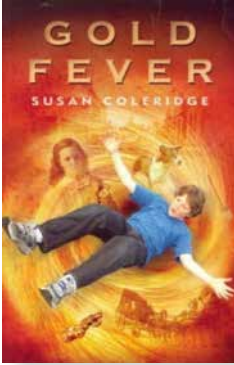
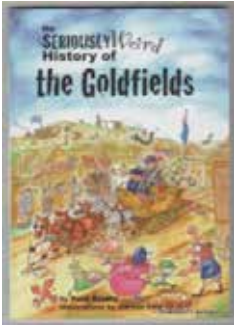
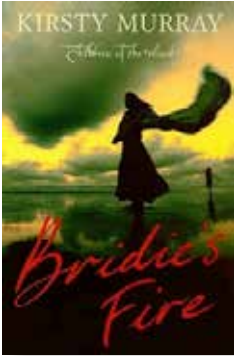




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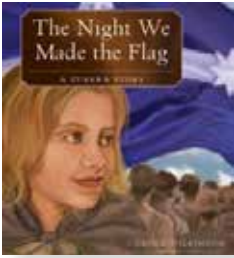
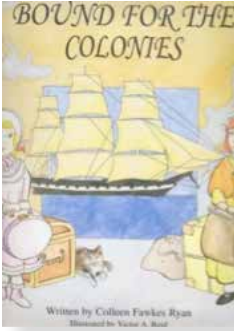

## Recommended Books

	<p>Robert's class is going on excursion to the 'fake gold mining town', Sovereign Hill. It's nearly a year since Dad died, and Robert and his family are having trouble coping. It's an effort to be enthusiastic about anything. Then, once he gets to Sovereign Hill, strange things begin to happen. A wax statue moves, a dog follows him and then disappears. Robert falls into an impossible hole dug by the dog and the mystery begins. He doesn't understand how he got there or why and wonders what he must do to return home again. There is plenty of adventure to keep the pages turning. The reader is given an opportunity to see the difference between the fun of visiting Sovereign Hill as a modern day visitor and of living in a time where people died of minor ailments and thirteen-year-olds worked in dank, dark, dusty mines. Recommended for mid- to upper-primary readers.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could you buy an ice-cream on the goldfields?</li> <li>• What is more valuable – gold or mealy potato?</li> <li>• Would you do to Linder and Die?</li> <li>• Which was the biggest goldfield – Ballarat or Bendigo?</li> <li>• How do you find East if you are lost on the goldfields?</li> <li>• What was the miners' major achievement?</li> </ul> <p>You are warned that reading this book may lead to a desire to know even more about the diggers. It may lead you to thinking, reading and dreaming about gold.</p>
	<p>This sweeping historical novel for young adults documents the adventures of Bridie, an orphaned Irish teenager who escapes the potato famine that claimed the lives of her parents and baby brother. Independent and stubborn, Bridie makes a new life for herself in the rough-and-tumble world of Australia during the nineteenth-century gold rushes. Her adventures with miners, other migrants, and even a travelling theatre troupe paint a vivid picture of early life in Melbourne. Bridie's resilience and courage make her a compelling heroine for teenage readers and her heart-warming story will engage them in the vivid historical setting.</p>



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	<p>'Mary! Wake up.'</p> <p>Mama is shaking me awake. It's the middle of the night, but I must go to Mrs Diamond's to fetch more thread. If I am caught we will be in trouble.</p> <p>The Night We Made the Flag is a night I will never forget.</p>
	<p>'Bound for the Colonies' tells the story of life on board a ship as experienced by the migrants travelling to Australia in the 1850s. Share the excitement of the journey from a child's perspective – contemplate the lack of privacy, suffer the pain of sickness and mourning. Experience the terror of storms and admire the courage of Bridget and Elizabeth.</p> <p>Encounter the differences between First Class and Steerage accommodation as you join the young girls and the ship's cat, sailing to new beginnings aboard the remarkable Marco Polo.</p> <p>Large picture story book</p>
	<p>The diggers were fed up. Ever since the gold rushes began, the police had hounded them, forcing them to show their licences like common criminals. At last the diggers of Ballarat made a stand. They would pay no more licence fees. They took up arms, built a stockade, and swore to defend themselves against the authorities.</p> <p>When government troops stormed the Eureka stockade the battle lasted just twenty minutes, but it changed Australia forever.</p> <p>Was this a blow for democracy? Was it a glorious rebellion? Or just a bloody massacre? You decide.</p>



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	<p>Rosa Aarons and her family flee the turmoil of Europe in the year of revolution in 1848. Like so many other refugees, such as Karl Marx, they fled to England where they made friends who were Chartists. Seeking a new life free from political and religious persecution, the Aarons family immigrate to the Victorian goldfields. The Californian gold rush has finished and a rich array of gold seekers from all over the world head for Australia to make their fortune. Rosa keeps a journal of her observations, feelings and adventures, which she shares with her good friend back in England. This is the story of her experiences on the Ballarat goldfields in the climactic year of 1854.</p>
	<p>Meet Lizzy, whose family are in the clothing industry. Very few people probably know that Queen Victoria made the wearing of underpants popular. At the beginning of her reign, very few women wore them. But Queen Victoria made tartans, perambulators and chloroform fashionable. This book features a story about the most famous underwear in the British Empire.</p>
	<p>The beginnings of democracy in Australia          On 3 December 1854, well-armed British soldiers and police stormed a crude wooden stockade that had been built by defiant miners fighting for their rights. The battle lasted just twenty minutes, but it changed Australia forever. Some say the Eureka Stockade marks the birth of democracy in Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfect fit for upper primary curriculum.</li> </ul>
	<p>'Life in Colonial Australia' describes the day-to-day lives of ordinary people in colonial Australia.          What was life like for ordinary people in early Australia? Can it really be called 'The Good Old Days' when the work was back breaking and the days were long, even for children? 'Life in Colonial Australia' shows us exactly how it was.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfect for upper primary curriculum right through to mid-secondary.</li> </ul>