CHILDREN’S EASY FICTION

THE INTERNET IS LIKE A PUDDLE – S. Innes
The internet can be an amazing tool and a fun place to be. But the internet can be a bit like a great big puddle. Some puddles look shallow on top, but they are actually really deep underneath. We need to make sure we play safely in the internet puddle.

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ALICE-MIRANDA IN JAPAN – J. Harvey
When Alice-Miranda, Millie and Jacinta travel to Japan during the school holidays, they are in for a fascinating treat. Dolly Oliver, the family cook, has been invited to speak at a conference in Tokyo on her Just Add Water food creation – but she is even more interested in her newest invention, and vows to try it out while overseas.

In the time of the Old Republic, hundreds of star systems lived together in peace and prosperity, protected by an ancient order of warriors, the Jedi. But a tide of darkness swept through the galaxy, as unstoppable as it was terrifying, wiping out even the most powerful fighters.

CATCHING FALLING STARS – K. McCombie
The world is at war and London is no longer a safe place to be. Glory and her little brother have been sent to the countryside, far from everything they know and love. To Glory, being an evacuee feels worse than the threat of falling bombs.

NON-FICTION

LETTER TO MY TEENAGE SELF – G. Halphen
Melbourne teenager Grace Halphen had a tough time transitioning to high school – she struggled to make friends and fit in. When she realised that this is a common experience, she wondered why she’d felt alone. At thirteen, Grace embarked on a project to contact all the Australian public figures she admires, asking them to provide advice to help teenagers navigate the inevitable ups and downs of adolescence.

THE TEENAGE GUIDE TO STRESS – N. Morgan.
Being a teenager can be incredibly stressful. The pressures of exams, changing bodies, social media, bullying and relationships can lead to low self-esteem, depression, anxiety and ill health. ‘The Teenage Guide to Stress’ examines all these problems and more, with great strategies for beating them.

THE GREAT ART TREASURE HUNT
I Spy Red, Yellow and Blue – D. Kutschbach
Finding and naming colours and objects is an exciting learning activity for young children, and what better way to teach them than through art? This imaginative book employs great works of art, from a variety of genres and periods, to ask children engaging questions.

MARALINGA’S LONG SHADOW – Yvonne’s Story – C. Mattingley
Yvonne Edwards was just six years old when the first bombs of the nuclear tests at Maralinga were detonated in 1956. The tests continued until 1963 and their consequences profoundly affected her family and community.
BIG BASH BOOK 2015-16 – D. Lane
Fast paced. Action packed. Big hits. Smashed wickets. That the KFC Big Bash League. For the first time, we’ve collected all the highlights of the League’s greatest season so you can relive the magic and prepare for the season ahead.

THE BOOK THAT MADE ME – J. Ridge
A celebration of the books that influenced some of the most acclaimed authors from Australia and the world. INSPIRATIONAL. AFFECTING. A BOOK FOR BOOKLOVERS.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

TO THIS DAY – S. Koyczan
I’m not the only kid who grew up this way surrounded by people who used to say that rhyme about sticks and stones as if broken bones hurt more than the names we got called.

ASTERIX AND THE PICTS – R. Goscinny
When Asterix and Obelix rescue a mysterious Pict named MacAroon, they must journey to Caledonia, now Scotland, to return him to his lady love, Camomilla, the adopted daughter of the old king.

ADOLESCENT FICTION

FREEDOM SWIMMER – W. Chim
Ming survived the famine that killed his parents during China’s ‘Great Leap Forward’, and lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields. When a group of city boys comes to the village as part of a Community Party re-education program, Ming and his friends aren’t sure what to make of the new arrivals.

BECOMING AURORA – E. Kasmer
Sixteen-year-old Rory is at a crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war. Rory is sentenced to spend her summer at an aged care facility. She’s proud of taking the rap for a crime her gang committed and reading to a feisty old boxing champion isn’t going to change that.

DREAMING THE ENEMY – D. Metzenthen
Johnny Shoebridge has just returned from fighting in the jungles of Vietnam. He no longer carries a weapon – only photos of the dead and a dread of the living. Pursued by a Viet Cong ghost-fighter called Khan, Johnny makes one last stand, knowing that if cannot lay this spectre to rest, he will remain a prisoner of war forever.

SPECIAL – G. Blain
Fern Marlow is alone, data wiped and in hiding. Her mobile says she’s Delia Greene, a ReCorp refuse sorter. Every day she queues for work, to earn just enough to stay alive. Every night she dreams of the past and the life she’s meant to be living, back at Halston, an exclusive school for those wealthy enough – or lucky enough – to be genetically designed.

THE SPECIAL ONES – E. Bailey
To the outside world, they are simply the Special Ones – four virtuous teenagers whose perfect lives are broadcast online to eager followers. And calm, lovely Esther is the most virtuous of them all. But inside, she is far from calm. She’s terrified.