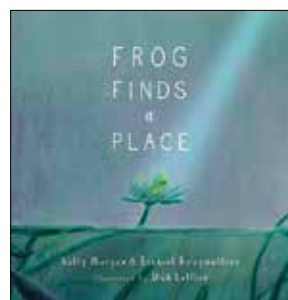


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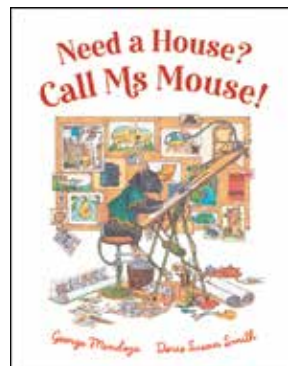


PICTURE BOOKS



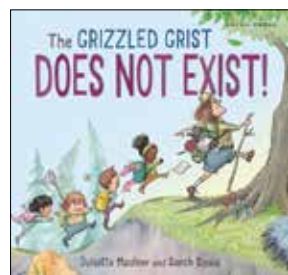
Frog Finds a Place
SALLY MORGAN, EZEKIEL KWAYMULLINA, DUB LEFFLER (SCHOLASTIC)
PB \$19.99

Ever since a moonbeam shone down on him in his pond, Frog has wanted to live up with Moon and the stars. He works hard to get there, but it's a long way for a little frog. From award-winning creators, Sally Morgan, Ezekiel Kwaymullina and Dub Leffler, comes this heartfelt tale of discovering that what you're longing for might be closer than you think. 4+



Need A House? Call Ms Mouse!
GEORGE MENDOZA, DORIS SUSAN SMITH (ILLUS.) (ALLEN & UNWIN)
HB \$27.99 OUT IN NOV

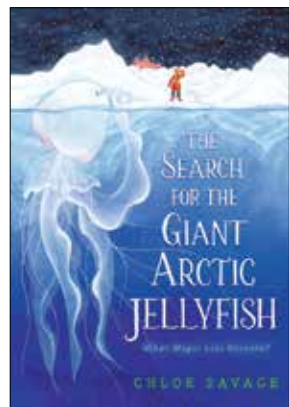
Welcome to the enchanting world of Henrietta, architect mouse. Her detailed designs are a visual feast, and will delight every imagination. All the animals want to live in a house designed by Henrietta, because she is the only mouse in the world who understands exactly what makes a squirrel or a rabbit, a caterpillar or a frog feel at home. A charming, popular children's classic about an industrious architect mouse, brought to life for a new generation. 4+



The Grizzled Grist Does Not Exist
JULIETTE MACIVER, SARAH DAVIS (ILLUS.) (GECKO)
HB NZ TITLE \$29.99

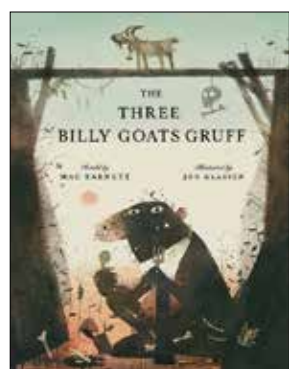
It's the class trip to Dismal Hills wilderness. The children aren't worried about the legendary Grizzled Grist who lives here; they're excited to show off their skills – foraging, ▶

climbing, trapping. When the children and their frazzled teacher walk confidently into disaster, it's quiet Liam's time to shine. An exhilarating rhyming picture book, where no one sees the danger – except Liam, who pays attention and saves the day with his particular skill of hiding. From the creators of *That's Not a Hippopotamus!* 4+



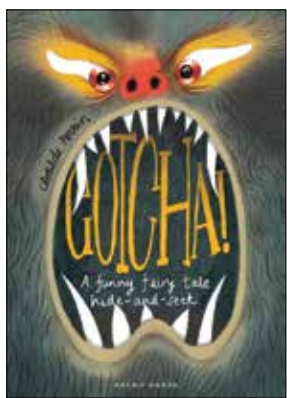
The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish
CHLOE SAVAGE (WALKER)
HB \$29.99

Dr Morley is embarking on a quest to the northernmost tip of the world, to discover a creature that nobody has ever seen: The Giant Arctic Jellyfish. After years of research and hard graft, she gathers together a highly trained crew and a boat full of specialist equipment, and sets sail for the vast icy scapes of the Arctic. A moving and exquisitely illustrated tale of grit, endurance and self-belief to inspire young explorers and dreamers. 4+



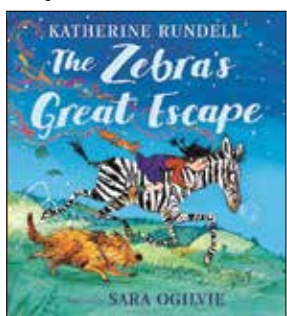
The Three Billy Goats Gruff
MAC BARNETT, JON KLASSEN (SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$29.99 OUT IN NOV

The troll gobbles up anyone who dares cross his bridge, but his favourite of all is billy goat. So, when the three Billy Goats Gruff decide to clip clop across, the troll is already imagining all the scrumptious ways to fill his belly. But what if the troll underestimates those seemingly sweet goats? Told with Barnett's pitch perfect pacing and hilarious detail, and Klassen's brilliantly restrained scenes, this is the Billy Goats Gruff as never before! 4+



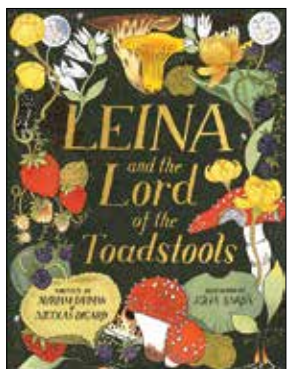
Gotcha!
CLOTILDE PERRIN (GECKO)
HB \$41.99 OUT IN NOV

Chased by monsters, each hairier and stinkier than the one before, a child finds shelter in the most famous fairytale houses. Each house is full of hiding places to explore, with flaps big and small and curious places to discover on the search for a hiding place. And when the hero of our story finally stands up to the monsters, they may be the ones to flee, because this child has read the tales before and knows how to vanquish a villain! 4+



The Zebra's Great Escape
KATHERINE RUNDELL, SARA OGILVIE (ILLUS.) (BLOOMSBURY)
HB \$32.99

Mink doesn't believe in rules. She loves running wild and free. So when a zebra appears outside her house and she finds out that his parents have been captured by the evil Mr Spit, she knows it's up to her to help. So begins a grand adventure to rescue a whole menagerie of animals! With spirited illustrations and generous helpings of warmth and humour, Katherine Rundell's latest is an absolute treat. 5+



Leina and the Lord of the Toadstools
MYRIAM DAHMAN, NICOLAS DIGARD, JULIA SARDA (ILLUS.) (ORCHARD BOOKS)
HB \$29.99

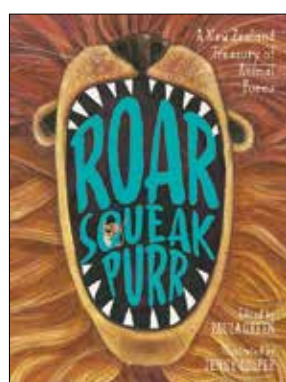
When Leina's friend doesn't return from the mysterious forest, she goes on a mission ▶

to find him. There she meets the strange and magical Mr Spadefoot, The Lord of the Toadstools, who Leina suspects knows something about the disappearance. She accepts an invitation to his underground palace and there discovers the secret of the forest and the mystery of the missing townsfolk. An atmospheric gift of a book about gratitude and forgiveness, from the creators of *The Wolf's Secret*. 5+



Meanwhile Back on Earth...
OLIVER JEFFERS (HARPER COLLINS)
HB \$29.99

A father takes his two children on a thrilling adventure into space and invites them to look back at Earth and the conflicts that have taken place since the beginning of time. This becomes a brief history of the world and a whistle-stop guide to the universe, all rolled into one – and told with Oliver Jeffers' inimitable perspective, wit and exquisite artwork. The captivating new companion to *Here We Are* and *What We'll Build*. 5+



Roar Squeak Purr: A New Zealand Treasury of Animal Poems
PAULA GREEN (ED.), JENNY COOPER (ILLUS.) (PUFFIN NZ)
HB NZ TITLE \$45.00

This exuberant treasury brings together over 200 animal poems by New Zealand's best writers. In between the covers of this book you will meet creatures large and small. They might pad, or skitter, swoosh or soar. They could be fuzzy, feathery, suckery or spiky. Just like the animals they are about, these poems come in all shapes and sizes! They tell stories, pose questions, make us feel things – and they all make glorious music. 5+



The Boy Who Lost His Spark
MAGGIE O'FARRELL, DANIELA JAGLENKA (ILLUS.) (WALKER)
HB \$35.99 OUT IN NOV

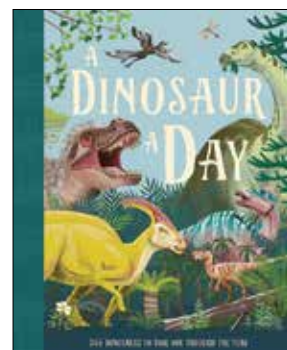
When Jem's family moves to a small town, he struggles with his new life. The unhappier he grows, the stranger things become. His sister is sure it is the work of a 'nouka', an ancient creature that lives deep down inside the hill. Jem is adamant – there is no such thing. But through the magic and mayhem of this small mystical creature, Jem finally finds a sense of belonging. A beautiful and atmospheric long-form picture book from Maggie O'Farrell. 7+



Te Wehenga: The separation of Ranginui & Papatūānuku
MAT TAIT (ALLEN & UNWIN CHILDRENS BOOKS)
HB NZ TITLE \$36.99

Te Wehenga is the separation of Ranginui, sky-father, and Papatūānuku, earth-mother. Award-winning illustrator Mat Tait has written and illustrated this stunning retelling of the Māori creation story for a new generation. Te reo Māori and English are woven together in a seamless bilingual approach to the text, with the visceral illustrations powerfully underlining the mana of the story. 8+ 📖

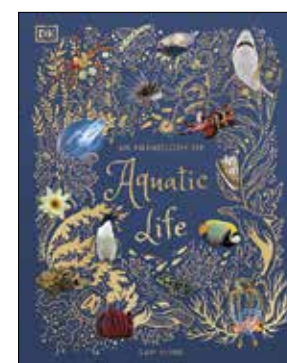
NON-FICTION



A Dinosaur A Day
MIRANDA SMITH (FARSHORE)
HB \$35.00

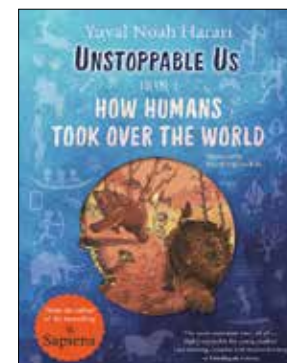
A dinosaur for every day of the year! Immerse yourself ▶

in this unforgettable year-long encounter with the most astonishing creatures ever to walk the Earth. From ferocious Tyrannosaurus to gentle giant Titanosaurus. You'll find familiar and lesser-known names, alongside newly discovered species, all brought to life with stunning illustrations and fascinating facts. 6+



An Anthology of Aquatic Life
SAM HUME (DK CHILDREN)
HB \$50.00

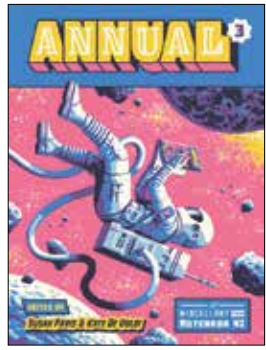
Did you know that elephant seals can hold their breath underwater for more than an hour, or that the Victoria Amazonica water lily can support the weight of an adult, or that the brown basilisk reptile can run across water? From the deepest, widest ocean to the tiniest puddle, this beautiful compendium takes young readers on an enthralling journey through the aquatic world, meeting amazing animals, ingenious plants and much more along the way. 7+



Unstoppable Us, Volume 1: How Humans Took Over the World
YUVAL NOAH HARARI (PUFFIN)
HB \$45.00 OUT IN NOV

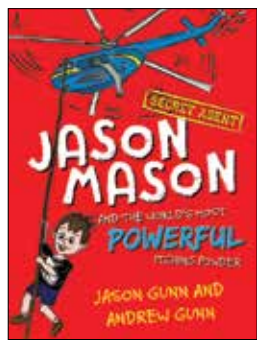
Have you ever wondered how humans went from hunting mammoths to flying to the moon? We aren't strong like lions, and we definitely don't have wings! Our amazing superpower is the ability to tell stories. Stories have led us from imagining spirits to being able to create money, but they have also made us powerful and deadly. Find out how fire shrank our stomachs, how our ancestors spoke to animals, how we used our superpower for good and bad, and how YOU too have the superpower to change the world. 10+ 📖

CHILDREN'S FICTION



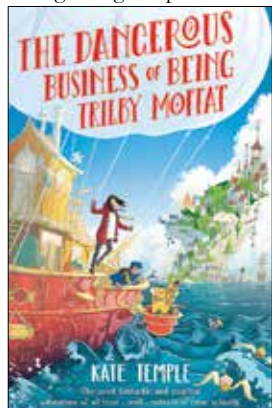
Annual 3
VARIOUS (ANNUAL INK)
HB NZ TITLE \$45.00

Annual 3 is a highly original, contemporary take on the much-loved annuals of the past – all in one beautiful package. Alongside familiar names publishing for children – Gavin Mouldley, Josh Morgan, Maurice Gee, Kimberly Andrews – you'll find the unexpected, including a new song by Troy Kingi, a ghost story by Airini Beautrais and a classic New Zealand comic illustrated by Ant Sang. Playful, smart and packed with content – this is a miscellany for the whole family. **All ages.**



Jason Mason and the World's Most Powerful Itching Powder
JASON GUNN, ANDREW GUNN (BATEMAN)
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

Jason Mason is a pretty average kid. The kind of kid who doesn't get chosen for the rugby team. The kind of kid who gets his lunchbox picked over by the school bully. The kind of kid who is actually a SECRET AGENT. WAIT... WHAT? You won't believe the crazy, laugh-out-loud, risky, save-the-world stuff this pretty average kid gets up to. **6+**



The Dangerous Business of Being Trilby Moffat
KATE TEMPLE (LOTHIAN)
PB \$19.99

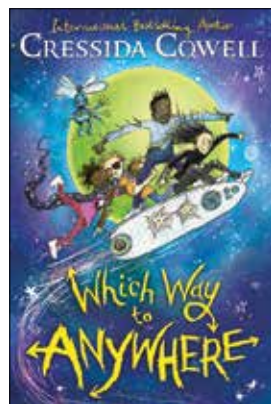
Trilby Moffat was accidentally promoted to the most important job that ever existed: Time Keeper. But when her mother catches a strange illness from which people never wake up, she must find her 300-year-old aunt who lives in a secret antique shop on the edge of time. One ordinary girl finds herself on a deliciously funny and fast-paced adventure. ▶

fleeing to an island where time doesn't exist, cats are particularly rude and cake is always on the menu. **8+**



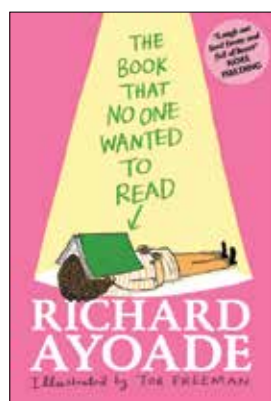
The Renegade Reporters
ELISSA BRENT WEISSMAN (DIAL PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$17.99

When Ash gets kicked off her school's news show, she becomes a renegade reporter – and makes a big discovery about technology and her fellow students' privacy. Van Ness Media, the company that provides the school's software, has been gathering data from all the kids at school. Their drawings, their journals, even their movements are being recorded and cataloged. But why? Ash and her friends are determined to learn the truth and report it. **8+**



Which Way to Anywhere
CRESSIDA COWELL (HODDER CHILDREN'S BOOKS)
PB \$24.99

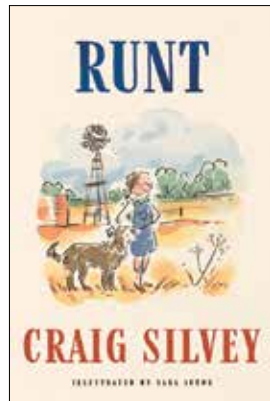
K2 O'Hero is a seemingly ordinary boy with a secret gift. He draws maps of worlds beyond the wildest imaginations, with six hundred moons, burning rivers, armoured robots and dark, twisty jungles. But what K2 doesn't know, is that the maps he draws are real, beyond the world we know. He must learn how to use this Alternative Atlas to save his baby sister, before it's too late. From the brilliant author of *How to Train Your Dragon*. **8+**



The Book That No One Wanted to Read
RICHARD AYOADE, TOR FREEMAN (ILLUS.) (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$27.99

Have you ever thought about how it feels to be a book? Left under a whiffy pile of dirty ▶

clothes or shelved, forever collecting dust, with your pages bent backwards or your spine BROKEN? What if your cover doesn't have a sparkly unicorn or dragon – who will pick you up then? Can the sadly neglected book that no one wanted to read change its destiny when it finally meets the right reader? Read this laugh-out-loud treat to find out. **8+**



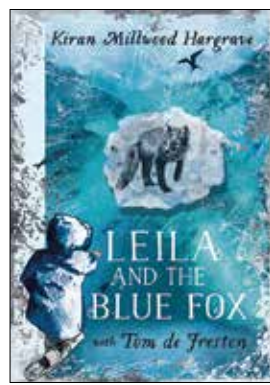
Runt
CRAIG SILVEY (ALLEN & UNWIN)
HB \$24.99

Annie's best friend is an adopted stray dog called Runt. Runt is remarkably fast and agile, perfect for herding sheep, but when a greedy landowner wants their farm, Annie directs Runt's extraordinary talents towards winning the Agility London Dog Show. Annie and Runt must beat the odds and the fastest dogs in the world to save her home. Heart-warming and hilarious, this is a tale of kindness, friendship and bringing out the best in others. **8+**



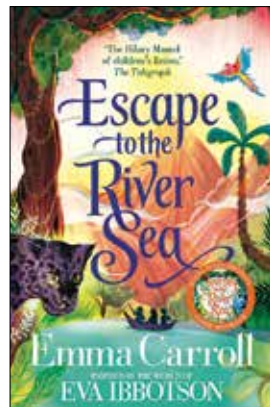
The Secret of the Treasure Keepers
A.M. HOWELL (USBORNE)
PB \$16.99

February 1948. Ruth has been whisked off to the lonely Rook Farm to investigate the discovery of long-buried treasure with her mother. But secrets lurk around every corner. Joe, the farmer's son, is hiding something about the treasure, while land girl Audrey watches their every move. But before Ruth can find out more, the treasure is stolen... With a storm coming, Ruth must race to uncover the secrets of the treasure keepers before all their lives are changed forever. **9+**



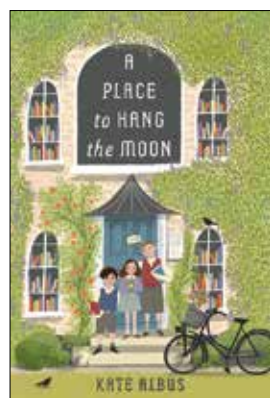
Leila and the Blue Fox
KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE, TOM DE FRESTON (ILLUS.) (ORION CHILDREN'S BOOKS)
HB \$29.99

Fox wakes and begins to walk. She crosses ice and snow, over mountains and across frozen oceans, encountering bears and birds beneath the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, navigating a world that is vast, wild and wondrous. Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own – finding her mother. On a breathtaking journey across the sea, Leila rediscovers herself and the mother she thought she'd lost, with help from a determined little fox. **9+**



Escape to the River Sea
EMMA CARROLL (MACMILLAN)
HB \$29.99

In 1946, Rosa, a young Kindertransport girl, longs for her family to claim her. The war is over and she's the only child left at a rambling English country estate, where she'd taken refuge seven years earlier. Adventure starts when a family friend takes Rosa deep into the lush beauty of the Amazon rainforest in search of jaguars, giant sloths and somewhere to belong. But they face a danger greater than she could ever have imagined. Inspired by Eva Ibbotson's classic, *Journey to the River Sea*. **9+**



A Place to Hang the Moon
KATE ALBUS (HOLIDAY HOUSE)
PB \$24.00 OUT IN FEB

London, 1940. Orphans William, Edmund and Anna are evacuated to the countryside hoping for a permanent home. Moving from one billet to another, they suffer the trickery of foster brothers, the cold realities of outdoor ▶

toilets and the hollowness of empty stomachs. Comfort is found in the village library and the quiet company of librarian Nora Müller, but the unknown whereabouts of Nora's German husband complicates matters. A heart-warming story about the family you're given, and the one you choose. **9+**



The Raven's Song
ZANA FRAILLON, BREN MACDIBBLE (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$18.99

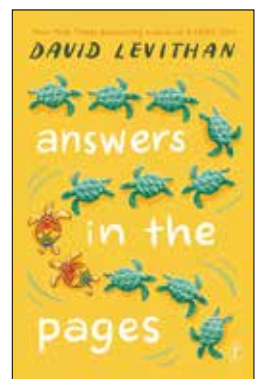
Shelby lives a low-tech life in a closed community made up of exactly 350 kind, ethical people on exactly 700 hectares. When she climbs through a hole in the fence into the surrounding jungle, Shelby realises terrible danger is unfolding, and it will take all of her daring and determination to ensure the past does not repeat itself. Intriguing, absorbing and spine-tinglingly good, this is a brilliant novel by two esteemed writers at the height of their powers. **9+**



The Bookseller's Apprentice
AMELIA MELLOR (AFFIRM PRESS)
HB \$19.99

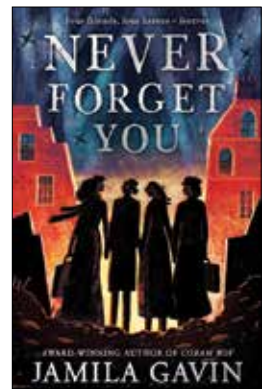
In 1871, Paddy's Market is the loud, smelly, marvellous heart of Melbourne, and twelve-year-old Billy works at the book stall for the eccentric Mr Cole. His new friend Kezia warns him of a sinister magician, but Billy can't believe her stories of magical deals gone horribly wrong – until he sees them happening. And the night the Obscurosmith crosses a terrifying line, Billy realises if he wants him stopped, he'll have to do it himself. An action-packed prequel to *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*. **10+ ▣**

YOUNG TEEN



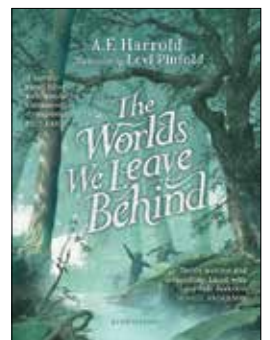
Answers in the Pages
DAVID LEVITHAN (TEXT)
PB \$21.00

Donovan is excited to read the new book Mr Howe has assigned his class. But before he can dig in, his mother gets her hands on it – and she is not excited by what she reads. Soon the whole town is freaking out about whether the book's two main characters are gay, and Donovan is caught in the middle. This is a bold, fun story about taking action, being brave and standing up for what's right, no matter the circumstances. **10+**



Never Forget You
JAMILA GAVIN (FARSHORE)
PB \$19.99

England, 1937. Gwen, Noor, Dodo and Vera all have parents abroad, leaving them at boarding school where they form an intense friendship. The four friends think that no matter what, they will always have each other. Then the war comes, and they find themselves flung to different corners of Europe. Each journey brings danger and uncertainty and they wonder if they can make it through. A heartbreaking and gripping story of hope, fear and unbreakable friendship. **11+**



The Worlds We Leave Behind
A. F. HARROLD, LEVI PINFOLD (ILLUS.) (BLOOMSBURY)
HB \$26.99

Hex never meant for the girl to follow him and his friend Tommo into the woods. He never meant for her to fall off the rope swing and break her arm. When Hex is blamed, he runs deep into the woods where an old lady in a cottage offers him a deal. She'll rid the world of those who wronged him so Hex can carry on as if nothing happened. An extraordinary story about friendship and betrayal, revenge and redemption. **11+ ▣**