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Written by Pauline Loh Illustrated by Ong Sheng Hua

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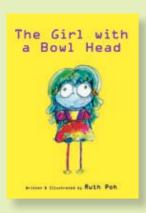


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THE GIRL WITH A BOWL HEAD

Written & Illustrated by Ruth Poh

Beepoh Lah is different from other children in many ways, but the strangest thing about her is that she has a bowl for a head! A book that aims to raise awareness about BipolarDisorder, an illness where the sufferer has extreme mood swings, from mania to depression.



LIKE FINS FOR FEET

Written by Perry Ho Illustrated by Kristal Melson

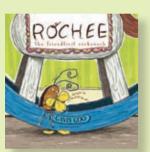
One day, you awake to find a Blue Whale in your room. It is no different from the wind blowing a moth or a paper bag across your path. Once you get over the whaleness of the moment, your day goes on, like it did yesterday, and most likely, like it will tomorrow. Today however...



PIP'S GARDEN

Written & Illustrated by Lorraine Tan

Pip is an ordinary boy who likes gardening. Unfortunately, try as he might, nothing ordinary ever grows in Pip's garden! Join Pip as he journeys across towers of bushes and pebble hills to discover that sometimes, being different may be the best gift one could ever have.



ROCHEE THE FRIENDLIEST COCKROACH

Written & Illustrated by Gavin Goo

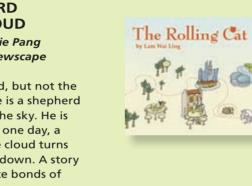
Despite being the friendliest cockroach in town, Rochee finds it hard to befriend that special someone. Can Rochee find a way to win her heart? Join him to find out!



THE SHEPHERD AND HIS CLOUD

Written by Natalie Pang Illustrated by Drewscape

Shai is a shepherd, but not the ordinary kind. He is a shepherd of the clouds in the sky. He is often lonely, but one day, a mischievous little cloud turns his world upside down. A story about the delicate bonds of friendship.



THE ROLLING CAT

Written by Lam Wai Ling

Tiga is a cat with a strange habit – it rolls over wherever it goes! Take a delightful tour around Singapore with the rolling cat.



THE LITTLE RED HELICOPTER

Written by Pauline Loh Illustrated by Ong Sheng Hua

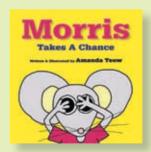
Charlene and Kevin love playing with the little red helicopter in the playground. But is there more to it than meets the eye?



AH KONG'S CLOCK

Written by Belinda Chan Illustrated by Lynette Long

Ah Kong's clock has been telling the time for generations. Over the years, it has become a friend and part of the family. But one day, the clock suddenly stopped! Do we take time for granted?



MORRIS TAKES A CHANCE

Written & Illustrated by Amanda Teow

Morris the Mouse wakes up in the night to hear strange sounds outside his little home. What could be making all that noise?

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