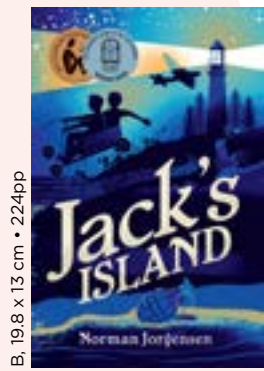


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JACK'S ISLAND
 NORMAN JORGENSEN
 February • \$17.99
 Set on an island off the coast of Australia during World War II, this award-winning classic is a fast-paced and funny tale about friendship, misadventure, revenge, dunny trucks, family and growing up in the shadow of war.



COURAGE
 THE VIVIAN BULLWINKEL STORY
 JENNY DAVIS, OAM
 April • \$17.99
 Sole survivor of a brutal massacre, Australian nurse Sister Vivian Bullwinkel was interned in a POW camp. She formed a friendship with a lonely teenager and together they overcame starvation, sickness and ill treatment to form an unbreakable bond. This is an extraordinary true story of courage and resilience.



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NON-FICTION



B+, 20.8 x 14 cm • 256pp

KINTSUGI
 Marie O'Rourke
 February • \$29.99
 All her life, Marie O'Rourke has been a Good Girl, a perfectionist, using words to apply golden seams to an imperfect life to conjure beauty from flawed and broken things. These essays remind us that memories can paralyse, but also preserve. Whether you've experienced similar struggles, or are intrigued by the mysteries of memory, Marie's collection will leave you moved and inspired.



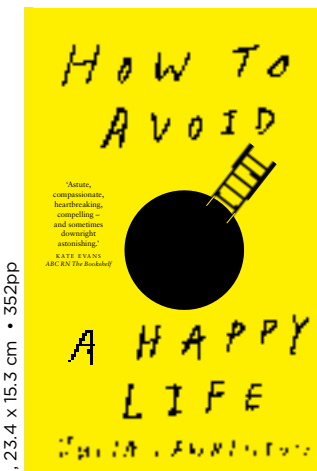
C, 23.4 x 15.3 cm • 224pp

SOME PEOPLE WANT TO SHOOT ME
 WAYNE BERGMANN AND MADELAINE DICKIE
 March • \$35.99
 Broome, 2010. Nyikina man Wayne Bergmann has just received a death threat. He is chief executive of the Kimberley Land Council during the controversial James Price Point gas hub negotiations, which tear his community apart. Wayne's story encompasses backbreaking station work, buried treasure, a Swedish bone thief and traditional magic love songs. This electrifying tale of resilience shows what it takes to be an Aboriginal leader walking in two cultures.



B+, 20.8 x 14 cm • 384pp

ANATOMY OF A SECRET
 GERARD MCCANN
 May • \$34.99
 As a boy, Gerard was abused by his local priest. As a grown man, he confronts the psychological aftermath, grappling with shame, guilt and the devastating impact the experience had on his family, relationships and sense of self. His raw, compelling memoir bravely shares long-silenced truths, showing what it takes to reassemble a life despite the personal toll of seeking justice from the Catholic Church.



C, 23.4 x 15.3 cm • 352pp

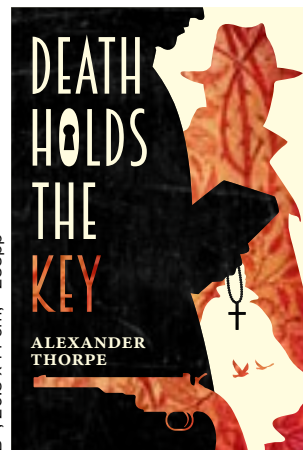
HOW TO AVOID A HAPPY LIFE
 JULIA LAWRLINSON
 May • \$34.99
 What kind of a life does a beloved children's author lead? In Julia Lawrinson's case, it is not so much one of rainbows and buttercups as wild parties, bad choices, and serial killers. This memoir is a wickedly funny, startlingly honest account of a life that draws on the power of storytelling as a way to escape tight corners, sticky situations and full-blown chaos.



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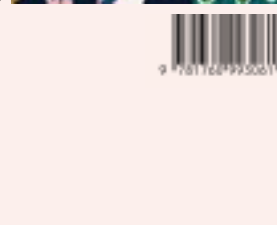
DEATH HOLDS THE KEY
ALEXANDER THORPE
April • \$29.99
When a widely despised landholder is found dead in a locked room with a bullet in his chest, rookie Detective Hartley must seek help from a mysterious wanderer to solve the case. Step back to the late 1920s and immerse yourself in the twists and turns of a seemingly impossible murder case in Alexander Thorpe's latest cosy crime novel – the follow-up to *Death Leaves the Station*.



C, 23.4 x 15.3 cm • 400pp



THE PLAYERS
DEBORAH PIKE
April • \$34.99
One hot summer, a group of university students gathers in an orchard to rehearse a play. Veronika is born for a life on the stage while Felix seizes his last chance for creative freedom. Sebastian woos Veronika, while Cassie longs for Sebastian. Josh and Gloria each carry a secret they are unable to share. Passion, rivalry and enduring connections will bind the players across years and continents, long after the final curtain falls.



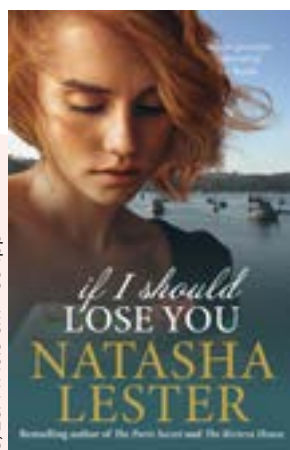
C, 23.4 x 15.3 cm • 272pp



LAST BEST CHANCE
BROOKE DUNNELL
April • \$34.99
With her biological clock ticking, Rachel embarks on a clandestine mission to an Central European fertility clinic. There, in the chilly heart of the nation's capital, expat Jess revels in her life with Viktor, despite struggling to make ends meet. When a green energy expo comes to the overlooked city, Jess uses the opportunity to kickstart a business venture, while Rachel fears the heightened scrutiny might jeopardise her chance for a child. When the two women meet, they do not know it, but each has something the other one needs.



C, 23.4 x 15.3 cm • 304pp



IF I SHOULD LOSE YOU
NATASHA LESTER
April • \$34.99
Camille works as a transplant nurse, counselling families through heart-rending decisions. At home, her own daughter Addie is critically ill. When an invitation to curate an exhibition arrives from artist Jack Darcy, her late mother's lover, Camille is plunged into unresolved questions about her childhood and her mother's life. As Addie gets sicker, Camille wonders how far she will go to save Addie – and how much of herself she can give when she has everything to lose.

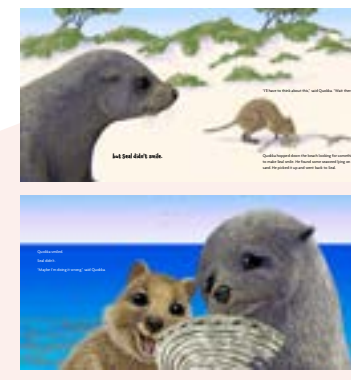


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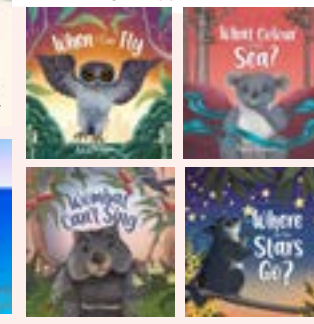
23.5 x 23.5 cm • 32pp



WILL QUOKKA FIND A FRIEND?
KATIE STEWART
May • \$24.99
When Quokka meets Seal, he wants to be friends and thinks that making Seal smile would be a great way to start. But, despite his best efforts, Seal doesn't smile. When one of Quokka's attempts goes terribly wrong, it is Seal who helps him out instead.



MORE BOOKS BY KATIE STEWART



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21 x 13.8 cm • 192pp



BROBOT
JAMES FOLEY
April • \$17.99
Sally is the world's foremost inventor under the age of twelve, and she just knows she can build a better brother than the messy, smelly version she has now. Sally's Brobot is fantastic – until the remote breaks and Brobot careens out of control.



21 x 13.8 cm • 144pp



GASTRONAUTS
JAMES FOLEY
April • \$17.99
Sally Tinker is facing a big, new adventure. The brain-enhancing nanobots she is testing have been accidentally swallowed by her baby brother, Joe. The only way to stop Joe from turning into a superbaby and wreaking super havoc is to shrink herself and travel inside Joe's body.



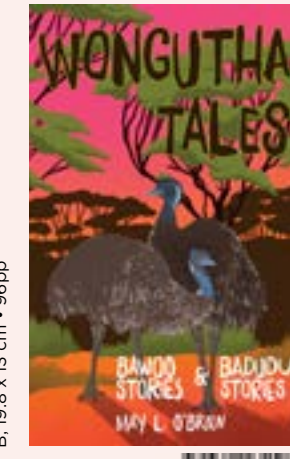
B, 19.8 x 13 cm • 128pp



INTO THE BLUES
CRISTY BURNE
May • \$14.99
When Blair takes his brother's beloved camera without permission, and loses it, his brother gets in huge trouble for being careless. Blair is terrified to confess but wracked with guilt. And what starts as a snorkelling adventure, soon becomes a test of character, conscience and owning up to your mistakes.



B, 19.8 x 13 cm • 96pp



WONGUTHA TALES
BAAWO STORIES AND BADJOU STORIES
MAY L. O'BRIEN
March • \$14.99
From traditional teaching stories of the Wongutha people, to stories based on her childhood, this unique collection brings together May L. O'Brien's stories and bilingual pronunciation guide for the first time. Groundbreaking when first published, classic stories like *Why Emu Can't Fly* and *How Crow Became Black* have timeless appeal.



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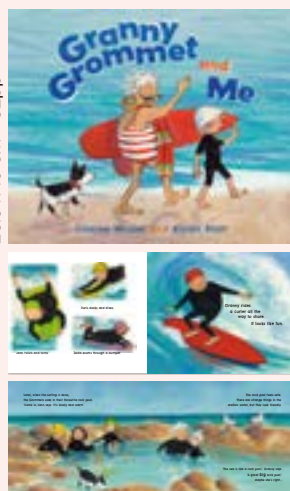
19.5 x 19.5 cm • 32pp



BUSH BUGS
HELEN MILROY
February • \$19.99
The latest instalment in this bestselling First Nations series features Australian bugs in all their hairy, scary glory! With boldly coloured, highly patterned illustrations, it is sure to delight early readers fascinated by all things creepy and crawly.



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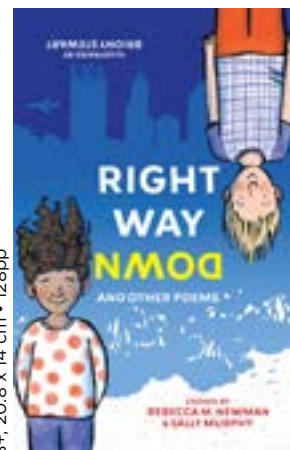


GRANNY GROMMET AND ME
DIANNE WOLFER & KAREN BLAIR
March • \$19.99
Granny Grommet and Me is about the power of our elders to transform scary experiences into exciting ones. Featuring fun and fearless surfing grannies, this picture book will help the whole family nurture a love for the ocean and an appreciation of Australia's beautiful coastline.



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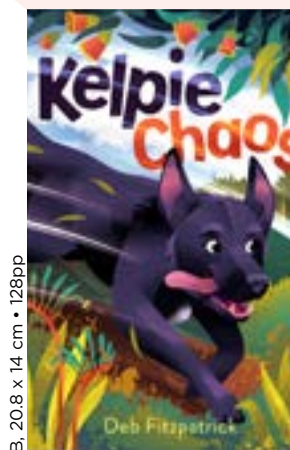
B+, 20.8 x 14 cm • 128pp



RIGHT WAY DOWN AND OTHER POEMS
CHOSEN BY REBECCA M. NEWMAN & SALLY MURPHY
March • \$17.99
Shoot some hoops with Cheryl Kickett-Tucker, grow a poet-tree with Meg McKinlay or watch a bit of Stink-o-Vision with James Foley. These poems will have you laughing, thinking and playing with words – whichever way up you read them.



B, 20.8 x 14 cm • 128pp



KELPIE CHAOS
DEB FITZPATRICK
May • \$14.99
Zoom the Kelpie is a bundle of fun, energy, puppy destruction – and furry love. When Zoom disappears on a family picnic, his family spend a miserable night in the bush searching and waiting. But when they get a call from a local sheep farmer they realise Zoom isn't an escapee at all, he's a hero.

