

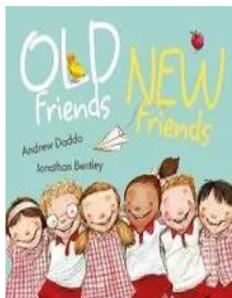
New Books! New Books! New Books!

I taught a girl at Girls Grammar many years ago who once told me she loved the smell of a new book. I thought her a little strange until I had a whiff, and I must say, it does smell good.

During the December holidays I covered several boxes of books that I have put on the shelves. Last week I received a few books that I have processed, covered and are waiting to be packed away on the shelves.

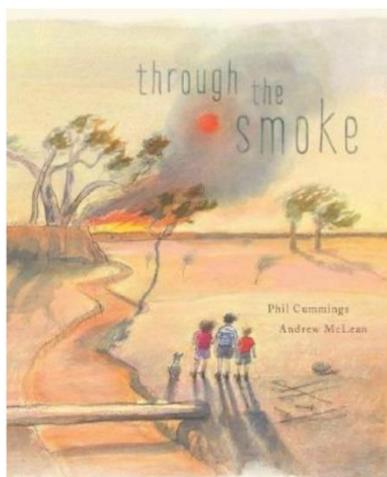
I thought I would do a review on some of the books.

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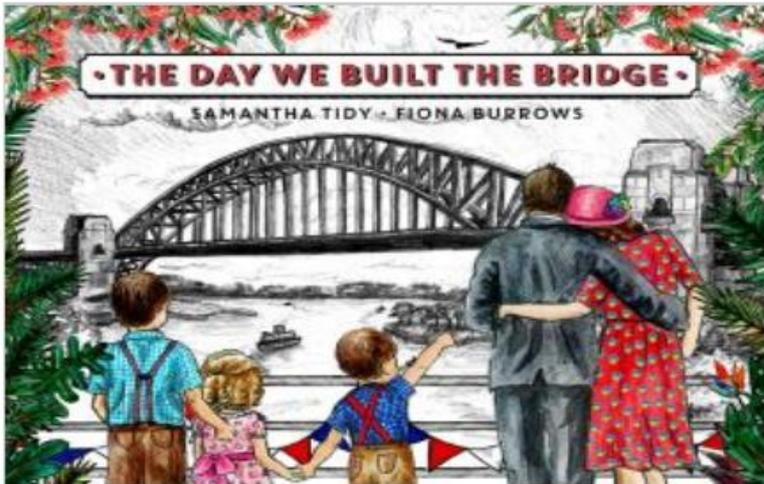


Old Friends, New Friends by Andrew Daddo

Old friends, New Friends. It's the first day of school, and none of my old friends are in my new class! Making new friends can be hard, but it can also be a whole lot of fun!



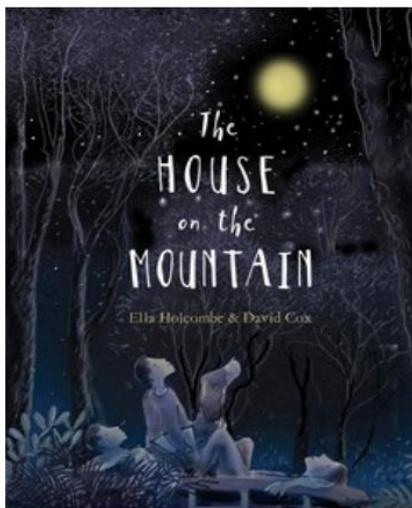
The fire awoke like a dragon. Its flames licked the sky, and smoke veiled the sun. With a hungry crackle and an angry hiss, the cruel beast circled, trapping them. Until, through the smoke, knights appeared. *Through the Smoke* tells the story of three kids, their imagination and a frightening fire in the Australian bush.



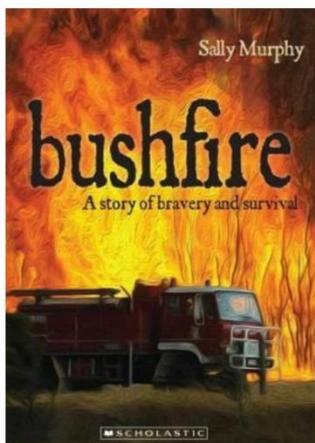
The story follows a boy who watches the Sydney Harbour Bridge develop over his lifetime. The book is a window into one of Australia's most loved and recognised icons, showing its journey from an idea to a famous landmark, made from 53,000 tonnes of

steel.

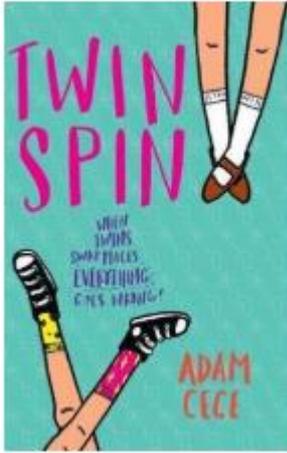
Junior Fiction



Atmospheric and intensely moving, this is the story of a family experiencing a bushfire, its devastating aftermath and the long process of healing and rebuilding

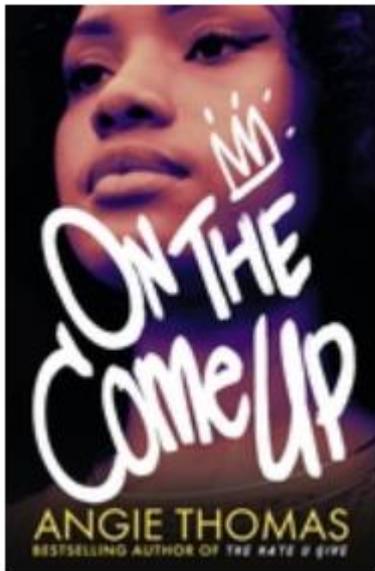


It's summer, and Amy is staying in Marysville with her grandmother, helping in the garden and cleaning out her gutters. It is, after all, bushfire season and Dad is busy on call as a volunteer firefighter, trying to control the bushfires that have started burning in Victoria. But when the power goes out and the bushfires sweep down into the valley, the entire town is threatened. The Black Saturday bushfire is about the experience Amy and her family have and teach Amy firsthand about tragedy and survival.

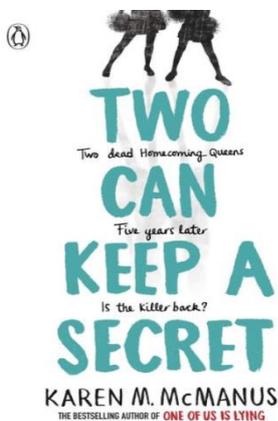


Teenage twins, Anna and Steph, may look identical – so similar that even their own mother consistently mixes them up – but on the inside they are a different as two sisters can be. Anna is a super-organised junior TV reporter, and Steph is an impulsive rap artist, obsessed with boy-band ‘Old Socks’. But when they’re forced to pretend to be each other for a week EVERYTHING goes into a spin and changes their relationship forever.

Secondary

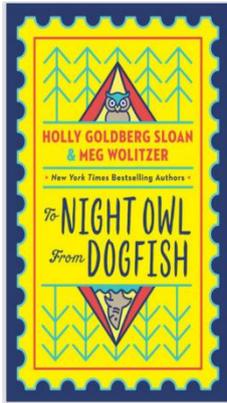


Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. As the daughter of an underground rap legend who died right before he hit big, Bri’s got massive shoes to fill. But when her mum unexpectedly loses her job and homelessness is staring her family down, Bri no longer just wants to make it - she has to make it.



Ellery’s never been to Echo Ridge, but she’s hears all about it. It’s where her aunt went missing at age sixteen, never to return. When a Homecoming Queen’s murder five years ago made national news. And where Ellery now has to live with a grandmother she barely knows.

Malcolm grew up in the shadow of the Homecoming Queen’s death. His older brother was the prime suspect and left Echo Ridge in disgrace. His mother’s remarriage faulted her and Malcolm into Echo Ridge’s upper crust, but their new status grows shaky when mysterious threats around town hint that a killer plans to strike again.



Avery Bloom is anxious and academic and afraid of the water. Bett Devlin is brash and athletic and loves to surf. The only things they seem to have in common are their age – twelve – and the fact that their dads have fallen in love with each other.

Now, their dads are sending the to the same sleepaway camp, against their will, so that they can become friends. But when the girls reluctantly grow to like each other, their dads fall out of love.

Can Avery and Bett figure out a way to bring their fathers back together.

Non Fiction Books

