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LIFE OF THE PARTY! THE SUSIE K FILES 1 GAME CHANGER! THE SUSIE K FILES 2

Shamini Flint, illustrated by Sally Heinrich

ALLEN & UNWIN
9781760296681 | 9781760296698 | \$9.99 | PB
| JUNIOR FICTION | e

Susie K is the life of the party and great at games (not!). But her mum is convinced that Susie can make it as a social butterfly and as a sports star..

Susie K likes science instead of netball and has the class goldfish for a best friend. But Susie's mum finds it hard to believe that she's happy that way. She's constantly trying to push Susie (with the best of intentions, of course!) to be something she's not. And the last thing Susie wants is to disappoint her mum! In this fresh new series find out how Susie's unconventional problem-solving skills + Mum's optimistically high expectations = hilarious results. For ages 7-11.

Shamini Flint is the bestselling author and illustrator of the *Diary of a Soccer Star* series. She lives in Singapore.



THE CRUEL PRINCE

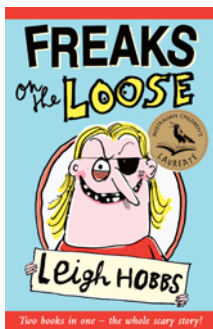
Holly Black

HOTKEY
9781471407031 | \$19.99 | PB | YA | e

The start of a thrilling new fantasy series

Jude and her sisters see their parents murdered in front of them. The terrifying assassin abducts all three girls to the world of Faerie, where they are mocked and tormented by the Faerie royalty for being mortal. As Jude grows older, she realises that she will need to take part in the dangerous deceptions of the fey to ever truly belong. And looming over all is the infuriating, arrogant and charismatic Prince Cardan . . . Dramatic fantasy blends seamlessly with enthralling storytelling to create a seductive world, brimful of magic and romance. For ages 16-19.

Holly Black is the much loved co-author of the *Magisterium* series.



FREAKS ON THE LOOSE

The whole scary story

Leigh Hobbs

ALLEN & UNWIN

9781760294311 | \$16.99 | PB | JUNIOR FICTION |

It's Miss Corker's first day at her new school (in fact, it's her first day at any school) and she is looking forward to meeting her class. She discovers that Class 4F is a mighty challenge but she soon works out a clever way to handle them. Here are the hilarious, anarchic antics of One-eyed Eileen, her 4F classmates and their long-suffering teacher in one collectable volume. For ages 7-11+.

Leigh Hobbs is the multi-award winning creator of *Old Tom*, *Mr Chicken* and *Horrible Harriet*, and is Australia's Children's Laureate for 2016 and 2017.



BUSH BIRTHDAY BUSH BEDTIME

Lorette Broekstra

ALLEN & UNWIN

9781925267051 | 9781925267068 | \$14.99 | HB
| PICTURE BOOK |

One climbed UP the tree and two came DOWN. But who is at the billabong, waiting to have a party?

These super cute, colourful stories featuring baby Australian animals explore early language and counting concepts. For ages 3-5.

Lorette Broekstra is the award-winning illustrator of *Baby Bear Goes to the Zoo*. She lives in Melbourne.



RAIN FALL

Ella West

ALLEN & UNWIN

9781760296834 | \$16.99 | PB | MIDDLE FICTION |

15-year-old Annie wants to get to school in time for basketball try-outs but the police have cordoned off her street. Inconvenience turns to something more serious when the house down the road explodes in a fireball. Annie knows the young man who lives there. Could he possibly be guilty? In setting out to find the truth, Annie discovers more than she planned: a handsome new friend, an aptitude for trick riding and a potentially deadly secret. A tense, engaging read that will have you racing through the pages. For ages 11-14.

Ella West is the author of *Thieves* and *Night Vision*. She lives in Dunedin, New Zealand.



THE HANGING GIRL

Eileen Cook

HOTKEY
9781471406485 | \$19.99 | PB | YA | ©

Amy's mother makes a living as a psychic and Amy has learned the tricks of cold reading to hustle her classmates ever since. When the mayor's daughter, Clare, goes missing, Amy shares a supposed vision she has had of the girl. In reality, she's received info from an unknown source, and feels it's her duty to help . . . and make some money. Until it looks like someone else might know the truth and is willing to take Amy's lie further than she ever feared it could go. For ages 16-19.

Eileen Cook is a multi-published author, with her novels appearing in eight different languages. She lives in Vancouver.



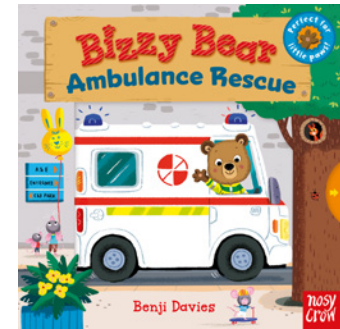
LOOK, THERE'S A HELICOPTER! LOOK, THERE'S A TRACTOR!

Esther Aarts

NOSY CROW
9781788000772 | 9781788000857 | \$12.99 | BDBK |
PICTURE BOOK | ©

Follow the holes to read the stories in these interactive flying and farmyard adventures! Little ones will love finding the holes with their fingers, peeping through and turning the page to see what they become. With a gentle rhyming text encouraging children to say what they can spy in every scene, this is a journey through the stars or through a farm to visit time and time again. For ages 1-3.

Esther Aarts is a Dutch illustrator.



BIZZY BEAR: AMBULANCE DRIVER

Benji Davies

NOSY CROW
9780857639950 | \$12.99 | BDBK | PICTURE BOOK | ©

Today, Bizzy Bear is working as a paramedic and when the emergency call comes in, there isn't a moment to lose! Help him speed along in the ambulance and switch on the flashing lights. Then, once he's rescued the injured cyclist, lift the stretcher and pull back the ward curtain for the doctor. Another exciting title in this bestselling series (over 2 million copies sold!) which encourages preschoolers to get involved in the storytelling. For ages 1-4.

Benji Davies is the illustrator of the incredibly successful Bizzy Bear titles. He lives in London.



FIREFLY HOME

Jane Clarke and Britta Teckentrup

NOSY CROW

9781788000239 | \$24.99 | HB | PICTURE BOOK |

Fireflies are very special. They have a light inside them that shimmers and shines. But one little firefly is lost, and there are so many bright lights shining in the night sky she'll need some help to find her way back home. Help Florence Firefly find her way home in this beautiful, neon-coloured interactive picture book. For ages 3-6.

Jane Clarke is the author of over 80 books for young children, including *Who Woke the Baby*, *I Saw Anaconda* and *Neon Leon*.



LIBBY IN THE MIDDLE

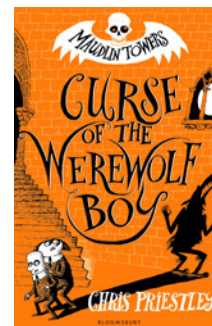
Gwyneth Rees

BLOOMSBURY

9781408852774 | \$12.99 | PB | JUNIOR FICTION |

Libby and her big sister Bella used to be close, but lately Bella is obsessed with her new boyfriend. And whenever Mum and Dad aren't at work, it's all about six-year-old Grace. So where does Libby fit in? *Libby in the Middle* is a story about family, friendship and discovering where you fit into the world. For ages 9-11.

Gwyneth Rees is the bestselling author of the *Fairy Dust* series, *Cosmo and the Magic Sneeze* and *The Mum Hunt*. She lives near London.



MAUDLIN TOWERS

Curse of the werewolf boy
Chris Priestley

BLOOMSBURY

9781408873083 | \$12.99 | PB | JUNIOR FICTION |

Mildew and Sponge don't think much of Maudlin Towers, the blackened, gloom-laden, gargoyle-infested monstrosity that is their school. But when somebody steals the School Spoon and the teachers threaten to cancel the Christmas holidays until the culprit is found, our heroes must spring into action and solve the crime! Hugely funny, deliciously creepy and action-packed by turns, this brand new series is perfect for readers who like their mysteries with a bit of bite. For ages 8+.

Chris Priestley is the award-winning and critically acclaimed author of the *Tales of Terror* series.



MY SWEET ORANGE TREE

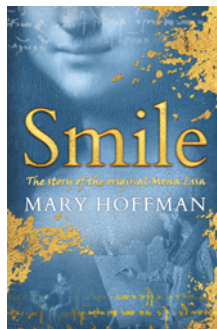
Jose Mauro de Vasconcelos,
translated by Alison Entrekin

PUSHKIN CHILDREN'S

9781782691532 | \$18.99 | HB | JUNIOR FICTION |

Meet Zeze—Brazil's naughtiest, and most loveable, five-year-old, his appetite for mischief matched only by his capacity for kindness. He entertains himself playing pranks on the residents of his family's impoverished Rio de Janeiro shanty town and conjuring a cast of friends with his imagination. That is, until he meets a real friend, and his life begins to change . . . This moving, life-affirming childhood story is a worldwide classic of children's literature. For ages 15+.

Jose Mauro de Vasconcelos (1920-84) was a Brazilian writer.



SMILE

Mary Hoffman

BARRINGTON STOKES

9781781127179 | \$14.99 | PB | YA |

A gorgeous historical novel following the fictional life of the young woman who would become Leonardo Da Vinci's greatest work and whose smile would capture the imagination of the world. Evocative and rich with historical detail, *Smile* is the perfect novel for anyone fascinated by the story of Mona Lisa. For ages 12+.

Mary Hoffman has written over 90 books including the Stravangaza series and the historical novels *David* and *The Falconer's Knot*.



HOW TO SAY I LOVE YOU IN 5 LANGUAGES

Kenard Pak

WIDE EYED EDITIONS

9781786030818 | \$18.99 | BDBK | PICTURE BOOK |

Learn to say I Love You in French, Japanese, Mandarin, English and Spanish with this press and listen board book! Meet a child from each country who loves a different person, from George in England who loves his dog to Jia in China who loves her brother. Buttons on the side of the book allow children to listen to the phrase in each language. For ages 4-7.

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