

Holiday Reading 2008

A selection of children's and young adults' books



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Online reviews and new title listings

Describing themselves as “chock-full, eyes-peeled, [and] independent”, the **Achuka** folks post book reviews, blog about books and discuss all sorts of relevant issues. Check them out at <http://achuka.co.uk/>

Monthly publications from **All Books New Zealand** – these can be separated into genre, age groups, topics - <http://www.allbooksnz.com/>

The National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa staff rave about “children's & YA literature, literacy research, and ways to get, and keep, kids reading”.
<http://createreaders.natlib.govt.nz/>

Although it is indeed a strange title for a review site, **inside a dog**, “this is a website for young people about books” - <http://www.insideadog.com.au/>

Lovereading4kids – it is a British online bookstore that has great monthly newsletters and regular reviews <http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

The Art of Graeme Base – Julie Watts

This book explores the life and work of this remarkable artist, and includes more than 200 illustrations, many of which have never been seen before.

Book crush : for kids and teens : recommended reading for every mood, moment, and interest – Nancy Pearl

Presents lists of recommended book titles for children and teenagers divided into three age groups, and then further subdivided into more than 118 categories, including animals, folktales, girl power, autobiographies, comic books, and many others.

Reading under the covers : helping children to choose books – Alyson Simpson

Show & tell : exploring the fine art of children's book illustration – Dilys Evans

Focuses on the work of 12 contemporary illustrators, including Paul O. Zelinsky, David Wiesner, David Shannon.

The ultimate first book guide – [eds.] Leonie Flynn, Daniel Hahn & Susan Reuben

Covers what you might need to help 0-7 year olds with their important first steps into the world of books. This title covers board books and novelty books, through to classic and contemporary picture books, and chapter books.

The boy who wouldn't share – Mike Reiss and David Catrow

Edward is unwilling to share his toys with his sister, however, he has a change of heart when she has something he wants.

(NZ) Bubble Trouble – Margaret Mahy and Polly Dunbar

Little Mabel blew a bubble and it caused a lot of trouble! Such a lot of bubble trouble in a bibble-bobble way. For it broke away from Mabel as it bobbed across the table, where it bobbed over Baby and it wafted him away.

The cow that laid an egg – Andy Cutbill and Russell Ayto

A madcap, yet moving, story about having the courage of one's convictions. Great read aloud for all ages.

Dinosaurs love underpants – Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

Dinosaurs love underpants. And they will do just about anything to get their claws on a pair!

The Enemy – Davide Cali

A lone soldier sits in his foxhole during a battle, facing a lone enemy, only to discover that his enemy is a lot more like himself than he has been told. A profound yet deceptively simple picture book on war and peace.

Feeling sad – Sarah Verroken

Duck is feeling sad. Black clouds are hanging over her head, and her world seems full of darkness. Will she find the sun, or will it find her first?

The foggy foggy forest – Nick Sharratt

Who's lurking in the foggy forest? Whether it's a fairy queen on a trampoline, three brown bears on picnic chairs, or an ogre doing yoga, children will love trying to guess what each foggy silhouette will be.

How to Heal a Broken Wing – Bob Graham

No one in the busy city sees the bird lying on the pavement, its wing broken. No one but a small boy called Will. He and his mum carry it home and, with time, rest, and a little bit of hope, the wing mends and they set the bird free to soar over the city once more.

How to paint the portrait of a bird – Jacques Prévert and Mordicai Gerstein

A child wakes up, puts up an easel, picks up a brush and paints. This is a fable about art, wonder and creativity.

(NZ) Kei te pēhea koe – Tracy Duncan

A beautifully designed, with evocative illustrations and simple bilingual text, which explores feelings.

Knuffle bunny too – Mo Willems

Her daddy in tow, Trixie hurries to school to show off her one-of-a-kind Knuffle Bunny. But an awful surprise awaits her: someone else has the exact same bunny!

Little beauty – Anthony Browne

A gorilla is taught sign language. One day he signs that he is sad and needs a friend, so his keepers bring him a tiny cat called Beauty and the two of them become inseparable. But when

the gorilla gets angry, will his keepers think him unfit to be friends with such a small, defenceless animal?

Little yellow leaf – Carin Berger

A yellow leaf is not ready to fall from the tree when autumn comes, but finally, after finding another leaf still on the tree, the two let go together. This is a story for anyone who has ever been afraid of facing the unknown, and a celebration of the friends who help us take the leap.

(NZ) Maraea and the albatrosses (English) and **Ko Maraea me ngā toroa** (Te Reo) – Patricia Grace and Brian Gunson

Maraea is an elderly Māori woman who lives by the sea. For generations, her whānau has had a special relationship with the local albatrosses, who always return home after their long sea journeys. Now Maraea is alone. Left to care for these beautiful birds, she begins a wonderful journey of her own.

(NZ) My favourite places – Martin Bailey

A boy walks around the New Zealand bush near his home and imagines that each place is a fantasy adventure.

Not a stick – Antoinette Portis

Just as a box is not always a box (see Portis' previous title *Not a Box*), a stick is not just a stick. An imaginative young pig shows many of the things that a stick can be, whether it's used for conducting an orchestra, painting a masterpiece or slaying a dragon.

The odd egg – Emily Gravett

When Duck finds an egg of his own he's delighted, it's the most beautiful egg in the world! But all the other birds think it's a very odd egg indeed and everyone's in for a big surprise when the egg hatches.

Odd bird out – Helga Bansch

Robert is different to all the other ravens. The other birds don't like his jokes, his colourful clothes or his singing. So Robert decides to leave home to find his place in the world. Translated from the German.

One boy – Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Innovative counting book with a clever play on the words.

Out of the egg – Tina Matthews

When the barnyard animals who refused to help her plant and tend a seed ask to play under the "great green whispery tree" that Little Red Hen grew, she says no, but her chick thinks that answer is mean.

(NZ) Peter and the pig – Simon Grant and Jenny Cooper

When Peter the pirate goes into the pet shop to buy a parrot the owner manages to sell him a whole list of alternative items with hilarious results.

Ping Pong Pig – Caroline Church

Nobody told Ping Pong Pig that pigs aren't supposed to fly.

(NZ) Seven stars of Matariki (English) and **Te Huihui o Matariki** (Te Reo) – Toni Rolleston-Cummins and Nikki Slade-Robinson

When Mitai's seven handsome brothers are bewitched by seven beautiful wahine, Mitai seeks

advice and learns that the women are patupaiarehe and must be cast far away. They are given to Urutengangana, the god of the stars, who places them in the far away heavens. Yet once a year, at winter solstice, he allows them to shine in the Eastern sky.

Spells – Emily Gravett

Once upon a time, a frog found a book. After reading "Spell to become a Handsome Prince" on a page fragment he tried to piece the spell back together, with unexpected consequences.

Splat the Cat – Rob Scotton

It's Splat's first day of school and he's worried that he might not make any friends, so he brings along his pet mouse, Seymour, hidden in his lunch box. But when Seymour escapes and the cats do what cats do (they chase mice!), Splat's worried again. Maybe now he'll lose all his friends, old and new!

Ten little fingers and ten little toes – Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury

Rhyming text compares babies born in different places and in different circumstances, but they all share the commonality of ten little fingers and ten little toes.

Wild boars cook – Meg Rosoff

Besides being naughty, greedy, stinky, and rude, wild boars Boris, Morris, Horace, and Doris are also very hungry. Luckily Doris finds the perfect recipe for them to make.

A beginning, a muddle, and an end : the right way to write writing – Avi

Avon the snail decides to become a writer with the help of his friend Edward the ant, which leads them into a series of adventures involving close encounters with an anteater, a crow, a tree frog and a hungry fish.

Duck, death and the tulip – Wolf Erlbruch

A duck strikes up an unlikely friendship with death. Intriguing, haunting, enchanting, unusual, challenging. Another title from Gecko Press.

Enigma : A magical mystery – Graeme Base

Enter a magical world in this funny and enduring story about the special relationship between a grandson and his grandpa, and their love for magic. Bertie Badger loves to visit the Retirement Home for Elderly Magicians and watch his grandpa perform magic tricks. But one day all the magicians' props go missing, so Bertie sets off to investigate. Can he solve the mystery in time to save the show?

Fly high, fly guy! – Tedd Arnold

Mom and Dad won't let Fly Guy go along on the family road trip. They're afraid he'll get lost, but when Dad accidentally shuts him in the trunk, Fly Guy goes along for the ride.

I will surprise my friend! and I love my new toy! – Mo Willems

Two new titles in the Elephant and Piggie series. Works well as read aloud to big classes as well as one-to-one, or as beginning readers.

Pippi Longstocking – Astrid Lindgren and Lauren Child

Special edition to mark the centenary of Astrid Lindgren's birth. Contains full colour illustrations by Lauren Child.

(NZ) Quin Majik and the marvellous machine – Fleur Beale

When Quin Majik and his family move to Tidy St, they soon learn about 'The Rules'. These tell residents what they may do, eat and wear, but the Majik family have no intention of following them! Quin decides that the landscaped lawn of their new house needs flattening, so enlists the help of Frederick, the neat and tidy boy from next door. Together they build a marvellous machine out of a lawnmower, washing machine and a lot of creativity.

(NZ) Rugby for Rosie – Frances Adlam

Rosie wants nothing other than to play rugby for the school team, but there's one hitch, mixed teams need at least three girls in them and Rosie is the only girl who wants to play. In desperation she sets about trying to persuade the pink clad, doll-loving girls at her school that rugby really is a great game.

The big fat cow that goes kapow! – Andy Griffiths

Oh no! Watch Out! Don't look now! The Big Fat Cow is going KAPOW! Another hilarious book of short rhymes and stories.

Cat on the island – Gary Crew and Gillian Warden

Striking illustrations help tell the story of the establishment of a lighthouse on Stephens Island (now a wildlife refuge) and the extinction of the Stephens Island Wren.

Cookie – Jacqueline Wilson

Beauty Cookson is no beauty. She's a plain, timid girl surrounded by super-confident, snooty girls at school. Worse than the teasing in the playground, though, is the unpredictable criticism from her father. Berated for breaking any of Dad's hyper-fussy house rules, as well as for her lack of looks, Beauty lives in fear whenever Dad's at home. Her pretty, sweet mum is equally subject to Dad's tirades. Eventually Mum and Beauty run away. Very soon Mum and Beauty find themselves in an idyllic seaside resort where all Beauty's dreams come true.

Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce

Liam is the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force defying Cosmic rollercoaster or be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. As Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space, is he in fact the best boy for the job?

Girl who could fly – Victoria Forester

Piper McCloud can fly. Problem is, the good folk of Lowland County are afraid of Piper, and her ma's at her wit's end. So it seems only fitting that she attend a top-secret, maximum-security school for kids with exceptional abilities. But Piper is special, even among the special. And there are consequences. Consequences too dire to talk about, too crazy to consider and too dangerous to ignore. At turns exhilarating and terrifying, this debut novel is an unforgettable story of defiance and courage about an irrepressible heroine who can, who will, who must... fly.

Hate that cat – Sharon Creech

Jack is studying poetry again in school (see Love that dog for Jack's earlier encounters with poetry), and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous poems and how they relate to his life.

Home and away – John Marsden and Matt Ottley

April 26, Dad burns the toast, yells at Toby, thanks me for cleaning the cab of the truck, kisses Mum and Toby, then he's gone. April 27, the war starts. Everyone wants a place of safety, a place to share with the people they love. What would happen if a typical Australian family found themselves refugees?

House of many ways – Diana Wynne Jones

Sequel to Howl's Moving Castle. Charmain is in over her head. Looking after Great Uncle William's tiny cottage should have been easy, but his house bends space and time and its single door leads to a number of places - bedrooms, the kitchen, caves under the mountains, the past. By opening the door, Charmain is now caught up in an intense search, encountering an intimidating sorceress named Sophie, the Wizard Howl and fire demon Calcifer.

Lee Raven boy thief – Zizou Corder

The boys in the Raven family are thieves in London, in 2040! When one of them is caught

red-handed, it sets off a rolling adventure for all of them.

Nevermore – Linda Newbery

Tizzie's unpredictable lifestyle with her feckless mother has brought her to Roven Mere, a mysterious, rambling, isolated, lonely house. She and her mother are expecting to be greeted by Lord Rupert and his daughter, but when they arrive only the staff are in residence. Tizzie hunts for clues and soon discovers Roven Mere's intriguing history. As the truth emerges, Tizzie discovers the chilling truth about why she has been brought to the house.

One small step – P. B. Kerr

It's 1969, and thirteen-year-old Scott is doing all the things that normal boys do, and also flying airplanes with his Air Force flight instructor father. When Scott successfully crash-lands a training plane, NASA takes notice. They hope to recruit him for their top-secret space program, which will launch a test flight to the moon before the first lunar landing. This craft was intended to be piloted by chimps, but one chimp had to be dismissed, and now they need a quick substitute, who better than a boy aviator?

The red necklace – Sally Gardner

A thrillingly exciting, action-packed novel about a boy destined to be a hero of the French Revolution.

Savage – David Almond and Dave McKean

Imagine you wrote a story and that story came true. This is exactly what happens to Blue Baker when he writes about a savage living alone in the woods near his home. But when the savage pays a night-time visit to the local bully, boundaries become blurred and Blue begins to wonder where he ends and the savage begins. Part novel, part graphic novel, this moving story features striking art from the award-winning Dave McKean.

The snow goose – Paul Gallico and Angela Barrett

New edition of this modern classic, illustrated by Angela Barrett. The story of a lonely man who rescues wild birds and eventually soldiers from Dunkirk.

Tales from outer suburbia – Shaun Tan

Another treat from award-winning author/illustrator Shaun Tan reveals the quiet mysteries of everyday life: homemade pets, dangerous weddings, stranded sea mammals, tiny exchange students and secret rooms filled with darkness and delight. Fifteen intriguingly illustrated stories about the mysteries that lurk below the surface of suburban life.

Then – Morris Gleitzman

Sequel to *Once*. Felix and Zelda have escaped from the Nazis but how long can they now survive when there are so many people ready to hand them over for a reward? Thanks to the courage of a kind, brave woman they are able to hide for a time in the open, but Felix knows he has a distinguishing feature that identifies him as a Jew.

(NZ) Thornspell – Helen Lowe

Debut novel from Helen Lowe published in hardback, by renowned New York publishing house Alfred A. Knopf – a real coup for a New Zealand author! In this elaboration of "Sleeping Beauty," Prince Sigismund, having grown up in a remote castle dreaming of going on knightly quests, has had only a passing interest in the forbidden wood lying beyond the castle gates until a brief encounter with a beautiful and mysterious lady changes his life forever.

Toby Alone – Timothee de Fombelle, Sarah Ardizzone and François Place

Toby Lolness is just one and a half millimetres tall, and he's the most wanted person in his world, the great oak Tree. When Toby's father makes a ground-breaking discovery, tapping into the very heart of the Tree's energy, he also realises that exploiting it could do permanent damage to their world. Refusing to reveal the secret of his invention to an enraged community, the family is exiled. But one man is determined to get hold of the forbidden knowledge, and his plan is to destroy the Tree.

(NZ) Tomorrow Code – Brian Falkner

Tane and Rebecca aren't sure what to make of it, a seemingly random message made up of a sequence of 1s and 0s. Working to decode it, Tane and Rebecca discover that the message contains lottery numbers, that will in fact win the next random draw. Suddenly Tane and Rebecca are rich, but who sent the numbers? More messages follow, and slowly it becomes clear, the messages are being sent back in time from the future. Something there has gone horribly wrong, and it's up to them to prevent it from happening. As they follow the messages' cryptic instructions, Tane and Rebecca begin to suspect the worst, the survival of the human race may be at stake.

The Willoughbys – Lois Lowry

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

Bog Child – Siobhan Dowd

Digging for peat in the mountain, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls.

Bone by bone by bone – Tony Johnston

In 1950s Tennessee, ten-year-old David's racist father refuses to let him associate with his best friend Malcolm, an African American boy.

The declaration and The resistance – Gemma Malley

In *The declaration*, we learn that Anna Covey is a 'surplus'. She should not have been born. Like all surpluses, Anna is learning how to make amends for the selfish act her parents committed in having her. She is quietly accepting of her fate until, one day, a new inmate arrives. But is she brave enough to believe this mysterious boy? In *The resistance*, Peter and Anna are now living on the Outside as Legals. Impatient to see action as an Underground agent, Peter is tasked with finding out what's going on in the Longevity programme.

Hamlet – John Marsden

Hamlet is bored and restless. His friend Horatio can't work him out - but who can? John Marsden follows the contours of the original but powerfully re-imagines its characters and story lines, rather as Shakespeare treated his sources.

(NZ) Juno of Taris – Fleur Beale

On Taris, there are many rules governing appearance, behaviour and even pro-creation. Juno is different, her questions and her reluctance to conform have made her an outsider. When her parents decide to have another child, Juno switches the donors of her new sibling, with strange consequences. However, her other rebellions have been noticed and someone is trying to kill her. Is it because she is different, or are the elders of Taris keeping secrets?

Knife of never letting go – Patrick Ness

Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. Imagine you can hear everything they think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans. Todd is one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run. This is an unflinching novel about the impossible choices of growing up.

Living dead girl – Elizabeth Scott

A haunting and disturbing story of abduction and abuse. When Alice was ten, Ray took her away from her family and her friends. She has learned to give up all power, to endure all pain. She has waited for the nightmare to be over. Now Alice is fifteen and Ray still has her, but he speaks more and more of her death. He does not know it is what she longs for. She does not know he has something more terrifying than death in mind for her.

Lock and key – Sarah Dessen

Ruby knows the game is up. She's been living alone in the old yellow house, waiting out the months until she turns eighteen and can finally be on her own legally. It certainly wasn't in her plan to be reunited with her older sister Cora. Suddenly life is transformed – a luxurious house, private school, new clothes and even the chance of a future Ruby couldn't have dreamed of. So why is she wary, unable to be grateful, incapable of letting anyone close? Her old life has been left behind, but where does she fit now?

(NZ) Magician of Hoad – Margaret Mahy

Forced from home, twelve-year old Heriot's unwilling steps lead him to Diamond, first city of the Hoadara. Forced to serve as the King's magician, Heriot is isolated within the walls of Diamond, until he finds Cayley, a wild, ambiguous rat-of-the-city. Two lonely souls forge an unlikely friendship in the shadows of the city both are forced to call home. But when children become adults, childish games become deadly serious and when incipient madness erupts in chilling violence, Heriot is forced to explore the very heart of his magic.

Mahtab's story – Libby Gleeson

Mahtab was empty. She felt hungry...for water, for her father, for her grandmother, her aunts and uncles, for the trees in the back yard, the cabinet on the wall, for her mountains, the jagged peaks that cut the sky. Her father was dead. She felt sure of it. She was just a speck of dirt on the floor, drifting through the gap between the boards, falling to the ground. Mahtab and her family are forced to leave their home in Herat and journey secretly through the rocky mountains to Pakistan and from there to faraway Australia.

Memoirs of a teenage amnesiac – Gabrielle Zevin

Waking up in an ambulance with amnesia, Naomi doesn't remember her boyfriend, her best friend, her mom's new family or her dad's fiancée. Everything is turned upside down as Naomi struggles to remember who she once was and work out who she really is.

Once upon a time in the North – Philip Pullman

In a time before Lyra Silvertongue was born, the tough American balloonist Lee Scoresby and the great armoured bear Iorek Byrnison meet when Lee and his hare daemon Hester crash-land their trading balloon onto a port in the far Arctic North and find themselves right in the middle of a political powder keg.

Other side of the island – Allegra Goodman

Born in the eighth year of Enclosure, ten-year-old Honor lives in a highly regulated colony with her defiant parents, but when they have an illegal second child and are taken away, it is up to Honor and her friend Helix, to uncover a terrible secret about their Island and the Corporation.

A Rose for the ANZAC boys – Jackie French

It is 1915 and war is being fought on a horrific scale in the trenches of France, but it might as well be a world away from 16-year-old New Zealander Midge Macpherson, who is at school in England learning to be a young lady. But as the war comes closer, Midge and her friends start a canteen in France, caring for the endless flow of wounded soldiers returning from the front. Midge, recruited by the over-stretched ambulance service, is thrust into carnage and scenes of courage she could never have imagined. And when the war is over, all three girls, and their Anzac boys as well, discover that even going 'home' can be both strange and wonderful.

Rucker Park setup – Paul Volponi

While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell J.R.'s father and the police what really happened. Gutsy, dramatic and engaging.

(NZ) Scorched bone – Vince Ford

On the continent of the Americas, in the early stages of modern man's development, one tribe invented the Clovis point - a stone arrowhead combined with a throwing stick that would be

the equivalent of the invention of the nuclear bomb many hundreds of years later. The technology changes the balance of power within the scattered tribes and ensured that not only the fittest would be able to kill the enormous Mammoths, and avoid starvation.

(NZ) Silence of fear – Denis Martin

When Greg, Pip and Ridders "borrow" a dinghy to go out joyriding one night, it's meant to be a bit of harmless fun. However, when they return it to the boat yard, they stumble upon a robbery in action. Convinced they haven't been seen by the criminals, the trio decide not to go to the police. But later they discover that their silence has a deadly price.

Sweethearts : a novel – Sara Zarr

As children, Jennifer and Cameron, both social outcasts, were best friends. When Cameron disappeared without warning, Jennifer thought she'd lost the only person who would ever understand her. Now in high school, Jennifer has been transformed into popular and happy Jenna, everything "Jennifer" couldn't be. When Cameron suddenly reappears, they are both confronted with memories of their shared past and the drastically different paths their lives have taken.

Tender morsels – Margo Lanagan

A young woman who has endured unspeakable cruelties is magically granted a safe haven apart from the real world and allowed to raise her two daughters in this alternate reality, until the barrier between her world and the real one begins to break down.

Unwind – Neal Shusterman

In a society where unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts, three runaways fight the system that would "unwind" them. Brought together by chance, and kept together by desperation, these three unlikely companions make a harrowing journey, knowing their lives hang in the balance.

Unraveling – Michelle Baldini and Lynn Biederman; poems by Gabrielle Biederman
Sharp, chatty, brutally honest, and heartbreakingly real, this debut novel is about mothers and daughters, the search for acceptance, preparing for the unexpected, and learning that, sometimes, it just can't be done.

All dogs have ADHD – Kathy Hoopmann

New title from the author of *All cats have Asperger Syndrome*. Using images and ideas from the canine world, this book explores a variety of traits, such as being restless and excitable, getting easily distracted and acting on impulse, that may be recognisable to those who are familiar with ADHD.

The Antarctica book : living in the freezer and The shark book : fish with attitude – Mark Norman

Fantastic colour photography make these well-designed, imaginative books come alive.

Ape – Martin Jenkins

Orang-utan, Chimpanzee, Bonobo, Gorilla - the great apes are some of the biggest animals on our planet. This book shows how the humans impact on the lives of these rare species.

(NZ) Atoms, dinosaurs & DNA : 68 great New Zealand scientists – Veronika Meduna and Rebecca Priestly

By presenting the life and work of each scientist in chronological sequence, this book also charts the history of science in New Zealand over the past two centuries. *Atoms, Dinosaurs & DNA* is based on a major science exhibition, curated by the authors at the National Library of New Zealand in 2006.

Back and beyond : New Zealand painting for the young and curious – Gregory O'Brien

A follow-up to *Welcome to the South Seas: Contemporary New Zealand Art for Young People*, *Back and Beyond*, featuring works painted during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, this new book features art by a number of contemporary painters and printmakers, all of them seasoned travellers across time and space. Moa, angels, rugby players, insects and aunts, the bush and the beaches all play starring roles in this bird's-eye view of New Zealand painting.

Beowulf : a tale of blood, heat, and ashes – [retold by] Nicky Raven

A modern, illustrated retelling of the Anglo-Saxon epic about the heroic efforts of Beowulf, son of Ecgtheow, to save the people of Heorot Hall from the terrible monster, Grendel.

Encyclopedia of Immaturity

The complete guide of how to not grow up ... ever!

Follow the line around the world – Laura Ljungkvist

Follow the line from the camels of the Sahara Desert to the blue whales of Greenland, from the giraffes of Kenya's grasslands to the kangaroos of Australia's outback.

Glass slipper, gold sandal : A worldwide Cinderella – Paul Fleischman

Paul Fleischman and Julie Paschkis craft the many versions of the story of Cinderella from around the world, from Ireland to Zimbabwe, into one hymn to the rich variety and the enduring constants of our diverse cultures.

Good masters! Sweet ladies! voices from a medieval village – Laura Amy Schiltz and Robert Byrd

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor. Winner of the 2008 Newberry Medal.

(NZ) How to eat a huhu grub – Nick Turzynski

A clever collection of stories, articles and activities aimed specifically at New Zealand kids. Information includes how to make an origami water bomb, how to spot native trees, what to do if you're stranded in the bush, how to play marbles and how to make paper planes that really fly.

(NZ) Illustrated History of New Zealanders at war – Marcia Stenson

In-depth information about the involvement of New Zealanders in warfare, from pre-European tribal warfare to the musket wars, from the New Zealand wars to the Boer War, from conflict in Vietnam to peacekeeping in the Pacific.

Imaginary Menagerie : a book of curious creatures – Julie Larios and Julie Paschkis

A collection of poems and painting, which features centaurs, mermaids, trolls, hobgoblins and other curious creatures.

(NZ) Learn to skateboard with Luka – Lee Peta

At only 8 years old, Luke Peta is one of New Zealand's youngest professional skateboarders. In this book, he covers all aspects of skateboarding, including safety, the parts of a skateboard, maintenance and some simple riding manoeuvres to try. Fully illustrated with text in Maori and English.

My village : rhymes from around the world – [collected by] Danielle Wright

A collection of verses for young children, originating from 22 different countries. Original languages and phonetic versions are included.

(NZ) Piano Rock : a 1950s childhood – Gavin Bishop

Memoirs of Gavin Bishop's childhood days growing up in Kingston beside Lake Wakatipu. Bishop recalls his boyhood spent building huts, eating girdle scones and marmite sandwiches, going to school on a horse and catching eels.

Read me out loud! : a poem to rap, chant, whisper or shout for every day of the year – chosen by Paul Cookson and Nick Toczek

There are raps, performance poems, chants, playground rhymes, action verses, poems to join in with, poems from different cultures, monologues, dialogues, loud poems, quiet poems, poems with sound effects and poems with actions. You can read them any way you want as long as it is Out Loud!

Simpson and his Donkey – Mark Greenwood

A poignant account of the story of John Kilpatrick Simpson and how he and his donkey, Duffy, rescued over 300 men during the campaign at Gallipoli.

Sisters & brothers : sibling relationships in the animal world – Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

Did you know that anteaters are always only children and that nine-banded armadillos are always born as identical quadruplets? Learn about different brothers and sisters throughout the animal kingdom.

The wall : growing up behind the Iron Curtain – Peter Sís

Through annotated illustrations, journals, maps and dreamscapes, Sís shows what life was like for a child who loved to draw, proudly wore the red scarf of a Young Pioneer, stood guard at the giant statue of Stalin, and believed whatever he was told to believe.

Children's

Jack and the box : a toon – Art Spiegelman

Jack's parents gave him a new toy and he can't believe how silly it is! Sometimes it's funny and other times it's scary. Sometimes it talks to him and other times it hides. At first, Jack loves all the surprises that his toy can offer, but after a while he starts to think his toy is a little too silly - in fact, it's gone out of control.

Moomin volume two : the complete Tove Jansson comic strip – Tove Jansson

Owly : a time to be brave – Andy Runton

Tells the story of new visitor to the forest who may be misunderstood because of how he looks, but things aren't always what they seem, and everyone soon finds out that the power of friendship can fix just about anything.

Pterandon : giant of the sky and Velociraptor: the speedy thief – David West

Triceratops : three-horned dinosaur and Tyrannosaurus : tyrant lizard– Rob Shone

A series of books intended for reluctant readers as an introduction to the world of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals. Each book focuses on one species of dinosaur and tells their life story from egg to adulthood in four chapters.

Robot dreams – Sara Varon

The enduring friendship between a dog and a robot is portrayed in this wordless graphic novel.

Sardine in outer space volume 5 – Emmanuel Guibert

Presents more adventures of the mischievous girl pirate named Sardine, as she and the crew of the spaceship "Huckleberry" foil the plans of evildoers Supermuscleman and Doc Krok.

Vampire from the marshes – Mauricet

For French and Belgium comics translated into English, then have a look at the Cinebook website - <http://www.cinebook.com/> - titles include the Lucky Luke series, the Yoko Tsuno series and graphic novel versions of Wind in the Willows.

Young Adults

Coraline – based on the novel by Neil Gaiman ; adapted and illustrated by P. Craig Russell
Coraline 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 terrible quest on which her survival, and more, depends.

Hatter M : the looking glass wars volume one – Frank Beddor, Liz Cavalier, Ben Templesmith

Based on the book *The looking glass wars* by Frank Beddor. In this first volume of the geographic parallel adventure trilogy, Hatter finds himself in Paris, France in 1859 shockingly separated from the child he had been sworn to protect. Hatter must now embark upon a non-stop quest, criss-crossing the globe for 13 years in search of his lost Princess.

Rapunzel's Revenge – Shannon Hale

In this swashbuckling and hilarious twist on the classic fairy tale, Rapunzel uses her amazing hair as a lasso and teams up with a mysterious outlaw to gallop around the Wild West, battling villains and righting wrongs.

Town of Evening Calm, Country of Cherry Blossoms – Fumiyo Kouno

English translation of this Japanese bestseller, this award-winning manga is a tender, yet unsentimental, reflection on the aftermath of World War II and the atomic bomb on the common people of Hiroshima.

Umbrella Academy volume 1 : Apocalypse suite – Gerard Way

Millionaire inventor Reginald Hargreeves adopted seven children, when asked why, his only explanation was, 'to save the world.' These seven children form The Umbrella Academy, a dysfunctional family of superheroes with bizarre powers. After nearly a decade together, the team disbands, but when Hargreeves unexpectedly dies, these siblings reunite just in time to save the world once again.

Children's Fiction

Artemis Fowl and the time paradox – Eoin Colfer

Sequel to Artemis Fowl and the Lost Colony, Book 5 in the Artemis Fowl series and possibly the last. Eoin is moving on to write a new book in the Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy series.

Crossing of Ingo – Helen Dunmore

Conclusion to the Ingo fantasy series set in an underwater world of mer-people.

Diamond of Darkhold – Jeanne DuPrau

Book 4 in the City of Ember science fiction cycle. Lina and Doon return to Ember.

Dragonkeeper : Dragon Dawn – Carole Wilkinson

Prequel to the Dragonkeeper trilogy.

Inkdeath – Cornelia Funke

Finale to the Inkheart fantasy trilogy.

(NZ) Jane Blonde : Goldenspy – Jill Marshall

Book 6 in this popular series written by an ex-pat Briton, living in Auckland. Book 7, Spy in the Sky, is on the way.

Oath breaker – Michelle Paver

Book 5 in the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series, based in the prehistoric era.

Pencil of Doom! – Andy Griffiths

Volume 2 of the Schooling Around series. Watch out for number 3 : Mascot Madness!

Queste – Angie Sage

Volume 4 in the Septimus Heap cycle.

Toad Surprise – Morris Gleitzman

Follow up book to the humorous 'Toad Trilogy.'

Young Adult Fiction

(NZ) Anywhere but here – Ella West

Sequel to science fiction tale Thieves.

Brisingr – Christopher Paolini

Final book in the Inheritance cycle.

Breaking Dawn – Stephenie Meyer

Final book in the Twilight series.

Wolf Island – Darren Shan

Book 8 in this horror series.

The general – Robert Muchamore

Book 11 in this adventure series.

(NZ) Gool – Maurice Gee
Sequel to Salt (winner of the 2008 NZ Post Book Awards)