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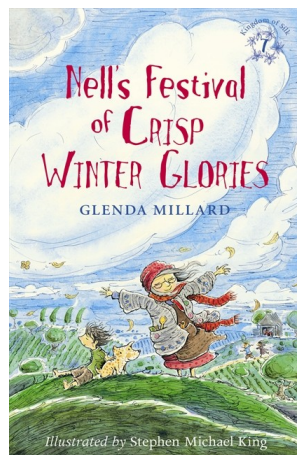
PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

Nell's Festival of Crisp Winter Glories

By Glenda Millard
ISBN 9780733329845
\$14.99

Primary Fiction
Book of the Month

Two of Perry Angels favourite people are Grandma Nell and his good friend Jenkins. One night, while listening to Nell play the beautiful Tennessee Waltz, Perry thinks of the perfect way to bring his two favourite people together: he wants to put on a dance - a proper one with petticoats and posies and a real band. Perry shares his idea with his sisters, and before long the dance turns into a wonderful winter festival. But when something happens to Nell, will Perry's wish come true? Glenda Millard has won many prestigious awards for her Kingdom of Silk series, including CBCA Book of the Year for Younger Readers for Perry Angels Suitcase, and the Queensland Premiers Children's Book Award for Layla, Queen of Hearts. Now this stunning series about the very uncommon Silk family has its glorious finale in Nell's Festival of Crisp Winter Glories. *Publishers Blurb.*



The final enchanting story in the *Kingdom of Silk* series.

It is a celebration of life and all that is good. The depictions of this goodness are amazing in their simplicity and breathtaking in their beauty.

We celebrate Nell's wedding to Jenkins, the arrival of Perry Angel's baby sister, and the town coming together to create the Festival of Crisp Winter Glories.

I marvel at the richness of vocabulary used throughout this series, which is perfect for junior primary students. It is such a shame that it is the last in the series and I can only hope that Glenda produces other similar works in the future.

Reviewed by Rob.

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The Great Pet Plan – Juliet Nearly A Vet

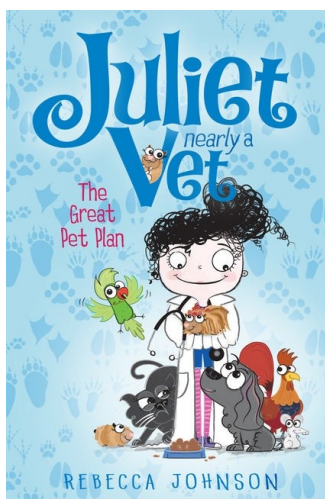
By Rebecca Johnson

ISBN 9780143307044

\$9.99

Hi! I'm Juliet. I'm ten years old. And I'm nearly a vet!

My best friend Chelsea and I love animals. I have a dog Curly and two guinea pigs, but we need more pets if I'm going to learn to be a vet. Today, we had the best idea ever . . . We're going to have a pet sleepover! Of course, there's no need to tell our parents about it. I mean, what could possibly go wrong with having a few extra pets to stay?...*Publishers Blurb.*



The first in a great new series that your animal loving girls will thoroughly enjoy.

We see Juliet, who is ten and according to her, nearly a vet, and her next door neighbour and new friend Chelsea undertake a very ambitious plan.

They both need to get more experience if they are one day going to become a real vet and a real animal trainer and groomer. What better way to do this than to look after other people's animals for a night.

We see the girls tackle lost rats, a feisty, unsettled cat and a very noisy rooster, just to name a few. And they didn't think it was important to tell their parents about these extra house guests.

It is also full of animal facts, shown in the form of Juliet's vet diary.

Junior to middle primary girls will love this new series.

Reviewed by Sam.

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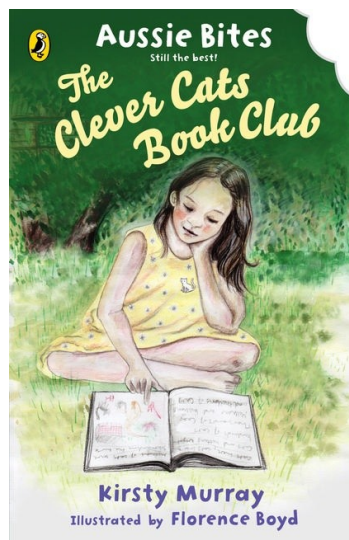
The Clever Cats Book Club - Aussie Bites

By Kirsty Murray & Illustrated by Florence Boyd

ISBN 9780143307228

\$12.95

When Alice decides to start a book club, she imagines sharing cupcakes and stories with her best friends. She's not at all sure she wants know-it-all Sophie to be a member . . . *Publishers Blurb.*



This is a delightful story that your girls will love.

It is not only about one of our favourite topics, books, and how wonderful and diverse they are, but it is also a story about new friendships and judging others before we know them.

Alice has her Book Club all thought out. She wants everyone to read and like the same sorts of books. But that is not the case. Her friends are all into different things, like comics and jokes. How can her Book Club work like that? And how will the new girl, book snob Sophie, fit in?

It is a story that your students are sure to relate to, even if they are not that into books, as we see the girls confronted with the cool, 'fashionistas' of the school and their attempt to form their Superstars Club. This type of behaviour and exclusion is sure to sound familiar to many of your readers!

Middle to senior level primary students will thoroughly enjoy it.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Guinea Pig Town And Other Animal Stories

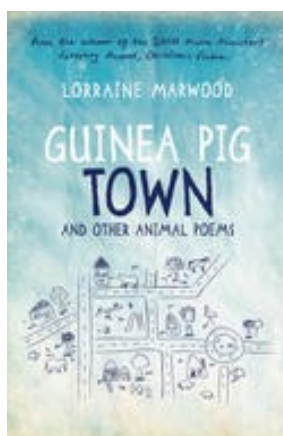
By Lorraine Marwood

ISBN 9781922077424

\$16.95

A beautiful collection of poems about animals.

Squawk! Snuffle! Bark! Roar! Feathers, fins, scales, claws. Running, hopping, crawling, soaring. All creatures are celebrated in this new collection of poetry by Lorraine Marwood. *Publishers Blurb.*



A wonderful collection of new Australian poems based on a central theme of animals.

With terrific use of language, Lorraine visits many children's favourite things in poems like *A Puppy Lullaby* and *Pet Shop Stop*.

She shows empathy in *Injured*, a poem about a bird and wit in *While on Holiday*.

As in most collections, some will attract the reader more than others, but it is still so important to show the children various ways to introduce poetry and this collection does that beautifully.

They are easy to read and fresh and will appeal to those 9 and up. Best to be used as an introduction to poetry, however, some students will go there by themselves.

Reviewed by Rob.

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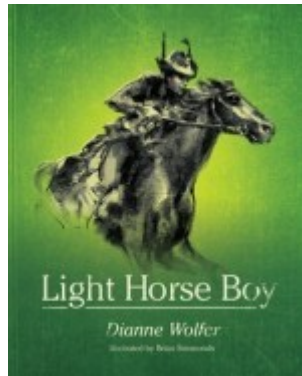
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Light Horse Boy

By Dianne Wolfer & Illustrated by Brian Simmonds
ISBN 9781922089137
\$26.99

In 1914 Jim and Charlie abandon the Australian outback for the excitement and adventure of the war to end all wars. But in the Light Horse they quickly discover the brutal realities of life on the frontline. And nothing will ever be the same again.

Featuring stunning charcoal sketches by Brian Simmonds alongside primary source documents and historical photos, *Light Horse Boy* goes behind the scenes of the Light Horse legend for an intimate look at their experience of World War I. *Publishers Blurb.*



This book shows the war through the eyes of seventeen year old Jim, who joins the army with his friend Charlie. They see this as their chance to see the world.

But the reality of war soon hits home as they realise the brutality of what they are involved in.

The importance of the role that the Light Horse Brigade had really stands out, along with Jim's unconditional attachment to his own horse, Breaker.

This book is not just a story. It is also a non-fiction book that features photographs, letters and telegrams. It is this intertwining of fact and fiction that gives this book a broad appeal.

Given the content and sometimes confronting nature of the experiences, it is best suited to senior primary students.

Reviewed by Sam.