

# Book Catalogue Primary Program



Hi,  
I'm **Gary Eck** and I'm  
a stand-up comic and  
children's author.

Growing up I was a voracious reader, devouring books of every genre, anything I could get my hands on, multiple languages too and incredibly all before the age of three. Well, that's not exactly true. In fact, it's not even remotely close. I just wanted to sound really cool and amazing in this opening.

To be honest I wasn't a big book reader at all growing up, which might explain why I'm a terrible speller today. I did gravitate towards comics though. I got stuck into *Mad Magazine* when I was about seven and thought it was the most brilliant and hilarious thing I'd ever read. I loved the movie parodies and the tiny cartoons by Sergio Aragones, which were inserted into the side margins of the pages throughout the magazine. I would grab the latest edition and the first thing I would do is flick through and laugh myself silly at all his mini cartoons, which amazingly never used any words. If a character spoke, they spoke in pictures, a drawing inside a speech bubble. There is something about a cartoon that captures a perfect comic moment. It can say so much and make you laugh so hard without a single word. To me that's remarkable.

No surprise that I teamed up with the wonderful illustrator Nick O'Sullivan. Given my inspiration, I guess it's also no surprise most of the work I do today has a visual focus. Although there are cleverly crafted words behind it, it's presented visually. I'm a stand-up comic, film director, co-creator of a kids' animation series, and picture book author. Say no more!

At the time of writing this my father had sadly just passed away. In his room and study there's a wall full of books so varied you'd think it was a library. I had a good look the other day. On the shelves are John le Carré novels, World War 2 books, *National Geographic* magazines, dating back to the early 50's, endless science books, and numerous books on how things work. I'd forgotten how curious about the world my dad was. I think that is key to being a good writer. Curiosity! And the good news is you don't have to be a good speller to be curious! Today I'm an avid reader of both fiction and non-fiction and I'm looking forward to reading my way through my dad's collection.

Our book, *The Day the Moon Came to Stay* is about a little boy who looks up into the night sky and wonders why the moon looks sad, so he writes a message on a paper aeroplane and tosses it to the moon, inviting the moon to visit so he can cheer him up. Incidentally, the boy in our book is called Billy, which is my dad's birth name. He was adopted and his name changed to John. Now when I look up into the night sky and look at the moon I will think of my dad.



# Role Model Competition

For your chance to win one of 25 book prize packs (10 titles in each), please read the front page of your Books in Homes Catalogue and answer the following questions:

1. Who is our Role Model this term?
2. What does our Role Model do as a career?
3. What magazine did our Role Model get stuck into when he was about seven?
4. What is the name of the illustrator our Role Model teamed up with?
5. What does our Role Model think is key to being a good writer?

## Bonus Question

6. Our Role Model wrote a picture book about the moon. What have you seen when you looked up at the night sky?

Please add a drawing of something real or imagined you have seen or think exists in the night sky.

Make sure you also write:

1. Your full name
2. The school you attend
3. The class you are in
4. How old you are.

**Good Luck!**

Please send your entries by **7 June 2024** to:

**Books in Homes Australia  
Role Model Competition  
PO Box 647, Botany NSW 1455**



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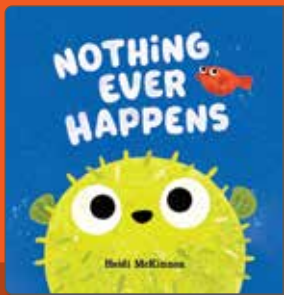


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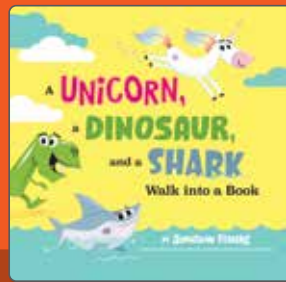




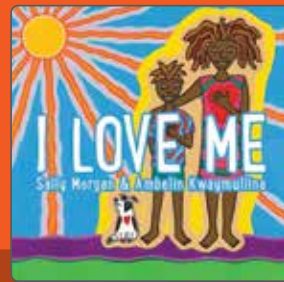
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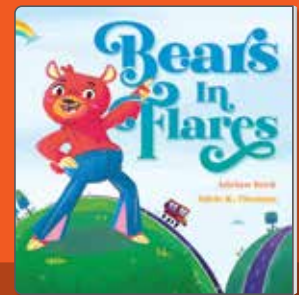
**1. Nothing Ever Happens**  
Two bored little fish are wishing for an adventure.



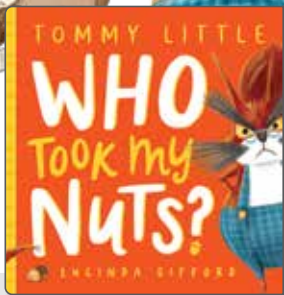
**2. A Unicorn, a Dinosaur, and a Shark Walk into a Book**  
These characters refuse to play their parts in this book!



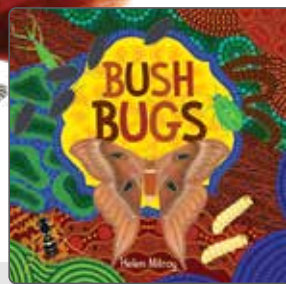
**3. I Love Me**  
A sweet story about being unique and loving yourself.



**4. Bears in Flares**  
On a family road trip Dad spots all sorts of funny things!



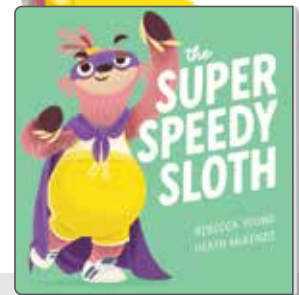
**5. Who Took My Nuts?**  
Tyril the Squirrel doesn't like sharing, and he's about to learn a lesson!



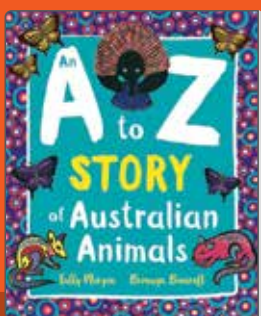
**6. Bush Bugs**  
With fun text and bold illustrations, celebrate bush bugs.



**7. This is not an egg.**  
This is a book about imagination! And friendship.



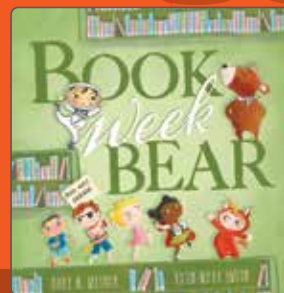
**8. The Super Speedy Sloth**  
Spike is determined to be a rescue hero!



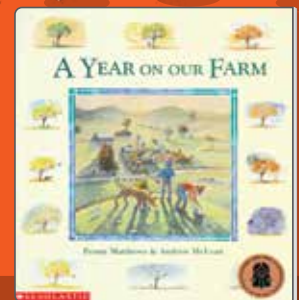
**9. An A to Z of Australian Animals**  
Meet an alphabet of Aussie animals and their diverse emotions.



**10. Goodnight Possum**  
Blossom can't sleep when the animals want to share her hollow.

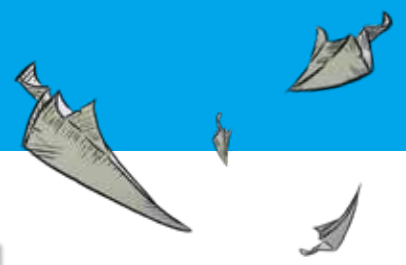


**11. Book Week Bear**  
There seems to be a bear in the Book Week parade!

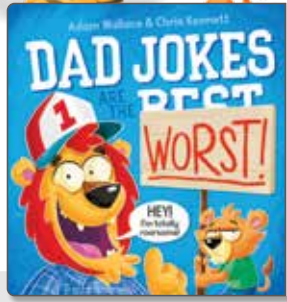


**12. A Year on Our Farm**  
A year in the life of an Australian farm.

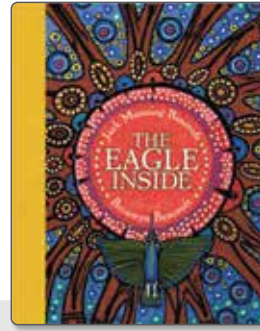
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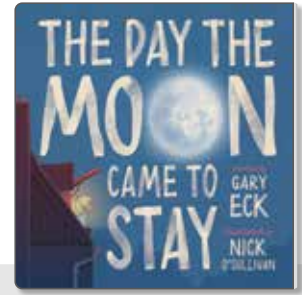
**13. When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left**  
A story about letting go of fears and worries.



**14. Dad Jokes Are The Best, Worst!**  
A celebration of dads and their dad-jokes!



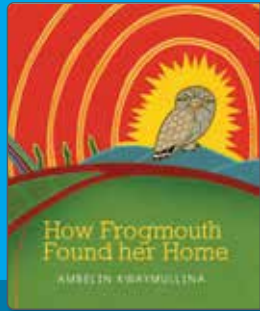
**15. Eagle Inside**  
Jimmy feels like the smallest bird, until he discovers his inner eagle.



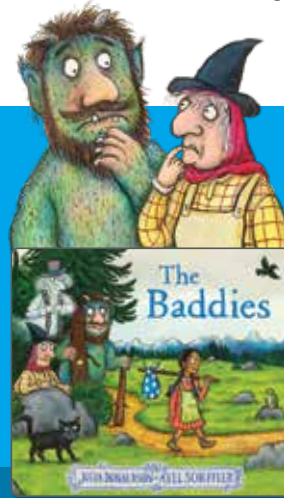
**16. The Day the Moon Came to Stay**  
What would you do if the moon showed up at your door?



**17. Bin Chicken Feeding Time at the Zoo**  
It's feeding time at the zoo and no-one is sharing their lunch!



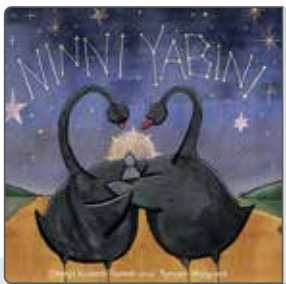
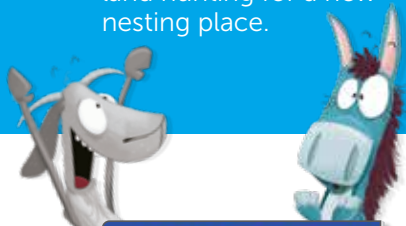
**18. How Frogmouth Found Her Home**  
Frogmouth travels the land hunting for a new nesting place.



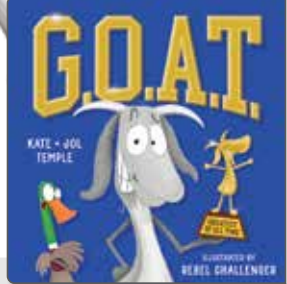
**19. The Baddies**  
A little girl proves that baddies don't always win.



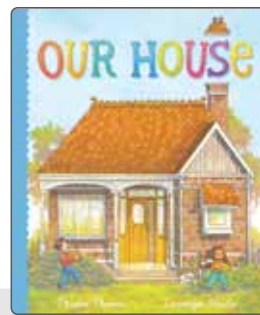
**20. Bad Bunny**  
Can this Bad Bunny save his friends from a hungry fox?



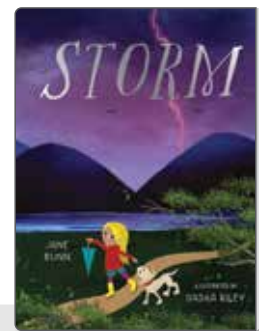
**21. Ninni Yabini**  
The evening star helps Ninni Yabini find his way home.



**22. G.O.A.T.**  
Goat thinks he's great, but his friends want to be great too!



**23. Our House**  
A story about family and home that can be read two ways.



**24. Storm**  
The answers to all of your questions about storms.



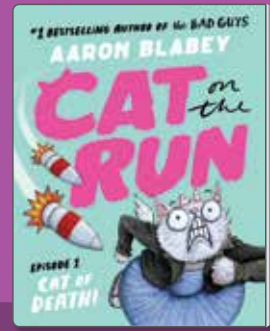
**25. Agent Moose**  
Agent Moose is the best (worst) secret agent ever!



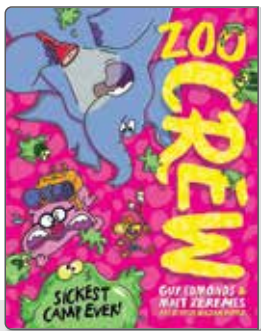
**26. 3D Battle of the Dinosaurs**  
Everything about dinosaur battles in eye-popping 3D!



**27. Little Ash #6: Lost Luck**  
Will Ash's bad mood ruin her hockey game?



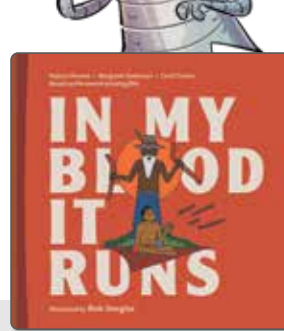
**28. Cat on the Run: Episode 1 Cat of Death!**  
The world's biggest Cat Video Star is accused of a crime she didn't commit!



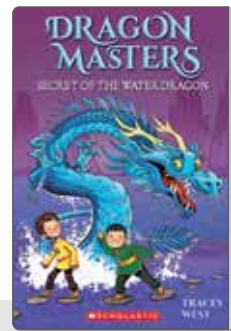
**29. Zoo Crew #3: Sickest Camp Ever!**  
Echo has the grossest plan ever to get camp cancelled!



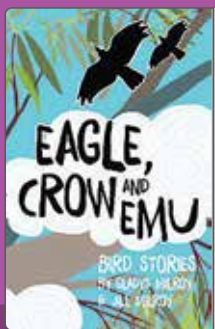
**30. Ninja Kid #6: Ninja Giants!**  
Grandma's new invention shrinks Nelson and Kenny.



**31. In My Blood It Runs**  
Dujan goes out bush to learn the ways of his people.



**32. Dragon Masters #3: Secret of the Water Dragon**  
The Dragon Masters must find a way to protect the Dragon Stone.



**33. Eagle, Crow and Emu**  
Three exciting stories full of action, adventure and birds!



**34. Aggie Flea is Not a Liar!**  
Aggie is convinced that her new neighbour is a vampire!



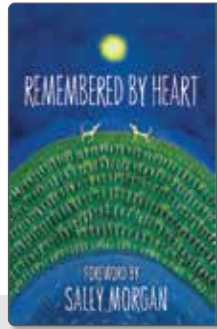
**35. Dragon Girls #6: Quinn the Jade Treasure Dragon**  
The Shadow Sprites have stolen the Heartstring Violin from the Tree Queen!



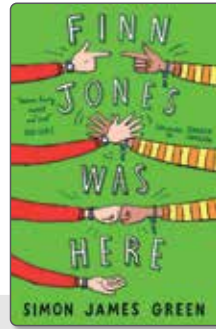
**36. Big Little Blue SandyPants!**  
Big Blue and Little Blue show us how to be a good friend.



**37. Champion**  
The story of how Ash Barty became a tennis champion.



**38. Remembered By Heart**  
Aboriginal authors share their experiences of adolescence.



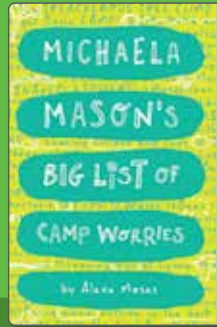
**39. Finn Jones Was Here**  
Eric tries to complete his best friend's bucket list.



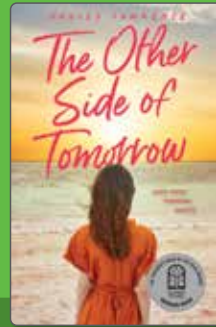
**40. The Whispering Pines (Exit 13)**  
Ash and Willow check into the world's creepiest motel!



**41. Worst Week Ever! Thursday**  
Justin's most embarrassing moments are beamed around the globe!



**42. Michaela Mason's Big List of Camp Worries**  
Can Michaela put her worries aside and enjoy school camp?



**43. The Other Side of Tomorrow**  
Abby decides to forget her illness and make the most of every moment.



**44. Diary of a Minecraft Zombie, Book 17: Zombie's Excellent Adventure**  
Zombie and Steve travel back in time to save the Overworld.



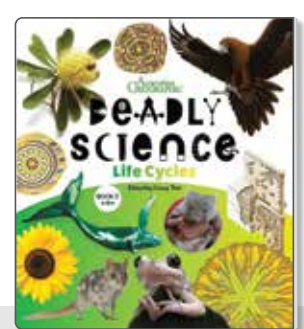
**45. Ella at Eden #4: Camp Midnight**  
Ella and her friends get lost in the National Park.



**46. Stinetinglers**  
These chilling tales will make your spine tingle.



**47. 500 Minutes of Danger**  
10 stories. 10 dangerous situations. 50 minutes to escape.



**48. Deadly Science: Life Cycles**  
Explore the life cycles of plants and animals.



**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 18

**LOCATION:** Urbenville, NSW

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**ABOUT US:** Urbenville Public School is a small rural K-6 school nestled under the Crown Mountain near the NSW/QLD border. Our unique learning environment offers a wrap-around approach to the needs of our students. Literacy is a strong focus at our school and underpins a lot of our learning experiences. Our students understand the connection between strong literacy skills and success in other key learning areas.

Our school is extremely fortunate to participate in the Books in Homes program supported by our most generous sponsor—Mr Danny Lee. Danny's commitment to ensuring our students always have new and interesting books to read is an inspiration. Danny's passion and enthusiasm for improving student literacy skills has had a positive impact on our students demonstrated through observable improvements in reading ability and fluency.



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What a fantastic selection of books you have to choose from! You will receive three new books from this catalogue, but in case we are unable to supply one of these books, we ask you to choose four.

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Don't forget to keep a record of the four books you have chosen by circling the books in your book catalogue, and remember to enter our competition on page 2 for your chance to win some fantastic prizes.

**We hope you enjoy reading your new books, and remember...**

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