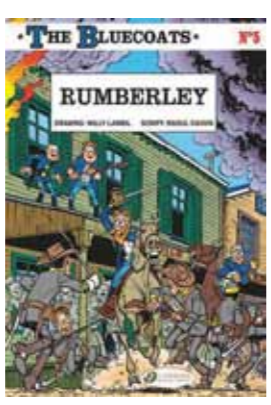


Comics & Graphic Novels



A Wrinkle in Time
by Hope Larson

The world already knows Meg and Charles Wallace Murry, Calvin O'Keefe, and the three Mrs - Who, Whatsit, and Which - the memorable and wonderful characters who fight off a dark force and save our universe in the Newbery award-winning classic A Wrinkle in Time.



Rumberley
by Raoul Cauvin

After an even bloodier battle than usual, the Union army is out of men. But so are the Rebels, and General Alexander decides to retreat and come back with reinforcements quickly before the enemy can do the same. To move faster, he leaves his wounded, including Stark and Chesterfield - behind in the nearby town of Rumberley, in the care of its inhabitants Corporal and Blutch.



Chickenhare
by Chris Grine

Chickenhare: half chicken, half rabbit, 100% hero! What's a chickenhare? A cross between a chicken and a rabbit, of course. And that makes Chickenhare the rarest animal around! So when he and his turtle friend Abe are captured and sold to the evil taxidermist Klaus, they've got to find a way to escape before Klaus turns them into stuffed animals. With the help of two other strange creatures, Banjo and Meg, they might even get away. But with Klaus and his thugs hot on their trail, the adventure is only just beginning for this unlikely quartet of friends.

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New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards

Children's Fiction Finalists



Picture Book Finalists





Children's Non-Fiction Finalists



Funky Recycled Bottle Penguins

What You Need:
Water bottle
Cotton balls
Felt
Foam
Googly Eyes
Feathers ,buttons, sequins, pom poms or whatever you have handy
Black tape
Craft glue

Make it:
1. Stuff the water bottles with cotton balls.
2. Cap the filled bottle.
Other options: Snow men or Frost Giants

Monster Mess
by Lewis Trondheim

Peter and Jean are two kids who discover they can do something impossible - when they draw a monster on paper, it comes to life! First they create a monster named Oko, who jumps off the page and proceeds to make one huge monster mess! There can be only one solution: draw a good monster. That's where Kriss comes in. With three legs, four arms and ten mouths, can he defeat Oko? Things can only get a whole lot messier!

Jokes Galore

Q. Why do sea-gulls fly over the sea?
A. Because if they flew over the bay they would be bagels!

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A. Frostbite.

Q. What do prisoners use to call each other?
A. Cell phones.

Q. What do you get from a pampered cow?
A. Spoiled milk.

Q. How do you make a tissue dance?
A. Put a little boogey in it!

Q. Why don't skeletons fight each other?
A. They don't have the guts.

Q. What did the water say to the boat?
A. Nothing, it just waved.

Q. What did the judge say when the skunk walked in the court room?
A. Odour in the court.

Q. Where do bees go to the bathroom?
A. At the BP station

Q. What dog keeps the best time?
A. A watch dog.

Morris Gleitzman's Felix and Zelda series

Felix lives in Poland in 1942, and reading is his survival mechanism. Now almost 10, he was sent to a Catholic orphanage three years and eight months earlier by his Jewish bookstore-owning parents, and he's convinced himself that the sole reason he remains in hiding is because Nazis hate books. He's a natural storyteller, and when he finds a full carrot in what is typically a woefully thin bowl of soup, he fantasizes that it's a sign from his parents that they're finally on their way to take him home. When the orphanage is visited by surly Nazis instead of joyous parents, Felix escapes with only his cherished notebook full of his stories into the nearby countryside, still hoping for a family reunion. He soon discovers a burning home with two slain adults in the yard and their young daughter bruised but still alive. He takes Zelda on his journey, shielding her from the reality of her parents' deaths in much the same way he's been comforting himself, by inventing alternative realities. But, as he encounters the escalating ugliness of the death marches that are emptying his old neighbourhood, now a ghetto, Felix becomes increasingly conflicted about the need to imagine a hopeful order and the need to confront brutal reality head-on.

An easy first-person narrative in terms of reading level-and a good choice as a read-aloud-this Holocaust story also taps gut-punching power by contrasting the way in which children would like to imagine their world with the tragic way that life sometimes unfolds.-Jeffrey Hastings, Highlander Way Middle School, Howell, MI (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.



100 Amazing Tales from Aotearoa

Go behind the scenes at Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand and discover more than 100 treasured items from the Museum collection. 100 Amazing Tales from Aotearoa gives readers a special look at some of the surprising, wonderful, and significant pieces that Te Papa stores in trust for the nation. Learn the secrets of one of the first dinosaur fossils ever discovered, see new spider species, be inspired by famous paintings and quirky jewellery, encounter fearsome weapons from the Pacific, and uncover deep and personal stories of Maori taonga (treasures). The book is based on the popular TV mini-documentaries Tales from Te Papa, and includes a DVD of the complete series - with a bonus 20 episodes.



NEW BOOKS!



Fearless by Cornelia Funke
After saving his brother, Jacob Reckless faces death from the fairy's curse burning in his heart. In search of a cure he returns to the Mirrorworld where he is reunited with Fox, a beautiful shape-shifting girl. He has one more chance: a golden crossbow, with the power to both save and destroy life, buried in a dead king's tomb beneath an invisible palace. Jacob must cross continents, face monsters and men-including a dangerous rival-and learn what it means to stay alive.



The Cats of Tanglewood Forest by Charles DeLint
In this whimsical, original folktale written and illustrated throughout in vibrant full colour by two celebrated masters of modern fantasy, a young girl's journey becomes an enchanting coming-of-age story about magic, friendship, and the courage to shape one's own destiny. Lillian Kindred spends her days exploring the Tanglewood Forest, a magical, rolling wilderness that she imagines to be full of fairies. The trouble is, Lillian has never seen a wisp of magic in her hills--until the day the cats of the forest save her life by transforming her into a kitten.



Rump
The true story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff
In a magical kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's joke. But when he finds an old spinning wheel, his luck seems to change. Rump discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold. His best friend, Red Riding Hood, warns him that magic is dangerous, and she's right. With each thread he spins, he weaves himself deeper into a curse. To break the spell, Rump must go on a perilous quest, fighting off pixies, trolls, poison apples, and a wickedly foolish queen.



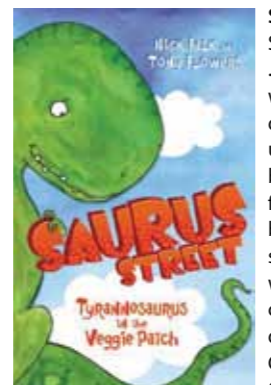
Loki's Wolves by Blackwell Pages
In Viking times, Norse myths predicted the end of the world, an event called Ragnarök that only the gods can stop. When this apocalypse happens, the gods must battle the monsters - wolves the size of the sun, serpents that span the seabeds - all bent on destroying the world. But the gods died a long time ago. Matt Thorsen knows every Norse myth, saga and god as if it was family history - because it is family history. Most people in the modern-day town of Black-



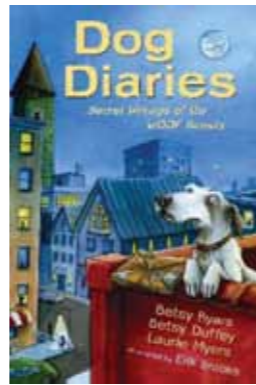
Pea's book of Big Dreams by Susie Day
Eleven-year-old Pea and her wonderfully wacky family are back for their second adventure in this fabulously funny series. After securing herself a best friend and settling into London life, Pea is now contemplating her future and what exactly she should be when she grows up. Should she be a writer (like Mum)? An artist (like their crazy new au pair Klaudia)? A footballer? A pet therapist? Join Pea as she attempts to find out the answers - with hilarious results!



Cup Magic by Susan Battye
As we gear up for another America's Cup challenge, children will relish reading about Team NZ's first win. Mike Lucas wants to know why he's being sent to live with his grandparents. There's some big secret that no one's telling him. At least Poppa is teaching him and his mate Hone to sail. But then Mike learns the reason for the secrecy: his parents are working with the Team New Zealand boat builders for the 1995 America's Cup challenge. And then he finds out that the whole family is going to San Diego! Everyone is wearing their lucky red socks and excitement is feverish ... can Black Magic bring home the Cup?



Saurus Street by Nick Falk
Saurus St is just like any other street ... except for the dinosaurs. When Jack wishes for his own Tyrannosaurus, he doesn't expect a real live one to turn up in the veggie patch. It's pretty cool, but there's no way he can keep it. It's far too big to hide in the shed, and it's bound to eat one of the neighbours sooner or later. With the help of local whizz kid Toby, Jack builds a time machine and sends the T-rex back to the dinosaur era. But when Toby, Jack and Charlie the dog get sent back to the Cretaceous period too, there's more than one troublesome Tyrannosaurus to deal with.



Dog Diaries by Betsy Byars
What do dogs really think about their two-legged companions? It is the first annual meeting of the WOOF Society. Dogs of different backgrounds and breeds have gathered to hear the secret diaries of its members. Abu is the ruler of ancient Egypt, but Miu, the Royal Cat, constantly irritates him - except at night.



Lulu and the Hamster in the night by Hilary McKay
When Lulu goes for a sleep-over at her nan's house, she isn't supposed to take her new hamster. But how can she leave him behind?



Infinity Ring by Matt De La Pena
Sera has a secret. She's seen the future and it is more frightful than she ever imagined. The seas boil. The sun burns red. The earth trembles. And now, she and her friends, Dak and Riq, find themselves stranded thousands of years in the past where they can do nothing to prevent the coming cataclysm. Their only hope lies within the ancient Maya.



Extreme Comparisons
From insects to elephants, bicycles to rockets, the extremes of weather, the natural world and space, the book shows how they compare to each other in a variety of ways

Life spans--A creature's life span is the typical length of time it lives. Life spans in the animal kingdom vary greatly, from just a few days to 150 years. The average human life span in 2012 for New Zealanders was 83 years for women and 79.3 years for men.



Mayfly: 1 day - 2 weeks
Adult mayflies do not eat, so most live for just one day, although some live as long as two weeks.



Elephant: 70 years
Elephants have a life span of about 70 years. Their life span depends on their teeth. The teeth move from the back of the mouth to the front as they wear down. Then the worn-down teeth fall out. When the last tooth falls out, an elephant cannot feed any longer and dies.



Giant Tortoise: 150 years
The giant tortoise has the longest life span of any land animal. They can live for up to 150 years. Some have lived even longer than this. The oldest lived to be 188.

Current Top 10 Authors

- Geronimo Stilton
- Enid Blyton
- Jacqueline Wilson
- Jeff Kinney
- Michael Morpurgo
- Dave Pilkey
- Andy Griffiths
- Roald Dahl
- H. I. Larry
- Linda Chapman



Scary Fairy Tales: The ogre of Rashomon and other stories by Vic Parker



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These stories are fiendishly frightening to thrill, chill and thoroughly entertain young readers.

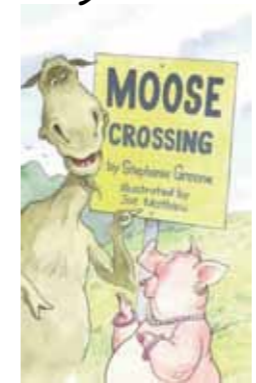
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Children's Younger Fiction

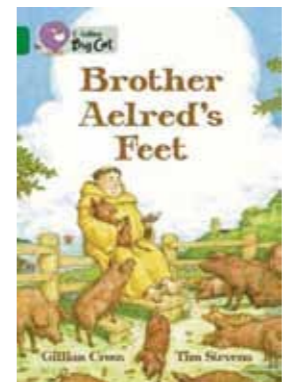
Moose and Hildy Series



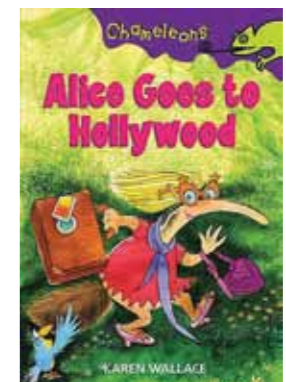
Moose's BIG idea by Stephanie Greene
Moose, who is good at drawing and making doughnuts, is upset when he loses his antlers, but his encounters with a hunter help them both gain self-respect.



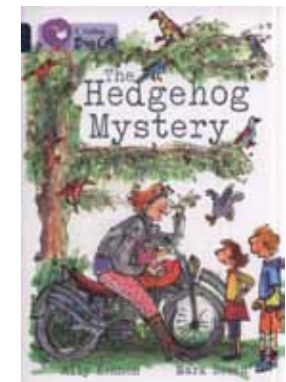
Moose Crossing by Stephanie Greene
Moose is excited when the sign "MOOSE CROSSING" is put up, but he finds that tourists and fans can be exhausting.



Brother Aelred's Feet by Cross, Gillian
Brother Aelred has remarkably smelly feet. To spare the other monks' noses, he is given the job of tending to the pigs. However, when Viking raiders arrive to attack, loot and pillage the Brothers' monastery, it is Brother Aelred, the humblest, gentlest monk, who saves the day.



Alice goes to Hollywood by Karen Wallace
Alice is an anteater who lives in the jungle and eats ants - as anteaters do. But one day Alice decides what she really wants to be is a film star. So she paints her toenails pink, dresses up in a frilly satin dress, and catches the first plane to Hollywood.



The Hedgehog Mystery by Ally Kennen
No one has a gran like Ellie and Morris. Gran has red hair, a leather jacket, and she's part of a motorbike gang. When Gran's lodger disappears with her motorbike, Ellie and Morris decide to take matters into their own hands.