

DYMOCKS GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS



RECOMMENDED READING FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES | 2011 – 2012

DYMOCKS
FOR BOOKLOVERS

AT DYMOCKS we believe that choosing books for your child should be enjoyable rather than stressful, so we've taken all of the hard work out of the selection process with this range of great books for children – right through from birth to the dreaded teenage years.

Naturally, every child is different, so if you need more personalised advice for your child, please don't hesitate to ask us in-store.

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Our ongoing commitment to Australian Authors is represented by the extensive range of titles available in our stores.

Look out for the Australian Author Symbol throughout this Magazine.



Start them young! Crafty little books for babies and toddlers.

Did you know that studies indicate that reading for short periods every day to children as young as six weeks old can set the foundation for reading in the future? With this in mind, this handpicked collection has colourful pages for activity-based and interactive learning, so that you and your little one can grow to love the time you spend reading together.

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RRP \$12.99 EA
EARN 60 POINTS EA

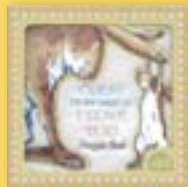
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Captivating first books for baby feature simple onomatopoeic words that provide easy sound prompts for parents to kick start development.

RRP \$5.95 EA
EARN 25 POINTS EA

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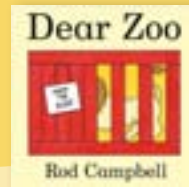
This timeless collection of padded board books brings classic nursery rhymes to life with beautiful hand stitched illustrations.



RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS

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There's no better way to go to sleep than with this deliciously soft bedtime snuggle book – bursting with love.

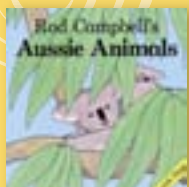


Boardbook
RRP \$14.99

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EARN 70 POINTS
Delighting toddlers since 1982... What is the perfect gift from the zoo? Look under the flap to find out.

Read me a story please Mummy...

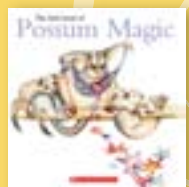


RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS

0+

The Australian bush is filled with all sorts of different sounds. A native animal guessing game for the very young.

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Boardbook
RRP \$10.99

0+

EARN 50 POINTS
Featuring the Australian bush animals of the original story, this board book is the perfect way to introduce very young children to the beauty of Australia's unique native fauna.

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RRP \$9.95
EARN 45 POINTS

0+

Perfect for attaching to baby's stroller, high seat, or car chair to keep your tiny tot entertained on the go.



RRP \$16.95
EARN 80 POINTS

0+

The very hungry caterpillar comes alive crunching, munching and wriggling his way through each page for interactive counting fun.

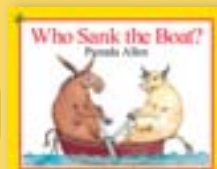


Boardbook
RRP \$9.95 EA
EARN 45 POINTS EA

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Jaunty rhyming board books about everything a little person does in a day – perfect for babies and toddlers.

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RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

2+

A donkey, cow, pig, sheep and one tiny little mouse are on board, but just who sank the boat?

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“Reading aloud to our darlings daily, and with zest, makes them much happier and much more clever and much, much more talkative than children who aren't read to. And it makes us happier too. Who wouldn't want that?!”

Mem Fox



Meet Koala Lou, seek green sheep, and count ten chubby baby toes in a trio of tales to delight every tot from celebrated Aussie picture book author Mem Fox.



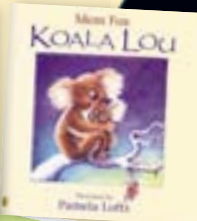
For Mem's full advice on reading, see her wonderful book *Reading Magic*, featured on page 12.

Babies & Toddlers

0-2 YEARS



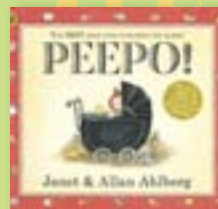
Boardbook
RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS



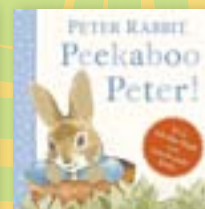
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Boardbook
RRP \$16.95
EARN 80 POINTS



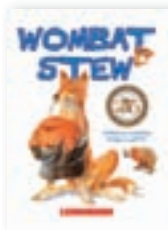
RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS **2+**
Peep-hole cut outs and catchy rhymes take children on a peek-a-boo journey through a day in a baby's life.



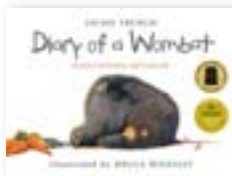
RRP \$19.95
EARN 95 POINTS **2+**
Peter Rabbit and his furry feathered friends are hiding in the pages of this soft-to-touch book. Can you find them?



Boardbook
RRP \$12.99
EARN 60 POINTS **2+**
Olivia's the pint-sized piglet with a penchant for red who dreams of becoming a diva... loved by little ones everywhere.



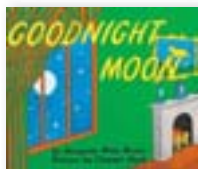
RRP \$15.99
EARN 75 POINTS **2+**
Dingo plans to make wombat stew, until other bush animals come to the rescue with a wicked plan dingo will never forget!



Boardbook
RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS **2+**
Mothball is a cheeky wombat with attitude. She eats, sleeps, scratches and she's busy training humans to become better pets.



RRP \$24.99
EARN 120 POINTS **2+**
A delightful exploration of childhood and growing up within an Aboriginal community captured with exuberant pictures and rhyming read-aloud text.



Boardbook
RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS **2+**
This little bunny has been sending kids to slumber for 50 years – the perfect way to whisper 'hush' at nightfall.



Boardbook
RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS **2+**
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy has lots of fabulous friends, like Slinky Malinki and Zachary Quack. Come meet them too!



Boardbook
RRP \$12.95
EARN 60 POINTS **2+**
Very young children will love lifting the flaps and following the search for Spot in this special board book version of his first and most famous adventure.

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2010 BOOKLOVERS' BEST

KIDS' TOP 51

SEE FULL RANGE IN-STORE NOW



Encourage kids to read with beautifully illustrated books you can enjoy together.

As their love of reading develops, children become ready for more complex stories. Enjoy bright and tactile pages that offer clues and 'what happens next' cues to promote questions and discussions. Talking to your children about books not only helps them learn, it can also be a special time you share with your child that brings you closer together.



RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

Rose lived with her dog, John Brown, until the mysterious midnight cat came along – and things began to change...

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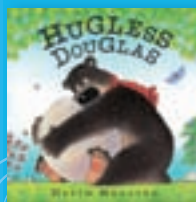
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RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

Join Tilly and her dancing friends as they take their first ballet steps. The perfect book for any budding ballerina.

3+



RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

Douglas the lovable huggable brown bear needs a cuddle – join him on his quest for the perfect bear hug.

3+



RRP \$12.99
EARN 60 POINTS

An endless progression of dog and cat in and out drives delightfully detailed illustrations of a family's busy day.

3+



Words and Pictures...



RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS

Leading Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft takes little ones on an enchanting visual journey across a vast Australian landscape.

3+

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RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

A quick thinking mouse outwits creatures of the deep dark woods in this modern classic with a monster surprise.

3+



RRP \$12.99
EARN 60 POINTS

When a scruffy homeless dog meets a new canine friend, his lonely struggle to survive becomes a warm waggly tale.

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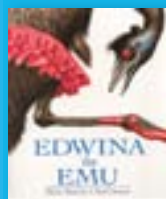


RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

Crikey! Stripey the little emu chick's missing, and the frantic search is on, from Crusty Creek to Broken Springs and beyond...

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RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

Lovebirds Edward and Edwina are proud parents of ten little emu eggs. Can Mum land a job to support her clan?

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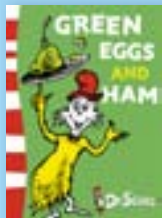
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RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

This very funny, cumulative song about a three-legged honky tonky winky donkey will have children in fits of laughter. Includes CD.

3+



RRP \$9.99
EARN 45 POINTS

3+

Dr Seuss' classic asks that most colourful question... "Do you like green eggs and ham?" ... only one way to find out!



RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

3+

An angry rampage banishes Max to his magical forest bedroom – that timeless adventure of discovery, wonder, and taming Wild Things.



RRP \$12.99
EARN 60 POINTS

4+

Shimmering scales and a heart of gold. Rainbow Fish will delight even the youngest reader in this colourful marine adventure.



RRP \$15.99
EARN 75 POINTS

4+

Captures the passage of seasons on an Australian farm through the eyes of kids and creatures who call it home.



...bring stories to life



5+



RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS

This little boy loves his toy robot, until things go wrong... a tale about his search for a best friend.



5+



RRP \$15.95
EARN 75 POINTS

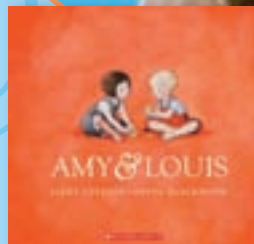
She's wicked, wild and one in a million! Horrible Harriet's quirky tale about triumphant friendship in a scandalous schoolyard.

Early Readers

3-5 YEARS

“ Ah, the pleasure of sharing a book with a child! Take delight in the sounds and rhythms of the words chosen by the writer. Explore and marvel at the illustrations. Search out the characters and the action found in the written and the visual elements of the story. You are setting them up for a lifetime of story loving and that is a wonderful basis for a lifetime of literacy.”

Libby Gleeson



RRP \$15.99
EARN 75 POINTS

3+



Neighbours Amy and Louis are best friends, parted by a sudden move... until Louis discovers how to rebuild their special bond.



Funny stories and enchanting adventures captivate the young.

Once young readers become confident reading independently, their imaginations really begin to fire.

These are some of our favourite books that help make the transition from picture book to chapter book seamless and enjoyable. From wacky tall tales to classics, this selection will keep them entertained and occupied, curled up with a book for hours.

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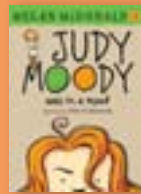


RRP \$7.95 EA
EARN 35 POINTS EA

Billie B Brown is brave, brilliant, bold and will be your best friend in no time. Expect 'real world' adventures and a role model you can rely on!

6+

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RRP \$15.95
EARN 75 POINTS

Bad moods, good moods, even back-to-school moods. This first book in the brilliant series will get everyone in the Judy Moody mood!

6+

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RRP \$29.99
EARN 145 POINTS

A boy escapes to a mysterious old gallery of treasures and surprising escapades to keep young readers engrossed for hours.

6+

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RRP \$18.95
EARN 90 POINTS

Three magical Enid Blyton tales take kids to an enchanting world of faraway adventure where Angry Pixie and Saucepan Man await.

6+

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RRP \$12.95
EARN 60 POINTS

The heroes must rescue Bella the hungry python before she devours a cockatoo for breakfast – their slipperiest mission yet.

6+

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RRP \$9.99
EARN 45 POINTS

Join Rachel and Kirsty on a magical fun journey with Ruby the Red Fairy at the end of the rainbow...

6+

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RRP \$9.99
EARN 45 POINTS

Monster guard Kai is ready for battle, but can his hi-tech gadgetry tackle toxic jellyfish, water beast and wave attack?

6+

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RRP \$9.95
EARN 45 POINTS

Meet Boris – a warthog with an adventurous streak. With big dreams and bigger imagination, you'll never be bored with Boris around!

6+

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RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

Cheeky Charlie loves getting into mischief. The first of these Aussie outback adventures, and he's already in Mum's bad books...

7+

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RRP \$15.95
EARN 75 POINTS

Sophisticated, multi-award winning picture book starring Dog, Magpie and Fox – a powerful fable at the heart of human relationships.

7+

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“ I have some great tips for reading with your child. Firstly develop a reading routine – making sure you allocate regular time for reading every day. Visit the library and bookshops together and better still, fill your home with books! Encourage creative play based on books, this will develop your child’s imagination plus being lots of fun! Most of all our cherish reading with your child, it is a great gift you can give them. ”

Jacqueline Harvey



RRP \$15.95
EARN 75 POINTS

Move over Matilda. Step aside Madeline. A new miniature heroine is making her mark. Meet the spunky one and only Alice-Miranda.

7+

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INTERMEDIATE READERS

6-8 YEARS



RRP \$9.95
EARN 45 POINTS

7+

Both girls were sure they wouldn't like each other, until Ivy's magical spell helps Bean out of a pickle.



RRP \$14.95

EARN 70 POINTS

7+

Big gruesome giants are gobbling up human beans, and only one can stop them – lovable cuddly Dahl creation, the BFG.



RRP \$16.99 EA

EARN 80 POINTS EA

7+

First published in French 150 years ago, this gem of a series follows the adventures and mischievous pranks of little Sophie in colonial empire France. A delight for girls everywhere.

TALES TO STRETCH THE IMAGINATION



RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

8+

The book that spawned the biggest children's publishing phenomenon of all time. Spellbinding boy wizard adventures amid a magic extravaganza.



RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINT

8+

The first in an off of the wall, laugh out loud series from ingenious and much-loved children's author Colin Thompson.

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RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

8+

Nanny Piggins, the world's most glamorous flying pig flees the circus for an exciting series of chocolate cake fuelled escapades.

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RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS

8+

Norman Lindsay's timeless classic follows the adventures of Bunyip Bluegum, Bill Barnacle and Sam Sawnoff as they outwit persistent puddin' thieves.

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RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

8+

Revisits the wacky family of sassy picture book heroine, Clarice Bean, with her first utterly ace, super savvy chapter book adventure.



RRP \$9.95
EARN 45 POINTS

8+

Alice tumbles into a curious and curiouser fantasyland, in this 'mad as a hatter' tale that's captured imaginations since 1865.



Provoking new thoughts and discoveries in maturing minds.

Stories to engage the competent reader can more deeply explore thought-provoking real world issues, but fun and adventure is still a must. At this age you can introduce your child to books that will remain with them in their hearts and minds for years, while also fostering a love of reading that will last their entire lives.



RRP \$14.99 EA
EARN 70 POINTS EA

9+

Wise-cracking skeleton detective Skulduggery Pleasant must defeat a menacing ancient evil in this Dublin based blockbuster fantasy series. Will evil win the day? Over his dead body!



RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS

9+

Nikki is the opposite of popular – she's a total dork! Changing schools could mean new friends... but perhaps not!

ADVENTURE, FRIENDSHIP AND REALLY SILLY JOKES



RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS

9+

Big-head Nate Wright truly believes he is destined for greatness... but life doesn't always go your way just because you're awesome!



RRP \$12.99
EARN 60 POINTS

9+

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The heat is on. Someone's melting the polar cap. Special Agent EJ12 must keep her cool to put evil plans on ice.



RRP \$14.95
EARN 70 POINTS

9+

Undersized weakling Greg Haffley is one wimpy kid. When sidekick Rowley's popularity rises, only drastic measures will save their friendship.



RRP \$17.99
EARN 85 POINTS

9+

Inside that magic wardrobe you'll discover a mystical land and a classic tale that has enchanted readers for half a century.



RRP \$17.99
EARN 85 POINTS

9+

Join Dan and Amy's search for 39 cryptic clues – an adrenaline charged worldwide race to uncover a mysterious fortune.



RRP \$16.95
EARN 80 POINTS

9+

Ingenious criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl, 12, gets much more than he bargained for when he holds a leprechaun to ransom.

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“When I’m writing I’m often trying to recapture the feeling that I used to get as a child reading a really good book, the feeling of going into the world of that book, travelling with the characters, experiencing their adventures, troubles and triumphs. When I was younger I never wanted my favourite books to end, I wanted those stories to be real, and that’s what I try to write now.”

Garth Nix

OLDER 9-12 YEARS Readers



9+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS

RRP \$15.99
EARN 75 POINTS
Blustery fantasy series reveals twins Jack and Jaide as wards against threatening evil, and what it means to be a 'troubletwister'!



9+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS

RRP \$16.95 EA
EARN 80 POINTS EA
Rangers move silently as a shadow and rule with dark magic, and Will is about to join their ranks. **Read the whole series.**



RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS
Take the Mascot Madness test for lots of ludicrous questions about running, jumping, winning, losing, cheating, biting and really hard squeezing.

9+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS



RRP \$15.99
EARN 75 POINTS
Bold Goldie escapes creepy evil clutches to the museum, unlocking a treacherous adventure fraught with dark secrets and dangerous enemies.

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RRP \$16.95
EARN 80 POINTS
Percy accidentally vaporises his maths teacher. Zeus thinks he's stolen his lightning bolt... find it or unleash a 'godly' war!

10+



RRP \$16.95
EARN 80 POINTS
Luke arrives in a middle of nowhere town... only 100 days to save the world... the clock is already ticking...

9+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS



RRP \$39.99
EARN 195 POINTS
Pictures do the talking in this illustrative masterpiece, which puts readers in migrant shoes on a topical journey of empathy.

10+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS



RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS
One of the most exciting children's fantasy series since Harry Potter. A magical prophecy thrusts three children into a cauldron of enchantment.

10+



RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS
Morris Gleitzman has the ability to deal with powerful stories in a way that genuinely connects with young people. Here, two of his classics deal with the Holocaust and survival against the odds.

10+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS



RRP \$17.95
EARN 85 POINTS
Step inside and meet seven cheeky little Australian siblings running wild in their unruly rambling riverside home, aptly named 'Misrule'.

10+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS



RRP \$9.99
EARN 45 POINTS
Isolated and alone, 15-year-old fugitive Cal must uncover a life or death secret. He has 365 days. The countdown's begun.

11+ SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS



Love stories and cult classics that won't go out of fashion.

Selecting books for teens can be tricky. Here are our idiot-proof picks for a variety of ages and interests, that we've found, even the most discerning young adult will love. Novels for young adults can include daydream delights and lengthier cult classics, parents could even find themselves borrowing these brilliant reads.

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RRP \$19.95 EA
EARN 95 POINTS EA

12+

A dragon hatchling unearths an ancient legacy, thrusting Eragon into a perilous new world ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds. The fate of the Empire rests in his hands. Read the whole series.



RRP \$19.99
EARN 95 POINTS

12+

A little red notebook sparks a whirlwind NY love story that'll have you perusing bookstore shelves... seeking your own love.



RRP \$19.95
EARN 95 POINTS

12+

Loved by adults and teens alike, this unforgettable story traces the gradual encroachment of Nazism on everyday life, and the power of love in the face of the unthinkable.

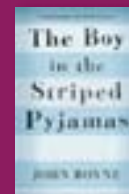
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RRP \$19.95
EARN 95 POINTS

12+

Old enemies awaken as Camp Half-Blood's next generation of demigods prepare for a chilling prophecy of their own.



RRP \$23.95
EARN 115 POINTS

12+

Bruno is the 8-year-old son of a Nazi officer in WWII Germany. When he moves house he forms an unlikely friendship with a Jewish boy.



RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

12+

Her awesome new powers are tested against all kinds of evil. Lucky Zoe Redbird is no ordinary fledgling vampire!



RRP \$17.99
EARN 85 POINTS

12+

Cherub spy kids live in reality – slipping under adult radars and sending criminals to jail... no high tech gadgets required.

All the tales teens love...



13+

RRP \$16.99
EARN 80 POINTS

Drawn to Patch against her better judgment, Nora

finds herself amid an ancient battle which could cost her life.



13+

RRP \$19.95
EARN 95 POINTS

Society Officials predetermine everything in

Cassia's life, but her wrong marriage match calls for risky rebellion against the status quo.



13+

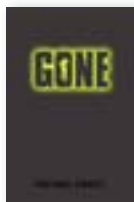
RRP \$18.99
EARN 90 POINTS

Reality TV meets *Lord of the Flies*... a bloody annual

battle broadcast to an entire nation. Losing means certain death.

YOUNG Adult

12+ YEARS



RRP \$22.95
EARN 110 POINTS **12+**
Hunger, bullies, and sinister evil. It's a terrifying new world in Perdido Beach but the kids must learn to survive.



RRP \$19.99
EARN 95 POINTS **12+**
Bitten by werewolf romance behind haunting yellow eyes, Grace must fight for her impossible love... before winter takes it back.



RRP \$19.95
EARN 95 POINTS **12+**
Marooned on a desert island, two kids from clashing cultures must learn to get along to survive... forging a new Nation.



14+
SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS
RRP \$18.95
EARN 90 POINTS
Retra is drawn

deeper into the intoxicating world of Ixion where music and parties rule... and secrets are deadly.



15+
SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS
RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS

Takes up the story of friends in *Saving Francesca* – only this time Thomas Mackee is the one who needs saving.



RRP \$17.95
EARN 85 POINTS



RRP \$17.95
EARN 85 POINTS



RRP \$24.95
EARN 120 POINTS

13+
Two angels cursed to endure a love that will never be chase each other through past eternities to unlock their destiny. The intensely addictive 4 part series – where love never dies.



13+
RRP \$14.99
EARN 70 POINTS
Laugh your tights off at the amateur dramatic antics of

Talullah and co. Boys, snogging and bad acting guaranteed!



13+
RRP \$16.95
EARN 80 POINTS
Forbidden romance, a ruthless social scene

and unspeakable nighttime rituals. Welcome to St. Vladimir's Academy, where everyone's out for blood...



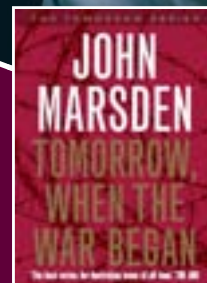
13+
SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS
RRP \$24.99
EARN 120 POINTS
Secret angels banned from human attachments shield

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How to get the teenagers in your life to read books? Here are a few tips from John Marsden.

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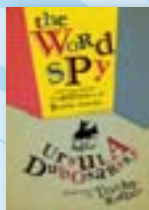


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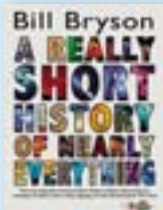


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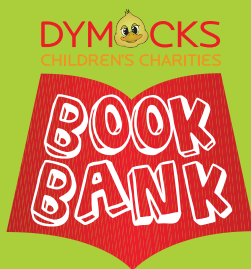
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