

Whitcoulls

Kids'

TOP 50

Books

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2021/2022 List as voted by New Zealanders

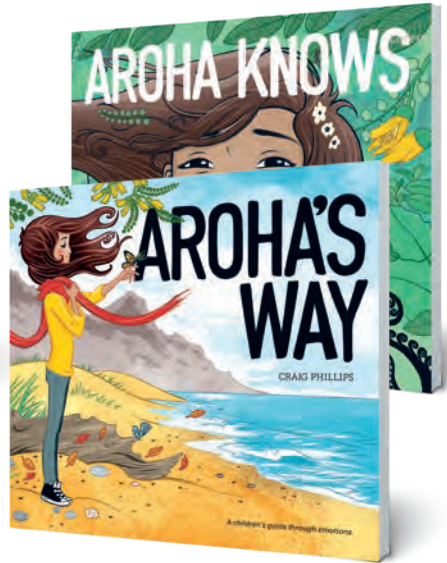
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1 Harry Potter Series

J.K. Rowling

For yet another year Harry Potter takes out our number one spot! His popularity is undiminished and it's exciting to see new generations of readers discovering these books and loving them just as much as his earliest fans. Harry rules supreme!



2 Aroha Series

Craig Phillips & Rebekah Lipp

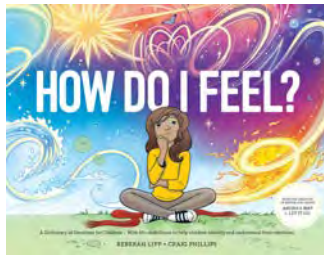
Lovely books which help children understand their feelings and give practical skills to help them cope, including the value of spending time in nature. 🐸



3 Dog Man Series

Dav Pilkey

Dog Man is a crime-biting canine who is part dog, part man and all hero! But can he resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?



4 How Do I Feel?

Craig Phillips & Rebekah Lipp

A dictionary of more than 60 feelings, beautifully explained and illustrated, to help children with their emotional literacy. 🐸



5 Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

Lynley Dodd

Hairy Maclary and all of his friends continue to capture the hearts and minds of some of our youngest readers. 🐸

Whitcoulls CATEGORY KEY

Use the colour coding guide to choose the best books for your reading age.

- 0-3 Years
- 3-5 Years
- 5-8 Years
- 8-10 Years
- 10-12 Years

6 Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series

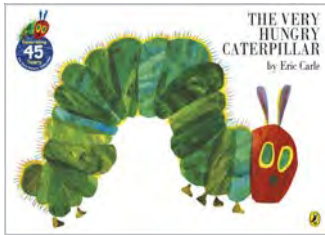
Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley keeps a diary about his rotten life, his dysfunctional family, and his best friend Rowley Jefferson - all of which worry him all of the time.

7 Wings of Fire Series

Tui T. Sutherland

An enthralling series of novels which focus on young dragons fulfilling prophecies in a fantasy world. There are many books in the series, and legions of young fans.



8 The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Eric Carle

The very famous very hungry caterpillar eats and eats and eats his way to adulthood. Available in several formats, including in te reo.

9 The Treehouse Series

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

This series of books about an amazing treehouse which just keeps getting taller and taller has a real sense of fun and adventure, and helps explain their massive popularity!

10 Dragon Defenders Series

James Russell

These books continue the adventures of Flynn and Paddy from the younger *Dragon Brothers* series, also on this list.



11 The Gruffalo

Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

A mouse encounters several dangerous animals on a walk through the woods (a fox, an owl and a snake). Intending to eat him they invite him back to their homes. The cunning mouse declines each offer.

12 Dragon Brothers Series

James Russell

A charming home grown series of books about brothers Flynn and Paddy, their dog Coco, and the island on which they live - and their adventures with dragons! These are for younger readers than the *Dragon Defenders* series.

13 The Wonky Donkey

Craig Smith & Katz Cowley

The book and CD are all about the spunky, hanky-panky cranky stinky lanky honky-tonky winky wonky donkey - which has become adored by all who read it.



14 Amulet Series

Kazu Kibuishi

This series follows the adventures of Emily, a young girl who discovers an amulet in her great-grandfather's house. Graphic novels are enjoying a surge in popularity.

15 The Little Yellow Digger

Alan & Betty Gilderdale

When the little yellow digger gets stuck in the mud, a range of bigger diggers are sent to finish the job. A true Kiwi classic!

16 Geronimo & Thea Stilton Series

Geronimo Stilton & Thea Stilton

Geronimo Stilton and his younger sister Thea are talking mice who live in New Mouse City on Mouse Island. Their adventures are many, and various.

17 The Babysitters Club Series

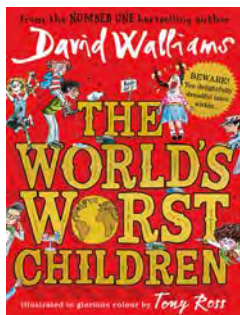
Ann M. Martin

A series about a group of friends who run a babysitting service. The books cover themes important to many young readers - such as moving house, illness and divorce.

18 The Bad Guys Series

Aaron Blabey

Mr Wolf. Mr Shark. Mr Snake. Mr Piranha. They're bad guys who want to be heroes and they're going to prove it by doing good deeds....whether YOU want them to or not.



19 The World's Worst Children Series

David Walliams & Tony Ross

The *World's Worst Children* series is David Walliams' unique take on the classic cautionary tale.

20 The Adventures of Captain Underpants Series

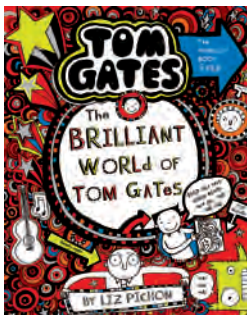
Dav Pilkey

Few things command disrespect like the sight of a man wearing white-tighties. However, bald and barefoot Captain Underpants just happens to be a superhero.

21 The Cat in the Hat

Dr. Seuss

The classic tale of the coolest, hippest cat in history! When the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, Sally and her brother are in for a roller-coaster ride of havoc and mayhem. Vintage Dr. Seuss!



22 Tom Gates Series

Liz Pichon

Tom Gates is a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire - and the bane of Mr Fullerman, his very grumpy teacher's life.

23 Code Name Bananas

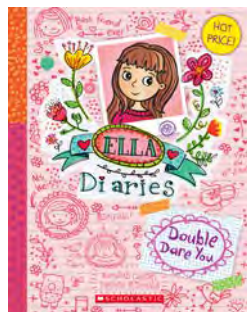
David Walliams & Tony Ross

A whizz-bang epic adventure of action, laughter and secret plots - and the extraordinary friendship between a little boy and a huge gorilla that just might save the day.

24 The World's Worst Parents

David Walliams & Tony Ross

Ten tales of the world's most spectacularly silly Mums and deliriously daft Dads - David Walliams knows exactly what kids want to read, and what makes them laugh.



25 Ella Diaries Series

Meredith Costain & Danielle McDonald

A series about Ella and her hopes, dreams, problems and friendships, written in diary form. Very relatable for young girls.

26 The Rainbow in My Heart

Jess Urlichs & Rebekah Ballagh

A rhyming picture book about the rainbow of feelings in our heart which helps little ones to express them.

27 Matilda

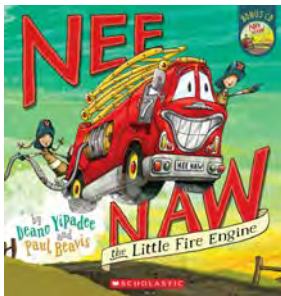
Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake

Matilda invents a game of punishing her parents when they treat her badly. She soon discovers that she has supernatural powers. Classic Dahl, beloved by millions.

28 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake

What child is not fascinated by the prospect of endless amounts of chocolate, and the possibility of winning something very special?



29 Nee Naw the Little Fire Engine

Deano Yipadee & Paul Beavis

Get your siren going and sing along as Nee Naw, the little fire engine, saves the day. 🐸

30 Percy Jackson Series

Rick Riordan

Percy is a troubled twelve year old diagnosed with both ADHD and dyslexia. After being attacked at school, he's escorted to Camp Half-Blood, built to train and protect Greek demigods, where he learns that his father is Poseidon, the god of the sea.



31 Ella & Olivia Series

Yvette Poshoglian & Danielle McDonald

Ella and Olivia are sisters and best friends who together share many of life's great adventures.

32 The BFG

Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake

The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) is a kind creature who blows dreams into children's rooms at night while they're asleep. Roald Dahl is as irresistible as ever.

33 Smile

Raina Telgemeier

An autobiographical graphic novel based on the author's own experiences at school. It's a coming-of-age story which will resonate with anyone who has ever tried to fit in.



34 We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury

Simply one of the most charming and easily repeatable picture books ever written. A copy should be in every single child's library!

35 WeirDo Series

Anh Do & Jules Faber

These illustrated books will keep young readers laughing as Weir and his friends navigate the trials of primary school. With an unforgettable name, a crazy family and some seriously weird habits fitting in won't be easy - but it will be funny!

36 Dork Diaries Series

Rachel Renée Russell

This series chronicles the daily life of Nikki Maxwell as she struggles to both fit in and survive middle school.

37 Kuwi's First Egg

Kat Merewether

Kuwi the kiwi has never had an egg before, so she's unsure how to look after it. When the egg cracks she worries it has broken but she's in for a surprise. 🐙

38 Where the Wild Things Are

Maurice Sendak

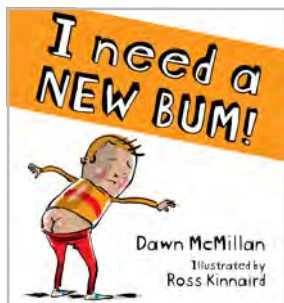
The story of Max's adventures when he sails away to The Land Where the Wild Things Are. A genuine classic, perfect for reading aloud together, and every child should have a copy.



39 Keeper of the Lost Cities Series

Shannon Messenger

This series follows the journey of Sophie Foster, who seems to be different from other humans. Not only is she a genius, but she also has an ability that no one else has: the ability to read minds.



40 I Need a New Bum!

Dawn McMillan & Ross Kinnaird
Quirky, slightly rude humour that young kids love - and takes a poke at Dad while it's at it!

41 Room on the Broom

Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
A story about a kind witch and her cat who are joined on the broom by a variety of animals. This is full of charming rhymes which bear endless repetition.



42 Megamonster

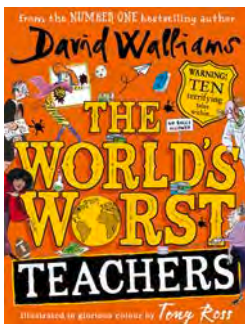
David Walliams & Tony Ross
On a volcanic island in the middle of shark-infested waters stands The Cruel School. The lessons are appalling, the school dinners are revolting and the teachers are terrifying.

43 Pages & Co. Series

Anna James
Books about the magic of books and the power of the imagination. When her favourite story characters appear, Tilly's adventures become very real.

44 Ernie and the Magic Kennel

Robert Rakete & Jeanette Thomas
Join Ernie, Benny and a colourful cast of adorable doggie pals on a magical journey of family and friendship around the world.



45 The World's Worst Teachers

David Walliams & Tony Ross
Think your teachers are bad? Wait til you meet this lot. These ten tales of the world's most splendidly sinister teachers will have you running for the school gates!

46 The Rainbow Fish

Marcus Pfister
The universal message at the heart of this simple story about a beautiful fish who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions, gives this book enduring value.

47 Hotdog Series

Anh Do & Dan McGuiness
Hotdog is a sausage dog who has lots of adventures with his friends Kev, the goofy cat, and Lizzie, a gutsy lizard.

48 Kiwicorn

Kat Merewether
This encourages pre-schoolers to recognise and celebrate their own individuality, and so develop the self confidence to be unique and proud of who they are.



49 Wonder

R. J. Palacio
Auggie is a ten year old with a terrible facial abnormality who's about to go to school for the first time. Can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

50 Funny Kid Series

Matt Stanton
The star of this series is Max - he's guaranteed to get everyone laughing, and there are lots of laughs to be had. There's a pet duck who is always getting him into trouble, and a devoted best friend Hugo who brings Max's hair-raising ideas to life. Perfect for fans of *Wimpy Kid* and *Tom Gates*.