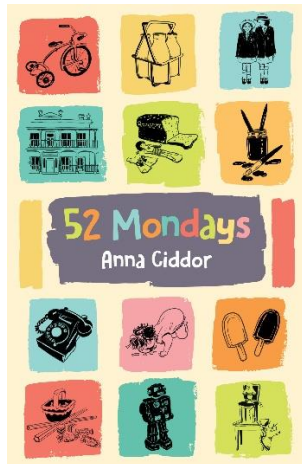


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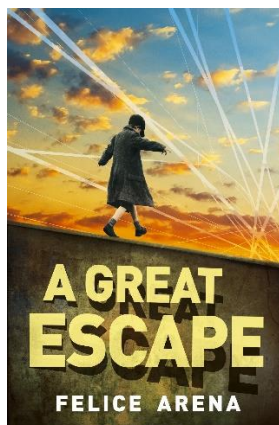
Mostly middle grade titles from the

2021 Book Links Children's Historical Fiction Award Longlist



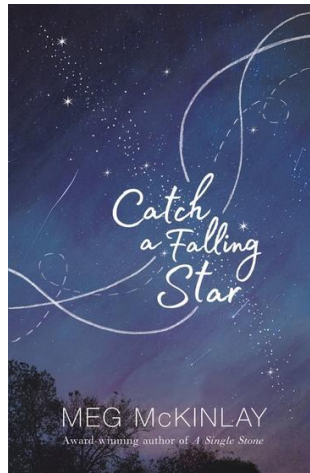
52 Mondays
by Anna Ciddor, Allen & Unwin 2019

A sensitive account, told through a nostalgic lens, of a girl's warm family childhood in 1960s Australia.



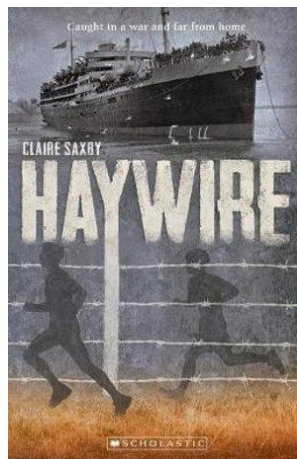
A Great Escape
by Felice Arena, Puffin Books, 2019

The tension between East and West during the Cold War provides a background for thrilling scenes of an adventurous escape.



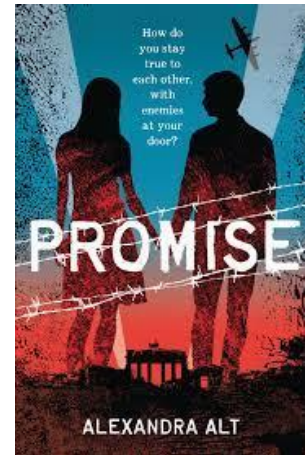
Catch a Falling Star
by Meg McKinlay, Walker Books 2019

An original fascinating historical context for a deftly handled coming of age story.



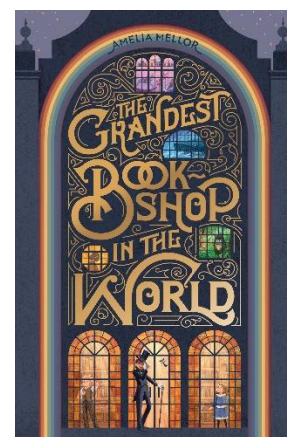
Haywire
by Claire Saxby, Omnibus Books 2020

A moving story of two boys, Tom and Max, dealing with the trauma and havoc WWII and internment camps bring to their lives.



Promise
by Alexandra Alt, Omnibus Books 2019

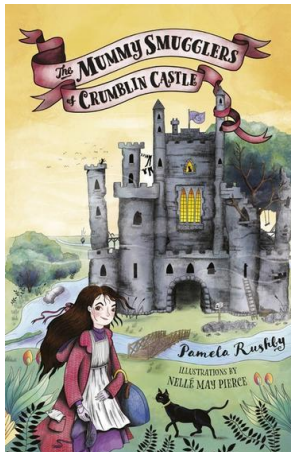
Two German teenagers' lives are altered forever when caught up in the chaos created by Hitler's attempts to make Germany rule the world. **YA**



The Grandest Bookshop in the World
by Amelia Mellor, Affirm Press Kids 2020

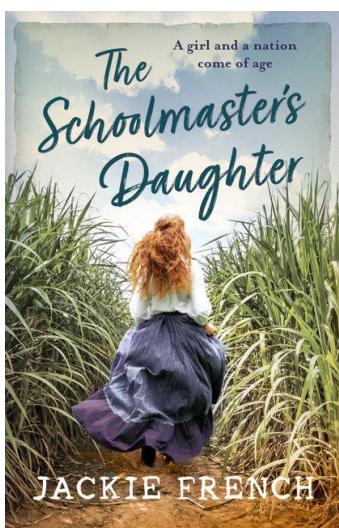
In the fantastical Cole's Book Arcade, the Cole bring to their lives.

children are caught in a deadly game trying to save their father, the memory of their little sister and the Arcade they love.



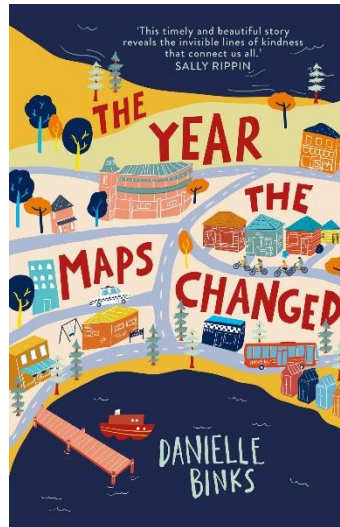
[The Mummy Smugglers of Crumblin Castle](#)
 by Pamela Rushby & Nellé May Pierce, Walker Books 2020

Hattie is caught up in the adventures of her eccentric relatives as they hunt for mummies in Egypt during Victoria's reign.



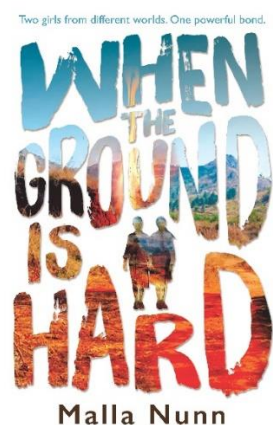
[The Schoolmaster's Daughter](#)
 by Jackie French, Angus & Robertson 2020

A skilful focus on education as a vehicle to convey the injustice meted out to South Sea Islanders and women in days gone by.



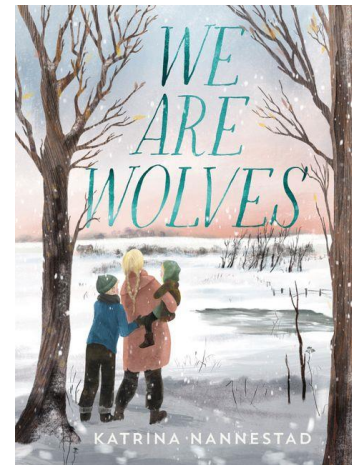
[The Year the Maps Changed](#)
 by Danielle Binks, Lothian Children Books 2019

Powerful use of map metaphors in a compelling coming of age tale.



[When the Ground is Hard](#)
 by Malla Nunn, Allen & Unwin 2019

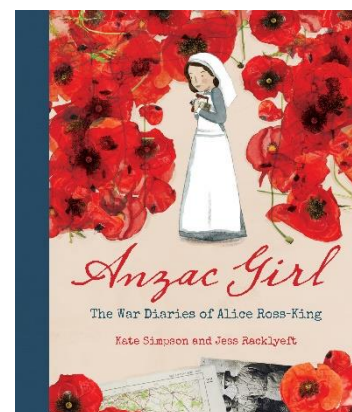
A fascinating and moving account of how Adele comes of age in Swaziland in 1965.



[We Are Wolves](#)
 By Katrina Nannestad, HarperCollins 2020

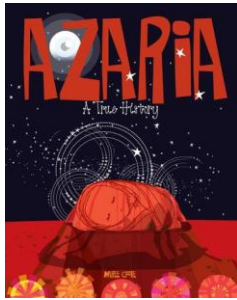
Three children find themselves in an epic struggle for survival, alone in East Prussia in the dying days of WWII.

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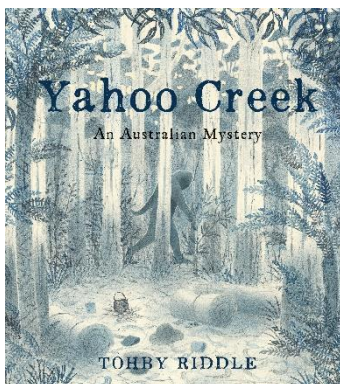
[Anzac Girl: The War Diaries of Alice Ross-King](#)
 By Kate Simpson & Jess Racklyeft, Allen & Unwin 2020

Beautifully presented and richly detailed diary of a young girl who becomes a nurse in WWI, using letters in clever, restrained, and compassionate storytelling.



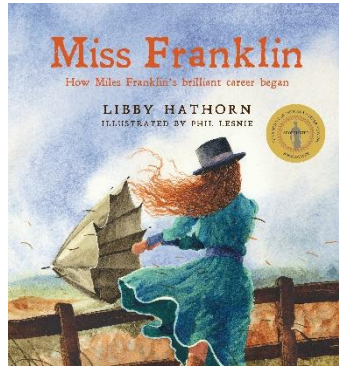
[Azaria: A True History](#)
 by Maree Coote,
 Melbournestyle Books
 2020

A remarkably crafted retelling of the loss of baby Azaria Chamberlain and what can happen when fiction becomes more important than fact.



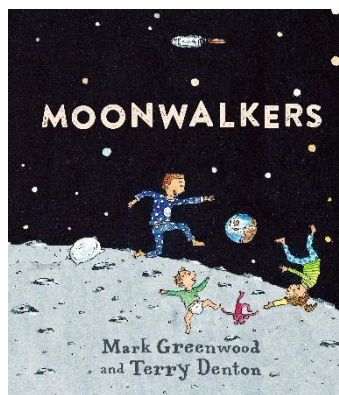
[Yahoo Creek](#)
 by Tohby Riddle, Allen &
 Unwin 2019

A creative curation of real-life newspaper articles to convey the persistence of the Yahoo myth in Australian culture.



[Miss Franklin](#)
 by Libby Hathorn & Phil
 Leslie, Lothian Children's
 Books 2019

An inventive approach to biography, creating a fictional protagonist who inspires the subject.



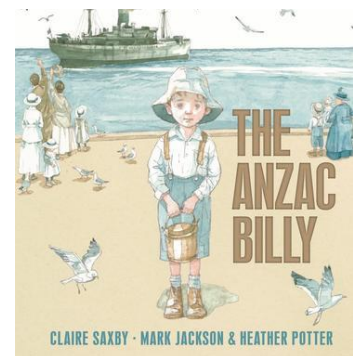
[Moonwalkers](#)
 by Mark Greenwood &
 Terry Denton, Puffin Books
 2019

A look at family life as three children follow the 1969 launch of Apollo 11 and the moon landing.



[One Careless Night](#)
 by Christina Booth, Walker
 Books 2019

A moving and poetic vision of the last night on Earth of the last thylacine.



[The Anzac Billy](#)
 by Claire Saxby, Mark
 Jackson & Heather Potter,
 Black Dog Books 2019

A small but poignant story about the things a young child chooses to put into a billy can, in the hope that it will reach his soldier father in time for Christmas.

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