

Hit & run the New Zealand SAS in

Hager, Nicky.

355 Knowledge

In August 2010, a New Zealand soldier died in a roadside bomb blast in Afghanistan. In retaliation, the New Zealand SAS led a raid on two isolated villages in search of the fighters they suspected were responsible. They all knew the rules. Prior to firing weapons, their freshly issued orders said, 'the commander approving the strike must determine that no civilians are present.' If they could not assess whether civilians were present, firing was prohibited. But it all went horribly wrong. None of the fighters were found but, by the end of the raid, 21 civilians were dead or wounded. Most were children or women, including a three-year-old girl who was killed. A dozen houses had been burnt or blown up. The operation was personally approved by the prime minister via phone from New Zealand. More



New Zealand nature heroes

Candler, Gillian.

508 Knowledge

With personal stories, projects and activities, Nature Heroes is designed to inspire and empower New Zealand kids to be naturalists and conservationists. The book features stories of 15 different nature heroes, people, who, in the past, or currently, are working to protect and understand New Zealand's natural world.

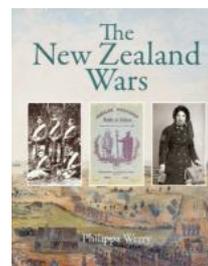


The New Zealand Wars

Werry, Philippa.

993.3 Knowledge

The story of the 19th century New Zealand Wars, a part of New Zealand's history that many people wish they knew more about. The book describes how the wars came about, where and when they were fought, who was involved, and how they affected women and children. It explains the emergence of Kingitanga or Maori King movement, the land confiscations and the story of Parihaka. Other chapters look at war memorials, graves and monuments, the work of the Waitangi Tribunal, how the wars have featured in New Zealand art, music and literature, and how they are being remembered today, including new ways of working towards understanding and reconciliation. The story is told in an accessible way full of fascinating detail, eye-witness accounts, illustrations and little known facts, with lists



Pākehā settlements in a Māori world

Smith, Ian.

993.3 Knowledge

Introducing general readers to New Zealand archaeology, Pakeha Settlements in a Maori World tells the story of the first European encounters with a new land. This is a fascinating approach to history through material culture, documenting a period of dramatic change in these South Pacific islands. From the scant physical signs of first contact - including the early Cook voyages - the history is traced through the ephemeral habitations of 'sojourning settlers' to the settlements of missionaries and colonisers, and on to the towns and government establishments of the mid nineteenth century. While the focus is on Pakeha settlement, the encompassing Maori world is present throughout - as the story of cultural encounter emerges from the archaeology narrative. Glimpses of a country in the



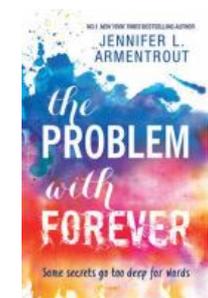
The problem with forever

Armentrout, Jennifer L.

ARM Fiction

For some people, silence is a weapon. For Mallory "Mouse" Dodge, it's a shield. Growing up, she learned that the best way to survive was to say nothing. And even though it's been four years since her nightmare ended, she's beginning to worry that the fear that holds her back will last a lifetime.

Now, after years of homeschooling with loving adoptive parents, Mallory must face a new milestone—spending her senior year at public high school. But of all the terrifying and exhilarating scenarios she's imagined, there's one she never dreamed of—that she'd run into Rider Stark, the friend and protector she hasn't seen since childhood, on her

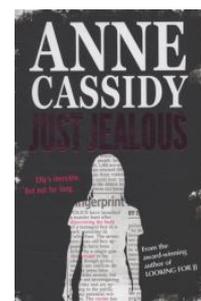


Just jealous

Cassidy, Anne.

CAS Fiction

Elise has a crush. She's been infatuated with her best friend, Carl, for as long as she can remember. When he starts dating an American girl who's just arrived at their school, Elise thinks it will just be a short fling. When she realizes it's not, she decides she needs to take matters into her own hands.



Millions: the not-so-great train robbery

Cottrell Boyce, Frank.

COT Fiction

Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to joining the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma - how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless. Torn between the vices of buying a million pizzas and the virtues of ending world poverty, the boys soon discover that being rich is a mug's game. For not only is the clock ticking - the bungling bank robbers are closing in too. Pizzas or World Peace - what would you choose?

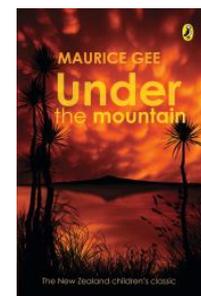


Under the mountain

Gee, Maurice.

GEE Fiction

When Theo and Rachel Matheson head for Auckland to spend a fortnight with their uncle and aunt, they are prepared for the usual entertainments that the city can provide. But their relatives have curious neighbours who seem to take an unusual interest in the red-haired twins. And once they meet the extraordinary Mr Jones, their holiday begins to take a course of its own. Beneath extinct volcanoes giant creatures are waking from a spellbound sleep of several thousand years. Their goal is the destruction of the world. Time is running out. The Matheson twins, chosen to oppose the monsters, know themselves to be as fallible as any other eleven-year-olds ... This children's classic by award-winning Maurice Gee is now a major motion picture event.



My life as an alphabet

Jonsberg, Barry.

JON Fiction

This isn't just about me. It's also about the other people in my life - my mother, my father, my dead sister Sky, my penpal Denille, Rich Uncle Brian, Earth-Pig Fish and Douglas Benson From Another Dimension. These are people [with the exception of Earth-Pig Fish, who is a fish] who have shaped me, made me what I am. I cannot recount my life without recounting elements of theirs. This is a big task, but I am confident I am up to it. Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little ...odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people [and pets] in her life. Laugh-out-loud funny and wonderfully touching, My Life as an Alphabet is a delightful



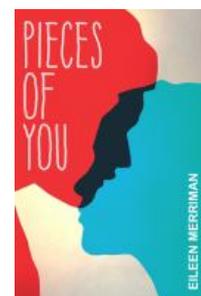
Pieces of you

Merriman, Eileen.

MER Fiction

Fifteen-year-old Rebecca McQuilten moves with her parents to a new city. Lonely but trying to fit in, she goes to a party, but that's when things really fall apart. I couldn't tell anyone what had happened. Especially since I was the new girl in town. Who would want to believe me? Things look up when she meets gregarious sixteen-year-old Cory Marshall. 'You're funny, Becs,' Cory said. 'You have no idea,' I said, and clearly he didn't, but I was smiling anyway. And after that, he was all I could think about. Cory helps Rebecca believe in herself and piece her life together; but that's before he shatters it all over again ...

Wise, tough, heart-breaking, funny, this compulsive love story is about facing your demons.

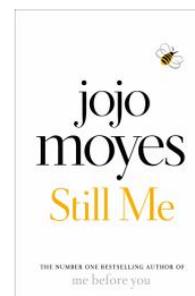


Still me

Moyes, Jojo.

MOY Fiction

Lou Clark knows too many things . . . She knows how many miles lie between her new home in New York and her new boyfriend Sam in London. She knows her employer is a good man and she knows his wife is keeping a secret from him. What Lou doesn't know is she's about to meet someone who's going to turn her whole life upside down. Because Josh will remind her so much of a man she used to know that it'll hurt. Lou won't know what to do next, but she knows that whatever she chooses is going to change everything. 'A joyful story with a pitch-perfect ending'.



Mortal engines Quartet #1: Night

Reeve, Philip.

REE Fiction

Return to the world of Mortal Engines in this new book of three short stories about the rebellious young aviatrix, Anna Fang, illustrated by Ian McQue. A key character in the Mortal Engines book and film, this is your chance to learn more of her past. Night Flights includes Traction City, the 2011 World Book Day story by Philip Reeve. In a dangerous future world where gigantic, motorised cities attack and devour each other, London hunts where no other predator dares. But Anna Fangpilot, adventurer, spysint afraid. The three stories show gripping, moving, exciting moments in Anna Fang's life: her childhood as a slave aboard the moving city Arkangel, a showdown against a robotic Stalker that is terrifyingly out of control, and her free life as an intelligence agent for the Anti-Traction league



Forever geek

Smale, Holly.

SMA Fiction

My name is Harriet Manners and I'll be a geek forever...The FINAL book in the bestselling, award-winning GEEK GIRL series is here! Harriet Manners knows almost every fact there is. Modelling isn't a sure-fire route to popularity. Neither is making endless lists. The people you love don't expect you to transform into someone else. Statistically you are more likely to not meet your Australian ex-boyfriend in Australia than bump into him there. So on the trip of a lifetime Down Under Harriet's to-do lists are gone and it's Nat's time to shine! Yet with nearly-not-quite-boyfriend Jasper back home, Harriet's completely unprepared to see supermodel ex Nick. Is the fashion world about to turn ugly for GEEK GIRL? It's time for Harriet to face the future. Time to work out where her heart lies. To learn how to



Dracula

Cameron, Joan.

STO Fiction

Jonathan Harker visits Transylvania for what he thinks is a simple business meeting with a new client. Instead, he encounters the strange and sinister Count Dracula. There will be a battle between good and evil, but who will prevail? Beautiful new illustrations throughout and a gorgeous larger format with ribbon marker bring the excitement of this classic story to a new generation of children. This Ladybird Classic is an abridged retelling of the classic vampire tale of Dracula by Bram Stoker. A perfect introduction to the well-loved legend, it is ideal for adults to read with children, or for newly confident readers to tackle alone. Please note that due to some scary parts in places, content may not be suitable for very young or sensitive readers.



Canterbury Quake

Wallace, Desna.

WAL Fiction

Anyone would think Maddys world had crumbled when she didnt get a cell phone for her eleventh birthday. But Maddy soon has far more important things to worry about. In the dark of night, with a terrifying rumble and a deafening roar, the world turns upside down! Suddenly, words like 'liquefaction,' 'aftershocks' and 'state of emergency' bubble to the surface of her vocabulary. As Maddy navigates the bumps and crashes of life after the big quakes, she discovers how strong family ties can be, and finds friendship in the most unlikely of places

