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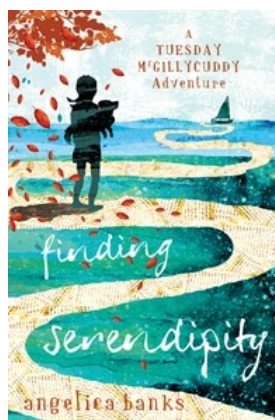
Finding Serendipity

By Angelica Banks
ISBN 9781743310311
\$15.99

Primary Fiction
Book of the Month

Tuesday McGillycuddy loves stories - and her mother is a writer. A very famous writer, who has locked herself away in her writing room to finish the final book in her best-selling series for children. But when Tuesday knocks on her door, she discovers her mother is missing! In search of Serendipity, Tuesday and her faithful dog Baxterr soon find themselves on a very dangerous mission. They enter the magical world where stories come from, a mysterious and unpredictable world, full of real danger and heart-stopping adventure. With the help of pint-sized heroine Vivienne Small, Tuesday will need all her wit, courage, perseverance and imagination in order to get to The End and be reunited with the people she loves.

Publishers Blurb.



A real touch of class in our junior fiction ranks. Two authors, who have previously only written adult novels have combined to become 'Angelica Banks' and they have produced a brilliant book for our younger readers.

I refuse to spoil the fun too much, but it took me back about fifteen years to when I first read Harry Potter and was lucky enough to be one of the first people to really push it. Back then there was no 'marketing machine' behind Harry Potter—it was and is simply a great read. *Finding Serendipity* fits in this category.

Finding Serendipity has many ingredients to make a wonderful novel:

- Not one, but two heroines
- Fantasy intertwined with reality
- Writing and the love of books
- And one you will all love - a librarian who is the keeper of all stories, both written and incomplete, who encourages all to write their own story.

A classic tale that will be loved by many, but mostly the 10+ age group.

Reviewed by Rob.

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The Reluctant Assassin: W.A.R.P Book 1

By Eoin Colfer

ISBN 9780141341767

\$19.99

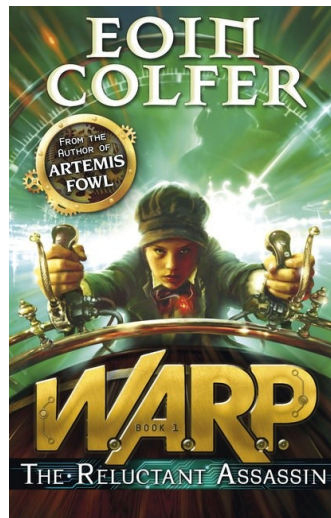
It all began with the F.B.I. and W.A.R.P. (Witness Anonymous Relocation Programme) hiding witnesses in the past to protect the future - until now . . .

Riley is a Victorian orphan, hurtled into the twenty-first century and on the run from his evil master . . .

Albert Garrick, the terrifying assassin-for-hire pursuing Riley through time, along with . . .

Chevie Savano, the F.B.I.'s youngest and most impulsive special agent.

As Garrick relentlessly hunts them down, Riley and Chevie face a desperate race to stay alive and stop Garrick from returning to his own time - armed with knowledge and power that could change the world forever. *Publishers Blurb.*



If you love Artemis Fowl (I do!) then you will love Riley and Chevie Savano.

This time travel book is set in both Victorian London and present day London. It is not a book for the faint hearted! Full of adventure, courage and resourcefulness, it has a frightening villain and two characters you will love and cheer for.

In Eoin Colfer's own words, there are no vampires or werewolves, but there are mutants, murders, magicians, gangsters, thieves, special forces, old ladies, young ladies and one reluctant assassin.

Readers grade 5 and up will love this and I'm sure they'll be eagerly waiting for book 2, just like me.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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Verity Sparks—Lost and Found

By Susan Green

ISBN 9781921977886

\$16.95

Melbourne. 1879. Verity Sparks has found her father. But she has lost her gift - the ability to find lost things. Papa Savinov, eager for Verity to become a proper lady, sends her to the exclusive boarding school Hilltop House. But Verity is more interested in solving the case of the missing Ecclethorpe heiress. As the investigation deepens, danger and intrigue grow closer. Will Verity's gift return before it is too late? *Publishers Blurb.*



This story takes you right back to 1879!

Verity and her father are settling into their new life in a mansion in St Kilda. Verity's father thinks it would be a good idea for her to get an education and arranges for her to attend a very snobbish boarding school. But Verity is more concerned about her missing gift—her ability to find lost things, and the investigation that her Confidential Inquiry Agency has been working on—the case of the missing Ecclethorpe heiress.

But everything at the school is not what it seems, and Verity finds herself investigating the strange things that are happening. School is not a nice place to be as Verity and other girls deal with bullying!

This story really is the tale of two mysteries. The one at school and the hunt to find the truth about what the Ecclethorpe heiress.

It is full of intrigue and your senior primary girls will love it.

Classroom ideas for this title are available at www.walkerbooks.com.au

Reviewed by Sam.

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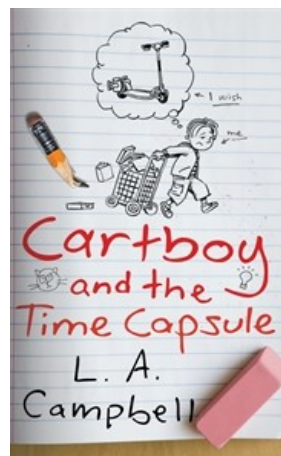
Cartboy and the Time Capsule

By L.A Campbell
ISBN 9781743314807
\$12.99

A laugh-out-loud debut novel about sixth grader Hal Rifkind - unfortunately nicknamed 'Cartboy' - and his horribly historic, hilarious year.

Hello or Zip Dop Smirg everyone (just in case you are reading this document from the future and everyone speaks Martian now).

Hal hates history class - it literally bores him to tears. But his father is a big history buff, and unless Hal gets a good grade this year, he'll never get his own room. Sixth grade gets off to a horrible start when history teacher Mr Tupkin gives the class an assignment to write journals that will be buried in a time capsule at the end of the year. Things get even worse when his dad makes him take his neighbour's old shopping cart to school, earning him the nickname 'Cartboy'. What else could possibly go wrong? To find out read Hal's time capsule journal, chronicling a year in the life of the hopelessly hapless Cartboy!
Publishers Blurb.



This is written in the format of Hal's history assignment - a journal that is a homework task for a whole year!

It is at times laugh out loud funny as we follow Hal's struggle to fit in at school and keep his Mum and Dad happy at home.

Perfect for your Grade 5 & 6 boys. It is a thoroughly enjoyable book.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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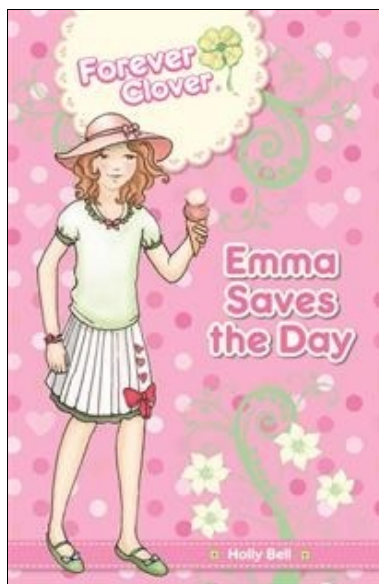
Emma Saves the Day – Forever Clover

By Holly Bell

ISBN 9781921894510

\$8.95

When a painting is stolen from the life-saving club, Emma is upset. She loved that painting! Now it's up to the Forever Clover girls to find it and bring it back! *Publishers Blurb.*



Emma and her friends from the Forever Clover group find themselves on the hunt for a missing painting. But this painting is not just any painting - it is very special to Emma as her Mum painted it.

The girls turn detective in order to find out who took it. They try to narrow down who was at the surf club when it went missing. Could the new girl at school have something to do with it?

Emma's way of handling the situation shows great maturity and kindness.

This is a delightful read for your emerging girl readers.

Reviewed by Sam

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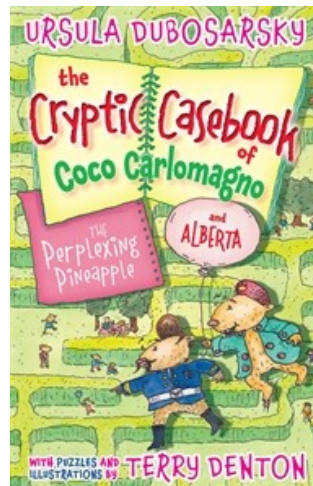
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The Perplexing Pineapple: The Cryptic Casebook of Coco Carlomagno (and Alberta) Bk 1

By Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Terry Denton
ISBN 9781743312575
\$12.99

Buenos Aires' Chief of Police, Coco Carlomagno, is sure his office high in the Obelisco is haunted. Every day at the same time he sees a floating pineapple and every day he hears a terrible noise. What could it mean? Who could it be? There's only one guinea pig Coco can turn to to help him in his hour of need: his logic-loving cousin Alberta. Can Alberta help him unravel the mysteries of the perplexing pineapple?



Clever Alberta is off to Buenos Aires to assist her cousin Coco, the Chief of Police, with a perplexing problem.

And so begins the first in a charming series which will enthrall your emerging readers. Terry Denton's illustrations bring the story to life and add much with his puzzles and cryptic clues.

We have already listed books two and three for our Standing Order for June and July. So, for those that love this wonderful adventure, they will not have to wait long for more titles in what is sure to be a favourite with many 6+ readers.

Reviewed by Rob.