



# AUSTRALIA



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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

## CHILDREN'S FICTION

### The Other Side of Summer

by Emily Gale

J F GALE

*Summer's family moves to Australia after the sudden death of her brother Floyd, and the only thing that keeps her grounded is Floyd's guitar, which was miraculously unharmed in the bombing that killed him. 313 pages*

### Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai

J F LAI

*Knowing very little English, 11-year-old Jingwen feels like an alien when his family immigrates to Australia, but copes with loneliness and the loss of his father by baking elaborate cakes. 380 pages*

### Tiger Daughter

by Rebecca Lim

J F LIM

*Wen Zhou is a 13-year-old Chinese immigrant who fights to forge her own path, inspiring change in her loved ones in the process. Wen's best friend, Henry Xiao, is also a recent Chinese immigrant to Australia, and he has his own share of struggles. The two learn lessons of defiance, respect, and love. 181 pages*

### All Four Quarters of the Moon

by Shirley Marr

J F MARR

*Eleven-year-old Peijing and her family are adapting to their new life in Australia, but when cracks in her family life start to appear, she must find a way to cope with the uncertainties of her own little world and figure out where she fits in. Between each chapter, Chinese mythology is beautifully interwoven. 359 pages*

### Bob

by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead

J F MASS

*Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, 10, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is. 201 pages*

### Escape to Australia

by James Patterson

J F PATTERSO

*The trip to Australia that Rafe has won starts badly, but after connecting with a group of misfits, he finds a way to do what he does best – create mayhem! 257 pages*

## YOUNG ADULT FICTION

### **Actually Super**

by Adi Alsaid

YA F ALSAID

*18-year-old Isabel comes across a website called the Actually Super forum, whose members believe there are superheroes: ordinary people who have superhuman abilities, which they use for good. On her global hunt for these superheroes, Isabel makes it to ten countries! 277 pages*

### **The Words in My Hands**

by Asphyxia

YA F ASPHYXIA

*In a near-future Australia, the prime minister is a puppet of the Monsanto-like lab-engineered food corporation Organicare. The company's prominence is now slipping, and the daughter of its inventor has had her life upended. She now lives in a renovated shed and decides to learn how to grow "wild food." 384 pages*

### **A Girl in Three Parts**

by Suzanne Daniel

YA F DANIEL

*In 1970s Australia, sixth-grader Allegra splits her time between her grandmother and grieving father until the tragedy that created the rift between them puts her in the hospital. 316 pages*

### **Munro vs. the Coyote**

by Darren Groth

YA F GROTH

*Munro Maddux goes to Australia on a student exchange in order to try and deal with his younger sister's death. 276 pages*

### **Unnecessary Drama**

by Nina Kenwood

YA F KENWOOD

*A young Australian woman leaves her small town for university in Melbourne – only to have to face her past in a romantic comedy that follows the enemies-to-lovers trope. Two high school nemeses end up sharing a house together during their first year of college, and it's a wild one. 292 pages*

### **Ready When You Are**

by Gary Lonesborough

YA F LONESBOR

*The arrival of a boy with a troubled past challenges Jackson to confront the changing shapes of his relationships with his friends, family and community—and face his darkest secret. 239 pages*

### **If Not Us**

by Mark Smith

YA F SMITH

*Australian surfer Hesse Templeton, 17, takes his first hesitant steps into environmental activism in this optimistic call to action. 260 pages*

### **Henry Hamlet's Heart**

by Rhiannon Wilde

YA F WILDE

*Despite their differences, soon to be 18-year-olds Henry Hamlet and Lennon Crane have been best friends for most of their lives, but in their senior year at Northolm Grammar School for Boys in Brisbane, Australia, Henry realizes he is in love with Len. 317 pages*

### **Where You Left Us**

by Rhiannon Wilde

YA F WILDE

*Two sisters grapple with their father's depression and their own mental health struggles. Cinnamon and Scarlett Prince are well known in their seaside town, which adds even more layers of complication to their already difficult situation. 347 pages*

### **Wildlife**

by Fiona Wood

YA F WOOD

*Two 16-year-old girls in Australia come together at an outdoor semester of school, before university—one thinking about boys and growing up, the other about death and grief, but somehow, they must help each other to find themselves. 385 pages*

### **Velocity**

by Chris Wooding

YA F WOODING

*Cassica and Shiara have grown up in Coppermouth, a dust choked town in the Outback, but now they hope to use their skills as race driver and mechanic to take on the Widowmaker, an off-road rally through some of the most dangerous places on Earth, to win fame and fortune—provided they survive the race. 325 pages*

### **Bridge of Clay**

by Markus Zusak

YA F ZUSAK

*Upon their father's return, the five Dunbar boys, who have raised themselves since their mother's death, begin to learn family secrets, including that of fourth brother Clay. 537 pages*

## **ADULT FICTION**

### **Boy Swallows Universe**

by Trent Dalton

F DALTON

*Exiled to a drug-oppressed suburb in 1980s Australia, a 12-year-old boy dreams of a career in journalism while fighting off local criminals to protect his imprisoned mother. 452 pages*

### **Relativity**

by Antonia Hayes

F HAYES

*Ethan is a bright young boy obsessed with physics and astronomy who lives with his mother, Claire, and who is becoming curious about his father's absence from his life. When Ethan intercepts a letter from his father Mark to Claire, he unleashes long-suppressed forces which pull all three together again. 362 pages*

### **The Book of Science and Antiquities**

by Thomas Keneally

F KENEALLY

*Obsessively researching prehistoric remains believed to represent a link between Africa and ancient Australia, an award-winning documentary filmmaker uncovers the complex world of a peaceful, 40,000-year-old tribal human. 289 pages*

### **Bittersweet**

by Colleen McCullough

F MCCULLOU

*Tells the story of four sisters navigating work, love, and their dreams in 1920s Australia. 376 pages*

### **Apples Never Fall**

by Liane Moriarty

F MORIARTY

*The Delaneys, who are fixtures in their Sydney community, allow a stranger named Savannah into their home after a fight with her boyfriend. This novel combines domestic realism and noirish mystery about the events surrounding the 69-year-old matriarch's disappearance. 467 pages*

### **The Light Between Oceans**

by M.L. Stedman

F STEDMAN

*On a remote Australian island, a childless couple live quietly running a lighthouse, until a boat carrying a baby washes ashore. 345 pages*

### **The Inland Sea**

by Madeleine Watts

F WATTS

*This is a coming-of-age novel fit for the crippling uncertainty of twenty-first-century young adulthood. The unnamed narrator lives in Sydney, has just graduated with a degree in Australian literature, and works as an emergency dispatch operator to pay rent. All of her personal strife is set against the struggles she's inherited from her family and the earth. 260 pages*

### **The Swan Book**

by Alexis Wright

F WRIGHT

*Two aboriginal "promise children" have very different backgrounds, and as their destinies entwine, they are left asking if there is room in the modern world for traditional culture. 307 pages*

## ADULT NONFICTION

### She and Her Pretty Friend

by Danielle Scrimshaw

306.7663 SCR

*Throughout history, women's relationships have been downgraded and diminished. Instead of lovers, they are documented as particularly close friends. This book is a look at the history of lesbian and bisexual women in Australia – from convict times, through suffrage and liberation, to today.* 280 pages

### The Great Barrier Reef

by Len Zell

578.7789 ZEL

*Produced in partnership with the BBC's The Great Barrier Reef television series, this book takes readers on a journey along 2,300 km of Australia's north-eastern coastline.* 249 pages

### Kangaroo

by Stephen Jackson

599.222 JAC

*A book on the ecology, history, and behavior of kangaroos. It details their interaction with the original inhabitants and the European settlers of Australia and discusses at how to best manage the population.* 338 pages

### Koala: A Natural History and an Uncertain Future

by Danielle Clode

599.25 CLO

*A biologist takes us into the still mysterious world of koalas, from their marsupial ancestors to current threats to their existence.* 322 pages

### Fathoms

by Rebecca Giggs

599.5 GIG

*When writer Rebecca Giggs encountered a humpback whale stranded on her local beachfront in Australia, she began to wonder how the lives of whales reflect the condition of our oceans. This book outlines the challenges we face as we attempt to understand the perspectives of other living beings, and our own place on an evolving planet.* 340 pages

### Tracks

by Robyn Davidson

919.4046 DAV

*Robyn Davidson had one goal, to travel across the Australian desert, alone, with nothing but her dog and four camels. This book recounts her journey.* 270 pages

### Aboriginal Australians

by Penny Tweedie

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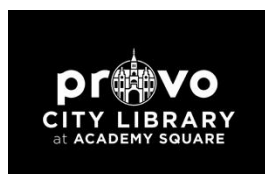
*Arnhem Land is one of the few regions in Australia where traditional Aboriginal culture remains intact. This book details the efforts of the Aboriginal people to maintain their cultural heritage. Penny Tweedie's 20-year relationship with the people of Arnhem Land has given her unparalleled access into their lives and culture, and resulted in this rare glimpse into traditional Aboriginal culture.* 168 pages

### My People's Songs

by Joel Stephen Birnie

994.6 BIR

*Tarenootairer was still a child when a band of white sealers bound her and forced her onto a boat. From there unfolded a life of immense cruelty inflicted by her colonial captors. Tarenootairer had a fierce determination to survive that had a profound effect on the course of Tasmanian history.* 231 pages



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