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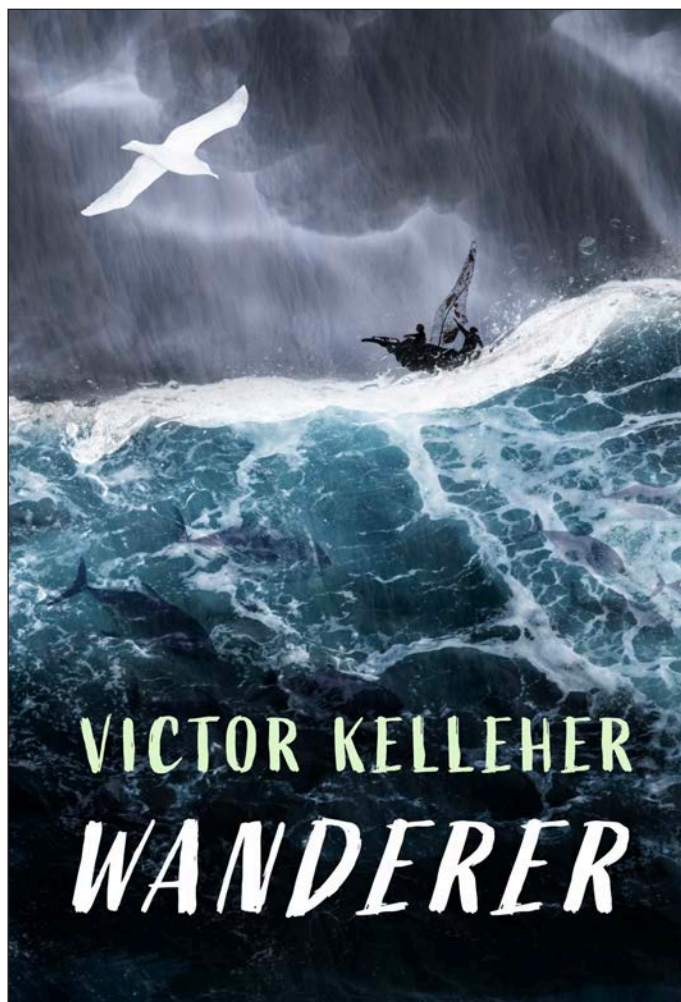
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The Fastest Ship in Space

Our lead title in the Eagle Books imprint: **WANDERER** by Victor Kelleher

A magnificent adventure set in a brilliantly-imagined world, *Wanderer* is the first middle-grade novel in over 15 years by one of Australia's greatest storytellers, multi-award-winning author Victor Kelleher.



Author: Victor Kelleher

ISBN: 9780645378818

RRP: \$19.99

320 pages

Published August 2022

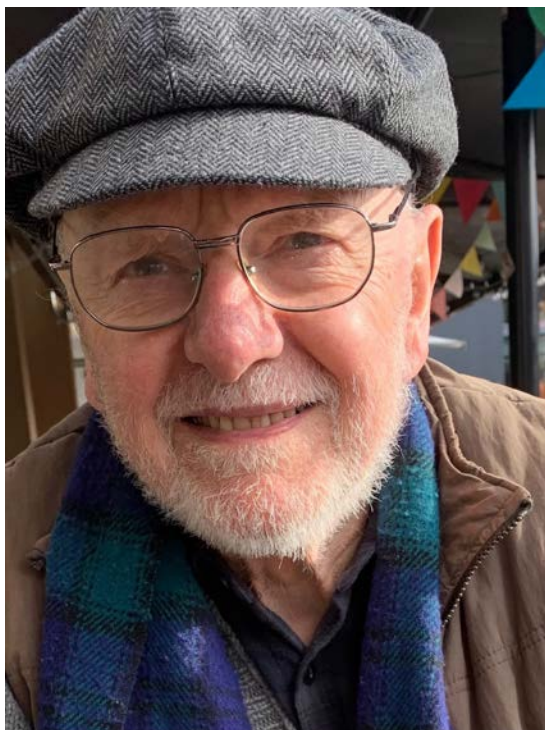
Rights available: World
excluding ANZ

Age guide: Upper
middle-grade



About the author

With many novels to his credit, Victor Kelleher has written successfully for both adults and for young people. A past winner of the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year Award, he has twice received the CBCA Honour Award, and has won or been short-listed for many other awards, including the Science Fiction Achievement Award and a short-listing for the Carnegie Medal. *Wanderer*, like much of his fiction, reflects his deep concern for the natural world.



What reviewers are saying

Wanderer is the brilliant and engaging outcome of meticulous crafting and richly-imagined world-building (Magpies)

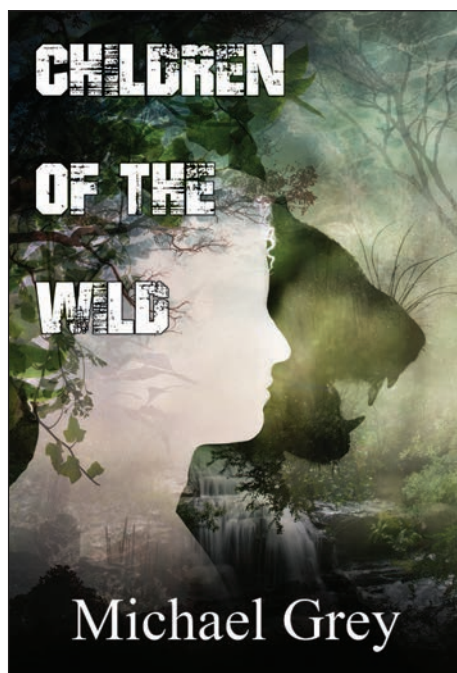
Victor Kelleher has lost none of his touch in this fast-paced adventure in a world far removed from what we take for granted. (Lamont Books)

A story of friendship, endurance, adversity, and sheer grit and determination against all odds. Wanderer is a gripping multi-layered adventure that leaves echoes beyond the page. (Buzz Words)

Also in Eagle Books in 2022

CHILDREN OF THE WILD

by Michael Grey



Author: Michael Grey

ISBN: 9780648815433

RRP: \$19.99

418 pages

Published March 2022

Rights available: World excluding ANZ

Age guide: Young Adult

A powerful speculative fiction novel for young adults by a talented new author.

About the author

Michael Grey is a writer of children's stories, science fiction, fantasy, contemporary, and horror, and does not see why all those genres shouldn't be combined. He has had stories published in print, online and in audio, and has been shortlisted for the Parsec and Aurealis Horror novella awards.

Children of the Wild is his first published novel.



Both our Eagle Books titles this year feature covers and internal illustrations by award-winning artist Lorena Carrington.

<https://lorenacarrington.com/>



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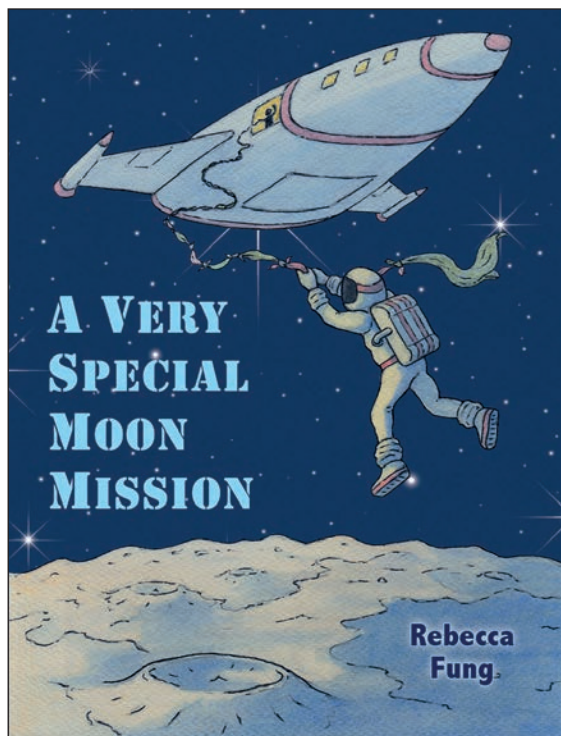
**New titles in
junior fiction
and
early readers**



A VERY SPECIAL MOON MISSION

by Rebecca Fung

illustrated by David Allan



A fun space adventure, full of Rebecca Fung's characteristic verve and humour, this short novel for young readers is illustrated with lively black and white pictures by David Allan.

Author: Rebecca Fung

Illustrator: David Allan

ISBN 9780645378801

RRP \$13.99

80 pages

Rights available:

World excluding ANZ

Published July 2022

Age range: 7-10 years old

About the author

Rebecca Fung works and lives in Sydney, Australia. Her first book, *Princess Hayley's Comet* (illustrated by Kathy Creamer) was first published in print by Christmas Press in 2018, with an audio book edition published in 2021. *A Very Special Moon Mission* is her second book.

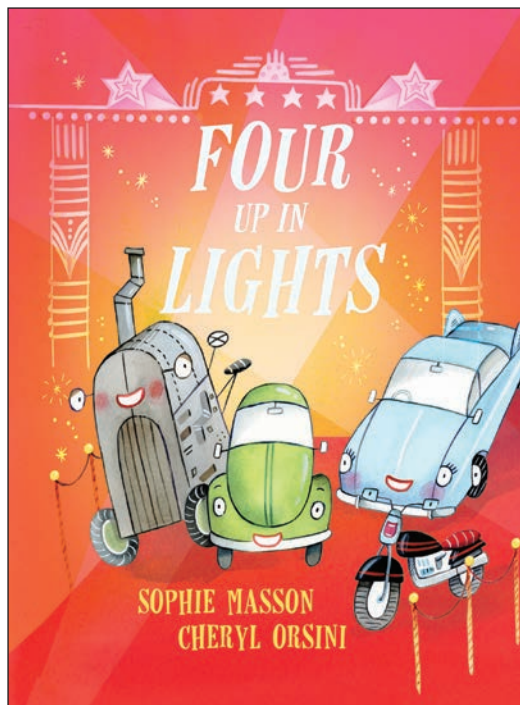
About the illustrator

David Allan's first illustrated book, *Two Trickster Tales from Russia* (retold by Sophie Masson) was published by Christmas Press in 2013. He has since illustrated several other books. David's work is in private and public collections and he has exhibited artworks in both solo and group shows.

FOUR UP IN LIGHTS

by Sophie Masson

Illustrated by Cheryl Orsini



From two acclaimed creators comes the third and final fabulous, fast-moving, funny adventure of four lovable friends who just happen to be machines. A sequel to *Four All At Sea* (2021) and *Four On the Run* (2020).

Author: Sophie Masson
Illustrations: Cheryl Orsini
ISBN 9780648815471
RRP \$13.99
72 pages
Published September 2022
Rights available:
World excluding ANZ

About the author

Born in Indonesia of French parents, and brought up in France and Australia, Sophie Masson is the multi-award-winning author of over 70 books for children, young adults and adults. In 2019, Sophie received an AM (Member, General Division) award in the Order of Australia honours list.

About the illustrator

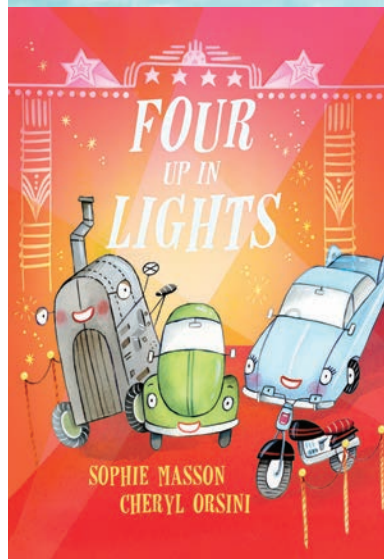
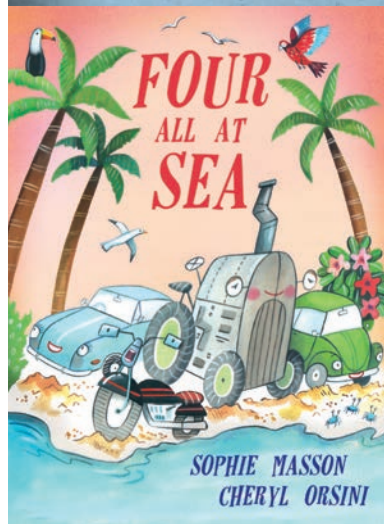
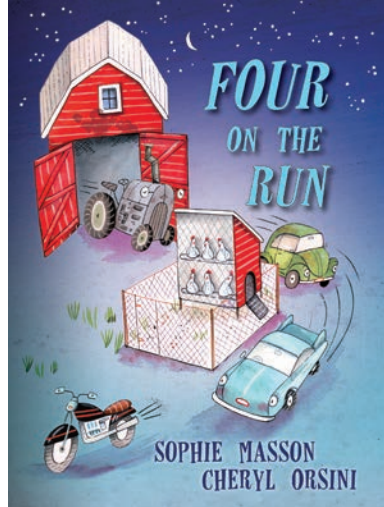
Cheryl Orsini taught herself to draw as a little girl. She studied Visual Communications at UTS in Sydney and began illustrating for books and magazines. She has illustrated over 20 picture books and junior fiction books for many publishers.

**What reviewers are saying
about the 'Four' series:**

With themes of friendship, resilience, and teamwork, a fast-paced story, and fabulously expressive illustrations, young readers will delight in the adventures of these talking vehicle friends. (Reading Time)

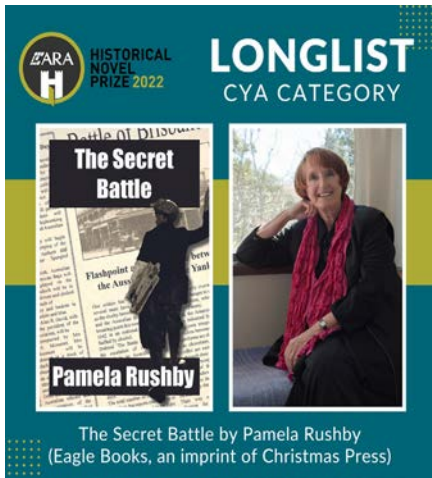
Cheryl Orsini's delicate pen illustrations depict the cars in their prime and through their challenges. The dialogue between the cars is humorous and entertaining. This is a perfect chapter book for younger readers. (Kids' Book Review)

Sophie Masson's funny, charming and original adventure story about four friends who just happen to have wheels is a great early chapter book...with lots of excitement, a little bit of peril and bags of friendship and heart the story races through its seven chapters and features black and white illustrations from Cheryl Orsini. (A Word About Books)



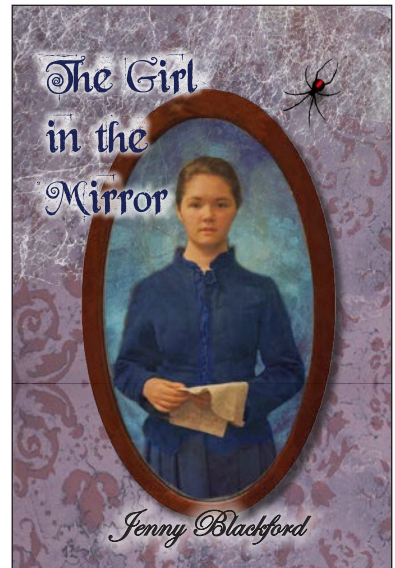


Acclaimed Books



The Secret Battle
by Pamela Rushby
Longlisted for the
Historical Novel Prize
CYA category, 2022

The Girl in the Mirror
by Jenny Blackford.
Winner
Best Children's Crime Novel
2020 Davitt Awards



Lucy Newton, Little Witch
by Phoebe McArthur
Shortlisted for the 2019
Book of the Year Awards from
Speech Pathology Australia
5-8 category.



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Backlist Early Readers



The LUCY NEWTON series

by Phoebe McArthur



Lucy Newton, Little Witch
Written and illustrated by Phoebe McArthur

Lucy's mum is always busy, going to this meeting and that, leaving Lucy with one strict rule: NO MAGIC. Lucy doesn't mean to conjure the giant green slug. She only wanted a friendly kitten to keep her company. Now, with the help of a talking spellbook and a grumpy cat called Thomas, she must race to get rid of the slug before it eats the prized cabbage garden of the witch next door — and before her mum gets home.

SHORTLISTED, Book of the Year Speech Pathology Awards, 2019

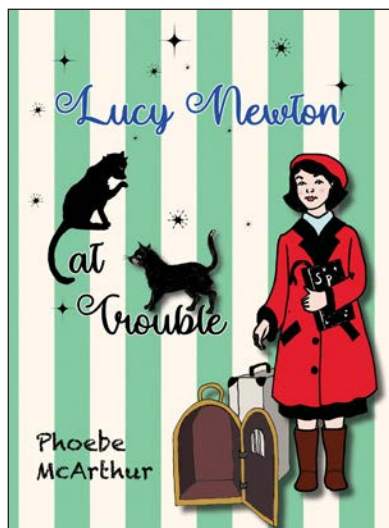
ISBN 9780648194507 | Published by Christmas Press | November 2018 | RRP \$13.99 | 72 pages

Lucy Newton: Cat Trouble
Written and illustrated by Phoebe McArthur

Lucy is spending the holidays with her grandparents at an old house near a loch. Thomas the cat disappears on the train trip there and Lucy is frantic. Taking advice from her spell book and a talking library, Lucy casts a spell to find him. But when she does there's something different about him...

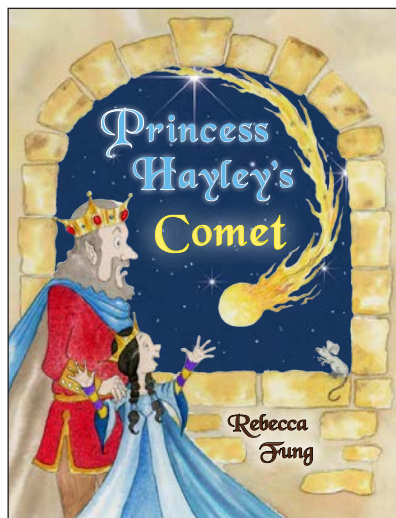
ISBN 9780648815464 | Published by Christmas Press | November 2021 | RRP \$13.99 | 72 pages

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Book 3 coming in 2023!

OTHER EARLY READERS



Princess Hayley's Comet
Written by Rebecca Fung
Illustrated by Kathy Creamer

Princess Hayley has everything a princess could want ... except a comet. Comets are so sparkly and they shoot through the sky so fast – who wouldn't want one? But then Hayley realises the only way she's going to get her wish is to catch a comet for herself. Joined by the very best friends a princess could have, Hayley aims to build the biggest and best – the only – comet-catcher in the world and make sure her birthday dream comes true!

A magical, funny story for young readers by a talented new author.

Also available as an audio book.

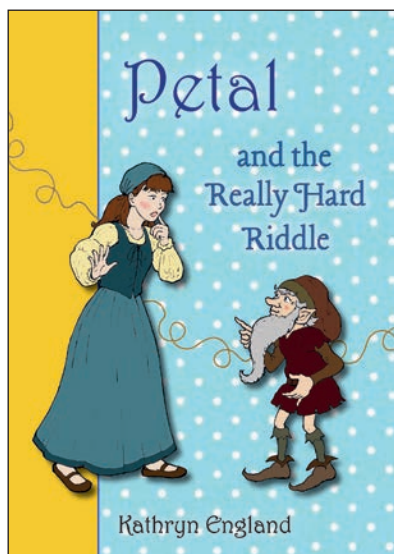
ISBN 9780994528070 | 72 pages | RRP \$13.99.

Petal and the Really Hard Riddle
Written by Kathryn England
Illustrated by David Allan

Petal's father likes to boast about his daughter. According to him she can do anything. One day, a particularly over-the-top boast about her spinning skill makes its way across the land into the King's ear and Petal is brought to the palace. The King orders Petal to demonstrate her skill. With no hope of doing what her father says she can do, Petal agrees to a deal offered by a tricky old man who will carry out the task if she can answer a really hard riddle. But surely it can't be that hard, can it?

A lively, funny take on Rumpelstiltskin.

ISBN 9780648194545 | 72 pages | RRP \$13.99

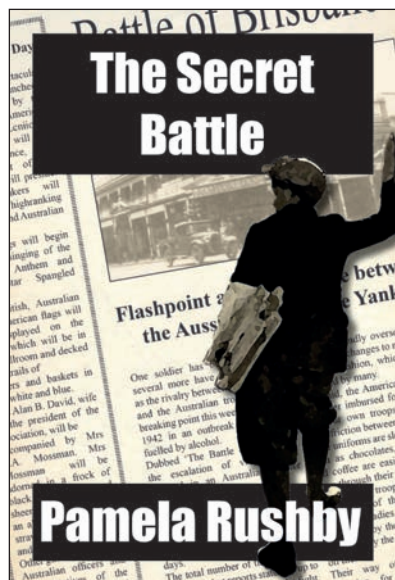


Eagle Books

Backlist



2021



The Secret Battle by Pamela Rushby

Nine-year-old city newspaper seller Roddy becomes involved in the infamous Battle of Brisbane in 1942: when American and Australian servicemen fought against each other, rioting in the streets of the city for two days.

When Roddy helps an American serviceman who's been involved in the fighting, he never expects that the battle will become covered up – a wartime secret.

A fast-moving historical novel for middle-grade readers by a multi-award-winning author.

**Longlisted for 2022 ARA Historical Novel Prize.
Longlisted for 2022 Booklinks Historical Novel Prize.**

ISBN 9780648815426 | Published by Eagle Books |
October 2021 | 144 pages | RRP \$17.99

Charlie Chaplin: The Usual Suspect by Phoebe McArthur

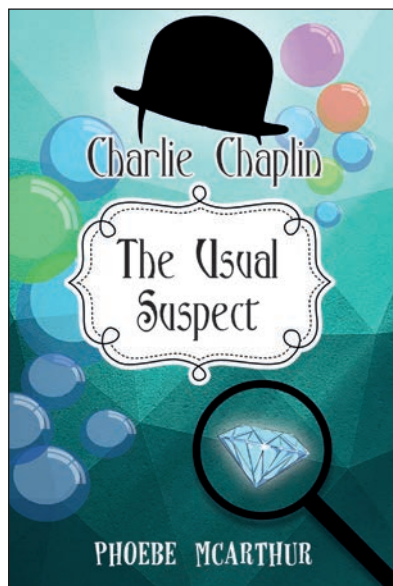
That is until her parents get divorced and Charlie is dragged to the sleepy town of Gulgong in the middle of nowhere.

There's nothing to do — or so Charlie thinks. Things start to heat up when she makes an unlikely friend: Ruby, the daughter of a man wanted for burglary.

Charlie and Ruby, with a little technological aid and some friends in high places, must catch the real thief and clear Ruby's dad's name before he's sent to gaol.

A lively, fast-paced mystery with vivid characters and an atmospheric country town setting.

ISBN 9780648815440 | Published by Eagle Books |
July 2021 | 200 pages | RRP: \$17.99



2020 - 2019



The Phantasmic Detective Agency by Julian Leatherdale

London, Christmas Eve, 1911: the world is changing fast: giant warships, aeroplanes with bombs, spies and assassins, fear of war with Germany. And the cosy lives of teenagers Lily and Leo Keeler, who long for adventure, are about to be torn apart by secrets, espionage and monstrous creatures. When a shadow-puppet play unexpectedly releases the hungry spectre of Shadow Wolf, Lily and Leo get more adventure than they ever bargained for, as they battle the threat with their Uncle Alfred, a brilliant, notorious Sherlock Holmes-like paranormal detective.

The Phantasmic Detective Agency is a gripping, original fantasy adventure novel for readers 9+.

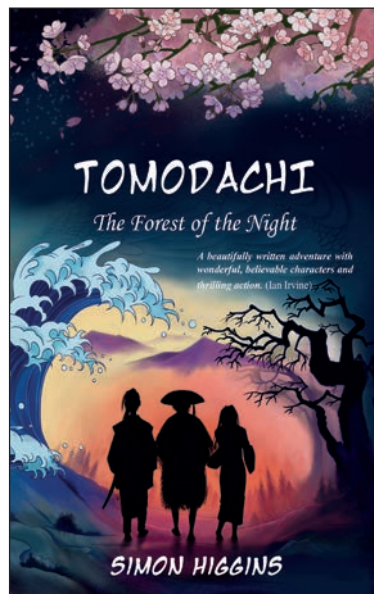
ISBN 9780648194538 | Published by Eagle Books |
May 2020 | Pages 283 | RRP \$19.99

Tomodachi: The Forest of the Night by Simon Higgins, illustrated by Jenny Wang.

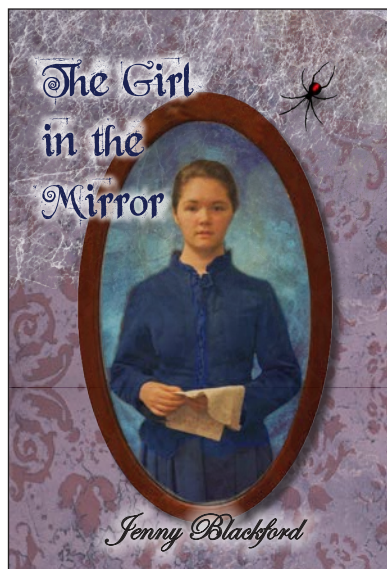
Young Daniel Marlowe and his Japanese 'tomodachi', his friends, Otsu and Kenji, are about to stumble into a stomach-knotting adventure where a ferocious public test of samurai virtue and a murder investigation will collide. Their hazardous journey promises answers. The hope of being joyfully reunited, the risk of confirming loss. But the spirit world has its own part to play in their destinies, for someone — or something — waits watchfully in the ancient Forest of the Night.

ISBN 9780994528087 | Published by Eagle Books |
March 2019 | 238 pages | RRP \$19.99

World rights excluding ANZ and China.



2019-2018



The Girl in the Mirror
by Jenny Blackford
illustrated by Fiona McDonald

Maddy is picked on by bullies at her new school and terrified by ghosts in the old house her family has moved to – but she soon becomes friends with Clarissa, who slept in that same room and used the same mirror more than 100 years earlier. Then Maddy's baby brother nearly dies of whooping cough, and Clarissa discovers that her poisonous Aunt Lily is even more evil than she seems. The two girls have to use all their intelligence and verve to fight against Aunt Lily's plots, each in her own time, with help from Clarissa's dead brother Bertie.

Winner, Children's Category, 2020 Davitt Awards.

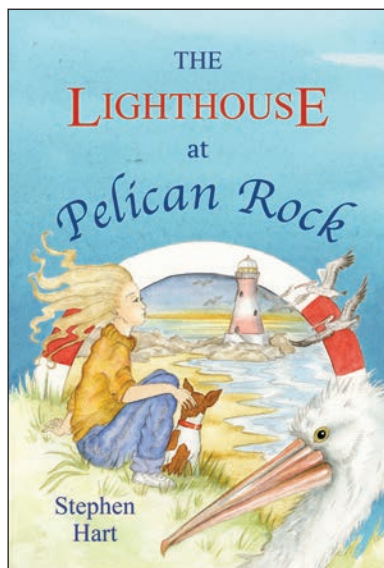
ISBN 9780648194521 | Published by Eagle Books |
October 2019 | 168 pages | RRP \$17.99

The Lighthouse at Pelican Rock
by Stephen Hart
illustrated by Kathy Creamer

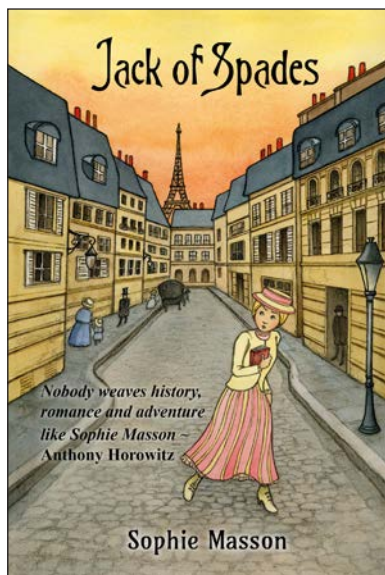
After 12-year-old Megan Evans almost dies, she is packed off to the tiny, remote coastal village of Pelican Rock to recover. Sure she is going to be bored in a place which doesn't even have the internet, she discovers there is much more to Pelican Rock than she expected. Are the pelicans really magic? What is the secret of the ruined lighthouse? Has she found the place where she belongs? And, perhaps, not just a place...

This first novel by talented new writer Stephen Hart is a magical, moving, memorable story that will grip readers from the start.

ISBN 9780994528056 | Published by Eagle Books |
168 pages | RRP \$17.99



2017-2016



Jack of Spades
by Sophie Masson
illustrated by Yvonne Low
May 1910...

Linda's father is missing in Paris, and her only clue is the Jack of Spades card that was sent to their home in London. In the family code, 'Jack of Spades' means danger. But it is not her father's handwriting on the envelope! Setting out to look for him, Linda is whirled into a frightening world where nothing is as it seems. As she works against time to find her father with the help of some new friends, Linda begins to realise that she has stumbled into a dark and dangerous conspiracy which threatens the future of the whole world...

Shortlisted for 2018 Davitt Award, cover endorsement by Anthony Horowitz.

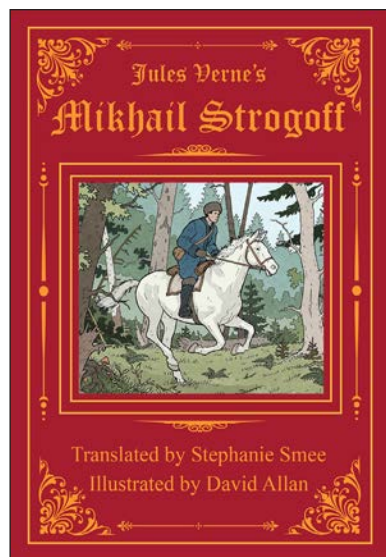
ISBN 978099452800 | Published by Eagle Books | 216 pages | RRP \$19.99

Jules Verne's Mikhail Strogoff
translated by Stephanie Smee
illustrated by David Allan

The first English translation in over a hundred years of one of the best adventure novels of all time, written by one of the most popular writers of all time: Jules Verne's Mikhail Strogoff.

First published in French in 1876 as Michel Strogoff, it is a rip-roaring tale of adventure and suspense, painted with romance and humour and set in pre-revolutionary Russia. Suitable for both adult and young readers from 11 and up, it is a book that's inspired countless film and TV adaptations all over the world.

ISBN 9780994234001 | Published by Eagle Books
| 337 pages | RRP \$55 | World English paperback rights available

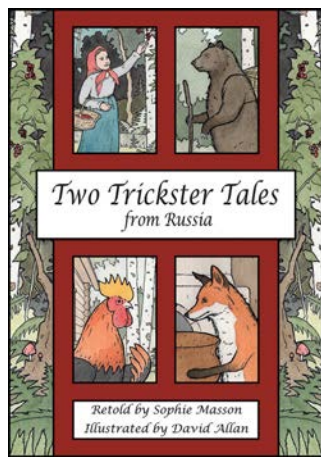


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Two Tales Series

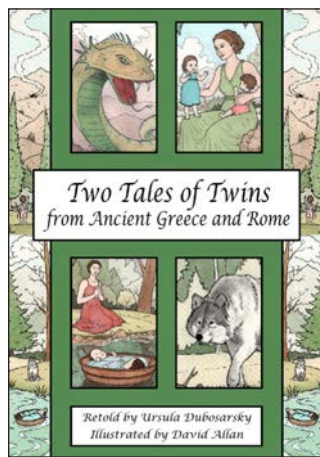


All the titles in our Two Tales series of eight books are 32 pages long and feature many illustrations, in colour and black and white. Four are in paperback, four in hardcover.



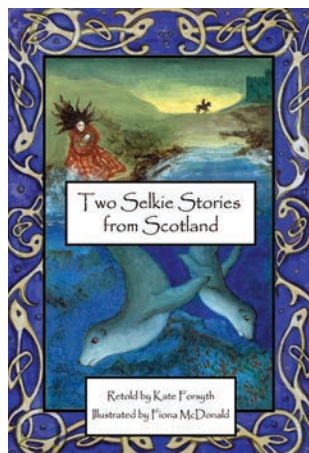
Two Trickster Tales from Russia
by Sophie Masson and David Allan.

ISBN 9780992283803 | paperback | RRP \$17.99



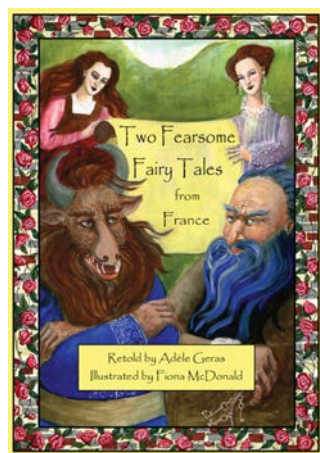
Two Tales of Twins from Ancient Greece and Rome,

by Ursula Dubosarsky and David Allan,
ISBN 9780992283834 | paperback | RRP \$17.99



Two Selkie Stories from Scotland
by Kate Forsyth and Fiona McDonald

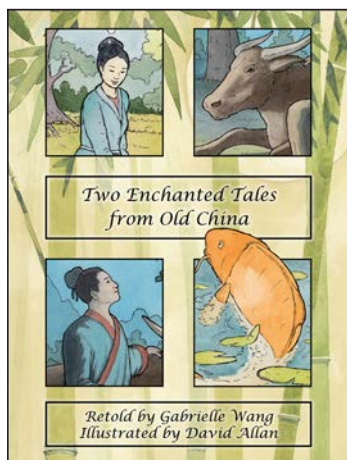
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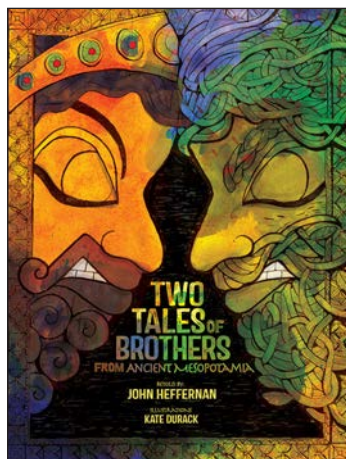
Two Fearsome Fairy Tales from France
by Adèle Geras and Fiona McDonald

ISBN 9780992283858 | Hardcover | RRP \$19.99

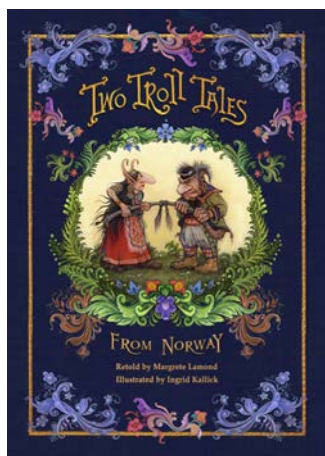
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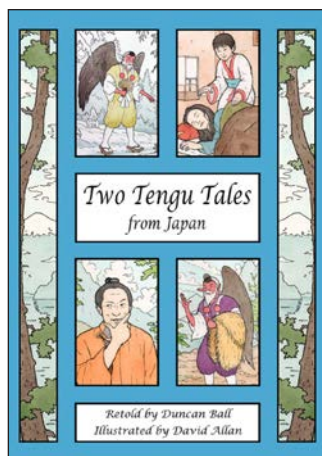
Two Enchanted Tales of Old China
 by Gabrielle Wang and David Allan
 ISBN 9780994528025 |
 paperback | RRP \$17.99



Two Tales of Brothers from Ancient Mesopotamia
 by John Heffernan and Kate Durack
 ISBN 9780994234049 | Hardcover | RRP \$19.99



Two Troll Tales from Norway
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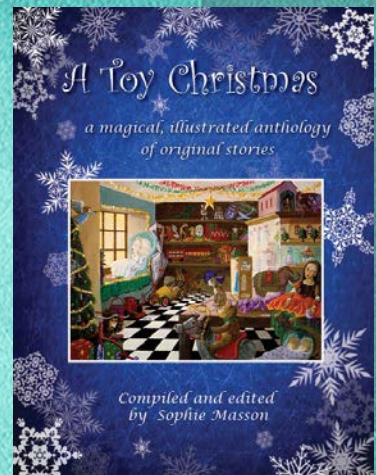
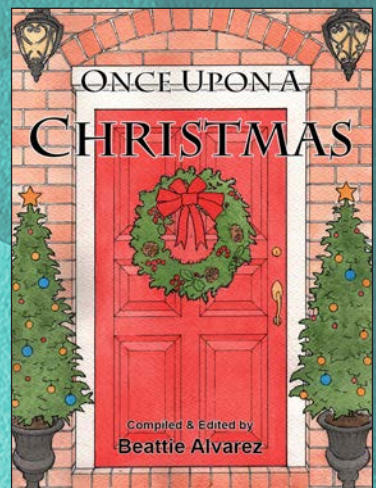
Two Tengu Tales from Japan
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Christmas Anthologies



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PROVEN VERY POPULAR
WITH READERS, SCHOOLS
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Once Upon A Christmas (2014)
 edited by Beattie Alvarez
 ISBN 9780992283858 | 165 pages |
 paperback | RRP \$24.99

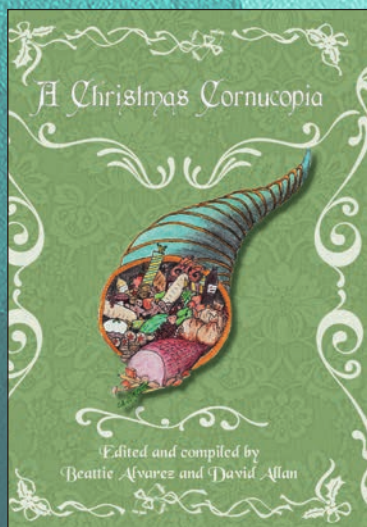
Three Dragons for Christmas (2015)
 by Fiona McDonald, Beattie Alvarez, David Allan, Sophie Masson and Lisa Stewart
 ISBN 9780992283896 | 32 pages |
 hardcover | RRP \$21.99



A Toy Christmas (2016)
 edited by Sophie Masson
 ISBN 9780994234063 | 96 pages |
 paperback | RRP \$24.99

A Christmas Menagerie (2017)
 edited by Beattie Alvarez
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A Miniature Christmas (2018)
 edited by Beattie Alvarez
 ISBN 9780648194514 | 80 pages |
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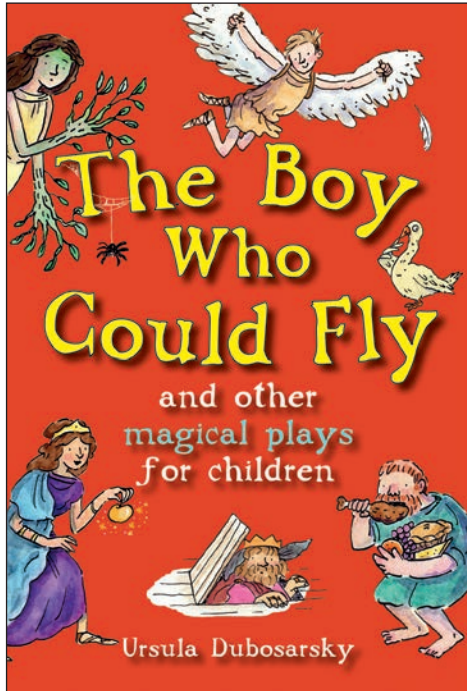
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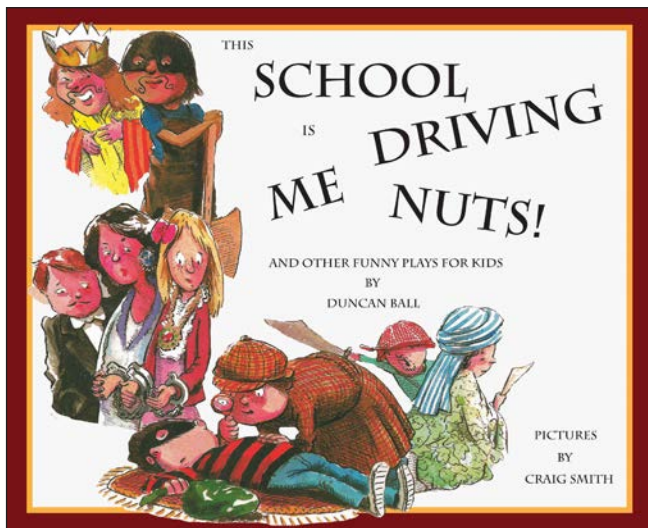
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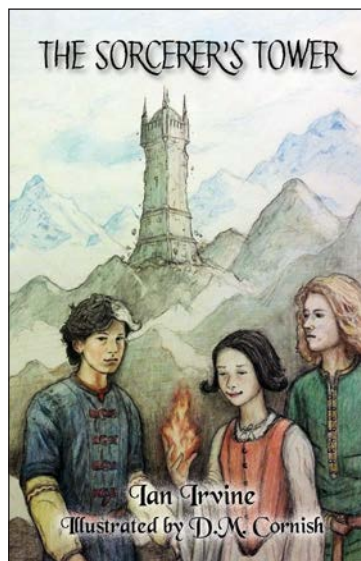
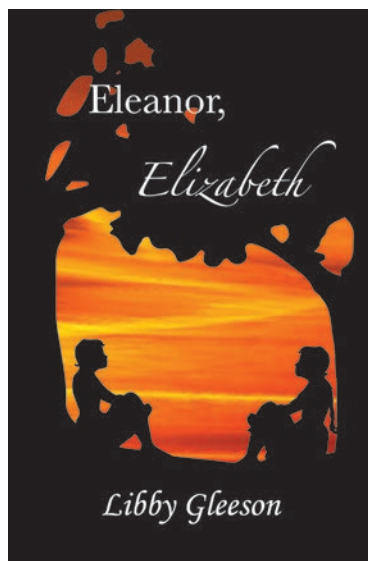


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SECOND LOOK: THE NOVELS



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by Libby Gleeson, illustrated by
Beattie Alvarez

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