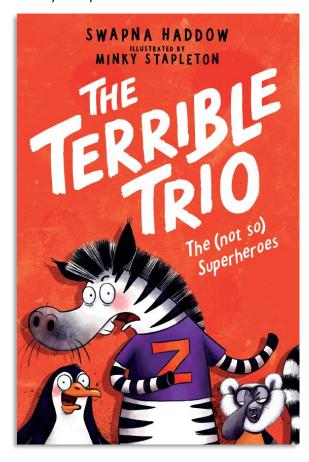


THE TERRIBLE TRIO SERIES

By Swapna Haddow & Minky Stapleton



A terrible terrific new series by award-winning children's author, Swapna Haddow.

Hilariously illustrated by Minky Stapleton.

In a world where all animals have superpowers, café workers Zeb the zebra, Margarine the penguin and Barry the lemur have been given the WORST powers of all. Watching all the other superheroes save the world, day in and day out, Zeb, Margarine and Barry wonder if they will ever get to be superheroes for a day themselves.

Key Selling Points

- Swapna Haddow, award-winning author of the Dave Pigeon and Bad Panda books, loves writing about boisterous animals and madcap adventures and this outrageously funny, actionpacked and warm-hearted new series delivers a super-sized serving
- Haddow's lively, goofy characters are brought to life by artist Minky Stapleton's fun and quirky illustrations

Series publication plan (subject to change)

Book 1: September 2025

Book 2: February 2026

Book 3: July 2026



Pub Date:

September 2025

Age:

5+

Specifications:

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New Zealand RRP:

\$18.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

Mono

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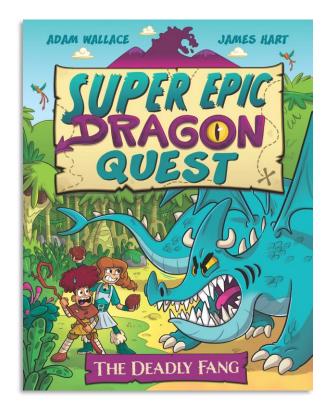
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Swapna Haddow grew up in the UK and wrote her first book at age eight. She wishes she'd kept it, but it seemed like a good idea at the time to trade it for two stickers and a couple of marbles! Her first published book was the award-winning junior novel *Dave Pigeon*. Swapna now lives in Dunedin, New Zealand, with her husband, son and their dog.

Minky Stapleton is a multi-faceted illustrator with a range of styles, all with a playful dash of humour. After many years of corporate life as a Creative Director in Johannesburg, she now follows her first love, illustration, and resides in Auckland, New Zealand.

SUPER EPIC DRAGON QUEST SERIES

By Adam Wallace & James Hart



'Do you dare attempt what all others have failed?'

Arlo is a brave, hard-working farmboy who dreams of doing more than brushing the unibrows of his unicows.

Julia's a plucky adventurer who is tired of having no-one to talk to but her onesie-wearing father.

With nothing in common but embarrassing dads, Arlo and Julia find themselves on a quest to save the land of Ticklebrook from eternal grumpiness and disgusting lemonade. All they have to do is find an invisible island, face a freaky foe, and bring home a Super Epic Dragon treasure!

Key Selling Points

- Shrek-style fantasy-comedy complete with fantastic beasts and plucky adventurers
- Super silly illustrations on every page to make young readers laugh out loud
- Dedicated princess-free zone. But keep an eye out for the deadly gorillagon . . .

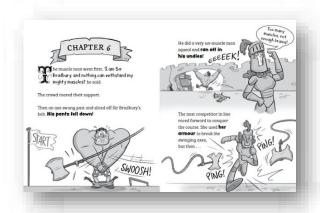
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Book 2: July 2025

More fiction from Adam Wallace & James Hart

- Farty Pet series
- Fart Boy series
- Fart Club series



Pub Date:

February 2025

Age:

6+

Specifications:

128 pp 190 x 150 mm

Australian RRP:

\$15.99

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Paperback

Printing:

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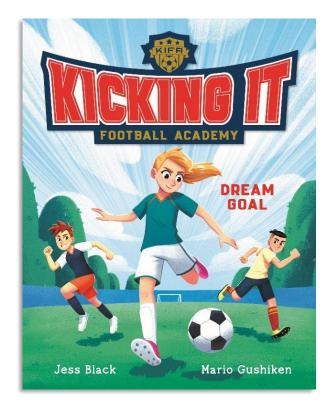
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KICKING IT - FOOTBALL ACADEMY SERIES

By Jess Black & Mario Gushiken



Alex has only ever wanted one thing: to attend Kicking it Football Academy and make her dream of becoming a professional footballer come true.

Alex's dream is to attend Kicking It Football Academy—the best football academy in the country. Now that she's eleven, she's finally the right age to try out. But her mum and dad are set on her going to another school ... will she be able to convince them? Or will she have to say goodbye to her dream before she's even had a chance to make it a reality?

Key Selling Points

- Written by award-wining Australian author, Jess Black
- First book in a brand-new series that will appeal to football fans
- Relatable themes of family, friendship, overcoming challenges and working as a team
- Strikes a great balance between football and fun

Series publication plan (subject to change)

Book 1: March 2025 Book 2: August 2025 Book 3: March 2026



Pub Date:

March 2025

Age:

8+

Specifications:

128 pp 190 x 150 mm

Australian RRP:

\$12.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

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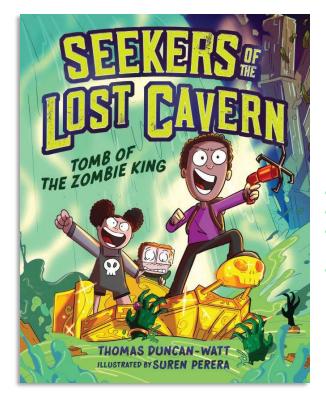
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SEEKERS OF THE LOST CAVERN SERIES

By Thomas Duncan-Watt & Suren Perera



It's not easy being Davern Cavern. Everyone in his family is a super-smart, super-brave EXPLORER . . . except for Davern.

But when Davern's world-famous dad mysteriously disappears, it's up to Davern and his besties, Zara and Woop, to search where no-one else dares.

Can Davern and his friends solve the **mystery** AND survive a **zombie curse**? And, most importantly, will there be enough brussels sprout sandwiches?!

Key Selling Points

- An exciting new illustrated fiction series from award-winning writer and screenwriter, Thomas Duncan-Watt
- A funny, action-packed, fast-paced adventure story—like Indiana Jones meets Ninja Kid!
- Davern Cavern is an accident-prone, hapless explorer, but now the fate of his missing father depends on him
- Davern and his best friends will have to solve the mystery, evade their evil nemesis AND fight off ancient zombies . . . and all they've packed is brussels sprout sandwiches!

Series publication plan (subject to change)

Book 1: September 2024
Book 2: August 2025



Pub Date:

September 2024

Age:

7+

Specifications:

192 pp 190 x 150 mm

Australian RRP:

\$15.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

Mono

ISBN:

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Scholastic Australia

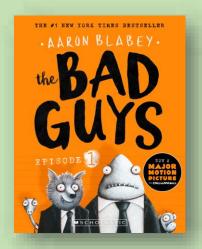
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Thomas Duncan-Watt is a multi-award-winning screenwriter and author whose credits include the BAFTA-nominated *Dennis & Gnasher*, Emmy Award-winning *Beat Bugs* and Australia's highest-rated drama series, *Home & Away*. He was also the Head Writer and Co-showrunner on the sci-fi series Space Nova, for which he won the coveted John Hinde Award for excellence in Science Fiction.

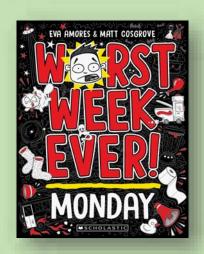
Suren Perera is an award-winning animation director, show creator, storyboard artist and book illustrator. Originally from Melbourne, Australia, he now lives in Montreal, Canada, and divides his time between both countries.

ILLUSTRATED JUNIOR FICTION GEMS!



The Bad Guys 1-20 by Aaron Blabey

World excl. ANZ, Albania, Arabic, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Catalan, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South East Asia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, USA & Vietnam



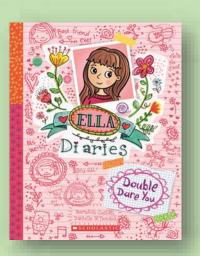
Worst Week Ever 1-7 by Eva Amores & Matt Cosgrove

World excl. ANZ, excl. Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Catalan, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South East Asia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, USA & Vietnam



Cat on the Run 1-3 by Aaron Blabey

World excl. ANZ, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Catalan, English language in Asia, Greece, India, Israel, Korea, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South East Asia, Spain, UK & USA



Ella Diaries 1-32 by Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

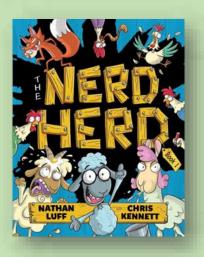
World excl. ANZ, Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Israel, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, South East Asia, Turkey, UK & USA

ILLUSTRATED JUNIOR FICTION GEMS!



Twinning 1-3 by Alexa Moses & Sofya Karmazina

World excl. ANZ, Brazil, France, Greece, Hungary, Slovakia & Spain



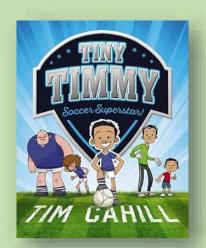
Nerd Herd 1-5 by Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

World excl. ANZ, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Iran & Poland



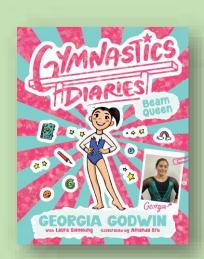
Sapphire and the Monster Hunters 1-3 by Scott Stuart

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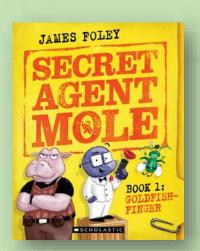
Tiny Timmy 1-15 by Tim Cahill & Heath McKenzie

World excl. ANZ, Brazil, Catalan, Czech Republic, Israel, Lithuania, Norway, Spain & Sweden



Gymnastic Diaries 1-4 by Georgia Godwin, Laura Sieveking, Amanda Erb & Camilla Frescura

World excl. ANZ, Brazil & Denmark

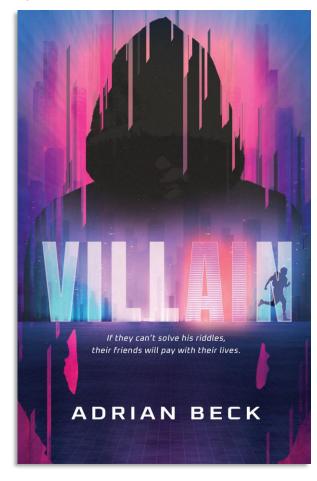


Secret Agent Mole 1-3 by James Foley

World excl. ANZ, Catalan, Germany, Spain & UK

VILLAIN SERIES

By Adrian Beck



If they can't solve his riddles, their friends will pay with their lives.

Gaming fanatic Jay receives a strange phone call on a school trip to Titanium Tower. The voice on the other end calls himself Z. And he has trapped Jay's classmates in the elevator at the very top of the skyscraper.

Jay finds himself with no choice but to try and solve Z's deadly riddles. Not only that, he has the worst person possible helping him: Hudson Hamm, the school's star athlete and resident tough guy.

Soon Jay and Hudson are on a high-stakes scavenger hunt around the city. Can they team up to beat Z at his own game? If not, their classmates and family members will pay with their lives.

Key Selling Points

- High-tech thriller with a dash of comedy
- Topical theme: When AI goes wrong...
- Nail-biting action scenes and hair-raising situations will keep readers on the edge of their seat
- Perfect for fans of Alex Rider and Hunger Games
- A sinister villain playing a deadly game. 2001: A Space Odyssey meets Space Demons

Series publication plan (subject to change)

Book 1: May 2025

Book 2: November 2025

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May 2025

Age:

10+

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Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

Mono

ISBN:

9781760267667

Imprint:

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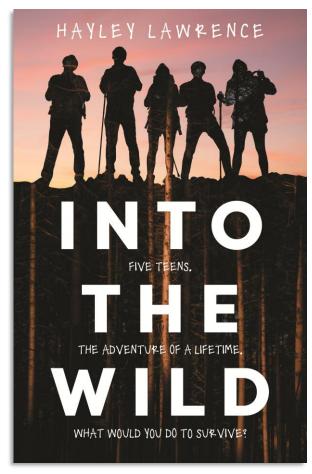
Rights:

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Adrian Beck is a bestselling, award-winning author who writes and illustrates funny, action-packed stories for kids. He is also a TV producer and a connoisseur of very bad dad jokes. Adrian has appeared at hundreds of schools, as well as the Sydney Writers Festival, Melbourne's Kids BookFest and Somerset Storyfest and is passionate about fostering a love of reading among the next generation. Adrian proudly grew up in Hobart, but now lives in Melbourne with his sport-loving family and sock-stealing cavoodle.

INTO THE WILD

By Hayley Lawrence



There are places in the world so remote that if you get lost, you may never be found.

Olive, Ted, Knox, Birdie and Silas enter a challenge to survive in the wild, without technology.

Working as a team, they must read maps, build fires, camp and trek through the most dangerous of terrain, in subzero temperatures.

But when the teenagers are split over a decision to climb a dangerous rock, disaster strikes. And in their quest for survival, one of them makes an unforgivable choice. With catastrophic consequences.

Nobody is blameless. And they may not all make it home. But those who do, may never forgive each other.

Key Selling Points

- A gripping new thriller from critically acclaimed Australian author Hayley Lawrence
- The story follows five teenagers on their quest to survive wild, dangerous terrain without technology
- Beautifully written from the perspectives of two of the teens: Olive, who is on a personal quest to find her dead mum's spirit, and Ted, who is desperate to show Birdie, the second girl in the group, how much he loves her
- Compelling, suspenseful and utterly mesmerising

More from Hayley Lawrence

- What They Told Me (2024)
- The Other Side of Tomorrow (2022)
- Skin Deep (2021)

Pub Date:

February 2025

Age:

10+

Specifications:

336 pp 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$19.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

Mono

ISBN:

9781761522116

Imprint:

Scholastic Australia

Rights:

World excl. ANZ

Hayley Lawrence has been writing since she learned to hold a pencil. She is currently a lawyer in coastal NSW, where she lives with her five beautifully wild daughters. Hayley's work is haunted by the stories she encounters as a lawyer, through her daughters and in the incredible people who lay their souls bare to her. Hayley's novels have won fellowships and been shortlisted for the Vogel Literary Award. Her novels have also received critical acclaim with the Children's Book Council of Australia, including an Honour Book Award in 2023.

WELCOME TO MIRACLE

By Shara Curlett



Where your greatest wishes—and worst nightmares—come true.

Juniper Mayfair is cursed by Chaos. Or so she has been told. And it is well known that children with Chaos may never visit Miracle, the private island that gifts its visitors magic for twenty-four hours.

What others don't realise, however, is that Juniper's Chaos comes in the form of a pesky ghost-who-claims-he's-not-a-ghost named Finnegan Frost.

So, when Juniper receives an elusive ticket to Miracle, she believes all her wishes have come true. After all, that's what the island promises.

On the island, though, she discovers that nothing is as it seems. Miracle is not bringing wishes to life, but nightmares. Juniper and her new friends must uncover the secrets of Miracle to rid the world of Chaos—for good. But first, they must survive the island...

'Prepare yourself for an unpredictable, relentless adventure! A magically charged story packed full of courage, self-belief and friendship—and many unexpected twists and turns!'

-Kate Foster, author of The Bravest World and Harriet Hound. .

Key Selling Points

- An exciting new voice in middle-grade fantasy fiction
- A fast-paced, magical adventure that is full of twists and turns that will keep you guessing until the very end
- Packed full of humour, mischief, mystery and magic

Pub Date:

April 2025

Age:

10+

Specifications:

352 pp 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$19.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

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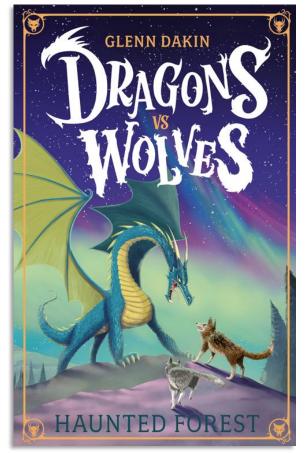
Rights:

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Shara Curlett lives on the Hibiscus Coast in Auckland, New Zealand, with her husband, two children and two dogs. She is passionate about inspiring creativity and imagination in children. Welcome to Miracle is her debut novel.

DRAGONS VS WOLVES #3: HAUNTED FOREST

By Glenn Dakin



COVER NOT FINAL

The final battle is at hand . . .

Deep in the heart of Ungoria, Lyricon and the dragons study a mysterious artefact, heedless of the poweful secrets it contains. Meanwhile, ghostly phantoms haunt the wolves' hunting trails, and Rana finds terrifying proof that they are a deadly threat to her pack.

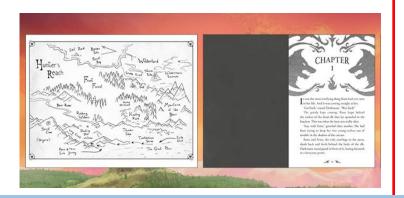
While the war between their kinds rages on, Rana and Lyricon must work together to uncover the source of the strange apparitions. Soon they face a magical trial like never before—one that demands all their cunning and bravery.

Key Selling Points

- Packed with mysterious lore, powerful magic, thrilling battles and shocking twists
- Perfect for fans of Dragon City, Dragon Mountain and the Wings of Fire series.
- Epic fantasy series from Emmy-award winning TV writer Glenn Dakin
- Fantasy adventure with humour and heart
- Embossed cover
- Includes fantasy world maps

More Dragons vs Wolves

- #1 Fallen Star: July 2024
- #2 Eye of the Dragon: February 2025



Pub Date:

August 2025

Age:

9+

Specifications:

320 pp 40 000 words 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$18.99

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Paperback

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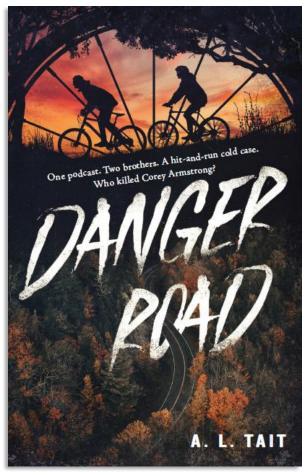
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Glenn Dakin s a writer of novels, comics and animation who created his first book at the age of eight for his family to read. Far-fetched and full of random jokes, it was a style he decided to stick with. He went on to write for Marvel Comics, and won an Emmy for his TV animation writing on Shaun the Sheep. He has also written for DC, Disney, Pokémon and Star Trek.

Danger Road

By A. L. Tait



reading crime and mystery novels.

A middle-grade crime thriller that will have you guessing until the very end.

Everyone's talking about Corey Armstrong . . .

Twenty five years ago, on a dark winter's night, teenager Corey Armstrong was left to die by a hitand-run driver on Danger Road. Now Corey's the subject of a podcast that's putting his hometown on the map, but with the series almost over, the case remains unsolved.

When brothers Alex and Leo decide to try to find out what happened to Corey, they learn more about his world than they could have imagined. Everyone's talking about the popular footballer, but the question remains: did anyone *really* know him?

As Alex and Leo sink deeper into the past, they uncover old secrets, ready to resurface, and realise that someone in town must know something—which means someone they know might be the killer. Will bringing up the past jeopardise the brothers' own futures? And could bringing a cold case back to life prove fatal?

Key Selling Points

- New middle grade novel by much-loved Australian author, A.L. Tait
- A cold-case crime fuels this gripping new thriller.
- Two brothers try to solve the mystery in their small town. Is the murderer still living there?
- Action-packed whodunnit for fans of Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer and Tristan Bancks' The Fall

More from A.L. Tait

- Willow Bright's Secret Plot (2025)
- The First Summer of Callie McGee (2023)

Pub Date:

July 2025

Age:

10+

Specifications:

288 pp 65,000 words 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$17.99

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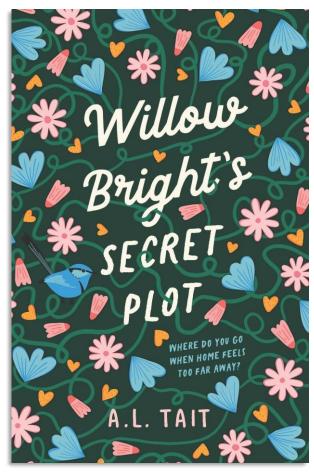
Allison Tait (A. L. Tait) writes stories full of adventure and mystery. She is the internationally published bestselling author of three epic middle-grade fantasy series—The Mapmaker Chronicles, The Ateban Cipher, and The Maven & Reeve Mysteries—as well as the contemporary novel The First Summer of Callie McGee.

Allison is a multi-genre writer, teacher and speaker, and co-host of the top-rating Your Kid's Next Read podcast. She lives on the south coast of NSW, Australia, where you'll usually find her

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WILLOW BRIGHT'S SECRET PLOT

By A. L. Tait



usually find her reading crime and mystery novels.

A middle-grade story about growing up, grief, finding your place in the world and the restorative benefits of nature.

After moving to the city from the country, Willow Bright feels like she's lost her mum all over again—and landed on another planet. Her clothes are wrong, her taste in music is wrong, and even the food she eats is wrong. But when Willow spots a pattern in a series of puzzling accidents and mishaps, she forms an unlikely friendship—and finds new purpose.

Can Willow solve the mystery and find room to be herself along the way? Or will her plot to run home to the wide-open spaces and memories of her mum land Willow in even more trouble?

Key Selling Points

- New middle grade novel by much-loved Australian author, A.L. Tait
- A book about finding your place in the world
- Coming-of-age story that also tackles themes of grief and family

More from A.L. Tait

• The First Summer of Callie McGee (2023)

Pub Date:

May 2025

Age:

10+

Specifications:

192 pp 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$15.99

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Paperback

Printing:

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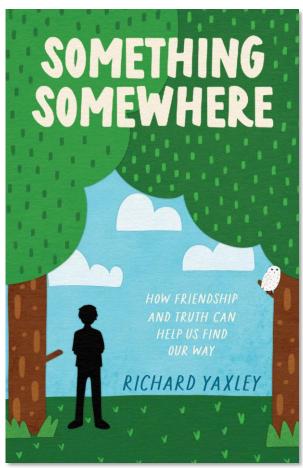
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SOMETHING SOMEWHERE

By Richard Yaxley



Malt's life is turned upside down when his mother announces they are moving yet again. But this time, it's to her home town of Pembrooke. And Malt will be meeting his grandmother for the very first time.

But things aren't all that they seem in Pembrooke, leaving Malt with many questions. Like, who is his father really? Who is the mysterious girl who keeps appearing in the trees? Why does a beautiful white owl keep coming to his window? And what sinister things lie within Bushman's Valley?

Will Malt ever find out the truth and a place to truly belong?

Key Selling Points

- Beautiful new fiction from the award-winning author of This Is My Song and The Happiness Quest
- A mystery-infused, moving, captivating novel for 10+ readers
- Explores themes of belonging, family and friendship

More from Richard Yaxley

- Leonardo Forever (2023)
- Harmony (2021)
- A New Kind of Everything (2020)
- The Happiness Quest (2018)
- This Is My Song (2017)

Pub Date:

August 2024

Age:

10+

Specifications:

240 pp 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$18.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

Mono

ISBN:

9781760266370

Imprint:

Scholastic Australia

Rights:

World excl. ANZ

Richard Yaxley has won numerous awards, including the 2018 Prime Minister's Literary Award for YA Literature and 2019 ACU Book of the Year for *This Is My Song*, and the 2010 Queensland Premier's Award for YA Fiction for *Drink the Air*. His 2018 novel, *The Happiness Quest*, was listed as a CBCA Notable Book for Older Readers. Richard has written novels for adults and young adults, as well as plays, poetry, school musicals and many books for the classroom. He lives in Brisbane, Australia.

SECRET KEEPER

By Di Walker



Change was coming.

Possibly sooner than any of the friends were prepared for.

Nell and Eden have been best friends forever. But now they are at the end of Year 6 and on the cusp of high school. Nell has been scouted to play in a new netball club the following year, but she doesn't feel like she can tell Eden.

And then there's Birdie. A mysterious girl who has moved onto Nell's street. She is quiet and reserved and doesn't appear to go to school. When Nell meets Birdie, their friendships begins to grow. But what secrets is Birdie hiding? And why doesn't Nell feel she can tell Eden about netball or Birdie?

A book about friendship, grief and secrets, set to the backdrop of the time of change from childhood to early adolescence.

Key Selling Points

- Beautiful middle grade novel about the year of changes at the end of primary school
- Written by CBCA shortlisted author of Saving Charli
- For fans of Nova Weetman and Emily Gale
- Themes: friendship, grief, change and love

More from Di Walker

- Saving Charli (2023)
- Every Thing We Keep (2021)

Pub Date:

June 2025

Age:

10+

Specifications:

240 pp 198 x 128 mm

Australian RRP:

\$17.99

Binding:

Paperback

Printing:

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Rights:

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Di Walker lives in regional Victoria, Australia with her two rescue dogs, three-legged Ruby and Icy, a loud snorer.

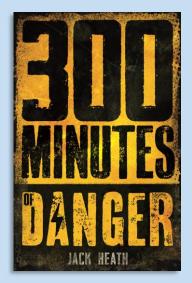
She usually writes early in the morning, before the sun rises and before the busyness of the day takes over. When she is not writing, Di likes to garden or listen to podcasts—sometimes both at the same time. Secret Keeper is her fourth novel.

MIDDLE GRADE GEMS!



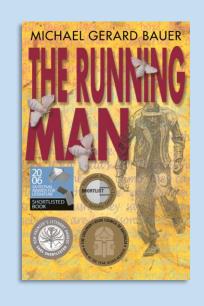
Deltora Quest series by Emily Rodda

World excl. ANZ, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, UK & USA



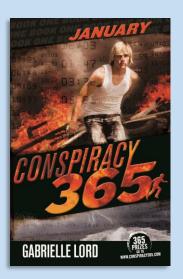
Minutes of Danger series by Jack Heath

World excl. ANZ, Canada, Netherlands, Serbia, Spain & USA



The Running Man by Michael Gerard Bauer

World excl. ANZ, China, France, Germany, Italy, Korea & USA



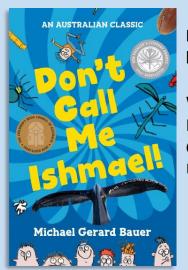
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