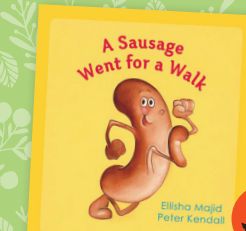
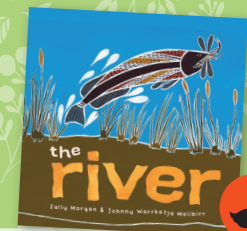




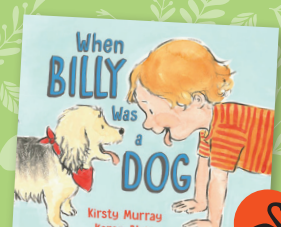
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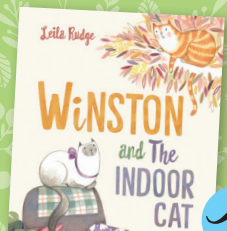
**A Sausage Went For a Walk**  
Written by Elisha Majid  
Illustrated by Peter Kendall  
FREMANTLE PRESS, 1991



**The River**  
Written by Sally Morgan  
Illustrated by Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr  
MAGABALA BOOKS, 2021



**When Billy Was a Dog**  
Written by Kirsty Murray  
Illustrated by Karen Blair  
ALLEN & UNWIN, 2019



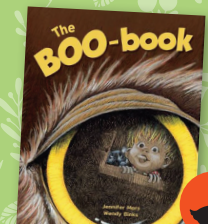
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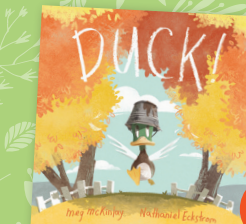
**Crane Guy**  
Written by Sally Sutton  
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**Wise Before Five**  
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LADYBIRD, 2020



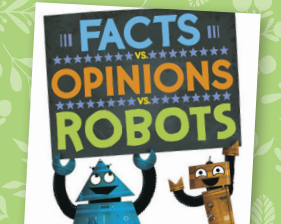
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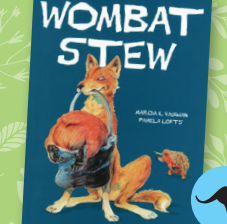
**Duck!**  
Written by Meg McKinlay  
Illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom  
WALKER BOOKS, 2018



**Bedtime Sorted!**  
Written by Jimmy Rees  
Illustrated by Briony Stewart  
AFFIRM PRESS, 2021



**Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots**  
Written and illustrated by Michael Rex  
NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2020



**Wombat Stew**  
Written by Marcia Vaughan  
Illustrated by Pamela Lofts  
SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA, 1984



**The Art of Words**  
Written by Robert Vescio  
Illustrated by Joanna Bartel  
EK BOOKS FOR KIDS, 2021



**My Friend Fred**  
Written by Frances Watts  
Illustrated by A. Yi  
ALLEN & UNWIN, 2019



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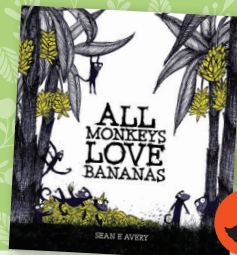
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**All Monkeys Love Bananas**  
Written and illustrated by Sean E. Avery  
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2012



**The A in the Rainforest**  
Written by Judith Barker  
Illustrated by Janie Frith  
WOODSLANE PRESS, 2021



**Stuck!**  
Written by Charlotte Calder  
Illustrated by Mark Jackson  
WALKER BOOKS, 2012



**The Gruffalo**  
Written by Julia Donaldson  
Illustrated by Axel Scheffler  
MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 1999



**Australian Backyard Birdies**  
Written and illustrated by Andy Geppert  
LOTHIAN, 2021



**Scary Night**  
Written by Lesley Gibbes  
Illustrated by Stephen Michael King  
WORKING TITLE PRESS, 2014



**Oh No, George!**  
Written and illustrated by Chris Haughton  
WALKER BOOKS, 2012



**Big Love**  
Written by Megan Jacobson  
Illustrated by Beck Feiner  
WALKER STUDIO, 2021



**Wonderful Shoes**  
Written by Emma Bowd  
Illustrated by Tania McCartney  
WINDY HOLLOW BOOKS, 2021



**Something Wonderful**  
Written by Raewyn Caisley  
Illustrated by Karen Blair  
PENGUIN AUSTRALIA, 2018



**Stellarphant**  
Written and illustrated by James Foley  
FREMANTLE PRESS, 2021



**Too Many Pears!**  
Written by Jackie French  
Illustrated by Bruce Whatley  
KOALA BOOKS, 2006



**Not That Pet!**  
Written by Smriti Halls  
Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw  
WALKER BOOKS, 2021



**No! Never!**  
Written by Libby Hathorn and Lisa Hathorn-Jarman  
Illustrated by Mel Pearce  
HACHETTE AUSTRALIA, 2020



**Three**  
Written and illustrated by Stephen Michael King  
SCHOLASTIC PRESS, 2021



**A is For Australian Animals**  
Written and illustrated by Frané Lessac  
WALKER BOOKS, 2017