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**Fossils** Random House  
Books for Young  
Readers

With more than 3.2 million copies sold across all channels, **READY, FREDDY!** is a huge success with first-grade readers! Freddy's first-grade class is learning all about penguins -- including the fact that some

species are endangered. When Freddy suggests a penny drive to help save the penguins, everyone loves the idea. But Freddy can't find his penny jar! How will he save the penguins now?

### **Grandpa Chatterji**

David Fickling Books  
Rowena Batts is always in trouble. It probably has something to do with her quick temper. But Rowena has a bigger problem: Her dad.

Somehow she has to tell him that his revolting shirts and his horrific habit of bursting into song in public are even more disastrous than she is. It's not easy talking your way out when you were born unable to speak.

Misery Guts Henry Holt and Company (BYR) Four country children waiting in the rain for the school bus take turns telling stories. In an unusual twist, Anna's story takes the children to Nazi Germany. An intriguing tale about Heidi, a young girl caught in the turmoil of World War II, whose father was one of the most dreaded men in history. One of the children, Mark, becomes engrossed in Heidi's story. In his conversations with his

friends, his teacher and with his parents, he explores the moral and ethical issues it raises. This intriguing play poses powerful questions about a frightening period in history and forces us to examine moral issues in relation to society's fears and prejudices in a fresh, compelling light. 1 act, 3 male, 3 female.

Blabbermouth Pan Macmillan The gun is the coward's fist. The gun is power. Alex and Ethan are growing up on an estate where there are just two choices: sport or crime. Ethan is selected for a football training programme in the US, his chance to escape the gangs that terrorise his neighbourhood. But Alex is drawn into an

explosive feud with a gun at its heart. In this gripping and absorbing real life thriller, Alan Gibbons explores the complex issue of gun crime, and the far reaching consequences it can have.

**Take Up Thy Bed and Walk** Penguin

Group Australia  
MINI TREASURES - delightful mini picture books to treasure for ever. SALLY'S SECRET - Sally loves building houses in all sorts of places, and one day she discovers a special place for a special secret house, which she just has to share with her friend.

Sally's Secret

deCoubertin Books  
1946. Europe is in ruins. Millions of people dream of finding happiness somewhere else. Fourteen-year-old Felix is one of them.

When he's offered a journey to somewhere far away, he seizes the opportunity. So does someone very dear to him, even though she wasn't actually invited. They have high hopes for their new land, and their dramatic arrival there makes them want to stay. But before Felix and Anya can embrace the love and friendship of their new world, they must confront the murderous urge for revenge still alive in the old. Felix knows he hasn't faced anything like this before. He may not survive, but he's hoping he will. Maybe.

*Sticky Beak* Red Fox

A terrified 12-year-old boy finds himself separated from his family in the unfamiliar streets of a war torn city. He takes refuge in

a bombed-out house and in the total blackness his bravado crumbles into tears. Into his life steps Anna -- older, street smart and scornful of his crying. As a way of shutting the boy up, she starts to tell him a story that she vaguely remembers from her own childhood. And so begins a journey into the shifting, shimmering world of ogres, princes, singing bones, foolish lads and wolf-mothers. "Stories in the Dark" explores the power of storytelling, mingling the magic and earthy wisdom of folk tales with the hard-edged story of violence, conflict and the struggle to survive. (2 acts, 24 male, 11 female).

**Bumface** Penguin Group Australia

Limpy's family reckons humans don't hate cane toads, but Limpy knows otherwise. He's spotted the signs: the cross looks, the unkind comments, the way they squash cane toads with their cars. Limpy is desperate to save his species from ending up as pancakes. Somehow he must make humans see how fabulous cane toads really are. Risking everything, he sets off on a wart-tinglingly dangerous and daring journey to . . . the Olympics? This is the epic story of a slightly squashed young cane toad's quest for the truth.

*Extra Time* Scholastic Inc.

It's a normal week for Rowena Batts. A car full of stewed apples. A police cell. A struggle to keep Dad off

national TV. Then her world turns upside down.

### **Funny Stories: And Other Funny Stories**

Pan Australia

The final collection of poems by the great Australian poet Les Murray, *Continuous Creation* We bring nothing into this world except our gradual ability to create it, out of all that vanishes and all that will outlast us. In *Continuous Creation*, the final collection from Les Murray, the preeminent poet of modern Australia recalls moments from his youth and wryly observes the changing world, moving back and forth through time and history with characteristic curiosity and an ever-fresh commitment to capturing the rhythms of life in verse. This

collection displays Murray's miraculous ability to reinvent language in order to plant his and our reality on the page, whether he writes about the Australian landscape ("Kangaroo sleeping / ahead on the road turns out / to be twigs and leaves") or unsold books sitting in department stores. *Continuous Creation* demonstrates, once more, that Murray was one of the great poets of the English language. As Joseph Brodsky said, he was, "quite simply, the one by whom the language lives."

Then Penguin Group Australia

"Two hours ago, when I walked into this school for the first time, the sun was shining, the birds were singing and, apart from a knot in

my guts the size of Tasmania, life was great. Now, here I am, locked in the stationery cupboard." Rowena wants to be friends but the other kids don't. Is it because she's just stuffed a frog into Darryn Peck's mouth? Or is it because of her Dad? Rejacketed with brilliant new covers, Morris Gleitzman's hilarious and heartwarming stories are more popular than ever!

*The Penguin Problem*  
(*Ready, Freddy!* #19)

Pan Macmillan  
Homo parentithicus.  
Found in most urban parts of Australia.  
Usually roams in pairs.  
Over-protective to offspring. Parents. Fossils takes a look at the relationship between parents and teenagers (1 act, 1 man, 2 women).

*The Blabber Mouth Collection* Pan Australia  
Sybil, aka Spud, lives with her father who won't discuss Sybil's dead mother. Her reluctant friendship with an old woman helps both of them address their loneliness and deal with the future (1 act, 2 men, 2 women).

**City of Lies** Taylor & Francis

In the hysterically funny sequel to *Toad Rage*, Limpy is on a quest to find toad heaven. A place where cane toads won't be blown up with bike pumps or bashed over the head with folding chairs. Limpy's determined to find this place if it takes him the rest of his life, but his plans are waylaid when he's kidnapped by some sinister-looking humans and tossed

into a bucket. Will Limpy be able to save cane toads? Will he be able to find toad heaven? First he has to get out of the bucket. . .

**The Other Facts of Life**

Penguin Group  
Australia  
Felix and Zelda have escaped the train to the death camp, but where do they go now? They're two runaway kids in Nazi-occupied Poland. Danger lies at every turn of the road. With the help of a woman named Genia and their active imaginations, Felix and Zelda find a new home and begin to heal, forming a new family together. But can it last? Morris Gleitzman's winning characters will tug at readers' hearts as they struggle to survive in the harsh political

climate of Poland in 1942. Their lives are difficult, but they always remember what matters: family, love, and hope.

Hitler's Daughter

Penguin Group  
Australia  
An Australian schoolgirl who is unable to speak is embarrassed by her father's outlandish dress and behavior.  
*Stories in the Dark*  
Penguin Group  
Australia  
Can average be amazing? The bestselling author of Frindle shows that with a little kindness, it can. Jordan Johnston is average. Not short, not tall. Not plump, not slim. Not gifted, not flunking out. Even her shoe size is average. She's ordinary for her school, for her town, for even the whole wide world, it seems.



Then Marlea Harkins, one of the most popular girls in school—and most definitely the meanest—does something unthinkable, and suddenly nice, average Jordan isn't thinking average thoughts anymore. She wants to get Marlea back! But what's the best way to beat a bully? Could it be with kindness? Called "a genius of gentle, high concept tales set in suburban middle school" by The New York Times, bestselling author Andrew Clements presents a compelling story of the greatest achievement possible—self-acceptance.

**Toad Heaven** Indigo  
The adventures of twelve-year-old Keith as he tries to cheer up his parents in such

ways as painting their shop in bright colors and convincing them to move from gloomy England to a place called Paradise.

*Boy Overboard* Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

Dear Mum and Dad,  
This is just to let you know that I took the torch, the hammer, the gardening trowel, the plastic strainer, the chocolate biscuits and the stuff that's missing from the bathroom. So it's OK, you haven't been burgled. Please don't worry, things are looking better than I thought opal-wise.

Love, Keith  
What does a kid do when his Mum and Dad are worry warts? Make them rich, decides Keith. Very, very rich. It's a brilliant plan-if it works.

*Puppy Fat* TEENAGE

Swap a bomb for three

ice-creams on a train,  
bounce on a vampire's  
bed, eat a pizza that  
makes you fearless,  
read the secret diary of  
a dog, unleash the  
awesome power of  
chips, save ten lives  
with a paper clip,

surprise your mum  
with a chainsaw, use a  
demolition ball to  
defeat a bully, live in a  
house that gets wiped  
clean more often than  
a bottom ... and lots  
more!