

Books for **Younger Readers**

For young children, Puffin has a wide range of authors, stories and genres to suit all appetites, from the most reluctant to the most enthusiastic reader. As their word knowledge, comprehension and language skills are developing, young readers can choose from a wide range of enticing books from Australian and overseas authors, including Robin Klein, Jane Godwin, Cathy Cassidy, Paul Jennings and Isobelle Carmody.



BROAD, MICHAEL

Monsterbook: Rumblefart and the Beastly Bottom

Have monstrous amounts of fun with Will and his monster friend Urk!

Will's school play is *Beauty and the Beast*, but Urk has discovered there'll be more than one monster on opening night! The show must go on, but can they stop Rumblefart and his mad monster mob?

7+ 160pp 9780141326535 \$12.95

CARMODY, ISOBELLE

The Red Wind (Book 1)*

An exciting new fantasy series from this award-winning author. Zluty and Bily live happily in their little house in the desert. Every year Zluty journeys to the Great Forest to gather food for winter and returns with tales of his adventures. Until one year, when a strange red wind sweeps across the desert destroying everything in its path.

8+ 200pp 9780670074037 \$19.95

Night School*

Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas

A group of children and a teacher. A sleep over in a creepy old school by an icy forest. A game that awakens a dangerous force. What is the secret of the Night School? A hypnotic tale from the magical talents of Isobelle Carmody and Anne Spudvilas.

9+ 36pp 9780670072071 \$29.95

CASSIDY, CATHY

Daizy Star and the Pink Guitar

The second title in a perfect new series for little sisters from best-selling, much-loved author Cathy Cassidy.

Daizy is ready to dazzle everyone with her brand-new pink guitar – maybe she'll even find her star quality! But then Dad comes up with another crazy idea, which means swapping happy family life for milking African goats. Eeek! Daizy needs a clever plan... she's got to win the Battle of the Bands, or she can say goodbye to all her friends, sleepovers and – worst of all – custard doughnuts...

7+ 112pp 9780141325200 \$14.95

CRAIG, CLAIRE

Harriet Bright: The Star You Are*

Meet nine-year-old Harriet Bright. She's brave, clever, and a poet (don't you know it) with a wholly original way of getting into (and out of) trouble. Join Harriet on her mysteries, mishaps and escapades with hilarious illustrations by Mel Feddersen.

8+ 144pp 9780143305064 \$14.95

Harriet Bright: The Very Best Holiday Ever*

Harriet Bright is back in another madcap adventure. Join Harriet as she prepares for the mad excitement of Christmas day, shares her very best holiday ever, and plots how to save the planet Pluto!

8+ 128pp 9780143305071 \$14.95

HACKETT, DAVE

City in a Pickle: Sucktropolis series*

In the city of Sucktropolis, the SUCS and the POOPS are at war with each other – the SUCS want the POOPS to stop perpetrating their outrageous pranks. But when Dr Loopitus Whackjob comes to town, they find a common enemy.

9+ 192pp 9780143305217 \$14.95

JENNINGS, PAUL

The Fantastic and Amazing Gizmo* (bind-up)

Four fantastic Gizmo stories in one book, with a fresh new cover by Bob Lea. Includes *The Gizmo*, *The Gizmo Again*, *Come Back Gizmo* and *Sink the Gizmo* from the master of madness – Paul Jennings.

8+ 228pp 9780143304876 \$19.95

LAWRINSON, JULIA

Chess Nuts*

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. This is a light-hearted story about chess, running and the joys of friendship.

9+ 192pp 9780143304708 \$16.95



MILLIGAN, LAURA

Hocus Pocus Versus the Stinky Pong

Once upon a time, a young witch called Lucy lived on a floating elephant-shaped island called Hocus Pocus...

Hocus Pocus is the most magical place to live in the entire world. Until it's invaded by a mysterious (and very stinky!) pong. Nobody knows what to do, so it's up to young witch Lucy and her best friend Joe to find out who or what is responsible...

7+ 192pp 9780143304265 \$16.95

Hocus Pocus: Giant Gog Wants to be a Fairy*

With shades of Roald Dahl and Enid Blyton, Hocus Pocus and the Giant Fairy, Gog will delight young readers with its humour and creativity. This book is the sequel to the popular *Hocus Pocus Versus the Stinky Pong* and features the hapless giant, Gog, who aspires to being a fairy.

7+ 192pp 9780143305118 \$16.95

PALMER, TOM

Football Academy: Captain Fantastic

An exciting football series, following the adventures of United's under-twelves side. Since Ryan Flynn got into trouble for bullying, he's been determined to pull his socks up and be the best captain United's ever had. So when team-mate Craig causes problems on – and off – the pitch, Ryan knows he must get to the bottom of it or he'll lose a talented player. But Craig's worries are much bigger than Ryan realized – can he help Craig and stop him from being shown the red card?

7+ 160pp 9780141324722 \$12.95

Football Academy: Boys United

Jake loves football and dreams of becoming a professional footballer. He's worried about his height though – what if he's too small for football? But on the day of his trial Jake is quick on the ball and scores – he's made it! Jake can't wait to pull on his shirt and join the team. But someone at the club wants to make his life difficult. Can Jake face up to the bullies and become man of the match again? Stay on the ball this season with the first four stories following the boys in United's under-twelves.

7+ 176pp 9780141324678 \$12.95

Football Academy: Striking Out

Yunis can't believe that he's United's leading scorer. It should be the happiest time of his life, but his father wants him to give up football and work hard at school. Can Yunis convince his dad that he can do both, or will he have to hang up his boots forever? Stay on the ball this season with all the action from *Football Academy*.

7+ 160pp 9780141324685 \$12.95

Football Academy: The Real Thing

Tomasz loves playing for United – but he isn't so keen on Ryan, the team captain – and bully. Ryan is always picking on him and making him feel bad about being Polish.

When the club goes to Poland to play in a European tournament, Tomasz is excited and determined not to let Ryan spoil things.

Can Ryan and Tomasz tackle their differences – or will Ryan's bullying foul his chance of success?

7+ 168pp 9780141324692 \$12.95

Football Academy: Free Kick

James has been a junior player at United for a long time. Everyone expects him to follow in his father's footsteps and play for England one day. But James isn't sure.

There is something he wants to do even more than football – but he doesn't want to let his dad down.

James has a difficult choice to make – will he remain on side or kick the ball into touch for good?

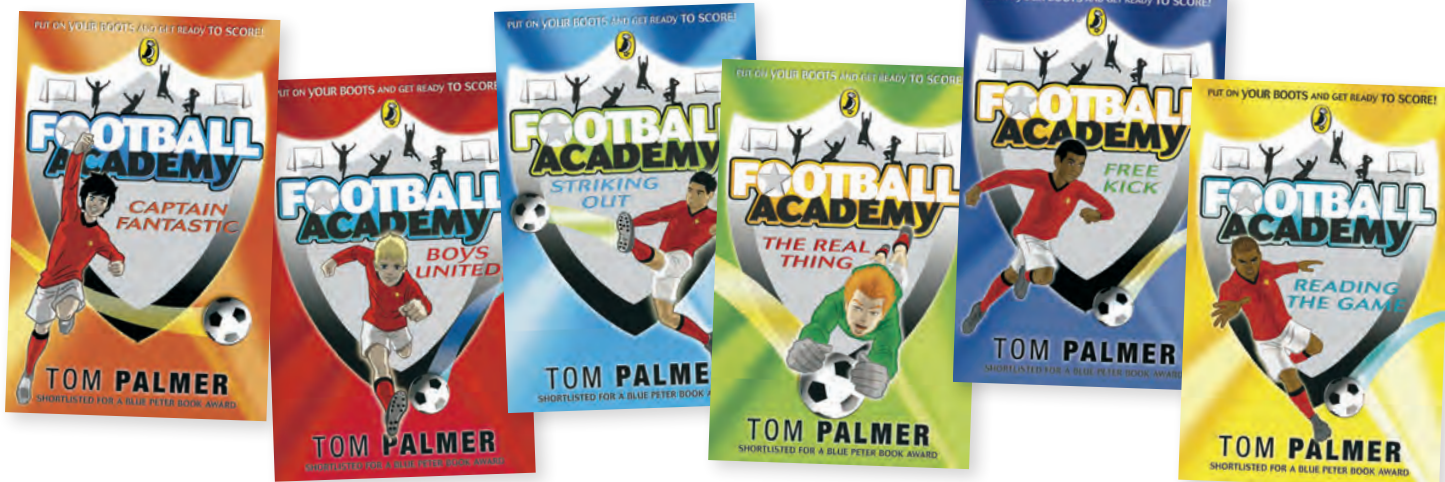
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Football Academy: Reading the Game

Ben is at his happiest playing for United, and he's getting top marks from the coach. But every day at school is a trial for Ben, as he struggles to hide a huge secret from his teachers and classmates.

Then Ben's secret starts to affect his game. Can he swallow his pride and ask for help before he's put on the bench – for good?

7+ 152pp 9780141324708 \$12.95



PRIOR, NATALIE-JANE

The Minivers: Book 1 Minivers on the Run*

Small, dark-haired and beautiful, sisters Rosamund and Emily Miniver live in a miniature mansion. Worshipped by adoring fans, they are Artemisia's biggest celebrities. But most of all, the Minivers love each other. Then, the Minivers' perfect life goes horribly wrong.

9+ 220pp 9780143303664 \$14.95

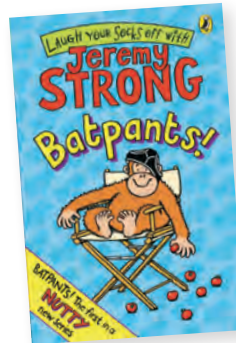


The Minivers: Book 2 Minivers Fight Back*

Miniature celebrities Rosamund and Emily Miniver thought they had escaped from their enemies. But the battle of survival isn't over yet. Determined to destroy the sisters, the evil Madame fills the news with stories about the Minivers' selfishness and extravagance.

Helped by their few remaining friends, Emily and Rosamund hatch a daring plot to restore their reputation. But will Madame's malicious plans triumph before the Minivers can succeed?

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The Minivers: Book 3 Minivers and the Most Secret Room*

The Miniver sisters have been separated again. While Rosamund takes refuge with allies, Emily is a prisoner of Madame and in grave danger. The Minivers must join forces with Madame's enemies to find the location of the Most Secret Room. If they can unlock its secrets, they might just be one step closer to defeating Madame...

10+ 228pp 9780143303688 \$14.95

STRONG, JEREMY

Batpants!

Here comes Batpants... The first book in a nutty new series from megaseller Jeremy Strong! BATPANTS the orang-utan is completely, wildly HAIRY. She loves swinging through trees, and apple crumble and roast chicken. But most of all she loves her family, the Loveharts, and all their madcap adventures.

6+ 176pp 9780141327969 \$14.95

WAGNER, MICHAEL

The Undys: Let the Games Begin

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

Meet the Undys. Josh Undy and his dad, Phil Undy, are constantly trying to out-do each other – gut-barging, stairwell soccer, food fights, stickers and word puzzles are just some of the increasingly whacky and action-packed games in this first installment in the hilarious Undys series.

8+ 132pp 9780143302797 \$14.95

The Undys: Let's Get Physical

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

In this second instalment of *The Undys* series, Josh Undy and his dad, Phil Undy, have invented even more outrageous games in their quest to out-do each other – Toe Wrestling, Bike Polo, Dance-offs and the Non-Stop Race. But this time Phil has an admirer on the sidelines. Can Josh deal with the competition?

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The Undys: Itching for Action

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

This is the third side-splitting instalment of *The Undys* series. Josh and Phil have got new jobs. They have been hired as mannies – male nannies – for a Brazilian boy called Ricky. As mannies, they are meant to teach Ricky proper Aussie games to help him fit in at school and become more confident. When Josh and Phil find out Ricky is being bullied, they decide that it's going to take more than 'proper' games to help Ricky. But will they get the sack when Ricky's dad finds out what they're up to? Even worse, when Ricky has to face the bully, will he come out on top?

8+ 168pp 9780143302506 \$14.95

The Undys: Wet and Wild

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

It's time to get wet and wild with the Undys! I am Josh Undy and Dad and I went on our first camping trip ever! I even got to sleep in a tent – until Auntie Faber snored me out.

So come on, let's go. It is time to head off on... a camping weekend of UNDY-NIABLE ACTION!

8+ 156pp 9780143302513 \$14.95

The Undys: One Wacky Week

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

It's Public Housing Week at the Undys' flats. Meet their weird and wonderful neighbours and laugh out loud as they tackle the world's seventh strongest man, try to outwit each other in a wife-carrying race and appear as 'mannies' on national TV.

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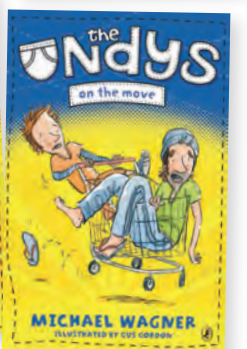
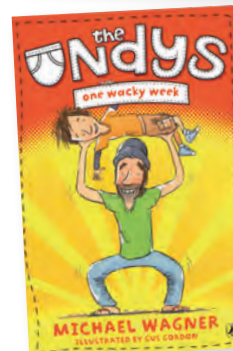
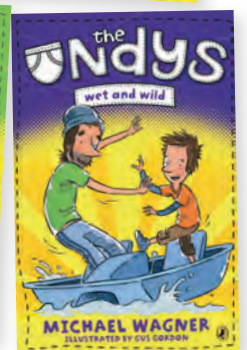
The Undys: On the Move

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

The Undys are being kicked out of their flat and they only have a few weeks to find a new place to live! But no one seems to want to rent a house to such a madcap family. Will the Undys find a new home in time?

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Aussie Nibbles, Bites & Chomps

Nibbles

CAISLEY, RAEWYN

Aussie Nibbles: Joe's Boat*

Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas

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.

6+ 72pp 9780143304500 \$12.95

COSTAIN, MEREDITH

Aussie Nibbles: Rosie and Ned and the Creepy Cave*

Illustrated by Tina Burke

Rosie desperately wants a red feather from a red-capped robin that lives by the creek, near Nellie McGinty's place. She persuades her friend to go too, even though he's not so sure; all the kids say that Nellie McGinty is a witch! The feather is found, but then the adventures begin, and Ned is the one to save the day.

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GODWIN, JANE

Aussie Nibbles: Where's Sunday?*

Illustrated by Anne James

Sally's much-loved puppy, Sunday, is young and bouncy and still needs some training: that's Sally's job. Late one day, when Sally's family is driving home from the beach, Dad has to stop the car at the side of the road. In those few moments Sunday escapes, they can't see Sunday anywhere. Will anybody find her?

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METZENTHEN, DAVID

Aussie Nibbles: Squidnapped!*

Illustrated by Stephen Axelsen

Holly takes a baby squid from the sea. She calls him Mr Googly, he is so quick and pretty! Wandering along the beach, showing her prize catch to beachgoers, she becomes lost. Her parents are worried and the parents of the little squid are worried too. Holly is found and she returns Mr Googly to the sea and his relieved parents.

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MIESEN, CHRISTINA

Aussie Nibbles: Jamie Spy*

Illustrated by Christina Miesen

When Jamie Spy's mother finds that all the cookies 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? His father? Jamie investigates each member of his secret agent family then puts two and two together, and comes up with a surprising result.

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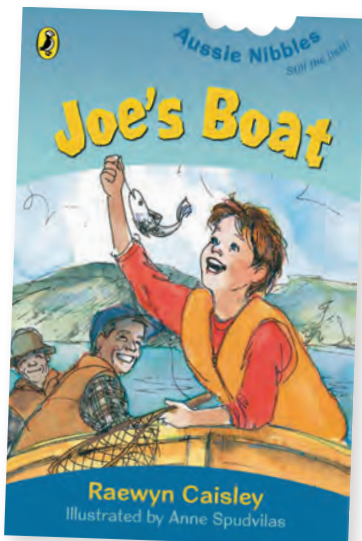
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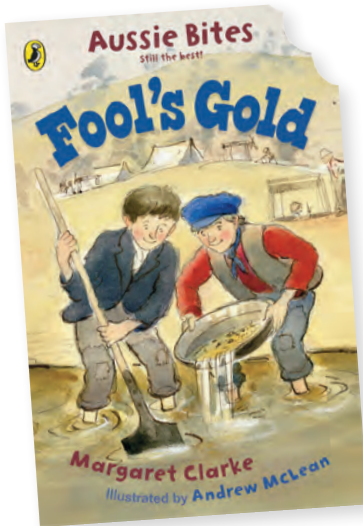
Aussie Nibbles: The Strange Little Monster*

Illustrated by Stephen Michael King

Sasha is a strange little monster who doesn't like roaring and rumbling, she'd rather play the flute with her granddad. She makes an effort to please Mum and Dad when they enter her in the Hide and Go Scare contest but instead takes her flute and creeps away. Then she discovers her flute playing helps in other ways to keep monsters safe.

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Bites

BRANFORD, ANNA

Aussie Bites: Sophie's Salon*

Illustrated by Cheryl Orsini

Sophie is obsessed with hair and her best friend, Melitta, is a dancer. They get very excited about Sophie doing Melitta's hair for Swan Lake ballet when their friendship hits a rocky patch. Still, Sophie goes to see her friend perform, and then has to step in to help fix everyone's hair.

8+ 96pp 9780143304821 \$12.95

CROWLEY, CATH

Aussie Bites: Rosie Staples' Minor Magical Misunderstanding*

Illustrated by Judy Watson

Rosie Staples has finally worked some REAL magic, she's swapped personalities with Maddison... and finds out that being someone else is far from what she thought, and she doesn't even like the other person; who is her! Will Rosie be able to get her old self back?

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CLARK, MARGARET

Aussie Bites: Fool's Gold*

Illustrated by Andrew McLean

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. But now the boys have heard the legend of McHool's gold, and they are determined to find the missing hoard; before Laura Haggarty does.

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STORER, JEN

Aussie Bites: Haggis McGregor and the Night of the Skull Moon*

Illustrated by Gus Gordon

Skeletal Haggis McGregor has been dead for hundreds of years, but that doesn't stop him wanting a wife. And while he's looking for her, he and his equally bony ghostly horse have fun rampaging around the little Scottish village of Dunroamin, scaring the inhabitants out of their wits.

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Chomps

MOLONEY, JAMES

Aussie Chomps: The Mobile Phone Detective*

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 dad before it's too late?

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STEPHENS, DELWYNE

Aussie Chomps: A Horse Called Darling*

Penny's horse, Manny, is her pride and joy – until he dies in a horrible riding accident. Penny doesn't think she will ever recover. But then her father brings home a surprise – an ugly, unloved horse called Darling. Will Penny learn to look beyond the surface and see Darling for what he really is?

10+ 108pp 9780143304692 \$12.95

STARKE, RUTH

Aussie Chomps: Captain Stella*

Stella's parents are going overseas for a holiday and Stella has been left behind with boring Granny Bee. But when the fusty old op shop that Granny Bee volunteers at is in danger of being closed down by the council, Stella seizes the chance to take over, give it a makeover and try to save the day.

10+ 96pp 9780143305156 \$12.95

