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## Can Do Picks

### The Language-Lover's Lexipedia

An A-Z of Linguistic Curiosities

Joshua Blackburn

Joshua Blackburn has created an A-Z that's part-encyclopedia, part-treasure map and an all-around joy for anyone interested in words and language. Meticulously researched, joyfully written and beautifully designed, the book dives into the quirky, the curious and the unexpected to reveal a world of language you never knew existed. Illustrated with enchanting line art that evokes a 19th-century reference book, it is as visually delightful as it is intellectually captivating. It's stuffed with quirky lists, surprising facts and illuminating stories – the ultimate gift for any language lover. The author's infectious enthusiasm turns linguistic oddities into pure entertainment and offers up endless rabbit holes to dive down, with each thoughtful entry promising to charm, educate, and tickle. The book is a must-read for anyone who revels in the beauty, humour and sheer weirdness of language.



**\$34.99** Paperback 205 x 135mm 272pp 250687

### Creative Alcohol Ink Flowers

A Step-by-Step Guide to 20 Stunning Floral Designs

Anne Roos Smink

Creative Alcohol Ink Flowers offers a fresh, inspiring approach to alcohol inks, focusing on the beauty of floral designs. From roses and sunflowers to poppies and hydrangeas, each project demonstrates essential techniques for creating realistic, organic forms. Inside, you'll find: • 20 beautiful floral projects • Tools and materials lists so you know exactly what to purchase • Detailed techniques and tips for blowing, masking and heat tool methods • Finishing strategies to seal and frame your art • QR codes to videos explaining various techniques.



**\$44.99** Paperback 255 x 215mm 144pp 250685

Order online [www.candobooks.com.au](http://www.candobooks.com.au)

### The Art of the Scribe

Practical Projects Inspired by the Calligraphy and Illuminations of Medieval Man Patricia Lovett

Pages from some of the most celebrated and exquisite medieval manuscripts in the British Library provide the inspiration for 21 practical art and calligraphy projects. Seven classic scripts are explored in turn by the author. She explains their characteristics, origins and development and creates exemplar diagrams to show basic letter shapes and the quill strokes required to produce them. Each chapter ends with three complementary projects based on aspects of the manuscripts' design and layout shown in preceding pages; these range from simple to more technical. A substantial Part II provides vital guidance on specialist tools and materials, as well as practical techniques, such as cutting quills, mixing inks and paints, and preparing pigments and shell gold.

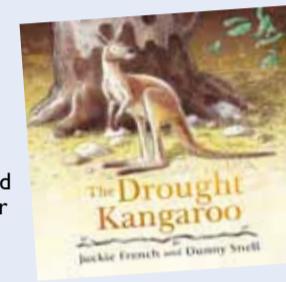


**\$80** Hardback 265 x 205mm 240pp 250302

### The Drought Kangaroo

Jackie French & Danny Snell

*The Drought Kangaroo* focuses on animals and the challenges they face in environmental disaster, be it fire, flood and now drought. Drought has devastated Joseph the kangaroo's home. He longs for green grass and the cool, clear water he can smell in the distance. Kangaroos can leap higher and further than any other animal, but can even Joseph's strong hind legs help him reach the waterhole? And will the new mob there accept a stranger? This is a true story about a young kangaroo who went on the longest journey of his life and ended up living by a creek on Jackie French's property. Recommended for ages 6+.



**\$24.99** Hardback 250 x 250mm 32pp 250571

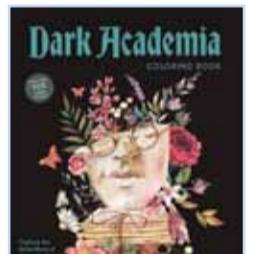
### Gift certificates available too!

## Practical Art

### Dark Academia Coloring Book

Capture the Eerie Allure of Scholarly Secrets

Immerse yourself in the mysterious world of gothic elegance, antique curiosities, and academic enigmas. Magnificent libraries, candlelit corners and brooding landscapes await your artistic touch within the pages of this delightfully secretive colouring book. Create your own masterpieces as you dive into this colouring book, which includes: • More than 100 gorgeous pages to colour • Enchanting and elegant images to spark creativity • An intricate pattern to colour on the back of each page.

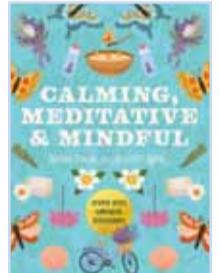


**\$19.99** Paperback 240 x 215mm 128pp 250686

### Calming, Meditative & Mindful Sticker, Color & Activity Book

Over 200 Unique Stickers

With this book, you can embrace a state of zen as you partake in the mindful and energy-centring activities. Relax, explore your creativity, and add fun to your free time with: • Exquisitely illustrated stickers, which you can use to decorate envelopes, gift wrap, letters, scrapbooks or photo albums. On the backs of the sticker pages are inspiring quotes from zen masters and meditation experts. • Enchanting line-drawn colouring pages featuring mandalas, geometric designs and florals. Each full-page design has a meditative pattern on the back that you can colour in any way you like, regardless of your artistic abilities. You can even adorn your finished works of art with the included stickers. • Puzzle games, including mazes, sudoku, matching, trivia and more. • Calming and stress-free activities with instructions, including a quick guide to meditation and the art of the zen garden.

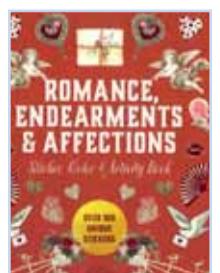


**\$22.99** Paperback 240 x 180mm 144pp 250430

### Romance, Endearments & Affections Sticker, Color & Activity Book

Immerse yourself in a world of swoon-worthy sentiments with 500+ stickers and 50+ activity and colouring pages. Features include:

• Charming stickers you can use to decorate envelopes, gift wrap, letters, scrapbooks, photo albums or whatever makes your heart beat faster • Delightful quotes about love from some of history's most notable authors on the backs of the sticker pages • Fascinating trivia about romantic notions, including the language of flowers, wedding traditions and valentines, plus instructions for making paper roses, fans and a Victorian puzzle purse • Delightful colouring pages with romantic imagery that let your inner artistry soar.



**\$34.99** Hardback 200 x 150mm 192pp 250701

### My Bird Mandala Coloring Book

30 Stunning, Oversized Coloring Pages Marica Zottino

*My Bird Mandala Coloring Book* will provide hours of colourful fun and relaxation. Each colouring page is adorned with an inspiring quote on the back, making your colouring experience fun and relaxing without worrying about bleed-through. While this colouring book is wonderful for all ages, adults will appreciate the intricate details in popular adult colouring books. • Colour gorgeous bird-inspired mandalas to destress • 30 oversized colouring pages showcase complex mandala designs that feature a variety of birds, such as hummingbirds, parrots, sparrows, cranes, and owls as well as leaves, feathers, branches, berries and so much more • A great gift for all ages – these detailed illustrations will provide hours of fun and relaxation.



**\$29.99** Paperback 290 x 290mm 64pp 250132

### My Ocean Mandala Coloring Book

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**\$34.99** Paperback 290 x 290mm 64pp 250097

### Pocket Prompts Drawing

Tips & Techniques to Inspire Your Practice Chelsea Ward

From quick sketches to detailed projects, *Pocket Prompts Drawing* offers a variety of prompts to help you develop your skills and explore new ideas. From basic sketching techniques to more complex subject studies, the prompts in this book encourage you to explore a variety of techniques, overcome artistic blocks and enjoy your drawing practice. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, this guide will inspire you to draw with confidence and creativity. Keep it in your bag, pocket, or studio for instant artistic inspiration! Inside you'll find: • 60+ creative prompts and drawing exercises designed to help you explore new ideas and sharpen your drawing skills • Techniques and tips for all skill levels • A portable, easy-to-reference format to take your inspiration with you wherever you go.

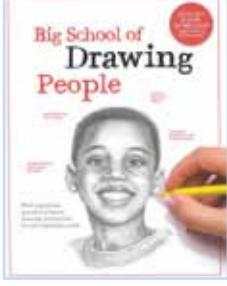


**\$29.99** Paperback 210 x 165mm 128pp 250700

## Big School of Drawing People

Whether you are a complete beginner or an artist with some experience looking to refine your skills, this book covers the essential techniques you need to capture people from various angles, ages, ethnicities, and expressions. Inside, you will find: • Step-by-step instructions for drawing people, including detailed guidance for capturing faces, bodies and anatomy

• Essential art techniques, covering light, shadow and perspective to make drawings more dynamic and realistic • Diversity, with depictions of people across different ages, sexes and ethnicities.



**\$34.99** Paperback 280 x 215mm 192pp 250682

## Watercolor Mixing Deck:

### Landscapes

Quick Reference Color Palettes to Use at Home or on Location Charles Evans



At last, a compact and portable box of color palettes for all your mixing needs in painting rural scenes. Mixing watercolours remains one of the most visually appealing aspects of art but also one of the main challenges for an artist. The *Watercolor Mixing Deck: Landscapes* breaks the process down to simple palettes that have been specially created to apply to a chosen subject. • Sturdy box that can be easily packed for painting out on location or as a studio reference

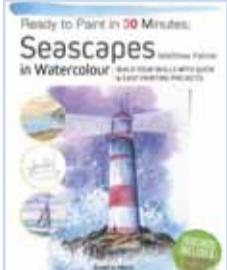
• 52 'palette' cards for quick reference on mixing colours for all locations • A 16 page mini-book that shows hints, tips and techniques to achieve better results • Locations include stormy clouds, flower meadows, lakes as well as smaller details such as birds and shrubs.

**\$42.99** Boxed Kit 150 x 90mm 260009

## Ready to Paint in 30 Minutes:

### Seascapes

Build Your Skills with Quick & Easy Painting Projects Matthew Palmer



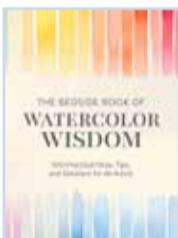
Matthew Palmer has constructed this beginner's painting course structured to build your skills up gradually. Start simple with still water and rippling tides, then move on to creating crashing waves, coastal buildings, boats and sun-bleached sand. • Each of the compact projects is explained in 10 steps or fewer and is accompanied by a full-size outline on tracing paper (the exercises are all worked at postcard size – ideal for an A6 watercolour pad) • Covers watercolour basics, building up from core watercolour techniques including preparing paper and paint and blending • Each of the 33 quick and easy exercises takes no more than 30 minutes and will teach you how to create a new and inspiring subject – including wild waves, lightning on the ocean, yachts, palm trees and rocky shores • 3 larger scale finished paintings demonstrate how to integrate the techniques you've learned into vibrant and inspiring seascapes – these complete paintings also have an accompanying actual-size tracing.

**\$39.99** Paperback 280 x 215mm 128pp 260032

## The Bedside Book of Watercolor

### Wisdom

500 Practical Hints, Tips, and Solutions for All Artists Trudy Friend



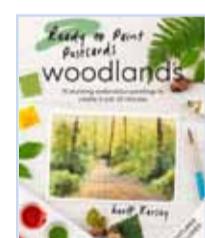
Unlock your inner artist with this watercolour guide that is the perfect bedside companion for all creative people! Trudy Friend offers expert advice and handy tips for a wide range of techniques including: • Developing brushstrokes • Blending colours • Adding details • Tackling textures • Improving dimension. Covering popular themes including landscapes, flowers, animals and buildings, you'll find practical solutions to common pitfalls to boost your confidence. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, this indispensable book will be your new go-to resource for mastering watercolour.

**\$42.99** Hardback 210 x 150mm 128pp 250330

## Ready to Paint Postcards:

### Woodlands

15 Stunning Watercolour Paintings to Create in Just 30 Minutes Geoff Kersey



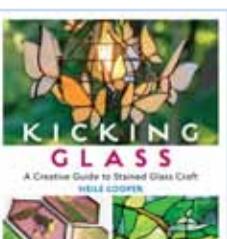
Within this inspiring, practical book are full instructions for 15 small but perfectly-formed landscape paintings themed around trees and woodlands. The 30-minute paintings are all worked at postcard size ideal for an A6 watercolour pad – and simple outline drawings are provided for those who are less confident at drawing. • The beginner-friendly projects are packed with hints and tips and structured step by step, making it easy to follow the instructions and achieve your own fantastic results • Each of the 15 projects takes just 30 minutes, so are quick and easy to paint in an evening or in a spare afternoon • No drawing is necessary – full-sized line drawings for each postcard artwork are provided at the back of the book.

**\$34.99** Paperback 235 x 190mm 96pp 250081

## Craft

### Kicking Glass

A Creative Guide to Stained Glass Craft Neile Cooper



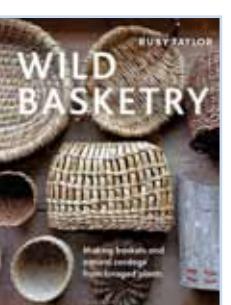
Creative and practical, *Kicking Glass* is a step-by-step guide for those wanting to practise the popular craft of stained glass. This book provides comprehensive technical instruction in the copper foil method, covering everything from tools and supplies to exploratory techniques such as incorporating foraged and found objects into your work. Skills are demonstrated through tutorials with photos, instructional drawings and 16 stunning patterns. Whether you're looking to decorate your windows, create lovely gifts for friends and family or design your own epic masterpiece, *Kicking Glass* is the modern guide to stained glass making.

**\$29.99** Paperback 280 x 240mm 176pp 220454

## Wild Basketry Making Baskets and Natural Cordage from Foraged Plants

Ruby Taylor

Making with our hands is a fundamental human activity; connection with the natural world and the feeling of belonging to place are basic human needs. A counterbalance to our digitalised lives is the wish to connect with the simple joy and satisfaction of creating beautiful and useful objects, tapping into ancestral skills and wisdom and taking care of our world by reducing our ecological impact. *Wild Basketry* brings all this together in a rich combination of reflection and practical guide. Beautiful photographs take you through a seasonal year of seven basketry and cordage projects, suitable for beginners as well as for those wishing to expand their basket-making skills. Ruby Taylor guides you through each step following a range of techniques, with suggestions for further exploration, to give you a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of the craft. Guidance on the principles of harvesting and processing plant fibres, and information about the evolution of basketry are covered.



\$49.99 Hardback 280 x 215mm 160pp 250611

## Amazing Glaze Food-Safe Recipes

Gabriel Kline & Bill Collins

Take your ceramics to the next level with *Amazing Glaze Food-Safe Recipes*, the essential guide for potters who want to create beautiful, functional pieces designed for everyday use. Discover a variety of recipes, techniques, and tips for creating vibrant colours, unique textures and glossy or matte finishes – all tested for safety and reliability in functional pottery.

• Comprehensive guidance on glaze safety:

Learn essential information about toxic materials, leaching and testing glazes for food use. • Step-by-step tutorials: From mixing and applying glazes to troubleshooting common issues, this book covers every stage of the process. • More than 100 beautiful food-safe glaze recipes and combinations: Tested and approved finishes suitable for mid- and high-fire temperatures and clays. • Inspiration from master ceramists: Explore stunning examples of food-safe pottery to spark your creativity.



\$55 Hardback 255 x 205mm 160pp 250702

## Ceramics: A Green Approach

The New Ceramics Kevin Millward

From extracting clay to exporting your work, this is a practical guide to producing unique ceramic pieces with minimal environmental impact. Kevin Millward explores how potters and ceramicists can be more responsible in sourcing and using the planet's finite resources. With tips for the whole making process such as firing, choosing fuels, extracting clays and raw materials, reclaiming water and glazes, disposing of ceramic materials, packing and shipping, this is a comprehensive guide to producing extraordinary pieces. By accepting and embracing a green approach in ceramic processes, we are setting out an example for future generations and paving the way for a more creative and respectful industry.



\$49.99 Paperback 230 x 200mm 200pp 250684

## Gardening

### Start with Soil Simple Steps for a Thriving Garden Juliet Sargeant

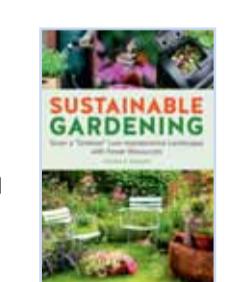
*Start with Soil* challenges you to take your soil seriously, reveals its hidden wonders and gives you the tools to improve your soil health and harness its power. Features include: • The science of soil is explained without the jargon • Advice for gardening for better soil, with tried-and-tested methods for making simple compost, feeding your soil, protecting your soil and introductions to No Dig gardening, Hugelkultur and rain gardens • Understand how plants help the soil and choose the perfect plants for your soil type • Step-by-step projects, plant profiles and troubleshooting pages. By starting with soil you will not only be gardening in a way that is kind to the planet, but you will also be ensuring that your garden flourishes.



\$34.99 Paperback 210 x 160mm 160pp 250215

### Sustainable Gardening Grow a Greener Low-Maintenance Landscape with Fewer Resources Vincent Simeone

Take practical steps to protect the Earth for future generations by creating a sustainable home landscape that is also beautiful, budget-friendly and low-maintenance. With the well-researched plan found in the book, gardeners and homeowners are taught how to: • Grow more plants while using fewer resources • Conserve water through plant choice and proper landscape care • Stop the disposable mindset • Mitigate the effects of climate change through intelligent landscaping • Plan and plant with low maintenance in mind • Build healthy soil to sequester carbon and grow healthier plants • Design your garden for resiliency and a long, healthy life • And much more!



\$39.99 Paperback 245 x 170mm 176pp 210123

### Garden Hacks 70 Smart, Sustainable Tips for Gardeners Filip Johansson

Every gardener needs clever ideas to make the most of their green space, whether it's big or small. The 70 smart hacks in this book take you through each season of the gardening year in a friendly way, with clear step-by-step instructions. Hacks include making a spiral frame for tomatoes using an old garden hose, a clever way to repot plants, how to keep seeds moist with old cardboard and how to make your own seed bombs. *Garden Hacks* is your go-to guide to clever shortcuts, fresh inspiration and fun in the garden while recycling, saving money and thinking sustainably.



\$29.99 Hardback 180 x 125mm 192pp 240182

## 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.

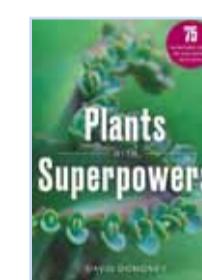


\$19.99 Hardback 225 x 165mm 200pp 230788

## Plants with Superpowers

75 Remarkable Plants for your Garden and Home David Domoney

David Domoney shares an incredible array of plants that have extraordinary capabilities. After considerable research into myths, legends, and scientific papers, in this fantastic read he illustrates how the natural world has truly gifted plants with superpowers. The 75 featured plants each have unique abilities that are wondrous to adults and children alike. They possess a dazzling array of powers and yet can be grown and enjoyed in your garden or home. Learn the mysteries of these plants and you too will be able to appreciate these true wonders. Discover how: • Snowdrops produce their own anti-freeze • A potato can charge your mobile phone • Prehistoric Ginkgo trees can survive an atomic bomb • In folklore, blackthorn was thought to have the best wood for magic wands. For all the plants that are included in the book, there are reliable growing tips as well as a miscellany of captivating facts, making this ideal for both novice and experienced gardeners alike.



\$24.99 Hardback 210 x 160mm 176pp 250210

## General Interest

### This Way Up When Maps Go Wrong (and Why it Matters)

Jay Foreman & Mark Cooper-Jones

The Map Men have selected what they believe to be some of the very best wrong maps. Some of them are decades old, some are centuries old and some are so recent they're being published today (or yesterday, if you're reading this tomorrow). They include world maps, colonial maps, corporate maps, Soviet maps, pioneer maps, news maps and maps whose intended use was hijacked for a French surrealist political movement in the 1950s. Whether you're an avid map junkie or simply 'map-curious', you will uncover a unique tale of adventure, error and unexpected humour in each chapter, as we attempt to answer the question: 'What on earth happened here?'



\$34.99 Paperback 235 x 155mm 384pp 250570

### Retreat Yourself How to Create a Truly Transformative Self-led Retreat

Joey Hulin

Creating your own retreat experience at home or elsewhere is the ultimate act of self-care. Done right, a self-led retreat can be just as powerful, if not more so, than a group experience. In this spirited guide, you will plan, design and prepare for your own self-led retreat. A pick n' mix of retreat activities, rituals, recipes and more offers support and guidance during the retreat experience, with suggestions on how you can integrate learning and insights after the retreat has been completed.



\$42.99 Paperback 210 x 150mm 144pp 250225

### The Baker's Book Favourite Recipes and Kitchen Wisdom by Australian Bakers You Love Ruby Goss

*The Baker's Book* is a collection of recipes for bakers by bakers, a compelling, inspiring collection of sweet and savoury recipes, tips and stories from some of the best bakers in Australia. Ruby Goss has ambitiously brought together more than 30 of Australia's best – from pastry chefs to home bakers to community bakeries – to share the recipes that bring them joy. The result is this glorious compendium, filled with 60-plus fully photographed recipes, from special occasion bakes to small anytime pleasures to savoury treats and life-changing desserts. Served alongside are generous offerings of kitchen wisdom that remind us why we bake and how many life lessons can be found in this craft.

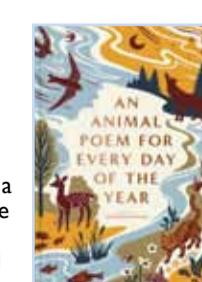


\$34.99 Paperback 250 x 200mm 260pp 250205

### An Animal Poem for Every Day of the Year

Jane McMorland Hunter

Celebrate animals with this anthology of poetry with one entry for every day of the year. From well-known classics to modern fresh takes, *An Animal Poem for Every Day of the Year* brings to life a huge range of our animal counterparts. Among the 366 poems are T.S. Eliot's 'Macavity: The Mystery Cat', Robert Frost's reflections on wildlife in rural America, Wendy Cope observing the livestock at a country fair, Lemn Sissay's observations on birds and much, much more. With a wide range of voices spanning across the world through many centuries, this anthology explores how animals have been a timeless source of joy, love, reverence and inspiration.



\$52.99 Hardback 240 x 160mm 480pp 250575

## A Nature Poem for Every Autumn Evening

Jane McMorland Hunter

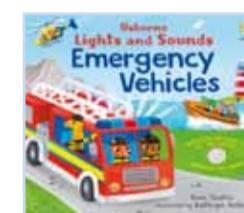
This anthology of poems is as sweet as pumpkin spice and warming as a roaring log fire. With one poem for every autumn evening, it's the perfect literary companion as the days begin to shorten. Whether you keep it on your nightstand for some evening reading, or in your bag for when you come across the perfect cosy coffee shop, this collection of poems is bound to make you feel ready for big scarves and crunchy leaves. With classics from Katherine Mansfield, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Percy Shelley, William Blake, William Morris and more, you won't be sad that summer's over: you'll be celebrating because autumn has begun.

\$32.99 Hardback 200 x 145mm 272pp 240725

## Children

### Lights and Sounds

Emergency Vehicles Sam Taplin



Little children will love pressing each button in this exciting novelty book to see the lights and hear the sounds of all the different emergency vehicles. From fire engines and ambulances to helicopters and coast guard boats, each charmingly illustrated scene is full of busy vehicles to enjoy. Recommended for ages 1+.

\$29.99 Board Book 220 x 220mm 10pp 230585

### Slide and See Pets

Babies and toddlers will love moving the chunky sliders to make the pets move and reveal little surprises. There are finger trails to follow, and holes to peep through too. Meet kittens playing with a ball, a rabbit chewing a flower, a fish swimming in a tank and a dog with a waggy tail. Recommended for ages 2+.

\$16.99 Board Book 170 x 170mm 10pp 250566

### A Beginner's Guide to Choosing the Perfect Pet

Ali Rutstein & Tommy Doyle



Choosing the perfect family pet is easy with this simple guide... OR IS IT? Do you need help finding the perfect pet for your family? Then this book is for you! All the advice is vetted by experts. What could possibly go wrong...? Every family should have a pet. This truly hilarious picture book will have readers in stitches. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$14.99 Hardback 250 x 250mm 32pp 240550

### The Love that Grew

Sarah Ayoub & Mimi Purnell



The perfect book for growing families everywhere... an ode to the heart-expanding love that swells and overflows with each addition to a family. I thought I could not love another, not a sister, nor a brother. But just like magic, my love then grew when I was blessed with more of you. Recommended for ages 3+.

\$19.99 Hardback 305 x 220mm 24pp 220078

### Spin to Survive: Deep Space Danger

Decide Your Destiny with a Pop-Out Fortune Spinner!



Giles Sparrow & Ruby Fresson

As part of a pioneering mission to Mars, you've earned your place as one of Earth's greatest explorers. Now, become its most tenacious hero as you fight for your life and the lives of your crew when your spaceship meets with catastrophe. All systems are down, your crewmates are gone, and you're millions of miles from help. Prepare for adventure... and take to the stars! On each spread, read the story, make your choice, then use the pop-out spinner to determine if it was the lucky one... or not! With dozens of paths and unexpected disasters along the way, readers aged 8–12 will love embarking on this journey again and again.

\$39.99 Hardback 340 x 280mm 64pp 240526

### Eco Craft Book

Don't Throw it Away, Recreate & Play



Laura Minter & Tia Williams

Crafting is so much fun but did you know that it can sometimes create excess waste that is not good for our planet? For this imaginative collection of projects, most of what you need is already in your recycling box, but for other supplies there is a handy guide on what gets a planet-friendly thumbs up and what to avoid. Throughout the book, you'll find facts, tips and handy hints on how to be a crafty eco-warrior. There are also special information sections dotted throughout covering tips and ideas for climate activism and an overview of the main climate issues we face. Projects include: bear plant pots, shirt scrunchies, beeswax lunch bags, DIY paint and egg carton crown. Recommended for ages 6+.

\$32.99 Paperback 275 x 215mm 144pp 210315