

Series for Readers in Primary School

SERIES TITLE	PUBLISHER	AUTHOR	NO OF TITLES	CHARACTERS	SETTING	TARGET GENDER/AGE	NARRATIVE FRAME
Andy Roid	Puffin Books	<i>Felice Arena</i>	6 ongoing	Andy (super-human cyborg trying to live normally), Parents (scientists, government agents, evil agents)	'Normal' home, school, school camp background. Extraordinary events and special powers	Boys Middle-Upper Primary	Repaired with super-human parts after an accident, Andy must keep his secret, work for the government on request and resist the evil Triple S group led by Dr Baffi
Animal Rescue	Scholastic Australia	<i>Jackie French</i>	4	Mozz (girl), Leo (boy), Mozz's gran (skilled in science/ and magic)	Local and wild animal habitats	Boy and girl share equally in the action Middle-Upper Primary	The children save animals from cruelty or exploitation. Aim: appropriate wildlife care or return to natural habitat
Arkie Sparkle	Pan Macmillan Australia	<i>Petra James</i>	7 episodes form complete story. 5 published to date	Arkie (11) daughter of archaeologists and her cousin TJ (eccentric genius who loves fashion)	Time travel to 7 famous sites at the time their artifacts were in use. Map shows locations of sites	Girls Middle-Upper Primary	Arkie's parents disappear and she sets out to solve seven mysteries in different times and places, one in each volume, in order to find them
Aussie Bites	Penguin Australia	Many and varied	34 in print. Ongoing.	Diverse	Different setting, but most have an Australian feel	Girls and Boys Middle Primary	Often humorous, plenty of action
Aussie Chomps	Penguin Australia	Many and varied	23 in print. Ongoing.	Diverse	Varied, mostly Australian	Girls and Boys Upper Primary but OK for reluctant readers in Lower Secondary	Often humorous, strong stories reflecting Australian lifestyles and yarns
Aussie Nibbles	Penguin Australia	Many and varied	45 in print and ongoing	Diverse	Varied	Girls and boys Lower Primary	Fun, humour and child-centred
Battle Boy: spying on the past	Pan Macmillan Australia	<i>Charlie Carter</i> (pseud. for John Heffernan)	16 in total The Omega Squad has taken over the series (see separate entry)	Napoleon Augustus Smythe, Professor Perdu, Historical characters	Real world present, famous battle scenes from the Stone Age onwards	Boys (girls could also enjoy the books) Middle-Upper Primary	Napoleon has a secret life. His missions are managed by Professor Perdu from a special room in the library. He time travels to be at historical battles and record data
Billie B Brown	Hardie Grant Egmont	<i>Sally Rippin</i>	20	Lively tomboy, Billie, little sister, friend Jack, parents etc.	Home, school, neighbourhood	Girls Lower Primary	Meeting life's challenges common to most little girls. Billie learns from her experiences
Boyz Rule	Pan Macmillan Australia	<i>Felice Arena</i> <i>Phil Kettle</i>	4 sets, 8 titles per set	Young boys (e.g. Sam and Billy; Nick and Matt ...)	Home, school, neighbourhood	Boys Lower-Middle Primary	Attitudes and behaviour seem natural as they have their adventures, cope with challenges etc.

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Boy vs Beast	Pop & Lemon Fizz and Scholastic	<i>Mac Park</i> Pseudo. For Susannah McFarlane and Louise Park	16	Kai (heroic boy), Ying Li (Bionic feline), Powerful, dangerous beasts	Earth (for humans), Beastium (for beasts hostile to humans). Dangerous	Boys LP-MP	Border guards protect Earth from repeated invasions by various beasts. Kai progresses in rank and gets more special gear with each adventure.
Ella and Olivia	Scholastic Australia	<i>Yvette Poshoglian</i>	4 to date Ongoing	Sisters 7 and 5. Parents, friends etc.	Home, school, neighbourhood	Girls Preschool-Lower Primary	Realistic events and situations involving relationships, children's feelings and behaviour
EJ12: Girl Hero	Lemon Fizz Media and Scholastic Australia	<i>Susannah McFarlane</i>	14 to date Ongoing	EJ12 is Emma Jacks, special agent. Peer group friends. Agents for good (SHINE organization) : Agents for evil (SHADOW organisation)	School and home, with varied exotic locations for special assignments	Girls Middle-Upper Primary	Two problems in each title—one realistic and familiar to readers of her age, one following SHADOW's evil plans (conservation issues in fragile environments in several)
Mates!	Omnibus Books	Many and varied	12 to date Ongoing	Various stories and characters. Australian content and ethos. Humour	Various (Australian)	Boys and girls Lower Primary	Various: humour, Australian culture and values. Children are active have initiative
Mission Fox	Puffin Books	<i>Justin D'Ath</i>	7 to date One final title to come in 2013	Harry and Jordan Fox (twin boys) family Myrtle (dog)	Grandparents' farm, suburban home, anywhere animals need help (zoos, national park etc)	Boys, but OK for girls Lower-Upper Primary	The twins rescue an animal in trouble in each story
The Omega Squad	Pan Macmillan	<i>Charlie Carter</i>	2 One more to come in 2013	Professor Perdu. Squad members: BA009-Amazon (Maz); BA004-Winston (Win); BA005-Napoleon; TEX - hybrid super-warrior	Historical Battle scenes and different parts of the 'managed community', Futura	Boys (girls could also enjoy the books) Upper Primary	As above, with more action in Futura and a mysterious plot to sabotage Prof. Perdu's team and research
Space Scout	Hardie Grant Egmont	<i>H. Badger</i>	6	Kip Kirby (boy hero) Finbar (wolf helper) MoNa (articulate space craft) Duke (dinosaur-type animal intended to be obedient to Kip)	Different planet in each book; 'home' is futuristic (3054) and hi-tech	Boys, but OK for girls Lower-Middle Primary, some Upper-Primary interest	Kip Kirby, 12-year-old Space Scout for World Corp) visits other planets; He helps the locals solve their problems and gathers data to help with the search for a suitable planet for earthlings to settle as they are running out of room
Star Girl	Pan Macmillan Australia	<i>Louise Park</i>	16	Adelaide Banks, peers at boarding school for space agents, adults managing missions	Different planet (and environment) in each book	Girls Lower-Upper Primary	Covers three years of education and training, until Adelaide and her peers graduate in the most recent book
Waarda	Fremantle Press and School of Indigenous Studies, University of Western Australia	<i>Sally Morgan</i> (and Series editor), <i>Gladys Milroy</i> , <i>Cheryl Kickett-Tucker</i> , <i>Darlene Oxenham</i> , <i>Jessica Tjalaminu & Jessica Lester Mia</i> , <i>Pat & Laura Dudgeon</i>	8 ongoing	Elders, parents, children, animals in the dreaming	Australian Bush. Beach, dreaming	LP Boys and girls	Varied: Elders sharing stories about country, animals etc with young people to realistic stories about indigenous family life and relationships