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### **JOHNSON WILLIAMSON**

*Maybe* Candlewick Press

It's a normal week for Rowena Batts. A car full of stewed apples. A police cell. A struggle to keep Dad off national TV. Then her world turns upside down.

*Bumface* Penguin Group Australia

From one of Australia's funniest authors, a bunch of stories slightly damp with tears of laughter. Kids in a pickle, parents in a jam, these tales are alive with fun and good humour. When young readers get a taste of Tickled Onions, they'll be back for more.

*E-literature for Children* Penguin Group Australia

Winner - CBCA Book of the Year Awards 2016 Winner - YABBA Children's Choice Awards 2016 Winner - KOALA Children's Choice Awards 2016

Shortlisted - Indie Book Awards 2016 Shortlisted - Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards 2016 I hoped the Nazis would be defeated. And they were. I hoped the war would be over. And it was. I hoped we would be safe. But we aren't. 'Haunting... dangerous and desperate, but also full of courage and hope.' The Guardian Having survived the holocaust, Felix is facing new challenges as he tries to rebuild his life in Poland. He is

determined to find his family and uncover the truth about his past. He also has to navigate the complex realities of post-war Poland, where anti-Semitism is still prevalent. With its powerful blend of humour and heart, *Soon* offers a unique perspective on the aftermath of the Holocaust and the long-lasting impact of trauma, and it is a powerful reminder of the resilience and hope that can be found even in the darkest of times. 'Morris Gleitzman has discovered the difficult trick of changing reality so that poignancy and laughter are never far apart.' The Australian 'Painfully truthful.' The Sunday Times 'Funny and shocking at the same time.' Jewish Chronicle Other books in the series: *Once Then Now After Soon Maybe Always Then* Penguin Group Australia

When 13-year-old Matt is discovered impressing the livestock in an Aussie country town with his remarkable soccer skills, he's offered the chance of a lifetime – a try-out at one of Europe's biggest and most glamorous soccer clubs. His younger sister Bridie goes with him as his manager and tells us their story – warts, goals and all. The funny and moving story of a sister's love for her brother, and how it survives everything fate throws at it, including the millions of pounds and mountains of pressure at the top of the world's most popular sport. A funny and moving story from one of Australian's most entertaining authors. 'He is one of the finest examples of a writer who can make humour stem from the things that really matter in life.' The Guardian, UK

**Loyal Creatures** Penguin Group Australia

During World War II, a young German girl's curiosity leads her to discover something far more terrible than the day-to-day hardships and privations

that she and her neighbors have experienced.

[Once And Then](#) Penguin Group Australia

Felix, a Jewish boy in Poland in 1942, is hiding from the Nazis in a Catholic orphanage. The only problem is that he doesn't know anything about the war, and thinks he's only in the orphanage while his parents travel and try to salvage their bookselling business. And when he thinks his parents are in danger, Felix sets off to warn them--straight into the heart of Nazi-occupied Poland. To Felix, everything is a story: Why did he get a whole carrot in his soup? It must be sign that his parents are coming to get him. Why are the Nazis burning books? They must be foreign librarians sent to clean out the orphanage's outdated library. But as Felix's journey gets increasingly dangerous, he begins to see horrors that not even stories can explain. Despite his grim surroundings, Felix never loses hope. Morris Gleitzman takes a painful subject and expertly turns it into a story filled with love, friendship, and even humor.

**Toad Rage** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Felix and Zelda have escaped the train to the death camp, but where do they go now? They're two runaway kids in Nazi-occupied Poland. Danger lies at every turn of the road. With the help of a woman named Genia and their active imaginations, Felix and Zelda find a new home and begin to heal, forming a new family together. But can it last? Morris Gleitzman's winning characters will tug at readers' hearts as they struggle to survive in the harsh political climate of Poland in 1942. Their lives are difficult, but they always remember what matters: family, love, and hope.

**The Hairy Maclary Frieze** Candlewick Press

'HISTORICAL FICTION AT ITS BEST' -- Bookseller & Publisher It's 1939, and for Georg, son of an English academic living in Germany, life is full of cream cakes and loving parents. It is also a time when his teacher measures the pupils' heads to see which of them have the most 'Aryan'- shaped heads. But when a university graduation ceremony turns into a pro-Nazi demonstration, Georg is smuggled out of Germany to war-torn London and then across enemy seas to Australia where he must forget his past and who he is in order to survive. Hatred is contagious, but Georg finds that kindness can be, too. A companion piece to the best-selling Hitler's Daughter, this is a story of war-torn Europe during WWII, as seen through the eyes of a young German boy Georg, who loses his family and must forget his past and who he is in order to survive. MORE PRAISE FOR PENNIES FOR HITLER 'Jackie French's research and subsequent feeling for the era is superb the descriptions of wartime Australia alone are fascinating. This is historical fiction at its best and thoroughly recommended for upper primary children and beyond.' -- Bookseller & Publisher, 5 Star Review 'From its dramatic opening sequence to its one word conclusion 300 pages later, this is an absorbing story rich with details of everyday life' -- Canberra Times 'This striking fiction for school age readers gives an unflinching view of war and a close-up human perspective on asylum seekers.' -- Saturday Age [Grace](#) Candlewick Press

He's good at changing nappies. He's brilliant at wiping food off walls. His mum calls him Mr Dependable. But Angus is desperate to be wild and baby-free. Can a bold and brave plan stop his mum getting pregnant again?

*I Am Sasha* Penguin Group Australia

Leap into the adventure of a lifetime... Things have never been easy for Antonio, but now it seems like the war will never end. So when Antonio is caught up in the dangerous world of freedom fighters and spies, will it change his life or destroy him?

**The Boy and the Spy** Penguin Group Australia

Like many of his mates from the bush, Frank Ballantyne is keen to join the grand adventure and do his bit. Specially as a chest full of medals might impress the currently unimpressed parents of his childhood sweetheart. So Frank ups his age and volunteers with his horse Daisy ... and his dad. In the deserts of Egypt and Palestine he experiences all the adventure he ever wanted, and a few things he wasn't expecting. Heartbreak, love and the chance to make the most important choice of his life. From Gallipoli to the famous charge at Beersheba, through to the end of the war and its unforgettable aftermath, Frank's story grows out of some key moments in Australia's history. They were loyal creatures, the men and horses of the Australian Light Horse, but war doesn't always pay heed to loyalty. This is the powerful story of a young man's journey towards his own kind of bravery.

**Misery Guts** Puffin Books

Limpy's family reckons humans don't hate cane toads, but Limpy knows otherwise. He's spotted the signs: the cross looks, the unkind comments, the way they squash cane toads with their cars. Limpy is desperate to save his species from ending up as pancakes. Somehow he must make humans see how fabulous cane toads really are. Risking everything, he sets off on a wart-tinglingly dangerous and daring journey to . . . the Olympics? This is the epic story of a slightly squashed young cane toad's quest for the truth.

*Pennies for Hitler* Puffin

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**Once** Random House Books for Young Readers

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

[Tickled Onions and Other Funny Stories](#) Penguin Group Australia

These practical ideas, suggestions and real-life experiences will help you to understand the differences and similarities of the literary experience for children through classic, modern and leading-edge narratives in both book and computer formats.

**Fire, Bed, and Bone** Penguin Group Australia

Set in the current day, this is the final book in Morris Gleitzman's series that began with *Once*, continued with *Then* and is . . . *Now*. Felix is a grandfather. He has achieved much in his life and is widely admired in the community. He has mostly buried the painful memories of his childhood, but they resurface when his granddaughter Zelda comes to stay with him. Together they face a cataclysmic event armed only with their with gusto and love—an event that helps them achieve salvation from the past, but also brings the possibility of destruction. *Now* is one of Kirkus Reviews' Best Children's Books of 2012

*Pizza Cake* Eerdmans Books For Young Readers

'I'm only going to say this once more,' said Dad, 'so listen very carefully. We are not ever, under any circumstance, going to Australia.' What does a kid do when his Mum and Dad are misery guts? Move them to a tropical Paradise, decides Keith. That'll cheer them up. It's a brilliant plan-if he can pull it off.

**Help Around the House** Alma Books

In 1381 in England, a hunting dog recounts what happens to his beloved master Rufus and his family when they are arrested on suspicion of being part of the peasants' rebellion led by Wat Tyler and the preacher John Ball.

[Now](#) Penguin Group Australia

"Once: Felix lives in a convent orphanage high in the mountains in Poland. He is convinced his parents are still alive and that they will one day come back to get him. When Nazi soldiers come to the orphanage Felix decides to escape and make his way home. The journey to find his parents is a long and difficult one, as all of Poland is occupied by the Nazis and a dangerous place for a Jewish boy. Felix manages to live and look after himself and another orphan, Zelda, with the help of a kind dentist, Barney, who is hiding and looking after a number of Jewish children. Then is the second story of Felix and Zelda. They escaped from the Nazis, but how long can they now survive when there are so many people ready to hand them over for a reward? Thanks to the courage of a kind, brave woman they are able to hide for a time in the open, but Felix knows he has a distinguishing feature that identifies him as a Jew and that it is only a matter of time before he is discovered, which will mean death for them all. Even though he promised Zelda he would never leave her, he knows he has to, before it is too late."--Bolinda.

**Girl Underground** HarperCollins Australia

A story of friendship, courage and a bit of crime. Bridget wants a quiet life. Including, if possible, keeping her parents out of prison. Then a boy called Menzies makes her an offer she can't refuse, and they set off on a job of their own. It's a desperate, daring plan - to rescue two kids, Jamal and Bibi, from a desert detention centre. Can Bridget and Menzies pull off their very first jail break, or will they end up behind bars too? Sometimes, to help a friend, you have to dig deep.