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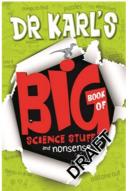
# The Year My Life Broke\*

John Marsden

You move into the most boring street in the most boring town in Australia. Tarrawagga is a hole. Its only ambition is to be a crater, and it has every chance of getting there. The last thing you expect is to have action all around you, dangerous strangers in the backyard and bullets flying past your ears. At your new school, everyone thinks you're the biggest loser in Grade 6. Little do they know. When they realise the truth, teachers and students alike are in for the shock of their lives. Funny, gripping and full of surprises, The Year My Life Broke could be the most real book you read this year. Warning: This book is not a fantasy. It contains no superheroes, wizards, dragons, time travel, aliens or magic.

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# Treasure Fever!: Schooling Around 1\*

Andy Griffiths



The Treasure Fever! Test: 1. What is the name of Henry McThrottle's crazy new teacher? A: Mr Blooper. B: Mr Bogfur. C: Mr Brainfright. 2. What does Henry discover is buried under the school? A: lollipops. B: a dead dog. C: pirate treasure. 3. What is Henry's nervous friend, Newton Hooton, scared of? A: nothing. B: most things. C: everything. 4. The X on a treasure map stands for A: a kiss. B: where not to go. C: buried treasure. 5. *Treasure Fever!* is A: a contagious disease. B: the name of a band. C: the title of a very funny book about bullies, crazy teachers and buried treasure. The answers to these questions - and many more - are contained between the covers of this very funny book about bullies, crazy teachers and buried treasure.

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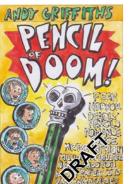
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# Pencil of Doom!: Schooling Around 2\*

Andy Griffiths



The Pencil of Doom! Test: 1. Henry's scary new pencil has an eraser in the shape of a A: smiley face. B: love heart. C: skull. 2. The pencil is called a 'pencil of doom' because A: it used to belong to a boy called Doom. B: it has a very sharp tip. C: whenever it's used, somebody gets hurt. 3. Henry tries to destroy the pencil by A: eating it. B: kissing it. C crushing it. 4. Henry's enemy, Clive Durkin, uses the pencil to draw Henry and his friends being buried under an avalanche of A: rose petals. B: puppies. C: snow. 5. *Pencil of Doom!* is the name of A: a horror movie. B: a computer game. C: a very funny book about a very dangerous pencil. The answers to these questions - and many more - are contained between the covers of this very funny book about a very dangerous pencil.

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# Mascot Madness: Schooling Around 3\* Andy Griffiths



The Mascot Madness! Test: 1. Northwest Southeast Central School has never won the interschool athletics competition because they have A: no talent. B: no guts. C: no mascot. 2. Mr Brainfright dances around in a banana suit because A: he's bored. B: he's nuts. C: he is the new Northwest Southeast Central mascot. 3. Northwest West Academy's mascot, a ferocious pit bull terrier called Chomp, is trained to attack A: postmen. B: cats. C: bananas. 4. Mr Grunt, the sports teacher, brags that he was once in the A: newspaper. B: army. C: Olympics. 5. *Mascot Madness!* is A: a new dance. B: when a mascot gets angry. C: a very funny book about winning, losing, cheating, really hard squeezing and dancing bananas. The answers to these questions - and many more - are contained between the covers of this very funny book

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# Robot Riot!: Schooling Around 4\*

Andy Griffiths



The *Robot Riot!* Test: 1. Henry McThrottle suspects that the new girl, Roberta Flywheel, is A: a spy. B: a boy. C: a robot. 2. Roberta writes in her diary that she is on a mission to A: kiss Henry. B: clean up the school. C: exterminate all humans. 3. Henry and his friends ask Grant Gadget to build A: a treehouse. B: a sandcastle. C: a robot-fighting robot. 4. Grant Gadget's robot-fighting robot malfunctions and A: picks flowers. B: starts telling jokes. C: goes completely out of control. 5. Robot Riot! is the name of A: a soft drink. B: a hairstyle. C: a very funny book about robots, making friends and falling out of windows. The answers to these questions - and many more - are contained between the covers of this very funny book about robots, making friends and falling out of windows.

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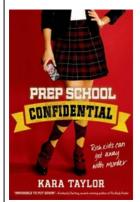
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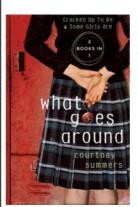


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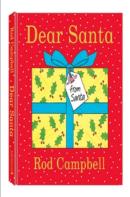
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Are you bored with being sensible? Do you want to have more fun? Mr. Tiger knows exactly how you feel. Fed up of tea parties, top hats and talking about the weather, he astounds his friends when he decides to go . . . WILD. But does he go too far? After all, the wilderness can get pretty lonely. This beautifully illustrated and brilliantly funny book from award-winning artist Peter Brown shows that there's a time and place for everything . . . even going wild.

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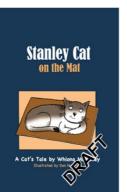


We are all special and unique, but we're also similar too. We each have meal times, rest and play times, but carry out each of these activities in different ways. Find out how Joshua from Australia, A'nh from Vietnam and Kwasi from Kenya spend a typical day in One Day in our World. Our world is wonderful and diverse, so let's find out more about it through the eyes of these three children as they interact with their families and communities in their home countries

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Whiona Moverley



Stanley Cat is a snappish cat... and when he's like that he's out on the mat! He's a contrary, defiant, sneaky, troublesome, calamitous, wayward cat! BUT... he is also angelic (prrrrrr). Sound like a cat you know? Stanley Cat is a cat who gets into trouble for doing "cat things". He glares at the finches, catnaps on a jet-black coat, lets a mouse into the house, coughs up a sticky fur ball, wrecks Mum's knitting and leaves a nasty deposit in the walk-in closet! BUT... he is also ticklish and kittenish. He purrs when you tickle his tummy and, like all cats, inspires unconditional

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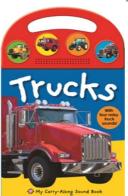
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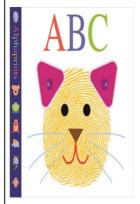
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