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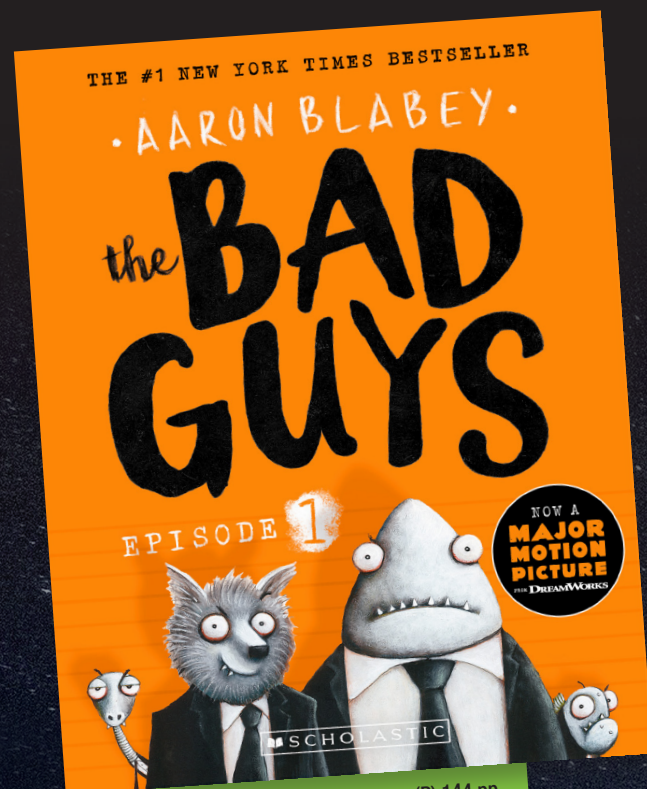
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The Bad Guys series

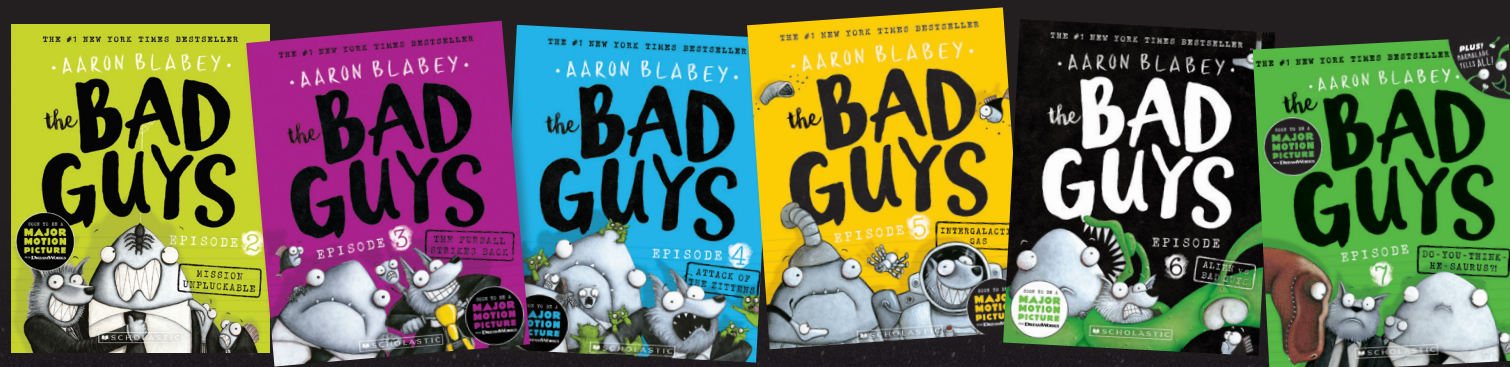
Aaron Blabey

Buckle up for the funniest, naughtiest and coolest series you'll ever read! They look like the Bad Guys, they sound like the Bad Guys . . . and they even smell like the Bad Guys. But Mr Wolf, Mr Piranha, Mr Snake and Mr Shark are about to change all of that—whether you want them to or not!

NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE
FROM DREAMWORKS!



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'I WISH I'D HAD THESE BOOKS
AS A KID. HILARIOUS!'

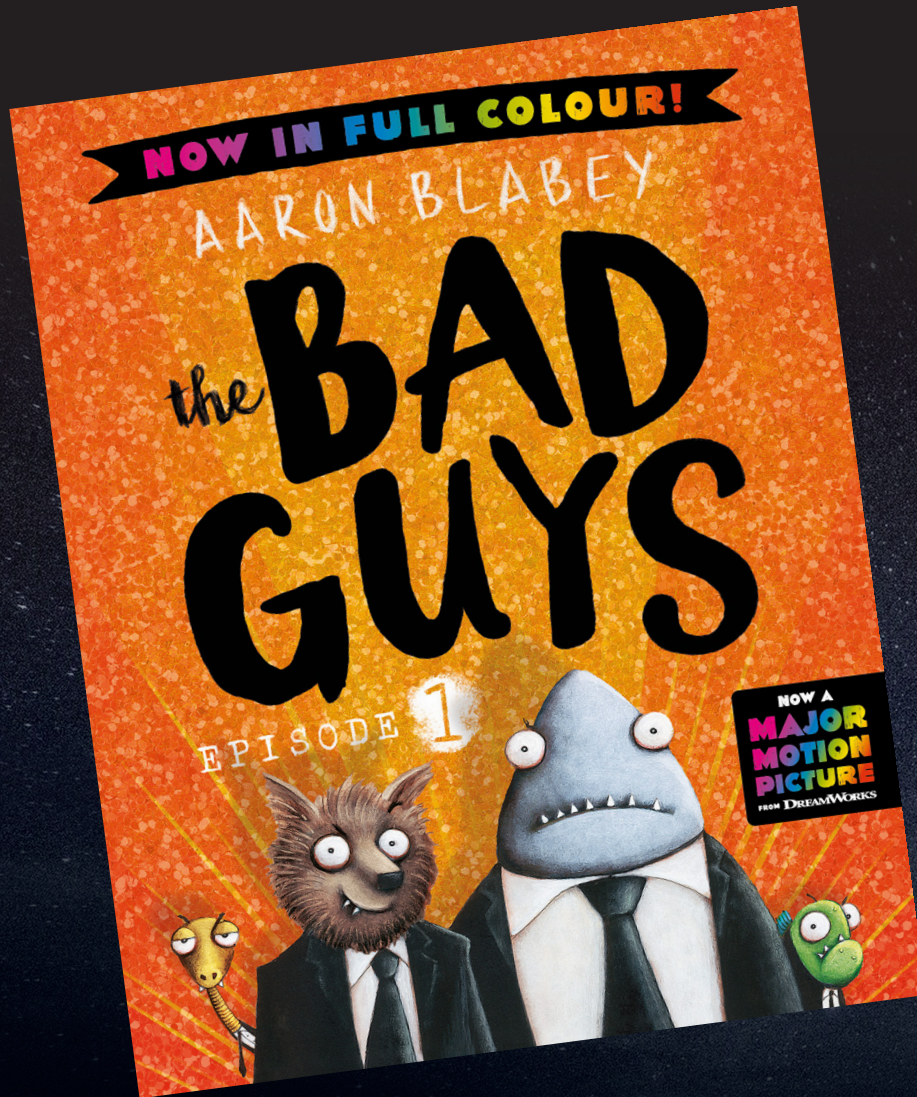
—Dav Pilkey,
creator of *Captain Underpants* and *Dog Man*

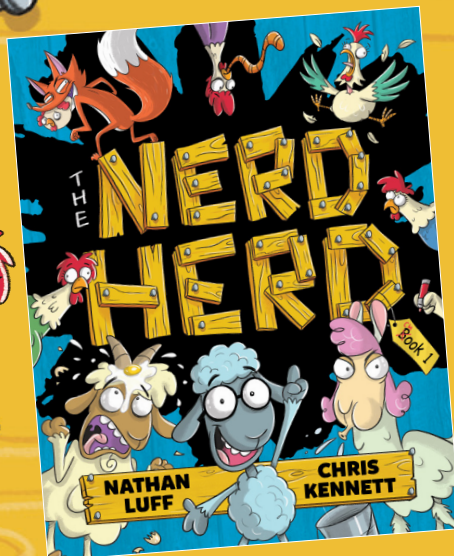
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The Bad Guys Episode 1 Full Colour Edition

Aaron Blabey

The first book in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series NOW IN FULL COLOUR!





The Nerd Herd #1

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barny the Lamb and his friends are sick of being picked on. So they decide to form a gang to show everyone that they are not as soft as they look. But how do three fluffy friends stand up to a cunning fox, a gigantic cat and a bull with behavioural issues?

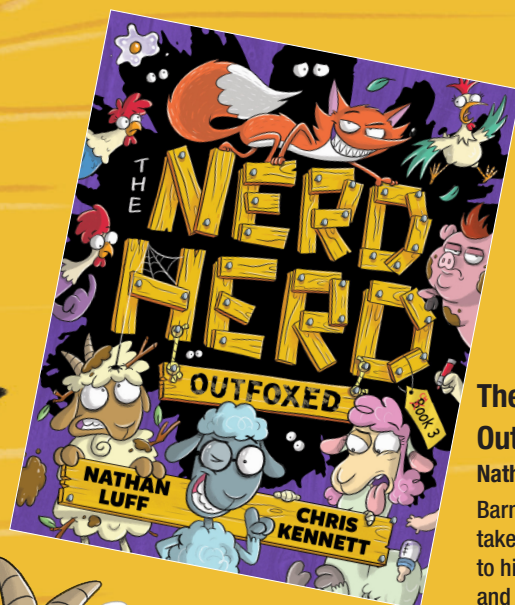
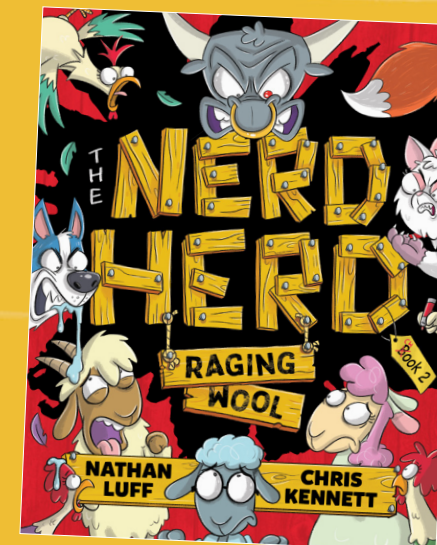
Find out in the first book in this hilarious new series!

The Nerd Herd #2

Raging Wool

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barny the Lamb and his friends may have scared off the fox. But now they have a new problem. A gigantic bull (with behavioural issues) is on the loose. Can Barny and his gang get the bull back in his pen and earn the respect of the petting-zoo farm? Or will this be another big mis-steak?



The Nerd Herd #3

Outfoxed

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barny the Lamb has been kidnapped and taken to the den of Mrs Fox. It's now up to his friends, Shaama Llama Ding Dong and Billy the Kid to save him. But will Shaama and Billy be able to get to their buddy before he becomes a lamb dinner? And if they do, how will they outfox the fox?



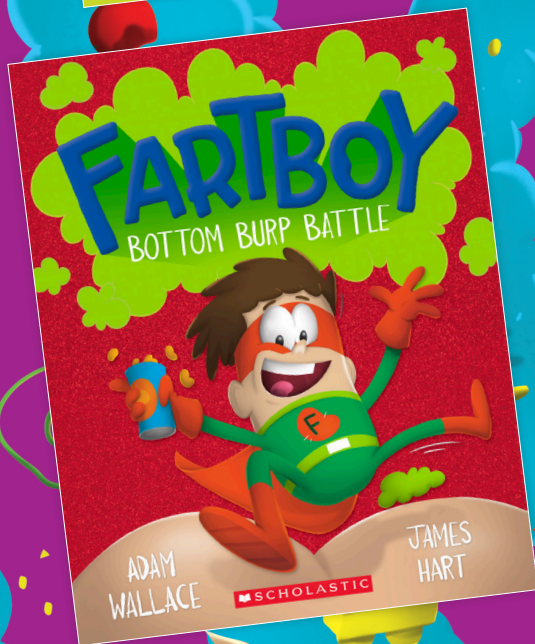
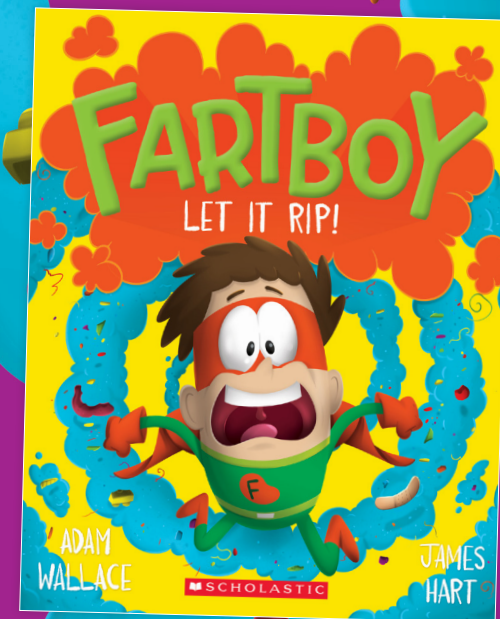
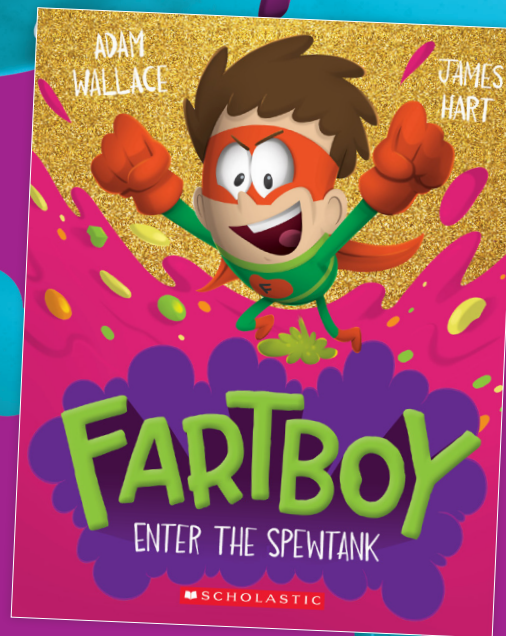
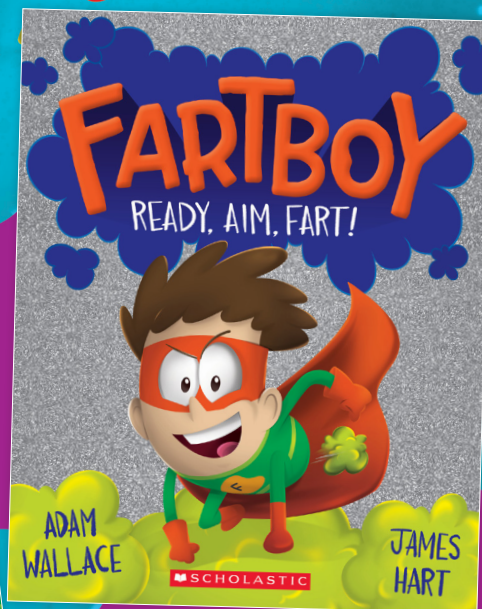
The Nerd Herd #4

Pig Out

Nathan Luff & Chris Kennett

Barny and his friends have escaped from Mrs Fox, but now they have a new problem. Kevin Bacon has a job for them. He wants them to help him impress the new resident pig on the farm, Baarbie Q. Perhaps a swine-dining experience? Or the blockbuster new musical, Mo-Hair? Join Barny and his friends for their wackiest job yet!

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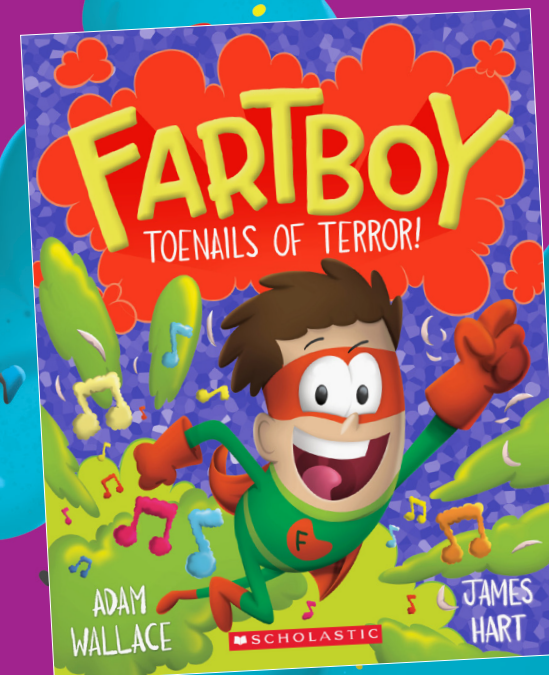
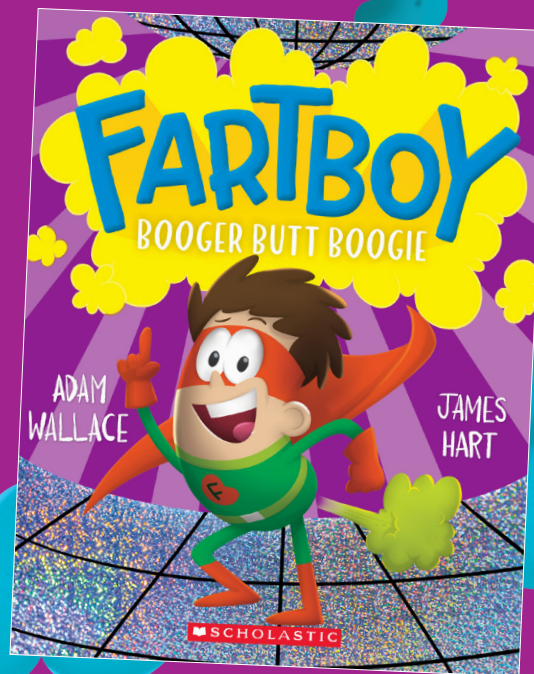


Fartboy

Adam Wallace & James Hart

Martin Kennedy is the tidiest boy in the world's tidiest town. In fact he has never, ever farted . . .

UNTIL NOW. When a freak accident gives him farting super powers, Martin must overcome his disgust for bottom blowouts and use his new skills to save the day!



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Timmy the Ticked-Off Pony

Magda Szubanski & Dean Rankine

Timmy is rude. He's lazy. He's ALWAYS cranky.
And he's also one of the most FAMOUS ponies in all
the known world!
Until one day when . . . POO HAPPENS.

"HEY! Surely a little poo of excitement can't RUIN
MY LIFE?!"

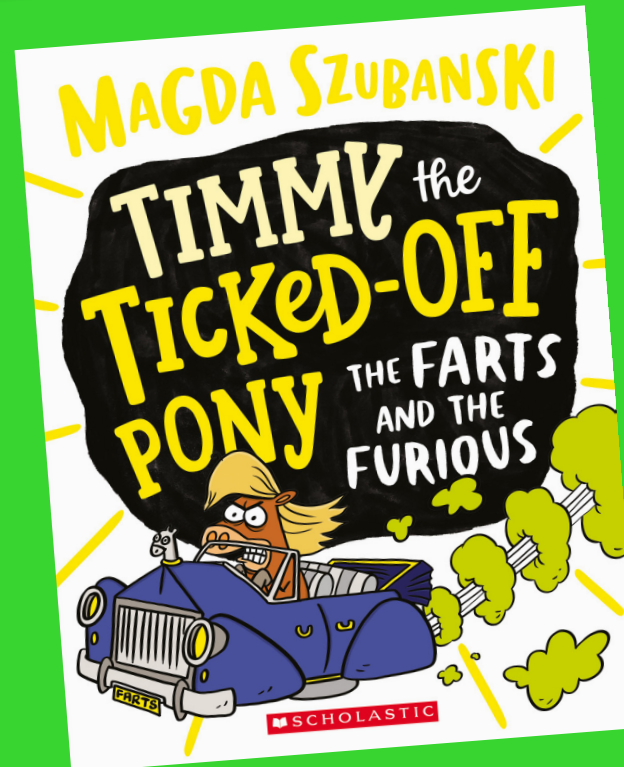
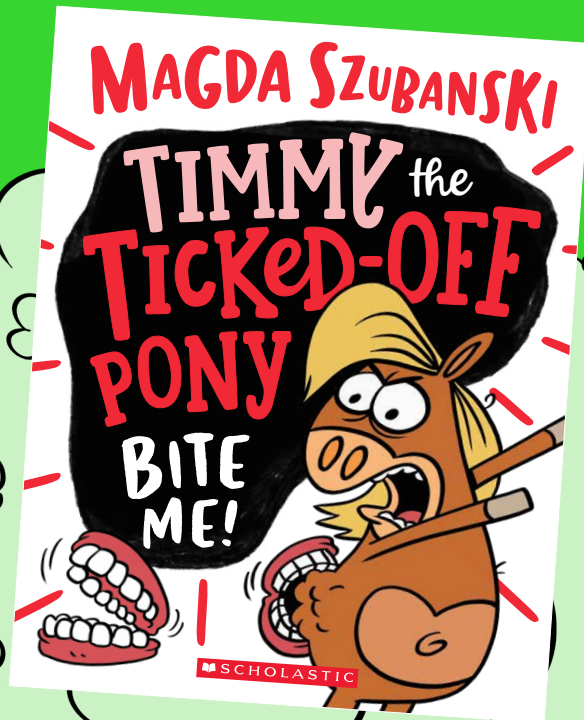
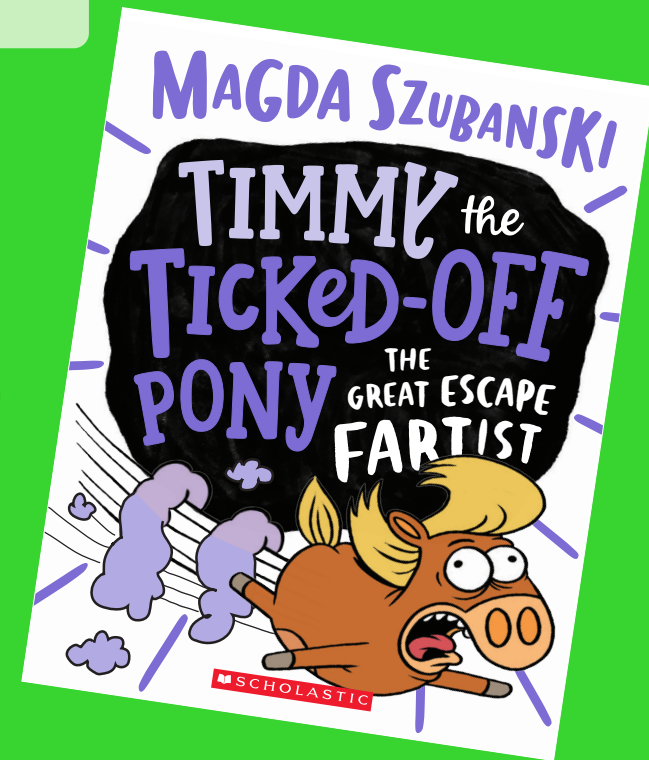
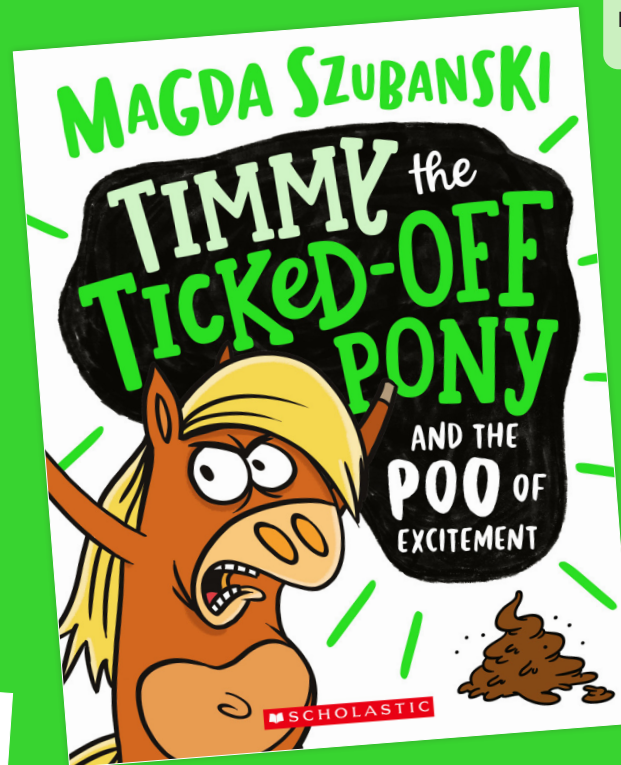
. . . Can it?"

Yes, Timmy, it can.

Find out how in the FUNNIEST NEW SERIES by
award-winning comedian and author MAGDA
SZUBANSKI!

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Timmy the Ticked-Off Pony #4 The Farts and the Furious

Magda Szubanski & Dean Rankine

Timmy is trying to get into POSER LAND, an exclusive
place only for the most FAMOUS ponies in the
world! It's a club so hard to get into, it's in OUTER
SPACE! But in space, no-one can hear you scream—
ARRRRRRGGGGHHHHH!

Find out if there's anyone more special and famous
than Timmy in the FUNNIEST series by award-
winning comedian and author, Magda Szubanski.
Illustrated by Dean Rankine.



Paris Takes Over the World: Welcome to Paris

Kyla May & Zanni Louise

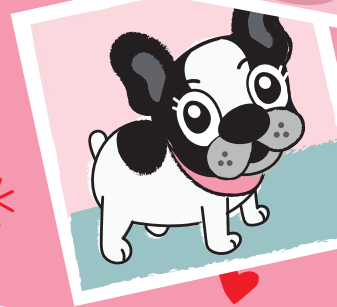
Paris is 10 years old and is off to visit her favourite city, Paris! While she is there, she meets a girl named Amélie who has lost her dog, Éclair. Can Paris help Amélie retrace her steps through the landmarks of the city to find the lost pup?



Paris Takes Over the World: Welcome to New York

Kyla May & Zanni Louise

Paris is off on a new adventure in the city that never sleeps ... New York! While she is there, she meets a girl named Miley who has lost her Broadway show tickets. Can Paris help Miley retrace her steps through the landmarks of the city so they can get to the show on time?



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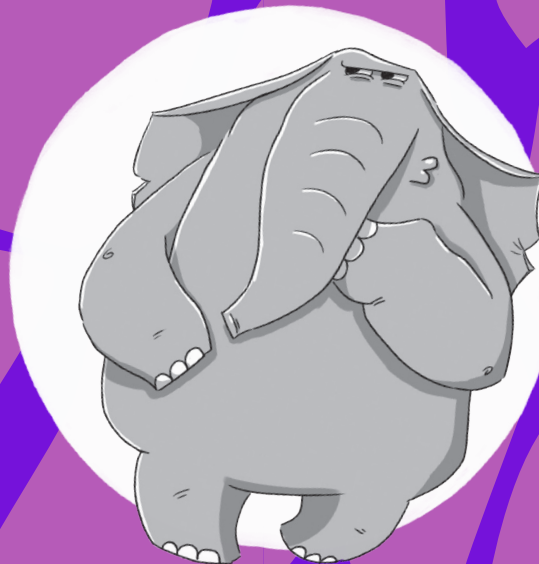
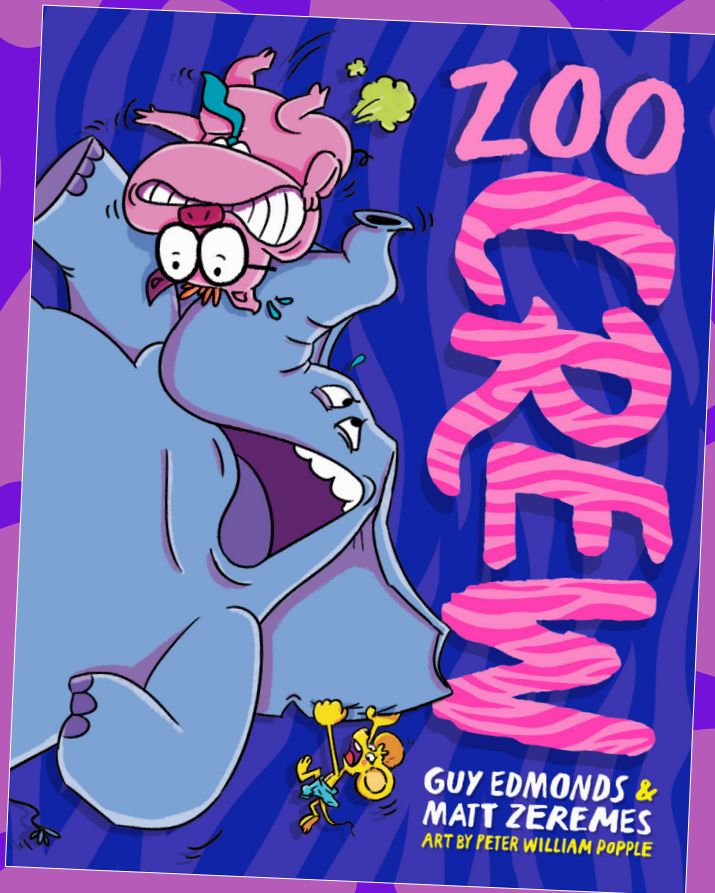
Zoo Crew

Matt Zeremes & Guy Edmonds & Peter McDonald

From Emmy® Kids Award-winning TV writers Matt Zeremes and Guy Edmonds, comes this spectacularly funny new junior fiction series, jam-packed with fun, farts and friendship that kids aged 6+ are going to love!

It's the athletics carnival and Eddie, Mabel and Princeton have to run, throw and jump their GUTS OUT so that mean, cheating bully, Echo, doesn't win the day—again!

Can this totes cool crew hold in their panic-farts and kick serious butt to outsmart Echo and her sidekicks?? Get your sweatbands on ... it's ready, set, GO time!



Zoo Crew #2: Butt Burpageddon

Matt Zeremes & Guy Edmonds & Peter McDonald

At the Zoo Primary Fair, everyone is going crazy for Eddie, Mabel and Princeton's super-tasty cheese toasties. But watch your sandwiches, 'cos evil Echo is plotting some pretty putrid payback! Can the Zoo Crew stop the MASSIVE butt burps before there's total burpageddon? Grab your gas masks and join the party!

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Approx 6,500 words.
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Pearl series

Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

Meet Pearl, the magical unicorn who doesn't quite know how to use her magic! With the help of her friends, Tweet and Olive, can the unicorn believe in her magical self? And what happens when Pearl and her friends meet some naughty, stinky gobble-uns? Bouncing Bananas!



Pearl and Friends Treasury Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

Join Pearl the magical unicorn and her friends in four colourful new stories.



Pearl #8

Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

Pearl, Olive and Tweet go on an adventure! When their umbrellas carry them all the way over to Sand Land, they have to avoid sandquakes, sandstorms and even quicksand. Can Pearl and her friends find their way home? Or will the mean, stinky gobble-uns find them first?

Pearl #9

Sally Odgers & Adele K Thomas

When Pearl, Olive and Tweet find a leprechaun's lucky horseshoe, it looks like the good luck is rubbing off on Pearl. But what happens when the stinky gobble-uns snatch the horseshoe away? Will Pearl's good luck disappear for ever?



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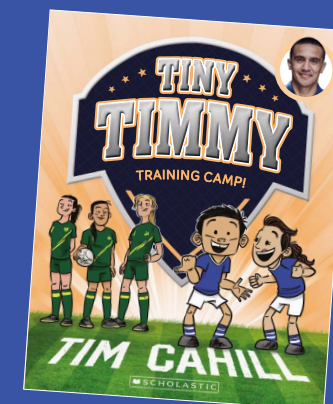
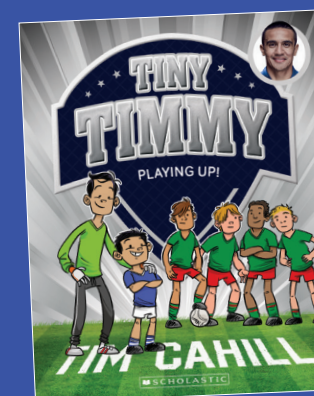
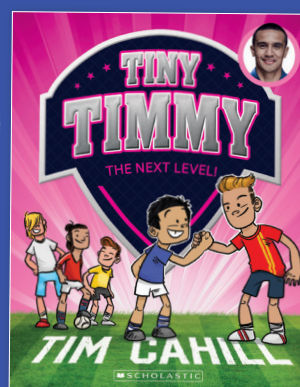
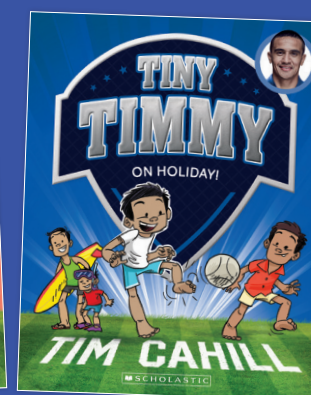
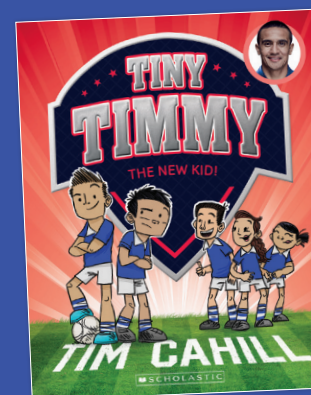
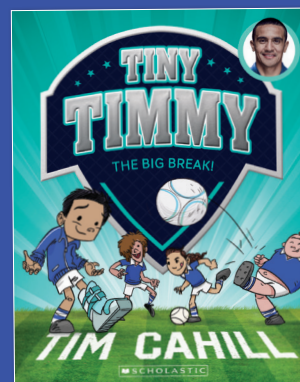
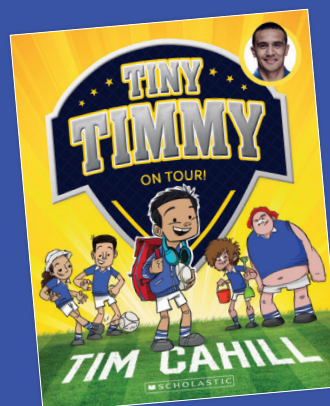
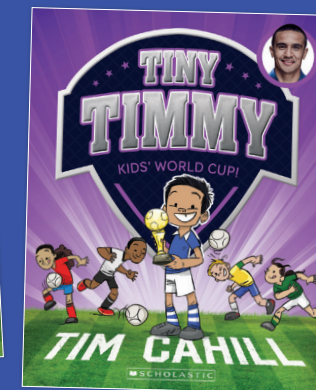
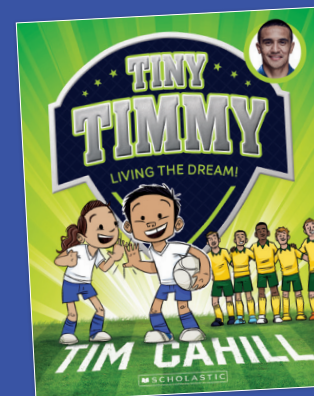
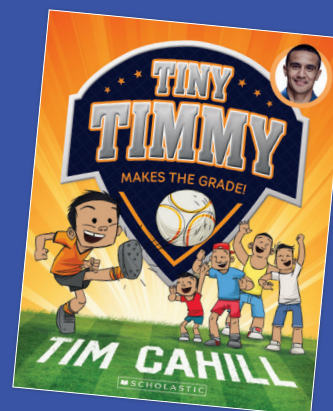
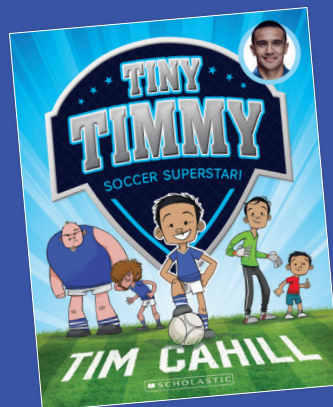
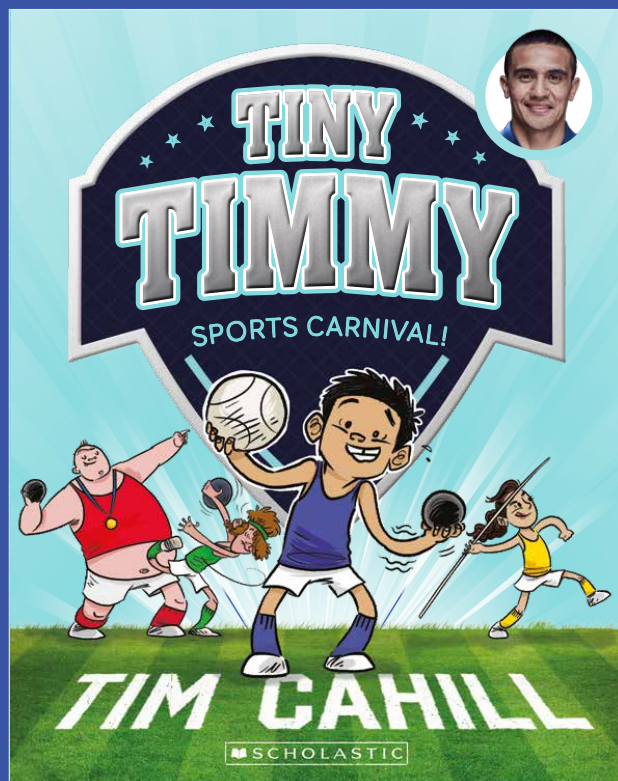
Tiny Timmy series

Tim Cahill & Heath McKenzie

Tiny Timmy Cahill keeps getting tackled, tripped and bumped off the ball. Maybe he's just not big enough to make the team . . .

But then just when he needs it most, he finds he has an awesome ability all of his own!

Follow Timmy as he strives to become a soccer superstar!





School of Fish

Book #1: Fintastic Four

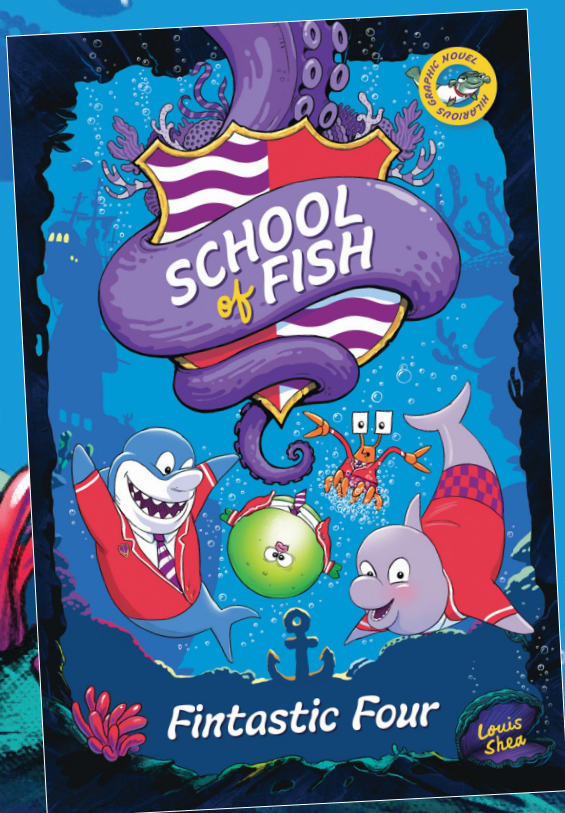
Louis Shea

There's a new kid at Shipwreck Primary! But there's also something fishy about her. Can Finn the shark and his buddies work out who she is, and could she possibly be the answer to their problems with Blake the bully?

With Great White Shark teachers, treacherous undersea races, and dangerous fishermen nearby, there's never a dull moment in this School of Fish!

A hilarious new underwater graphic novel.

It will have you hooked!



School of Fish

Book #2: Frozen Fish

Louis Shea

Finn the Shark and his buddies are excited about their school trip to Iceberg Primary in Antarctica! But there's a mysterious magic at this new school—an ice crystal with strong but unknown powers. Will it fall into the wrong hands and cause a disaster? Or can Finn, Philippa, Shelley and Humphrey get it back before it's too late? With ice castles, action-packed Ice Smash games, and a new gang of bullies to keep an eye on, there's never a dull moment in this school of fish! You'll be hooked!



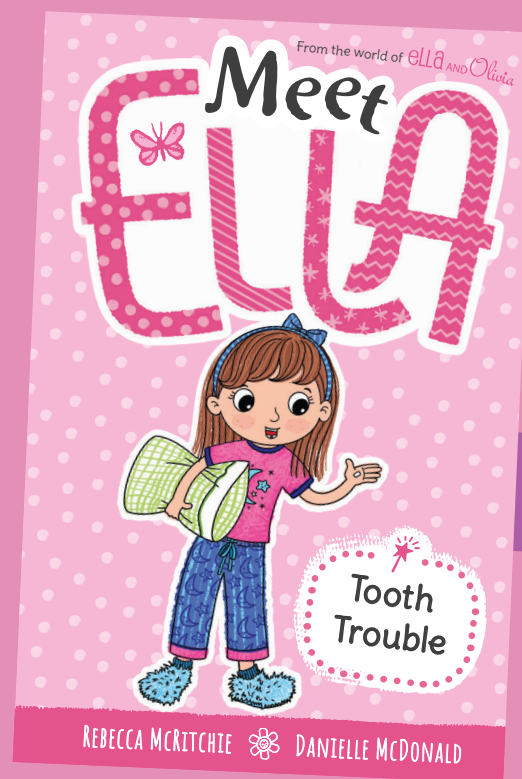
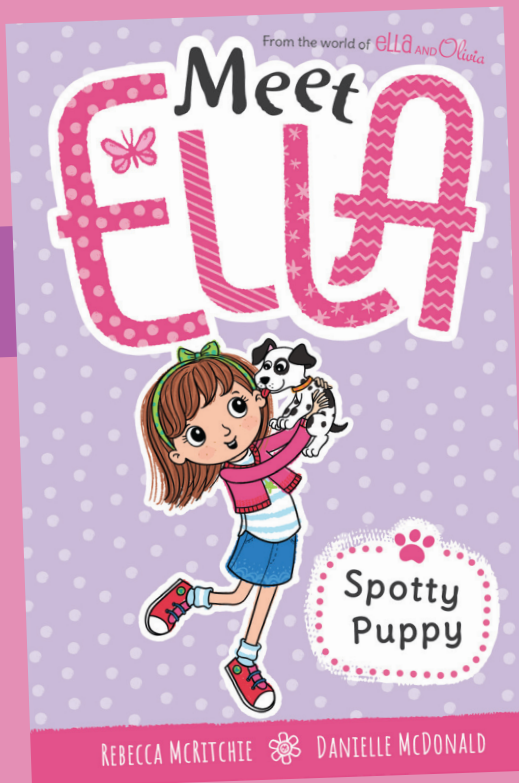
Meet Ella

#1 Spotty Puppy

Rebecca McRitchie & Danielle McDonald

Ella finds a spotty puppy in the park. But who does it belong to? And what happens when it follows Ella home?

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Approx 1,000 words.
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Meet Ella

#3 Lost Tooth

Rebecca McRitchie & Danielle McDonald

Ella has lost her first tooth! But now there is a big gap in her smile. And she whistles when she talks! How can she go to school like this on school photo day?

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Meet Ella

#2 New Teacher

Rebecca McRitchie & Danielle McDonald

Miss King goes on holiday and Ella's class gets a new teacher. But the new teacher just isn't the same. And she calls Ella 'Bella'!

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Meet Ella

#4 Birthday Surprise

Rebecca McRitchie & Danielle McDonald

Ella wants to make a chocolate cake for Zoe's birthday. It's a surprise! But what happens when Ella makes a mistake? Will the birthday surprise be ruined?

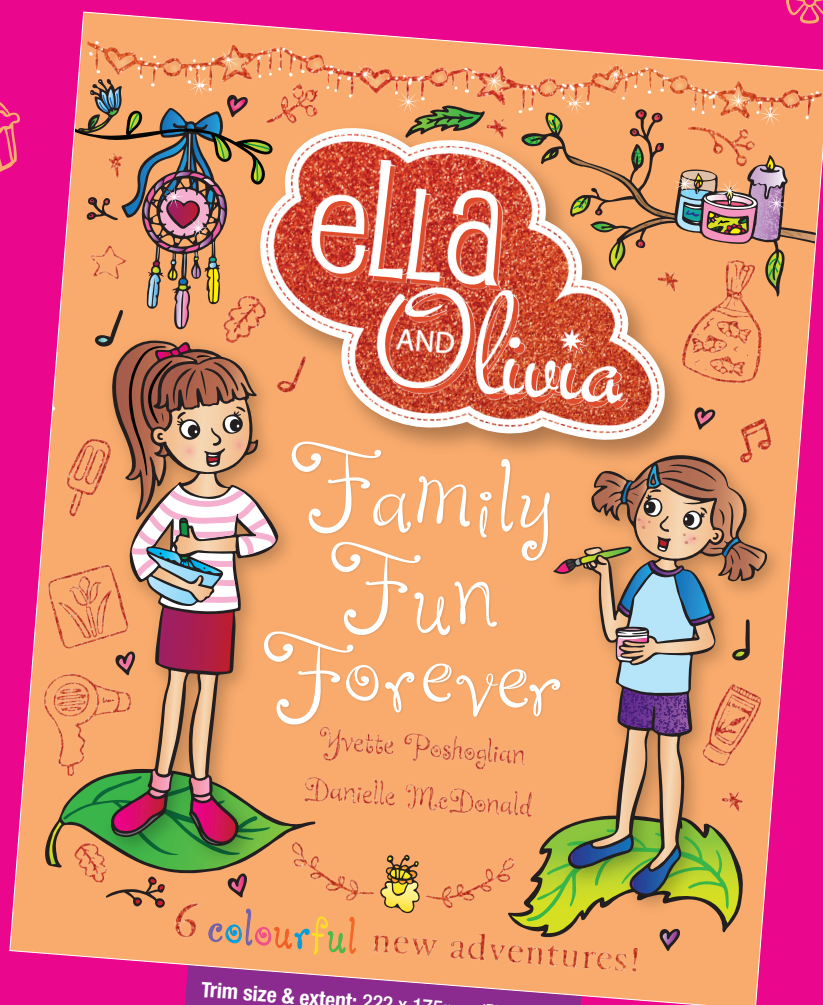
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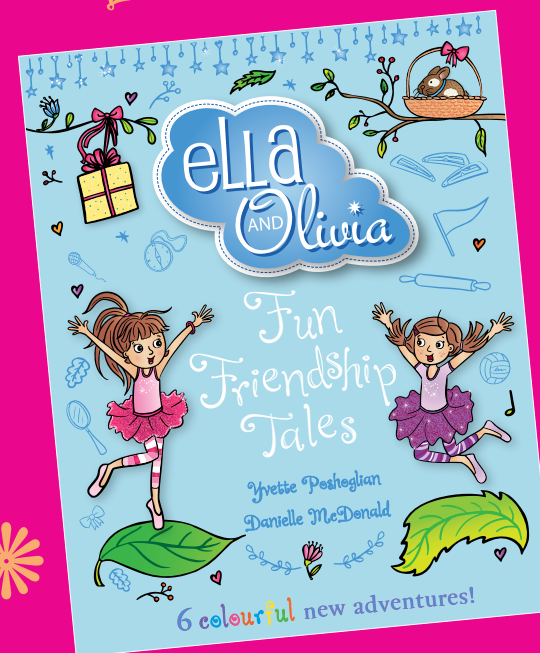
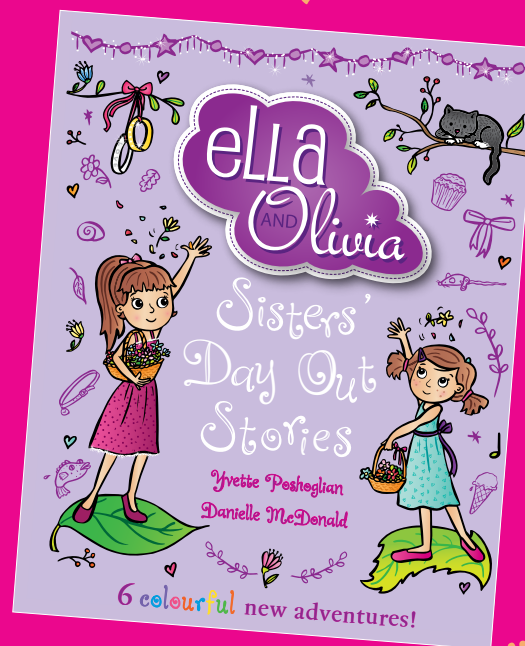
Ella and Olivia Treasuries

Yvette Poshoglian & Danielle McDonald

Follow Ella and Olivia in six fun new stories in *Family Fun Forever* as they go to the markets with Mum and Nanna, get goldfish for Grandad, make bath bombs with Dad and do lots more as a family. Families are forever, and so is the fun you have together!



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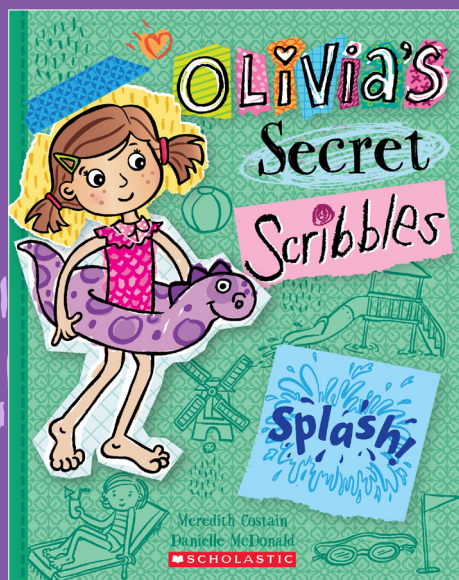
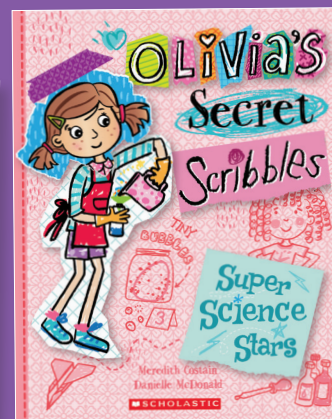
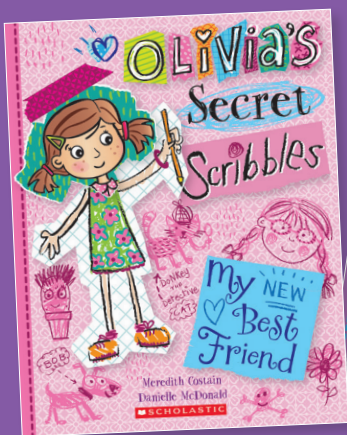
OLIVIA'S Secret Scribbles

Olivia's Secret Scribbles

Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

Olivia is writing down her thoughts in her own private diary! Come and read about her super-amazing inventions and her hilarious adventures.

Titles in the series: *My New Best Friend*, *My (Almost) Perfect Puppy*, *Amazing Acrobats*, *Super Science Stars*, *The Big Chicken Mystery*, *Box Car Racers*, *Music Makers*, *Dragon Catchers*, *Unicorn Parade*, *Fairy Cakes*, *Splash!*



Splash!

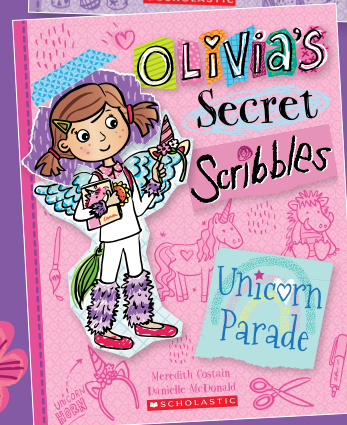
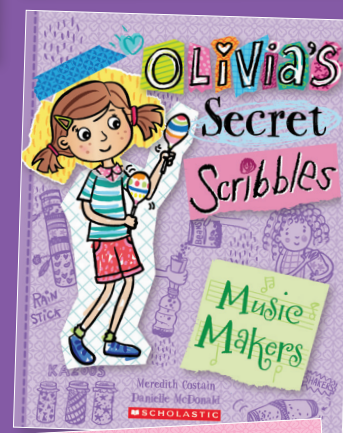
Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

I have so many super-amazing and IMPORTANT things to write about! I'll tell you all about them:

- CLUB TROPICANA here we come!
- Matilda and I can't wait to play mini golf and see SPLASHY pools and SLIPPERY water slides!!!
- My new SPARKLY bathers will look AMAZING in the water! But the water is too SPLASHY and kind of SCARY!
- Now Matilda has made some new friends and they love the BIG POOL :(
- I need to be BRAVE and make this the BEST holiday ever!

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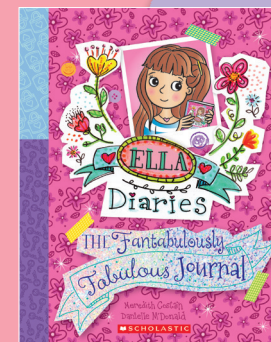
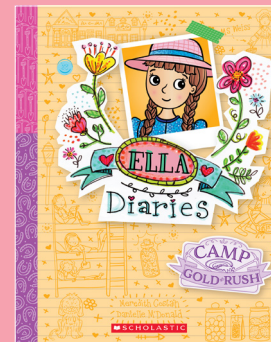
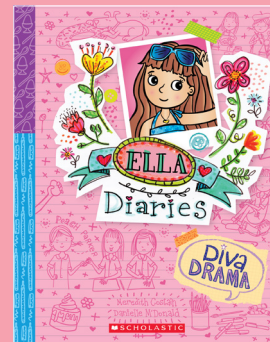
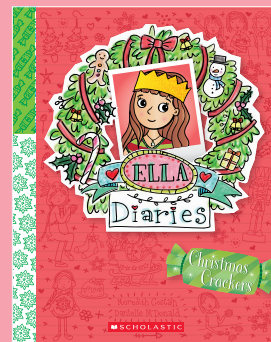
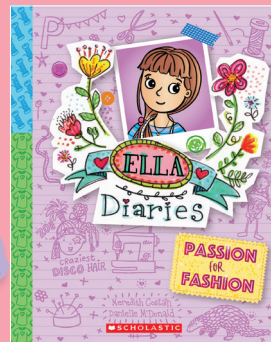
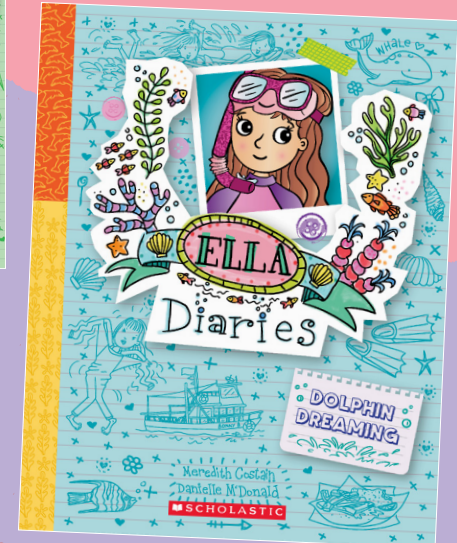
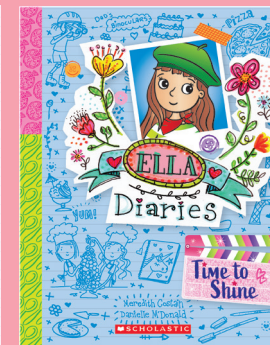
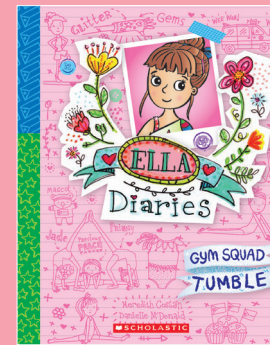
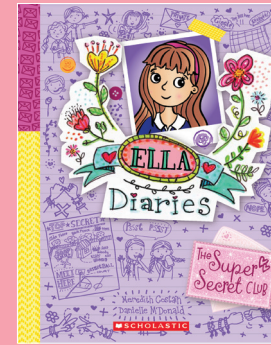
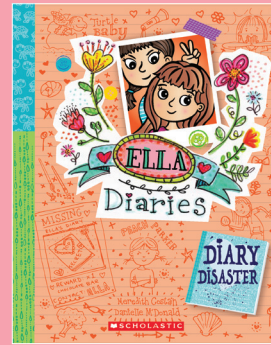
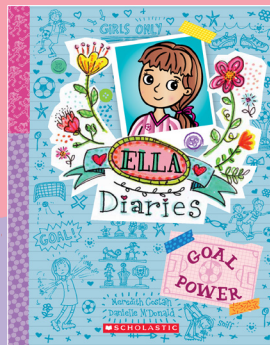
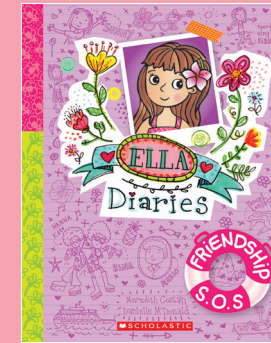
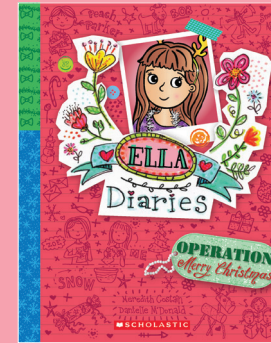
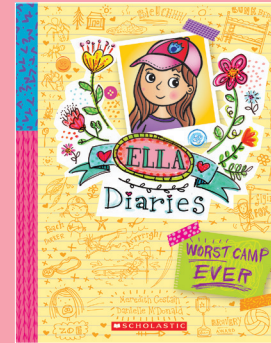
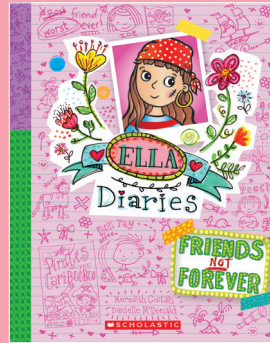
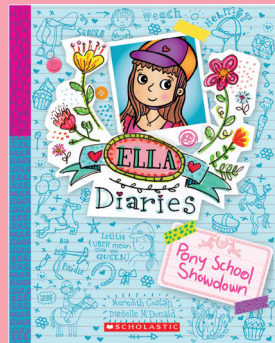
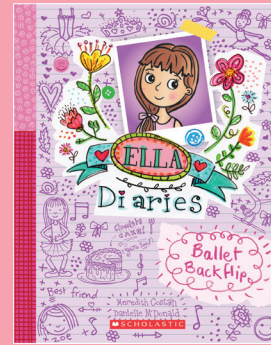
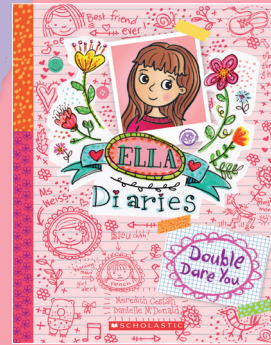


Ella Diaries series

Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

WARNING: You are about to read my UTTERLY BIGGEST SECRETS. Can I trust you? OK then. I'm Ella, and this is my diary.

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Approx 8,000 words.



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English language
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Germany, India,
Israel, Netherlands,
Portugal, Russia,
Turkey, UK & USA

Ella at Eden series

Laura Sieveking

Ella has started at her new high school, and Eden College is everything she hoped it would be. Join Ella in this fabulous series!

#1: New Girl

Ella is enjoying Eden, until things start to get complicated. She accidentally insults Saskia, the school diva, there could be a ghost in the dorm and items have started to mysteriously disappear. Can Ella catch the Eden thief?

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#2: The Secret Journal

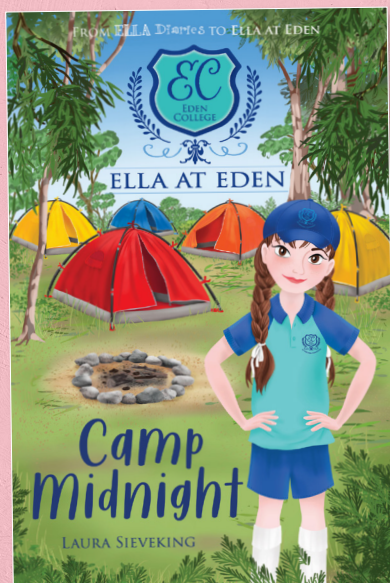
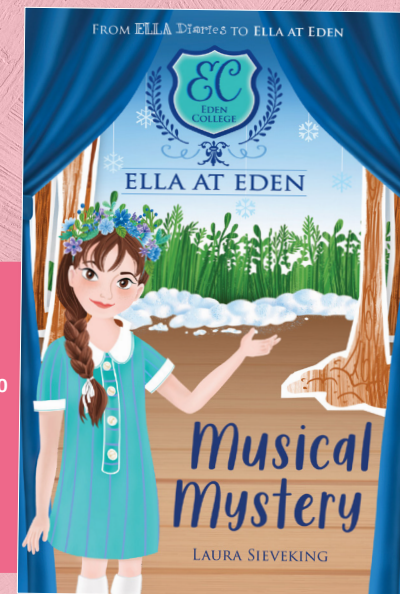
When Ella accidentally uncovers a hidden diary, her curiosity is sparked. As she follows the clues in the diary, Ella discovers there is more to Eden College than meets the eye. Can she work out who wrote the secret journal?

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#3: Musical Mystery

Eden College is putting on *Enchantment the Musical*! But things are going wrong at rehearsals. Could the problems be linked to an old curse on the theatre? Can Ella save the show before it's late?

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#4: Camp Midnight

The girls from Eden College are going on a camping trip to Mount Midnight National Park. But Ella and her friends become lost. Can they survive the wilderness and get back to their class?

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Approx 30,000 words.
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#5: The School Spy

There's a new girl in Ella's class and she is all kinds of mean. Even though Ella tries to give her a chance, she is making life difficult for all the Eden girls. To make matters worse, there's a stranger in the school who is clearly up to something. Is Ella's beloved Eden College in danger? And if it is, how can one girl save an entire school from disaster?

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#6: The London Thief

Ella and Grace are off to London to represent Eden College in an international art competition. They'll be staying in a proper English boarding school, and their art will be on show in a real London gallery! But then Grace's artwork goes missing from the exhibit. And so does a multi-million-dollar painting. Are the two thefts connected? Now Ella has two mysteries to solve!

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Minute Stories

Meredith Costain, Paul Collins, Helen Martin & Anil Tortop

An ice-cream eating dinosaur, a big bad smell, a lifesaving dog, zombies playing soccer, monkeys causing mayhem, party-crashing turtles, the world's worst lemonade, and much, much more in this collection of age-appropriate stories of matching story length.



7 MINUTE STORIES FOR 7 YEAR OLDS



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in Asia, France, India & Lithuania



Lola series

Book #1: #The Secret Upstairs Fan Club Party

Shannan & Tayla Stedman

Meet Lola – she's got a YouTube channel, a very unusual, country-music loving cat called Stampy, and a tenth birthday party coming up. When her number 1 fan joins the fun, the fun gets too big to handle.

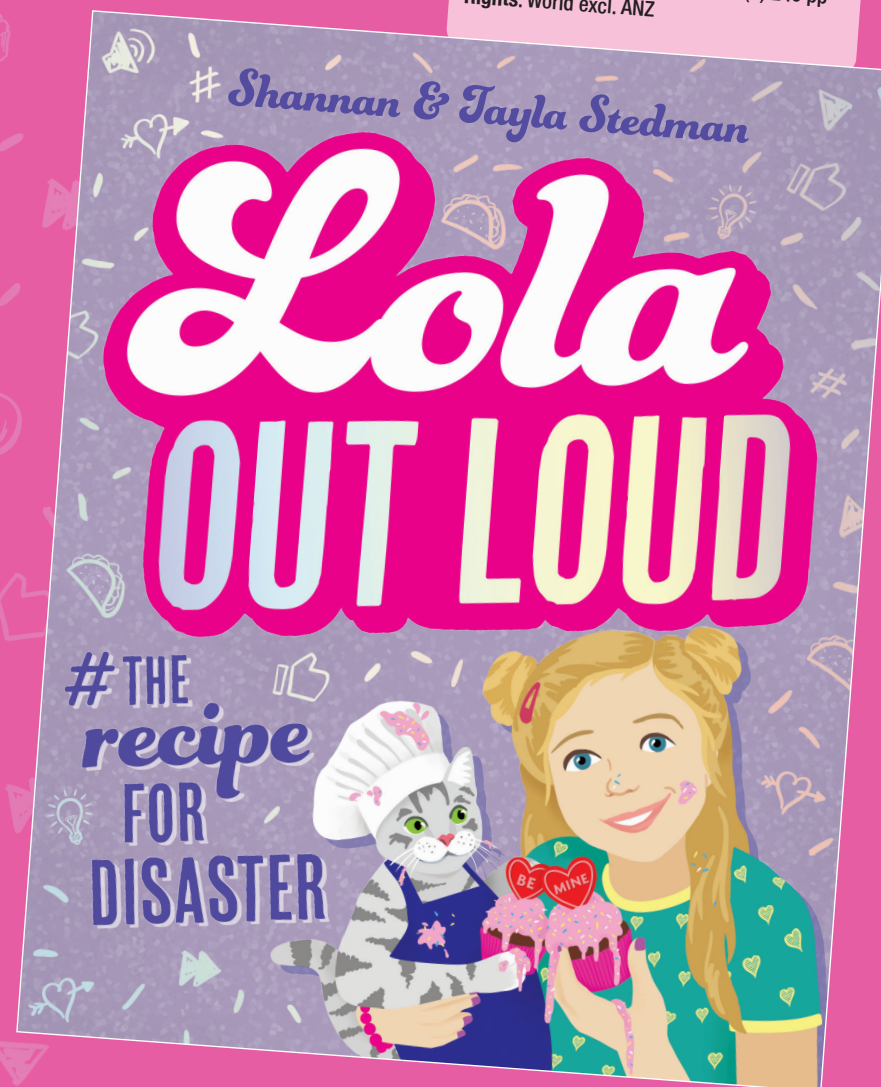
Lola series

Book #2: #The Recipe for Disaster

Shannan & Tayla Stedman

School holidays are here, Lola's super-fun Aunt Helen is coming, and water parks, waffles and epic challenges for Lola's vlog are on the menu! Sounds awesome, right? WRONG! Aunt Helen arrives heartbroken, aka no fun at all. Lola and her friends cook up the perfect plan – is love the special ingredient to turn these holidays around? Meanwhile, Stampy has ditched his banjo for a chef's hat, but are cats and cooking really a winning combo? Talking about the ultimate mix up!

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Michaela Mason's Big List of 23 Worries

Alexa Moses

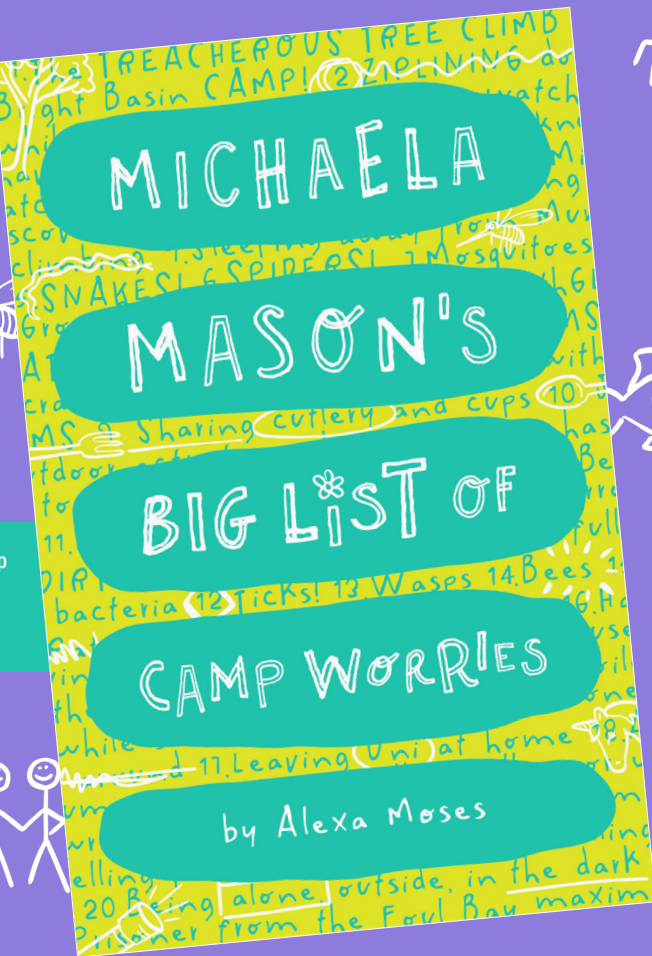
'I've been making lists ever since I could write. It relaxes me. By writing my worries down, I feel as if I'm removing them from my mind and leaving them on the paper. My secret worry list is the big boss of lists. Right now, there are 23 worries on it.'

New school. New town. 23 worries.

Can Michaela Mason handle it?



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Approx 24,000 words.
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Michaela Mason's Big List of Camp Worries

Alexa Moses

'I'm not good at CAMP. In fact, CAMP involves a gazillion horrible things I'm bad at or scared of. But trying to explain why I'm scared of CAMP is impossible. People don't understand what it's like to have a fizzy, jumpy, 'what if' brain like mine. I'm going to need a whole new list of CAMP worries.'

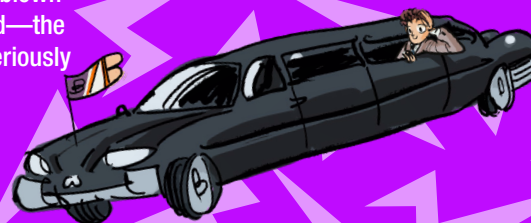
First school trip. First tree climb. 21 CAMP worries.

Can Michaela Mason handle it?

Stunt Kid Seriously Stacks It!

Jack Heath & Max Rambaldi

Levi is pretty sick of starring in Dad's stupid TV show, Kid Kablam. Because Levi is the kid who gets KABLAMMED! So far he's been knocked down, blown up, and attacked by wild animals. And Dad has one more scene planned—the most dangerous stunt so far. Can Levi survive this final stunt without seriously stacking it?



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Approx 35,000 words.
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Kid President Totally Rules!

Jack Heath & Max Rambaldi

Jaxxon has accidentally been elected to rule as the first ever KID PRESIDENT. He has big ideas: free ice-cream in every school, homework to be made illegal, and all national parks to become skate parks. But not everyone is happy about the new changes. And they are willing to do just about anything to kick him out of office. Can Jaxxon keep his presidency and show everyone he totally rules?

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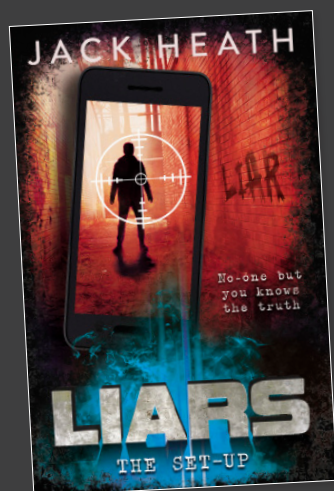
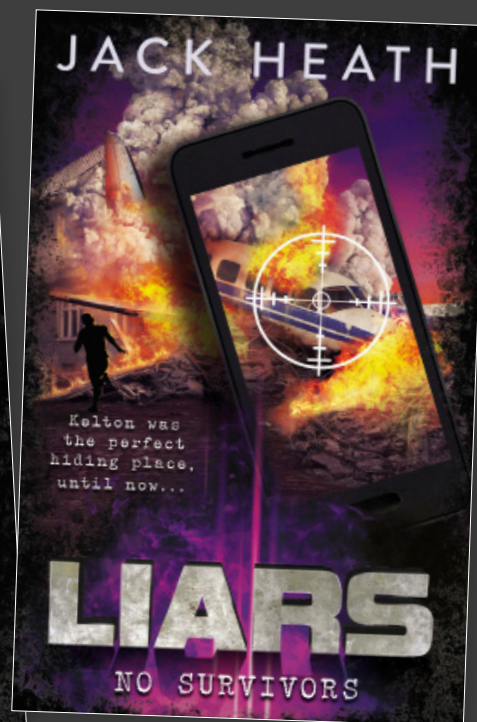
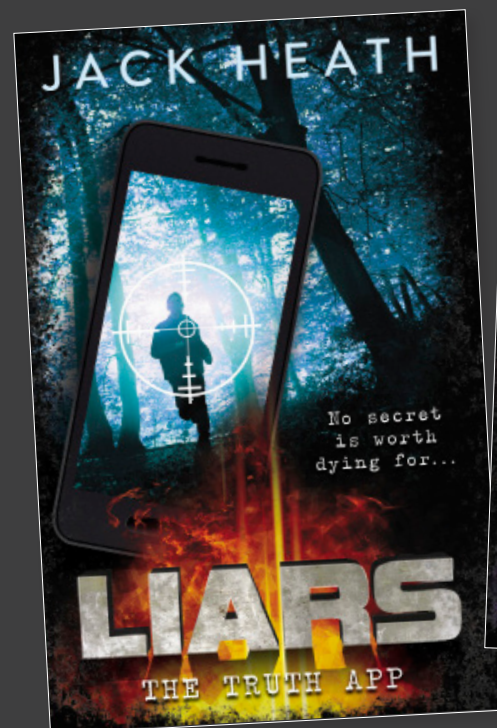
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Liars series

Jack Heath

Jarli, a small-town kid, creates an app that can detect when people are lying. But now VIPER, a devious crime lord, is after him.



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(P) 144 pp
Rights: World excl. ANZ

200 Minutes of Mystery

Jack Heath

10 STORIES. 10 MYSTERIOUS SITUATIONS.
10 BRAVE KIDS. 20 MINUTES OF CLUES.
The stories are loosely linked, and each can be read in one sitting.



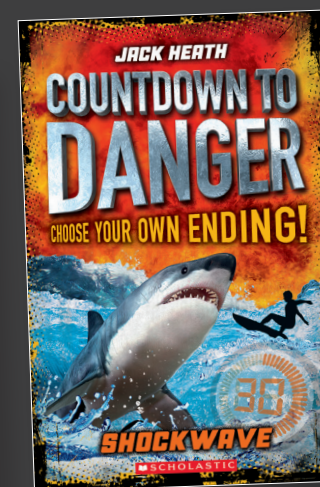
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(300 Minutes and 500 Minutes), 208 pp (400 Minutes) and 144 pp (200 Minutes)
Rights: World excl. ANZ, Canada, the Netherlands, Serbia & USA

Minutes of Danger series

Jack Heath

Each book in this adrenaline-charged series contains 10 stories, 10 dangerous situations and 10 brave kids. The stories are loosely linked and each can be read in approximately 30 minutes.



Countdown to Danger series

Jack Heath

Three action-packed choose-your-own-ending stories! Each book contains 30 possible endings with a 30-minute countdown. Will you survive?

JACK HEATH

AUTHOR SHOWCASE

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Katipo Joe

Book #1 Blitzkrieg

Brian Falkner

Book #1 of an exciting YA World War Two spy action thriller series.

Joseph St George is a young New Zealander, the son of diplomats in 1930s Berlin. But the Nazis are on the rise and the world is on a spinning path to destruction. Joe's world is about to change, violently.

After a narrow escape from Germany with his mother, Joe is recruited by MI5 and given a mission to infiltrate the Hitler Youth movement. From vital convoys across the frozen North Atlantic, to the terror of the London Blitz, to the shadowy world of the French Resistance, this is Joe's world.

Inspired by true events, Katipo Joe is a story of incredible heroism, unlikely friendships and unbearable tragedy, set against the backdrop of World War Two.



Katipo Joe

Book #2 Spycraft

Brian Falkner

Book #2 of the exciting YA World War Two spy action thriller series.

The astonishing journey of teenager Joseph St George (Katipo Joe) continues. Recruited by MI5, this time Joe is on a mission to infiltrate an elite group of Hitler Youth. In a world where one wrong word could bring catastrophe, he must compete with the other young people for a prize beyond his wildest dreams. But the consequences of failure are torture and death.

From the war-torn skies over Germany to the heights of the Eagle's Nest – Hitler's hideaway – this is Joe's story. Set amidst actual events, it is a tale of incredible heroism, unlikely romance and gut-wrenching betrayal.

Trim size & extent: 198 x 128mm (P) 432 pp
Rights: World excl. ANZ & USA



Katipo Joe

Book #3 Wolf's Lair

Brian Falkner

The epic conclusion to the Katipo Joe trilogy.

Joe has penetrated the very heart of the Nazi spiderweb, spying on Adolf Hitler and his cronies as the Second World War gains momentum and Germany begins its crucial invasion of the Soviet Union.

But British Intelligence wants Hitler dead. Joe must use all his skills and put not only his own life at risk, but the lives of the people he most cares about.

Trim size & extent: 198 x 128mm (P) 448 pp
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Skin Deep

Hayley Lawrence

Scarlett was gifted with beauty. But beauty can be taken in a day, in a single moment, by one car fire.

Now permanently disfigured, Scarlett has become a smudge in her perfect world. She can see only one acceptable solution: to escape the modern world for Matilda Mountain, which is desolate, isolated, forlorn. Perfect.

But mountains are not always as lonely as they appear. And unexpected friendships can be found in the wilderness. Friendships that challenge her ideas about perfection and her place in the world.

Can Scarlett break free from the confines of her beauty-obsessed culture to discover who she is beyond the layers of her skin?

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Approx 60,000 words.
Rights: World excl. ANZ

The beautiful girl? The scarred girl? Or the girl who survived?

SKIN DEEP

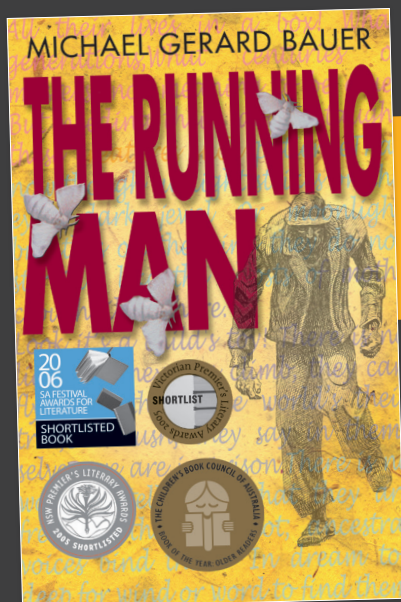


HAYLEY LAWRENCE

The Running Man

Michael Gerard Bauer

There had always been the Running Man—always that phantom form somewhere in the distance, always shuffling relentlessly closer . . . Tom Leyton, a reclusive Vietnam War veteran, has been the subject of rumour and gossip for 30 years. When Joseph Davidson, his young neighbour and a talented artist, is asked to draw a portrait of him, an uneasy relationship begins to unfold, one that will force each of them to confront his darkest secrets. This is a story about how we perceive others, the judgments we make about them, how we cope with tragedy and the nature of miracles.

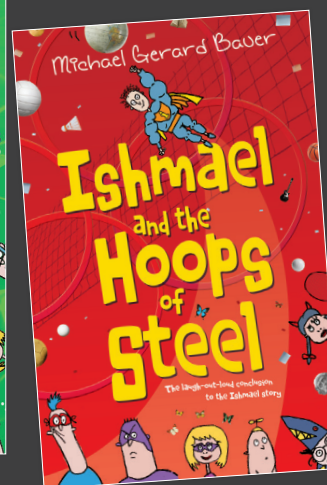
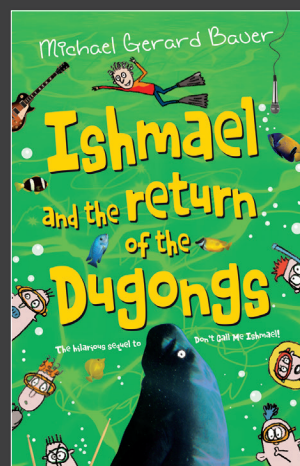
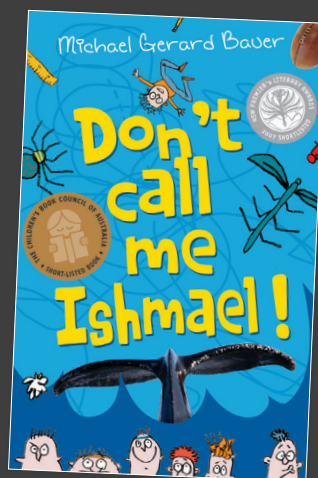


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Ishmael Trilogy

Michael Gerard Bauer

Michael Gerard Bauer's Ishmael books are enduringly popular. Ishmael and his friends encounter every possible form of embarrassment and social awkwardness through their secondary school years, eventually emerging with some definite wins as well. Ishmael has to face his nemesis and chief tormentor Barry Bagsley while he daydreams about his chief goddess Kelly Faulkner. Will he ever break free of Ishmael Leseur's Syndrome?

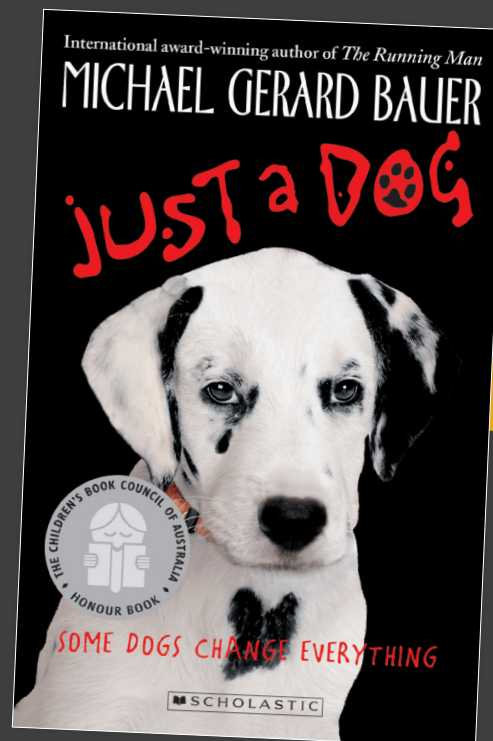


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Just a Dog

Michael Gerard Bauer

Mr Mosely isn't a pedigreed dog, but he is just the dog Corey and his family want: he is loyal, protective and loving. And he is much more than that. He might well be the one thing that holds them all together. One child's view of the difference a dog can make—it's more than a family story.



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(P) 144 pp
Rights: World excl. ANZ, Germany, Israel, Italy, Korea, Norway & USA



Trim size & extent: 208 x 135mm (P) 224 pp
Rights: World excl. ANZ & Germany

The Things that Will Not Stand

Michael Gerard Bauer

Sebastian attends a university orientation day and meets Frida. Frida is edgy, caustic, funny. As the day unfolds, a friendship develops, but Frida isn't quite what she seems.

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