

Anzac Day Parade Australian Edition

Kane Glenda

\$14.95 Picture Puffin 32pp
29 March 2010 9780143504412

A poignant look at war through the eyes of a former member of the 18th Battalion. Told in rhyme it takes place on Anzac Day when an old man and a young boy meet - the young boy wide-eyed and wanting to hear the glories of war and death; the old man quietly sad to remember the reality of what was faced.

Age won't weary him, he said
But boy it's wearied me
He looked out over the young one's head
And the past was all he could see



The BFG

Dahl Roald

\$14.95 Puffin 208pp
20 August 2007 9780141322629

Every night, when the world is sleeping, big gruesome giants guzzle up whoppsy-whiffling human beans. And there's only one giant who can stop them – the BFG. He's the kindest giant there is and, with his friend Sophie in his top pocket, he sets out to rid the world of the Bloodbottler, the Fleshlumpeater and all their rotsome friends forever...



The Boy and the Toy

Hartnett Sonya & Masciullo Lucia (illus)

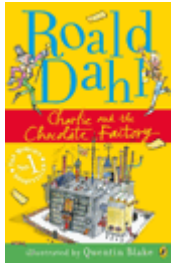
\$24.95 Viking 36pp
3 May 2010 9780670073627

One day a man invented the best toy in the world.

He gave the toy to his son. The boy thought the toy was marvellous. It could do anything!

But as time passed, the boy started to wonder about the toy.

Was it really the best toy in the world?



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Dahl Roald

\$16.95 Puffin 192pp
20 August 2007 9780141322711

Charlie Bucket loves chocolate. And Mr Willy Wonka, the most wondrous inventor in the world, is opening the gates of his amazing chocolate factory to five lucky children. It's the prize of a lifetime! Gobstoppers, wriggle sweets and a river of melted chocolate delight await – Charlie needs just one Golden Ticket and these delicious treats could all be his.

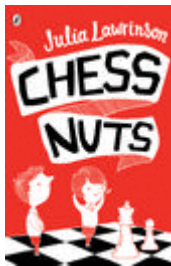


Charlotte's Web

White E B

\$14.95 Puffin 176pp
9 February 2004 9780141317342

This is the tale of how a little girl named Fern, with the help of a friendly spider, saved her pig, Wilbur, from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.



Chess Nuts

Lawrinson Julia

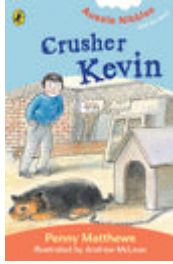
\$16.95 Puffin 204pp
1 February 2010 9780143304708

A lighthearted novel for children about the game of chess.

Jackson is sporty and popular.

Anna doesn't like the sporty, popular people.

So when Jackson joins the chess squad, Anna does not initially welcome him. But Anna is about to learn some things about friendship, chess and physical fitness.



Crusher Kevin: Aussie Nibbles

Matthews Penny

\$12.95 Puffin 72pp
31 January 2011 9780143305637

Soon Charlie will have a dog of his own, but it won't be a big, scary dog like Crusher.

Who could ever love a dog like that?



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Kinney Jeff

\$14.95 Puffin 226pp
4 February 2008 9780143303831

Being a kid can really stink. And no one knows this better than Greg Heffley, who finds himself thrust into high school where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving.

Luckily Greg has his best friend and sidekick, Rowley. But when Rowley's popularity starts to rise, it kicks off a chain of events that will test their friendship in hilarious fashion.

'[This] 'novel in cartoons' should keep readers in stitches, eagerly anticipating Gregs further adventures.' *Publishers Weekly*

'Laugh-out-loud... lots of fun throughout.' *Booklist*



Dog Days: Diary of a Wimpy Kid V4

Kinney Jeff

\$14.95 Puffin 228pp
13 October 2009 9780143304951

It's the summer holidays, the weather's great, and all the kids are having fun outside. So where's Greg Heffley? Inside his house, playing video games with the shades drawn.

Greg, a self-confessed 'indoor person,' is living out his ultimate summer fantasy: no responsibilities and no rules. But Greg's

mom has a different vision for an ideal summer . . . one packed with outdoor activities and 'family togetherness.'

Whose vision will win out? Or will a new addition to the Heffley family change everything?

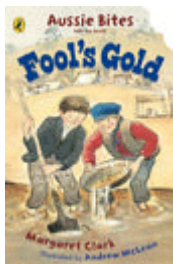


Fantastic Mr Fox

Dahl Roald

\$14.95 Puffin 96pp
20 August 2007 9780141322650

Every time Mr Fox steals a chicken from the farm, Farmers Bogus, Bunce and Bean grow wild with rage! They're the nastiest crooks in the valley, and they've concocted a cunning plan to dig him out of his hole once and for all. But it never occurs to them that Mr Fox has a fantastic plan of his own ...



Fool's Gold: Aussie Bites

Clark Margaret

\$12.95 Puffin 96pp
1 February 2010 9780143304531

Fun and factual children's story of the Victorian Goldfields at the turn of the 20th Century. Gold panning, hunger, family life and historical details all feature.

Jack and Tom, two boys living on the Victorian goldfields, need money to buy food for their starving families. In desperation, Jack has been 'borrowing' food from the storeroom at the back of Haggarty's store. The boys have heard the legend of McHool's gold, and they are determined to find the missing hoard. There are just a couple of things that might get in their way: firstly, the legend says that McHool's ghost guards the gold, and will put a curse on the finder. And secondly, bossy Laura Haggarty, whose mother owns the store, is sure that the gold, when it is found, is rightfully hers!



George's Marvellous Medicine

Dahl Roald

\$14.95 Puffin 112pp
3 September 2007 9780141322735

Young George mixes a medicine to make his nasty grandmother more likeable, and once she drinks it she grows to immense proportions. George's father wants the formula to breed a race of super-size livestock, but George can't duplicate the recipe. His fourth try is a potion that shrinks the drinker to nothing – and greedy Grandma drinks it with expected results!



A Giraffe in the Bath

Fox Mem & Rawson Olivia

\$24.95 Viking 36pp
29 March 2010 9780670072132

A giraffe in the bath - does that make you laugh? Or a frog in the flour? Or a sheep in the shower? An owl with the flu? Or a roo on the loo? A crocodile with style - does that make you smile?

What makes *you* laugh? This very funny picture book suggests increasingly silly and hilarious possibilities. Lots of fun for every reader, with wonderful, giggle-inducing illustrations by Kerry Argent.



Goodnight Mister Tom

Magorian Michelle

\$16.95 Puffin 448pp
1 April 1996 9780140372335

Willie Beech is evacuated to the countryside as the Second World War breaks out.

A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley.

But then his mother summons him back to war-torn London . . .

Will he ever see Mister Tom again?

One of the best stories about wartime ever written.



The Gorgon in the Gully: Pocket Money Puffins

Marchetta Melina

\$7.95 Puffin 132pp
27 September 2010 9780143305613

Beyond the basketball courts and classrooms of St Raph's is a gully where everything disappears forever. Danny Griggs has heard stories about a creature that lives down there. So why does he volunteer to face the Gorgon when he's been petrified of everything all his life?

A gentle story about overcoming fear and looking at things from all angles, from best-selling author Melina Marchetta.



Harriet Bright: The Star You Are

Craig Claire & Feddersen Melanie

\$14.95 Puffin 132pp
9 April 2010 9780143305064

This is the second book in a series about nine-year-old Harriet Bright. It contains three hilarious stories about Harriet and her best friend, Melly Fanshawe, and has lovely illustrations throughout.

Laugh Out Loud: Harriet Bright convinces her friends that there is a great mystery to solve – why don't adults laugh as much as kids? A very funny story that has some unusual outcomes.

Only, Lonely Me: Harriet's class has a school project – making a family tree. But Harriet is an only child. And as Harriet delves into her family history she discovers something even more terrible: she is not the first Harriet Bright!

Talent Take Two: Mr Beatty, the general store owner, is holding the annual neighbourhood talent quest. Harriet and her best friend Melly want to enter it. But first they have to find their 'talent' and they only have one week to do it!



A Horse Called Darling: Aussie Chomps

Stephens Delwyne

\$12.95 Puffin 108pp
1 February 2010 9780143304692

A Horse Called Darling is an exciting new horse story for girls. Penny's horse, Manny, is her pride and joy - until he dies in a horrible riding accident that Penny feels is all her fault. Penny doesn't think she will ever recover, and her parents can't afford to buy her another horse. But then her father brings home a surprise - an unwanted, ugly, mean-spirited horse called Darling ...

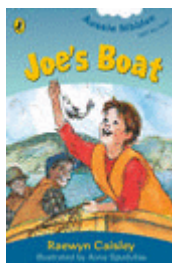


Jamie Spy and the Great Cookie Mystery: Aussie Nibbles

Miesen Christina

\$12.95 Puffin 72pp
29 March 2010 9780143305149

When Jamie Spy's mother finds that all the cookies she has baked for the Annual Spy Meeting's afternoon tea have disappeared, Jamie goes on a mission to discover the culprit. Is it his grandfather? His little sister Sadie Spy? His father? Jamie investigates each member of his secret agent family and finds bits of incriminating evidence everywhere. But who really ate the cookies? Jamie puts two and two together, and comes up with a surprising result.



Joe's Boat: Aussie Nibbles

Caisley Raewyn

\$12.95 Puffin 72pp
1 February 2010 9780143304500

Childhood, family relations and the seaside all provide the backdrop to Joe's story.

When Joe and his dad go to Great-Uncle Alan's beach house after the old man's death, Joe discovers a boat in the garage. He longs to take it out on the sea, and he gets his wish when he

goes fishing with Dad and Great-Uncle Alan's elderly friend Bob. After the fun of the fishing, and eating the fish on the beach, the men decide that the boat should now belong to Joe.



The Legend of the Golden Snail

Base Graeme

\$29.95 Viking 52pp
27 September 2010 9780670073498

The Golden Snail has been banished to the ends of the earth and Wilbur sets out on a mission to free it. Along the way he makes friends who save him from rough seas and mazes of madness, returning him safely home.

Visit Graeme Base online at: graemebase.com



Matilda

Dahl Roald

\$14.95 Puffin 240pp
20 August 2007 9780141322667

Matilda Wormwood's father is a mean crooked crook. And her mother's just plain stupid. They think Matilda is a nuisance who should watch more TV and read fewer books! But her lovely teacher Miss Honey thinks Matilda is a genius. Matilda has a few extraordinary tricks up her sleeve, so her horrible parents and even more horrible headmistress had better watch out.



The Mobile Phone Detective: Aussie Chomps

Moloney James

\$12.95 Puffin 96pp
29 March 2010 9780143304838

Renton has joined his dad in France for a holiday. But when they accidentally stumble across a drug dealer's meeting, Renton's father is kidnapped. Can Renton rescue his father in time?



Monkey Mountain: Extreme Adventures

D'Ath Justin

\$14.95 Puffin 156pp
1 March 2010 9780143304418

There isn't really a word to describe the noise a volcano makes when it erupts. You don't just hear it, you feel it.

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

A class trip to Borneo starts off with a bang – a visit to a real-life volcano! But when Mount Bako erupts, Sam Fox is left stranded with his teacher, Mr Griffin, who's suffering from a heart attack. They make it down the mountain to the cool blue sea – only to be hemmed in by blood-thirsty sharks . . .

An action-packed adventure, *Monkey Mountain* is the hottest Extreme Adventure yet!

Visit puffin.com.au/extreme for more.

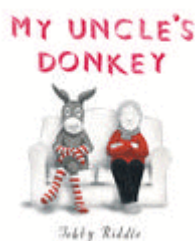


Motormouth

Clark Sherryl

\$14.95 Puffin 72pp
1 March 2010 9780143304432

Since Chris lost his best mate, Dave, cars are all he really cares about. Then Josh Carter moves to town. His dad is a famous racing car driver and everyone wants to be Josh's friend. But as Chris soon discovers, Josh is a bit of a motormouth, and that's where the trouble begins . . .

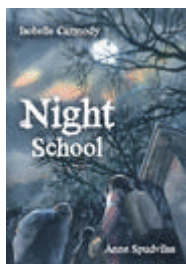


My Uncle's Donkey

Riddle Tobby

\$24.95 Viking 32pp
30 August 2010 9780670040339

My uncle's donkey is allowed in the house. And in the house, the donkey gets up to all sorts of things - he talks to his friends on the phone, does hoofstands in the kitchen, cartwheels in the living room, takes long baths and stays up late ... A humorous and entertaining picture book that will delight children and adults alike!



Night School

Carmody Isobelle & Spudvilas Anne

\$29.95 Viking 36pp
1 February 2010 9780670072071

A group of children spend the night in a big old school and go on a chilling journey of self-discovery when they decide to play a game. They must travel from room to room, picking up a lantern and writing down their names to ward off the dark. But the old school holds a secret that they must confront if they are to succeed in their journey...



Once

Gleitzman Morris

\$16.95 Puffin 160pp
1 August 2005 9780143301950

Once I escaped from an orphanage to find my Mum and Dad.

Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house.

Once I made a Nazi with toothache laugh.

My name is Felix.

This is my story.

The reference at the end of the book to readers' notes refers to the teachers' notes on www.puffin.com.au.



Our Australian Girl: Meet Grace Book 1

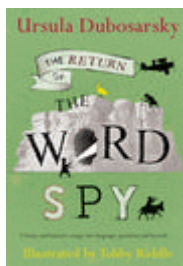
Laguna Sofie & Masciullo Lucia

\$14.95 Puffin 132pp
31 January 2011 9780143305286

It's 1808 . . .

and Grace is living with her uncle in London. They have no money, and Grace is always lonely and often hungry. The best part of her day is going to Fleet Street to talk to the horses that she loves so much. One afternoon Grace can't resist taking a shiny red apple from a grocer's cart - and then another... Before she knows it, Grace is being chased through the streets! Will she be caught and sent to prison - or worse?

Meet Grace and join her adventure in the first of four exciting stories about a convict girl who is given a second chance.



The Return of the Word Spy: A funny and fantastic voyage into language, grammar and beyond...

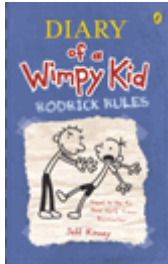
Dubosarsky Ursula

\$24.95 Viking 268pp
4 May 2010 9780670073542

From the beginning of time, the WORD SPY has been creeping down hallways, hiding in shadows and journeying through different lands to discover everything there is to know about the English language. In her first book, *The Word Spy*, she shared with us the secrets she'd learnt about English, from the first alphabet in 4000 BC right up to the tricks of modern texting. In *The Return of the Word Spy* she continues the fascinating journey through language, with chapters on language families, how we learn to speak, grammar and written forms of communication. In an accessible, engaging style, the WORD SPY explains the meaning of nouns, verbs, pronouns, 'dead' languages, word origins and other wordy wonders.

Packed with cartoons, games, facts and puzzles, *The Return of the Word Spy* continues the WORD SPY's fascinating

journey through the English language.



Rodrick Rules: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Kinney Jeff

\$14.95 Puffin 228pp
4 February 2008 9780143303848

Whatever you do, don't ask Greg Heffley how he spent his summer holidays, because he definitely doesn't want to talk about it.

As Greg enters the new school year, he's eager to put the past three months behind him... and one event in particular. Unfortunately for Greg, his older brother Rodrick knows all about the incident. And secrets have a way of getting out... especially when a diary is involved.



Rosie and Ned and the Creepy Cave: Aussie Nibbles

Costain Meredith & Burke Tina (illus)

\$12.95 Puffin 72pp
30 June 2010 9780143305101

Rosie would love to have a red feather from one of the red-capped robins that live along Ghost Gum Creek, down by Nellie McGinty's place. She tells her friend Ned that they'll go there in her billy fire engine. Ned isn't so sure that's a good idea. All the kids say that Nellie McGinty is a witch, and she keeps frogs in a creepy cave by the creek, and she does her creepy spells there! Rosie convinces Ned, and off they go. Just as Rosie finds her red feather, a sudden summer thunderstorm forces them to shelter in the cave. A rock fall and the threat of flooding are scary enough, but then Rosie falls and twists her ankle. Now they're in real trouble, and it's up to Ned to save them!



Running With the Horses

Lester Alison

\$29.95 Viking 32pp

13 October 2009 9780670868339

Running with the Horses is a stunning picture book by Alison Lester, the much-loved creator of *Are We There Yet?* and many other treasured books for children. Young readers will love this beautifully illustrated classic story of adventure and friendship.

TEN-YEAR-OLD NINA lives with her father above the palace stables at the Royal Academy of Dancing Horses. She loves watching the famous white stallions as they parade for the crowds, but her favourite horse is an ordinary mare called Zelda - an old cab horse Nina often pats on her way home from school.

When Nina's world changes dramatically, she and her father have to flee from the city. Their journey over the mountains with Zelda and the stallions seems impossible, with danger at every turn . . .



The Silver Donkey

Hartnett Sonya

\$19.95 Puffin 204pp
1 October 2007 9780143301578

One bright spring morning in the woods of France, a soldier, blinded by the war, is found by a little girl named Coco, and her older sister Marcelle. In return for their kindness, the soldier tells the sisters marvellous tales, each story connected to the keepsake he carries in his pocket: a perfect, tiny silver donkey.

As the days pass and they struggle in secret to help the soldier reach home, Coco and Marcelle learn the truth behind the silver donkey, and what the precious object means: honesty, loyalty, and courage.

This is a joyful and enchanting novel for all ages.

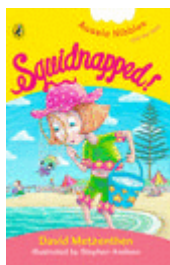


Sophie's Salon: Aussie Bites

Branford Anna

\$12.95 Puffin 96pp
2 August 2010 9780143304821

Sophie longs to be a hairdresser one day. Every day after school she helps her mother's friend, Madame Tulip, in her salon. Sophie's best friend, Melita, is mad about ballet, and to Sophie's sorrow she has joined forces with fellow ballet students Vanessa and Jacqueline, who are not at all friendly to Sophie and make fun of her hairdressing skills. The three girls are preparing for their school's presentation of *Swan Lake*, in which Melita will be dancing the role of Odette. At the last minute, just before the show is due to start, the girls find that their designated hairstylist (Jacqueline's mother), has sprained her wrist. With the help of Madame Tulip, Sophie performs her hairstyling magic and saves the show. This is a wonderful story about friendship, self-confidence, and following your dreams.

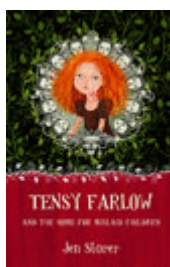


Squidnapped!: Aussie Nibbles

Metzenthen David

\$12.95 Puffin 72pp
27 April 2010 9780143304777

A little girl named Holly takes a baby squid from the sea. She calls him Mr Googly, and is fascinated by his speediness and his ability to change colour. As she wanders along the beach, showing her prize catch to beachgoers, she becomes lost. Her parents are worried and begin to look for her. Meanwhile, the parents of the little squid also worry about their missing baby. Holly's parents find her, and before she goes home she returns Mr Googly to his home too - to the sea, where he is at last reunited with his parents.



Tensy Farlow and the Home for Mislaid Children

Storer Jen

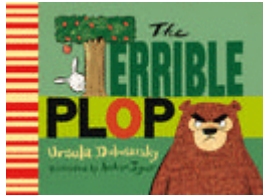
\$19.95 Viking 348pp
3 August 2009 9780670073399

Dumped in the River Charon, hunted by an accursed river creature and betrayed by the wicked Matron Pluckrose, Tensy Farlow is in mortal danger. She has no parents. Worse still, she has no guardian angel.

When she is thrown into the Home for Mislaid Children – a gloomy orphanage where ravens attack, Watchers hover over

your bed, and even the angels cannot be trusted – it seems that all hope is lost.

Yet could it be that a plucky, flame-haired orphan with a mysterious past is precisely what this dark world needs?



The Terrible Plop

Dubosarsky Ursula & Joyner Andrew (Illus

\$24.95 Viking 36pp
2 March 2009 9780670071418

Here is the story
Of the Terrible PLOP,
With a bear and a rabbit
And a hop hop hop.

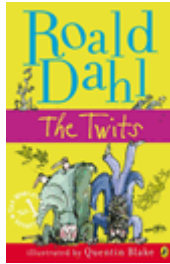
But what is the PLOP?
And where does it hide?
Open the book
And look inside . . .

From award-winning author **Ursula Dubosarsky** and illustrator **Andrew Joyner** comes an irresistible new picture book about a little rabbit who learns that some things in life aren't as scary as they seem. Based on a Tibetan myth, a sound in the forest sets all the animals running for their lives from the Terrible Plop. Children will be charmed by the wonderful zany energy of the illustrations and the rollicking rhyming story.

Publishers Weekly [Review](#)

Ursula Dubosarsky's rollicking *The Terrible Plop* is going straight into our story box. With a rhythmic, comic text perfect for joining in with, and dynamic cartoon-like illustrations provided by Andrew Joyner, there are shades of Doctor Seuss in this Henny Penny-style picture book. Children will love the brave little rabbit and big brave bear who isn't really brave at all.

Marilyn Brocklehurst, Proprietor, Norfolk Children's Book Centre

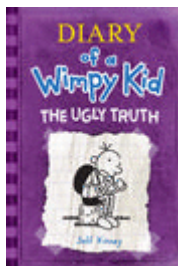


The Twits

Dahl Roald

\$14.95 Puffin 96pp
20 August 2007 9780141322759

Mr and Mrs Twit are really disgusting. They smell because they never wash, they fight because they play tricks on each other, AND they hate children. But worst of all, they keep monkeys in their back garden. In cages. It's time for the monkeys to get their revenge on these two most revolting creatures ...



The Ugly Truth: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

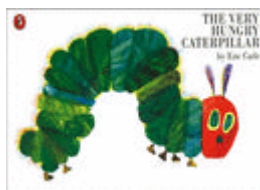
Kinney Jeff

\$14.95 Puffin 228pp
10 November 2010 9780143304999

Greg Heffley has always been in a hurry to grow up. But is getting older really all it's cracked up to be?

Greg suddenly finds himself dealing with the pressures of boy-girl parties, increased responsibilities, and even the awkward changes that come with getting older - all without his best friend, Rowley, at his side.

Can Greg make it through on his own?
Or will he have to face the 'ugly truth'?



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Carle Eric

\$16.95 Picture Puffin 28pp
26 June 2003 9780140569322

Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is a perennial favourite with children and adults alike. Its imaginative illustration and clever cut-out detail charts the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week.



Where's Sunday?: Aussie Nibble

Godwin Jane

\$12.95 Puffin 72pp
1 March 2010 9780143304715

Sally's much-loved puppy, Sunday, is young and bouncy and still needs some training: that's Sally's job, because Sunday is her puppy. There are still a few things Sunday hasn't learned, like coming when she's called. Late one day, when Sally's family is driving home from the beach, her little brother feels sick and Dad has to stop the car at the side of the road. In those few moments Sunday escapes. Nobody realises she's gone until some time later. Dad turns the car around and drives back to the place where they stopped, but they can't see Sunday anywhere. Will anybody find her? Sally can't sleep for worrying. And then the phone rings ...



The Witches

Dahl Roald

\$14.95 Puffin 208pp
20 August 2007 9780141322643

Witches really are a detestable breed. They disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy and his grandmother know how to recognise these vile creatures – but can they get rid of them for good?