

## **Gustav and Henri: Volume #1**

By Andy Matthews & Illustrated by Peader Thomas  
Publisher: Hardie Grant Children's Publishing  
ISBN 9781760507909 SCIS: 5397387  
\$14.99

### *Blurb:*

Opposites attract in this humorous illustrated graphic novel series about two best friends.

Meet Gustav and Henri. This is their book.

It's a bit about friendship and a lot about snacks.

They love doing normal things together, like:

finding a lost shuttlecock – IN SPACE!

returning an overdue library book – 100 YEARS AGO!

or making cakes – IN THE BATH!

You know, completely normal things.

Join them for 100% of your recommended daily intake of adventures, escapades, and capers – all in one book!

With the visual appeal of Narwhal and Jelly and the irresistible humour of Dog Man, this is the perfect series for kids who love comics and funny stories.

Each book contains 3 stories in 1, for maximum value, and maximum snacks!



### *Lamont Review:*

Strap yourself in for a crazy space journey and time travelling adventure with Gustav and Henri, our wacky and inventive heroes.

Many things go wrong for our heroes in these three short stories, but things always work out in the end.

Friendship and persistence prevail, and many emerging readers will find both the format and storyline make this book both readily accessible and lots of fun. They will eagerly await future adventures of Gustav and Henri!

*Reviewed by Rob*

## **Garlic and The Vampire**

By Bree Paulsen

Publisher: HarperCollins US

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\$16.99

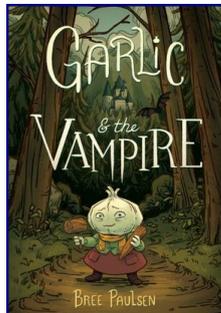
### *Blurb:*

An enchanting, farm-fresh debut graphic novel starring an unusual heroine who is braver than she realizes, for middle grade readers looking for a cozy, adventuresome read in the vein of *Witch Boy* or *Be Prepared*.

Garlic feels as though she's always doing something wrong. At least with her friend Carrot by her side and the kindly Witch Agnes encouraging her, Garlic is happy to just tend her garden, where it's nice and safe.

But when her village of vegetable folk learns that a bloodthirsty vampire has moved into the nearby castle, they all agree that, in spite of her fear and self-doubt, Garlic is the obvious choice to confront him. And with everyone counting on her, Garlic reluctantly agrees to face the mysterious vampire, hoping she has what it takes.

After all, garlic drives away vampires... right?



### *Lamont Review:*

Garlic can never seem to get anything right. She is always late, and feels that she is disappointment to those around her. But not everyone thinks this - she has the support of her friend Carrot and Witch Agnes.

When Witch Agnes raises concerns that there could be a vampire living in the spooky abandoned castle, Garlic and all the others on the farm are scared for themselves, and for the people of the town.

Celery, who is not always very kind to Garlic, decides that it should be Garlic who goes to investigate, as Garlic wards off Vampires!

Garlic decides that she is going to have the courage to go and try and do something right for a change. What she encounters at the castle surprises them all, and Garlic learns a valuable lesson about believing in herself and not judging a book by its cover. Celery also learns a lesson too, but I don't want to give away too much of the story!

This is a wonderful tale about believing in yourself and having the courage to take a chance. It will be enjoyed by middle to upper primary students.

*Reviewed by Sam*

## **Rainbow the Koala: Surviving the Wild 1**

By Remy Lai

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

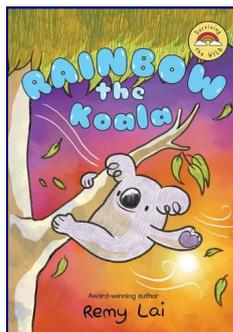
ISBN 9781761065453 SCIS: 5397676

\$14.99

### *Blurb:*

Hi! I'm Rainbow and I'm a koala. My mum says it's time for me to go out and find a new home to call my own. But life in the bush can be scary! It's hard to find the perfect tree. A kookaburra keeps laughing at me. It's hot and I'm thirsty and... do I smell smoke?

From the creator of *Pawcasso* comes an inspiring graphic novel series for young readers, the perfect introduction to the wonders and perils of the natural world - and how we can all do our part to protect it.



### *Lamont Review:*

Rainbow is a young koala who is growing and preparing to leave the comfort and safety of life with Mum. Not that Rainbow really wants to leave!

In adapting to life alone, Rainbow encounters other animals in the bush, and not all of them are very nice.

Trying to find a new tree and home is proving to be a hard task for Rainbow. It is hot and dry, and the other animals are all feeling the strain.

Rainbow runs into trouble when trying to find water. The humans are there to help, but Rainbow runs away in fright. Little does Rainbow know that there is far more serious trouble to come, in the form a raging bushfire. Can Rainbow survive this alone, or will they need the help of humans this time?

This is a wonderful new series that highlights the plight of animals around the world. With a section at the back that shows the true story behind Rainbow's adventure, and ways that we can all help our native animals, junior primary students will thoroughly enjoy this.

*Reviewed by Sam*

## **Star the Elephant: Surviving the Wild 2**

By Remy Lai

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

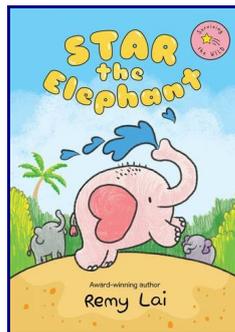
ISBN 9781760526849 SCIS: 5397679

\$14.99

### *Blurb:*

Hi! I'm Star and I'm an elephant. There isn't enough food left on my island, so my herd has to split up. But the world out there is so big! Soon I am lost and alone, facing giant spiders and a big, wild ocean and the scariest thing of all... humans! Will I ever see my family again?

From the creator of *Pawcasso* comes an inspiring graphic novel series for young readers, the perfect introduction to the wonders and perils of the natural world - and how we can all do our part to protect it.



### *Lamont Review:*

Star is a delightful young elephant, who loves his home and his family.

But when food becomes hard to find and their habitat is destroyed by loggers, Star and his family are left with no option but to spilt up to try and survive.

Star finds himself on an island with his Mum and his Aunty, finding food and trying to avoid any humans. His Mum is always telling him 'don't go where I can't see you'. So when she suddenly breaks her number one rule and tells Star to 'go where I can't see you', he is confused and finds himself separated from his Mum and his Aunty.

But did he hear her right? Why would his Mum say that?

He sets out to try and find them, but when he encounters humans, he is sure they are going to cause him harm. But will they hurt him or help him?

This is a wonderful new series that highlights the plight of animals around the world. With a section at the back that shows the true story about Star's adventure, and ways that we can all help elephants around the world, junior primary students will thoroughly enjoy it.

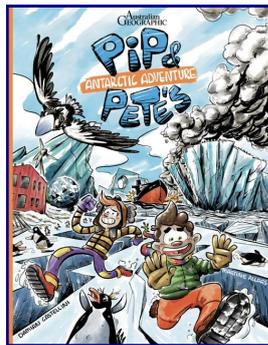
*Reviewed by Sam*

## **Pip & Pete's Antarctic Adventure**

By Australian Geographic  
Publisher: Australian Geographic  
ISBN 9781922388407 SCIS: 5397419  
\$19.99

### *Blurb:*

This is a new graphic book series that focuses on helping kids save the planet from climate change one practical step at a time. PIP & PETE'S makes learning about climate change entertaining and hopeful. Each book will focus on tackling on one climate issue at a time and presenting real and practical ways that every kid can make a positive impact on this planet. Yay!



### *Lamont Review:*

Follow Pip and Pete as they embark on a rescue mission to Antarctica.

They are part of the ERC (Environment Response Crew), and whilst they would normally get left at home, this time they are allowed to join the others on an emergency trip to Antarctica, after an oil spill.

Although they are not sure what awaits them, Pip and Pete are full of excitement and ready to help.

But can Pip and Pete, and the whole ERC, convince the politicians that what is happening in places like Antarctica is a far bigger climate issue than they are led to believe?

Pip and Pete show courage and bravery - especially when they become lost and discover the stranded penguins. There is a lot to explore visually in this highly engaging graphic novel, and I'm sure students will take away some of the practical ideas for how they too can help the planet.

Perfect for all primary students, particularly those with an interest in the environment.

*Reviewed by Sam*