

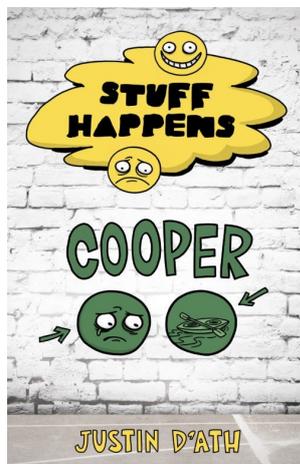
Stuff Happens: Cooper

By Justin D'Ath
Publisher: Puffin/Penguin
ISBN 9780143308218
\$9.99

Primary Fiction
Book of the Month

Blurb:

Stuff Happens. Real-life stories for boys. Suitable for beginner and newly confident readers. Stuff happens sometimes. Everyday stuff. At school, at home, with sport, with mates. For Cooper it happened on school camp. Cooper is one of the footy boys. When his former-rugby-champion grandfather dies, Cooper has trouble dealing with it. To make matters worse, the funeral falls on the first day of the Year Five camp at Thunder Canyon, half a day's drive away. So Cooper not only misses out on the bus trip with his friends Jeff, Dan and Fadi, but when he finally arrives at camp he's missed out on abseiling, the activity he was most looking forward to, missed sharing a cabin with his friends, and can't even sit with them in the dining room or on the bus to the following day's kayaking lesson. In order to restore his life to what it was, and win back the respect of his sporty friends, he disobeys a kayak instructors' directives and puts both his life and that of his paddle-buddy Lily Ng in serious danger on the white waters of Thunder River.



Lamont Review

This is a fabulous series for your boys about being resilient and dealing with what life can throw at them.

Cooper isn't happy at all. Everything seems to be going wrong.

His grandfather has died and he is struggling to deal with and express the emotions that he is feeling. And now he is going to miss the first day of camp because of the funeral. His life just couldn't get any worse! But the flow on effect of missing the first day of camp and his emotional state mean that things get worse before they get better.

With the help of his grandfather's wise old football friend Larry, Cooper soon realises that life is not all that bad.

Reviewed by Sam

Lily The Elf: The Precious Ring

By Anna Branford & Illustrated by Lisa Coutts

Publisher: Walker Books

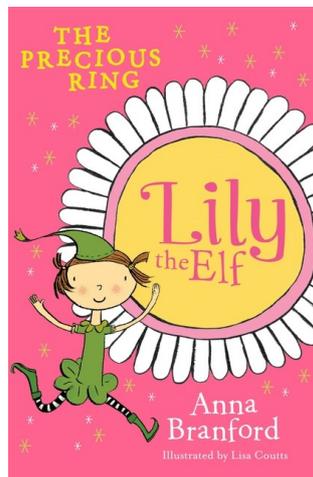
ISBN 9781925081046

\$7.95

Blurb:

Lily the elf finds a beautiful ring.

Lily loves the ring she finds in the moss garden. It makes a wonderful wading pool. But the ring belongs to a small human. Will Lily have to return it?



Lamont Review:

Lily is an elf who lives with her Dad and her Granny Small in a tiny elf house in a bridge in the city.

When she wakes one day to find a paddling pool in her backyard, she is extremely happy. But Granny soon informs her that it is actually a ring from a human. It doesn't look very precious, so Lily thinks she might be able to keep it.

She starts to doubt this decision when she hears a little human voice over the bridge, upset about losing something. Could it be the ring that Lily has found?

This is a delightful story in a new series that show how honesty is the best policy.

Your emerging girl readers will love Lily!

Reviewed by Sam

Lily The Elf: The Midnight Owl

By Anna Branford & Illustrated by Lisa Coultts

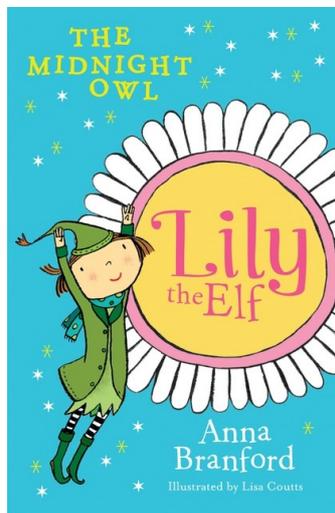
Publisher: Walker Books

ISBN 9781925081053

\$7.95

Blurb:

Lily is frightened when the midnight owl hoots during the night. But Granny isn't afraid. She thinks the midnight owl sounds friendly. Will Lily always be afraid of him?



Lamont Review:

A wonderful story about being brave and trying things.

Lily is scared by the noise that the Owl is making all night. She is sure it is saying “Who’s awake? Who? Whooo?”

Lily’s Dad and Granny Small try to tell her that he is a friendly old bird, but Lily is not convinced. She knows she shouldn't be scared of a bird, but she is!

Granny Small suggests that they go on an adventure and visit the midnight owl, but is Lily brave enough?

This is a lovely story for your younger girls about courage, bravery, relationships and about how, in their own special way, grandparents share and encourage us.

Reviewed by Sam

Sporty Kids: Footy

By Felice Arena and Illustrated by Tom Jellett

Publisher: Puffin/Penguin

ISBN 9780143308409

\$9.99

Blurb:

Get sporty with these great new books for beginner readers. Joe marked the footy. He ran with it as fast as he could. Then he handballed to Angus. 'Dropping the ball!' shouted the umpire. Joe is awesome at footy. So why is handballing so hard?



Lamont Review:

This first title in this new series is about Joe, who plays Aussie Rules football for his team, The Dragons. Joe is great at kicking and marking the ball, but his handballing skills are not so good and he is worried that he is letting his team down.

His coach suggests that he practices. So that is exactly what Joe does! He practices everyday for the rest of the week and with anything that he can get his hands on, which does not impress those around him!

But will all his practice pay off?

This new series by Felice Arena is sure to be a hit with your young readers, especially those that love sport!

Reviewed by Sam

The Star of the Week: Hey Jack

By Sally Rippin

Publisher: Hardie Grant Egmont

ISBN 9781760124410

\$7.95

Blurb:

Jack has to leave his class to go to the special spelling group. Not everyone has to go. What if the other kids make fun of him?



Lamont Review

Jack is feeling very excited and proud of himself. He has received 'The Star of the Week' for his improved reading and his reward is to introduce and meet the soccer star Tim Little, who is going to visit their school.

But when Jack sees his friend Aaron so upset and his dog dying, he has an idea that he thinks will cheer him up.

The *Hey Jack* series has wonderful, simple story lines that your young students can really relate to and this title is no exception. It highlights caring and thinking about your friends, which are wonderful characteristics to have!

Reviewed by Sam

A Week Without Tuesday

By Angelica Banks

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

ISBN 9781760110376

\$15.99

Blurb:

Vivienne Small's world is under threat. A Winged Dog has fallen from the sky bearing an ominous note and vercaka have invaded the City of Clocks. Meanwhile in the real world, famous writers are turning up far from home, injured and confused, and Tuesday McGillycuddy and Serendipity Smith - the most famous writer of all - could be next! Suddenly whisked away to the world of story, Tuesday must learn the identity of the mysterious G, and find out why he is losing control of the worlds. But how can Tuesday, Vivienne and Baxterr solve the mystery and end the mayhem without losing themselves? An utterly charming, action-packed sequel to the marvellous and magical Finding Serendipity.



Lamont Review

A Week Without Tuesday is the second fantastical adventure in the Tuesday McGillycuddy series.

It is a book where authors travel to a magical world where all books are stored, protected and loved by none other than the incredible Librarian.

But all is in crisis as the worlds that authors have created are merging into one another. Chaos is taking over and the end of stories is predicted.

But can Tuesday, with the help of her winged dog Baxterr and adventurer Vivienne Small (a character from her world famous author Mum's novels) intervene to save the day?

This is another great read, best suited to book lovers 9+.

Reviewed by Rob

Out To Launch: Watch This Space 1

By Colin Thompson
Publisher: Random House
ISBN 9781742756202
\$15.99

Blurb:

Kids adore Colin Thompson's brand of off-the-planet humour. Now here's an off-the-planet series to make them laugh even more! Radius Limpfast is one of the world's richest men. His reality TV shows have made him billions. The next series is always greater than the one before and yet he is never satisfied. Then one night, after a particularly creative bacon curry, Radius dreams up the ultimate reality show. No matter whatever anyone else comes up with, they will never be able to top it. Radius is going to send a family to the moon. Limpfast TV will pick an ordinary family, just like yours, build a rocket and a big glass dome and put them all together on the moon. The whole world will tune in to watch. This will be reality TV at its finest. What could possibly go wrong?



Lamont Review

Radius Limpfast might be one of the world's richest men, but he certainly isn't one of the nicest!

He is the owner of the global entertainment corporation LIMP-TV and his latest crazy idea to make himself even richer is to send an ordinary family to the moon and have the whole world watch every minute of it!

After a worldwide media campaign to find the perfect family, of course a process which made Radius money, the Contrast family are plucked out of the audition line - Stark, Laura, Primrose and Jack. Radius wanted there to be a grandmother in the family too, so he decides that Apricot, the tea lady, will do just fine. They find themselves whisked away out of the public spotlight while the final touches are made for their departure.

During the chaotic and shambolic process of getting the Contrasts to the moon, Radius is helped by his loyal and like minded employee Fiona. They are sure this is going to be huge success, but they didn't count on their robot being smarter than them!

This is a humorous and whacky read that your middle level and up students are sure to enjoy.

Reviewed by Sam