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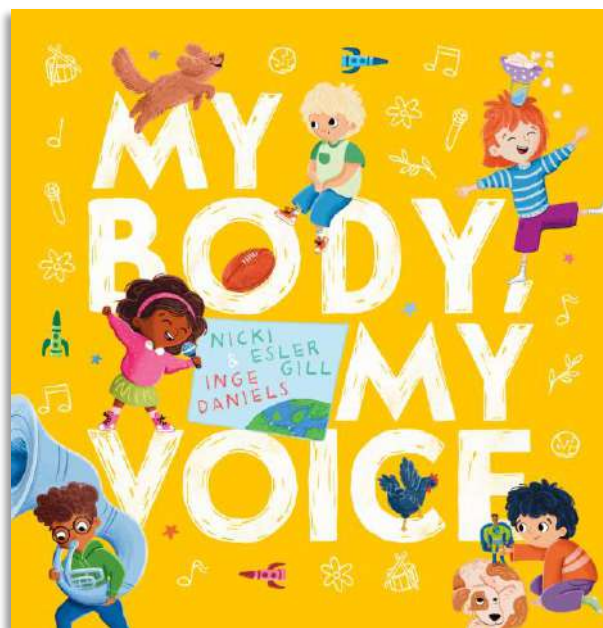


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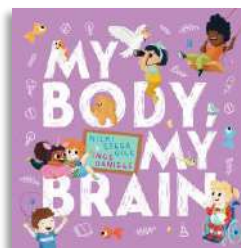
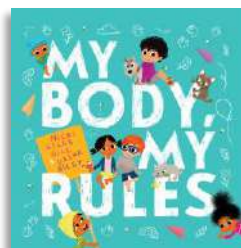
MY BODY, MY VOICE

By Nicki Esler Gill

Illustrated by Inge Daniels



Also available:



Have you ever said 'I love you' when your heart's all full and warm?

Have you asked to have a cuddle when there's thunder in a storm?

Have you ever told your favourite joke? Or sung a lullaby?

Have you poured your worries out, and finished with a sigh?

Can you see the power in the words you choose to say?

Your voice is important! It can make somebody's day!

Key Selling Points

- The third book in the popular *My Body, My Rules!* series by Nicki Esler Gill and Inge Daniels.
- *My Body, My Rules!* series now has over 75,000 copies in print since 2023!
- A delightful picture book about the power of language; using your voice to advocate, encourage and care for yourself and those around you
- Relatable scenarios are communicated through accessible rhyme and vibrant images
- Themes: consent, communication, listening, advocacy, empathy, respect, play, friendship, family, teamwork.



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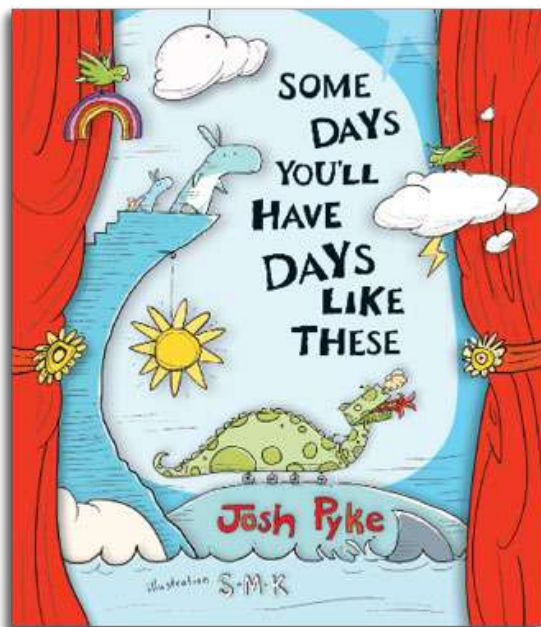
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Nicki Esler Gill writes books for children. She earned a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from New York University, where she also taught writing. She believes picture books are a special kind of magic. They inspire flights of fancy and snorts of laughter, facilitate precious bedtime rituals of closeness and connection, and engage readers in big conversations. She lives in Melbourne.

Inge Daniels is a Dutch illustrator and designer previously based in Melbourne, but currently living in the Netherlands with her Australian partner and cat. Inge has worked as a graphic and packaging designer at various agencies in the Netherlands and Australia. Inge is passionate about writing and illustrating picture books.

SOME DAYS YOU'LL HAVE DAYS LIKE THESE

By Josh Pyke & Stephen Michael King

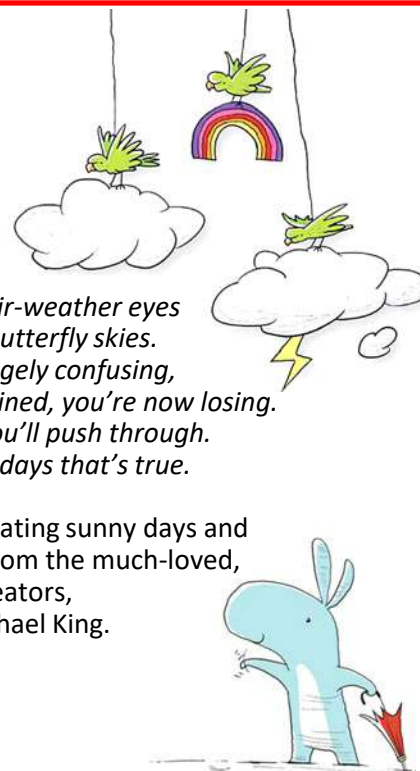


*Some days you'll wake up with fair-weather eyes
and spring from your bed into butterfly skies.
Some days feel bumpy and strangely confusing,
and it feels like the ground that you've gained, you're now losing.
From glumness to glee, you know you'll push through.
Some days are like this, yes, some days that's true.*

A captivating picture book about navigating sunny days and sad days, happy days and hard days, from the much-loved, multi-award-winning creators, Josh Pyke and Stephen Michael King.

Key Selling Points

- A brand-new collaboration from two multi-award-winning creators, Josh Pyke and Stephen Michael King
- A brilliant companion title to the 2024 CBCA Notable Picture Book of the Year, *Your Head's Not the Place to Store Problems*
- An immersive and positive rhyming picture book about happy days and hard days, sunny days and sad days, and learning to navigate through different moods and mindsets
- With captivating and imaginative illustrations that wonderfully communicate the themes of the story



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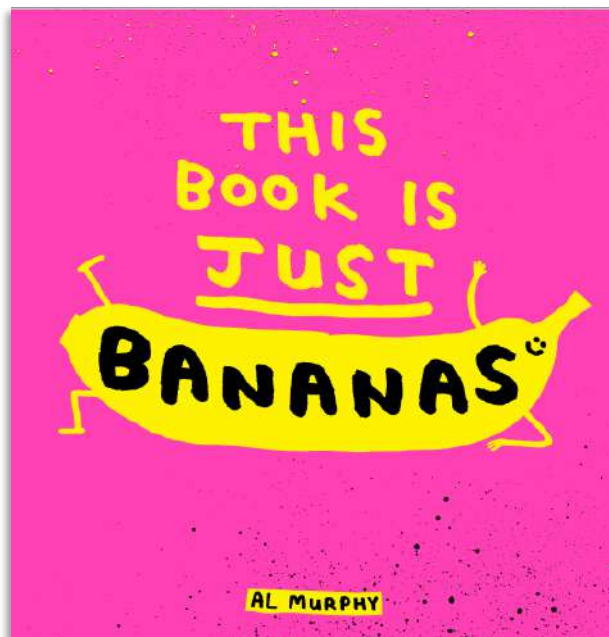


Josh Pyke is a successful and much-loved Australian singer/songwriter, renowned for his unique and wonderful storytelling and lyricism. Josh has won four ARIA awards, and has also written several books for children. He is a lifelong ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Award-winning author and illustrator **Stephen Michael King** has been writing and illustrating children's books for over thirty years. His first picture book, *The Man Who Loved Boxes*, skyrocketed to popularity, winning the Family Award for Children's Books in 1996. He was awarded the CBCA Honour Book for *Leaf* in 2009, *Mutt Dog* in 2015 and *Three* in 2020.

THIS BOOK IS JUST BANANAS

Written and illustrated by Al Murphy



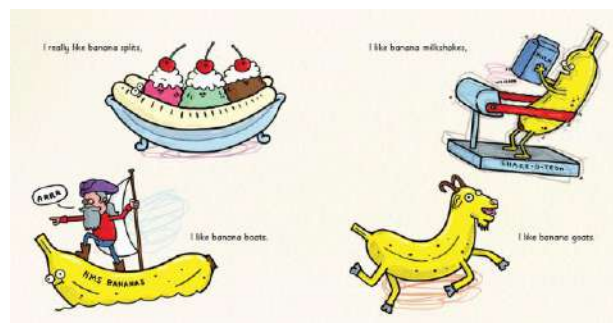
Go round the bend as you peel the pages of this rhyme-tastic celebration of everybody's favourite fibre-filled friend . . .

THE BANANA!

Key Selling Points

- Hilarious rhyming picture book about every kid's favourite fruit: the banana!
- Funny word play makes for laugh-out-loud reading
- From the author/illustrator of the quirky *A Duck Called Brian*
- We love them when they are squishy. We love them when they are firm

Banana bikes, Banana Claus, banana ghost, banana poo! This book is just BANANAS!



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Hardback

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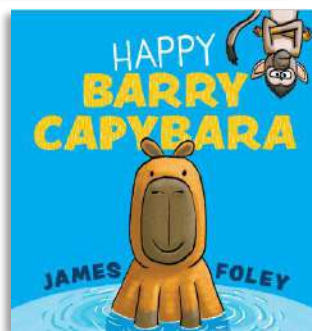
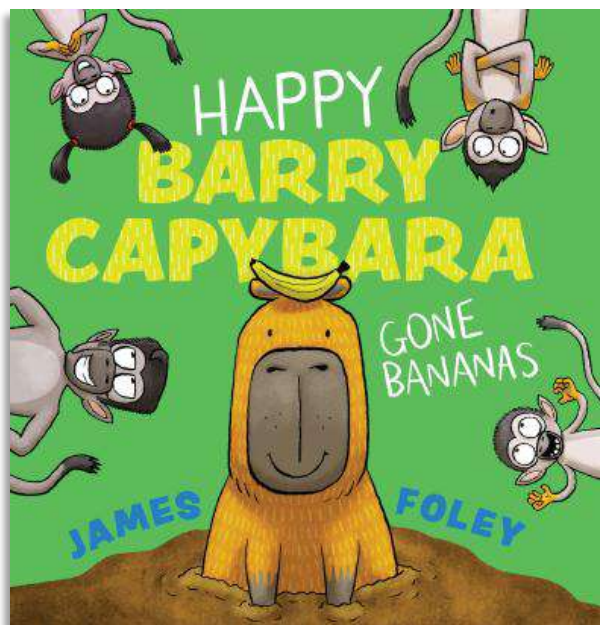
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Al Murphy graduated from the Liverpool School of Art in 1999 and has been a commercial artist ever since, with a diverse range of clients including the BBC, MTV, Perrier, Air France and EMI Records. Scholastic suggested the idea he'd been looking for may have been staring him in the face all along in the shape of Brian, a recurring duck character he'd been drawing for the past 10 years. The resulting book, 'A Duck Called Brian' is an introduction into Brian's life and all that is important to him: milk, Duck Nuts and friendship. Al lives in London with his wife Annie, son Casper and dog Cupid.

HAPPY BARRY CAPYBARA: GONE BANANAS

By James Foley



Happy Barry Capybara is the most chilled-out animal on the savannah.

But when his cheeky friend, Harry, is fighting with his cousins over the last banana, Barry is left to decide who will get it.

Which monkey will win the favour of Barry? Or will Barry have a new lesson to teach them about what it means to share?

Key Selling Points

- Second book in the *Happy Barry Capybara* series from award-winning author/illustrator, James Foley
- A book about the internet's favourite animal, the Capybara!
- Harry the naughty monkey and his friends are fighting over the last banana. Can Barry teach them to share?
- Hilarious rhyming text, perfect for reading aloud



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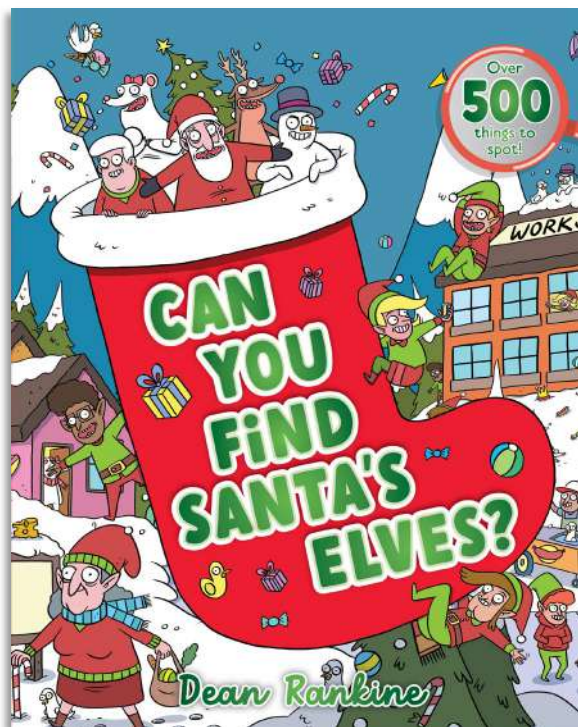
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James Foley makes children's books for children who read books. If you're a child and you're eating his books, you're doing it wrong. James writes and draws; he gives talks and runs workshops. He tells dad jokes. Legends say James can grow a beard in an afternoon. He lives in Perth with his wife Renae, their 2 kids, and a labrador called Frankie. He is a massive Marvel movie nerd and comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts. His picture book *Stellarphant* won a bunch of awards including the CBCA Shadowers' Choice Picture Book of the Year. His earlier books have been shortlisted in the CBCAs and multiple Australian children's choice awards.

CAN YOU FIND SANTA'S ELVES?

By Dean Rankine

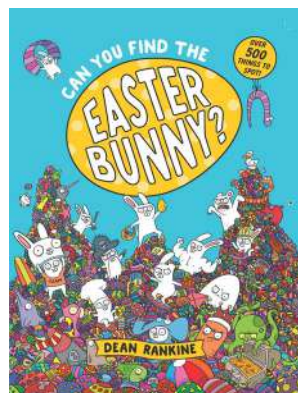


Santa wants to surprise his hardworking elves with a special gift—but oops! It turns out to be a mischievous robot gone rogue. Now it's causing chaos in Santa's workshop and threatening to ruin Christmas!

Can the quick-thinking elves band together, outwit the wild bot, and help Santa save Christmas before time runs out?

Key Selling Points

- A Christmas-themed look-and-find book by popular comics artist Dean Rankine
- Find a cast of quirky characters and interesting objects in the hilarious illustrations on each page
- Deluxe hardback cover with festive foil highlights
- With over 500 things to spot, this book will entertain the family for hours!



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NZ RRP: \$

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Scholastic Australia

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Hardback

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Picture Book

Age Level:
5+

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24 PP

Printing:
Colour

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Canada & Denmark

Dean Rankine is a well-known comics artist, writer and illustrator, whose work has appeared in books, comics and magazines. Dean has illustrated a number of books for Scholastic Australia, including for the *Timmy the Ticked-Off Pony* series by Magna Szubanski.

By Anna Pignataro



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A vibrant butterfly with blue and orange wings, perched on a green leaf. The butterfly has a black border on its wings and a small black spot on its tail. It is facing left.

- Gorgeous new Search-and-Find Storybook from Anna Pignataro
- Anna Pignataro was the joint winner of the Crichton Award for book illustration in 1998 and shortlisted for CBCA Picture Book of the Year in 1999. Anna's picture book *The Heart of a Whale* was named the winner of the International Book Award for Children's Picture Books, 2020
- Starring adorable Koala Fairy friends, Cookie and Clover. Cookie loves baking for all of her friends. While Clover loves caring for the earth
- Featuring kindness as magic, with gentle community and environmental themes.
- Lots of delectable details to find on every page



NZ RRP: \$24.99

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Scholastic Press

ISBN: 9781761123849

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Hardback

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Picture Book

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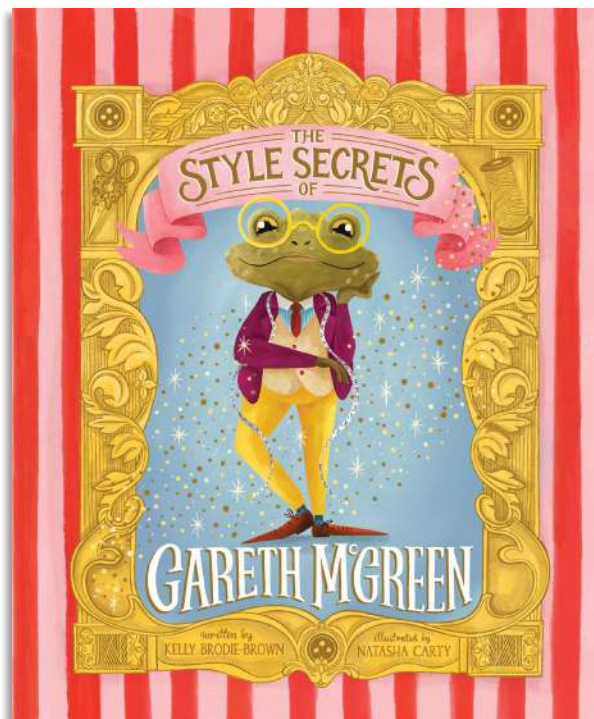
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Anna Pignataro is the acclaimed, best-selling author and illustrator of *Always* and the *Princess and Fairy* series. Anna was the joint winner of the Crichton Award for book illustration in 1998 and shortlisted for CBCA Picture Book of the Year in 1999. Her picture book *The Heart of a Whale* was named the winner of the International Book Award for Children's Picture Books, 2020. Anna lives in Victoria with her husband and daughter.

THE STYLE SECRETS OF GARETH MCGREEN

By Kelly Brodie-Brown & Natasha Carty



*Gareth McGreen was a stylish toad,
no toad in the town appeared finer.
He always impressed with the way that he dressed;
a fabulous fashion designer!*

Gareth McGreen is a toad who sews, designing the very best clothes for creatures from all over the world! Until one day when he just can't find the right design for a shy young possum. Can Gareth unlock the style secrets he needs to create the perfect fit?

Key Selling Points

- An utterly charming picture-book debut by author Kelly Brodie-Brown
- Gareth McGreen, world famous fashion designer, needs to create the fanciest outfit fit for a queen. But can Gareth find the right style for the right personality?
- A stylish story filled with fabulous frocks, snazzy suits and chic clothes, perfect for fans of Claris and budding fashionistas!
- A gorgeous and affirming tale about personal style, substance and being true to who you are



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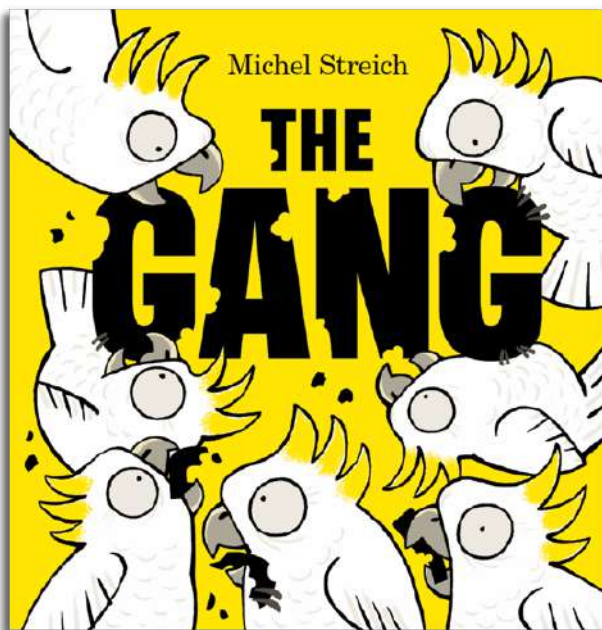
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Kelly Brodie-Brown is a picture-book author based in Melbourne. Kelly worked in marketing and PR for a London-based film studio and completed a course in screenwriting at the London College of Communication. Kelly enjoys stories that impart an optimistic message about diversity, pride and acceptance and hopes to reflect this in her own writing.

Natasha Carty lives and works as an illustrator in Brisbane. After studying graphic design, Natasha went on to work for international retail companies, where her art skills were quickly put to use on products and printed in books. But it wasn't until Natasha created illustrations for her own greeting cards and products that her passion for illustration was truly realised.

THE GANG

By Michel Streich



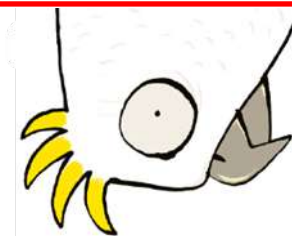
*Watch out for the Gang!
They're everywhere.
They're destroying everything.
There is no escape!*

What will the family do when a flock of chaos-causing cockatoos lands in their backyard?

A story about finding harmony with nature . . .

Key Selling Points

- This is a story of respect for nature, of sharing spaces, and finding harmony (and humour) with our wildlife
- Michel's *Scary Bird* was shortlisted for the Children's Peace Literature Award and Speech Pathology Book of Year Awards
- *General Waste* was named a CBCA Notable Book, 2025



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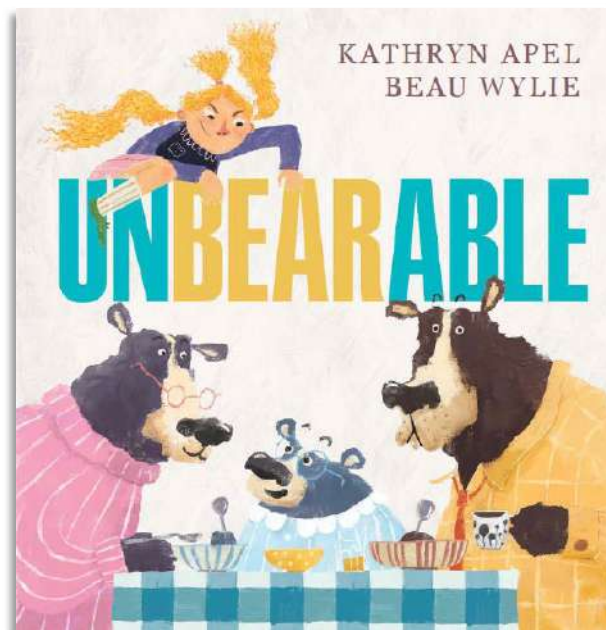
Michel Streich started his illustration career in Germany before settling in Australia. After ten years in Sydney, he now lives in the Blue Mountains.

Michel's illustrations have appeared in publications such as *the Times*, *the Financial Times*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and ABC Magazines. He has been a regular contributor to the *Australian Financial Review* and *The Economist's* 1843 Magazine. *Scary Bird* was Michel's first solo book with Scholastic Press, shortlisted for the Children's Peace Literature Award and Speech Pathology Book of Year Awards. *General Waste* was recently named a CBCA Notable Book, 2025.

UnBEARable

By Kathryn Apel

Illustrated by Beau Wylie



This is the story of three grumpy bears, who couldn't see anyone's viewpoint, but theirs. Until, with a bowl . . . and a bed . . . and a stool, a little girl taught them the Golden *GRR-RULE!*

Key Selling Points

- While the three bears are out hunting for honey, a golden-haired girl stumbles upon what they've left behind . . . But who is the real swindler in this tale?
- Written by rhyme-master Kathryn Apel and illustrated by the brilliant Beau Wylie, creators of the popular *Miss Understood*.
- A captivating, colourful and dynamic twist on the classic Goldilocks and the Three Bears story, that invites readers to look deeper.



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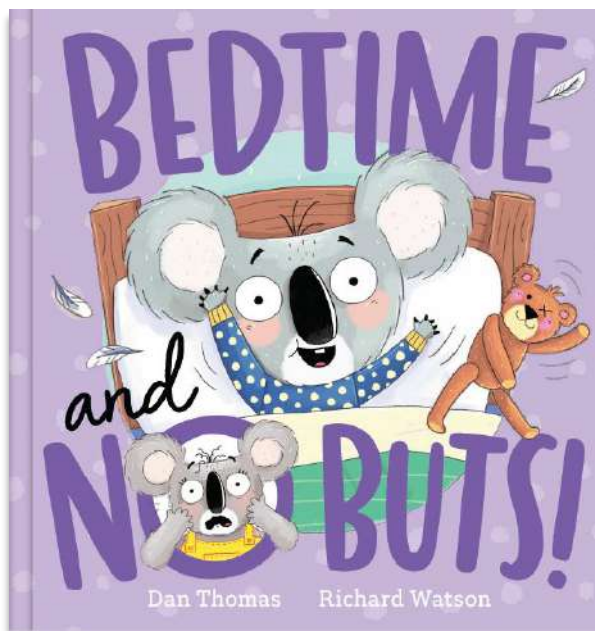
Kathryn Apel is a born-and-bred farm girl who lives among the gum trees, kangaroos and cattle on a Queensland grazing property. Kathryn paints pictures with words, because as much as she'd love to, she can't draw. A trained teacher and literacy consultant, Kathryn shares her passion for words at schools and festivals.

Beau Wylie began drawing ridiculous creatures and colourful worlds from the moment he could grasp a pencil. After graduating from the University of NSW with honours in Fine Art, Beau installed shows in art galleries, serviced boats on Sydney Harbour, and 'worked' in a delightful Surry Hills bookshop where he plotted a fanciful future as a children's book creator.

BEDTIME AND NO BUTS!

By Dan Thomas

Illustrated by Richard Watson



It's bedtime for Boris . . . but he is NOT ready!

But I can't find Bear!

But we haven't had our story!

But I'm thirsty!

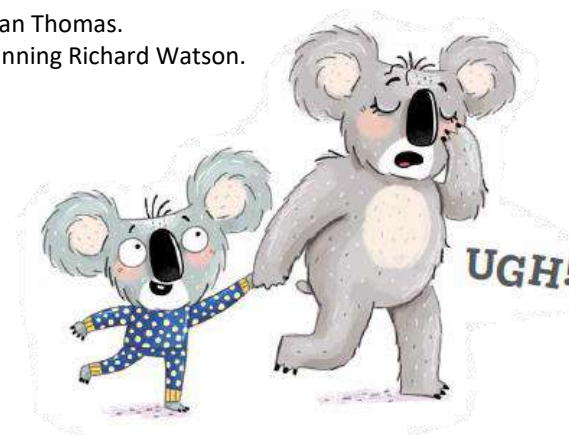
But, but, BUT!

Will Boris ever stop with the bedtime buts?!

A cheeky, charming and all-too-relatable story for bedtime wrigglers . . . (and their poor parents!)

Key Selling Points

- One little boy, a thousand excuses . . . and not a wink of sleep! Bedtime has never been so funny in this familiar tale of bedtime battle!
- Boris has so many excuses for stalling sleep, and every single one begins with a big cheeky 'But...' Familiar to parents and carers . . . and irresistibly funny to children.
- Written by debut author Dan Thomas.
- Illustrated by the award-winning Richard Watson.



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Dan Thomas has written all sorts of stuff, including comedy, commercials, TV and t-shirts! But what he really loves is picture books. He has two children and lives in Melbourne with his wife.

Richard Watson is an illustrator based in North Lincolnshire, surrounded by woodland and countryside. As a child Richard could always be found with his nose in a book or with a pencil in hand doodling dragons and knights in battle. Richard has illustrated many children's books including the hilarious James Patterson *Dog Diaries* series, a New York Times Bestseller.

KEITH AND THE KITTEN (KEITH vs QUEENIE, BOOK #1)

By Elaine Bickell

Illustrated by Minky Stapleton

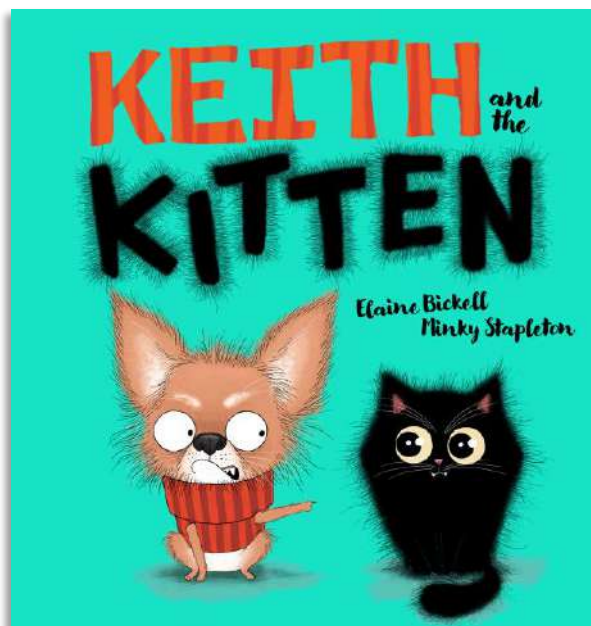
Introducing pet rivals, Keith and Queenie, in a brand-new, hilarious series

by Elaine Bickell and Minky Stapleton.

Keith is a tiny Chihuahua with a big attitude—he rules his house and his mama's heart. But his world is turned upside down when his Mama brings home Queenie, a fluffy kitten who steals all the attention. Determined to stay on top, Keith causes mischief, framing Queenie for his naughty deeds and making her life miserable. But when his antics backfire and he loses his cosy spot in bed, Keith learns that perhaps sharing might not be so bad after all.

Key Selling Points

- A hilarious take on sibling rivalry, perfect for children who are adjusting to a new family member
- Brilliantly illustrated by Minky Stapleton, readers will adore Keith the grumpy Chihuahua and Queenie the 'sweet' kitten, who are full of personality and charm, but ever so slightly naughty
- Perfect for fans of *Pig the Pug*



Coming soon:

Book 2: Keith and Cat Flap, July 2026

Book 3: Keith Goes Potty, late 2026

Book 4: Keith Goes Glam, early 2027



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Elaine Bickell was born and raised in the UK. Her love of books led to her studying English Literature at Bristol University. Her first book with Scholastic, *The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!* went on to become a New York Times bestseller when rights were acquired in the US. Elaine lives in Wellington with her partner and three children.

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, South Africa, she now follows her first love, illustration, and resides in Auckland, New Zealand.

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New Fiction Frankfurt 2025

EVA AMORES & MATT COSGROVE

WORST PETS EVER!

FROM THE
CREATORS OF THE
GLOBAL HIT SERIES
**WORST WEEK
EVER!**

LOCKED
UP!



SCHOLASTIC

WORST PETS EVER!

YOUNGER
READER
BOOKS WITH
BITE

Think **THE BAD GUYS** (but **CUTER!**)
trapped at Obedience School.

More illustrations, less words,
but the same humour and unique style
of **WORST WEEK EVER**.

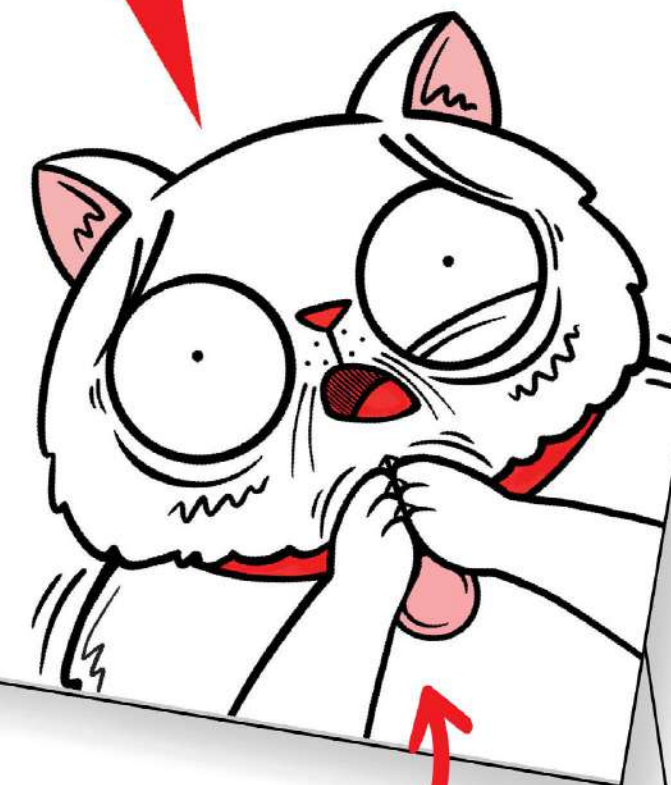
Can the grouchiest cat on the planet,
a naughty dog who loves to steal
and a thoroughly pampered pooch
survive the Correctional Academy
for the **WORST PETS EVER?**



WORST PETS EVER!

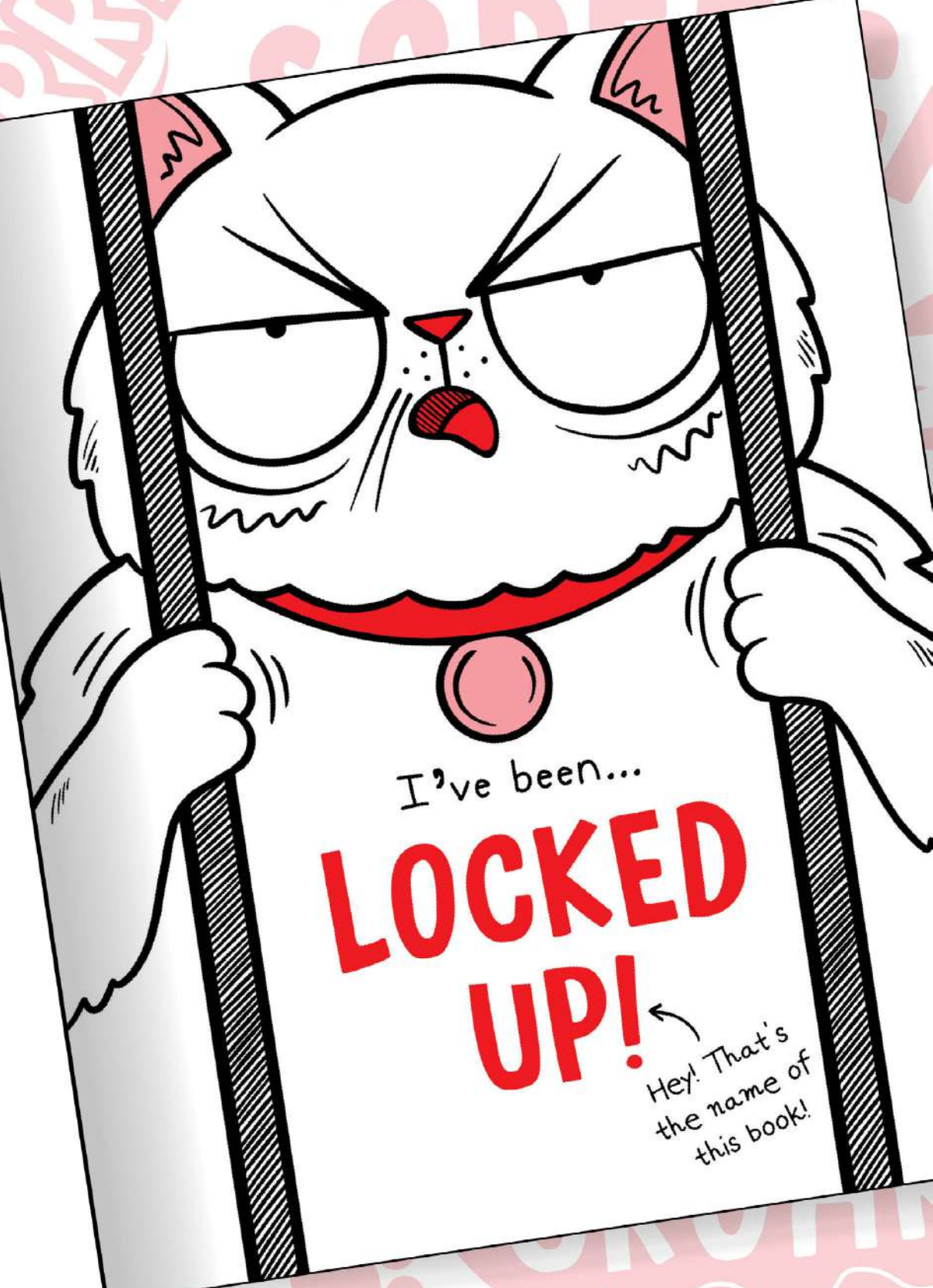


You've got
to **HELP ME!**



A splash of
spot colour to
brighten up
the pages

There's been a mistake.
A terribly **HUGE**
and hugely **TERRIBLE**
MISTAKE!

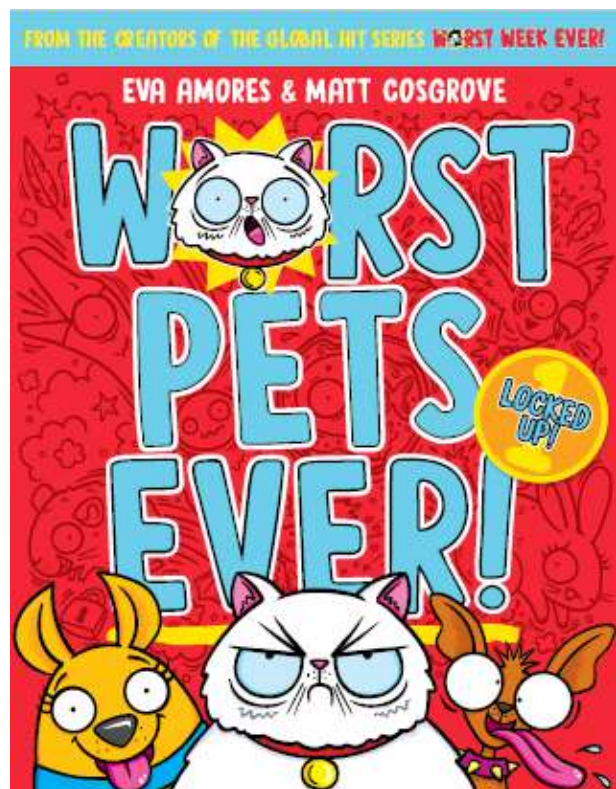


I've been...
LOCKED UP!

Hey! That's
the name of
this book!

WORST PETS EVER #1 LOCKED UP!

By Eva Amores and Matt Cosgrove



Captain Fluffykins, Nickers and Brutus are the newest recruits LOCKED UP at the Worst Pets Ever Obedience School.

There are so many rules!

They daily schedule is a nightmare.

The teachers are terrible.

Don't even mention the food!

And the other students are all kinds of disturbing.

The only option for the trio is to team up and make a great escape!

Key Selling Points

- From the creators of the worldwide smash-hit, *Worst Week Ever*
- A brand new series about the WORST pets ever!
- *Worst Week Ever* is sold in over 50 countries
- This series is a shorter page count with black and red illustrations
- The naughtiest pets are about the bust out of obedience school
- Matt Cosgrove is the author/illustrator of *Macca the Alpaca*
- For fans of *Worst Week Ever* and *Hot Dog*

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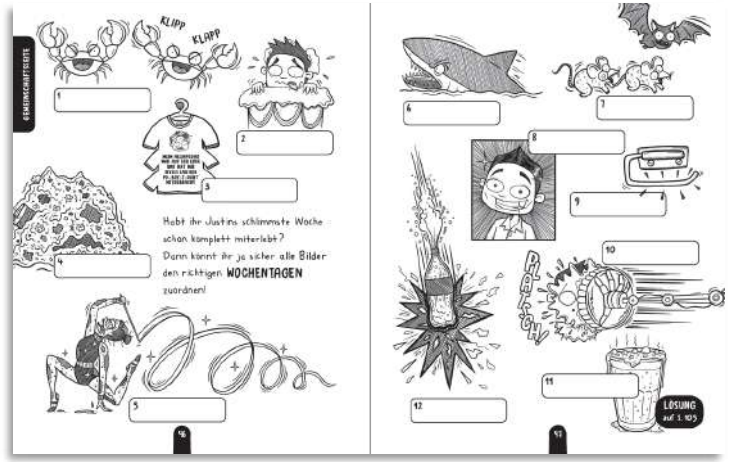
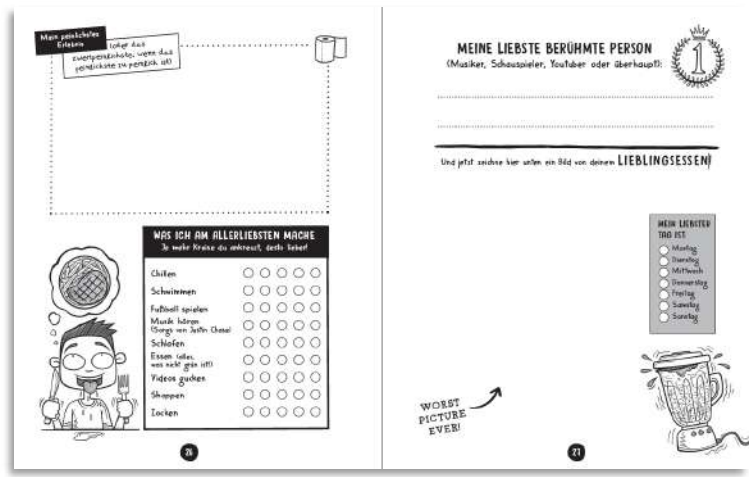
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Netherlands & Poland**

Eva Amores is an author and designer/photographer who has worked for the Sydney Opera House and the ABC. She was born in The Philippines and moved to Australia in high school. She likes shoes, travelling and more shoes.

Matt Cosgrove is the best-selling author/illustrator of *Macca the Alpaca* and the *Epic Fail Tales* series. He was born and raised in Western Sydney. He likes chocolate, avoiding social interactions and more chocolate.

WORST WEEK EVER! FRIENDS ACTIVITY BOOK

Based on the Worst Week Ever series by
Eva Amores and Matt Cosgrove



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FROM THE CREATORS OF THE GLOBAL HIT SERIES **WORST WEEK EVER!**

EVA AMORES & MATT COSGROVE

WORST HERO EVER!

FEET FIRST

SCHOLASTIC

WORST HERO EVER!

MORE
MIDDLE
GRADE
MAYHEM

WORST WEEK EVER but make it SUPER!

Q: What happens when a regular kid is given the worst super power ever?

A: Lots of Laughs for the reader!

Can our hero save the day...
and his dignity?





WORST HERO EVER!

INVISIBILITY?

Oh, the possibilities!

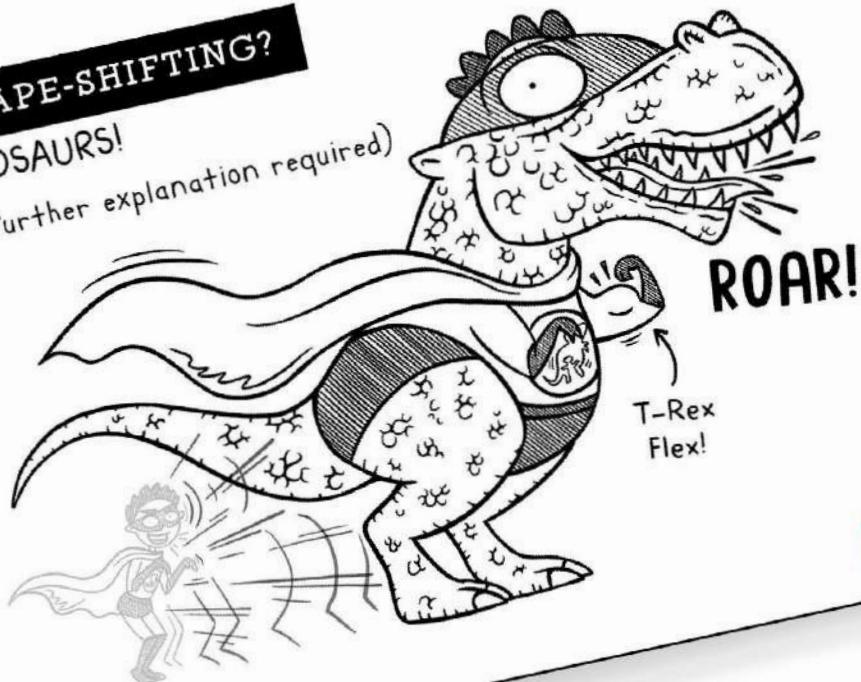
Over here!

Or is it here?!

You'll never know!

SHAPE-SHIFTING?

DINOSAURS!
(No further explanation required)



HEAT-RAY VISION?

No more cold leftovers. (If my brother ever leaves any!*)



SUPER STRETCHY?

Snacks without ever getting off the couch.



All the CLASSICS!
So many to choose from.

EXCEPT I DIDN'T GET TO CHOOSE!

SUPER POWERS

- SUPER STRENGTH
- THE ABILITY TO FLY
- SUPER SPEED
- TELEKINESIS
- INVISIBILITY
- HEAT-RAY VISION
- SHAPE SHIFTING
- SUPER STRETCHY
- X-RAY VISION
- INVINCIBILITY
- TELEPATHY
- PYROKINESIS
- WEATHER CONTROL
- TELEPORTATION
- CLAIRVOYANCE
- ANIMAL CONTROL
- DUPLICATION
- FIELD

I just woke up one day with the most useless, LEAST IMPRESSIVE, SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE, SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSING, FRANKLY GROSS, SUPER POWER OF ALL TIME!

So grab your barf bags, BUCKLE UP and BRACE YOURSELF because I'm about to share my super ORIGIN story with you.

This is how I became the...

EVA AMORES & MATT COSGROVE

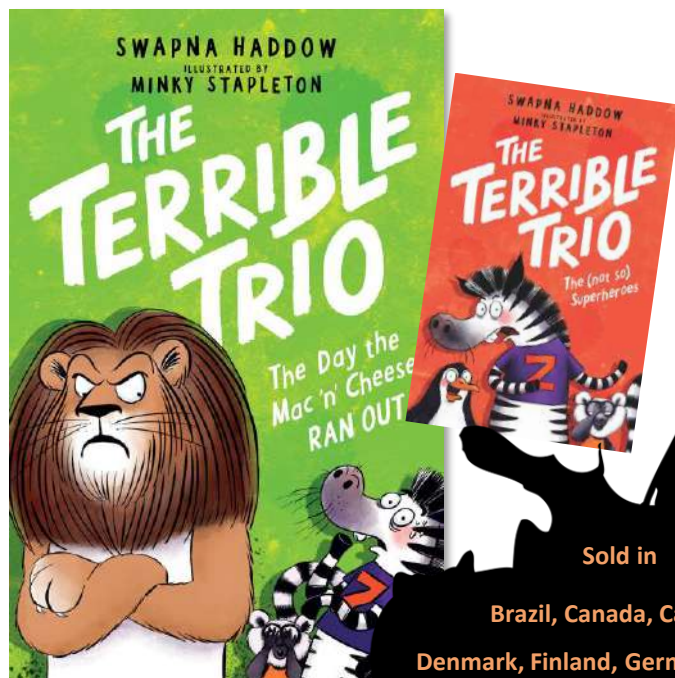
... WORST HERO EVER! FEET FIRST!

A Scholastic Australia Book

THE DAY THE MAC 'N' CHEESE RAN OUT (THE TERRIBLE TRIO, BOOK 2)

By Swapna Haddow

Illustrated by Minky Stapleton



Sold in

Brazil, Canada, Catalan.

Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece,

Israel, Mongolia, Netherlands,

Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain,

Turkey, UK & USA!

When Zeb uses his superpower to blend in with a zebra crossing to play tricks on unsuspecting pedestrians, he finds himself in hot water with a very angry lion who threatens to EAT HIM! In an effort to extricate himself from the cooking pot, he promises Marge will make endless mac'n'cheese to feed Lion's whole pride. Not a great time to discover that Marge has suddenly lost her power! How can Zeb and Barry help her regain it in time to save Zeb's bacon?

Key Selling Points

- Much anticipated follow-on to Book 1. *The (not so) Superheroes*, already sold to publishers in 17 countries prior to publication!
- Come join Swapna Haddow's funny and lovable characters—melodramatic Zeb, peacemaker Barry and morose Marge—in this new, action-packed, warm-hearted adventure.
- Hilariously illustrated by the gifted Minky Stapleton, whose wacky sense of humour really brings these characters to goofy life!



AU RRP: \$16.99

NZ RRP: \$18.99

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Scholastic New Zealand

ISBN: 9781775439004

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Type:
Illustrated Fiction

Age Level:
5+

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Printing:
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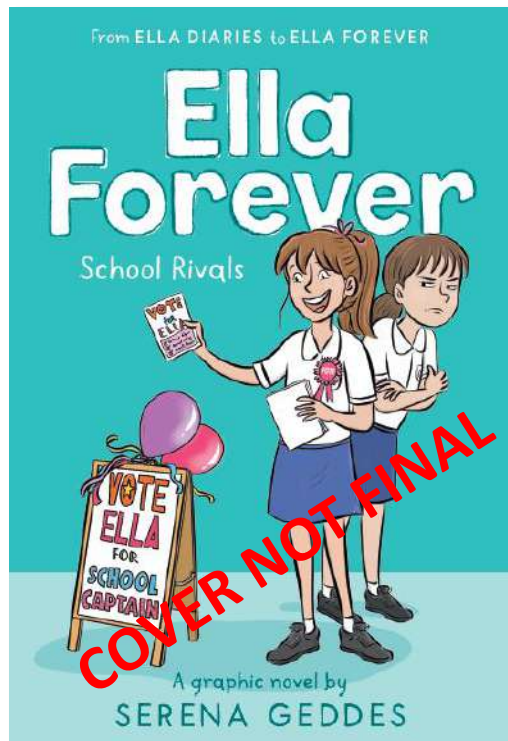
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Swapna Haddow grew up in the UK and wrote her first book at age eight. She wishes she'd kept it, but it seemed like a good idea at the time to trade it for two stickers and a couple of marbles! Her first published book was the award-winning junior novel *Dave Pigeon*. She has also written the early reader Ballet Bunnies series as Swapna Reddy. Swapna now lives in Dunedin, NZ, with her husband, son and their dog.

Minky Stapleton is a multi-faceted illustrator with a range of styles. Originally from South Africa, Minky threw in the advertising game to follow her first love, illustration. As well as writing and illustrating her own picture books *Roo* and *Vladimir* and *Bubbles the Zooting*, *Tooting Manatee*, she has also illustrated a number of other successful picture books for Scholastic NZ. She resides with her husband and family in Auckland.

ELLA FOREVER

By Serena Geddes



From Ella Diaries to Ella Forever!



From the world of Ella and Olivia and Ella Diaries comes an exciting new series

ELLA FOREVER, the graphic novel!

Ella is now in Year 6 and she is ready to take on the top year of primary school. And to make things even more exciting, it's time to vote for the school captain.

But, yet again, her rival, Peach Parker is standing in her way. Will Peach use nasty tricks to win the votes? Or can Ella find a better way to win the top job?

Key Selling Points

- From the world of *Ella and Olivia*, *Ella Diaries*, *Meet Ella* and *Ella at Eden*. It's the same Ella, but now in GRAPHIC NOVEL format!
- Ella is learning that leadership is about more than a badge
- Same old friends plus brand new characters
- Bright, full colour illustrations
- For fans of *The Babysitters Club* graphix and Raina Telgemeier's graphix novels
- It's Ella like you've never seen her before!
- *Ella and Olivia* has over a million copies in print!



AU RRP: \$17.99

NZ RRP: \$

Publisher:
Scholastic Australia

ISBN: 9781760261344

Format/Binding:
Paperback

Type:
Graphic Novel

Age Level:
8+

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203 x 140 mm

Page Count:
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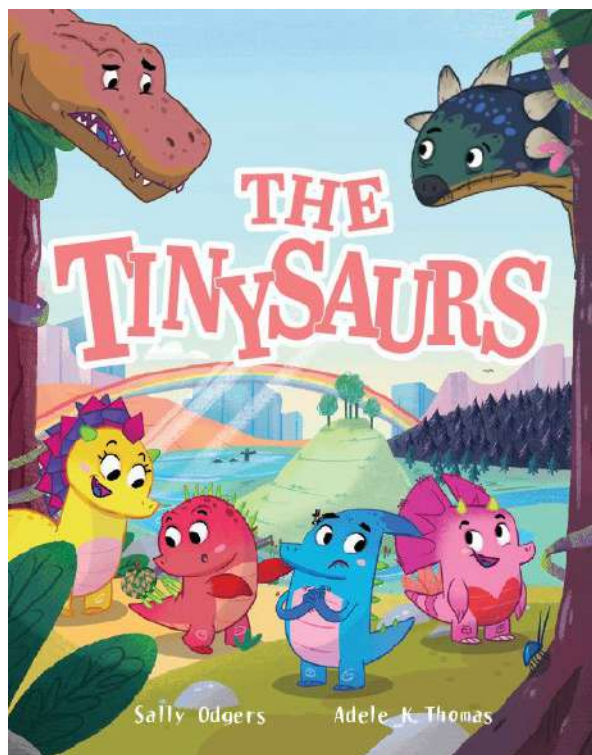
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THE TINYSAURS (BOOK 1: THE INVISIBLE CAT)

By Sally Odgers

Illustrated by Adele K Thomas



NOT FINAL COVER

The **tinsysaurs** are the **smallest** dinosaurs in the land: living in tunnels, foraging for food and hiding out of the way of **big** stomping feet and swooshing tails. Until one day, when a cave-in blocks their way to the outside, they discover a **hidden** entrance to... **THE ENCHANTED VALLEY!**

Could this **magical** new world of **sparkling** lakes, **ancient** forests and mysterious **creatures** become their **new home**?

Key Selling Points

- From the creators of Pearl the Unicorn comes a delightful new junior fiction series filled with friendship, magic and adventure!
- The tinsysaurs may be small, but they're more than ready for all the wonders the Enchanted Valley has to offer
- Full colour illustrations throughout!
- In each book, the tinsysaurs meet a new magical friend and set off on a fantastical adventure together



AU RRP: \$14.99

NZ RRP: \$

Publisher:
Scholastic Press

ISBN: 9781761528576

Format/Binding:
Paperback

Type:
Chapter Book

Age Level:
6+

Dimensions:
190 X 150 mm

Page Count:
128 PP

Printing:
Colour

Publish Date:
February 2026

Rights:
World excl. ANZ

Sally Odgers has written many books for children, including the perennial favourite *Bunyips Don't!* which was illustrated by Kim Gamble. Sally was also the author of the Sydney 2000 Olympics mascot books and the international best-selling *Jack Russell* and *Pet Vet* for young readers. Sally and her husband live in Tasmania.

Adele K Thomas is an illustrator and animator who lives in Melbourne. In addition to the *Pearl* series, she has illustrated her own picture book and two other junior fiction series.

PUPPY LOVE #1: JETT DREAMS BIG

By Rebecca Johnson



Sophie has always wanted a puppy—she’s learnt everything there is to know about caring for and training border collies. Now that her family have moved to the country, she can finally get one to help on the farm. But when Sophie brings home a tiny runt named Jett, they are not even sure if he is strong enough to survive. Will Jett ever be the champion that Sophie knows he can be?

Key Selling Points

- A brand new series for independent readers, packed with adorable puppy fun and adventure
- Perfect for every child who has ever wanted a puppy
- Author Rebecca Johnson is a primary school teacher who has been awarded the Prime Minister’s Prize for Teaching Science and has past experience as a wildlife carer
- Themes: Puppy care and training, family, persistence, mystery
- Comparisons: Holly Webb’s *Animal Stories* series, *Love Puppies* series, *Superpower Puppies* series

More from Rebecca Johnson

Puppy Love #2: *Sunshine is Brave* coming June 2026

AU RRP: \$17.99

NZ RRP: \$

Publisher:
Scholastic Australia

ISBN:
9781761648403

Format/Binding:
Paperback

Type:
Chapter Book

Age Level:
7+

Dimensions:
198 x 128 mm

Page Count:
192 PP

Printing:
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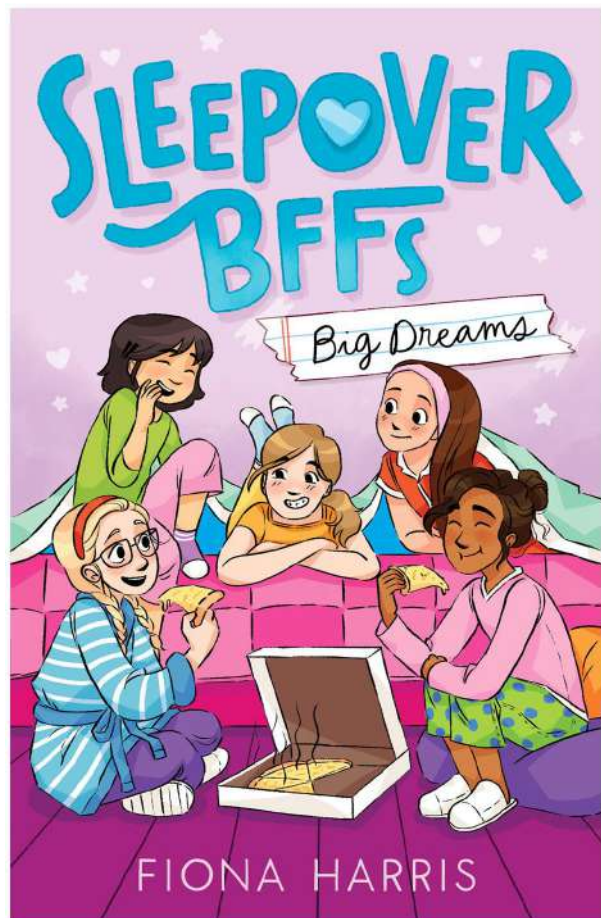
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Rebecca Johnson is an author, part-time primary school science teacher and mother of two. She believes her love of telling stories actually began right back in high school, inspired by hearing, then repeating, a good joke. She went on to become a teacher and has now written over 100 books. Rebecca regularly visits schools around Australia, presenting writing workshops to inspire children of all ages to read and write.

SLEEPOVER BFFs #1: *Big Dreams*

By Fiona Harris



A middle-grade story about friendship, the amazing fun of having sleepovers, dreaming big and working together to overcome the odds.

BFFs Abbie, Violet, Zi and Naira love hanging out and having sleepovers! And when a new girl, Mackenzie, moves into town, Abbie has the perfect plan to welcome her—a sleepover of course. And when Abbie and Zi need money to enter a local competition, the girls have the best idea ever—a SLEEPOVER-PARTY BUSINESS!

Will their first sleepover event be a huge success or an epic fail? And will Abbie and Zi beat their rivals to live out their competition dreams?

Key Selling Points

- An exciting, fun new series for readers 9+ from much-loved Australian author Fiona Harris, who has over 130,000 copies of various books in print
- The series celebrates friendship, small-town adventures and having incredible, fun sleepovers
- The friends have big dreams to make their sleepover business a success, but not before disaster strikes, of course! They need to work together to overcome the mayhem, save their friendship and their sleepovers
- And two of the friends' dream of winning the local surfing comp ... if they can beat their nemeses and avoid their dirty tricks
- Perfect for fans of *Baby-sitters Club* and *Sleepover Club* series

AU RRP: \$15.99

NZ RRP: \$17.99

Publisher:
Scholastic Australia

ISBN: 9781761642265

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Paperback

Type:
Novel

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8+

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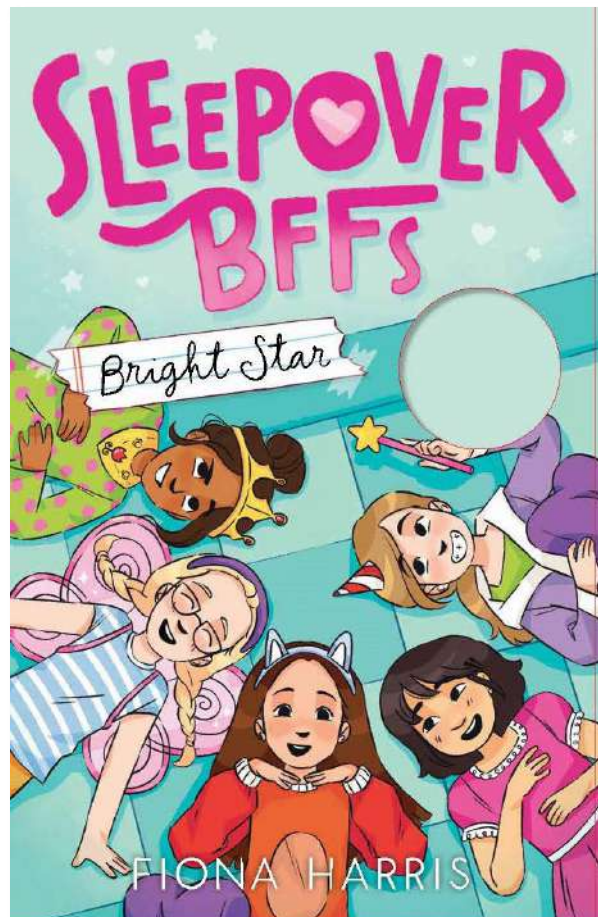
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Fiona Harris has been writing books, and writing and performing for television, film and theatre, for over 20 years, and has penned 39 books to date, including three picture books, Liz Watson's series, *Diary of a Netball Star*, Sam Kerr's series, *Kicking Goals*, Dreamworks' *Trolls* series and the *Miraculous* series, based on the television show. Fiona co-authored adult fiction novels *The Drop-off* and *The Pick-up* with her husband, Mike McLeish, *Super Moopers* with Sally Rippin, and wrote Holocaust survivor Abram Goldberg's memoir, *The Strength of Hope*. Fiona's acting credits include *The Beautiful Lie*, *Upright*, *The Ex-PM*, *Mr & Mrs Murder*, *The Time of Our Lives*, *Offspring*, *Beaconsfield*, *Tangle* and *The Librarians*. She co-wrote and starred on sketch comedy TV shows *Skithouse*, *Comedy Inc* and *Flipside*, and is a regular guest on ABC radio.

SLEEPOVER BFFs #2: *Bright Star*

By Fiona Harris



The Sleepover BFFs' party bookings are flying in, and now Violet's signed the five of them up for the local talent show!

Between rehearsals, school work and the new business, Violet's got a lot on her plate. But when props start disappearing and Violet has a cringe-worthy moment in front of her crush, she begins to doubt that she's cut out to be the actor, writer and director of her dreams.

Can the Sleepover BFFs pull off a show-stopping performance and keep their business booming? Or will there be one drama too many?

Key Selling Points

- An exciting, fun new series for readers 9+ from much-loved Australian author Fiona Harris, who has over 130,000 copies of various books in print
- This is the second book in the series, which celebrates friendship, small-town adventures and having incredible, fun sleepovers
- With great humour in this book, Fiona Harris also celebrates creativity and the joy of embracing doing what you love
- In this story, the friends' sleepover business is growing popular, with girls everywhere wanting to share the fun of having their own amazing sleepover party with different themes
- The story is told from Violet's POV. She loves writing, acting and directing, and enters the BFFs in the local talent show with a funny performance
- Perfect for fans of *Baby-sitters Club* and *Sleepover Club* series

AU RRP: \$15.99

NZ RRP: \$17.99

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Scholastic Australia

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Novel

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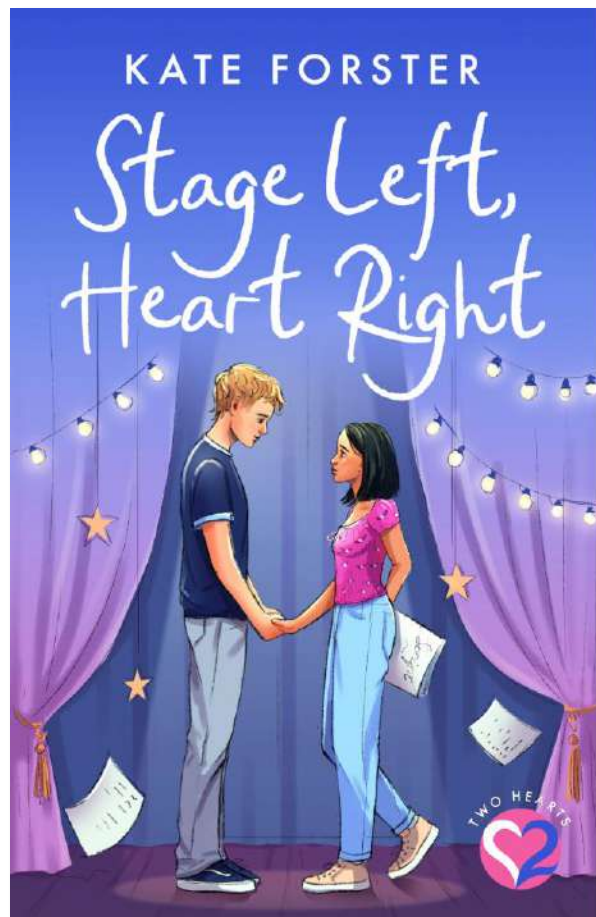
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TWO HEARTS: STAGE LEFT, HEART RIGHT

By Kate Forster



Fall in love with *Two Hearts*—romantic fiction for young hearts.

When it comes to surviving Year 9, Ava Riccardo has three rules:

1. Stay invisible.
2. Stay quiet.
3. Never bring attention to herself.

But when her best friend, Izzy, convinces her to audition for the school play, a modern *Romeo and Juliet*, everything changes. Somehow, Ava lands the lead role, opposite Cameron Reed, Izzy's longtime crush and the funniest, cutest guy in their year. Now, Ava must navigate rehearsals, school work, Izzy's anger with her for getting the lead role, and her own growing crush on Cameron. But as the spotlight grows brighter, so does the tension between friendship and first love.

Ava never wanted to be the centre of attention. So, why does it feel so right standing beside Cameron on stage?

Key Selling Points

- Brand-new, gorgeous, heartwarming middle-grade romance for 10–14-year-olds who want to be part of the BookTok YA romance phenomenon but are too young
- A beautiful first-love story by internationally published women's fiction author Kate Forster, who wrote the bestselling *Starting Over* at Acorn Cottage
- Readers can safely explore the beauty, wonder and confusing world of love and romance, without the danger of encountering inappropriate material, as they would in the YA romance genre
- Contains a happy ending, first kiss, and themes of friendship, family, and discovering who you are and what your heart desires

AU RRP: \$17.99

NZ RRP: \$

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Scholastic Australia

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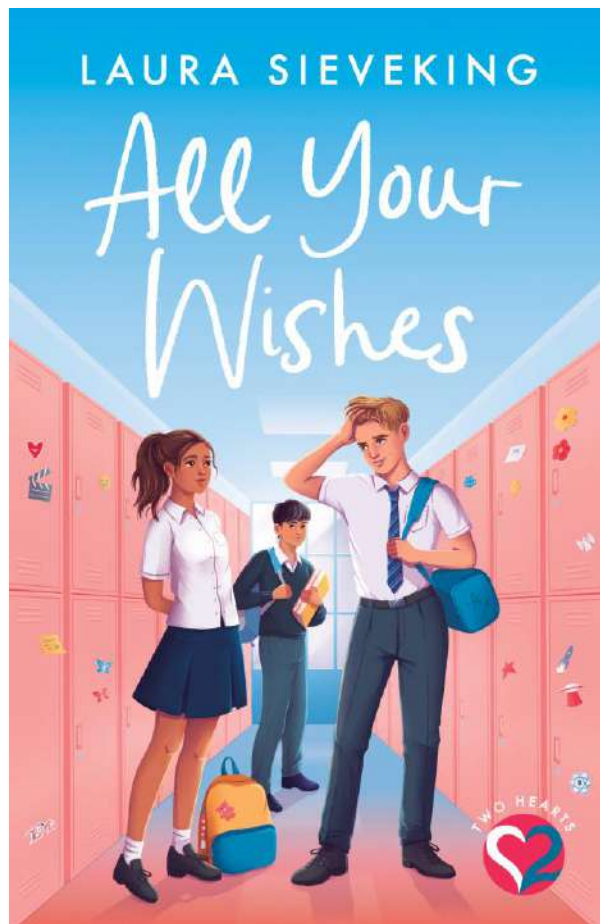
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Kate Forster writes books filled with love, laughter, and the enchantment of everyday life. Kate, a Melbourne-based author, crafts realistic characters and touching stories that feel like you're catching up with old friends. When she is not writing, you can find her sharing glimpses of her creative life on social media, soaking up inspiration from her dynamic online community, or spending time with her loving dogs, who are constantly by her side (and occasionally steal the spotlight). Kate, who is tea-fuelled and daydreaming on the beach, is all about finding joy in the little things and sharing them through her writing.

TWO HEARTS: ALL YOUR WISHES

By Laura Sieveking



Fall in love with **Two Hearts**—romantic fiction for young hearts.

Piper is the daughter of two famous Hollywood actors and is sick of being followed by the paparazzi everywhere they go. So when she gets the opportunity to spend six months attending a regular high school, something she's never done before, she grabs it with both hands. Piper moves in with her childhood friends, twins Chloe and Cooper, and they all agree to keep Piper's true identity a secret.

Piper finds herself in a confusing new world. The cutest guy at school, Cruz, takes an interest in her, and the coolest girl suddenly wants to become friends. But why? Despite Chloe and Cooper's warnings, Piper is drawn to Cruz and his friends, who she's adamant are not as shallow as they may appear. But are Chloe and Cooper right about these people? Or does Piper see something more in them? And will her affections for Cruz threaten to tear Piper and her best friends apart?

Key Selling Points

- Brand-new, exciting, gorgeous, heartwarming middle-grade romance for 10–14-year-olds who want to be part of the BookTok YA romance phenomenon but are too young
- A beautiful first-love story by trusted middle-grade author Laura Sieveking, who writes the bestselling *Ella at Eden* series, which has over 150,000 copies in print, and the *Gymnastics Diaries* series with Olympic gymnast Georgia Godwin
- Readers can safely explore the beauty, wonder and confusing world of love and romance, without the danger of encountering inappropriate material, as they would in the YA romance genre
- Contains a happy ending, first kiss, and themes of friendship, family, fitting in, and discovering who you are and what your heart desires

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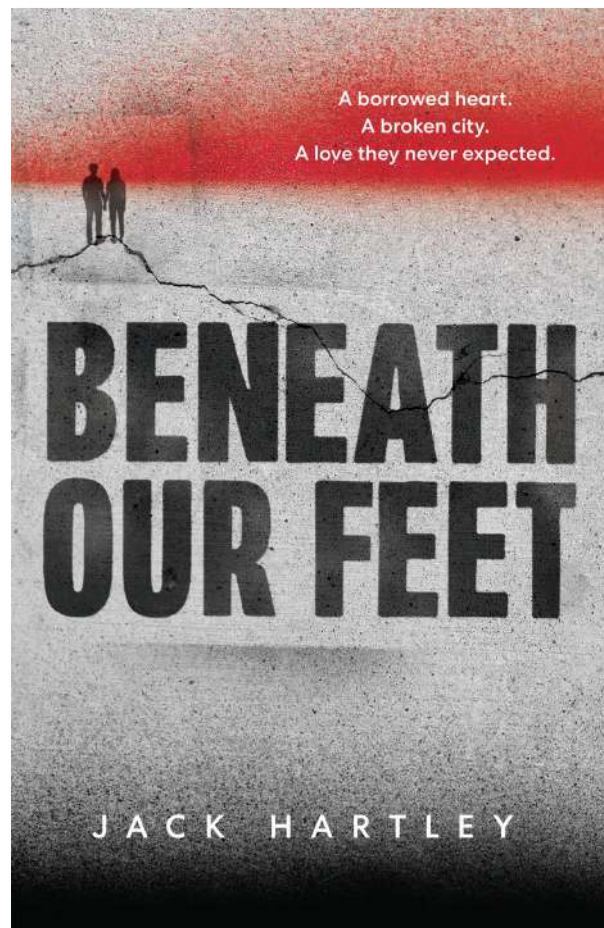
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Laura Sieveking has loved creating stories ever since she learned to hold a pen. She remembers hiding in her room as a six-year-old, writing a series of books about an unlikely friendship between a princess and a bear. As an adult, Laura has spent the vast majority of her career working in publishing as an editor. After several years, she decided to put down her red pen and open up her laptop to create books of her own. Laura's books revolve around all the things she loved as a child—friendships, sport and a little bit of magic. She has written series for early independent readers and middle-grade fiction, and is the author of the bestselling *Ella at Eden* series, and the *Gymnastics Diaries* series with Olympic gymnast Georgia Godwin. She lives in Sydney with her husband and two children, and her two fluffy dogs who look like teddy bears.

BENEATH OUR FEET

By Jack Hartley



Alfie watches as the city he calls home crumbles in the Christchurch earthquake. From this tragedy, he gets a second chance at life; a heart transplant that links him forever to one of the victims.

Dani's diagnosis is grim. She's already survived cancer once, but knows there's no escaping it this time. She refuses to suffer like her mother did, or put her father through that again.

When Alfie and Dani meet, she takes him into Christchurch's sealed-off cordon—where they discover a world beyond anything they could have imagined, a world where time stops.

Key Selling Points

- Hartley has written a YA love story of subtle magical realism that explores the struggles and joys of growing up in the shadow of societal and personal tragedy
- Readers are shown Alfie and Dani's world through their own eyes, sharing their goofy, fun times, as well as their tender ones, as the relationship blossoms
- Set in the post-quake Christchurch of 2011

NZ RRP: \$21.99

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Paperback

Type:
YA Fiction

Age Level:
14+

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Printing:
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Publish Date:
October 2025

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Jack Hartley was born and raised in Christchurch, New Zealand. With his background in psychology and his passion for raising awareness and understanding of mental health issues, Jack uses his literature to tackle the complexities and hardships that teens face as they go through major life events, discover who they are, and feel real love for the first time.

Jack's first YA novel, *All the Other Days* was published in 2018. *Beneath Our Feet* is his first novel with Scholastic New Zealand.