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## Inverell Library News



**May 2020**

### **Message from Manager, Library Services**

*“All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but we don't. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging and filled with opportunity” – Robert F. Kennedy*

We are certainly all living in difficult and challenging times at the moment, but it has been heartening to see that we have, as individuals, as a community and as a nation responded to these challenges with positivity, with creativity and with kindness. The health directive to close the library on March 27th 2020 in response to the Covid-19 outbreak was both sad and confronting for Library staff. We are so used to seeing our patrons every day, to interacting with you, chatting about what you are reading, helping out with a computer issue, or just saying hello. The first couple of days of closure felt very strange, and very quiet. The staff and I sat down, talked through our options, and planned what services we could offer to the community, in a safe and effective manner. Our priority was to keep providing what services we could, for as long as we could.

It was really important to us that we continued to offer loan services to those who wanted them – we appreciate how important it is to be able to read or watch something to pass the time in isolation, or to alleviate boredom for children suddenly spending much more time indoors. We have had strong support for our “Click & Collect” service, which enables you to let us know what you would like to borrow via the catalogue or by phone. We then pick and pack your order, ready for collection or delivery. We are also offering a print and collect service for urgent printing needs. We have been active on our Facebook page, holding storytime sessions, chats with staff, book reviews, competitions and even a virtual bear hunt! The response to our posts has been positive, and storytime has been very popular - we even have some grown-ups watching.

Library staff have been consistently positive, creative and enthusiastic about how we can stay connected with our patrons while closed, and I am in awe of how well they have coped with this unprecedented situation. I also want to acknowledge how positive, gracious and appreciative you have all been during our interactions with you. We don't know how long the current situation will last, and how we might transition out of it, but I can say with certainty that the library staff will be working hard to ensure we continue to offer the best service we can to our community.

**Sonya**

### **Temporary Library Hours During Closure**

**Mon-Fri**

8:30am-4:30pm

**Saturday**

Closed

**Sunday**

Closed

# Click & Collect

Social – distancing or in isolation?  
We got you.

Library staff will pick and pack library items for you.  
Collect (or arrange someone to collect for you) from  
the library.  
Contactless collection available.

Log in to the catalogue at <https://library.inverell.nsw.gov.au/Montage/> and reserve the items you would like, or call the staff on 67288130 to discuss your needs.



# MAY 2020

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# NEW BOOKS

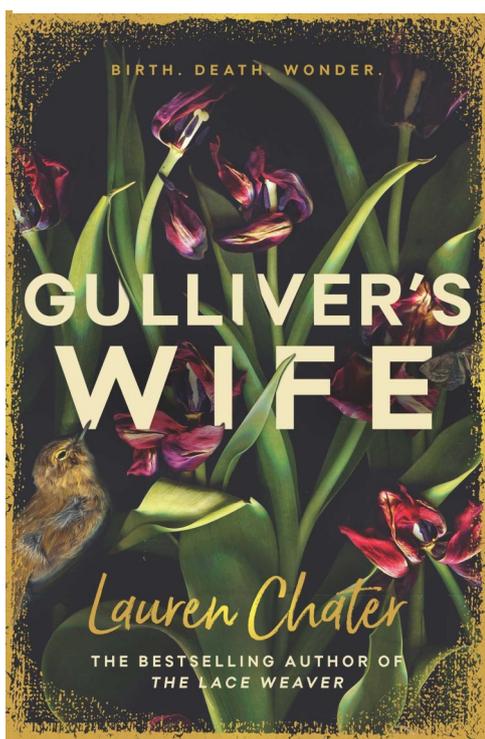
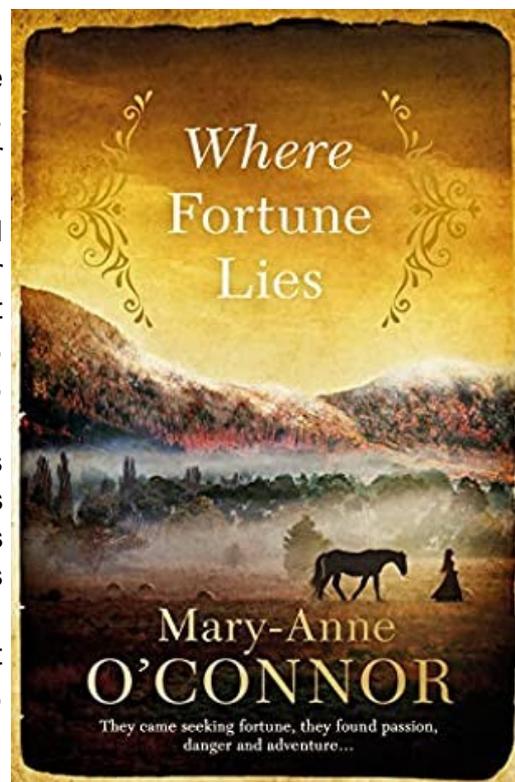
## ***Where fortune lies* by Mary-Anne O'Connor (AF OCON)**

1879: 'Invisible' Anne Brown fears she'll never escape the harshness and poverty of her life in County Donegal, Ireland. Until, one heartbreaking Beltane night, her life is changed forever and she leaves to seek her fortune in far-flung Australia.

Upon the death of their father, charismatic Will Worthington and his beloved sister Mari are stunned to find he has left all their money and a ticket to Australia to an enigmatic painted woman. It seems their only hope for a brighter future also lies in Australia, where together with Will's best friend, the artist Charlie Tanner, they seek their fortunes.

Charlie finds love with a mysterious exotic dancer, yet there is trouble on the horizon. His new friends up in the Victorian Alps might be teaching him to run with the wild horses and find his talent with a brush at last, but life in a bushranger gang is dangerous.

As Charlie struggles to break free from his fate, all four are left with impossible choices as fortunes waver between life and death, loyalty and the heart.



## ***Gulliver's wife* by Lauren Chater (AF CHAT)**

London, 1702. When her husband is lost at sea, Mary Burton Gulliver, midwife and herbalist, is forced to rebuild her life without him. But three years later when Lemuel Gulliver is brought home, fevered and communicating only in riddles, her ordered world is upside down.

In a climate of desperate poverty and violence, Mary is caught in a crossfire of suspicion and fear driven by her husband's outlandish claims, and it is up to her to navigate a passage to safety for herself and her daughter, and the vulnerable women in her care.

When a fellow sailor, a dangerous man with nothing to lose, appears to hold sway over her husband, Mary's world transcends deeper into chaos, and she must set out on her own journey to discover the truth of Gulliver's travels...and the landscape of her own heart.

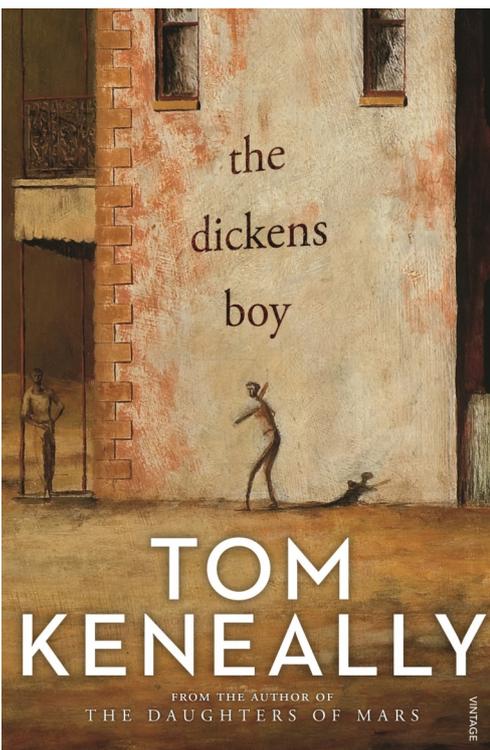
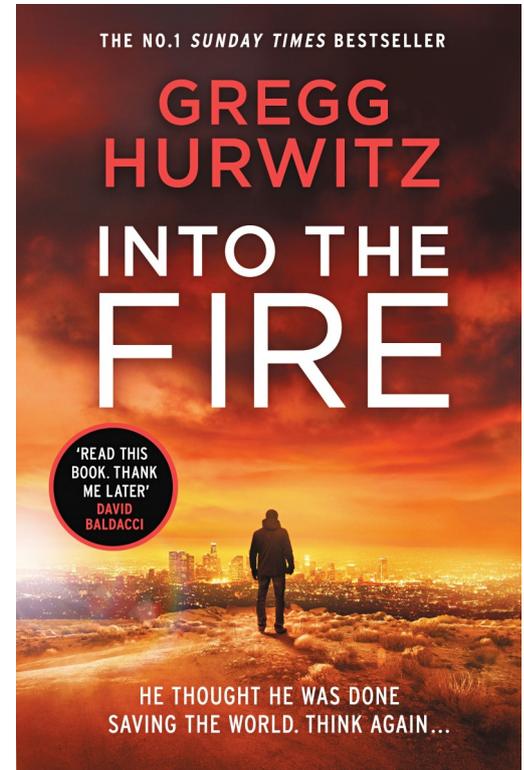
# NEW BOOKS

## ***Into the fire* by Gregg Hurwitz (AF HURW)**

Evan Smoak lives by his own code. As a boy he was taken from a foster home and trained as a lethal weapon codenamed Orphan X. Finally free, he lives in the shadows as the Nowhere Man, using his unique skills to help those in desperate need. But all good things must come to an end. One last mission, then he'll go out on a high note. Clean and tidy, just how he likes it. And then he meets Max Merriweather.

Max Merriweather hasn't got much left to lose. Bad luck has seen off his marriage, his home and his career. On the face of it he's the last guy you'd expect to be trusted with a deadly secret. Which is exactly why his cousin gave him an envelope with the instruction: 'If anything ever happens to me, call the number inside.' Now his cousin is dead and Max's own chances of survival look bleak. Then he meets the one man who might save him: Evan Smoak.

But with Max now under his protection, Evan faces a threat more daunting than he has ever taken on before. He'll be lucky just to get through it alive.



## ***The Dickens boy* by Tom Keneally (AF KENE)**

The tenth child of Charles Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, known as Plorn, had consistently proved unable 'to apply to himself' to school or life. So aged sixteen, he is sent, as his brother Alfred was before him, to Australia.

Plorn arrives in Melbourne in late 1868 carrying a terrible secret. He has never read a word of his father's work. He is sent out to a 2000-square-mile station in remotest New South Wales to learn to become a man, and a gentleman stockman, from the most diverse and toughest of companions. In the outback he becomes enmeshed with Paakantji, colonist, colonial-born, ex-convicts, ex-soldiers, and very few woman.

Plorn unexpectedly encounters the same veneration of his father and familiarity with Dickens' work in Australia as was rampant in England. Against this backdrop, and featuring cricket tournaments, bushrangers, sheep droving, shifty stock and station agents, frontier wars and first encounters with Australian women, Plorn meets extraordinary people and enjoys wonderful adventures as he works to prove himself.

Plorn died and was buried in Moree.

## Alan Gratz

Alan Gratz is author of a number of novels for young readers. His first novel, *'Samurai Shortstop'*, was named one of the American Library Association's Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults. His second novel, *'Something Rotten'*, was an ALA Quick Pick for Young Adult Readers. His first middle grade novel, *'The Brooklyn Nine'*, was one of the ALA's Top Ten Sports Books for Youth and Top Ten Historical Books for Youth, and his middle grade Holocaust novel *'Prisoner B-3087'* was one of YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Readers and has won eight state awards. He is also the author of the YA thriller *'Code of Honor'*, a YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, the middle grade historical thriller *'Projekt 1065'*, and the *'League of Seven'* trilogy.

Alan's 2017 novel *'Refugee'* has spent more than a year on the New York Times bestseller list, and has received numerous awards, including the Sydney Taylor Book Award, the National Jewish Book Award, the Cybils Middle Grade Fiction Award, a Charlotte Huck Award Honor, and a Malka Penn Award for Human Rights Honor. *'Refugee'* was also a Global Read Aloud Book for 2018.

*'Grenade'*, a novel about the Battle of Okinawa, debuted at number three on the New York Times bestseller list, and his most recent book, *'Allies'*, about the invasion of Normandy at D-Day, debuted at number two on the list.

Alan's short fiction has appeared in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine, online at Tor.com, and in the anthologies Half-Minute Horrors and Tomo: Friendship Through Fiction, which benefitted victims of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

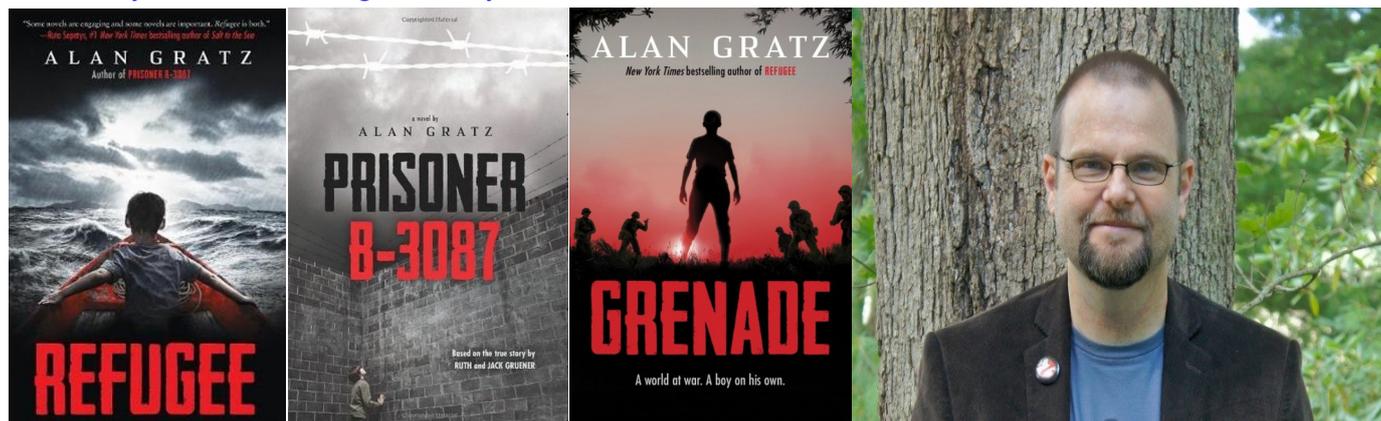
As the first Artist in Residence at the American School in Japan in 2010, Alan spent six weeks teaching historical fiction-writing to middle school students in Tokyo, and he was the Thurber House Children's Writer in Residence in 2011, living and writing in James Thurber's attic for a month while working with young writers from all around the Columbus, Ohio area. In 2017, Alan spent a month as the Writer in Residence at the Jakarta Intercultural School in Jakarta, Indonesia.

In addition to writing plays, magazine articles, and a few episodes of A&E's City Confidential, Alan has taught catapult-building to middle-schoolers, written more than 6,000 radio commercials, sold other people's books, lectured at a Czech university, and traveled the galaxy as a space ranger. (One of these, it should be pointed out, is not true.)

Alan was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, home of the 1982 World's Fair. After a carefree but humid childhood, Alan attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned a College Scholars degree with a specialization in creative writing, and, later, a Master's degree in English education. He now lives with his wife Wendi and his daughter Jo in Asheville, North Carolina, where he enjoys playing games, eating pizza, and, perhaps not too surprisingly, reading books.

*Biography from [alangratz.com](http://alangratz.com), image from [inprinthouse.org](http://inprinthouse.org)*

The library has the following books by Alan Gratz available for loan:



## **Grenade by Alan Gratz**

### **Young Adult Fiction**

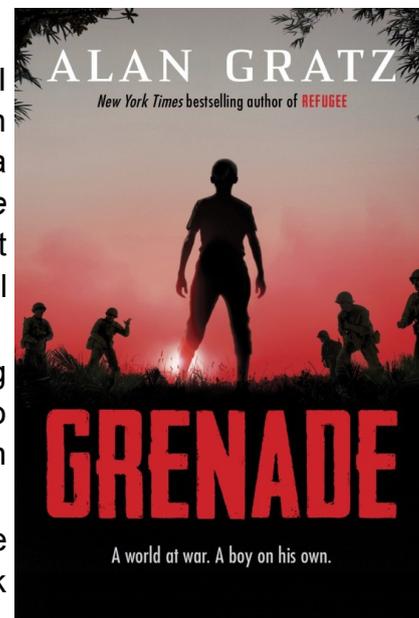
**Reviewed by Collection Services Officer - Belynda**

**Synopsis:** It's 1945, and the world is in the grip of war.

Hideki lives on the island of Okinawa, near Japan. When WWII crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps to fight for the Japanese army. He is handed a grenade and a set of instructions: *'Don't come back until you've killed an American soldier'*. Ray, a young American Marine, has just landed on Okinawa. He doesn't know what to expect -- or if he'll make it out alive. He just knows that the enemy is everywhere.

Hideki and Ray each fight their way across the island, surviving heart-pounding ambushes and dangerous traps. But when the two of them collide in the middle of the battle, the choices they make in that instant will change everything.

From the acclaimed author of *Refugee* comes this high-octane story of how fear can tear us apart, and how hope can tie us back together.



**Review:** I picked up *'Grenade'*, wanting to read a young adult fiction book that could be enjoyed by both boys and girls. It is an edge-of-your-seat historical fiction that will keep any reader gripped until the last page. Alan Gratz makes every chapter action packed and entertaining to keep even the most difficult readers enthralled. As an adult reader I got as much out of it as I would with an adult fiction book.

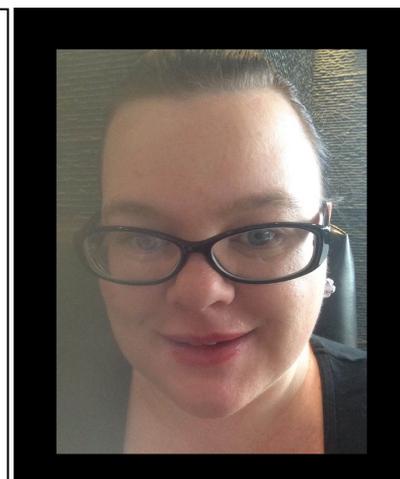
Weaved beautifully throughout the story are statements that will make anyone stop and think. Gratz pushes readers to contemplate stains that attach to your soul and how you can get rid of that stain; as well as contemplations of what is a monster and how everyone, in a moment of fear, can become a monster.

It causes one to ponder, if you are a pawn stuck between two enemies in a battle, where would you go to survive?

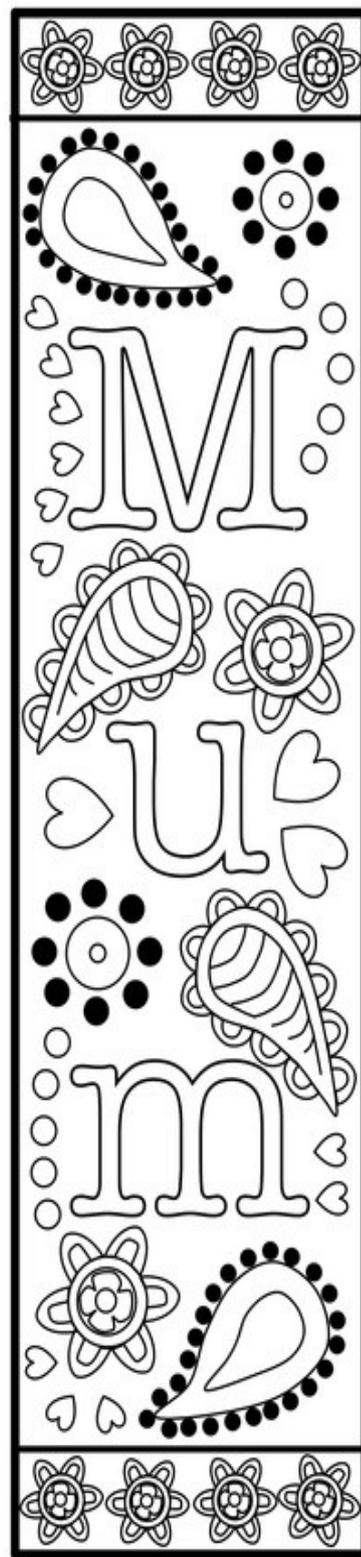
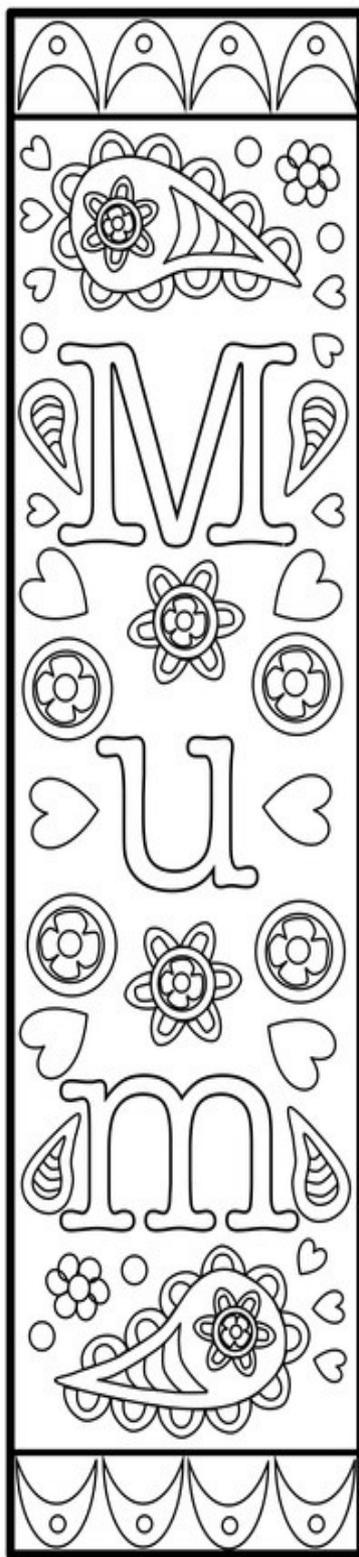
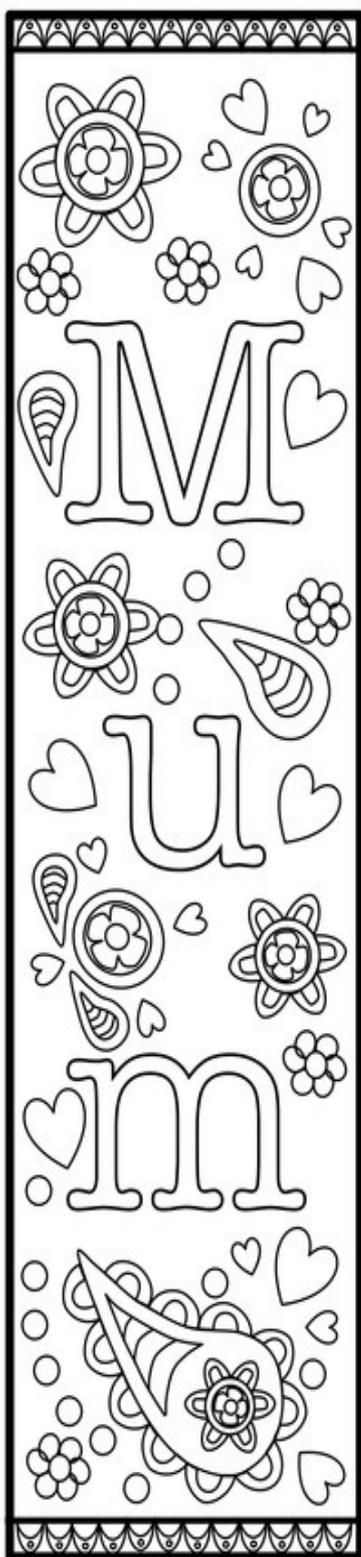
### **Belynda**

#### **Collection Services Officer**

Belynda is the library's acquisitions and technical services officer which means she is responsible for the ordering and processing of new library stock. Belynda catalogues all library items into our management system and gets them ready for lending or in-house use. Belynda has an extensive knowledge of what books are popular or coming soon, so feel free to discuss with her your ideas on what good books you have read.



# Colour In Bookmarks For Mother's Day





# Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION  
BEAUTIFUL  
BREAKFAST  
CANDY  
CHARMING  
COMFORT  
DEVOTED  
FLOWERS  
FORGIVING  
GIFTS

GUIDANCE  
HUGS  
JEWELRY  
JOY  
KISSES  
LAUGHTER  
LOVE  
MATERNAL  
MOM  
MOTHER

NURTURE  
PERFUME  
PROTECTIVE  
SHARE  
TELEPHONE  
TENDER  
THE BEST  
WARM  
WISE



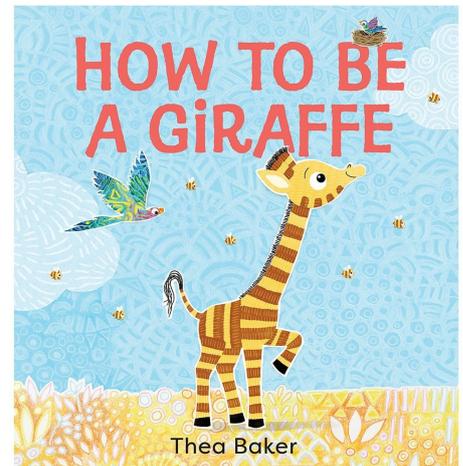
# NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

## ***How to be a giraffe* by Thea Baker** (Picture Book)

Joffrey might have horns, a tail and a long neck, but his stripy fur is causing quite the stir.

Everyone knows that giraffes have spots! But Joffrey isn't a giraffe, what could he be?

Lots of fun to read aloud, this charming and heartfelt picture book celebrates the joy of embracing who we are.



## ***Monster nanny* by Tuutikki Tolonen** (Junior Fiction)

Halley, Koby and Mimi have been sent a nanny to look after them while their parents are away. The only problem? Their nanny is a monster!

Grah is enormous, hairy, dusty and doesn't talk. As the three siblings search for answers, they discover that other neighbourhood kids have also been left with similar creatures. So where did they all come from?

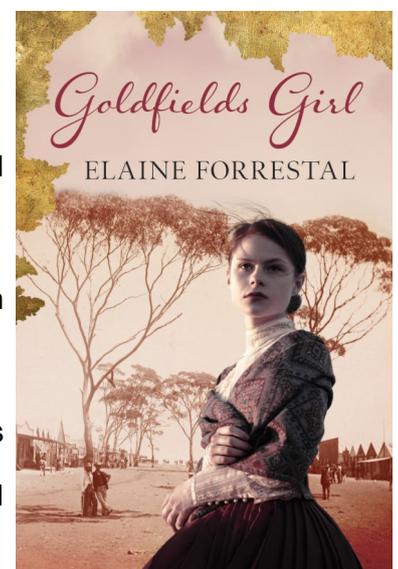
With no parents around and the fate of their new nanny at stake, the Hellman kids must depend on each other as they solve the mystery of the monsters-and maybe even help them get back to their home.

## ***Goldfields Girl* by Elaine Forrester** (Young Adult Fiction)

Being a teenage girl in 1892 isn't all buttons and bows. Not when you're a girl in search of adventure, like real-life Clara Saunders.

After arriving in the 'Golden West,' Clara jumps at the chance to strike out on her own in the new outback town of Coolgardie.

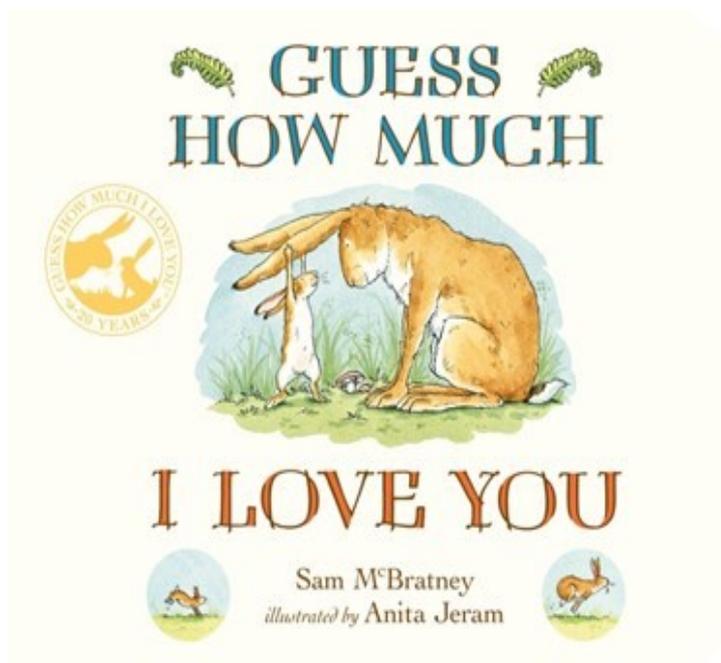
But there, amongst the flies, red dust and rowdy prospectors, Clara discovers that adventure-seekers sometimes get a whole lot more than they bargained for.



# Junior Gems Book Review

Book Review by Walter - Grade 2

**“Guess How Much I love You”**



Author: Sam McBratney

Illustrator: Anita Jeram

Publisher: Walker Books

Year Published: 2001

Pages: 30

Book Reviewed on: 27/2/20

## Characters

Big Nutbrown Hare and Little Nutbrown Hare

## Setting

In the Woods

## Plot

Big Nutbrown Hare and Little Nutbrown Hare show how much they love each other.

## My Opinion

I loved this book

## Star Rating:

5 out of 5 stars

★ = 1 - Not recommended

★ = 2 - Leave it for a rainy day

★ = 3 - Recommended

★ = 4 - Highly recommended

★ = 5 - Absolutely recommended



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## ***All for my children by Sally Faulkner***

In May 2015, Sally hugged her children as they left Australia for a two-week holiday to Beirut with their father, Ali Elamine. Though separated, custody of two-year-old Noah and four-year-old Lahela had not been an issue. Twenty four hours after that farewell, Ali said, "The kids aren't coming back." It was every parent's nightmare and it was only going to get worse. After ten months without *any* contact with her children, Sally had exhausted every avenue she could-pleading with Ali, using the courts, calling government departments and contacting the media. Sally's journey ultimately found her waking in a Beirut prison handcuffed to a 60 minutes television reporter.

To this day Sally still has not seen her children and continues her legal fight for their return.

## ***Boy, Lost by Kristina Olsson***

Kristina Olsson's mother lost her infant son, Peter, when he was snatched from her arms as she boarded a train in 1950. Yvonne was young and frightened, trying to escape a brutal marriage, but despite the violence and cruelty she had endured, she was not prepared for this final blow. Yvonne would not see her son again for nearly forty years.

Kristina was the first child of her mother's subsequent, much gentler marriage and, like her siblings, grew up unaware of the reasons for her mother's sorrow, though Peter's absence resounded through the family, marking each member. Yvonne dreamt of her son by the day and night, while Peter grew up a thousand miles and a lifetime away, dreaming of his missing mother.

## **Basic pancakes**

This Mother's Day why not spoil your mum with pancakes for a delicious breakfast in bed treat. This recipe is simple but you can always jazz it up with some choc chips, bananas, blueberries and other fruit of your choice. Top with some fresh whip cream and maple syrup and you have a delicious breakfast the whole family can make and enjoy with mum.

### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup self-raising flour (sifted)
- 1 tbs sugar
- 1 egg (lightly beaten)
- 3/4 cup milk
- 50 g butter (melted)



**SERVES 3**

**PREP: 5 MINUTES**

**COOK TIME: 10 MINUTES**

**BUDGET FRIENDLY!**

### **Method**

- 1) Gather all ingredients.
- 2) In a bowl, whisk flour and sugar. Beat in the egg and then milk a little at a time until batter is smooth and lump-free.
- 3) In a hot pan or flat grill over medium heat, brush butter over cooking surface and pour 1/4 cup measures for each pancake.
- 4) When large bubbles form on the surface, flip the pancake over and cook until lightly golden on the other side.

*Recipe from [kidspot.com.au](http://kidspot.com.au)*

## New Digital Library Collection

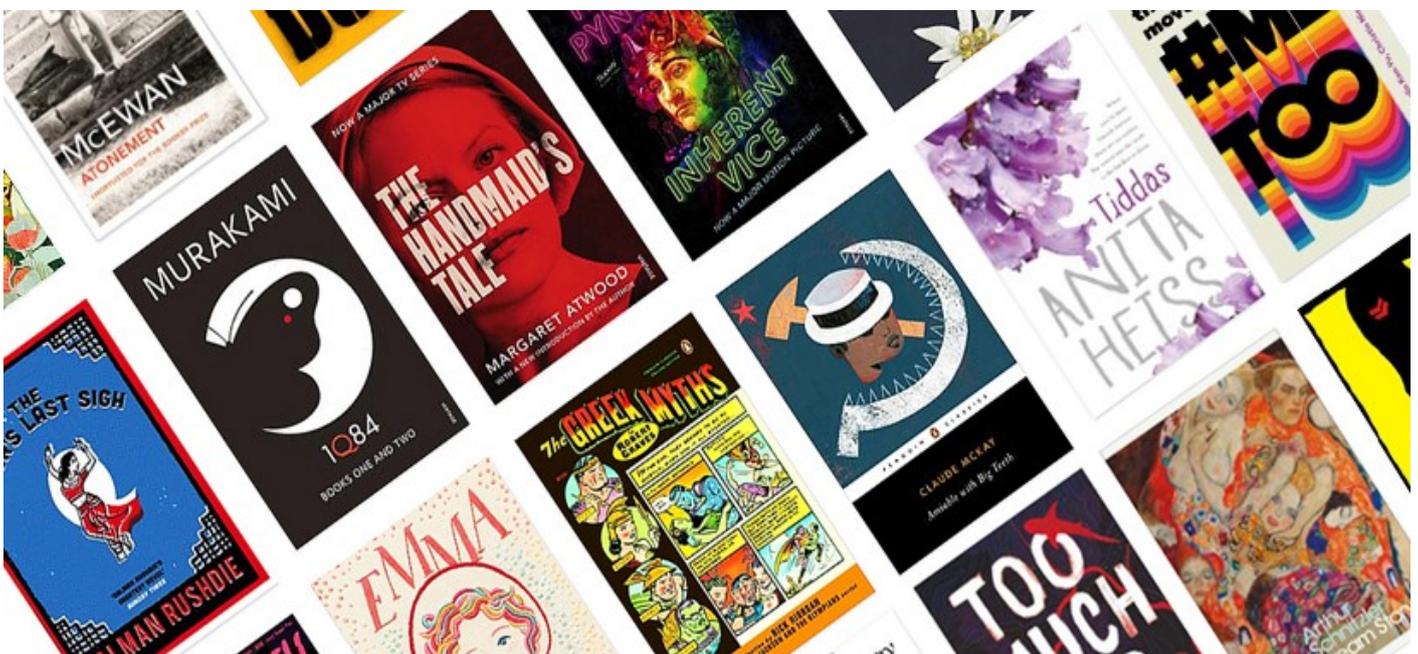
### Indy Reads

In collaboration with the State Library of NSW we are excited to announce a new online service called *Indyreads* which is available through our ebook platform. *Indyreads* has over 9000 ebooks and e-audio books available to download straight to your device for free if you are a library member. You will be able to access titles by independent Australian publishers, international titles, non-fiction books, a huge range of classics, prize-winning literature and self-published content.

To access *Indyreads* simply download the **Indyreads app** from the App store or Google Play store, select our library and log in with your library card number and PIN.

(Remember your card number starts with a capital I for Inverell).

Feel free to contact library staff on 67288130 if you require assistance.



## Inverell Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) are members of the community who recognise the importance of the library and wish to support its operations.

Membership is open to any over 18 years old.

### The role of FOL

- Promote library services.
- Develop community support for the library.
- Make presentations on behalf of the library to Government bodies.
- Access non-government funding sources.
- Provide practical assistance with major library events and projects.

### Past success include

- Provided bookcase display for Local History books.
- Arranged cultural events including author visits, poetry nights and film screenings
- Donated generous amounts of money towards library stock since inception
- Enrich the cultural life of the community
- Provide ongoing magazine subscriptions of popular titles.

### **The FOL usually meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am.**

Meetings are a great opportunity for the FOL to plan events, determine how they assist in library projects and receive a report on library news from the Manager, Library Services. Meetings are open to all who are interested.



Meetings will resume once the library re-opens to the public.

Phone 67288130 for more information.

## Are you temporarily or permanently housebound?

Every 3 weeks, library staff are able to deliver items of your choice to you.

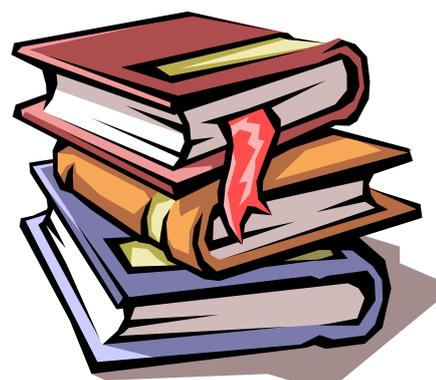
We have a wide range of selections ranging from books, music, DVD's, magazines, large print, talking books, mysteries, romance, westerns and more.

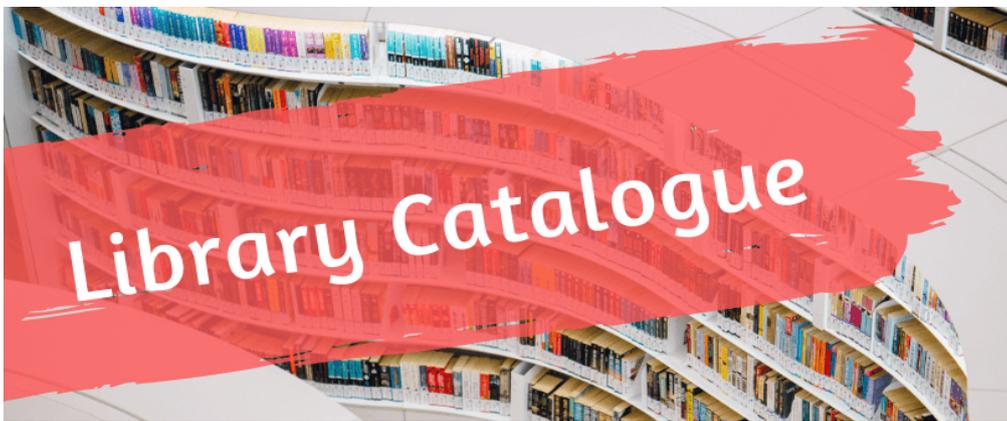
You might read very quickly and in large numbers, or perhaps you would just like a book or two handy for a bit of leisure reading. Maybe you would like to listen to some music or watch a DVD.



**Please Note:** We can only provide Home Library Service to genuinely housebound people living within Inverell's town limits. We are unable to deliver out of town.

If this service would be helpful for yourself or someone you know, please contact the library on (02) 67288139.





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## **Getting the most from the Library Catalogue** **Reserving Items on the Catalogue**

Go to [www.inverell.nsw.gov.au](http://www.inverell.nsw.gov.au) Click on **Public Library** → Click on **Library Catalogue**

Once you have searched for and found the item/s you want, you may wish to **RESERVE** the item. You can reserve items which are on loan, or if you are accessing the catalogue from home, you can reserve items which are not on loan, for you to collect later.

- Search for the item you want to reserve.
- Click on the title to take you to the details about the item.
- Click on the blue circle next to "**More Details**".
- Click on the **Reserve**.
- If you haven't already logged into your account, you will be prompted to enter your library card number and pin. Note: your card number starts with a capital I for Inverell and is followed by six numbers.
- You will then be shown the your position in the queue and collection location.
- Click on the blue "**Thumbs Up**" (By placing a reserve you are agreeing to our reserve charge. The charge will be applied to your library account).
- You will get a confirmation message on screen when your reserve has been made.

If the item you have reserved is on loan, we will notify you when it is returned and becomes available for you. If the item is not on loan, you will be able to collect it on the next working day after you place your reserve.

All reserved items will be held for 10 working days for collection.

**\*\*Please note: All reserve charges have been temporarily waived during closure.**