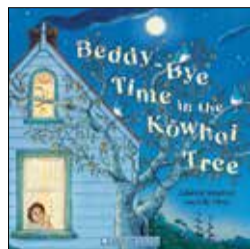


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Scorpio Children's Books

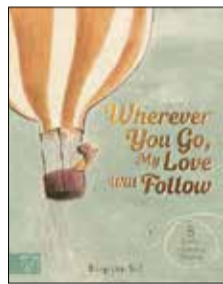


PICTURE BOOKS



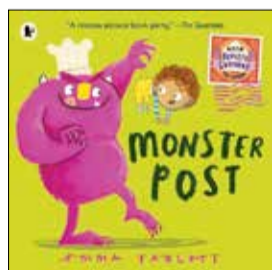
Beddy-Bye Time in the Kōwhai Tree
JULIETTE MACIVER, LILY UIVEL (ILLUS.)
 (SCHOLASTIC NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.99

It's almost bedtime and a young child counts objects, including kereru, taniwha, kea and sheep, and six taniwha sing back, 'Beddy-bye time in the bubbly-white sea'. A bedtime story with a mix of the familiar bath-time to bedtime routine and a sprinkling of moonlit magic. These gorgeous illustrations glow with warmth and life in this whimsical, wonder-filled and playful counting story written in flawless rhythm and rhyme. 2 to 6 years.



Wherever You Go, My Love Will Follow: 8 Stories of Love and Wisdom
BIRGITTA SIF (MAGIC CAT)
HB \$39.99

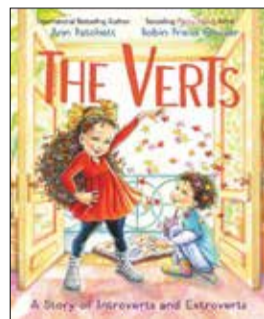
A beautifully illustrated collection of eight short stories told as letters from a parent to a child, encompassing the life lessons they want them to take out into the world. With gentle lessons of persistence, courage, friendship, forgiveness, hope and gratitude told through animal characters, this is a book of wisdom for a special child in your life. 2 to 6 years.



Monster Post
EMMA YARLETT (WALKER BOOKS)
PB \$18.99

A hilarious novelty book about a quick-thinking child and a soft-hearted beast. Beast has found a tasty dinner, and he's written to all his friends to invite them to a feast. Unfortunately, Dinner is a child who very much does not want to be eaten. As Beast's friends send their instructions for cooking Dinner, is there any way Dinner can convince Beast to change his menu? A ▶

vibrant and charming interactive book with hilarious letters to open. 3 to 7 years.



The Verts: A Story of Introverts and Extroverts
ANN PATCHETT, ROBIN PREISS GLASSER (ILLUS.)
 (HARPER COLLINS)
HB \$29.99

A heartfelt story about honouring our differences. The Vert family is celebrating a very special occasion: it's Ivan's birthday and Estie knows that every birthday needs a great party, with lots of guests, party hats, and twinkling tin foil stars. Because that is what everyone wants on their birthday, right? But did Estie ever ask Ivan? *The Verts* brings us an empathetic story about introverts and extroverts, and two siblings who learn to be themselves. 3 to 7 years.



The Café at the Edge of the Woods
MIKEY PLEASE (HARPER COLLINS)
HB \$29.99

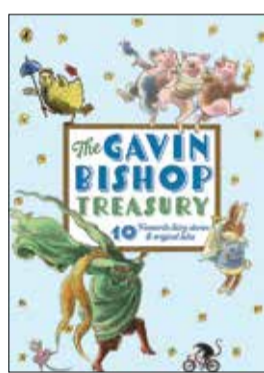
Monstrous meals, incredible illustrations and ingenious rhymes. Welcome to this charming picture book full of magical humour, mythical creatures and culinary curiosities. Rene's dreams have finally come true, she's opened a café beside an enchanted wood. With the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine but the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things. Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day? 3 to 7 years.



To Stir with Love
KATE MILDENHALL, JESS RACKLYEFT (ILLUS.)
 (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
HB \$28.99

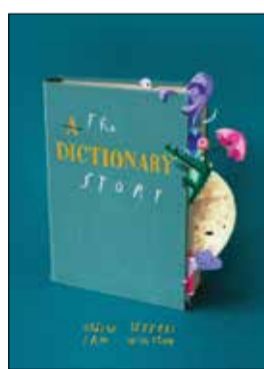
Grandma makes her everything cake for every special ▶

occasion. These days she sometimes needs a little help, but that's what grandkids are for. From the acclaimed author, and best-selling illustrator, this beautiful, heartfelt collaboration combines food and family to celebrate the magic of grandmothers (and their secret recipes). A sensitive introduction to the topic of ageing grandparents, this book is full of life and colour including photos of Mildenhall's own grandmama, on whom the story is based. 3 to 8 years.



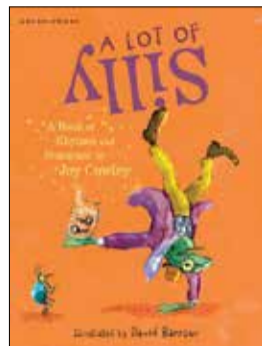
The Gavin Bishop Treasury: 10 Favourite Fairy Stories and Original Tales
GAVIN BISHOP (PUFFIN)
HB NZ TITLE \$45.00

In this very special hardback collection from multiple-award-winning New Zealand author Gavin Bishop, you'll find four delightful original tales, and six deliciously fun fairy tale retellings. The stunning artwork in this beautiful gift will entrance family members of all ages, and is the ideal inducement to snuggle up and read together. 3 to 8 years.



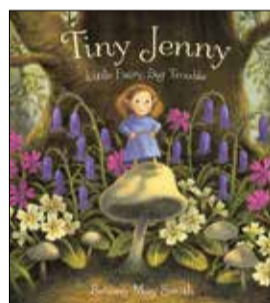
The Dictionary Story
OLIVER JEFFERS & SAM WINSTON (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$29.99

Dictionary wishes she could tell stories like the other books. So one day she decides to bring her words to life. An adventure is finally happening on her very own pages! But what will she do when everything gets out of control and her characters collide causing a tantrum to explode. How will she find sense in all this chaos? Her friend Alphabet knows exactly what to do and sings a song that brings calm to Dictionary's pages once again. 4 to 7 years.



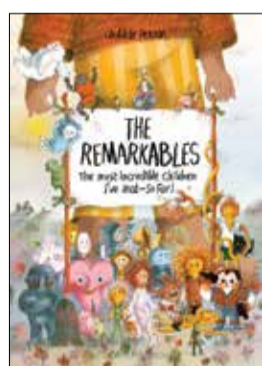
A Lot of Silly
JOY COWLEY, DAVID BARROW (ILLUS.)
 (GECKO PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$34.99

In this book full of absurd poems and silly stories, a man takes his tadpoles for a walk in his hat, a cat is surprised by its talking feet, a tiger gobbles up a dentist, ten baggy clowns do a do-wacky dance... along with many more preposterous flights of imagination. Each fantastical suggestion is playfully expanded in the illustrations, making this an exuberant collection which emboldens us to experiment with language and play. 4 to 8 years.



Tiny Jenny: Little Fairy, Big Trouble
BRIONY MAY SMITH (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$27.99 OUT IN NOV

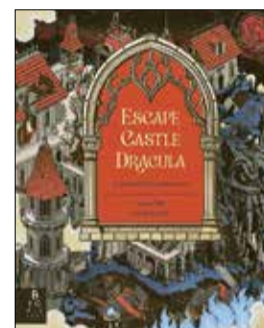
Mr and Mrs Wren are surprised when a tiny, wingless fairy hatches from one of their eggs but they raise her as their own. Tiny Jenny, like all fairies, grows to be a menace in the woods. The other forest creatures are not happy. So Tiny Jenny decides it is time to leave her home and seek out her fairy family. Join Tiny Jenny in this story of mischief, adventure and belonging. 4 to 8 years.



The Remarkables: The Most Incredible Children I've Met – So Far!
CLOTILDE PERRIN (GECKO PRESS)
HB \$39.99

Meet 38 extraordinary children: an electric child, a flying child, elastic, invisible, miniature, a child made of cake. With fantasy and humour, this book ▶

provides a way to talk about emotions and identity. A 'class photo' brings everyone together and each child describes their characteristics, tells anecdotes, and presents the special powers that make them unique. This inclusive encyclopaedia celebrates individuality, strengths and differences, with a quiz finale for readers to discover their own miraculous super-powers. 4 to 9 years.



Escape Castle Dracula: A Gothic Puzzle Adventure
SAM FERN, ADAM ALLORI (ILLUS.)
 (ALLEN & UNWIN)
HB \$32.99 OUT IN NOV

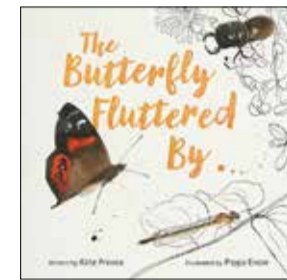
Fall into the pages of 14 classic horror stories in a quest to escape from Count Dracula's castle. Aid Victor Frankenstein create his monster, help Dr Jekyll escape the clutches of Mr Hyde, and lay the vicious ghost of the headless horseman to rest forever. Trace your way through labyrinthine mazes and solve intricate puzzles, learning of the most terrifying tales in literature as you go. This stylish and immersive puzzle book will appeal to brave readers. 8 to 11 years. ■

NON-FICTION



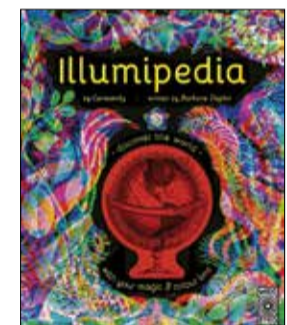
Listen to the Music: The Instruments
MARY RICHARDS, KHOA LE (ILLUS.)
 (WIDE EYED EDITIONS)
HB \$39.99 OUT IN NOV

Press the buttons to hear the music in this time-travelling journey around the world, as young readers embark on a magical adventure through classical music. Perfectly pitched to inspire and instil a love of music from a young age, this book will strike a chord with curious children who might be thinking about choosing a first instrument to learn. This is a beautiful introduction to the history of music, famous musicians and musical genres. 3 to 8 years.



The Butterfly Fluttered By
KATE PREECE, PIPPA ENSOR (ILLUS.)
 (DAVID BATEMAN)
HB NZ TITLE \$24.99

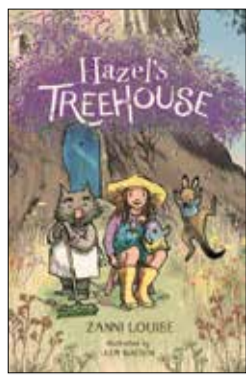
Find one of New Zealand's heaviest spiders, a beetle once thought to be extinct, and many more interesting insects, as Kahukura plays hide and seek with her Chatham Island friends. This informative picture book is full of fascinating facts about the insects of Aotearoa presented through meaningful storytelling. With a rhyming story accompanied by hyperrealist illustrations; this book is on a mission to demystify our smallest creatures. 5 to 8 years.



Illumipedia: Wonder at Dinosaurs, Animals, Oceans and Minibeasts with your Magic Three-Colour Lens
BARBARA TAYLOR, CARNOVSKY (ILLUS.)
 (WIDE EYED EDITIONS)
HB \$45.00

A bumper treasury of marvels specially curated from the beloved *Illumi* series, revealing worlds of natural wonder. Bringing together content from five books in the iconic *Illumi* series, this new treasury spans the best of *Nature*, *Oceans*, *Bugs* and *Dinosaurs* – across six continents. Each spectacular artwork is really three images in one: use the magic lens to reveal different layers to the environment you're in. Explore the world and its natural phenomena like never before. 5 to 10 years. ■

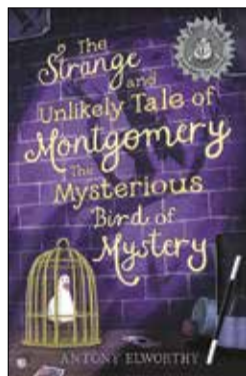
CHILDREN'S FICTION



Hazel's Treehouse
ZANNI LOUIE, JUDY WATSON (ILLUS.)
(WALKER BOOKS)

HB \$22.99 OUT IN NOV

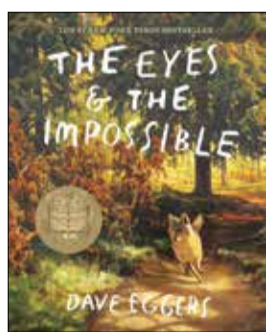
Hazel and her friends – Odette, a pademelon, Walter the wombat, Tiny, a honey possum and Poky – an echidna who changes colour depending on Hazel's mood – live together in a treehouse in the bush. Every day brings new adventures, sometimes mistakes and always, always, imagination and friendship. This delightful, whimsical celebration of childhood has been described as an Australian 'Winnie-the-Pooh' with its warmth and beautiful illustrations. 6+



The Strange and Unlikely Tale of Montgomery and the Mysterious Bird of Mystery
ANTHONY ELWORTHY
(WALKER BOOKS)

PB \$18.99 OUT IN NOV

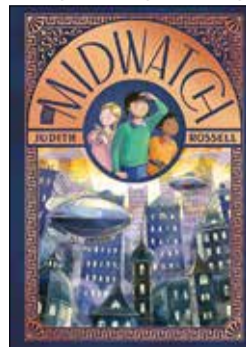
From the animator of *The Corpse Bride*, *Coraline* and *Isle of Dogs*, comes a hilarious, illustrated tale about Gramps's life as a magician. Known as The Astounding Alfredo, Gramps became famous throughout the world, especially for the disappearing trick with his dove – Montgomery, The Mysterious Bird of Mystery. Unfortunately, Montgomery is not just mysterious, but malevolent, envious and ambitious. Expect the unexpected and believe the unbelievable in this hilarious debut novel. 8+



The Eyes and the Impossible
DAVE EGGERS
(ANDERSEN PRESS)

Johannes is a free dog, a fast dog! He lives in an urban park by the sea, and every day he runs through the park to report what he sees to the three ancient Bison, the

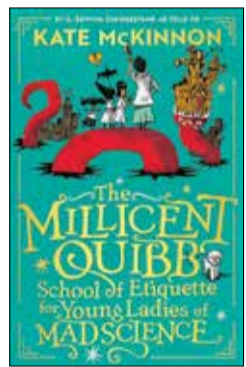
Keepers of the Equilibrium. When the Equilibrium is disrupted, Johannes must run faster and see better to liberate those he loves. A story about friendship and beauty, this book will make readers of all ages see the world in a wholly new way. 8 to 12 years.



The Midwatch
JUDITH ROSSELL (HARDIE GRANT CHILDRENS)

HB \$27.99

Banished to the Midwatch Institute for Orphans, Runaways and Unwanted Girls, Maggie Fishbone is sure she's in for a life of drudgery. But she quickly discovers the city shimmerers with jewels and secrets, and soon Maggie is thrust into an adventure that takes her deep underground, high above the clouds and face to face with danger itself. Fall into this lavishly illustrated world, brimming with mystery, unlikely heroines and an adventure as big as the sky. 8 to 12 years.



The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science
KATE MCKINNON
(HARPER COLLINS)

PB \$19.99

After being kicked out of every etiquette school in their snooty town, three sisters receive a mysterious invitation to be under the tutelage of a mad scientist with worms in her hair and oysters in her bathtub. 231 Mysterium Way is both wildly dangerous and more fun than they've ever had, but when the sisters are asked to save their town from an evil cabal of nefarious mad scientists, they must decide what side they're on before it's too late. 8 to 12 years.



The Age of Enchantment (Chronicles of Whetherwhy Book 1)
ANNA JAMES
(HARPER COLLINS)

PB \$19.99

In *Whetherwhy*, everyone has magic inside them – grown

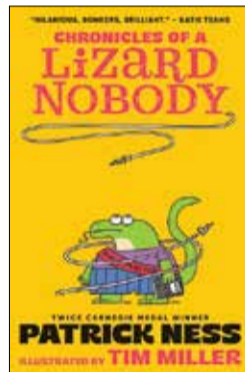
from the changing seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. But a rare few are Enchanters, who can wield all four seasons. While Juniper learns to wield her Enchantment, her twin brother Rafferty becomes involved with a mysterious secret society that meets after dark. Separately, the twins realise there is more to enchantment than they ever imagined – and the adventure that follows brings their paths back together in an unexpected way. 8 to 12 years.



Charlie Tangaroa and the God of War (Charlie Tangaroa Book 2)
T.K. ROXBOROUGH (HUIA)

PB NZ TITLE \$25.00 OUT IN NOV

It's been a full year since Charlie saved his hometown from destruction at the hands of gods, warring sea creatures and natural disasters. Charlie and his brother are enjoying their normal lives – fishing off the wharf and helping out at their mum's store – until a visiting scientist is stabbed at the local campground, days before a meeting between local iwi and the government. So begins Charlie's quest to uncover a mystery taking place in the hills above the town. 8 to 12 years.



Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody
PATRICK NESS, TIM MILLER (ILLUS.) (WALKER BOOKS)

PB \$18.99

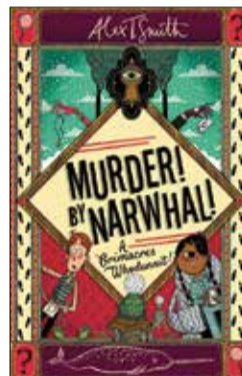
Zeke and Daniel have just been made hall monitors by Principal Wombat. This has nothing to do with the fact that they are monitor lizards. And the only other monitor lizard in the school, is also a hall monitor. Somehow, the three hall monitors must impose order on arrogant lions, excitable seals and super-relaxed pandas. This hilarious adventure about a mismatched group of animals attending school together is brought to life by brilliantly funny illustrations. 8 to 12 years.



Giraffe Island
SOFIA CHANFREAU, AMANDA CHANFREAU (ILLUS.) (GECKO PRESS)

PB \$19.99

Far away in the middle of the sea there's an island shaped like a giraffe. Nine-year-old Vega lives there with her father, grandfather and the bear that lives in her bathroom. When Vega must journey to find her mother, her observant best friend Nelson is the perfect companion. Playful, fresh and coloured by magical realism, this book is a mystery adventure about a girl whose world is peopled with animals no one else can see. 9 to 12 years.



Murder! By Narwhal (A Grimaces Whodunnit)
ALEX T. SMITH (HODDER)

PB \$19.99

A brand-new, tongue-in-cheek murder mystery series, stylishly illustrated in black and white, and perfect for fans of Robin Stevens, *Enola Holmes* and *Knives Out*. When the tyrannical family patriarch Sir Ignatious Gristle is murdered on his 90th birthday at his country estate, every one of his gathered family members is a suspect. Trapped by a snowstorm with no way to contact the police, it's up to his mettlesome granddaughter, Edna, and her trusted tortoise to determine whodunnit! 9 to 12 years.



Turtle Moon
HANNAH GOLD, LEVI PINFOLD (ILLUS.) (HARPER COLLINS)

PB \$19.99

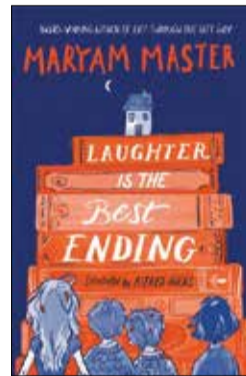
When Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn. Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? It'll mean journeying into the heart of the jungle and uncovering long-buried secrets. Join Silver in this beautifully illustrated and unforgettable adventure. 9+



Midnight Treasure
PIERS TORDAY (QUERCUS)

PB \$19.99

Tibor is a werewolf, adopted by his guardian, a powerful vampir. He and his friend Roza are on the deadliest of quests, and they're not the only ones hunting. Battling with bears, wrestling with vampires and racing against the clock, Tibor and Roza must decide who to trust. And whether they dare reveal the secrets of the Midnight Treasure. A spectacular treasure hunt with clues, spells, imprisonments, escapes, fights, betrayals and, above all, courage and hope. 9+



Laughter is the Best Ending
MARYAM MASTER (PAN AUSTRALIA)

PB \$19.99

Zee is a loner who, according to her parents, needs to make at least one friend. So, she is sent to holiday camp. Zee would rather take a bath in Tabasco sauce than attend a camp called Youth Fusion. But with some unlikely accomplices, she soon finds herself in the middle of a hair-raising mystery and some fierce detective work. This is a whip-smart, laugh-out-loud story of hope, family, identity and a heart-warming inter-generational friendship from a multi-award-winning author. 10+ **T**

YOUNG TEEN

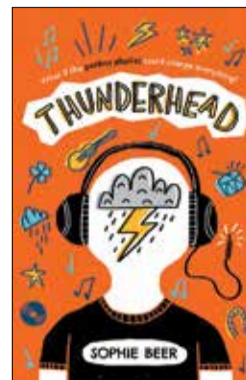


We Do Not Welcome Our Ten-Year-Old Overlord
GARTH NIX (A&U CHILDRENS)

PB \$19.99 OUT IN NOV

The thrilling tale of a strange object with the potential to destroy the world. In this pacy, exciting novel, all Kim wants to do is play Dungeons & Dragons with his friends and ride his bike around the local lake. But when his younger sister Eila finds an

otherworldly globe which gives her astonishing powers, Kim not only has to save his sister from herself, he might also have to save the world from his sister. 10+



Thunderhead
SOPHIE BEER (A&U CHILDRENS)

PB \$19.99 OUT IN NOV

Meet Thunderhead: awkward, music-obsessed and a magnet for bad luck. Their favourite things in life are listening to records and hanging out with their best (and only) friend Moonflower. But when Moonflower moves schools, they're faced with the reality of surviving the wilderness of high school alone. Make new friends? NO-THANK-YOU-VERY-MUCH. Drawing on Sophie Beer's own experience of hearing loss, this indelible, illustrated middle grade novel about music, disability, friendship and fandom is immediately engaging, utterly authentic and entirely unputdownable. 10+



Code Name Kingfisher
LIZ KESSLER (SIMON & SCHUSTER)

PB \$19.99

Holland, 1942. As the Nazis' power grows, Jewish families are in terrible danger. Twelve-year-old Mila and her older sister Hannie are sent to live with a family in another city with new identities and the strict instruction not to tell anyone that they are Jewish. Hannie, determined to fight back, becomes an undercover agent: Code Name Kingfisher. And though Mila does her best to keep out of trouble, there is danger at every turn... 10+ **T**