

Lamont Books Standing Order

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PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

The Secret of the Swords

By Frances Watts & Illustrated by Gregory Rogers

ISBN 9781742377285

\$11.99

Tommy, a kitchen girl at Flamant Castle, dreams of becoming a knight - and when she is made the Keeper of the Blades, caring for all the swords in the castle armoury, it seems like her dream might come true. But then Sir Walter's most valuable sword goes missing from the sword room. Will Tommy be able to find it before she is sent back to the kitchen in disgrace? Introducing a feisty new character for girls (and their parents and teachers) who love adventure and want an alternative to 'pink' books.

Publishers Blurb.



'Thomasina' or Tommy is a mere kitchen girl at Flament Castle. She dreams of becoming a knight and takes a step towards this when the castle cat 'Lil' watches her fight the nasty Reynard, armed only with her broom. Lil turns out to be a talking cat, able to be heard by those who know how to listen. Tommy is promoted by Sir Benedict to Keeper of the Blades, a position never before held by a girl.

Reynard is furious and intent on seeing Tommy fail. Will Tommy be a success or return to the kitchen in disgrace?

A fantastic feisty new character in an action fuelled historical adventure for those newly independent 7-9 year old readers.

Reviewed by Rob.

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Andy Roid and the Superhuman Secret

By Felice Arena

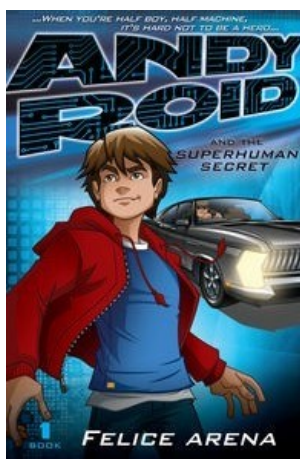
ISBN 9780143306030

\$9.95

When you're half boy, half machine, it's hard not to be a hero.

Andy's just a regular kid with a normal, everyday life. Or is he? Why is a sinister scientist out to kidnap him? And who are his parents really? He's about to find out, but this superhuman secret will change everything!

Publishers Blurb.



Andy Reid is a normal everyday kid with normal everyday parents who own the local bakery. Or so Andy thought!

But then he is suddenly followed by some mean looking men who want to kidnap him. In his haste to escape on his bike, he crosses a dangerous intersection at great speed.

He wakes up with his parents attending to him, but he is not in a hospital - he is downstairs at his parents bakery in a secret laboratory where they work on incredible inventions for the government.

The trouble is, Andy has become a guinea pig. To keep him alive they had to rebuild many parts of him and in the process have placed many gadgets and superhuman powers in his body.

And so Andy Roid, half boy, half machine is born. But will Andy ever be able to adjust to the huge change? I can't be sure, but I am sure that younger boys are going to love reading this fantastic new series to find out where Felice Arena will take Andy next.

A great new series, best suited to emerging readers, but with a jacket cool enough for older reluctant readers as well.

Reviewed by Rob.

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Violet Mackerel's Personal Space

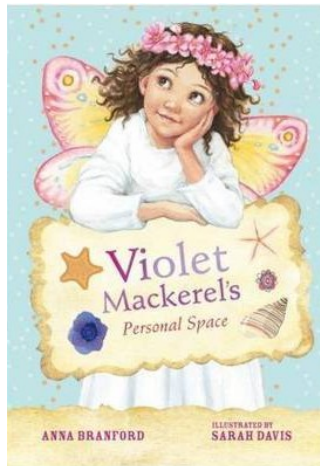
By Anna Branford & Illustrated by Sarah Davis

ISBN 9781921529207

\$19.95

Violet Mackerel has some good news and some not-so-good news. The good news is about Mum and Vincent! The not-so-good news is that they have to move house. Violet is trying to be brave, but sometimes leaving your personal space can be tricky.

Publishers Blurb.



A wonderful new instalment in the Violet Mackerel series.

In this story we see Violet and her family dealing with the tricky situation of her mother getting re-married. This Violet can deal with—she likes having Vincent around. The moving house that comes with it—well that is a different issue!

Her older brother Dylan on the other hand has major issues with both of these events. He protests by setting up camp in the back yard and not talking to anyone.

But Violet comes up with a theory to help accept what is going on - *The Theory of Leaving Small Things Behind*. She believes that if you leave something small behind, maybe a part of you gets to stay too. Can she convince Dylan about her theory?

A beautiful book about family relationships and coming to terms with change. The special bond between the siblings is clearly evident and makes for a feel good read.

We are sure that your girls will be eager to get their hands on this one.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Avery McShane and the Silver Spurs

By Greg Lyons

ISBN 9781408816745

\$14.99

Avery McShane and his friends Billy and Todd call themselves the Machacas gang. They have their own club tree house in the jungle, away from girls, parents and other nosy adults. Each week they set themselves a dare, and one week the dare is to grab some ripe bananas from the scary Pablo Malo's banana plantation. When Pablo Malo catches them and sets his terrifying guard dogs after them, the friends have got themselves into a thrilling and explosive adventure. Why is Pablo Malo so keen to keep them off his farm?

Publishers Blurb.



Avery's family, originally from America, now live in the middle of nowhere in the jungles of Venezuela, where his dad is a senior engineer for a large oil company. Avery, together with his dog Mati and his best friends Billy and Todd, are the Machaca's - with their own secret hideout, always looking out for each other and leading an exciting and adventure packed life.

But this all takes an extreme turn when a body is found and the boys think they know who is responsible. They discover that the police assistant is involved and that his boss, Captain Gomez, has been kidnapped or maybe murdered.

The action hots up with the boys involved in blowing things up and discovering a covert diamond smuggling operation.

Will they find and save Captain Gomez? How will they survive with some scary dudes hot on their tale in the middle of a severe storm in the jungle?

An action fuelled adventure aimed particularly at 10+ boys.

Reviewed by Rob.

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The Strange Little Monster and the Swamp Goblin

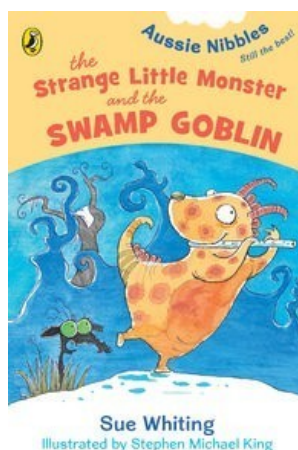
By Sue Whiting

ISBN 9780143306719

\$12.95

Sasha is different from other monsters. All she wants is a quiet place to practice her flute. Then along comes a swamp goblin . . .

Publishers Blurb.



Everyone thinks Sasha is strange, just because she is different to them! But being different isn't all bad.

When she is tricked out of her flute by Bunion the swamp goblin, Sasha's plans for a special surprise for her Grandad are not looking good. She has a very special relationship with Grandad and has been working on her surprise for him all year. He understands and accepts her differences, and she really wants to do something special for him in return.

Can Sasha outsmart the Bunion at his own game?

A delightful little story for your young readers.

Reviewed by Sam

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Just Doomed!

By Andy Griffiths
ISBN 9781742610924
\$12.99

YES / NO

Do you ignore health warnings and safety instructions whenever possible?

Do you ever play kiss chasey with girls (if you are a boy) or with boys (if you are a girl)?

Do you regularly engage in deadly battles with brothers, sisters and/or indestructible cyborg warriors?

Do you live on a planet that will one day be incinerated by an expanding star called the Sun?

Do you like fast-paced, high-action, high-body-count stories featuring mini-golf, lawn bowls and naked people in the nude?

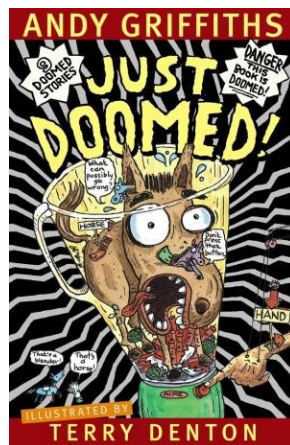
SCORE: One point for each 'yes' answer

3-5 You are definitely DOOMED! You will love this book.

1-2 You are fairly DOOMED! You will love this book.

0 You are DOOMED, you just don't realise it.

Publishers Blurb.



A wonderful fun book that will have your students laughing.

Andy Griffiths does not disappoint with the latest title in the 'Just' series. A mix of short stories, choose your own adventures, comics and 101 ways to know you are doomed!

Students are bound to relate to many of the stories and anecdotes and Terry Denton's illustrations add to the quirkiness of it.

My eleven-year-old Riley was in fits of laughter when reading some of these silly stories.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Other Brother

By Simon French

ISBN 9781921720833

\$18.95

Kieran wants to be part of the in-group at school. He wants to be on the football team. He wants to fit in. But then his cousin Bon turns up. Bon doesn't know anything about fitting in – he looks different, he wears the wrong clothes, and he says weird things. Kieran just wants to ignore Bon, but soon he is forced to make a choice. Which is more important – being popular, or doing the right thing?

Publishers Blurb.



Kieran hardly knows his cousin Bon. He remembers that day two years ago at his Dad's birthday BBQ when the black ute roared up with Aunt Renee, her latest boyfriend and Bon inside. Bon said that he was Kieran's other brother, but Kieran was Gina's brother and no one else's. The visitors turned up unannounced, and left a few hours later, never to be heard of again. Until now.

Lining up for a new school year, Kieran notices two new kids. A beautiful girl and another girl with a plait all the way down her back. But when she turns around, she is really a he. And he is Kieran's cousin.

Bon's stay becomes permanent when Aunt Renee leaves town. Bon moves in with Kieran's Nan and spends a lot of time at Kieran's house.

But Kieran doesn't want Bon around and has no intention of getting to know him better.

At school Bon is treated badly, enduring many episodes of bullying that Kieran takes part in. But eventually, as Kieran starts to understand the sort of life that Bon has suffered, they slowly form a friendship. A friendship that ultimately sees Kieran stand up to his friends, the school yard bullies and side with Bon to do the right thing. After all, they're brothers aren't they?

Dealing with the important issue of bullying and understanding and accepting people's differences, this book is ideal for discussion with senior primary students.

Reviewed by Rob.