Back in print at last! ABC for Kids is delighted to announce the re-release of a range of best-selling, award-winning children’s picture books. Including Children’s Book Council winners and all-time favourites, no children’s bookshelf is complete without these classic favourites. Twenty-four titles will be republished from 2010-11.

Ages 3-5.

More than just an alphabet book, this title uses the letters A-Z as a framework to tell us about growing up on a mission in northern New South Wales. It is a first alphabet book with an Aboriginal theme and describes daily routines and incidents in and around the mission - including billycart racing and yabby fishing. Ages 2+.

About the Author:

Australian Author

Also by this author:
Angelina Ballerina
Holabird, Katharine

Marketing & Publicity Points:

About the Author:

Australian Author

Also by this author:

9780733312618 NSP RRP: $13.95
28 pages

January Release
Are You My Mother? tells a very simple story for children who have just started to read. Their younger brothers and sisters will also want to follow the baby bird's quest as he asks everyone and everything he meets, 'Are You My Mother?'

'I can read it all by myself' is the Beginner Books motto, and behind it is an understanding of how important it is for children to take pride and pleasure in their early reading.

Beginner Books have been designed to appeal directly to children through the use of humour, rhyme, and bright pictures that can be 'read' even by the non-reading child.

Some Beginner Books are simple stories, others are hilarious nonsense: both types have been designed to give children confidence and make them want to go on reading.

Ages 3+

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About the Author:

Also by this author:

ARE YOU MY MOTHER HB
Get swept away with 10 little rubber ducks!
Chuckedy-chuckedy-chuck goes the rubber duck machine.
Out pop little yellow rubber ducks
one after the other...
A brand—new batch of rubber ducks is loaded on to a ship and sent
off to be delivered to children everywhere. But when a storm strikes,
10 little ducks are tossed into the sea and swept away in 10 different
directions – with some wonderfully unexpected adventures along the
way.
Come ride the waves as legendary children’s book author and
illustrator Eric Carle explores numbers, directions, opposites,
geography, animals and more in an extraordinary interactive picture
book, beautifully illustrated with his unique collage-style art. And for a
final surprise, the last page contains a duck with a squeaking sound
chip as a special treat at the end of the story!
Ages 2–7
Young children will immerse themselves in the swashbuckling world of the pirates in this new addition to the immensely popular 1001 Things to Spot series from Usborne.

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• This gorgeous padded HB edition with will make a perfect gift for little pirates everywhere!
• Hours of puzzle-solving fun.
Applesauce and the Christmas Miracle
Millard, Glenda

Against a very Australian setting of drought and bushfire, a little pig called Applesauce learns that Christmas comes from the heart.

Ages 3+

This beautiful tale is a clever and whimsical take on the Christmas story -- from the bestselling author-illustrator team of Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King.

Applesauce is convinced that there can be no Christmas this year -- her heart, where Christmas comes from, is as small as a gumnut and there was no Christmas in it at all. But then something special happens and Applesauce discovers that Christmas does not need to be all about glitzy decorations, fancy foods and expensive presents. It does indeed come from the heart.

This heart-warming, CBC-shortlisted picture book is guaranteed to become a family favourite this Christmas.

Ages 3+

About the Author:
Glenda Millard has published more than a dozen books for children and young adults, many of them with ABC Books, most recently, Perry Angel's Suitcase. The Naming of Tishkin Silk was shortlisted for the 2004 NSW Premier's Literary Awards and was an Honour book in the CBCA Children's Book of the Year Awards. Layla, Queen of Hearts was shortlisted in the CBCA Children's Book of the Year Awards and winner of the Children's Book Category, 2007 QLD Premier's Literary Awards.
Baby Boomsticks
Wild, Margaret/Legge, David

Once upon a time in a teeny-tiny village, a teeny-tiny mum and a teeny-tiny dad have an enormous baby. They call him Baby Boomsticks! The other villagers and babies are scared of such a big baby, so Baby Boomsticks has to play all by himself. But one day Baby Boomsticks claps his hands like thunder, and rain falls and falls until the village is flooded. Oops! Can Baby Boomsticks save the day?

Marketing & Publicity Points:

Margaret Wild is a multi award-winning author. She has written more than 40 picture books for children and has also written for young adults. Margaret is one of Australia's most popular children's authors and has been published widely overseas as well.

David Legge is an award-winning illustrator. For ABC Books he has collaborated with Margaret Wild previously on the beautiful Tom Goes to Kindergarten.

About the Author:

Australian Author

Also by this author:
Baby Wombat's Week
French, Jackie/Whatley, Bruce

The much-loved sequel to the bestselling DIARY OF A WOMBAT

He sleeps. He eats. He gets bored.
He creates havoc wherever he goes!
He’s Mothball’s baby - and he’s even cuter, naughtier and more
determined than his mum.

Created by writer Jackie French and illustrator Bruce Whatley, the
award-winning duo of the international bestseller Diary of a Wombat.

About the Author:
Australian Author

Also by this author:
DIARY OF A WOMBAT 10TH
ANN ED, CHRISTMAS
WOMBAT, QUEEN VICTORIAS
CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS
WOMBAT (US EDITION), QUEEN VICTORIAS

9780732286958  NSP  RRP: $14.99
280 mm x 207 mm  32 pages
August Release
Marketing & Publicity Points:
• The first new Seuss title in over 20 years, featuring seven newly-discovered stories by the Master himself!
• A fantastic present for any Dr Seuss fan
• International co-ordinated launch
• Party packs available for Bippolo Seed readings in stores including: colouring sheets, balloons and invites
• Interviews across national TV and radio
• Blanket review and feature coverage
• Included in all key Christmas retail promotions
• Social media campaign incorporating the e-book

About the Author:

January Release

About the Author:

Also by this author:

About the Author:

Also by this author:
The Bippolo Seed And Other Lost Stories
Dr Seuss

It's the literary equivalent of buried treasure – seven newly-discovered stories by Dr. Seuss! The first new Seuss stories to emerge since 1990!

Ages 4+

The amazing stories are full of typical Seuss humour, rhyme and rhythm and are all beautifully illustrated. They include 'The Bippolo Seed,' in which a scheming cat leads an innocent duck to make a bad decision; 'The Rabbit, the Bear, and the Zinniga-Zanniga,' about a rabbit who is saved from a bear via a single eyelash; 'Gustav the Goldfish,' about a fish that grew and grew; 'Tadd and Todd,' a tale about twins; 'Steak for Supper,' about fantastic creatures who follow a boy home in anticipation of a steak dinner; 'The Strange Shirt Spot,' about a spot of dirt that gets everywhere; and 'The Great Henry McBride,' about a boy whose far-flung career fantasies were bested only by those of Dr. Seuss himself.

The perfect book for any Seuss fan, young or old!

Ages 4+

About the Author:

Theodor Seuss Geisel - better known to millions of his fans as Dr. Seuss - was born the son of a park superintendent in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1904. After studying at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, and later at Oxford University in England, he became a magazine humorist and cartoonist, and an advertising man. He soon turned his many talents to writing children's books, and his first book - And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street - was published in 1937. His greatest claim to fame was the one and only The Cat in the Hat, published in 1957, the first of a successful range of early readers that have sold over 150 million copies worldwide. It's the literary equivalent of buried treasure – seven newly-discovered stories by Dr. Seuss! The first new Seuss stories to emerge since 1990!

Also by this author:

AND TO THINK THAT I SAW IT ON MULBERRY, BIPPOLO SEED AND OTHER LOST, HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS, OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO, SELECTION OF SEUSS PERFECTION, DOCTORS
Bird
Lodge, Annette

Marketing & Publicity Points:

January Release

9780733314315  NSH  RRP: $25.95
40 pages

About the Author: Australian Author

Also by this author:
NATEMBA
Mitti doesn't like her new jumper, but her friends love its zingy-zing stripes. The all want to try it on - and that's when the trouble and fun begins!

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• Best-selling, award-winning books - back in print!
• To be followed by 8 titles in June 2010, and another 8 in September 2010.
• No children's bookshelf is complete without these classic favourites.
• Custom bins and posters for in-store displays.

Jean Chapman is one of Australia's best-known and best-loved storytellers. She has written numerous books for pre-schoolers.
'Pirate crew wanted to search for treasure. Must be fearsome!'

When Captain Crabclaw advertises for a crew for his new ship, the Speedy Squid, he doesn't expect to get a duck, a cow, an elephant and a giraffe! It's hoist the mainsail and anchors aweigh with the most unusual pirate crew the high seas have ever seen! This rollicking tale of swashbuckling and scrambled eggs will delight landlubbers young and old.
Following close on the heels of Dr. Seuss's most celebrated work, The Cat in the Hat - which was first published in 1957 - the infamous cat made a welcome return the following year in this hilarious tale of mayhem and havoc.

Ages 3+

About the Author:

Also by this author:

AND TO THINK THAT I SAW IT ON MULBERRY, BIPPOLO SEED AND OTHER LOST, HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS, OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO, SELECTION OF SEUSS
When the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, Sally and her brother are in for a roller-coaster ride of havoc and mayhem!

Dr. Seuss’s most celebrated book because it makes learning to read lots of fun. Packed with riotous rhymes and zany pictures, The Cat in the Hat is a children's classic, entertaining generations of young readers across the world.

Ages 3+

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Also by this author:

AND TO THINK THAT I SAW IT ON MULBERRY,BIPPOLO SEED AND OTHER LOST,HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS,OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO,SELECTION OF SEUSS PERFECTION,DOCTORS $8.95 RRP: $8.95 NORMAL

9780001713031 NSP RRP: $8.95
226 mm x 164 mm 62 pages
August Release
CHECK ON ME will immediately become one of your family’s bedtime favourites!

A kiss, a cuddle, a drink.
And a story - but not just one from a book.

From the team who brought you I DO IT, here’s a wonderful way to get your own stories started. CHECK ON ME will immediately become one of your family’s bedtime favourites!

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• Andrew Daddo is one of Australia’s most popular television personalities.
• He has written ten best-selling books for children, including the hugely successful picture book GOOD NIGHT, ME.
• A lovely addition to the night-time ritual for children who like to resist going to sleep.
• Illustrated throughout with gorgeous full-colour artwork by Jonathan Bentley.
• Extensive review mailing, giveaways and competitions to all relevant magazines, major metropolitan and regional newspapers
• Extracts in magazines and newspapers including JUST KIDDING pre-school edition, PRACTICAL PARENTING, MOTHER & BABY and AUSTRALIAN PARENTS
• Check out Andrew Daddo’s new website: http://www.andrewdaddo.com

About the Author:
Andrew Daddo is one of Australia’s most popular television personalities. He started writing for children in 2001, when his first collection of stories, SPRUNG! was published. Since then, Andrew has written 18 best-selling books, including the hugely successful picture book collaboration with Emma Quay, GOOD NIGHT, ME. Andrew lives on Sydney’s northern beaches with his wife and three children.

Also by this author:
I DO IT
From the team who created the award-winning GOOD NIGHT, ME comes this captivating picture book. Emma Quay's delightful and warm illustrations of a family moving through their day bring to life all the funny and silly names we call our children: cheeky monkey, lucky duck, sweet pea, silly billy and more. Simply delightful.
From Caldecott Honor winning author and illustrator, Peter McCarty, this is a pitch-perfect, utterly charming book about finding your place in a family, featuring the sassy and adorable bunny, Chloe, from HENRY IN LOVE.

Chloe has ten older brothers and sisters
And ten younger brothers and sisters.
She’s in the middle and she loves it – especially when they all gather for family fun time.
Then Dad brings home a surprise one evening, and Chloe finds she is not in the middle anymore... but not for long!
Ages:2-6

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• With HENRY IN LOVE, Peter began working in a new, freer style and a brighter palette, and for this, the book was honored as a New York Times Best Illustrated Book. The reaction from reviewers, booksellers and librarians has been fantastic, so we expect to be able to break him out with these books.
• With gorgeous colored ink drawings and funny, spare text, Peter McCarty tells a winning story of family, imagination, and love.

PRAISE FOR HENRY IN LOVE:

NY TIMES Best Illustrated Book of 2010
“This gentle, pitch-perfect romance will have readers’ hearts thumping with the thrill of first love.”
— Publishers Weekly (starred review)

About the Author:
Peter McCarty has written and illustrated several books for children, including Hondo & Fabian, a 2003 Caldecott Honor Book and New York Times Best Illustrated Book of the Year, and its sequel, Fabian Escapes; T is for Terrible; Little Bunny on the Move; and Moonplane, the 2007 Charlotte Zolotow Award winner. He lives with his family in a town on the Hudson River in New York. You can visit him online at www.petermccarty.net

Also by this author:
Clara Caterpillar
Edwards, Pamela Duncan


Such a clever caterpillar!
A carefree cabbage caterpillar named Clara, who becomes a common cream-colored butterfly, can't possibly compete with a catty, conceited caterpillar named Catisha, who becomes a captivating crimson-colored butterfly. Or can she?

Ages 3 - 6

Marketing & Publicity Points:

Pamela Duncan Edwards is the author of numerous popular picture books, including <i>Livingstone Mouse; Roar! A Noisy Counting Book; Some Smug Slug; The Worrywarts; Clara Caterpillar; Wake-Up Kisses; Rosie's Roses; The Leprechaun's Gold;</i> and <i>Gigi and Lulu's Gigantic Fight,</i> all illustrated by Henry Cole; as well as <i>Dear Tooth Fairy,</i> illustrated by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick; <i>McGillycuddy Could!</i>, illustrated by Sue Porter; and <i>The Neat Line,</i> illustrated by Diana Cain Bluthenthal. She lives in Virginia.

About the Author:

Also by this author:

JACK AND JILLS
TREEHOUSE, MIXED UP
ROOSTER, LEPRECHAUNS
GOLD, GIGI AND LULUS
GIGANTIC FIGHT, NEAT
LINE, ROAR, SOME SMUG
SLUG

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262 mm x 220 mm 40 pages
July Release
Meet Tiny the miniature dinosaur. He may be very small, but he's got a very big heart!

Tiny is the smallest dinosaur anyone has ever seen. He is even smaller than one of Brontosaurus's spikes or Tyrannosaurus's teeth.

The other young dinosaurs won't play with Tiny. They call him names like ‘Teeny Tiny’ and ‘Teensy Weensy’. Tiny tries to copy their games but it's no fun playing alone. He hates being so small.

But one day, Tiny makes a very special friend and embarks on a daring rescue that will change his life forever...

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• Tom Thumb meets The Land Before Time in this adventure story about a miniature dinosaur, who is sure to melt readers’ hearts.

• Will appeal to all dinosaur fans!

• The story has a strong, clear message about believing in oneself and celebrating individuality.

• Alan Durant is an established and successful picture book author, whose work includes Dear Tooth Fairy and Dear Father Christmas.

• Jo Simpson is a hot new picture book artist with a distinctive artwork style and palette. We are delighted to be publishing her first picture book.

About the Author:
Alan Durant is the author of several picture books including the phenomenally best-selling ‘Dear Tooth Fairy’ for Walker Books and the fiction series ‘Spider McDrew’ for HarperCollins. He is a tireless schools visitor, and runs successful writers’ workshops for children at all the major festivals. Alan lives with his wife and three children in New Malden, Surrey.

Also by this author:
SPIDER MCDREW, LITTLE TROLL, HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIDER MCDREW
Full of wonderful yawning creatures who spread sleep thoughts at bedtime, this book is the perfect remedy for children who don’t want to go to sleep.

Full of yawning creatures who spread sleep thoughts at bedtime - and much more fun than counting sheep - Dr. Seuss’s Sleep Book provides the perfect remedy for young children who don’t want to go to bed.

Ages 3+

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Once in a zoo a small boy stood outside the dragon’s cage, asking questions...

Why is a once-powerful dragon locked in a cage? Where is the strength that made his scales shine and his breath of flames boil a lake? A young boy is determined to find the answers.

A beautiful story about friendship and freedom, by the creative father-and-son team, Kym and Oliver Lardner.
The wonderful sequel to the bestselling and widely acclaimed Edward the Emu. Now, we all know what happened after Edward met his mate Edwina, little emus of course! But with a completely modern challenge for their mother of again finding her true place in the scheme of things. Hilarity is bound to happen as Edwina goes job searching while Edward stays on the nest!

Ages 2+
Four-year-old Emily wants long, flowing Rapunzel hair. She wants to have pigtails in blue ribbons, just like Lucy Brown. Dad tells her that she will have to wait until the new baby is big enough to walk before she can have Rapunzel hair.

While Emily waits for her hair to grow (and experiments with wearing red tights on her head to provide the illusion of Rapunzel hair), we join her on her everyday adventures from a trip to feed the ducks at the lake, to visiting her grandparents on their farm (and seeing the letterbox frog).

Freya Blackwood's lush, classic illustrations convey Emily, and her quirky way of looking at the world, perfectly.

Awards
Shortlisted 2006: Children's Book Council of the Year Award - Early Childhood
Winner 2006: Australian Family Therapist's Award for Children's Literature - Younger Readers/Picture Book

About the Author:
Cecily Matthews has published picture books and junior novels with Lothian, Omnibus and University of Queensland Press. She has also contributed numerous stories and poems to The School Magazine. The character of Emily is based on Cecily's granddaughter.
EYES IN DISGUISE
Clement, Rod

9780207174445
RRP: $19.75

May Release

About the Author:

Also by this author:
FEATHERS FOR PHOEBE, LOUISA MAY
PICKETTS BEST SHOW AND TELL, OLGA THE BROOLGA, GRANDADS TEETH, FRANK IN TIME, JUST ANOTHER ORDINARY
Farmer Fred's Cow
Wild, Margaret/Waller, David

Also by this author:
Australian Author

January Release

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About the Author:
Everybody loves Fat Pat. He's cuddly, sweet-natured and fat. But when the vet calls him a pudgy pudden, Fat Pat is put on a diet. After a week of small dinners, no treats and lots of exercise, Fat Pat decides to run away...

About the Author:
Kilmeny Niland is an award-winning Australian artist and illustrator. She grew up in Sydney and studied art at the Julian Ashton Art School. She has worked in animation, children's books, wildlife art, miniatures, portraits, cards and prints.
First Week at Cow School
Cutbill, Andy/Ayto, Russell

Starting school is full of fun in this laugh-out-loud sequel to THE COW THAT LAID AN EGG and THE BEST COW IN SHOW.
Age: 3 - 5

Marjorie the cow feels jolly proud when her daughter, Daisy, starts school. But lessons aren't as easy as they seem... Daisy can't hoof paint or swat flies like the other cows, and cowpat training is a disaster!

Yet, Marjorie soon discovers that Daisy has a surprising talent to make her stand out from the herd!
Age: 3 - 5

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• Will be eagerly awaited by fans of the first books THE COW THAT LAID AN EGG and THE BEST COW IN SHOW.
• A new take on the popular theme of fitting in at school, with a strong message that it's all right to be different.
• Andy Cutbill is the creator of 'Albie' a major CITV animated television series.
• 'Albie' the television series was shortlisted for a BAFTA award for The Best Children's Animated Series and won several international awards including Best Young Writer at the B+ Awards in association with BBC enterprises.
• Russell Ayto’s picture book THE WITCH'S CHILDREN was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal in 2002, and THE WITCH'S CHILDREN AND THE QUEEN was Smarties Gold Medal winner in the 5 and under category in 2003.
• THE COW THAT LAID AN EGG was shortlisted for:
  Stockport Schools' Book Award 2008
  UKLA Teachers’ Award for Children’s Books 2008
  Sheffield Children’s Book Award 2008

About the Author:

Andy Cutbill was born near London in 1972. He read Art at university and then did post-graduate studies in Art Direction. After several years writing television commercials, he started originating new concepts in children's animation and books. In conjunction with Cosgrove Hall Films, Andy created and developed the award-winning animated television series, Albie, for CITV. Andy lives in Devon with his wife, son and daughter.
Beginning readers will enjoy the story of how THE BEAR DETECTIVES set out to catch a thief. They'll be especially delighted that it is the sensible little bears who solve the mystery while their father does everything wrong.

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Ages 3+
**Goodnight, Mice!**
Watts, Frances/Watson, Judy

Celebrate the rituals of bedtime with Mitzi, Billy, Clementine and Oliver. The perfect bedtime book!

**Age 2+**

Winner of the 2012 Prime Minister’s Literary Award for Children’s Fiction

A CBCA Notable Book

Kiss Dad once.
Cuddle Mum twice.
‘Goodnight, Mum and Dad.’
‘Goodnight, mice.’

It’s time to say goodnight -- but the four cheeky mice skittering, scampering and scurrying to bed don’t seem very sleepy!

This warm, affectionate story is the perfect bedtime book for the whole family to share.

Praise for GOODNIGHT, MICE!:
‘the perfect bedtime book … told at a cleverly thought-out pace that should ensure a yawn before the final page … Illustrator Judy Watson’s detailed expressions on the four mouslings are fun, funny and reward upon further visits’ COURIER MAIL

Marketing & Publicity Points:
• Brand new ABC picture book ... especially for bedtime!
• A beautiful bedtime story with perennial appeal
• Advertising and author feature in Magpies & Reading Time magazine
• Guaranteed review coverage in children’s and educational media including Magpies and Reading Time, and Little Angel.
• Reviews to appear in Practical Parenting, Get Ahead Kids AWW, New Idea and Woman’s Day.
• A bestselling combination: Frances Watts is a CBC Award Winner, author of bestselling Kisses for Daddy AND Judy Watson illustrator of Extraordinary Adventures of Ernie & Maude

About the Author:

Frances Watts was born in Lausanne, Switzerland and moved to Sydney when she was three. She worked as a bookseller and editor for nearly ten years before she began her writing career. Her first picture book, KISSES FOR DADDY (illustrated by David Legge), was an Honour Book 2006 CBCA Awards and has sold thousands of copies around the world. Her next two picture books with David Legge, PARSLEY RABBIT’S BOOK ABOUT BOOKS and CAPTAIN CRABCLAW’S CREW, both won accolades in the CBCA Awards. She is also the author of the EXTRAORDINARY ERNIE series for Australian Author HEROES OF THE YEAR

Also by this author:

HEROES OF THE YEAR