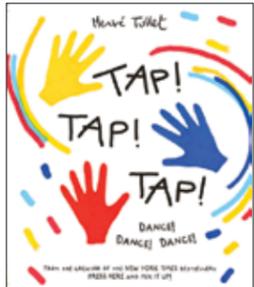


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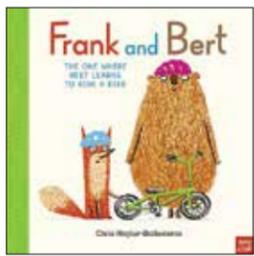


PICTURE BOOKS



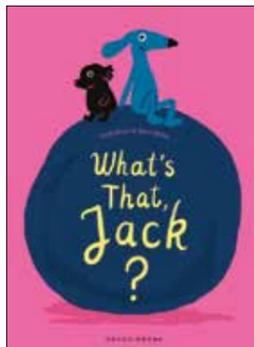
Tap! Tap! Tap! Dance! Dance!
HERVE TULLET
(ALLEN & UNWIN)
HB \$32.99

In another delightfully interactive book that celebrates colour and movement, Hervé Tullet invites children to use their hands to dance on the page. A gentle glide starts things off, a few little leaps, then big bouncy jumps that grow in complexity and animation, finally building to a crescendo of colour, action and movement! Once again, Hervé proves himself a master entertainer in a book filled with his signature energy, whimsy and sheer fun. 1+



Frank and Bert: The One Where Bert Learns to Ride a Bike
CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS
(NOSY CROW)
HB \$27.99

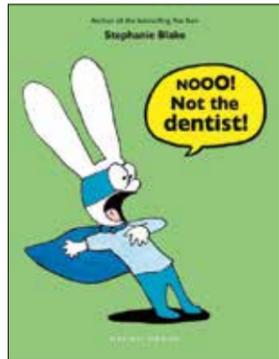
Bert is CERTAIN he can ride his bike as well as Frank, but he is very wobbly! And even when they BOTH try riding Frank's bike... it still goes very wrong. Will the best friends make it all the way down from the big hill? Of course! All they need is a little bit of confidence and trust in each other. This warm and entertaining story about friendship is guaranteed to get children giggling! 2+



What's That, Jack?
CEDRICK RAMADIER,
VINCENT BOURGEOU
(ILLUS.) (GECKO)
HB NZ TITLE \$29.99

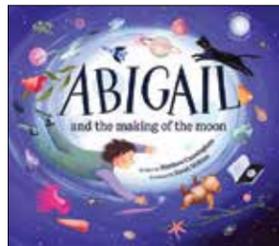
Two curious animals have a remarkable adventure with a ▶

strange object that changes with the landscape then flies back into the sky. They don't know what it was, but what a day they had! This bright and funny book is a game of twists and turns, with a joyful refrain and vivid artwork to capture every toddler's imagination. 2+



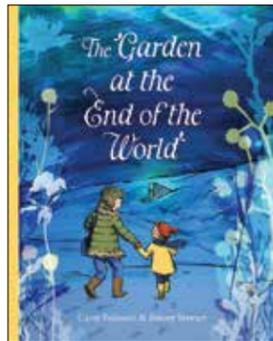
Nooo! Not the Dentist!
STEPHANIE BLAKE
(GECKO)
PB NZ TITLE \$18.99

Beloved rabbit Simon returns with his cheeky humour and favourite catchphrase to help young children approach any daunting new experience. Simon gets a sore tooth so needs to take his first trip to the dentist. 'I will NEVER go to the dentist!' yells Simon. But his mother takes no notice. Perfect to read aloud and giggle together as a family or for reluctant readers who will enjoy the bold and simple text and cheeky humour. 2+



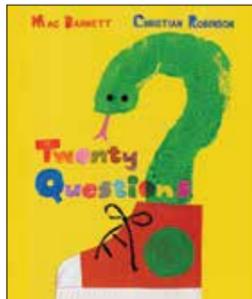
Abigail and the Making of the Moon
MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM,
SARAH WILKINS
(ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.00

One clear day, Abigail thinks of a question and knows that she won't be able to do anything else if she doesn't have an answer to it. What follows is an evocatively simple story within a story explaining how the newborn Earth collided with another planet, and how gravity acts like invisible hands reaching out and keeping the Moon spinning around the Earth, the Earth spinning around the Sun. A perfect book for every budding astrophysicist. 3+



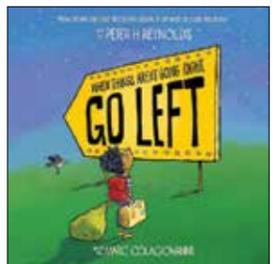
The Garden at the End of the World
BRIONY STEWART, CASSY POLIMENI
(UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND)
HB \$30.00

When Isla makes a special discovery, she and her botanist mother adventure to the Global Seed Vault in Norway. Isla is going to leave her precious package there, so children who haven't even been born yet can grow and eat the food we all enjoy. What else will they encounter along the way? *The Garden at the End of the World* is a hopeful story about protecting nature's treasures for the future. 3+



Twenty Questions
MAC BARNETT, CHRISTIAN ROBINSON
(ILLUS.) (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$27.99

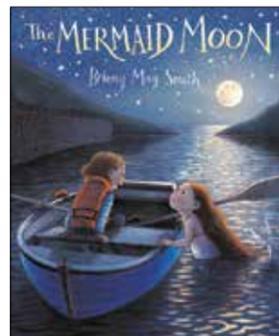
Not all questions have answers. Some have more than one answer. And others have endless answers, unfolding out to the edges of the world. This bright and whimsical book poses twenty questions both playful and profound. Some make us laugh. Others challenge our assumptions. The result is a quirky, wandering exploration of where the best questions lead – to stories. Intriguing, and richly interactive, *Twenty Questions* is a charming invitation to speculate without limits and know no bounds. 4+



When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left
MARC COLAGIOVANNI
(SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA)
HB \$22.99

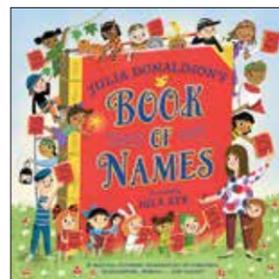
'One day for no particular reason, nothing was going right. Absolutely positively, nothing ▶

was going right. So, I decided to go left...' Told through creative language play, this picture book reminds readers of their own agency and the power they have to direct their own path. Lyrical text and stunning art create an enduring message of strength and perseverance that is both universal and personal, and one that readers will be drawn to over and over again. 4+



The Mermaid Moon
BRIONY MAY SMITH
(WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$29.99

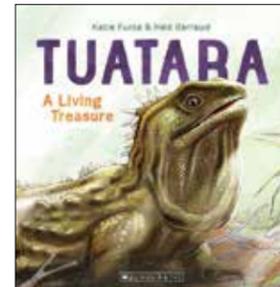
Once, there were two best friends. One was from the sea, and one was from the land. In this magical picture book perfect for all young mermaid lovers, two best friends – one who lives on land, the other in the water – share an exciting adventure on the night of the Mermaid Moon: the one time each year mermaids can leave the sea. A delightful and dramatic book for any child who has dreamed of being friends with a mermaid. 4+



Julia Donaldson's Book of Names
JULIA DONALDSON, NILA AYE
(ILLUS.) (MACMILLAN)
HB \$29.99 OUT IN AUG

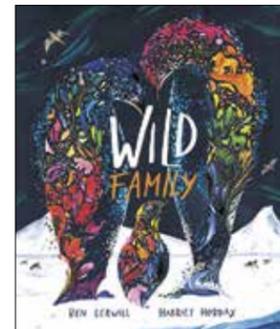
Set in a magical transforming bookshop, *Julia Donaldson's Book of Names* is a fun-filled love letter to the world of books, imagination and children. From months of the year, colours, flowers, food and gemstones, Julia has seamlessly grouped together a charming selection of children's names and woven them together in her unmistakable rhyming style. Readers will enjoy trying to find their own name, and even if it isn't included, there is a special dedicated space for them to add it! 4+ **!**

NONFICTION



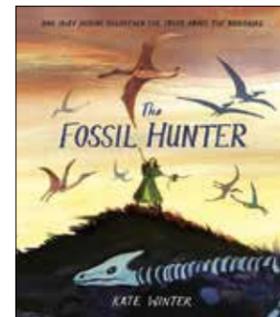
Tuatara: A Living Treasure
KATIE FURZE, NED BARRAUD
(SCHOLASTIC NEW ZEALAND)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.99
OUT IN JUL

Meet Tuatara, ancient wonder, wildlife treasure... and survivor! Blinking, she pulls her scaly body into the light. She's as long as a finger, and with the row of spines on her back she looks like a baby dragon. Tuatara are survivors of an ancient era – their closest relatives died out during the time of the dinosaurs 60 million years ago! This book is a fascinating look at the life cycle of a tuatara. 4+



Wild Family
BEN LERWILL, HARRIET HOBDAY
(ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
HB \$38.00

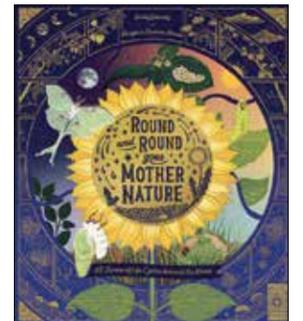
Families come in all shapes and sizes, from spiders who can carry hundreds of their babies, to elephants who babysit each other's calves. Meet kings that rule over a pride, and queens that are in charge of the hive. These incredible true stories for curious young minds are fully illustrated with imaginative, colourful artwork – perfect for every animal and wildlife fan to dip into and treasure all year round. 4+



The Fossil Hunter
KATE WINTER (PUFFIN)
HB \$37.00

Mary Anning was a fossil hunter, scouring the cliffs and seashores of Lyme Regis for strange rocks and shells. Little did she know that 200 years later we would ▶

still be talking about her amazing discoveries and how she influenced our understanding of the history of the earth. Unearth the mysteries of ancient fossils and discover the life and legacy of Mary Anning in this beautifully illustrated, fact-filled book for curious young readers. 5+



Round and Round Goes Mother Nature
GABBY DAWNAY,
MARGAUX SAMSON
ABADIE (ILLUS.) (WIDE-EYED EDITIONS)
HB \$45.00

Every story has a beginning, middle and end, and so does everything in our world. From a frog, to a cloud in the sky, to a twinkling star at night – discover the captivating stories of the most amazing life cycles between you and outer space. Forty-eight story spreads beautifully describe all sorts of life cycles, from very small, to out of this world. 6+



The Mind-Blowing World of Extraordinary Competitions
ANNA GOLDFIELD
(NEON SQUID)
HB \$17.99 OUT IN AUG

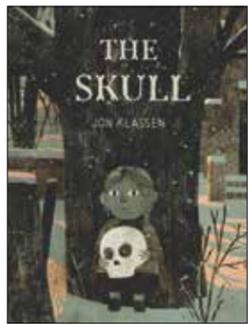
From cheese rolling to baby crying competitions, get ready for an adventure through the most amazing contests the world has ever seen. Throughout history humans have been challenging themselves against each other. Who could be the fastest? The strongest? The cleverest? While this was going on some other people decided to create epic contests that were... well, a bit more unusual. Get ready to witness pumpkin sailing races, camel beauty pageants, air guitar championships, worm charming contests, and more! 7+ **!**

CHILDREN'S FICTION



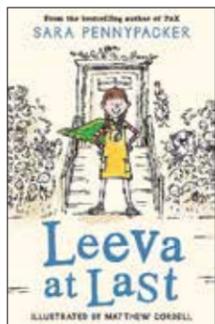
What Goes Up White and Comes Down Yellow?
GYLES BRANDRETH (PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00

In this book you'll find a whole host of amazing riddles. Some will get you head scratching, some will make you laugh, and all are a lot of fun. Plus find out some brilliant riddling facts, and top tips on how to solve the trickiest brain-teasers. Written by Master of Funny and Collector of Riddles Gyles Brandreth, this is the ultimate, riotous book of riddles! 6+



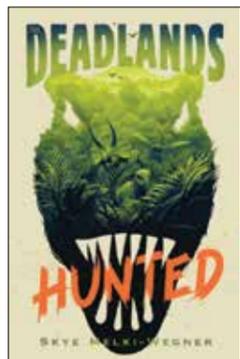
Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale
JON KLASSEN (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$35.99 OUT IN JUL

In a big abandoned house, on a barren hill, lives a skull. A brave girl named Otilla has escaped from terrible danger and run away, and when she finds herself lost in the dark forest, the lonely house beckons. Her host, the skull, is afraid of something too, something that comes every night. Can brave Otilla save them both? Jon Klassen's signature wry humour takes a turn for the ghostly in this thrilling retelling of a traditional Tyrolean folktale. 6+



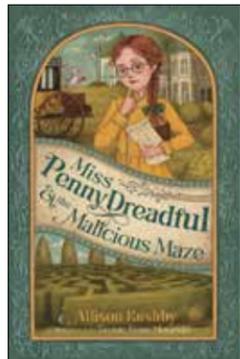
Leeva At Last
SARA PENNYPACKER, MATTHEW CORDELL (ILLUS.) (HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$19.99

Leeva Thornblossom loves to learn: her local newspaper teaches her a new word every day, and soap operas show her the many shades of human expression. But Leeva's parents don't want to send her to school. So, with the help of the town's librarian, Leeva sets out to find answers: what have her parents been hiding from her? With hilarious writing and an unforgettable hero, *Leeva at Last* is perfect for fans of Matilda. 7+



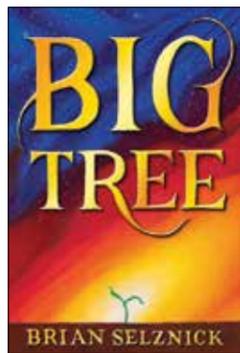
The Deadlands: Hunted
SKYE MELKI-WEGNER (WALKER BOOKS)
PB \$18.99

The last surviving dinosaur kingdoms are waging war. Eleri is an oryctodromeus, a small dinosaur raised in an underground warren. He dreams of becoming his herd's storyteller but when he saves an enemy soldier, he is exiled to the Deadlands. To survive this scorched desert full of carnivores, he joins a herd of other young exiles. Can five young misfits save their warring kingdoms? Perfect for fans of *Jurassic Park*, *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* and *Dragon Mountain*. 7+



Miss Penny Dreadful and the Malicious Maze
ALLISON RUSHBY (WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA)
PB \$17.99

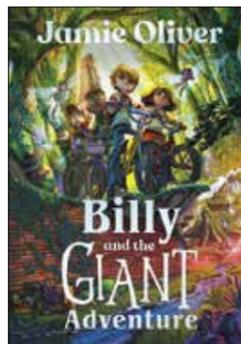
When Penny steps into her family's Hyde Park Square townhouse, she discovers her parents' laboratory in terrible disarray. Before she can find out any more, Penny is whisked away with her aunt to Harewood Hall in the countryside, where a malicious maze is rumoured to be gobbling up servants. Miss Penny Dreadful has another mystery to solve, and absolutely nothing is as it seems! The second book in a mystical and adventurous series from acclaimed author Allison Rushby. 7+



Big Tree
BRIAN SELZNICK (SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$39.99

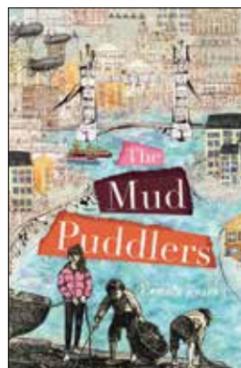
Louise and her brother Merwin are Sycamore seeds. When a fire forces them to leave their mama tree prematurely, they find themselves catapulted

into the unknown, far from home. They must use their wits and imagination to navigate a dangerous world filled with dinosaurs, meteors, and volcanoes, fighting the fear of never finding a safe place to grow up. This is a trailblazing adventure, brimming with humour, wonder, mystery and a profound sense of hope. 8+



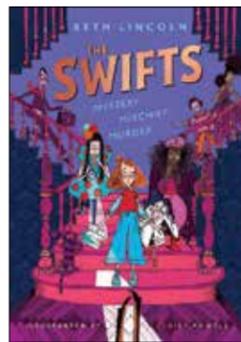
Billy and the Giant Adventure
JAMIE OLIVER (PUFFIN)
PB \$17.99

A dash of friendship, a sprinkle of mystery and a HUGE spoonful of magic. Jamie Oliver delivers the perfect recipe for a page-turning adventure. Billy and his friends know that Waterfall Woods is out of bounds; strange things are rumoured to have happened there and no one in their village has ventured past its walls for decades... With magical battles, a long-lost mythical city, fantastical flying machines, epic feasts and one GIANT rescue, get ready for a story you'll never forget! 8+



The Mud Puddlers
PAMELA RUSHBY (WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA)
PB \$18.99

Twelve-year-old Nina is not happy. She's being sent to London to stay with her Aunt Bee, a keen mud larker, who loves combing the river mud for fascinating, long-forgotten articles from past lives. When Nina finds herself stranded in time, in the Blitz in 1940, she and a very unwilling fellow traveller, Tom, become runaways, fumbling their way across wartime England, desperate to return to London. Will they ever see their families again? 8+



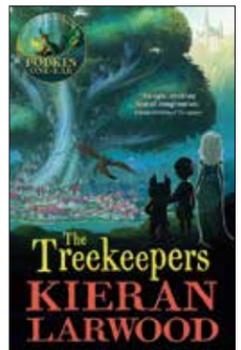
The Swifts
BETH LINCOLN (PUFFIN)
HB \$35.00

Shenanigan Swift's relatives all think she's destined to turn out as a troublemaker, just because of her name. But Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants – pirate, explorer or even detective – which is lucky, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunit. Can Shenanigan catch the killer before the whole household is picked off? And in a Family where definitions are so important, can she learn to define herself? 8+



The Sun and the Stars
RICK RIORDAN AND MARK OSHIRO (PUFFIN)
PB \$30.00

Nico di Angelo is pretty familiar with the realms of death. So when a desperate voice of an old friend starts plaguing his dreams, he's convinced it's coming from the Underworld – and that Nico must rescue him. Of course Nico's boyfriend, Will Solace, son of Apollo, insists on joining the quest too. But can Will even survive in the darkest part of the world? As Nico faces demons, his relationship with Will is tested. Can love find its way? 9+



The Treekeepers
KIERAN LARWOOD (FABER & FABER)
PB \$18.99

Liska – a smart, brave but lowly shapeshifter – lives in a city embedded in the trunk and branches of an enormous tree. The inhabitants of this city go about their daily business, safe in the knowledge that the shapeshifters will protect them and their life-giving tree. So when Liska hears that the tree is under threat, it is her duty

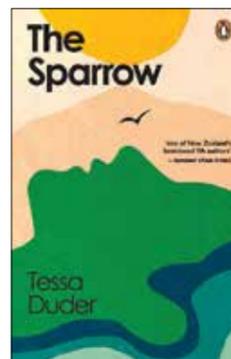
to act. This is a richly woven, hugely ambitious and thrilling fantasy from the author of the bestselling *Podkin* novels. 10+



Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures (Graphic Novel)
JASON PAMMENT (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$22.99 OUT IN JUL

Fitting in can be hard, especially when you're as small as Ember. He's hoping his luck changes when a kindly sea turtle escorts him across the ocean to a school for little creatures on a wondrous island. As he struggles to adapt to his school, Ember finds himself at the heart of a strange mystery. Though Ember's classmates may seem of little help, any good student knows appearances can be deceiving – and friendship can come from unexpected places. 8+ **I**

YOUNG TEEN



The Sparrow
TESSA DUDER (PENGUIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$22.00

In September 1840, two ships arrive on the shores of the Waitematā Harbour to establish Auckland, the new capital of New Zealand. Among the settlers on board the *Platina* is young Harry, travelling alone and determined to return to family in England. But the more immediate challenge is finding food and shelter – and hiding the truth about his real identity and what was left behind in Van Diemen's Land. 11+



Willodeen
KATHERINE APPEGATE (WELBECK FLAME)
PB \$16.99

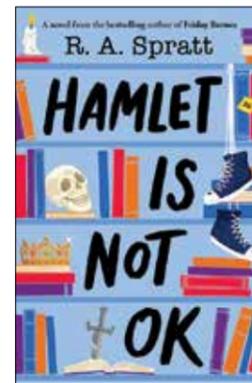
Eleven-year-old Willodeen adores creatures of all kinds, but her favourites are the

most unlovable beasts in the land: strange beasts known as 'screechers'. The villagers of Perchance call them pests, but Willodeen believes they serve a vital role in the complicated web of nature. When a handmade birthday gift brings unexpected magic to Willodeen, she's determined to speak up for the animals she loves. A timeless tale about our fragile earth, and one girl's fierce determination to make a difference. 11+



Skandar and the Phantom Rider (v2 Skandar)
A.F. STEADMAN (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
HB \$24.99

Skandar Smith has achieved his dream: to train as a unicorn rider. But as Skandar and his friends enter their second year at the Eyrie, a new threat arises. Immortal wild unicorns are somehow being killed, a prophecy warns of terrible danger, and elemental destruction begins to ravage the Island. As the storm gathers, can Skandar find the key to stop the Island tearing itself apart before it's too late for them all? 11+



Hamlet is Not Ok
R.A. SPRATT (PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00 OUT IN JUL

Selby hates homework, so she didn't plan to read *Hamlet*. She certainly never planned to meet him. This novel transports Selby, and the reader, into the cold and crime-ridden play itself. Here she meets Hamlet: heavy with grief, the young prince is overthinking and over everything. Selby can relate. But in the bloody, backstabbing world of Shakespeare, Selby's good conscience and quiet courage might just save some lives... hopefully before Hamlet stabs one of her classmates. 13+ **I**