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Rainbow Street Pets Univ. of Queensland Press

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.

*Swashbuckler* Allen & Unwin

'I was lost in the desert. Without transport. Without water. Without a hope.' Sam Fox is on a caving expedition in

the desert when the roof collapses, trapping his brother Nathan beneath tonnes of rubble. Nathan is in a bad way, and Sam's his only hope. But when he reaches the cave exit, Sam discovers a sea of huge, angry scorpions! And that's just the first deadly obstacle he will have to face if he's to get his brother out alive . . . An action-packed rollercoaster ride, *Scorpion Sting* is the fourth book in a thrilling new series! Visit

[puffin.com.au/extreme](http://puffin.com.au/extreme) for more.  
**The Incredible Journey Penguin Group Australia**  
After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a

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wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

Mokie and Bik Go to Sea Doubleday Books for Young Readers

Praised by the Horn Book as “ both quiet and exhilarating, ” this novel by the acclaimed poet and National Book Award Finalist Naomi Shihab Nye follows Aref Al-Amri as he says goodbye to everything and everyone he loves in his hometown of Muscat, Oman, as his family prepares to move to Ann Arbor, Michigan. This book was awarded a 2015 Middle East Book Award, was named a Notable Book by the American Library Association, and includes extra material by the author. Aref Al-Amri does not want to leave Oman. He does not want to leave his elementary school, his friends, or his beloved grandfather, Siddi. He does not want to live in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where his parents will go to graduate

school. His mother is desperate for him to pack his suitcase, but he refuses. Finally, she calls Siddi for help. But rather than pack, Aref and Siddi go on a series of adventures. They visit the camp of a thousand stars deep in the desert, they sleep on Siddi's roof, they fish in the Gulf of Oman and dream about going to India, and they travel to the nature reserve to watch the sea turtles. At each stop, Siddi finds a small stone that he later slips into Aref's suitcase—mementos of home. Naomi Shihab Nye's warmth, attention to detail, and belief in the power of empathy and connection shines from every page. Features black-and-white spot art and decorations by Betsy Peterschmidt.

*Nim's Island* Penguin Group Australia  
Adventure abounds when a toy comes to life in this classic novel! It's Omri's birthday, but all he gets from his best friend, Patrick, is a little plastic warrior figure. Trying to hide his disappointment, Omri puts his

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present in a metal cupboard and locks the door with a mysterious skeleton key that once belonged to his great-grandmother. Little does Omri know that by turning the key, he will transform his ordinary plastic toy into a real live man from an altogether different time and place! Omri and the tiny warrior called Little Bear could hardly be more different, yet soon the two forge a very special friendship. Will Omri be able to keep Little Bear without anyone finding out and taking his new friend away?

### **The School Story** Allen & Unwin

There used to be bush all around Naringalong, but now there's a housing estate and hardly anywhere to ride. For the kids near the new estate it is a summer of dirtbikes and discovery and the beginning of a new understanding:

of friendship, family and freedom.

*My Dad's a Birdman* Macmillan

Sometimes, as Colonel Raymond discovers, the unofficial way of dealing with trouble can be most effective.

When a foreign power is discovered to be sinking British shipping in the Indian Ocean, he calls in Biggles and his team to stop it by any means they care to use. And so Biggles and his friends set off on one of the most hair-raising and spine-chilling adventures they have ever encountered... Millions of avid fans worldwide have already enjoyed the adventures of cult hero and flying ace Squadron-Leader Bigglesworth - otherwise known as Biggles. Now these fast-paced, thrill-packed stories are

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available in this brand-new editions for today's readers.

*Rescue on Nim's Island* Millbrook Press

In this humorous and relatable novel from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary, a girl must overcome her rebellious attitude toward learning cursive. At first, Maggie is just feeling stubborn when she declares she won't learn cursive. What's wrong with print, anyway? And she can easily type on a computer, so why would she need to know how to read those squiggly lines? But soon all her classmates are buzzing about Maggie's decision, especially after her teacher, Mrs. Leeper, says Maggie's cursive is so sloppy that her name looks like "Muggie." With "Muggie

Maggie" ringing in her ears, Maggie absolutely, positively won't back down...until she's appointed class mail messenger. All the letters that Mrs. Leeper sends to the office are in cursive, and Maggie thinks they are written about her. But there's only way to know for sure...so what's Maggie going to do? For generations, Beverly Cleary has captivated readers of all ages with beloved characters such as Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ribsby, and Ralph S. Mouse. Muggie Maggie follows suit with what School Library Journal calls "a likable, funny heroine whom readers will want to know."

*Plotted* Candlewick Press

A bind-up edition of two exciting

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adventure stories by Wendy Orr - Nim's Island and Nim at Sea . Nim's Island was a major international movie, and now there's a second action-packed movie inspired by Nim at Sea, called Return to Nim's Island, starring Bindi Irwin.

*The Complete Adventures on Nim's Island*  
Simon and Schuster

In late 19th-century Colorado, Louisa's father is erroneously arrested for thievery and, while under the charge of the awful Smirch family, Louisa and a magical friend must find a way to prove his innocence.

*Monkey Mountain: Extreme Adventures*  
Yearling

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.

*Biggles and the Secret Mission* Holiday House

WINNER: 2017 Prime Minister's Literary Award, Children's Fiction WINNER: 2018 Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature, Children's Literature HONOUR BOOK: CBCA Book of the Year, Younger Readers, 2017 There are two ways of looking at Aissa's story. She's the miracle girl who escaped the raiders. Or she's the cursed child who called the Bull King's ship to the island. The firstborn daughter of a priestess is cast out as a baby, and after raiders kill her adopted family, she is abandoned at the gates of the Great Hall, anonymous and mute. Called No-Name, the cursed child, she is raised a slave, and

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not until she is twelve does she learn her name is Aissa: the dragonfly. Now every year the Bull King takes a tribute from the island: two thirteen-year-old children to brave the bloody bull dances in his royal court. None have ever returned - but for Aissa it is the only escape. Aissa is resilient, resourceful, and fast - but to survive the bull ring, she will have to learn the mystery of her true nature. A riveting, mythic Bronze Age adventure from award-winning author Wendy Orr.

### **The Prairie Thief** Allen & Unwin

All three Nim novels - *Nim's Island*, *Nim at Sea* and *Rescue on Nim's Island* - collected in one edition to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the original publication of *Nim's Island*.

[Swallow's Dance](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Mudshark is the go-to guy for any mysteries that need solving. Lost your shoe? Can't find your homework? Ask Mudshark. That is, until the Psychic Parrot takes up residence in the school library and threatens to overturn Mudshark's position as the guy who knows all the answers. The word in school is that the parrot can out-think Mudshark. And right now, the school needs someone who's good at solving problems. There's an escaped gerbil running rampant, an emergency in the faculty restroom, and all the erasers are disappearing from the classrooms. When Mudshark solves the mystery of who's stealing the erasers, he discovers the culprit has the best of intentions. Now he has to think of a way to prevent the Psychic Parrot from revealing the eraser-thief's identity. With a bit of misdirection and a lot of quick thinking, Mudshark restores order to the chaos . . . just for the moment.

### **Escape to the Hiding Place** Allen &

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## Unwin

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*Code Orange* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Nim loves her island home and the animals

she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help.

**Nim at Sea** Allen & Unwin

A 2017 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book! Louie and Ralphie Ratso are no softies. Readers are sure to chuckle as the determined Ratso brothers' plans to act tough go hilariously awry. Louie and Ralphie Ratso's dad, Big Lou, always says that there are two kinds of people: those who are tough and those who are soft. Louie and Ralphie are tough, tough, tough, just like Big Lou, and they're going to prove it. But every time they try to show just how tough they are, the Ratso brothers end up accidentally doing good deeds instead. What'll Big Lou do when he finds out they've been acting like softies all over the Big City? Perfect for emerging and reluctant readers, this clever and surprisingly



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warmhearted chapter book shows that being tough all the time can be really tough.

*Nim's Island* Candlewick Press

I wonder if the first day of Learning is always like this - do the girls on the hill always feel the ground tremble under their feet? 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 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 reduced to nothing. With her injured mother and elderly nurse, Leira has only the strength

and resourcefulness within herself to find safety. A thrilling Bronze Age survival story from the acclaimed author of *Dragonfly Song*.

**Scorpion Sting: Extreme Adventures** Allen & Unwin

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

*Peeling the Onion* Simon and Schuster  
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

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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.