

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

## **The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk**

By Glenda Millard & Illustrated by Stephen Michael King

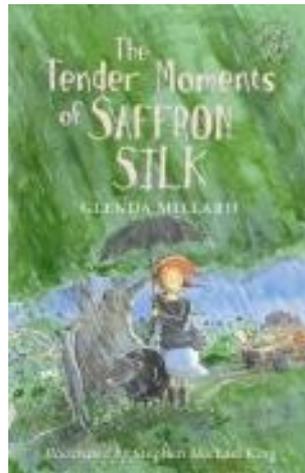
ISBN 9780733329838

\$14.99

Flame-haired Saffron is the youngest of the five Silk sisters. Her family know that she has a talent for becoming Anne of Green Gables or Cleopatra, and that she loves reading myths and legends. But they don't know about the firebirds that come to warn her of terrible headaches. And Saffron doesn't know how to tell them.

In a big family, it's easy to be overlooked. But when Saffron is sent to the city to see a specialist, she learns that her family's love for her is deeper than she ever imagined. And that when you're a Silk, miracles are never far from home...

Another heart-warming story in Glenda Millard's multi-award-winning KINGDOM OF SILK series.



There really should be more books like this!

Saffron is confused by what is happening to her, as are those all around her, particularly her brother Perry Angel. How will they all deal with the unknown and what might be wrong with her?

It is a situation that many families unfortunately must face, and relationships are often tested during this time. How the Silk's rally around Saffron show the love, care and affection between this beautiful, tight knit family.

The sentiment of 'tenderness' that is portrayed is one that will not be lost on the students.

Although this is another instalment in the *Kingdom of Silk* series, it can be read as a stand alone book.

Middle girl readers and up will thoroughly enjoy this story and hopefully take a lot out of it.

Reviewed by Samantha.

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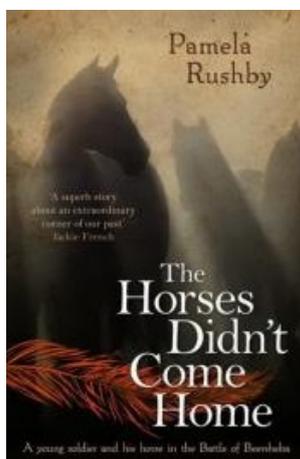
## The Horses Didn't Come Home

By Pamela Rushby

ISBN 9780732293543

\$16.99

The last great cavalry charge in history took place at Beersheba in the Sinai Desert in 1917. It was Australian soldiers and horses that took part in and won, this amazing, unexpected and unorthodox victory. The men proudly claimed it was their great-hearted horses that won the day. But in the end, the horses didn't come home...



This is the story of Australia's war in the Middle East during WWI. It is told through the eyes of Harry, a sixteen-year-old who lies about his age to volunteer, his sister Laura who is left at home, and his best mate Jack.

Harry and Jack are due to leave their small country town with their two horses when Harry's horse is discovered lame. Laura tells him to take her horse Bounty, as he needs the best horse he can to look after him in the Light Horse.

Letters between Laura and Harry show the human side of our soldiers and the incredible bond they have with their horses.

Pamela Rushby handles this difficult subject with sensitivity and compassion and with typical Aussie humour.

A fantastic introduction to Australian battles in WWI, as well as being a history lesson in the places the ANZACS visited in Egypt and the surrounding countries.

Both boys and girls will enjoy this book.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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## Spitting Image: Lightning Strikes

By James Roy

ISBN 9781921977497

\$12.95

The afro-wigged, eye make-up wearing alpacas have escaped! Charlie and Helen need to get them back into their pen before anyone notices. If they can't, there will be trouble. But how do you catch an animal that is out to get you?



A day at the zoo sounds like a great idea. Doesn't it?

When twins Charlie and Helen arrive at "Farmer Phil's Fabbo Funtime Family Farm", a petting zoo is really a zoo is it?

Their little sister Abby would love it but they would find it totally BORING!!

That's what they thought until Helen fell into the Aplaca enclosure. That was the start of a chain reaction with animals getting loose and running amok around the farm.

The boring day turns out to be an action packed adventure.

Great for younger primary students.

Reviewed by Rob.

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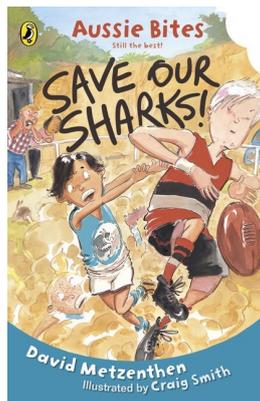
## Save Our Sharks: Aussie Bites

By Dave Metzenthen

ISBN 9780143306405

\$12.95

The Seaport Junior Sharks can't win a game. Their coach is in trouble, their footy ground is unsafe, and the team needs more players. But will the Sharks give up? Never!



Eddie's football team, the Seaport Junior Sharks have lost twenty games in a row and the problems around the club are mounting. Surely they will have to fold.

Then Eddie inspires the team to do things differently. He finds new players and together they save the Sharks.

This story illustrates how many people working together can achieve remarkable results.

I find Craig Smith's illustrations always add a bit of fun. Good Grade 2 readers and older will love this easy to read story.

Reviewed by Rob.

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## Leopard Boy

By J. Johnson

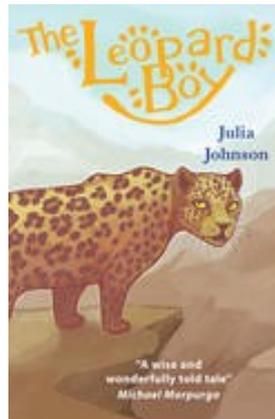
ISBN 9781847802132

\$12.95

This is a warm-hearted story that will appeal to readers of books by Michael Morpurgo and Lauren St John.

Can a leopard save Khalid's village? Khalid spends his days looking after his uncle's goats. One day, he follows the goats higher up the mountain than he has ever been before, only to discover that one of the kids is missing. However, he does stumble upon an old man who lives on the mountain and who tells him about the danger facing the last of the leopards. On returning home, Khalid's uncle is angry that one of his goats has been lost and sets a trap for the creature that he is sure has killed it. In the following days, Khalid and the old man discover signs of a leopard and become determined to save it from Khalid's uncle. However, Khalid soon discovers that his uncle plans on getting rid of the leopards to allow a mining company to destroy the mountain.

This beautiful, timeless and inspiring story set in the Arabian peninsula will captivate animal lovers and highlights the dilemmas facing traditional peoples in seeking to improve their lives.



Khalid lives in a village with his mother and his uncle, who has taken over as leader of the village after Khalid's father died.

It is Khalid's job to take the goats into the mountains each day to graze. When one of the goats goes missing, he comes across a wise old man who knows much about the mountain and the animals who live there. Could there be a leopard taking his goats? But what is his uncle doing meeting a stranger outside the village?

Can Khalid and his new friend save the mountain and the leopard?

A wonderful story that introduces your Grade 3 and up students to conservation, at risk species, and also to other cultures and religions.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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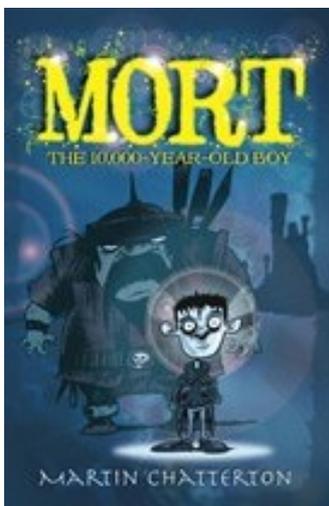
## **Mort**

By Martin Chatterton

ISBN 9781742753157

\$14.95

Time flies when you're having fun ... . Even when you're Mortimer DeVere, the 10,000-year-old boy. But when unexpected and unwelcome visitors arrive on Mort's home turf, the spooky Unk Island, he and his sister Agnetha will have their hands full dealing with some of the stranger hobbies they've tried to keep secret from one another and the outside world. Today may just turn out to be one of the most eventful days in Mort's very long life!



This book has it all!

A mix of time travel, adventure, historical and literary characters, and some invented ones too.

It is the story of Mort and his sister Agnetha, who live on the strange and spooky island of Unk. Just how and why they are there is a mystery. Not to mention how and why they have created the characters they have.

Just when Mort thinks he will be able to launch his time machine, strange visitors appear on the island - and visitors are not welcome on Unk Island. Mort tries everything in his power to get rid of them but things do not go according to plan, and all of the creatures that he has created and controlled in the past, now see this as their opportunity to take revenge. Is this the price you pay for changing things that shouldn't be changed?

Not only will the middle to upper primary students enjoy the adventure and thrill of this story, but they are bound to want to explore more about the real life characters throughout the story.

Reviewed By Sam.