

# Lamont Books Standing Order

September 2014

*Primary Fiction*

## **Spud & Charli**

By Samantha Wheeler

Publisher: University of Queensland Press

ISBN 9780702250187

\$14.95

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Book of the Month**

### *Blurb:*

Does your imagination ever run wild?

Charli is at riding camp, where her dream is about to come true – she will finally learn to ride a real, live horse.

But when show-off Mikaela picks the horse Charli wants, her heart bungees to her toes. Instead of the beautiful palomino Razz, Charli's stuck riding the massive retired racehorse Spud.

And what about the bats that fill the night sky? Don't bats spread deadly diseases?

Riding camp isn't turning out the way Charli planned, especially when she finds herself in the middle of a life-threatening disaster.

An action-packed adventure about horses, bats and getting carried away by your imagination.



### *Lamont Review:*

Charli has always dreamed of learning to ride a horse and when she gets to go to riding camp she can't wait.

However, it doesn't all turn out as she expected and her very active imagination puts her and her horse Spud in danger.

A fantastic story about horses, bats, friends, responsibility and the importance of getting some facts before you rush into things.

Perfect for girls who love horse books, in Year 4 and up.

*Reviewed by Michelle*

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## **Being Jack**

**By Susanne Gervay & Illustrated by Cathy Wilcox**

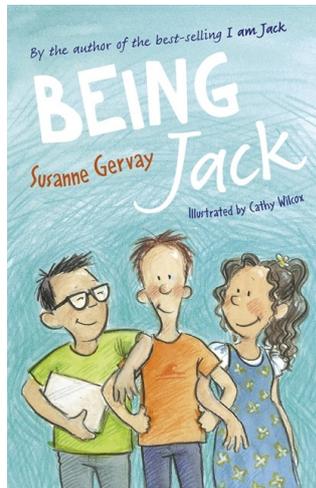
**Publisher: Harper Collins**

**ISBN 9780732296148**

**\$14.99**

### *Blurb:*

The fourth and concluding book about Jack - an ordinary boy who does extraordinary things. Jack is in Year 6 now and still loves his photography, surfing, and crazy family. Things are going well for him, particularly at school where he isn't bullied any more. But he notices that his best friend Christopher is being taunted and is starting to miss school and hiding out and avoiding everyone. And when a football match turns ugly and Jack and Christopher witness some unfair dirty play, they know that, again, the bullying has to stop.



### *Lamont Review:*

Jack is growing up and in this final instalment he is celebrating his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Although Jack isn't being bullied anymore, it doesn't mean that life is peaceful! Instead, this time Jack has to help his friend Christopher overcome bullying.

Jack also finds and visits his Dad, even though they have had no contact for years. And to top it off, he kisses his best friend, Anna. But mostly he is just living his everyday life and 'Being Jack'.

It is a great independent story, but would be best appreciated by those that have read the earlier books in the series.

Susanne Gervay has a way of making something special out of everyday situations.

*Being Jack* is recommended to those aged 10-13.

*Reviewed by Rob*

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## **The Highlanders: Brotherhood of Thieves 2**

By Stuart Daly

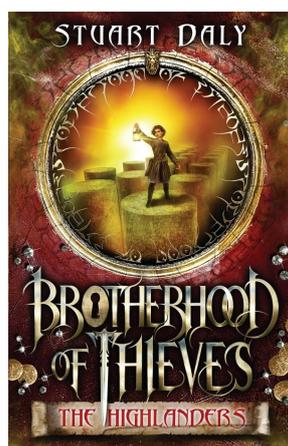
Publisher: Random House

ISBN 9780857984692

\$17.99

### *Blurb:*

Passing two fiendishly difficult tests is just the beginning . . . All Caspan, Roland, Sara, Lachlan and Kilt need to do to become treasure hunters is undertake two final trials riddled with deadly traps and impossible puzzles. It's vital that they pass, because the Brotherhood needs them for an urgent mission - one that could save their kingdom. The five friends must ride their Wardens to the north, into the highlands. They must locate the powerful ancient weapon hidden there. And they must bring it back to the King. But the burial mound they seek is far from abandoned. It's inside a giant camp crowded with enemy warriors. How can they ever succeed?



### *Lamont Review:*

This is the second in a fantastic series. We had the pleasure of including Book 1 earlier this year and we thought that this was a series that was worth following.

Caspan and his team pass their final tests to become active Brotherhood members and are immediately despatched on a dangerous mission.

They are to travel into the highlands to locate and retrieve the kingdom's most powerful ancient weapon. But first they must overcome the many obstacles in their way and, with their enemies joining forces at their borders, the survival of their kingdom could depend on the success of their mission.

Full of action and suspense that again leaves us awaiting the next instalment, this series is best suited to readers between 10-14 years.

*Reviewed by Rob*

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## **How To Save The Universe in Ten Easy Steps**

**By Allison Rushby**

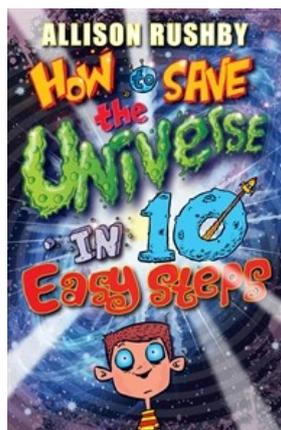
**Publisher: Allen & Unwin**

**ISBN 9781743319000**

**\$12.99**

### *Blurb:*

Cooper can't believe that he and Molly are related, let alone twins. They are so different! He loves junk food. She calls it empty calories. He likes to crack jokes. She was born without a sense of humour. He's busy making plans for his gross-out tenth birthday party while Molly would rather take their dog, Jack, for a healthy walk. Their differences don't make sense. Until Molly tells him she's an alien who has been sent to protect Cooper and help him fulfil his destiny because one day he's going to save the universe. Cooper thinks Molly must be setting him up on some kind of prank TV show. Maybe she's got a sense of humour after all? But then intergalactic bounty hunters arrive in Peregrination (population: 203) and strange things start happening to Cooper. Either he's crazy or he really is in danger. And if he is in danger, so is the universe ...



### *Lamont Review:*

All is normal in Cooper's life as preparations are underway for his gross-out 10th birthday party, to be shared with his super-straight twin sister Molly.

Well, that is until Cooper uncovers the truth about his life - that rather than being his twin sister Molly is in fact an Alien. So is his dog Jack and many other people in his town - all there to protect Cooper who is destined to save the Universe.

Maybe that's why Molly is always watching him? Could it explain the strange clock in his head that tells him the exact time?

This is a fast-paced and wacky intergalactic adventure that is a whole lot of fun.

It will appeal mainly to boys aged between 9 and 12.

*Reviewed by Rob*

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## **Moon Attack: Jake In Space Book 1**

**By Candice Lemon-Scott**

**Publisher: New Frontier Publishing**

**ISBN 9781925059090**

**\$14.99**

### *Blurb:*

Jake is sent to remedial space car driving school on the moon. Nothing could be more embarrassing. But then he uncovers a plot to blow up the moon and must summon his courage (and space car driving skills) to save everyone.



### *Lamont Review:*

A great new futuristic sci-fi series for kids that is full of adventure and suspense.

Jake is an eleven year old boy who lives on a space station on Earth - and life on the space station is very different to the lives of normal eleven year olds today!

When Jake is told that he has to go to remedial space car driving school to get his licence, he isn't happy. All his friends will find out. But when you have failed your driving test 30 times and every other eleven year old drives, what else is there to do?

Jake meets some new friends at the driving school on the Moon but one pupil, Henry, who just doesn't seem quite right. Can Jake figure out why?

Full of action and mystery, boys and girls 8+ are sure to enjoy this book.

*Reviewed by Sam*

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## **The Other Teacher: Hey Jack!**

**By Sally Rippin**

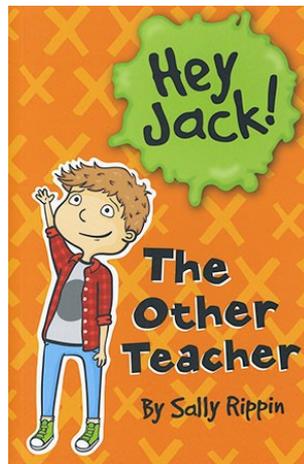
**Publisher: Hardie Grant Egmont**

**ISBN 9781760121532**

**\$7.95**

### *Blurb:*

Jack's class has a new teacher. All they do with her is sing songs and play outside. Will they learn anything from her at all?



### *Lamont Review:*

Jack is really nervous. His teacher is going to be away for a whole term! How will he cope with this change?

When Jack first meets his new teacher, Miss Anna Capaldi, his nerves get even worse. And when she suggests they go outside instead of learning in class, he is really worried. He thinks that they won't learn a thing.

But after a day of singing outside with his class, maybe Jack was wrong about Miss Anna Capaldi - maybe they will learn something after all!

Another great story for your emerging readers in the ever popular *Hey Jack!* series.

*Reviewed by Sam*