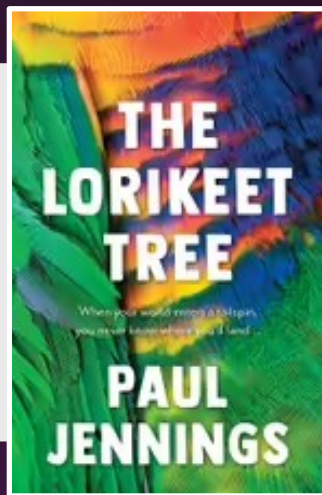




We recommend these great reads in NEW JUNIOR FICTION

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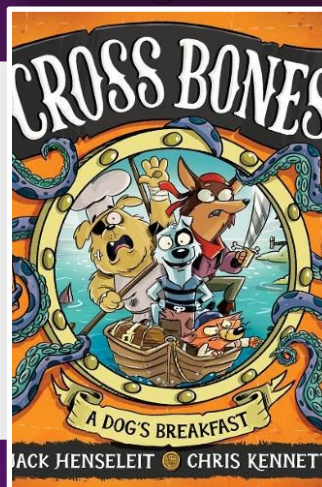
The Lorikeet Tree by *Paul Jennings*

A sister and brother face the hardest year of their lives and discover the healing power of nature in this compelling tale from master storyteller Paul Jennings.



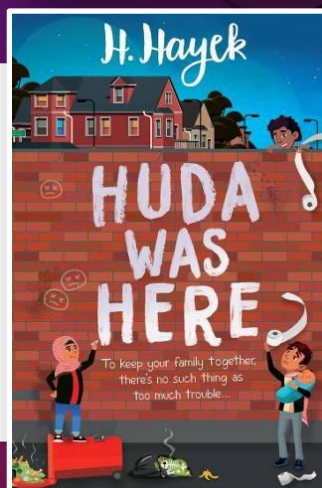
Silver Leaves by *Gladys Milroy*

A beautiful story about conservation, working together and hope. Owl and Night Parrot are nocturnal. They have a lovely big tree well away from all the noisy birds ... until one day they are woken up by the birds fighting over space in their tree. Owl is very angry, until they discover the poor birds' trees have been cut down.



Cross Bones by *Jack Henseleit*

Embark on a hilarious high-seas adventure! With a **STOLEN MAP** clutched in their paws, Magnus, Daisy, Ed, and Spot are searching for **HIDDEN TREASURE** on the great sea. But with other **FEARSOME PIRATES** closing in around them, can these **SCALLY-WAGGERS** come out top dogs?



Huda Was Here by *H. Hayek*

When her dad loses his job as a security officer and has to work interstate, Huda convinces her brother Akeal to sneak out at night to make mischief, hoping to force their dad's bosses to hire him back.



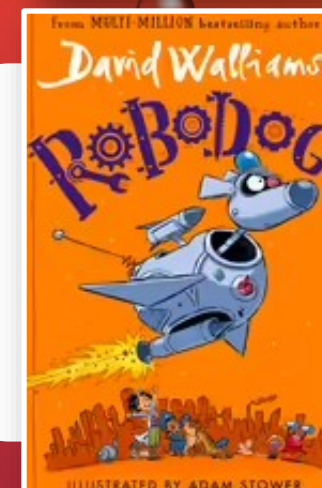
Queenie in Seven Moves by *Zanni Louise*

To Queenie, home is Peachy, the little house where she's lived forever. But when she and her mum have to leave Peachy, Queenie discovers that home isn't a place at all. It's making new friends and reconnecting with old ones, letting yourself be uncomfortable, and finding the courage to share your song with the world.



Ninja Artists by *Anh Do*

Nelson's class is having a cool **ART COMPETITION**! But when Nelson and Kenny accidentally travel back in time, they find themselves **BATTLING** mythical creatures instead of painting them! How on earth are our heroes going to **GET OUT OF THIS ONE?**!



RoboDog by *David Walliams*

Enter a world of superheroes and villains in this action-packed comic caper from No.1 bestselling author David Walliams – and meet Robodog: the future of crime fighting!



Saltwater Boy by *Bradley Christmas*

Heartfelt and poignant, this coming of age story explores father-son relationships, against a backdrop of small town rivalries, buried truths, with themes of sustainability, preserving the past and environmental care.



No Words by *Maryam Master*

When Aria, a mysterious boy who never EVER speaks, starts at school and is picked on by His Royal Thug-ness Doofus (Rufus), Hero and her bestie Jaz feel compelled to help. But they're far too chicken to actually do anything heroic, so they befriend Aria and try to uncover the truth about him.



Peanut Jones & the Twelve Portals by *Rob Biddulph*

Famous works of art are disappearing from all over the world. One moment they are there, the next, they have crumbled to dust. Peanut Jones and her friends believe it has something to do with the magical world of Chroma and the wicked Mr White's plot to wipe out colour and creativity. It's time to head back to the Illustrated City and help the Resistance fight back.



What Snail Knows by *Mandy Foot*

A moving story about a shy girl coming out of her shell with a little help from her pet snail



The Wintrish Girl by *Melanie La'Brooy*

A wildly fun debut about not quite belonging, forging your own path and finding your true home.



Hedgewitch by *Skye McKenna*

When Cassie runs away from her dreary boarding school, in search of her missing mother, she ends up in the magical village of Hedgely and discovers she comes from a family of witches - women who protect Britain from the denizens of Faerie, who are all too real and far more frightening than the story books suggest.



Evie & Rhino by *Neridah McMullin*

A young girl with a tragic past and a rhinoceros facing life in captivity form an unlikely and magical bond after a fateful storm and a shipwreck bring them together. A moving tale about love, connection and the healing power of friendship.



August & Jones by *Pip Harry*

From the CBCA Award-winning author of *The Little Wave* comes the story of two extraordinary kids who discover the life-changing power of friendship and teamwork.