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# Nims Island Wendy Orr

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### Mokie and Bik Go to Sea Turtleback

Tells the story of how the ever-living sequoia, also known as the coast redwood, came to be, and compares its longevity to the history of the world.

*The Bully Biscuit Gang* Macmillan  
Kirsty and her sister run into the Bully Biscuit Gang on their first day of school, who terrorize the other kids until they give them their cookies and biscuits from their lunchboxes.

### Eleven Mighty Media, Inc.

With their father home from the sea, the rambunctious twins Mokie and Bik make the Bullfrog shipshape for a voyage out to sea, where they make friends with a scaredy-seal, save a runaway boat, and keep track of Waggles.

### **Esme's Wish** Henry Holt and Company

### (BYR)

Nim lives on an island with her father, Jack, a marine iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie, and their friend Alex Rover, the adventure writer. Nim's island is the most beautiful place in the world, and she wouldn't swap live anywhere else. When Jack invites a group of scientists to visit, they bring their children as well. But two of the scientists have plans other than studying algae... By the time Nim discovers what they really want, and what they will do to get it, the children are in grave danger. And so is the island! Nim must choose between saving a natural treasure and saving someone's life.

### Cuckoo's Flight Harpercollins Australia

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From the moment she's born, the adorable beagle puppy named Bella has a lot of energy. She runs, she chases, she somersaults, she chews, and she sniffs . . . and sniffs and sniffs and sniffs. Her new owners love her, but they soon realize that Bella is bored while they're out of the house all day, and that their small apartment might not be the best home for an energetic puppy. Luckily, Mona at the Rainbow Street Shelter can help! She keeps an eye out for the perfect place for Bella, and soon she finds her not just a home but a job—the best job in the world for a dog who loves to sniff. ABANDONED! A Lion Called Kiki

### Yearling

This was her last chance. Her hand twisted high in the air. When fifteen-year-old Esme Silver objects at her father's wedding, her protest is dismissed as the action of a stubborn, selfish teenager. Everyone else has accepted the loss of Esme's mother, Ariane—so why can't she? But Esme is suspicious. She is sure that others are covering up the real reason for her mother's disappearance—that 'lost at sea' is code for something more terrible, something she has a right to know. After Esme is accidentally swept into the enchanted world of Aeolia, the truth

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begins to unfold. With her newfound friends, Daniel and Lillian, Esme retraces her mother's steps in the glittering canal city of Esperance, untangling the threads of Ariane's double life. But the more Esme discovers about her mother, the more she questions whether she really knew her at all.

The Complete Adventures on Nim's Island  
Odyssey Books

Buster isn't fluffy or pretty like other cats—he's a crazy orange cat with attitude. And Mr. Larsen is the exact right person for him. Every morning Buster and Mr. Larsen sit on their porch in the sun, and every morning Josh sees them when he walks to school. When Mr. Larsen goes to the hospital and Buster goes missing, Josh

and his family look for that crazy cat everywhere. But if Buster turns up, Rainbow Street Animal Shelter will have to help him find another home. That's when Josh and his family realize that—sometimes—life can choose a pet for you.

### STOLEN! A Pony Called Pebbles Macmillan

Logan is moving from the farm to the city. He'll miss all the things he's leaving behind, but at least he has Bear. He loves Bear more than anything else in the world—because Bear is his dog. Hannah lives in the city. What she wants, more than anything else in the world, is a dog of her own. At the Rainbow Street Shelter, Logan and Hannah find a

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talking parrot, an old black Labrador, a three-legged goat, a puppy that looks like a peanut—and a Surprise that just might be the best thing in the world.

Terror at the Zoo Nim's Island

This series takes readers on a fictional journey through some fascinating Australian stories, inspired by objects from the National Museum of Australia's collection. Ages 7+.

Dragonfly Song Yearling

Leira is about to start her initiation as a priestess when her world is turned upside down. A violent earthquake leaves her home--and her family--in pieces. And the earth

goddess hasn't finished with the island yet. With her family, Leira flees across the sea to Crete, expecting sanctuary. But a volcanic eruption throws the entire world into darkness. After the resulting tsunami, society descends into chaos; the status and privilege of being noble-born are reduced to nothing. With her injured mother and elderly nurse, Leira must find the strength and resourcefulness within herself to find safety. A thrilling new Bronze Age survival story from the award-winning author of *Dragonfly Song* and *Nim's Island*. A Light in Space Allen & Unwin A girl. An iguana. An island. And e-

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mail. Meet Nim – a modern-day Robinson Crusoe! She can chop down bananas with a machete, climb tall palm trees, and start a fire with a piece of glass. So she 's not afraid when her scientist dad sails off to study plankton for three days, leaving her alone on their island. Besides, it 's not as if no one 's looking after her – she 's got a sea lion to mother her and an iguana for comic relief. She also has an interesting new e-mail pal. But when her father 's cell-phone calls stop coming and disaster seems near, Nim has to be stronger and braver than she 's ever been before. And she 'll need all her friends to help her.

The Nim Stories Macmillan  
Sam is almost 11 when he

discovers a locked box in the attic above his grandfather Mack 's room, and a piece of paper that says he was kidnapped. There are lots of other words, but Sam has always had trouble reading. He 's desperate to find out who he is, and if his beloved Mack is really his grandfather. At night he 's haunted by dreams of a big castle and a terrifying escape on a boat. Who can he trust to help him read the documents that could unravel the mystery? Then he and the new girl, Caroline, are paired up to work on a school project, building a castle in Mack 's woodworking shop. Caroline loves to read, and she can help. But

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she ' s moving soon, and the two must hurry to discover the truth about Sam.

Ark in the Park Allen & Unwin

Ellen Streater received the perfect birthday present—an overnight camp-out at the zoo. Too bad she had to invite her little brother Corey along.

But as night falls in the zoo, her brother becomes the least of her worries, as they discover they're locked in the zoo with an escaped convict who's stalking their every move. Unable to run, and with no help in sight, their last chance for survival is Ellen's crazy science project on animal communication. But can they get the animals to help them in time, or will it be too late? "A compelling and

fast-paced mystery with characters that are believable and well drawn."

—The Horn Book "Plausible incidents and believable characters combine in a fast-moving and well-constructed tale."

—Booklist

Rescue on Nim's Island Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

When her parents take her to visit a very special pet store in the park across from her apartment, both Sophie and Mr. and Mrs. Noah, the pet store owners, have their secret wishes fulfilled.

Across the Dark Sea Allen & Unwin  
Mona's uncle Matthew works in a circus, and he always gives pretty great birthday presents. But when

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Mona turns eight, he gives her something better than juggling balls or stilts—a baby lion cub! His note says that the cub's mother couldn't care for it properly, and he knows Mona and her grandparents can help. Mona names the lion Kiki, and at first Kiki is like any other kitten. As she grows bigger and bigger, though, Mona realizes that Kiki needs a home which will allow her to be the wild animal she was born to be. Fans of the Rainbow Street Shelter books will love reading about how the shelter started and how its owner, Mona, has always loved animals—starting with an adorable baby lion.

Peeling the Onion National Museum of Australia Press

An ugly dumpling is ignored and sad until an encouraging cockroach sees the dumpling's inner beauty and helps it discover its true identity and realize being different is beautiful after all.

The Princess and Her Panther  
Yearling

The breath-taking adventures of Mokie and Bik - eccentric twins who live on a houseboat. A highly illustrated storybook for reading aloud, and for readers 6-8.

Ella Minnow Pea Allen & Unwin

An honest, unsentimental story of pain and change and love. A powerful novel about a girl re-



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making her life after a car accident. For teenagers and young adults. Facing the Mountain Scholastic Canada If she had stayed to load the kiln as she should have, she'd never have seen the ship. Mama said the ship still would have been there, so everything had to happen the way it did. But that's not true. Clio saw it, and the world changed. When a raiders' ship appears off the coast, the goddess demands an unthinkable price to save the town - and Clio's grandmother creates a sacred statue to save Clio's life. But Clio is torn between the demands of guarding the statue and caring for her beloved horses. Disabled in an accident, she must try to put aside her own grief at no longer being able to ride - and in the process, save a friend's life and stop a war. Rippling with emotion and drama, war and resistance, fear and

determination, this novel is a brilliant companion to the highly acclaimed *Dragonfly Song* and *Swallow's Dance*. [Nim's Friends](#) Wendy Lamb Books An epistolary novel set on a fictional island off the South Carolina coastline, 'Ella Minnow Pea' brings readers to the hometown of Nevin Nollop, inventor of the pangram 'The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over the Lazy Dog'. Deified for his achievement in life, Nevin has been honored in death with a monument featuring his famous phrase. One day, however, the letter 'Z' falls from the monument, and some of the islanders interpret the missing tile as a message from beyond the grave. The letter 'Z' is banned from use. On an island where the residents pride them-selves on their love of language, this is seen as a tragedy. They are still reeling from the shock

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when another tile falls. And then another...

In his charming debut, first published in 2001, Mark Dunn took readers on a journey through the eyes of Ella Minnow Pea, a young woman forced to create another clever turn of phrase in order to save the islanders ' beloved language.