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Message From The Manager

2020 – What a strange year it has been. One where we have all felt the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and all been forced to change and adapt. For the Library, the disruptions have created challenges, and opportunities. I would like to focus on the opportunities – how we have learnt, grown and responded during this time.

What did we learn this year? As individuals, and as a team, the library staff have learnt that we are creative, resilient and committed. We figured out how to provide services to our patrons when our doors were closed, by creating a “drive-thru” pickup point, and did impromptu home deliveries of books on our way to and from work. We built our skills in selecting and recommending books for patrons, when you entrusted us to choose your books for you during lockdown. We all learnt to use social media intensively to communicate, educate and entertain our patrons. We discovered how quiet the library is without patrons (we definitely prefer it with you here). We were delighted to learn how much you missed and valued us, when we could finally welcome you back to the library.

How did we grow? We all developed new skills, and gained confidence in trying new things. We brainstormed ideas, tried them out, and kept the ones that worked. We undertook some projects to improve our collection (weeding, rearranging and stocktaking) and improve access to electronic resources (we manually edited the records for 13,000 e-books to make them findable in our catalogue). We helped out other departments in Council, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. We expanded our digital library collection, and helped you learn to access them.

How did we respond? I believe my staff responded with grace, with creativity, with enthusiasm, with passion and with commitment. We kept our focus on the core reason for our existence: to provide our community with a valuable service – access to information and resources for their education and entertainment. I like to think that being able to have books to read and access to entertainment made a real difference to people during lockdown, providing connection and a sense of community amidst the fear, isolation and loneliness that many of us faced this year.

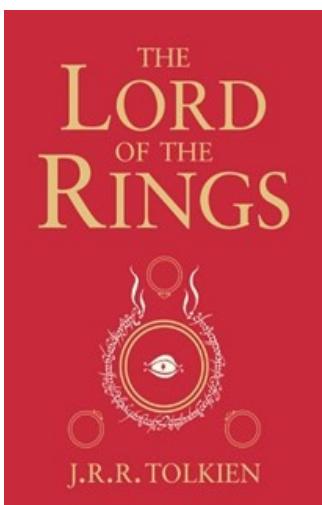
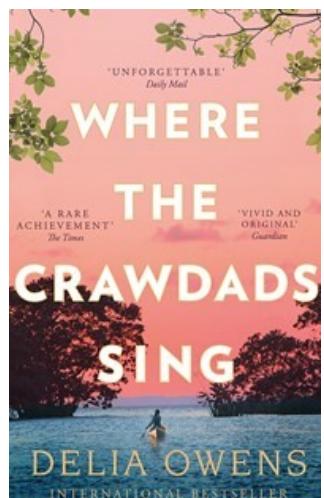
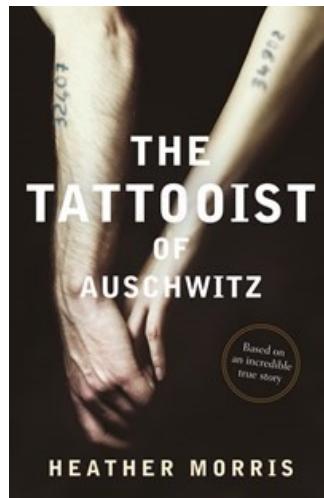
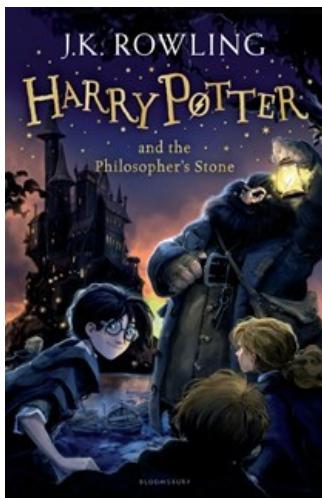
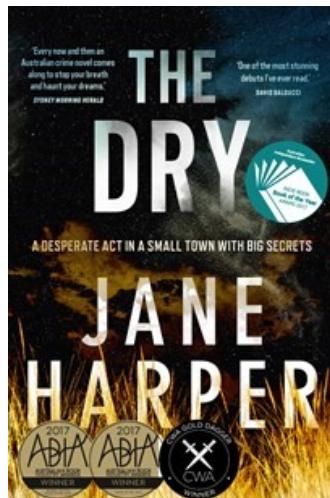
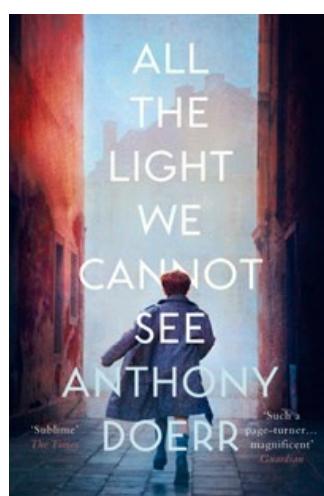
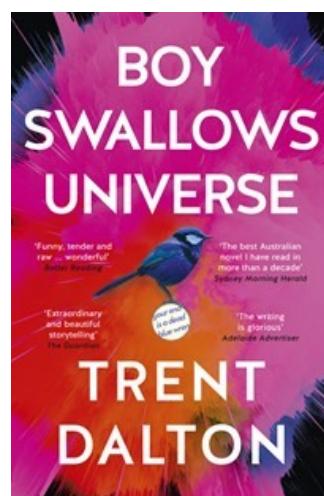
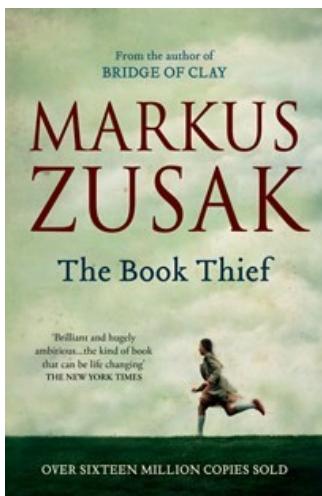
I want to thank every one of my staff for their trust in me, and for their commitment to the team and the community this year. It was a scary year, and there were times when we did not know what the next day would bring, but my staff kept showing up and doing their best, each and every day. I am so proud of your resilience, your strength, your supportiveness and your determination. I know that whatever 2021 brings, we are ready to face it, together.

We hope you all have a happy Christmas. Stay safe and see you in the New Year.



Dymocks Top 10 for 2020

If you need some reading ideas over the festive holidays why not try one of these titles from Dymocks Top 10 of 2020. The library has all titles available for loan.



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NEW FICTION BOOKS

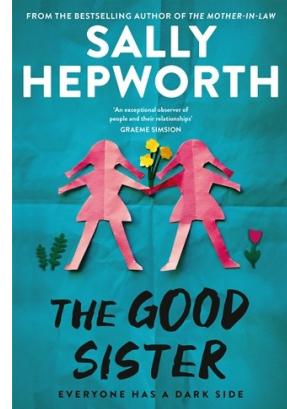
***The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth (AF HEPW)**

Fern Castle works at her local library. She has dinner with her twin sister, Rose, three nights a week. And she avoids crowds, bright lights and loud noise as much as possible. Fern has a carefully structured life and disrupting her routine can be...dangerous.

When Rose discovers that she cannot fall pregnant, Fern sees her chance to pay her sister back for everything Rose has done for her.

Fern can have a baby for Rose. She just needs to find a father. Simple.

Fern's mission will shake the foundations of life she has carefully built for herself and stir up dark secrets from the past, in this quirky, rich and shocking story of unexpected love.



***Black Sun* by Owen Matthews (AF MATT)**

1961. Deep within central Soviet Russia is a city that doesn't appear on any map: Arzamas-16. Here a community of dedicated scientists, technicians and engineers is building the most powerful nuclear device the world will ever see - three thousand times more devastating than Hiroshima.

But days before the bomb is to be tested, a young physicist is found dead. His body contains enough radioactive poison to kill thousands. The authorities insist it isn't suicide. But in Moscow, Major Alexander Vasin's KGB bosses are alarmed by what's going on in this strange, isolated place.

Dispatched to investigate, Vasin must test his wits against some of the most brilliant minds in the Soviet Union - and confront a stark truth. For in Arzamas nothing can be allowed to get in the way of the project. Not even murder.



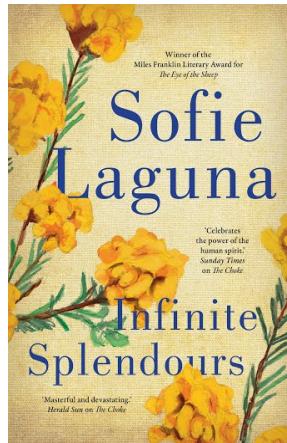
***Infinite Splendours* by Sofie Laguna (AF LAGU)**

Lawrence Loman is a bright, caring, curious boy with a gift for painting. He lives at home with his mother and younger brother, and the future is laid out before him, full of promise. But when he is ten, an experience of betrayal takes it all away, and Lawrence is left to deal with the devastating aftermath.

As he grows into a man, how will he make sense of what he has suffered? He cannot rewrite history, but must he be condemned to repeat it?

Lawrence finds meaning in the best way he knows. By surrendering himself to art and nature, he creates beauty - beauty made all the more astonishing and soulful for the deprivation that gives rise to it.

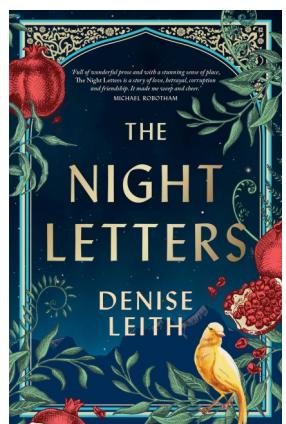
'Infinite Splendours' is an extraordinary novel, incandescent with love and compassion, rich in colour and character. The power and virtuosity of Laguna's writing make it impossible for us to look away; by being seen, Lawrence is redeemed.



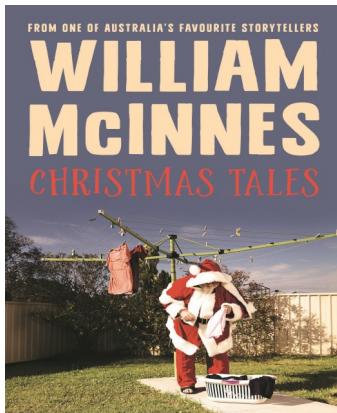
***The Night Letters* by Denise Leith (AF LEIT)**

For five years, Australian doctor Sofia Raso has lived in Kabul's vibrant Shaahir Square, working with Dr Jabil Aziz to support the local women. She knows that living peacefully in Kabul requires following two simple rules: keep a low profile; and keep out of local affairs.

Yet when threatening night letters from the Taliban taunt the town, and young boys disappear from Jamal Mina, Kabul's largest slum, Sofia can no longer remain silent. While the square is encased by fear, an elegant former warlord proves an unlikely ally, and a former lover re-emerges with a warning. As the search for the boys intensifies, and Sofia feels herself being drawn back into a love affair she thought had ended, it soon becomes clear that answers will bring a heavy price.



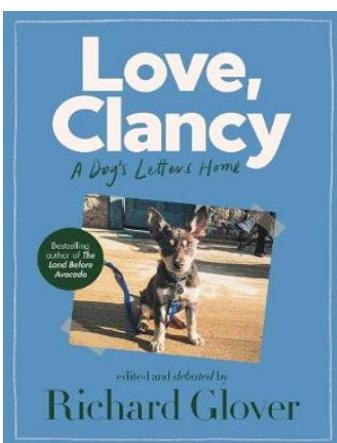
NEW NON-FICTION BOOKS



Christmas tales by William McInnes (92 MCIN)

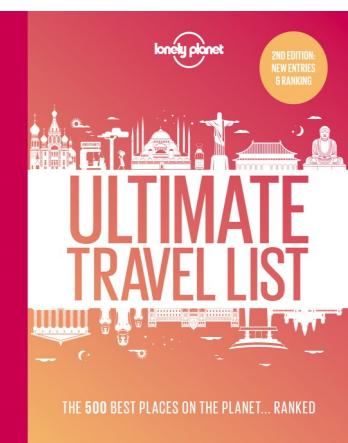
It's the holiday where shopping centres become a sea of dazed shoppers bearing checklists as long as your arm, lunch is a never-ending buffet of prawns and ham and your electricity bill is doubly struck by having to run the fan all day and keep those decorative lights blinking through the night.

William McInnes, bestselling author of *Fatherhood*, *Worse Things Happen At Sea* and *A Man's Got to Have A Hobby* tackles the silly season in a way only he can - telling stories brimming with good humour and nostalgia, to remind us what Christmas is all about: family.



Love, Clancy: a Dog's Letters Home by Richard Glover (92 GLOV)

Human beings often write about their dogs, but the dogs don't usually get a right of reply. In *Love, Clancy*, Richard Glover has collected the letters sent by Clancy to his parents in the bush. They are full of a young dog's musings about the oddities of human behavior, life in the big city, and his own attempts to fit in. You'll meet Clancy as a puppy, making his first attempt to train his humans, then see him grow into a mature activist, demanding more attention be paid to a dog's view of the world. Along the way, there are adventures aplenty, involving robotic vacuum cleaners, songs about cheese, trips to the country and stolen legs of ham—all told with a dog's deep wisdom when it comes to what's important in life.



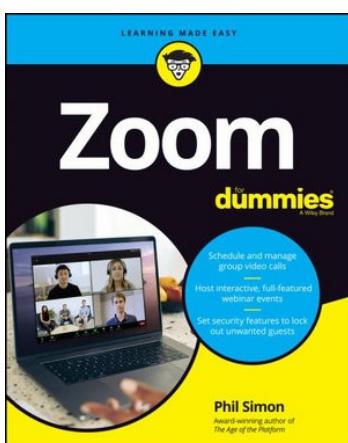
The Ultimate Travel List: The 500 Best Places On The Planet...Ranked (910.202 LONE)

What is the single most amazing travel experience in the world?

Exploring the temples of Angkor? Diving the Great Barrier Reef? Hiking the Kumano Kodo? Or being awed by Monument Valley?

Lonely Planet's travel experts have the answer. They have ranked the best mega-sights and hidden gems in this definitive wishlist of the 500 best places to visit on Earth.

They've decided, now so should you: What's your number one?



Zoom for Dummies by Phil Simon (004.6 SIMO)

Face-to-face multi-person meetings no longer need the participants to be in the same room, or even on the same continent. Thanks to Zoom, we can connect one-on-one or in groups from desks, our home office, or – even blissfully – the comfort of our own couches. This guide shows you how to get the most out of Zoom. Discover how to hold group video calls, install time-saving apps, engage your audience with interactive webinars, dramatically improve the way that you communicate and collaborate with your colleagues, and much more.

Fiona McIntosh

Fiona is one of Australia's prolific and favourite storytellers selling worldwide in a variety of languages across several genres but it is her historical romantic adventures that is capturing the imagination of the huge general fiction audience. Her books are regularly shortlisted for the Best General Fiction category in the Australian Book Industry Awards.

Fiona is married with twin sons. She lives in South Australia but roams the world to research her stories.

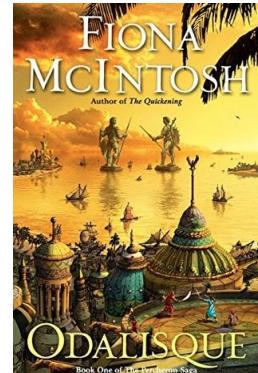
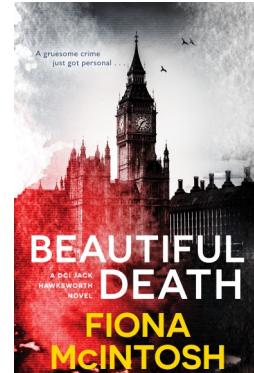
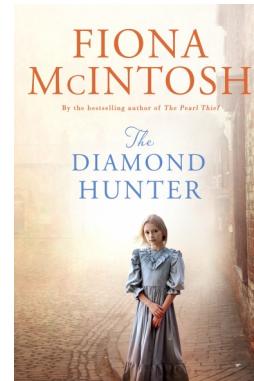
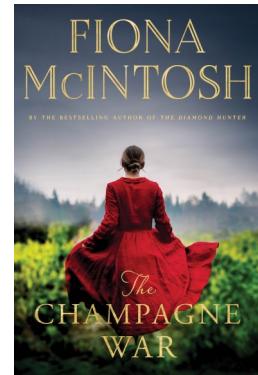
She hosts a series of masterclasses that are highly regarded by the industry as some of the best available anywhere and many of her students are now happily embedded with major publishers and enjoying terrific success. Her *How to Write Your Blockbuster* continues to help aspiring writer tackle the big journey of the novel.

When she's not writing, reading or guiding other writers she bakes and happily considers eating fine chocolate and drinking only excellent coffee as her hobbies.



The library has the following titles by Fiona McIntosh available for loan:

- Beautiful death (book only)
- Betrayal (book and ebook)
- Blood and Memory (ebook only)
- Bridge of Souls (book and ebook)
- Bye Bye Baby (book only)
- The Champagne War (book only)
- The Chocolate Tin (book, eaudio book, talking book)
- Destiny (book and ebook)
- The Diamond Hunter (book, ebook, talking book)
- Emissary (book and ebook)
- Fields of Gold (book only)
- The French Promise (book only)
- Goddess (book and ebook)
- King's Wrath (book and ebook)
- The Last Dance (book only)
- The Lavender Keeper (book only)
- Myrren's Gift (ebook only)
- Nightingale (book only)
- Odalisque (book and ebook)
- The Pearl Thief (book, ebook and eaudiobook)
- The Perfumer's Secret (all formats except ebook)
- The Quickening (ebook only)
- Revenge (book and ebook)
- Royal Exile (book and ebook)
- The Scrivener's Tale (ebook only)
- The Tailor's Girl (book, large print and talking book)
- Tapestry (book, ebook and eaudio)
- The Tea Gardens (book, large print and ebook)
- The Diamond Hunter (ebook and eaudio book only)
- The Pearl Thief (ebook only)
- Tyrant's Blood (book and ebook)



Booker Prize 2020 Winner

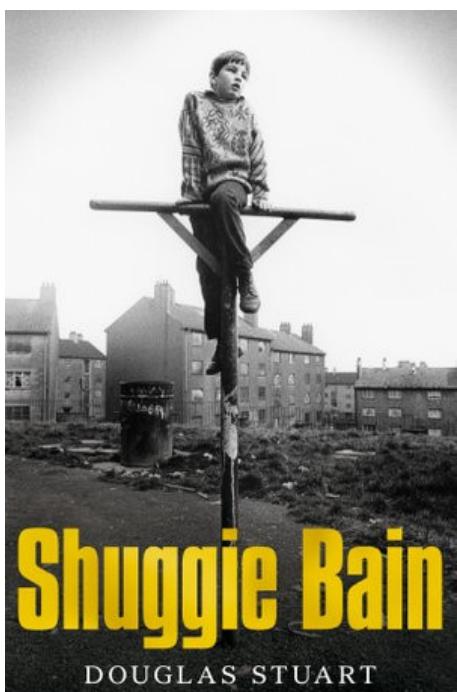
Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart

1981. Glasgow. The city is dying. Poverty is on the rise. People watch the lives they had hoped for disappear from view.

Agnes Bain had always expected more. She dreamed of greater things: a house with its own front door, a life bought and paid for outright (like her perfect - but false teeth). When her philandering husband leaves, she and her three children find themselves trapped in a mining town decimated by Thatcherism. As Agnes increasingly turns to alcohol for comfort, her children try their best to save her. Yet one by one they have to abandon her in order to save themselves.

It is her son Shuggie who holds out hope the longest. But Shuggie has problems of his own: despite all his efforts to pass as a 'normal boy', everyone has decided that Shuggie is 'not right'. Agnes wants to support and protect her son, but her addiction has the power to eclipse everyone close to her, including her beloved Shuggie.

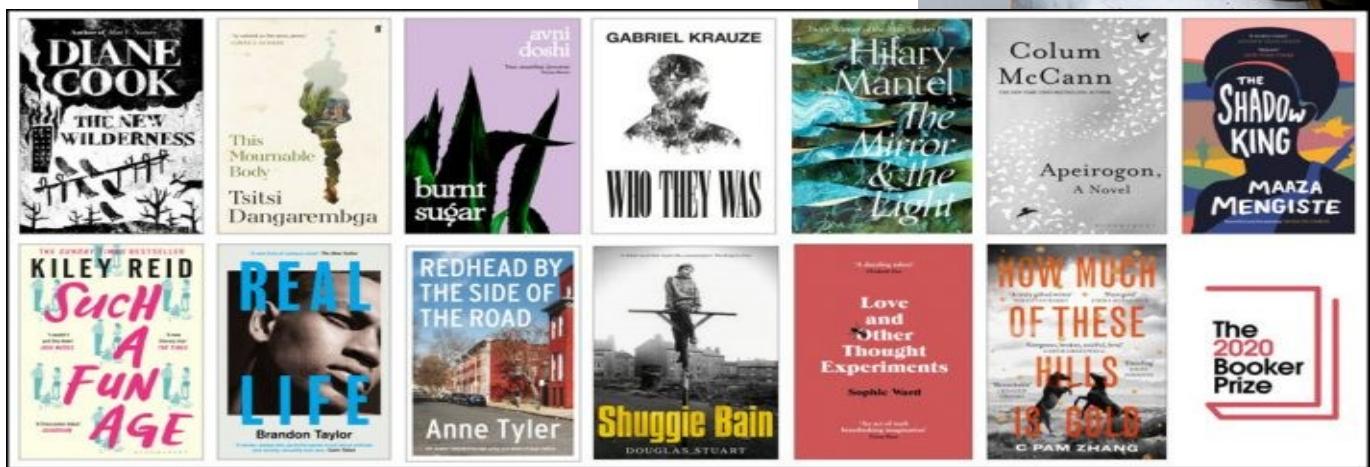
Laying bare the ruthlessness of poverty, the limits of love, and the hollowness of pride, '*Shuggie Bain*' is a blistering and heartbreakin debut, and an exploration of the unsinkable love that only children can have for their damaged parents.



About the Author

Douglas Stuart was born and raised in Glasgow. After graduating from the Royal College of Art in London, he moved to New York City, where he began a career in fashion design. '*Shuggie Bain*' is his first novel.

Booker Prize 2020 Longlist



CHRISTMAS COLOURING FUN



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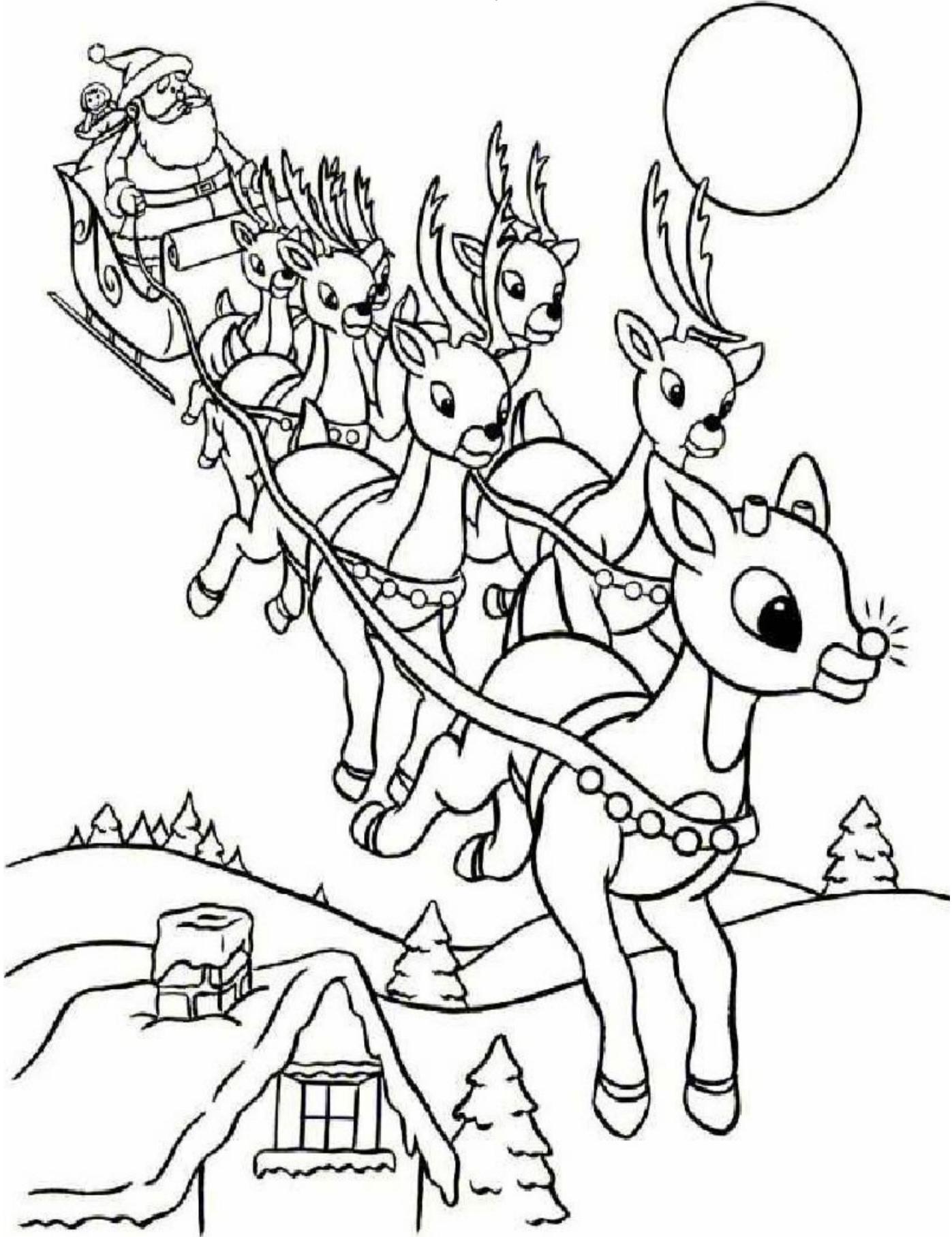
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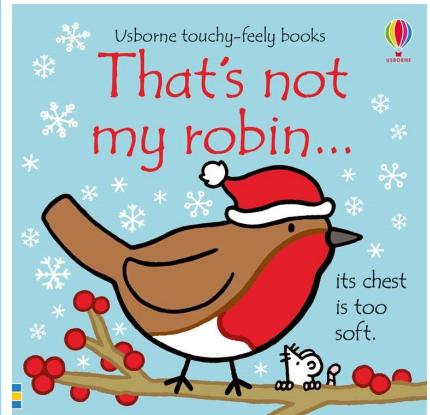


NEW KIDS CHRISTMAS BOOKS

That's not my robin...it's chest is too soft by Fiona Watt

(Board Book)

This delightful series of board books is aimed at very young children. The bright pictures, with their patches of different textures, are designed to develop sensory and language awareness. Babies and toddlers will love turning the pages and touching the feely patches.



You're my little Christmas wish by Nicola Edwards

(Board Book)

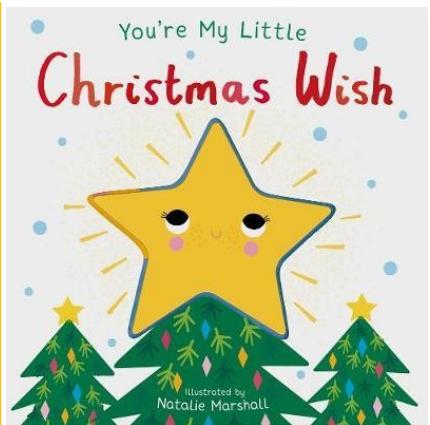
You're my little Christmas wish.

You glitter on my tree.

I wished on you, and here you are,

All cosy next to me.

Celebrate your little Christmas wish with this sweet and colourful rhyming board book.



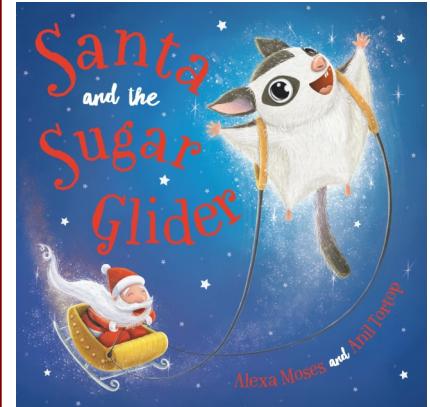
Santa and the Sugar Glider by Alexa Moses and Anil Tortop

(Picture Book)

It's Christmas Eve and Snap the sugar glider is practicing his moves. He wants to be the greatest flyer in the rainforest, but the other animals just laugh at him.

When Santa makes an emergency landing, all the animals get a chance to audition. Is this Snap's chance to shine?

A heart-warming story full of Christmas magic.

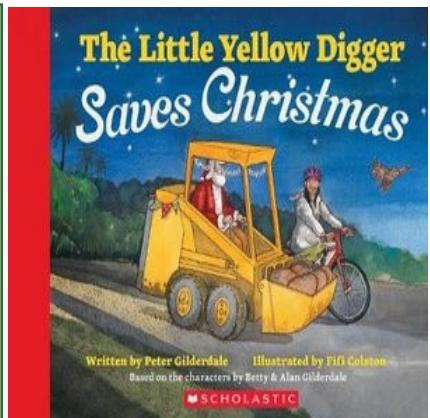


The little yellow digger saves Christmas by Peter Gilderdale

(Picture Book)

The children are ready to put on their Christmas play, but with Santa stuck in all the muck, can the little yellow digger save the day?

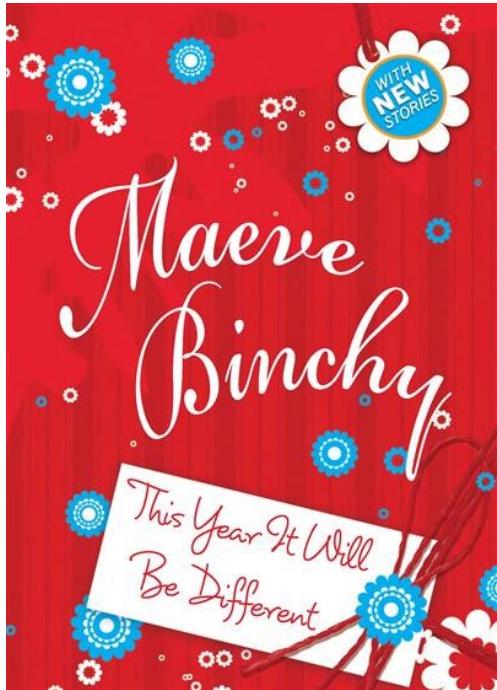
A brand new addition to the all-time favourite picture book series by Betty and Alan Gilderdale.



Christmas Ebook



This Year It Will Be Different by Maeve Binchy



Aboard a plane bound for Australia, two strangers find themselves confessing their fears and laughing each other into courage. Nick and Janet meet at the Sydney Fish Markets. Everything seems perfect, what could go wrong? Ethel is assured by her family that this year the usual massive Christmas organisation won't be left entirely up to her, that this year it will be different.

This charming collection of Maeve Binchy's much-loved Christmas stories features new delights and old favourites. Warm, humorous, sad and happy, these tales, set in Australia and around the world, show Maeve Binchy weaving her storytelling magic. With wisdom and generosity, she draws us into the lives of families, friends, lovers and the lonely. After reading '*This Year it will be Different*', you'll want to visit them all over again.

Available from [Wheelers ePlatform](#)



The Yule Goat has been a Swedish Christmas symbol dating back to ancient pagan festivals. However, in 1966, the tradition got a whole new life after someone came up with the idea to make a giant straw goat, now referred to as the Gävle Goat.

According to the official website (www.visitgavle.se/en/about-gavle-goat), the goat is more than 42 feet high, 23 feet wide, and weighs 3.6 tons. Each year, the massive goat is constructed in the same spot. Fans can even watch a livestream from the first Sunday of Advent until after the New Year when it's taken down.

Information from countryliving.com, image from bbc.com

Gingerbread House Recipe

Easy | 0:25 Prep | 0:35 Cook | 12 Servings

Ingredients

1 1/2 kg plain flour
 5 tsp baking powder
 2 pinches salt
 3 tsp ground cinnamon
 1 tsp ground cloves
 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
 2 tsp ground ginger
 500 g honey
 880 g caster sugar
 120 g butter
 2 lemon juiced zested
 2 egg yolks
 2 egg

Decorations

4 egg whites
 750g icing sugar
 2 cup lollies
 1 cup icing sugar



Method

- 1) To make the dough, lightly grease four 30cm x 25cm Swiss roll tins with butter.
- 2) Sift flour, baking powder, salt and spices together in a very large mixing bowl.
- 3) Bring the honey, sugar and butter to the boil in a large heavy saucepan and stir with a wooden spoon until butter has melted and the sugar dissolved. Remove pan from heat and stir in lemon juice and rind. Allow to cool slightly.
- 4) Beat in one third of the flour mixture. Add eggs and then the rest of the flour mixture.
- 5) Divide dough into 4 equal portions
- 6) Knead on floured surface, add more flour if necessary to make a smooth, pliable, but still slightly sticky dough.
- 7) Press and roll dough evenly in tins.
- 8) Bake in a preheated oven at 160C for about 35 minutes or until cake is firm and brown on top.
- 9) Allow to cool for a couple of minutes then cut gingerbread into shapes using a sharp knife. The cake must be cut whilst hot. Place on wire racks to cool. Windows and doors may be cut out if desired.
- 10) To make the shapes, for base use cake from 1 Swiss roll tin.
- 11) For roof, cut across one tin to form to roof halves each 15cm x 25cm.
- 12) From remaining 2 trays, cut 2 side walls 10cm long x 15cm wide.
- 13) Cut 2 end walls 15cm wide x 10cm long on sides, then shape to a point. The middle should measure 25cm from bottom to roof tip.
- 14) Cut 2 pieces of chimney 12cm long x 2cm wide each. The bottom pieces should be shaped to fit roof. Cut 4 posts 10cm long x 2cm wide.
- 15) To make the decorations, beat egg whites until slightly thickened. Sift icing sugar 60g at the time, beating thoroughly until a stiff icing is formed. Fill a piping bag with some of the icing. Decorate windows and door at this stage if desired.
- 16) When decoration is dry, assemble walls and posts to base using icing as cement.
- 17) Hold together for a few minutes until set. Ice the top edges of the end walls and lay the roof one side at the time.
- 18) Do not overlap. Allow to sit for another 10 minutes or until set. Do the other side of the roof at the same. Fill centre cavity of roof with lots of icing cement and allow to stand again for 10 minutes. Roof pieces may take a little longer to set.
- 19) Use icing to sandwich 2 chimney pieces together, then fix onto the roof.
- 20) Glue lollies of choice with icing cement. Dribble house and base with icing cement to resemble snow peaks or drifts. Dust house and base with icing sugar.

Joy To The World

Joy to the World; the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King!
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields & floods, rocks, hills & plains
 Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make his blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love.

Christmas Carols**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King!
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled."
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With th' angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored:

Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 Late in time behold him come,
 Offspring of the favoured one.
 Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
 Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
 Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King!

Hail! the heaven-born
 Prince of peace!

Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 Risen with healing in his wings
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that man no more may die:
 Born to raise the son of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King !"

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen
 Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen
 But do you recall
 The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
 Had a very shiny nose
 And if you ever saw it
 You would even say it glows
 All of the other reindeer
 Used to laugh and call him names
 They never let poor Rudolph
 Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
 Santa came to say
 "Rudolph, with your nose so bright
 Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
 Then how the reindeer loved him
 As they shouted out with glee
 "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
 You'll go down in history"
 (then repeat)



The Christmas Song by Nat King Cole

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
 Jack Frost nipping at your nose
 Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
 And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
 Help to make the season bright
 Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
 Will find it hard to sleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way
 He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh
 And every mother's child is gonna spy
 To see if reindeer really know how to fly.

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
 To kids from one to ninety-two
 Although it's been said many times, many ways
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Away In A Manger

Away in a manger
 No crib for His bed
 The little Lord Jesus
 Lay down His sweet head

 The stars in the sky
 Look down where He lay
 The little Lord Jesus
 Asleep on the hay

 The cattle are lowing
 The poor Baby wakes
 But little Lord Jesus
 No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
 Look down from the sky
 And stay by my side
 'Til morning is nigh

 Be near me, Lord Jesus
 I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever
 And love me, I pray

 Bless all the dear children
 In Thy tender care
 And take us to Heaven
 To live with Thee there.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
 In a one-horse open sleigh
 O'er the fields we go
 Laughing all the way.

Bells on bob tail ring
 Making spirits bright
 What fun it is to ride and sing
 A sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
 Jingle all the way.
 Oh! what fun it is to ride
 In a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
 Jingle all the way;
 Oh! what fun it is to ride
 In a one-horse open sleigh.





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