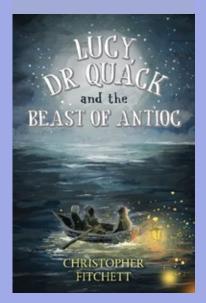
# **FIVE MILE** August 2023

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Lucy must discover the mystery behind her mothers disappearance with the help of Dr Quack and friends.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

• Chris Fitchett is an award-winning Australian writer, producer and director with a Masters in Screenwriting. He has worked in the film and television indistry for many years and as a result has a real talent for writing vivid, immersive stories that will feed the imaginations of young readers.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$17.99 ISBN: 9781922677150 Age: 7+ years Category: Children's Subject: Middle Grade Fiction Binding: Paperback Format: 129 x 198 mm Extent: 192pp





# Lucy, Dr Quack and the Beast of Antioc #1 Written by Chris Fitchett

Paperback

- Chris Fitchett is an award-winning writer, director and producer having worked on the Academy Award winning film *Shine*, as well as *Muriel's Wedding* and children's television shows such as *Hi-5*.
- First in a three-part series which follows Lucy on more adventures.
- There is such strength in the premise of a 12 year old, without any special powers, encountering an "other" world of supernatural events and creatures.
- Perfect for readers who enjoyed Malamander.

Disaster strikes when Lucy finds that her mother has disappeared in the most mysterious of circumstances.

With the help of the wildly eccentric Doctor Quack, Lucy sets off on an epic quest to Beyond the Blue Horizon, to find her. On their mission they meet all sorts of wonderful characters, including the Gobbledegook of Death whose long-winded stories can literally bore you to death, and Selkie Sue who is half-seal and half captain of a rickety old sailing boat, crewed by her first mate, Pete, a feisty old pelican who thinks he is a pirate. Lucy also has to confront Dr Quack's nemesis, who has foul breath and razor-sharp teeth; the dreaded Beast of Antioc! Lucy, Dr Quack and the Beast of Antioc is a rollicking adventure from an exciting new voice in Australian fiction. It will take all their might to solve the mystery and find Lucy's mother. Do they have what it takes to crack the case?

## **TEXT SAMPLE:**

Ye Olde Gobbledegook looks a little bit scary, but he's not. He's just incredibly boring. So boring, in fact, that his stories go on forever and ever, and never, ever, end.

So if you see this weird little man, never ask him how his day has been. That is a fatal mistake, because he will tell you how he got up at exactly seventeen and a half minutes past six o'clock, and then went to the toilet in the bathroom, and then washed his hands with soap and warm water, and then dried them with a fluffy white towel, and then for breakfast had a slice of bread crisped and browned on both sides by heat, accompanied by a nice cup of Earl Grey tea with two tablespoons of the white fluid cows use to feed their young....

After about two hours of listening to this you will have the strange feeling you are losing your mind, that your very reason for existence is slowly but surely being sucked away by every monotonous word issuing forth from his mouth that never stops.

You might try to escape, but Ye Olde Gobbledegook will grab you by the arm and say, "I haven't finished yet."

You smile politely, "Sorry, but I do have to go."

"Don't you want to hear the rest? It won't take long," he insists.

"Alright," you say, and your fate is sealed.

Eventually, after hearing more about his incredibly boring morning, your eyes will glaze over and you will fall into a deep trance from which, alas, you will never awake.

And Ye Olde Gobbledegook continues on his way, until someone else sees him and utters those most dangerous of words....

"How's your day been?" whispered Lucy.



Koala doesn't need socks from Santa in Australia where Christmas is always sunny, but it's another story entirely for Koala's cousin in the Northern Hemisphere!

#### ABOUT THE CREATOR

• Consuelo F. Ortiz is dedicated to turning her boundless imagination into print illustrations and any type of article in which her art can be displayed. This is her first book inspired by her love of Australia's fascinating wildlife. Originally from Spain, Consuelo is now a proud Australian who lives and works in Melbourne.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$24.99 ISBN: 9781922943477 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Picture Book Binding: Hardback Format: 210mm x 273mm Extent: 32pp



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# Dear Santa Written and Illustrated by Consuelo Fernandez Ortiz

Hardback

• Bound to be an instant Christmas classic, this lovely and vibrant story has charmed all who have read it.

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• Spanning two hemispheres, this book has global appeal and there are many more adventures in store for this iconic little koala!

Celebrate an Australian Christmas with Koala! The first in a stunning new series featuring a gorgeous Koala and their pet Cockatoo.









# *Let's explore what it means to belong to our Earth home*



#### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

- Zanni Louise is the author of 12 books for children, including picture books and chapter books for young readers
- Titles include Errol!, Tiggy and the Magic Paintbrush, and her sparkling new fiction series, Stardust School of Dance. Her books are sold internationally, and have been long-listed in the CBCA Awards
- Tiff is a school-garden teacher and, with a Masters in Environmental Education, has been teaching ecological and sustainability education for nearly 15 years.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$17.99 ISBN: 9781922943460 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Picture Book Binding: Paperback Format: 210 x 273mm Portrait Extent: 32pp + cover





# Wonder Earth

#### Written by Zanni Louise & Tiff Holborn | Illustrated by Sophy Louise Smith

Paperback

• A picture book that combines learning facts about the earth while appreciating the beauty and poetry of the world around us. Celebrating Earth's poetry, its true wonderfulness, its whole story is what this book is all about.

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- Written by two people that have a deep love and appreciation for the world around them, Zanni and Tiff are not only incredible writers but also come to this book armed with knowledge as Tiff is an environmental educator.
- The illustrations show interconnectedness of human and nature, built and natural, and celebrate the colour, patterns, and visual rhythms of the natural world.

If we saw ourselves as belonging to the Earth rather than standing apart from it, what would Earth look like? A wonder-filled place? A place we want to protect now and forever?

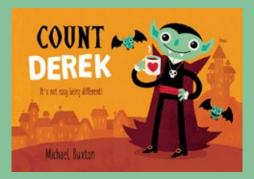
Welcome to Wonder Earth. The Earth has so much to share if only we stop, listen and wonder. Starting with the sun that gives us and all living things life, to the patterns, feelings, stories and relationships that we share with other natural things. Let's explore what it means to belong to our Earth home.

Written by bestselling children's author, Zanni Louise, and environmental educator, Tiff Hollborn, Wonder Earth celebrates both the poetry and science of our Earth home, inspiring awe for the place that sustains and protects us and that needs our protection.









Not-so-bad guy Derek tries to make nice with his new neighbours!

## ABOUT THE CREATOR

 Michael Buxton lives in Kettering, he graduated with a degree in illustration from Loughborough University. His work features bold, expressive characters and a strong sense of humour. He likes to retain a joyful, hand-drawn quality to his illustrations, exactly the style he loved as a child.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$24.99 ISBN: 9781922857798 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Picture Book Binding: Hardback Format: 270 x 190 mm Extent: 28pp



# Count Derek Written & Illustrated by Michael Buxton

Hardback

• This book is the first in Michael Buxton's humorous series, *Not-So-Bad Guys*, each book follows a well known 'bad guy' and reveals them to be not so bad after all.

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- With incredibly colourful and engaging illustrations, little ones will have a blast following along with the joyful, funny stories.
- Michael Buxton is passionate about approaching subjects with respect and honesty, as he does in this book where Count Derek finds a way to be accepted by others whilst remaining true to himself.

Derek the friendly vampire has just moved into his new castle and he is having some difficulties with his neighbours.

What can he do to make things better?

An illustrated picture book for a younger age group which embraces important themes of mutual respect and reconciliation.











More adorable than abominable, discover what got this yeti so upset!

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$24.99 ISBN: 9781922943439 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Picture Book Binding: Hardback Format: 270mm x 190mm landscape Extent: 32pp



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# Abominable Simon Written & Illustrated by Michael Buxton

Hardback

- Following on from *Count Derek*, each book in Michael Buxton's humorous series *Not-So-Bad Guys* follows a well known 'bad guy' and reveals them to be not so bad after all.
- With incredibly colourful and engaging illustrations, little ones (and adults alike!) will have a blast following along with the joyful, funny stories.

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• Michael Buxton is passionate about approaching subjects with respect and honesty, as he does in this book where *Abominable Simon* finds a way to both stay true to his concerns about his environment and home while learning to communicate and work with others to restore harmony.

Simon the yeti's beautiful snowy world is being spoiled by some very thoughtless humans.

#### How can he respond?

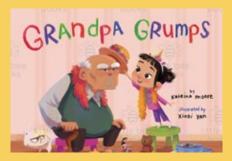
An illustrated picture book for a younger age group which embraces important themes of mutual respect and reconciliation.











Will Daisy break this crabby old curmudgeon by the end of the book?

#### ABOUT THE CREATORS

- Katrina Moore writes and teaches in a part of New Jersey just outside Philadelphia. Her mission is to create books that children will hug for ages. When not teaching elementary schoolkids or writing, she's cooking without a recipe, painting outside the lines, or snuggling up with her two kids, husband, Pomapoo pup, and of course, a cozy book.
- Xindi Yan left behind a small city in China, traveling thousands of miles to New York to realize her dream of being a published artist. She received her BFA in illustration from Pratt Institute and has since worked as an illustrator for the gaming industry and for children's books. She currently lives in Brooklyn with her husband.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$29.99 ISBN: 9781922943446 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Picture Book Binding: Hardback Format: 273 x 210mm landscape Extent: 40pp



# **Grandpa Grumps** Written by Katrina Moore | Illustrated by Xindi Yan

Hardback

- Kids, parents and grandparents will all equally love this funny and heart-warming story about overcoming cultural differences and connecting across generations!
- The look and feel of a Pixar film with the delightful art style conveying a wonderful message about relationships.

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• The frustration and comedy of trying to bridge cultural and generational gaps is skilfully handled.

Daisy's Yeh-Yeh is visiting for the first time from China, and Daisy is so excited to meet him! She has big plans for all the fun they'll have together, like tea parties and snow angels, but when Yeh-Yeh arrives, Daisy finds him less jolly than she imagined. Throughout the week, she tries all sorts of things to get him past his grumpiness. Will she be able to make him smile before he goes home?

Kids will love this funny and heartwarming story about overcoming cultural differences and connecting across generations!









Santa joins The Wiggles for a merry sing-along adventure

#### **ABOUT THE CREATORS**

- The Wiggles are the world's favourite children's entertainment group.
- Broadcast on ABC KIDS daily with approximately 1 million views each week 800 million views on YouTube and new special events coming.
- Over 100K visits each month on The Wiggles website.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 **PLEASE NOTE:** RRP: A\$14.99 ISBN: 9781922943507 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Picture Book Binding: Board Book Format: 279mm x 190mm landscape Extent: 24pps



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## The Wiggles: Go Santa Go (reissue) Written by The Wiggles

**Board Book** .....

- Little readers will love learning the lyrics and singing along with this fun song book.
- The perfect Christmas present for little Wiggles fans everywhere!

Sing along to the to the Wiggly classic Christmas song Go Santa Go! in this fun and festive board book, featuring The Wiggles, their friends and the one and only jolly man in the red suit!









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## Read along to the song!

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# The Wiggles: Hey, Diddle Diddle Written by The Wiggles

**Board Book** 

- Join The Wiggles and their friends as they sing the beloved nursery rhyme, Hey Diddle Diddle.
- Little readers can learn to read and sing along, and parents will love using this book as a bedtime story and lullaby

Learn the words to the song Hey, Diddle Diddle in this Wiggly nursery rhyme board book!

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$12.99 ISBN: 9781922943484 Age: 2+ years Category: Children's Subject: Novelty Binding: Board Book Format: 190mm x 190mm Extent: 10pp (5 Spreads)

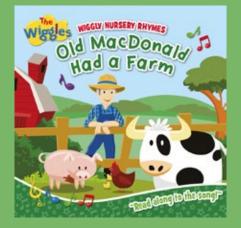




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# The Wiggles: Old MacDonald Had a Farm Written by The Wiggles

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**Board Book** 

- A classic song for little ones to learn and sing along with The Wiggles!
- Not just a book but an interactive fun activity, for little ones to learn animals and their sounds

Learn the words to the song Old MacDonald Had a Farm in this Wiggly nursery rhyme board book!







Old MacDonald had a farm E | E | O!



#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$12.99 ISBN: 9781922943491 Age: 2+ years Category: Children's Subject: Novelty Binding: Board Book Format: 190mm x 190mm Extent: 10pp (5 Spreads)





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Join Thomas & Friends on a *sticker adventure!* 

#### **ABOUT THOMAS & FRIENDS**

- Thomas & Friends is the most purchased infant and pre-school licensed brand.
- Proven success across all Australian retail channels, particularly in traditional trade, gift shops, toy shops and department stores.
- Thomas & Friends celebrated 75 years in 2020!
- The new Look and feel Thomas & Friends is outperforming previous editions.

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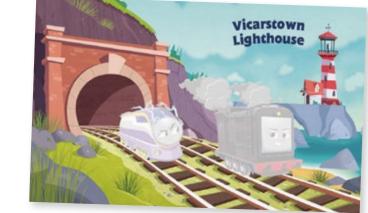
## Thomas & Friends: Let's Explore Sodor! Written by Thomas and Friends

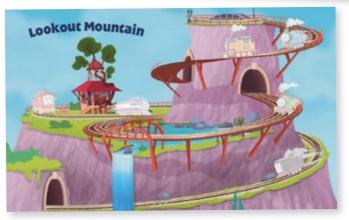
**Sticker Activity Book** 

- Little ones love stickers! And with this book they'll have so much fun finding the right stickers for each spot
- Once the stickers are in place, your child has a colourful guide to all the special locations on the island of Sodor!

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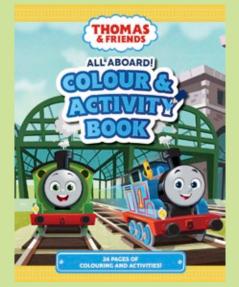
#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$7.99 **ORDER 6 UNITS** ISBN: 9781922943521 Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Interactive & Activity **Binding:** Paperback Format: 210mm x 275mm Extent: 16pp









Complete the buffer-busting colouring and activity pages!

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pub Date: August 2023 RRP: A\$6.99 ISBN: 9781922943217 **ORDER 6 UNITS** Age: 3+ years Category: Children's Subject: Interactive & Activity **Binding:** Paperback Format: 210 x 275 mm Extent: 24pp

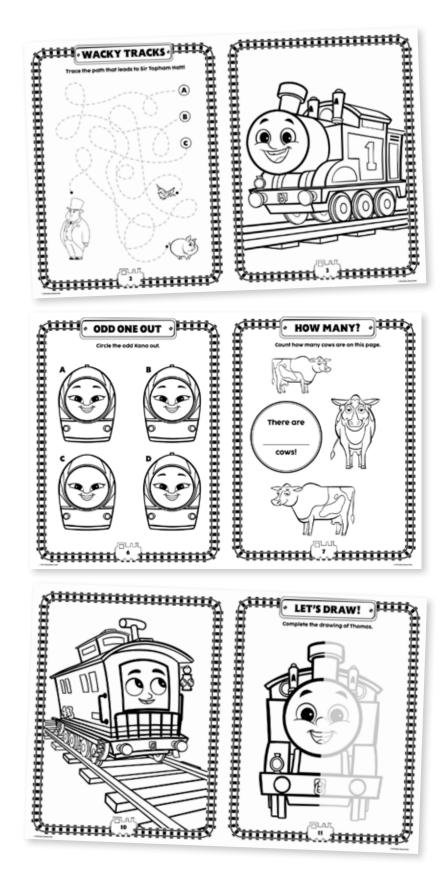


# Thomas & Friends: All Aboard! Colour and Activity

Paperback

- Little ones will enjoy completing the different activities alongside Thomas and Friends including mazes, dot-to-dots, counting and draw by the grid!
- This is the perfect boredom buster for those cold winter days stuck at home.

Join Thomas and his friends in 24 pages of buffer-busting colouring and activities!



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