PREK–K
(ages 3–5)

Picture Book

**Bouncing, Bouncing, Little Joeys: A Bush Christmas**
by Lesley Gibbes, illustrated by Doris Chang
Book Description: Bouncing, bouncing, little joeys. Bouncing one, two, three. It’s Christmas time and Santa’s coming; time to trim the tree.
Author’s Residence: Sydney, Australia
Publisher: Hachette Australia
Author’s Website: www.lesleygibbes.com

**The Cat Wants Cuddles**
by P. Crumble, illustrated by Lucinda Gifford
Book Description: Kevin definitely doesn’t want a cuddle. And there’s no way this hilarious cat is going to change his mind! Or is there?
Illustrator’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia
Illustrator’s Website: www.lucindagifford.com

**I’ve Lost My Kisses**
by Trudie Trewin, illustrated by Nick Bland
Book Description: Matilda has lost her kisses and needs to find them before Poppa arrives! But where do you find kisses? And what do they look like?
Author’s Residence: Cairns, Queensland
Publisher: Scholastic Press Australia

**Missing Pinky**
by Juliet Williams, illustrated by Luisa Gioffre-Suzuki
Book Description: Lucy’s beloved blanket Pinky, made by her grandma, has gone missing! She’s desperate to find Pinky, so she looks everywhere. Where could Pinky be?
Illustrator’s Residence: Surfcoast, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Interactive Publications
Illustrator’s Website: www.luisagioffresuzuki.com

**My Dog Socks**
by Robyn Osborne, illustrated by Sadami Konchi
Book Description: An ordinary dog becomes extraordinary through the magic of a child’s imagination. A gentle story about loyalty, friendship, and belonging.
Author’s Residence: Tinnanbar, Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Ford Street Publishing
Author’s Website: www.robynosborne.com

**New Year Surprise!**
by Christopher Cheng
Book Description: Little Brother is told that he’s too small to help out at the Spring Festival, but Father says he has a special job to do.

What can it be?
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: National Library of Australia

**The Night Before Christmas**
by Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Helene Magisson
Book Description: A favorite and traditional Christmas poem with new illustrations that capture the magic of the night before Christmas and the visit of Santa Claus.
Illustrator’s Residence: Brisbane, Australia
Publisher: New Frontier

**Noisy Nights**
by Fleur McDonald, illustrated by Annie White
Book Description: Maa! Moo! Howl! Toot! A farm is a noisy place to be at bedtime. So how will Farmer Hayden ever get to sleep?
Illustrator’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: New Frontier Publishing
Illustrator’s Website: www.anniewhite.com

**Once Upon an ABC**
by Sophie Masson, illustrated by Christopher Nielsen
Book Description: A romp through both the alphabet and the world of folklore! Sophie Masson’s lively verse gathers together a dazzling range of folklore, made vividly contemporary with Christopher Nielsen’s striking artwork.
Author’s Residence: Armidale, NSW, Australia
Publisher: Little Hare
Author’s Website: www.sophiemasson.org

**Pandamonia**
by Chris Owen, illustrated by Chris Nixon
Book Description: When visiting the zoo, don’t wake the panda whatever you do. Join in the fantastic fun as one grumpy panda sets off a frenzy of wild partying.
Author’s Residence: Perth, Australia
Publisher: Fremantle Press/Kane Miller UAA
Author’s Website: www.chrisowenchildrensauthor.wordpress.com

**Pattan’s Pumpkin**
by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Frané Lessac
Book Description: Pattan has an amazing pumpkin. When a terrifying storm arrives and tragedy threatens, the pumpkin and Pattan’s ingenuity lead to a rescue plan for the whole village.
Illustrator’s Residence: Fremantle, West Australia
Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

**A Perfectly Posh Pink Afternoon Tea**
by Coral Vass, illustrated by Gabriel Evans
Book Description: Annabelle Mae and her friends are having a posh afternoon tea. When Darcy and Dean get into mischief, Annabelle doesn’t let them spoil the fun!
Illustrator’s Residence: Perth, Western Australia
Supermum
by Leah Russack
Book Description: Superheroes have many special powers. They are super clever, super brave, and super fun. And so are mums! What amazing superpowers does your Supermum have?
Author's Residence: South Australia, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic

There is Something Weird in Santa's Beard
by Chrissie Krebs
Book Description: Santa loves his food but isn’t a fan of cleaning himself after he eats, which results in some mutant mayhem and Christmas in jeopardy.
Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia

This is a Circle
by Chrissie Krebs
Book Description: A name-that-object book that begins to get out of hand when the objects and the characters start interacting with each other.
Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia

Too Busy Sleeping
by Zanni Louise, illustrated by Anna Pignataro
Book Description: It’s newborn Reuben’s first day at home. Big sister Eleanor has lots of ideas for their first day together, but Reuben is too busy sleeping!
Author's Residence: Alstonville, NSW, Australia
Publisher: Little Hare Books

Wombat Big, Puggle Small
by Renee Treml
Book Description: Join in the mischief and fun as a wombat joey and an echidna puggle play with opposites and word pairs.
Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia
Author’s Website: www.ReneeTreml.com

Zoo Train
by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Daron Parton
Book Description: Chugga, chugga, choo, choo! Thugga, thugga . . . better keep your eyes open—this is a crazy zoo!
Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand
Publisher: Walker Books

GRADES 1–2
(ages 6–7)

Chapter Book

Best Beast
by Teena Raffa-Mulligan, illustrated by Jess Smart Smiley
Book Description: Amy doesn’t have a pet to enter in the school pet competition until a strange neighbour offers her a pet rock—then the fun begins.
Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia
Publisher: Xist Publishing

Nonfiction Picture Book

I've Got Feet! Fantastical Feet of the Animal World
by Julie Murphy, illustrated by Hannah Tolson
Book Description: A nonfiction picture book in which animals describe unique features of their feet and how they use them. Introduction to animal adaptations, K–1 STEM.
Author's Residence: Melbourne, Australia
Publisher: Amicus Ink., USA
Author’s Website: www.juliemurphybooks.com

Picture Book

Brothers from a Different Mother
by Phillip Gwynne, illustrated by Marjorie Crosby-Fairall
Book Description: A heartfelt story of friendship and seeing past our differences.
Illustrator’s Residence: Sydney NSW Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia
Illustrator’s Website: www.crosby-fairall.com

Chip
by Kylie Howarth
Book Description: Chip, like most other gulls, would do anything for fish and chips. When he’s banned from his favourite food, he is desperate to get it back on the menu.
Author's Residence: Perth, Australia
Publisher: Five Mile Press

The Fix-It Man
by Dimity Powell, illustrated by Nicky Johnston
Book Description: Together, a young girl and her father face grief and heartache and discover that love can sometimes be the best glue of all.
Author's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
Publisher: EK Books/Exisle Publishing
Author’s Website: www.dimitypowell.com

Glitch
by Michelle Worthington, illustrated by Andrew Plant
Book Description: Glitch spends his life searching through mountains of mouldy mess at the dump. He wants to make the fastest billy cart ever. This year, he will be competing in the Big Race! But will his twitch stop him from winning?
Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Ford Street Publishing
Author’s Website: www.michelleworthington.com

The Great Zoo Hullabaloo!
by Mark Carthew, illustrated by Anil Tortop
Book Description: When Jess and Jack opened the gates to the zoo, it was strangely deserted; nobody said, ”BOO!” Can they solve the missing animals mystery?
Author’s Residence: Montrose, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: New Frontier Publishing
Author’s Website: www.markcarthew.com.au

Ollie’s Treasure
by Lynn Jenkins, illustrated by Kirrili Lonergan
Book Description: Ollie’s grandma sends him a treasure map that promises to lead him to “something that will make him happy
always.” But what he finds is a big surprise!
Author’s Residence: Newcastle NSW Australia
Publisher: EK Books
Author’s Website: www.lessonsofalac.com

Wolfie: An Unlikely Hero
by Deborah Abela, illustrated by Connah Brecon
Book Description: Wolfie is tired of being the bad guy and finally wants his chance to be the hero.
Author’s Residence: Newcastle NSW Australia
Publisher: EK Books
Author’s Website: www.deborahabela.com

GRADES 3–5
(ages 8–10)

Adventure

To the Lighthouse
by Cristy Burne
Book Description: A junior novel about family, adventure, and trust.
Author’s Residence: Perth, Australia
Publisher: Fremantle Press
Author’s Website: www.cristyburne.com

Fantasy

Unicorn Riders Book 1: Quinn’s Riddles
by Aleesah Darlison, illustrated by Jill Brailsford
Book Description: A prince has been kidnapped. The only clues the Unicorn Riders have is a trail of taunting riddles. Will Quinn solve the riddles in time?
Author’s Residence: Buderim, QLD, Australia
Publisher: Capstone Press

Historical Fiction

Racing the Moon
by Michelle Morgan
Book Description: Joe’s carefree existence is a thing of the past when he is sent to a Catholic boarding school in Sydney during the Depression.
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Illustrated Fiction

Ella Diaries Book #9: Worst Camp Ever
by Meredith Costain, illustrated by Danielle McDonald
Book Description: Ella arrives at school camp, ready for a week of fun. But can she survive Peach Parker’s pranks as well as the petrifying giant swing?
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Mystery

Trouble and the Missing Cat
by Cate Whittle, illustrated by Stephen Michael King
Book Description: Here comes more Trouble! Georgia’s friendly dragon is in trouble at school and has been banned . . . and there’s the mystery of Mrs. Jones’s missing cat . . .
Author’s Residence: Canberra, ACT, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Nonfiction

Abel Tasman: Mapping the Southern Lands
by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic
Book Description: Over three hundred years ago, Abel Tasman set out on an adventure to map the Southern Hemisphere for the first time.
Author’s Residence: North Auckland, New Zealand
Publisher: Scholastic
Author’s Website: www.mariagill.co.nz

The Family with Two Front Doors
by Anna Ciddor
Book Description: The nine Rabinovitch children dance, laugh, and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland—a true Jewish story that is not a Holocaust story!
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Picture Book

Australia Illustrated
by Tania McCartney
Book Description: Big. Beautiful. Diverse. From First People to skyscrapers and beaches that squeak, this ninety-six-page tome is an illustrious homage to a gloriously multicultural Australia.
Author’s Residence: Canberra, Australia
Publisher: EK Books/Exisle Publishing

My Friend Tertius
by Corinne Fenton, illustrated by Owen Swan
Book Description: A delightful and heartwarming picture book about a WWII code breaker and his pet gibbon, from bestselling creators Corinne Fenton and Owen Swan.
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria
Publisher: Allen & Unwin
Author’s Website: www.corinnefenton.com

Painting in the Dark: Esref Armagan, Blind Artist
Author: Rachelle Burk, illustrated by Claudia Gadotti
Book Description: Esref Armagan was born completely blind but with the curiosity to create and draw. This blind artist’s story will be an inspiration to young artists.
Illustrator’s Residence: New Zealand
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

GRADES 6–8
(ages 11–14)

Adventure

The Amazing Spencer Gray
by Deb Fitzpatrick
Book Description: Spencer Gray is twelve—finally old enough to join Dad in his glider. Going up is awesome—but when disaster strikes, Spencer will need to be nothing short of amazing.
Race to the End of the World (The Mapmaker Chronicles #1)
by A. L. Tait
Book Description: The first book in an epic adventure trilogy about a race to map the world—and a boy who discovers more than he imagined.
Author’s Residence: Sydney, Australia
Publisher: Kane Miller
Author’s Website: www.themapmakerchronicles.com

Daughter of Nomads
by Rosanne Hawke
Book Description: Mughal Empire, 1662: After an assassin strikes, Jahani flees with her protector, Azhar, and her snow leopard to the Qurraqoram Kingdoms to find her destiny.
Author’s Residence: Kapunda, South Australia
Publisher: University of Queensland Press

Frieda
by Marianne Musgrove
Book Description: German girl, Frieda, migrates to Australia. WWI breaks out, and her father is interned. Will her friends support her or must she hide her identity?
Author’s Residence: Adelaide, South Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

WAER
by Meg Caddy
Book Description: WAER is a YA fantasy novel about waerwolves, revenge, redemption, and love. WAER was shortlisted for the Text Prize in 2013.
Author’s Residence: Perth, Western Australia
Publisher: Text Publishing

Trouble Tomorrow
by Terry Whitebeach & Sarafino Enadio
Book Description: When Rebel forces attack his village in South Sudan, sixteen-year-old Obulejo flees, undertaking a perilous journey on foot to seek refuge in Kenya.
Author’s Residence: Orielton, Tasmania, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

The Shark Caller
by Dianne Wolfer
Book Description: Only a twin from a shark-calling family can appease the ancestors and bring a community back together in this powerful and haunting story.
Author’s Residence: Albany, Western Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

This is My Song
by Richard Yaxley
Book Description: This is My Song crosses three continents and timelines, chanting the need for each of us to find our own music to sing to those we love most.
Author’s Residence: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Press
Author’s Website: www.richardwyaxley.com