

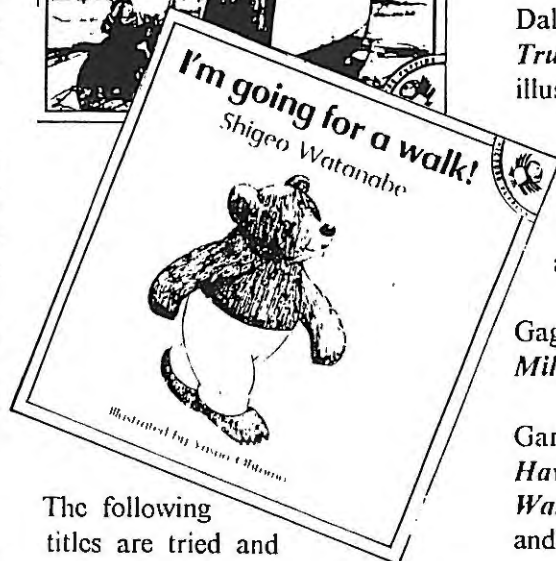
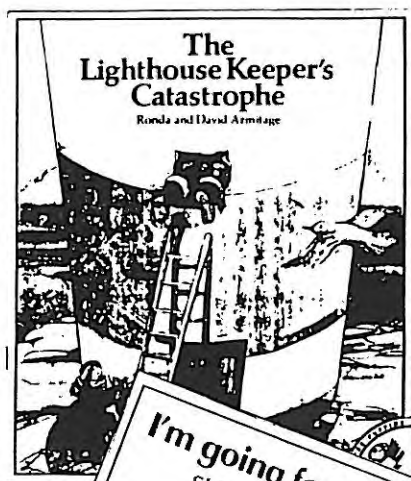
SOFT COVERS For Young Readers

Here is the list of favourite soft covered picture books that we promised last year. The introduction is repeated for those who are new members.

It is well worth building up a collection of these soft covered picture books if you parent or teach young children. They will get enormous pleasure from the well presented, superbly written and illustrated stories and following initial shared readings you will find children will go on to read them over and over again by themselves.

This experience is just as valuable to the toddler who recites favourite words and phrases by heart as he/she turns the pages, as it is to the five year old beginning reader or the seven year old needing independent material. Older children too, will continue to re-read and enjoy special favourites. Soft covered picture books are relatively inexpensive and will stand a good amount of wear and tear, lasting even longer with a strip of clear book tape down the spine.

Picture Puffins and those produced by Walker Books are among the best, but look out also for Picture Lions, Little Mammoth and Red Fox:



The following titles are tried and true

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan
Peepo!, Each Peach, Pear, Plum (Picture Puffins) ✓

Aliki
Feelings (Piccolo)

Allen, Pamela
Who Sank the Boat, Bertie and the Bear ✓
and many others (Picture Puffins)

Armitage, Ronda and David
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, The Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe ✓
and many others (Picture Puffins)

Bemelmans, Ludwig
Madeline's Christmas
one of many Madeline stories (Picture Puffins)

Blake, Quentin
Angelo (Picture Puffins)

Burningham, John ✓
Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, Grandpa
and many others (Picture Puffins)

Burton, Virginia Lee
Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel (Picture Puffins) ✓

Craig, Helen
Angelina Ballerina, Angelina's Christmas and others
illustrated by Katharine Holabird (Picture Puffins)

Dallas-Smith, Peter
Trumpets in Grumpetland
illustrated by Peter Cross (Walker)

Dodd, Lynley
Hairy Maclary's Bone, Rumpus at the Vet
and many others (Picture Puffins)

Gag, Wanda ✓
Millions of Cats (Picture Puffins)

Garland, Sarah
Having a Picnic, Doing the Washing
and others (Picture Puffins)

Gretz, Susanna
Teddybears go Shopping ✓
one of a series (Hippo Books)

Grindley, Sally
Knock Knock, Who's There?
illustrated by Anthony Browne (Magnet)

Hawkins, Colin
Cosmic Cat and the Pink Planet
one of a series (Picture Lions)

Hughes, Shirley ✓
Alfie Gives a Hand, Alfie's Feet
and many others (Picture Lions)

Hutchins, Pat ✓
Good-night Owl!, Rosie's Walk
and many others (Picture Puffins)

Ihaka, Kingi ✓
A Pukeko in an Ponga Tree ✓
illustrated by Dick Frizzell (Heinemann Reed)

Kerr, Judith ✓
The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Mog and the Granny (Picture Lions)



Nicoll, Helen and Pienkowski, Jan
Meg and Mog, Meg at Sea ✓
 and many others (Picture Puffins)

Oppenheim, Joanne and Reid,
 Barbara
Have You Seen the Birds?
 (Scholastic)

Ormrod, Jan
101 Things to do With a Baby
 (Picture Puffins)

Oxenbury, Helen
Tiny Tim
 verses for children chosen by Jill
 Bennett (Picture Lions)

Ross, Tony ✓
I Want My Potty, I Want a Cat
 and many others (Picture Lions)

Samuels, Barbara
Duncan and Dolores (Picture
 Puffins)

Sendak, Maurice
*Alligators All Around, The Sign
 on Rosie's Door*

Sutton, Eve ✓
My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes
 illustrated by Lynley Dodd (Picture
 Puffins)

Turnbull, Ann
The Sand Horse
 illustrated by Michael Foreman
 (Red Fox)

Turner, Gwenda
Playbook
 and many others (Picture Puffins)

Varley, Susan
Badger's Parting Gifts (Picture
 Lions)

Watanabe, Shigeo
I'm Going for a Walk
 illustrated by Yasuo Ohtomo
 one of a series (Picture Puffins)

Wells, Rosemary
Noisy Nora, Benjamin and Tulip
 and many others (Picture Puffins)

West, Colin
"Hello, Great Big Bullfrog!"
 (Walker)

Westcott, Nadine
The Lady with the Alligator Purse
 (Little Mammoth)

Zemach, Margot
The Little Red Hen (Picture
 Puffins)



DIARY

2 June 1998

David McKee

Author and illustrator

Dymocks Bookshop, Elliott Street

6 - 8pm

9 - 14 June 1998

Storylines Festival

30 June 1998

Annual General Meeting

6.30pm

Information Technology

A Double-Edged Sword

Three Kings Primary School

7.30pm

Obituary Caroline McDonald

We record with great regret the death of Caroline Macdonald. Although she had lived in Australia for a number of years she was a New Zealander, who had gained several New Zealand awards, notably the Choysa Bursary in 1983, the Esther Glen Award for *Elephant Rock* in 1984 and the Children's Book of the Year Award for *Visitors* in 1985.

Caroline Macdonald wrote, "Future fiction, science fiction, the supernatural and the mystical are the thematic areas I'm interested in. I like to suggest that there's a strange edge to be found in a mundane world. I enjoy forming characters who are for some reason removed from the usual processes of conditioning."

The statement sums up her work. Her characters are often separated from their peer group and are consequently more sensitive to the unusual, whether visitors from outer space, time slips, or challenging circumstances. Her writing style was always elegant, her characters well rounded. Her premature death at the age of fifty, is one which can only be a grave loss for all readers who respond to thoughtful and challenging literature.

Betty Gilderdale