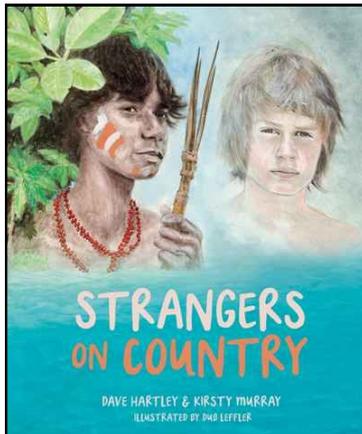


Primary Non Fiction
Book of the Month



Strangers on Country by David Hartley, Kirsty Murray, illustrated by Dub Leffler

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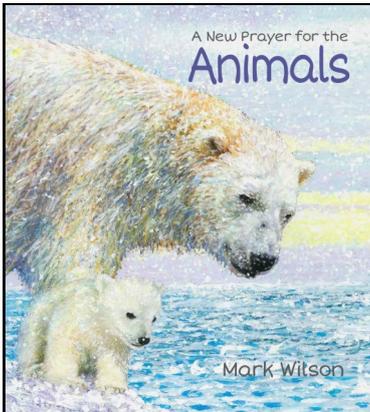
Giom, Anco and Duramboi are the names of just three young shipwreck survivors and convict escapees who were given refuge by Indigenous communities during the nineteenth century. No one knows exactly how many received sustenance from the local people, but there are some documented accounts of these experiences. *Strangers on Country* includes the stories of six Europeans and the people who cared for them.

To Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the first castaways and runaway convicts that arrived in their homes must have appeared pretty scary. The strangers didn't speak their language and didn't understand their ways, but they were desperately in need of refuge. Despite their fears, the Indigenous hosts often treated the lost strangers with kindness, taking pity on them and giving them food and shelter. When they returned to live among white people, the castaways and convicts spoke fondly of the people who had rescued them.

Based on historical records each story in this book is told through two historical fiction narratives. The first is from the point of view of an Indigenous person who befriends the stranger in their land. The second is from the point of view of the castaway or convict who is given refuge. At the end of each chapter, there is a section of facts and information. Too often Australian history is told only from the point of view of the Europeans who sailed here from across the world.

Richly illustrated and drawing on the extensive collections of the National Library of Australia, *Strangers on Country* will inspire young readers to think about how all Australians today can learn from traditional Indigenous ways of thinking and doing. When we listen to and understand others, work with people, instead of doing things to people, then we can all begin to adopt the wise ways of the past.

This book was inspired by and based on *Living with the Locals: Early Europeans' Experience of Indigenous Life* by John Maynard and Victoria K. Haskins.

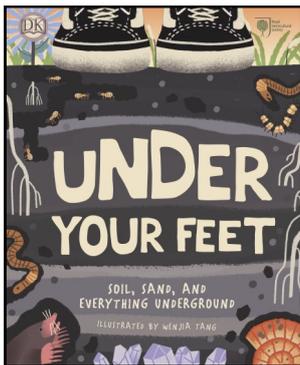


A New Prayer for the Animals by Mark Wilson

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From the oceans and coastal plains to the African Veldt, we share this earth with many unique and wonderful creatures. This book celebrates Mark Wilson's lifelong passion for endangered wildlife and the preservation of habitat. *A New Prayer for the Animals* is a message of hope for animals across the world. The book contains information on each of the animals and includes at the end a brief description of how they are threatened.

Teacher Notes for this title are available on our website
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Under Your Feet - Soil, Sand and Other Stuff by Royal Horticultural Society

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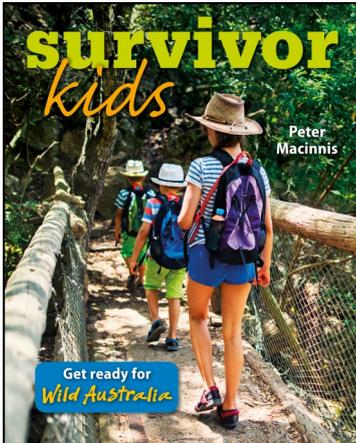
Did you know that worm poo in soil helps plants grow? Find out why, and many more amazing facts about the underground world in this new nature book, perfect for 7-9 year olds.

This book takes you under the surface and explores the diverse wonders of the mysterious world hidden underground. Encounter incredible creatures that could be from another planet, including the star-faced mole and worms as big as snakes, and marvel at the mind-boggling size of the humongous fungus - the biggest organism in the world. This journey into the Earth is also a journey back in time, as prehistoric fossils tell a story of creatures who lived millions of years ago.

Discover all the stuff you never knew about the world under your feet, from what exactly soil is made of to the creepy crawly creatures who make it their home. Learn how one handful of ordinary soil contains more organisms than there are people on Earth, and carry out experiments using dirt from your back garden.

Soil is essential to life on Earth, and this book explains exactly how it impacts different areas of our lives - from the link between soil and climate change, to growing the food that we eat, and why we need to protect the ground. It celebrates the diversity of natural landscapes across the world, both the similarities and the fascinating differences.

Under Your Feet offers you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the natural world and soil-dwelling creatures big and small. Bursting with colourful illustrations and photography, this is the perfect book for budding young geologists and anyone who is curious about the ground we walk on.



Survivor Kids by Peter Macinnis

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It seems almost second nature for many Australians to go wandering out into the bush, but how many would know what to do if they ran out of water, got lost or needed to take shelter for the night? In this new title, experienced science teacher, Scout leader and children's author Peter Macinnis seeks to begin training young people in the art of safety in the Australian environment.

Starting with bush safety and moving on to look at surviving fire, earth movements, wild water, wild winds and dangerous animals, *Survivor Kids* is a fun introduction to the risks of the natural environment and the ways in which children can try to avoid harm. As well as exposing some outdated ideas — such as sheltering in a doorway during an earthquake — Macinnis explores survival stories from the past to find tips for today.

Survivor Kids is an absorbing read for outdoor and indoor adventurers, with plenty of stories to fascinate young readers and activities to test the skills of older ones. From what to take on an hour-long walk through to how to build earthquake-resistant buildings and ways to avoid sharks, interesting and fun facts help develop a healthy respect for our planet and an awareness of safety.