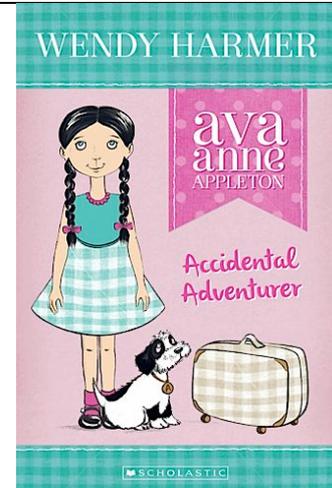


Book Reviews

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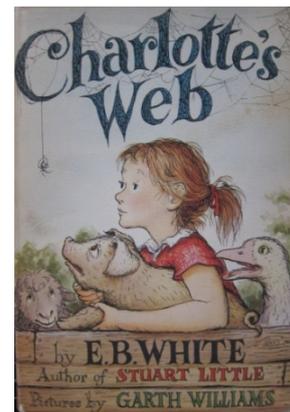
'Accidental Adventurer' by Wendy Harmer

This is the first book in the Ava Anne Appleton series. The main character, Ava, is quite set in her ways. She likes the routine of life and school and is scared of change. When her parents decide one day to buy a campervan and set off into the bush on a year-long adventure, Ava is terrified. Find out how Ava copes with this big change in her life and learns to relish the unexpected.



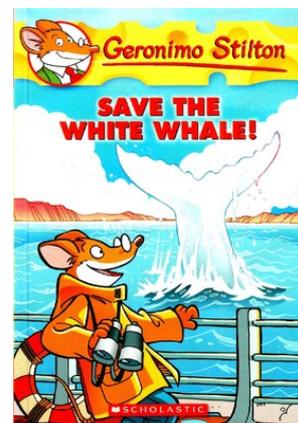
'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White

Charlotte's Web is an all-time classic written in 1952 and is still greatly loved today. The novel tells the story of a pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a little girl named Fern and a spider named Charlotte. When Wilbur is in danger, Charlotte writes messages praising Wilbur (such as "Some Pig") in her web. This story is so beautifully written it will delight young readers.



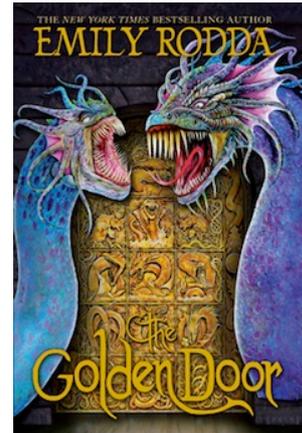
'Geronimo Stilton Save the White Whale!' by Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton, editor of the *Rodent's Gazette* is back in a new adventure. Geronimo's relaxing beachside holiday with Petunia Pretty Paws does not go to plan as he encounters problem after problem – including losing his swimmers to a big wave! Full of amazing colourful pictures and wonderful facts this is yet another excellent book from Geronimo.



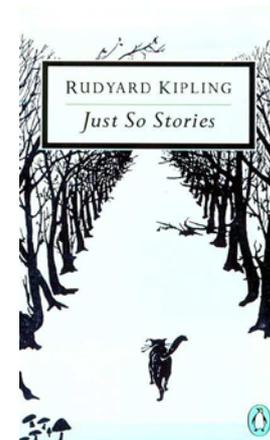
'The Golden Door' by Emily Rodda

The first in Emily Rodda's new Three Door's series you will have trouble putting this book down once you've started it. Rye faces an epic adventure when he ventures beyond the walls of his city in an attempt to discover where the dragon-like Skimmers attacking Weld each night are coming from. Full of action, adventure and intrigue, I can't wait for the next one!



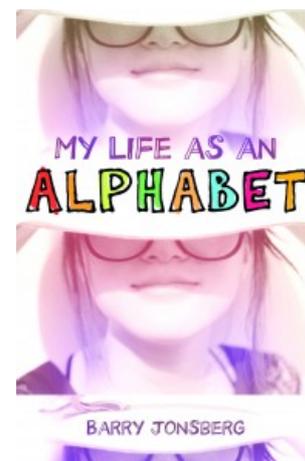
'Just so stories' by Rudyard Kipling

Ever wondered how the camel got his hump, the leopard his spots and how the alphabet was made? In the *Just So Stories*, Rudyard Kipling answers all these questions and many more. He tells how the Elephant Child wrestled with a crocodile on the banks of the great Limpopo River and Kangaroo came into being.



'My Life as an Alphabet' by Barry Jonsberg

Candice Phee is twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little ... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to 'fix' all the problems of all the people and pets in her life. It is a delightful novel about an unusual girl who goes to great lengths to bring love and laughter into the lives of everyone she cares about.



'Violet Vanishes' by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Annie White

Violet can't wait to see a real magic show!! When her mum takes her to see a magician, Violet becomes the star of the show! Written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Annie White, this series is a great start to reading for those that have progressed from Readers and are after a more structured story. This book is suitable for 5-7 year olds.

