

Jacinta di Mase Management

"Writing and reading decrease our sense of isolation. They deepen and widen and expand our sense of life: they feed the soul."

Anne Lamott

TITLES THE TEAM HAVE BEEN LOVING AND OUR TOP TBR'S



JACINTA

RECENT READS

Girl, Woman, Other

Bernadine Evaristo

A Lonely Girl is a Dangerous Thing

Jessie Tu

TBR

Diving Into Glass

Caro Llewellyn

Weather

Jenny Offrill

NATASHA

DANIELLE

RECENT READS

The Lost Soul Atlas

Zana Fraillon

What Zola Did on Monday

Melina Marchetta

Illustrated by Deb Hudson

TBR

A Room Made of Leaves

Kate Grenville

POPPY

RECENT READS

Black Cockatoo

Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustlet

Respect

Aunty Fay Muir and Jane Lawson

TBR

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owen

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

KAREN

RECENT READS

Not The End of the World

Kate Atkinson

Love and Hunger

Charlotte Wood

RECENT READS

The Hate U Give

Angie Thomas

Peta Lyre's Rating Normal

Anna Whateley

TBR

What I Talk About When I Talk About

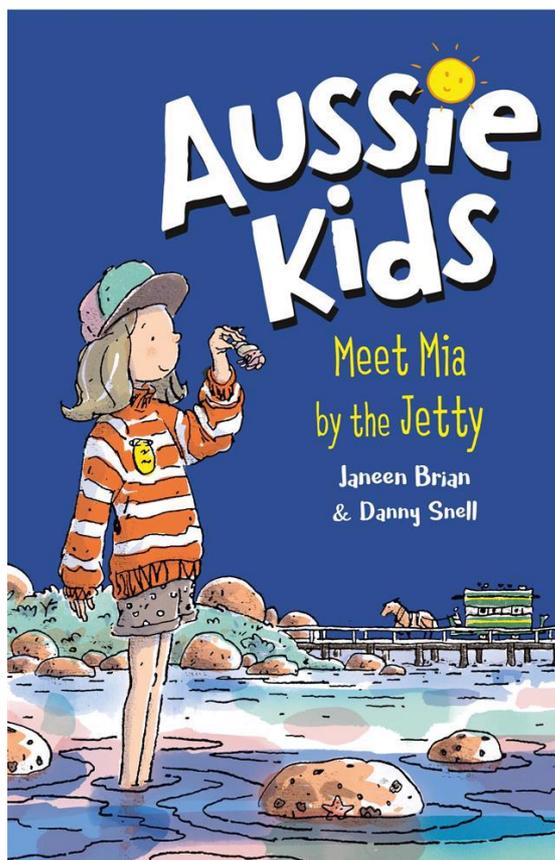
Running

Haruki Murakami

Again Again

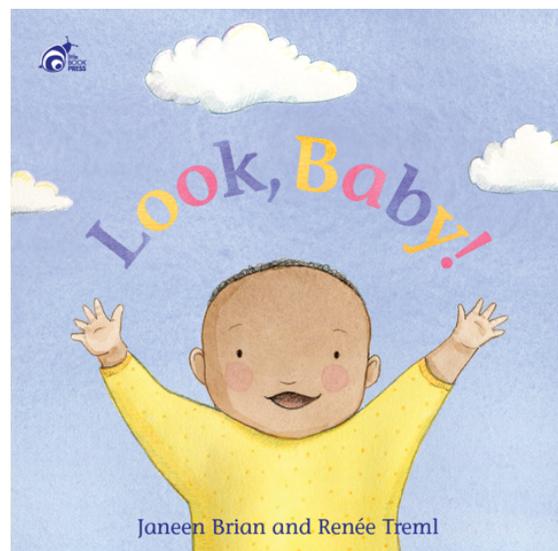
E. Lockhart

BOOKS PUBLISHED JULY 2020



Aussie Kids: Meet Mia by the Jetty
Janeen Brian & Danny Snell
Penguin

"This junior fiction series celebrates stories about children living in unique places in every state and territory in Australia. Come on an adventure with Aussie Kids and meet Mia from South Australia."

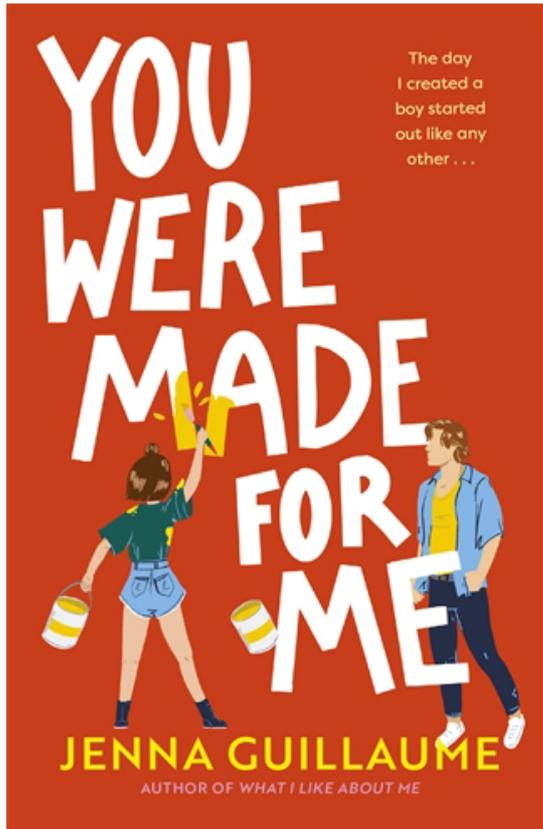


Look, Baby!
Janeen Brian
Little Book Press

"*Look, Baby!* is perfect for parents to introduce and talk about the world with their baby. The clever cut-out design helps parents show their child how to look around them at all the different and exciting things there are to see."

Work together to spot all the fun hidden items throughout the book."

BOOKS PUBLISHED AUGUST 2020



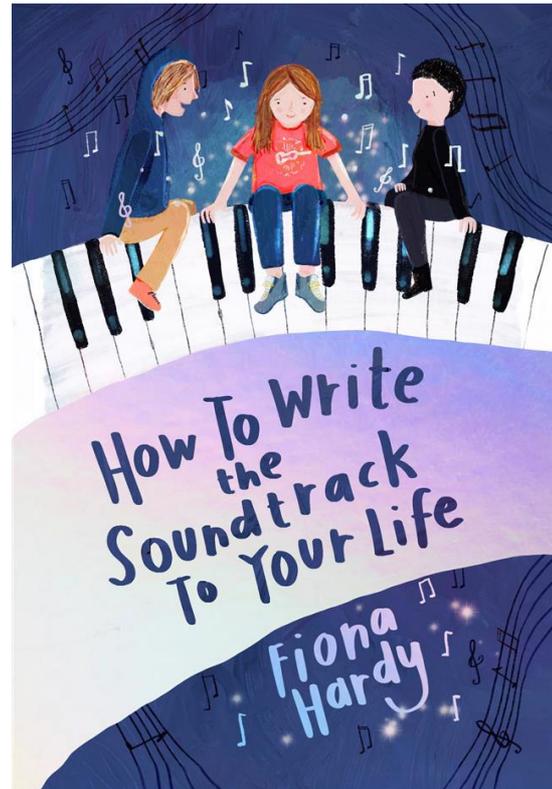
You Were Made for Me Jenna Guillaume Pan Macmillan

"The day I created a boy started out like any other.

Katie didn't mean to create a boy. A boy like a long-lost Hemsworth brother: six-foot tall with floppy hair and eyes like the sky on a clear summer's day; whose lips taste like cookie dough and whose skin smells like springtime. A boy who is completely devoted to Katie. He was meant to be perfect. But he was never meant to exist."

Booktopia is offering signed copies at 15% off!

[Order Here](#)

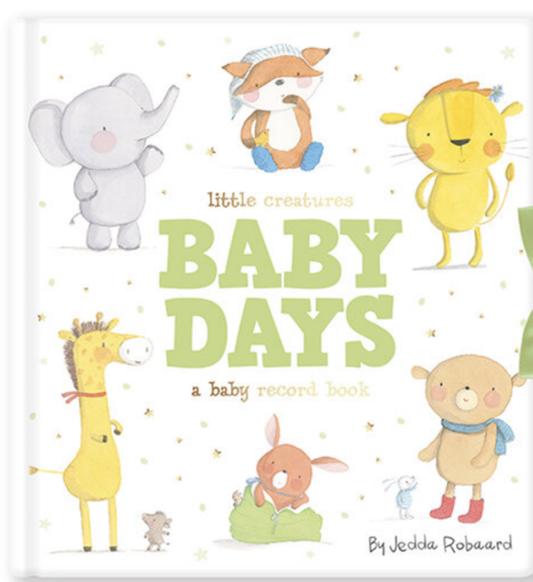


How To Write the Soundtrack to Your Life Fiona Hardy Affirm Press

"Murphy Parker is going to be a songwriter. If she can summon up the nerve to play in front of anyone other than her dad, that is. When an unplanned keyboard performance at school goes well, Murphy wonders if maybe her dreams have a chance after all.

Until her entire grade accuses her of plagiarism. From the up-and-coming talent behind *How to Make a Movie in 12 Days* comes a funny and moving mystery about family, friendship and finding your voice."

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Little Creatures: Baby Days

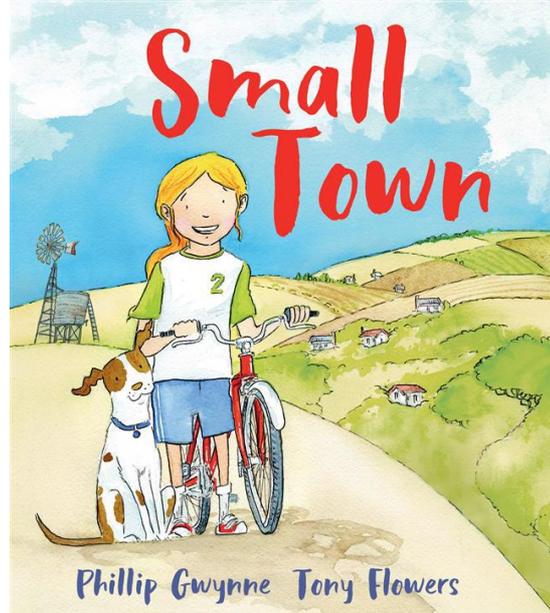
Jemma Robaard

Hardie Grant Egmont

"A beautiful and loving gift for new parents to document their baby's first years.

Join the adorable stars of the Little Creatures series in a modern, gender-neutral gift for parents to be."

[Order Here](#)



Small Town

Tony Flowers & Phillip Gwynne

Penguin

"A delightful and heart-felt picture book based on a true story of a how a dying town found a unique way to bring their community back to life."

[Order Here](#)

LOVE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

We're so proud of how well our industry has come together to support each other during this time. Although many creators have lost opportunities and income, there have also been a few silver linings such as the ability to attend Zoom book launches in other cities, industry-wide campaigns such as #7dollarsfor7years, and the ability of our wonderful independent booksellers to pivot quickly to offer home delivery and other initiatives such as the Pay it Forward campaign created by The Little Book Room.

#7dollarsfor7years

A community campaign in support of people seeking asylum in Australia

In collaboration with the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, Tess Woods joined Lisa Ireland in developing the #7DollarsFor7Years campaign in support of people seeking asylum trapped in offshore detention for the last seven years.

By limiting the donations to \$7, they hoped to achieve the community spirit of many people giving a bit to end up with a lot, and the campaign raised an incredible \$7000.

Every cent raised will be donated directly to the ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre) in Melbourne which advocates for and supports people seeking asylum and refugees and is a lifeline for people in offshore detention.

Donate to the ASRC [here](#).



Books are essential, and in response to the ongoing closure of libraries, The Little Bookroom has been working in collaboration with Yarra Libraries to supply and distribute books alongside food parcels and packages to housing estates in Richmond, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Carlton.

The kindness initiative is asking for donations to help provide new Australian books for this project.

Donate to the initiative [here](#).

AUSTRALIA READS

"Now that we're staying in, it's a good time to get reading."

The #AustraliaReadsAtHome campaign will run from 1 - 12 November 2020.

The aim is to host events right across the country. Creators, please nominate yourself to be involved here:

<https://australiareads.org.au/nominate-an-author/>

Or to host an event with your local bookseller, library, or school list your event here:

<https://australiareads.org.au/host-an-event/>

AUTHOR EVENTS



"A Podcast of One's Own" hosted by Julia Gillard and featuring Clare Wright

Julia talks to historian Professor Clare Wright about the forgotten women from Australian history. They discuss how the women who won the vote in Australia influenced the rest of the world, the importance of increasing visibility of women's leadership in a country where there are more statues of animals than women, and why telling women's stories from history is crucial to achieving gender equality today.

Listen to the podcast [here](#).

Clare Wright in Conversation with Kate Grenville



Clare joined Kate Grenville in an online conversation for the book launch of Kate's new novel *A Room Made of Leaves* with the National Library of Australia.

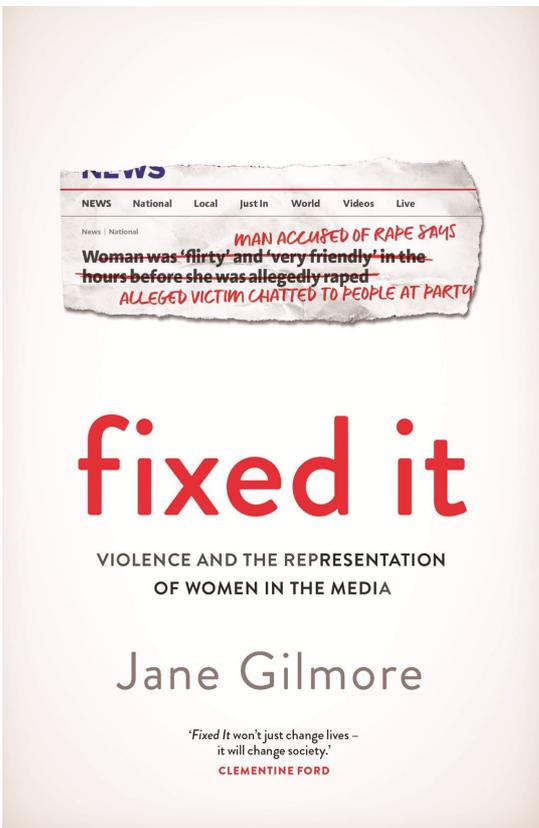
[You can watch the interview here](#)



Jane Gilmore in Discussion with Moral Fair Ground on Women and Homelessness

In August Jane joined Tania Davidge, Merinda Dutton, Amanda Donohoe, and Jeanette Large for a discussion we wish we didn't have to have on the homelessness rates of women in their 40's.

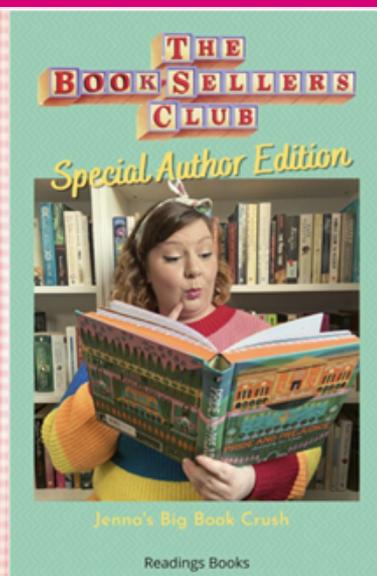
Read more from Moral Fairground on homelessness [here](#).



Jane Gilmore's *Fixed It* Shortlisted for the 2020 Davitt Awards

We are delighted to announce that Jane Gilmore's 'Fixed It: Violence and the representation of women in the media' was shortlisted in the Sisters in Crime Davitt Awards for Nonfiction crime book! The winner will be announced in September via Zoom.

You can see the full list of shortlisted titles [here](#).



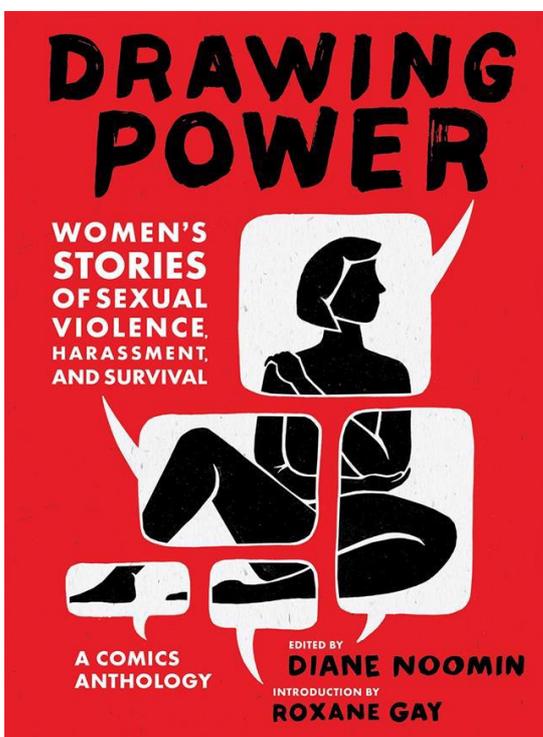
Following the Netflix reboot of *The Babysitter's Club*, Readings has created their own fun iso-inspired spinoff 'The Booksellers Club' featuring our very own Fiona Hardy, Danielle Binks and Jenna Guillaume. Looking good ladies!



The Joyful Frugalista joins 'Savvy Shopper'

Author of the brilliant *The Joyful Frugalista*, Serina has become the face of the new 'Savvy Shopper', a publication which aims to help people during tough times. Serina spoke about her new project on Studio10 and in the Daily Telegraph, kicking off her first article about how to feed a family on \$10 a day.

[You can catch Serina's first installment here](#)

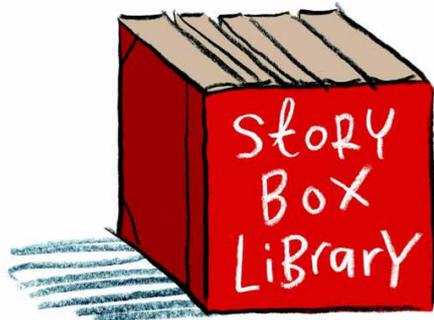


Drawing Power wins 'Best Anthology' at the Eisners!

Our own Rachel Ang was one of the contributing comics to *Drawing Power: Women's Stories of Sexual Violence, Harassment, and Survival* by Abrams Books in the US, and edited by Diane Noomin - which won the 'Best Anthology' award at the Eisners (the Oscars for comics and graphic novels!). Congratulations Rachel and all who contributed to this important work.

New to Storybox Library

Kirsty Murray and Karen Blair's *When Billy Was a Dog* has been added to the wonderful Story Box Library, being read by Claire Hooper.



You can Watch this reading [here](#)

Gabrielle Wang has also joined the Story Box team in reading Mem Fox and Freya Blackwood's *The Tiny Star*.

You can see Gabrielle's reading [here](#)

NEW FACES



Yves Rees

Dr Yves Rees is an award-winning writer, historian and podcaster, currently lecturing in History at La Trobe University.

Yves is the recipient of the 2020 Calibre Prize, awarded for their essay 'Reading the Mess Backwards'. After an exciting auction with five publishers vying for the right to publish, they signed with A&U. Along with several other awards, Yves hosts the history podcast 'Archive Fever' with Clare Wright, and is currently developing a new climate activist podcast called 'If Not Us, Who?'.



Jane Caro

Jane Caro AM is a Walkley Award winning Australian columnist, author, novelist, broadcaster, advertising writer, documentary maker, feminist and social commentator.

She has published twelve books, including three novels "Just a Girl" "Just a Queen" and "Just Flesh & Blood", a trilogy on Elizabeth Tudor, and a memoir "Plain Speaking Jane". She created and edited 'Unbreakable' which featured stories women writers had never told before and was published just before the Harvey Weinstein revelations. "Accidental Feminists" about the fate of women over 50 is her latest book.

Welcome Jane!

EVENTS FOR THE DIARY



Briony Stewart's *We Love You Magoo* Book Launch!

Join Briony in Perth to celebrate the launch of her latest children's book *We Love You Magoo*! There will be a book reading, free kids activities and a special dog parade in which you can enter your dog, hosted by the amazing and hilarious Famous Sharron. Special guests will be judging the parade and Paper Bird Children's Books and Arts will be selling copies of Briony's new book, as well as book signings from Briony herself!

When: Sunday 30th August 2020, 9:30-11:30am UTC+8

Where: Palmyra Western Farmers Market

Cost: FREE

Register your interest on the [Facebook page](#)

And preorder the book [here](#)



#WeLoveYouMagoo Dog Portraits!

Briony has also created an online dog parade event over on her instagram, where by entering a pic of your dog, you could win a cute prize pack including your own pet portrait drawn by Briony!

For more info and to enter head to her [instagram](#).



(You Don't Have To Put On Your) Red Light **Mandy Beaumont's Brisbane Festival Writing Event**

Press 1 for Foot Fetishes. Press 2 for Big Girls. Press 3 for Nasty Women. If you'd like to speak to Mistress Catherine, then press 4 and ask very, very nicely if she will allow you to chat to her.

Stay in. Stay sexy. Prepare for an intimate audio experience delivered directly to your phone

When: Wednesday 9th September 2020, 8:00-10:00pm AEST

Where: 18+ Online Event

Book your call here

RECENT LOCAL SALES

Karen Blair

Ella and the Useless Day

Walker Books

Jess Racklyeft

Peek and Boo by Coral Vass

Windy Hollow Books

Kay Kerr

Social Queue

Text Publishing

Yves Rees

All About Yves- Notes from a Transition

Allen & Unwin*

*after an exciting auction with five publishers vying for the right to publish, Yves Rees signed with A&U.

Sam Ellen Bound

RECENT INTERNATIONAL SALES

Natalie Marshall

Millie Mae in Spring,

Millie Mae in Summer,

Millie Mae in Autumn,

Millie Mae in Winter

Children's Publishing Hong Kong

Jedda Robaard

Stanley the Sock Monster

Silly Lily and the First Day of

Kindergarten,

Silly Lily and the Visit to the Doctor,

Silly Lily and the Flower Girl Adventure,

Silly Lily and the Day at the Museum.

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Anne James

Goodbye House, Hello House by

Margaret Wild

Editions Le Genévrier, FRANCE

Seven Wherewithal Way
Four-book Middle Grade series
Affirm Press

Blue Dot Kids Books, USA

Nick Falk & Tony Flowers

VognoX the Viking: Island of Skeletons
İş Kültür, TURKEY

Julianne Negri

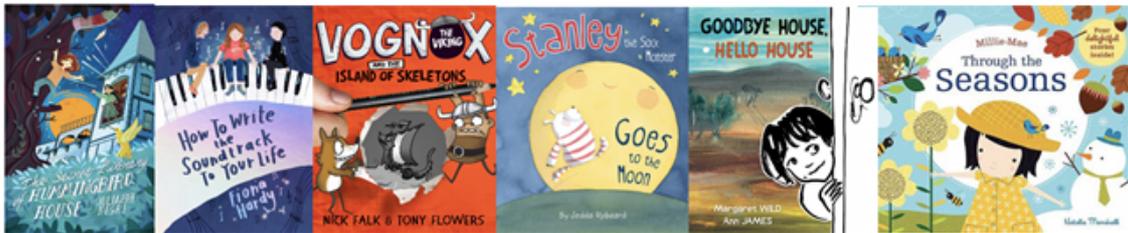
The Secret Library of Hummingbird House
İş Kültür, TURKEY

Fiona Hardy

How to Write the Soundtrack to Your Life
İş Kültür, TURKEY

Jess Racklyeft

Iceberg by Coral Vass
Groundwood Books (an imprint of The House of Anansi), CANADA





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