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Feast of Facts Term One, 2003

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booklist

I am a Fish

Wade Doak

Reed, 1999

Pb 1869488180

One of New Zealand's foremost experts on the undersea world introduces fourteen fish commonly found in the waters around New Zealand. There are large coloured photos and basic information about each fish with captions explaining size, where they are found and why they are unique. FP

My Goose Betsy

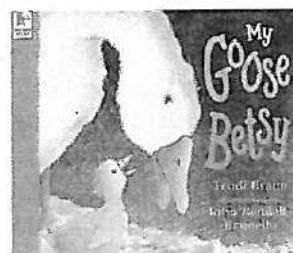
Trudi Braun

Illustrated by John Bendall-Brunello

Walker Books, 2000

Pb 0744572819

Betsy the goose has smooth soft feathers and carefully pecks the fluffy down from her breast to line her nest. A warmly told story, delightfully illustrated, with plenty of facts that are never intrusive. Recommended for preschoolers. FP



Sweet as a Strawberry

Sally Smallwood

Zero to Ten, 2002

HB 1840892285

This sturdy book is a striking introduction to fruit for small children. Clear photographs show a child (from a variety of ethnic backgrounds) with each fruit (pineapple, kiwi fruit, banana, sultanas, coconut, apple, strawberry and lemon), how the fruit grows and a flap to be lifted to discover how the fruit is prepared to be eaten with the under flap offering other foods of similar tastes and texture. Companion to Cool as a Cucumber. Great to share with toddlers onwards. FP



Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes.

A First Book All About You.

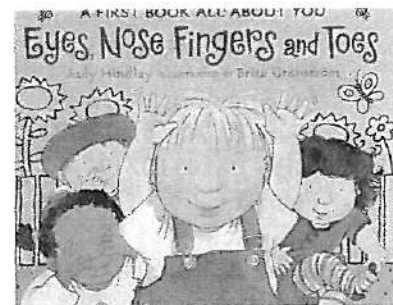
Judy Hindley

Illustrated by Brita Granstrom

Walker, 1999

Hb, 0744528496

An energetic parade of children from a variety of ethnic backgrounds hide their eyes, sniff, laugh and wiggle in accompaniment to the lively rhyme of this book. Great to share with the youngest preschoolers. FP

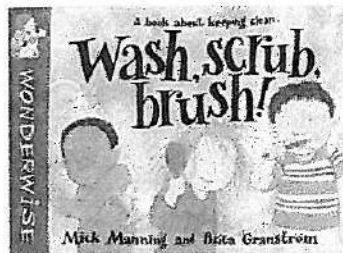


Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born

Jamie Lee Curtis, illustrated by Laura Cornell

HarperCollins, 2000
ISBN 0064435814

This is a wonderful book to share with anybody, but especially adopted children. It will make them feel as special as they should be, as it emphasises how much the little girl's parents wanted her and how very, very happy they were to finally meet her. The illustrations are simple and cartoon-like, and ooze warmth and charm. Recommended for ages 3 and over. AC.



Wash, Scrub, Brush!

Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
Watts, 2000
Pb 074963684X

This bright and lively introduction to the basics of hygiene, not only shows energetic children caring for their bodies throughout the day, but also gives salient facts of how some animals keep clean as well. One title from the excellent Wonderwise series of non-fiction for very young children. FP

Babar's Yoga for Elephants

De Brunhoff, Laurent
Harry N. Abrams, 2002
ISBN 0810910217

Fantastically original introduction to Hatha Yoga for children. Babar explains how prehistoric elephants invented yoga and now modern-day elephants are embracing it to gain control in the stressful modern world. Babar then

demonstrates and explains various yoga positions. At work, our theory is that elephants are used because small children have the same sort of body type and bending ability! Also cute are the pictures of Babar and Celeste matching their yoga positions with famous sites around the world, the Proud Warrior and the Eiffel Tower, for instance. Recommended for sharing with children from 3 and up. AC.



**For Every Child
The Rights of the Child in words and pictures**

Text adapted by Caroline Castle
Phyllis Fogelman Books 2001
In assoc. with UNICEF
Hb ISBN 0 8037 2650 3
An introduction to basic human rights with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (54 rights adopted in 1989 by the UN). Simple inspiring text that even the youngest child can understand. Each of the featured fourteen rights are spread over a double page of stunning artwork by some of the world's most acclaimed illustrators including Racel Isadora, John Burningham, Calude Munoz and Phillipe Dumas. For all ages. KA



Wildlife Stuff

Dave Gunson
Scholastic, 1999
Pb 1869434056

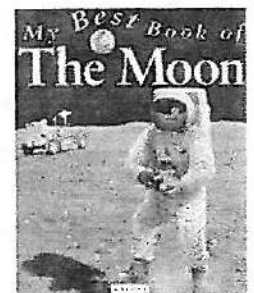
Dave Gunson has used a low key alphabetical organization in this fun look at New Zealand wildlife. The information is organized into snippets of facts accompanied by witty asides attributed to the featured wildlife. Great for four to ten year olds. FP



Hair in Funny Places

Babette Cole
Red Fox,
Pb 0099266261

Babette Cole explains puberty to a young girl in her own inimitable fashion by using the changes that her parents passed through as they grew up. This covers the basic facts of body and emotional changes in a non threatening way. Mr and Mrs Hormone are the villains here! FP



My Best Book of the Moon

Ian Graham
Kingfisher 1999
ISBN 0753403056 Hb
ISBN 075340416 8 Pb

All you need to know about the moon and introducing the technology from the Apollo moon landings. Eye catching full page artwork delights along with the simple descriptions and clear close-up illustrations. 4-7 yrs KA



Kapai's Water Wise

Uncle Anzac

Random House NZ 2001

ISBN 1 86941 446 2

Teaches water safety in a variety of environments such as at the beach, rivers lakes, fishing and on the farm. Catchy rhymes and colourful illustrations. Endorsed by the Water Safety Council NZ.

Also **Kapai's Fire Wise**

With NZ Fire Service 2002

ISBN 186941500 0

4-8yrs. KA

I wish I were... a fairy

Ivan Bulloch and Diane James

Two-Can Publishing, 1998

ISBN (hbk) 1854345125; ISBN

(pbk) 1854345141

A lovely little craft book, perfect for girls, although boys are included with pixies and gnomes. The crafts include: making fairy cakes; wings; gnome beards; toadstools and crowns. Recommended for ages 5 to 8. AC.

Make-it-work! Dinosaurs

Andrew Haslam, written by

Mike Benton

Two-Can and Franklin Watts, 2000 (originally published 1996)

ISBN (hbk) 1587283646

ISBN (pbk) 1587283522

Dinosaurs are always popular, but this title extends the subject into craft areas. You can make a dinorama or excavate a fossil dig. Wonderfully grubby and hands-on activities for dino-fans. Recommended for ages 5-8. AC.

The Albatross

Barbara Todd

Nature Kids Series

Reed 2002

Pb ISBN 1 86948 713

An interesting contents page with such listings as, Who, What, Where? Dinnertime, And help save us. Brief accurate information about albatrosses is accompanied by excellent photographs, particularly those showing feather changes as the birds mature. There is a very basic index on the inside back cover. Easily accessible information for children 5-8.

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Also available in this series are The Kea, The Kiwi, The Orca, The Weta, Penguins, Seals and Sea Lions.

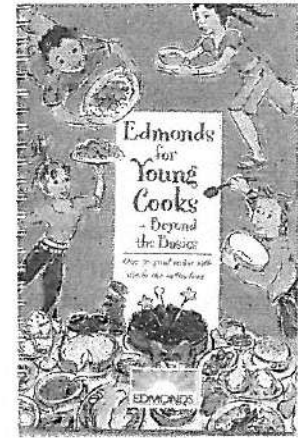
Until I Met Dudley: How Everyday Things Really Work

Roger McGough, illustrated by Chris Riddell

Frances Lincoln, 1999

ISBN (pbk) 0711211299

A young girl's imagination has free range - she knows how toasters and dishwashers (for example) work - until she meets Dudley. Dudley explains that it's not DRAGONS but ELECTRICITY that makes toasters work. A lovely way to introduce technology to children, although it must be said that the girl's explanations are far more interesting. Riddell's illustrations are beautiful, as can be expected by this artist. The page layout is user-friendly and invites exploration. Personal favourite - the picture of how bagpipes work. Recommended for ages 5 to 8. AC.



Edmonds for Young Cooks. Beyond the Basics.

Sue Lyons

Illustrated by Deborah Hinde.

Hodder Moa Beckett, 2003

1869589084

Breakfast, lunch, dinner - and baking as well. This is a selection of easy-to-follow recipes to encourage the young cooks in your family. It builds on the skills learnt in the Junior Cook Book and offers attractive trendy food with ingredients that are easily sourced. There are clear instructions for each recipe. FP

The Dinosaur Cookbook

Theo Baynton

Scholastic, 1993

Pb 1869431901

Theo Baynton was nine when his collection of dinosaur-inspired recipes was first published. There are easy recipes that even preschoolers can help with. Fun to share with young dinosaur fans. FP

Yates Gardening for Kids

By Janice Marriot

Harpercollins NZ 2002

ISBN 1869504380

A colourful introductory book on how to grow plants from seeds to start a garden. As well as practical details the book includes elementary earth and plant science, and games, jokes and puzzles.

6-9. HB

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE! SERIES

Various authors, illustrated
David Antram
Hodder Wayland

This series can best be described as *Horrible Histories* for younger children. The illustrations are bright and quirky in caricature style. The information is presented in bite-sized pieces, with handy hints to help you survive. Includes glossary and index. More information is available from the series creator's website: <http://www.salariva.com/wouldnt/pages/wouldnt.html>.

Some of the books available are:

You Wouldn't Want to be a Victorian Miner!: a Job You'd Rather Not Do

John Malam,
ISBN 0750235985

You Wouldn't Want to be a Victorian Schoolchild!: Lessons You'd Rather Not Learn

John Malam
ISBN 0750236019

You Wouldn't Want to be Married to Henry VIII!: a Husband You'd Rather Not Have

Fiona Macdonald
ISBN 0750235969

You Wouldn't Want to be a Roman Gladiator: Gory Things You'd Rather Not Know

John Malam, 2000
ISBN 0750030666 :

You Wouldn't Want to be a Viking Explorer!: Voyages You'd Rather Not Make

Andrew Langley, 2001
ISBN 0750232552

You Wouldn't Want to be an Egyptian Mummy!: Disgusting Things You'd Rather Not Know

David Stewart, 2000
ISBN 075003064X

Recommended for ages 7 to 10.
AC.

Maori Animal Myths

Warren Pohatu
Reed Children's Books, 2001
ISBN 1-86949-707-9

Animals were considered very important by early Maori – they were all descended from Rangī and Papa. This book delves into some of the legends of the past in which animals played a special part. The text is relatively short and to the point. The illustrations dominate the book and they are simply stunning. The perfect twin to this book is *Traditional Maori Legends*, produced and illustrated in the same format.
7- 10yrs RT

A Life Like Mine

Unicef/Dorling Kindersley
2002

Hb ISBN 0 7513 3982 2
How children live around the world is the subtitle of this fine hardbacked book which is a must for both public and school libraries and a book for families to enjoy. The layout is outstanding. The activities of children from around the world are broadly grouped under survival, development, protection, and participation. Both simple and remarkable events in children's everyday lives are described. There are wonderfully expressive photographs, fascinating statistics graphically presented, children's comments and plenty of accurate, relevant and up to date information. A wonderful book to promote world understanding. CA

Pirate Diary - The Journal of Jake Carpenter

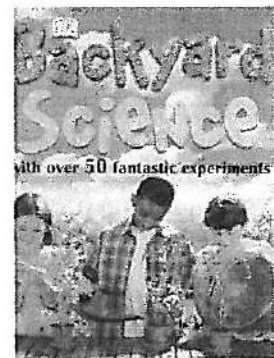
Richard Platt
Walker Books Ltd 2001
ISBN 0-7445-6233-3

Pirates are as popular as ever and to find a different way of presenting the information has been found in this picture book-like story of life for pirates in the 1700's. Jake writes a diary of his adventures on board the

Greyhound – we learn about the ship's biscuits (and the worms that live in them!), hammock sleeping, parts of the ship, the harsh punishments and all that a sailing life entails.

When pirates board the ship the real excitement begins and Jake recounts life among the pirates. Easy reading style and colourful pictures ensure this book will be devoured by boys of 8 – 11 especially.

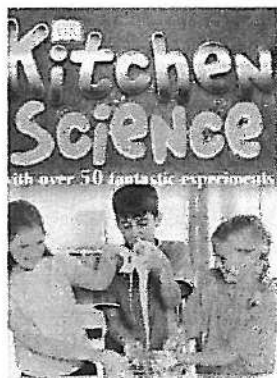
Castle Diary – The Journal of Tobias Burgess, Page (pub. 1999) is a similar style book set in medieval times. SM



Backyard Science

Chris Maynard
Dorling Kindersley 2001Hb
ISBN 0 7513 6253 2

A clear table of contents lists such topics as *Floating Around*, *Move it*, *Bug Safari*, and *After Dark*. In the double page spreads instructions are clearly presented, photographs demonstrate the activity and colour shaded panels highlight the scientific explanation. There is a range of activity that include bird feeding recipes, weather experiments and sound effects. Children are encouraged to respect the creatures that they are observing and to release them back into their natural environment. An interesting book for budding young scientists 8-10 yrs. CA



Kitchen Science

Chris Maynard

Dorling Kindersley 2001

Hb ISBN 0 7513 62503

The photographs of lively involved youngsters using common foodstuffs and kitchen equipment to develop scientific understanding make this a very user friendly book. Zany topic headings include *Double Bubble Trouble*, *Fizzical Reaction*, *Sour Power*, and *Under Pressure* will surely capture the attention of 8-12 yr olds. A great book for kids and it would also provide useful ideas for teachers to use when exploring science topics. CA

Wicked Words

Terry Deary, illustrated by Philip Reeve

Scholastic, 1996

ISBN 0590542575

One of the very popular *Horrible Histories* series, this book details the weird and wonderful story of the English language. Recommended for ages 8 and over. AC.

Skeleton

Steve Parker

Dorling Kindersley Pb 2002

(Eye Witness Series)

ISBN 07513 4736 1

The useful text covers a wide range of material on bones. There is a contents page, index, and glossary as well as a fascinating *Did you Know?* section. Each double page spread includes photographs and accurate diagrams. Basic information is presented in clear easy to read print. More specific

detailed information is in smaller print. A reference book suitable for primary and intermediate school libraries. CA

Art Fraud Detective: Spot the Difference, Solve the Crime!

Anna Nilsen,

illustrated by Andy Parker

Kingfisher, 2000

ISBN 0753404788

Published in association with National Gallery Company Limited, London.

A novel introduction to some famous paintings. An anonymous caller informs the Town Gallery's security guard, Mr Bassett, that 30 of the gallery's paintings have been stolen and replaced with frauds. Mr Bassett calls on the reader to help him solve the crime. An eye for detail (helped by the included magnifying glass), and a lot of patience are required to work through this book. Mr Bassett's tips definitely help you along, including setting up a grid to fit all the clues into. Recommended for ages 10 and over. AC.

Pick Up a Pack.

A Guide to Tramping and Camping the New Zealand way.

Keith Olsen.

Reed, 2003

Pb 1869487893

This large-sized paperback has a wealth of easily accessed information for both novice and experienced trampers in a variety of conditions. It covers the basics of equipment, first aid, hygiene, safety and food with many handy hints such as how to get socks dry at night (lay them across the top of your sleeping bag). The copious illustrations and captioned information will make this accessible for less able readers. FP

The Kauri

ISBN 1-86948-773-7

The Pohutukawa

ISBN 1-86948-774-5

Alina Arkins

Reed Children's Books, 2002

Two books in a new series called *New Zealand Trees*. They are both well set out, with superb photographic examples of the trees. The text is easy to understand, giving excellent information about where the trees grow, their life cycles, any relevant history (eg the gum trade), the ecology and a concluding chapter on conservation. I look forward to other New Zealand trees being included in this series as they are useful, readable reference books. RT

Chess - From First Moves to Checkmate

Daniel King

Kingfisher Publications Pic

2000

ISBN 0-7534-0447-8

It seems to me that children are still very keen on this complicated game, especially boys. The first part of this book looks briefly at the history of the game and a close study of each piece and the moves it can make. Of course, the fundamentals of the game are explained, some training exercises and then a few test examples to see if the reader had understood what he has read. "Did you know?" boxes provide interesting snippets. Part two talks about the World of Chess including World Championships, the longest and shortest games and other interesting facts and figures on famous chess players. The computer-generated illustrations are absolutely stunning and bring the pieces to life. RT



The Life-Size Guide to New Zealand Wildflowers.

Andrew Crowe
Penguin, 2003
Pb, 0143018477.

Andrew Crowe has extended his helpful identification guides to the wild flowers that we see around us. This time, he uses colour as the initial identification, and then groups plants under the number of petals and then other features. There are clear life-size coloured photographs of the greenery as well as the flowers, and a brief description which includes where it is likely to be found, whether it is poisonous, common usage as well as which country it originated from. Another very handy book for the home and school library. FP

The Life and Times of the Giant Kauri

Dave Gunson
Reed 2002
ISBN 1869487850

A fascinating account of a giant kauri tree, beginning 4000 years ago and following the progress of the tree through to the late 19th Century. A time line down the left side of each page, beginning before New Zealand was a separate entity gives a historical perspective. Full colour illustrations of the tree itself and of events happening at each stage of its existence make this a fascinating book for adults as well as children. 7+ HB.

Dinosaur New Zealand

Geoffrey Cox and Joan Wiffen
Harpercollins NZ 2002
Almost every child goes through a stage of being

obsessively interested in dinosaurs and this is the latest information on New Zealand's fossil record and prehistoric past. 8-12 yr olds. HB

**New Zealand Wild Series
Lizards**

Jenny Jones and Rod Morris
Reed 2002
ISBN 186948141
Jenny Jones works at Mt Bruce wildlife sanctuary and Rod Morris is one of our finest natural history photographers. They have produced an extremely attractive account of where and how lizards arrived in New Zealand, the difference between geckos and skinks and how we can help preserve these increasingly threatened species. 8-12yr olds. HB

The Shaping of New Zealand

Brian O'Flaherty
Reed 2002
ISBN 1869487397
An explanation of how our planet was formed, what's inside it and how New Zealand arrived at its present location on earth's surface. There are diagrams and colour photographs of the various landforms. Short-listed for NZ Post Award 2003. 8-12 yr olds. HB
Other titles in the series are The Tuatara, Penguins, Whales and Dolphins, Rocky Shore and Bats.

**New Zealand Way Series
Netball**

Gillian Whitley
ISBN 1869487222
Soccer
ISBN 1869487214
Each title follows the progress of a team of children learning the rules and skills of the game. Illustrated with colour photographs. 8+. HB
Other titles in the series are Big Game, Dairy Farm, Hangi, Helicopter Pilot, Pet Day, Possum Hunt, Sheep Station, Stranded and Vineyard.

Special Days Series

ANZAC Day

Labour Day

Waitangi Day

Kevin Boon
Kotuku Publications 2000
A useful guide to the meaning of 3 of our New Zealand public holidays. Suitable for primary and intermediate age children. HB

Kiwi Adventures Series

Sea Fishing with Crimpy

Daryl Crimp
Reed 2002
ISBN 1869487303
A CLFNZ Notable Book 2003.

Trout fishing

Gillian Torckler
Reed 2002
ISBN 186948732X
Both titles feature children learning about the equipment required for fishing, safety tips, skills and techniques and are illustrated with colour photographs.
Other titles in the series are Caving, Climbing and Abseiling, Rafting and Snorkelling. HB

Life-size guide to New Zealand Birds

Rod Morris
Random House, NZ 2002
ISBN 1-86941-527-2
Another in the interesting, informative and attractive "Life-size" guides to the natural world and wildlife of New Zealand. Rod Morris provides colourful and clear photographs of birds on the background in which you will find them, urban, rural, shoreline, etc. Having clearly identified their habitat, each subsequent page is repeated in black and white and provides information on each bird - their origins, description, diet, lifestyle and the threat to their survival. I can certainly recommend this for your home or school library, and it suits all ages. AL