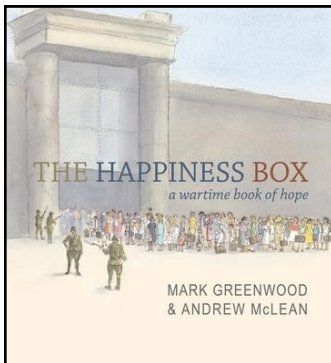


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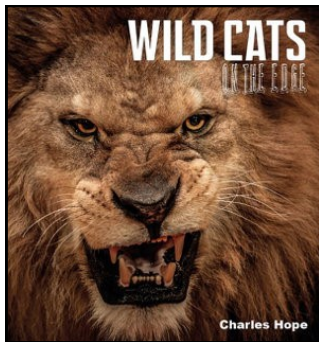


The Happiness Box by Mark Greenwood
& Illustrated by Andrew McLean

ISBN: 9781925081381 SCIS: 1871185

An inspiring narrative non-fiction picture book by award winners Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean.

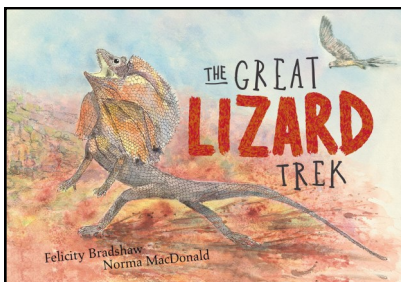
In 1942, Sergeant “Griff” Griffin was a prisoner of war. With Christmas approaching, he decided to make a book for the children cooped up in nearby Changi Prison. The book was said to contain the secrets to happiness. But the enemy was suspicious... With this picture book, award winners Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean bring to life the inspirational true story of a book that became a National Treasure.



Wild Cats on the Edge by Charles Hope

ISBN: 9781742034614 SCIS: 1860148

Around the world there are many animals close to extinction. One group particularly under threat are wild cats. Meet the species that are on the edge, learn how they are threatened and what is being done to help them survive.



The Great Lizard Trek By Felicity Bradshaw & Norma MacDonald

ISBN: 9781486308828 SCIS: 1871188

Trek through country with Rocky and his lizard relatives in their search for a cooler habitat.

Rocky, an ornate dragon, lives on granite rocks in the south-west of Australia. But further north, where it is getting hotter and wetter, his desert relatives are having trouble with their eggs. As the lizards trek through country in search of a new home, Rocky shares local Indigenous and Western understanding of these changing environments and the animals that live in them.

Written by Felicity Bradshaw, a retired Research Officer at University of Western Australia, and illustrated by Norma MacDonald, an Aboriginal Yamatji artist, *The Great Lizard Trek* will delight, entertain and inform primary aged children.



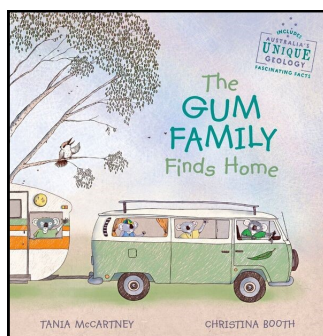
High Five to the Boys: A Celebration of Ace Australian Men

ISBN: 9780143791782 SCIS: 1871378

Let's cheer for the men who have done amazing things in Australia's history and for our future!

Australia has some seriously ace men who have broken new ground, stood up for what they believed in, achieved incredible things and defied stereotypes. You'll find some of those men inside the pages of this book – from astronaut Andy Thomas to YouTube maths teacher Eddie Woo, sportsman Johnathan Thurston and dancer David McAllister. Whether they end up being role models for girls or boys, it doesn't matter, because they're ace regardless!

Brought to life by colourful illustrations from Australian male artists, *High Five to the Boys* is an uplifting and illuminating read for all ages.



The Gum Family Finds Home

By Tania McCartney & Illustrated by Christina Booth

ISBN: 9780642279255 SCIS: 1871107

Kids love rocks. They also love to learn. *The Gum Family Finds Home* brings these two truths together in a delightful Australian story that introduces concepts of geology to a young audience. But this is not a fact-heavy schoolbook. It is essentially a charming story about home and family that celebrates the stunning Australian landscape and its flora and fauna.

The book's action plays out through a family of koalas, the Gum family, who hitch up their caravan and set off to search for the perfect home. The idea that animals might go travelling to see the sights, or indeed want to find a more better home, creates a link between the reader and the exciting adventures the characters are experiencing.

The Gum Family Finds Home uses storytelling to introduce the natural world to children as the Gum family travels the country. The sheer variety and imposing grandeur of Australian geological formations are captured, from Uluru to King's Canyon, from gorges and limestone pillars to precariously placed boulders and sweeping plains. These are introduced in the story through minimal text and lavish illustrations, then extended in a separate section providing accessible information and photographic images. This enables a parent, teacher or older reader to satisfy the further interest in geology that the story is sure to stimulate.