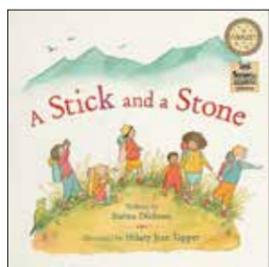


# Telling TALES

Scorpio Children's Books

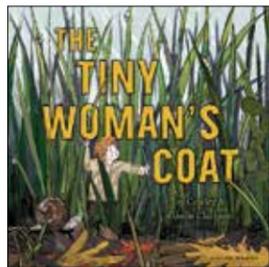


## PICTURE BOOKS



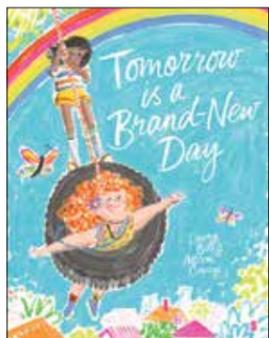
**A Stick and a Stone**  
SARINA DICKSON,  
HILARY JEAN TAPPER  
(ILLUST.) (HACHETTE)  
**HB NZ TITLE \$24.99**

*A stick, a stone, a feather, a bone...*  
Come exploring with our trappers as they spot treasures along the track to their campsite. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the cheeky kea along the way! Reminiscent of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *A Summery Saturday Morning*, this beautifully illustrated story will delight parents and children alike. 3+



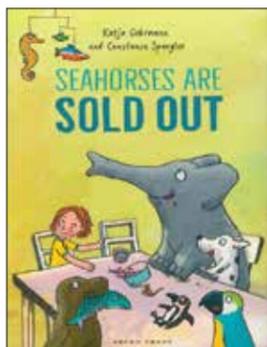
**The Tiny Woman's Coat**  
JOY COWLEY  
(GECKO PRESS)  
**HB NZ TITLE \$24.99**

In this vibrant rhyming tale of resourcefulness and friendship by one of the world's great children's writers, the tiny woman makes a coat of leaves. The trees, geese, porcupine and horse all share something so the tiny woman can snip and stitch a coat to keep herself warm. A small, gorgeously illustrated book to leave readers snug as a bug. 3+



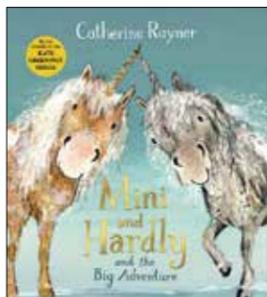
**Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day**  
DAVINA BELL (SCRIBE)  
**HB \$30.00 OUT IN NOV**

*Good or bad, the things you do are all a part of being you – of learning how to take your boat on stormy seas and stay afloat.* From the creators of *All the Ways To Be Smart* comes a message of hope: hard days come and go, but love is with us always. A healing and uplifting tribute to learning and growing – to making mistakes and making amends. 3+



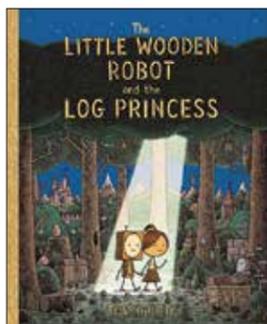
**Seahorses Are Sold Out**  
CONSTANZE SPENGLER,  
KATJA GEHRMANN  
(ILLUST.) (GECKO PRESS)  
**PB \$19.99**

Mika's dad works from home and he's very busy! He can never find time for the promised swimming trip. So Dad allows Mika to choose a pet from the store while he finishes the project – something quiet like a mouse. And so begins a high-spirited and hilarious story in which Mika brings home one animal after another... How many animals can come to stay before a harassed father notices? 3+



**Mini and Hardly and the Big Adventure**  
CATHERINE RAYNER  
(MACMILLAN)  
**HB \$29.99**

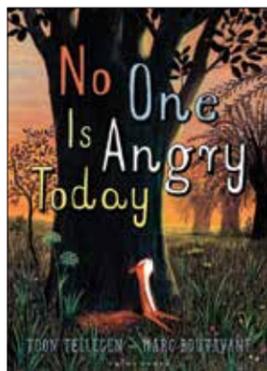
Mini is small, Hardly is smaller, and they are both fed up. Being grown-up would be so much better! They could eat what they want, stay up all night, and go on adventures. So why wait? But it's not long before the two little unicorns find themselves on an adventure a little bigger than they'd bargained for. Perhaps being small isn't so bad – after all, it makes you perfect for the BIGGEST cuddles. 3+



**The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess**  
TOM GAULD  
(TEMPLAR PUBLISHING)  
**HB \$27.99**

When the log princess goes missing, her brother, the little wooden robot, sets out on an epic adventure to find her. He will encounter goblins, ▶

magic puddings, a mushroom queen and a very intimidating wood pile as he seeks to bring his sister home. This moving modern fairytale about sibling love proves that woodlice can be heroes too. 4+



**No One is Angry Today**  
TOON TELLEGEN, MARC BOUTAVANT (ILLUST.)  
(GECKO PRESS)  
**HB \$34.99**

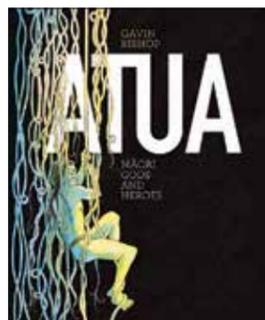
In ten thoughtful, philosophical and delightfully absurd tales, the forest animals spend their days as friends do, with birthday parties, writing letters, visiting, dancing, or sometimes all alone. As each day brings emotions that are worth exploring, this wry and nuanced book gently shows that anger, in all its shapes and sizes, is a natural, necessary and often misunderstood emotion. 4+ 📖

## NON-FICTION



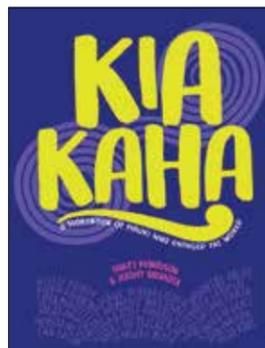
**Everything Under the Sun: a curious question for every day of the year**  
MOLLY OLDFIELD  
(LADYBIRD)  
**HB \$45.00**

How much bamboo can a giant panda eat? Do aliens exist? What we would do if we didn't have a prime minister? Why do hammerhead sharks have such strange-shaped heads? Find out the fascinating answers to these curious questions asked by children around the world. Whether you read a question a day, or dip into it whenever you are feeling curious, this is a book to treasure and share all year round. 5+



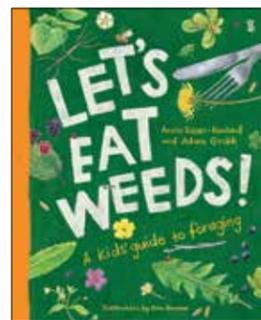
**Atua: Maori Gods and Heroes**  
GAVIN BISHOP (PUFFIN)  
**HB NZ TITLE \$40.00**

*Before the beginning there was nothing. No sound, no air, no colour – nothing. TE KORE, NOTHING. No one knows how long this nothing lasted because there was no time. However, in this great nothing there was a sense of waiting. Something was about to happen.* Meet the gods, demigods and heroes of the Māori world, and explore Aotearoa's exciting legends from the Creation to the Migration. Fascinating, beautiful and informative, this large-scale, once-in-a-generation compendium deserves a place on every bookshelf. 6+



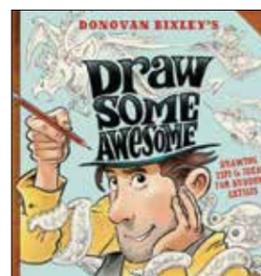
**Kia Kaha: A Storybook of Maori Who Changed the World**  
STACEY MORRISON,  
JEREMY SHERLOCK (PUFFIN)  
**HB NZ TITLE \$45.00**

A powerful, illustrated storybook for the tamariki and rangatahi of Aotearoa New Zealand celebrating Māoritanga! This collection of true stories is about amazing Māori, both historic and contemporary, who have achieved incredible things. Each of them blazed a trail in their own way, and this pukapuka was written to show that with your kura huna, your special gifts, YOU can make a difference too. 8+



**Let's Eat Weeds!**  
a kids' guide to foraging  
ANNIE RASER-ROWLAND  
(SCRIBE)  
**HB \$30.00**

Ever thought weeds were just pesky plants to pull out and throw away? Think again! This informative, funny and beautiful book will show you how great edible weeds can taste. Learn to smell your way to an angled onion, bake weeds 'n' cheese pie, and safely harvest the juicy fruits of a prickly pear. The ultimate companion for the young urban or rural forager – once you've read it, you'll see food all around you, every time you go for a walk. 8+



**Draw Some Awesome**  
DONOVAN BIXLEY  
(UPSTART PRESS LTD)  
**PB NZ TITLE \$29.99**

Donovan Bixley brings his unique style to teaching kids (and grown-ups!) to draw. In a book that shares his secrets and spans levels of skill, he takes his readers through warm-up exercises, mark making, sketchbooks, imagination exercises, inspirational shapes, drawing animals, faces, character creation, detail, copying, perspective, thumbnails, shading, shadows, composition, making an illustration – and, of course, drawing a unicorn. A great mix of fun and expertise. 8+ 📖

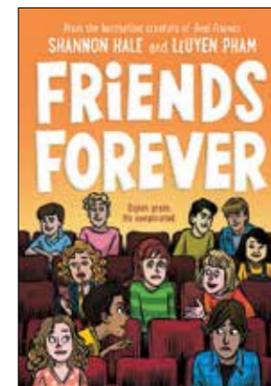
## GRAPHIC NOVELS



**Treasure in the Lake**  
JASON PAMMENT  
(ALLEN & UNWIN  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS)  
**PB \$18.99**

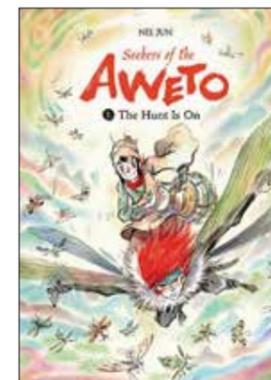
Grand adventures often begin where you least expect. ▶

Iris knows this because she's read them all. Then she and her best friend, Sam, make a discovery beyond anything Iris has read about: a hidden city, lost in time and shrouded in mystery. Storm clouds gather as secrets begin to surface. Can Iris and Sam uncover the truth in time to keep their friendship afloat, or will history repeat itself and pull them apart forever? 8+



**Friends Forever**  
SHANNON HALE  
(FIRST SECOND)  
**PB \$22.99**

Shannon is in eighth grade, where life is more complicated than ever. Everything keeps changing, her classmates are starting to date each other and Shannon can never seem to just be happy. As she works through her insecurities and undiagnosed depression, she worries about disappointing all the people who care about her. Who does she actually want to be? A warm, funny, and insightful follow up to the much loved 'Real Friends' and 'Best Friends' graphic novels. 10+



**Seekers of the Aweto**  
NIE JUN (GRAPHIC  
UNIVERSE – WALKER)  
**PB \$19.99**

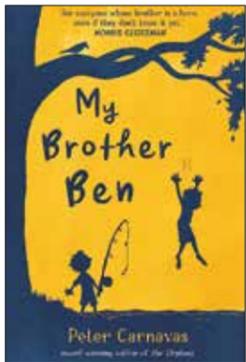
Xinyue, his brother Qiliu, and their mother are seekers, hunting aweto – a rare, plantlike treasure – along the legendary Silk Road. After one outing, Xinyue discovers the offspring of a deity that creates aweto, and becomes the little creature's reluctant caretaker. He soon struggles to keep it safe and keep it a secret. And that's before he learns that warriors from the deity's village are on his family's tail... 11+ 📖

## FICTION



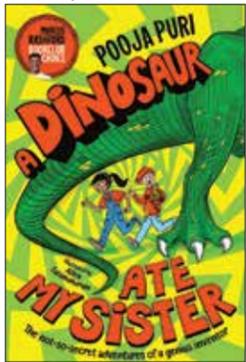
Seven Wherewithal Way  
SAMANTHA-ELLEN BOUND (AFFIRM)  
PB \$19.99

Celeste's boring summer is interrupted when her eccentric cousin crash-lands a flying bus in the yard. What choice does Celeste have but to follow him back to his home at Seven Wherewithal Way? Wherewithal – Celeste's favourite place – is bursting with mystery and otherworldly creatures. But when something tries to break through the portal in the pantry, Celeste learns that both Wherewithal and her cousin are under threat. To save them, she's going to have to find her adventurous side. Fast. 8+



My Brother Ben  
PETER CARNAVAS (UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND)  
PB \$17.99

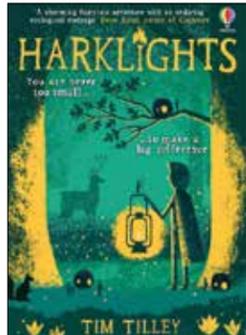
Luke and his big brother Ben spend the summer on the banks of Cabbage Tree Creek. Quiet Luke sketches birds, while Ben leaps off the Jumping Tree. They both share a dream: winning a boat so they can explore the creek properly. Then Ben starts high school and the boys drift apart. When Luke catches Ben sneaking out at night, he knows his brother's up to something, but what? A timeless story of birds and boats, and of brotherly love. 8+



A Dinosaur Ate My Sister  
POOJA PURI (MACMILLAN'S CHILDRENS)  
PB \$19.99

Esha Verma, her snotty apprentice Broccoli and his cunning pet tortoise have a dream. They are going to win the ▶

legendary Brain Trophy – the ultimate inventing prize. This year's entry: A TIME MACHINE. But the day before the competition, Esha's big sister hijacks the time machine and is lost in the Cretaceous age. Esha and Broccoli will have to face hungry dinosaurs, mysterious black holes and malfunctioning inventions to get her sister (and the time machine) back in time. 8+



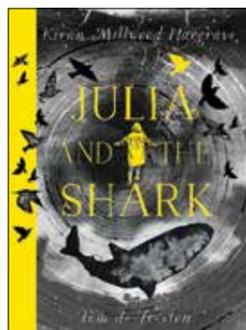
Harklights  
TIM TILLEY (USBORNE PUBLISHING LTD)  
PB \$16.99

Wick has always lived in the dark and dreadful Harklights Match Factory and Orphanage. He can only dream of escaping, until one day something impossible and magical happens and Wick is visited by the Hobs, miniature protectors of the forest. They offer Wick the chance of a lifetime – escape from Harklights and a new life with them in the wild. *Harklights* is a magical story celebrating family, friendship and the natural world, filled with a message of hope for our times. 8+



The Memory Thief  
LEONIE AGNEW (PUFFIN)  
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

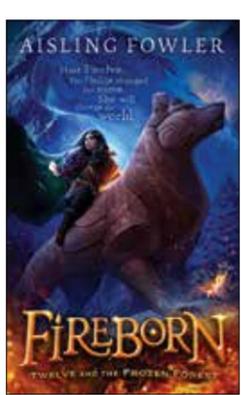
Seth has been trapped behind the iron bars of the public gardens for as long as he can remember. By day he's frozen as a statue of a shepherd boy, but when the sun sets he roams the park, hungry. He is a troll, and the food he seeks is human memories. Then he meets Stella and he doesn't want her memories. He simply wants to talk to her. A captivating, spine-tingling and surprising read. 9+



Julia and the Shark  
KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE (ORION CHILDREN'S BOOKS)  
HB \$24.99

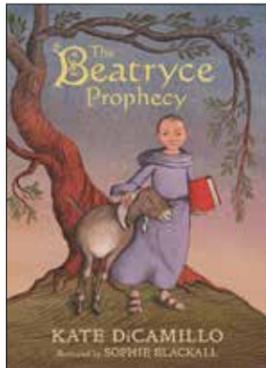
Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island ▶

for the summer – her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope. A beautiful, lyrical, uplifting story about family and love – with timely themes of the importance of science and the environment. 9+



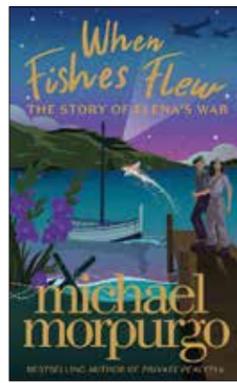
Fireborn: Twelve and the Frozen Forest  
AISLING FOWLER (HARPER COLLINS)  
PB \$19.99

Deep in the snowy northern forests of an imagined prehistoric world, Twelve has spoken the Pledge and now she is a Huntling. She has given up her name to train in the art of fighting monsters and keeping the peace, and she won't get to choose a new one until she has earned it. But when disaster strikes, and a little girl is taken, Twelve ends up on an epic adventure that will change her life, and her entire world. 9+



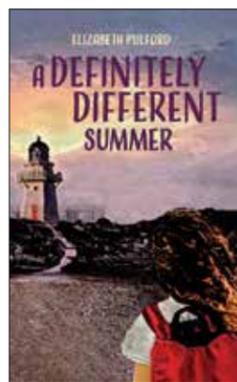
The Beatryce Prophecy  
KATE DICAMILLO (WALKER BOOKS)  
HB \$27.99

In a time of war, a mysterious child appears at a monastery. Gentle Brother Edik finds Beatryce curled in a stall, wracked with fever, coated in dirt and blood, and holding fast to the ear of Answelica the goat. As the monk nurses Beatryce to health, he uncovers her dangerous secret, one that imperils them all – for the king of the land seeks just such a girl, and Brother Edik, who penned the prophecy himself, knows why. 9+



When Fishes Flew: The Story of Elena's War  
MICHAEL MORPURGO (HARPER COLLINS)  
PB \$25.00

Australian-Greek girl Nandi travels to her ancestors' home in Ithaca, and discovers – through a friendship with an extremely unusual flying fish – the extraordinary story of her great-aunt Elena; of how she fell in love, in the hardest of times, and of how she became an unsung hero of World War Two. But Elena has gone missing, and Nandi has to find her. In her search, she will discover that Elena was an even greater hero than she thought. 9+



A Definitely Different Summer  
ELIZABETH PULFORD (DAVID BATEMAN LTD)  
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

When 12-year-old Cricket and her parents head to uninhabited Jacob's Island for the whole summer holidays, Cricket fears she is going to be bored out of her mind. No power, no technology, and no other kids to play with! Instead she discovers a tragic shipwreck tale behind the naming of the island, and that the island is potentially haunted by the ghost of Jacob. Based on a real shipwreck, the Tararua, which claimed the lives of 131 people in 1881. 9+



Pax, Journey Home  
SARA PENNYPACKER (HARPER COLLINS)  
HB \$22.99

From bestselling and award-winning author Sara Pennypacker comes the long-awaited sequel to *Pax*; gorgeously crafted, utterly compelling with stunning illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Jon Klassen. It's been a year since ▶

Peter and his pet fox, Pax, have seen each other. But when one of Pax's kits falls desperately ill, he turns to the one human he knows he can trust. And no matter how hard Peter tries to harden his broken heart, love keeps finding a way in. 10+



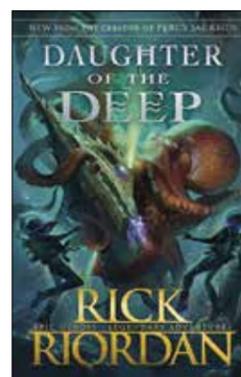
Dragon Skin  
KAREN FOXLEE (ALLEN & UNWIN)  
HB \$22.99

Pip never wants to go home. She likes to sit at the waterhole at dusk and remember Mika, her best friend. At home her mother's not the same since her boyfriend moved in. But when she finds a half-dead creature at the waterhole, everything changes. She knows she has to save this small dragon and return it to where it comes from. But how? 10+



Exit Through the Gift Shop  
MARYAM MASTER (PAN AUSTRALIA)  
PB \$19.99

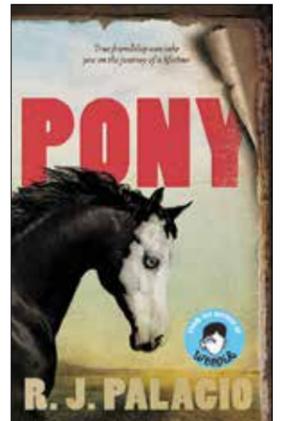
Anahita Rosalind Ghorban-Galaszczuk (yes, that really is her name but you can call her Ana) is discovering that life is absurd. As if dying of cancer at the age of 12.5 isn't bad enough, she still has to endure daily insults from her nemesis, Alyssa (Queen Mean) Anderson. Ana's on a wild roller-coaster of life and death, kindness and cruelty, ordinary and extraordinary. And she's got a few things to do before she exits... 10+



Daughter of the Deep  
RICK RIORDAN (PUFFIN)  
PB \$26.00

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, training centre for the best marine scientists and underwater explorers in the ▶

world. When she and her school mates witness a terrible tragedy, they discover that Harding-Pencroft and their rival school Land Institute have been engaged in a deadly rivalry going back over one hundred and fifty years. With the rivalry turned up full boil, Ana will be tested more than ever before. An epic undersea adventure from bestselling author, Rick Riordan. 10+



Pony  
R. J. PALACIO (PUFFIN)  
HB \$30.00

When Silas Bird wakes one night, he watches powerlessly as three strangers take his father away. Silas is left scared and alone, except for the presence of his companion, Mittenwool... who happens to be a ghost. But then a mysterious pony shows up at his door, and Silas knows what he has to do. So begins a perilous journey to find his father – a journey that will connect him with his past, his future, and the unknowable world around him. 10+



Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief  
KATRINA NANNESTAD (ABC BOOKS)  
HB \$22.99 OUT IN NOV

It's spring, 1942. The sky is blue, the air is warm and sweet with the scent of flowers. And then, in a wave of violence, everything is gone. Only Sasha remains. But one small boy, alone in war-torn Russia, cannot survive. One small boy without a family cannot survive. What that small boy needs is an army. This is a story of a young boy who becomes a soldier at age six, fighting in the only way he can – with love. 10+ ▶