

# Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2014

*Primary Fiction*

## **Paruku: The Desert Brumby**

**By Jesse Blackadder**

**ISBN 9780733331794**

**\$14.99**

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Book of the Month**

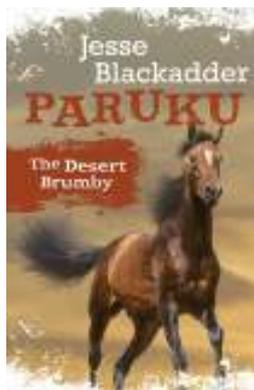
### *Blurb:*

From deep in the Kimberley Desert comes a legend of wild brumbies with Arabian bloodlines, who can run like the wind. Paruku, the young bay stallion, flees from humans who invade his desert sanctuary, but is haunted by an ancient memory of being ridden.

Thirteen-year-old Rachel is fast outgrowing her first pony. When her father, an equine vet, is offered the job of capturing wild brumbies for the endurance stables of Sheik Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai, Rachel travels with him into the remote desert landscape of the Kimberley.

Captivated by the wild power and majesty of Paruku and his kin, she is torn by the prospect of taking away their freedom. But is there a chance she could keep Paruku for herself?

From the award-winning author of *Stay: The Last Dog in Antarctica* comes a moving tale inspired by the true story of the Kimberley brumbies and their journey to Dubai.



### *Lamont Review:*

A beautiful story of a young girl who is born into a family of horse lovers: Dad is a vet, Mum trains and breaks in horses and her sister is a champion showjumper.

Rachel just loves trail riding and brumbies, so when her dad is engaged by a Sheik to catch and deliver to him twelve wild brumbies from the far north of Western Australia, Rachel is over the moon to be able to go with him.

What follows is a journey of discovery - Rachel has a wonderful feel and affinity with the brumbies but this could also lead to heartache.

Based on a true story, Paruku is a terrific read for all and will be really loved by ten year old and up horse enthusiasts.

*Reviewed by Rob.*

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## **The Catier Emerald: Kitten Kaboodle Mission 1**

**By Eileen O'Hely & Illustrated by Heath McKenzie**

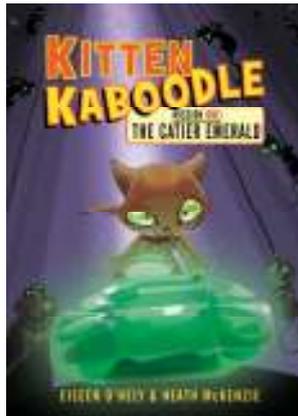
**ISBN 9781921529931**

**\$14.95**

### *Blurb:*

"Your mission," said the chief, "should you choose to accept it, is to penetrate DOG Fortress, disguised as a pedigree kitten." Kitten Kaboodle is no ordinary cat. He'd rather chase a Rottweiler than a ribbon and prefers kung-fu to cuddles.

He is the number one secret agent at CAT - the Clandestine Activity Taskforce. When pedigree kittens start disappearing, Kitten Kaboodle is on the job. Who could guess that this mission will lead him straight to DOG - the Disaster Organisation Group - and the priceless Catier Emerald?



### *Lamont Review:*

A fun filled mystery for your Year 4, 5 & 6 readers.

Kitten Kaboodle is really a secret agent for CAT (Clandestine Activity Taskforce) - whose mission is to find the headquarters of DOG (the Disaster Organisation Group), who are behind a series of catnappings.

With high tech gadgets and disguises Kitten Kaboodle is a great read that your students will enjoy. Will suit both boys and girls.

*Reviewed by Michelle*

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## **Ash Rover: Keeper of the Phoenix (Book 1)**

**By Aleesah Darlison**

**ISBN 9781922179029**

**\$14.95**

### *Blurb:*

Can Ash and his friends rescue the village and break the evil wizard's spell in time?

Ash Rover wants to do something important with his life. When he discovers a phoenix egg, he gets his wish. But the magical bird brings trouble to Ash's village. Soon Ash is not only the unlikely Keeper of the Phoenix, he is also on a desperate quest to save his family and friends.



### *Lamont Review:*

Phoenix, unicorns, trolls, griffins and gargoyles, all wrapped up in an action adventure, where our hero Ash Rover must face many challenges to defeat Wizard Zadoc and free his beloved homeland Icamore from the dreaded freezing curse placed upon it.

Ash is a young cowherd with no particular talents, who stumbles across a strange rock. This he then discovered to be a Phoenix egg. Soon Gwaam, the phoenix, hatches and claims Ash as being a boy of good heart, to be worthy of being his keeper.

But being a phoenix keeper provides Ash and his two friends, Taine and Rhyll, with a week of strange occurrences and tough challenges. Their goal is not only to survive, but to see Gwaam grow to maturity, (which will only take a week), so that he can have the strength to defeat the evil wizard who is out to destroy them all.

An exciting novel for young fantasy lovers, probably aged 9 and up.

*Reviewed by Rob.*

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## **Meet Pearlie: Our Australian Girl**

**By Gabrielle Wang**

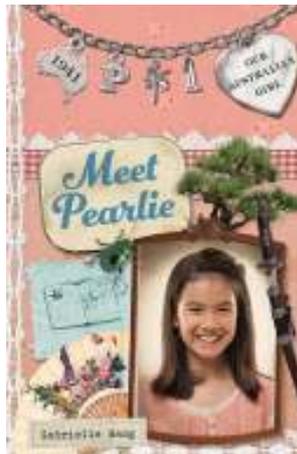
**ISBN 9780143307945**

**\$14.99**

### *Blurb:*

It's 1941 . . . and the war is changing Pearlie's life every day. Darwin is full of soldiers, there's a spy on the loose, and people are turning against Pearlie's best friend, Naoko, just because she's Japanese. When everything falls apart, will Pearlie be brave enough to stick up for what's right, or will her old fears get the better of her?

Meet Pearlie and join her adventure in the first of four exciting stories about a courageous girl in a world at war.



### *Lamont Review:*

This is another great new story in the ever popular *Our Australian Girl* series.

In this story we are introduced to Pearlie and her friend Naoko. They are best friends living in Darwin during 1941. The war in the Pacific is on everyone's mind and is also impacting on the girls' lives.

Naoko is Japanese and her father is accused of being a spy. Can the girls uncover the truth? Is the mysterious Mr Hunter really the spy? And if so, how can they prove it?

The girls embark on an adventure that sees them both in danger.

Your middle to senior girls will be eagerly awaiting the next instalment.

*Reviewed by Sam*

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## **A Very Good Idea: The Tinklers Three**

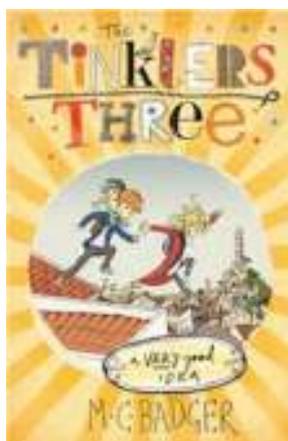
**By Meredith Badger**

ISBN 9781742976242

\$12.95

### *Blurb:*

Marcus and Mila Tinkler are VERY good at climbing. But can they go from their house to the town clock tower without once touching the ground? It will probably be hard. It will probably be dangerous. And almost certainly dirty. It's a very good idea!



### *Lamont Review:*

This is a fun new series for both boys and girls, from the creators of *Zac Power* and *Billie B. Brown*.

The Tinkler Three have a life that many children might think is perfect. Their parents travel the country with the circus and the three children live alone, with only their rules!

In this story, we see them trying to complete their idea of making it across the city without touching the ground. This might seem impossible to most, but the Tinkler Three are circus kids!

This is light hearted and imaginative, and is sure to be enjoyed by all emerging readers.

*Reviewed by Sam.*