

WONDERFUL NEW AUSTRALIAN KIDS' BOOKS TO ADD TO YOUR LIBRARY

One of the thrills of being an ambassador for National Literacy and Numeracy Week is that I see many wonderful Australian kids' books. In the lists below you can find some of my favourites that have appeared since NLNW last year. I have picked 50 that I really love. Australian publishers are producing some of the best kids' books in the world. I hope you enjoy these great books too.

To see more information about these titles and to keep up to date with the books that are arriving in bookstores simply jump to my blog: [newkidsbooksinoz](http://newkidsbooksinoz.blogspot.com) (<http://newkidsbooksinoz.blogspot.com>). Every few weeks this is updated with cover images and short synopses of my recent favourites.



Fiction

A Brief History of Montmaray *	Michelle Cooper	Random House
Erak's Ransom (Rangers Apprentice #7)	John Flanagan	Random House
Finding Darcy *	Sue Lawson	Black Dog Books
Frankie Goes to France	Ingrid Jonach & Cheryl Orsini	Pan Macmillan
Final Curtain, the (Max Remy Superspy #10)	Deb Abela	Random House
Goat Who Sailed the World, the	Jackie French	Angus&Robertson
Harriet Bright in a Pickle	Claire Craig & Melanie Feddersen	Pan Macmillan
Heart of Magic (Lightning Strikes)	Penny Matthews	Walker Books
Hello God	Moya Simons	Angus&Robertson
Key to Rondo, the	Emily Rodda	Scholastic
Killer Whale (Extreme Adventures)	Justin D'Arth	Penguin
Lamplighter (Monster Blood Tattoo) *	D.M. Cornish	Scholastic
Let's Get Physical (the Undy's)	Michael Wagner & Gus Gordon	Puffin
Mahtab's Story	Libby Gleeson	Allen&Unwin
One Beastly Beast: two aliens, three inventors, four fantastic tales	Garth Nix	Allen&Unwin
Open For Business	Moya Simons	Walker Books
Perry Angel's Suitcase	Glenda Millard & Stephen Michael King	ABC Books
Philomena Wonderpen is a School Camp Star	Ian Bone & Janine Dawson	Puffin
Queasy Rider (Lightning Strikes)	James Roy	Walker Books
Sea Magic	Kate Forsyth	Pan Macmillan
Stories from Country	Bob Randall	ABC Books
Stories from the Billabong	James Marshall & Francis Firebrace	Francis Lincoln

Take it easy, Danny Allen Treasure Fever! (Schooling Around) UFO Afloat Willows for Weeping (Janna Mysteries #4)	Phil Cummings & David Cox Andy Griffiths Dave Hackett Felicity Pulman	Pan Macmillan Pan Macmillan Puffin Random House
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Picture Books

Baby Bird's Blankie Cheeky Monkey Firefighters Hey Cat! Home and Away I'm Still Awake, Still! Jessica's Box Leaf Mending Lucille Not Like Georgie Peasant Prince, the Puffin Shaggy Gully Times, the Simpson and his Donkey When Henry Caught Imaginitis	Margaret Wild & Gwyn Perkins Andrew Daddo & Emma Quay Sue Whiting & Donna Rawlins Felice Arena John Marsden & Matt Ottley Elizabeth Honey & Sue Johnson Peter Carnavas Stephen Michael King JR Poulter & Sarah Davis Scott Hatcher, Heather Potter & Mark Jackson Li Cuxin & Anne Spudvilas Margaret Wild & Julie Vivas Jackie French & Bruce Whatley Mark Greenwood & Frane Lessac Nick Bland	Working Title Press ABC Books Walker Books Penguin Hachette Allen & Unwin New Frontier Scholastic Lothian Walker Books Penguin Scholastic Angus & Robertson Walker Books Scholastic
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Non-Fiction

30 Amazing Australian Animals 501 Great Aussie Jokes A Nation of Swaggies and Diggers (Fair Dinkum Histories) Big Picture Book of Environments, the China: Land of Dragons & Emperors There's a Worm in my Eyeball Steam, Steel and Speed Surfing Scientist #2 40 DIY Science Gizmos Word Spy, the	Christopher Cheng & Greg Rogers Camp Quality Jackie French & Peter Sheehan John Long Adeline Yen Mah Adam Taor John Nicholson Ruben Meerman Ursula Dubosarsky & Tohby Riddle	Random House Scholastic Scholastic Allen & Unwin Allen & Unwin Random House Allen & Unwin ABC Books Penguin
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Don't forget to look at the lists of other great Australian books from my website or the National Literacy and Numeracy Website at: www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/forparents/reading_to_children.htm. Enjoy reading and sharing the books.