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PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

The Last Elephant: Lost World Circus 1

By Justin D'Ath ISBN 9780143307266 \$14.99 **Primary Fiction Book of the Month**

Colt Lawless is on the run, suddenly famous, and more than a little superhuman. But can he save the last animals on earth?

Twelve years from now, rat flu has wiped out almost every animal and bird on the planet. The creatures in Captain Noah's Lost World Circus are the last of their kind. But the Rat Cops are determined to shut down the circus, and Colt and his acrobat friend Birdy might be the only ones who can save it, starting with Lucy - the world's last elephant.

An electrifying new series from Justin D'Ath, author of the bestselling Extreme Adventures. *Publishers Blurb.*



The Last Elephant is a great action packed novel in a fantastic new series by Justin D'Ath. Set in a future where the Rat Flu has wiped out nearly all of the animals on Earth.

The creatures in Captain Noah's lost world circus are the last of their kind. When our hero Colt Lawless attends the circus with his vet mother he is amazed to see an elephant. But his joy soon turns when a killer white rat, spreader of the deadly virus, infects Lucy the elephant.

So begins Colts amazing journey to try and save Lucy's life, particularly from the Rat police whose job it is to ensure all infected animals are put down.

When Colt was younger he was infected with the Rat flu. His mum quickly injected him with a large dose of anti-virus and while he is the only human known to have survived this dreaded disease, he now seems to be developing a superpower and super strength.

With this power and the help of young Birdy the circus acrobat, can they save Lucy?

A great adventure full of wonderful characters that is sure to develop into a great series for the 9-13 year olds.

Reviewed by Rob.

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Sun Catcher

By Sheila Rance ISBN 9781444010022 \$14.99

A sweeping magical reality adventure inspired by the Bronze Age Far East, in which Maia undertakes a dangerous quest to find her place as a Sun Catcher and saviour of her people.

On her 13th birthday Maia, who has been brought up by Tareth, the weaver and warrior who she has always believed is her father, falls into an adventure that will take her on a perilous journey to a kingdom poisoned by bitterness and jealousies. A kingdom that she must save. Tareth is no ordinary weaver - the silk he weaves sings of destiny and danger, of Maia's future. Because she is no ordinary girl either. She has always been the flame-headed outsider among the Cliff Dwellers, but she doesn't want to listen to the song of the silk, or to the terrifying words of the village Watcher. Guarding her secret, denying her future, Maia steps into places she has never explored where she'll encounter mercenaries, spies, friends and enemies. And where she will face her destiny as a Sun Catcher. Exotically located in the Far East in an age when trading and communities were gaining more exposure to a wider world than ever before, this debut novel is beautifully, richly written, thoroughly researched and a pleasure to read. *Publishers Blurb*.



With the history and simplicity of the Bronze Age setting. *Sun Catcher* is a wonderfully woven story.

A story where silk can tell a story and a young girl who is earlier taken from her home, is now destined to return as her power as a Sun Catcher is developing within her. This power will restore the sun and all that comes with it to a withering kingdom.

It is a action packed adventure with all the ingredients to become a huge success. Mystery, death, incredible people and creatures with strong allegiances, make it a great novel for the upper primary, and indeed, lower secondary students

Reviewed by Rob.

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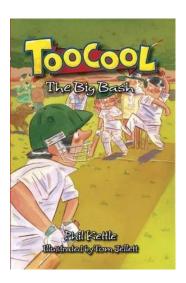
The Big Bash: Toocool

By Phil Kettle & Illustrated by Tom Jellett

ISBN 9781921665783

\$9.95

'The Big Bash' is book 37 in the "Toocool" series. Toocool and his team have been challenged to a game of 20/20 cricket at the park. Will Toocool's famous leg spinner be enough to ensure his team wins? Or will Toocool need some help? *Publishers Blurb.*



Bad Billy Brown challenges Toocool to a 20/20 cricket match. Toocool and all his friends start training hard. Will this be enough or will they need some help?

More fun and games with Toocool and Marcy and all their mates. Lots of action and fun, suitable for both boys and girls.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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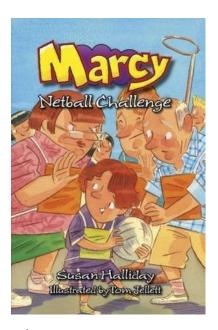
Netball Challenge: Marcy

By Susan Halliday & Illustrated by Tom Jellett

ISBN 9781921665714

\$9.95

'The Netball Challenge' is book 11 in the "Marcy" series. A netball challenge against the teachers would make the last day of term a day to remember. When Principal Polly Parrott accepts Marcy's netball challenge the fun begins. *Publishers Blurb*.



Another fun filled Marcy adventure.

Marcy challenges the Principal to a students versus teachers netball game to raise money for the lost dogs home.

The students think they will win. What a way to spend the last day of term!

A fun read for all your students, especially those who like sport and a bit of competition.

Reviewed by Michelle.

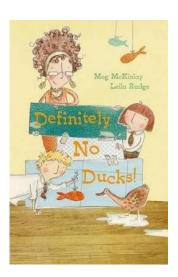
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Definitely No Ducks!

By Meg McKinlay & Illustrated by Leila Rudge ISBN 9781921977855 \$13.95

Max, the class duck, is in trouble. The Antarctica display has been totally destroyed. Ripped. Torn. Chewed. And everyone knows Max is to blame. Or is he? Abby and Noah are determined to uncover the truth. If they can t, they will have to say goodbye to Max forever. *Publishers Blurb*.



A fast paced fun story about Max the class duck.

The whole school is preparing for the most important assembly ever and Mrs Melvino's class has to do the Antarctica display. When they discover it ripped and torn, everyone thinks that Max is the culprit. But did he do it?

This is a great story about friendship, hard work and having the courage to have a go when it matters most.

Great for both boys and girls.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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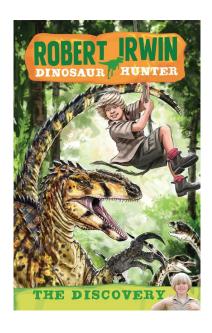
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The Discovery: Robert Irwin Dinosaur Hunter

By Robert Irwin, Lachlan Creagh & Jack Wells ISBN 9781864718454

\$9.95

Discover a world of prehistoric adventure and dinosaurs with Robert Irwin! After discovering a dinosaur fossil in outback Queensland, Robert stumbles upon a way to travel back to the Australian age of dinosaurs, 95 million years ago! But dodging a dinosaur stampede isn't Robert's biggest problem. If he can survive the day, how will Robert find his way home? *Publishers Blurb*.



Set around Steve Irwin's sons Robert's life and his love of dinosaurs.

Robert's dream comes true when he and his best friend Riley are allowed into the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, the only museum dedicated solely to Australian dinosaurs.

And so the action begins! Robert travels back in time 95 million years when dinosaurs roamed Australia. But will he survive a dinosaur stampede, and if so, how will he find his way back in time?

A great young persons action adventure, packed with real facts about Australian dinosaurs, which will please many.

Reviewed by Rob.

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Cephalox The Cyber Squid: Sea Quest 1

By Adam Blade ISBN 9781408318485 \$9.99

Deep in the water lurks a new breed of Beast.

Evil swims beneath the seas of the planet Nemos... When Cephalox the Cyber Squid kidnaps Max's dad, he gives chase in a stolen submarine. Can Max use his bravery, cunning and skill with gadgets to rescue him? And will he discover who controls the terrifying Robobeasts?

Dive into Sea Quest and live the adventure! Publishers Blurb.



From the author of Beast Quest, comes Sea Quest!

Adam Blade brings the ocean to life in this adventure tale from under the sea.

It is the story of two worlds. One above the sea and one below. When Max takes the submersible craft and goes exploring, he finds more than he bargained for.

He chance encounter with the mysterious 'Merryn' creature leads him and his dogbot Rivet on an amazing rescue mission to save his father, defeat the Cephalox and save the city of Sumara.

This new series will appeal to boys who love technology, mythical creatures and adventure.

Reviewed by Sam.