



**The 2009 list of
WONDERFUL NEW AUSTRALIAN KIDS' BOOKS
TO ADD TO YOUR LIBRARY**

Australia creates some of the best books in the world and I get to see many of these each year. These are some of my favourites since National Literacy and Numeracy Week last year. These are the books that I really enjoyed reading and I hope that you enjoy them too. To see more information about these titles and to keep up to date with the books that are arriving in bookstores jump to the newkidsbooksinoz section of my blog.

Fiction

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>
A Certain Music	Celeste Walters	Woolshed Press
A Chook Called Harry	Philip Gwynne & Terry Denton	Puffin
A Small Free Kiss in the Dark	Glenda Millard	Allen & Unwin
Anaconda Ambush	Justin d'Arth	Penguin
Audrey Goes to Town	Christine Harris	Little Hare Books
Big Dig (Lightning Strikes)	Meg McKinlay	Walker Books
Dinosaur Knights	Michael Gerard Bauer	Omnibus
Dog Squad (Lightning Strikes)	Meredith Costain	Walker Books
Don't Breathe A Word	Marrienne Musgrove	Random House
Donkey who Carried the Wounded, the	Jackie French	Angus & Robertson
Dragon Blood Pirates (series)	Dan Jerris	Hachette
Extraordinary Ernie and Marvellous Maude	Frances Watts & Judy Watson	ABC Books
Finnikin of the Rock *	Melina Marchetta	Penguin
Fire Song	Libby Hathorn	ABC Books
Freaky (Lightning Strikes)	Sue Whiting	Walker Books
Hunting Elephants	James Roy	Woolshed Press

Just Macbeth	Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton	PanMacmillan
Kings of Clonmel, the (Ranger's Apprentice #8)	John Flanagan	Random House
Lighthouse Girl	Dianne Wolfer	Fremantle Press
Lucy Zeezou's Goal	Liz Deep-Jones	Random House
Mascot Madness! (Schooling Around #3)	Andy Griffiths	PanMacmillan
Mischief Afoot (Walk Right In Detective Agency, #3)	Moya Simons	Walker Books
Minivers on the Run	Natalie Jane Prior	Puffin
Pearl Verses the World	Sally Murphy & Heather Potter	Walker Books
Puzzle Ring, the	Kate Forsyth	PanMacmillan
Remarkable Secret of Aurelie Bonhoffen, the	Deb Abela	Random House
Shaolin Tiger (Samurai Kids series)	Sandy Fussell	Walker Books
Silas and the Winterbottoms	Stephen M. Giles	PanMacmillan
Toad Surprise	Morris Gleitzmann	Penguin
Wet and Wild (the Undy's)	Michael Wagner & Gus Gordon	Penguin
Wizard of Rondo	Emily Rodda	Omnibus
Worldshaker *	Richard Harland	Allen&Unwin
Zoo of Magical and Mythological Creatures, the	Sam Bowering	PanMacmillan

Picture Books

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>
Applesauce and the Christmas Miracle	Glenda Millard & Stephen Michael King	ABC Books
Captain Crabclaw's Crew	Frances Watts & David Legge	ABC Books
Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy Enigma	Sue Whiting & Sarah Davis	New Frontier
Fox and Fine Feathers	Graeme Base	Penguin
Free to a Good Home	Narelle Oliver	Scholastic
Harry & Hopper	Colin Thompson	Random House
Hero of Little Street, the	Margaret Wild & Freya Blackwood	Omnibus
Little Cat and the Big Red Bus	Gregory Rogers	Allen&Unwin
	Jane Godwin & Anna Walker	Penguin

My Mother's Eyes	Mark Wilson	Hachette
Our Daft Dog Danny	Pamela Allen	Penguin
Ruby Makes A Friend	Tina Burke	Penguin
Stanley Paste	Aaron Blabey	Penguin
Terrible Plop, the	Ursula Dubosarsky & Andrew Joyner	Penguin
Wrong Book, the	Nick Bland	Scholastic

Information Books

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>
30 Australia Sporting Legends	Loretta Barnard & Greg Rogers	Random House
Big Picture Book of Human Civilisation, the	John Long	Allen&Unwin
Captain Cooks Apprentice	Anthony Hill	Penguin
Gorilla Book, the – Born to be wild	Dr Carla Litchfield	Black Dog Books
Maralinga, the Anangu Story	Yalata & Oak Valley Communities with Christobel Mattingly	Allen&Unwin
Something about Water	Penny Matthews & Tom Jellet	Omnibus Books
Can You Keep A Secret	Mark Carthew	Random House

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