

Sydney Story FACTORY

Sydney's 50 favourite children's books 2013

Rank	Title	Author
1	We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury
2	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
3	The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe	CS Lewis
4	Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
5	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
6	Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery
7	The BFG	Roald Dahl
8	The Faraway Tree (series)	Enid Blyton
9	Matilda	Roald Dahl
10	The Book Thief	Markus Zusak
11	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney
12	Diary of a Wombat	Jackie French
13	The Hunger Games (series)	Suzanne Collins
14	Possum Magic	Mem Fox
15	The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr
16	Alice Miranda (series)	Jacqueline Harvey
17	Clementine Rose (series)	Jacqueline Harvey
18	Eloise (series)	Kay Thompson
19	The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
20	I am Jack	Susanne Gervay
21	Time for Bed	Mem Fox
22	The Twits	Roald Dahl
23	What-a-Mess	Frank Muir
24	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge	Mem Fox
25	Once, Then, Now, After (series)	Morris Gleitzman
26	The Cat in the Hat	Dr Seuss
27	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
28	Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl
29	The Famous Five (series)	Enid Blyton
30	Fox in Socks	Dr Seuss
31	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
32	Green Eggs and Ham	Dr Seuss
33	Harold and the Purple Crayon	Crockett Johnson
34	Harry Potter (series)	JK Rowling
35	In the Night Kitchen	Maurice Sendak

36	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
37	The Little Prince	Antoine de Saint-Exupery
38	The Lorax	Dr Seuss
39	Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley	Aaron Blabey
40	Playing Beatie Bow	Ruth Park
41	Peter Pan (originally Peter and Wendy)	JM Barrie
42	Seven Little Australians	Ethel Turner
43	Snugglepot and Cuddlepie	May Gibbs
44	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter
45	What Katy Did	Sarah Chauncey Woolsey
46	The Owl and the Pussycat	Edward Lear
47	The Dark	Lemony Snicket
48	The Way Back Home	Oliver Jeffers
49	The Adventures of Robin Hood	Roger Lancelyn Green
50	Thomas the Tank Engine (series)	Reverend Wilbert Awdry

Voter comments

On **How to Heal A Broken Wing** by Bob Graham: “In the harsh landscapes that are our cities, it’s easy to forget that there are people with the strength of character to help those in need. Bob Graham, however, uses his powerful grasp of literature to remind us all that some people are good enough to heal a broken wing. And for me, that is truly heart-warming. It has my vote.” Anonymous

“I love reading and particularly my Dr Seuss books. I am pleased to have gone beyond being able to read the blue back ones like *The Foot Book* to now being able to read the green back ones, such as *The Cat in the Hat*. However, I particularly enjoyed reading *I Can Read with my Eyes Shut* as I like reading words that rhyme and stories that are funny.” Isabella, 5, as told to her grandmother.

“My favourite book was the *Tiger Who Came to Tea*. It’s also now my daughter’s favourite book– loved and read so many times it’s held together by ridiculous amounts of sticky tape.” Heather

“Growing up, we did not have much. Travelling or having toys were luxuries....My only escape was through books. *The Famous Five* was the very first adventure book I could get my hands on and I loved it to pieces. I saved up to buy the whole collection to keep. One of my regrets is not bringing it with me when I moved to Australia.” Lidya.

Notes

Please note that while votes for young adult books were accepted, votes for adult books were not. Where books in a series were nominated, votes were aggregated. Occasionally, only one book in a series was voted for, and only that book appears in the list.