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## Back to School Term One!

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Happy 2009 and first term!!

We are very excited to start the New Year with our new school rep Kay Proos who will be working with us to help you with any orders or enquiries. Kay has a background in both editing and children's books so she will be an excellent help to both us and you! We will forward you her new email as soon as she has settled in.

I had a lot of fun picking out the books for this term. Of course we had to include the new J.K Rowling (which as you will read supports a very worthy cause). We have also kept in mind the current financial times and hopefully our book on Charles Darwin will be kind on your new budgets. The new Zac power series is an exciting addition for its age group, but I think it is Margaret Wild's 'Harry and Hopper' that is my favourite for this term, although you will need tissues on hand when you read it!!

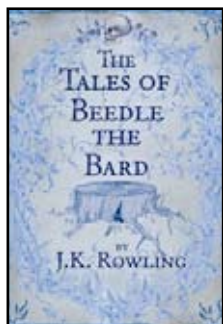
Please remember that I'm always available for any questions (as is Tony) and am happy to let you know of exciting titles coming up (the sequel to George's Secret Key to the Universe will be coming in April and Aaron Blabey has a new picture book coming in July!) just call us on 9572 7766 or email me directly through [mary@shearersbookshop.com.au](mailto:mary@shearersbookshop.com.au)

Enjoy!!

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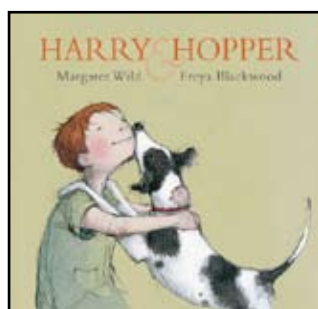
## TALES OF BEEDLE THE BARD

J.K. Rowling  
HB \$16.95

The latest for Harry Potter Fans! It is a book of traditional fairy tales written for the magical community by 'Beedle the Bard'. Although not directly connected to the Harry Potter series, there are some links.

Like our fairy tales, these are based upon teaching children right and wrong, and every story shows how good behaviour leads to rewards. There is also a clue in the last fairytale that reveals how much Dumbledore knew.

J.K Rowling has chosen to give the profits of this book to the Children's High Level Group charity. This Charity supports children who live in large residential institutions, either because of a disability or their families are unable to support them.

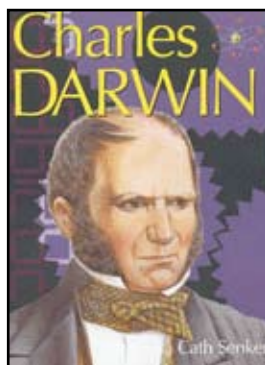


## HARRY AND HOPPER

Margaret Wild &  
Freya Blackwood  
HB \$24.99

This beautiful book tells the story of Harry and his dog Hopper. They love each other and get up to all sort of mischief together (as boys and dogs do!). One day Harry comes home and his dad tells him that Hopper was killed in an accident. Harry doesn't want to be there when Hopper was buried or even think about it. Then Hopper starts visiting him at night, playful as ever at first, but then things start to change.

This story discusses how the grieving process can develop from a sudden death, and how it can be hard to mourn when there is no time to say good bye. Through 'ghost' Hopper, Harry learns how to grieve and come to terms with the sadness that Hopper's death brings.

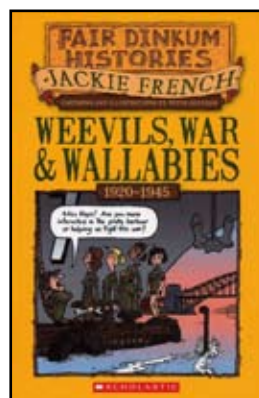


## CHARLES DARWIN (SERIES: SCIENTISTS WHO MADE HISTORY)

Cath Senker  
HB \$9.95  
(Special, was \$29.95)

This year marks the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of 'The Origin of the Species'. It is a topic that will be covered in the media, schools and talked about at home. This book will prove a vital addition to any library for years to come.

This is an excellent resource which gives information on aspects of Darwin's life, exploration, the theories he developed, and society's reaction to him. Each double page spread covers a different topic and is accompanied by relevant images such as photographs of the locations he travelled to, drawings from his time, maps, and photographs of his artefacts. There is also an excellent timeline, glossary, and further sources page.



## FAIR DINKUM HISTORIES #6: WEEVILS, WARS AND WALLABIES

Jackie French &  
Peter Sheehan  
PB \$14.99

This book, in the popular Jackie French series, looks at the time in Australia between 1920 & 1945. It explores the roaring twenties, what the depression meant for Australia, the lead up and decision to go to war and the Second World War.

There is still the engaging cartoons that break up the text (and make you laugh!) as well as diagram and fun fact boxes. There are also quotes and excerpts from famous songs, poems and speeches. At the end there is a table to help convert imperial measurements to metric as well as an index.

Jackie French is one of Australia's best children's authors and this series has been extremely successful, (and funny too).

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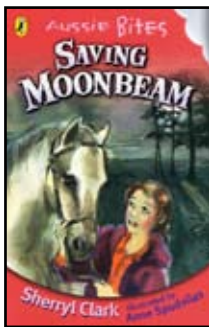


## THE PRINCESS WHO HATED IT (AUSSIE NIBBLES)

Robin Klein &  
Stephen Michael King  
PB \$12.95

Princess Althea didn't like being a princess. "Wave nicely to all the people," said the Queen when they were out riding in the glass coach. Princess Althea thought it was boring being driven around in a glass coach. She felt like a goldfish. When the Queen wasn't looking, she didn't wave at all. She pulled faces at the people in the crowd. She kicked off her slippers and wriggled her toes. 'Althea!' said the Queen. 'Princesses do not have toes! Princesses are as dignified as swans. 'I wish I was a proper swan, Princess Althea thought. Then I could swim in the castle moat.

An old story from Robin Klein returns, with new illustrations by Stephen Michael King.



## SAVING MOONBEAM (AUSSIE BITES)

Sherryl Clark &  
Anne Spudvilas  
PB \$12.95

Gemma comes across a neglected, starving horse and is determined to help it, even though its owner objects. She feeds it secretly, and calls it Moonbeam. When the local council takes matters into its own hands and there is a danger that the horse will be put down, Gemma kidnaps it to keep it safe.

A new Aussie Bite adding to this successful series.

## ZAC POWER TEST DRIVE SERIES

H.I. Larry  
PB \$7.95 each

This new Zac Power series is aimed at very early readers. These will be a great addition to any library, as we all know how captivated young boys are by the story line and characters in the Zac power series. Boys have seen their older peers reading the Zac Power series and these new titles allow (and encourage!!) them to start reading it as well.



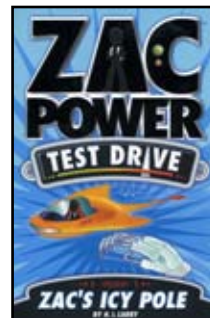
### #1 Zac's Moon Trip

Zac is testing out the new space suit and space ship while cleaning sludge of the GIB moon base – by shooting it with chocolate!



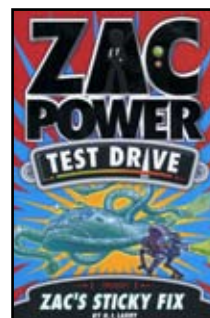
### #2 Zac's Wild Rescue

Zac must try out the exo-skeleton suit and stink bombs, while sorting out the chaos at the zoo. The evil BIG agents have struck again.



### #3 Zac's Icy Pole

Zac must test new ice claws and a submarine while stopping the Icy Poles from melting and revealing the GIB headquarters.



### #4 Zac's Sticky Fix

Zac needs to test his new glue gun and squid sub by plugging a leak in the GIB headquarters, but it's his hairspray that he finds most useful!

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## SHEARER'S CHOICE REVIEWS



### BOYS' OWN ADVENTURE SET

Various Authors  
BOX SET \$49.95  
(Special, normally \$150)

Tarzan of the Apes, Edgar Rice Burroughs  
Around the World in Eighty Days, Jules Verne  
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson  
Greenmantle, John Buchan  
Rupert of Hentzau, Antony Hope  
The Lost World, Arthur Conan Doyle  
The Man Who was Thursday, G.K. Chesterton  
The Thirty-Nine Steps, John Buchan  
The Riddle of the Sands, Erskine Childers  
The Prisoner of Zenda, Anthony Hope



### HEROES OF THE VALLEY

Jonathan Stroud  
PB \$29.95

Jonathan Stroud is the author of the hugely popular 'Bartimaes' trilogy, and in this book he continues in his highly successful fantasy vein. This book is about a boy called Halli who lives in a valley which is sectioned out into various family houses. Halli is a direct descendant of his houses founder Svein, who his people believe was the greatest of all the 'Heroes'. It is told Svein lead the other families in driving out from the valley the evil Trows who killed all they saw.

This exciting book provokes thought about what we should aspire to become and how closely we should follow our idols. There is also a female main character called Aud who seeks to escape her families plans for her just as much as Halli. This story has adventure, humour, twists, turns, history, reflection... in fact it's got it all.

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