

Duncan Ball Selby Sprung

Selby, the only talking dog in Australia and, perhaps, the world, is back with this new collection of his wonderful adventures.

The thrills come thick and fast in this sixteenth Selby book, as Selby is hurled out of the world's only sky-writing embroidery aeroplane to what should be certain death. Vampires invade Selby's peaceful town, and Selby is captured by a Shark Man on Death Island. The death-defying dog is put to the test time and again in these gut-wrenching and hilarious stories.

And all the while, Morrie Artie, the Evil Genius, and his thousands of agents comb Australia in search of this remarkable dog. Will Selby be sprung? Will his secret finally be revealed to the world? After over two hundred adventures, will this be the end of Selby?

There's only one way to find out ...

Based on real events.

Duncan Ball has written fifteen Selby titles, ten *Emily Eyefinger* adventures and numerous other popular books for children. He is consistently featured in Children's Choice Awards across Australia. Most recently, he published *My Sister Has a Big Black Beard*, a collection of poetry. The author lives in Sydney.

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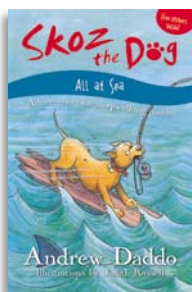
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Andrew Daddo & Judith Rossell

SKOZ THE DOG SERIES



All At Sea

The problem with being a sleepwalking dog is you don't have a clue where you are when you wake up!

When Skoz finds himself in a small boat in the middle of the ocean, he's got not one, but two big problems: How's he going to get home? And what's he going to do about THAT SHARK?

'We knew Skoz was special, but we never dreamed he'd be famous. In fact, he was the one who did all the dreaming, usually when he was walking out the front gate!'

-Skoz's mum

Published March 2010, 80pp, 198x136mm, Paperback



Up in the Air

When Skoz finds himself falling from a great height -- with no parachute -- he has no idea how he got there. It's going to take more than an emergency flying lesson from a very cranky bird to keep Skoz airborne. But if he doesn't get his ears flapping soon, it'll be SPLAT!

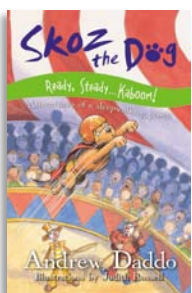
'Daddo has expertly achieved the voice of a dog and woven first person and third person narration to a very humorous effect ... Skoz is sure to become many 8-12 year olds new "best friend"'

MAGPIES

'We need more whimsical, harmless, chapter books for children who are beginning to read independently, and the adventures of Andrew Daddo's Skoz seem made to order'

WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN

Published June 2010, 80pp, 202x130mm, Paperback



Ready Steady Kaboom

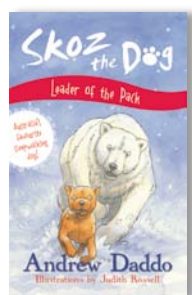
When Skoz wakes up feeling all cosy and warm, he's relieved to be safe in his kennel for once. But, hang on, is that the roar of a crowd Skoz hears?

Soon Skoz is the star of the show -- like it or not. Will he survive the Patadogian jumping snakes? And can he avoid the mouth of the biggest cat he's ever seen?

'a non-stop adventure that simply can't be put down. Packed with action, excitement, twists and turns, readers will pick this up and -- parents be warned -- stay up half the night reading to the end'

- Kid's Book Review

Published September 2010, 96pp, 197x130mm, Paperback



Leader of the Pack

When Skoz wakes up he finds he's got a bit of a chill. No, wait. Make that a LOT of a chill.

This time Skoz is going to have to give it all if he's going to find his way home. That's if he can make it past the big, furry, slobbery blue-eyed monsters ...

Want to know more about everyone's favourite sleepwalking dog?

Head to harpercollins.com.au and andrewdaddo.com, where you can write a review, download an activity pack and more!

Skoz's hilarious adventures continue in *All at Sea* and *Up in the Air* and *Ready, Steady... Kaboom!*, and watch out for more wacky sleepwalking tales coming soon.

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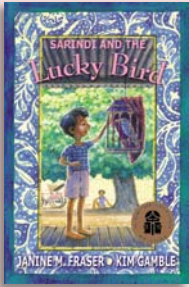
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Andrew Daddo is one of Australia's most popular television personalities. He started writing for children in 2001, when his first collection of stories, *Sprung!*, was published. Since then, Andrew has become the bestselling author of over 20 books, including the hugely successful picture book collaboration with Emma Quay, *Good Night, Me*. Andrew lives on Sydney's northern beaches with his wife and three children.

Judith Rossell worked as a CSIRO scientist, for a cotton spinning company, and studied textile design in Scotland before becoming a full-time illustrator. Her books include sumptuous maze books, puzzle books and picture books.

Janine Fraser

SARINDI SERIES

Sarindi and the Lucky Bird

(BOOK ONE OF FOUR)

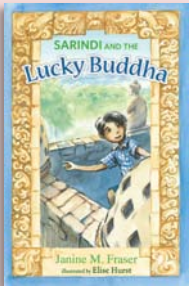
Sarindi put his last three marbles into the ring, and smoothed the dirt with his hand. He decided to give the red and blue marble one last chance. For luck he rubbed it behind his right ear, as Jaya did. He kissed his flicking thumb. Then he knelt and placed the marble just outside the ring, and leant his knuckles against the ground, and flicked ...

Sarindi thinks that luck is like a mischievous monkey, playing hide-and-seek. And luck seems to be hiding itself from Sarindi and his family. When Sarindi's father has an accident and loses his job as a becak driver, he decides they must go to the bird market and buy a Lucky Bird. Then perhaps their luck will change.

Sarindi's mother doesn't believe in luck like that, and she has an idea of her own. Does the magical song of the Lucky Bird change their luck, as Sarindi's father hopes? Does it change Sarindi's luck at marbles? Or do they make their own luck in the end?

- * First in the series featuring Sarindi and his family.
- * Beautiful black and white illustrations give the story an extra special dimension
- * Shortlisted, Children's Book Council Book of the Year Awards, 2002
- * Highly commended for Younger Readers in the Australian Family Therapists' Award for Children's Literature 2002

Published March 2001, 72pp, 204x147mm, Paperback



Sarindi and the Lucky Buddha

(BOOK TWO OF FOUR)

Sarindi is certain he will never be unlucky again when he wins the lucky marble from Jaya. But luck is more mischievous than a monkey. When Sarindi's mother becomes sick, Sarindi thinks that all the bad luck in the world has come to visit. He thinks there must be something he can do to help her get better.

This time, the song of the Lucky Bird won't work, so he visits all the sacred places he knows. At each, Sarindi prays for the good health of his mother, because who knows which prayer will succeed?

Published September 2009, 96pp, 198x128mm, Paperback



Sarindi's Dragon Kite

(BOOK THREE OF FOUR)

It's Sarindi's birthday, and what he wants more than anything else is the multi-coloured Dragon Kite he sees in the market. He thinks he's the luckiest boy when he wakes up and sees the kite, and he can't wait to go to the beach fly it with his father.

But later that day Sarindi wonders if luck has deserted them all. An earthquake has flattened the nearby town of Bantul, where Sarindi's cousins live. Suddenly, it is no time to be going on a birthday picnic, or flying a dragon kite. Sarindi and his father must go by becak to Bantul to see if they can help.

Have Sarindi's cousins survived the earthquake? And will it ever be time again to fly his beautiful kite?

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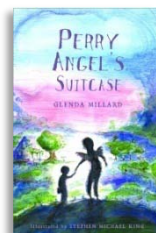
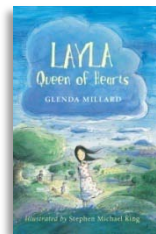
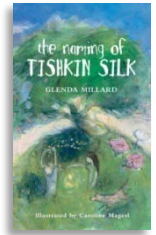
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Janine Fraser is the author of *Sarindi and the Lucky Bird*, which was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Awards and the CBCA Awards Young Readers category in 2002. She has also published *Abdullah's Butterfly*, which has been translated into several languages. Janine lives in Riddell's Creek, Melbourne.

Elise Hurst is a full-time artist and writer who lives in Melbourne, Victoria. She has over fifty books to her credit, including *The Night Garden*, which was shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards in 2008.

Glenda Millard KINGDOM OF SILK SERIES

The Naming of Tishkin Silk was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and was a CBCA Honour Book. *Layla, Queen of Hearts* was shortlisted in the CBCA Awards and won the Queensland Premier's Children's Book Award. *Perry Angel's Suitcase* was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and the WA Premier's Literary Awards and won the CBCA Book of the Year Award for Younger Readers. *All the Colours of Paradise* was shortlisted in the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards, and now, with *Plum Puddings and Paper Moons*, another chapter in this multi award-winning series is ready to be discovered.



Plum Puddings and Paper Moons

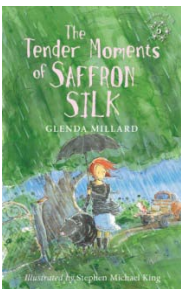
(BOOK FIVE OF SEVEN)

It's almost Christmas in Cameron's Creek and it's a time for wishes, big and small. But Scarlet, the oldest of the Rainbow Girls, is not so sure if wishes can come true. The kitchen at the Kingdom of Silk is warm and sweet with the smell of buttery shortbread and steamed plum puddings. And in the kitchen of the Colour Patch Café, Scarlet has made a new friend, Anik. When Anik tells Scarlet about his home far away and of all the things he has lost, Scarlet is determined to make a difference. And so she decides to declare peace on Cameron's Creek, and maybe even the world ...

'This is a book about making new friends, finding out if wishes can come true, and discovering that even a small change is still a step in the right direction. *Kingdom of Silk* is a wonderful series for young readers who are just discovering the joys of independent reading. It has the power to transport the reader to a land of whimsy and to connect with them on a deeper level. *Plum Puddings and Paper Moons* will be read and loved by readers who have followed the series from the beginning, and those who have only just discovered it.'

- Australian Bookseller + Publisher

Published October 2010, 128pp, 128 x 198mm, Paperback



The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk

(BOOK SIX OF SEVEN)

COVER NOT FINAL

'According to Nell, life is a mixture of moments. Some are tiny and tender, like holding a just-laid hen's egg to your cheek. Others, like falling in love with a new baby, linger far longer...'

Saffron, the youngest of the five Silk sisters, is just twelve years old when she has to leave the Kingdom of Silk, taking her unfinished book of hand-me-down history with her. No-one seems certain when or even if she will come home again.

In a large family, it's easy to be overlooked. What has her family learnt about Saffron since her Naming Day? So begins a journey into the mind and heart of Saffron Silk through the eyes of her

large and loving family ...

Another heart-warming addition to the multi-award winning and much loved Kingdom of Silk series.

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Rights Available: UK, Translation

Rights sold: five titles sold to Turkey (Pegasus Yayınevi), three titles sold to Slovenia (Boris Drevensek S.P.) and two titles sold to North America (Farrar, Straus & Giroux) Japan (Kumon Publishing) and Israel (Dani Books)

Glenda Millard has written picture books, short stories and novels for children and young adults and has won many prestigious awards for the books in the *Kingdom of Silk* series. Glenda lives in country Victoria with her family.

Emily Rodda

FAIRY REALM SERIES TWO

SERIES ONE

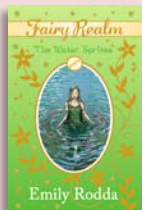


The Star Cloak (BOOK SEVEN)

It's time for the Realm's great festival — the Night of Wishes. Queen Helena will put on her Star Cloak and use its magic to grant wishes. There's just one problem: Giff the elf has accidentally damaged the Cloak!

Can Jessie convince the fairies of Stardust Mountain to fix the Star Cloak in time?

Published May 2011, 128pp, 199 x 127mm, Paperback



The Water Sprites (BOOK EIGHT)

The Water Sprites are angry. Their Moon Stone has been stolen! They won't return anything that floats down to their Finding Pool until the stone is returned.

Will Jessie be able to help the Water Sprites before they take something precious?

Published May 2011, 128pp, 198 x 128mm, Paperback



The Peskie Spell (BOOK NINE)

The magical world of the Realm is in trouble. A wild wind has brought mischievous Peskies down from the hills, and they're making life impossible! Not even Queen Helena knows what to do. Then Jessie comes up with an answer: an old, forgotten spell that will lead her and her friends on a fascinating journey — and straight into trouble.

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The Rainbow Wand (BOOK TEN)

A human child has become lost in the Realm and it's up to Jessie to find her. With the help of the magical Rainbow Wand, Jessie sets off to save the day — only to discover a terrible secret that threatens the peace and safety of the Fairy Realm.

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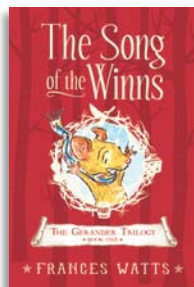


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Emily Rodda is one of the most successful children's authors in Australia and around the world. Her books include the phenomenally successful *Deltora Quest* series, which has sold nearly 15 million copies worldwide, across 25 different languages, and is one of the most popular children's fantasy series ever written. She has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year (Younger Readers) Award a record five times. Emily seems to know instinctively what children want to read!



Frances Watts

The Song of the Winns

(BOOK ONE)

'Alistair has been kidnapped!'

Alex, Alice and Alistair think they are just three ordinary mice, until Alistair mysteriously vanishes. Then Alex and Alice learn a secret about their family: a secret which means Alistair's life is in danger — unless Alex and Alice can find him first ...

So begins a hair-raising journey as Alex and Alice try to outrun enemy agents in a desperate race against time.

Meanwhile, Alistair is astonished to find himself in a far-off land where everyone — except his new friend Tibby Rose — is his enemy. But why? Pursued at every turn, the pair must try to unravel the mystery. And when they do, they discover that it is not only their own lives which are in peril ... the future of an entire country is at stake.

Says Frances Watts: 'When I first started writing *The Song of the Winns*, I set out to write the kind of book that I loved as a child: something fast paced and full of adventure, with characters that I would get to know and love. A book which was funny but could also move me. I wanted it to be a BIG story, too, a story to make the reader think about power and its exercise, about responsibility, about injustice (the book was fast becoming a trilogy!). As Uncle Ebenezer says, "All that is necessary for evil to prosper is for good mice to do nothing."'

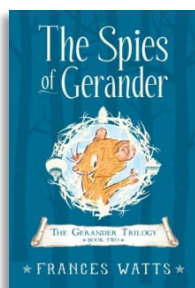
'Alex and Alice follow a trail of treachery and deceit, laced with plenty of adventure, wisdom and humour, in their quest to rescue Alistair. This is a terrific read, delightfully illustrated, with more to come.'

- *The Bookseller + Publisher* Five star review

'In this trilogy, Watts has shown herself to be a talented novelist, creating what are sure to become classic stories and characters that children will enjoy time after time — and generation after generation'

- *Kids Book Review.*

Published September 2010, 304pp, 198 x 128mm, Paperback



The Spies of Gerander

(BOOK TWO)

'It had been four years since the triplets had seen their parents — and for most of that time, they'd thought their parents were dead ...'

Alistair, Alice and Alex have returned home safe from their adventures, but now that they know their homeland is in danger they can't sit by and do nothing. Together with their friend Tibby Rose, they join FIG — an organisation working to free Gerander from the rule of greedy Queen Eugenia of Souris.

Posing as orphans, Alex and Alice are sent on a risky undercover mission in a desperate attempt to learn the Sourians' plans — only to encounter some old enemies ... and some new

ones.

Meanwhile, Alistair and Tibby Rose set out to rescue Alistair's parents from an enemy prison. But someone is determined to stop them — someone who seems to know their every move. Is it possible FIG has a traitor?

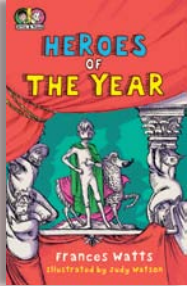
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THE GERANDER TRILOGY

The Secret of Zanzibar
BOOK THREE
October 2012



Frances Watts & Judy Watson

Heroes of the Year (BOOK FOUR)

EXTRAORDINARY ERNIE SERIES

'A moustache?' Super Whiz demanded.

'On the mayor?' gasped Valiant Vera.

'Didn't she always have one?' said Desmond.

Extraordinary Ernie and Marvellous Maud have a good chance of winning the Heroes of the Year award—until a pencil-wielding fiend starts to wreak havoc in Baxter. Can Ernie and Maud stop Pencil Pete and win the golden trophy?

'a tale of patience, courage and, above all, friendship'

- *Sunday Mail Adelaide*

'Perfect for early readers with a sense of humour and a love of alliteration'

- *Sunday Age Melbourne*

'a fantastic new series for young readers'

- *Bendigo Weekly*

'very funny ... There is plenty to entertain proficient readers. Highly recommended'

- *Aussiereviews.com*

'entertaining and unusual. I would recommend it for all ages'

- *Illawarra Mercury*

'With themes of bravery, understanding and overcoming fears, this is a fresh take on the superhero ideal with plenty of giggles'

- *Sun-Herald*

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Frances Watts was born in Switzerland and moved to Sydney when she was three. She worked as a bookseller and editor for nearly ten years before she began her writing career. Her first picture book, *Kisses for Daddy* (illustrated by David Legge), was an Honour Book 2006 CBCA Awards and has sold thousands of copies around the world. Her next two picture books with David Legge, *Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books* and *Captain Crabclaw's Crew*, both won accolades in the CBCA Awards. She is also the author of the *Extraordinary Ernie* series for younger readers.

Judy Watson is the talented illustrator of the *Extraordinary Ernie and Marvellous Maud* series (written by Frances Watts) and several books in the *Aussie Bites* series. Judy lives in a seaside town in Victoria, with her husband and two children.

