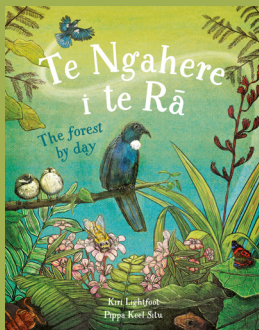


AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Te Ngahere i te Rā: The forest by day
Kiri Lightfoot & Pippa Keel Situ
Allen & Unwin | \$24.99

As the sun rises, which creatures come to life and greet the day?

This beautiful picture book explores the busy world of the daytime creatures in Aotearoa New Zealand's bush.

It includes many reo Māori phrases that we use to greet others. Kai pai te rā!

A beautiful introduction to the creatures that are busy during the day in the forest of Aotearoa New Zealand.



KIDS & YOUNG ADULTS

Tākapu the Lone Hunter
Ned Barraud

Allen & Unwin | \$24.99

The gannet, or tākapu, must set off through the skies to find food for her chick. When she spots a feeding frenzy far below, she needs to act fast. Will she plunge through the waves in time? Can she avoid danger beneath the surface?

Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Bear
Rhiannon Fielding & Chris Chatterton

Ladybird | \$21.00

Little Bear, Barney, likes everything to be just right. He always has to have the yummiest porridge, the comfiest chair and the snuggliest blanket. So one night, when Barney can't sleep, he goes out in search of the very best bed in the forest.

Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2
Jeff Kinney

Puffin | \$21.00

Fans of Greg Heffley and the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney will love this dive into the twisted, unexpectedly hilarious world of Rowley's imagination, where you'll meet monsters, spooks, and oversized insects. Plus even more spooky surprises are in store for you in these comically terrifying tales.

Giant Heart
David Hill, Nadine Lomu & Michel Mulipola

Penguin | \$25.00

Meet Jonah Lomu, one of the greatest All Blacks of all time, in this fantastic biographical picture book. His speed and strength on the rugby field made him famous around the world, and his fun and generous personality made him beloved, but all the while he faced a big battle with his health.

Esme Pepper
Jacqueline Wilson

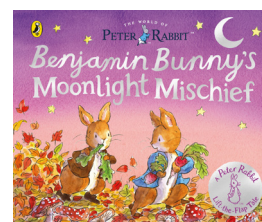
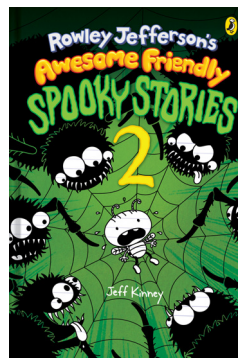
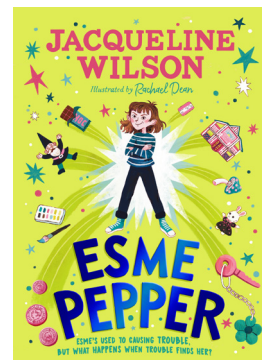
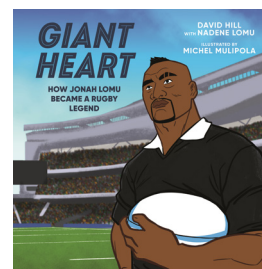
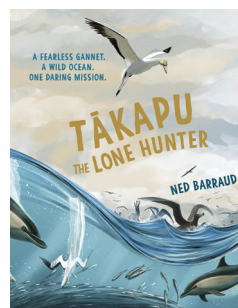
Puffin | \$30.00

When Esme's mum gets caught trying to steal the dolls house Esme desperately wants, Esme ends up in foster care with an elderly couple, facing a new school and a class bully. A funny, heartbreaking and hopeful story about resilience from the beloved author of the *Tracy Beaker* series.

Benjamin Bunny's Moonlight Mischief
Beatrix Potter

Puffin | \$21.00

On a cosy autumn night, Benjamin Bunny is having a sleepover at cousin Peter Rabbit's burrow. But they're too excited to go to bed just yet, so they decide to sneak into Mr. McGregor's garden for a tasty snack. Except, they must be back before the moon is out. Can these two daring bunnies creep into Mr. McGregor's garden and then make it home in time?

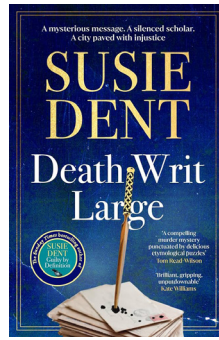
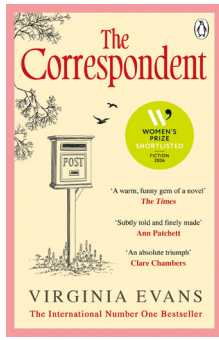
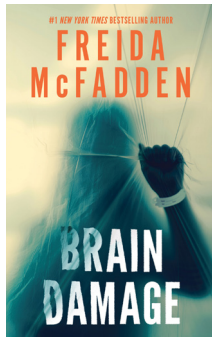
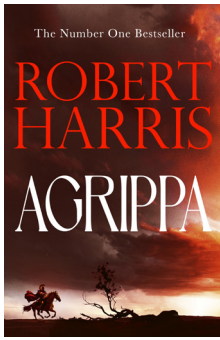


NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
15-21 AUGUST



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FICTION

Agrippa
Robert Harris

Hutchinson Heinemann | \$38.00
Julius Caesar is dead, and seventeen-year-old Octavius and his closest friend Agrippa are about to fight their way to ruling the world. Thirty years later, Agrippa is fifty, ailing and betrayed. Now writing his memoirs he describes how one man has dominated his life: the cunning, ruthless, unknowable Octavius.

Brain Damage
Freida McFadden

Poisoned Pen Press | \$38.00
After a bullet tears through her skull, Dr Charly McKenna wakes in a rehabilitation hospital unable to walk, speak or remember her own name, knowing only that someone tried to kill her. As fragments of memory return, the most terrifying possibility emerges: the person who wants her dead may be the one she trusted most.

The Correspondent
Virginia Evans

Michael Joseph | \$28.00
Through letters to family and friends, we come to know Sybil Van Antwerp — stubborn, opinionated and steadfast in her belief in the written word. But as her time runs short, she must reckon with fractured relationships, an old legal case, a last chance at romance and a loss she has carried for thirty years.
WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION

Death Writ Large
Susie Dent

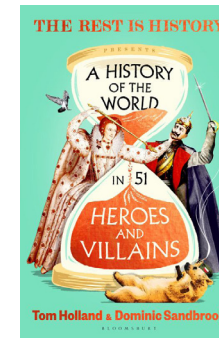
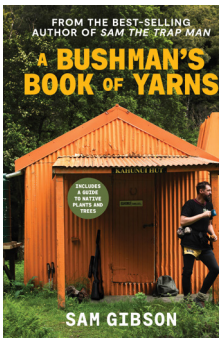
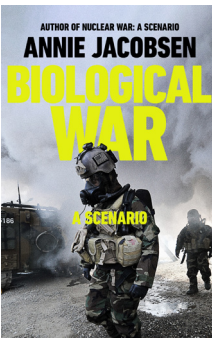
Bonnier | \$37.99
When mysterious runic symbols appear as graffiti across Oxford, lexicographer Martha Thornhill recognises them from a deceased fantasy writer's papers, and then a body turns up nearby. As the police call it suicide, Martha and her colleagues dig deeper, uncovering a tragedy that stretches far beyond the university's ancient walls.

Children of the Wild
Kevin Powers

Atlantic | \$37.99
Virginia, 1917. Restless Roy, the minister's daughter Samantha and mysterious wild boy Ennis are drawn together before war tears their world apart. In the crucible of conflict, Roy and Ennis forge a fierce bond while Samantha endures unthinkable sacrifice at home. A spare, luminous novel about loyalty, love and what endures in darkness.

The Barman of the Ritz
Philippe Collin

Doubleday | \$38.00
Paris, 1940. As the Nazis make the Ritz their favourite haunt, celebrated barman Frank Meier is forced to keep serving while hiding the secret that could destroy him: he is Jewish. This is a tense, chilling novel based on a true story about survival, impossible love and staying one step ahead of fate.



NON-FICTION

Go Hard or Go Home
Kiri Allan

Penguin | \$40.00
From a terrorist attack and a pandemic to cancer, divorce and the car crash that ended her career, Kiri Allan's six years in NZ politics were anything but ordinary. Honest, fierce and deeply moving, this memoir asks what it costs to keep going when you can't live in half measures.

Biological War
Annie Jacobsen

Torva | \$40.00
Based on interviews with political, military and medical experts, this urgent work of nonfiction maps the hours, days and weeks that would follow the release of a biological agent. Tracing how swiftly infrastructure collapses, societies fracture and civilisation unravels. This is a blistering, essential read from the author of the bestselling *Nuclear War*.

A Bushman's Book of Yarns
Sam Gibson

Allen & Unwin | \$45.00
Sam Gibson is back with another round of cracking yarns from the ngahere; there's everything from tackling kiwi with lacrosse sticks to trading venison for crayfish in Fiordland. This follow-up to the bestselling *Sam The Trap Man* also includes a practical guide to edible native plants and trees.

A History of the World in 51 Heroes and Villains
Tom Holland & Dominic Sandbrook

Bloomsbury | \$40.00
Was Caligula a monster or history's greatest scandal magnet? Was Elizabeth I truly the Virgin Queen or just brilliant at branding? From the hosts of *The Rest is History* podcast, this is a riotous deep dive into history's biggest heroes and most notorious villains, where the line between noble and nefarious is gloriously blurred.

The Modern Dad
Louis Davis

Allen & Unwin | \$39.99
Louis Davis, one of Aotearoa's most popular personalities and storytellers, brings his warm, funny take on fatherhood to the page. From the panic of "am I ready?" (spoiler: no, no-one is ever truly ready) to navigating modern masculinity and mental health, *The Modern Dad* is a practical, empathetic guide for every parent in the trenches.

Lucky You're Tough
Mark Law with Ron Crosby

Allen & Unwin | \$19.00
When Whakaari/White Island erupted in December 2019, helicopter pilot and former NZSAS soldier Mark Law made a split-second decision to fly in and rescue the stranded survivors, earning him a bravery medal swiftly followed by a shocking six-figure WorkSafe penalty. This is a gripping memoir about service, resilience and surviving when the odds are against you.