Hello! from Australia

Australian Children’s Book Illustration Exhibition
Bologna 2017: Hall 25, Stand B118

Showcasing notable picture books 2016-2017

A Walk in the Bush by Gwyn Perkins, Affirm Press
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An exhibition of Australian Children's Book Illustration

Hello! From Australia is an exhibition that aims to promote Australian literary culture, drawing attention to the creativity of Australian children's book illustrators and the diversity and excellence of the Australian Children's Book Industry.

The exhibition also aims, specifically through this catalogue, to support publishers in the promotion and sale of rights of Australian books and facilitate contact between Australian publishers and international publishers, agents and promoters.

Since 2009, eight Hello! From Australia exhibitions have been curated by Books Illustrated for the annual Bologna Children's Book Fair. Many have then toured to events and festivals in Australia and particularly into Asia:

- 2011 - Paju Bookcity Festival, Paju Booksori Festival, South Korea
- 2012-13 South Korea tour: National Library, Seoul; Korea Foundation Cultural Centre Gallery; Seoul, Nami Island, inaugural Illustration Concours; and 15 regional libraries.
- 2013 - Capital Library, Beijing, China
- 2014 - Nami Island, Australia Days Festival
- 2015-16 Australia: Ipswich Literary Festival, Qld; Visiting International Publishers Conference Sydney, NSW; Early Childhood Conference, Darwin, NT
- 2016 - Taipei International Book Expo (TIBE) Taiwan


Expressions of interest to tour the exhibition to other venues are welcome.

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Books Illustrated is based in Melbourne Australia. Established in 1988, it promotes Australian picture books and their creators through exhibitions, displays and the sale of original book illustrations, giclée prints and signed books.

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Leigh’s characters Old Tom, Horrible Harriet and Mr Chicken have appeared in more than 20 books. His gallery of rascals, scallywags and misfits has endeared him to generations of readers. Old Tom was adapted for television, and this year Horrible Harriet and Mr Chicken will appear in a production at the Sydney Opera House.

In 2016 Leigh travelled far and wide, from remote Indigenous community schools in Western Australia to major festivals in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. He spoke at conferences in far north Darwin and in regional New South Wales, and at the BIBY Congress in Auckland, New Zealand. In this first year of his role as Laureate he has interacted with over 20,000 people.

As well as promoting the importance of reading in the lives of children and teenagers, Leigh champions the creative role played by libraries, and supports the work of other writers and artists.

At Bologna he will participate in the International Laureate Summit and advise emerging illustrators at the new Book Fair initiative, The Illustrators Survival Corner.

‘Libraries have played an enormous role in my life’, Hobbs says. ‘Reading and exploring history and art is something I have been able to do because of libraries. I’m passionately interested in histories and cultures and I hope that through my work I can encourage children to explore and experience these things too.’

The Australian Children’s Literature Alliance and Leigh Hobbs would like to thank the following organisations who support Leigh’s participation in the Bologna Children’s Book Fair:


www.childrenslaureate.org.au
A Walk in the Bush
by Gwyn Perkins

Age 4–7 32 pages
978-1-925475-53-1
RRP: $24.99

Affirm Press

A story about the wonders of nature, the funny side of life and spending time with the ones we love. Iggy doesn’t want to leave the house, but Grandad insists. Together they walk through the Australian wild with singing birds, wallaby surprises, secret caterpillar messages and oodles of grandad humour.

Rights Available: World

My Friend Tertius
by Corinne Fenton
illustrated by Owen Swan

Age 5–8 32 pages
978-1-760113-82-7
RRP: $24.99

Allen & Unwin

The heartwarming, true story of two lives brought together by chance. Arthur Cooper, working in intelligence for the British government in pre-war Hong Kong, rescues a small gibbon and names him Tertius. Together they escape to a safe place – but is it for always? An engaging and charming picture book.

Rights Available: World

Small Things
by Mel Tregonning

Age 10–16 40 pages
978-1-742379-79-1
RRP: $29.99

Allen & Unwin

Life is hard when you’re sad or in pain. In beautiful black & white artwork, Small Things effortlessly tells the story of a young boy who feels alone with his worries, but who learns that help is always close by. A stunning graphic novel from an extraordinarily talented illustrator.

Rights Available: World

Rights Sold: Spain, Turkey, China

Giants, Trolls, Witches, Beasts
by Craig Phillips

Age 8–12 192 pages
978-1-760113-26-1
RRP: $24.99

Allen & Unwin

Diverse myths and legends from around the world, from Iceland to Poland to Japan, retold in glorious full-colour comic book form by a stunning Australian artist with an international reputation.

Rights Available: World

Rights Sold: UK English language rights

Storm Whale
by Sarah Brennan
illustrated by Jane Tanner

Age 4–8 32 pages
978-1-760293-64-2
RRP: $24.99

Allen & Unwin

A captivating and beautifully illustrated story about three sisters who find a stranded whale on the beach. Full of light and movement, the evocative text and vivid illustrations celebrate nature and our place in it.

Rights Available: World

Rights Sold: UK English language rights
The Fantastic Recipe Machine
by Chihiro Takeuchi
Age 3-6 44 pages
978-0-994289-58-2
RRP: $26.95
Berbay Publishing

The Fantastic Recipe Machine by Chihiro Takeuchi creates an imaginative world of endless possibilities, where weird and wonderful combinations of everyday ingredients combine to form recipes for all sorts of animals.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, NZ, US, Canada, France, Italy

William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times
by Michael Sedunary illustrated by Bern Emmerichs
Age 9+ 56 pages
978-0-994289-53-7
RRP: $29.95
Berbay Publishing

William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times unpeels the layers of some of the most incredible circumstances in Australia’s colonial history. Some people may have heard of the famous Mutiny on the Bounty; others may have heard of the Rum Rebellion coup; but the details in and around these events are largely unknown and truly extraordinary. This is precisely what the latest book reveals.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ

Can You Find My Robot’s Arm?
by Chihiro Takeuchi
Age 3-6 40 pages
978-0-994289-52-0
RRP: $26.95
Berbay Publishing

One morning, poor robot wakes up to find he is missing an arm. They search the inside of the house and outside the house, but his arm is nowhere to be found. Can you find my robot’s arm? invites children to explore through the beautiful and deceptively simple images of Chihiro Takeuchi’s award winning paper-cut artwork. Where can the arm be, and what might make a suitable replacement?

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, US, Canada

Heads and Tails
by John Canty
Age 3-6 40 pages
978-0-994289-57-5
RRP: $26.95
Berbay Publishing

You can only see my tail. What animal am I?

Heads and Tails is a playful exploration of children’s universal fascination with animals. Children are drawn into the process of discovery to ensure a fun and rewarding reading experience. Each page of Heads and Tails presents a new riddle to solve!

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, US, France

Super Moopers: Musical Markus
by Sally Rippin & Fiona Harris illustrated by Scott Edgar
Age 5-9 48 pages
978-1-760406-50-9
RRP: $12.99
Bonnier Publishing

Musical Markus isn’t THAT bad at singing. But not everyone in Moopertown agrees...they find him annoying, loud, or his lyrics exasperating. Until one day he comes to the rescue of a mother with a crying baby who doesn’t care WHAT he’s singing.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ

Super Moopers: Nervous Nellie
by Sally Rippin & Fiona Harris illustrated by Scott Edgar
Age 5-9 48 pages
978-1-760406-49-3
RRP: $12.99
Bonnier Publishing

There are lots of things in Moopertown that make Nellie Nervous: pointed hats, kites and even marshmallows (as they can easily get stuck in your teeth). But one day Nellie spies a young Mooper badly needing her help and it may just be her nervousness that saves the day.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ
Two Tales of Brothers from Ancient Mesopotamia
by John Heffernan
illustrated by Kate Durack
Age 6-10 32 pages
978-0-994234-04-9
RRP: $19.99
Christmas Press
In this exciting, lively retelling, popular author John Heffernan brings two stories from the Epic of Gilgamesh to engaging life for young readers, while new illustrator Kate Durack’s striking illustrations, inspired by Mesopotamian art, superbly illuminate the mythical world of the heroic brothers.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ only

Two Troll Tales from Norway
by Margrete Lamond
illustrated by Ingrid Kallick
Age 6-10 32 pages
978-0-994234-05-6
RRP: $19.99
Christmas Press
Retold in lively, authentic style by Norwegian-Australian author Margrete Lamond, and superbly illustrated by Norwegian-American illustrator Ingrid Kallick, these stories of magic and mischief will enthral young readers.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ only

Two Fearsome Fairy Tales from France
by Adele Geras
illustrated by Fiona McDonald
Age 7-11 32 pages
978-0-992283-84-1
RRP: $19.99
Christmas Press
Two magical, scary, classic fairy tales from France, elegantly retold by Adele Geras and lavishly illustrated by Fiona McDonald.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ

Can a Skeleton Have an X-ray?
by Kyle Hughes-Odgers
Age 4-10 32 pages
978-1-925163-91-9
RRP: $14.99
Fremantle Press
How does sound taste? Do colours smell? Why do onions make me cry? Who builds the wings for birds to fly? Renowned artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers brings his unique vision to these and many other questions. From the practical to the philosophical, this book is guaranteed to fire young imaginations!
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, Mainland China, Spain

Pandamania
by Chris Owen
illustrated by Chris Nixon
Age 4-10 32 pages
978-1-925163-33-9
RRP: $24.99
Fremantle Press
When visiting the zoo, whatever you do, DON’T WAKE THE PANDA! Join in the fantastic fun as one grumpy panda sets off a frenzy of wild partying.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, Chinese language world, North America and Philippines
According to legend, many, many years ago there was a great gathering of animals, right slap bang in the middle of Australia. You see, many of the animals felt they were more special than all the rest. This is the story of how they decided, once and for all, who was the most unique.

Rights Available: World
Colours of Australia
by Bronwyn Bancroft
Age 3+  24 pages
978-1-742976-91-4
RRP: $24.99
Little Hare (an imprint of Hardie Grant Egmont)
Deep love of country inspires Bronwyn Bancroft’s poetry and the richly layered hues of Colours of Australia. Each line speaks a different voice, each image stirs a different mood, and all combine to evoke the miracle of colour with which we are surrounded.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: UK, China, Taiwan, USA and Canada.

Blue Sky, Yellow Kite
by Janet A. Holmes
illustrated by Jonathan Bentley
Age 3+  40 pages
978-1-760124-22-9
RRP: $24.99
Little Hare (an imprint of Hardie Grant Egmont)
Janet A. Holmes (Duck, Pink) has had a long break from writing, but returns in her usual elegant and understated style with this intriguing story about a girl who covets and then steals a generous friend’s beautiful yellow kite. Desire, guilt and forgiveness form the backbone of this beautifully told picture book.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: UK, China, Taiwan, Korea, USA and Canada.

Molly & Mae
by Danny Parker
illustrated by Freya Blackwood
Age 3+  32 pages
978-1-742975-27-6
RRP: $24.99
Little Hare (an imprint of Hardie Grant Egmont)
Friendship is like a train journey. There are happy moments, boring moments and exciting moments. There is anger and loneliness, and there is forgiveness, and the thread of friendship runs through everything, like rail tracks through the countryside. Brilliantly rendered by Danny Parker and Freya Blackwood, Molly & Mae is a portrait of the most delightful and emotionally rich train journey imaginable.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: UK, France, Finland, Spain, China, Slovenia, Taiwan, USA, Canada, Italy, Korea and Catalan Language.

The Tales of Mrs Mancini
by Natalie Jane Prior
illustrated by Cheryl Orsini
Age 4+  48 pages
978-0-733333-65-5
RRP: $19.99
ABC Books / HarperCollins Publishers Australia
From the creators of The Fairy Dancers comes a new collection of stories, perfect for fans of The Cleo Stories And Ruby Red Shoes. The Tales Of Mrs Mancini tells the story of a cat who, together with her human friend, Filippina, runs a cake shop full of delectable treats. Alongside her flair for flan, Mrs Mancini also has a special ability to bring lonely children together.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: AU, NZ

Incredibilia
by Libby Hathorn
illustrated by Gaye Chapman
Age 2+  40 pages
978-1-760125-25-7
RRP: $24.99
Little Hare (an imprint of Hardie Grant Egmont)
Libby Hathorn, one of Australia’s literary treasures, and award-winning artist Gaye Chapman have created a story that celebrates the honesty and attraction of imaginative play. A beautifully illustrated story with a heart warming message that breaks down boundaries of age and teaches children the joy in being creative.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: UK, Turkey

Whatcha Building?
by Andrew Daddo, illustrated by Stephen Michael King
Age 3+  32 pages
978-0-733334-15-3
RRP: $24.99
ABC Books / HarperCollins Publishers Australia
The old milk bar on the corner is coming down to make way for something new. Little Davey Durak is gathering scrap - a short piece of wood here, a long piece there. But what’s Davey building? Bruce the builder wants to know, but Davey won’t tell ...
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: AU, NZ

Hello Little Babies
by Alison Lester
Age 0-5  24 pages
978-0-733330-41-4
RRP: $19.99
ABC Books / HarperCollins Publishers Australia
“Hello little babies” Welcome to the world changes over a year ...” From the bestselling author of Kissed by the Moon and Imagine comes a book to be cherished by children and parents everywhere.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: AU, NZ

I Don’t Want To Go To Bed
by David Cornish
Age 3+  32 pages
978-1-460750-58-2
RRP: $24.99
HarperCollins Publishers Australia
The sequel to the very funny picture book, I Don’t Want To Eat My Dinner by talented author-illustrator David Cornish. Every night when dinner was done, Rollo would cry, ‘I don’t want to go to bed!’ Just when Rollo’s family think they’ve got mealtimes sorted, Rollo announces he doesn’t want to go to bed ... From talented author-illustrator David (D.M.) Cornish, comes the perfect bedtime story for sleep-deprived parents.
Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: AU, NZ
Little Steps Publishing

**The Incredible Edible Garden**
by Victoria Breheny, illustrated by Jemima Phillips
Age 3-6 32 pages
978-1-925117-47-9
RRP: $17.95
Little Steps Publishing

Annie's world had always felt grey. It lacked the colour, adventure and magic she so often dreamed of. Then by chance, Annie met Rosemary...

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**Granny, Wait for Me!**
by Sarah Owens, illustrated by Anil Tortop
Age 3-5 32 pages
978-1-925117-40-0
RRP: $16.95
Little Steps Publishing

Granny sounds her bike horn and quickly takes the lead. But soon she's out of eyesight, ‘Granny, wait for me!’ I plead.

A whimsical and fun-filled story of a lively granny’s trip to the park with her grandson, which all begins with a bike race...

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**Georgina and the Dad Dragon**
by Katrien Pickles, illustrated by Lauren Merrick
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Georgeina and the Dad Dragon from gobbling up chickens and burping fireballs on her village?

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Magabala Books

The story of Guluu, an angry magpie who is teased by a gang of butcher birds. The more he is teased, the angrier he becomes. After seeking the advice of his Elders, who tell him to stay calm like the river, Guluu learns to respond differently.

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**Where Do Teachers Go at Night?**
by Harriet Cuming, illustrated by Sophie Norsa
Age 3-6 32 pages
978-1-925117-42-4
RRP: $16.95
Little Steps Publishing

Where Do Teachers Go at Night, When We’ve All Gone Home And They’ve Turned Out The Light?

From skinny-dipping in the Caribbean to climbing Mount Fuji, discover what our everyday teachers get up to behind our backs.

Rights Available: World

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**Steve goes to Carnival**
by Joshua Button and Robyn Wells
Age 5-8 56 pages
978-1-925360-21-9
RRP: $24.95
Magabala Books

A vibrant book about a jazz-loving gorilla named Steve who lives in a zoo in Rio de Janeiro. It follows Steve on his journey one night when he slips from his cage during Carnival time, and travels through the bustling city streets in search of his zookeeper friend and saxophonist, Antonio.

Rights Available: World
**Alphabet City Zoo**
by Maree Coote
Age 4-7 36 pages 978-0-9924917-0-3 RRP: $29.95
Melbournestyle Books
This book introduces an ingenious device from author/illustrator Maree Coote that she has named ‘the Letter Art fontigram’. Every picture is created from the letters that spell its name. Children love to find the letters hidden in each animal’s image. A great way to learn about art, creativity and lateral thinking.

**Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C**
by Maree Coote
Age 5-7 24 pages 978-0-9924917-3-8 RRP: $39.95
Melbournestyle Books
This is a unique children’s primer on graphic design and typography. Presented in three sections: typographic buildings (Architext), animals (Alphabeasts), and people (Letterheads), ‘How-To’ information delivered in 3 different levels of difficulty encourages children to explore of the world of typographics.

**Olivia’s Voice**
by Mike Lucas illustrated by Jennifer Harrison
MidnightSun Publishing
Today, like all days, Olivia wakes to a silent world. Mike Lucas’ and Jennifer Harrison’s Olivia’s Voice is a beautiful rendition of a day through a hearing-impaired girl’s eyes. It is certain to make you smile. Olivia is a girl who enjoys all aspects of life, especially the music lessons at school.

**Andy Web: Artist**
by Maree Coote
Age 5-7 32 pages 978-0-9924917-5-8 RRP: $29.95
Melbournestyle Books
This charming story by author/illustrator Maree Coote is the tale of a spider who loves to draw and dreams of becoming a famous artist. Andy Web lives in the National Gallery and studies all the artworks there, but how will he overcome his own personal creative challenge? A great way to learn about art, creativity and lateral thinking.

**Chooks in Dinner Suits. A tale of big dogs and little penguins**
by Diane Jackson Hill illustrated by Craig Smith
Age 3-8 32 pages 978-1-921833-38-0 RRP: $19.95
Museum Victoria Publishing
Chooks in Dinner Suits is a warmly funny account of one man’s quest to save a penguin colony, assisted by two very unusual helpers – Max and Mimi – two large white, fluffy dogs.

**Olivia’s Voice**
by Maree Coote
Age 5+ 32 pages 978-1-925227-24-6 RRP: $26.99
MidnightSun Publishing
Sidney Kidman runs away from home at thirteen and travels to the outback on a one-eyed horse. He dreams of having the biggest herd of cattle in Australia. In King of the Outback Kristen Weidenbach and Timothy Ide tells the intriguing rags-to-riches story of one of Australia’s greatest pastoral pioneers.

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**Count with Bowerbird Bill**
by Melanie Raymond illustrated by Jo Pritchard
Age 2-4 32 pages 978-1-921833-41-0 RRP: $9.95
Museum Victoria Publishing
Bowerbird Bill loves to build. He also loves to find treasures for his bower. Count with Bill and share his journey as he looks for treasure. This beautifully illustrated book makes learning to count fun and celebrates a unique part of Australian wildlife.
Where’s Jessie?
By Janeen Brian
Illustrated by Anne Spudvilas
Age 3+ 40 pages
RRP: $24.99
NLA Publishing

When Bertie is packed into a box to travel with the cameleers, he doesn’t understand where his owner Jessie has gone. ‘Where’s Jessie?’ is the refrain that runs through the book, as Bertie meets desert animals, is swept along in a flash flood, gets taken high in an eagle’s talons, and finally falls off unnoticed. Bertie meets a young Indigenous boy who finds him and returns him to Jessie: a happy ending!

Rights Available: World

Radio Rescue!
By Jane Jolly
Illustrated by Robert Ingpen
Age 5+ 36 pages
RRP: $24.99
NLA Publishing

Radio Rescue! is a beautifully illustrated flap book that takes us back to the origins of communication in the outback. Robert Ingpen’s illustrations evoke scenes of station life and convey Jim’s excitement at the arrival of the new pedal radio. The flaps with their wonderful pencil sketches of the characters open up to reveal rich colour scenes.

Rights Available: World
Rights Under Negotiation: Marathi

This is Captain Cook
By Tania McCartney
Illustrated by Christina Booth
Age 3+ 40 pages
RRP: $24.99
NLA Publishing

Join Miss Batts and her class as they tell the story of Captain Cook with a humorous and whimsical school play that’s sure to engage the very young. We see the class act out the story of Cook. Kids will discover that Captain Cook was the first European to cross the Antarctic Circle and they’ll also learn that on his final journey, he never came home again.

Rights Available: World

New Year Surprise!
By Christopher Cheng
Illustrated by Di Wu
Age 5+ 36 pages
RRP: $24.99
NLA Publishing

Little Brother is told by his brother and his friends that he’s too small to help out at the Spring Festival. He’s too little to fly a kite and he’s not strong enough to hold a dragon pole. But Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be? Christopher Cheng’s story and Di Wu’s paintings recreate the magic of celebrating New Year in snowy rural northern China.

Rights Available: World
Book Rights Available: China

Dream Little One, Dream
By Sally Morgan, illustrated by Ambelin Kwaymullina
Age 3-5 32 pages
RRP: $24.99
Penguin Random House Australia

When Moon shines and earth breathes a breath of deepest night dream, little one, dream into the peace of a wonderful world. From sunrise to nighttime, celebrate the wonders of nature with this rhythmic and radiant bedtime story.

Rights Available: World

No Place Like Home
By Ronojoy Ghosh
Age 3-5 32 pages
RRP: $24.99
Penguin Random House Australia

The city is no place for a polar bear like George. Being homesick is making George a terrible grump. Not knowing where home is makes it even worse. So George sets off on a search. He isn’t sure what home looks like, but he’ll know it when he finds it.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: Korea, Chinese Simplified, Spanish, German language

Lots
By Marc Martin
Age 3-5 40 pages
RRP: $24.99
Penguin Random House Australia

A book about everything* for everyone. From Hong Kong to the Amazon and Ulaanbaatar to Antarctica, come on a guided journey around the world and discover the many things that make each place unique. Sleepy sloths, colourful cows, prolific pastries, staggering skylines, terrible traffic, bustling bodies, burglarising baboons . . . you’ll be surprised by what you find along the way! *almost!

Rights Available: World

Grandpa’s Big Adventure
By Paul Newman, illustrated by Tom Jellett
Age 6-8 32 pages
RRP: $19.99
Penguin Random House Australia

I’m afraid of the water . . . but Grandpa loves it, and he’s teaching me to swim. Maybe if I can swim, I’ll have adventures like him. A charming trip full of wild dangers, extraordinary delights and the joy of sharing a tall tale.

Rights Available: World
Mopoke
by Philip Bunting
Age 4+ 48 pages
978-1-743991-65-8
RRP: $24.99
Scholastic Australia
Mopoke loves peace and quiet but the bush is full of many annoyances. Poor Mopoke is about to find out that you can't always get what you want.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, UK & Eire

Ruben
by Bruce Whatley
Age 5+ 96 pages
978-1-743810-35-4
RRP: $29.99
Scholastic Australia
Ruben lives in a safe place in a city that takes everything and gives nothing. He feels he's in danger and ventures to Block City where he meets Koji. She's been hiding from the dangers of the industrial city and its excesses. If they combine their knowledge they might find a way to escape the city together.

Rights Available: World
Rights Sold: ANZ, South East Asia, UK & Eire

Busting!
by Aaron Blabey
Age 3+ 24 pages
978-1-743812-38-9
RRP: $16.99
Scholastic Australia
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