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PRIMARY FICTION TITLES

Shimmer

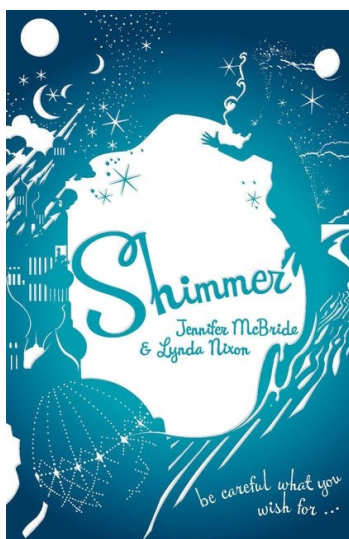
By Jennifer McBride & Lynda Nixon
ISBN 9781922089434
\$14.99

Primary Fiction
Book of the Month

Kora is a powerful genie sent away against her will. Her homeland is threatened and she's been banished to earth for her own safety. David's life is in chaos and Kora might be just what he needs. But commanding a genie is notoriously tricky—especially when she's also an angry teenage girl.

Unable to move more than 100 metres apart, and with their loved ones in danger, Kora and David must learn that the best way of helping themselves is to first help each other.

Publishers Blurb.



When I saw the title of *Shimmer* and realised Kora was a genie, I expected this book to be very feminine—but it's not.

David, the main character, lives in outback Australia and discovers having a genie is not all that easy. As they argue and test each other out, they soon realise they have more in common than they first thought, and that they might be better off working together to solve their problems.

Some exciting fight scenes, and a mystery regarding David's Dad, make this a thoroughly enjoyable read for both boys and girls in your senior levels.

Reviewed by Michelle

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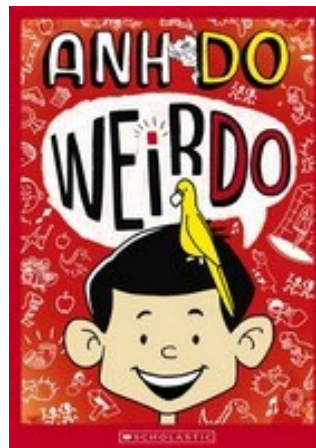
Weirdo

By Anh Do

ISBN 9781742837581

\$12.99

My parents could have given me any first name at all, like John, Kevin, Shmevin . . . ANYTHING. Instead I'm stuck with the worst name since Mrs Face called her son Bum. Meet Weir Do. No, that's not a typo, that's his name! Weir Do's the new kid in school. With an unforgettable name, a crazy family and some seriously weird habits, fitting in won't be easy . . . but it will be funny! *Publishers Blurb.*



This is a laugh out loud book with great text and hilarious illustrations.

I'm sure all your students will relate to the first day of school or being the new kid at school, and will enjoy Weir Do's attempts to fit in.

Perfect for your Year 3 & 4's, particularly the boys who love a good laugh.

Reviewed by Michelle

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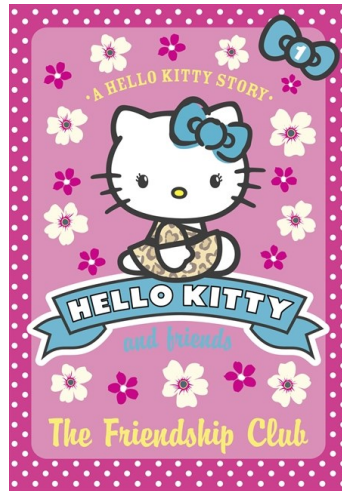
The Friendship Club: Hello Kitty and Friends

By Linda Chapman and Michelle Misra

ISBN 9780007514335

\$4.99

Come join Hello Kitty and her friends in a brand new series all about fun and friendship! In the first title in the series, THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB, Hello Kitty starts at a new school and wants to make sure she and her friends all have fun, all the time! But when everyone is so different, how can they ever have fun - together? Each book in the series will be a collectible adventure with a fun lesson about how to be a great friend. *Publishers Blurb.*



Hello Kitty wants all her friends to do everything the same but she soon learns that having friends who like different things is much more fun.

The book has great activities in the back that will probably inspire your students to start their own friendship club.

A nice story about the meaning of friendship, this is a perfect read for your girls in Year 3 and up.

Reviewed by Michelle

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Creatures of Magic

By Maree Fenton-Smith & Illustrated by Lilly Piri
ISBN 9781922077738
\$19.95

Creatures of Magic, noun the preferred name for modern witches.

Witches next door. Strange transformations in the night. Hooded figures on the street. And a new friend. When Violet Brown and her magical family move in next door, Anna's world becomes much more exciting - and dangerous. Violet needs her help to fight off the Inquisitors who want to destroy her family. But can Violet be trusted? *Publishers Blurb.*



Anna's world is forever changed when the Brown family moves in next door.

Anna immediately befriends Violet, who seems to have a strange affinity with cats. But soon many other odd things happen and Anna learns of the Brown's magic and transformation abilities.

Can Anna help her new friend against evil forces who want to harm the Brown family?

An exciting, pacy read for younger girls who like a bit of mystery and cat-associated witchery.

Classroom Ideas are available at www.walkerbooks.com.au.

Reviewed by Rob

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Star Wars–Jedi Academy

By Jeffrey Brown

ISBN 9781743620564

\$12.99

Roan's dream is to leave home and attend Pilot School. But just as Roan is mysteriously denied entrance to Pilot School, he is invited to attend Jedi Academy - a school that he didn't apply to and only recruits children when they are just a few years old. That is, until now... In Roan's first year at Jedi Academy, under the tutelage of Master Yoda, he learns that he possesses more strength and potential than he could have ever dreamed. Oh, and he learns other important things too - like how to make a baking soda volcano, fence with a lightsaber, slow dance with a girl and lift boulders with the Force.

Publishers Blurb.



All his life Roan has wanted to be a fighter pilot. When he gets rejected from the Academy, he thinks it's the worst thing that could happen to him.

That suddenly Master Yoda comes along and invites him to Jedi Academy and a whole new world awaits him.

Part graphic novel, part journal with letters, report cards and other school items throughout the book this is a really enjoyable read.

There are lots of laugh out loud moments and the fun of trying to make sense of what Yoda is saying—always something wise.

Your students who enjoy Star Wars in Grade 4 and up will love this book.

May the force be with you!

Reviewed by Michelle.

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Wild Born: Spirit Animals Book 1

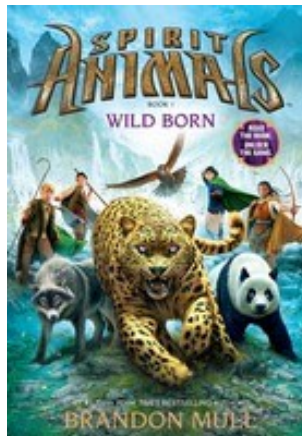
By Brandon Mull

ISBN 9781742839974

\$6.50

Four children separated by vast distances all undergo the same ritual watched by cloaked strangers. Four flashes of light erupt, and from them emerge the unmistakable shapes of incredible beasts - a wolf, a leopard, a panda and a falcon. Suddenly the paths of these children, and the world, have been changed forever.

Enter the world of Erdas, where every child who comes of age must discover if they have a spirit animal - a rare bond between human and beast that bestows great powers on both. A dark force has risen from distant and long forgotten lands and has begun an onslaught that will ravage the world. Now the fate of Erdas rests on the shoulders of four young strangers... and on you. *Publishers Blurb*



In Erdas when each child comes of age they are given the special nectar to see if they have a spirit animal. If they do, they will have incredible power.

Four children with no connection, Conor, Abeke, Meilin and Rollan, all summon a spirit animal when it is their turn to have the nectar. But they have not just summoned any spirit animals - the four of them have all summoned great beasts from the past. A wolf, leopard, panda and falcon.

Although at the time they do not realise it, they are now linked and must try to save Erdas from the dark force that is trying to destroy them all.

This story is full of magical action and adventure and is sure to be enjoyed by both boys and girls, in middle to upper primary.

The children might also like to join the adventure at www.spiritanimals.com.

Reviewed by Sam

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Manatee Baby

By Nicola Davies

ISBN 9781406340884

\$11.95

A child, a wild animal - and a life-changing encounter. An exciting new range of books in which children find solutions to problems through conservation rather than killing.

The day Manuela and her father spear a manatee, Manuela's life changes forever. She has dreamed of this moment - only the most skilful hunters ever get near these elusive creatures. But the reality of the killing shocks her, and when she realizes the dead manatee has a little calf and that it has been wounded, she vows to look after it. However, when they return to their village, her father sells the calf to Jose Gomez, a heartless money-maker. Determined to keep her promise, Manuela and her cousin Libia rescue the baby manatee from Gomez and take it to their Granny Raffy's house. The girls devote their time to nursing it, but they know that unless they persuade the people of San Lorenzo to stop hunting manatees, it will never survive when they return it to the wild. Together they set up a "manatee school" and slowly convince people not to hunt the already threatened species. But there's one person who won't be convinced: Gomez. *Publishers Blurb.*



The manatee has always been a prize catch for the fisherman of San Lorenzo, even though they are supposed to be protected. Manuela and her father were no different. When they had the opportunity to kill one, they did.

But something about this kill just didn't seem right to Manuela. Not only had they killed a mother manatee, they had injured her young calf. This experience changes Manuela and she her cousin Libia vow to change the thinking of their entire village too.

Manuela and Libia work hard to look after and raise the baby manatee back to health, and along the way they change how these beautiful creatures are thought of.

A tremendous story of courage in a world where animal welfare is taking an important and changing role in people's lives.

Best suited to good middle to upper primary readers.

Reviewed by Sam.

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Walking The Bear

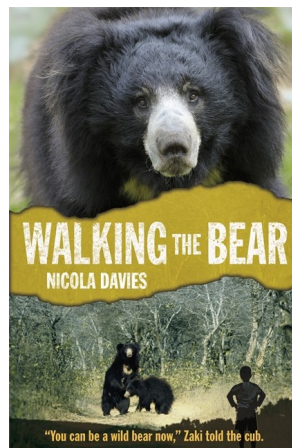
By Nicola Davies

ISBN 9781406340891

\$11.95

A child, a wild animal - and a life-changing encounter. An exciting new range of books in which children find solutions to problems through conservation rather than killing.

Zaki lives in northern India. His father mistreats his wife and children and the family's dancing bears - an old female and the two new cubs who are to replace her. Zaki wants all the bears to be free. With the help of his mother and sister, the old bear is taken to a sanctuary for retired bears while Zaki runs away to the forest with the cubs. There he spends months teaching them how to survive in the wild. When he returns to his family, he finds his father's cruel rule has finally been overturned. His mother has a new way of making a living - and Zaki and his sister can go to school at last. *Publishers Blurb.*



Zaki's family have been a nomadic family for generations, relying on their Dancing Bears to entertain and earn the family money. Zaki has two bear cubs of his own that he is to teach and bond with to ensure his families future.

But much is changing in India, and indeed the world, and treating bears in this way, getting them to perform for humans, is not OK.

Most of Zaki's family sees the sense in change, and Zaki would love to play his flute to earn money instead. But Zaki's father has more trouble accepting the changes to his world.

Eventually Zaki takes an opportunity to run away and try to retrain and release his cubs back into the wild.

Can all turn out well for the wonderful Zaki and his family? Could the cubs survive the wild?

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Best suited to good middle to upper primary readers.

Reviewed by Rob.