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We produce around 40 new books each year, and maintain a backlist of over 1200 titles.

Our growing children's list is aimed at introducing young readers to themes in ecology, conservation and biology.

As well as books, we publish 27 peer-reviewed journals in animal, physical and plant sciences, health, agriculture and the natural environment, and *Double Helix*, a science magazine for kids aged 8-13 targeted at STEM.

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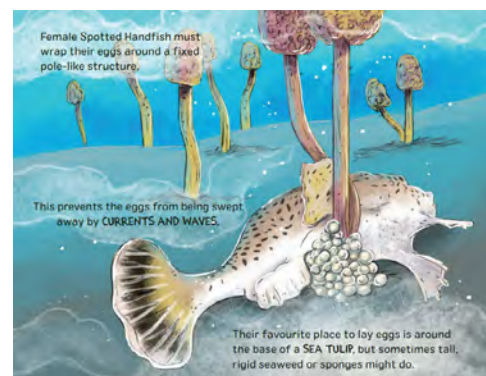
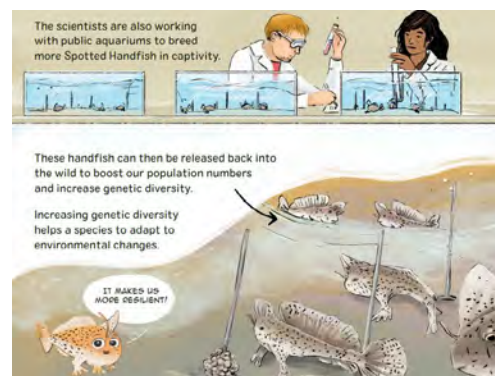
HOLD ON! SAVING THE SPOTTED HANDFISH >

A beautiful picture book about a quirky little fish that is famous for walking on its 'hands'.

Have you ever seen a fish that could do a handstand?

This is the story of a quirky and primitive little fish that is famous for two reasons: walking on its 'hands' (pectoral fins), and being one of the first marine fish in the world to be listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

The Spotted Handfish has survived since the time of the dinosaurs – until now. Invasive seastars, pollution and climate change mean that this unique Australian is in serious trouble – hands up if you want to know more!



DETAILS >

Publication: October 2020

Category: Picture Book

Extent: 32 pages

Dimensions: 220mm x 285mm

Binding: Hardback

RRP: AUD \$24.99

ISBN: 9781486311842

Rights Sold: China (Guangzhou Tianwen Kadokawa Animation & Comics)

Rights Held: World

AWARDS >

- Winner, The ACT Notable Awards, Children's 2020 (Big Press)
- Shortlisted, The CBCA Eve Pownall Award for Information Books 2021
- Shortlisted, The Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature 2021: Nonfiction
- Certificate of Commendation, The Royal Zoological Society of NSW 2021
- Whitley Awards: Threatened Species Conservation for Children

REVIEWS >

- "The informal narration style makes this a great book for younger readers, with accessible and personable language rather than hard, dry facts." - Juilie Bertola, *CBCA Reading Time*
- "Presented in a way that engages the reader with Handstand's story entwined and embedded with facts and accompanied by biologically-correct illustrations which have a childlike appeal." - Barbara Braxton, *The Bottom Shelf*

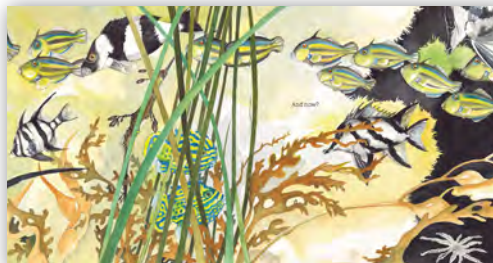
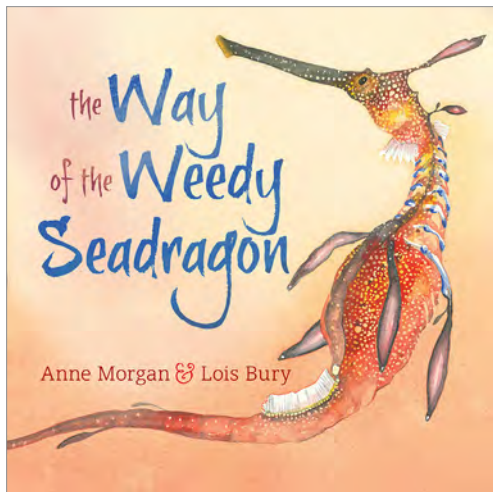
ABOUT THE AUTHOR >

Dr Gina M Newton is a scientist, science communicator and award-winning author of *Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks*. She's also a Past National President of the Australian Marine Sciences Association.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR >

Rachel Tribout is an illustrator and graphic designer from France based in Tasmania. She's the author and creator of *The Monsters of Tasmania* and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

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THE WAY OF THE WEEDY SEADRAGON >

Imagine a strange and colourful fish that can't fly or breath fire, but is an excellent dancer!

Meet the weedy seadragon, an amazing underwater species with a talent for camouflage, weird eating habits and a unique courtship dance.

This engaging and delightful story takes you under the sea to meet this amazing creature, and learn how we can help seadragons survive into the future. Written by Anne Morgan, and beautifully illustrated by Lois Bury, *The Way of the Weedy Seadragon* invites children to dive into the astonishing lives of one of the world's most curious sea creatures.



REVIEWS >

"Anne Morgan skilfully interweaves an abundance of information about these charming creatures with their life story." - Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder, *Canberra Times*

"Alongside Bury's delicate illustrations, Anne Morgan has crafted a text as graceful as the dragons' dance." - Barbara Braxton, *The Bottom Shelf*

"*The Way of the Weedy Seadragon* explores the natural world through a winning combination of carefully chosen, informative text and beautiful illustrations." - Sarah Steed, *Kids' Book Review*

"*The Way of the Weedy Seadragon* is a stunning book that provides readers with a glimpse of the underwater world and the incredible lives of the mysterious and colourful weedy seadragons." - Kristy Tidey, *Teaching Science*

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DETAILS >

Publication: February 2021
 Category: Picture Book
 Extent: 32 pages
 Dimensions: 250 x 250 mm
 Binding: Hardback
 RRP: AUD \$24.99
 ISBN: 9781486313952
 Rights Held: World

ABOUT THE AUTHOR >

Dr Anne Morgan is the Co-ordinator for the Tasmanian Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Anne trained as a Biology, Drama and English teacher, and has taught in Tasmania, the Northern Territory and China.

She has worked as a professional actor and journalist, in research and public sector administration, and in Public Information and Education at the Australian Antarctic Division in Kingston, and at the former National Oceans Office in Hobart

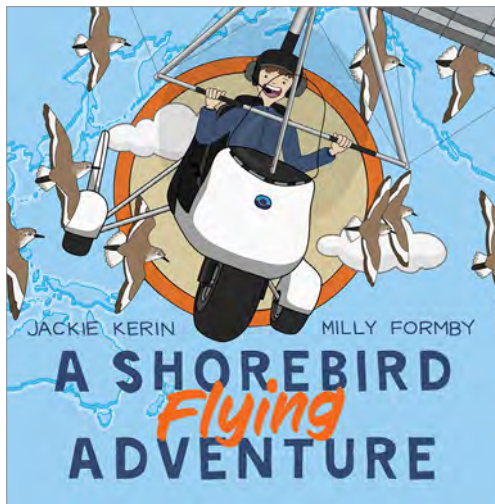
Her PhD in Writing won a university research medal. She also has a Master of Education degree. These days she has an adventure a day (real or imagined) at Adventure Bay, Bruny Island.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR >

Lois Bury is an illustrator based in Tasmania. She has illustrated several books for children, including *Annabel's Dance*, *The Moonlight Bird and the Grolken*, *Little Spot on Bruny Island*, *Quentin the Quoll on Bruny Island*, *Suzi P*, *the Swift Parrot on Bruny Island*, and *Billy's Bruny Island Garden*.

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A SHOREBIRD FLYING ADVENTURE >

Strap in for a flying adventure, following the amazing journeys of Australia's migratory shorebirds.

Join Milly on her microlight adventure and discover how amazing and awesome migratory shorebirds are!

In *A Shorebird Flying Adventure* you'll take a trip to the Arctic tundra and back. On the way you'll meet the birds who travel phenomenal distances every year and explore their precious wetland habitats and breeding grounds. Learn fascinating facts about their diet and find out Milly's top tips to tell one species from another. Grab your binoculars, hop on board and let's go bird watching!



REVIEWS >

- "[*A Shorebird Flying Adventure*] mirrors Milly's real-life adventure as she flies her microlight around Australia to raise awareness for migratory shorebirds in May–November 2022. The narrator's voice is enthusiastic and perfectly pitched to the audience, encouraging readers to be curious and interact with the text. The pages offer just the right amount of information, with attractive illustrations, infographics, captions, maps, and bitesize fact boxes." - Sharon Seymour, *CBCA Reading Time*
- "*A Shorebird Flying Adventure* is a fabulous introduction to migratory shorebirds and a reminder of the importance of wetlands for these birds and for the wider environment. A great book to explore at home or school, and to take on a beach trip for some closer discovery." - *Kids Book Review*

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ISBN: 9781486314492

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR >

Jackie Kerin is a storyteller and the author of several non-fiction illustrated books for children.

She has a deep interest in using her skills to bring people, especially children, closer to nature, to support their curiosity and encourage them to become agents for a better, kinder world.

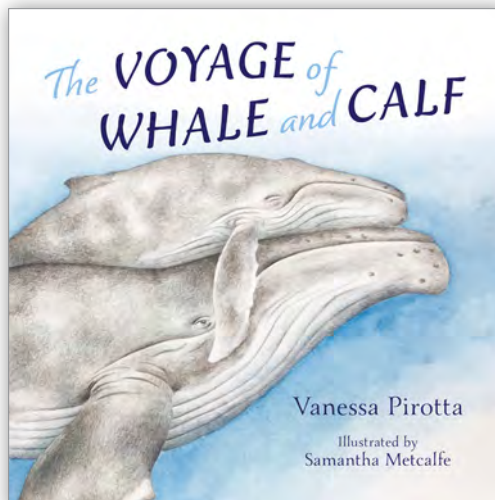
Jackie lives 12 kilometres from the city of Melbourne, west of the river, where migratory shorebirds visit every year.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR >

Amellia 'Milly' Formby is a zoologist, illustrator and bird fanatic, with a background in the arts and behavioural ecology. She is passionate about the conservation of shorebirds. She learned how to fly a microlight so she can fly 20,000 km around Australia, over 180 days, to raise awareness for this endangered group of birds.

You can follow her amazing journey around Australia at wingthreads.com

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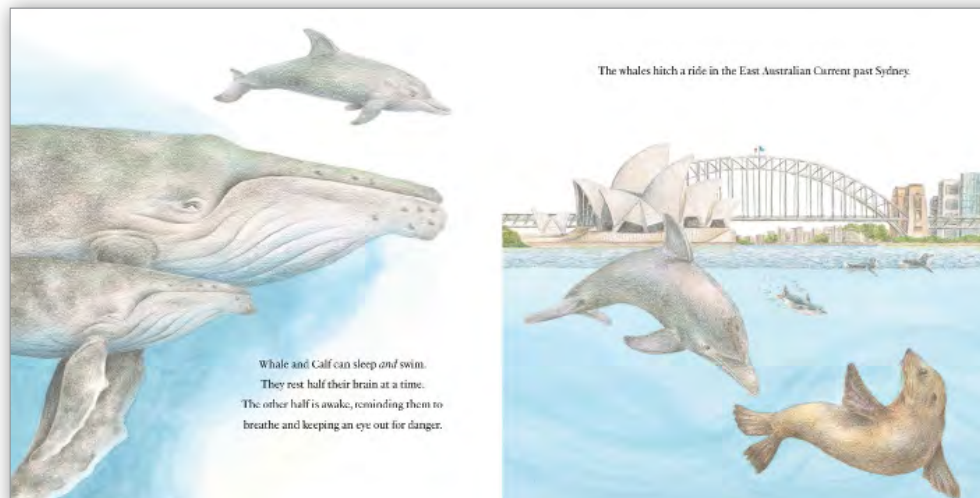
THE VOYAGE OF THE WHALE AND CALF >

Explores humpback whale migration and the role these magnificent mammals play in their marine environment.

Calf is a newborn humpback whale, venturing into an exciting marine world while being nurtured and cared for by his mother.

Join them as they travel along the east coast of Australia, meeting marine creatures.

See the challenges Calf and Whale face as they head down into the icy waters of Antarctica, and marvel at these amazing ocean giants. Suitable for readers aged 6-9 years.



FEATURES >

- Explores a year in the life of a humpback whale as he travels from the Great Barrier Reef to Antarctica
- Includes fascinating whale facts and timely information about environmental and human-made threats to marine life.

REVIEW >

"Readers will learn about breeding, feeding, communication, food chains and some of the threats faced by whales. Non-fiction information is softened by lyrical descriptions – 'painting a picture' rather than just recounting the facts. Samantha Metcalfe specialises in wildlife illustration, and this is evident in the detail and realism of her illustrations." - *CBCA Reading Time*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR >

Dr Vanessa Pirotta is a wildlife scientist and science communicator. Her work is primarily focused on the use of innovative technology for wildlife conservation. Vanessa has travelled the world for humpback whale research, and her most famous research involves the use of drones to collect whale snot!

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR >

Samantha Metcalfe is a natural history illustrator who finds inspiration in the unique biodiversity of the Australian bush. Working primarily in colour pencil, her realistic and detailed illustrations often focus on capturing Australia's native flora and fauna.

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POO, SPEW AND OTHER GROSS THINGS ANIMALS DO! >

Why are some animals so gross?

Poo, Spew and Other Gross Things Animals Do! will show you how being gross isn't just hilarious - it can be an important survival strategy for animals all over the world.

Take a deep breath, and dive deep into the world of poo, spew and other gross things animals do to make a living.



FEATURES >

- Introduces sophisticated scientific ideas and interviews real scientists including an ecologist and entomologist
- Fun illustrations help reluctant readers engage with scientific concepts.

REVIEW >

"The book looks quite beautiful for something so disgusting. It's very well credentialed and is laid out perfectly – almost magazine style – in bite-sized chunks with plenty of colour and a welcome variety of information. Interesting photographs and delightful artworks accompany the terrifying text to heighten the interest and embellish some of the more descriptive passages. Pun intended." - *Kids' Book Review*

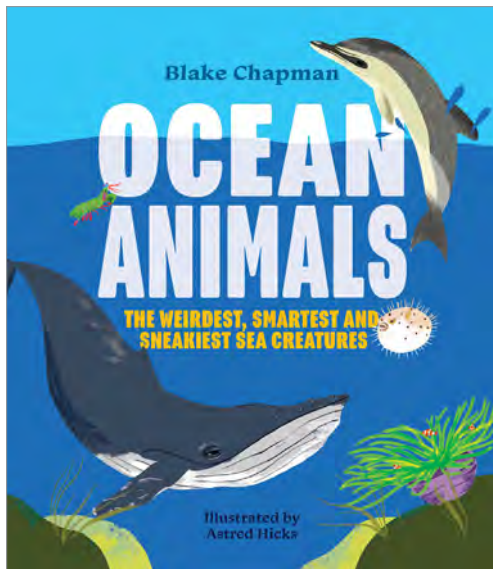
ABOUT THE AUTHORS >

Nic Gill is a Tasmanian author, environmental writer and conservation dog handler. Her writings on nature, humans and other animals have featured widely in Australian publications.

She was shortlisted for the 2016 Bragg UNSW Press Prize for Science Writing, and her first book for children, *Animal Eco-Warriors* (CSIRO Publishing 2017) received the Froggatt Award for Communications from the Invasive Species Council in 2017, and was listed as a Notable Book by the Children's Book Council of Australia in 2018. Nic's dog, Zorro, is a Tasmanian masked owl vomit detection dog!

Romane Cristescu is actually Dr Cristescu! She trained and worked as a vet in France, before relocating to Australia via Africa to study koala genetics for her PhD. She is one of the founders of the University of the Sunshine Coast's Detection Dogs for Conservation Lab, and the owner/handler/manager of a range of Very Good Dogs who specialise in finding animals and their poo. She is also a poo science evangelist, who likes nothing more than holding forth at otherwise polite parties, discussing the illuminating qualities of animal excrement.

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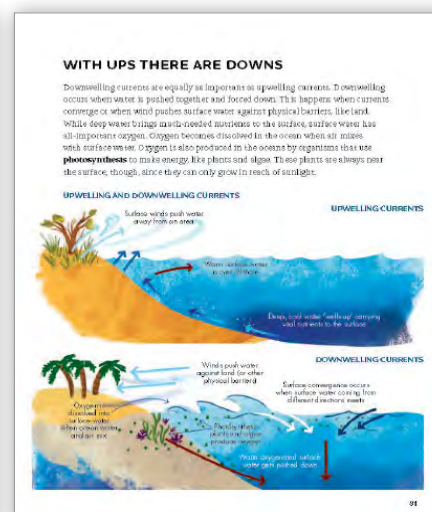


OCEAN ANIMALS: THE WEIRDEST, SMARTEST AND SNEAKIEST SEA CREATURES >

Deep dive into the world of ocean animals and discover how they survive and thrive.

Ocean animals come in every size, colour and shape imaginable. They are also some of the weirdest, sneakiest and smartest animals on the planet! Kids will discover extra-incredible creatures that are masters of defence and others that use high speeds to eat or avoid being eaten, big and small creatures that use their size as an advantage, and others that are just really, really smart!

Suitable for readers aged 9-12 years, teachers, educators and parents.



KEY SELLING POINTS >

- Engaging content that makes learning easy and fun.
- Full of fun facts, 'sea-lebrity' species profiles and amazing pictures.
- Learn about issues threatening marine life and tips on how to help protect our amazing ocean environments.

REVIEW >

"Blake Chapman has loaded this book with some catchy headings and then in depth, yet child-friendly facts, to educate those who want to know more about the animals we don't always think about." - Vanessa Ryan-Rendall, *Educate.Empower*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR >

Blake Chapman has a BSc (Hons) and PhD in marine science, and is an Adjunct Research Fellow at The University of Queensland, School of Biological Sciences. She has a love for the ocean and a drive for promoting conservation through education and science communication.

Blake's first book, *Shark Attacks: Myths, Misunderstandings and Human Fear*, was published in 2017 by CSIRO Publishing. She has also has written several articles for popular science magazines, and is currently the Sharks Editor-at-Large for *Australian Geographic*.

www.australiangeographic.com.au/australian-geographic-presents/blake-chapman/



ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR >

Astred Hicks is an award-winning book designer, illustrator and author. She has been designing books for over 10 years through her Sydney-based business Design Cherry.

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A HOLLOW IS A HOME >

Take a peek into the world of tree hollows and the Australian animals that call them home.

A tree hollow is more than just a hole or tunnel in a tree or branch - to an animal it may be a bedroom, hiding place, nursery or shelter. Discover over 340 Australian animals that use tree hollows as places for resting, nesting or hiding. Full of fun facts about glorious gliders, darting dunnarts, minute microbats and many more. Suitable for readers aged 9 - 12 years.

Shortlisted, **The Wilderness Society's Environment Award for Children's Literature 2020: Non-Fiction**

Shortlisted, **The CBCA Eve Pownall Award for Information Books 2020**

Longlisted, **The Australian Book Design Awards 2020: Children's Non-Fiction Illustrated Book**



DETAILS >

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 Extent: 104 pages
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KEY SELLING POINTS >

- Highly visual and engaging content, making learning easy and fun
- Teaches young readers about Australia's unique fauna and habitat and the challenge of biodiversity loss

CBCA JUDGES' REPORT 2020 >

"Well-designed, beautifully written and bound to become an enduring reference book. The thoroughly researched information enriches readers' understanding of the natural world and our potential role in preserving our wildlife..." - *Children's Book Council of Australia Judges' Reports*

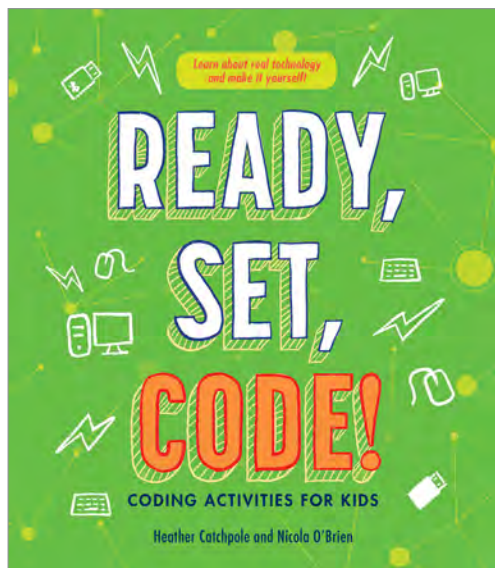
ABOUT THE AUTHOR >

Abbie Mitchell is an environmental educator who provides school and community programs to celebrate and promote Australian biodiversity. She lives in the bush with her husband, two kids, some stingless beehives and a couple of charismatic dogs – and lots of native creatures.

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READY, SET, CODE! CODING ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS >

Introduces children to coding with illustrated step-by-step instructions for hands-on projects.

Ready, Set, Code! explains how cutting-edge digital technology works and its surprising uses now and in the future. Filled with interesting examples, each chapter explores a different topic, such as artificial intelligence, sensors and data, and applies it with a fun, hands-on coding project. You will learn how to create your own chatbot, translate messages into different languages, construct a burglar alarm, make digital art and music, and launch a citizen science project. Plus, you'll learn how to protect yourself online and much more.

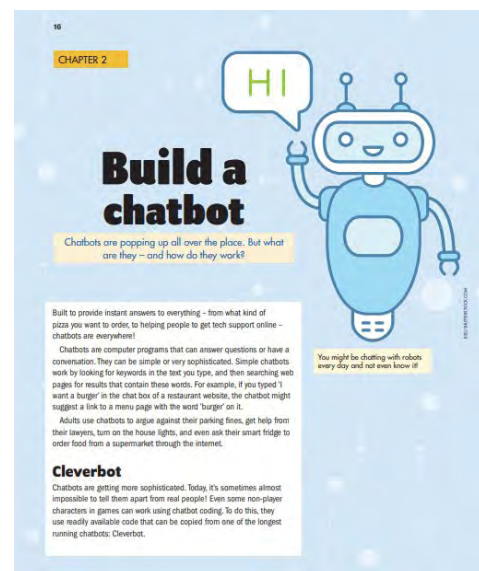
Suitable for beginners, this book provides illustrated step-by-step instructions to teach kids to code with the highly acclaimed Scratch programming language, popular micro:bit mini computers and simple app building tools.

Suitable for readers aged 8-12 years, as well as teachers and educators

REVIEWS >

"This book has it all – software programming, physical sensors, radio waves, natural language processing and more – enabling children to create their best digital future." - Hal Speed, Chief of Global Engagement, Micro:bit Educational Foundation

"This book takes a unique approach that enables beginners in coding to have a taste of programming in multiple situations, based around authentic contexts, and supported by back stories from people who work in these areas as a career." - Professor Tim Bell, Computer Scientist, University of Canterbury



ABOUT THE AUTHORS >

Heather Catchpole is editor of the phenomenally successful *Careers with Code* magazines. Produced in partnership with Google, over one million copies have been distributed in the USA, New Zealand and Australia. A passionate advocate for STEM, she has a science degree from the Australian National University, and a long career in science/technology journalism and education, producing magazines, apps, videos, education resources and VR experiences for clients in the US, UK and Australia. Her book, *It's true - Space turns you into Spaghetti!* was shortlisted for the Royal Society Prize for Science Books in 2007.

Nicola O'Brien is the founder of Code Rangers, and the coach of Reading Republic, a team of girls who developed an app to encourage sharing the love of reading, and went on to win the Tech Girls are Superheroes competition in 2016. Nicola works at the University of Sydney's Australian Computing Academy.

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PUZZLES AND PROJECTS >

Grab your pencil and get to work on fun brainteasers, puzzles, quizzes, projects, comics and experiments.

Explore everything from dinosaurs to volcanoes, animals to slime, and rockets to rainbows! *Puzzles and Projects* offers hours of entertainment, sparked by the wonders of science, technology, engineering and maths. Suitable for readers aged 7-10 years.



DETAILS >

- Hands-on activities with step-by-step instructions using equipment easily found at home
- Brightly designed illustrations & photos make science fun and entertaining

REVIEW >

"Good for school holidays or rainy days stuck inside. It's bright and colourful and a fun way to learn." Jane Stephens, *Good Reading*

ABOUT THE EDITORS >

Jasmie Fellows and David Shaw
Double Helix Magazine

The Double Helix team is part of CSIRO Publishing and has a long-standing reputation for delivering expertly written, fascinating and fun science material for young people.

Double Helix activities are designed to foster an interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

The editorial team behind our Double Helix magazine regularly devise experiments to help demonstrate important scientific or engineering concepts to their young readership.

Find out more about *Double Helix* on the magazine website:

<https://doublehelixshop.csiro.au/>

DETAILS >

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MORE HANDS-ON SCIENCE: 50 AMAZING KIDS' ACTIVITIES FROM CSIRO >

Explore the world of science through 50 fun DIY experiments and activities.

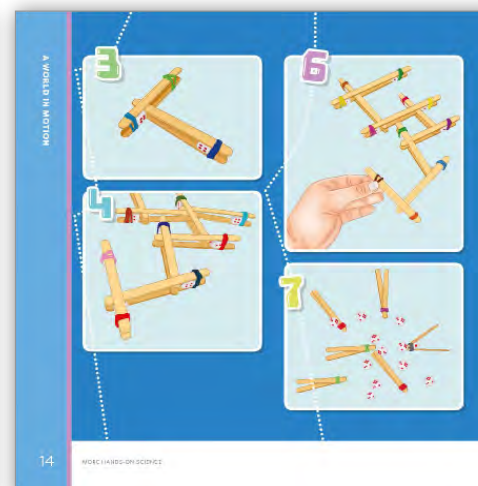
Let's get hands-on with 50 fun science activities!

In *More Hands-On Science* you'll be blown away by interesting experiments, reactions, inventions and coding. It's jam-packed with fun hands-on activities that use materials from around the home. With clear step-by-step instructions and illustrations, as well as real-world examples, these new activities use easy-to-find materials to help you discover the answers to amazing science questions. *More Hands-On Science* features topics such as motion, light, sound, chemical reactions, engineering, tech and patterns. Discover how to make a mini-greenhouse, reverse drums, spinning soakers, jelly lenses, rainbow torches, a superhero name generator and much more!



DETAILS >

- Suitable for readers aged 7 - 14 years.
- Companion to the popular 2016 book *Hands-On Science: 50 Kids' Activities from CSIRO*



KEY SELLING POINTS >

- Activities assessed with safety and sustainability in mind
- Explores current, relevant concepts across science, technology, engineering and maths

ABOUT THE EDITORS >

David Shaw, Jasmine Fellows
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