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The Million Paws Puppy: Animal Tales 1

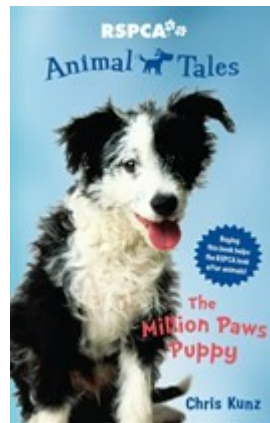
By Chris Kunz

ISBN 9781742753263

\$9.95

Cassie Bannerman is a nine-year-old girl who loves animals, especially her dog Ripper, who is always by her side. When Ben Stoppard moves into Abbotts Hill with his family and their English sheepdog, Cassie is determined to befriend them both. The four of them take part in the RSPCA annual fundraiser, the Million Paws Walk, and help round up a naughty runaway pup.

Publishers Blurb.



A great fun read that everyone will enjoy. This is a fantastic book to introduce your students to the great work of the RSPCA and how important it is for pet owners to be responsible for their pets.

Suitable for both boys and girls who are independent readers.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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The Ruffs: Aussie Bites

By Christina Miesen

ISBN 9780143306726

\$12.95

The Ruffs are the peskiest, most Wanted family of bushrangers in the history of the Victorian gold rush. There's only one Ruff who doesn't have a reward on his head – and that's young Jimmy Good-For-Nothin'.

Publishers Blurb.



The Ruffs are the most wanted bushrangers going around—except that is for Jimmy Good-For-Nothin'. Even the local Sheriff doesn't know who he is! But the Sheriff certainly knows the rest of his family who all have their own special talents.

Not that I would say they are very pleasant attributes to have, with the descriptions of burping and spitting not leaving much to the imagination!

Jimmy is determined that he too will one day be WANTED and make his family proud. When the Sheriff launches an all out assault on the Ruffs, Jimmy Good-For-Nothin must come up with a plan to save his family. Can he use his special talent to get them out of the mess?

A fun, descriptive bushranger story for your junior to middle level students, coupled with an important message about not giving up and using the talents that you have.

Reviewed by Sam.

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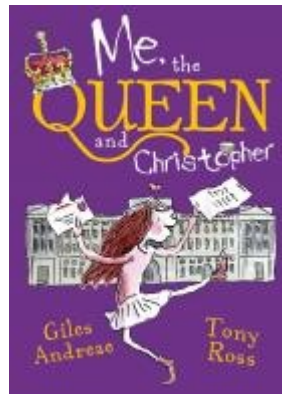
Me, The Queen and Christopher

By Giles Andreae & Tony Ross
ISBN 9781408320051
\$12.99

A touching and funny story about one little girl's adventures with the Queen.

What happens when a seven-year-old girl gets an invitation to have tea at Buckingham Palace with the Queen. Nothing ordinary, if the girl is Freya. We learn that the Queen likes to boogie, eats beans on toast (with the inevitable result) but is also compassionate and understanding. Told with Giles Andreae's trademark warmth and humour, but with an added poignancy when the Queen meets Christopher, Freya's brother, this is a perfect celebration of the Queen for her Diamond Jubilee in June 2012.

Publishers Blurb.



Have you ever wanted to meet the Queen? Or wondered what she is like when all the photographers are gone?

Well Freya can tell you. She gets to spend a very surprising day with the Queen of England!

This is a warm, funny and utterly enjoyable book that your grade 3 & 4's will love, especially girls.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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The Monster: Trouble Twisters

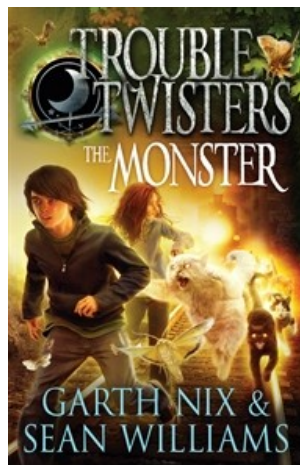
By Garth Nix & Sean Williams

ISBN 9781742373997

\$9.99

After The Evil's assault on Portland, everything returns to relative normality...for the moment. The twins continue to work hard to control their Gifts, and at school they make a new friend, Tara. But then the instruments in Grandma X's antique store begin registering Evil activity, and Tara's dad turns out to be the suspicious big-city property developer working on the house next door. Matters turn from bad to worse when the twins discover that Grandma's cats are fighting an important battle of their own. Can the twins solve the mystery of the Living Ward before it's too late?

Publishers Blurb.



This sequel to the exciting Trouble Twisters is well worth the wait. Jack and Jaide are still trying to control their newly found gifts, while danger and adventure is around every corner. Is their new friend Tara's Dad really evil or just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

An absolutely enjoyable read, that boys and girls will love.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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The New Friend: Hey Jack

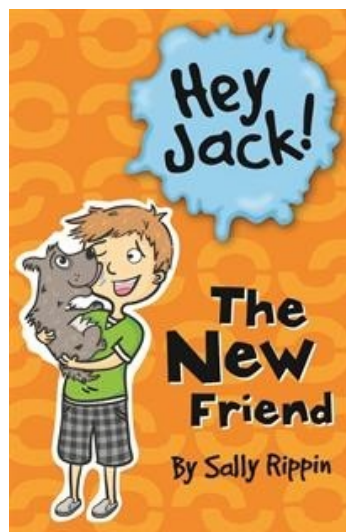
By Sally Rippin

ISBN 9781742971391

\$7.95

Jack has found a lost puppy! It is so cute. But can he convince his mum and dad to let him keep it?

Publishers Blurb.



Jack and his Dad find a puppy in the park. They try to find his owner, but they have no luck. Jack doesn't mind—he is happy to take him home and wishes he could keep him. He has even given him a name!

But he knows he must try and find his real owner. When they do, Jack feels sad. He had grown to love the puppy in only one night, and doesn't want to leave him.

Will he ever have a puppy of his own?

A delightful story for your emerging readers in the popular new series, *Hey Jack*.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Mystery at Riddle Gully

By Jen Banyard

ISBN 9781921888748

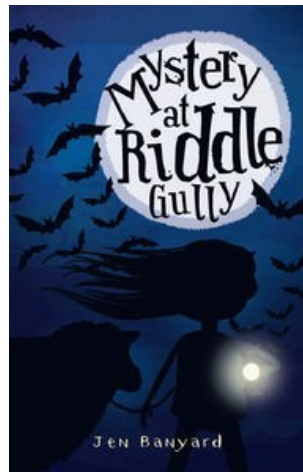
\$14.95

Pollo di Nozi, reporter-in-training, has a nose for news. Strange things are happening in Riddle Gully and Pollo smells a major scoop.

With Shorn Connery, her sheepish sidekick, Pollo is determined to track down the Graffiti Kid. But is Will, the new boy in town, conspiring with the pushy mayor and a strange Transylvanian to send her sniffing up the wrong trail?

This fast-paced and funny story is packed with action, adventure, mystery, humour and false leads.

Publishers Blurb.



Pollo is on a mission. She must find a great story for the Riddle Gully Gazette and she needs to do it fast—before the Mayor shuts her column down for good.

She has a knack for finding trouble and her over active imagination has her believing all sorts of strange things. She is convinced the mystery man that she saw at Sherri's shop and at the graveyard must be a vampire — everything leads her to this conclusion. She must act quickly to save Sherri.

But her habit for being nosy also sees her stumble across Will—the new boy in town, and he has a secret that he is trying to hide.

Together they embark on finding out the truth about the mystery man. Will also finds that telling the truth is what he must do—just look at the trouble that has been caused by lying!

A fun, adventurous story that also touches on the environment, friendships and family relationships.

Boys and girls, grade 3 and up, will find it a great read.

Reviewed by Sam.

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To Hope and Back

By Kathy Kacer

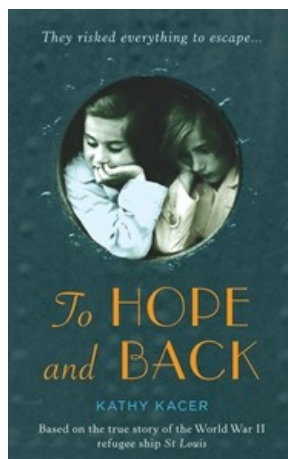
ISBN 9781743310632

\$15.99

Based on the true story of the last refugee ship to leave Germany in 1939, the St. Louis, this powerful book tells the story of two of its passengers, Lisa and Sol, who were children on board the ship. They were among the lucky ones to survive.

Lisa and Sol board the luxury ship St Louis in Hamburg, Germany on 13 May 1939. They are Jewish, as are almost all of the passengers on board; although war has not been officially declared in Europe, the Nazis have been persecuting Jews for years. The St Louis's German captain, Gustav Schroeder, is determined to see his passengers to safety. They set sail for Cuba, and the atmosphere on the ship is optimistic, but as they learn that Hitler's propaganda has turned the country against them, the mood changes to despair.

Publishers Blurb.



This is a true story of the luxury liner St Louis and the one thousand Jewish passengers who boarded her. In Germany in 1939 the Nazi regime is trying to destroy all Jews and these brave passengers have paid huge prices to flee Germany and find a safe haven in Cuba.

The story is told by Lisa who, with her family, are in a first class cabin and Sol, who with his parents, are below in tourist class. They begin their journey full of hope for the future, but as Cuba and other nations turn their back on the ship, their hope turns to despair. Will they ever be free of fear?

The historical photos add a wonderful element to this story and both girls and boys will enjoy it.

Reviewed by Sarah.

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My Father's Islands

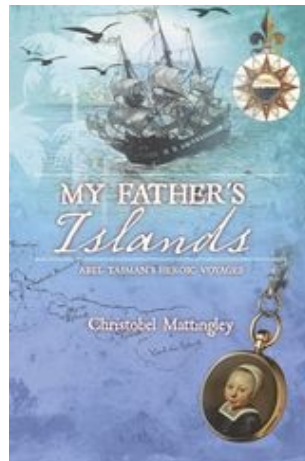
By Christobel Mattingley

ISBN 9780642277367

\$16.95

It is the 1640s and Claesgen lives in Batavia with her stepmother, Jannetje, waiting weeks, and sometimes months, for her father, Abel Tasman, to come back from his sea voyages. When he returns, Tasman delights his young daughter with tales of treacherous oceans and relentless wild weather, hazards of unseen coral reefs and endless days of empty ocean, encounters—both friendly and hostile—with indigenous peoples, murder and theft, and the threat of smugglers and pirates. Inspired by a 1637 painting of the Tasman family by Jacob Cuyp and meticulously researched, *My Father's Islands* is a fictional story told through the voice of Claesgen. Tasman's young daughter's curiosity about her father's life takes the reader on his voyage of the uncharted seas of the Pacific Ocean, in the search for unknown lands and new sources of riches for the powerful trading company, the Dutch East India Company. *My Father's Islands* opens up to children a significant, but little known, part of Australia's history—the European discovery of parts of the Unknown South Land by the heroic explorer and navigator, Abel Janszoon Tasman.

Publishers Blurb



Christobel Mattingley has again proved what a natural storyteller she is. *My Father's Islands* traces Abel Tasman's epic journey's into untold waters.

We see them through the eyes of his daughter, Claesgen, who loves the days when her father comes home and tells her stories of his adventures. We follow him through uncharted oceans, wild and ferocious storms, days of no wind at all, and above all, the local people he meets and how he and his brave sailors face all these difficulties.

This book puts a human face to a wonderful explorer and anyone with even a small amount of interest in Australian history will love this book.

Reviewed by Michelle.