

The Travelling Bookshop # 1: Mim and the Baffling Bully

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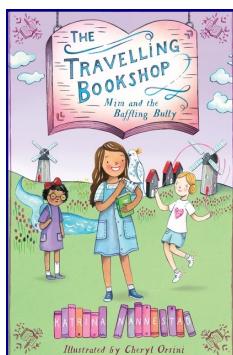
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**PRIMARY FICTION
BOOK OF THE
MONTH**

Blurb:

The right book might just change your life... Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy. Flossy leads them where she will, to the place where they're needed most... the place where the perfect book will find its way home. Now Mim has arrived in a pretty Dutch village where she meets Willemina, a kind and gentle child, who is being bullied by a girl named Gerda. Mim knows they're here to help Willemina. To change her life. To make her strong and brave and happy. If only Dad would find her the right book. If only he would stop giving everyone else the wrong book! From the beloved author of *The Girl, the Dog and the Writer in Rome* and *We Are Wolves* comes an enchanting series for young readers.



Lamont Review:

Mim, together with her Dad and her little brother Nat, are the current keepers of the magical Travelling Bookshop. It has been in the family since forever.

They travel to places where something needs fixing, providing books to customers that they may not think that they want, but that they definitely need. Always making their lives better, as only books can do!

We journey to the Netherlands on this adventure, where Mim meets Willemina, who is constantly being bullied by Gerda.

How can the visitors magically make the lives of all they encounter better, and fix Willemina and Gerda's problem?

This is a delightful early chapter book that is filled to the brim with goodness. Aimed at emerging readers who will eagerly await future additions to the series.

Reviewed by Rob

Teacher Notes prepared by the publisher are available for this title on our website.

It's Owl Good: The Super Adventures of Ollie and Bea #1

By Renee Treml

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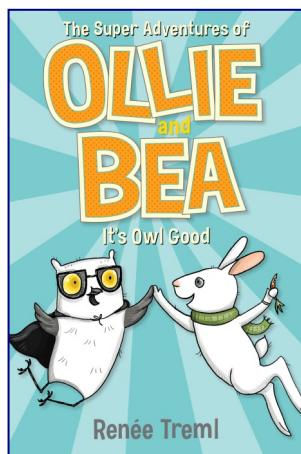
Blurb:

Ollie and Bea will delight young readers in Book 1 of this super sweet and funny full-colour graphic novel series that celebrates friendship and the differences that make us special.

Come with Ollie and Bea on a HARE-raising adventure with a HOPPY ending!

Ollie is an owl who wears glasses. And Bea is a bunny with very big feet. They don't know it yet, but they are about to be best friends. Can they help each other to find their OTTER-LY awesome inner superhero?

Join Ollie and Bea in this charming, funny, cute story about the joys of making friends and having fun. The perfect book for young readers who love to laugh.



Lamont Review:

This is the first story in a delightful new graphic novel series that is aimed at emerging readers.

Follow the story of Ollie and Bea as they navigate their new friendship and try to help each other to understand the special qualities that they have.

Even though Ollie is an owl, and we all know owls have wonderful eyesight, he needs glasses to see. Can the big hearted (and big footed) Bea help Ollie with his confidence? And can Ollie help Bea understand that she really does have superpowers of her own?

You will love the relationship that these two new friends form, and it is a wonderful example of how important new friends can be. This is a fun and light hearted story that is sure to be a hit with young readers, and they are sure to be keen to read further titles in this great new series.

Reviewed by Sam

Devils in Danger

By Samantha Wheeler

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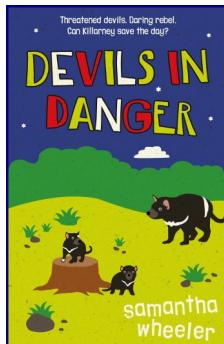
\$14.99

Blurb:

From the beloved author of *Wombat Warriors*, *Mister Cassowary* and *Turtle Trackers* comes another thrilling adventure about Australia's endangered animals.

Eleven-year-old Killarney thinks school is boring. She'd much rather be exploring the wilderness around her Tasmanian hometown or helping her hairdresser mum. When strange things start to happen - ear-splitting screams in the dead of night and missing items found under the house - there's even less chance of Killarney doing her schoolwork. She's too busy solving the mystery.

Before long, Killarney discovers the culprit- a wild Tasmanian devil, denning under the house! Killarney is excited, but many of the locals are terrified. When rumours about dangerous devils begin spreading, Killarney is determined to protect her precious visitor. But can she convince an entire town these wild creatures are worth saving?



Lamont Review:

Killarney lives in a small town called Dodge in Tasmania. She thinks school is boring, and she is always getting into trouble for not doing her homework.

She starts to hear loud strange noises and is very surprised when it turns out to be a wild Tasmanian devil - under her house!

She desperately wants to make sure it stays safe, but when all her friends and neighbours are terrified of it, Killarney is not sure she will be able to manage that.

This is another wonderful novel from Samantha Wheeler that readers will love. Full of facts about Tasmanian Devils and with a great cast of characters, this will be the perfect story for young animal lovers, and will hopefully encourage them to make a difference in their own world.

It will suit all those in Year 4 and up.

Reviewed by Michelle

Teacher Notes prepared by the publisher are available for this title on our website.

Azmina the Gold Glitter Dragon

By Maddy Mara

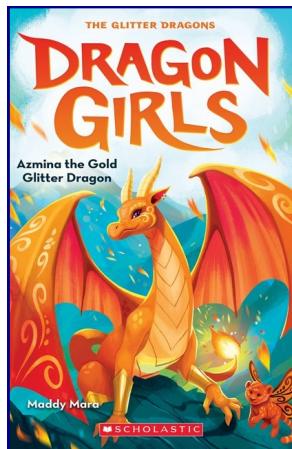
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Blurb:

We are Dragon Girls, hear us roar! Azmina, Willa, and Naomi are thrilled to learn they're Glitter Dragon Girls. Summoned to the Magic Forest by its magnificent ruler, the Tree Queen, the girls quickly find out their dragon-selves have unbelievable abilities. They can soar above the treetops, breathe glitter-y bursts of fire, and roar loud enough to shake the ground. With this newfound magic comes a big responsibility, however. As Dragon Girls, they are sworn protectors of the forest and must help keep it safe from the troublesome Shadow Sprites, who are determined to take the forest's magic for their own.



Lamont Review:

This is a fabulous new series that junior to middle primary readers will love.

Azmina is settling into her new home and new life away from the city. Life is different here and she hasn't yet made any best friends to organise things with.

As she lays in the sun in her new backyard on the edge of the forest, she hears the whispering of someone saying 'Magic Forest, Magic Forest, come explore...'. But who was calling? And was it directed at her?

What transpires is a magical adventure, as Azmina's true powers are revealed. But she isn't alone! Two girls from school, Willa and Naomi, who Azmina thinks she is destined to be best friends with, join her on her quest to save the Magic Forest from the Shadow Sprites.

This is more than just a magical, dragon adventure story, but a lovely story of evolving friendships, and I am sure young readers will be thoroughly looking forward to the other books in the series.

Reviewed by Sam

The Good Times of Pelican Rise: Save the Joeys

By Samone Amba

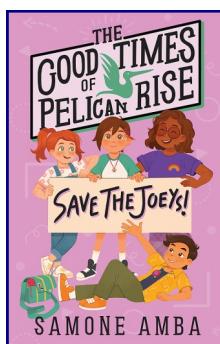
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Blurb:

UGH! After-school care, again? It's official: they've finally reached grade six, and Sunday Moon and her besties Ockie, Kirra and Lottie are Legends of the School! But no matter how legendary they are, as soon as the end of day bell rings they are MAROONED in after-school care at Club Koala. Day in, day out, with only the karaoke-loving grade twos and nit-infested preppies for company. After the worst summer of bushfires ever, Sunday is determined to ditch the headstand competitions and use her time at Club Koala to make a difference. Sunday's parents might say NO! to getting a pet, but that won't stop Sunday from saving as many joeys as she can - with the help of her friends, a radio station, a whole bunch of wool from the op shop, and a LOT of animal memes. Welcome to The Good Times of Pelican Rise ... a fun series that explores growing up, getting involved, hanging out with besties and using your voice to Be the Change.



Lamont Review:

Sunday and her friends Ockie, Kirra and Lottie, have just started Year 6. They are finally legends of the school. But despite being legends, every day after school they are still stuck in after school care at Club Koala!

After a summer of devastating bushfires, they decide to spend their time in after school care wisely and to put their talents to good use and help all the orphaned joeys by knitting joey pouches. Soon they have the whole town knitting them!

This is a wonderful story of friendship, growing up and how you are never too young to make a difference.

It's a book full of fun and laughter, with an underlying topic of being environmentally conscious. Perfect for readers in Year 5 and up.

Reviewed by Michelle

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