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## Nims Island Wendy Orr

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### **MISSING! A Cat Called Buster** Macmillan

In her third gripping adventure, Nim unearths an amazing opalized fossil, but this discovery puts her island in terrible danger. 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 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.

**Ever-Living Tree** Simon and Schuster  
A gripping adventure of wilderness

survival from the author of *Nim's Island*. Raven is over the moon when she is the first to get to the mountaintop on a trek with her sister and new stepfather. Reaching the summit is like standing on top of the world: exhilarating and breathtaking. But her triumph is short-lived when the earth starts shaking and she takes a terrible tumble down the side of the mountain. Terrified and injured, she stumbles around looking for her family, only to realize they are alive, but trapped in a cave, impossible to reach. Raven sets out alone to find help. But with no food, and danger lurking at every turn, how will she find her way back to civilization? In the tradition of *Hatchet*, *Facing the Mountain* is the captivating story of a young girl's incredible journey through unpredictable wilderness. Readers will be left breathless as Raven struggles to keep her wits about her and find the courage it takes to go on.

### Mokie and Bik Allen & Unwin

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

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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 she's moving soon, and the two must hurry to discover the truth about Sam. The Penderwicks Annick Press ; North York, Ont. : Distributed in Canada and the USA by Firefly Books

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.

Across the Dark Sea Yearling

Six tail-wagging, melt-your-heart stories of loyal, lost, playful and cuddly pets from the author of Nim's Island. At the end of a narrow street is a little blue house with a rainbow painted over a cherry-red door. It's the Rainbow Street Animal Shelter, and it is the best place for lost animals, and the best place to find a pet. Meet Bear, the border collie who goes home to the wrong house in the wrong car! And Nelly, the stumpy-tail dog who helps children learn to read. Buster the growly marmalade cat turns out to be a hero, and Pebbles the pony is stolen away and lost in the bush. Bella the runaway beagle might be clever enough to be a sniffer dog... but who would have a lion cub as a pet? Six adorable stories about animals you'll love, and the children who love them.

Aa-Choo! Allen & Unwin

A girl. An iguana. An island. And e-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.

Nim's Island Pajama Press Inc.

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.

Mokie and Bik Go to Sea Allen & Unwin

The kids and their favorite teacher from Because of Mr. Terupt and Mr. Terupt Falls Again return for a third book in this warmhearted series filled with unique characters every reader can relate to. The one teacher who changed everything is the one thing missing this school year. The kids from Mr. Terupt's fifth- and sixth-grade classes are entering their first year of junior high school. There's a lot to be excited about, but starting at a new school isn't easy. Peter and Jeffrey face tough competition on their wrestling team. Alexia has a disastrous first day of school, and that's only the beginning. Anna is desperate for Charlie to propose to her mother—what is he waiting for?! Danielle isn't feeling so well, but she's trying to tough it out, like Grandma. Trouble with a bully makes Luke dread going to school for the first time ever. And Jessica is waiting anxiously for an acceptance to a theater retreat in New York City. Everyone is missing Mr. Terupt. When a fight threatens to break up the group forever, they think their favorite

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teacher is the only one who can help them. But the kids soon find out that it ' s Mr. Terupt who needs saving. This novel includes extra content in the back of the book. Readers will find a Junior High Survival Guide with tips from the old gang! Read all the Mr. Terupt Books, including *Because of Mr. Terupt* and *Mr. Terupt Falls Again!* And don't miss the conclusion to the series, *Goodbye, Mr. Terupt*, coming soon! "Fans of the " Terupt " novels will cheer as the Snow Hill crowd enters seventh grade, though this latest volume will also appeal to newcomers to the series."--School Library Journal

### DISCOVERED! A Beagle Called Bella Pajama Press Inc.

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 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 Princess and Her Panther Picador*

*Nim's Island Yearling*

*Nim's Island* Allen & Unwin

Listen carefully and you will hear the wild, untamed music of Gray Wolf as he races along icy ridges, howls at the moon, fiercely defends his territory against an unknown pack, and, finally,

settles with a new mate. The simple, poetic text follows the restless Gray Wolf as he wanders through the northern winter night and the spectacular illustrations present a dramatic look at a beautiful, endangered animal. An afterword that adults will want to share with children is also included and offers detailed information on wolves and their range throughout the world.

*Raven's Mountain* Allen & Unwin

Amy lives and breathes horses, but all her horses are in books or in her head. So when she goes on a picnic with her friend Hannah's family, Hannah thinks Amy is imagining things when she says she heard a horse neigh nearby. But then Hannah hears a neigh, too! What's a horse doing in the park? With a little help from Mona at the Rainbow Street Shelter, Amy makes sure the horse is safe and sound. She almost hopes the owner never turns up, so that she could keep visiting the pony. . . .

*Dragonfly Song* Macmillan

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*Peeling the Onion* Allen & Unwin

When Andrew encounters a space alien in a tiny spaceship, he thinks that Ysdran will be his own personal space pet, especially when she teaches him to move things with his mind, but Ysdran thinks she is training a new slave who will help her people mine the

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Earth.

Nim at Sea Scholastic Paperbacks

When Megan gets sick and cannot go to day care, no one can stay home with her, and she has to go to the office with her mother.

Ark in the Park Knopf Books for Young Readers

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 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.

Saving Mr. Terupt National Museum of Australia Press

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.

Swallow's Dance Allen & Unwin

Living on a nearly deserted island with her scientist father, eleven-year-old Nim finds friends in the animals she encounters and the imaginary friends she creates from

characters from her favorite books.

Eleven 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.

Cuckoo's Flight Turtleback

Mona's uncle Matthew works in a circus, and he always gives pretty great birthday presents. But when 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.