

The Whole Business With Kiffo And The Pitbull

"Sixteen can be a tough time. And it's almost unmanageable for a wise-cracking boy whose temper is white-hot. As a consequence he is sentenced to a time-out with his reclusive grandfather in a primitive shack in the Tasmanian forest. There is little to do except chop wood and watch the red-eyed wallabies gather at dusk. They are an unlikely couple: a taciturn old man who prefers the simple life, and a volatile boy addicted to the technology of the 21st century and yet a bond blossoms between them. But denied access to much he desires, and feeling provoked by a local cop cynical of city folk, the boy's frustration grows. And when he encounters situations he can't control anything could happen ..."--Provided by publisher.

When Owen Underwood's family move to Barrow, it's because there's nowhere safer in the Valleys - and safety is very important. Especially when the threat of tornadoes, and giant bears, is constant. But in Barrow, safety is taken to extremes. Children have to wear bright yellow at all times and are never allowed outside except to go to school. How can Owen face an entire summer of that? In secret, Owen and his friends form the Tornado Chasers. Their mission: to get as close to a Grade 5 tornado as possible. It's time for them to face their fears! And then... And then... The second hilarious, thought-provoking, highly original book from an extraordinary young talent - you've never read a novel like it!

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From the moment Miss Payne ("The Hound of the Baskervilles, the English teacher from Hell. The Pitbull!") walks into their classroom, Calma and Kiffo know she will have to go. After doing a bit of, well, teacher stalking, they are amazed to discover her having late-night rendezvous

with suspicious associates. Could she be involved in the mob? The drug trade? How fabulous! But the more they work to prove Miss Payne is crooked, the more evidence they find of her innocence. Creeping hell! A teacher this heinous has got to be guilty of something—right? Pan blinked. Something strange was happening to her mind and body. She felt relaxed, but at the same time, acutely aware of everything. She remembered the Professor's words: she was the cause of the destruction of humanity. And she felt the truth of those words. Pandora Jones's problems appear insurmountable. She must convince her team that nothing is as it seems and that they must escape and expose The School to save the world from the plague she unwittingly inflicted on it. The only things Pan has on her side are her gift of intuition, and her belief in the people she cares about. But with the clock ticking, can she find a way to stop the plague, and should she do it at any cost? Pan and her friends face off against the might of The School as the final pieces fall into place in the hugely compelling Pandora Jones series. Candice Phee isn't a typical twelve-year-old girl. She has more than her fair share of quirks, but she also has the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to make sure everyone around her is happy—which is no easy feat when dealing with a pet fish with an identity crisis, a friend who believes he came from another dimension, an age-old family feud, and a sick mom. But she is on a mission. Her methods might be unique, but Candice will do whatever it takes to restore order to her world and make sure everyone is absolutely, categorically happy again.

'We've been worried about Aiden too, Ash,' said Mum. 'He's always been such a ... predictable child. You're not the only one to have noticed the changes.' Ash and Aiden Delatour are identical twins, living a privileged lifestyle with loving parents. In a world that has fallen apart at

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the seams, they want for nothing. All they have to do is be there for each other, no matter what. But after Aiden suffers a terrible injury, he isn't the same brother Ash always relied on. Something has changed, and it will lead to a discovery that will turn their whole world upside down. A brilliant and timely middle-grade novel from the bestselling author of *My Life As An Alphabet* and *A Song Only I Can Hear*.

In this insightful and motivating little book, The Author explores the importance of mental discipline to our happiness and success. Topics covered include: .training the will ."the wills, won'ts, and can'ts" .what is worse than rashness .conquerors of fortune .concentrated energy .persistent purpose etc

The Unwelcome Stranger: COVID-19. We hope this title can be a helpful narrative for families as they navigate uncertainty, help identify where to get accurate information and serve as a learning resource for children at school.

My name is Holly Holley and I have given up routines. Holly hates her name, her looks and her life. She isn't in with the right crowd and she has little hope of dating the gorgeous Raph McDonald. With Cassie staying, she has to move out of her bedroom into the tiny, smelly spare room, and she feels her life couldn't be more unfair. So when Demi, the coolest girl in school, invites Holly on a make-over shopping spree, she jumps at the chance. Even Cass can see that Holly is stretching her wings. But will she fly or fall? Before long Holly learns that appearances can be deceptive and friendship can blossom in unexpected places ... 'I LOVED it. And the humour was great!! Go Holly Holley!!' Alex 16

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A friendship blossoms when 16-year-old Carly interviews feisty 93-year-old Leah for her local history project and Leah shares her fascinating life's story-of a girl whose rich imagination rescues her from a grim reality, and an unlikely boy who changes everything

The boy sat in the branches of the fifth tree on the left, his scuffed boots dangling. Leah turned her eyes up. His face was heavily freckled, his eyes large, brown and almond-shaped. His hair stuck out at wild angles. 'Hello,' she said. When Leah Cartwright was five years old her father went to the barn, put a shotgun in his mouth, and

A henpecked husband copes with the frustrations of his dull life by imagining he is a fearless airplane pilot, a brilliant doctor, and other dashing figures.

It was difficult to know when nightmares ended and the waking world began. Pan is still struggling to distinguish between her dreams and reality. When she wakes in the Infirmary her mind replays the sight of Nate running along the shoreline and the way his body froze and then flopped after he was shot. But her memories hold more questions than answers and she doesn't know who to trust. When she forms an unlikely alliance with Jen to try to make sense of everyone's haunting similar memories and the conflicting information about The School, she finds herself with unexpected enemies. Pan and Jen are determined to seek the truth - no matter what rules they must break or how terrible the danger they face. But can they even trust each other? Intuition. Secrets. Truth. Courage. Action. Survival.

Candice Phee wants to bring light and laughter to those around her, and somehow she

succeeds despite the bizarre mix-ups and the confusion she effortlessly creates. An uplifting comedy-drama from award-winning author, Barry Jonsberg. 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 novel about an unusual girl who goes to great lengths to bring love and laughter into the lives of everyone she cares about.

Early modern drama is steeped in biblical language, imagery and stories. This collection examines the pervasive presence of scripture on the early modern stage. Exploring plays by writers such as Shakespeare, Marlowe, Middleton, and Webster, the contributors show how theatre offers a site of public and communal engagement with the Bible.

Sixteen-year-old Calma Harrison is certain she knows what is behind the strange behavior of everyone in her life, and is convinced that she is the only one who can fix

things.

Covers individuals ranging from established award winners to authors and illustrators who are just beginning their careers. Entries cover: personal life, career, writings and works in progress, adaptations, additional sources, and photographs.

A special reissue of a bestselling Australian classic from award-winning author Steven Herrick. Jack is an everyday sixteen-year-old boy. He's obsessed with Annabel, sport and nose hair. He's also obsessed with a ghost ... There's a ghost in our house in a red evening dress, black stockings and Mum's slingback shoes. Her hair whispers over white shoulders as she dances through the rooms. A bittersweet comedy about the infinite promise of first love and the everlasting sorrow of grief, *Love, Ghosts & Nose Hair* was shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year: Older Readers and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards. 'Sad, funny, moving and thoughtful.' - *Magpies*

A powerful story of friendship, bravery, and a desperate bid for freedom, inspired by true events. Ming survived the famine that killed his parents during China's "Great Leap Forward", and lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields. When a group of city boys comes to the village as part of a Communist Party re-education program, Ming and his friends aren't sure what to make of the new arrivals. They're not used to hard labor and village life. But despite his reservations, Ming befriends a charming city boy called Li. The two couldn't be more different, but slowly they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams. But as the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take

its toll on both boys, they begin to imagine the impossible: freedom.

'Where do I start in explaining how much I loved this hilariously quirky and moving story with its beautiful, fractured gem of a narrator? How about A is for Awesome.' - Michael Gerard Bauer 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, H is for Happiness is the film based on Barry Jonsberg's award-winning novel My Life as an Alphabet.

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Calma Harrison is in love. Not just with herself, but also with the handsome checkout guy at Crazi-Cheep. But when Calma gets a job at Crazi-Cheep, her cynical approach to customer service makes headlines. And then there's the small matter of the rest of

her life, which is fast falling apart: her absent father turns up unexpectedly and wants to 'talk'; her mother, The Fridge, is keeping secrets; and her new best friend, Vanessa, is hiding something horrible. Fearing the worst for her family and friends, Calma knows the only sure way to shape events is direct, personal intervention... It's not all about YOU, Calma! is a bold and witty novel about friendship, loyalty and acting on impulse. Film tie-in edition of My Life as an Alphabet which is now the major Australian film, H is for Happiness. A delightful story of an unusual girl who goes to great lengths to bring love and laughter into the lives of everyone she cares about.

From the author of The Whole Business with Kiffo and the Pitbull and It's not all about YOU, Calma comes an intense, confrontational and unforgettable novel that challenges our assumptions about bullying, coping strategies and mental health. Michael Terny is the fat boy. He's at his seventh school in four years and he knows that even if he keeps his head down, he can't change the script. He will be ridiculed and laughed at and pushed around. But Michael has a powerful secret that allows him to escape to a safe place, and everything changes when he makes a new friend. Now he can make plans to exact his revenge. But will revenge have a price?

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strength, hone their skills and prepare for whatever comes next. Pandora's skill is intuition, but how useful will it be outside the secure walls of The School? And what if it leads her to question where the truth lies.....Plague. Pandemic. Intuition. Secrets. Truth. Courage. Action. Survival.

Ishmael is finally a senior and things are beginning to look up. His nemesis, Barry Bagsley, has decided to leave him alone at last and with help from his 'Reverse Cool' mates, Scobie and Razza, Ishmael is in with a chance of winning the school cup. Has he broken free of the dreaded Ishmael Leseur's Syndrome at last? Could life at St. Daniel's actually be described as 'normal'? Absolutely not.

A free trip to the Northern Territory! Sounds good, thinks Marcus ('Mucus' to his sister Rose). But mayhem is not far away. The second hilarious adventure of Blacky the masterspy, Marcus the animal-rights activist and Dyl the disaster. Fast-paced comedy-adventure from award-winning author Barry Jonsberg.

A third wacky adventure with Blacky the farting dog. Blacky's sending Marcus and Dylan to the Tasmanian wilderness on a mission. But between giant bully boys, unintelligible Scottish camp instructors and the need for thermal underwear - will they find the last remaining Tasmanian tiger?

After terrorizing their English teacher into leaving, Kiffo's tenth grade class finds a challenge in their new teacher.

When Calma and Kiffo see their new teacher, aka The Pit Bull, involved in strange late-night goings-on they can think only one thing: Drug Deal Going Down So they decide to stake out her home, tail her on the motorbike, and get some serious evidence...This story is full of

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surprises and displays some very real moments of poignancy and sadness, as well as scene after scene of uproariously funny moments. You just have to read the first few pages to realise how sensationally funny and gifted Barry is.

A collection of essays on the joys of great literature from the New York Times–bestselling author and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. One of America’s foremost novelists and critics, Cynthia Ozick has won praise and provoked debate for taking on challenging literary, historical, and moral issues. Her new collection of spirited essays focuses on the essential joys of great literature, with particular emphasis on the novel. With razor-sharp wit and an inspiring joie de vivre, she investigates unexpected byways in the works of Leo Tolstoy, Saul Bellow, Helen Keller, Isaac Babel, Sylvia Plath, Susan Sontag, and others. In a posthumous and hilariously harassing “(Unfortunate) Interview with Henry James,” Ozick’s hero is shocked by a lady reporter. In “Highbrow Blues,” and in reflections on her own early fiction, she writes intimately of “the din in our heads, that relentless inner hum,” and the curative power of literary imagination. *The Din in the Head* is sure to please fans of Ozick, win her new readers, and excite critical controversy and acclaim. “Open the collection anywhere—I guarantee it—and you will feel the bite of her distinctive voice.” —Sven Birkerts, Los Angeles Times “The passion that fills these essays is invigorating. In our age of irony and commercial pandering, we need writers like Ozick.” —Danielle Chapman, Chicago Tribune

Michael Terny is at his seventh school in four years and he knows that whatever he does, he will be ridiculed and pushed around. Michael is the fat kid. But Michael is also a lucid dreamer—he can recognize when he is dreaming and make the dream unfold exactly as he wants. Here he is safe and completely in control. Safe that is, until he finds the dream world

and real world colliding . . . and a passage between the two promises more power than he has ever imagined. With the help of an unexpected friend at his new school, Michael plans how to use his power—to reward the good and wreak vengeance on the wicked. . . . But is Michael really in control? Nothing is quite as it seems in this book, and the shocking ending will have readers furiously flipping back to begin reading again with opened eyes.

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Game theory has brought me to this point and I must follow where it leads. Even though this is not a game. Jamie is a sixteen-year-old maths whiz. Summerlee, his older sister, is in the grip of a wild phase. Tensions at home run high. When Summerlee wins a 7.5-million-dollar lottery, she cuts all ties with her family. But money can cause trouble - big trouble. And when Jamie's younger sister Phoebe is kidnapped for a ransom, the family faces a crisis almost too painful to bear. Jamie thinks he can use game theory - the strategy of predicting an opponent's actions - to get Phoebe back. But can he outfox

the kidnapper? Or is he putting his own and his sister's life at risk? A brilliant, page-turning novel from a superb storyteller.

Good evening, Rob. Your first challenge follows. These challenges have nothing to do with impressing Destry Camberwick. They are all to do with Rob Fitzgerald impressing Rob Fitzgerald. Bear that in mind at all times. Challenge 1. You will enter the Milltown's Got Talent competition. This gives you over a fortnight to polish your act and work out strategies to overcome panic attacks. I would wish you luck but the point of this challenge is that you don't need it. Introducing Rob Fitzgerald: thirteen years old and determined to impress the new girl at school, but it's a difficult task for a super-shy kid who is prone to panic attacks that include vomiting, difficulty breathing and genuine terror that can last all day. An anonymous texter is sending Rob challenges and they might just help. Or not. Beautifully moving and full of heart and humour, *A Song Only I Can Hear* is a delightful novel about dreaming big, being brave and marching to the beat of your own drum.

An ugly dog named Blacky and an eleven-year old boy go on a mission to rescue God, a sickly pygmy bearded dragon, from the local pet store.

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