

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

Diary of a Cricket God

By Shamini Flint & Illustrated By Sally Heinrich

ISBN 9781742378268

\$9.99

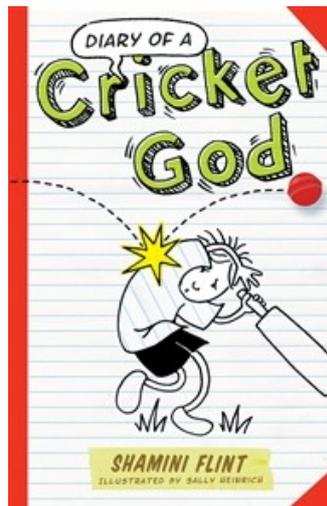
My name is Marcus Atkinson and I am Nine Years old.

Dad wants me to play cricket.

Isn't cricket some sort of insect?

I'm stumped why anyone would want to play this stupid game!

Today is the worst day of my life EVER.



Take a journey into the strange and wonderful world of cricket, through the eyes of nine-year old Marcus, who has no interest in the sport, what so ever!

Marcus' Dad really thinks that he should play cricket. But Marcus is completely against the idea. Sport is not something he likes or that he is good at. But his dad insists it is what he should do.

This book takes a humorous look at a game that really does have some very strange terminology. But it also shows that giving things a go isn't all bad!

This book will appeal to both sports lovers and those like Marcus who don't like sport. Whilst generally aimed at the junior to middle boys, there is no reason why the girls wouldn't enjoy it either.

Reviewed by Sam.

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

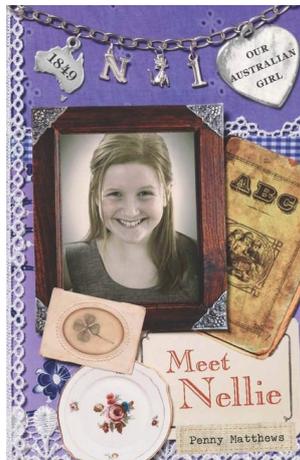
Meet Nellie: Our Australian Girl

By Penny Matthews
ISBN 9780143306238
\$14.95

It's 1849 . . .

and Nellie O'Neill is arriving in South Australia on a ship bringing orphan girls from Irish workhouses. Nellie and her best friend, Mary, have left the famine in Ireland far behind, and are full of hopes and dreams for the future. Nellie longs to learn to read, to be part of a family once more, and never to be hungry again. But with no job and no one to turn to, how will Nellie make her wishes come true?

Meet Nellie and join her adventure in the first of four stories about an Irish girl with a big heart, in search of the freedom to be herself.



Another wonderful new instalment in the *Our Australian Girl* series.

In this title we are introduced to Nellie O'Neill and we follow her on her first uneasy and nervous steps of settling in to life in Australia.

Nellie is lucky enough to find herself working in a loving environment, and she starts to feel that Mrs Thompson, her boss, treats her like one of the family. But when tragedy strikes and the Thompsons have to move away, Nellie is shattered that she cannot go with them. She has built wonderful relationships with all of the children of the family, particularly Tom, who is teaching her to read.

Penny Matthews has the ability to take you right into the setting of the time and allows you to really feel for the characters that are being introduced.

We are sure your middle level girls will be eagerly awaiting the next instalment.

Reviewed by Sam.

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

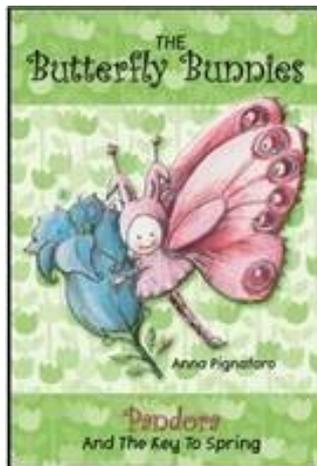
Pandora and the Key to Spring: The Butterfly Bunnies

By Anna Pignataro
ISBN 9781921136870
\$12.95

Come into Abby's tree house where magic always happens and follow Abby and Eve into the world of The Butterfly Bunnies. Introducing a new series for early readers. Join best friends Abby and Eve as they discover the world of the Butterfly Bunnies. A place where magical things happen and the most important thing is friendship.

In the sleepy seaside village of St Ives, there's a park, and in the park, under the Eucalypts, there's a clover patch and inside the clover patch there's another world. When Abby Star moves to St Ives she is sad and lonely, but then a miracle happens. Eve Knight lives right next door and soon the girls become best friends.

One day they make a clover wish and everything changes. Pandora the Butterfly Bunny appears and asks for their help. Can Abby and Eve help Pandora find the key to spring before it is too late or will they be stuck in wintertime forever?



A lovely little novel, with hints of Rainbow Magic, that will be loved by your emerging girl readers.

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

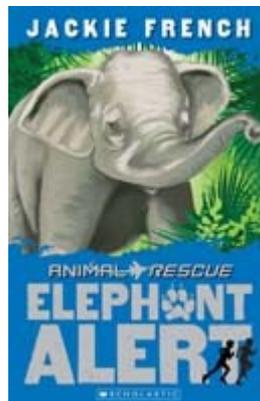
Elephant Alert: Animal Rescue 1

By Jackie French

ISBN 9781741698480

\$5.00

Leo thinks he's an ordinary kid, but he isn't - he can talk to animals and his best friend's a guinea pig! Mozz knows she's anything but ordinary. She's cool and clever, lives in a mansion with her mad scientist grandmother, and she soars through the sky in a rocket — the SkyTiger - saving wild animals around the world! Together, with the SkyTiger ready to take off, Leo and Mozz make an unstoppable animal rescue force. When Mozz convinces Leo to help her save the Puloa Gajah (Elephant Island) elephants from an incoming tsunami, she knows they're in with a fighting chance. But when the elephants won't listen to Leo's warnings, Leo and the animals find they're all in danger!



Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

Bureau of Mysteries

By H.J Harper

ISBN 9781742752143

\$15.95

In the bustling city of Little Obscurity, George Feather lives a fairly uneventful life. That is, until he falls down a chimney and discovers the Bureau of Mysteries, an eccentric group of investigators and codebreakers who live in between the floors of the Brass Castle Hotel. After learning that evil Clockwork Octopus Society are planning to wreak havoc on Little Obscurity, George is quickly recruited to help track the villains down. Along with his partner, Imp, George follows the trails of evidence and cracks the codes that each of their suspects leave behind. Chased by swarms of mechanical insects, overcome by horrible smells and trapped in train tunnels, George and Imp have a gigantic task ahead of them. Will they be able to solve all of the cryptic clues in time to save the city?



George Feather is an Oliver Twist type of character, cleaning chimneys for the money grabbing tyrant Grimy.

While cleaning a chimney at the Brass Castle Hotel, he falls down a chimney and lands between floors at the secret headquarters of The Bureau of Mysteries. George is soon recruited to assist in uncovering, mostly through code breaking, the evil plot that the Clockwork Octopus Society is devising to take over the whole of Little Obscurity.

An exciting new series for those around 10, who love a bit of adventure and some complex code breaking.

Reviewed by Michelle.

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

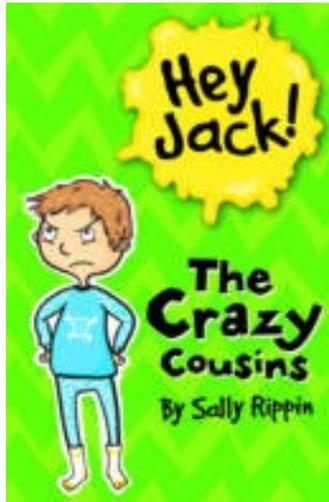
The Crazy Cousins: Hey Jack

By Sally Rippin

ISBN 9781742971254

\$7.95

Jack's in the mood for mooching around, not playing with his crazy cousins! But will his bad mood spoil the whole day?



A fantastic new series that is aimed at early boy readers. Sally Rippin has written this new series aimed at the early boy readers, just as Billie B. Brown was aimed at the junior girls.

Jack is waiting for his cousins to come over to his house. But he is in no mood for the three of the them, who are loud and always seem to destroy things.

However, Jack soon discovers that his cousins may not be all that bad. Maybe he just needs to relax a bit and just enjoy being with them.

A delightful, simple story that gets an important message across about accepting others and seeing the positive side of things.

We are sure your emerging readers will enjoy following the adventures of Jack!

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2012

PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

Tansy Magill: Aussie Nibbles

By Carol Ann Martin

ISBN 9780143306399

\$12.95

One Summer morning Tansy Magill visits her secret wild garden.

There she gets a big surprise - and now she has a mystery to solve!



A lovingly told story of visits to Gran's house and the marvellous stories she tells about another little girl, Tansy Magill, who used to live in that very house.

Her favourite story of all is the one that tells how Tansy met Billy Higgins, which takes up the majority of the story.

There is a delightful little twist at the end.

Another fantastic Aussie Nibble that will appeal to all emerging reading, particularly girls six and up.

Reviewed by Rob.