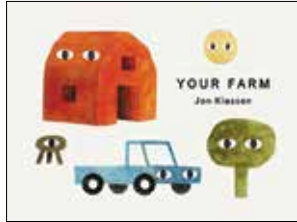


Telling TALES

Scorpio Children's Books



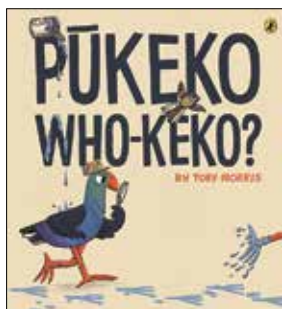
BOARD BOOK



Your Farm
JON KLASSEN (WALKER)
BB \$18.99

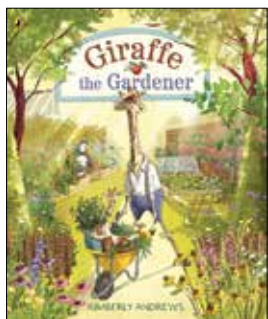
Full of the usual Klassen charm, and a gentle rhythm suited for reading aloud, this board book for the youngest of children features a farm and all its items, ending with bedtime as the sun goes down. *Alongside Your Island* and *Your Forest*, this is the third board book in a whimsical series focussing on safe spaces, comfort and imagination. 0 to 2 years.

PICTURE BOOKS



Pūkeko Who-keko?
TOBY MORRIS (PUFFIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.00
OUT IN JUL

Watch out for cartoonist Toby Morris's flying dad jokes in this delightful visual and verbal play on words that rhyme with pūkeko, one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most iconic and personality-laden blue birds. Join the hunt and follow the paint trail with Detective Clue-keko as the pūkeko chaos accumulates. And who-keko knew-keko that so many words rhyme with pūkeko? Be warned – pūkeko rhyming is VERY contagious! 3 to 6 years.



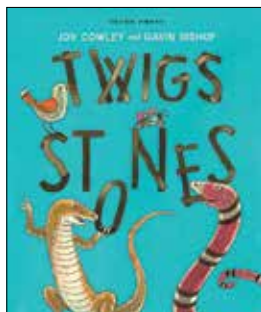
Giraffe the Gardener
KIMBERLY ANDREWS (PUFFIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.00

Meet green-hoofed Giraffe, unstoppable creator of the most magnificent garden. But when he injures his neck, will all his hard work go to ruin? Not if Giraffe Junior has anything to do with it! Explore a range of planting styles, spot the gnomes and smell the roses in this delightful picture book that will inspire the next generation of gardeners. 3 to 6 years.



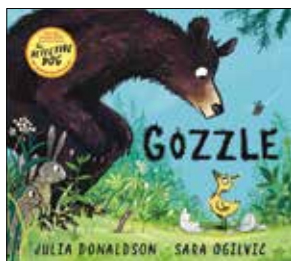
Oh, Carrots!
MARIAJO ILUSTRAJO (FRANCES LINCOLN)
HB \$27.99

Mr Rabbit lives alone. He enjoys peaceful moments spent reading, drinking cups of tea, and gardening – but sometimes it can get a little too quiet. He's so used to being alone that he's never considered having a friend. Maybe now is the perfect time for that to change. A humorous and heart-felt tale about the value of kindness and the magic of making new friends. A perfect choice for young children as they begin to navigate their first friendships. 3 to 6 years.



Twigs and Stones
JOY COWLEY, GAVIN BISHOP (ILLUS.) (GECKO)
HB NZ TITLE \$29.99

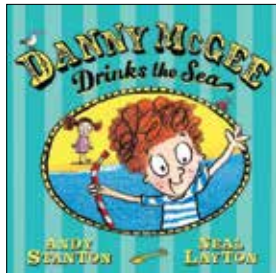
Snake and Lizard live together in a burrow in the desert. They are such good friends that Lizard decides to display their names above the burrow entrance. When Lizard makes an unfortunate spelling mistake – he thinks it's very funny but Snake is not laughing. Snake finds some spelling of her own that will teach Lizard a lesson! With gentle humour and beautiful watercolour illustrations, these two leading authors bring us a story of silliness, friendship and forgiveness. 3 to 6 years.



Gozzle
JULIA DONALDSON, SARA OGILVIE (ILLUS.) (MACMILLAN)
HB \$29.99

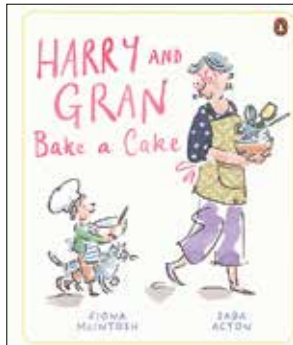
It's springtime. Bear has woken up hungry and finds a lost egg outside his cave. Breakfast? No! Out hatches Gozle, a very sweet little gosling who is convinced that Bear must be her daddy – and that she should be able to ►

climb, dig and eat honey just like him. Follow Bear on his journey from reluctant carer to parent in this heart-warming, joyous picture book about what home and family truly mean. 3 to 6 years.



Danny McGee Drinks the Sea
ANDY STANTON, NEAL LAYTON (ILLUS.) (FABER)
HB \$27.99 OUT IN JUN

Danny McGee goes to the sea-side with his sister and makes a bet that he can drink the sea all up. And he does. He drinks it all through a straw. And then he eats a tree, and then he eats a cat drinking some tea, and then he eats a man learning to ski... until the only thing that is left on the planet is Danny McGee and his little sister, and she has a surprise for him. 3 to 6 years.



Harry and Gran Bake a Cake
FIONA MCINTOSH, SARA ACTON (ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
HB \$24.00

Harry and Gran are going to bake a cake. What could possibly go wrong? From the adored best-selling author, comes this delightful picture book celebration of family, food and fun. A charming story of a gran and her grandchild sharing the pleasure of baking together, and embracing the hilarious mishaps that occur along the way. 3 to 6 years.



Searching for Treasure
JOHANNA BELL, EMMA LONG (ILLUS.) (ALLEN & UNWIN)
HB \$27.99

Find sea urchins and shark's eggs, ghost crabs and cuttlefish, limpets and barnacles and so much more. A lush, cheerful picture book celebrating the wonders of a walk on the beach and the treasures to be found on the ►

high tide line, with a gloriously surprising gatefold finale. This magnificent read-aloud tale celebrates the joy of discovery. 3 to 7 years.



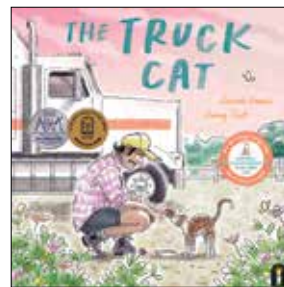
Bothered by Bugs
EMILY GRAVETT (PANMACMILLAN)
HB \$29.99

Pete the Badger is choosing a delicious recipe from his new cookbook when his peace is interrupted by a teeny tiny fly. The fly becomes a swarm, and soon all the animals are being bothered by bugs and insects of all kinds – so they help Pete capture every single one. Come autumn, there's not a berry or a cherry to be found. A valuable lesson about the importance of all creatures, big and small, in maintaining the harmony of nature. 3 to 7 years.



One Word and a Bird
STEPHEN MICHAEL KING (SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$29.99

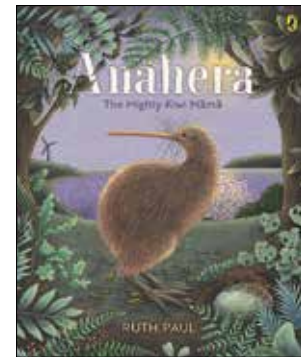
From out of the sky, like a clear idea, flew a bird. She landed on my nose... From the author and illustrator who brought you *Three*, *Rainbow Bear* and *Leaf* comes a delightfully gentle story of serendipity, love and looking for the right word when nothing seems to fit. A whimsical exploration of language accompanied by joyful illustrations. 3 to 7 years.



The Truck Cat
DEBORAH FRENKEL, DANNY SNELL (ILLUS.) (HARDIE GRANT)
HB \$27.99

Some cats are house cats. Some are apartment cats. But Tinka is a truck cat. Tinka lives everywhere. Along with his human, Yacoub, who drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape ►

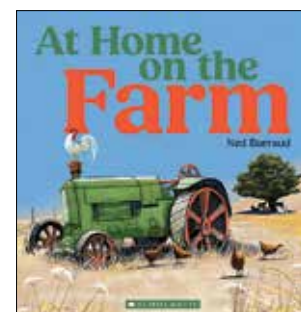
of a new country. Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. A story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, homes lost and found. 3 to 7 years.



Anahera: The Mighty Kiwi Mama
RUTH PAUL (PUFFIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.00

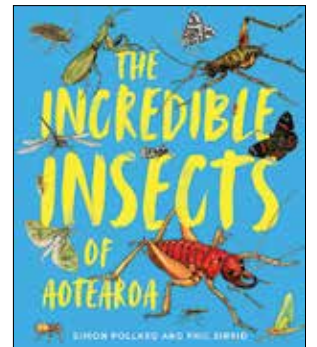
This is the inspiring true story of one big, fierce mama kiwi, over 60 thriving chicks, and a wild population restored after a 150-year gap! Written and illustrated for kids by award-winning author Ruth Paul, this visionary conservation project follows the story of our famous kiwi Anahera. After four decades of life in captivity, would the mighty māmā survive and thrive in the wild? 4 to 10 years. **1**

NON-FICTION



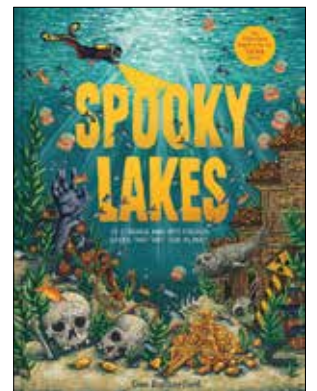
At Home on the Farm
NED BARRAUD (SCHOLASTIC)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.99
OUT IN JUN

An exploration of life on an Aotearoa New Zealand farm during a long, dry spell. Through lyrical rhyming text, readers journey across paddocks, barns, and treetops, encountering the animals and landscapes of the farm's rich ecosystem. From the circling kāhu in the sky to the hardworking sheepdogs, and a watchful rooster, each page captures the rhythms of rural life. As drought grips the land, the farm waits in anticipation until, at last, the rain arrives, bringing renewal and relief. 5 to 10 years.



The Incredible Insects of Aotearoa
SIMON POLLARD, PHIL SIRVID (TE PAPA PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

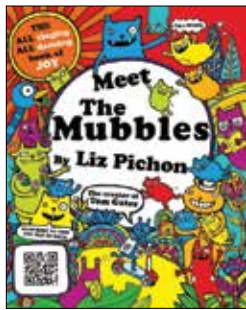
Why are sandfly bites so itchy? How does a glow worm glow? Why does this book include vampires and dragons? What makes insects in Aotearoa so special? From our backyards to high in the mountains, through forests, along coastlines, and in the darkness of caves, award-winning science writer Simon Pollard and Te Papa insect expert Phil Sirvid answer these burning questions. Share in the secrets and marvels of our natural world through stunning close-up photographs, mātauranga Māori, and insightful explanations. 8 to 12 years.



Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes that Dot Our Planet
GEO RUTHERFORD (ABRAMS BOOKS)
HB \$44.99

Some of Earth's strangest and creepiest wonders lie deep below the surface. This thrilling non-fiction book that plumbs the depths of 25 unusual lakes around the world, takes readers on an adventure through weird and wild waters. Readers will learn not only about the science of hydrology, but why understanding the natural world is crucial to protecting it from pollution and climate change. Dive into the most mysterious waters around the world (if you dare). 8 to 12 years. **1**

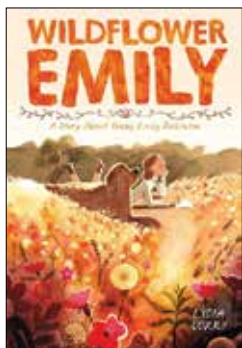
EARLY READERS



Meet the Mubbles
LIZ PICHON
(MACMILLAN)
PB \$19.99

Welcome to the Isle of Smile – home of The Mubbles, where the beautiful island runs on Sun, Wind and Flower Power. Like the Wibbles of Wobble mountain, the Earworms and the one-eyed Drib Drabs, everyone on the Isle of Smile lives in perfect harmony – most of the time. Until the Clouds of Joy bump together making a wonky rainbow that means one thing: someone or something is coming to visit. 5 years+. **[F]**

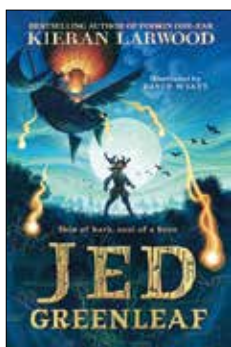
GRAPHIC NOVEL



Wildflower Emily
LYDIA CORRY
(HENRY HOLT)
PB \$27.99

Emily Dickinson is one of America's greatest and most original poets of all time. This endearing and imaginative graphic novel showcases Emily as you've never seen her before, embarking on an unforgettable journey in her hometown of Amherst, Massachusetts, with her trusty four-legged companion, Carlo. Follow along as we delve into Emily Dickinson's childhood, revealing a young girl desperate to go out exploring, a girl who is powerful, adventurous, and joyful. 7 to 10 years. **[F]**

CHILDREN'S FICTION



Jed Greenleaf
KIERAN LARWOOD,
DAVID WYATT
(ILLUS.) (FABER)
HB \$32.99

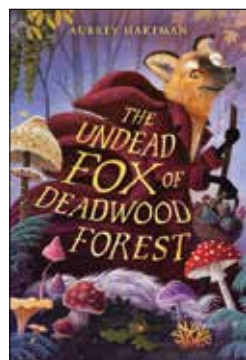
Albion city is governed by a secretly controlled puppet queen, and strange magic is afoot as six Guilds compete to rule. Although the weakest, no one has reckoned with newcomer Jed Greenleaf's ▶

extraordinary ability to transform into a half-tree... he just needs to learn how to harness that power. Could he be the hero the Guild needs? It just might be that this year Jed can turn over a new leaf, and bring glory and peace to Albion. 8 to 12 years.



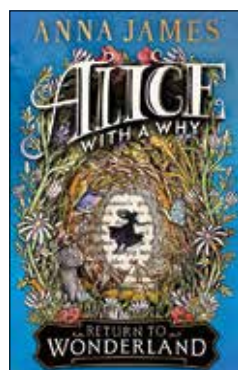
Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II
ADAM GIDWITZ
(DUTTON)
PB \$23.00

Espionage, secrets and suspense. This first book in a thought-provoking World War II duology is fast-paced and adventurous, with a dash of magic and a lot of heart. Germany is becoming more and more dangerous for Jewish families, but Max is determined to find a way back home, and back to his parents. He has a plan to return to Berlin. It merely involves accomplishing the impossible: becoming a British spy. 8 to 12 years.



The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest
AUBREY HARTMAN
(WALKER BOOKS)
PB \$19.99

Clare, the undead fox of Deadwood Forest, is caught between life and death, but enjoys his job as an Usher of wandering souls. Everything changes when Gingersnipes, a badger soul, unexpectedly arrives at Clare's door, and Hesterfowl, the visionary grouse, reveals Clare's impending demise – this time truly fatal. Confronted by his bleak destiny, Clare resolves to alter his fate at any cost... A delightfully grim tale, perfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo and Tim Burton. 8 to 12 years.



Alice With a Why
ANNA JAMES
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$19.99 OUT IN JUN

When a mysterious invitation to a tea party hits her square in ▶

the face, Alyce realises her grandmother's strange stories of a place called Wonderland might have some truth to them after all. But the land Alyce finds herself in feels different from her grandmother's stories – for it is trapped in its own war. With the help of the Hatter, Cheshire Cat and a Sailor Fox, Alyce will have to solve Wonderland's problems and, eventually, find her way back home. 8 to 12 years.



Hunt for the Golden Scarab
M.G. LEONARD, MANUEL ŠUMBERAC (ILLUS.)
(MACMILLAN)
PB \$19.99

Sim and his mum never live anywhere long. When dangerous strangers appear one night, Sim discovers why. His mum has been keeping secrets: she has the power to open doors in time. Running for their lives, Sim and his friends are determined to outwit the sinister Council of Keys and be the first to find Nefertiti's lost tomb and a powerful door to Ancient Egypt. But can they find it before the Council finds them? 8 to 12 years.



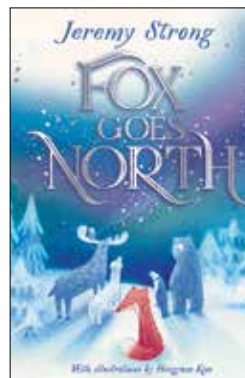
The Mushroom in the Sky
JACKIE FRENCH
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$19.99 OUT IN JUL

1942. 16-year-old Ossie lies about his age to protect his country, even though it means abandoning his one-eyed dog, Lucky. When Ossie is taken as a prisoner of war, he witnesses a strange cloud rise above Nagasaki – the result of a bomb that will take, save and change lives, and forever leave the question: was it worth it? Taken from eyewitness Japanese accounts, this is a story of quiet heroism and endurance in the face of an unimaginable horror. 8 to 12 years.



Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest
LIZ FLANAGAN, JOE TODD-STANTON
(ILLUS.) (AFFIRM PRESS)
HB \$24.99

With war threatening her city, Rowan and her mother must flee to the Dark Forest. There she meets a grandfather she didn't know existed, and his white wolf, Arto. Rowan is homesick, but soon she makes new friends – including a trio of powerful witches. When Rowan rescues a baby dragon from poachers, she discovers the secret of her own identity. She is a Wildsmith, just like her grandfather, a person who cares for and can speak to magical animals. 8 to 12 years.



Fox Goes North
JEREMY STRONG,
HEEGYUM KIM (ILLUS.)
(SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$26.99

One day, Fox waits by a forest track with a small blue suitcase and the feeling that something extraordinary is about to happen. Then, along comes an incredible house on wheels, towed by doleful Moose. Together, the animals embark on an adventure to see the fabled Northern Lights. The expedition brings new friends and challenges – and their journey's end will require the most courage of all. A brave and timeless fable about friendship, art and the journey of a lifetime. 8 to 12 years.



Dragonborn
STRUAN MURRAY
(PUFFIN)
PB \$30.00 OUT IN AUG

Life is no fun for Alex Evans. Ever since her dad's death, her mother smothers her with unbreakable rules and unspoken fears. When Alex's frustration finally gets too big to bear, it rushes to the surface, and flames spill from her mouth. Alex must now train alongside fierce, frightening dragon children, if she is to unlock the ▶

power of her birthright. But other dragons are rising too. Alex has to be good enough to fight, or we all will burn. 10 years+.



Wolf Siren
BETH O'BRIEN
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$19.99

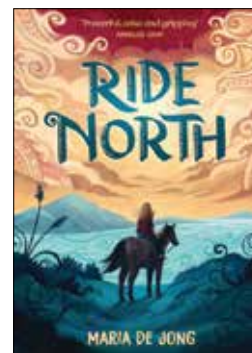
Everyone knows that the woods are dangerous, but when wolves are spotted close to the village boundary, fear drives a deep and dangerous divide between the villagers and the nature they live alongside. Only Red seems to hold the key – but she has a secret, and exposing it could ruin her family forever. A vibrant, evocative and magical debut which centres an empowered character with disabilities at the heart of a reimagined Little Red Riding Hood. 10 years+. **[F]**

YOUNG TEEN



Wildlands
BROGEN MURPHY
(PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00

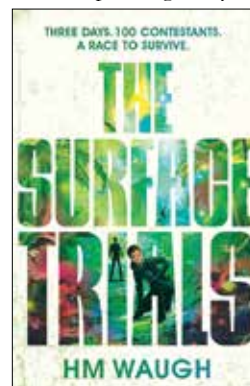
No humans are allowed in the Wildlands, where wolves, lynx and bison roam free. The only exception is a high-speed train line between London and Glasgow that crosses right through the heart of the project. 13-year-old Astrid and her little sister, Indie, are onboard when their train slows to an unexpected stop... and they find themselves left behind. Stranded in this place of astonishing natural wonders and terrible dangers, will they have the ingenuity and determination to survive? 10 years+.



Ride North
MARIA DE JONG
(ANDERSON PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

12-year-old Folly is angry and grieving. She isn't ready for Dad's plans for a new life in Auckland with his new girlfriend. So Folly runs away ▶

with the one person who truly understands: her wise pony, Tooth. With her mother's ashes in her backpack, Folly and Tooth trek through tourist towns, across beaches and forest tracks, planning to guide her mother's spirit to the northern tip of New Zealand, the fabled Cape Reinga. 10 years+.



The Surface Trials
H.M. WAUGH (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$21.99

For Amethyst, Starquest Academy offers an escape from the prison of her home planet. For Rian – the uber-famous heir to the universe's two greatest dynasties – failure to get into his own academy is not an option. And Deneb? Well, he's an outlier. This year Amethyst and her squad find themselves playing for more than Starquest admission. To survive, they'll have to outsmart carnivorous creatures, share dangerous secrets, maintain trust and embrace the most shocking truth in the galaxy. 10 years+.



The Wrong Way Home
KATE O'SHAUGHNESSY
(RANDOM HOUSE)
PB \$17.99 OUT IN JUN

Fern's lived at the Ranch, an off-grid community in upstate New York, since she was six. So when Fern's mother sneaks them away, into the treacherous outside world, Fern can think only of how to get home. As time goes by, Fern realises there are things she will miss from the outside – the library, a friend from school, the ocean. How much is she willing to give up to return to the Ranch? 10 years+. **[F]**