

## **Scary Mary and the Stripe Spell: Monty's Island #1**

By Emily Rodda & Illustrated by Lucinda Gifford

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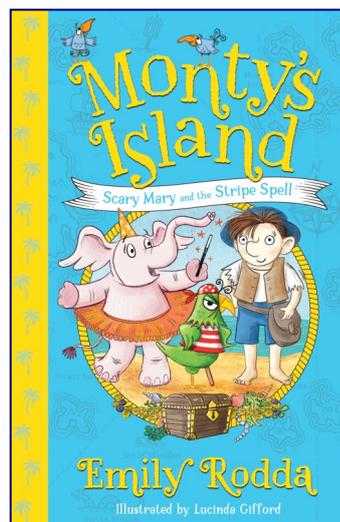
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\$14.99

**PRIMARY FICTION**  
**BOOK OF THE**  
**MONTH**

### *Blurb:*

On a tiny island far away, in a sea that ripples with magic, Monty never knows what he might find... Monty, Tawny and friends receive some startling news: Scary Mary and her pirate crew are on their way, looking for a new island to call home. What can they do? There's no way they can hide - especially when Bunchy accidentally turns the whole island stripy with her new magic wand. It's going to take one of Monty's best ideas to save them! An adventurous and delightful new series from beloved author Emily Rodda.



### *Lamont Review:*

In this first title in this fabulous new series from Emily Rodda, we meet Monty, Tawny and their friends who live on a deserted island.

They are a ramshackle bunch, including Marigold the cook, Bunchy the elephant magician, Clink the shipwrecked pirate parrot, and Sir Wise the owl.

When word reaches them that the infamous pirate Scary Mary and her crew are on the way to the island it is not a good time for Bunchy to accidentally turn the whole island and everything on it red and white and stripy!

Can Monty come up with a clever idea to save them all? Will Bunchy's spell gone wrong actually be a blessing in disguise?

A delightful, magical adventure that will be enjoyed by emerging readers and middle primary aged students.

*Reviewed by Sam*

## **The Honey Bees - Billie B Brown**

By Sally Rippin & Illustrated by Aki Fukuoka

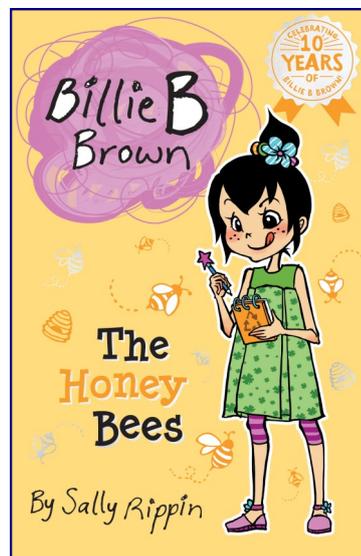
Publisher: Hardie Grant Egmont

ISBN 9781760504991 SCIS: 1962003

\$7.99

### *Blurb:*

Billie wants to save the planet, and she has a super-doooper new idea: to build a beehive!  
But why is Jack so upset about her plan?



### *Lamont Review:*

A delightful new story in the Billie B. Brown series by Sally Rippin.

When the new girl at school Sara arrives, and doesn't seem to be scared of the bees that are in their classroom, Billie thinks she is incredibly brave.

Billie decides to ask Sara over to her house to do their project. But Billie's best friend Jack isn't so keen on bees, or that Billie seems to have a new best friend.

Can Billie and Jack work it all out?

A wonderful read for junior and emerging readers about friendship and understanding.

*Reviewed by Sam*

**Ozzy Rules! AFL Little Legends #1**

By Nicole Hayes and Adrian Beck & Illustrated by James Hart

Publisher: Hardie Grant Egmont

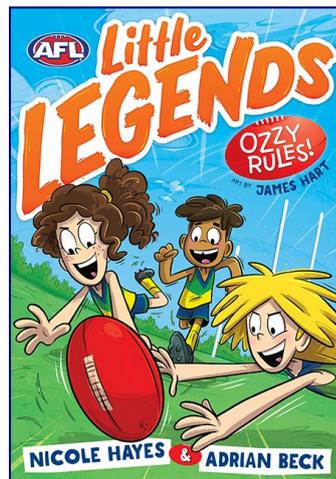
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\$12.99

*Blurb:*

Little Legends follows Oz, Ellie and Sanjay Little, star players for the Fresca Bay Falcons, on a series of hilarious and action-packed adventures that celebrate the great game of Australian Rules.

Twins Oz and Ellie are footy fanatics. They can't wait to introduce Aussie Rules to their cousin Sanjay, who is moving back to Australia from overseas. 10-year-old Oz is the key playmaker for the Falcons (as he'll tell anyone who'll listen!). Ellie is a talented full-forward and the leading goal scorer for the whole league. But when their cousin Sanjay tries footy for the first time, he's a natural. Suddenly, Sanjay is the Falcons' hot new recruit and Oz and Ellie have some competition!



*Lamont Review:*

AFL fans are going to absolutely love this new series!

Twins Oz and Ellie live for football. Be it at school or on the weekend, that's all they want to do - and they are both very good at it.

They are so excited that their cousins are moving back from overseas and can't wait for Sanjay, who is their age, to be able to play with them.

Sanjay seems to be a natural at this game, but then Oz starts to feel uneasy and even annoyed. He is supposed to be the star of the team! Ellie can't believe that her brother is acting this way and feels terrible for Sanjay.

Will Oz remember that footy is a team sport in time for the opening game of the season?

A fantastic story about friendships, family, inclusion and overall about the joy of playing sport.

A perfect read for all middle primary aged students.

*Reviewed by Sam*

## **The List of Things That Will Not Change**

By Rebecca Stead

Publisher: Text Publishing

ISBN 9781922268679 SCIS: 1957364

\$16.99

### *Blurb:*

Mom and Dad told me about the divorce at a 'family meeting'. I sat on the couch, between them. They didn't look happy, and I suddenly got worried that something was wrong with our cat, Red. That they were going to tell me he was dying. But that wasn't it.

When Bea's parents got divorced, there were big changes for Bea, and also lots of things that stayed the same. But it's not always easy living in two separate apartments.

When her dad announces that he and his boyfriend, Jesse, are getting married, Bea is excited that Jesse's daughter will become the sister she's always wanted. But as the wedding approaches, Bea's joy is clouded by a terrible secret she has kept hidden since last summer.

Rebecca Stead's delightful middle-grade novel about family and friendship will be loved by young readers.



### *Lamont Review:*

Bea's parents told her at a family meeting that they were getting divorced and then they gave her a list of things that would not change - such as their love for her.

But change will happen when you live in two apartments. And even more when her Dad tells her that he is going to get married to his boyfriend Jesse. Bea hopes that Jesse's daughter Sonia will be the sister that she always wanted.

But family life never quite goes smoothly, and Bea must face up to some things that she is not proud of.

This is a heart-warming and sensitive novel that will help readers understand that change is not bad, and is just another part of growing up.

Focusing strongly on the love of family and friends, and how it is ok to make mistakes along the way, this will be the perfect novel for those in upper primary.

*Reviewed by Michelle*

## **Aussie Kids: Meet Katie at the Beach**

By Rebecca Johnson & Illustrated by Lucia Masciullo

Publisher: Penguin

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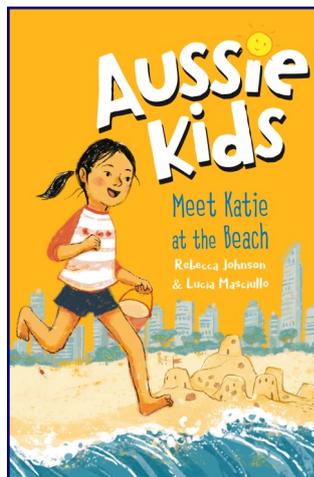
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### *Blurb:*

Hi! I'm Katie.

I have a wobbly tooth that won't come out! But it's not going to spoil my trip to the beach. We're going to eat mangoes and play beach cricket!

Aussie Kids is an exciting new series for emerging readers 6 - 8 years. 8 characters, 8 stories, 8 authors and illustrators from all 8 states and territories!



### *Lamont Review:*

Katie and her family live in an apartment in Paradise Towers opposite the beach in Queensland. It is a beautiful place and they love spending time at the beach.

On this particular outing, Katie is agitated because she has a loose tooth and it is wobbly and sore! But there is fun to be had in the water and on the shore with her Mum and Dad, and her brother Alex and little sister Daisy.

Katie doesn't want a loose tooth to ruin their families perfect day at one of the most beautiful beaches in the world!

A delightful story in this new series that highlights Australia and is perfect for emerging readers.

*Reviewed by Sam*

## **Aussie Kids: Meet Eve in the Outback**

By Raewyn Caisley & Illustrated by Karen Blair

Publisher: Penguin

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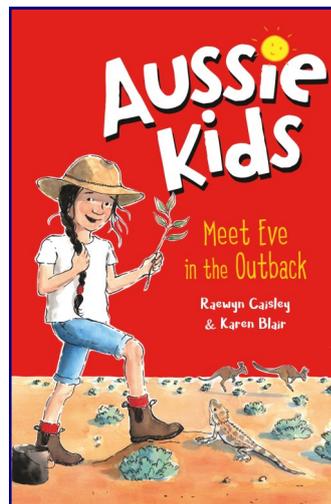
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*Blurb:*

Hi! I'm Eve.

I live at a roadhouse in the Nullarbor. We don't get many visitors. But today my cousin Will is coming. We'll have so much fun!

Aussie Kids is an exciting new series for emerging readers 6 - 8 years. 8 characters, 8 stories, 8 authors and illustrators from all 8 states and territories!



*Lamont Review:*

Eve lives at the Nowhere Roadhouse in the Nullarbor in Western Australia and is waiting for her Nan and her cousin Will to arrive.

But Eve is worried that Will won't like where she lives and that he will be bored, as he has dolphins living in the river next to his house. How will their life in the outback compete with that?

Eve hopes a trip to their neighbours might brighten things up and Will is certainly not disappointed!

A wonderful story that highlights the magic of the outback, the animals and people, and will be thoroughly enjoyed by emerging readers.

*Reviewed by Sam*

## **Landing with Wings**

By Trace Balla

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

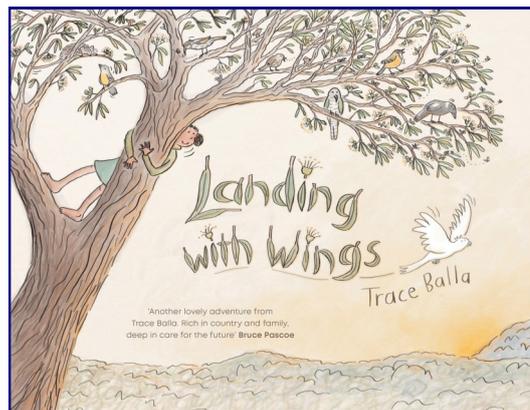
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### *Blurb:*

A young girl's nature diary is a joyful journey of discovery. From the multi-award-winning creator of *Rivertime* and *Rockhopping* comes another celebration of the world around us. Miri's been on the move and now she's finding her feet, her freedom, her community and her home, treading lightly all the way.

A story about spreading your wings and putting down roots in an ancient land.



### *Lamont Review:*

Miri Blossom and her Mum are moving and Miri is feeling a bit uncertain about it all. Her inquisitive and friendly nature soon has her exploring her new neighbourhood and making friends.

This is a delightful story about the uncertainty of starting over and the courage to be open to new things. Full of truly beautiful illustrations of Australia's amazing animals and plants, this book is set in the Goldfields of Central Victoria.

It also has a strong focus on Aboriginal culture and staying connected to both nature and country, and will be perfect for classroom use.

Ideally suited for all students in Year 5 and up.

*Reviewed by Michelle*

*There are four activity pages that the publisher has produced for this title that are available on our website [www.lamontbooks.com.au](http://www.lamontbooks.com.au)*