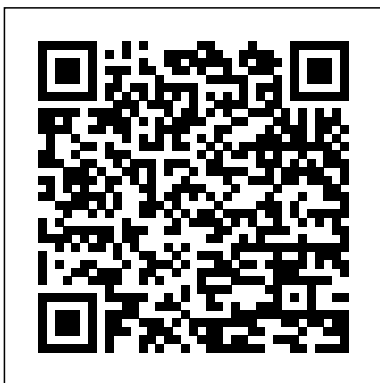


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Launched! Allen & Unwin

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.

Nim at Sea Allen & Unwin  
'Only one thing was clear and

certain - that at all costs he was going home, home to his own beloved master...' The Hunter children must go abroad for the summer, so they reluctantly leave their three pets in the care of a friend. But the faithful animals only know they must get home again, somehow. So the labrador, the old bull terrier and the dainty Siamese cat set off on a perilous journey through the wilderness. But how will domestic animals fare against river rapids, hunger, icy temperatures and ferocious wild beasts? And if they make it home, will their owners be waiting for them? Includes exclusive material: In the Backstory you can find out about some incredible real-life pet adventures! Vintage Children's Classics is a twenty-first century classics list aimed at 8-12 year olds and the adults in their lives. Discover timeless favourites from The Jungle Book and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland to modern classics such as The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and The

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

Rescue on Nim's Island  
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Nim's Island Candlewick Press

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Based on the series produced for the BBC World Service *Who thought up paper money? How did the contraceptive pill change the face of the legal profession? Why was the horse collar as important for human progress as the steam engine? How did the humble spreadsheet turn the world of finance upside-down? The world economy defies comprehension. A continuously-changing system of immense complexity, it offers over ten billion distinct products and services, doubles in size every fifteen years, and links almost every one of the planet's seven billion people. It delivers astonishing luxury to hundreds of millions. It also leaves hundreds of millions behind, puts tremendous strains on the ecosystem, and has an alarming habit of stalling. Nobody is in charge of it. Indeed, no individual understands more than a fraction of what's going on. How can we make sense of this bewildering system on which our lives depend? From the tally-stick to Bitcoin, the canal lock to the jumbo jet, each invention in Tim Harford's fascinating new book has its own curious, surprising and memorable story, a vignette against a grand backdrop. Step by step, readers will start to understand where we are, how we got here, and where we might be going next. Hidden connections will be laid bare: how the barcode undermined family corner shops; why the gramophone widened inequality; how barbed wire*

shaped America. We'll meet the characters who developed some of these inventions, profited from them, or were ruined by them. We'll trace the economic principles that help to explain their transformative effects. And we'll ask what lessons we can learn to make wise use of future inventions, in a world where the pace of innovation will only accelerate.

Rainbow Street Pets Scholastic Paperbacks

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.

Swallow's Dance Simon and Schuster

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.

Harris and Me

HarperCollins Australia

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*.

Running Wild Knopf Books for Young Readers

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

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

### Fifty Things that Made the Modern Economy Barefoot Books

A gripping wilderness-adventure by the author of *Nim's Island*. Raven's sister and step-father are trapped under rocks on the mountain top, and their lives depend on Raven making it down the mountain to get help. But can she find the way?

The Time Quake Allen & Unwin  
The girl has had many selves in her short life. The first she remembers is Aissa, the daughter of Mama and Dada, sister to Zufi who watched the goats. Then the Bull King's raiders came, and Mama said, "Don't make a sound till I come back." And when the villagers found her she was silent as stone, because Mama never came back again. So the villagers cursed her as bad luck and made her No-Name, lowest of the servants to the Lady, the island's priestess. But there were whispers, as she grew, of another self: of the Lady's rejected first daughter, born imperfect with two extra thumbs. The silent girl looks at the scars on her wrists and

wonders, but she has more pressing concerns. The villagers blame her bad luck for the tribute the Bull King now demands of them: two youths given each spring to dance with his bulls and die for his god's glory. And the servants hate and fear the unnatural way the animals all come to her. For Aissa, though, this bond with creatures of fur and scale is the first clue in finding the true self that no one else can give to her, or take away. Wendy Orr, the author of *Nim's Island*, introduces a resourceful and resilient heroine for slightly older readers. Inspired by an archeological trip to the island of Crete, where frescoes show figures leaping over the backs of bulls, Orr weaves an intriguing mythological portrayal of the Bronze Age Minoan civilization. Lyrically written and refreshingly unpredictable, *Dragonfly Song* suggests a fascinating origin for the legend of the Minotaur and his dark tribute.

### Peeling the Onion National Academies Press

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.

*My Dad's a Birdman* Macmillan  
A bind-up edition of two exciting 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.

*Nim's Island* Allen & Unwin  
Nory Ryan's family has lived on Maidin Bay on the west coast of Ireland for generations, raising a pig and a few chickens, planting potatoes, getting by. Every year Nory's father goes away on a fishing boat and returns with the rent money for the English lord who owns their cottage and fields, the English lord bent upon forcing the Irish from their land so he can tumble the cottages and clear the fields for grazing. Times are never easy on Maidin Bay, but this year, a terrible blight attacks the potatoes. No crop means starvation. Twelve-year-old Nory must summon the courage and ingenuity to find food, to find hope, to find a way to help her family survive.

### Rescue on Nim's Island

## Allen & Unwin Australia

There isn't really a word to describe the noise a volcano makes when it erupts. You don't just hear it, you feel it. BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO OOM! A class trip to Borneo starts off with a bang – a visit to a real-life volcano! But when Mount Bako erupts, Sam Fox is left stranded with his teacher, Mr Griffin, who's suffering from a heart attack. They make it down the mountain to the cool blue sea – only to be hemmed in by blood-thirsty sharks . . . An action-packed adventure, *Monkey Mountain* is the hottest Extreme Adventure yet! Visit [puffin.com.au/extreme](http://puffin.com.au/extreme) for more.

The Nim Stories Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

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.

## The Prairie Thief Allen & Unwin

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

Everyone's favorite time-travelers are changing their styles! The Time Warp Trio series now features a brand-new, eye-catching design, sure to appeal to longtime fans, and those new to Jon Scieszka's wacky brand of humor.

## The Knights of the Kitchen

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## Prisoner of the Ant People

## Penguin Group Australia

In a palm tree, on an island, in the middle of the wide blue sea, was a girl. Nim's hair was wild, her eyes were bright, and around her neck she wore three cords. One was for a spyglass, one for a whorly, whistling shell, and one for a fat red pocketknife in a sheath. Nim lives on an island in the middle of the wide blue sea, with her father, Jack, as well as a marine iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie, a turtle called Chica and a satellite dish for her email. No one else lives quite like Nim, and she wouldn't swap places with anyone. In Nim's Island, when Jack disappears in his sailing boat and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before. And she needs help from her friends old and new. This book was adapted as a major motion picture starring Jodie Foster and Abigail Breslin (*Little Miss Sunshine*). In *Nim at Sea*, Nim's new friend Alex Rover flies away without saying goodbye, and Selkie the sea lion is captured by villains from a cruise ship. Nim must risk everything to bring them back. A second major motion picture was inspired by this story, and screened as

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a natural treasure and saving  
someone's life. Happy 21st  
Birthday Nim!

LOST! A Dog Called Bear  
Penguin UK

While sinister Lord Luxon  
makes himself at home in  
twenty-first century  
Manhattan, Peter and Kate,  
aided by Gideon, pursue The  
Tar Man through the streets of  
eighteenth-century London,  
when history is at its tipping  
point.