

Lamont Books Standing Order

April 2014

Primary Fiction

The Wardens: Brotherhood of Thieves

By Stuart Daly

Publisher: Random House

ISBN 9780857983275

\$17.99

**Primary Fiction
Book of the Month**

Blurb:

A brotherhood of treasure hunters. A terrifying enemy. Five young recruits. The race is on.

Caspan hates life as a thief on the streets, so he leaps at the chance to join a secret order sanctioned by the King. The Brotherhood seeks the lost magical weapons of an ancient race that will help them fight the Roon, the invading army who creep ever closer. Defeat seems inevitable. Unless Caspan and his fellow recruits - Roland, Lachlan, Sara and Kilt - can set aside their differences and use their new skills to help turn the tide.

With swords strapped to their belts, riding magical beasts called Wardens, they leave the sanctuary of their training ground for their first mission. Will it be their last?



Lamont Review:

Wow! What an explosive new series by a quickly emerging new Australian talent. This book combines many features of other great series, including Harry Potter, Rangers Apprentice and the Narnia characters.

I absolutely loved it and don't want to give away too much of the story.

I will say that it includes - recruiting a homeless orphan and street thief into an intriguing secret Brotherhood, enabled by the King to help protect his kingdom; mythical beasts that the Brotherhood can summon and who perform marvellous tasks to assist and protect their masters; and an opposing enemy of giants that appear unstoppable.

Wonderful action and intrigue and the forming of bonds of allegiance between our five new Apprentices will ensure the huge ongoing success of this series.

Suitable for all readers 10+.

Reviewed by Rob

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My Explosive Adventure: Eliza Boom's Diary

By Emily Gale

Publisher: Buster Books

ISBN 9781780551708

\$9.95

Blurb:

Eliza Boom is having a blast. With her best friend (well, dog) Einstein, she's on a mission to catch a spy - and banish the class bully while she's at it. All in a day's work for Eliza Boom, assistant inventor... and wanna-be junior spy. With silliness and mayhem, doodles and disasters - this book is perfect for engaging younger readers.



Lamont Review:

Written in the form of a diary, this a fun story for the adventurous girl!

Eliza dreams of being an inventor - just like her Dad. But she is not going to wait until she is older. She is an assistant inventor now!

When Eliza tries to impress the bully Zoe to gain an invite to Zoe's birthday, she starts a chain of events that sees her embark on a mission to try to rescue the top secret information of her Dad's that she lost.

An easy read for junior primary girls.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Crawf's Kick It To Nick: The Cursed Cup

By Shane Crawford & Adrian Beck

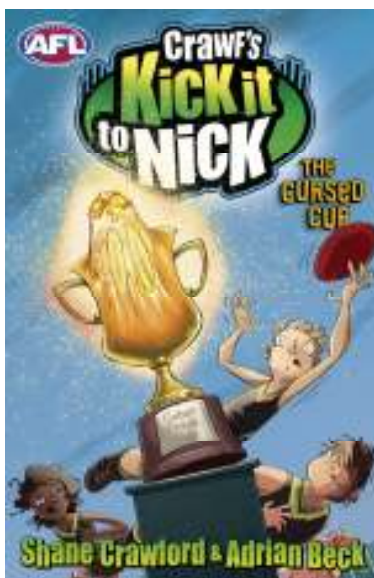
Publisher: Penguin Australia

ISBN 9780143307846

\$9.99

Blurb:

It's the first footy game on the new oval and Nick and his team, the Cobar Creek Crocs, are desperate to win the golden cup. But when the cup is removed from its cabinet it turns into a terrifying metal monster, hungry to destroy everything in its path. And only Nick can stop it. This time Nick's not just playing for a win, he's playing for his life!



Lamont Review:

Nick can't wait to get his hands on the golden cup, but when he does it turns into a terrifying metal monster.

With the big game fast approaching, can Nick and his friends save the team and the school?

All your footy mad students will love this book. It has lots of references to AFL players scattered through the story, and an exciting game of footy combined with a mystery make this an entertaining story.

The first in a new series that is sure to be a hit with your Grade 3's and up.

Reviewed by Michelle

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The Boy From Snowy River: Mates

By Edwina Howard & Illustrated by Joe Bond

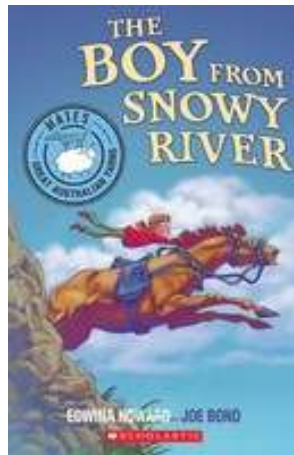
Publisher: Scholastic

ISBN 9781862919976

\$12.99

Blurb:

George really wants to go to Big Spills Water World. But its a long way from Mumblegum. His gran has a plan. It involves Bandicoot, the old stockhorse, and a race for prize money. Easy! From tall tales to spooky stories and everything in between, Mates are all-Australian stories for Aussie kids. With colour illustrations on every page!



Lamont Review:

This is a fun, adventure story about George and his quest to get to Big Spills Water World.

His Gran has a plan. She enters George and their old stock horse Bandicoot into a race to celebrate the spirit of the Man From Snowy River that can win him \$500 - that will get him to Big Spills Water World! Then her plan almost backfires.

But Gran is a bit of a schemer, and she is not deterred!

George then finds himself on a dangerous mission, trying to rescue three goats! He proves that he really is The Boy From Snowy River.

Your emerging readers, both boys and girls, will enjoy this story.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Badudu Stories

By May O'Brien

Publisher: Fremantle Press

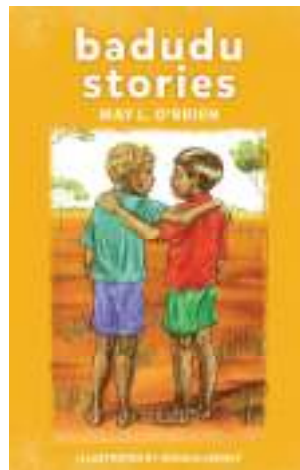
ISBN 9781922089823

\$14.99

Blurb:

What is it like when an Aboriginal child moves from a remote community into a mainstream school?

Written from the child's perspective, these true stories raise awareness about learning English as a second language.



Lamont Review:

These stories are based on the memories of the author May O'Brien from when she was a child.

It is a collection of four short stories designed to help children to understand some of the difficulties that people have learning English.

It is a perfect book to help any EAL learners to realise that everyone makes mistakes, but that someone will always help you.

Great for both girls and boys, Year 3 & 4 up.

Reviewed by Michelle

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The Bravest Kid: Hey Jack

By Sally Rippin & Illustrated by Stephanie Spartels

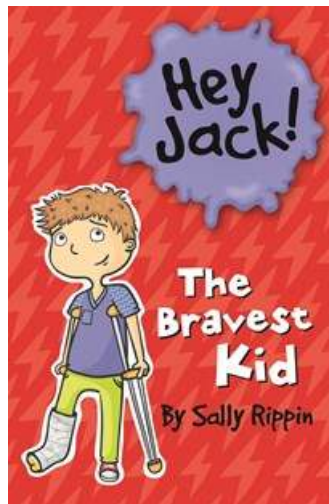
Publisher: Hardie Grant Egmont

ISBN 9781742979885

\$7.95

Blurb:

When Jack hurts his ankle, he tries really hard not to cry. He's not a baby! Surely he can be braver than that?



Lamont Review:

Jack and Billie are going exploring! They have made a hideout and are going to spy on the Feather Monsters.

The only problem is, Billie is more adventurous than Jack. He doesn't want to walk across the bridge that they made. It is just too dangerous. Billie thinks he is just being a scaredy cat!

Jack is finally convinced to give it a go, but things go wrong. He shouldn't have listened to Billie - he just isn't that brave!

But the events that unfold after this may prove him wrong...

Another delightful story for your young readers in the *Hey Jack* series.

Reviewed by Sam