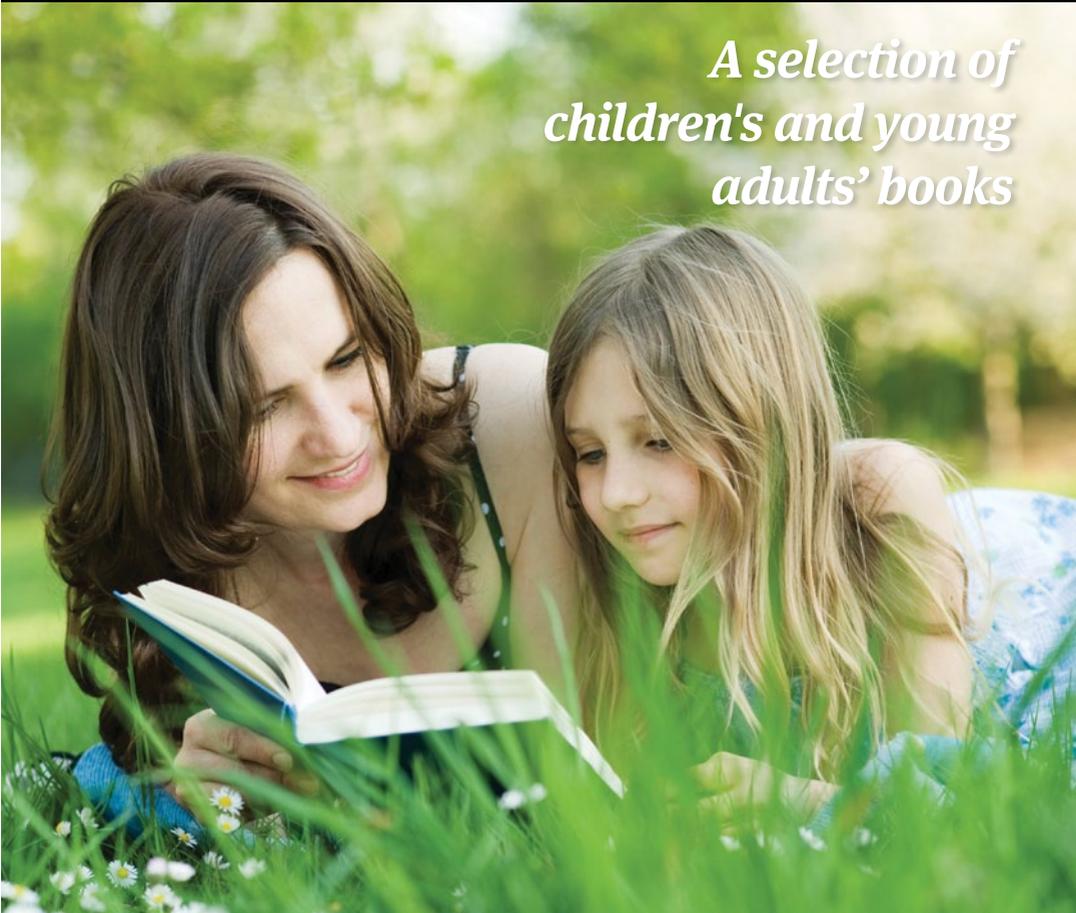


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Picture Books

Allen, Pamela Nana's Colours (NZ)

It's Nana's birthday and all the children are bringing her a present. Each one is a different colour. What colours do you see?

Badescu, Romana Pomelo begins to grow

When his favourite dandelion looks surprisingly small, Pomelo the garden elephant discovers that he is growing and then wonders about the mysterious process called growth.

Bently, Peter King Jack and the dragon

Jack, Zack, and baby Caspar spend all day fighting dragons in their homemade fort. But when Sir Zack and Caspar are taken inside for bed, King Jack - alone on his throne - finds himself feeling a bit less brave ... especially when he hears a thing approaching, a thing with four legs.

Brown, Peter You will be my friend

Lucy, a young bear, starts her day determined to make a new friend but her enthusiasm leads to all sorts of problems until, just as she is about to give up, an unexpected friend finds her.

Carle, Eric The artist who painted a blue horse

The artist in this book paints the world as he sees it, just like a child. There's a red crocodile, an orange elephant and a polka-dotted donkey. More than anything, there's imagination. Filled with some of the most magnificently colourful animals of Eric Carle's career.

Cleminson, Katie Otto the book bear

Otto is no ordinary storybook character: when no one is looking, he comes to life! Otto loves to walk off of his book's pages, but when his book is taken away while Otto is off exploring, the book bear sets off on a grand adventure to find a new home.

Davey, Lucy Tarantula Boo! (NZ)

Lenny Lasso has a wonderful life at Zurlington Zoo. He wows the crowds with tricks and tarantula BOO! But there is one thing missing ... a friend to share his fun. When he gets a chance to escape, he seizes the day ... but will he find the perfect friend?

Deacon, Alexis A place to call home

Seven little junkyard critters venture out of their small, dark hole on a madcap quest for a new home in this comic book-style tale.

Donaldson, Julia Jack and the flumflum tree

Jack's Granny is sick with a bad case of the moozles! And the only cure is the fruit of the fantastic flumflum tree which grows on the faraway Isle of Blowyernose. It's a perilous journey, but Jack bravely sets sail.

Ehlert, Lois Rrralph

The narrator describes discovering how Ralph the dog can talk, appropriately saying words such as "roof," "rough," "bark," and "wolf."

Gay, Michael Zou and the box of kisses

Zou is spending his first night away from home. He knows he will miss all his daily kisses: morning kisses, bedtime kisses, no-reason-at-all kisses. Mum and Dad have a solution - one that works surprisingly well on the train. Gecko Press.

Graham, Bob A Bus Called Heaven

Could one old, broken-down bus really bring a whole city neighbourhood together?

Gravett, Emily Wolf won't bite

Take your seat in the front row and watch in wonder as three cheeky circus pigs make a wild wolf jump through hoops and even withstand perilous games of dress-up. Safe in the thought that "Wolf Won't Bite!"

Hall, Michael Perfect square

A perfect square that's perfectly happy is torn into pieces, punched with holes, crumpled, and otherwise changed, but finds in each transformation that it can be something new, and just as happy.

Henkes, Kevin Little white rabbit

As he hops along a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks, and flutter like butterflies.

Hacohen, Dean Tuck me in

Tailor-made for bedtime, this book allows tuckees to become the tuckers. Lift blanket-shaped flaps over a baby zebra, hedgehog, and others, as each is bid good night.

Horáček, Petr Puffin Peter

Peter and Paul are the best of friends, but when Peter gets lost in a terrible storm he can't find Paul anywhere. With the help of a big blue whale, Puffin Peter sets off to find him.

Inkpen, Mick Wibbly Pig has ten balloons

Wibbly Pig has ten balloons but not for very long! As he gives them away, he holds on tightly to his favourite teddy bear balloon. But then Big Pig's shouting sister comes along...

Jeffers, Oliver Stuck

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

Klassen, Jon I want my hat back

The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across. But just as it he begins to lose hope, a deer comes by and asks a rather obvious question that suddenly sparks the bear's memory.

Martin, Bill Ten little caterpillars

Follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.

Melling, David Don't Worry Douglas

Douglas' Dad gives him a wonderful new woolly hat and he races outside to show it off. In his excitement, he doesn't realise that it is unravelling...his friends have helpful but useless ideas of how to put things right and it is left to the little bear to work out for himself the best thing to do...

Mewburn, Kyle Hester and Lester (NZ)

When big sister Hester finds her little brother Lester sitting sadly in the forest, she's keen to put things right. Making a little brother happy isn't always easy, even with a very active imagination.

Paul, Ruth Stomp

The dinosaurs play follow the leader as they stomp through the swamp. Baby dinosaur tries desperately to mimic his elders with not much success. However, when it's his turn the older dinosaurs have difficulty following him when he floats on water, goes under creepers, and crawls.

Sharratt, Nick Fancy Dress Farmyard

There's a party at the farmyard, and it's going to be fancy dress. Children will love lifting the flaps to discover which animals are hiding behind the disguises.

Shireen, Nadia Good little wolf

Once upon a time there was a wolf called Rolf - a good little wolf who liked baking cakes and was always kind to his friends. But real wolves aren't supposed to be good - they're supposed to be BIG and BAD.

Smith, Lane Grandpa Green

A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.

Stead, Philip A Sick day for Amos McGee

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the elephant, the tortoise, the penguin, the rhinoceros, and the owl. But one day—'Ah-choo!'—he woke with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.

Stein, David Ezra Interrupting Chicken

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

Szekely, Chris Rāhui (NZ)

Cousins' holiday in a rural Maori community and have fun together - riding horses, eeling and swimming at the beach. During the holiday, a death leads to a rahui being placed on the beach. After a year, the rahui is lifted, and they return to the beach full of life and with their cousin in their hearts. Available in English and Māori.

Tullet, Hervé Press Here

Press here. That's right. Just press the yellow dot... and turn the page, now there are two yellow dots. An interactive title that will make you believe that books can be magic.

Underwood, Deborah The Loud Book!

From the blare of an alarm clock in the morning to snores and crickets in the evening, explores the many loud noises one might hear during the course of a day.

Willis, Jeanne Mole's Sunrise

Blind Mole had never seen the sunrise. His friends vivid descriptions help him to see it in his mind and experience its beauty for himself.

Wormell, Chris Scruffy Bear and the six white mice

One day a small scruffy bear meets six terrified white mice; they're scared of the dark forest and all the predatory creatures that live there... But never fear, Scruffy Bear has all kinds of ingenious ideas about how to keep them safe!

Yates, Louise Frank and Teddy make friends

Meet Professor Frank Mouse. He's very clever, very inventive and very ... lonely. Shy Frank would love to have a friend to help him, so one day he makes Teddy!

Younger Readers

Bruel, Nick Bad kitty meets the baby

Kitty's owners are home with a big surprise for Kitty. But what is it? Kitty, reeling in horror, thinks it's a... dog. The neighbours cats are convinced it's a cat. But we all know that it's really a BABY! Includes fun facts and cat training tips (!)

Cowley, Joy Just one more (NZ)

A collection of 17 short humorous, read-aloud stories for young children. Illustrated by Gavin Bishop.

Danticat, Edwidge Eight Days

While Junior is trapped for 8 days beneath his collapsed house after the Haitian earthquake, he uses his imagination for comfort. Drawing on beautiful, everyday-life memories, Junior paints a sparkling picture of Haiti for each of those days — flying kites with his best friend or racing his sister around St. Marc's Square — helping him through the tragedy until he is finally rescued.

DiCamillo, Kate Bink and Gollie

Two roller-skating best friends — one tiny, one tall — share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvellous companion.

Jones, Diana Wynne Earwig and the witch

Everyone knows that orphanages are horrible places. But Earwig has a surprising amount of power over everyone else at St Morwald's Home for Children, and loves it there. So the last thing she wants is to be sent to live with the very strange Bella Yaga... The last book written by this fantasy great.

Lin, Grace Ling and Ting: not exactly the same

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

Lowry, Lois Bless this mouse

Mouse Mistress Hildegard musters all her ingenuity to keep a large colony of church mice safe from the exterminator and to see that they make it through the dangerous Blessing of the Animals.

Mewburn, Kyle Do not push (NZ)

"Always obey the rules" Cam's mum tells him but when he finds a big red button in the forest marked "DO NOT PUSH", he pushes with all his might.

Morpurgo, Michael Little Manfred

In the Imperial War Museum is a wooden Dachshund, carved by a German prisoner of war for the children of the British family with which he stayed after the fighting ended. This is the story of how it got there!

Nadin, Joanna Penny Dreadful is a complete catastrophe

My name is not actually Penny Dreadful. The 'Dreadful' bit is my dad's JOKE. But it is not even true that I am dreadful... honest. You see, it is utterly not my fault that the Patented Burglar Trap accidentally tripped Gran over, so her bone went snap...

Seuss, Dr The Bippolo seed and other lost stories

Seven newly discovered stories by Dr. Seuss that will convince you that "The best job is dreaming, with no work at all."

Simon, Francesca Where are my lambs?

It's time for bed but Mother Sheep can't find her lambs, Tilly and Tam, anywhere! Where in Potter's Barn could they be hiding?

Willems, Mo We are in a book!

Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends?



Older Readers

Appelt, Kathi Keeper

On the night of the blue moon when mermaids are said to gather on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico, ten-year-old Keeper sets out in a small boat, with her dog BD and a seagull named Captain, determined to find her mother, a mermaid, as Keeper has always believed, who left long ago to return to the sea.

Boyce, Frank Cottrell The Un-forgotten Coat

This is a magical story of a summer of friendship with darker undertones. Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates, but bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy as she recollects a wonderful friendship that was abruptly ended when Chingis and his family were forced to return to Mongolia.

Brahmachari, Sita Artichoke Hearts

Twelve-year-old Mira comes from a chaotic, artistic and outspoken family where it's not always easy to be heard. As her beloved Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her, and also starts to keep some of her own.

Broadbent, Adele Just Jack (NZ)

When Jack's Uncle Onslow notices that he has a gift with horses he arranges an apprenticeship for him with a jockey trainer in Napier. Jack sets out with high hopes and dreams of success. Instead he finds a harsh and unforgiving boss, back-breaking drudgery, and a vindictive stable-mate who sees him as a rival. Will he have the courage, and the luck to survive?

Child, Lauren Look into my eyes

Here's the low-down on Ruby Redfort: she's a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a thirteen-year-old girl. Want to know more? Of course you do, bozo.

Cooper, Susan (ed.) Haunted

A fantastic collection of brand new ghost stories from today's leading children's authors.

Doyle, Roddy A Greyhound of a girl

12 year old Mary's beloved grandmother is near the end of her life. Letting go is hard - until Granny's long-dead mammy appears at Mary's door, returning to help her dying daughter say goodbye. But first she needs someone to drive them on a visit to the past.

Falkner, Brian Northwood (NZ)

Cecilia Undergarments daring dog rescue lands her in deep trouble. Trouble in the form of being lost in the dark forest of Northwood. A forest that hides a secret castle, an unlikely king and many a mystery. A forest where those who enter never return.

Fine, Anne The Devil Walks

Raised in secrecy by a mother everyone thinks has gone mad, Daniel's only link to his past is the intricately built model of the family home. As Daniel is reunited with his Uncle Severn, who bears an uncanny resemblance to a sinister wooden doll he has found hidden in the house - he begins to suspect that this figure has a chilling influence.

Hardinge, Frances Twilight Robbery

By day, the city Toll is well-mannered and orderly; by night, it's the haunt of rogues and villains. Wherever there's a plot, there's sure to be treachery, and wherever there's treachery, there's sure to be trouble - and where there's trouble, Clent, Mosca and the web-footed apocalypse Saracen can't be far behind.

Harnett, Sonya Midnight Zoo

Under cover of darkness, two brothers cross a war-ravaged countryside carrying a secret bundle. One night they stumble across a deserted town reduced to smoldering ruins. But at the end of a blackened street they find a small green miracle: a zoo filled with animals in need of hope.

Henkes, Kevin Junonia

The week of her tenth birthday, Alice and her parents go to Sanibel Island, Florida, just as they do every year, but this time some of the people who are always there are missing and some new people have come, which unsettles Alice.

Hunt, Des The Peco Incident (NZ)

Danny is dreading the summer holiday visit by his hyper cousin, Nick. However, Nick proves to be the least of Danny's problems when bird flu hits the Otago Peninsula. At first it seems that only the local sparrows are affected. But then the boys trace the disease to Peco - The Peninsula Egg Farm - where chooks are dying by the thousands. But Danny and Nick begin to think there might be a more sinister cause. The only hope to save these rare birds becomes a race against time through the gun tunnels and cliff-tops of Taiaaroa Head. A race, that if lost could cause the extinction of a species.

Ibbotson, Eva One dog and his boy

When lonely, ten-year-old Hal learns that his wealthy but neglectful parents only rented Fleck, the dog he always wanted, he and new friend Pippa take Fleck and four other dogs from the rental agency on a trek from London to Scotland.

Jacques, Brian Rogue Crew

The murderous and evil Razzid Wearat and his crew of vermin are on a mission to seize Redwall Abbey for themselves. Published posthumously.

Kinney, Jeff Cabin Fever : Diary of a wimpy kid

Greg Heffley is in big trouble. School property has been damaged and Greg is the prime suspect. But the crazy thing is, he's innocent! Or at least sort of.

Knox, Johanna The Flytrap Snaps (NZ)

When Spencer hears blood-curdling screams on his way home from school he doesn't realise he is about to become embroiled in a dark plot involving carnivorous plants, genetically modified flies, and a mysterious hidden file.

Lai, Thanhha Inside out and back again

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Lawrence, Caroline The Case of the deadly desperados

In 1862 Nevada Territory, after finding their foster parents murdered and scalped, twelve-year-old Pinky Pinkerton, child of a railroad detective and a Sioux Indian, inherits a valuable deed and must hide from dangerous Whittlin Walt and his gang of desperados.

McKay, Hilary Caddy's World

Hilary McKay revisits the Casson family... Caddy is 12, grappling with school, first boyfriends and the unexpected arrival of Permanent Rose who has arrived in the world a little sooner than expected.

Norcliffe, James The Loblolly Boy and The Sorcerer (NZ)

The loblolly boy has the gift of flight and the power to exchange identities with others. He is trying to find the boy who stole his life so he can exchange back, but standing in his way are the jugglers, the Gadget Man and the sinister Sorcerer.

Oliver, Lauren Liesl and Po

Liesl lives in a tiny attic bedroom, locked away by her cruel stepmother. Her only friends are the shadows and the mice - until one night a ghost appears from the darkness. That same night, an alchemist's apprentice, Will, bungles an important delivery and the three of them are drawn together on an extraordinary journey.

Pierce, Lincoln Big Nate on a roll

Big Nate's scout troop is fundraising and while door-to-door selling isn't really Nate's thing, there's nothing like a Grand Prize to get him motivated. Especially when the prize is an awesomely cool customised skateboard. Cartoon series.

***Selznick, Brian* Wonderstruck**

Ben's story takes place in 1977. Rose's story takes place in 1927. Ever since his mother died, Ben feels lost. At home with her father, Rose feels alone. When Ben finds a mysterious clue hidden in his mother's room, and when a tempting opportunity presents itself to Rose, both children risk everything to find what's missing.

***Stephens, John* The Emerald Atlas**

They were taken from their beds one frozen night, when the world was covered in snow. The silhouette of a tall, thin man has haunted Kate ever since. Ten years on, they have grown up in a string of orphanages, and all memories of their parents have faded to a blur. Arriving at Cambridge Falls, the children quickly realise there is something different about this place. Together, they will learn that magic is real, old books cause trouble and only they can save the world.

***Tan, Shaun* Lost and Found**

Three of Shaun Tan's most popular stories explore how we lose and find what matters most to us, as a girl finds a bright spot in a dark world, a boy finds a lost thing, and a group of peaceful creatures lose their home to cruel invaders.

***Van Allsburg, Chris* Chronicles of Harris Burdick**

An inspired collection of short stories by an all-star cast of best-selling storytellers based on the thought-provoking illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*.

***Voigt, Cynthia* Young Fredle**

Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators outside, makes some important discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

***Wild, Margaret* The Dream of the thylacine**

This arresting and beautiful picture book from Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks is a shimmering encounter with the Tasmanian tiger, a lament for a lost species, and a compelling evocation of the place of animals in nature.

***Wild, Margaret* Vampyre**

From the dark depths of his vampyre world, a vampyre boy reflects on the joyous days of his childhood and his current life as a vampyre. Thought-provoking and atmospheric, *Vampyre* is a monumental picture book about identity, making choices and being true to oneself.

***Wilson, Jacqueline* Lily Alone**

When Lily's mum goes on holiday with her new boyfriend and her stepdad fails to show up, Lily is determined to show she can cope without any grown-ups. But taking care of 6-year-old twins, her 3-year-old sister and the family's flat feels overwhelming and Lily is worried that school or social services might discover their situation and break up the family.

Young Adults

***Adornetto, Alexandra* Hades**

Bethany Church is an angel sent to Earth to keep dark forces at bay. Falling in love was never part of her mission, but the bond between Beth and her mortal boyfriend, Xavier Woods, is undeniably strong. Angels battle demons, and the power of love is put to the test. Book 2 in the Halo series.

***Almond, David* The True Tale of the Monster** **Billy Dean Telt by himself**

I was a secret shy and tungtied emptyhedded thing. I was tort to read and rite and spell by my tenda littl muther and by Mr McCaufrey the butcha and by Missus Malone and her gosts. So I am not cleva, so please forgiv my folts and my mistayks. I am the won that glares into your harts and that prowls insyde yor deepist dremes. Wonce I was The Anjel Childe. Now I am The Monster. Just read and lissen and take note. Let the words enter yor blud and boans. I am Billy Dean. This is the truth. This is my tale.

***Beale, Fleur* Heart of danger (NZ)**

Juno and her family arrive at their new home, but almost immediately danger threatens Hera and they move to Willem's protection in New Plymouth, the city Juno most hoped to avoid. Veers between scary situations and Juno's discoveries about love and learning more about the powers of her own mind. The third book in the *Taris* series.

***Bedford, Martyn* Flip**

One December night, 14-year-old Alex goes to bed. He wakes up to find himself in the wrong bedroom, in an unfamiliar house, in a different part of the country, and it's the middle of June. Six months have disappeared overnight. The family at the breakfast table are total strangers. And when he looks in the mirror, another boy's face stares back at him. Unless Alex finds out what's happened and how to get back to his own life, he may be trapped forever inside a body that belongs to someone else.

***Bick, Ilsa* Ashes**

An electromagnetic pulse flashes across the sky, destroying every electronic device, wiping out every computerized system, and killing billions. Alex hiked into the woods to say good-bye to her dead parents and her personal demons. It's now a question of who can be trusted and who is no longer human.

***Coben, Harlen* Shelter**

After tragic events tear Mickey Bolitar away from his parents, he is forced to live with his estranged Uncle Myron and switch high schools, where he finds both friends and enemies, but when his new girlfriend, Ashley, vanishes, he follows her trail into a seedy underworld that reveals she is not what she seems to be.

***Condie, Allyson* Crossed**

Rules are different outside the Society. Chasing down an uncertain future, Cassia makes her way to the Outer Provinces in pursuit of Ky - taken by the Society to his death - only to find that he has escaped into the majestic, but treacherous, canyons.

***Donnelly, Jennifer* Revolution**

Andi is angry at her father for leaving, angry at her mother for not being able to cope, and heartbroken by the loss of her younger brother. And she's about to be expelled from school when her father intervenes. Now Andi must accompany him to Paris for winter break. Alexandrine lived over two centuries ago. She dreamed of making her mark on the Paris stage, but a fateful encounter with a doomed prince of France cast her in a tragic role she didn't want, and couldn't escape. Two girls, two centuries apart. But when Andi finds Alexandrine's diary, she recognizes something in her words and is moved to the point of obsession. Until, on a midnight journey through the catacombs of Paris, Alexandrine's words transcend paper and time, and the past becomes suddenly, terrifyingly present.

Eastham, Ruth *The Memory Cage*

Alex's beloved grandfather is sick. His memory is failing, and Alex's parents want to put him in a home. Alex has promised Grandad that he won't let that happen. But Alex has broken promises before. When he was growing up in the Bosnian War, he swore that he would protect his brother. It was a promise that he couldn't keep, Alex can't fail again.

Funke, Cornelia *Reckless*

For the first time in his life, Jacob Reckless is afraid. For years he's stolen across to another world. A dark enchanted place he's loved for its treasure, secrets and dangers. Until now. Will, his younger brother, has followed him with terrible consequences: the boy will turn to beast; the girl he loves will break her heart and chaos will rule forever, unless Jacob can spin a fairytale to save them...

Grant, Michael *Plague: A Gone Novel*

A deadly, flu-like epidemic and a plague of flesh-eating creatures threaten the lives of the children at Perdido Beach while Sam, Astrid, Caine, and Diana each struggle with doubts and uncertainties.

Healey, Karen *The Shattering (NZ)*

Summerton is perfect: gorgeous weather, stunning scenery, cute out-of-towners to meet. But sharp-tongued Keri has been left shattered with grief by her older brother's suicide. She discovers her other friends have also lost brothers in suspicious circumstances. Does Summerton hold dark secrets?

Higgins, Jane *The Bridge (NZ)*

The City is divided. The bridges gated. In Southside, the hostiles live in squalor and desperation, waiting for a chance to overrun the residents of Cityside. Nik is still in high school but destined for a great career with the Internal Security and Intelligence Services, the brains behind the war. Then the school is bombed and the hostiles take the bridges. Nik and Fyffe are on the run and ISIS hot on their trail. They cross the bridge, and Nik finds answers to questions he'd never dared to ask.

Hill, Will *Department 19*

After watching his father's brutal murder, sixteen-year-old Jamie Carpenter joins Department 19, a secret government agency, where he learns of the existence of vampires and the history that ties him to the team destined to stop them.

Lanagan, Margo *Yellowcake*

Yellowcake brings together another ten short stories from this extraordinarily talented writer - each of them fiercely original and quietly heartbreaking.

Muchamore, Robert *Grey Wolves*

Spring, 1941. With the Royal Navy losing the war at sea, six young agents must sneak into Nazi-occupied Europe and sabotage a submarine base on France's western coast. One of the Henderson's Boys Series.

Myracle, Lauren *Shine*

When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.

Ness, Patrick *A Monster Calls*

An unflinching, darkly funny, and deeply moving story of a boy, his seriously ill mother, and an unexpected monstrous visitor. From the final idea of award-winning author Siobhan Dowd.

Oliver, Lauren *Delirium*

Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, she falls in love.

Paolini, Christopher *Inheritance*

The Rider and his dragon have come further than anyone dared to hope. But can they topple the evil king and restore justice to Alagaësia? And if so, at what cost? The conclusion to the Inheritance cycle.

Peet, Mel *Life: An exploded diagram*

A gripping family portrait that interweaves the stories of three generations and the terrifying crises that define them.

Pitcher, Annabel *My sister lives on the mantelpiece*

My sister lives on the mantelpiece. Well, some of her does. Everyone kept saying it would get better with time, but that's just one of those lies that grown ups tell. Five years on, it's worse than ever: Dad drinks, Mums gone and Jamie's left with questions that he must answer for himself.

Pratchett, Terry *I shall wear midnight*

For Tiffany Achiny being a good witch mostly means tending to the locals minor aches and kerfuffles, which she does with as much aplomb as anyone could be expected to muster, but to become a great witch, she'll have to contend with the malevolent ghost of an ancient witch-burner.

Reeve, Philip *Scrivener's Moon*

In a future land once known as Britain, nomad tribes are preparing to fight a terrifying enemy - the first-ever mobile city. Before London can launch itself, young engineer Fever Crumb must journey to the wastelands of the North. She seeks the ancient birthplace of the Scriven mutants.

Revis, Beth *Across the universe*

Seventeen-year-old Amy joins her parents as frozen cargo aboard the vast spaceship Godspeed and expects to awaken on a new planet, three hundred years in the future. Never could she have known that her frozen slumber would come to an end fifty years too soon. Her awakening was no mere computer malfunction. Someone tried to kill her. And if Amy doesn't do something soon, her parents will be next.

Rosoff, Meg *There is no dog*

In the beginning, Bob created the heavens and the earth, but mostly he prefers eating junk food and leaving his dirty clothes in a heap at the side of his bed. Every time he falls in love, Earth erupts in natural disasters, so humankind is going to be very sorry that Bob ever ran into a completely irresistible girl called Lucy...

Roth, Veronica *Divergent*

Society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue. On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is.

Sang, Ant *Shaolin Burning (NZ)*

In ancient China, martial arts have been outlawed. When the Qing Emperor's army attacks the dissident monks of the Shaolin Temple, only five escape the resulting inferno. The fugitives flee, vowing to spread their forbidden knowledge. Shaolin Burning is a graphic novel about two very different kung-fu fighters, whose lives intersect as they are offered self-discovery through the wisdom of martial arts, in a masterful interweaving of kung-fu myths and legends.

Sedgwick, Marcus *Midwinterblood*

In 2073 on the remote and secretive island of Blessed, where rumour has it that no one ages and no children are born, a visiting journalist, Eric Seven, and a young local woman known as Merle are ritually slain. Their deaths echo a moment ten centuries before, when, in the dark of the moon, a king was slain, tragically torn from his queen. Their souls search to be reunited, and as mother and son, artist and child, forbidden lovers, victims of a vampire they come close to finding what they've lost.

Stiefvater, Maggie *The Scorpio Races*

It happens every November: the Scorpio Races. Riders attempt to keep hold of their water horses long enough to make it to the finish. Some riders live. Others die.

Wynne-Jones, Tim *Blink and Caution*

Two teenagers who are living on the streets and barely getting by become involved in a complicated criminal plot, and make an unexpected connection with each other.

Young, Moira *Blood Red Road*

In a distant future, eighteen-year-old Lugh is kidnapped, and while his twin sister Saba and nine-year-old Emmi are trailing him across bleak Sandsea they are captured, too, and taken to brutal Hopetown, where Saba is forced to be a cage fighter until new friends help plan an escape.



Information books, poetry and fairytales

Andreae, Giles *Mad about minibeasts*

From slugs and snails to bustling beetles and beautiful butterflies, these rhymes are full of humour and great to read aloud. Illustrated by David Wojtowycz.

Aronson, Marc and Budhos, Marina *Sugar changed the world*

Sugar has left a bloody trail through human history. Cane — not cotton or tobacco — drove the slave trade and took the lives of countless Africans who toiled on sugar plantations under cruel overseers. This book traces the history of sugar from its origins in New Guinea around 7000 B.C. to its use in the 21st century to produce ethanol.

Bloom, Steve *My favourite animal families*

Each family is featured over four pages in beautiful photographs. Entertaining and lively texts by David Henry Wilson accompany the entries and explain anything and everything of interest: why hippo families like to wallow in mud, and why you should always look at a zebra's ears.

Boynton, Sandra *Amazing Cows*

A book of bovinely inspired misinformation. Jokes, humorous stories, poems and a comic book about cows.

Browne, Anthony *Playing the shape game*

A fascinating insight into the life and work of Anthony Browne

Brownlie, Betty *Life Cycle Series (NZ)*

New and revised titles in the comprehensive Life Cycle Of... series this year include Kiwi, Monarch Butterfly, Tuatara and Frog.

Cantrell, Charlie *A Friend for Einstein*

After searching for a new friend, Einstein, a very small horse, finds the perfect companion in a white boxer named Lilly.

Chaffee, Joel *How to Build A Prize-winning Robot*

Introduces robotics competitions that involve robots competing against one another, performing designated tasks to win a prize and explains that competitions are won by simple ideas that work and by skills that go beyond engineering and science such as teamwork and ability for testing.

Copsey, Susan *Our Children Aotearoa (NZ)*

17 New Zealand children from diverse cultural backgrounds share their lives. Includes a short guide for children to do their own profile.

Crews, Nina *Jack and the beanstalk*

Jack receives beans as pay for a job he completes and lo and behold, those beans lead him up a beanstalk and into the company of giants! In her innovative photo-collage style, Nina Crews freshens up a beloved children's tale for today's young readers.

Davies, Nicola *Talk Talk Squawk!*

How does a stinkbug flirt, a bee give orders, or a panda say "back off"? A celebrated duo is back with a guide to messaging, animal-style. Illustrated by Neal Layton.

Dingle, Adrian *How to make a universe with 92 ingredients*

Presents chemistry 'experiments' that show how the things are made from just 92 chemical elements - from tree to mobile phones, to humans and the Sun.

DK Publishing *How cool is this?*

Discover the secret science behind the coolest inventions. How Cool is This? is an exciting introduction to inventions and technology. It's packed with delights such as glow sticks and exploding bubbles, modern mysteries like e-ink and wind turbines and familiar objects from crash helmets to fireworks.

Dowsett, Elizabeth *Lego Harry Potter*

Gives readers an up-close look at the bricks, constructions, and figures of the LEGO Harry Potter universe - from Hogwarts Castle to Hagrid's hut.

Dowson, Nick *North*

Traces the awe-inspiring spring migration of millions of creatures to the Arctic - the greatest journey on Earth. Illustrated by Patrick Benson.

Francisco, Pittau *Out of sight*

More than 50 animals are hiding in this giant lift-the-flap book. Identify them using their hoof prints, silhouettes, horns and more.

Franco, Betsy *A Dazzling display of dogs*

Presents a collection of thirty-four concrete poems about dogs and their canine behaviour. Concrete poems are poems where the spacing and layout of the poem contributes as much as the content.

Gill, Maria Call *of the kokako (NZ)*

Tells the remarkable story of how the kokako, New Zealand's last remaining species of wattlebird, is being saved. A second part of the book tells a special story - this is the successful quest of one conservationist to save ten kokako from a forest about to be felled.

Goldstone, Bruce *100 ways to celebrate 100 days*

It's the 100th day of school--what can you do to celebrate? Here are 100 different ideas. From collecting to counting, baking to bouncing, reading to writing, every possible kind of activity is included.

Green, Jen *Earthquake*

Find out how people react and rebuild their lives and the environment when an Earthquake occurs and what communities and the emergency services do in response.

Hutchinson, Adam *When my home shook (NZ)*

Unedited and personal accounts of the Canterbury earthquake as told by primary and intermediate school children. From whenmyhomeshook.co.nz.

Jenkins, Martin *Can we save the tiger?*

The tiger is just one of thousands of animals — including the ground iguana and the partula snail — currently in danger of becoming extinct, joining the dodo, the marsupial wolf, and countless others we will never see again.

Jenkins, Steve *Bones*

A guide to human and animal skeletons provides informative comparisons while sharing such facts as the number of bones in the human body and the ways that skeletal structures work.

Komiya, Teruyuki *Life-size aquarium*

Introduces young readers to nineteen different marine animals.

Lear, Edward *His shoes were far too tight*

Meet the Pobble with his chilly feet, the Owl and the Pussycat and a hive of silvery bees. Come inside this book and find poetry to feed your mind.

Lester, Alison *One small island*

A picture book about the life and times of Macquarie Island, a sub-Antarctic Island and World Heritage Site. This book traces the history of the island and the story of how its precious ecosystem has been damaged over the years. It's a story of hope and renewal, and Macquarie Island's plight is a microcosm of the environmental issues facing us today.

Macauley, David *Built to last*

Reveals the how and why behind some of the most fascinating and enduring structures humankind has ever created.

MacDonald, Fiona *A 19th century railway station*

Step inside one of the marvels of the Victorian age! An exciting and superbly-illustrated look at developing transport during one of the most important periods of modern history. A Spectacular Visual Guide.

McDonnell, Patrick *Me...Jane*

Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.

Marriott, Janice *Yates young gardener: get your hands dirty (NZ)*

Packed full of ideas for outside fun and learning. With experiments like making shrunken heads, a butterfly feeding jar or fungus garden, or even designing a dream garden, this book is packed full of activities for you to do in your home garden.

Mavor, Salley *Pocketful of posies*

This hand-picked collection of classic nursery rhymes, all delicately and painstakingly illustrated by Salley Mavor, who is renown for her incredibly detailed fabric and cloth scenes.

Morpurgo, Michael *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*

A modern retelling of a classic children's tale illustrated by Emma Chichester Clark. Weaves contemporary social and environmental themes into a gripping tale.

Padmanabhan, Manjula *I am different!*

This clever picture book presents sixteen visual puzzles. On every page, readers must pick out the one item that is different from the rest—a different colour, a different shape, or just asleep when others are awake! Includes text in 16 languages.

Prap, Lila *Doggy Whys*

Humorous answers to questions about dogs plus factual information about dog behaviour and dog breeds.

Prelutsky, Jack *The Carnival of the animals*

America's first Children's Poet Laureate and the illustrator of the Harry Potter books (Mary GrandPré) team up in a volume of rollicking original verses set to Saint-Saëns' classical composition that is complemented by a CD recording of the music and Prelutsky's readings.

Roberts, Alice *Evolution: the human story*

Travel back 8 million years and go on a fascinating journey to discover how our species has developed from tree-dwelling primates to modern humans. Staggeringly realistic CGI and model reconstructions from original fossils bring us face to face with our ancestors portraying them as never before.

Rubbino, Salvatore *A Walk in London*

A child's-eye view of London's top attractions blends lively artwork with facts, and features a sweeping foldout of the city skyline.

Schwartz, David *What in the wild?*

Uncover ten mysteries of the natural world in these riddles paired with mystifying images. Guess what creature made that pile of twigs, mass of leaves etc. And why? Answers are found by opening a fold and revealing full-colour photographs.

Sebe, Masayuki *100 Things*

There's more to this book than you first think - you can look for sets of ten, discuss the different colours and animals, look for the little stories and jokes on each page, see how each spread leads on to the next, or just count to 100 over and over! Gecko Press.

Silverstein, Shel Every thing on it

The second original book to be published since Silverstein's passing in 1999, this poetry collection includes more than one hundred and thirty never-before-seen poems and drawings selected by his family from his archives.

Singer, Marilyn A full moon is rising

A poetic exploration of full moon science, celebrations, beliefs, and illusions. Along the way we visit Canada, Israel, Morocco, India, China, Australia, and more with illustrations by Julia Cairns.

Slane, Chris Nice day for a war (NZ)

A young soldier from rural New Zealand lies about his age and heads off to fight in World War One. At first he and his mates are full of excitement, but then they encounter the horrors of the Western front. Based on the written recollections of Matt Elliott's grandfather, Cyril Elliott. Partly in graphic format.

Solarz, Ewa, Mizielinsk, Aleksandra and Daniel D.E.S.I.G.N

A fascinating review of 69 of the most innovative household items from the past 150 years - from the classic to the most crazy. Through light and witty descriptions, colourful anecdotes and bold illustrations, D.E.S.I.G.N entertains, amazes and teaches us about the origins, aesthetics and form of objects that surround us. Gecko Press.

Steele, Philip Trains

Uncover the romance of train travel in this eye-catching, hands-on exploration of the Iron Horse. Amazing die-cuts, sliders, and see-through panels bring the details to life as readers see inside some of the world's most iconic trains.

Sutton, Roger A family of readers

A definitive guide to choosing books for children and young adults—and nurturing their love of reading.

Swinburne, Stephen Whose Shoes?

Simple text and colour photographs explore a variety of occupations and the shoes that are worn for the particular jobs.

Van Allsburg, Chris Queen of the falls

The story of Annie Edson Taylor, who in 1901 decided to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

Veart, David Digging up the past (NZ)

Archaeologist David Veart introduces young and curious readers to the story of New Zealand - from Pacific voyagers to contemporary crime scenes - that archaeologists have discovered. You'll even learn how to do a little archaeological research in your own rubbish bin

Waddell, Martin The Orchard Book of Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales

Martin Waddell has brought together nine favourite stories, skilfully retelling them for today's children. Emma Chichester Clark's glorious illustrations bring the tales vividly to life, making this book a joy to share.

Winston, Robert Science Experiments

These exciting hands-on experiments - from creating balloon rockets or glow-in-the-dark jelly to making metal detectors - will help you get to grips with science.

Werner, Sharon Bugs by the numbers

Provides readers with facts about bugs and other creepy-crawlers while introducing the concept of numbers and counting.

Wheatley, Nadia Playground: Listening to Stories from Country

With historical and contemporary photographs, artwork by leading Indigenous artists, and new colour illustrations throughout, this compilation of Indigenous stories gives a fascinating insight into Aboriginal childhood, both traditional and contemporary.

Winter, Jeanette Biblioburro

After amassing piles of books, Luis dreams up a way to share his collection with faraway villages. Tough terrain and menacing bandits challenge him along the way, but at last he reaches a remote town, where he holds a story hour and loans titles to eager kids before returning home to his wife and reading late into the night.

Woop Studios A Zeal of Zebras

Each letter of the alphabet is illustrated by a different group of animals, each with its own descriptive name.

Yeoman, John Quentin Blake's amazing animal stories

Meet fearsome alligators, clever coyotes, a jittery leopard, a shell-less tortoise and all sorts of amazing animals in these wonderful stories.

Young, Ed The House Baba Built

In Ed Young's childhood home in Shanghai, all was not as it seemed: the house his father built transformed as needed into a place to play hide-and-seek, to eat bamboo shoots, and to be safe. For outside, China was at war. Soon the house held not only Ed and his four siblings but also friends, relatives, and even strangers who became family. Through it all, Ed's childhood remained full of joy and imagination.

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