



Australian Animals

Picture Books and Fiction

for Younger Readers aged 0 - 8

Waddle Giggle Gargle!

by Pamela Allen, 1996

Sitting in a tree outside Jonathan's house is a black and white magpie. 'Waddle Giggle Gargle!' the magpie shouts. A delightful story about a boisterous, swooping, waddling, giggling, gargling iconic Australian bird!

Waddle Giggle Gargle! Pamela Allen

One Woolly Wombat

by Kerry Argent, 2014

This newer edition of one of Australia's favourite Early Childhood counting books presents the magic of dancing kangaroos, koalas sipping gumnut tea with lamingtons, goannas creating havoc in the kitchen and kookaburras writing with old-fashioned fountain pens.



An Australian A, B, C of Animals

by Bronwyn Bancroft, 2005

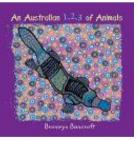
A delightful alphabet book of Australian animals by acclaimed Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft. A companion title to *An Australian 1,2,3 of Animals*.



An Australian 1, 2, 3 of Animals

by Bronwyn Bancroft, 2007

Both a charming introduction to the numbers one through 12 and a unique exploration of Australian wildlife—some familiar, others more unusual—this book also features sugar gliders, emus, geckos, and many more.

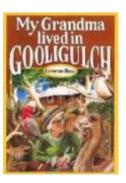


My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch

by Graeme Base, 1981

Grandma, who lives with a large collection of iconic Australian animals in her small Australian town, takes a disastrous trip to the seaside.

Grandma is sufficiently eccentric and spirited to convince readers that she just might ride a kangaroo around town and dine with emus.





One Careless Night

by Christina Booth, 2019

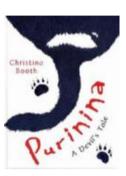
'Where the mist swallows mountains and winds whisper through ancient trees, a mother and her pup run wild and free. They hunt, but they are also hunted. Carted away. Sold for bounty. And then, one careless night ... The last thylacine is gone.' The story of Australia's last thylacine (Tasmanian tiger), which died in captivity.



Purinina: A Devil's Tale

by Christina Booth, 2007

This gentle story traces the life of a Tasmanian Devil from infancy, suckling in her mother's pouch, to adolescence, playing with her brothers and feasting on frogs, insects, lizards and occasionally wombat meat. Beautifully illustrated, this picture book highlights the plight of the Tasmanian Devil, a creature many are working hard to save from disease and extinction.



Koalas Eat Gum Leaves

by Laura & Philip Bunting, 2017

Koalas eat gum leaves. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, and even on their birthdays. Most koalas don't seem to mind. But one does. He is on the lookout for some tastier tucker...and he's about to make a discovery that changes everything. A tale about having too much of a good thing!



Kookaburras Love to Laugh

by Laura & Philip Bunting, 2018

It is no laughing matter when you are the most serious bird in the borough. Kookaburras love to laugh. They laugh when it is sunny, or rainy, or windy. They laugh for no reason at all. When one serious kookaburra decides to flee the jokers, and goes to find a more suitable flock, he finds that perhaps he might just be in the right place after all.



Mopoke

by Philip Bunting, 2017

Mopoke the owl loves peace and quiet, but the bush is full of many, many annoying disturbances. Poor Mopoke is about to find out that you can't always get what you want. Visually brilliant, and hysterically funny, this debut picture book by Philip Bunting is destined to become a classic.

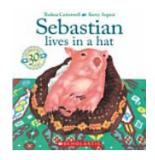




Sebastian Lives in a Hat

by Thelma Catterwell, Kerry Argent (Illustrator), 1985/2015

When Sebastian was discovered beside the body of his dead mother on the side of a road, he was just four months old. Near death himself, the tiny wombat was nursed by the author until he reached full maturity, and finally returned to the wild.



Little Puggle's Song

by Vikki Conley, Helene Magisson (Illustrator), 2019

A lonely echidna searches for his voice. Every time Puggle tries to make a sound nothing comes out. All the other bush animals can make their own distinctive sound so why can't he? How can Puggle find his voice and join the bush choir?

A beautifully illustrated story of being different but still finding a way to fit in.



A Flamboyance of Flamingos

by Jennifer Cossins, 2019

A wisdom of wombats? A loveliness of ladybirds? A flamboyance of flamingos? Come along on an illustrated journey through the animal kingdom with this CBCA award-winning Tasmanian artist, as she presents 28 full-colour animal illustrations, each with its very own collective noun. A book to delight children and adults alike.



Cecil Singer Cicada

by Michelle Cox, 2020

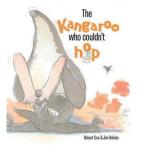
Cecil Singer Cicada loses his colony when chased by a swooping seagull and finds refuge in a distant tree. Now lost and alone, he begins his quest to reunite with his colony. Cecil meets different kinds of cicadas on his travels who inspire him to sing his own unique song. Will Cecil Singer Cicada ever find his way back home?



The Kangaroo Who Couldn't Hop

by Robert Cox, Jim Robins (Illustrator), 2018

Mrs Grey is very worried. All young kangaroos must be presented to Big Red, the leader of all the kangaroos in the world. But what on earth is Big Red going to say about Keith? Big Red has never met a hopless kangaroo in all his born days! He tries several ingenious ways to make Keith hop but nothing works until Keith visits the hop-spital, where the doctor suggests a very scary remedy...



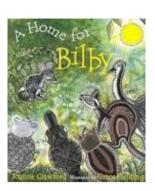


A Home for Bilby

by Joanne Crawford, 2004

Join Kangaroo, Emu, Platypus, Wombat and Koala as they help find a home for their new friend Bilby. ...

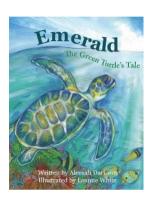
An engaging picture book that takes children on a journey through the Australian outback and the habitats of the animals that live there.



Emerald: The Green Turtle's Tale

by Aleesah Darlinson, Leanne White (Illustrator), 2018 Emerald the Green Turtle hatches from her egg and, with her many sisters, makes her perilous journey to the beckoning sea. An Endangered Species Wildlife Book beautifully illustrated Leanne White.

This book was shortlisted for the 2018 Speech Pathology Book of the Year Awards.



Puggle's Problem

by Aleesah Darlison, Sandra Temple (Illustrator), 2010

Pipp Puggle is a tiny echidna with a big problem. Although he's good at doing lots of things, like hunting ants, curling into a ball, and building terrifically tidy burrows, Pipp's spines simply will not come. Tired of waiting for them to appear, Pip sets out on a quest to make them grow. But he soon learns that some things can't be rushed...

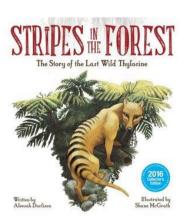


By Aleesah Darlison Illustrated by Sandra Temple

Stripes in the Forest: The Story of the Last Wild Thylacine

by Aleesah Darlison, Shane McGrath (Illustrator), 2016

The story of an iconic species lost. Told from the perspective of the last wild, female thylacine, it provides readers with an insight into the rare beauty and uniqueness of these amazing animals and explains their fight for survival, and provides important lessons for future generations. This powerful and poignant story offers hope for threatened species and shows how, together, we can make a difference.

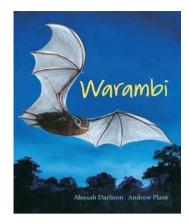




Warambi

by Aleesah Darlison, Andrew Plant (Illustrator), 2013

Based on a real event. When the home of a little bent-wing bat colony is destroyed by a bulldozer, Warambi becomes separated from her mother and the other bats. Lost and alone she finds shelter in an unusual place. Scary sounds are all around her. Will she find her way home?

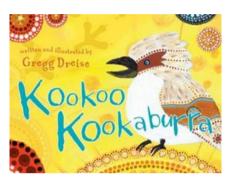


Kookoo Kookaburra

by Gregg Dreise, 2015

'Kindness is like a boomerang - if you throw it often, it comes back often.'

Everyone knows Kookoo has a special gift because he can tell funny stories about the other animals without hurting their feelings but, when he runs out of kind stories, he turns to teasing and making fun of his friends' differences and thereby alienates them all. When he finally listens to the sounds of his own laughter echoing around the bush

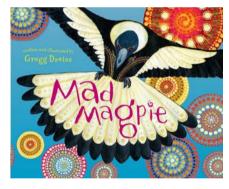


and realises it has become an unhappy sound, he is forced to change his ways. The second heart-warming morality tale - set within the cultural context of the Dreamtime.

Mad Magpie

by Greg Dreise, 2016

The story of Guluu, a magpie who is being teased by a gang of butcher birds which makes him very angry. When he heeds the advice of his Elders and ignores the birds, they just laugh at him. But Guluu tries again and, as he stands proudly at the riverbank and sings so loudly that he cannot hear the birds laughing at him, they eventually

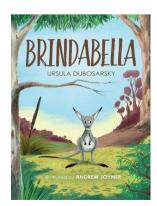


give up and fly away. From then on, the animals learn to use music to create a happy mood and work together to stop bullying. Mad Magpie is the third book in this successful series of morality tales from Gregg Dreise.

Brindabella

by Ursula Dubosarsky, Andrew Joyner (Illustrator), 2018

A boy called Pender meets a kangaroo called Brindabella, and they became friends. Lots of things develop as a result of this unusual friendship. Short listed for CBCA Book of the Year, Younger Readers, 2019

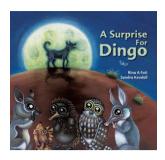




Surprise for Dingo

by Rina Foti, Sandra Kendell (Illustrator), 2016

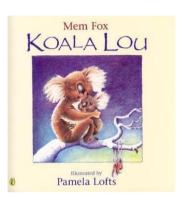
One moon bright night, under a star speckled sky, at the edge of the Great Sandy Desert a dingo howled... Follow the animals of the Great Sandy Desert as they anxiously hide from the dingo. But what will happen when the dingo and the animals come face to face?



Koala Lou

by Mem Fox, Pamela Lofts (Illustrator), 1988

Everyone loved soft, round, cuddly Koala Lou, but her mother loved her most of all and told her so a hundred times a day. As time passed and more little brothers and sisters were born, her mother became too busy to tell Koala Lou that she loved her. Then one day Koala Lou though of a brilliant plan to win back her mother's love and hear again those wonderful words, "Koala Lou, I DO love you!"

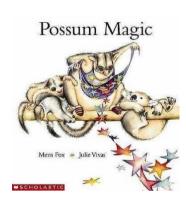


Possum Magic

by Mem Fox, Julie Vivas (Illustrator), 1983/2018

"Once upon a time, but not very long ago, deep in the Australian bush, there lived two possums. Their names were Hush and Grandma Poss. Grandma Poss made bush magic..."

Grandma Poss uses her best bush magic to make Hush invisible. But when Hush longs to be able to see herself again, the two possums must make their way across Australia to find the magic food that will make Hush visible once more.



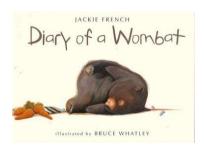
Diary of a Wombat

by Jackie French, Bruce Whatley (Illustrator), 2002

Monday Morning: Slept. Afternoon: Slept. Evening: Ate.

Scratched. Night: Ate. A typical day.

Don't be fooled. This wombat leads a very busy and demanding life. She wrestles unknown creatures, runs her own digging business, and most difficult of all - trains her



humans. Find out how one wombat - between scratching, sleeping and eating - manages to fit the difficult job of training humans into her busy schedule. A delightful and entertaining peek into the life of one very busy wombat!



One, Two, Cockatoo!

by Sarah Garson, 2011

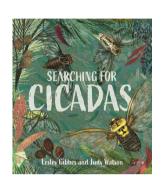
One cockatoo on his own in a tree. Two cockatoos fly over... ...that's three! Small children will love learning to count from one to ten, as they spot the cockatoos in the pages of this gorgeous and beautifully illustrated picture book.



Searching for Cicadas

by Lesley Gibbes, Judy Watson (Illustrator), 2019
Nature Storybook Series

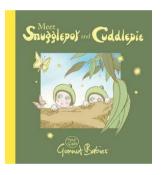
This beautifully illustrated picture book showcases the wonder and beauty of cicadas as well as highlighting the common pastime of cicada-watching and the wonderful relationship between a child and their grandparent. Full of fun and interesting facts about cicadas – perfect for nature lovers and budding wildlife scientists.



Meet Snugglepot and Cuddlepie

by May Gibbs, 2012/2020

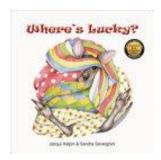
Before dawn, when everyone was still asleep, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie crept out of bed... 'I want to see a human!' said Snugglepot.......' But only in the distance,' added Cuddlepie. Join the gumnut babies as they go on an Australian bush adventure along with Mrs. Kookaburra, Mr. Lizard and Possum.



Where's Lucky?

By Jacqui Halpin, Sandra Severgnini (Illustrator), 2019

Lucky is an orphaned swamp wallaby who has a knack of getting into mischief at the Our Haven Wildlife Shelter run by Theresa and Tony in country Victoria. They care for him and other orphaned joeys until they are ready to be released back into the bush. Whilst recuperating at the centre Lucky always does things differently, hiding in unusual places like the hen house or the washing basket or



just generally making mischief in the house, whilst the others are sleeping, rather than behaving or 'lending a hand'.

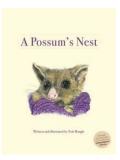
Based on a true story, this is a colourful and informative picture book highlighting both the tragedy of orphaned wildlife due to roadkill and also the cost to, and dedication of, wildlife carers in Australia.



A Possum's Nest

by Toni Hough, 2018

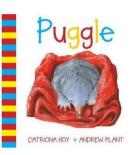
When Lily finds a baby possum on the lawn, she begins a quest to find his home. In her journey through the Australian bush she encounters the nests of many different bush creatures. This whimsical tale is beautifully told and illustrated with charming images of the Australian bush.



Puggle

by Catriona Hoy, Andrew Plant (Illustrator), 2011

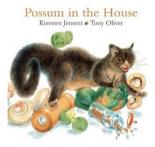
When Puggle the baby echidna is found in his mother's pouch on the side of the road, he is taken to a tall house on a hill to live with lots of other rescued animals who need help to get back into the wild. Little by little, Puggle thrives and grows, until the day comes when he is old enough to look after himself. Based on a true account, Puggle is a heart-warming story full of interesting facts about echidnas.



Possum in the House

by Kiersten Jensent, Tony Oliver (Illustrator), 1986

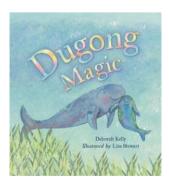
The story of a possum who wreaked havoc in one particular house. This possum leads the family in a frantic chase across the house to the kitchen, bathroom and study after being discovered hiding in the pantry. Although they find him exhausted and asleep on their small boy's bed, the family leaves him to rest. After all, what damage could a sleeping possum do?



Dugong Magic

by Deborah Kelly, Lisa Stewart (Illustrator), 2020

There are not many dugongs left in the world now. They face danger from speeding boats, shark and fishing nets and the destruction of the sea grass beds they need to feed on. But what if humans were made aware of their plight and freed the sea from nets? What if we cleared it of rubbish so that seagrass could flourish again, and dugongs could feed and breed in safety?



A thought-provoking book about these mysterious creatures who were once mistaken for mermaids. The writing brings these animals to life and highlights the dangers they face, and the pastel illustrations capture the beauty of these gentle and endangered creatures.



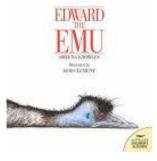
Edward the Emu

by Sheena Knowles, Rod Clement (Illustrator), 1988/2016

'Edward the Emu was sick of the zoo, There was nowhere to go, there was nothing to do, And compared to the seals that lived right next door, Well, being an emu was frankly a bore.'

Edward believes that the people do not enjoy seeing him and that there are other animals which are better than him at the zoo. Each

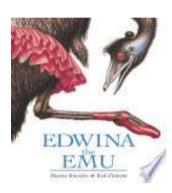
day he tries to mimic a new animal and finds that the people still like another better. Until he finally hears a guest at the zoo say that he likes the emu the best. Excited that he is that guest's favourite he heads back to his exhibit so the people can see the emu at the zoo. Teaching the value of believing in yourself.



Edwina the Emu

by Sheena Knowles, Rod Clement (Illustrator),1996/2012

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!



The wonderful sequel to the bestselling and widely acclaimed Edward the Emu.

Fauna: Australia's Most Curious Creatures

by Tania McCartney, 2019

Did you know that platypus have retractable webbing on their hind feet to enable an easy transition from swimming to digging? That kangaroos can't sweat and that the cassowary has no tongue? In this wonderful book readers are introduced to facts including breeding and feeding habits, physical characteristics, habitat and other unique and quirky features of our much-loved native fauna. It also has a strong conservation message with an 'extinction roll call 'and a rating for the vulnerability of endangered species. Readers young and old will be delighted and informed by Fauna.





Hello, Australia! Series

by Megan McKean, 2018

Join a bunch of cheeky galahs in the latest look-and-find adventure in the Hello...! series. This time we're taking a trip around Australia to discover more about the animals, birds and plants that live here. Along the way, you'll meet some very friendly quokkas, take a ferry to Kangaroo Island, marvel at the Big Things and learn about some places that are sacred to the traditional owners of the land. From sunny Queensland to the ski fields of Victoria, there's so much to see and do around Australia.



Little Bilby's Aussie Easter Egg Hunt by

Yvonne Mes, Jody Pratt (Illustrator), 2020

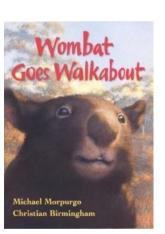
A group of baby bilbies are on an Easter egg hunt. They find all kinds of eggs - a kookaburra's egg, a turtle's egg, a cassowary's egg - before the little bilbies finally find what they've been looking for: Easter eggs to share with all their friends. This colourfully illustrated picture book showcases the diversity of Australia's egg-laying animals.



Wombat Goes Walkabout

by Michael Morpurgo, Christian Birmingham (Illustrator), 1999

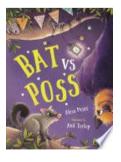
Wombat loves digging deep holes and thinking deep thoughts. One day Wombat digs the deepest hole he's ever dug and crawls into the cool darkness to think. But when he climbs out again, he can't see his mother anywhere. He is all alone. As he wanders through the great outback looking for her, Wombat meets all kinds of wonderful creatures -- Kookaburra, Wallaby, Possum, Emu, Boy and Koala. None of them think very much of him, though. But when a fire sweeps through the bush, it is Wombat's skills which save the day.



Bat vs Poss: A story about sharing and making friends

by Alexa Moses, Anil Tortop (Illustrator), 2019

Told in rhyme, this story about possums and bats sharing the same tree and becoming friends teaches children about learning to share.

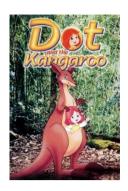




Dot and the Kangaroo

by Ethel Pedley, 1899/2018 Book and Film

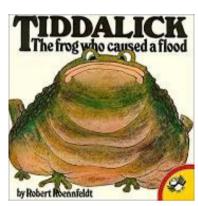
A young girl named Dot is lost in the outback after chasing a hare into the wood and losing sight of her home. She is approached by a red kangaroo who gives her some berries to eat. Upon eating the berries, Dot is able to understand the language of all animals, and she tells the kangaroo her plight. The kangaroo, who has lost her own joey, decides to help little Dot despite her own fear of humans.



Tiddalick the Frog Who Caused a Flood

by Robert Roennfeldt, 1980

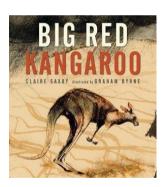
Tiddalick was a huge frog and his thirst was even bigger. He drank up all the billabongs. He drank up all the rivers. He drank up all the lakes. There was not a drop of water in the land. All the other native animals would die of thirst unless they could get the water back from him. They had to come up with a clever plan. An adaptation of an Aboriginal Dreamtime legend



Big Red Kangaroo Nature Storybook Series

by Claire Saxby, Graham Byrne (Illustrator), 2015

In the centre of Australia, the sun is setting over the baked earth, and Red Kangaroo stirs from his rest. It's breakfast time, and Red must lead his mob of kangaroos off to find grasses for grazing. But Red is also on the watch for young male kangaroos who are ready to challenge him and try to take his place as leader. Striking illustrations set the mood for a compelling, fact-filled story of red kangaroos in the wilds of Australia. Includes an author's note and an index.



Dingo Nature Storybook Series

by Claire Saxby, Tanya Harricks (Illustrator), 2018

Can you see her? There deep in the stretching shadows a dingo. Her pointed ears twitch. Her tawny eyes flash in the low-slung sun. Dingo listens. Dusk is a busy time. Dusk is the time for hunting.





Emu Nature Storybook Series

by Claire Saxby, Graham Byrne (Illustrator), 2014

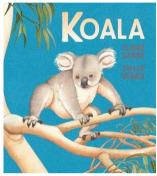
Did you know it's the emu father who protects the chicks? Follow a doting dad as he keeps his brood safe; from when they're granitegreen eggs until they're all grown up. In the open eucalyptus forests of Australia, an emu, as tall as a human, settles down on his nest to warm and protect the eggs left by his mate.



Koala Nature Storybook Series

by Claire Saxby, Julie Vivas (Illustrator), 2017

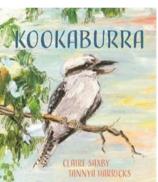
It is time for Little Koala to leave the protection of his mother. But many challenges and dangers lie ahead for him as he searches for his own eucalypt trees and learns to be independent. During his search he encounters other territorial koalas, wanders through a bushfire-ravaged landscape and endures a night of storms.



Kookaburra Nature Storybook Series

by Claire Saxby, Julie Vivas (Illustrator), 2020

In the crinkled shadows night-dwellers yawn, day-creatures stretch and Kookaburra laughs. Kook-kook. Kak-kak-kak. The kookaburra, perhaps Australia's best-loved bird, is shown in all her glory in a stunning and vivid landscape. Follow along as Kookaburra finds food for her young and goes searching for a nest with her mate.

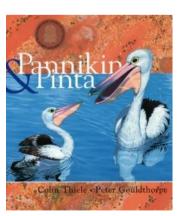


Full of fun and interesting facts about kookaburras - perfect for nature lovers and budding wildlife scientists.

Pannikin & Pinta

by Colin Thiele, Peter Gouldthorpe (Illustrator), 2001

At rare intervals great floods fill the desert basin of Lake Eyre in Central Australia, and for a while wildlife teems along the shore. But the miracle is short-lived. In the fierce summer heat, the lake shrinks, the water turns to brine and the fish die. Birds such as pelicans then face a vast flight across the desert to the southern coast, and many die along the way. This is the story of a pelican



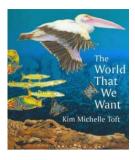
family that sets out on that heroic journey. An award-winning picture book.



The World That We Want

by Kim Michelle Toft, 2005

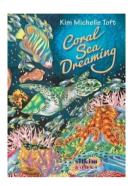
An interactive, environmental picture book illustrating the unique ecosystems of North Queensland. Nine ecosystems are explored bringing to centre stage the rare beauty and fragile environment of this Queensland coastal treasure and its native inhabitants.



Coral Sea Dreaming

by Kim Michelle Toft, 2017

The reef at night comes to life and an array of extraordinary creatures get busy creating a spectacular underwater symphony. Written in rhyme and illustrated with Kim Michelle Toft's hand-painted silks, this book will motivate the child to learn more about this extraordinary but fragile underwater environment.



Once I Heard a Little Wombat

by Renee Treml, 2015

Featuring the cutest little wombat, this book describes all the other different animal friends he hears and sees on his travels. He wants to play but everyone is too busy. Will wombat find someone to play with?

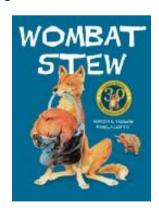
Repetitive rhyming words describe actions and sounds while beautiful illustrations of Australian Animals fill the pages. Simple black and white images stand out on a background of soothing colours with interesting details. Each page is designed to explore and find clever little details, turning a book into a game.



Wombat Stew

by Marcia Vaughan, Pamela Lofts (Illustrator), 1984/2014

One day, on the banks of a billabong, a very clever dingo caught a wombat ... and decided to make... Wombat stew, Gooey, brewy, Yummy, chewy, Wombat stew! But all the other bush animals have a plan to save their friend. They trick the dingo into using mud, feathers, flies, bugs and gumnuts in his stew, and the result is something the dingo will never forget!

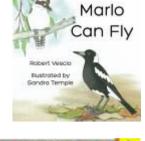




Marlo Can Flv

by Robert Vescio, Sandra Temple (Illustrator), 2013

Just because you can, doesn't mean you need to or should. Everyone expects Marlo to fly, but she would rather slither like a snake, hop like a kangaroo and swim like a crocodile. But, when someone needs her help, can she rise to the challenge? An engaging children's book, featuring Australian animals, that encourages children to explore and find their place in the world. BERKELEYS CREEK



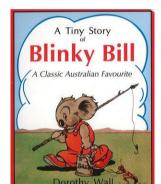
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The Bunvip of Berkeley's Creek

by Jenny Wagner, Ron Brooks (Illustrator), 1975

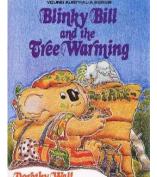
One night, something very large and muddy heaved itself on to the bank of Berkley's Creek. 'What am I?' it murmured. 'What do I look like?' A platypus told him he was a bunyip. But what is a bunyip? Although everyone had an opinion, no one really knew. So, the bunyip set off to find out for himself.



A Tiny Story of Blinky Bill

by Dorothy Wall, 2020

Introduce your children to the loveable Australian icon, Blinky Bill. Re-worked for a young audience, follow Blinky and his friends, Splodge the Kangaroo and Wally the Wombat, on their night-time fishing adventure in Farmer Brown's boat. One of the best-loved Australian children's book characters of all time, this mischievous koala has continued to delight readers of all ages.



Blinky Bill and the Tree Warming

by Dorothy Wall, Stephen Axelsen (Illustrator), 1988

Home again after a year of traveling, Blinky Bill and Mrs. Koala take in an orphaned koala named Nutsy and throw an eventful tree warming party.

Platypus

by Sue Whiting, Mark Jackson (Illustrator), 2017 **Nature Storybook Series**

This fantastic title is about one of Australia's most puzzling and unique animals - the platypus. Platypus leaves his burrow in the riverbank and dives into the cool green pool. It is dusk and he is hungry. Platypus is always busy, always moving, looking for his next meal. Follow platypus as he plays, swims, dives and scurries around his riverbank home.

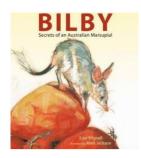




Bilby: Secrets of an Australian Marsupial

by Edel Wignell, Mark Jackson (Illustrator), 2015

Everyone has heard of kangaroos and koalas. Now meet the bilby, an endangered Australian marsupial with silky fur, long ears, and bright eyes. In the hostile Australian desert, a mother bilby gives birth to a baby. Nestled in a burrow deep underground, she cares for her little



one. Soon he must grow up and learn to survive in a harsh environment. Nature-loving readers can follow the story of this elusive marsupial, learning its secrets even as it burrows out of sight.

Clancy the Quokka

by Lili Wilkinson, Alison Mutton (Illustrator), 2019

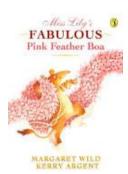
'Here's Clancy the quokka. So friendly and charming. His innocent face is entirely disarming.'

Clancy the Quokka is super cute, but also has a super cheeky habit of raiding picnic food, so when he spots a magnificent birthday cake, how can he resist? After the mayhem he creates, will Clancy learn his lesson? A funny and thoroughly entertaining picture book featuring one of Australia's most loved animals.



by Margaret Wild, Kerry Argent (Illustrator), 1999

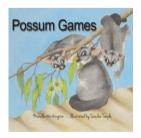
Miss Lily's fabulous pink feather boa is the most wonderful thing the Last Potoroo has ever seen. When Miss Lily dances the tango, the Last Potoroo can't take her eyes off it. And when she wraps it around herself, she feels, for the first time in her life, that she can do anything - and everything! Something so fabulous just has to be magic . . .



Possum Games

by Michelle Worthington, Sandra Temple (Illustrator), 2014

Riley is the smallest and youngest of a family of possums who spend their evenings playing Possum Games such as fence jumping, making loud noises on the roof, Mango shotput, roof sliding and watermelon volleyball. The only problem is that Riley isn't very good at any of the games and never wins trophies like the other members of the family. Then one night, the humans come out of the house to see what's going on and Riley discovers a sport he's good at.



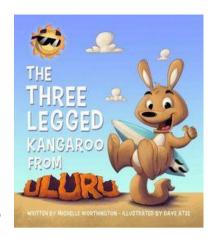
Lilting language and delightful illustrations wrap themselves invitingly around a story about tenacity and finding your perfect fit.



Three-Legged Kangaroo from Uluru

by Michelle Worthington, Dave Atze (Illustrator), 2017

The Three-Legged Kangaroo from Uluru leaves behind everything he has ever known about friendship to test his bravery and discover that belonging to a family is about celebrating what makes us unique, not about fitting in. From the rock to the blue waves, a kangaroo can do amazing things, as long as he believes in himself. This plucky little kangaroo from Uluru is a new Aussie hero who will help children celebrate what makes them special.



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