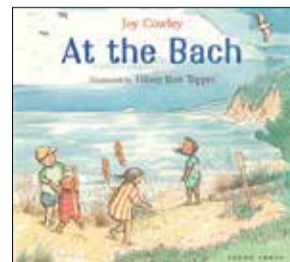


Telling TALES

Scorpio Children's Books

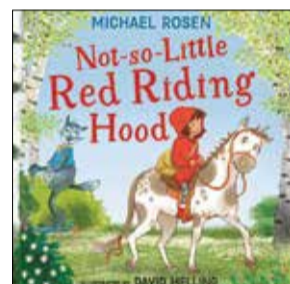


PICTURE BOOKS



At the Bach
JOY COWLEY, HILARY JEAN TAPPER (ILLUS.) (GECKO PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$29.99
OUT IN NOV

Summer holidays by the sea have a rhythm all their own. Joy Cowley takes us straight to the end of a long hot day with beach treasures under the pillow and the salty smell of the sea. This simple poem transports the reader to a childhood summer with language that asks to be read over and over. Hilary Jean Tapper's warm watercolour and ink illustrations add a delightfully inclusive cast of extended family, friends and children of different ages. 3+



Not So Little Red Riding Hood
MICHAEL ROSEN, DAVID MELLING (ILLUS.) (HARPER COLLINS UK)
HB \$22.99

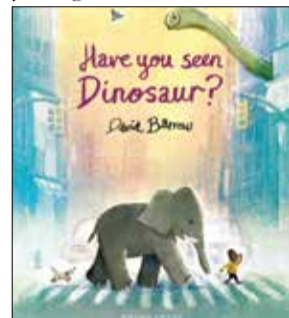
Little Red Riding Hood – who is not-so-little anymore! – is riding her pony through the woods to visit Granny for a picnic and a surprise. Now that she is bigger, she feels much braver than the last time she went. Until... what was that? Was it the Big Bad Wolf? A fabulously funny take on a classic story, full of surprises, from two giants of children's books! 3+



Badjelly the Witch: A Fairy Story
SPIKE MILLIGAN (PUFFIN)
HB \$28.00

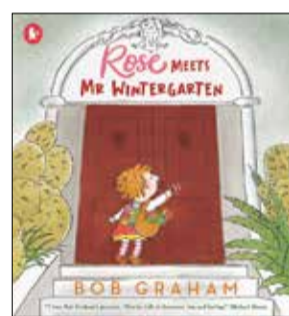
Tim and Rose's terrifying encounter with Badjelly is a classic, loved by children for many years. Badjelly the Witch can turn children into sausages or chop them up to make boy-girl soup. She can turn policemen into apple trees or bananas into mice! Tee hee hee hee! With Spike Milligan's original

hand-lettered story and illustrations, and an introduction written by his family, this gorgeous hardcover edition will delight today's children just as it did 50 years ago. 4+



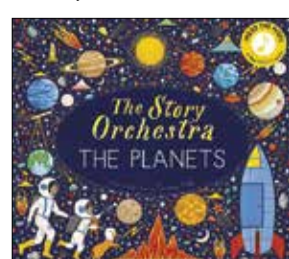
Have You Seen Dinosaur?
DAVID BARROW (GECKO PRESS)
HB \$29.99

Best friends boy, dog and elephant are VERY good at hide-and-seek. There's a missing dinosaur in the city – who better to spot this elusive giant? They search the skate park, the museum, the subway... But no one in the city can spot the dinosaur, not even this crack hide-and-seek team. With clues, surprises and humour, this game-inside-a-book celebrates imaginative play and is perfect for sharing with children who will love being better at finding the dinosaur than their adult reader. 4+



Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten
BOB GRAHAM (WALKER BOOKS LTD)
PB \$18.99

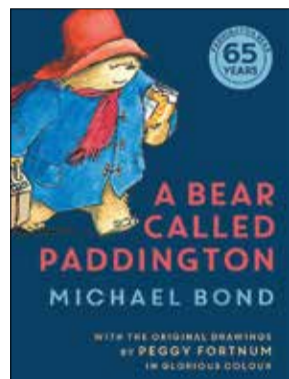
All the children are afraid of mean Mr Wintergarten. His garden is grey and sunless and it is guarded, they say, by a dog like a wolf and a saltwater crocodile. One day, Rose's ball goes over the fence into Mr Wintergarten's garden and, prompted by her mother, Rose visits her frosty next-door neighbour, bearing hot fairy cakes and flowers. What will Mr Wintergarten say? A brand-new edition of this classic story. 4+



The Story Orchestra: The Planets
JESSICA COURTNEY-TICKLE (FRANCES LINCOLN)
HB \$32.99 OUT IN NOV

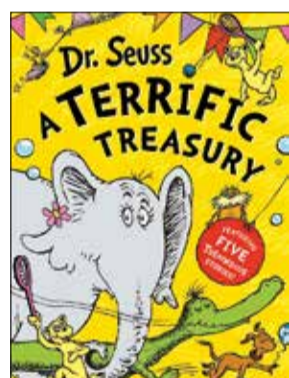
Discover the spellbinding magic of *The Planets* in this

musical reimagining of one of Gustav Holst's most famous suites. This tale is about a brother and sister who adventure deep into our solar system. As you and your little one journey through the magical scenes, you can press the buttons to hear 10 excerpts from the score. At the back of the book, find a short biography of the composer with details about his composition of *The Planets*. 4+



A Bear Called Paddington (Anniversary Edition)
MICHAEL BOND (HARPER COLLINS UK)
HB \$35.00

Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved. Unabridged and illustrated in glorious full-colour throughout, this exquisite, 65-years-of-Paddington edition of the original is one to treasure! 4+



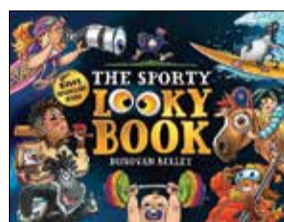
Dr. Seuss: A Terrific Treasury
DR. SEUSS (HARPER COLLINS UK)
HB \$39.99

Discover five stories full of fantastically funny things in this brilliant treasury from Dr. Seuss! Featuring Gox that box, Yinks that wink and Brown Bar-ba-loots eating Truffula Fruits, this brilliant collection of classic stories combines Dr. Seuss's humour and zany pictures with his unique blend of rhyme, rhythm and repetition to make reading fun! Includes five of Dr. Seuss's best-loved tales, including *The Lorax* and *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* 4+



Begin Again
OLIVER JEFFERS (HARPER COLLINS UK)
HB \$32.99 OUT IN NOV

With his bold, exquisite artwork, Oliver Jeffers starts at the dawn of humankind following people on their journey from then until now, and then offers the reader a challenge: where do we go from here? Illustrated in his instantly recognisable style, Oliver Jeffers' exploration of the state of the world today is insightful, moving and powerful. A must-have for every forward-thinking person who wants the next generation to inherit a world to be proud of. 5+



The Sporty Looky Book
DONOVAN BIXLEY (HACHETTE AOTEAROA)
HB NZ TITLE \$27.99

Can you find all the silver ferns? What about spot the differences on the rugby team's tour bus? From bestselling New Zealand illustrator Donovan Bixley, *The Looky Book* series continues with a hilarious puzzle book that puts you right in the middle of all the sporting action. Providing hours of quality fun for children aged five and up, with loads of extra details added in for adults. 5+



Madame Badobedah and the Old Bones
SOPHIE DAHL, LAUREN O'HARA (ILLUS.) (WALKER BOOKS LTD)
HB \$29.99

Mabel lives with her parents in The Mermaid Hotel, by the sea. Mabel likes to keep an eye on the comings and goings of all the guests, particularly their most interesting guest and Mabel's best friend, Madame Badobedah. Madame Badobedah has pirouetted through pyramids, swum with mermaids and even helped a Triceratops with a toothache. In this new adventure, the duo set off on a mission to

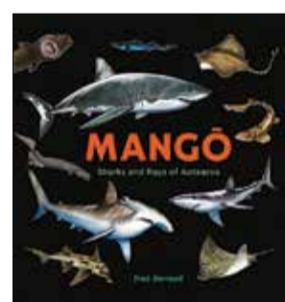
the Natural History Museum. Maybe they will meet a dinosaur along the way... 5+ **1**

NON-FICTION



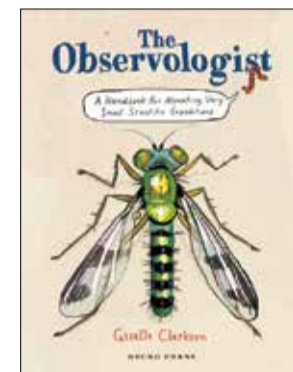
Bonkers About Beetles
OWEN DAVEY (FLYING EYE BOOKS (WALKER))
PB \$24.99

Did you know that there are roughly 400,000 different species of beetles? These incredible creatures make up about 25% of all animals on our planet! From the mighty Goliath beetle to the beautifully iridescent scarab beetle, these insects are superbly adapted to life in many climates across the world. Owen Davey's popular non-fiction series continues with a captivating and stunningly illustrated guide to these six-legged insects. 5+



Mangō: Sharks and Rays of Aotearoa
NED BARRAUD (TE PAPA PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$35.00

The oceans surrounding Aotearoa New Zealand are home to over a hundred astonishing and strange species of sharks and rays. This fact-filled book takes you down into the fascinating underwater lives of these expert hunters, illustrates their evolution, and explores their place in our culture. It explains why these ancient fish and their environments need our kaitiakitanga – our care and protection – more than ever. 7+



The Observologist: A handbook for mounting very small scientific expeditions
GISELLE CLARKSON (GECKO PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$39.99

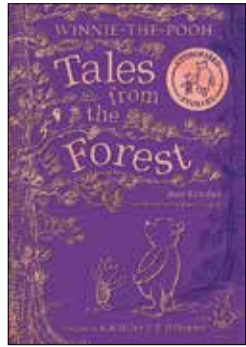
Observology is the study of looking. An observologist makes scientific expeditions, albeit very small ones, every day. *The Observologist* puts over 100 small creatures and features of the natural world under the microscope, piquing our curiosity with fascinating facts. It is an antidote to boredom, an encouragement to observe our environment with care and curiosity wherever we are. A highly illustrated, playful field guide for budding natural scientists and curious observers of the world right under our noses. 8+



Spin to Survive: Pirate Peril
EMILY HAWKINS, RUBY FRESSON (ILLUS.) (WIDE EYED EDITIONS)
HB \$45.00

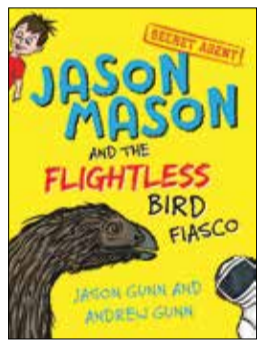
This book takes you centuries into the past and onto the high seas, where you will cross swords with swashbuckling scoundrels and mutinous marauders. As you play through a new adventure with every read, each scenario might lead to certain death, fame and fortune, or any number of unexpected surprises. Discover tips for surviving at sea, and put the story in context with historical facts and illustrations. Prepare for adventure... the journey is bound to be stormy! 8+ **1**

CHILDREN'S FICTION



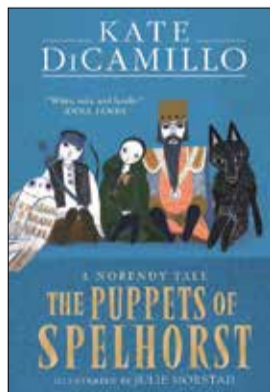
Winnie-the-Pooh:
Tales From the Forest
JANE RIORDAN
(FARSHORE)
HB \$29.99

A fantastic sequel story collection by Jane Riordan, filled with the gentle humour, friendship and life lessons that echo A. A. Milne's original stories. Seven new stories celebrate the Hundred Acre Wood, taking us back to much loved places that Milne's stories introduced us to, as well as new settings that Pooh and his friends have adventures in. These stories will be enjoyed by both new and long-standing *Winnie-the-Pooh* fans of all ages. 5+



Jason Mason and the
Flightless Bird Fiasco
JASON AND ANDREW
GUNN (BATEMAN)
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

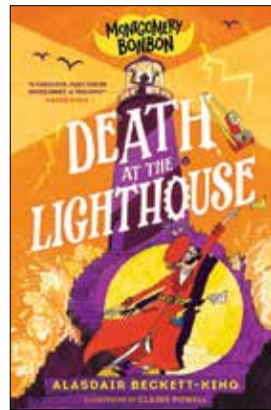
Jason Mason is a pretty average kid. The kind of kid who gets to play a dog in the school play. The kind of kid who buys a hotdog and drops it on the ground. The kind of kid who believes his classmate when she says she owns a Maserati. The kind of kid who is, actually, a secret agent. Wait... what? You won't believe what happens when a giant, extinct, flightless bird is spotted in Palmerston North. 6+



The Puppets of
Spelhorst
KATE DICAMILLO, JULIE
MORSTAD (ILLUS.)
(WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$27.99

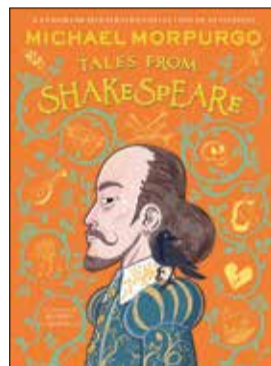
Once, there was a king. And a wolf. And a girl with a shepherd's crook. And a boy with a bow and arrow. And also, there was an owl... They were puppets, and they were waiting for a story to begin. From master storyteller Kate DiCamillo comes an original fairy tale, enchantingly illustrated, in which five puppets find themselves together in an

abandoned trunk, and confront these circumstances with patience, cunning and high spirits. 6+



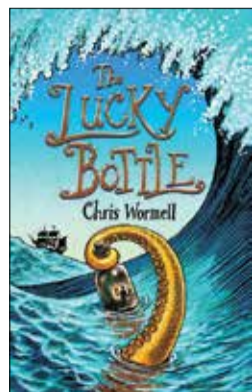
Montgomery
Bonbon: Death at the
Lighthouse
ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING,
CLAIRE POWELL (ILLUS.)
(WALKER BOOKS)
PB \$18.99

Bonnie Montgomery thinks she is finally getting a break from cracking cases as her alter-ego, Montgomery Bonbon, on holiday with Grampa Banks on Odde Island. But there's been a mysterious 'accidental' death at Leerie Lighthouse, setting Bonbon's moustache all aquiver. When a second death takes place on the island, Bonnie is sure the two are connected. But can she solve this case alone, or will she need double the detectives to solve double the murder? 7+



Michael Morpurgo's
Tales From
Shakespeare
MICHAEL MORPURGO
(HARPERCOLLINS)
HB \$34.99

Featuring retellings of ten of Shakespeare's plays, and beautifully written with Michael Morpurgo's warm, accessible and inimitable style, this wonderful collection offers a new generation of readers the chance to discover the magic of Shakespeare – the perfect introduction to the Bard and an unmissable book for children. Stunningly illustrated by ten different artists, each with a special connection to the author, this is a glorious tribute to both Shakespeare and Michael Morpurgo. 7+



The Lucky Bottle
CHRIS WORMELL (AFFIRM)
PB \$19.99 OUT IN NOV

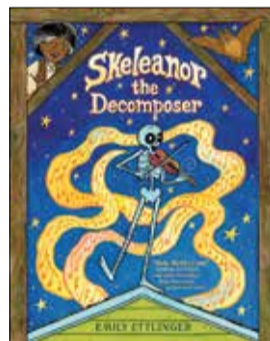
Ten-year-old Jack is stranded on a desert island. He's been very lucky: he's survived a

terrible storm and the mysterious island he has found himself on has a kindly if unusual inhabitant, fresh water and plenty of food. But Jack needs to find his way home, so he starts to formulate a plan. A plan that will involve witchcraft, terrifying sea monsters and pirates! If Jack's going to succeed he will need to be very, very lucky. 7+



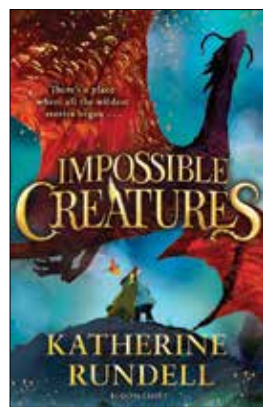
Casander Darkbloom
and the Threads
of Power
P.A. STAFF (WALKER
BOOKS)
PB \$22.99 OUT IN NOV

Casander Darkbloom has no memory, lives outside a curiosity shop, and experiences random surges of uncontrollable energy in his limbs. When he inexplicably brings a stuffed raven to life, he unravels a strange and thrilling magical world. Cas is the Foretold, the one prophesied to defeat the malevolent Master of All. But all may not be quite as it seems... Spectacular and imaginative, this book is about how what makes us unique is also our greatest strength. 8+



Skeleanor the
Decomposer
EMILY ETLINGER
(PENGUIN)
HB \$26.00 OUT IN NOV

Skeleanor loves music more than life itself. There's just one problem: She has a bit more rattle than rhythm at the moment. But with the Little Casketon Summershine festival coming up, and the town band missing a player, maybe Skeleanor could show people her skills and finally take centre stage. Sometimes, all you need is a dream, your friends, and a little music. An instantly charming and vivid chapter-book graphic novel. 8+



Impossible Creatures
KATHERINE RUNDELL
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$22.99

Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he learns about a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where the creatures we tell of in myth live and thrive alongside humans. They have been protected from being discovered for thousands of years; now, terrifyingly, the protection has worn thin. Then a girl from the Archipelago, Mal, appears in Christopher's world. They embark on an urgent quest to find the truth – with unimaginable consequences. 8+



The Journey
(Rowan of Rin: 30th
Anniversary Edition)
EMILY RODDA
(SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$39.99

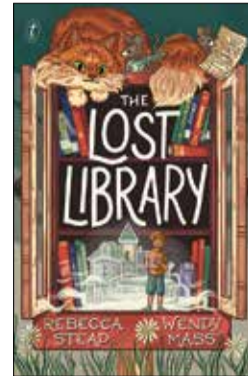
At last, all five books in the award-winning Rowan series are bound into one volume! In tightly-paced adventures, the shy, self-effacing boy Rowan – an unlikely hero – takes on one exciting challenge after another, to first save his village, then his people, and finally the beasts he loves best, the gentle bukshah. Rowan of Rin's adventures are thrilling, the monsters terrible and the characters memorable. These are books to delight and enthral readers of fantasy. 9+



The House with
a Dragon in it
NICK LAKE, EMILY
GRAVETT (ILLUS.)
(SIMON & SCHUSTER)
HB \$28.99

When Summer and her foster family are having lunch one day, a hole appears in the middle of the living room. It leads to a dragon and the promise of three wishes, granted by a very unusual witch. Things

are looking up, until she realises that the hole in the floor is getting bigger and the witch is getting more sinister. Will Summer get her most secret wish? A classic story of family, friendship, and believing in your own magic. 9+



The Lost Library
REBECCA STEAD
AND WENDY MASS
(TEXT PUBLISHING)
PB \$21.00

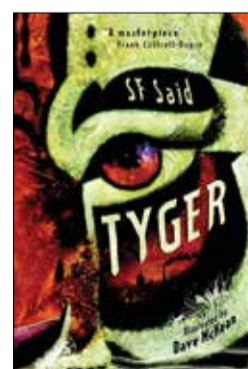
When a mysterious library appears overnight in Evan's small town, he doesn't suspect his life is about to change. Then Evan and his best friend Rafe discover a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about. Told in turn by a ghost librarian, an ageing cat named Mortimer, and Evan himself, this is a timeless story about owning your truth, and the power of a good book. 9+



The Lonely Lighthouse
of Elston-Fright
REECE CARTER
(ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$19.99

Nobody in Elston-Fright believes in magic anymore. Well, nobody except for Flip Little, his nan and his friends, including a very large spider called Simon. When Simon is spider-napped by ancient weather ghouls, Flip and his ghostly companions turn to the last Lightkeeper's journals for answers. To rescue their friend, they will need to find and return the missing Light to the lighthouse, restoring its lost magic. Only nothing in Elston-Fright is as it seems... 9+ **I**

YOUNG TEEN



Tyger
S.F. SAID, DAVE MCKEAN
(ILLUS.) (AFFIRM)
PB \$19.99 OUT IN NOV

Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump

in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger. Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late? 9+



Murtagh: The
World of Eragon
CHRISTOPHER
PAOLINI (PENGUIN)
PB \$37.00 OUT IN NOV

Master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini returns to the World of Eragon in this stunning epic fantasy set a year after the events of the Inheritance Cycle, starring one of its most popular characters. In *Murtagh*, a Dragon Rider must discover what he stands for in a world that has abandoned him. This is the perfect book to enter the World of Eragon for the first time, or to joyfully return. 10+



Bad Magic: A
Skulduggery Pleasant
Graphic Novel
DEREK LANDY (HARPER
COLLINS UK)
PB \$22.99 OUT IN NOV

A small town in the middle of Ireland, a string of unexplained deaths and a monster on the loose. Better call in the experts. When Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain arrive, they discover a town with a dark past and a people haunted by their own secrets. There is a creature stalking the streets – a creature who delights in cruelty, who grows stronger with every drop of blood spilled. Horror and mystery collide in this original and vibrant graphic novel. 11+ **I**