

# Picture Books Around the World - AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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## Australia

### [A Bus Called Heaven](#)

by Graham, Bob

**JEASY GRA**

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### [April and Esme, Tooth Fairies](#)

by Graham, Bob

**JEASY GRA**

*On their first assignment, two young tooth fairy sisters journey by night into the huge world of humans to collect Daniel Dangerfield's tooth and fly it safely home.*

### [Chance](#)

by Regan, Dian Curtis

**JEASY**

*Unhappy at home, a newborn baby packs up his blankey and other prized possessions, leaves the farm, and spends a year visiting and learning from bears, monkeys, sea lions, and other creatures.*

### [Diary of a wombat](#)

by French, Jackie

**JEASY**

*In his diary, a wombat describes his life of eating, sleeping, and getting to know some new human neighbors.*

### [Hero of Little Street](#)

by Rogers, Gregory

**JEASY ROG**

*When a boy being chased through present-day London seeks refuge in the National Gallery, a dog escapes from the painting of one Dutch master and together they leap into the painting of another, where their adventures in seventeenth-century Delft are a prelude to returning to London and continuing the chase.*

### [Home](#)

by Baker, Jeannie

**JEASY**

*A wordless picture book that observes the changes in a neighborhood from before a girl is born until she is an adult, as it first decays and then is renewed by the efforts of the residents.*

### [How to heal a broken wing](#)

by Graham, Bob

**JEASY GRA**

*When Will finds a bird with a broken wing, he takes it home and cares for it, hoping in time it will be able to return to the sky.*

### [Isabella's Garden](#)

by Millard, Glenda

#### **JEASY MIL**

*In Isabella's garden, amazing things come from the tiniest of seeds as they bloom and flourish and make way for a whole new season of growth.*

### [Keeping up with Grandma](#)

by Winch, John

#### **JEASY**

*When Grandma decides that it is time to have fun outdoors, Grandpa has a few problems keeping up with her.*

### [Midnight babies](#)

by Wild, Margaret

#### **JEASY**

*Baby Brenda and her friends have fun at the Midnight Cafe, enjoying a "wibble wobble" dance, a "jiggly-joggly" treat, and a dip in the sprinklers before going home to bed.*

### [Milli, Jack, and the Dancing Cat](#)

by King, Stephen Michael.

#### **JEASY**

*Two wandering minstrels, Jack and the Dancing Cat, help Milli the shoemaker gain the self confidence she needs to express her many creative talents.*

### [Mirror](#)

by Baker, Jeannie

#### **JEASY BAK**

*In Sydney, Australia, and in Morocco, two boys and their families have a day of shopping. Readers are invited to compare illustrations in two wordless stories that are intended to be read one from left to right and the other from right to left.*

### [My two blankets](#)

by Kobald, Irena

#### **JEASY KOB**

*Cartwheel has arrived in a new country, and feels the loss of all she's ever known. She creates a safe place for herself under an "old blanket" made out of memories and thoughts of home. But when she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture, and Cartwheel begins to weave a "new blanket," one of friendship and a renewed sense of belonging.*

### [The Legend of the Golden Snail](#)

by Base, Graeme

#### **JEASY BAS**

*Wilbur loves the legend of the Golden Snail, an enchanted galleon, and vows to become its next master.*

### [The Rabbits](#)

by Marsden, John

#### **J PIC+**

*Uses rabbits, a species introduced to Australia, to represent an allegory of the arrival of Europeans in Australia and the widespread environmental destruction caused by man throughout the continent.*

### [The singing hat](#)

by Riddle, Tohby

#### **JEASY**

*Colin Jenkins is an ordinary person, until he falls asleep under a tree and wakes up with a bird and its nest fitted on his head. Colin's surprising decision not to disturb the bird significantly alters his life.*

### [The Viewer](#)

by Crew, Gary

#### **J PIC+ CRE**

*A boy fascinated by gadgets finds a strange old Viewmaster in the city dump that transfixes him with its fearsome, haunting sights.*

### [The water hole](#)

by Base, Graeme

#### **JEASY**

*As ever growing numbers of animals visit a watering hole, introducing the numbers from one to ten, the water dwindles.*

### [Too loud Lily](#)

by Laguna, Sophie

#### **JEASY**

*Lily's family and friends often complain that she is too loud, but that loudness makes her a hit in the school play.*

### [Where is the green sheep?](#)

by Fox, Mem

#### **JEASY**

*A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.*

## **New Zealand**

### [Down the back of the chair](#)

by Mahy, Margaret

#### **JEASY**

*A poor family is searching down the back of a chair for Dad's lost car keys and, miraculously in the mess of things back there, their financial problems are solved.*

### [Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy](#)

by Dodd, Lynley

#### **JEASY**

*A small black dog and his canine friends are terrorized by the local tomcat.*

[Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Christmas](#)

by Cowley, Joy

**JEASY**

*When Mrs. Wishy-Washy asks her farm animals to take a bath for Christmas, they find a way to take one without freezing.*