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Holiday Reading 2013

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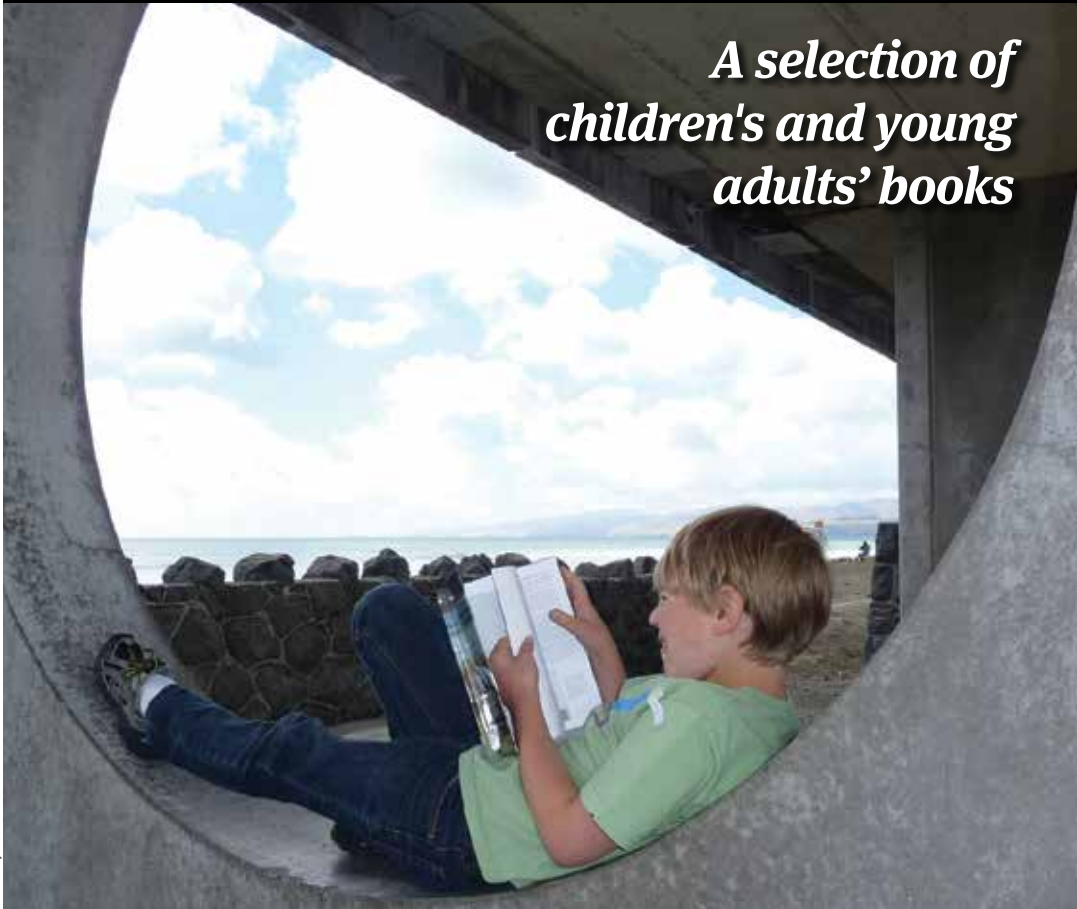


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Picture Books

Allan Ahlberg Hooray for bread

Three cheers for bread, HIP-HIP-HOORAY! Early in the morning the baker bakes a lovely loaf of bread. So lovely, in fact, that by the time the sun goes down it's been gobbled up! Every. Last. Slice. Who eats it all? This picture book celebrates bread, whether it's a yummy cheese and ham sandwich or some buttery toast.

Nicholas Allan The royal nappy

Meet the Royal Baby and of course, Nanny, who looks after the Royal Baby and the all-important royal nappy cabinet! A funny, warm look at the royal nappy through history from Henry VIII to the present day and a very special new arrival.

Jonathan Allen I'm not reading

Baby Owl is having a hard time reading a story to the little chicks. Poor Baby Owl.

Pamela Allen (NZ) Bertie

When Bertie is grumpy, EVERYONE gets grumpy! This book for toddlers can be read from front to back, or from back to front. Together you can choose... are you happy or grumpy? Will you cry or will you sing?

Mac Barnett Count the monkeys

Kids will giggle as they count all the animals that have frightened the monkeys off the pages. Full of fun reader interactions and keeps readers guessing until the very last page!

Aaron Becker Journey

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.

Ben Brown (NZ) The song of the ship rat

Unfurl the flag, my sea-worn souls ... the ship rat has come home. But where has he been? What sights has he seen? Come. Listen to his song.

Peter Brown Mr. Tiger goes wild

Mr. Tiger knows exactly how you feel. Fed up of tea parties, top hats and talking about the weather, he astounds his friends when he decides to go wild. But does he go too far? After all, the wilderness can get pretty lonely.

John Burningham Picnic

One day Boy and Girl go out for a picnic. They meet all sorts of creatures along the way some come with them and some chase them, but whatever happens, today will be a day for adventure!

Rod Campbell My zoo

Come on in and meet all the animals! From the large grey elephant and the stripy zebra, to the bouncy kangaroo and the big friendly hippo, this board book contains 16 popular zoo animals.

Lucy Cousins Peck, peck, peck

Little woodpecker has just learnt how to peck and ooh! Yippee! What fun it is! Off he goes, on his first big pecking adventure, and he peck peck pecks his little heart out. Real holes in the pages add to the fun.

Drew Daywalt The day the crayons quit

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?

Lynley Dodd (NZ) Hairy Maclary, hide and seek

In this lift-the-flap book, the loveable and mischievous Hairy Maclary is hiding from the neighbourhood cats. But then he comes nose-to-nose with Scarface Claw!

Julia Donaldson Te Tanguruhau

The Māori language version of the children's picture book, *The Gruffalo*. A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake, only to have to outwit that creature as well.

Julia Donaldson Stick Man's first words

This sturdy, colourful board book is the perfect way for Stick Man's youngest fans to learn their first words with numbers, colours, animal sounds and more!

Gareth Edwards The disgusting sandwich

One day, a boy drops his sandwich in a sandpit, and the race is on! A very hungry badger wants it, but he's just not quick enough. The sandwich is dropped, squashed and slithered over by everyone from a squirrel, to a fox, to a band of slugs Will the badger ever get his paws on that sandwich? And will it be too disgusting?

Ed Emberley Nighty night, Little Green Monster

With the turn of every die-cut page, see Little Green Monster's face gradually appear. Then, as the stars come out, get ready to say good night!

Julie Fogliano If you want to see a whale

Advises the reader about what to do, and not do, in order to successfully spot a whale, such as wrapping up in a not-too-cosy blanket and being patient.

Mem Fox Yoo-hoo, Ladybug!

Search for Ladybug, who loves to hide in a variety of familiar locations.

Betty Gilderdale (NZ) Te mihini iti kowhai

When little yellow digger gets stuck in the mud, a range of bigger diggers are sent to finish the job. The Māori language version of the children's picture book, *The little yellow digger*.

Libby Gleeson Banjo and Ruby Red

A funny and touching story of antagonism and love. Banjo is a hard-working farm dog, Ruby Red is a haughty chicken, and they never see eye to eye. Can they ever be friends?

Taro Gomi Wiggle

Put your fingers through die-cut holes, to complete each illustration of an animal or bird.

Bob Graham Silver buttons

At 9.59 on Thursday morning, Jodie draws a duck. Just as she is about to add one final silver button to the duck's boots, her little brother takes his first step. At this exact same moment, a man buys bread, a soldier leaves home, a baby is being born.

Petr Horáček Animal opposites

Turn the pages, lift the flaps, and see animals of all shapes and sizes bring the world of opposites to life. From slow snail to fast cheetah and heavy hippo to light butterfly, pop-ups and flaps make early learning fun.

Molly Schaar Idle Flora and the flamingo

In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.

Chloë Inkpen Look at me!

Zoe and Beans and their best friend Oscar have found a dressing-up box. But what will they be today? Join them in this board book as they become robots, doctors, bumble bees and even pirates!

Oliver Jeffers The Hueys in It Wasn't Me

A fight has broken out amongst The Hueys. "It was not me! It was him!" But no one can remember what they're fighting about. If only they could find an interesting distraction...

Emily Jenkins Water in the park

Relates how the water in a park is used in different ways by the human and animal inhabitants of a neighbourhood.

Jesse Klausmeier Open this little book

Die-cut pages open to reveal different animals, each opening a book of a different colour and reading about the next.

Philippa Leathers The Black Rabbit

Rabbit has a problem. There's a big, scary Black Rabbit chasing him. No matter where he runs: behind a tree, over the river, the shadowy Black Rabbit follows. Finally in the deep, dark wood, Rabbit loses his nemesis only to encounter another foe!

Alison Lester Kissed by the moon

"May you, my baby, sleep softly at night, and when dawn lights the world, may you wake up to birdsong." Part poem, part lullaby, this gentle story celebrates a baby's wonder at our beautiful world.

Sam McBratney There, there

In this story, Little Hansie Bear loves to pretend, but walking like a duck can be hazardous, especially when he falls into a deep-down ditch and has to be helped out by his dad. With a "There, there" and a hug, Hansie is soon off to play again.

Margaret Mahy (NZ) The green bath

Sammy's mother tells him to forget about adventures and get cleaned up for his grandmother's visit, but the new bathtub Sammy's father brought home seems determined to have an adventure of its own.

Mineko Mamada Which is round? Which is bigger?

This deceptively simple concept book prompts the reader to compare pairs of objects and then choose which one has a particular attribute. At first the answer seems obvious until the page is turned to reveal a delightful twist!

Gianna Marino Too tall houses

Owl and Rabbit are good friends and neighbours atop a hill, but when Rabbit's garden blocks Owl's view of the forest Owl builds a higher house, which prevents sunlight from reaching Rabbit's plants.

Yvonne Morrison (NZ) The Three Bears, sort of

A humorous adaptation of the classic tale 'The Three Bears' is told to a cheeky child who constantly interrupts with questions. Don't the bears prefer salmon to porridge? Why are they living in a cottage anyway? And how come they can talk?

Diana Noonan (NZ) The teddy bear's promise

When Dad discovers a mysterious, dusty box in Gran's attic, and brings it home to Max, the scene is set for a poignant and intriguing family tale. What could be inside the box, and why is it so important that Max hear Dad's story before he's allowed to open it?

Patrick George Oh no!

An owl is up in a tree and hasn't noticed the cat licking its lips down below. Oh no!

Brian Patten Can I come too?

A very small mouse decided it wanted to have a very big adventure. "I'll go and find the biggest creature in the world," it thought. Along the way it meets many different animals and when at last they find the biggest creature, the little mouse feels a great sense of achievement.

Christopher Raschka Everyone can learn to ride a bicycle

A father teaches his daughter all about bicycle riding, from selecting the right bike to trying again after a fall.

Sherri Duskey Rinker Goodnight, goodnight, construction site

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Tony Ross Drat that cat!

Suzy the cat is always getting into trouble much to the annoyance of her family. She can never do anything right! So Suzy decides to teach her family a lesson and make them realise just how much they love her.

Maurice Sendak Kei reira nga weriweri

When Max wears his wolf suit and makes mischief, he is sent to bed without his supper. But in his room a forest grows and Max sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king. The Māori language version of the children's picture book, Where the wild things are.

Lorena Siminovich Safari

Turn the pages of the little book nestled inside the bigger one to match the baby animals to their parents, and learn some early concepts along the way. A board book.

Philip Christian Stead Hello, my name is Ruby

Ruby, a very small bird in a very big world, is looking for a friend, so she introduces herself.

Simms Taback Peek-a-boo who?

The reader is invited to guess which animal is hiding beneath the flap on each page.

Leo Timmers Bang!

An almost wordless picture book for preschoolers, filled with bright colours, quirky details, car prangs, and animal mix-ups. It's a big happy accident.

Hervé Tullet I am Blop!

Myriad variations on a simple shape that is easy for a child to recognize. An invitation to discover and explore everyday life and simple ideas.

Hervé Tullet Help! We need a title!

Taking the concept of reading to a new level, the author encourages young children to interact with the book form, teaching them, in the process, to think imaginatively, independently and creatively.

David Wiesner Mr. Wuffles!

A cat named Mr. Wuffles doesn't care about toys. He's much more interested in playing with a little spaceship full of actual aliens—but the ship wasn't designed for this kind of rough treatment. Between motion sickness and damaged equipment, the aliens are in deep trouble.

Margaret Wild Davy & the duckling

When the baby duck hatched, the first thing it saw was Davy. It fluffed its feathers and started following Davy everywhere. Around the farmyard, under the apple trees and all the way home.

Margaret Wild On the day you were born

My daddy said, On the day you were born, I wrapped you up warm and took you for a walk to see the world . . . A celebration of the glories of existence, the world seen afresh on the birth of a new baby.

Mo Willems That is not a good idea!

A surprising lesson about the importance of listening to one's inner gosling ensues when a very hungry fox issues a dinner invitation to a very plump goose. Inspired by the evil villains and innocent damsels of silent movies.

Jeanne Willis Prince Charmless

Since the day he was born, nothing was good enough for Prince Charmless. One day all the royal servants decided they had enough of his complaining and packed their bags. The pampered prince was left to fend for himself, with some unexpected results.

John Yeoman The Fabulous Foskett Family Circus

Roll up, roll up for the Fabulous Foskett Family Circus! There are Milly and Willy who perform with young Fred, who does a back flip and lands on his head. Uncle Phoenix Foskett who blows smoke rings, Jess and Bess with their conjuring tricks, not to mention singing dogs and birds and performing parrots.



Younger Readers

David Almond *Mouse, bird, snake, wolf*

The gods have created a world. They've built mountains, a sea and a sky and now their days are filled with long naps in the clouds (and tea and cake). That's until Harry, Sue and little Ben begin to fill the gaps of the world: with a mousy thing, a chirpy thing and a twisty legless thing. As the children's ideas take shape, the power of their visions proves to be greater than they, or the gods, could ever have imagined.

Mac Barnett *Battle Bunny*

Alex has been given a saccharine, sappy, silly-sweet picture book about Birthday Bunny that his grandma found at a garage sale. Alex isn't interested—until he decides to make the book something he'd actually like to read. So he takes out his pencil, sharpens his creativity, and totally transforms the story!

Anna Branford (NZ) *Violet Mackerel's pocket protest*

Violet Mackerel loves Clover Park. She especially loves to collect acorns from under the big old oak tree. But the oak tree is going to be cut down. Violet does not think this is a good idea! The oak tree is important. It is worth trying to save. And Violet hopes her pocket protest will be just the thing to save it.

Gillian Cross *The cupcake wedding*

When Holly's sister announces her engagement, wedding planning begins in earnest. But a tight budget means missing out on some wedding essentials - like the cake! Holly decides to put her baking skills to the test and surprise the happy couple with 1000 cupcakes! What could possibly go wrong?

Anne Fine *The Only Child Club*

Ryan wants to start a club. An Only Child Club. He knows that as an only child he doesn't always have the same experiences as some of his classmates. He recruits two similarly deprived friends who join him in an experimental few days of constant bickering, fighting over who gets the free gift from the cereal box and spending a whole day making a model, only to have it destroyed.

Anne Fine *The Killer Cat runs away*

Tuffy doesn't feel wanted at home any more. His owners just don't appreciate him. So what if he broke the new TV? Got fur on all Dad's clean clothes? Ate Tinkerbelle the kitten's special kitten-food? All accidents! But they're making such a fuss! So Tuffy decides to make a break for it.

Vince Ford (NZ) *Tale of a blond puppy*

Scrap is a pup with an incredible ability to control sheep, but he doesn't know who he is or where he comes from. While Bill, the old sheep dog, teaches him to use his talent, Scrap searches desperately for his mother. He soon finds out what Bill is afraid to tell him. He's not like everyone else.

Neil Gaiman *Fortunately the milk*

Unfortunately, Dad forgets the milk. So, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very, very long time to get back. Featuring: Professor Steg (a time-travelling dinosaur), some green globby things, the Queen of the Pirates, the famed jewel that is the Eye of Splod, some wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk.

Mordicai Gerstein *How to bicycle to the moon to plant sunflowers*

Too busy with school, soccer, and other activities, a young boy who wants to cheer up the sad, lonely moon presents the reader with a step-by-step plan for becoming the first human to bicycle to the moon.

Andy Griffiths Ed and Ted and Ted's dog Fred

When Ted's dog Fred bites Ed on the head, Ed sees red! A tale of fast cars, spills and thrills, and a whale called Ned. A rhyming story of mischief and mayhem that will delight everyone, especially beginner readers, accompanied by Terry Denton's energetically comic illustrations.

Sylvia Vanden Heede Wolf and Dog

Dog is Wolf's cousin. Wolf is Dog's cousin. That's strange because: Wolf is wild, and Dog is tame. Wolf lives in a forest on top of a hill. Dog doesn't. Dog has a basket. And a boss. These laugh-out-loud stories are about the important things in life -- like food, family and fleas!

Diana Wynne Jones Freaky families

Two quirky and hilarious stories reissued as a single volume. Two groups of children learn that while you can choose your friends, dealing with your family can make you wish you could choose a different one...

Sherryl Jordan (NZ) Fishtales

Four fabulous fishing stories, from the funny to the fairly outrageous! From a story about an eel that grows too big for the house, to a story of a mystery monster with lashing tentacles and a fondness for snitching fishing rods.

Patricia MacLachlan White fur flying

A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next to a family that rescues dogs.

Veronique Massenot The three musicians

The kingdom of Mirador is terrified of a monstrous, fire-spewing beast that lurks just outside the village walls. One spring day a troupe of musicians and their dog enters the gates. Suddenly there is fun and romance, song and dance. The people are no longer afraid - until the loathsome beast does, in fact, appear...

Allan Say The favourite daughter

Yuriko, teased at school for her unusual name and Japanese ancestry, yearns to be more ordinary until her father reminds her of how special she is.

Lemony Snicket The dark

Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night...it does.

Sally Sutton (NZ) Diary of a frog

The hilarious diary of a young frog desperate to win the role of human princess in her school production of The Frog Prince. She's sure she's pretty enough (she has more warts than any other girls in class), but will she ever overcome her terrifying case of stage fright?

Germano Zullo Little bird

A man drives his truck up to a cliff's edge. Unable to go any further, he opens the back door of his truck and a flock of birds flies out, but, a small timid bird remains. Surprised and delighted, the man acts kindly towards the bird and an intimacy develops. Whimsical with a capital W.



Older Readers

Holly Black Doll bones

Twelve-year-old Zach is too old to play with toys. Or at least, that's what his father thinks. But even though he stops hanging out with Poppy and Alice and stops playing with his action figures, it's no good. There's one toy that still wants to play with him. A doll that's made from the bones of a dead girl and the only way to end the game is to lay the doll to rest forever.

Sage Blackwood Jinx

A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond and within the Urwald is more complex than he could imagine.

Deborah Burnside (NZ) Rebecca and the Queen of Nations

When ten-year-old Rebecca Kelly is sent to the dreary Derry workhouse she decides that this is not the life for her. So she runs away, Rebecca is determined that she will join her brother, who is a sailor on the Queen of Nations, a ship bound for New Zealand, but this will be difficult for a young girl without a penny to her name. The first book in the New Zealand Girl series.

Ken Catran (NZ) Dead Harry

Sam's best friend Harry is working on a school assignment about refugees from the Balkans, and comes across a photo of the school caretaker as a war criminal. The next thing he knows, Harry is dead and has returned as a ghost to help Sam solve the mystery of his murder.

Eoin Colfer The reluctant assassin

The reluctant assassin is Riley, a Victorian boy who is suddenly plucked from his own time and whisked into the twenty-first century, accused of murder and on the run. Riley has been pulled into the FBI's covert W.A.R.P. operation (Witness Anonymous Relocation Program). He and young FBI Agent Chevie Savano are forced to flee terrifying assassin-for-hire Albert Garrick, who pursues Riley through time and will not stop until he has hunted him down. Book one in the W.A.R.P. series.

Joy Cowley (NZ) Dunger

William and Melissa have been roped into helping their old hippie grandparents fix up their holiday home in the middle of the Sounds. They'll have no electricity, no cellphone reception, and only each other for company. As far as they're concerned, this is not a holiday.

Sharon Creech The boy on the porch

When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy Jacob can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.

Joseph Delaney Alice

Over the years, Alice has fought evil side by side with the Spook and his apprentice, Thomas Ward. But now Alice is alone in the realm of the dark. And the creatures she has helped to banish there, now have the chance to take their revenge. The penultimate instalment of the Wardstone Chronicles.

Kate DiCamillo Flora & Ulysses

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Neil Gaiman *The silver dream*

After mastering the ability to walk between dimensions, sixteen-year-old Joey Harker and his fellow InterWorld freedom fighters embark on a mission to maintain peace between the rival powers of magic and science who seek to control all worlds. An Interworld novel.

Jessica Day George *Wednesdays in the tower*

After discovering a giant egg in the magical Castle Glower, Princess Celie agrees to care for the egg and the creature that hatches. The sequel to *Tuesdays at the castle*.

Morris Gleitzman *Extra time*

When 13-year-old Matt is discovered impressing the livestock in an Aussie country town with his remarkable soccer skills, he's offered the chance of a lifetime – a try-out at one of Europe's biggest and most glamorous soccer clubs.

David Hill (NZ) *Brave Company*

Boy Seaman Russell Purchas is stationed on HMNZS Taupo. It's 1952, and the frigate has just entered hostile waters off the coast of Korea. Russell is determined to prove he is a hero, to shake off the shadow of his spineless uncle who died in the WWII. Russell doesn't have to wait long to be tested. Never far from enemy fire, the waters are swarming not only with battleships and mines, but also with fleeing Korean refugees.

Paul Jennings *Don't look now: Book One*

Ricky is an ordinary boy, who dreams of being famous. And he has a secret that might just help him realise this dream. Because Ricky can fly. Truly. He can really fly. But there's a hitch. He can only fly when absolutely no one is looking. The first book in a new easy reading series.

Cynthia Kadohata *The thing about luck*

Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

Jeff Kinney *Hard luck*

Greg Heffley's on a losing streak. His best friend, Rowley Jefferson, has ditched him, and finding new friends in middle school is proving to be a tough task. To change his fortunes, Greg decides to take a leap of faith and turn his decisions over to chance. Book Eight in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series.

Suzanne M. LaFleur *Listening for Lucca*

Siena sees what isn't there; collects what's left behind. Her brother Lucca is three and hasn't spoken for over a year. The doctors think he needs a fresh start, that's why her family left Brooklyn.

Hope Larson Madeline L'Engle's *A wrinkle in time: A graphic novel*

A graphic novel adaptation of the classic tale in which Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Joke van Leeuwen *The day my father became a bush*

Fighting breaks out in the south and Toda's father has to go there to defend his country. Luckily he has a manual called 'What every soldier needs to know'. This tells him how to hide from the enemy by using branches and leaves to disguise himself as a bush. Toda remains in the city with her grandmother, but even there it's no longer safe.

Michelle Lovric *The Fate in the Box*

Fogfinger rules Venice. The Venetians fear him and obey him. Every year one of their children is lost in a grisly Lambing ceremony. The child must climb the bell tower and let the Fate in the Box decide their destiny. Most end their days in the jaws of the primeval Crocodile that lurks in the lagoon. Or so Fogfinger tells them. But a chance meeting by a green apricot tree may be the beginning of the end for Fogfinger.

Geraldine McCaughrean The positively last performance

The performances at The Royal Theatre are extraordinary. You'd have to see them to believe them! But that's the problem. Nobody can see them. Except Gracie, that is. But the old theatre is under threat. Will Gracie and the residents be able to save their home, or is the curtain set to fall on their very last performance?

Hilary McKay Binny for short

Binny's life has been difficult since her father died and her dreadful old Aunt Violet disposed of her beloved dog, Max. Her world changed then, to a city flat with not enough space. Then one day Aunt Violet dies, leaving a small cottage in Cornwall to Binny and her family. Binny finds herself in a new world once more, full of sunshine and freedom. But Max is still lost in the past, and it seems impossible that she'll ever find him again...

Ann M. Martin Better to wish

In 1930 Abby Nichols is an eight-year-old girl growing up in Maine, but as the Depression deepens, and her mother dies, the responsibility of taking care of her family falls to her, and she has to put her dreams of going to college and becoming a writer on hold.

Paula Morris (NZ) Hene and the burning harbour

Northland, 1845. When Hene's twin brother falls dangerously ill, her parents fear she will also catch the sickness, so they send her away from her home at the pa to the Paihia mission station. Life with the missionaries is difficult. Meanwhile, across the water in Russell, the world is in turmoil. Hone Heke has cut down the flagpole again and has attacked Korororeka. A book in the New Zealand Girl series.

James Norcliffe (NZ) Felix and the red rats

When David's uncle comes to visit he sets off a bizarre series of events. David's pet rats change colour and David senses that somehow the red rats are connected to the story he is reading. The parallel story sees Felix and his friend Bella inadvertently shifted into a strange land where they must solve a riddle. But this puts them into great danger. How will they escape and find their way home?

Stephen Pastis Mistakes were made

Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the "best" detective agency in town Total Failure, Inc. Timmy may only be eleven, but with the help of his polar bear, Total, he already has plans for world domination. Plans that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past. The first book in the Timmy Failure series.

Michelle Paver The burning shadow

Hylas is captured by slavers. Set to work in the terrible underground mines of Thalakra, he learns to his horror that he's now closer than ever to his murderous enemies, the Crows. He has to escape before they find out he's here. Pirra, the daughter of the High Priestess, is also on the run. When Fate reunites her with Hylas, their survival depends on ancient magic and an orphaned lion cub. Book Two in the Gods and Warriors series.

Richard Peck The mouse with the question mark tail

The smallest mouse in London's Royal Mews is such a little mystery that he hasn't even a name. And who were his parents? His Aunt Marigold, Head Needle-mouse, sews him a uniform and sends him off to be educated at the Royal Mews Mouse Academy. Maybe Queen Victoria can help?

Simon Scarrow *Son of Spartacus*

Free from slavery, Marcus is determined to find and save his kidnapped mother. Meanwhile, his master, Julius Caesar wants Marcus to help destroy the bands of rebel slaves and their leader Brixus, who plans to unite a slave army and resurrect the cause of Spartacus. But Marcus and Brixus are old allies who share a life-threatening secret. A book in the Gladiator series.

Ruth Starke *An ANZAC tale*

When Australia pledges its support to Great Britain at the outbreak of WWI, mates Roy and Cardwell are among the first to enlist. But what the friends first thought would be an adventure soon turns to disaster. The day after the landing at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915, more than 2000 of their fellow Anzacs are dead. As the campaign drags on, life for Wally and Roy and their new friend, Tom, becomes a battle of endurance against a plucky enemy, a hostile landscape, flies, fleas, cold and disease. A graphic novel.

Jonathan Stroud *The screaming staircase*

There is an epidemic of ghosts in Britain. Their touch brings death, and only children have the power to fight them. Lucy Carlyle, a young psychic investigator, joins London's smallest agency, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood. When a case goes horribly wrong, Lockwood & Co. have a last chance of redemption. Unfortunately, this involves spending the night in the most haunted house in England, and trying to escape alive . . .

Melinda Szymanik (NZ) *A winter's day in 1939*

Taken from his home in Poland and forced to leave his country, 12-year-old Adam and his family are transported to work in a labour camp in Russia. Ill-fed and poorly treated, Adam doubts they will make it out alive. Even if they do get away, they might freeze to death or starve.

Doug TenNapel *Cardboard*

When cardboard creatures come magically to life, a boy must save his town from disaster. A graphic novel.

Vivian Vande Velde *Frogged*

When Princess Imogene is turned into a frog, she puts into practice lessons from the book, *The Art of Being a Princess*, as she tries to become her less-than-perfect self again.

David Walliams *Demon dentist*

Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find... a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow. Evil was at work. But who or what was behind it...?

Jacqueline Wilson *Queenie*

1953, England. Elizabeth is to be crowned Queen of England, but Elsie Kettle and her grandmother both fall ill with tuberculosis. Elsie is whisked away to a hospital where she is confined to bed for months and misses her beloved Nan desperately. However, in the hospital she makes friends, including Queenie, the hospital's majestic white cat.

Jacqueline Wilson *Diamond*

Diamond wasn't always a star. Born to penniless parents who longed for a strong, healthy son, she was a dainty, delicate daughter - and a bitter disappointment. Discovering she has an extraordinary natural gift for acrobatics, Diamond tries to use her talent to earn a few pennies, but simply brings shame on her family.

Young Adults

JLeigh Bardugo *Siege and storm*

Darkness never dies. Alina and Mal are on the run. Hunted and haunted, but together at last, they can't outrun Alina's past or her destiny forever. The Darkling has emerged from the Shadow Fold with a terrifying new power and he needs Alina to realise his dangerous plan. Book Two in the Grisha Trilogy.

Holly Black *The coldest girl in Coldtown*

When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

Malorie Blackman *Noble conflict*

Years after a violent war destroyed much of the world, Kaspar has grown up in a society based on peace and harmony. But beyond the city walls, a vicious band of rebels are plotting to tear this peace apart. It is up to the Guardians an elite peacekeeping force to protect the city, without ever resorting to the brutal methods of their enemy.

Melvin Burgess *The hit*

A new drug is out. Everyone is talking about it. Death. Take it, and you have one amazing week to live. It's the ultimate high. At the ultimate price Adam is tempted. Life is rubbish; his girlfriend's over him, his brother's gone. So what's he got to lose? Everything as it turns out. It's up to his girlfriend, Lizzie to show him.

Cassandra Clare *Clockwork princess*

When seventeen-year-old orphaned shapechanger Tessa Gray is kidnapped by the villainous Mortmain in his final bid for power, the London Institute rallies to save her, but is beset by danger and betrayal at every turn. Book Three in the Infernal Devices series.

Andrea R. Cremer and David Levithan *Invisibility*

Stephen is used to invisibility. He was born that way. Invisible. Cursed. Elizabeth sometimes wishes for invisibility. When you're invisible, no one can hurt you. Then Stephen and Elizabeth meet. To Stephen's amazement, she can see him. But as the two become closer, an invisible world gets in their way—a world of grudges, misfortunes, spells and curses.

Gillian Cross *After tomorrow*

What if you woke up tomorrow and everything had changed? Money is worthless. Your friends are gone. Armed robbers roam the streets. No one is safe. For Matt and his little brother, Taco, that nightmare is a reality. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side... stay or go? What would you do?



Chris Crutcher *Period. 8*

Period 8 has always been a safe haven and high school senior Paulie “The Bomb” Baum a constant attendee, but as Paulie, Hannah, their friends, and a sympathetic teacher try to unravel the mystery of a missing classmate, the ultimate bully takes aim at the school.

Ted Dawe (NZ) *Into the river*

When Te Arepa Santos is dragged into the river by a giant eel, something happens that will change the course of his whole life. He has brushed against the spirit world, and there is a price to be paid; an utu to be exacted. Years later, far from the protection of whanau and ancestral land he finds new enemies. This time, with no-one to save him, there is a decision to be made... he can wait on the bank, or leap forward into the river.

Nancy Farmer *The Lord of Opium*

Matt has always been nothing but a clone—grown from a strip of old El Patron’s skin. Now, at 14, he finds himself suddenly thrust into the position of ruling over his own country: The Land of Opium. But while Opium thrives, the rest of the world has been devastated by ecological disaster—and hidden in Opium is the cure. Sequel to *The House of the Scorpion*.

Anne Fine *Blood family*

Edward is four years old when he is locked away with his mother by her abusive, alcoholic partner, Harris. By the time an elderly neighbour spots his pale face peering through a crack in the boarded-up window and raises the alarm, he is seven. Rescue comes, but lasting damage has been done.

Michael Grant *Light: A Gone novel*

Answers to every mystery of the *FAYZ* are revealed, unexpected heroes emerge as sacrifices are made, and the Darkness is finally conquered by a force even more powerful than itself in this conclusion to the *Gone* series.

Mandy Hager (NZ) *Dear Vincent*

17 year old Tara’s life is hard. She shares the care of her paralysed father with her domineering mother and is forced to cut down on her hours at school to help support the family with a part-time rest home job. She’s very much alone, still grieving the loss of her older sister Van. Her only source of consolation is her obsession with art. Most especially she is enamoured with Vincent Van Gogh: she has read all his letters and finds many parallels between the tragic story of his life and her own.

Karen Healey (NZ) *When we wake*

Sixteen-year-old Tegan is just like every other girl - playing the guitar, falling in love, and protesting the wrongs of the world with her friends. But then Tegan dies, waking up 100 years in the future as the unknowing first guinea pig to be cryogenically frozen and successfully revived. Appalling secrets about her new world come to light, and Tegan must choose to either keep her head down or fight for a better future.

David Hill (NZ) *Sinking*

Con is a swimmer, Becks is a horse enthusiast. Con hates horses almost as much as she hates swimming. Becks’s Grandfather holds a terrible secret, which is driving him almost mad. Becks is fiercely protective of him, and reacts explosively against the group of school bullies who mock him. But she can’t cope by herself, and slowly, she and Con are drawn into the full details of the secret.

Stuart Hill *Prince of the Icemark*

When his brother, the King, is killed in battle, Prince Redrought must rally his people and learn to defend the tiny country against supernatural invaders - werewolves, vampires and zombies. Redrought must take the fight to enemy territory, The-Land-of-the-Ghosts, and it’s there he will fall or stand forever in the legends of the Icemark. Prequel to *The cry of the Icemark*.

Anthony Horowitz Russian roulette

Presented with an unexpected assignment, Alex Rider's greatest nemesis, Yassen Gregoravich, recalls his life and the path that led him to become an assassin while his one-time friend, Alex's uncle, became a spy.

Maureen Johnson The madness underneath

Rory's brush with Jack the Ripper touched her more than she thought possible: she's become a human terminus, with the power to eliminate ghosts on contact. The Ripper may be gone, but now there is a string of new inexplicable deaths threatening London. Rory has evidence that the deaths are no coincidence. Something much more sinister is going on, and now she must convince the Shades – the city's secret ghost-fighting police – to listen to her before it's too late. Book Two in the Shades of London series.

Sherryl Jordan (NZ) Freedom merchants

In 1615, corsair pirates from the Barbary Coast prowl the coast, attacking ships and raiding villages for slaves to sell to masters in the Mediterranean. When 13-year-old Liam's brother is captured, Liam is desperate to get him back and travels with a small band of monks to the heart of the pirate world, into the turmoil of religious persecution, and the horrors of slavery.

Elizabeth Knox (NZ) Mortal fire

When sixteen-year-old Canny of the Pacific island, Southland, sets out on a trip with her stepbrother and his girlfriend, she finds herself drawn into enchanting Zarene Valley where the mysterious but dark Ghislain helps her to figure out her origins.

Kirby Larson Hattie ever after

In 1919, seventeen-year-old Hattie leaves the Montana prairie and her sweetheart Charlie to become a female reporter in San Francisco.

David Levithan Two boys kissing

Based-on-true-events story of Harry and Craig, two 17-year-olds who are about to take part in a 32-hour marathon of kissing to set a new Guinness World Record—all of which is narrated by a Greek Chorus of the generation of gay men lost to AIDS. While the two increasingly dehydrated and sleep-deprived boys are locking lips, they become a focal point in the lives of other teen boys dealing with languishing long-term relationships, coming out, navigating gender identity, and falling deeper into the digital rabbit hole of gay hookup sites—all while the kissing former couple tries to figure out their own feelings for each other.

Alex Lidell The cadet of Tildor

At the Academy of Tildor, the training ground for elite soldiers, Cadet Renee de Winter struggles to keep up with her male peers, but when her mentor is kidnapped to fight in illegal gladiator games, Renee and best friend Alec struggle to do what is right in a world of crime and political intrigue.

Jonathan Maberry Fire & ash

When Benny and his friends learn that a scientist may have discovered a cure for the zombie plague, they mount a search and rescue mission, unaware that the reapers want the cure to wipe humanity off the face of the earth. The conclusion to the Rot & Ruin series.

D.J. MacHale Sylo

They came from the sky parachuting out of military helicopters to invade Tucker's idyllic hometown on Pemberwick Island. They call themselves SYLO and they are a secret branch of the U.S. Navy. SYLO's commander, Captain Granger, informs Pemberwick residents that the island has been hit by a lethal virus and must be quarantined. Now they are cut off from the outside world. Tucker believes there's more to SYLO's story and only he holds the clues that can solve this deadly mystery.

Juliet Marillier (NZ) Raven flight

Neryn thought she had lost everything and could trust no one, not even her mysterious companion, Flint. But when she finds refuge at the rebel base of Shadowfell and discovers her canny gift as a Caller, she feels the first stirrings of hope. Can Neryn master her magical power to save Alban from King Keldec's stranglehold? Or will she be too late? Book Two in the Shadowfell trilogy.

Robert Muchamore Black Friday

Ryan is about to board a plane, knowing that the next twenty-four hours will change everything. His mission is to stop the biggest terrorist attack America's ever seen. Ryan works for Cherub, a secret organisation with one key advantage: even a trained terrorist won't suspect that a teenager is spying on them. Part of the Cherub series.

Patrick Ness More than this

A boy called Seth drowns, desperate and alone in his final moments, losing his life as the pounding sea claims him. But then he wakes. He is naked, thirsty, starving. But alive. How is that possible? He remembers dying, his bones breaking, his skull dashed upon the rocks. So how is he here? It looks like the suburban English town where he lived as a child, before an unthinkable tragedy happened and his family moved to America. But the neighbourhood around his old house is overgrown, covered in dust and completely abandoned. What's going on?

Tamora Pierce Battle magic

On their way to the first Circle temple in Gyongxi, mages Briar, Rosethorn, and Evvy pay a visit to the Emperor's summer palace. Although treated like royalty when they first arrive, the mages soon discover that the Emperor plans to invade Gyongxi, posing a fatal threat to the home temple of the Living Circle religion!

Meg Rosoff Picture me gone

Mila is on a road trip across the USA with her father. They are looking for his best friend but Mila discovers a more important truth: sometimes the act of searching reveals more than the final discovery can.

Vernonica Roth Allegiant

What if your whole world was a lie? The faction-based society that Tris Prior once believed in is shattered – fractured by violence and power struggles and scarred by loss and betrayal. So when offered a chance to explore the world past the limits she's known, Tris is ready. Perhaps beyond the fence, she and Tobias will find a simple new life together, free from complicated lies, tangled loyalties, and painful memories. The last book in the Divergent trilogy.

Maggie Stiefvater Dream thieves

Now that the ley lines around Cageswater have been woken, nothing for Ronan, Gansey, Blue, and Adam will be the same. Ronan, for one, is falling more and more deeply into his dreams, and his dreams are intruding more and more into waking life. Meanwhile, some very sinister people are looking for some of the same pieces of the Cageswater puzzle that Gansey is after. The second book in the Raven Cycle.

Elizabeth Wein Rose under fire

Rose Justice is a young pilot during WWII. She is captured by the Germans and ends up in Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi women's concentration camp. There, she meets an unforgettable group of women, including a once glamorous and celebrated French detective novelist; a resilient young girl who was a human guinea pig for Nazi doctors; and a female fighter pilot for the Soviet air force. These damaged women must bond together to help each other survive. A companion book to Code Name Verity.

Margaret Wild *The vanishing moment*

A moment. That's all it takes. A bewildering moment when the world spins upside-down, and then life can never be the same again. Arrow was just a girl when she saw something no child should have to see. And Marika is living a sister's worst nightmare...When Arrow and Marika come together in a small seaside town, they meet a mysterious 'magician' who says he knows how to escape the now and step into a new future.

Fiona Wood *Wildlife*

Boarding for a term in the wilderness, sixteen-year-old Sibylla expects the gruesome outdoor education program – but friendship complications, and love that goes wrong? They're extra-curricula.

Richard Yancey *The 5th Wave*

Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.



Information books, poetry and fairytales

Anthea Bell (Trans.) *Tales from the Brothers Grimm*

A handsome edition from the well-known collection of fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm containing eleven popular stories. Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger.

R.S. Bhathal *Rocket into space!*

Visit the moon and the planets. Maddy and Jack are flying into space! If you come with them you can turn the countdown wheel from ten to zero and help the rocket 'lift-off' by pulling the tab.

Quentin Blake *Beyond the page*

Blake writes about his projects since 2000, vividly describing his working processes, his collaborators, his travels, and his various projects and commissions, including his 'illustrated walls' projects for hospitals in the UK and France. Generously illustrated with 240 full-colour reproductions of his inimitable work.

Bronwyn Bancroft *Remembering Lionsville*

Come with me to my family's old house in Lionsville. It's full of memories. It's a special place. Uncle Pat calls it a secret place. We played in that old tin cubby, swam in the creek with the catfish, and fell asleep to the ribbip of frogs at night. And around the red cedar table we listened to the old people's stories. We learned a lot that way. Renowned artist Bronwyn Bancroft's *Remembering Lionsville* brings to vivid life her family's oral history and her own childhood memories.

Jennifer Berne *On a beam of light: a story of Albert Einstein*

Follows the life of the famous physicist, from his early ideas to his groundbreaking theories.

Nicholas Brockelbank (NZ) Nic's lunchbox

Mouthwatering lunch for kids who love to munch. Our favourite kid-chef is at it again, this time with a range of quick, easy and delicious lunchbox ideas.

Chris Caldicott World food alphabet

Presents words for food, food production, and food consumption for each letter of the alphabet, and explains what and how people all over the world eat.

Louise Chilvers (NZ) I see a sea lion!

Simple text and illustrations describe the life of a New Zealand sea lion, including its biology, behaviour, life cycle, habitat, and the threats it faces.

Chuck Close Face book

Presents an autobiography about the author's artistic life, describing the creative processes he uses in the studio and his struggles with his disabilities. Includes a self-portrait mix-and-match section that demonstrates his techniques and images.

Fifi Colston (NZ) Wearable wonders

An introduction to the World of Wearable Art Awards with history, examples, interviews and photographs in a workbook which details how to make your own Wearable Art creation using various art and craft techniques.

Julia Donaldson Poems to perform

In this collection, Julia Donaldson has chosen poems with performance by children in mind, and in the notes section at the end of the book are her ideas on performing them.

Fatcat & Fishface (NZ) The wreck of the Diddley

The Wreck of the Diddley was originally a song, a devilishly dark pirate's tale, that winds up badly off Island Bay. Accompanying the book is a DVD of the animated version of The Wreck of The Diddley, so that all readers, young and old, can enjoy this musical tale.

Thomas C. Foster How to read literature like a professor

Selected by a master storyteller and beloved New York Times best-selling author, the 16 stories in this menagerie will introduce teen readers to a host of strange, wondrous beings that have never existed anywhere but in the richness of the imagination.

Kathleen Fox A book is just like you!

Do you know that a book is just like you? It's true! Think about it: On the day you were born, you were given a name. A book is given a name, too it's called a title. You have a spine that helps to keep your body together. A book also has a spine, which keeps the book's body of pages together.

Susi Fowler Arctic Aesop's fables

The animals of Alaska's far north teach life lessons in these retold tales from the classic Aesop's fables, set in the unique landscape of Alaska's wilderness.

Ute Fuhr Let's look at life below the city

Explore the hidden world below the city streets. Includes some transparent pages and a 'torch' to search for sewers, cellars and trains!

Bobbie Gargrave Let's go zudie-o

A stimulating and creative exploration of dance and music for children aged 0-9 years. All the activities spring from world, contemporary and historical music and dance. Includes a CD and videos.

Betty Gilderdale (NZ) Magical Margaret Mahy

Who was Margaret Mahy? What was she like as a child? How did she become a writer? Where did her weird and wonderful ideas come from? In these pages we meet the woman behind the name on the book covers. First published in 1987, Betty Gilderdale's biography of Margaret Mahy has been fully revised and updated.

Maria Gill (NZ) Running the country

In simple accessible language and employing fact boxes, statistics, photos and engaging cartoons, the book features who's who in central government and how it all works.

Marie Greenwood Real-size farm animals

Children will delight in seeing a calf, duckling and other farm inhabitants as they learn more about how the animals behave whether feeding, playing, or just snuggling close to their moms and dads. With fold-out flaps, each spread presents a photograph of a farm animal at its true size.

Nicholas Harris The glow in the dark book of space

A glow-in-the-dark introduction to astronomy, including the universe as a whole, the stars and galaxies, and our solar system.

Deborah Heiligman The boy who loved math

Growing up in Hungary during WWI, Paul Erdos was fascinated by numbers, and by the time he was 20, he was known as The Magician from Budapest. Unable to do common tasks such as cooking, laundry, or driving, he spent his adult life flying around the world, staying with other mathematicians, and working collaboratively on challenging math problems.

Bridget Heos Stronger than steel

Enter Randy Lewis' lab and come face to face with golden orb weaver spiders and genetically engineered goats, whose milk contains the proteins to spin spider silk - and to weave a nearly indestructible fibre. Learn how this amazing material might someday be used to repair or replace human ligaments and bones, improve body armour, strengthen parachute rope, and even tether an airplane to an aircraft carrier!

Kathy Hoopmann Inside Asperger's looking out

Brings to light traits that many Aspies have in common, from sensitive hearing and an aversion to bright lights, to literal thinking and difficulty understanding social rules, body language and facial expressions.

Langston Hughes Lullaby (for a black mother)

With a few simple words as smooth as a song, the poet Langston Hughes celebrates the love between an African American mother and her baby. The award-winning illustrator Sean Qualls's painted and collaged artwork captures universally powerful maternal moments with tenderness and whimsy.

Susan Hughes My school, our world

There's a whole world of incredible and unusual schools out there! From schools in caves or on boats, to mobile schools and even schools than 'un-school', this book celebrates the people and places that work to ensure that even children living in the most challenging or unusual of circumstances can get an education.

Elin Kelsey You are stardust

Introduces readers to the extensive and surprising ways in which they are connected to the natural world around them.

Judith Kerr Judith Kerr's creatures

A lavishly illustrated retrospective in celebration of the 90th birthday of Judith Kerr, author of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and many other iconic books.

Dick King-Smith Jungle jingles

What happens if you fall into a river full of piranha fish? And do man-eating tigers only eat men? This poetry book deals with these questions.

Doris Kutschbach Art Detective: spot the difference!

Presents reproductions of famous art works alongside "forgeries." Readers are asked to play detective as they examine each painting closely, looking for the differences, while a small cartoon sleuth leads them through the paintings, uncovering technical and historical details that enhance readers' appreciation and knowledge.

Daniel Lipkowitz LEGO minifigures character encyclopaedia

Features character biographies, accessories information, and fun LEGO facts.

Finlay MacDonald (NZ) The life and art of Lynley Dodd

Includes never-before-seen working pages from Dodd's 'ideas book', character roughs of Hairy Maclary and his gang, images of text drafts and of course big beautiful reproductions of finished artwork - giving readers an insight into the painstaking labour of the creative process and the genius inherent in the end result. This beautiful book celebrates one of the country's most talented children's artists, whose work has delighted children and adults around the world for three decades.

Margaret Read MacDonald Give up, Gecko!

Elephant was shouting and stomping. But could he stomp a hole deep enough to reach water for the thirsty animals? Maybe, maybe not. All the animals tried until tiny Gecko took a turn. He was small but he was determined. And he was not going to give up!

Mack Vicks the polar bear cub

The true-life story of Vicks, a polar bear cub at the Rotterdam Zoo. From his first soft growl as a baby to his first dive as a tough polar bear, it chronicles young Vicks' adventures in the year following his birth.

Sandra Markle The long, long journey: The Godwit's amazing migration

A Godwit hatches, evades predators, and learns to hunt and fly. Then, she sets off on her first migration 7,200 nonstop miles, from Alaska to New Zealand!

Yoko Moriwaki Yoko's Diary: the life of a young girl in Hiroshima during WWII

In April 1945, Yoko Moriwaki started high school in Hiroshima, excited to be a prestigious 'Kenjo' girl, and full of duty towards her parents, school and country. But the country was falling apart and in four months time her city would become the target for the first atomic bomb ever used as a weapon. In her diary, Yoko provides an account of that time when conditions were so poor that children as young as twelve were required to work in industry; when fierce battles raged in the Pacific and children like Yoko believed victory was near.

James Norcliffe (NZ) Packing a bag for Mars

James Norcliffe's exemplary poems and Jenny Cooper's witty illustrations reveal what most teachers and nearly all pupils secretly know - that poetry can be fun to read and fun to write. For the most part they are easily accessible but in case they do puzzle and perplex at times, there are explanatory notes and a guide to the main writing techniques used.

Laura Overdeck Bedtime math

Over 100 kid-friendly math problems on topics from jalapeños and submarines to roller coasters and flamingos, designed to make math a fun part of kids' everyday lives.

Christine Paxmann From mud huts to skyscrapers

Chronologically arranged, this large-format book gives each iconic building its own double-page spread featuring an exquisite watercolour illustration and clearly written descriptions, facts, and features. These vibrantly detailed pages are filled with people, animals, and other objects that help bring the buildings to life.

J.P. Percy Can you guess what I am: In the street

Bright and bold photographs combine with simple text in this interactive series.

Jon Richards *The natural world: the world in infographics*

Infographics illustrate facts about the natural world, providing information about such topics as energy production, food webs, threatened species, and record-breaking animals.

Paul Ruditis *Star Trek: the visual dictionary*

Voyage through a complete illustrated tour of the Star Trek Galaxy and explore the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise, Borg technology, The Dominion War, The Q Continuum and much more.

Jo Schofield *The wild weather book*

Imagine jumping in the biggest puddle you can find! Or running barefoot and feeling squidgy mud ooze up between your toes! When it's wet, or windy or cold, there's no need to stay cooped up indoors; it's a great opportunity to rush outside for some fun.

Susan Schwake *Art lab for little kids: 52 playful projects for preschoolers!*

Developed for four to six year olds and targeting one of the most critical developmental periods for children, Art Lab for Little Kids is the perfect book for both parents and teachers who are seeking enriching and unique art experiences to offer this age group. See also Art lab for kids.

Maurice Sendak *My brother's book*

With influences from Shakespeare and William Blake, Sendak pays homage to his late brother, Jack, whom he credited for his passion for writing and drawing. Pairing Sendak's poignant poetry with his exquisite and dramatic artwork, this book redefines what mature readers expect from Maurice Sendak while continuing the lasting legacy he created over his long, illustrious career.

Mara Shaughnessy *LEGO man in space*

Tells the true story of how two boys launched a LEGO man 80,000 feet into space using a weather balloon, a homemade parachute, and a video camera.

Marilyn Singer *Follow follow: a book of reverso poems*

A collection of short poems called reversos which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature. The companion to Mirror Mirror.

Chris Szekely (NZ) *Swim: the story of Hinemoa and Tūtāneka*

This Te Arawa Māori traditional story tells of two lovers forbidden to meet who find a way to be together. A sophisticated picture book, also published in Te Reo Maori as Tāhoe.

Paul Thurlby *Wildlife*

Did you know that crocodiles cry while they eat? Or that polar bears turn green if they stay hot for too long? Or that bees do a dance to speak to one another? See wildlife as you've never seen it before with Paul Thurlby's menagerie of curious animals.

Jim Trelease *The read-aloud handbook*

This updated edition of The Read-Aloud Handbook discusses the benefits, the rewards, and the importance of reading aloud to children of a new generation. Supported by delightful anecdotes as well as the latest research (including the good and bad news on digital learning), The Read-Aloud Handbook offers proven techniques and strategies for helping children discover the pleasures of reading and setting them on the road to becoming lifelong readers.

Guy Troughton *Whose egg?*

Identifies the eggs from eight different animals, describing their coloring, where they are laid, and how they hatch, and encourages readers to match the eggs with their corresponding animals. A lift-the-flap book.

Martin Ursell *Illustrating children's books*

How do you go about illustrating a children's book? How do you illustrate a narrative? How do you get published? This book deals with these questions.

Jeanette Winter Henri's scissors

When Henri Matisse was a boy, he drew pictures everywhere. And when he grew up, he became a famous artist whose paintings were beloved around the world. Then late in life, a serious illness confined Henri to just his bed and a wheelchair. But amazingly, from there he created some of his finest works, the enormous and breathtaking paper cut-outs.

Sharon Werner Alphasaurus and other prehistoric types

Using letters and an artful assortment of typefaces, Werner and Forss create a menagerie of dinosaurs and pack each page with captivating dino-facts.

Philippa Werry (NZ) ANZAC Day: the New Zealand story

This book exposes the rich history behind Anzac Day, seeking to answer the many questions children often ask their parents and teachers around the 25th of April every year. It covers all aspects of Anzac Day, from the Gallipoli Campaign and the Great War, right through to the format of the commemorative services held annually throughout the country.

Jane Yolen Wee rhymes: baby's first poetry book

A collection of nursery rhymes, most original but some from Mother Goose, divided into sections celebrating all of the special moments in a baby's day, from wake-up time to bedtime.



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