Martine. **The slightly true story of Cedar B. Hartley: (who planned to live an unusual life)**

Myers, Walter Dean. **Patrol: an American soldier in Vietnam** In this story-poem a frightened American soldier faces combat in the lush forests of Vietnam.

Oldham, June. **Smoke trail** Cora, longing to meet the father she has never known, is determined to track him down.

O'Neill, Joan. **Daisy chain war** In the first part of a World War II trilogy, Lizzie Doyle is trying to adjust to 'The Emergency' in Ireland, as well as the arrival of Vicky, her wild, English cousin. Vicky, devious and headstrong, is trouble. Can she and good-natured Lizzie ever be real friends?

Paterson, Katherine. **The same stuff as stars** Contemporary novel set in rural Vermont.

Pearce, Philippa. **Familiar and haunting: collected stories**

Pierce, Tamora **Cold fire** While studying with her teacher Frostpine in the northern land of Namorn, Daja helps the twin daughters of her host family discover their own magic and uses her powers to track an deadly arsonist. Book three of *The circle opens* series.

Reeve, Philip. **Mortal engines** Tom and Hester have been thrown together by being thrown out of a city on wheels that's left them stranded and starving in the middle of nowhere while it hares off after its prey. Hester is desperate for revenge, while Tom is only desperate to get back on board his beloved London.

Rubinstein, Gillian. **The whale's child** What connection is there between the arrival of Ken's aunt from Japan and the dramatic improvement in his ability to swim?

Skimming Irish stories edited by Robert Dunbar. Includes two stories by Eoin Colfer.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Loser** Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Testa, Maria. **Becoming Joe DiMaggio** Poems tell the story of Joseph Paul, who was named after baseball great Joe DiMaggio, and his immigrant grandfather, Papa-Angelo, who teaches him about life, family, and baseball.

Wang, Gabrielle. **The garden of Empress Cassia** When Mimi is given a box of magical pastels she discovers she can draw the Garden of Empress Cassia. But the pastels are ancient and in the wrong hands can be very dangerous.

Waugh, Sylvia. **Earthborn** The Gwynns, a pleasant American couple, have lived outside York for the past 14 years. Nesta, their only child, was born there and attends the local school. But they have an astonishing secret unknown even to Nesta – her parents are visitors from the planet Ormingat, and now they must return home. Companion to **Space race**.

Wells, Rosemary. **Wingwalker** During the Depression, Reuben and his out-of-work parents move from Oklahoma to Minnesota, where his father gets a job as a carnival wingwalker and Reuben has a chance to overcome his terror of flying.

Wilson, Jacqueline. **Secrets** A chance meeting sparks a friendship between two very different girls, Treasure and India. When Treasure has to run away to avoid her stepfather, India comes up with a hiding place inspired by her favourite author Anne Frank. India hasn't got a real Secret Annexe but she has got a hidden attic.

Wilson, Jacqueline. **The Worry Website** Lots of the kids in Mr Speed's class have problems to worry about and it's sometimes difficult to discuss them. So Mr Speed sets up the Worry Website on the classroom computer. Anybody in the class can anonymously enter their worry and anyone else can type in advice to help out.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Hush** Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection programme.



Fiction for Young Adults

Anderson, M.T. **Feed** In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Ashley, Bernard. **Revenge house**

Bagdasarian, Adam. **First French kiss and other traumas** The author recounts humorous, sad, traumatic, romantic, and confusing episodes from his childhood.

Bedard, Michael. **Stained glass** Hiding in a rundown church to avoid having to go to his piano lesson, fourteen year old Charles discovers an injured homeless girl with amnesia, and his curiosity about the girl leads him to try to help her.

Blackman, Malorie. **Dead gorgeous** Moving to the country because her parents want to run a dilapidated old hotel is not Nova's idea of fun. But meeting the hotel's resident ghost makes it a bit more bearable for Nova especially as he's a gorgeous teenage boy, with problems of his own to sort out.

Bowler, Tim. **Starseeker** Since the death of his father, Luke has changed his priorities and fallen into bad company. When his new friends persuade him to break into a house, he follows the sound of crying and, looking through a locked keyhole, discovers a girl standing alone, sobbing. Who is she and why is she so unhappy?

Breslin, Theresa. **Remembrance** The destinies of two Scottish families, one of shopkeepers and one of wealth and power, become entwined through their involvement in World War I, social causes, and love.

Brooks, Kevin. **Martyn Pig** With his father lying dead at his feet, Martyn Pig has two choices – he can tell the police what happened, that it was an accident, or he can get rid of the body and pretend to get on with the rest of his life. He decides on the latter.

Brugman, Alyssa. **Walking naked** "Perdita was the most uncompromising person I have ever met, and when I think of her now, that is the quality I admire the most. It's also the quality that made her choose to die. I think she gave up on the world, and gave up on me, too soon. The thing that most disappoints me, is that Perdita was not around to see that I too have learned the enterprise in walking naked."

Cadnum, Michael. **Forbidden forest : the story of Little John and Robin Hood** Profiles Little John, from his quiet life before joining Robin Hood through his adventures protecting a beautiful lady when she is wrongfully accused of murdering her husband. Sequel to **In a dark wood**.

Cadnum, Michael. **The Leopard Sword** A knight's squire, exhausted from the Crusades, must use his sword to fight attacking infidels during the return voyage to England. Sequel to **The book of the lion**.

Cohn, Rachel. **Gingerbread** After being expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse's problems with her mother escalate after Cyd falls in love with a sensitive surfer and is subsequently sent from San Francisco to New York City to spend time with her biological father.

Cooney, Caroline B. **Goddess of yesterday** Left as the sole survivor of the island where she was once a playmate for a princess, Anaxandra takes on the role as Princess Callisto herself when found by Menelaus and taken to his kingdom of Sparta and his wife, Helen.

Confessions of a neo-milkmaid and other stories Written by young Australians these seven novellas were the winners of the 2001 National Somerset Novella competition.

Crew, Gary. **The diviner's son**

Cross, Gillian. **Calling a dead man** When John, an explosive expert dies in an accident, his sister and friend go there to mourn. Before long, they suspect there is more to his death than meets the eye and certain people are trying to keep them away from the truth.

Crowther, Peter. **All we know of heaven**

Dean, Carolee. **Comfort** Fourteen-year-old Kenny Roy Willson fantasizes about escape from his hometown of Comfort, Texas, following his alcoholic father's release from prison.

Dessen, Sarah. **This lullaby** Raised by a mother who's had five husbands, eighteen-year-old Remy believes in short-term, no-commitment relationships until she meets Dexter, a rock band musician.

Doyle, Brian. **Mary Ann Alice** When a new project is presented to dam up the river, Mary Ann Alice and her teacher, Patchy Drizzle, know that many wonderful fossils and rocks will be lost forever.

Doyle, Malachy. **Who is Jesse Flood?** Striving to cope with the arguments of his parents and his feelings of not belonging, fourteen-year-old Jesse Flood struggles to find his place in a small town in Northern Ireland.

Earls, Nick. **Making laws for clouds**

Frank, E. R. **America** Teenage America, a boy who has spent many years in institutions for disturbed, antisocial behaviour, tries to piece his life together.

Freymann-Weyr, Garret. **My heartbeat** As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, 14-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.

Gantos, Jack. **Hole in my life** The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

Goobie, Beth. **Before wings** Having physically recovered from a brain aneurysm two years earlier, Adrian is drawn to the water at her aunt's summer camp, where she sees spirits dancing in the waves, calling to her, inviting her to join them, even as they reawaken Adrian's will to live.

Harland, Richard. **Ferren and the white doctor** Volume Two of the *Heaven and Earth* trilogy.

Hearn, Lian. **Across the nightingale floor** A fantasy novel set in medieval Japan, this story of ancient tradition undermined by spies and assassins unravels within a landscape of incomparable beauty torn by civil war.

Hoffman, Mary. **Stravaganza: city of masks** While sick in bed with cancer, Lucien begins making journeys to a parallel Venice called Belleza, where he discovers he is a magician who can travel in space and time and is integral to saving Belleza from disaster.

Horowitz, Anthony. **Skeleton key** Sequel to the dramatic thriller **Point Blanc**.

Howarth, Lesley. **Carwash** It's summer and time for Luke to start up his carwash business again. But this summer will be different from the others.

Hughes, Dean. **Soldier boys** Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II. Their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.

Koertge, Ron. **Stoner & Spaz** A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman

Latifa. **My forbidden face** A poignant first-hand account of life for a young Afghani woman under the Taliban. Born into an educated, middle-class family in Kabul, Latifa's world changed from the moment the Taliban seized power there in 1996. She reveals her helplessness and despair, and her own defiance under the regime.

Laird, Elizabeth. **Jake's tower** Jake, abandoned by his father at birth and abused by his mother's boyfriend, plans his dream home, a tall thin tower with his own special room at the top and surrounded by a moat in which he is completely safe. When he and his mother run away and seek protection at his father's old home, he finds in his grandmother someone who gives him the strength to stand up for himself and to put away his fantasies and to face the truth about his father.

Larkin, John. **Lasagne brain**

Lawrence, Iain. **The lightkeeper's daughter** When, after a four-year absence, seventeen-year-old Squid returns to her childhood home on a remote lighthouse island off British Columbia with her young daughter in tow, she and her parents try to come to terms with each other and the painful events of the past, especially the death of her older brother.

Lowe, Pat. **Feeling the heat** An edgy, unpredictable story of self-discovery set in Australia's far north west.

Magrs, Paul. **Strange boy** David is ten years old but growing up fast in a broken home in the north-east of England at the beginning of the 1980s. Afraid to trust his instincts and with his

loyalties torn in two, he must face up to his childhood's end, his feuding family and his own burgeoning sexuality.

McDonald, Meme and Boori Monty Pryor. **Njunjul the Sun** Final in the impressive trilogy that began with **My Girragundji**, this time exploring a young Aboriginal man's experience of life in the big city.

McKinley, Robin. **Water: tales of elemental spirits** This volume has stories by both McKinley and Peter Dickinson.

Metzenthén, David. **Wildlight: a journey** Set in Victoria during the 1840s this novel tells the story of Dirk Wildlight's coming of age as he escapes an abusive childhood and ventures out into the world.

Moeyaert, Bart. **It's love we don't understand** In three episodic scenes of their family life, a 15-year-old girl describes the troubled interrelationships, alternating between love and hate, between herself and her siblings and their self-absorbed, neglectful, and often absent mother.

Murray, Brendan. **Tev** Fourteen-year-old Tevita Martin, a typical Australian teenager, is sent to Tonga, his mother's country of birth, for the Christmas holidays. There all sorts of wild things happen to Tev, and along the way he learns a lot about himself, his family and the advantages of his mixed cultural heritage.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Daughter of Venice** Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, 14-year-old Donata, disguised as a boy, sneaks out of her noble family's house to roam the streets of late sixteenth-century Venice. She must then confront the repercussions of her actions.

Newbery, Linda. **The shell house** Greg's interest in a ruined mansion becomes more personal as he discovers the tragic events of its last inhabitants. Set against the modern day and World War I, Greg's beliefs become intertwined with those of a foot soldier whose confusion about his sexuality and identity mirrors Greg's own feelings.

Nicholson, William. **Firesong** The third volume in *The wind on fire* trilogy.

Oates, Joyce Carol. **Big Mouth & Ugly Girl** When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.

Park, Linda Sue. **When my name was Keoko** With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Pierce, Tamora. **Lady knight** When she becomes a knight, 18-year-old Kel hopes to be given a combat post, but instead she finds herself named commander of an outpost of refugees, where she must face the unnatural forces of the evil Balyce. The fourth volume in the *Protector of the small* series.

Prue, Sally. **Cold Tom** "A bold mixture of magic and realism."

Rai, Bali. **Dream on** Baljit's mates knew what was what. If you were good at football, really good, you could go places. But all his old man ever talked about was duty to the family and paying bills. Baljit couldn't just go on working in his old man's chippie. He wanted out!

Rennison, Louise . **Dancing in my nuddy-pants: further confessions of Georgia Nicolson** Sequel to **Knocked out by my nunga-nungas**.

Richemont, Enid. **For Maritsa, with love** Maritsa is a young homeless girl, living in the Paris Metro, begging for a living. Then she meets a man and his wife who promise her stardom. Her story takes a darker twist and Maritsa gets sucked into a world of porn and prostitution.

Riordan, James. **Match of death** Vova is a 15-year-old boy living in Kiev. His first love is playing football, but when the Nazis invade the Ukraine in 1941, priorities change, and Vova and his sister join the partisans, to attempt to fight the enemy. Soon he becomes involved in a game with much higher stakes – lose and live, or win and die.

Salisbury, Graham. **Island boyz** Short stories set in Hawaii.

Singer, Nicky. **Feather boy** Robert, the class victim who is never picked for the team, starts a quest to solve the mystery of derelict Chance House.

Smith, Sherri L. **Lucy the giant** Fifteen-year-old Lucy, the largest girl in her school, leaves her small Alaska town and her alcoholic father and discovers hardship, and friendship, posing as an adult aboard a commercial fishing boat.

Rees, Celia. **Sorceress** Mary and Agnes' lives may be separated by 400 years, but they are still linked by more than blood. Like Mary, Agnes has special powers and it is those special powers that Mary will rely on to tell her story. Sequel to **Witch child**.

Wilson, Jacqueline. **Girls in tears** Ellie, Magda and Nadine have got all sorts of trouble. A kiss at a party threatens to break Ellie and Magda's friendship. But they both know that Nadine's about to get into big trouble with an 'Internet date' and only the two of them together can save her. Will pride or friendship come first?

Zephaniah, Benjamin. **Refugee boy** Left by his father in London because of the political situation in Ethiopia, now on his own, is in the hands of the social services and the Refugee

Council. He lives from letter to letter, waiting to hear from his father, and in particular about his mother who has now gone missing.

Information books, including poetry and folktales

A century of children's poems compiled by John Foster

Allen, Thomas B. **Remember Pearl Harbor : American and Japanese survivors tell their stories**

Almond, David. **Wild girl, wild boy : a play** Last year Elaine Grew's dad died and now she is in turmoil. She squabbles with her mum and begins to spend day after day in the wilderness of her dad's old allotment, where once she was so happy. What is Elaine searching for, in this place of memories, dreams and magic?

Anderson, Matthew T. **Handel: who knew what he liked** "This is George Frederick Handel. He looks very satisfied with things. He's smiling a little, as if he's very sure of himself. You'd have to be very sure of yourself to wear a wig that gigantic". So begins this story which documents Handel's life.

Aruego, Jose. **Weird friends: unlikely allies in the animal kingdom** A picture book offers young readers a factual look at animal partnerships in the natural world, such as the beetle that cleans a mouse's den and a bird that acts as a baby-sitter to crocodile babies.

Barlow, Maisie **Jirrbal: rainforest Dreamtime stories**

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **Black potatoes: the story of the great Irish famine, 1845-1850** Presents the story of the 19th century Irish potato famine, including the causes, and the effects on the people. Winner of the 2002 Orbis Pictus Award presented by the National Council of Teachers of English. (USA)

Berry, James. **A nest full of stars** This collection of poetry for children aged 9 – 11 is filled with warm and colourful memories of the author's Caribbean childhood.

Blake, Quentin. **Tell me a picture** Published on the occasion of the exhibition *Tell me a picture* held in June 2001 at the National Gallery, London. An alphabet of pictures with a story in common. Some are by illustrators, others are by artists whose pictures are usually seen in art galleries. From them, Quentin Blake shows how stories can be told around any picture.

Camper, Cathy. **Bugs before time: prehistoric insects and their relatives** Describes the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of various prehistoric insects some of which, including cockroaches, centipedes, and dragonflies, have survived into the present day.

Cave, Kathryn. **One child, one seed: a South African counting book** Ideal for teaching early numeracy skills, as well as providing information about South Africa, this book follows Nothando as she grows and harvests a pumpkin seed. Simple counting from one to ten is covered. Secondary images and text cover the growing of plants, shopping and food.

Davies, Nicola. **Bat loves the night** A study of the fascinating nocturnal world of the bat, the monarch of the night.

Dunmore, Helen. **Snollygoster and other poems** This collection comprises both new poems and a selection from **Secrets**, which won the *Signal Award*.

Fienberg, Anna. **Joseph** Retelling from the Book of Genesis.

Fleischman, John. **Phineas Gage: a gruesome but true story about brain science** A fascinating exploration into how the brain works details the strange case of Phineas Gage, who, in 1848, was injured at work when a thirteen-pound iron rod was shot through his brain, baffling scientists and doctors alike when he miraculously recovered but suffered a severe personality change.

Flowers, Pam. **Alone across the Arctic: one woman's epic journey by dog team**

Freedman, Russell. **Confucius: the golden rule** Five centuries before the birth of Christ, a member of China's ruling class quit his high post to become a philosopher and teach ideas on nobility, equality, education, the purpose of life, and the proper way to live.

Fritz, Jean. **Leonardo's horse** The story of Leonardo da Vinci's plan to make a great sculptured bronze horse statue to stand before a palace in Milan and the American who realised the master's dream five hundred years later.

Garland, Sherry. **Children of the dragon: selected tales from Vietnam**

Giblin, James. **The life and death of Adolf Hitler** Filled with a wealth of black-and-white archival photographs, a riveting glimpse into the life of Adolf Hitler, from his childhood to his astonishing rise as dictator of Germany and his final days in an embattled bunker under Berlin.

Goodall, Jane. **The chimpanzees I love: saving their world and ours**

Hayes, Joe. **Juan Verdades : the man who couldn't tell a lie** A wealthy rancher is so certain of the honesty of his foreman that he wagers his ranch.

Hill, Anthony. **Young digger** A small boy, an orphan of the First World War, wanders into the Australian airman's mess in Germany, on Christmas Day in 1918. He becomes a mascot for the air squadron and is nicknamed 'Young Digger'.

Hofmeyr, Dianne. **The star-bearer: a creation myth from ancient Egypt**

Honey, Elizabeth. **The moon in the man** Nursery rhymes.

Hooper, Meredith. **Who built the pyramid?** Filled with exciting facts and vibrant illustrations, a fascinating foray into the mysterious wonders of ancient Egypt reveals who was actually responsible for building the pyramids, which were erected more than four thousand years ago.

Hughes, Shirley. **A life drawing** Autobiography of Shirley Hughes. Beginning with a small girl in West Kirby obsessed with comics, Shirley Hughes' story takes us through World War II and to a career which began with Art School in a blitzed Liverpool, led to Oxford and then to London. Illustrated with examples from her own work.

Jackson, Donna. **The bug scientists** Bug scientists, called entomologists, present information on insects and explain how they use that information in their work.

Knight, Tim. **Journey into Africa** This text takes the reader on a safari across the grasslands of Southern Africa. With photographs taken by the author and first-hand accounts of his journey, we travel through the heat, spotting zebra, giraffes, hippos and elephants. We also learn about their habitats and hear campfire stories.

Lewin, Ted. **Elephant quest** Recounts an expedition through the Moremi Wildlife Reserve in Botswana, describing the vegetation and wildlife, and culminating in the sighting of an African elephant herd.

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. **The midnight ride of Paul Revere** Graved and painted by Christopher Bing.

Meltzer, Milton. **Ten kings: and the worlds they ruled** A biography of the ten most powerful kings in history shows how political leaders use and abuse power; shows how one person can alter the course of history; and includes studies of Hammurabi, Alexander the Great, Charlemagne, Peter the Great, Mansa Musa, and Louis XIV.

Meltzer, Milton. **Piracy & plunder : a murderous business** Surveys the history of pirates, why and how they became thieves and killers, the lives they led on sea and on land, the harm they did, and the fates they suffered.

Norris, Kathleen. **The holy twins: Benedict and Scholastica**

Owen, Gareth. **The fox on the roundabout, and other poems** Includes six new poems.

Paye, Won-Ldy. **Head, body, legs: a story from Liberia** In this tale from the Dan people of Liberia, Head, Arms, Body, and Legs learn that they do better when they work together.

Poetry by heart: a child's book of poems to remember foreword by Andrew Motion; compiled by Liz Attenborough.

Ray, Deborah Kogan. **Hokusai: the man who painted a mountain** Stunning illustrations and simple text combine to tell the true story of Japanese artist Hokusai, who overcame many obstacles and defied convention to become one of the most significant and influential artists in the world.

Rosen, Michael. **Shakespeare: his work & his world** What's so special about Shakespeare, what do we actually know about him, and what was it like to live in Shakespeare's day? These are a few of the questions addressed in this book. Also included are studies of four of his plays, and an analysis of a scene from Romeo and Juliet.

Rumford, James. **Traveling man: the journey of Ibn Battuta, 1325-1354**

Salley, Coleen. **Epossumondas** A retelling of a classic tale in which a well-intentioned young possum continually takes his mother's instructions much too literally.

Siberell, Anne. **Bravo! brava! a night at the opera: behind the scenes with composers, cast, and crew** Introduces the world of opera giving a history of its development from 1600, describing the writing, production and staging of an opera. Includes plots of 27 favourite operas.

Smith, David J. **If the world were a village: a book about the world's people** Explains population statistics by assuming the world is a village of one hundred people. By narrowing down the world's population to a village of one hundred people, the author offers up some surprising statistics about religion, language, age and education that young children can easily understand.

Soto, Gary. **Fearless Fernie : hanging out with Fernie and me** A collection of poetry about the trials and tribulations of two middle grade boys who have achieved great success in their studies and school sports while sharing similar comical disasters on the dating scene.

Stevenson, James. **Corn-fed** Short, witty poems taking a quirky view of things.

Sunami, Kitoba. **How the fisherman tricked the genie: a tale within a tale within a tale** After releasing a captive genie from a bottle, a poor fisherman must rely on his wits when, instead of wishes, the genie promises revenge.

Swanson, Diane. **Nibbling on Einstein's brain: the good, the bad & the bogus in science** Filled with fascinating facts, experiments, amusing anecdotes, and thought-provoking quotes, an insightful guide helps readers to distinguish between fact and fiction in the realm of science.

Thimmesh, Catherine. **The sky's the limit: stories of discovery by women and girls** Presents brief accounts of the work of a variety of women scientists in such fields as astronomy, biology, anthropology and medicine.

Watkins, Richard Ross. **Slavery: bondage throughout history** Chronicles the enslavement of human beings from earliest times through today, touching upon slavery in ancient Greece and Rome, North and South America, China, and modern Thailand, Pakistan, and Sudan.

Wick, Walter. **Can you see what I see?: picture puzzles to search and solve** Presents twelve brain-teasing hidden picture puzzles to solve.

Wildsmith, Brian. **Mary** This picture book tells the story of Mary, mother of Jesus, in a series of vivid scenes framed with gold.



New Zealand titles: a selection

Picture books

Allen, Pamela. **Daisy All-Sorts** Daisy is an ordinary dog living an ordinary life with Stanley until she becomes an extraordinary dog living an extraordinary life, all because of three lovely little liquorice lollies.

Allen, Pamela. **The potato people** Every Friday, Jack spends the day with Grandma. They romp roly-poly on the ground, they read stories and they eat cake. Then, one cold and rainy Friday, they make potato people.

Armitage, Ronda. **The lighthouse keeper's Christmas** A storm is raging on Christmas Eve and Mr Grinling and his great nephew George are stranded in the Lighthouse. George thinks he's going to have the worst Christmas ever: no festive food; no Mrs Grinling and no presents! George couldn't be further from the truth as he is soon to discover.

Bagnall, Alan. **Immigrants**

Beck, Jennifer. **The Christmas caravan**

Butler, Dorothy. **O'Reilly and the real bears** O'Reilly is a teddy bear who dreams of playing with the real bears the wild bears.

Cowley, Joy. **Duck walk**

Cowley, Joy. **Pudding** Bear and Duck are looking for pudding.

Dodd, Lynley. **Schnitzel von Krumm : dogs never climb trees** Schnitzel von Krumm is a dog of many talents. But everyone knows that dogs never climb trees.

Drewery, Melanie. **Nanny Mihi's garden** During the holidays Nanny Mihi has a special project for her grandchildren – planting and tending her garden. Over the year the children watch as their hard work pays off and the garden is soon overflowing with vegetables.

Duncan, Tracy. **My Maori colours = Oku tae Maori** Introduces colours with illustrations of plants, birds and animals. Also **My Maori shapes = Oku auaha Maori**

Elliot, David. **Pigtails the pirate** When Jess sets sail to find her lost father she runs into a problem of truly gigantic proportions. On a stormy, wreck-strewn island a giant pirate called Pigtails holds her father captive and Jess must call upon all her courage and inventiveness to set him free.

Ihimaera, Witi. **The little kowhai tree**

McMillan, Dawn. **A fishing story = He korero hi ika** Jasie has waited weeks to go fishing with his koro. Now the day has finally arrived and the fish are biting. Koro has taught Jasie well and he knows what to do, even when faced with a difficult challenge.

Mahy, Margaret **Dashing dog!** Follow the chaotic antics of the dashing dog and his family in a mad, dizzy and joyful walk along the beach.

Noonan, Diana. **Auntie Rosie and the rabbit**

Noonan, Diana. **The best-dressed bear** When Tim looks at the clothes his mother is going to throw away he feels sad because he is growing up and can no longer wear them, until he comes up with a solution. Sequel to **The best-loved bear**.

Owen, Alwyn. **How the kiwi lost its wings = I pehea i ngaro ai nga parirau o te kiwi**

Parker, John. **Poppa McPhee and the cat up a tree** When Poppa McPhee's cat gets stuck up a tree, he has many clever ideas about how to rescue her.

Fiction for younger readers

Beames, Margaret. **Duster** If there's one thing in the world Fliss wants it's a dog but she's not allowed to have a pet. When she discovers a tired and grubby little dog in the school grounds, obviously lost, Fliss names him Duster.

Clarkin, Brendan. **Pirate's Cove** Brett is off to school camp at last. When he hears how Pirate's Cove Camp got its name, he can't help wondering if any of the rumours are true. He and

his friends start to investigate and the trouble starts.

Crouth, Julia. **The frog search** Josie is delighted when one of her tadpoles turns into a beautiful fat frog. She enjoys finding insects and worms for Henry to eat. But when winter comes, Henry disappears. Josie is very sad and wonders if she'll ever see Henry again. Includes factual information about frogs.

Crump, Barry. **Harry Hobnail and the Pungapeople** When Harry Hobnail goes tramping he realizes that keas are not the only mischief-makers on the mountain. Third instalment in the *Pungapeople* series.

Else, Barbara. **Another 30 New Zealand stories for children** In this sequel to **30 New Zealand Stories for Children**, Barbara Else has selected a fresh range of New Zealand stories. Some of New Zealand's top writers have contributed: David Hill, Fleur Beale, Roger Hall, Pat Quinn, Jack Lasenby, Kate de Goldi, Diana Noonan and Patricia Grace.

From the big chair: stories to keep you on the edge of your seat. A collection of stories featured in the television series *The big chair*.

Mahy, Margaret. **Wonderful me!** Welcome return of this collection originally published in 1972 as **The first Margaret Mahy story book**.

Whillis, Sharon. **The boxing day test**

Fiction for older readers

Beale, Fleur. **Lucky for some** When Lacey moves to the country she joins the boys' rugby games and, in return, encourages the boys to learn to dance.

Catran, Ken. **Something weird about Mr Foster** Humorous story about an alien.

Cowley, Joy. **Froghopper** Felicity, Petros and Liberty Green think they're the luckiest kids on earth – their artist mum and woodcarver dad have decided to take them sailing round the Marlborough Sounds for a year! They'll be home-schooled on the boat.

Ell, Sarah. **When the war came home** It is November 1918, the end of the First World War, and an epidemic of influenza is sweeping Auckland. Jimmy K's father is "missing in action". Now his mother has taken his younger brothers and sisters away to the country and 13-year-old Jimmy is left with his uncle to face the horrors of the epidemic.

Ford, Vince. **The dare club** Adam has accidentally fired on the town's toughest gang with his water cannon. As disaster looms Adam's gang uncover secrets about one another – secrets that will either split them up or give them strength for their final test, a confrontation with the tough gang.

Ford, Vince. **Possums2u** Connor's cousin is making big money trapping live possums but he needs more of the furry tree-munchers. So Davin and the gang set up a possum-trapping base at Camp Isolation. Unfortunately, a poisoning programme, a rogue storm and a rising river and a possum threaten to sink the business. Also **Somuch2do** Davin has an idea for a school project featuring worms, eels, three little pigs, chooks that are barely alive, and a dog called Wag.

Hill, David. **Where all things end** Jotan lives on Bellatrix, a Star-Reacher that holds 80,000 people and takes nearly three days to walk across. He is on his first mission, an attempt to explore a Black Hole, but they are in grave danger of being sucked in.

Hunt, Des. **Friend in Paradise**

Jones, V. M. **Buddy** A fine first novel about twin brothers. Josh can't swim but if he's going to enter the triathlon he'll have to overcome his fear of water ...and take the first step in confronting a memory, long buried.

Knox, Judy. **No half measures**

Lasenby, Jack. **Aunt Effie** Aunt Effie is a resourceful 'Jill-of-all-trades'. She can be found surrounded by her six gigantic pig dogs, her twenty-six nephews and nieces in her gigantic bed – which also acts as a time travel machine – wearing green canvas in the form of anything from pyjamas to a bikini. Their adventures take them to the kauri forests of the Coromandel and fighting pirates in the Hauraki Gulf.

Lilleby, Maggie. **Breaking away** Mitch loves her chosen sport, cycling, and is determined to get into the inter-school cycling team. She loves the individual aspect of cycling but finds that to succeed as an individual she may need a team effort.

McKay, Sandy. **My dad, the All Black** Will McCann, 12-years-old, is a top notch rugby player. Everybody says he gets his talent from his famous All Black father, but Will never knew his dad. When his grandfather dies, Will meets his reclusive Uncle Jim with a troubled past. While the All Blacks battle for the 1999 World Cup, Will battles to discover the truth about the past.

McKinnon, Kingi. **When the kehua calls** As soon as the family pulls up outside the old whare, Rewi knows something is wrong. It's not just that the house is a crumbling wreck, there is something darker. Rewi feels it but can't make sense of it.

McNabb, Linda. **The dragon's apprentice** Twelve-year old Toby has purple eyes and an amazing ability to talk to dragons. He's appointed as page to the mysterious Prince Blaise and is introduced to the Prince's sister Sarnelle, who tells him of the deadly plan the Prince has hatched. It's up to Toby to save the day.

Maybury, Ged. **Pig apples** This is a story about secrets and lies, protests and pig farms, phones and spies; of greed and rivalry, old love re-found and a treasure long buried under the ground. Third in the series.

Quinn, Pat. **Ratz** At a birthday sleepover Lorri, Harriet and friends decide to form a singing group for a charity concert.

Roxborough, Tania Kelly. **Limelight** Two girls compete for the role of Cinderella in the school play. Jasmine is perfect – confident, reliable, clever and very pretty. Nicole is average, but Cinderella is her favourite fairy story ever so its worth giving it a try.

Shirley, Lisa. **The moon crystal** Jade is staying with her fortune-telling aunt in a small country town when she witnesses a space craft making a forced landing on the beach near her home.

Thorburn, Jan. **Stranded** Sam and Toby and their dinghy are tossed up on a deserted part of New Zealand's coastline in a storm and they need to call on all their resources to survive.

Van der Laarse, Liz. **Not even** Trouble seems to have a way of finding Luke. When his grandfather takes him north for some time out, Luke finds a very different life where image counts for nothing.

Young Adults

Beckett, Bernard. **No alarms** Sharon's had enough. School sucks and even in her repeat year, she just doesn't get it. Along comes Justin who offers a way to a glittery new world, a dangerous world that could put an end to everything.

Catran, Ken. **Letters from the coffin-trenches** A moving and gripping account of New Zealanders at Gallipoli.

Catran, Ken. **Tomorrow the dark** Creatures of nightmare have come from the sky and the ocean, and Jon has to become a warrior to protect his family, and human life itself. But then he meets Bronwyn, who questions the new order and Jon has to ask himself where his loyalties lie and whether fighting is the right answer.

Hill, David. **Right where it hurts** Mallory, pressured to follow a career in medicine and unable to cope with people's expectations, begins to self-mutilate.

Jordan, Sherryl. **The hunting of the last dragon** In England in 1356, as a monk records his every word, a young peasant tells of his journey with a young Chinese noblewoman to St. Alfric's Cove and the lair of a dragon.

Mahy, Margaret. **Alchemy** Blackmailed by a teacher, Roland must befriend a misfit girl, or have his out-of-character petty crime exposed. When Jess refuses to respond to his advances he becomes intrigued. He discovers she has a dark secret – then goes on to discover that he has a dark secret of his own.

Morseth, Martha. **Yeah!: short stories for teenagers**

Owen, Julia. **Snapped** Shawny's mum is in hospital and the kids at school won't let her forget it. Then Shawny finds a new pastime, one that becomes a compulsion – stealing.

Roxborough, Tania Kelly. **The ring** “The noise was awful. Men in bush coats pressed against one another outside the ring, shouting out encouragement to the dogs in the centre...” Nadine knows her stepfather is brutal but the truth behind where he goes with her brothers and why his truck is always covered in blood only becomes clear when she accidentally stumbles onto The Ring. What she finds there makes her sick to her stomach but worse is to come...

Taylor, William. **Spider** He's long, lean, lanky, has all the right stuff but has never bothered to make the school rugby team. Yet Mathew “Spider” Trent has just been voted Number 10 on a teen magazine's list of the hottest hunks. Everyone thinks Spider Trent's got it made – but has he?

Information books, including poetry and folktales

Arkins, Alina. **The Kauri** Also **The Pohutukawa**

Baxter, James K. **Selections from The tree house: James K. Baxter's poems for children**
Compiled and edited by Eleanor Fearn.

Brownlie, Betty. **The life cycle of the bumblebee** Also **The life cycle of the cicada**

Cowley, Joy. **Weta: a knight in shining armour**

Cox, Geoffrey. **Dinosaur New Zealand**

Crowe, Andrew. **Which New Zealand insect?** Contains over 650 life-size photos of New Zealand insects.

Gossage, Peter. **Hinemoa and Tutanekai** Hinemoa and Tutanekai fall in love and although her people do not approve of it Hinemoa finds a way to Tutanekai 's island where they live happily for many years.

Gunson, Dave. **The life and times of the giant kauri** Follow the amazing four thousand year life story of Kairaru, the largest Kauri tree ever to have been officially measured, and the other supergiants of New Zealand's northern forests, set against a fascinating time line of national and international historic events.

Harper, Glyn. **Mission to East Timor** This book describes why East Timor needed New Zealand's help and what various people did. There are profiles of a soldier, a sailor, a helicopter pilot, and a doctor. They describe their roles and what it was like to live in a country that has been at war for a long time.

Hyland, Queenie Rikihana **Illustrated myths and legends of the Maori** Building on the text **Paki Waitara** this is an illustrated collection of some of the author's favourite Maori myths and legends.

Jones, Jenny **Land snails** Describes the characteristics of land snails found in New Zealand, discussing their appearance, eating habits, habitat, breeding, predators and defence. Also considers the reasons for a decline in some native species, including the flax snail and kauri snail, and looks at the conservation efforts being carried out to protect them. A title in the *New Zealand endangered species* series. Also **Skinks** and **Spiders**.

He koha : a gift of Maori music compiled by Blossom Taewa and Stuart Pearce. Twelve songs accompanied by a musical score written for guitar or keyboard, with verses in Maori and English.

Lockyer, John **A history of New Zealand**

Lyons, Sue **Edmonds for young cooks : beyond the basics**

Morris, Rod **Life-size guide to New Zealand birds**

O'Flaherty, Brian **The shaping of New Zealand** Discusses the great natural forces which have shaped the country and go on shaping it today.

Parker, John **The Kiwi Kids' fact book**

Pohatu, Warren **Maori animal myths = Mokai rangatira** Retelling of fourteen Maori tales and myths about animals and birds.

The Puffin New Zealand joke book compiled by Stephen Stratford

Saxton, Frank **Climbing and abseiling** Merlin and Lucy love to climb so their instructor is taking them for a day's climbing where they can practice their new skills safely. Information in skills boxes provides information on climbing terms and techniques, safety gear and safety issues. A title in the *Kiwi adventures* series.

Sinclair, Margaret **The Reed New Zealand picture dictionary** First published in 2001 as **The Reed Maori Picture Dictionary**

Sullivan, Robert **Weaving earth and sky : myths & legends of Aotearoa** Illustrated by Gavin Bishop. An anthology which begins with the story of creation, retells Maui stories, the tale of Tawhaki and Rata and finishes with the story of Kupe's voyage to Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Todd, Barbara **The albatross** Introduces the thirteen types of albatrosses that nest in New Zealand, including facts about where albatrosses live, the differences between them, what they eat, the sounds they make, and how they look after their young. Also **Seals and sea lions**.

Torckler, Gillian **Snorkelling** This book follows two children as they learn the skills that will keep them safe and help them enjoy their trip to a Marine Reserve. Included are fact boxes on gear requirements, skills and techniques, and some information on underwater creatures. A title in the *Kiwi adventures* series.

Whitley, Gillian **Netball** Bex, Aimie and Stephanie all hope to play netball for one of their school teams. This book follows the girls as they learn the rules and skills necessary to have a great netball season. Also **Soccer**.



Selected Children's Book Awards

New Zealand

Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Children's Book Awards

Esther Glen Award

Russell Clark Award

Non-Fiction for Young People Award

Te Kura Pounamu Award

Announced 18 November.

New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards

Picture Book

Cowley, Joy **Brodie**, illustrated by Chris Mousdale

Junior Fiction

McKay, Sandy **Recycled**

Senior Fiction

Orwin, Joanna **Owl**

Non-Fiction

Davis, Lloyd Spencer **The plight of the penguin
Book of the Year (Supreme Award)**

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Children's choice

Watson, Joy **Grandpa's shorts**

Best first book

Mousdale, Chris **Brodie**, written by Joy Cowley

United States of America

Newbery Medal

Park, Linda Sue **A single shard**

Caldecott Medal

Wiesner, David **The three little pigs**

Boston Globe – Horn Book Awards

Picture Book

Graham, Bob **Let's get a pup!**

Fiction

Salisbury, Graham **Lord of the deep**

Non-Fiction

Partridge, Elizabeth **This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie**

Australia

Children's Book Council book of the year awards

Picture Book

Gleeson, Libby **An ordinary day**

Early Childhood

Graham, Bob **Let's get a pup!**

Younger readers

Heffernan, John **My dog**

Older readers

Hartnett, Sonya **Forest**

The Eve Pownall Award for information books

Papunya School **Papunya School book of country and history**

England

Carnegie Medal

Pratchett, Terry **The amazing Maurice and his educated rodents**

Kate Greenaway Medal

Riddell, Chris **Pirate diary : the journal of Jake Carpenter** written by Richard Platt

Whitbread Award

Pullman, Philip **The amber spyglass**

Signal Poetry Award

Duffy, Carol Ann **The oldest girl in the world**

Guardian Award

Hartnett, Sonya **Thursday's child**

Smarties Prize (overall winner)

5 and Under Category

Anholt, Catherine and Laurence **Chimp and Zoe**

6 to 8 Years Category

Smith, Emily **The shrimp**

9 to 11 Years Category

Ibbotson, Eva **Journey to the river sea**

Canada

Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award for illustration (Canadian Association of Children's Librarians)

Wolfe, Frances **Where I live**

Book of the Year for Children (Canadian Association of Children's Librarians)

Little, Jean **Orphan at my door : the home child diary of Victoria Cope**

Young Adult Book Award (Canadian Library Association)

Bell, William **Stones**



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