

Books for **Early Childhood**

‘Educationalists and parents use a variety of methods to teach reading. Good quality picture books are a vital part of the process.’

– Mem Fox

Here you will find a wonderful variety of Australian picture books ranging from the beautiful illustrations and rhythmic language of Pamela Allen and Mem Fox to the wonderful world of Graeme Base.

Younger Readers Best in Show

Enigma Graeme Base

Australian Book Industry Awards 2009

Shortlisted

COOL 2009 (Canberra's Own
Outstanding List – ACT, Children's
Choice Award)

Picture Book Section – Shortlisted

**Edgar Award by the Mystery Writers
of America** – Juvenile section

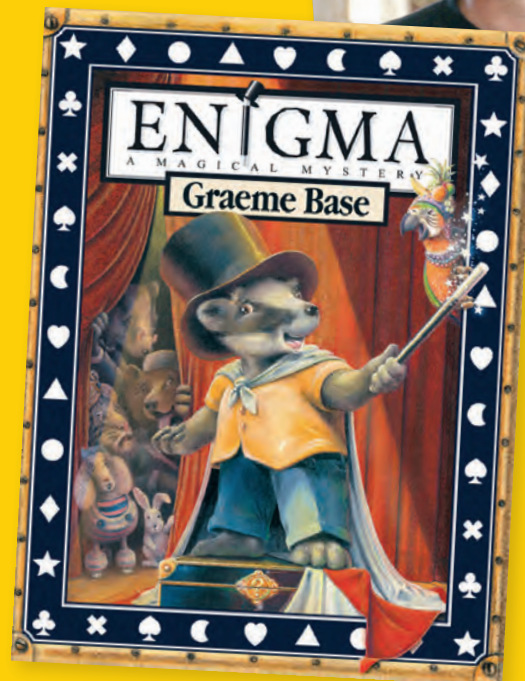
Nominated (winners announced April)

KOALA 2009 (Kids Own Australian
Literature Awards Inc. – NSW,
Children's Choice Award)

Picture Book Section – Shortlisted

YABBA 2009 (Young Australians Best
Book Award – Vic, Children's Choice
Award)

Picture Book Section – Shortlisted

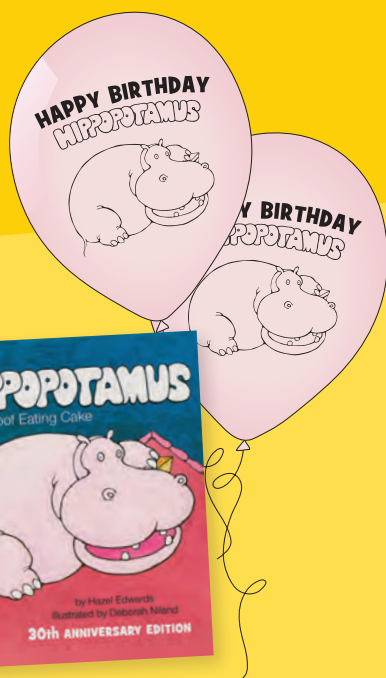


*'Graeme Base brought us another fabulous bestselling picture book in 2009. His **Enigma: A Magical Mystery** delighted young readers (and their parents) in Australia, New Zealand and the USA when it was published just before Christmas.*

*With gorgeous illustrations, a clever story and mystery-solving bonus, **Enigma** is a wonderful addition to this author-illustrator's array of award-winning picture books.'*

Bob Sessions

Publishing Director
Penguin Books



Hooray, it's Hippo's Birthday in March 2010!

Celebrate Hippo's 30th birthday and host a party at your school

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ALLEN, PAMELA

Hetty's Day Out *

Hetty wakes up, yawns, washes behind her ears, and pops through her cat flap into the bright sunlight. And what does she find in the big, wide world? One plate of baked beans, two pork pies, three lamb chops – and that's just the beginning! This charming counting book follows Hetty on her big day out.

2+ 32pp 9780670074471 \$24.95

Where's the Gold?*

 (paperback)

Jeremy, Bellamy and Ted set out to find pirate's treasure with the 'help' of a very annoying parrot. Deep underground in a tunnel they encounter something scary, the parrot bites Ted on the bottom by mistake! The three pirates are convinced there is a monster after them and flee back to the safety of their boat.

4+ 32pp 9780143501473 \$14.95

Share Said the Rooster*

 (paperback)

The perfect picture book about two little men who just won't share, despite the very wise advice from a rooster and a hen. Neither man gets the benefit of what they're fighting over and we are left to imagine their fate when they cut a boat in half rather than sharing it!

3+ 32pp 9780143501756 \$14.95

Our Daft Dog Danny*

 (paperback)

In the winter, we love to visit Uncle Peter and his dog Millie at the beach. But the day we took our dog Danny with us, everything went wrong! Until Toby had a good idea. ... From the one and only Pamela Allen comes this delightful doggy tale – full of warmth, fun and energy.

4+ 32pp 9780143503446 \$14.95

BASE, GRAEME

The Legend of the Golden Snail*

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. A new masterpiece from world-renowned illustrator Graeme Base, which includes a special surprise for children to discover.

4+ 36pp 9780670073498 \$29.95

BIRD, CARMEL

The Fabulous Finola Fox*

Illustrated by Kerry Argent

Finola is a fashion-conscious fox with a vast collection of gorgeous shoes, snatched from the city streets. But there is one perfect shoe that Finola can't find the matching partner to. One night she meets the handsome Frederick. Can he help fulfil her heart's desire? This beautiful and glamorous picture book is exquisitely illustrated by the very talented Kerry Argent.

3+ 32pp 9780670029488 \$26.95

CHILD, LAUREN

Who Wants to be a Poodle? I Don't!

(paperback)

Now in paperback, the story of a pampered poodle who just wants to paddle in puddles like REAL dogs do!

2+ 32pp 9780141502465 \$14.95

CLARK, SHERRYL

The Littlest Pirate and the Hammerheads*

Illustrated by Tom Jellett

Nicholas Nosh, the world's littlest pirate, may be small, but when Captain Hammerhead steals the family treasure, Nicholas is the only one who can save the day. As he sails to the rescue, everything seems to be going to plan, until four black fins appear from nowhere...

3+ 32pp 9780143503774 \$16.95

COSTAIN, MEREDITH

Doodledum Dancing*

 (paperback)

Illustrated by Pamela Allen

Here's a book of giggly, wiggly poems. You can munch them for breakfast. You can crunch them for lunch. You can gobble them for dinner. But most of all, you can read them out loud again and again.

3+ 32pp 9780143501336 \$14.95

COSENTINO, RALPH

Superman

Superman has come to be considered as something of an American cultural icon, often otherwise referred to as the 'caped crusader', and this picture book edition, aimed at the young hero-worshipper, is bright and exciting. Sure to be read, and read aloud by fans of all ages.

5+ 40pp 9780143504184 \$16.95

Wonder Woman

Wonder Woman is as significant an icon as Superman and Batman, and is often included as one of the trio of DC comics heroes. The art is bright and fabulous and a whole new generation of kids are going to become enthralled by her tale.

5+ 40pp 9780143504191 \$14.95

CUNXIN, LI

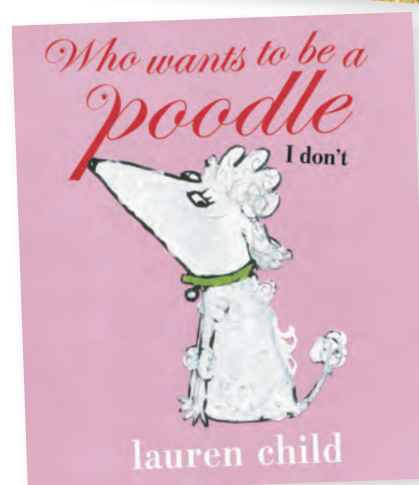
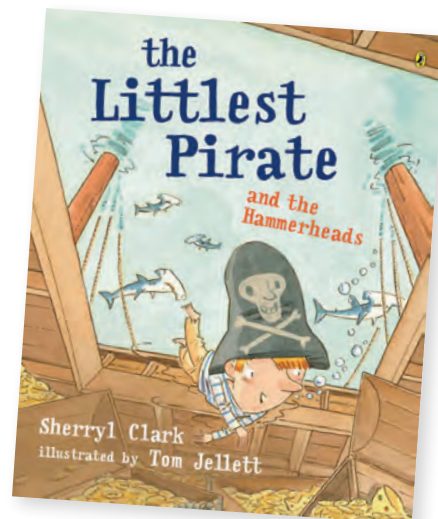
The Peasant Prince*

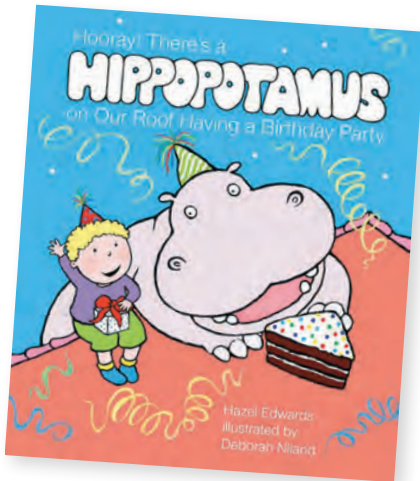
 (paperback)

Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas

This true story of a poor Chinese peasant boy, plucked unsuspectingly at the age of ten from millions of others across the land to be trained as a ballet dancer, is a fairytale that has captivated children and adults alike. Li tells his story with disarming simplicity and charm, with humour and compassion.

6+ 40pp 9780143503118 \$14.95





DUBOSARSKY, URSULA

Honey and Bear Stories*

Illustrated by Ron Brooks

Honey is a bird and Bear is a bear. They go adventuring together. They share special days. And they look after each other, always. Delightfully illustrated in full colour, this collection of warm and whimsical stories is perfect for beginner readers, or as a gentle read-aloud.

5+ 96pp 9780143305002 \$14.95

EDWARDS, HAZEL

There's a Hippopotamus on my Roof Eating Cake... 30th Anniversary*

Illustrated by Deborah Niland

'My daddy says there's a hole in our roof. I know why there's a hole. There's a hippopotamus on our roof eating cake.'

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of this classic story, Penguin have printed a limited edition hardback with a special sparkly hippo on the cover – ready to delight a whole new generation of children.

2+ 32pp 9780670074532 \$24.95

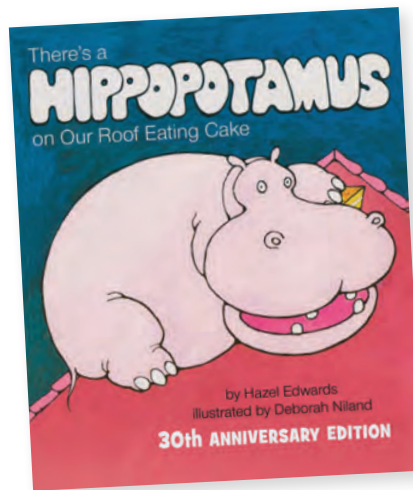
Hooray! There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof Having a Birthday Party*

Illustrated by Deborah Niland

'Only three sleeps to go and then it's my birthday! There's a hippopotamus on our roof eating cake and it's his birthday, too.'

The hippo is back to celebrate his 30th birthday with a brand-new book! Join him and his friends for a jungle-inspired celebration full of games and lots of jungle-party treats.

2+ 32pp 9780670072637 \$24.95



FOX, MEM

A Particular Cow* (paperback)

Illustrated by Terry Denton

When this particular cow walks into a line of washing on her usual Saturday morning walk, she ends up with a pair of bloomers over her head. Running off in a blind panic, the poor animal sets off a riotous chain of events. This delightful read-aloud tale from one of Australia's best-loved storytellers is brought to life by Terry Denton's hilarious and energetic illustrations.

3+ 32pp 9780143501343 \$14.95

Hunwick's Egg* (paperback)

Illustrated by Pam Loftus

Hunwick is an old bilby. He finds an egg and tries to find its parent, but it doesn't seem to belong to anyone. So he decides to give it a home. A warm and beautifully illustrated picture book from the same team that brought you the much-loved and best-selling *Koala Lou*.

4+ 32pp 9780143501350 \$14.95

The Little Dragon*

Illustrated by Roland Harvey

Uh oh! Something has set the whole town alight! The flames are leaping, the people are running – it's chaos! But wait – here is the fireman. Can he put out the fire in time?

3+ 32pp 9780670028740 \$24.95

FOX, MEM & RAWSON, OLIVIA

A Giraffe in the Bath*

Illustrated by Kerry Argent

A giraffe in the bath – does that make you laugh? Or a frog in the flour? Or a sheep in the shower? What makes you laugh? This very funny picture book suggests increasingly hilarious possibilities. With vibrant, giggle-inducing illustrations, *A Giraffe in the Bath* will be treasured and read aloud for years to come.

3+ 32pp 9780670072132 \$24.95



GODWIN, JANE

All Through the Year*

Illustrated by Anna Walker

From the winning team who produced *Little Cat and the Big Red Bus* comes a magical journey through an Australian year. Superb wistful illustrations and beautiful rhyming text open a window onto each month in the life of one young girl and her family. It's everything that's fun about being a child – all year round!

6+ 32pp 9780670073993 \$24.95

How Big is Too Small?*

Illustrated by Gillian Johnson

This story is about a little boy who is left out of games because he is too small. As he contemplates a solution to his problem, he realises that each and every thing, whether it be an ant or a flea, a leaf or a tree, is interconnected and has its own individual worth. He makes friends with another boy and learns that he is as big or small as he needs to be at that particular moment.

5+ 32pp 9780670070756 \$24.95

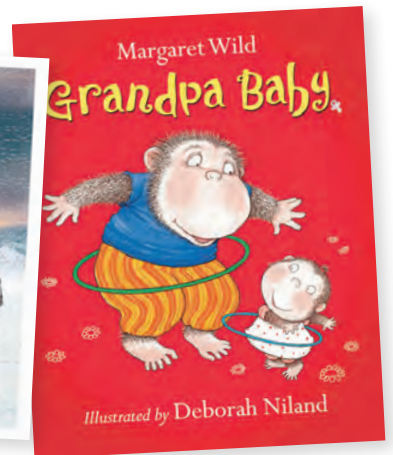
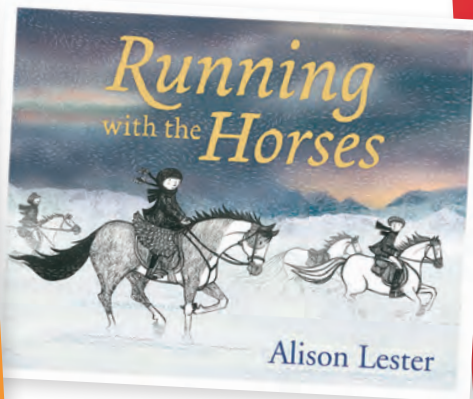
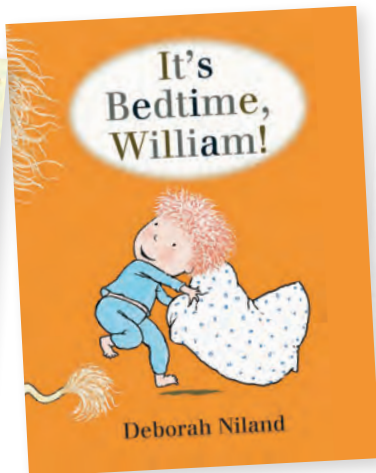
Little Cat and the Big Red Bus* (paperback)

Illustrated by Anna Walker

Every day, Little Cat and her big sister catch the bus home from school. Winter and summer, rain or shine, it is always the same. But one day, Little Cat catches the bus all by herself. . .

5+ 32pp 9780143504122 \$19.95

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HILL, ERIC

Spot Says Goodnight (paperback)

Celebrating Spot's 30th anniversary, a brand-new paperback edition of his latest lift-the-flap adventure.

It's time for bed and Spot has lots of 'Goodnights' to say before he can settle down to sleep. This is the most recent title in Eric Hill's classic lift-the-flap series and it follows the fun of Spot's bedtime routine in a way all toddlers will appreciate and enjoy.

2+ 24pp 9780141330082 \$14.95

HORACEK, JUDY

The Story of Growl* (paperback)

Growl is a little monster. And little monsters love to GROWL! So what is little monster to do when she's banned from growling? Will the neighbours agree to let her do the thing she loves most? How will Growl get her growl back?

0-2 32pp 9780143503101 \$14.95

JENNINGS, PAUL

Rascal & the Monster*

Illustrated by Bob Lea

Rascal gets lost in the forest and sees a scary monster. Ben gets lost in the forest and sees a scary monster. Yikes! How will they escape the monster and get back to their cosy camp?

3+ 32pp 9780143503941 \$14.95

Rascal Runs Away*

Illustrated by Bob Lea

In this fourteenth book of the series, Rascal runs away not once, but twice, in a heart-warming adventure with a lovely, big surprise ending.

3+ 32pp 9780143304098 \$9.95

Rascal's Shadow*

Illustrated by Bob Lea

Ben is scared of a scary shadow. All the dragons are scared of scary shadows! But Rascal finds a way to let the light in.

3+ 32pp 9780143304104 \$9.95

Rascal Book 16*

Illustrated by Bob Lea

What mischievous adventure is Rascal planning for the sixteenth book in the series? We don't know, but it might have something to do with a very bad smell. Watch this space.

3+ 32pp 9780143304111 \$9.95

Rascal Book 17*

Illustrated by Bob Lea

It's the penultimate book in the series and we're not letting the dragon out of the bag, but you can be sure Rascal is up to something funny.

3+ 32pp 9780143304203 \$9.95

Rascal Goes Fishing*

Illustrated by Bob Lea

Everyone's catching fish except Ben. Where's a boy's best friend when he needs one?

3+ 32pp 9780143503958 \$14.95

LESTER, ALISON

Running with the Horses*

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...

6+ 34pp 9780670868339 \$29.95

NILAND, DEBORAH

Annie to the Rescue* (paperback)

Annie is as brave as can be. When she tumbles over she doesn't cry. Even when her big brother Jack tries to scare her, Annie doesn't scream. One day Annie climbs the tree to get Callisto the cat down, then gets stuck herself. Mum and Jack offer to help, but Annie is determined to get down on her own.

4+ 32pp 9780143503095 \$14.95

Bedtime for William*

'William, no more jumping,' says Dad. 'William, it's bedtime NOW,' says Mum. But William has other ideas, and a very special friend to help make this his most memorable night ever! Another adorable picture book from the much-loved author and illustrator, Deborah Niland.

2+ 32pp 9780670073825 \$24.95

Grandpa Baby

While Mum and Dad are working, Grandpa looks after Georgie. They read stories, plant flowers and play dress-ups.

One day, Georgie says, 'Today I'm big and you're a baby. Okay?'

'Okay,' says Grandpa Baby.

What will Georgie and Grandpa Baby get up to?

2+ 32pp 9780670071746 \$24.95

NORLING, BETH

I Found a Friend*

An irresistible new picture book about the delights and giggles of first friendships.

3+ 32pp 9780670072590 \$24.95

Board Books



RIDDLE, TOHBY

My Uncle's Donkey*

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 hoof-stands in the kitchen and cartwheels in the living room...

A humorous and entertaining picture book from the internationally acclaimed Australian author and illustrator, Tohby Riddle.

4+ 32pp 9780670040339 \$24.95

TANNER, JANE

Love from Grandma*

A perfect picture book to share, celebrating the special relationship between grandchildren and grandparents. When Emily and her family move away, she has to leave her beloved grandma behind, and waiting visits will be hard... but Emily and Grandma find ways to stay in touch until they are together again.

3+ 32pp 9780670074099 \$24.95

TULLOCH, CAROL

One Small Island*

Illustrated by Alison Lester

From the much-loved creators of classic children's picture books comes this story about the life and times of Macquarie Island – a sub-Antarctic Island and World Heritage Site. It's a story of hope and renewal, and Macquarie Island's plight is a microcosm of the environmental issues facing us today.

5+ 32pp 9780670072361 \$29.95

WILD, MARGARET

Leo the Littlest Seahorse*

Illustrated by Terry Denton

In the warm waters of the coral reef, one hundred and one baby seahorses learn the ways of the world. They curl around coral and flutter their fins – except Leo, the littlest seahorse, who is always a bit behind. But when a hungry grouper approaches, Leo proves that he, too, is capable of big things.

3+ 32pp 9780670073559 \$24.95

CARLE, ERIC

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Finger Puppet Book

A gorgeous new novelty format of a timeless classic.

Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is one of the bestselling picture books of all time, with over 33 million copies sold worldwide to date. This gorgeous new interactive format lets babies and toddlers join in the fun as the plush caterpillar finger puppet literally wriggles his way through the holes in each page, munching and crunching through foods before transforming into a beautiful butterfly! Count along and identify colours in this perfect introduction to a picture-book classic.

0-2 14pp 9780141329949 \$16.95

FOLEY, GREG

Thank You Bear

Sometimes a box is just a box. Sometimes it is much, much more. That is what Bear thinks. But not everyone agrees. Until Bear finds someone who sees it differently. Sometimes, finding a friend who sees things as you do is the greatest gift of all. Part mystery, part fable, *Thank You Bear* is a story of true friendship.

0-2 16pp 9780143504092 \$14.95

Don't Worry Bear

Caterpillar makes a cocoon and Bear worries whether Caterpillar will be safe from the wind, warm in the cold, and dry throughout the rain. Bear keeps checking on his new friend then one day Caterpillar's cocoon is empty! Bear is worried, but then a beautiful silk moth lands on his paw. 'Don't worry, Bear', says "Caterpillar", 'I'm right here'.

0-2 16pp 9780143504153 \$14.95

FOX, MEM

Hello Baby!*

Illustrated by Steve Jenkins

Clever monkey babies, dusty lion babies, sleepy leopard babies, hairy warthog babies. But which baby is the most treasured one of all? Classic Mem text and wonderful paper-layered art.

0-2 16pp 9780143504139 \$16.95

HORACEK, JUDY

Yellow is my Favourite Colour*

From the acclaimed cartoonist and illustrator of *Where is the Green Sheep?*, comes this joyous celebration of life and colours in a board book for preschoolers. The rhythmic rhyming text is brought to life by the bright and lively illustrations showing children engaged in fun activities that they all love.

0-2 12pp 9780143504283 \$14.95

MIESEN, CHRISTINA

JoJo Goes to Playgroup*

It's Jojo's first day at playgroup. He tries painting, dressing up and digging for dinosaur bones. But best of all, Jojo makes lots of new friends! A delightful board book with a reassuring story about the fun to be had at playgroup.

0-2 12pp 9780143504016 \$14.95

RIDDLE, TOHBY

Dog & Bird & Caterpillar*

Dog and Bird shake and dance and jump up and down, but they can't get rid of the caterpillar that wants to crawl all over them. Finally, Bird manages to get the caterpillar to crawl onto a bush. The third book in the quirky Dog and Bird board-book series.

0-2 12pp 9780143503927 \$14.95

Dog & Bird Have a Party*

'Dog and Bird are blowing up balloons. It's Bird's birthday. And they are going to have a party!' Hats and streamers, games and party food all feature in this celebratory book. Another delightful story in the Dog and Bird board-book series.

0-2 12pp 9780143503934 \$14.95

