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We publish a broad range of non-fiction books with a select and successful list of fiction. Our aim is to influence by delight, based on a strong belief that the books we read shape the people we want to be.

As well as being one of Australia’s fastest-growing publishers, we like to think we’re the most optimistic. We see opportunities in the changing publishing industry and distinguish ourselves through editorial commitment and a focus on sales and marketing to connect with readers.

2018 was a breakout year for Affirm Press, and was capped by Christian White’s novel, *The Nowhere Child*, becoming the fastest-selling Australian debut ever, and Gwyn Perkins’ *A Walk in the Bush* winning the CBCA’s Picture Book of the Year.

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BLACK SNAKE

By Leo Kennedy with Mic Looby

Author Leo Kennedy is the great-grandson of Sergeant Michael Kennedy. Raised in the shadow of his great-grandfather’s murder, Leo witnessed the deep psychological wounds inflicted on successive generations of his family – and the families of other victims – as the Ned Kelly myth grew around them and the sacrifice of their loved ones was forgotten. Leo himself was nicknamed ‘Red Ned’ at school and taunted for being on the wrong side of Australian history.

For the first time, and in brilliant prose that brings these historical episodes to life, Black Snake challenges the legend of Ned Kelly. Instead of celebrating an heroic man of the people, it gives voice to the victims of a merciless gang of outlaws. This is a captivating true story, gleaned from meticulous research and family history, of two men from similar backgrounds whose legacies were distorted by history.

GUINEA PIG IN WHITE WINE SAUCE

By Alan Rochford

Alan Rochford was living the dream when he started Stone Cottage, an idyllic French restaurant nestled in the Adelaide Hills. He had everything going for him apart from experience, money, and the first idea about what he was doing. After two years and one divorce, he began to see the funny side, fed on an endless diet of characters and occurrences so crazy that you couldn’t make them up. Australia’s answer to Basil Fawlty, Alan serves up a degustation of lip-smacking anecdotes, from his side-line in snail trading across the French countryside, to the time two customers got a touch too ‘intimate’ in the middle of his dining room.

Guinea Pig in White Wine Sauce is the tale of one man trying to keep his head in the certifiably insane world of fine dining.
MAD DOGS AND THUNDERBOLTS

By Ben Pobjie

Ned Kelly’s tin helmet looms large over Australia’s bushranging past, but what about all the unsung outlaws of the Australian bush? What about Black Caesar, who escaped his tyrannous British overlords four times and indeed invented the great Australian tradition of bushranging? Or Mad Dog Morgan who set out to write his name in blood on history’s ledger, the dynamic Captain Thunderbolt and his loyal wife Mary Ann Bugg, bushranging’s greatest queen, and Matthew Brady, the gentleman bushranger, who showed us all the civilized side of armed robbery?

In Mad Dogs and Thunderbolts Ben Pobjie celebrates the derring-do and revolutionary passion of all the wild colonial boys and girls who raided our towns and stole our hearts, all while wearing sensible headgear.

Also in the series:

BORDER’S BATTLERS

By Michael Sexton

It’s the 1986 tour of India, and Australian cricket is reeling from the loss of key players to retirement and rebel tours. Few give Australia a chance against a surging India, and even Allan Border doubts his ability to lead this team. What follows is one of the most titanic struggles in cricket history.

In Border’s Battlers, Michael Sexton details the momentous occasion when Australia drew a line in the dust of Madras, and drew inspiration from the fight. The team returned to Madras the next year to launch a winning World Cup campaign as rank outsiders and the seeds of a new golden age of Australian cricket were sown.
THE MILLIONAIRE CASTAWAY

THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF HOW I LOST MY FORTUNE BUT FOUND NEW RICHES LIVING ON A DESERTED ISLAND

By Dave Glasheen with Neil Bramwell

Losing his fortune in the stock market crash of 1987 was the final straw for Dave Glasheen. After a series of catastrophes, he needed to take drastic measures to restore himself. Opting out of the rat race, he cast himself away to a deserted island off the north-east tip of Australia, as far off the grid as was humanly possible. He has lived there ever since.

One annual supermarket shop, a sketchy internet connection, and enough ingredients for a home brew satisfy all of Dave’s material needs. He catches fish, traps rainwater and cooks on an open fire. For company he tames dingoes, meets with friends from the Aboriginal community 40 kilometres away, and entertains drop-ins such as Russell Crowe sailing past on his honeymoon or the chairman of McDonald’s on a game-fishing trip. Then there’s his running feud with Boxhead, an antisocial saltwater crocodile who just won’t leave him in peace.

Between heartbreak and hair-raising adventures, Dave has found happiness on Restoration Island and dreams of creating a retreat to promote the profound healing that saved his life. Brimming with humour, eccentricity and hard-earned wisdom, The Millionaire Castaway is the feel-good autobiography of the year.
Opinion is still sharply divided on whether Breaker Morant and his Australian co-defendants were criminals who got what they deserved, or scapegoats used by the British Empire. Major Thomas, the bush lawyer drafted in at the last minute to defend them, is invariably depicted either as a hero or an incompetent fool. Now, for the first time, Greg Growden attempts to unravel the truth about the lawyer and soldier who returned from South Africa a broken man.

Before the Boer War, Major Thomas had been a pillar of his community. He was a published poet, newspaper proprietor, lawyer and decorated soldier, but defending Breaker Morant became the defining episode of his life. The former ‘King of Tenterfield’ endured a stunning fall from grace, slipping into bankruptcy and imprisonment. Thomas ended his days as an eccentric recluse, his life ruined by the ignominy and frustration of finding himself on the wrong side of history.

For more than a century Major Thomas has been a footnote in diverging historical arguments. A proper hearing is long overdue.

What would move you to ditch your life and take off into the wild for six months? For Melbourne woman Laura Waters, it took the implosion of a toxic relationship and a crippling bout of anxiety. Armed with a compass, a paper map and as much food as she could carry, she set out to walk the untamed landscapes of New Zealand’s Te Araroa track, 3000 kilometres of raw, wild, mountainous trail winding from the top of the North Island to the frosty tip of the South Island.

But when her walking partner dropped out on the first day, she was faced with a choice: abandon the journey and retreat to the safety of home, or throw caution to the wind and continue on – alone. She chose to walk on.

For six months, she battled not only treacherous mountain ridges and river crossings, but also the demons of self-doubt and anxiety, and the shadow of an emotionally abusive relationship. At the end of Te Araroa (the long pathway, as it is translated from Maori) it was the hard earned insights into mental health, emotional wellbeing and fulfilling relationships – with others as well as with herself – that were Laura’s greatest accomplishments. She emerged ‘rewilded’, and it transformed her life.
Blackmail, police raids, hidden fortunes, death threats and a billion dollar offshore trust. This is the thrilling, stranger-than-fiction story of Craig Wright, the Australian who controversially claims to be the real Satoshi Nakamoto, the elusive inventor of Bitcoin and the underpinning technology that is proving as disruptive as the web was 25 years ago. *Behind the Mask* spans continents and features a cast of characters ranging from a libertarian femme fatale to a fugitive Canadian gambling tycoon. It follows Wright from his humble beginnings in dirt-poor Queensland to besuited guru trying to recover his reputation and control over the cryptocurrency stage, squaring up to multiple enemies.

Painstakingly researched by two international journalists, *Behind the Mask* is the secret history of Bitcoin, which, it turns out, is as much about betrayal and human weakness as it is about a world-changing technology.
75 MUST-SEE PLACES TO TAKE THE KIDS
(BEFORE THEY DON’T WANT TO GO)
By Robin Esrock

Renowned international travel writer Robin Esrock has scoured the planet in search of bucket-list-worthy experiences, infusing his adventures with humour, quirky facts, intimate photography and worldly insights. He’s swum with piranhas and bungeed off TV towers, but nothing could prepare him for travelling across Australia with his two young kids. His advice is simple: DON’T DO IT!

But, if you can’t resist the thought of inspiring your family with the adventures of a lifetime, be sure to read these rousing, honest and hilarious stories first. From handfeeding giant bluefin tuna to chasing quokkas, swimming in remote waterfalls to zip-lining through ancient forests, Robin explores incredible destinations your kids will never forget. Along with practical, funny and brutally honest advice, this is the perfect book to inspire curious parents to tackle the very best of Australia.

BROCK AT BATHURST
By Bev Brock, co-drivers and team members who shared the journey with Peter Brock

No driver is as connected to a track as the legendary Peter Brock is to Bathurst. October 2019 marks half a century since a shy and bearded Brock first took on the turns of Mount Panorama, the track he was destined to dominate with a record nine wins, earning him the mantle ‘King of the Mountain’.

That uncanny relationship between driver and track is the focus of this book, a 360-degree look at every race of Brock’s glorious Bathurst career. Relive Peter Perfect’s reign over the Mountain in the company of Bev Brock, his partner of nearly three decades, as well as mechanics, teammates, rivals and friends, who witnessed his genius up close. Featuring hundreds of images, including previously unseen photographs from Brock’s private collection, Brock at Bathurst is a nostalgic and exhilarating celebration of an iconic pairing in Australian sport.
THE WIFE AND THE WIDOW

By Christian White

Set against the backdrop of an eerie island town in the dead of winter, The Wife and the Widow is a mystery/thriller told from two perspectives: Kate, a widow whose grief is compounded by what she learns about her dead husband’s secret life; and Abby, an island local whose world is turned upside down when she’s forced to confront the evidence that her husband is a murderer. But nothing on this island is quite as it seems, and only when these women come together can they discover the whole story about the men in their lives.

Brilliant and beguiling, The Wife and the Widow takes you to a cliff edge and asks the question: how well do we really know the people we love?

Also by this author:

‘A nervy, soulful, genuinely surprising thriller.’ – AJ Finn

‘Hugely entertaining ... a multifaceted, unsettling debut.’ – The Age

‘[An] outstanding debut. Thriller fans will want to savour every crumb of evidence and catch every clue. White is definitely a writer to watch.’

– Publishers Weekly (USA), starred review
RIVER SONG

FISHING IN THE WILDS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

By Mark Cloutier

Every fisherman has a special stretch of water, where the fish are always plentiful and the memories flow. *River Song* revels in each of celebrated fishing writer Mark Cloutier’s special locations, discovered over four decades fishing the mountain streams and lakes of Australia and New Zealand. Each tale conjures the romance of days spent chasing the perfect catch, and the insight that only quiet hours spent in the wild can bring.

With gorgeous black-and-white photography from Mark’s adventures, *River Song* is a loving ode to fishing’s power to soothe the soul, and the perfect gift for anglers and nature lovers alike.

SHARKS: A HISTORY OF FEAR

By Callum Denness

For as long as people have lived in Australia, the shark has loomed large in our fears. From the Noongar people of Western Australia who stayed out of the water for fear of being taken, to media hysteria about attacks and even sightings today, sharks occupy the dark recesses of our national psyche unlike any other predator. They challenge the very sense of ourselves as Australians, a people who hug the coastline and love the freedom of the surf. And the dispute between whether to kill or protect sharks cuts to the political core of our nation, yet another divide between the right and the left.

Journalist Callum Denness deep dives into the history of our relationship with sharks, and circles our fear by talking to activists, marine biologists, politicians, surfers, survivors and those who’ve lost loved ones. Compelling and challenging, this is the clearest picture yet of whether or not we can coexist with sharks. Don’t get back into the water until you read *Sharks: A History of Fear*. 
THE BEE AND THE ORANGE TREE

By Melissa Ashley

It's 1699, and the salons of Paris are bursting with the creative energy of fierce, independent-minded women. But outside those doors, the patriarchal forces of Louis XIV and the Catholic Church are moving to curb their freedoms. In this battle for equality, Baroness Marie Catherine D’Aulnoy invents a powerful weapon: 'fairy tales'.

When Marie Catherine's daughter, Angelina, arrives in Paris for the first time, she is swept up in the glamour and sensuality of the city, where a woman may live outside the confines of the church or marriage. But this is a fragile freedom, as she discovers when Marie Catherine's close friend Nicola Tiquet is arrested, accused of conspiring to murder her abusive husband. In the race to rescue Nicola, illusions will be shattered and dark secrets revealed as all three women learn how far they will go to preserve their liberty in a society determined to control them.

This keenly-awaited second book from Melissa Ashley, author of The Birdman's Wife, restores another remarkable, little-known woman to her rightful place in history, revealing the dissent hidden beneath the whimsical surfaces of Marie Catherine's fairy tales. The Bee and the Orange Tree is a beautifully lyrical and deeply absorbing portrait of a time, a place, and the subversive power of the imagination.

Also by this author:

‘The Birdman’s Wife is a fascinating story that is long overdue.’
– The Herald Sun
THE LOST BOYS
THE UNTOLD STORIES OF THE UNDERAGE ANZAC SOLDIERS WHO LIED ABOUT THEIR AGE TO FIGHT IN WWI

By Paul Byrnes

In the Great War of 1914–1918, thousands of boys across Australia and New Zealand lied about their age, forged a parent’s signature and left to fight in a war on the other side of the world. Though some were as young as thirteen, they soon found they could die as well as any man. Like Peter Pan’s lost boys, they have remained forever young. These are their stories.

This extraordinary book captures the incredible and previously untold stories of 40 Anzac boys who fought in the Great War, from Gallipoli to the Armistice. Featuring haunting images of the boys taken at training camps and behind the lines, these tales are both heartbreaking and rousing, full of daring, ingenuity, recklessness, random horror and capricious luck.

A unique perspective on World War I, The Lost Boys is military history made deeply personal, a powerful homage to youthful bravery and a poignant reminder of the horror of war.
How can you feel centred when you have no place to call your own? Australia has a large shadow population of people who have survived homelessness – whether couch-surfing, staying in a refuge, boarding house or caravan park, or sleeping rough. Too often they are dismissed or blamed. They are spoken for, and about, rarely get to speak for themselves.

Edited by former The Big Issue deputy editor Meg Mundell, We Are Here is a vibrant and moving collection of stories showcasing the creative talents of people with experience of being homeless. From cold city doorways to lonely bush camps, dodgy boarding houses to the humid hell of Manus Island, these are powerful, defiant and illuminating stories that will make every reader question their place in the world, and the world created in their place. Profits from the sale of this book will be donated to charities working with homeless communities.

Contributors include both undiscovered talents and already-celebrated authors such as Behrouz Boochani, Krissy Kneen, Claire G. Coleman, Josiane Behmoiras, and Gregory P. Smith.
ICONS OF FOOTY

By Kevin Sheedy

Footy legend Kevin Sheedy crosses team alliances to profile the 23 most iconic Aussie Rules players of his lifetime, sitting down for interviews with nine icons he has long admired and who don’t normally (for various reasons) have their stories told. Packed full of wisdom and wit, insight and memories, Icons of Footy is a treasure trove for football fans of all tribes and ages from one of the most unique and colourful characters in Australian sport.

Featuring Gary Ablett Senior, Allen Aylett, Ron Barassi, Kevin Bartlett, Malcolm Blight, Barry Cable, Wayne Carey, Alastair Clarkson, Jason Dunstall, Graham Farmer, Lance Franklin, Adam Goodes, Royce Hart, Francis Hughes, James Hird, Alex Jesaulenko, Leigh Matthews, Kevin Murray, John Nicholls, Barrie Robran and Michael Tuck

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ICONS OF FOOTY

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THE 50 GREATEST MATCHES IN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET

By Dan Liebke

What makes a cricket match truly great? Is it record run chases or heroic defences? Tight victories or heartbreaking defeats? A classic sledge that sticks in the mind? Or is it those incredible stories and monumental moments that make some contests live on forever?

Matthew Hayden scoring 380 against Zimbabwe might qualify for the record books, but not for this book: these are the Tests, ODIs and T20 matches that transcend the numbers and will be talked about long after the participants have hung up their pads.

Relive the breathtaking ties, impossible chases, and even the devastating losses that created cricket legends as we count down to the greatest match with comedy writer and cricket tragic Dan Liebke. An essential collection of cricketing tales for any fan of our national sport.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE WOLF

By Anne Barnetson

Creator Anne Barnetson is the hugely talented author of hilarious Instagram account Customer Service Wolf, which has more than 15,200 followers!

The book will feature a mixture of 100 brand new and memorable classic comic strips, all in her delightful style.
STELLA THE UNSTOPPABLE SERIES

By Richard Newsome

THE SCHOOL CAMP KERFUFFLE

Hi! I’m Stella and yes, I’ll admit it. I am just a teeny tiny bit obsessed with winning the Camp Cup this year. Who wouldn’t be? The winner gets a pizza party! Year Five camp only comes around once in a lifetime and it’s going to be awesome. Except … the campsite is on the edge of an old abandoned graveyard. And there’s a rumour that a kid called Spud Riley went to camp and never came back. AND we’re on a Camp Cup team with Lizzie Lawless, and the thing you need to know about Lizzie Lawless is – oh. Never mind. You’ll see …

It’s going to be hectic. Yes. No. Really.

THE MAGIC UNDERPANTS

Hi! I’m Stella, and yes, I’ll admit it. My undies are magic. Even though I can tell you don’t believe me, they’re truly the reason that my soccer team has ended its epic losing streak. These underpants are causing quite the stir, and sooner or later, someone’s going to be after them … And then what?

There’s trouble brewing in my pants. Yes. No. Really.

‘Our new book obsession. Stella is pretty LOL-arious.’ – Total Girl

Also in the series:
Through the velvety night, in whispering flight,  
Bats hurry homeward to hide from the light.  
Eager to huddle away from the sun,  
Cosy and comfortable . . .  
All except one.

Meet Bitsy, a cheeky little bat with daring dreams.

Nocturnal Bitsy wants to discover what life is like when the sun comes up. But is the daytime ready for Bitsy?

A joyous story about spreading your wings, meeting your monsters, and weaving the magic of friendship.
TAKE THE SHOT
By Susan White

Bug has a secret. Actually, he has a lot of secrets ...

NUMBER ONE: he’s formed a basketball team at his new school based on a giant lie.

NUMBER TWO: his parents don’t know he’s playing basketball again.

NUMBER THREE: his new team-mates have no idea he isn’t allowed to play, and they definitely don’t know why.

Bug will do ANYTHING to keep his secrets, keep his new team and keep his life from falling apart. Because no one can know THE BIGGEST SECRET OF ALL ... Bug risks his life every time he steps out onto the basketball court.

VOGNOX THE VIKING AND THE ISLAND OF SKELETONS
By Nick Falk, illustrated by Tony Flowers

Vognox is an 8-year-old Viking warrior. His greatest enemy in all the Viking world is the Awful Awfa (the kid wot is writing the book).

The Awful Awfa is always sending Vognox on Awful Adventures. Vognox doesn’t want to go, but he is not the author of the book!

Perfect for fans of The Bad Guys and Real Pigeons, this is an interactive story that will turn even the most reluctant reader into an avid book-worm.
THE FUNERAL

By Matt James

Norma can’t wait for her great-uncle Frank’s funeral. She’s excited for time off school and a chance to play with her favourite cousin, Ray.

And even though the day is full of things Norma doesn’t understand, by the end of it she is sure of one thing: Uncle Frank would have liked his funeral.

A gentle and light-hearted book about the most serious of subjects from a genuinely child-like perspective.

ARTHUR AND THE WHAT-IFS

By Heath McKenzie

Arthur is a dog with a secret. More than anything in the world he loves to play his violin, but he’s too scared to do it in public because, well, what if he’s bad? What if people laugh? What if he makes a fool of himself?! WHAT IF?

But the song in his head and the dream in his heart just won’t stay quiet. So, when he’s invited to take part in a jam session, he creates the ultimate disguise – a post box costume! And when it falls apart, Arthur doesn’t.

This is bestselling author-illustrator Heath McKenzie as you’ve never seen him before.
THERE’S ONLY ONE DAD LIKE YOU

By Jess Racklyeft

Brave dads, playful dads, cuddly dads, quiet dads – every dad is special in his own way.

Charming and delightful, this is a tender and heartfelt ode to the magic of dads of all shapes and sizes by one of the freshest and most exciting new talents in picture book creation.

Also in the series:

HOW TO MAKE A MOVIE IN TWELVE DAYS

By Fiona Hardy

Twelve days. Five kids.

Many special effects. One giant mystery.

Hayley Whelan has spent her whole life dreaming of making a horror movie. But she wants to make something special – something more spectacular than her broken hand-me-down iPhone can handle.

When her grandma passes away, she inherits the money for a grown-up, professional video camera. However, before Hayley even calls ‘Action!’, strange things start happening . . . Someone is sabotaging Hayley’s movie – but who? Why? And can Hayley finish her movie in time for the premiere?

From Australia’s brightest new middle-grade talent comes this love song to movies, friendship, and the magic of the summer holidays.

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FLOWER POWER LABRADORs

Illustrated by Allison Langton

Flower Power Labradors!
Come with me to shake their paws.
Black and golden, chocolate brown
Each one has a flower crown.

These adorable pups spread happiness and joy
everywhere they go with the magic of flower power!
Join them on a day filled with play, songs, cuddles,
parties, baths and sneaking bites of pie.

And don’t forget your flower crown!

THE LAST WORD

By Patricia Forde

Letta may have overcome John Noa and saved Ark,
but Amelia’s regime is turning out to be even more
menacing than Noa’s. Now living with the Creators,
Letta has devoted herself to teaching language
in illegal schools. But when disaster strikes the
community, Letta takes the blame. She and Marlo
are forced to flee, and in the process Letta discovers
Amelia’s plan to wipe out language for good. Alone
and on the run, Letta the only one who can possibly
stop Amelia. If she can survive long enough, that is.

Return to the world of The List in this action-packed,
thought-provoking and heartfelt conclusion.

Also in the series:

‘The fantasy book
of the year.’

– Eoin Colfer, bestselling
author of Artemis Fowl
CAN YOU GUESS?

By Emma Middleton, illustrated by Connah Brecon

I am the Magic Mazeldore; my bag is big and wide.

You’ll never guess the creatures I have safely tucked inside.

Which animal swings from tree to tree? And what flying creature starts life as a crawly caterpillar?

Guess which animals the tricky wizard is describing in this delightfully interactive book perfect for energetic young readers.

RISE UP

By Amanda Li, illustrated by Amy Blackwell

Here are 29 tales of amazing young girls and boys who have achieved the unimaginable – from surviving a plane crash in the jungle to inventing creative ways to rid our oceans of plastic. There are tales of triumph over illness and injury, and of overcoming bullying. Each incredible story is narrated in an exciting and engaging style, combined with gorgeous illustrations by Amy Blackwell.

Children can lose themselves in the remarkable true-life tales of ingenuity, courage and commitment, with practical tips and skills accompanying every entry, from how to deal with altitude sickness to how to be more green. A perfect gift for every fearless child you know, these empowering stories show that no matter who you are, how old you are, and what you do, you can rise to the challenge.
ONE BLUE SHOE

By Jane Godwin, illustrated by Jane Reiseger

One shoe – this one is blue
Two feet stand on a seat
Three balls bouncing around
Two in the air and one on the ground

Star author Jane Godwin and respected artist-turned-illustrator Jane Reiseger join forces once again in this delightful counting book for young readers.

Also by these creators:

Shortlisted for the Children’s Book Council of Australia 2019 New Illustrator of the Year Award

THE GOLDEN BUTTERFLY

By Sharon Gosling

A girl alone in a city that believes women incapable of magic, Luciana finds herself in a race to protect her grandfather’s legacy.

It’s 1897 and since the Magnificent Marko’s death, no magician has come close to performing a trick as spectacular as ‘The Golden Butterfly’. When the menacing leader of the Grand Society of Magicians tries to uncover the secret of Marko’s trick, Luciana realises that she must act to protect her grandfather’s reputation.

But as she is drawn further in to the mysterious magical world her grandfather left behind, Luciana realises that among his many secrets may be one about her past...
CHRISTMAS WONDER

By Vikki Conley, illustrated by Cheryl Orsini

Cracker bang!
Stars above.
Christmas wonder.
Peace and love.

The unique magic of Christmas is perfectly captured in this joyful celebration of love, pavlova and precious family moments.

A beautiful Christmas book from an exciting new author and one of Australia’s best-loved illustrators.

A TRIP TO THE BEACH

By Gwyn Perkins

Today’s the day – Iggy’s going to catch a wave all on his own! Or at least that’s what Grandad thinks. Iggy isn’t quite so sure.

What follows is an unforgettable beach adventure that involves the best sandcastle ever built, fish and chips for lunch, lots of boats and a few perfect waves.

Here is a story about the unique beauty of the Australian coast, the universal magic of the ocean and the importance of finding your own way. The last adventure in the award-winning Iggy and Grandad series.

Also by this creator:
SAME DIFF
AN AUSSIE ODD ONE OUT
Illustrated by Michael Weldon

Can you spot the cross-eyed Dame Edna? The Tim Tam that’s been nibbled? A Big Pineapple that’s missing a spike? Ned Kelly with a cheeky wink?

Get lost in this bonzer spot-the-difference book, perfect for puzzlers young and old.

Filled with great Aussie icons and fascinating facts, Same Diff is more fun than a ute full of Ugg boots.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

By Clement C. Moore

This classic poem by Clement C. Moore is read on Christmas Eve by families the world over.

Enjoy this beautiful re-publishing of Roger Duvoisin's eye-catching interpretation from 1954, with a tall, narrow format – just right for tucking in to a Christmas stocking!
HIDDEN IN THE JUNGLE
By Peggy Nille

Grab your binoculars, put on your backpack and get ready to explore this bright and bold search-and-find book.

Can you spot the magnificent peacock? What about the baby giraffe and his mother? Do you see the cunning crocodile? Find all of these and more in Peggy Nille’s stunningly detailed jungle illustrations.

Also by this creator:

PUPPY TALK – OPPOSITES
By J. C. Coates

Ten playful puppies want to talk about opposites!

Young dog lovers get to know cuddly puppies by name in this cutely photographed concept book about opposites. Max the Boston terrier and his friends show the difference between near and far, awake and asleep, dry and wet, and more. Funny puppy commentary adds to the canine chaos.
Affirm Press is one of Australia’s fastest-growing publishers, and our recent rapid growth has been boosted by the addition of a fabulous new, award-winning kids list. Our first ever picture book, *A Walk in the Bush*, by debut author and illustrator Gwyn Perkins won the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Picture Book of the Year for 2018. Alison Lester, Australia’s most-loved picture book creator, was awarded the CBCA Honour Book, Early Childhood, for *The Very Noisy Baby*.

That in a nutshell sums up the Affirm Press kids list: a combination of the best emerging talent and some of the industry’s most-loved creators. We pride ourselves on publishing bright, fun, quality books with heart from early childhood up to young adult. And we’re thrilled about our recent acquisitions of junior, middle and YA fiction from a range of gifted writers.

We’re committed to great design, meaningful stories and nurturing talent. Our aim is to influence by delight, based on our strong belief that the books we read shape the people we want to be.

We sell rights to overseas publishers, and audio and film producers, in partnership with DeFiore and Company (NYC) for adult titles and Rights People for our kids list.

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