KIDS FIRST EDITION!

August titles from HarperCollins Publishers, Simon & Schuster, Walker Books, Gecko Press, and Hardie Grant

JUNIOR FICTION



Dead Good Detectives

Jenny McLachlan

Meet the ghosts in this hilariously heart-racing and spooky series!

When Sid accidentally summons a 300-year-old pirate, it opens the door to the HALFWAY HOUSE

McLachlan is the author of several acclaimed teen novels including Flirty Dancing and Stargazing for Beginners.

Reading age: 8+ Publisher: Farshore Fiction RRP: \$19.99



Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Taking the Blame

Louie Stowell

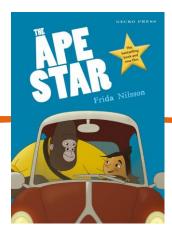
Odin has given Loki another chance to prove himself worthy of Asgard. But earning everyone's trust is tricky, and when Thor's hammer goes missing, everyone blames Loki! Outrageous!

Book 2 of Loki: A Bad God's Guide series.

'Human behaviour is savaged. Stowell takes the water out of schools, family life, shopping, eating takeaways etc. Very funny and will attract reluctant readers particularly boys.' Bob's Books

Louie Stowell started her career writing carefully researched books about space, ancient Egypt, and science, but eventually lapsed into just making stuff up.

> Reading age: 8+ Publisher: Walker Books RRP: \$18.99



The Ape Star

Frida Nilsson

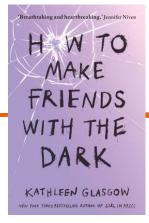
In this award-winning chapter book about prejudice and justice, an orphan girl is adopted by a gorilla.

Frida Nilsson is a leading Swedish author who has been an August Prize nominee three times and won the Astrid Lindgren Prize in 2014.

'My father wore hopelessly old-fashioned rags and had a side part— and he drove crummy old cars. The scene when Jonna and Gorilla drive into town and Jonna walks ten paces behind, hoping no one will realize that she and Gorilla are together, is taken directly from my childhood shopping trips to town. '

Reading age: 6+
Publisher: Gecko Press
RRP: \$1299

YOUNG ADULT



How to Make Friends with the Dark

Kathleen Glasgow

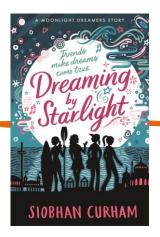
The story of an awful, universe-gone-mad-mistake, and one girl's emotional battle for clarity and forgiveness.

It's always been Tiger and her mother against the world. Then, on a day like any other, Tiger's mother dies. Now it's Tiger, alone.

And she must learn to make friends with the dark.

Kathleen Glasgow is the author of the New York
Times bestselling novel Girl in Pieces

Reading age: 14+
Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers
RRP: \$22.99



Dreaming by Starlight

Siobhan Curham

Jazz, short for Jasmine, and her parents have just moved to Brighton from Sydney.

When she meets her older cousin, Amber, at a family dinner in London. Amber senses Jazz's unhappiness and tells her about the Moonlight Dreamers, a secret society of likeminded friends that she founded years earlier.

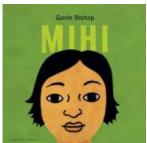
Siobhan Curham is an award-winning author and was the editorial consultant on Zoe Sugg's (Zoella's) first book, Girl Online, as well as the author of two previous books for Walker: The Moonlight Dreamers and Tell It to the Moon.

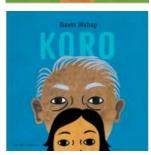
Reading age: 12+ Publisher: Walker Books RRP: \$18.99

Kei te pēhea koe, e hoa?

E Hoa is a new board book joining Mihi and Koro in Gavin Bishop's powerful, multi-layered series in te reo Māori to share with the smallest children. It features simple Māori words for a range of feelings.











E Hoa shares how to talk about feelings in te reo Māori through a friendship between a child and their dog.

Mihi introduces ideas of me and my place in the world in the shape of a simple mihi or pepeha.

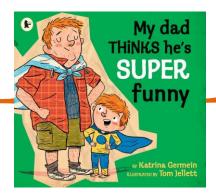
Koro shows a day with koro: a small hand in a big one; big gumboots and little; kai, korero and a snooze to finish.

Reading age: 3+ Publisher: Gecko Press RRP: \$1799



Gavin Bishop ONZM, Tainui, Ngāti Awa, has published over 70 books internationally, translated into 12 languages. In 2018 he was awarded the Te Waka Toi Ngā Tohu ā Tā Kingi Ihaka/Sir Kingi Ihaka Award.

PICTURE BOOKS



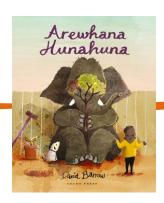
My Dad Thinks He's Super Funny Katrina Germein

A book for anyone whose dad has made them laugh - or cringe!

A follow up to the bestselling My Dad Thinks He's Funny and My Dad Still Thinks He's Funny,

Katrina Germein is a best-selling picture book author. Published worldwide, Katrina's book, *Big Rain Coming*, has remained continuously in print since it was first published in 1999.

Reading age: 5+ Publisher: Walker Books RRP: \$18.99



Arewhana Hunahuna

Michael Rosen

A te reo Māori edition of this internationally bestselling picture book about a boy and his elephant playing an absurd game of hide and seek.

Barrow is the author and illustrator of *Have You Seen Elephant?*, *The Big Race*, and *Troll Stroll*.

Reading age: 2+ Publisher: Gecko Press RRP: \$19.99