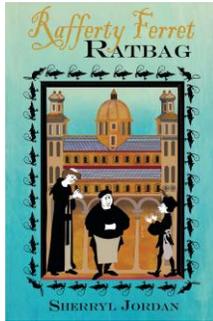


# Storylines Christmas List 2019

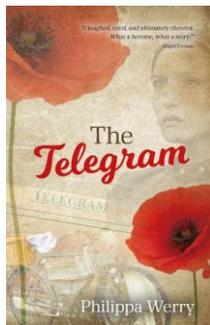


## Junior Fiction



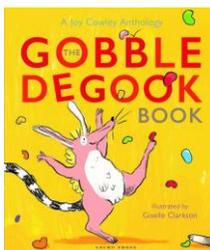
***Rafferty Ferret: Ratbag*, by Sherryl Jordan  
One Tree House. Ages 10+**

A riveting tale of a medieval orphan using his wits and cunning to survive. Rafferty Ferret finds himself in many awkward situations but he has a quick mind and is suddenly employed as a rat-catcher. Soon the pennies are flowing in and his fortunes are on the rise. His kind nature sees him helping a friend and gaining his own happy ending too. Sherryl Jordan is a master of historical novels that are entertaining as well as thoughtful.



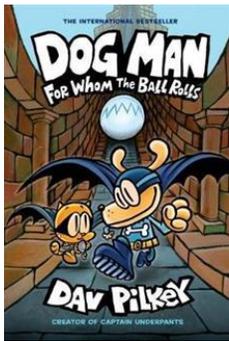
***The Telegram*, by Philippa Werry  
Pipi Press. Ages 12+**

Set in a small town in New Zealand during World War 1, this book describes the experiences of a 14 year old girl who became the first telegram-girl for the Post Office. A sensitively written story about the devastating impact of the war on young people, and their courageous response; a sad but beautifully written book for intermediate age readers.



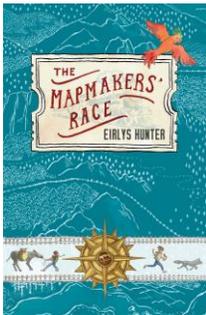
***The Gobbledegook Book*, by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Giselle Clarkson  
Gecko Press. Ages 8+**

A fabulous collection of much-loved Joy Cowley stories including some you may not have read before, all brought to life with bright and engaging illustrations from the talented Giselle Clarkson. Recommended for all children and their families.



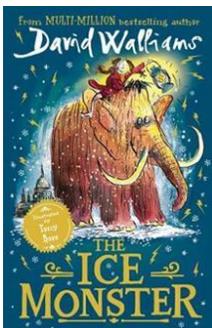
***Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls*, by Dav Pilkey**  
Scholastic US. Ages 8+

The latest in the Dog Man series from an author who gets what kids find funny! These books are highly popular in both primary and intermediate schools and fly off the library shelves, with engaging stories with loads of general silliness and laughs. Told in graphic novel format, they are great for reluctant readers and those who find text-heavy books a bit hard going.



***The Mapmakers Race*, by Eirlys Hunter.**  
Gecko Press. Ages 8+

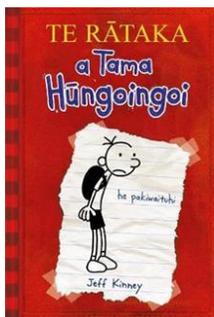
Set somewhere in New Zealand about one hundred years ago, five children who have 'misaid' their parents compete on their own against aggressively competitive teams to find, and map, a route through perilous country. An exciting story with convincing characters which one eight year old reader claimed was the best book she had ever read – even better than Harry Potter.



***The Ice Monster*, by David Walliams, illustrated by Tony Ross**  
HarperCollins. Ages 8+

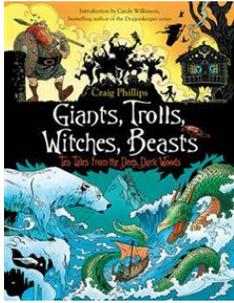
When Elsie, a young orphan, hears of the arrival of a mysterious Ice Monster – a woolly mammoth discovered at the North Pole – she's desperate to find out more. A chance encounter brings Elsie face to face with the creature, and sparks the beginning of the adventure of a lifetime – from London to the heart of the Arctic. The Ice Monster is a comedic tale of adventure, possibility and the glorious unlikely friendship of a ten-year-old girl and a 10,000-year-old mammoth. The characters and atmosphere are vividly brought to life by

Tony Ross' stunning line illustrations.



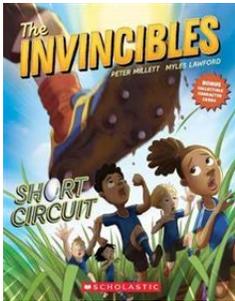
***Te Rātaka a Tama Hūngoingoi - The Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Te Reo Edition)* by Jeff Kinney**  
Penguin. Ages 8+

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series is a huge favourite with primary and intermediate age readers, and this is the first in the series now available in te reo Māori.



***Giants, Trolls, Witches, Beasts*, by Craig Phillips  
Allen & Unwin. Ages 8+**

Myths and legends from around the world featuring witches, dragons and mythical creatures are brought to splendid life in a range of comic formats. Each tale has its own distinct style and colour palette. A skillful use of different viewpoints and a range of frames and layouts make for lively reading and bring freshness and vitality to familiar and lesser known tales, providing a rich visual storytelling experience.



***The Invincibles 2: Short Circuit*, by Peter Millett, illustrated by Myles Lawford  
Scholastic NZ. Ages 8+**

The second book in a new series about a group of kids who suddenly find themselves with super powers, but there's a catch... the powers only last for 80 minutes (the length of a rugby game). During that time these heroes have to save the day and the game by stopping a villainous plot. This is a popular series and great to entice sports-mad readers.



***Showtym Adventures: Pepe, the Beach Stallion*, by Kelly Wilson  
Penguin. Ages: 8+**

The latest in this popular series of stories. Each story is inspired by the real ponies the famous Wilson sisters trained and loved as they were growing up. Known around the world for their skills in riding and training, the Wilson sisters starred in their own fascinating TV show about their life with horses. Thankfully for us, Kelly is also a great writer! Popular with those who love all things pony, and also with those who love stories where the characters have to overcome difficulties.