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PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

Fox Swift

By David Lawrence with Cyril Rioli

ISBN 9780987420534

\$16.95

Primary Fiction
Book of the Month

Fox Swift is a brilliant and engaging new football book for children. Combining a gripping, laugh-out-loud story with expert football tips and training drills from Hawthorn superstar Cyril Rioli, as well as witty cartoons, *Fox Swift* is the perfect read for any child who is passionate about Aussie Rules.

Fox Swift is an 11-year-old football star. When his family moves from the city to the small country town of Davinal, Fox has to choose which of the town's two teams to join: the rich Dragons, which attracts all the best young footballers, or the Diggers, a struggling club that battles to field a side each week.

Following a run-in with the captain of the Dragons, Fox decides to join the Diggers, and even manages to recruit a few new players—two Sudanese refugees, the mumbling but super-tough son of a farmer, and a girl who plays in a helmet to disguise her identity—and even a new coach. When the coach contacts AFL 'magician' Cyril Rioli, the Aussie Rules superstar agrees to lend his football expertise to the struggling team.

With Cyril's help, can the Diggers change their fortunes and win the premiership? And can Fox and his new friends prevail over the school bullies?

Combining the sporting prowess of Cyril Rioli, with the wickedly funny words of comedic writer David Lawrence, *Fox Swift* is page-turner that will have children anxiously anticipating the next instalment. *Publishers Blurb.*



An exciting and fast paced footy story from a new Australian author. This book will not only teach children about football, with tips from Cyril Rioli, but also about including everyone regardless of their size, gender or nationality.

A great story that proves to all children that good people can win out over rich and powerful bullies.

Reviewed by Paul.

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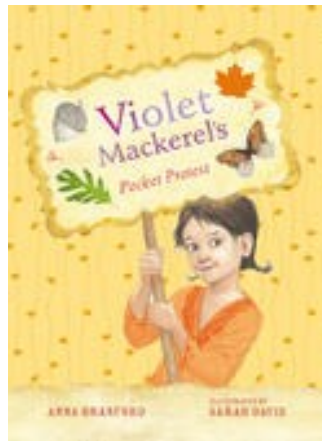
Violet Mackerel's Pocket Protest

By Anna Branford and illustrated by Sarah Davis

ISBN 9781921977572

\$19.95

Violet Mackerel loves Clover Park. She especially loves to collect acorns from under the big old oak tree. But the oak tree is going to be cut down. Violet does NOT think this is a good idea! The oak tree is important. It is worth trying to save. And Violet hopes her Pocket Protest will be just the thing to save it. *Publishers Blurb.*



This is another fabulous story for young girls in the Violet Mackerel series but it can certainly be read as a 'stand alone' title.

Violet and her friend Rose are on a mission—to save the oak tree at Clover Park. They do not think that it should be cut down to make way for a car park! It holds way too many special memories and is too important.

So they set out to save it. But as they are making a sign to protest, Violet has a new theory - *The Theory of Seeing Small Things*. Maybe their protest would get noticed more if they had lots of little protests?

This is a lovely story about believing in something and then actively trying to fix it. It is also full of family warmth and compassion.

Girls 6 + will thoroughly enjoy this book.

Reviewed by Sam.

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The Missing Mongoose: The Cryptic Casebook of Coco Carlomagno (and Alberta) Bk 3

By Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Terry Denton

ISBN 9781743312605

\$12.99

It's a national emergency! A rare and extremely valuable mongoose is missing and the legendary Buenos Aires zoo is in chaos. But with rabbits in the Tigers' Taj Mahal and hippos in Panda's Palace, the zoo is a very confusing place. Coco may be the Chief of Police, but solving crimes can be very stressful. Only the calming presence of his brainy cousin Alberta can help. Can Alberta and Coco follow the clues and deduce the whereabouts of the missing mongoose? *Publishers Blurb.*



This is another fun 'who-dunnit' for your Grade 3's, 4's and 5's. The two wonderful guinea pigs Coco and Alberta are back to solve another crime, this time set in the zoo.

There are puzzles and clues interwoven through the book so the students are forced to think about the problems that Coco and Alberta are trying to solve, instead of just reading. The glossary at the back is also helpful with pronunciation of the unfamiliar Spanish words.

Great fun for both boys and girls.

Reviewed by Michelle.

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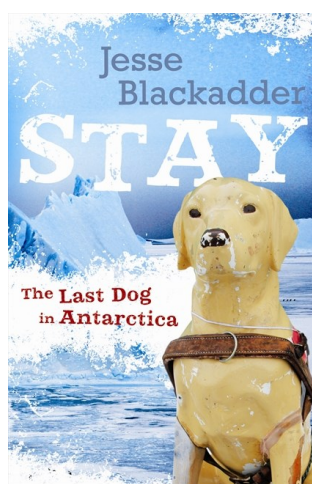
Stay: The Last Dog in Antarctica

By Jesse Blackadder

ISBN 9780733331770

\$14.99

Left alone on the streets of Hobart to collect money for the Royal Guide Dogs of Tasmania, a Labrador called Girl tries to make the best of it. Her dreams of adventure can never come true though as she is, after all, made of fibreglass. But then one night some rowdy Antarctic expeditioners walk past her on their way to the docks and before she knows it, Girl has been dognapped, smuggled aboard the Aurora Australis, and is headed for Antarctica with her own Antarctic nickname - Stay. But the southern continent throws up more adventures than Stay could ever have imagined. She's slimed by King Neptune, picked on by the Antarctic huskies, dropped, repaired, hidden, flown, chained up, liberated, befriended, lost and betrayed. Will she ever make it back to Australia with the money she's raised for the Guide Dogs? This is the first book in a new animal series by award-winning author Jesse Blackadder and is based on the true story of Stay, who was smuggled to Antarctica in 1991 and is still having adventures in Antarctica today. *Publishers Blurb.*



A heart warming novel based on the real adventures of Stay the fibreglass Guide Dog collection Labrador that was stolen from outside of a Hobart supermarket in 1991 and taken to the Australian base in Antarctica.

Told by the plastic dog, we learn many of the customs and hardships experienced in such an extreme environment. But we also learn of the importance of trust, loyalty and friendship. The story is set at the time when the last husky sled teams were being removed from Antarctica, making Stay the last 'dog' in Antarctica.

Stay has had many adventures since 1991 even visiting the Amundsen memorial in the North Pole. She continues to be a fantastic collection point for the Royal Guide Dogs of Tasmania and proceeds from the sale of every copy of this book will also add to this worthy cause.

Suited to middle to upper primary.

Reviewed by Rob.

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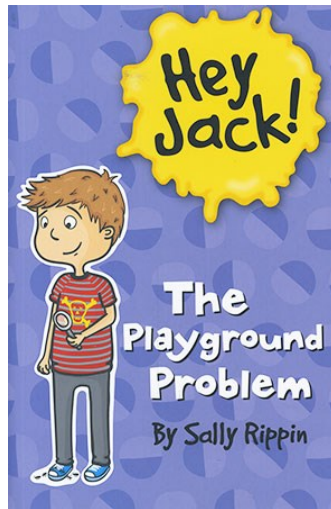
The Playground Problem: Hey Jack

By Sally Rippin

ISBN 9781742975436

\$7.95

Jack's friend Billie is away, so Jack hangs out with Alex instead. They have heaps of fun together! But what will happen when Billie comes back? *Publishers Blurb.*



A wonderful story of friendship and problem solving. Jack discovers that friends, both old and new, can have different interests but enjoy the same things if you only take the time to ask.

A perfect story for your children who don't quite know how to share their time and friendship. It is a common theme in every school and is tackled really well by Sally Rippin.

It will suit both boys and girls who are just starting to enjoy chapter books.

Reviewed by Michelle.