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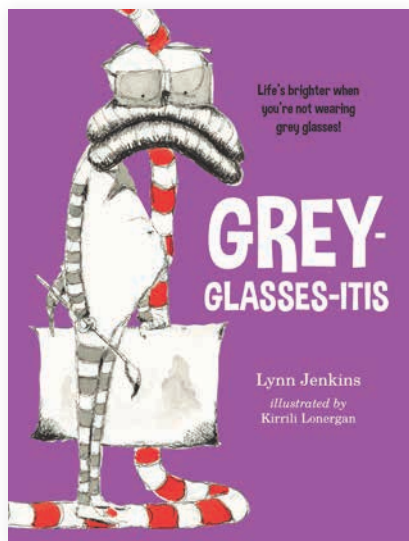
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Grey-glasses-itis

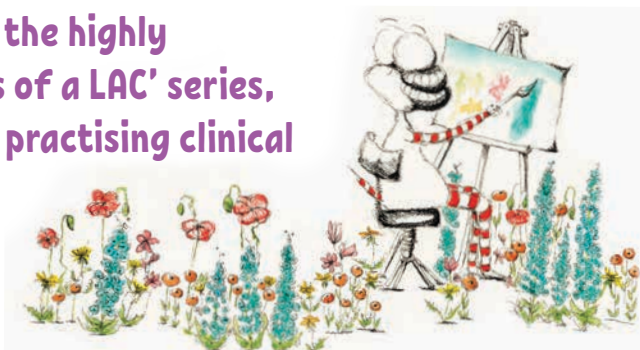
Life's Brighter When You're Not Wearing Grey Glasses!

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERAGAN



The fourth book in the popular 'Lessons of a LAC' series, *Grey-glasses-itis* helps children to understand the link between how they see things and how they feel. Poppy notices that he feels differently when he looks at the world around him through different-coloured glasses. Yellow glasses make him feel cheerful. Grey glasses make him feel sad. Children will learn that a simple shift in perception can often give them some influence over their feelings, helping to build their emotional resilience.

The fourth book in the highly successful 'Lessons of a LAC' series, by an experienced, practising clinical psychologist.



THEMES: MOODS, FEELINGS AND EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

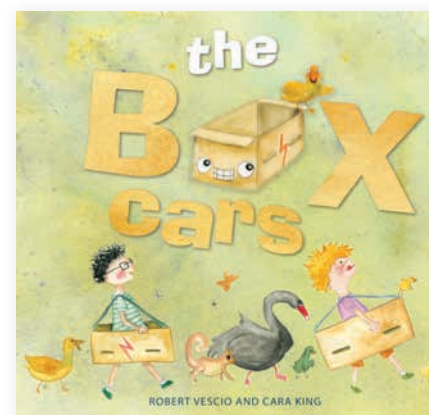
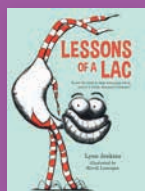
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Lynn Jenkins is a clinical psychologist whose books have a strong focus on early intervention in the social and emotional development of children.

Kirrili Loneragan is a children's book illustrator and former paediatric nurse, passionate about illustrating picture books that have a healing message.

ALSO IN THIS POPULAR SERIES
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The Box Cars

ROBERT VESCIO & CARA KING



Liam and Kai are the best of friends. Each day in the park they race around in their box cars, pretending to be everything from policemen chasing down bad guys to chauffeurs driving around movie stars! One day they notice a little girl watching them — she's keen to join in, but with only two box cars to play with it seems someone's going to be left out. *The Box Cars* is a fun-

filled story of friendship, sharing and creative problem-solving that will appeal to boys and girls everywhere!

A fun-filled story with an empowering message about friendship, sharing and creative problem-solving.



THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, CREATIVITY AND PROBLEM-SOLVING

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Robert Vescio is a full-time children's author whose aim is to enthuse and inspire children to read and write and leave them bursting with imaginative ideas. He is author of *Finn and Puss*.

Cara King is a designer and illustrator, who runs her own design business, Caratoons. Cara also illustrated *Scaredy Book*.

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Saying Goodbye to Barkley

DEVON SILLETT & NICKY JOHNSTON



Olivia and her dog Barkley are inseparable. He's her sidekick, her partner in crime-fighting — they're the perfect pair. But then, Barkley dies and Olivia is heartbroken. Gradually, however, she realizes that Barkley wouldn't want her to be unhappy for the rest of her life. So she thinks

of a way that she can not only get her own happiness back, but also give happiness to another animal, by adopting a new dog from an animal shelter. And so Spud joins the family.

Provides an opportunity to start a conversation with children who are dealing with the loss of a pet, which may be the first experience of loss that a child has.



THEMES: PETS, LOSS AND ANIMAL WELFARE

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Devon Sillett is a writer and reviewer. Born in the US, she teaches in the writing department at the University of Canberra. Her previous EK titles are *The Leaky Story* and *Scaredy Book*.

Nicky Johnston is an educator and author/illustrator, with a strong focus on children's emotional resilience and mental health awareness.



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The Incurable Imagination

PAUL RUSSELL & AŚKA



Audrey has the worst case of imagination her teachers have ever seen! While other children paint their families, Audrey paints an ogre who drinks tea. She writes a song about a desk with legs that runs away. What's worse, her condition is contagious and soon the other kids in her

class start showing symptoms of an incurable imagination! Before long, parents begin to protest. But perhaps imagination isn't such a bad disease after all? It might even be useful if it makes learning more fun.

Encourages children to be themselves and value their imagination and creative ideas.



THEMES: EDUCATION AND IMAGINATION

9781925335972 | Hardback | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 inches | 32 pages | Colour | Apr 2019 | USA \$17.99 | CA \$23.99 | UK £10.99 | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$24.99

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Paul Russell is a primary teacher, playwright and children's author who never wants to grow up. He is passionate about fostering imagination in children's learning.

Aśka is an award-winning illustrator, artist and scientist. She loves to create energetic characters with a curious streak.



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Up to Something

KATRINA MCKELVEY &
KIRRILI LONERGAN



One day, Dad invites Billy into his shed to build something, but

Billy soon finds out that he is only allowed to watch. As Dad becomes engrossed in his project, Billy takes Dad's off-cuts and other items from around the yard and starts to copy what his dad is building. When they reveal their creations, Dad discovers that Billy has

more talents than his dad had ever imagined! *Up to Something* explores the father-son relationship, and the satisfaction to be gained from making things ourselves.

THEMES: RECYCLING, IMAGINATIVE PLAY AND THE FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP

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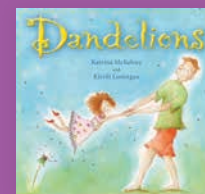
This fun-filled story of a father and son working together on a shared project is ideal for Father's Day.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Katrina McKelvey is a children's author with over ten years' primary school teaching experience. She regularly participates in literary conferences and festivals.

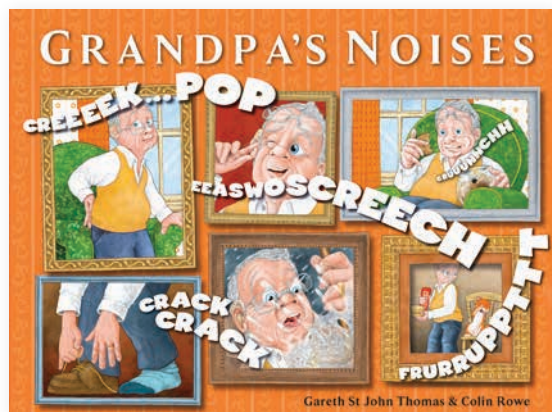
Kirrili Loneragan is a children's book illustrator passionate about illustrating picture books that have a healing message.



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Grandpa's Noises

GARETH ST JOHN THOMAS
& COLIN ROWE



Children
love
laughing

about body noises. In *Grandpa's Noises*, a range of sounds and words coming from body and mouth are explained in a warm and

funny intergenerational romp 'Eyenoleessgofurawark' is obviously Grandpa-speak for 'I know, let's go for a walk'. 'Aaaahh' means the cup of tea is just perfect, and 'Pissphushawertt' is that sinking sound Grandpa makes when he needs a rest. Of course some sounds — like the 'Ffffffft' that sometimes escapes Grandpa's bottom — need no explanation!



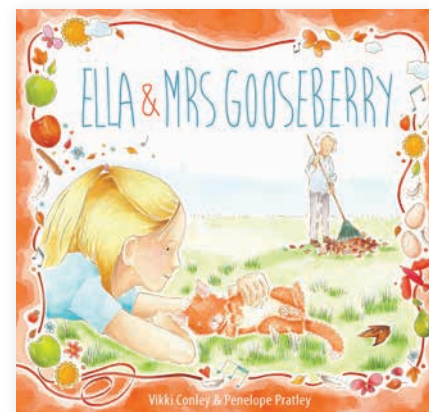
THEMES: FAMILY AND HUMOUR

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USA \$17.99 | CA \$23.99 | UK £10.99 | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$24.99

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Gareth St John Thomas is the founder of Exisle Publishing and EK Books and has spent his life immersed in the world of books and publishing.

Colin Rowe is a graphic designer and illustrator with his own company, Corvus Design Services.



Ella and Mrs Gooseberry

VIKKI CONLEY &
PENELOPE PRATLEY



Grumpy old Mrs
Gooseberry from
next door has lost
her love. 'I didn't know you could lose love,'
says Ella. So she begins her quest to find out
what love looks like and how she can help
Mrs Gooseberry to rediscover it. Her mother

says love is like home-cooked pie. Her teacher says it's like lanterns in the night. Perhaps love might look like a little kitten. Ella and Mrs Gooseberry is a heart-warming picture book about a child's understanding of love, selfless giving and how it makes you feel.

**'What does love look like?'
'It has wings,' said Ella's
dance teacher. 'It
makes you sing.'**



THEMES: LOVE AND KINDNESS

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

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Penelope Pratley has been mucking about with paint since she was a small girl. She has taught art from preschool to high school, and now works as an illustrator at her business, Penelope's Nest.



The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses

SUSANNE GERVAY &
MARJORIE CROSBY-FAIRALL



Sam doesn't like his new glasses. They make his ears hurt. His parents say he looks handsome in them. But Sam just

wants to look like himself. His teacher doesn't recognize him — she says he must be a new superhero. But Sam doesn't want to be a superhero. He just wants to be himself. Eventually,

with a bit of confidence and a lot of humour, Sam finds out that wearing glasses isn't so bad — and people still like him just the way he is after all.

THEMES: SELF-ESTEEM, DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE

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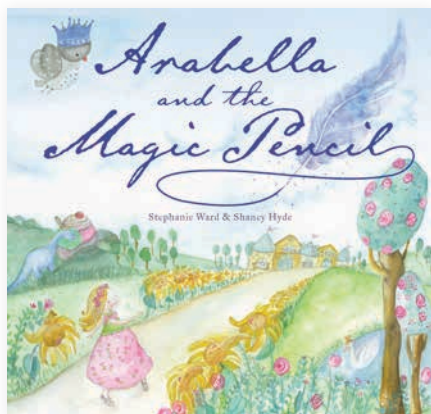
Written by the recipient of the Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award for Children's Literature from the International Literacy Association.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Susanne Gervay is an award winning Australian author, educational consultant and children's book advisor who had published 15 previous children's book titles as well as anthologies. Among other awards, Susanne has received the Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award for Children's Literature from the International Literacy Association and the Order of Australia.

Marjorie Crosby-Fairall is a designer and freelance illustrator of 7 previous children's books. A dual citizen of Australia and the USA, Marjorie was raised on a farm in California with a menagerie of rescued animals. She devoured picture books as a child, examining the detail of their illustrations. Her books have appeared on the Premier's Reading Challenge lists, and she won the CBCA Eve Pownall Award for her first picture book.





Arabella and the Magic Pencil

STEPHANIE WARD & SHANEY HYDE



Arabella is a beloved only child who has everything until her brother, Avery, arrives. While she loves him, it's sometimes hard to like him. She spends her days creating marvellous things with her magic pencil, and ignoring him. But when he spoils her tea party, she decides drastic

action is required and she erases him from her life. Oops! Can she get him back? *Arabella and the Magic Pencil* will appeal to any child with a new sibling and to caregivers who are supporting changing family dynamics.

Encourages discussion with older siblings about the normal feelings of jealousy and rivalry when a baby arrives.



THEMES: CREATIVITY AND SIBLING-RIVALRY

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

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Once I Was Loved

BELINDA LANDSBERRY



An old toy rabbit finds himself in a box of toys donated to charity. 'But it wasn't always this way,' Tock reflects, 'Once I was loved.' From World War II to rock 'n' roll, from the moon landing to the Hippie movement, this is a story of the children who've loved Tock across the decades. A celebration of the timeless nature of love set against the backdrop of iconic moments of

the 20th century, this heart-warming picture book will resonate with anyone who has ever cherished a childhood toy.



THEMES: HISTORY AND CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

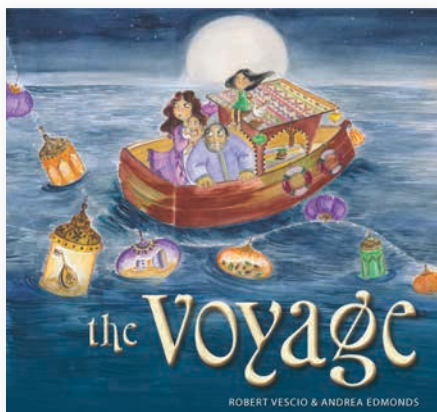
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Belinda Landsberry is an award-winning author and illustrator whose best-selling debut children's picture book, *Anzac Ted*, was published internationally by EK Books in 2014. Belinda has a Diploma of Teaching with a major in Fine Arts, and a Diploma of Graphic Design.



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The Voyage

ROBERT VESCIO & ANDREA EDMONDS



Displaced by war and conflict, a refugee family sets out on a voyage into the unknown. Told in only a few words, this is the powerful story of a family fleeing their war-torn country and making a dangerous trip across the ocean to a new life in a new land. 'Chaos' begins the story, as the family escapes. 'Wild' is the midway point, as their boat battles through a storm. 'Beauty' is the sight of a green, beautiful land ahead of them. 'Safe' is the beginning of their new life in their new home.



THEMES: EMPATHY, RESILIENCE AND REFUGEES

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Robert Vescio is a full-time children's author whose aim is to enthuse and inspire children to read and write and leave them bursting with imaginative ideas.

Andrea Edmonds is an artist and illustrator who has worked on kids' books, greeting cards, stationery, commissioned artworks and animation.

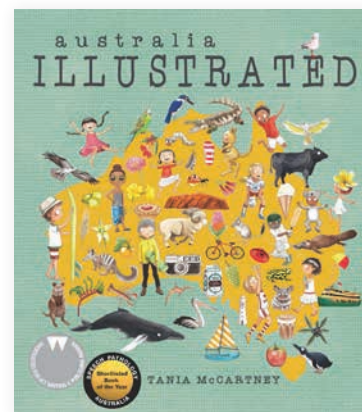
ALSO BY THIS AUTHOR



Finn and Puss

Shortlisted for the Bilby Children's Choice Award

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Australia Illustrated (2nd ed.)

TANIA MCCARTNEY



Australia. Big. Beautiful. Diverse. From the First People to washing lines

and crocodiles, football and sunshine, koalas and akubras, skyscrapers and beaches, this is a glorious tribute to this wide brown land and its rich and varied multicultural communities. Vibrantly illustrated with watercolour, ink and mono-printing, it not only celebrates the more 'typical' Australian flora, fauna and landmarks, but also showcases the everyday quirks and idiosyncrasies that make Australia unique.

Award Winner!



'Rarely have I been so blown away by a book's design that I have actually stroked the pages'
- *New Idea*



THEMES: AUSTRALIANA, DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURALISM

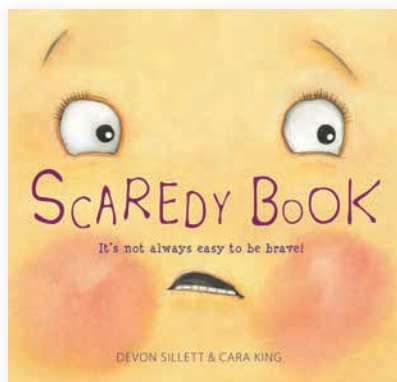
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

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Scaredy Book

It's Not Always Easy to Be Brave!

DEVON SILLETT & CARA KING



Book lives at the library and desperately wants to go outside, but is intimidated by all the things that might happen 'out there'. Emma loves visiting the library and delights in the many adventures she

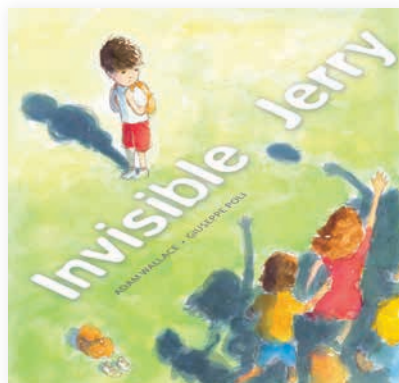
finds there. They're just what each other needs. Children and parents alike will enjoy this story about being brave and living to tell the tale!

THEMES: COURAGE, FRIENDSHIP, BOOKS AND LIBRARIES

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32 pages | Colour | USA \$17.99 | CA \$23.99 | UK £10.99 |

AU \$24.99 | NZ \$24.99



Invisible Jerry

ADAM WALLACE & GIUSEPPE POLI



People don't notice Jerry. If someone bumps into him, they don't say sorry.

If he makes a joke, no one laughs. He never gets picked last for sports teams — but that's because he never gets picked at all. It's like he's invisible. Until Molly comes along. Molly asks Jerry his opinion. She laughs with him. She sees him.

This is a picture book with humour and heart for

everyone who has ever felt like they're on the outside looking in.

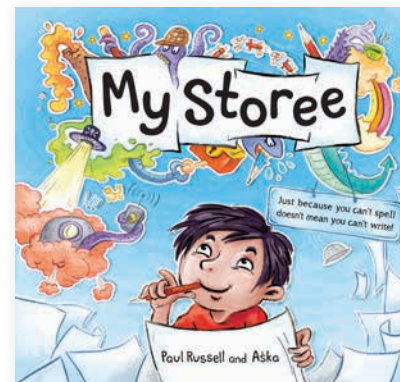
THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, LONELINESS, BELONGING AND SELF-CONFIDENCE

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My Storee

Just Because You Can't Spell, Doesn't Mean You Can't Write!

PAUL RUSSELL AND AŚKA



A young boy has a mind full of wonderful stories but, when he writes

them down, they come back covered in red pen. It seems his dyslexia will always hold him back from sharing his creativity. Then a new teacher arrives at school! *My Storee* is a picture book that offers hope for reluctant writers and dyslexics, and shows the power of good teachers.

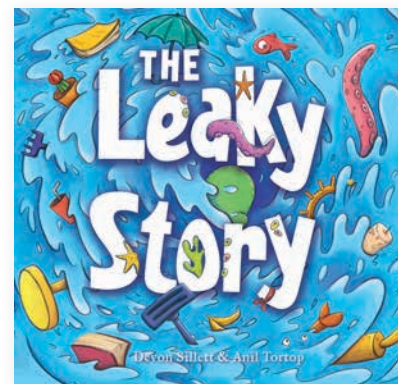
Inspired by the real-life experiences of dyslexic author Paul Russell, and the teacher who changed his life and sent him down the path to becoming the writer and teacher he is today.



THEMES: DYSLEXIA, RELUCTANT WRITERS, CREATIVITY AND INSPIRATIONAL TEACHERS

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The Leaky Story

DEVON SILLETT & ANIL TORTOP



A book sits abandoned on a living room shelf. While the Blossburn

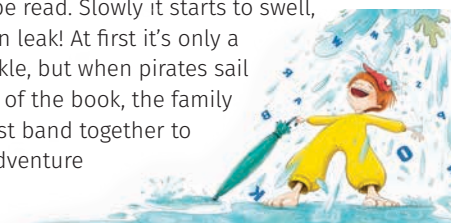
family gets on with other things, the book aches to be read. Slowly it starts to swell, then leak! At first it's only a trickle, but when pirates sail out of the book, the family must band together to

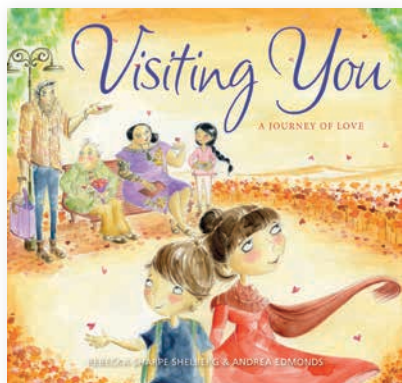
reclaim their living room. An action-packed adventure about the magic of books.

THEMES: IMAGINATION, FAMILY BONDING AND THE JOY OF READING

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Visiting You

A Journey of Love

REBECCA SHARPE SHELBERG
& ANDREA EDMONDS



A young child and their mother set out to visit a loved one. Along the way, the child interacts with other commuters — a father who lives apart from his small daughter, a husband who has lost his wife, a granddaughter who is

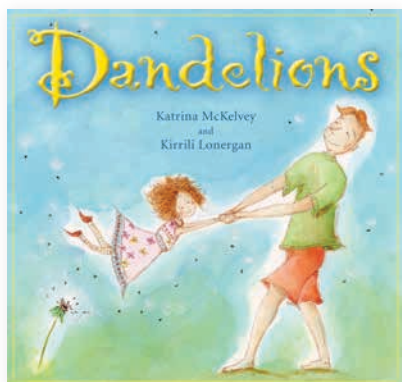
forgotten by her grandfather, and a mother who fears for her son's recovery — and discovers that we are all bound by the common experience of love, that appearances can be deceiving, and that it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.

THEMES: COMMUNITY, DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE AND LOVE

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Dandelions

KATRINA MCKELVEY &
KIRRILI LONERGAN



This heart-warming picture book explores the bond between a father and his daughter. One day, a little girl notices her father mowing the lawn — in the process destroying her best-loved flowers. Will she forgive her dad, and will nature surprise her?

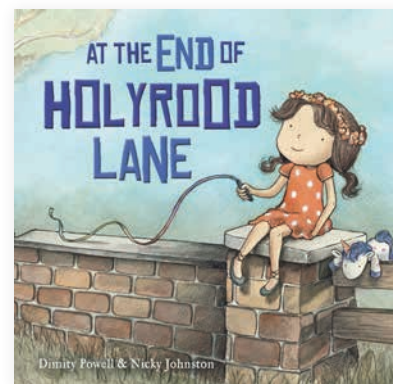
THEMES: HOPE, RESILIENCE, NATURE AND THE FATHER-DAUGHTER BOND

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At the End of Holyrood Lane

DIMITY POWELL & NICKY JOHNSTON



Flick is just like any other youngster. She loves to chase butterflies and jump in autumn leaves. But life at the end of Holyrood Lane is often violent and unpredictable due to the constant storms that plague her home, causing

her to cringe with dread and flee whenever they strike. Visually arresting, emotionally incisive, and ultimately uplifting, this beautifully crafted picture book provides a sensitive glimpse into one aspect of domestic violence and how it can affect young lives.



THEMES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, RESILIENCE, TRUST AND HOPE

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The Fix-It Man

DIMITY POWELL & NICKY JOHNSTON



A young girl believes her father can fix anything, but following the death of her mother, she discovers that broken hearts are not as easy to repair as torn toys or cracked teapots. Together, she and her father find a way to glue back the pieces of their lives. A poignant picture book that explores

how a child can cope with the loss of a parent.



THEMES: GRIEF, DEATH, HOPE AND HEALING FROM LOSS

9781925335347 | 245 x 255 mm | 9½ x 10 inches | 32 pages | Hardcover | Colour |

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Grandma Forgets

PAUL RUSSELL & NICKY JOHNSTON



The heart-warming story of a family bound by love as they cope with their grandma's dementia. Fortunately, her family makes sure that, no matter what else she forgets, she will always know she is loved.

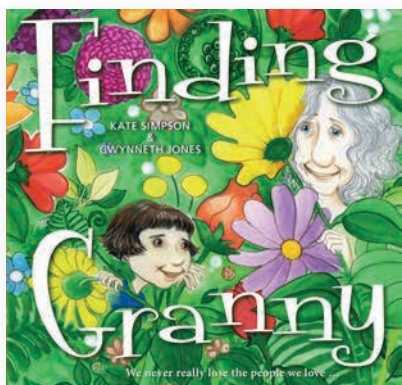
'... families in similar situations should find this a useful resource for framing challenging moments in positive ways' – Publisher's Weekly



THEMES: DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, AGEING AND FAMILY

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Finding Granny

We Never Really Lose the People We Love

KATE SIMPSON & GWYNNETH JONES



Every two seconds, someone in the world suffers a stroke. In *Finding*

Granny, that someone is Edie's beloved grandmother. At first, Edie is confronted by the physical changes in her grandmother.

But when her mother takes Edie to watch one of Granny's art therapy sessions, Edie starts to understand that the Granny she loves is still there.



THEMES: GRANDPARENTS, ILLNESS, STROKE AWARENESS, AND ART THERAPY

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Peas in a Pod

TANIA MCCARTNEY & TINA SNERLING



Can the quintuplets be kept as matching peas in a pod, or will those 5 very individual personalities win out in the end?



THEMES: DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY AS A MULTIPLE

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Tottie and Dot

TANIA MCCARTNEY & TINA SNERLING



Tottie and Dot live side by side. All is peaceful until, one day, things begin to

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THEMES: COMPETITION, RIVALRY AND FRIENDSHIP

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The Art Garden

Sowing the Seeds of Creativity

PENNY HARRISON &
PENELOPE PRATLEY



Sadie wants to be a painter, just like her best

friend, Tom. She loves playing with colour and finding patterns in unlikely places. But whenever Sadie picks up a paintbrush

she makes a big mess. So instead, she spends her time working in the garden or playing with Tom. But, one day, Sadie gets a look at things from a different perspective.



THEMES: CREATIVITY, SELF-BELIEF AND FRIENDSHIP

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Grace and Katie

SUSANNE MERRITT & LIZ ANELLI



Grace and Katie are twins. Grace loves everything to be organized and neat,

while Katie loves everything to be bold and messy. Not surprisingly, when they want to draw a map of their home and street, the girls can't agree on how it should be done. An

imaginative story of individuality, sisterhood, creativity and appreciating each other's strengths.



THEMES: SIBLING RIVALRY, CREATIVITY AND INDIVIDUALITY BETWEEN TWINS

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Smile Cry

Happy or Sad, Wailing or Glad—How Do You Feel Today?

TANIA MCCARTNEY & JESS RACKLYEFT



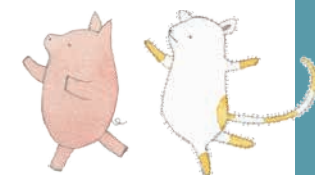
An award-winning flip-format picture book for young kids that explores their emotions. Follow three cute characters as they react to a variety of events from everyday life. Young kids will respond to the whimsical illustrations, while older readers will learn more about their emotional range.



THEMES: RECOGNIZING AND ACCEPTING DIFFERENT EMOTIONS

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See Hear

There's Magic All Around You.

What Can You See? What Can You Hear?

TANIA MCCARTNEY & JESS RACKLYEFT



Smile Cry's Piglet, Bunny and Cat return in a sensory adventure. From watching

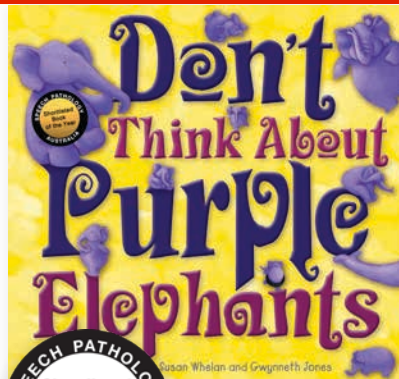
'squiggly rain' on a window to pointing out 'heavenly horses' in the clouds, from hearing the 'buzzing blossoms' of bees at work to 'hot pan sizzles' as a favourite meal is prepared, *See Hear* invites us to open our eyes and ears to the everyday magic that surrounds us.



THEMES: SENSES, SENSORY DEVELOPMENT, SIGHT AND HEARING

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Don't Think About Purple Elephants

SUSAN WHELAN & GWYNNETH JONES



Sometimes Sophie worries — not during the day when she is busy with family and friends, but at night when everything is calm and quiet. Her family all try to help, but

somehow they just make her worries worse. Until her mother thinks of a new approach ... that just might involve elephants!



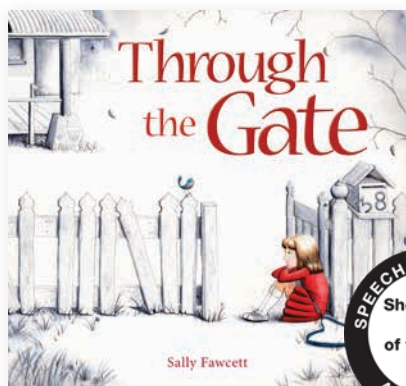
THEMES: COPING WITH ANXIETY AND WORRY

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Through the Gate

SALLY FAWCETT



Like all changes, moving house can be difficult.

A little girl struggles to cope when confronted with a dilapidated house and a new life. But, over time, the renovations to the house parallel a shift in her perspective, as she realises that change can include good things too.



'A visually striking and emotionally memorable look at affecting and accepting change.' - *BOOMERANG BOOKS*

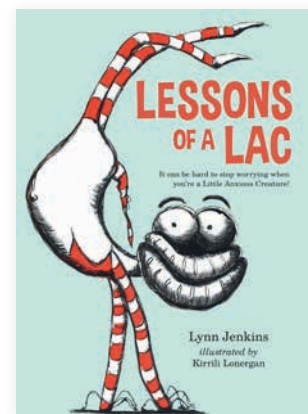
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Books with Heart on Issues that Matter



Lessons of a LAC

It Can Be Hard To Stop Worrying When You're A Little Anxious Creature!

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN



Lessons of a LAC is an essential resource tool,

presented in an engaging picture-book format, to help children manage their worries and anxieties. Through the characters of Lopy the LAC ('Little Anxious Creature') and Curly Calmster,

kids discover a useful way to think about their anxieties — the first crucial step in managing them.

THEMES: ANXIETY, WORRY AND RESILIENCE

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Perfect Petunias

The 'Perfect' Book for Little Perfectionists Everywhere!

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN



The 'perfect' book for little people who find it hard to

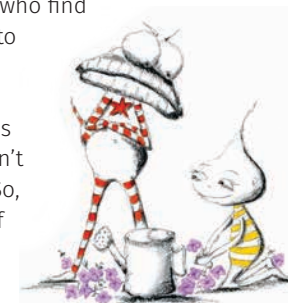
make mistakes! Lopy the LAC is very worried about not doing his homework well enough. He is always focusing on what he hasn't done rather than what he has. So,

his friend Curly teaches him about how petunias grow — in lots of different, imperfect directions that we can't control!

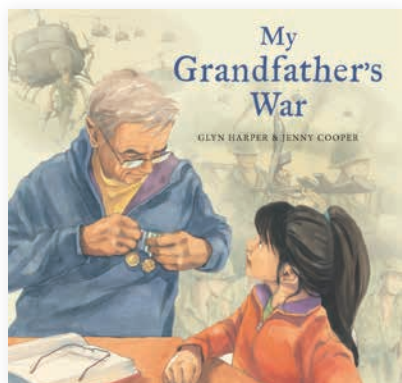
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My Grandfather's War

GLYN HARPER & JENNY COOPER



The award-winning team of Glyn Harper and Jenny Cooper share

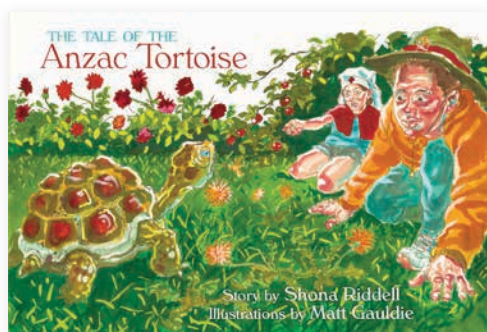
this poignant story about a Vietnam veteran and his relationship with his granddaughter. While the relationship is a positive one, the young girl senses her

grandfather's pain and is curious to find out the cause. She discovers her grandfather's sadness is a legacy of the Vietnam War and his experiences there. This is a sensitive exploration of the cost of war on those who serve.



THEMES: VIETNAM WAR, PTSD AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

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The Tale of the Anzac Tortoise

SHONA RIDDELL & MATT GAULDIE
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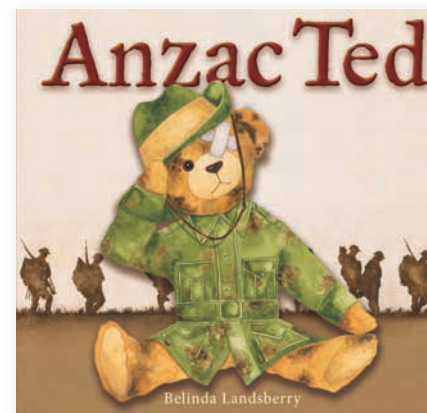
playing in their back garden when they spot a hole in the hedge. Crawling through, they discover a tortoise with an epic story of soldiers, nurses, war, sacrifice, and kindness.



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THEMES: FAMILY AND THE LEGACY OF WAR

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Anzac Ted

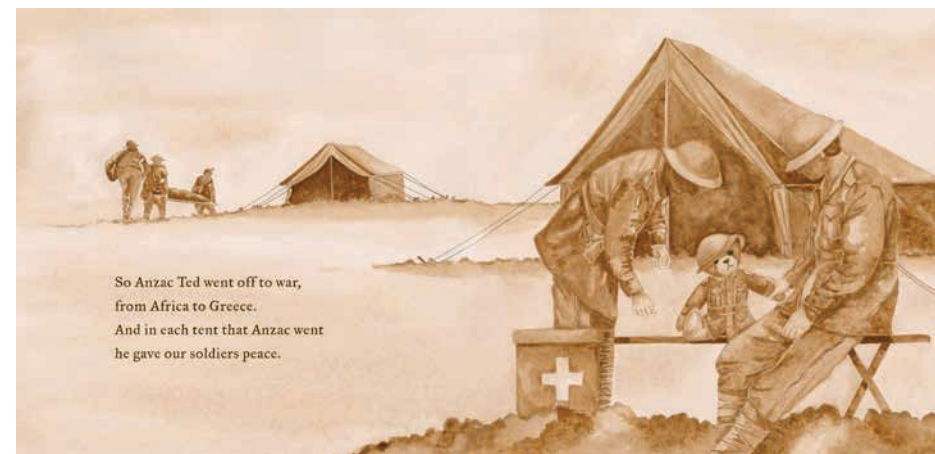
BELINDA LANDSBERRY



Anzac Ted is the touching story of a little boy's teddy bear that was passed down to him from his grandfather. Battered, torn, missing an eye and an ear, he might look scary but he's got a great story to tell. For Anzac Ted went to war, keeping soldiers company and giving them comfort. Exquisite watercolour illustrations

combine with rhyming text to create a picture book that, while perfect for parents and teachers to share with children, is also guaranteed to touch the heart of every adult.

A best-selling book that will resonate with servicemen and their families as well as children.



So Anzac Ted went off to war,
from Africa to Greece.
And in each tent that Anzac went
he gave our soldiers peace.

THEMES: FAMILY AND THE LEGACY OF WAR

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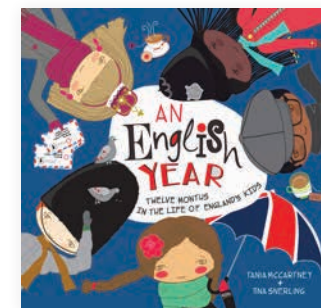
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'These books open up a whole new world to children who want to learn about other cultures.'

- KIDS' BOOK REVIEW



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The Sugar And Spice Collection

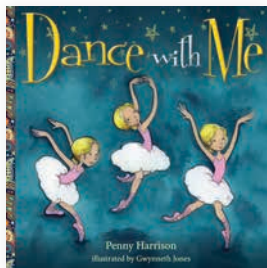
This is a collection that little girls will treasure and families will hand down from generation to generation. Ponies, fairies and ballerinas come out to play in these frolicking picture books. Perfect for ages 4-8.

Presented in a beautiful slip case

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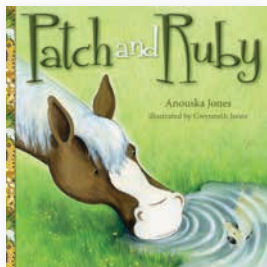
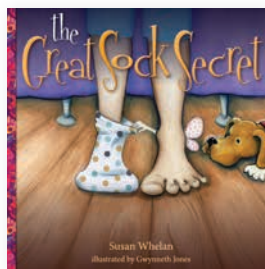
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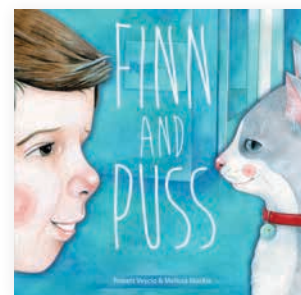


Patch and Ruby

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Finn and Puss

ROBERT VESCIO & MELISSA MACKIE



Finn, a young boy, is lonely. Puss, a cat, is lost. Then Finn and Puss meet. Suddenly Finn isn't lonely

anymore, and Puss seems quite happy to be with Finn too. So when Finn sees a 'Lost' poster, put up by Puss's owners, he's faced with a tough decision. Will he do the right thing?

This simple story, told in a few words, touches on themes of hope, loneliness and friendship. Above all, it gently explores how sometimes we need to make hard choices but that 'doing the right thing' has its own rewards.

THEMES: LONELINESS, FRIENDSHIP AND DOING THE RIGHT THING

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Our Dog Benji

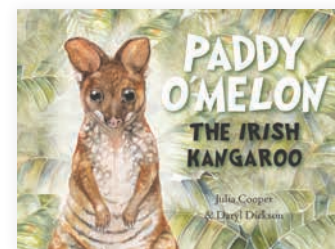
PETE CARTER
& JAMES HENDERSON



In delightful illustrations and engaging text, we see how Benji's willingness to eat anything — from daffodils to Brussels sprouts, ice cream to avocados, sandwiches to bones — gradually inspires his child owner to be a little more adventurous.

THEMES: FUSSY EATING AND WILLINGNESS TO TRY NEW THINGS

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Paddy O'Melon

The Irish Kangaroo

JULIA COOPER & DARYL DICKSON



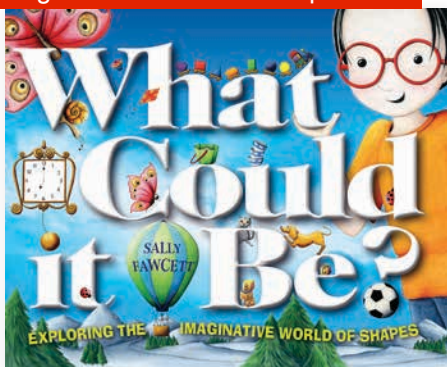
The endearing story of a young rainforest kangaroo, separated from his mother as a joey, and his quest to find his way home.

THEMES: AUSTRALIAN NATIVE WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION, IDENTITY AND BELONGING

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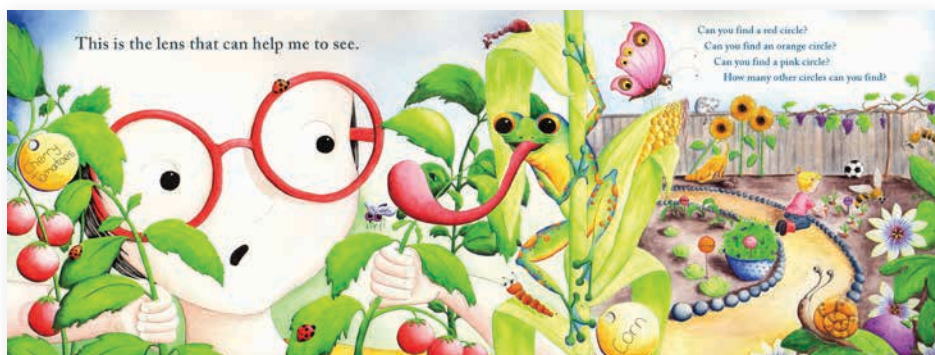
Exploring the Imaginative World of Shapes

SALLY FAWCETT



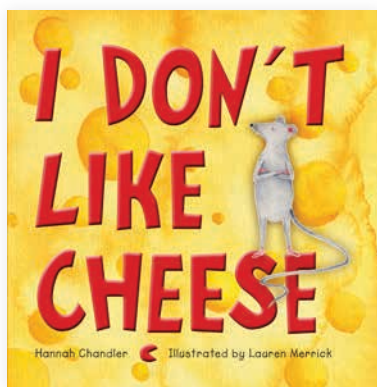
All about unleashing creativity and thinking outside

the square, this book explores how simple shapes can be transformed into a range of objects.



THEMES: GEOMETRY AND CREATIVITY

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I Don't Like Cheese

HANNAH CHANDLER & LAUREN MERRICK



Mike the mouse just won't eat cheese, yet he loves tacos and pizza! The perfect picture book for little fussy eaters!



THEMES: FUSSY EATING AND INTERNATIONAL FOODS

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Reena's Rainbow

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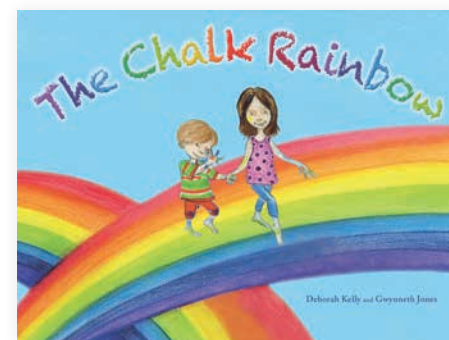


'Reena's Rainbow, with its clear and simple message, reminds us that people's differences can certainly be something to celebrate.' - Buzz Words



THEMES: HEARING IMPAIRMENT, DIVERSITY, FRIENDSHIP AND ACCEPTANCE

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The Chalk Rainbow

DEBORAH KELLY & GWYNNETH JONES



'Reading this book to my eight year old autistic son, he says "it reminds me of my brother, and the little boy is me." To him, it is simply a book about a big sister helping her little brother, and

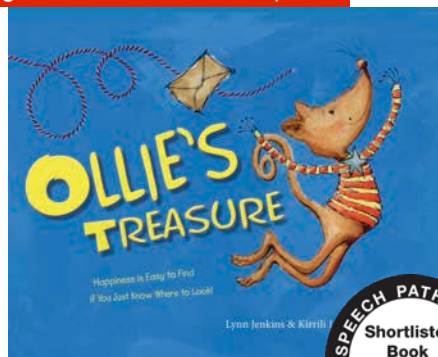
I believe not making autism a literal issue (by actually stating that Zane has autism), means that this book does not need to be pigeon holed as an "autism book" but can rather be viewed as a book about inclusion' - Spectrum Women

'Clever and perceptive' - Kirkus Reviews



THEMES: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

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Ollie's Treasure

Happiness is Easy to Find if You Just Know Where to Look

LYNN JENKINS & KIRRILI LONERGAN



Psychologist Lynn Jenkins melds mindfulness with

playfulness in a joyous exploration of the senses and emotions to help children's healthy development.



THEMES: FINDING HAPPINESS THROUGH MINDFULNESS

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The Young Person's Guide to a Calmer Life

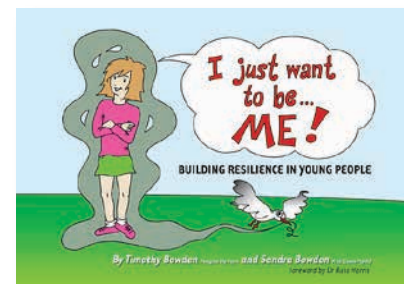
DAVID KEEFE



From as little as three minutes a day, author David Keefe will show tweens and teens how to gain mental calm and clarity in any situation. Learn the art of relaxing, and becoming consciously cool now to rise above stress.

THEMES: SELF CONTROL AND MINDFULNESS

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I Just Want to Be ... Me!

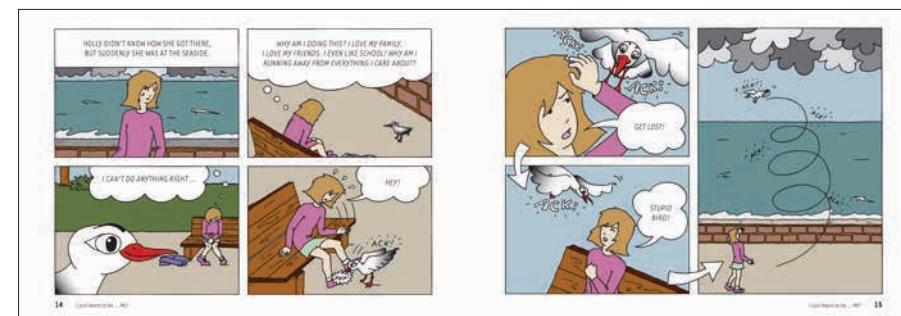
Building Resilience in Young People

TIMOTHY & SANDRA BOWDEN



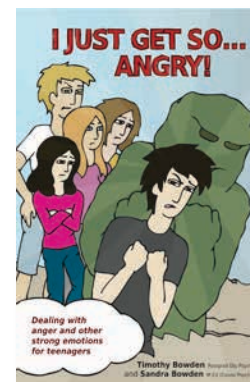
Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) has been proven

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TIMOTHY & SANDRA BOWDEN




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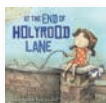
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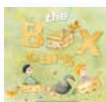
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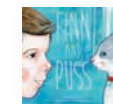
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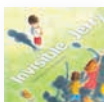
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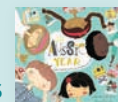
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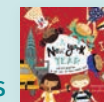
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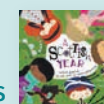
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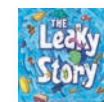
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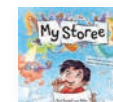
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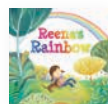


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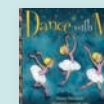


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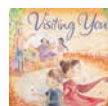


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