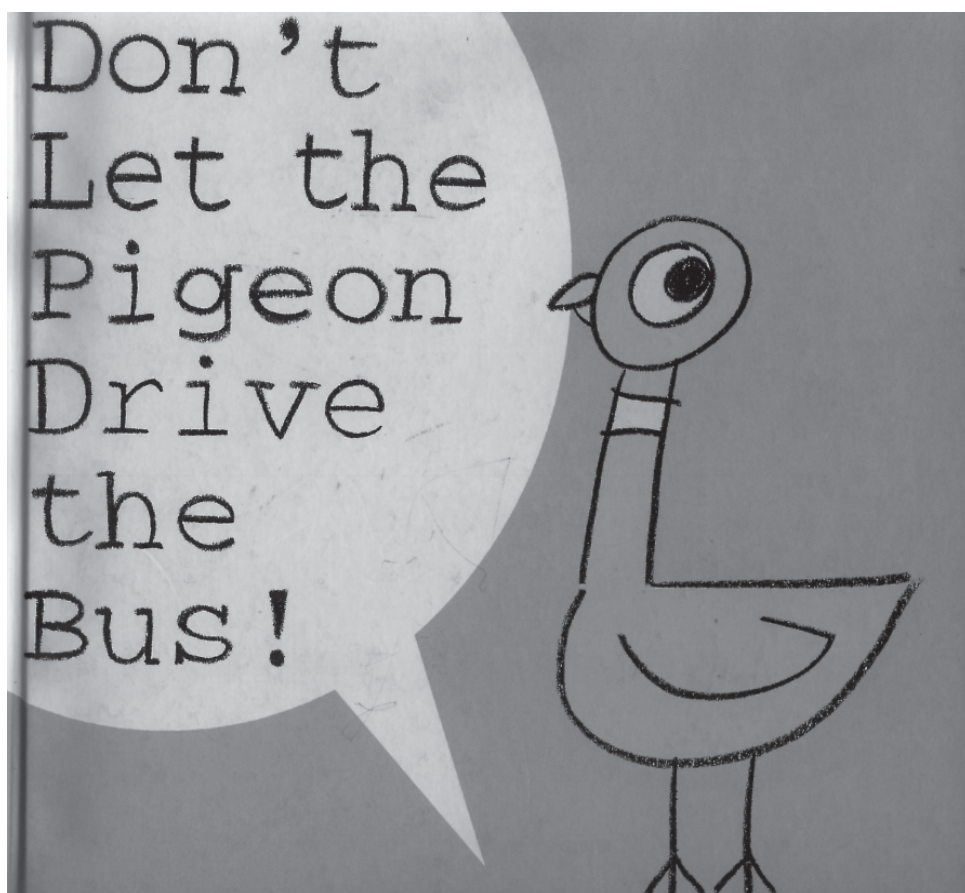


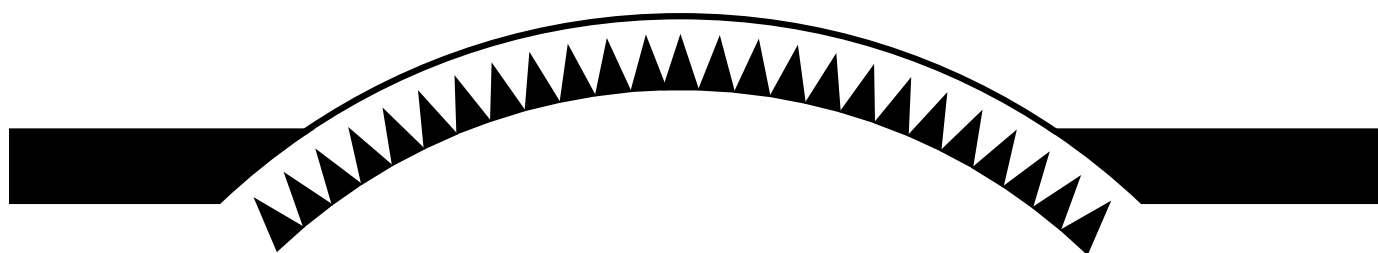
## HOLIDAY READING

A selection of children's and  
young adults' books



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### **In Memoriam 2003**

Vivian Alcock  
Charles Causley  
Dorothy Clewes  
Monica Hughes  
Robert McCloskey  
Tessa Krailing  
Joan Lowery Nixon  
Joan Phipson  
William Steig

## FOR ADULTS

Briggs, Raymond **Blooming books** Beginning with his first published illustrations in 1958, this is a diverse exploration of Raymond Briggs' work. With commentaries by journalist Nicolette Jones accompanying extracts, it is divided into four sections - the early years; nursery classics; a gallery of characters; and social issues.

Jennings, Paul **The reading bug - and how you can help your child to catch it** A very user-friendly guide by an author who has done much to help children catch the 'reading bug'.

## PICTURE BOOKS

Agee, John **Z Goes Home** An alphabet book. Everybody has a job to do, and so does the letter Z. But when the workday's over Z goes home.

Ahlberg, Allan **The little cat baby** A story about a man and a woman who visit Nurse Doodle's baby shop to choose a new baby. There's a pink baby and a robot baby and a flowerpot-throwing baby and a little cat baby. They choose the little cat baby and take her home.

Blake, Quentin **Mrs Armitage: Queen of the Road** A favourite character returns.

Browne, Anthony **The shape game** A family reluctantly visits an art gallery but one by one each member is energized by a different picture in the gallery and transported into the imaginative and colourful world of art.

Burningham, John **The magic bed** Georgie has got a new bed, but it's not like other beds. Each night Georgie says the magic word, and the bed whisks him away on a fantastic adventure. But one day Georgie and his family go on holiday, and when they come back, Granny has an unwelcome surprise for Georgie.

Chichester Clark, Emma **I'll show you, Blue Kangaroo!** Lily has flooded the kitchen, thrown all her clothes out of the window and dressed the cat, and now she is showing off. She tries to copy the acrobats on TV but goes too far with the baby on the see-saw and poor Blue Kangaroo left clinging to a branch!

Chichester Clark, Emma **Up in heaven** Elderly Daisy can't keep up with Will any more, and then one day she wakes up to find herself in heaven! Now she no longer feels tired or ill, and she can run as fast as she used to, but she worries about Will because he is so miserable, and so she sends him dreams to show him how happy she is.

Cooke, Trish **Catch!** However hard she tries, Kiona can't seem to catch anything: the ball is too big, the apple is too hard and the balloon just bursts. But Mum knows that there is something special that isn't too big, too hard or too squidgy, something that's just right, and Kiona manages to catch something after all.

Cooke, Trish **Full, full, full of love** For young Jay Jay, Sunday dinner at Gran's house is full of hugs and kisses, tasty dishes, all kinds of fishes, happy faces, and love.

Coy, John **Two old potatoes and me** After a young girl finds two old potatoes at her father's house, they plant and tend them to see if they will have new potatoes in September.

Cronin, Doreen **Diary of a worm** A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm.

Deacon, Alexis **Beegu** A small creature from space finds no welcome on Earth, until she meets a group of children on a playground.

Donaldson, Julia **The magic paintbrush** As Shen plays and draws pictures in the sand, a mysterious man gives her a magic paintbrush. She paints fish, pots and ladders and watches them come to life for the poor people in her village. But when the Emperor hears of this, how can Shen outwit his greedy plans?

Dragonwagon, Crescent **And then it rained** Describes how different people react to days of rain and days of hot sun. A book to be read from both ends.

Dunbar, Joyce **A chick called Saturday** Saturday decides that there has to be more to life than clucking, scratching and pecking. He tries to do all the things that the other farmyard animals do until he sees the most magnificent creature of all, and discovers that a little chick can have a moment of glory too.

Elliott, Louise **Noah's boat** A variant on the Noah's ark story, with an Australian setting, and without a flood.

Falconer, Ian **Olivia and the missing toy** Olivia has one toy that she loves more than anything and when he disappears, Olivia is heartbroken. Then, one night, Olivia hears a noise. Candelabra in hand, she bravely creeps into her bedroom to face a huge menacing shadow on the wall, a piece of her beloved toy in its jaws!

Farish, Terry **The cat who liked potato soup** The friendship between an old man and his cat, both of whom like potato soup, is strained after he goes fishing without her.

Foreman, Michael **Cat on the hill** Summer in St. Ives is good for the stray cat, visitors feed him and it is warm on his hill. Then in autumn the tourists leave and food is harder to come by. But winter is worse, it is a cold and lonely time full of danger and hunger. And come Christmas, who will remember the cat on the hill?

Foreman, Michael **Evie and the man who helped God** Evie loves the garden, especially on Mondays when George comes. George shows her everything and introduces her to all the animals. 'Do you like making gardens?' she asks, to which he replies 'I don't, Eve. God makes them and I just help'. One day George stops coming for good.

Frazee, Marla **Roller coaster** Twelve people set aside their fears and ride a roller coaster, including one who has never done so before.

Geisert, Arthur **Mystery** During a visit to the art museum, a little piglet and her grandfather investigate the disappearance of several paintings. Clues in the illustrations give readers a chance to solve the mystery along with the heroine.

Grey, Mini **The pea and the princess** Once upon a time there was an enchanting fairytale about a prince who was looking for a real princess to be his bride. This is a reworking of the classic fairytale told from the point of view of the pea.

Hartman, Bob **Grumblebunny** When three sweet rabbits and one ill-tempered one encounter a hungry wolf, they come to appreciate their differences in attitude.

Hartman, Bob **The wolf who cried boy** Little Wolf is tired of eating hamburgers and sloppy does, but when he tricks his parents into thinking there is a boy in the woods, they could all miss a chance for a real feast.

Hedderwick, Mairi **A walk with Grannie** Kirsty and Grannie walk through the countryside, past sheep, ducks and Highland cattle - all the way around the farms and back. All around them is the natural world and Mairi Hedderwick's Scottish landscapes.

Henkes, Kevin **Wemberly's ice-cream star** One hot summer day Wemberly finds that patience, just like a frosty treat, will go a long way.

Hutchins, Pat **There's only one of me!** A young girl describes her relationship to the various members of her family, including her stepfamily, as they all gather to celebrate her birthday.

Ichikawa, Satomi **My pig Amarillo** Pablito, a Guatemalan boy whose pet pig Amarillo has disappeared, uses a kite to send him a message that he still loves him.

James, Simon **Little One Step** What do you do when you're little and lost and your legs feel all wobbly? The littlest duckling discovers he can walk under the tallest trees and through the widest fields when he does 'one step'. By putting one foot in front of the other, Little One Step finds his way home.

Johnson, Stephen **As the city sleeps** A look at the city at night reveals that innocent objects are not quite what they seem once the sun has set.

Johnston, Tony **Go track a yak!** A couple of bumbling parents with a hungry baby seek help from a tricky little witch, but it is a sweet black-eyed yak who really helps them to live happily ever after.

Keller, Laurie **Arnie the doughnut** Arnie the talking doughnut convinces Mr. Bing that not all doughnuts are meant to be eaten.

King, Stephen Michael **Milli, Jack and the dancing cat** Milli takes old throw-away things and makes them into wiggly wonderful new things, but she isn't brave enough to show people what she loves to do until Jack and the Dancing Cat come waltzing into her life. The author celebrates the joy of being yourself and setting your imagination free.

Long, Melinda **How I became a pirate** Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.

McCaughrean, Geraldine **One bright Penny** A farmer challenges his three children to fill his barn using just one penny - the winner will inherit the farm. The two sons fail using feathers and candlelight, but the daughter, Penny, fills it with music and restores harmony to the family.

McKee, David **Who is Mrs Green?** Henry knows that Mum is cross because Mr Moon has hooted at her; he had been so impatient because he was fuming at being called 'stupid' by his wife; and his wife was so irritable because she had been hurried in the supermarket ... and it is all Mrs Green's fault!

Martin, Bill **Panda bear, panda bear, what do you see?** Illustrations and rhyming text present ten different endangered animals.

Meddaugh, Susan **Harry on the rocks** Harry and his boat become stranded on an island, where he discovers an egg which hatches into a strange lizard with wings.

Novak, Jiri Tibor **Great ocean walk** A father and his son go for a walk on the beach.

Ormerod, Jan **If you're happy and you know it!** If you're happy and you know you can clap your hands... but you can also wag your tail, snap your teeth, beat your chest, jump and boing! This exuberant animal romp explores different ways of expressing happiness, encouraging children to join in with the animal actions.

Palatini, Margie **Broom-mates** Gritch the Witch is not pleased when her sister, Mag the Hag, shows up early for the party.

Patten, Brian **Ben's magic telescope** A nine-year-old boy lives on the ninth floor of a high-rise tower block in a large, grim city. He hates it, but one day he discovers a small silver telescope that enables him to see the beauty in the world around him, from market stalls to the surface of the moon.

Pattison, Darcy **The journey of Oliver K. Woodman** Oliver K. Woodman, a man made of wood, takes a remarkable journey across America, as told through the letters and postcards of those he meets along the way.

Raschka, Christopher **Talk to me about the alphabet** Illustrations and simple text for each letter of the alphabet demonstrate the sounds made by that letter.

Ripper, Georgie **My best friend, Bob** Brian and Bob are best friends. They do everything together, such as eating peanuts and playing 'I Spy' - the usual things guinea pigs like to do. But one day, Bob is taken away. Will the two best friends ever see each other again?

Ross, Tony **I don't want to go to bed!** The little princess doesn't want to go to bed. And why should she when she isn't even tired? And when there are monsters and spiders lurking? But the king and queen are firm and after several attempts, she goes to bed. But when the king tries to kiss her goodnight, the princess has gone!

Simmonds, Posy **Lavender** Whenever there is the slightest hint of danger, Lavender the rabbit can be found with her friends the goose and the hens clucking with concern. So when a group of tourist town foxes arrive on a visit to the countryside, Lavender is very wary indeed.

Smith, Lane **The happy Hocky family moves to the country!** When the Hocky family moves to a big old house in the country, it takes them some time to adjust to a new way of life.

Thomson, Pat **The squeaky, creaky bed** A cumulative tale about a little boy who cannot fall asleep in the noisy old bed at his grandparents' house.

Timberlake, Amy **The dirty cowboy** Telling his faithful dog to make sure nobody touches his clothes but him, a cowboy jumps into a New Mexico river for a bath, not realizing just how much the scrubbing will change his scent.

Voake, Charlotte **Ginger finds a home** A little girl feeds Ginger, a thin little cat who has been living in a patch of weeds, and takes him home to live with her.

Waddell, Martin **Hi, Harry!** Harry Tortoise is slow. He's very, very, very slow. He wants someone to play with, but everyone is so quick. Will he ever find a friend who is as slow as him?

Ward, Helen **The rooster and the fox** An adaptation of a twelfth century French tale, best known from its retelling in the 'Nun's priest's tale' from *The Canterbury tales*.

Wells, Rosemary **Only you** A little bear describes how much his mother means to him.



Willems, Mo **Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!** When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place, capturing the antics of a preschooler's temper tantrum.

Willis, Jeanne **I hate school** Honor Brown cannot find a good word to say for her school. She insists that her teacher is a warty toad, the water tray has killer sharks in it and even her friends are loathsome. But when the time comes to move on to 'big school', she sits in the corner and sobs! Maybe it wasn't so bad after all!

Willis, Jeanne **Tadpole's promise** Tadpole loves his friend, the caterpillar, and she loves him too. 'Promise that you will never change,' she says, but as the seasons pass he matures - and what has happened to his friend? As he sits on his lily pad digesting the butterfly he has just eaten, he little realizes he will never know.

Willis, Jeanne **When Stephanie smiled** It's Monday, it's raining and James is miserable - until Stephanie walks in. Suddenly he cheers up, and even the sun shines! They do everything together - they are even Mary and Joseph in the Christmas play, and then she has to go away.

Wormell, Christopher **Two frogs** Two frogs are sitting on a lily pad and one of them has a stick. The stick, he says, is to beat off the dog. But there is no dog. Yet. So begin the trials of this hapless pair.

Yolen, Jane **How do dinosaurs get well soon?** Describes what a young dinosaur should do in order to quickly get over being sick.

## FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS

Ahlberg, Allan **The cat who got carried away** A new story about the Gaskitt family.

Aiken, Joan **Ghostly beasts** A collection of short animal tales.

Base, Graeme **TruckDogs: a novel in four bites** Sparky longs to be part of the Mongrel Pack and do wheelies, jumps and skids with the cool young Truck Dogs. When villainous Mr Big and his RottWheelers roll into town on a thieving spree, Sparky convinces The Mongrel Pack that only they can save the town.

Brown, Jeff **Stanley, flat again!** After Stanley Lambchop goes flat once again, he uses his flatness to help win a sailboat race and to rescue a classmate from a collapsed building.

Carmody, Isobelle **Journey from the centre of the Earth** When Rafe begins to tell the story of a duck left at the centre of the earth by a human expedition, Harry is so caught up in imagining the duck's journey that it becomes his journey as well.

DiTerlizzi, Tony **The field guide** It all starts when Jared Grace finds their great uncle's book, 'Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastic World Around You' and the Grace kids realize that they are not alone in their new house. Now the kids want to tell their story but the faeries will do everything they can to stop them. First title in *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. Followed by **The seeing stone**.

Doherty, Berlie **Blue John** Before being banished, the Queen of Darkness snatched up two things - the blue heart of the mountain and the gold of the sun, making a child of them, Blue John. One day, Blue John follows some children from the caves into the sunshine and is turned into stone.

Gaiman, Neil **The wolves in the walls** Lucy tells her parents that wolves are living in the wall of their house. When the wolves decide to come out, Lucy and her family find themselves homeless. But not for too long because Lucy is determined to get their home back.

Hoffman, Mary **Encore Grace** Grace finds that her family is changing and so is her group of friends. There's a new girl who puts Grace's nose out of joint; a production of *Sleeping Beauty* that aims to be very different; a school bully to contend with; goodbyes to be said to a friend who moves away.

McCaughrean, Geraldine **Doctor Quack** Despite a magical medicine of fabulous price, Benedick's father died of the purple plague. Now Benedick travels from town to town selling cures and potions. His moatwater marvels seem doomed to end in disaster ... until he meets a canny princess and someone he recognizes.

Matthews, Andrew **Bob Robber and Dancing Jane** Bob Robber only came out at night and the night had got into him. He could stand so still that spiders didn't notice him and spun webs around him, but he envied Dancing Jane's light feet and happy dancing. Bob Robber cannot dance and so he tries to steal her shadow.

Mitchell, Pratima **Petar's song** Petar loves music, and his violin keeps the whole village dancing. But when war breaks out, Petar, his mother and brother have to flee across the border to safety, leaving their beloved father in the village with the other men. Petar is so sad that he can no longer play his music.

O'Malley, Kevin **Mount Olympus basketball** Zeus, Hera, Athene, Poseidon, and Hades pull some dirty tricks as they face off against Hercules, Jason, Odysseus, Achilles and Theseus in this 'gods versus mortals' basketball game set in ancient Greece.

Pilkey, Dav **Captain Underpants and the big, bad battle of the Bionic Booger Boy: Night of the nasty nostril nuggets.** A snotty situation ensues when Melvin Sneedley, an academically-gifted student, turns into the Bionic Booger Boy and must be stopped by George, Harold, and Captain Underpants. By flipping the pages, the reader can view animated illustrations. Also: **Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy: Revenge of the Ridiculous Robo-Boogers.**

Radunsky, Vladimir **Manneken Pis: a simple story of a boy who peed on a war** In a story based on a Belgian legend, a boy shows his dislike for a war by doing his business right on the battle, thus causing both sides to stop fighting, have a laugh, and make peace with one another.

Rumford, James **Nine animals and the well** A fable about a group of animals which strives to bring the perfect present to the Indian raja-king's birthday party. Discusses how the numerals we use originated in India.

Woodson, Jacqueline **Our Gracie Aunt** When a brother and sister are taken to stay with their mother's sister because their mother neglects them, they wonder if they will see their mother again. A sophisticated picture book.

Wynne-Jones, Tim **Ned Mouse breaks away** Ned Mouse is trying to break out of jail after having committed the heinous crime of writing 'The government is unfair to mice!' in his spinach. Over the years Ned makes various unsuccessful attempts to escape until he finally comes up with his most daring escape plan yet.

## FICTION FOR OLDER READERS

Aiken, Joan **Midwinter nightingale** The *Wolves Chronicles* continue as Dido and her friend Simon, Duke of Battersea, have many perilous adventures trying to protect the ailing King James from the plotting of the evil Baron Magnus who is determined that his brutish son Lothar will be the next king of England.

Almond, David **The fire-eaters** 'There he was, below the bridge, half-naked and eyes blazing - with a pair of burning torches.' It's Autumn and the winds of change are blowing for Bobby Burns. His new school is a frightening place, World War III might be imminent, and then there's the strange fire eater, a devil called McNulty.

Ardagh, Philip **Heir of mystery, or, four legs good** The second in the *Unlikely Exploits* trilogy sees the remaining McNally children - Jackie, Le Fay and the twins Josh and Albie - being mysteriously drawn to Fishbone Forest and a forgotten crumbling mansion. Here they meet the terrifying, teddy bear-clutching Mr Maggs.

Booth, Martin **Doctor Illuminatus** Brother and sister Pip and Tim move to an ancient manor house where they discover Sebastian, the alchemist's son. Bound to continue his age-old fight to foil the plan of the evil alchemist - to create an homonculus to further his sinister designs - Sebastian has two new recruits.

Broome, Errol **Gracie and the emperor** For as long as Gracie can remember, she has been told stories of Napoleon Bonaparte, who would stop at nothing to rule the world and plant the French flag on the Tower of London. Now, the most famous and most dreaded man is coming to the very island where she lives.

Byng, Georgia **Molly Moon stops the world** Sequel to **Molly Moon's incredible book of hypnotism** Orphan Molly Moon has vowed never to use her amazing hypnotic powers again but when she learns that a megalomaniac master hypnotist called Primo Cell is rumoured to be controlling the minds of famous movie stars, she has to intervene.

Colfer, Eoin **Artemis Fowl, The eternity code** Twelve-year-old villain, Artemis Fowl, is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom; but he's taking on more than a bunch of fairies when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the Lep-Recon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance Unit).

Corder, Zizou **Lionboy** Charlie Ashanti can speak Cat. He takes it for granted, but when his mum and dad go missing, the Cats are the only friends he can turn to. Setting out to find his parents, Charlie stows away on a circus ship. On board he meets six lions who need his help. They embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

Creech, Sharon **Granny Torrelli makes soup** With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

Crossley-Holland, Kevin **King of the Middle March** Final in the Arthur/Merlin trilogy. 'Destined,' said one critic, 'to become a classic.'

Crum, Shutta **Spitting image** In the small town of Baylor, Kentucky, twelve-year-old Jessie K. Bovey and her friends confront some of life's questions during their summer vacation in the late 1960s.

Cushman, Karen **Rodzina** A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago, fearful about travelling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.

DiCamillo, Kate **The tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread** The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Dickinson, Peter **The tears of the salamander** Mount Etna towers above the remote villa where Alfredo lives with his uncle after a fire wipes out his family. Deep within Etna swim the magical salamanders, and Alfredo must use his strange powers to protect them, destroy his uncle and control the explosive rage of the volcano.

Dunmore, Helen **The silver bead** It's the last summer holiday before Katie and Zillah go to secondary school. Zillah can't wait, she's desperate to be grown up. Katie isn't quite so keen. Everything seems to be changing so fast, but at least she'll have Zillah's friendship to hold onto although even that doesn't look so certain.

DuPrau, Jeanne **The city of Ember** The city of Ember was built deep underground as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save Ember. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out forever.

Ellis, Sarah **The Several Lives of Orphan Jack** When twelve-year-old Jack finds out that his apprentice job working for a bookkeeper does not involve keeping books safe, he leaves for the market city of Aberbog, where he peddles ideas, notions and concepts, and wins the heart of the town. Nominated for the Canadian Governor-General's Literary Awards.

Fleischman, Sid **Disappearing act** After their archaeologist mother fails to return from Mexico and they discover that someone is stalking their Albuquerque house, twelve-year-old Kevin and his opera-singing older sister flee to Venice, California, where they hope that new identities will keep them safe.

Forde, Catherine **Fat boy swim** Jimmy Kelly is obese, and bullied mercilessly for it at school. He hides a secret he's sure would make them laugh still more - he's a talented cook.

Funke, Cornelia **Inkheart** Mo, a gentle bookbinder with an extraordinary secret, and his daughter Meggie love books, yet he has not read aloud to her since her mother disappeared years ago. After a mysterious stranger visits them, Mo tells Meggie they must go into hiding. But why, and from whom?

Gantos, Jack **Jack Adrift: fourth grade without a clue** When his father rejoins the Navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, ten-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents, and a very strange neighbour.

Gleitzman, Morris **Toad away** The uplifting tale of one cane toad's heroic journey (with his sister and cousin) across oceans, continents and some really busy roads. Sequel to **Toad rage** and **Toad heaven**.

Gleitzman, Morris **Teacher's pet** Ginger's allergic to cats – and possibly her family as well.

Gliori, Debi **Pure dead brilliant** Third in the series.

Gray, Margaret **The ugly princess and the wise fool** When plain-looking Princess Rose longs for the beauty to snare handsome Prince Parsley, and the wise fool Jasper longs to restore wisdom to the kingdom, they end up working together and find they must face the magical Godmother Board of Trustees.

Gwynne, Phillip **Jetty rats** Hunter, the witty, cynical narrator, and his crumbling bay side town feature in this tale of sadness, laughter, funeral homes and fishing.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson **Among the Barons** In a future world of false identities, government lies, and death threats, Luke feels drawn to the younger brother of the boy whose name Luke has taken. Sequel to **Among the betrayed** and a title in *The shadow children* series.

Henkes, Kevin **Olive's ocean** On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.

Herrick, Steven **Do-wrong Ron** Ron always does the wrong things at the wrong time, or the right things at the wrong time, or the wrong things at the right time. Like kicking the winning goal - for the other team. Or forgetting to add water to the cordial. But when he adopts a guinea-pig called Charlie, at least he's not so lonely any more.

Hirsch, Odo **Bartlett and the Island of Kings** Bartlett, Jacques le Grand and Gozo set out to find the last in a chain of volcanic islands. No one greets them when they arrive, yet the next morning their canoe has disappeared.

Hirsch, Odo **Think smart, Hazel Green** When Hazel sees that Mr Volio, the baker with the walrus moustache, puts a sign in his window – 'Closing down' - she decides to help her friend save his business.

Hoffman, Mary **Stravaganza: city of stars** Georgia loves horses and hates Russell, her step-brother. It seems Russell's main aim is to make Georgia miserable. When Georgia finally saves up enough money to buy the little model of a winged horse she has admired in an antiques shop, she knows she has to keep it out of Russell's way. Sequel to **Stravaganza: city of masks**.

Jacques, Brian **The angel's command: a tale from the castaways of the Flying Dutchman** Ben and Ned, a boy and dog gifted with eternal youth and the ability to communicate with one another nonverbally, encounter pirates on the high seas and rescue a kidnapped prince from a band of thieves. Sequel to **Castaways of the Flying Dutchman**.

Jacques, Brian **Loamhedge** While a group of adventurers from Redwall seeks out the ancient abbey of Loamhedge in hopes of curing a young haremaid's paralysis, Redwall is besieged by vermin. Illustrated by New Zealand artist David Elliot.

Kay, Elizabeth **The Divide** Felix is a special sort of hero: he is brave and resourceful, but has a heart condition that threatens his life. When he visits the Divide with his parents, he finds himself in an amazing back-to-front world where mythical creatures are real and humans and science are just rumour and legend.

Leeson, Robert **Onda - wind rider** Onda is a sprite who longs to know what she looks like, but she can't unless she becomes human and gives up her spirit powers.

Laird, Elizabeth **The garbage king** Inspired by the true story of an African childhood lived on the edge of destitution, this novel concerns what happens to Mamo when his mother dies and he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa, stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer.

Laird, Elizabeth **A little piece of ground** 12 year-old Karim Aboudi and his family are trapped in their Ramallah home by a strict curfew. Israeli tanks control the city in response to a Palestinian suicide bombing. Karim longs to play football outside with his friends. But in this city there's constant danger.

Lowry, Lois **The silent boy** Katy, the precocious ten-year-old daughter of the town doctor, befriends a disabled boy.

McKay, Hilary **Indigo's star** It's two years since Saffy found her angel and now her brother Indigo, the only boy in the Casson family, has a quest of his own. He's helped by his new school friend and of course his ever-resourceful younger sister. This is the sequel to the award-winning **Saffy's Angel**.



McNish, Cliff **The silver child** Six children leave home and are drawn to Coldharbour - an eerie wasteland of wind, rats, gulls and rubbish. Each of them has a unique gift, but they must learn to use their skills fast. Drawing ever closer in a maelstrom of fury is the Roar, something vast and dreadful that wants to destroy them.

Masson, Sophie **The tempestuous voyage of Hopewell Shakespeare** Hopewell Shakespeare, a young London apprentice, is bored with his lot and besotted with the Globe, where his cousin William is already famous. Inspired by the plays he sees there, Hopewell sets out on a pirate ship in search of adventure, landing on an island just like the one in 'The Tempest'.

Mayne, William **The animal garden** Against a background of skirmishes between rebel and government forces, Philip and Shanya meet while travelling to visit their scientist fathers camped in the desert studying a ruined city. Waking to find the camp deserted they make for the city and find a group of talking animals named 'Pugs'.

Morris, Gerald **The ballad of Sir Dinadan** Though he would rather pursue his talent as a musician, eighteen-year-old Dinadan is forced to follow his older brother Tristram's path and become a knight. Set at the time of King Arthur.

Myers, Walter Dean **The dream bearer** During a summer in Harlem, David relies on his mother and a close friend and on an old man he meets in the park to help him come to terms with his father's outbursts and unstable behaviour.

Nix, Garth **Mister Monday** First title in a new fantasy series called *The keys to the kingdom*.

**Kids' night in: a midnight feast** edited by Jessica Adams, Nick Earls and Juliet Partridge This anthology follows in the footsteps of the best-selling *Girl's Night In* books. Many of Australia's most popular children's writers and some very famous people from Australia and overseas have contributed never-before-seen stories, poems and illustrations. This is the considerably longer 'down under' edition of the **Kids' night in** anthology first published in England – some pieces are included in both versions - and includes five New Zealand contributions.

Pierce, Tamora **Trickster's choice** Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy. First instalment in the *Daughter of the Lioness* series.

Pow, Tom **Scabbit Isle** The first time Sam sees the mysterious figure of Janet she vanishes into the deserted fields beyond the town where nothing has ever been built. Sam learns that centuries before this was the place to which plague victims were banished - Scabbit Isle - a place of terror.

Pratchett, Terry **The Wee Free Men** A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland. A story of Discworld.

Reeve, Philip **Predator's gold** Fleeing from an anti-tractionist sect, the Green Storm, Tom and Haster are left drifting in the frozen Ice Wastes, slowly dying of cold after the Jenny Haniver's engines have failed. They are saved at the last minute, finding Anchorage, a once-beautiful ice city that has fallen on hard times. Sequel to the acclaimed **Mortal engines**.

Rodda, Emily **Rowan of the Bukshah** Latest in the *Rowan* series.

Rowling, J. K. **Harry Potter and the order of the phoenix**

Sachar, Louis **Stanley Yelnats' survival guide to Camp Green Lake** Based on the award-winning novel **Holes** this is a guide book to life at Camp Green.

Said, S. F. **Varjak Paw** Mesopotamian Blue cat Varjak Paw has never been Outside before, but Varjak is forced out into the city when the sinister Gentleman and his two menacing cats take over his home. With help from a mystical ancestor, he manages to overcome the challenges of survival, but can he save his family?

Spinelli, Jerry **Milkweed** Captures the hardships and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II, through the eyes of a Jewish orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive unimaginable events and circumstances.

**Ten of the best school stories with a difference!** edited by Wendy Cooling

Ure, Jean **Bad Alice** Duffy is staying with his Nan for the summer, and it looks like it's going to be a long boring summer until he meets Alice, the girl next door. Everyone thinks she's mad, but reading her stories about "Alice in Wonderland" Duffy discovers that her adoptive father is abusing her and tries to help.

Woodson, Jacqueline **Locomotion** In a series of poems, eleven-year-old Lonnie writes about his life: the death of his parents; being separated from his younger sister; living in a foster home; finding his poetic voice at school.

## FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Banks, Lynne Reid **The dungeon** Set in medieval Scotland and China this paints a vivid picture of a very harsh period of history.

Black, Holly **Tithe: a modern faerie tale** Sixteen-year-old Kaye, who has been visited by faeries since childhood, discovers that she herself is a magical faerie creature with a special destiny.

Brashares, Ann **The second summer of the sisterhood** Lena's in love - but will it end in a broken heart? Bridget's about to face up to some painful truths about her late mother; Carmen's hoping destiny will play her cards right, and Tibby's going to film school. Sequel to **The sisterhood of the traveling pants**.

Brooks, Kevin **Lucas** This novel explores the destructive nature of prejudice and mob violence. Caitlin encounters Lucas, a stranger on the island of Hale, who is a mysterious but doomed figure.

Burgess, Melvin **Doing it** Dino is the boy who has the illicit party while his parents are absent; Jonathon has angst; Ben has the raunchy affair with the teacher; and Jackie won't let Dino have sex with her! A controversial novel with both supporters and detractors.

Cross, Gillian **The dark ground** Robert is alone, in a strange jungle. He has no food, no shelter, no warmth. Unfamiliar creatures are roaming about - and he's not even sure how he got there. Follow the story of Robert's struggle for survival, and his extraordinary realization of where he is and what has happened to him.

**Destination unexpected: short stories** edited by Donald R. Gallo Coming-of-age stories.

Disher, Garry **Eva's angel** Nye is an Australian painter who has helped to set up a mentorship scheme whereby Italian master craftsmen teach young Australian artists. Matt is one of these students, but he begins to feel wary of the enigmatic Nye and aided by another student, Eva, begins to suspect his motives.

Donnelly, Jennifer **A gathering light** When Mattie is given letters by a guest at the hotel in which she works, she promises to burn them. When the guest is found drowned the next day, Mattie has to think hard about her promise. Slowly, the stories of the murdered woman and Mattie's quest for freedom merge.

Dubosarsky, Ursula **Abyssinia** As small children, growing up at their property called Abyssinia, Grace and Mary played with their dolls house together, side by side, always. A story about sisters.

Fine, Anne **The more the merrier** Traditionally, families gather together for Christmas. In Ralph's case, this means ten or more weird adults and ghastly cousins. Jammed into a small house for three days, the TV on the blink and Mum on the verge of a breakdown, it soon becomes obvious that 'more' definitely does not mean 'merrier'.

Frank, E. R. **Friction** When a new girl at the private school Alex attends starts rumours about Alex's favourite teacher, Alex and her eighth-grade classmates are not sure how to act around him or with each other.

Fredericks, Mariah **The true meaning of cleavage** Sari and Jess are best friends and total opposites. They've liked each other ever since they discovered that they are the only two normal people at Eldridge Alternative. Now Jess has a new worry. Because if David is interested in Sari, Sari may not be interested in being Jess's best friend anymore. Cool is cool and geek is geek, and at Eldridge, the two definitely do not mix.

Galloway, Priscilla **The courtesan's daughter** From humble beginnings, Phano rises to become one of ancient Athens' most powerful citizens through her marriage to Theo, but they both have powerful enemies who don't share their political views.

Gardner, Graham **Inventing Elliot** Elliot is determined to reinvent himself at his new school. This time he will be so cool that no bully will touch him. But he is too successful. Taken up by the Guardians, a mysterious group who control and manipulate others to create a reign of terror, he is invited to become one of them.

Gibbons, Alan **Caught in the crossfire** Set in a Northern town where right wingers are determined to stir up hatred and racial prejudice, **Caught in the crossfire** is about six teenagers whose lives are woven together by a series of shocking and tragic events.

Going, Kelly **Fat kid rules the world** Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

Goodman, Joan E. **Paradise: based on a true story of survival** In 1542, eager to escape the French Huguenot household of her harsh father, sixteen-year-old Marguerite de la Rocque sails with her equally stern uncle, the Sieur de Roberval, to the New World, where she is left alone on an island with only her young Catholic lover and her chaperone to help her survive.

Gray, Keith **Malarkey** Brook High is a great grey concrete ants' nest of a school. John Malarkey is the new kid, thrown in at the deep end of Year 11. He's the wrong person in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Gross, Philip **The lastling** Paris is on a trek in the Himalayas with her uncle and his friends. On the way they come across a young Tibetan monk, Tahr, who reluctantly joins the party as his protector has died in an accident. Paris realizes the true reason for the journey, as she and Tahr strive to protect a strange animal.

Haddon, Mark **The curious incident of the dog in the night-time** A murder mystery like no other, this novel features Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a terrifying journey destined to turn his whole world upside down.

Hautman, Pete **Sweetblood** After a lifetime of being a model student, sixteen-year-old Lucy Szabo is suddenly in trouble: at school; at home; with the 'proto-vampires' she has met online and in person; and most of all with her uncontrolled diabetes.

Hearn, Julie **Follow me down** The story of Tom, who travels back in time to the 18th century where he meets a group of people who are displayed as freaks at Bartholomew Fair. Tom is able to help them, while at the same he acquires the strength to tackle his own, modern-day problems.

Hearn, Lian **Grass For His Pillow** Book two in the *Otori Trilogy*.

Hesse, Karen **Aleutian sparrow** An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during World War II in American internment camps designed to 'protect' the population from the invading Japanese.

Hoeye, Michael **The sands of time** The second adventure of the watchmaker mouse Hermux Tantamoq.

Hoffman, Alice **Green angel** When her family is killed in a terrible disaster, 15-year-old Green is haunted by loss. Struggling to survive both physically and emotionally, Green retreats into the realm of her garden. It is only through a series of mysterious encounters that she relearns the lessons of love and begins to heal.

Hooper, Mary **At the sign of the Sugared Plum** Hannah is excited about her first trip to London to help her sister in her shop 'The Sugared Plum'. Hannah does not however get the reception she expected from her sister. Instead of giving Hannah a hearty welcome, she is horrified that Hannah did not get her message to stay away. Set in 1665.

Horowitz, Anthony **Eagle strike** Fourth in the series featuring the indomitable Alex Rider.

Johnson, Kathleen Jeffrie **The parallel universe of liars** Surrounded by sexually unfaithful and physically beautiful adults, Robin, a fifteen-year-old fat girl, misses her best friend who has recently moved, gives in to an older neighbour's sexual advances, and doesn't recognize that a handsome black classmate likes her as she is.

Jones, Diana Wynne **The Merlin conspiracy** When Nick slides into a world far from ours - a world of magic, pageantry and ritual - Roddy, who exists there, needs his help: the world is not working as it should and a new Merlin has taken the place of the old. Nick wants to help, but what makes Roddy believe he is a magic-user?

Koja, Kathe **Buddha boy** Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that affect Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

Mackler, Carolyn **The earth, my butt and other big round things** Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her.

Magrs, Paul **Hands up!** Ventriloquist Frank Lurcher is a washed-out, grumpy has-been and his scraggy puppet Tolstoy is stuffed away in a trunk in the loft. But Tolstoy the Long-Eared Bat is making a come-back along with a gruesome revenge on the showbiz puppets and people that wronged him in the past.

Marchetta, Melina **Saving Francesca** Moving from her familiar school and circle of friends into a mostly all-boys' school, Francesca struggles to make a place for herself, a task complicated by the depression her mother is suffering. By the author of **Looking for Alibrandi**.

Mark, Jan **Something in the air** Peggy is a fifteen-year-old at odds with the world around her. Her older sister berates her constantly for being messy. Her teachers reprimand her for being unladylike. Her best friend has stopped talking to her. And now, she's got the strangest sounds reverberating through her head. Could they really be voices from another world, as her auntie thinks? Or is there a simpler explanation? A novel of family life in the 1920s.

Mark, Jan **The Stratford boys** Will spends his days fitting gloves to pretty hands in his father's busy shop. But the good people of Stratford require a play and Will finds himself responsible. With the help of a motley selection of friends and neighbours, will he get to hear the sound of applause when they take to the stage?

Marsden, John **While I live: the Ellie chronicles** The town of Wirrawee is emerging from war, slowly, like flowers after a cold snap. Businesses are starting to reopen, the school has re-commenced classes, and local farmers are gradually repossessing their land. But it's not the same Australia as before the war.

Moloney, James **Black taxi** A humorous novel in which a teenage girl becomes responsible for her grandfather's old Mercedes and the surprising number of people dependant on it.

Moriarty, Jaclyn **Finding Cassie crazy** Cassie is in Year 10 at Ashbury High. Ashbury students claim that the kids at Brookfield High are drug-dealers and psychopaths. Their teacher starts a pen-pal project which leads to an escalation of the war between the two schools, to secret romance and to Cassie learning to face her fears.

Morpurgo, Michael **Private Peaceful** Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during World War I, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.

Morgan, Nicola **Fleshmarket** Set in 1820s in Edinburgh, a city of cruel contrasts between the lives of the rich and poor, and home to the Resurrectionists – the notorious body-snatchers Burke and Hare, this is the story of a boy who must survive the pain of his mother's death at the hands of the famous surgeon Doctor Knox.

Nix, Garth **Abhorsen** Abhorsen-In-Waiting Lirael and Prince Sameth, a Wallmaker, must confront and bind the evil spirit Oranis before it can destroy all life.

Oates, Joyce Carol **Small avalanches and other stories** A collection of twelve short stories.

Peck, Richard **The river between us** During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.

Peters, Julie Anne **Keeping you a secret** As she begins a very tough last semester of high school, Holland finds herself puzzled about her future and intrigued by a transfer student who wants to start a Lesbigan club at school.

Pierce, Tamora **Shatterglass** Tris and her mage-student, a young man whose glassmaking magic has been amplified and mixed with lightning, team up to track a killer who may be nearer than they suspect. Book four in *The circle opens* series.

Price, Susan **The Sterkarm kiss** The Time Tube has been reopened and people are able once again to travel back five centuries. Sequel to **The Sterkarm handshake**.

Rapp, Adam **33 snowfish** A homeless boy, running from the police with a fifteen-year-old, drug-addicted prostitute, her boyfriend who just killed his own parents, and a baby, gets the chance to make a better life for himself.

Rees, Celia **Pirates!** When a young woman is sent to the West Indies to marry well, her life takes a very unexpected turn. She does not marry the man her family thought was destined for her. Instead she runs off with an escaped slave girl and they take to the high seas and become pirates.

Sedgwick, Marcus **The book of dead days** Set in a dark threatening city and a frozen countryside this is a story of sorcery and desperate magic as Boy and Willow battle to save Valerian's life, little realising the price they will be asked to pay.



Simmons, Michael **Pool boy** When his father is arrested for insider trading and his family loses all their money, Brett Gerson takes a job as an assistant to a 70-something pool cleaner in his former wealthy California neighbourhood and learns some valuable life lessons.

Singer, Nicky **Doll** There is something strange about Tilly's doll, something dangerous. And there are questions that have not been answered. Is Tilly's mother really dead, or is there a more painful reason for her absence?

Slade, Arthur G. **Dust** Eleven-year-old Robert is the only one who can help when a mysterious stranger arrives, performing tricks and promising to bring rain, at the same time as children begin to disappear from a dust bowl farm town in Saskatchewan in the 1930s.

Sleator, William **Parasite Pig** Sixteen-year-old Barney, infected by an alien parasite, and his friend Katie are taken to the planet J'koot by extraterrestrials intent on playing the dangerous game known as Interstellar Pig. Sequel to **Interstellar Pig**.

Stroud, Jonathan **The Amulet of Samarkand** The Djinni Abartimaeus is summoned by a young apprentice, Nathaniel, to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician, Simon Lovelace. Chaos and action ensue but the apprentice and the djinn save the day. Part one of the 'Amulet' trilogy.

Updale, Eleanor **Montmorency** When a petty thief falls through a glass roof trying to escape from the police, what should have been the death of him marks the beginning of a whole new life. He soon becomes the most elusive burglar in Victorian London, adopting a dual existence as both thief and fashionable, wealthy gentleman.

Vijayaraghavan, Vineeta **Motherland: The Other Side of my Heart** Maya, who is 15, is sent over from the United States to stay with her relatives in India for the summer when she would much rather be back home with her friends.

Wallace, Karen **Wendy** The story of Wendy Darling before she met the boy who wouldn't grow up. One night she sees her father kiss vile Lady Cunningham. The image of it beckons Wendy into a dark, adult world of mystery and lies, one where her beautiful mother shows herself in an entirely different light.

Wild, Margaret **One night** The parties in other people's houses were Bram's idea, planned impeccably to leave no trace when the owners return. Gabe's job is to collect girls - beautiful and careless, just like him. But then comes Helen, who stays with Gabe until morning; just one night, but with consequences for them all.

Wooding, Chris **Poison** When Poison's beloved baby sister is snatched by the phaeries, she leaves her suffocating hometown, deep in the marshes of the human realm, to rescue her. Many dangers await, including the horrifying Bone Witch, the capricious phaerie king, and Lady Asinastra, queen of the spiders.

Yolen, Jane **Sword of the rightful king: a novel of King Arthur** Merlinnus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England - pulling a sword from a stone - but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.

## INFORMATION BOOKS, INCLUDING POETRY AND FOLKTALES

Anderson, M.T. **Strange Mr. Satie** Introduces the life of the French composer, Erik Satie, who spent his entire career challenging established conventions in music.

Anderson, William **River boy: the story of Mark Twain** A biography of Samuel Clemens, the author known as Mark Twain, through tales of his early days growing up in Missouri to his later years as an adventurer travelling to the western frontier.

Bie, Ceciel de **My brother, Vincent Van Gogh** The story of the passionate, revolutionary artist Vincent van Gogh and his art-dealer brother, Theo. It traces the artist's life and art with anecdotes and descriptions, and there are artistic exercises and games that are designed to engage children directly in the act of learning.

Biesty, Stephen **Rome: in spectacular cross section** Detailed illustrations with explanatory captions and narrative text survey some sites in ancient Rome, including the house of a wealthy family, the Colosseum, the Baths of Trajan; and the Temple of Jupiter.

Brown, Don **Far beyond the garden gate: Alexandra David-Neel's journey to Lhasa** Describes the life and travels of Alexandra David-Neel, who became a scholar of Buddhism and Tibet in the early twentieth century and trekked thousands of miles to reach Lhasa, the Tibetan capital.

Byrd, Robert **Leonardo, Beautiful Dreamer** Illustrations and text portray the life of Leonardo da Vinci, who gained fame as a artist through such works as the *Mona Lisa*, and as a scientist by studying various subjects including human anatomy and flight.

Goble, Paul **Mystic horse** Retells the legend of a poor young Pawnee boy who cares for an old abandoned horse, and then is rewarded by the horse's mystic powers.

**Haven't you grown! poems about families** selected by Belinda Hollyer Children now encounter many different types of family: there are stepfamilies, single-parent families and children who live apart from their mothers or fathers or siblings. This anthology weaves together the everyday comedy, catastrophes and cuddles that make up modern family life.

Hughes, Shirley **Ella's big chance: a fairy tale retold** When the Cinders family is invited to a grand ball given by the Duchess of Arc for her handsome son, Ella's vain stepsisters spend hours getting ready but poor Ella is left behind with only the cat for company. But on this very special evening there is more than a little magic in the air.

Jenkins, Martin **Grandma Elephant's in charge** It's not just elephants that are big - so are elephant families! And the biggest and most important member of all is Grandma. She's the boss! Find out why in this book. Narrative text is complemented by facts on every double page.

Lasky, Kathryn **The man who made time travel** Describes the need for sailors to be able to determine their position at sea and the efforts of John Harrison, an eighteenth century man who spent his life refining instruments to enable them to do this.

**Lines in the sand: new writing about war and peace** A collection of poetry and prose from some prestigious and talented authors and illustrators.

**Little lit.: It was a dark and silly night . . .** edited by Art Spiegelman & Françoise Mouly. A collection of comic strips by various writers and artists, including Lemony Snicket, William Joyce and Neil Gaiman, each of which begins with the phrase, 'It was a dark and silly night.'

Macaulay, David **Mosque** Reveals the methods and materials used to design and construct a mosque in late-sixteenth-century Turkey. Through a fictional story and full-colour illustrations, readers will learn not only how such monumental structures were built but also how they functioned in relation to the society they served.

McDermott, Gerald **Creation** Rich in colour, shapes, and textures, Gerald McDermott's book is a meditation on the creation story from Genesis.

Myers, Walter Dean **A time to love: stories from the Old Testament** A retelling of six stories from the Old Testament, which explore the complexity of love from the perspective of Ruth, Delilah, Reuben, Rachel, Gamiel, and Jonathan.

Nicholson, John **Animal architects** An illustrated non-fiction book about shells, nests, mounds, bowers, galleries, dens and lodges - all the remarkable and complex structures that animals around the world build to shelter themselves and their young.

Paulsen, Gary **How Angel Peterson got his name: and other outrageous tales about extreme sports** Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

Pitcher, Caroline **Nico's octopus** When Nico rescues an octopus caught in a fisherman's net, his parents think it is a strange choice of pet. Nico keeps it in a tank, feeds it crabs and small fish and soon discovers that his octopus is extremely clever. But then the worst thing in the world happens: Nico's octopus gets ill.

Pullman, Philip **Lyra's Oxford** A bundle of material has somehow slipped between Lyra's universe and our own, including another short tale from a just after the end of **The Amber Spyglass**. Sitting on the roofs of Oxford, Lyra sees a storm petrel, the daemon of a witch, pursued by other birds, and a mystery unfolds.

## NEW ZEALAND TITLES: A SELECTION

### PICTURE BOOKS

Allen, Pamela **Cuthbert's babies** Cuthbert loves being the centre of attention, but when his mum and dad bring home four baby sisters no-one seems to have time for him anymore. Cuthbert wishes for someone big and bad to play with and, out at sea, in their dreams, three pirates hear his call.

Allen, Pamela **Grandpa and Thomas**

Belcher, Angie **The woven flax kete = Te kete Harakeke** Rawiri's class is visiting the Whirinaki Forest and his grandmother has given him a scruffy old kete in which to collect treasures. But what treasures does she actually mean? By the end of his trip Rawiri has learnt that not all treasures can be carried in a kete.

Bishop, Gavin **The three billy-goats Gruff** A retelling of the traditional story in which three billy-goats outwit a troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.

Boxel, Jodi van **Hinemoana and the fairies = Ko Hinemoana me te patupaiarehe** Hinemoana's grandmother has a special gift. She is a weaver of beautiful baskets, which are made with an almost magical skill. The kuia has decided that the time is right for Hinemoana to hear the story behind this gift.

Cowley, Joy **Mr Wishy Washy**

Cowley, Joy **Mrs Wishy Washy makes a splash**

Cowley, Joy **Mrs. Wishy-Washy's farm** Tired of being washed by Mrs. Wishy-Washy, a cow, pig, and duck leave her farm and head for the city.

Dodd, Lynley **Cat's whiskers**

Drewery, Melanie **Matariki** A family celebrate the Māori New Year and talk about what Matariki means to different people.

Drewery, Melanie **Nanny Mihi's birthday surprise = Te taonga whakamiharo mo te huritau o Nanny Mihi** It's Nanny Mihi's birthday and her grandchildren have arrived with a car full of presents. But one of the presents has a mind of its own and ends up giving Nanny Mihi more than she bargained for.

Drewery, Melanie **The treasure** A mother tells her young son how much she loves him.

Gabel, Ngareta **Tekiteora, kei heao hu? = Oh hogwash, Sweet Pea** Sweet Pea is always losing her shoes. On Monday a family of ants carries her shoes outside and uses them as a canoe. On Tuesday a bird borrows them because his feet are cold. What happens on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday?

Gabolinscy, Jack **Possum Joe** For many years Possum Joe has trapped possums in the bush. But when misfortune strikes he finds himself relying on the very animals he has set out to kill.

Hannken, Catherine **Selafina** Nana is coming from Samoa especially for Selafina's birthday. Selafina is so excited and as a special welcome she wants to dance the siva. Can she learn the dance and overcome her own shyness in time for the big day?

Jones, Lloyd **Napoleon and the chicken farmer** Manoli is a chicken farmer, as was his father before him, and his father before him, but Manoli yearns to be different.

King, Phillipa **Jive's Pipi Diggers** Jive's parents are always kissing his toes and telling him what wonderful pipi diggers he has. But Jive has no idea what pipi diggers are until one special day when he and his mother go down to the seashore to gather kaimoana.

McMillan, Dawn **Summer blaze** When fire comes to Aotearoa, the trees of the forest must flee if they are to remain alive. Kauri, guardian of the forest, remains behind but entrusts his friend Pohutukawa with a special mission.

McMillan, Dawn **Why do dogs sniff bottoms?**

Price, Hugh **The truth at last about the Little Red Hen** Woofers the dog explains why he and his friends did not help the Little Red Hen when she asked.

Watson, Joy **Grandpa's shed = Te pākoro a Pāpā Koroua** Grandpa decides it's time to clean out his shed. Grandma offers to help but he says he can do it.

Wolfe, Richard **Mouse on the moon** *It's busy down at Space Control; a launch is timed for noon. A most important mission's planned, they're aiming for the Moon. Is Cosmo Mouse going to be the first mouse on the Moon? And is it really made of cheese?*

## FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS

Bottin, Janet **The truth about Toffee** Skye must save her beloved Riding for the Disabled horse Toffee, so she organises a petition.

Brown, Benjamin **The thief of colours = Te tahae o nga tae** Pukeko is tired of the dull, dreary swamp where she is living with her new family, so she sets out to collect some colours to brighten the place up. Unfortunately, the owners of the colours don't take kindly to her thieving ways and she soon has a battle on her hands.

Hill, David **No big deal** The 'short' jokes and comments are starting to really get to Todd. But now he and his friends are trapped in a cave after a flash flood and, just maybe, Todd's smallness will be the solution to a terrible dilemma. A title in the *Kiwi Bites* series.

Cowley, Joy **Agapanthus Hum and the angel hoot** When she loses a tooth, Agapanthus discovers that she can make an angel hoot by blowing through the hole in her smile.

Long, Don **The battlefield = Te tahuna** When a family moves onto a farm, they discover that there is a battlefield on the property. At first the children play in the overgrown rifle pits and trenches, but, gradually they begin to wonder what really happened there.

Mclvor, Jennifer **Tane's weta = Ngā weta a Tane**

Mahy, Margaret **Wait for me!** A collection of stories brimming with bird children, kind wizards, kings in broom cupboards, butterflies, goats, kites, woodland creatures and other delights. The stories in this book have appeared in many anthologies in many countries over the years. This is a companion volume to **Wonderful me!**

Nagelkerke, Bill **Going Bananas** Reuben thinks that his little brother Matt ruins everything, at home, at the mall, at the magic show. He's told him to get lost so often, but now a wave of hot and cold fear grips Reuben. A title in the *Kiwi Bites* series.

Pulford, Elizabeth **The Christmas – hiccup - play** Abbey's wish has come true - she is going to be Angel Gabriel in the school play. But on the night of the performance she has a terrible fright and begins to hiccup, and hiccup, and hiccup. A title in the *Kiwi Bites* series.

Samuela, Maria **The secret game plan, and other stories** A collection of five short stories by a Cook Islands writer. Set in and around school and family situations the stories take small domestic or playground incidents and shape them into convincing narratives.

Werry, Philippa **The lost watch** Henry borrows his father's watch but leaves it at school over the weekend.

**Storylines: the anthology** edited by Tessa Duder

Taylor, William **Albert** The most valuable treasure Joey and his mother ever found at the dump was Albert, a very surprising cat. A title in the *Kiwi Bites* series.

## **FICTION FOR OLDER READERS**

Batistich, Amelia **A better life: the diary of Ivana Ivanovich, Dargaville, 1924-25** It is Dargaville, in the mid 1920s. Through her diary, eleven-year-old Ivana Ivanovich introduces us to her Dalmatian community. Ivana's life revolves around the local convent school, Saturday matinees, and the boarding house she calls home.

Catran, Ken **Artists are crazy and other stories**

Colston, Fifi **Verity's truth**

Cowley, Joy **Froghopper and the Paua Poachers: more adventures with the fabulous Green team**

Falkner, Brian **Henry and the flea** Daniel wants to play for the New Zealand Warriors. The problem is he's only twelve years old. But Daniel has a secret.

Ford, Vince **A handful of blue** It's summer, but an approaching cyclone isn't the only dark cloud that hangs over Makorori Beach. A drought threatens to force Jeremy's family off their farm and everything he does seems to make matters worse.

Hill, David **Journey to Tangiwai: the diary of Peter Cotterill, Napier, 1953**

Hill, David **No safe harbour** A novel about the *Wahine* disaster.

Lasenby, Jack **Aunt Effie's ark** Aunt Effie dressed in her green canvas invalid's pyjamas, hibernates all winter, leaving her 26 resourceful nieces and nephews to deal with snowstorm and flood, ravaging monsters and a wild ark-ride over the 'Vast Untrodden Ureweras'. The second in the 'Aunt Effie' series.



Lasenby, Jack **Harry Wakatipu comes the mong**

Lowry, Brigid **Space camp**

McNabb, Linda **The puppet master**

**30 weird and wonderful New Zealand stories** edited by Barbara Else. An anthology of fantasy and science fiction stories. This is a collection of tales about space aliens, talking animals, monsters, magical and outrageous beings and impossible events. Contributors include Margaret Mahy, Ken Catran and David Hill.

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

Beckett, Bernard **Home boys**

Bunn, Alan **Eyes in the shadows** This novel focuses on a young model who is being stalked by a stranger, and a photography student whose powerful images capture various layers of bullying at his school.

Catran, Ken **Dawn hawk** When Focus's great-aunt Petronel dies, aged 86, Bryce and Focus have the beginning and the end of a poem as the only clues to a long-forgotten mystery. A title in the *Crime waves* series.

Catran, Ken **Jacko Moran, sniper** The first of a trilogy focusing on twentieth-century wars.

Catran, Wendy **Katie Raven's fire** Historical novel set in Waimate.

Dawe, Ted **Thunder road** Thunder Road – the street where racers go to test their machines, and their nerve.

Duder, Tessa **Tiggie Tompson's longest journey** Final in the *Tiggie Tompson* trilogy.

Jones, V. M. **Juggling with mandarins** Younger brother Pip finds success and fulfilment on the climbing wall.

MacKenzie, Anna **High tide** A tramping trip goes disastrously wrong when a teacher is swept away by the sea.

MacLean, Glynne **Roivan** Book one of *The A'nzarian chronicle*.

Owen, Julia **Beneath the surf** Yasmin's first ever real summer holiday begins badly when Dad announces he won't be coming. Nevertheless, Mum is determined to make the holiday a success. It proves to be a summer of change, of testing loyalties and coming of age. Not just for Yasmin.

Taylor, William **Pebble in a pool** Popular students Paul Carter and Adrian Vanderlaar enter their senior year full of the confidence and reckless bravado of boys sure of their place in the pecking order of high school. But Adrian drinks too much one night, and in a gruesome accident he is paralyzed and his girlfriend, Lauren, is killed. The outpouring of grief in their school starkly contrasts with a decidedly more muted reaction to the gay-bashing murder of another fellow student, which the school administration uses as a cautionary lesson for the student body.

Todd, Penelope **Watermark** 18-year-old city girl, Zillah, just finished school, pushes fear aside and jumps track. She abandons her safe summer holiday plans, and takes the train to the wild West Coast. Her destination: an empty shack on a dangerous tidal river.

## **INFORMATION BOOKS, INCLUDING POETRY AND FOLKTALES**

Beale, Fleur **Red dog in bandit country, a true story as told by Bill Redding to Fleur Beale** Bill Redding, known as Red Dog, worked on construction sites and with explosives in a variety of countries. This book describes a short period in his life when he was working on a dam site in remote Colombia in the 1950s. After flying in the payroll delivery and only losing half of it to bandits, Red Dog takes on explosives work with the construction company where 'safety last' seems to be the motto.

Calman, Ross **The Treaty of Waitangi**

Cooper, Charles **Fiji** A title in the *Pasifika* series for younger readers.

Cooper, Charles **Fiji/Viti**

Cooper, Charles **Niue** A title in the *Pasifika* series for younger readers.

Crowe, Andrew **The life-size guide to New Zealand wildflowers**

Going to hospital: a book for children = Haere ana ki te hohipera: he pukapuka mā ngā tamariki

Gossage, Peter **Pania of the reef** Retelling of the well-known story in which Pania, a creature of the sea, falls in love with a young chief.

Hunt, Janet **A bird in the hand: keeping New Zealand wildlife safe** Looks at a number of New Zealand's unique creatures, the places where they are safe and some of the people who are working to keep them that way. It includes many endangered species and others that are ancient and/or interesting.

Inglis, Mark **To the max** Mark Inglis is a man who lives life 'to the max'. When he was 23 he was trapped in an ice cave near the summit of Mt Cook with fellow climber, Phil Doole for 13 days. Despite both legs needing to be amputated below the knee Mark Inglis has set himself many goals and succeeded.

MacIntyre, Lesieli I. Kupu **Tonga** A title in the *Pasifika* series for younger readers.

Marriott, Janice **Yates gardening for kids** A simple introductory book for children aged 6-9, showing them how to plant and grow from seeds.

Olsen, Keith **Pick up a pack: a guide to tramping and camping the New Zealand way**

Pollard, Simon **I am an insect**

Riddell, Ae Aorere **Toroa: the Royal Albatross**

Torckler, Gillian **What am I?** Readers are challenged to guess the identity of each animal as they read the rhyming poem that gives clues about the mystery creature. This is followed by interesting facts and a question page to test memory skills.

Trafford, Ian **Skateboarding**

Trafford, Jan **Mountain biking**

Trafford, Jan **Snowboarding**

## SELECTED CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

### NEW ZEALAND

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

**Esther Glen Award**

Hill, David, **Right where it hurts**

**Russell Clark Award**

Wilkins, Sarah, **The immigrants**, text by Alan Bagnall

**Non-Fiction for Young People Award**

Crowe, Andrew, **Which New Zealand insect?**

**Te Kura Pounamu Award**

Gabel, Ngareta, **Tekiteora, kei hea o hu?**

*New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards*

**Picture Book**

Elliot, David **Pigtails the pirate**

**Junior Fiction**

Jones, V. M. **Buddy**

**Senior Fiction**

Mahy, Margaret **Alchemy**

**Non-Fiction**

Sullivan, Robert **Weaving earth and sky: myths & legends of Aotearoa**  
Illustrated by Gavin Bishop.

**Book of the Year (Supreme Award)**

Sullivan, Robert **Weaving earth and sky: myths & legends of Aotearoa**  
Illustrated by Gavin Bishop.

**Children's choice**

McMillan, Dawn **Why do dogs sniff bottoms?**

### UNITED STATES

**Newbery Medal**

Avi **Crispin: the cross of lead**

### ***Caldecott Medal***

Rohmann, Eric **My friend Rabbit**

### ***Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards***

#### **Picture Book**

Root, Phyllis **Big Momma makes the world**

#### **Fiction**

Fine, Anne **The Jamie and Angus stories**

#### **Non-Fiction**

Kalman, Maria **Fireboat: the heroic adventures of the John J Harvey**

### **AUSTRALIA**

#### ***Children's Book Council book of the year awards***

#### **Picture Book**

Jorgensen, Norman **In Flanders Fields**

#### **Early Childhood**

Matthews, Penny **A year on our farm**

#### **Younger readers**

Bateson, Catherine **Rain May and Captain Daniel**

#### **Older readers**

Zusak, Markus **The messenger**

#### **The Eve Pownall Award for information books**

Tucker, Alan **Iron in the blood**

### **ENGLAND**

#### ***Carnegie Medal***

Creech, Sharon **Ruby Holler**

#### ***Kate Greenaway Medal***

Graham, Bob **Jethro Byrde, fairy child**

#### ***Whitbread Award***

McKay, Hilary **Saffy's angel**

**Centre for Literacy in Primary Education Poetry Award**

**Under the moon & over the sea: a collection of Caribbean poems**

edited by John Agard and Grace Nichols

**Guardian Award**

Haddon, Mark **The curious incident of the dog in the night-time**

**Smarties Prize**

The 2003 Nestlé Smarties Book Prize will be awarded at a ceremony on 1st December.

**SMARTIES SHORTLISTS**

**5 and Under Category**

Willis, Jeanne **Tadpole's Promise**

Wormell, Chris **Two Frogs**

Jones, Ursula **The Witch's Children and the Queen**

**6 to 8 Years Category**

Gardner, Sally **The Countess's Calamity**

Horse, Harry **The Last Castaways**

Said, S F **Varjak Paw**

**9 to 11 Years Category**

Almond, David **The Fire-Eaters**

Augarde, Steve **The Various**

Updale, Eleanor **Montmorency**

**CANADA**

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

Griek, Susan Vande **Art Room**

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

Levine, Karen **Hana's Suitcase**

**Young Adult Book Award (Canadian Library Association)**

Brooks, Martha **True Confessions Of A Heartless Girl**





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