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Can Do Picks

The Secret Life of Tartan

How a Cloth Shaped a Nation
Vixy Rae

Tartan is so much more than just a cloth. From its clan origins in the Scottish Highlands to the catwalks of Milan, London and New York, from its regimental history to its anti-establishment status, tartan has not only shaped a nation but has become an international style icon. The Secret Life of Tartan is as colourful and interwoven as the threads of the fabric itself. From troops in Black Watch tartan controlling Highland rebels to the Balmoral tartan exclusively worn by royalty, from the first tartan on the moon to the pattern of choice for punk and high fashion alike, tartan truly has a remarkable universal status. The book unravels the truths and the myths of the cloth that shaped a nation to reveal how it has captured hearts around the world.

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Creative Abstract Watercolor

The Beginner's Guide to Expressive and Imaginative Painting
Kate Rebecca Leach

Let your creativity loose and start making art, without getting bogged down in detail or accuracy – just allow yourself to experiment, have fun, be present and play with colour, shape and texture to your heart's content. You'll discover watercolour techniques, tips and tricks to create your own vibrant art, letting the natural watercolour flow to help form your composition and inspire further mixed media embellishment. Through a variety of projects, you'll learn easy techniques to combine colour, texture, and contrast in exciting ways, and how to add gorgeous embellishments using gel pens and metallic paints to make your abstract pieces shine.

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Practical Art

Watercolor Your Way Techniques, Palettes and Projects to Fit Your Skill Level and Creative Goals
Sarah Cray

Watercolor Your Way meets artists at their current level so they can enjoy the process as they build skills. Each of four chapters focuses on different techniques and supplies, building on each other so you can bring your watercolour art to the next level. • For Those Just Starting Out. Focuses on just three fundamental elements: shape, the wet-on-wet technique and primary colours • Building Confidence and Skill. Spotlights creating value and form with watercolour • Finessing and Enhancing. Centres on adding detailed lines and backgrounds and adjusting values by hue • Finding Your Style. Presents a process of how to develop a style that's uniquely yours.

\$39.99	Paperback	280 x 215mm	128pp	230790
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Painting People and Places

Capturing Everyday Life in Oils
Adebanji Alade

From the absolute basics of getting an image onto your painting surface and preparing and mixing oil paints, this book includes invaluable information on different working approaches. Starting with the basics of value, edge and colour, the book delves into brief exercises and fundamental techniques for sketching and drawing. It then gradually advances to the author's distinctive method of oil painting diverse subjects, featuring six complete stage-by-stage projects. These projects encompass a range of subjects, from intimate portraits to captivating crowd scenes and the urban landscapes for which he is renowned.

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Anyone Can Paint Watercolour Flowers 6 easy Step-by-Step Projects to get you Started
Julie King

Julie King offers a short but inclusive 'what you need' section, enabling you to gather together the paints, brushes and basic equipment required before you start painting. Additionally, the book provides some brief guidance on general techniques, such as how to hold the brush, how to add water to your paint and how to mix your colours to achieve the perfect petal hue. The six stunning step-by-step projects that follow build in difficulty as you work through the book, introducing new techniques as they are used and incorporating numerous handy hints and tips from the author to help you progress on your painting journey.

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A Whisper of Cardamom

Sweetly Spiced Recipes to Fall in Love With
Eleanor Ford

This is a love story between sugar and spice. – 80 recipes and stories explore the cultural history, symbolism and flavours of spice and how they can be used in sweet cooking and baking. Floral and fruity spices pair well with rich fats. Warming spices like ginger and clove play off treacly brown sugar. Anise sweetens, lemony coriander seed brightens, and herbaceous notes pick out complexity in chocolate. A suspicion of nutmeg cuts the sweet creaminess of custard for a more rounded tart, and a whisper of cardamom makes inky poached plums jaunty and interesting. For those with an eye to expanding their repertoire, there are helpful spice-matching features and flavour wheels to inspire. A whole world of inviting new flavours awaits.

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Beach Song Ros Moriarty & Samantha Campbell

A beautiful, expressive story that celebrates a child's love of the beach. A day at the seashore can be full of surprise, wonder and excitement. Leap through the waves like a dolphin. Glide through the water like a fish. Soar along the sand with the seagulls. What will you do when you go to the beach? A lyrical story that celebrates the joy found exploring the coast from the bestselling author of Kangaroos Hop and the highly acclaimed illustrator of Bidhi Galing. Recommended for ages 3+.

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Gift certificates available too!

The Kew Book of Drawing Flowers Failsafe Lessons for Drawing Floral and Botanical Elements

Bianca Giarola

The Kew Book of Drawing Flowers is a step-by-step guide to drawing flowers by botanical illustrator Bianca Giarola. As a self-taught artist, this book collects everything Bianca wished she knew when she first started drawing flowers, encouraging readers to practice directly on their preferred medium. From the most basic to the more intricate blooms, each project increases in difficulty and teaches a new fundamental technique, making it perfect for beginners wanting to gain a complete understanding of how to draw flowers. Readers will be able to use what they've learned right away in their own art projects, be it home prints, journals and stationery.

\$39.99	Paperback	230 x 180mm	144pp	240070
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Patterns in Art A Closer Look at the Old Masters
Francesca Leoneschi

Richly embroidered robes. Intricate lace collars. Elaborately laid floor tiles. Delicately carved and modelled cornices and capitals. These are among the details of decorative art that the Old Masters lovingly rendered in their paintings, to establish a setting, convey a portrait subject's social status or sometimes just enliven a scene. Together these details-so easy to overlook in the imposing harmony of draftsmanship, colour and composition that makes up a great painting-form a veritable history of ornament. This inventive book plucks these decorative motifs from the background of paintings by masters like Rubens, Memling and Filippo Lippi, and transforms them into vibrant two-dimensional patterns. Seeing these patterns side-by-side with the original paintings deepens our appreciation of both.

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Pro Tips & Techniques for Drawing Animals Make Lifelike Drawings of 63 Different Animals!

Michiyo Miyanaga

This richly illustrated guide teaches you about the skeletal structures, musculatures and movements of various animals and how to draw them realistically. Each lesson focuses on a different animal and is designed to expand your repertoire and develop your drawing skills. The techniques needed to capture these animals are demonstrated in hundreds of illustrations by 26 professional artists. Once you understand the internal structures and movements of each creature, you'll be able to confidently draw it in a more realistic way! This is a reference work that all artists will refer to again and again to explore the entire animal kingdom.

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Leila Duly's Walk in the Woods An Intricate Colouring Book

Leila Duly

Take a refreshing walk through the woods without even leaving your home. Woodlands are everyone's favourite landscapes and, from a colouring perspective, they're full of amazing details. Acorns, bluebells, curling ferns, toadstools and leaves all give the colourist a calming, natural and satisfying experience. Meander through this uplifting woodland journey of meditative scenes and be inspired by uplifting quotations gently scattered through the pages.

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Beautiful Nature Celebrate the Natural World in Color
Lulu Mayo

Featuring more than 100 templates of flora and fauna, *Beautiful Nature* offers a soothing and creative escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. • Designs include bees, owls, plants and scenes from nature • Beautiful line-drawn art that is ideal for coloured pencil, marker or gel pen • There are meditative patterns to colour on the back of each page • Printed on quality paper suitable for framing.

\$19.99	Paperback	240 x 215mm	128pp	230792
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The Beauty of the Flower

The Art and Science of Botanical Illustration
Stephen A Harris

The Beauty of the Flower shows us how scientific botanical illustrations are collaborations among artists, scientists and publishers. It explores the evolution and interchanges of these illustrations since the mid-fifteenth century, how they have been used to communicate scientific ideas about plants and how views of botanical imagery change. Featuring unique images rarely seen outside of specialist literature, this book reveals the fascinating stories behind these remarkable illustrations.

\$69.99	Hardback	250 x 190mm	336pp	230767
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Art Class: Line and Colour

Doodling your way to Creativity
Bobby Clark

Join artist Bobby Clark for a guided art class. No experience necessary. Discover 25 drawing and painting exercises from doodling, blind drawing and continuous line portraits to shape studies, abstract floral still lifes and blot painting. This is an introduction to materials and techniques including pencils, paper, paints and brushes. Whether you are a seeking to cultivate a creative practice or need to break creative block, these exercises will help everyone tap into their inner artist.

\$39.99	Paperback	275 x 215mm	160pp	230517
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Home & Garden

The Miracle ofVinegar

50 Easy Recipes and Uses for Home, Health and Beauty
Emma Marsden

Brimming with tips, tricks and recipes for everything from ferments to fresheners, salad dressings to skincare. Let this book show you the true miracle of vinegar. *The Miracle of Vinegar* will help you make the most of this store cupboard staple, while also providing an affordable, natural and eco-friendly alternative to other cleaning products. You'll soon discover the hundreds of uses for vinegar beyond being scrumptious sprinkled over your fish and chips!

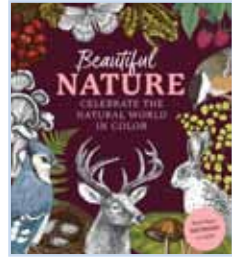
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The Climate Change Garden

Down to Earth Advice for Growing a Resilient Garden
Kim Stoddart & Sally Morgan

The Climate Change Garden is about working with the natural world to create a productive, low-maintenance, climate-savvy garden that's capable of standing strong against the effects of a changing climate. You'll learn how to: • Adapt your plant selections, planting practices and garden maintenance techniques for the new future • Select vegetable and fruit varieties that are more adaptable to weather extremes and more capable of resisting pests and diseases • Find ways to manage excess storm water runoff and minimize the heat island effect • Foster wildlife and discover the importance of creating a safe haven for these creatures in a changing world • Use season extenders like cold frames, high tunnels and row covers to protect edible plants from weather events • Take measures to reduce your garden's carbon footprint, including going no-till, building a green roof and composting • Limit the risks from wind, frost, and snow by taking advantage of microclimates, planting wind breaks and physically protecting plants • Plant more of the right trees for your future climate to help cool your home, slow the movement of water and hold soil in place.

\$24.99	Paperback	235 x 155mm	224pp	220854
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Let’s Plant & Grow Together

Your Community Gardening Handbook
Ben Raskin

In *Let’s Plant & Grow Together*, conservationist and community gardener Ben Raskin shares his keen expertise in an invaluable introduction to a new wave of collective self-sufficiency, encouraging a community audience to grow food and to garden together.A look into the background of community gardening and its benefits is followed by a practical guide: planning advice is laid out, alongside essential etiquette tips for running a successful site, and proven ideas for involving the whole neighbourhood.Add a community-minded directory of the top vegetables, flowers, fruit and herbs to plant up, with key tips on growing in containers to maximize your space, and you can get ready to dig in for a community garden that will blossom and thrive for everyone.

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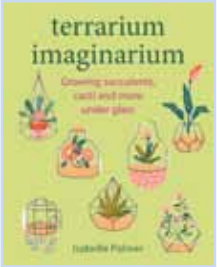


Terrarium Imaginarium

Growing Succulents, Cacti and More Under Glass
Isabelle Palmer

Terrarium Imaginarium removes the mystery of taking care of plants and gives everyone a chance to enjoy the benefits and beauty of a garden indoors. Isabelle Palmer shows you how to use succulents and other plants to create trendy terrariums and gorgeous indoor garden designs and how to grow under glass. She offers helpful advice and techniques as well as handy tips for taking care of your new houseplants. Display pretty cacti inside copper lanterns, grow amazing aquatic plants in a deep vase, create a stunning fireside moss and fern display and plant some tiny jewel-like succulents inside mason jars for an easy and on-trend kitchen window scene.

\$36.99	Paperback	210 x 170mm	128pp	230374
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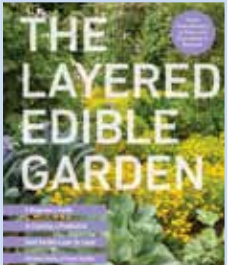


The Layered Edible Garden

A Beginner’s Guide to Creating a Productive Food Garden Layer by Layer
Christina Chung

With the insight found in *The Layered Edible Garden*, you’ll: • Learn how to transform your home’s landscape into an edible plant community • Meet dozens of plants in each of the 8 layers • Discover the many perks of growing perennial food crops that return to the garden year after year • Find design and planting advice to make your layered edible garden as attractive as it is productive • Be introduced to intensive planting strategies to organize plant layers in a functional and beautiful way • Acquire info on how to establish new planting areas and how to utilize the existing garden features already present.

\$49.99	Paperback	255 x 205mm	224pp	230795
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General Interest

Little Book of Bottega Veneta

The Story of the Iconic Fashion House
Frances Sola-Santiago

Since 1966, Bottega Veneta has stood out from the crowd, unique in its blend of timeless sophistication and contemporary edge. Known for the distinctive Intrecciato woven design and statement green, this Milan-based luxury brand is renowned for beautifully crafted leather goods such as the Cabat,Veneta and iconic clutch Knot bags and increasingly famous footwear and jewellery collections. Cultural relevance remains at the heart of this ultra-cool brand with the likes of Nicole Kidman, Cameron Diaz and Rihanna seen in exquisite hand-finished dresses, oversized clutches and quilted shoes. Under Creative Director, Matthew Blazy, there’s no denying that Bottega Veneta is one of the most exciting brands in the fashion world.

\$24.99	Hardback	180 x 125mm	160pp	230789
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Little Book of Fendi The Story of the Iconic Fashion Brand

Laia Farran Graves
Founded in 1925, Fendi is one of the finest and most celebrated luxury brands in the world. Renowned for its attention to detail, innovative design and signature ‘double F’ logo, the family firm has conquered the fashion industry and acquired cult status among celebrities and fashionistas with the iconic Croissant, Peekaboo and Baguette ‘It’ bags.Through stunning photographs and expert text, the *Little Book of Fendi* tells the story of one of Italy’s oldest fashion dynasties, from the Fendi sisters, early days of fur and Dolce Vita period, to Karl Lagerfeld, Kim Jones and a global empire that remains deeply embedded in popular culture.

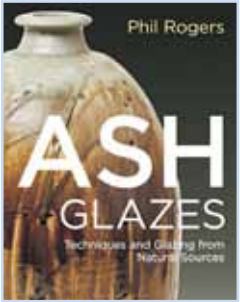
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Ash Glazes Techniques and Glazing from Natural Sources

Phil Rogers
Ash Glazes examines the practicalities of collecting and testing wood ashes, demonstrates the process of making them into glazes and offers a step-by-step guide to using them to decorate your pots.This edition, updated and revised, is a celebration of pottery at its best. Starting with an introduction to the history of ash glazes, then moving on to a wide range of practical advice and methods, the book is enlivened by photographs of the work of potters from around the world, who use ash in colourful and imaginative ways. It provides true inspiration for working potters and delight for all those interested in contemporary ceramics.

\$59.99	Hardback	280 x 215mm	220pp	230728
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Once Upon a Prime The Wondrous Connections Between Mathematics and Literature

Sarah Hart
We often think of mathematics and literature as polar opposites. But what if, instead, they were fundamentally linked? In this insightful, laugh-out-loud funny book, Sarah Hart shows us the myriad connections between maths and literature, and how understanding those connections can enhance our enjoyment of both. From sonnets to fairytales to experimental French literature, Once Upon a Prime takes us on an unforgettable journey through the books we thought we knew, revealing new layers of beauty and wonder.The author shows how maths and literature are complementary parts of the same quest, to understand human life and our place in the universe.

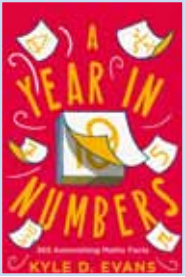
\$37.99	Hardback	225 x 145mm	304pp	230430
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A Year in Numbers

Kyle D Evans
Here is a collection of 365 numerical nuggets – one for each day of the year. Broken down into 12 chapters that correspond roughly to months of the year – from going ‘back to school’ with arithmetic and times tables through prime numbers and all the way to the 12 Days of Chris-maths, this book features a collection of 365 fascinating numerical ‘nuggets’, accompanied by clear, bite-size explanations of the mathematics that underpin them.

\$29.99	Hardback	200 x 130mm	352pp	230802
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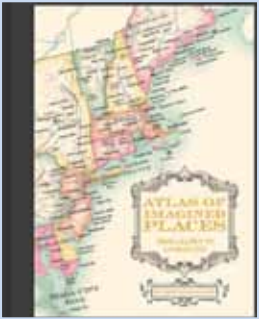


Atlas of Imagined Places

From Lilliput to Gotham City
Matt Brown & Rhys Davies

From Stephen King’s Salem’s Lot to superhero Wakanda, from Lilliput of Gulliver’s Travels to Springfield in The Simpsons, this book is a wondrous atlas of imagined places around the world. Locations from film, TV, literature, myths, comics and video games are plotted in a series of beautiful vintage-looking maps. The maps feature fictional buildings, towns, cities and countries plus mountains and rivers, oceans and seas. Each location has an extended index entry plus coordinates so you can find it on the maps. Fascinating, beautiful and an ideal book for any popular culture fan and map enthusiast.

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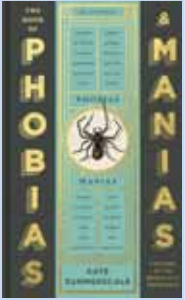


The Book of Phobias and Manias

A History of the World in 99 Obsessions
Kate Summerscale

Do you recoil in arachnophobic horror at the sight of a spider – or twitch with nomophobia when you misplace your mobile phone? Do your book-buying habits verge on bibliomania? Perhaps you find yourself mired in indecision and uncertainty? Would it be reassuring to give this a name: aboulomania? Our phobias and manias are contradictory and multiple: deeply intimate, yet forged by the times we live in – the commonest form of anxiety disorder, but rarely given a formal diagnosis. Plunge into this rich, surprising and fascinating A–Z compendium to discover how our fixations have taken shape, from pre-history to the present day, as Kate Summerscale deftly traces the threads between the past and present, the psychological and social, the personal and the political.

\$24.99	Paperback	215 x 135mm	256pp	220643
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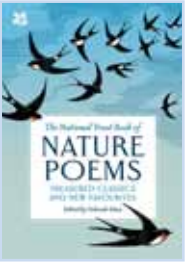


The National Trust Book of Nature Poems

Treasured Classics and New Favourites

Deborah Alma
There are more than 100 poems about Britain’s nature in this beautifully illustrated book. This carefully chosen collection will inspire you to explore nature through a poet’s eye – the perfect antidote to ‘times when the world is too much with us’, as Wordsworth so beautifully put it. There are celebrated poems by the greats – Keats,Yeats, Tennyson, Robert Browning, Christina Rossetti, Philip Larkin, Sylvia Plath, John Masefield, Robert Burns, Dylan Thomas – as well as others by contemporary poets whose work you will want to seek out and explore further, including Carol Anne Duffy, Simon Armitage and Jean Sprackland.

\$22.99	Paperback	185 x 135mm	160pp	230578
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Cherry Blossom Note Cards

12 Blank Note Cards & Envelopes
These high-quality note cards feature six traditional Asian prints. On the back of each card is an introduction detailing the history or meaning behind each design. *Cherry Blossom Note Cards* are an excellent value – there are 12 folded blank note cards, two of each design, measuring 4 x 6 inches (102 x 152mm) with 12 envelopes.

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Japanese Gardens Note Cards

16 Blank Cards with 17 Patterned Envelopes
Blank inside for your own message, these cards are perfect to convey a heartfelt message for any occasion.This note card set includes: • 16 folded blank note cards measuring 95 x 115mm • 16 different photographs of relaxing Japanese gardens • 17 sealable envelopes for mailing with a standard stamp.

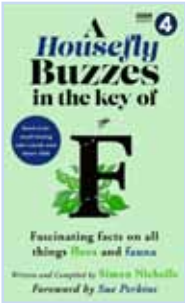
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A Housefly Buzzes in the Key of F

Simon Nicholls
Hilarious and fascinating facts on all things flora and fauna from BBC Radio’s award-winning series Nature Table here is a celebration of the astonishing everyday occurrences that happen right under our noses.With fascinating facts from the programme’s expert guests along with big jokes, witty anecdotes and fun games, this bumper collection showcases our planet’s flora and fauna in all its remarkable and surprising glory. Did you know that: • A cockroach can live for a week without its head, before dying of starvation? • Slugs have four noses? So, if you thought that couldn’t get slimier, now imagine them with a cold! • The fingerprints of a koala are so indistinguishable from humans that they’ve been confused at a crime scene?

\$32.99	Hardback	205 x 140mm	240pp	230787
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Children

Listen to the Pets

Marion Billet
Adults and children alike will be enchanted by this charming board books, distinguished by the exceptional quality of the sounds that bring every picture to life.This durable book has a button on every spread which triggers one of six sounds that each introduce a different pet. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$22.99	Board Book	150 x 150mm	14pp	230798
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A Horse Called Now

Ruth Doyle & Alexandra Finkeldey

A heart-warming and atmospheric story about overcoming anxieties and living in the present moment. Now the Horse loves to stand in his field of green and admire the beauty of nature. The birds are singing, the crickets are chattering ... what else could he wish for? But for the other animals in the farmyard, every sound and shadow signals threat and danger. Is Rabbit being chased by a hungry Fox? And is a swooping Magpie trying to catch Hen’s chicks? How can Now be so brave when there are so many things to worry about? When a thunderstorm arrives, Now leads the animals to shelter in a barn, where they come face to face with their fears ... and discover that not everything is as frightening as it seems. Recommended for ages 5+.

\$24.99	Hardback	180 x 180mm	32pp	230786
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Let’s Go Home Baby Chick

Carolina Buzio

Help four baby chick find its way home in this fun sliding counter book! With easy-to-use moving parts and four unique tracks to develop hand-eye coordination and concentration, babies and toddlers will enjoy taking the baby animals home in this robust, satisfying board book. Scan the Stories Aloud QR code on the back cover to read along with the story! Recommended for ages 2+.

\$16.99	Board Book	180 x 205mm	10pp	230784
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Sticker Dolly Dressing Action

Have fun choosing outfits for the dolls in this action-packed sticker book. Join the dolls as they get ready for action! Use the stickers to dress the dolls for their exciting jobs, as firefighters, dancers, private investigators, scientists and more. Each scene is beautifully illustrated and there are over 300 stickers, so you can choose the clothes, accessories and equipment the dolls need. Recommended for ages 5+.

\$14.99	Paperback	270 x 215mm	44pp	230714
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Edward the Emu 35th Anniversary Edition

Sheena Knowles & Rod Clement
One of Australia’s best-loved classics *Edward the Emu* is now celebrating its 35th anniversary! Tired of his life as an emu, Edward decides to try being something else for a change. He tries swimming with the seals, he spends a day lounging with the lions and even slithers with the snakes. But Edward soon discovers that being an emu may be the best thing after all. Sheena Knowles’s upbeat, rhyming text and Rod Clement’s expressive illustrations are sure to make readers laugh out loud in this whimsical picture book. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$22.99	Hardback	260 x 245mm	32pp	230433
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Read to Your Baby Every Night

30 Classic Lullabies and Rhymes to Read Aloud
Lucy Brownridge & Chloe Giordano
This treasury gives parents the opportunity to rediscover just how useful (and calming) 30 of the best-loved lullabies and nursery rhymes are in one, beautiful volume. Stunningly embroidered illustrations for each rhyme offer little ones a visual delight and will make this book a keepsake to treasure. Sooth little ones with the gentle lullabies and rhymes including Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, Oranges and Lemons, The Grand Old Duke of York and many more beloved poems and songs. Recommended for ages 3+.

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