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Fifty Recommended Malaysian Children's Titles



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Introduction



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The MBBY Honour List 2025/2026 highlights a selection of children's and young people's books submitted by authors, illustrators, translators, and publishers from across Malaysia. While the titles featured here do not represent the entirety of Malaysian children's book publishing, they offer a meaningful glimpse into the country's creative vitality and the diversity of voices shaping its contemporary children's literature. Each work in this catalogue was reviewed by the Malaysian Board on Books for Young People (MBBY), with the support of Universiti Selangor (UNISEL), as part of Malaysia's participation in the IBBY Honour List 2026. These titles demonstrate notable achievement in writing, illustration, and translation, reflecting the imagination, cultural richness, and artistic dedication that continue to shape Malaysia's children's book landscape. Spanning multiple languages, Malay, English and Mandarin and a range of genres and artistic styles, these books reveal the richness of stories emerging from Malaysia today. They explore themes of family, friendship, courage, identity, nature, and belonging, universal human experiences seen through local lenses and voices. MBBY extends its heartfelt appreciation to all those who made this compilation possible, the authors, illustrators, translators, editors, and publishers who submitted their works for consideration; the jury members who dedicated their time to careful evaluation; and the partners and institutions who continue to support the promotion of quality children's books in Malaysia.

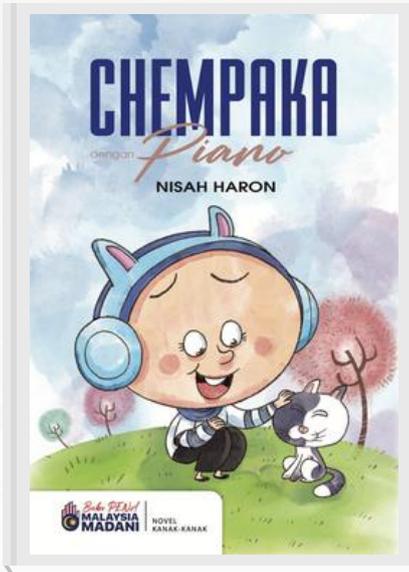
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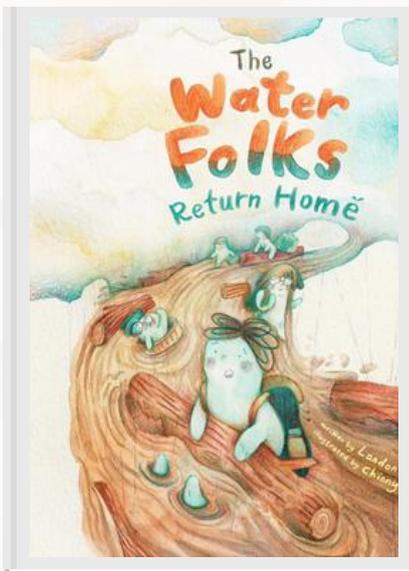
Chempaka dengan Piano | Chempaka and Her Cat Named Piano



Nisah Haron (Author). 2025. Persatuan Penulis Nasional Malaysia (PENA). ISBN: 9786297760469. 128p. Malay. 23cm x 15cm.

Chempaka is a special child who is highly sensitive to sounds and changes in her surroundings. A noisy world often makes her anxious and worried, yet she finds comfort in her beloved cat, Piano. Piano is not just a playmate but also a source of strength when Chempaka feels isolated. One day, during a visit to Petrosains, Chempaka suddenly goes missing while trying to escape the noise. This incident leads her to meet Amir Mustapha, a friend who truly understands her, as well as Balqis, her classmate. Filled with emotion, the story explores themes of courage, friendship, and acceptance, inviting readers to see the world through the eyes of an autistic child.

The Water Folks Return Home



Landon Chia (Author). Chinnyinc (Illustrator). 2023. Gasing Buku Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9786299738121. 36p. English. 29cm x 22cm.

When the monsoon arrives, the Water Folks descend from the clouds, eager to return home. Yet their joy turns to sorrow when they discover their homes destroyed, the soil soggy and overcrowded. With resilience, they embark on a long journey, dragging their little pieces of luggage across bridges, roads, and even alongside elephants. Some choose to stay, others reroute, and many lend a helping hand. Weeks later, homes in many forms are rebuilt—boxes, burrows, and roots. This poetic tale celebrates perseverance, unity, and the timeless sense of belonging.

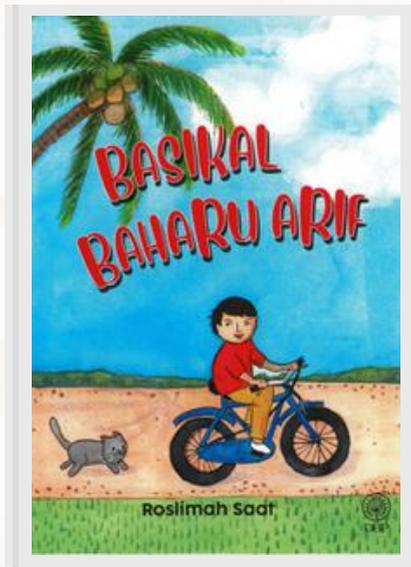
Through the Window



Bridgitte Rozario (Editor). 2024. Brigitte Joanne Rozario.
ISBN: 9786299756859. 280p. English.

Through the Window is a powerful collection of short stories written by young Malaysians aged 12 to 16. Each tale uses the window as a symbol of hope, longing, fear, and change. The stories unveil lives marked by illness, loneliness, fractured families, and even an unexpected murder. Yet within these struggles, young characters discover courage, resilience, and the will to move forward. More than just narratives of confinement, the book shines a light on the human spirit, showing that every window, no matter how small, offers a view into strength, possibility, and the promise of a better tomorrow.

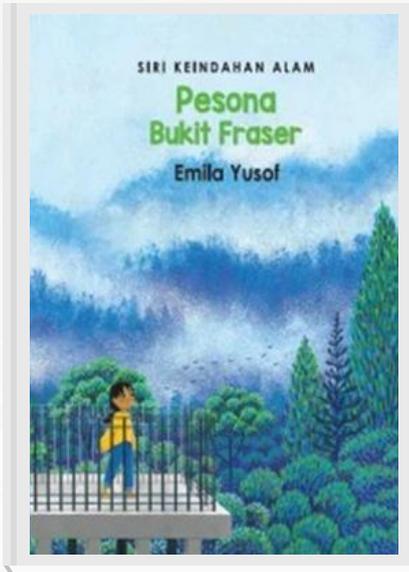
Basikal Baharu Arif | Arif's New Bicycle



Roslimah Saat (Author). 2025. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.
ISBN: 9789834951092. 32p. Malay. 22cm x 18cm.

Arif loves riding his bicycle. However, a small accident damages his bike beyond repair, leaving him sad because he can no longer play with his friends. Determined, Arif finds a way to earn money. He sells his used items and helps his father to collect coconuts. His hard work finally pays off when he gets a brand-new bicycle. This illustrated story teaches lessons about diligence and perseverance. It is suitable for children, parents, and educators who wish to instill the values of hard work and appreciating the results of one's efforts.

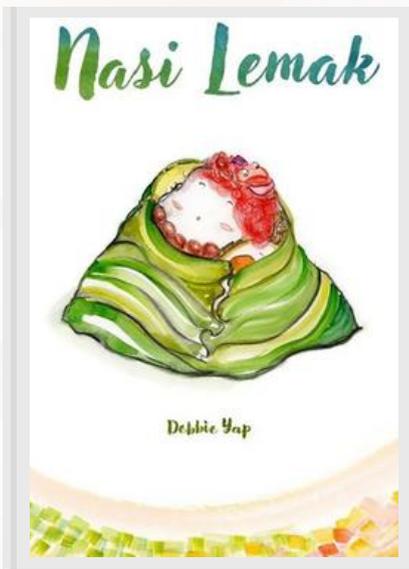
Pesona Bukit Fraser | The Charm of Fraser's Hill



Emila Yusof (Author). 2025. Dua Penulis PLT.
ISBN: 9788672435143. 30p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

The charm of Bukit Fraser invites readers to enjoy the beauty of this tranquil highland. From the morning mist that envelops quiet roads and birdsong in ancient trees to historic colonial houses holding stories over a century old, each page brings the peaceful atmosphere of Bukit Fraser to life. The serene Allan Lake, cascading waterfalls, and starlit night skies make this book more than just a travelogue. Adorned with illustrations of local flora, fauna, and colonial heritage, this book is suitable for readers aged 10 and above, emphasizing the value of appreciating history and preserving the environment.

Nasi Lemak | Nasi Lemak

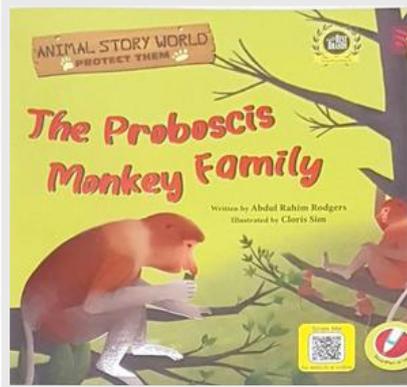


Debbie Yap (Author & Illustrator), Goh Yen Theng (Editor), Lee Yun Yann (Design), Goh Yen Lyn (Translator). 2025. Gasing Buku Sdn. Bhd.
ISBN: 9786299957935. 32p. Malay, English, Mandarin. 30cm x 21cm.

This book invites readers to explore the world of nasi lemak, Malaysia's iconic dish, through a creative and humorous lens. Each ingredient—from spicy sambal, crispy anchovies, fresh cucumber, to sweet coconut rice—is given a playful voice through entertaining personification. The trilingual narrative reflects everyday Malaysian speech and highlights the beauty of cultural diversity united through food. The story is not just about a dish; it evokes memories of a mother's love in the kitchen and brings to life the cozy atmosphere of a bustling food stall with a skilled "mak cik" cooking. With vibrant illustrations, the book celebrates Malaysian taste, identity, and spirit.

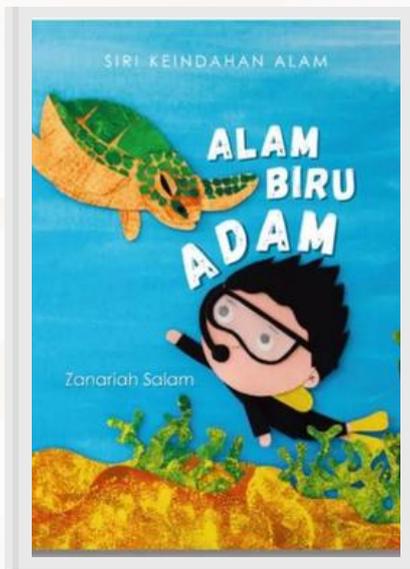
The Proboscis Monkey Family

Abdul Rahim Rodgers (Author), Cloris Sim (Illustrator). 2025. Penerbitan Pelangi Sdn. Bhd.
ISBN: 9786294981652. 31p. English. 25cm x 25cm.



In the heart of the mangroves, Tooma, the vigilant leader of a proboscis monkey troop, starts each day guiding six females, playful youngsters, and fragile infants. As they feast on mangrove leaves, hidden predators—eagles, crocodiles, leopards, snakes, and even humans—lurk nearby. When the mischievous young monkeys ignore Tooma’s warnings and venture too close to danger, a crocodile nearly captures them. Saved at the final moment, the troop learns a vital lesson in obedience and vigilance. As night falls, Tooma ensures his troop returns safely home, securing hope and survival for the next day.

Alam Biru Adam | Adam’s Blue World



Zanariah Salam (Author). 2025. Dua Penulis PLT.
ISBN: 9789672435136. 32p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

Adam loves diving, but his experience on Tioman Island, Pahang, opens a new chapter in his life. Accompanied by a faithful turtle, Adam explores the magical underwater world — vibrant coral reefs, graceful dancing fish, and a tranquil silence that soothes the soul. Yet, beneath this beauty lies a reminder of the fragility of marine life. Each moment beneath the waves awakens Adam to the importance of preserving this natural treasure before it disappears forever. A tale filled with wonder, awareness, and love for nature.

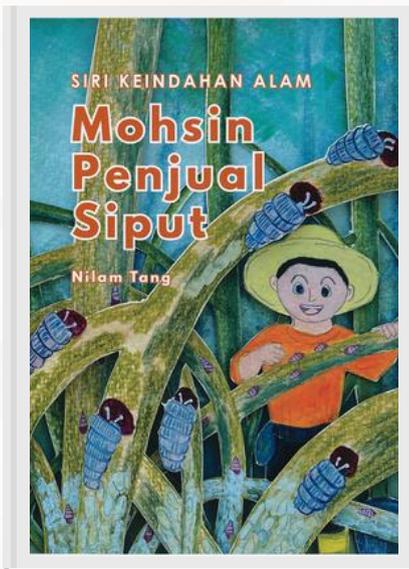
Kapten Aman | Captain Aman



Liza Shahida Ismail (Author). Puteri Aiman Nadzirah Zolkarnain (Illustrator). 2025. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. ISBN: 9789634949075. 32p. Malay. 25cm x 18cm.

Aman has been feeling anxious and less cheerful since his father went abroad for work. To ease his longing, Aman often reads letters in camouflage-patterned envelopes sent by his father. He eagerly awaits January 27. One day, a letter from his father goes missing, and Aman searches everywhere to find it. He even asks his friends in the park to help. During the search, Aman encounters a beautiful butterfly and chases it, only to slip and fall. What will happen to Aman? Why is January 27 so eagerly anticipated by him? This book is accompanied by colorful illustrations, making the reading experience enjoyable and easy for preschool children to understand.

Mohsin Penjual Siput | Mohsin the Snail Seller



Nilam Tang (Author). 2025. Dua Penulis PLT. ISBN: 9789672435150. 30p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

Mohsin the Snail Seller tells the story of Mohsin, a young boy who helps his father collect and sell mud creepers in the mangrove swamps. The story begins with his experiences gathering snails, discovering clams, and observing goby fish, which bring him joy. Mohsin is also taken on a visit to Kukup Island, a unique island covered in mangrove forests, a stopover for migratory birds, where the locals are busy with their daily activities. This picture book is more than just a story—it introduces readers to the local flora and fauna and the lives of coastal communities close to nature. Filled with themes of hard work, family love, and environmental awareness, the illustrated book is suitable for children aged 7 to 12.

Kalau Aku Jumpa Basikalku... | If I Find My Bicycle...



Narges Mirfeyzi (Author), Azam Vazehimoghadam (Illustrator), Mimi Salleh (Translator). 2025. Media Inspirasi Nusantara Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9789672634485. 36p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

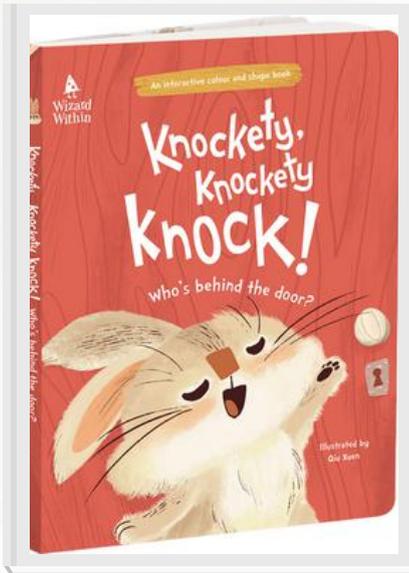
If I Find My Bicycle... (Kalau Aku Jumpa Basikalku...) is the story of a child searching for their bicycle, Merpati, a gift from their grandfather who was once a champion cyclist. Merpati is not an ordinary bicycle—it is a magical bike that can fly! However, it goes missing behind the Endless Wall. With determination and hope, the child promises to find Merpati again, to bring light to the town and share the special bread made by their mother. This picture book is suitable for children aged 8 to 12, conveying messages of courage, love, and dreams.

Zara and the Twelve Realms of Kayangan



Heidi Shamsuddin (Author). 2024. Penguin Books. ISBN: 9789815144895. 248p. English. 20cm x 13cm.

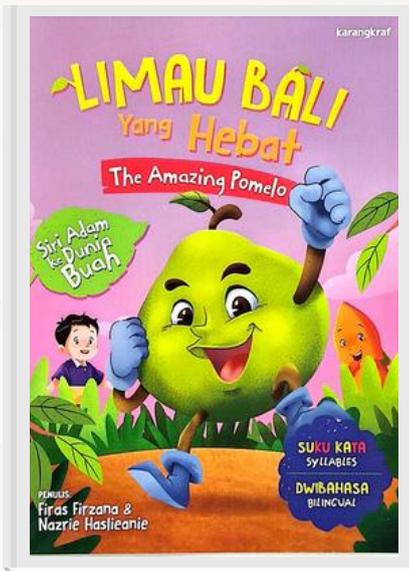
The story of 12 year old Zarra Nuraman, who lives a miserable life much like Cinderella, after losing her parents and sister. She is forced to work for her cruel aunt. Zarra's life takes a darker turn when her younger cousin, Aliyah, is kidnapped and taken to Kayangan by a so called "fairy godmother". Determined to save her cousin, Zarra follows her into Kayangan, a magical realm filled with characters from Malay folklore. On her rescue mission, Zarra is aided by the Border Guardians, Khai and Amir, as well as a magical Baiduri Coat that allows her to travel anywhere. Along the way, she is hunted by the wicked Queen Zamrud and has only three days to save Aliyah. During this perilous quest, Zarra uncovers a hidden secret about the world of Kayangan a truth that will change her life forever and the way she sees the world around her. This book is suitable for children and teenagers (ages 8–15) as it is written in an accessible style, full of thrilling adventures and enchanting fantasy. It is also ideal for educators and parents as a value-rich reading material that nurtures imagination, courage, and introduces young readers to the cultural heritage of the Nusantara.



Knockety, Knockety Knock! Who's Behind the Door?

Qiu Xuen (Illustrator). 2023. Wizard Within Sdn. Bhd.
ISBN: 9789672660529. 31p. English. 22cm x 18cm.

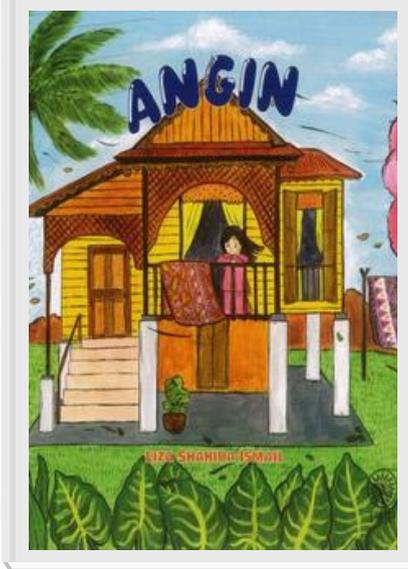
Little bunny Beanie has just moved to a new home and is eager to make friends! With a basket of delicious pies, Beanie knocks on each neighbour's door. Who will be there, a hedgehog, a frog or someone new? Each knock brings a delightful surprise, laughter and a new friendship, from awesome-pawsome pies to crunchy-munchy ones. This charming picture book celebrates kindness, sharing, and the joy of meeting new friends.



Limau Bali Yang Hebat | The Great Pomelo

Firas Firzana, Nazrie Haslieanie (Authors). 2025. Buku Karangkrak Sdn. Bhd.
ISBN: 9786297772349. 23p. Malay & English. 26cm x 19cm.

“Sour!” said Adam. Yet, his encounter with the special Pomelo opens up a whole new world. Together with his friend Papaya, Adam learns about various types of citrus fruits—from limes to the large and unique pomelo. The pomelo is not just a fruit; it is packed with many health benefits. Even more special, this fruit symbolizes good fortune and unity in Chinese New Year celebrations. Presented with colorful illustrations and a cheerful storyline, this book combines knowledge and imagination. It is perfect for curious children who love to learn new things.

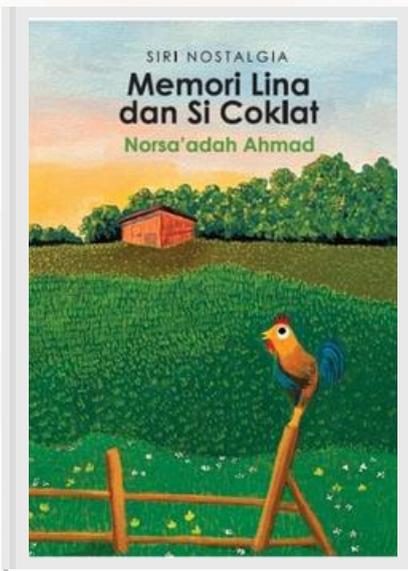


Angin | The Wind

Liza Shahida Ismail (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. ISBN: 9789834948924. 28p. Malay. 16cm x 16cm.

The wind arrives, bringing life to the atmosphere with a gentle breeze that soothes the soul. Yet, its blows come and go – at times strong, at times soft, flowing together in harmony. The wind never stops, as if teaching us that victory belongs to those who never cease to strive. Each page of this book explores the meaning of emotions and the essence of life, rich with lessons to be learned. With beautifully chosen language and vibrant illustrations, this book is deeply connected to the real world of children.

Memori Lina dan Si Coklat | Lina's Memory and the Brown Cat



Norsa'adah (Author). 2024. Dua Penulis PLT. ISBN: 9789672435051. 18p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

Lina and Si Coklat revive the nostalgia of village life through the story of a feisty mother hen named Si Coklat and a little girl named Lina. What begins as a daily routine in the chicken coop turns into an exciting moment when Lina is chased after trying to approach the chicks. Her mother's warning echoes in her mind: "Don't disturb Si Coklat!" As evening falls, a mystery unfolds—where have Si Coklat and her chicks disappeared? Written with emotional and dramatic touches, this story is not only suitable for children aged six to eight and also rich in themes of family values, love for animals, and the fading beauty of village life.

Satu Sekolah Sudah Tahu | The Whole School Already Knows



Liza Shahida Ismail (Author), Mohd Norazmi Mokhtar (Illustrator). 2024. Aras Mega (M) Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9786297570501. 32p. Malay. 25cm x 25cm.

Adam, an albino student with fair skin, blonde hair, and blue eyes, is often praised for his intelligence and good character. Teachers adore him, and he is considered exceptionally remarkable. However, on his way to class, Adam is suddenly knocked down, causing him to cry out in pain. Joe, Sam, and Bob only laugh, leaving Adam feeling deeply embarrassed and angry. From that moment, his resolve is strengthened – he no longer wants to be seen as weak. Determined,

Adam embarks on a new chapter in his life: “Tomorrow’s Adam will not be the same as today’s Adam.” This story serves as a reminder that bullying is a poison in education, one that must be recognized, rejected, and fully eradicated in schools.

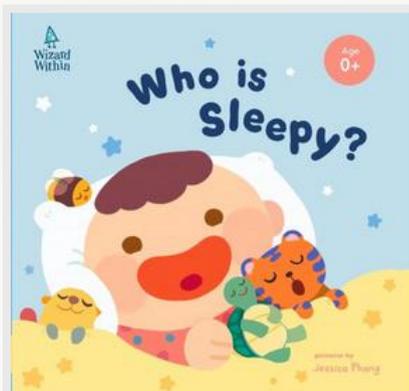
What the Future Brings



Brigitte Rozario (Editor). 2024. Brigitte Joanne Rozario. ISBN: 9786299756842. 242p. English. 20cm x 13cm.

What the Future Brings is an anthology of fifteen striking stories written by young Malaysians, each exploring visions of fractured worlds, questions of justice, and the fragile strength of hope. With bold and unflinching voices, these stories confront fears of the future while igniting imagination and courage. More than a collection, it is a call to reflect on who we are and who we may become. The future is not distant—it is alive in these pages, waiting to be shaped.

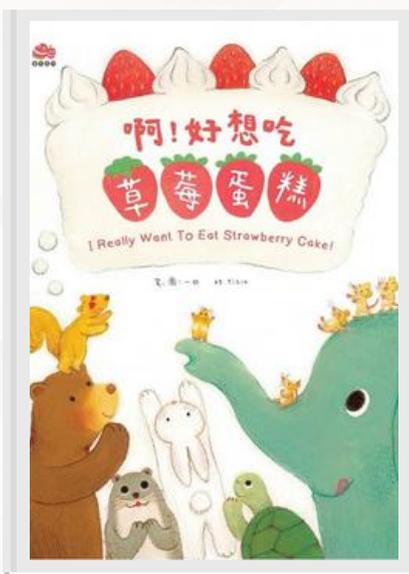
Who Is Sleepy?



Jessica Phang (Author). 2024. Wizard Within.
ISBN: 9789672660514. 11p. English. 18cm x 18cm.

Get ready for bedtime with a gentle journey that asks one big question: Who is Sleepy? As the stars twinkle and the moon shines bright, children will yawn along with cuddly animals—kittens, puppies, owls, and more—as they prepare to drift off to dreamland. With each turn of the page, the soothing rhythm and playful illustrations guide little readers into a calm, cozy world where everyone is ready for rest. Perfect for ages baby to 2 years, this bedtime story encourages relaxation, comfort, and peaceful sleep, making it a cherished nightly ritual for both children and parents.

啊！好想吃草莓蛋糕 = I Really Want to Eat Strawberry Cake



Yisin (Author & Illustrator). 2023. Bridge Communication Centre.
ISBN: 9789672006619. 36p. Bilingual (Mandarin & English). 28cm x 22cm.

The little squirrel had a big craving – he really wanted to eat strawberry cake! Determined to make his dream come true, he gathered his animal friends from the forest to help him collect all the ingredients needed. Each friend brought something special: fresh strawberries, creamy milk, soft flour, and sweet sugar. Together, they worked hand in hand to bake the most delicious strawberry cake ever. Will their teamwork and friendship be enough to create the cake of their dreams? A heart-warming tale of cooperation, determination, and the joy of sharing.

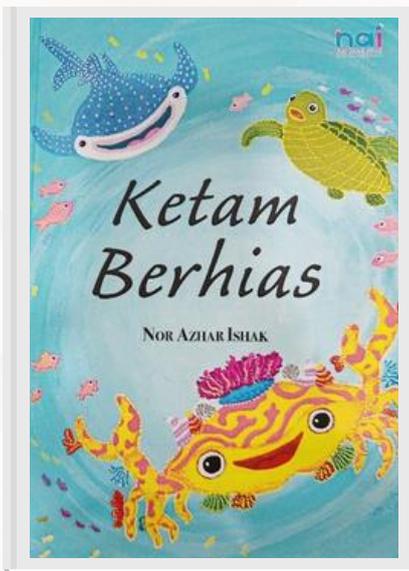
Wǒ Zhīdào Wèishéme Wèishéme Shèngdàn Lǎogōnggōng Bù Lái Wǒjiā = Why oh Why Doesn't Santa Come to My House



Shumin Chee (Author), Amei Jie Jie (Illustrator), S.P. Kee (Translator). 2025. Odonata Publishing Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9786294740556. 36p. Bilingual (Mandarin & English). 21cm x 26cm.

Why doesn't Santa ever come to my house? A child's innocent question sparks a heartfelt journey of discovery. Along the way, he learns that the magic of Christmas is not found in gifts, but in the warmth of family, love, and gratitude. Told with warmth and imagination, this touching story reminds readers that true joy comes from within, making it a timeless festive treasure.

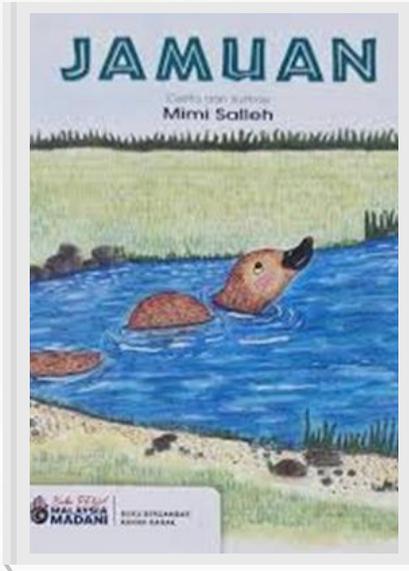
Ketam Berhias | The Decorated Crab



Nor Azhar Ishak (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Perbadanan Perpustakaan Awam Selangor (PPAS). ISBN: 9786299585640. 32p. Malay. 29cm x 21cm.

This is the story of a unique crab. This crab has a special ability to attach things to its body. Using its claws, it decorates itself with pieces of shells, small stones, and other objects, which also helps it escape from danger. Because of this habit, the crab is nicknamed the "Decorated Crab." After several unfortunate incidents happen to its friends in the sea, the crab uses its special ability to solve these problems, what are they, and will the crab succeed in its mission? This book is filled with valuable lessons about cooperation and environmental appreciation. It features engaging illustrations and is aimed at children aged 7 to 12.

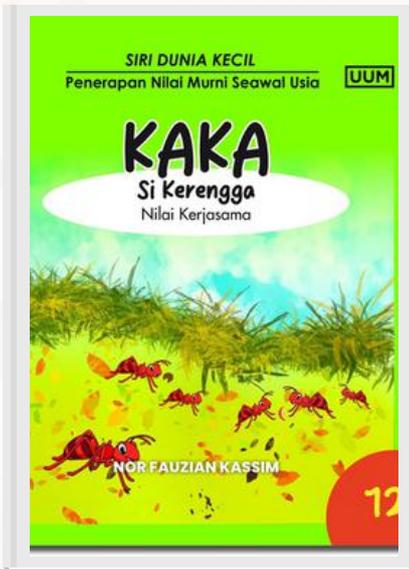
Jamuan | The Feast



Mimi Salleh (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Persatuan Penulis Nasional Malaysia (PENA). ISBN: 9786297760025. 24p. Malay. 25cm x 18cm.

This book tells the story of Polly, who has just moved to Hutan Lipur and wants to make new friends. The King of the Forest suggests that Polly host a feast and invite all the forest inhabitants. The Forest King, monkeys, rabbits, elephants, leopards, peacocks, snakes, and all the other forest creatures are delighted and agree to attend Polly's feast. Polly expresses her gratitude to everyone who comes. This book is suitable and easy to understand for readers aged 5 to 9. The colorful illustrations by the artist make the reading experience even more enjoyable.

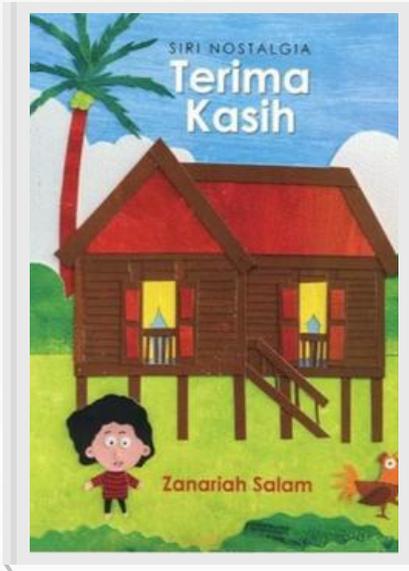
Kaka Si Kerengga (Nilai Kerjasama) | Kaka the Weaver Ant (The Value of Cooperation)



Nor Fauzian Kassim (Author & Illustrator). 2024. UUM Press Kreatif. ISBN: 9786294910478. 17p. Malay. 24cm x 21cm.

Kaka, the wise leader of the weaver ants, guides her colony in facing the threat of a large grasshopper. Through teamwork, the ants manage to frighten the grasshopper away. This story highlights the importance of cooperation, leadership, and courage in overcoming challenges. Accompanied by cheerful illustrations and simple, colour-coded syllable text, this book is suitable for preschool and primary school children. Beyond entertainment, it also educates young readers about wisdom, unity, and the courage to stand up against oppression in daily life.

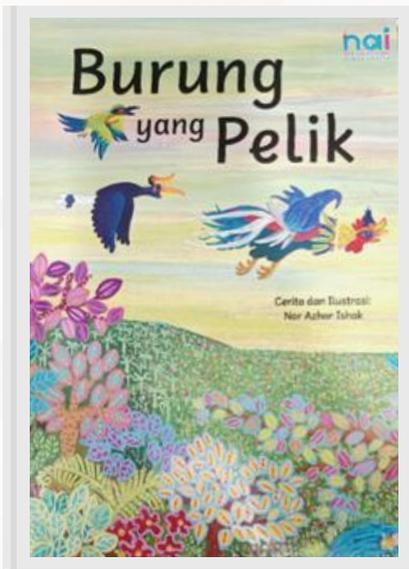
Terima Kasih | Thank You



Zanariah Salam (Author). 2024. Dua Penulis PLT.
ISBN: 9789672435068. 28p. Malay. 25cm x 20cm.

Thank You (*Terima Kasih*) is a story of gratitude for nature, family, and life. From sleeping in the garden, playing while learning, to helping the family with rubber, pineapples, and palm oil, the author invites readers to appreciate the small experiences that carry great meaning. The story emphasizes values of hard work, cooperation, love, and care for the environment. With simple and instructive language, this picture book is suitable for children aged 7 to 12, as well as for family reading and values education in schools.

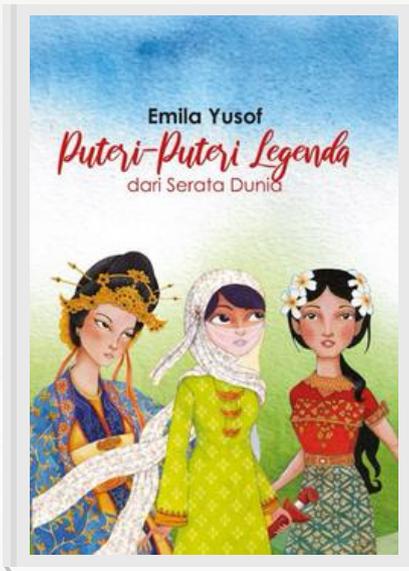
Burung Yang Pelik | The Strange Bird



Nor Azhar Ishak (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Nor Azhar Ishak Resources.
ISBN: 9786299771821. 36p. Malay. 29cm x 21cm.

This story follows the adventure of a jungle fowl searching for a female peacock said to be exceptionally beautiful. The fowl wishes to make her his mate. Along his journey, he encounters seven other birds: the blue-tailed bee-eater, rhinoceros hornbill, yellow-crowned barbet, silver-cheeked hornbill, ivory-tailed magpie, and black-crested bulbul. Each bird lends the male fowl one of its unique traits so that he appears impressive and comparable to the female peacock. Will the male fowl succeed in his quest? This educational story is suitable for reading or being read aloud to children aged 7 to 12. It provides insight into the diversity of bird species found in Malaysia's tropical rainforests. The engaging illustrations make the story both entertaining and informative.

Puteri-Puteri Legenda dari Serata Dunia | Legendary Princesses from Around the World



Emila Yusof (Author). 2025. Dua Penulis PLT.
ISBN: 9789672435167. 39p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

Stories about princesses and women are often filled with bravery, beauty, and wisdom. Every girl, regardless of background, carries the qualities of a princess within her—capable of changing her destiny and shaping her future. Collection of *Legendary Princesses from Around the World* brings together 17 stories of princesses from different countries and cultures. Each tale highlights the unique traditions and heritage of its nation, filled with themes of courage, sacrifice, justice, and inner strength. These stories not only entertain but also inspire young readers with timeless values that anyone can embody. Additionally, they provide knowledge about cultures and traditions from around the world.

Mar Pencari Kamus | Mar the Dictionary Seeker



Nilam Tang (Author). 2025. Dua Penulis PLT.
ISBN: 9789672435242. 114p. Malay. 22cm x 22cm.

This book tells the story of Mar, a student who is worried about his poor performance in English. Mar struggles to understand storybooks and is not proficient at forming sentences properly, which makes him anxious about his progress in the subject. To overcome this problem, Mar decides to use a dictionary as a learning tool to improve his English skills. He believes that with the help of a dictionary, he can overcome his difficulties, especially with a major exam approaching soon. The book emphasizes the role of dictionaries as learning aids and highlights the importance of effort and mastery in learning English. It is suitable for teenagers as a source of self-motivation and guidance.

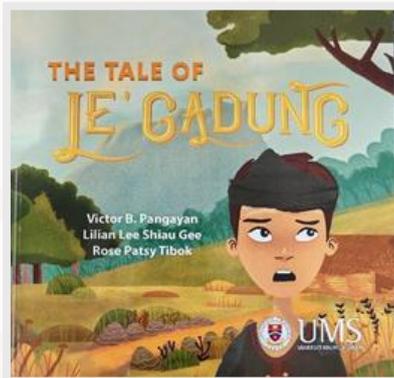
长堤 = The Causeway



Yun Yan (Author & Illustrator). 2024. Gasing Buku Sdn. Bhd.
ISBN: 9786299957928. 36p. Chinese. 30cm x 21cm.

A young boy often wakes to find his parents already gone for work across the Johor–Singapore Causeway. Living with this daily absence, he wonders about their long journeys. One school holiday, he joins his mother, experiencing the crowded buses, heavy traffic, and border queues for himself. That evening, the family shares a precious dinner together. A tender picture book about love, sacrifice, and understanding working parents.

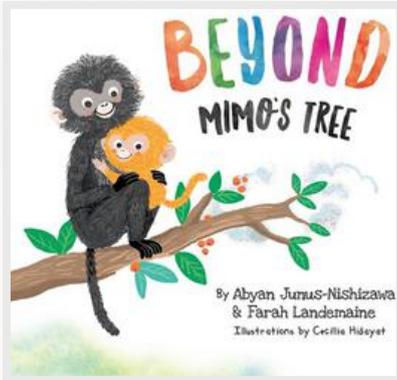
The Tale of Le' Gadung



Victor B. Pangayan (Author). 2025. Universiti Malaysia Sabah Press.
ISBN: 9786297662237. 39p. English. 19cm x 19cm.

The Tale of Le' Gadung is an adaptation of a captivating folktale from the Dusun Kimaragang community in Sabah. It tells the tragic story of two close friends, Gadung and Lingkanad, whose strong bond is destroyed after a disagreement. Their quarrel escalates, leading to unintended consequences that affect not only their friendship but also the people around them. The story highlights the importance of understanding, forgiveness, and reconciliation, while showing how unresolved conflicts can have lasting repercussions. Beyond its folkloric charm, the tale serves as a reminder that friendship, no matter how strong, must be nurtured with care, respect, and mutual trust. This book is not just a children's folktale, it is a cultural treasure and moral guide. This book raises the story of friendship, conflict, and forgiveness with a storytelling style that is easy to understand and full of moral value. It is suitable as a reading and reference material for various levels of society, from children to adults, and should be used as part of efforts to preserve the literary heritage of the people of Sabah.

Beyond Mimo's Tree

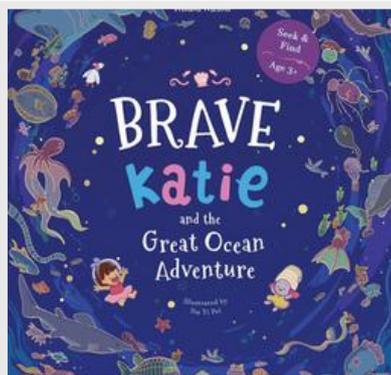


Sia Yi Pei (Author), Cecilia Hidayat (Illustrator). 2025. Asiana Chic Enterprise. ISBN: 9789671512395. 39p. English. 22cm x 22cm.

The story of Mimo, a young Dusky Leaf Monkey who has never left his tree. Mimo lives comfortably in his own world, but one day, his family accidentally leaves him behind. Suddenly, Mimo finds himself alone and outside of his safe zone. Fear begins to overwhelm him as he does not know what awaits beyond his tree. At that very moment, however, a little bee appears and becomes his cheerful friend. Together, they embark on a small adventure that puts Mimo's courage to the test. Along the way, Mimo learns that even though the outside world may seem frightening, it is also full of new discoveries and beauty. The story carries an

important message that the greatest things in life often begin with small steps. It encourages readers to step out of their comfort zones, to try new experiences, and to value both friendship and bravery. This book is particularly suitable for children aged 4 to 10 years old, as the language is simple and accessible, while the moral lessons are easy to grasp. It can also be a valuable resource for parents and teachers to introduce children's concepts of bravery, resilience, and empathy through storytelling.

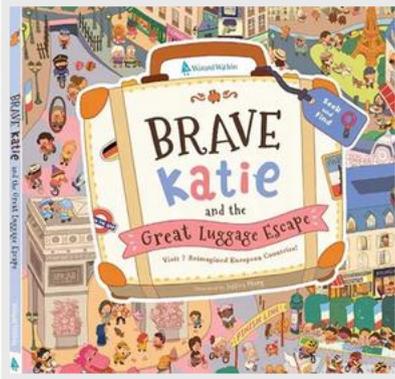
Brave Katie and the Great Ocean Adventure



Abyan Junus-Nishizawa, Farah Landemaine (Author & Illustrator). 2024. Wizard Within Sdn Bhd. ISBN: 9789672660583. 40p. English. 28cm x 24cm.

Katie embarks on a fascinating journey beneath the ocean when she meets a new friend named Shelly. However, Shelly is on a quest to reunite her lost family members. Dive into the rich marine world and explore 10 magical undersea locations, each filled with beauty and wonder. The book also introduces educational elements about marine life. Readers encounter fascinating sea creatures that share interesting facts throughout the adventure. The story incorporates playful elements of folklore and ocean legends, such as cheerful mermaids, and mythical places like the Dragon Palace and the City of Atlantis. This book is an interactive picture book that combines storytelling, marine education, and engaging search-and-find fun. Through Katie and Shelly's journey, readers are invited to explore the beauty, wonder, and mystery of the ocean while developing curiosity, observation, and courage.

Brave Katie and the Great Luggage Escape: Visit 7 Reimagined European Countries!



Jessica Phang (Author & Illustrator). 2024. Wizard Within Sdn Bhd.
ISBN: 9789672660590. 32p. English. 28cm x 23cm.

An interactive seek and find storybook that takes readers on a journey across seven reimagined European countries. The story begins when Katie and her family set out to visit their cousin, Sophie. However, a mysterious incident causes all their luggage to scatter and end up in different locations throughout their colorful and imaginative voyage across “Europe.” In each destination, readers are invited to help Katie and her family recover their missing belongings by searching within vibrant, detail illustrations. Children will discover the uniqueness of each country’s culture and history while exploring charming landscapes from iconic trains in the UK to breathtaking scenery in Sweden. To enhance the experience, the book comes with a fold-out travel flyer and a paper magnifying glass, transforming the reading journey into an imaginative adventure where children can feel like little explorers on a mission. With its interactive elements and engaging visuals, this book is a perfect choice for children who love to imagine.

Alamak! Hari Ini Puasalah! | Oh No! It’s Fasting Day!



Nazirah Khalidin (Story), Alyaa Azlaily Aliamran (Illustrator). 2025. Penerbitan Pelangi Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9786294981805. 24p. Malay. 26cm x 19cm.

Ramadan arrives, and Sofea and Amir are excited to try fasting for the very first time. They wake up early in the morning, full of enthusiasm, but by midday, hunger and thirst begin to test their determination. “Oh no! Today we’re fasting!” they sighed with adorable expressions that make everyone smile. Through this challenge, Sofea and Amir learn that fasting is not just about refraining from food and drink—it also teaches patience, instills gratitude, and encourages sharing goodness with family. This cheerful story invites young readers to experience the beauty of Ramadan in a loving atmosphere while enjoying fun and educational activities.

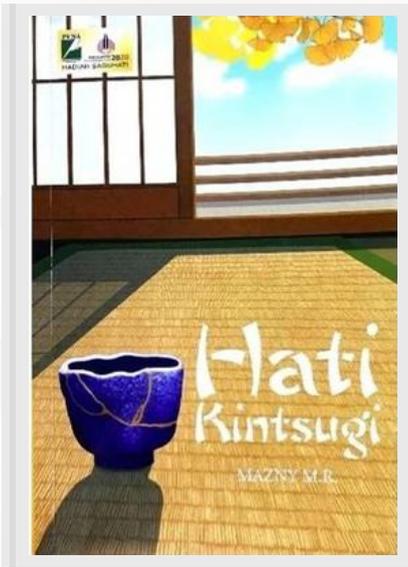
Alkisah Sebiji Tembikai: Sebuah Cerita Semangat Juang | The Tale of a Watermelon: A Story of Perseverance



Sana Saghafi (Author), Parvin Heydarizadeh (Illustrator), Emila Yusof (Translator). 2025. Media Inspirasi Nusantara Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9789672634492. 28p. Malay (also published in English). 30cm x 21cm.

Amid restrictions that limit freedom, the courage of two children, Li Li and Tina, shines through as they strive to defend their national identity and dignity. All they wish for is a four-coloured flag—red, black, green, and white. Yet strict prohibitions force them to seek another symbol. In their father's garden, a watermelon with the same colours becomes a closely guarded secret and a symbol of an undying struggle. Set in Palestine in 1967, when even watermelons were banned, this true story highlights creativity, hope, and the enduring spirit of resistance. Presented with poetic storytelling, this inspiring tale conveys bravery, perseverance, and the profound meaning of patience.

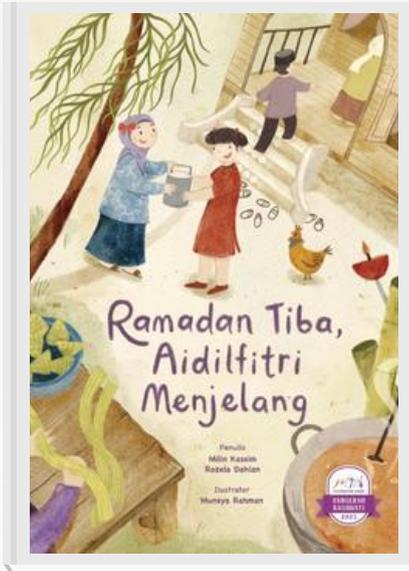
Hati Kintsugi | The Kintsugi Heart



Mazni M.R. (Author). 2024. Mazni binti Md Ramly. ISBN: 9786299875604. 340p. Malay. 20cm x 13cm.

After losing her mother, Tasnim Amani travels to Japan in search of peace. There she meets Mr Takanabe and teacher Seiichi Yamada, who introduce her to kintsugi, the art of repairing broken pottery with gold. Through this art, Tasnim learns that wounds hold wisdom, cracks teach patience, and golden seams ignite hope. Gradually, she learns to accept herself, make peace with destiny, and see beauty in the wounds that once broke her heart. A deeply meaningful story, perfect for teenagers who have experienced loss and are still seeking light on their life journey.

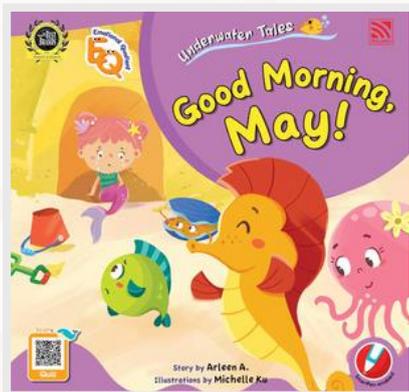
Ramadan Tiba, Aidilfitri Menjelang | Ramadan Arrives, Eid Approaches



Milin Kassim, Rozela Dahlan (Authors), Munsya Rahman (Illustrator). 2024. Gasing Buku Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9786299738145. 36p. Malay. 30cm x 21cm.

Mei Hui and Maryam are close friends living in an east-coast fishing village. This Ramadan is particularly special because Maryam is learning to fast, and Mei Hui is excited to support her friend. However, the joy turns to worry when Maryam suddenly becomes unwell and collapses while playing with friends. This event opens everyone's eyes to the importance of patience, love, and family care, especially the beautiful bond between grandparents and grandchildren. More than just a story about fasting, this book highlights the values of friendship, tolerance, and social harmony in a multicultural community. It reminds readers that Ramadan and Aidilfitri embody gratitude, peace and understanding, which strengthen human connections.

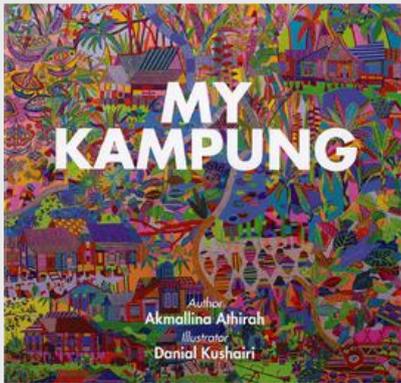
Good Morning, May!



Arleen A. (Author), Michelle Ku (Illustrator). 2025. Penerbitan Pelangi Sdn. Bhd. ISBN: 9786294708860. 24p. English. 23cm x 23cm.

Harry starts his morning cheerfully before heading to school with his friends May, Olivia and Fito. However, May seems distant and unfriendly, until she is found crying alone during recess. Fito finally manages to cheer her up with his jokes, and May smiles again. It turns out she was upset because she had lost her front tooth and felt embarrassed. With encouragement and support from her friends, May learns that friendship matters more than appearance. This colorful picture book highlights kindness, empathy, and self-confidence.

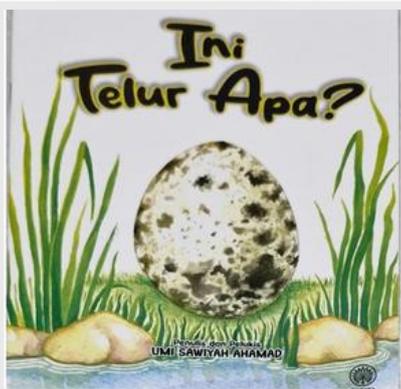
My Kampung



Akmallina Athirah (Author), Danial Kushairi (Illustrator). 2025. UUM Press. ISBN: 9786294911840. 25p. English. 21cm x 21cm.

Through the joyful eyes of a child, *My Kampung* captures the beauty and wonder of village life. From creaking swings, cheerful sunflowers and playful seesaws to the songs of birds, dancing lizards, and soaring kites, every page celebrates the harmony of nature, tradition, and community. Readers will discover games like Congkak and Gasing, encounter lively animals, and explore sparkling lakes and colourful surroundings. This beautifully illustrated picture book highlights the importance of caring for nature, cherishing traditions, and finding happiness in simple moments.

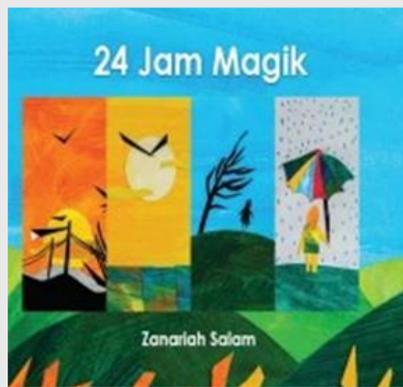
Ini Telur Apa? | What Egg Is This?



Umi Sawiyah Ahamad (Author & Illustrator). 2024. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. ISBN: 9789834946425. 32p. Malay. 25cm x 19cm.

What Kind of Egg Is This? (*Ini Telur Apa?*) tells the story of Iyaz, who discovers a speckled egg while playing by the river. Together with his grandfather, Iyaz seeks to find whose egg it is. One by one, they examine different animals, comparing chicken, duck and goose eggs. Yet, none of them match! In the end, the mystery is solved: the egg belongs to a quail. Through this colorful story, readers are introduced to various types of eggs, their characteristics, and the value of caring for nature and animals. This book is suitable for children aged 6 to 10, with engaging illustrations that spark curiosity.

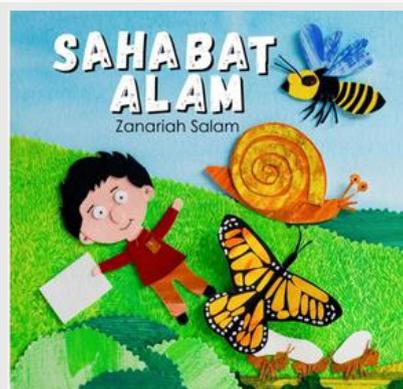
24 Jam Magik | 24 Hours of Magic



Zanariah Salam (Author). 2024. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.
ISBN: 9789672435129. 38p. Malay. 21cm x 21cm.

24 Magical Hours takes readers on a journey through the beauty of nature over the course of a single day. It begins with the blue hour before sunrise, followed by the warmth of the golden hour with a breathtaking golden sky. Birds chirp, flowers sway in the wind, rain falls to nourish the earth, and a rainbow brightens the sky. As evening approaches, shades of orange and yellow return to the horizon, followed by the deep night with crescent and full moons, stars, and the captivating Milky Way. This picture book is not only about the changing sky but also serves as a reminder of the magic present in nature. Suitable for children aged 7 to 12, as well as for family reading.

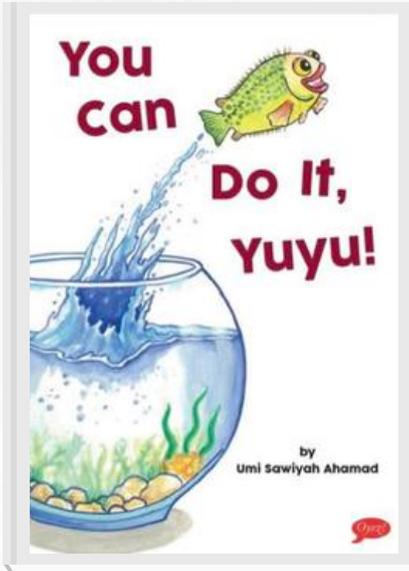
Sahabat Alam | Friend of Nature



Zanariah Salam (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Zanariah binti Salam.
ISBN: 9786299665250. 19p. Malay. 20cm x 20cm.

Adam is a young boy who loves the beauty of nature. One day, while walking around his home, he becomes captivated by the flowers, bees, ants, and other insects, opening his heart to a deeper appreciation of the natural world. Through cheerful and colourful illustrations and simple text, this book is suitable for preschool and primary school children, including autistic children. In addition to introducing the beauty of nature, it also nurtures emotional and social literacy such as feelings of joy and calmness. Overall, this book is not only entertaining but also educational, instilling a love for nature and empathy from an early age.

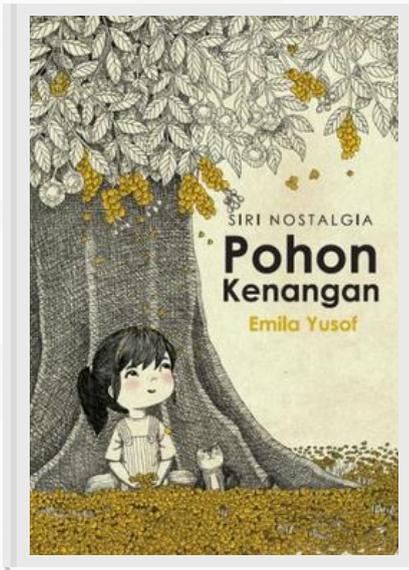
You Can Do It, Yuyu!



Umi Sawiyah Ahamad (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Integra Creative Media Sdn. Bhd. (Oyez!Books). ISBN: 9786297671307. 24p. English. 26cm x 18cm.

Yuyu is a little fish living in a beautiful aquarium. Surrounded by calm and lovely waters, she often doubted herself. Yuyu longed to swim farther and try new things, but fear held her back, making her feel weak. With encouragement from her friends, she discovered that true courage begins with believing in herself. This inspiring tale gently teaches children about the importance of self-confidence, bravery, and perseverance—reminding them to never give up, even when challenges seem too difficult to overcome.

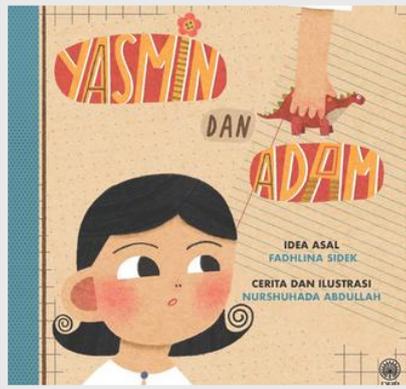
Pohon Kenangan | The Tree of Memories



Emila Yusof (Author). 2024. Dua Penulis PLT. ISBN: 9789672435075. 29p. Malay. 26cm x 21cm.

This picture book introduces the traditional knowledge of Malaysian plants by following the author on a journey into her childhood. Together with her cat, she explores a small forest in her grandparents' backyard. Their adventure is quietly observed by a squirrel that appears, hidden on every double-page spread, waiting to be discovered by readers. A glossary is provided, featuring botanical illustrations of species mentioned. Although intended for children aged four and above, the charm of this picture book is sure to captivate and delight readers of all ages.

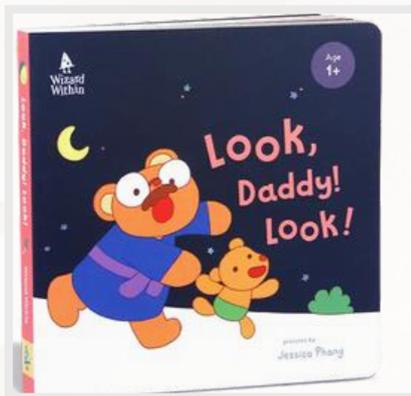
Yasmin dan Adam | Yasmin and Adam



Fadhlina Sidek (Author), Nurshuhada Abdullah (Author & Illustrator). 2024. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. ISBN: 9789834944797. 32p. 26cm x 26cm.

This book tells the story of a young girl named Yasmin who feels curious and puzzled by the behaviour of her classmate, Adam. Adam is an autistic student with unique characteristics that make him appear different from Yasmin and other children. After learning about his condition, Yasmin begins to understand and appreciate Adam's differences by joining him in various school activities. The book aims to raise awareness and understanding in preschool children and parents about the diversity that exists among students with special needs, particularly those with autism.

Look, Daddy! Look!



Jessica Phang (Author). 2023. Wizard Within. ISBN: 9789672660538. 36p. English. 17cm x 17cm.

Join Bonnie Bear and her daddy on a nighttime adventure in "Look, Daddy! Look!" This charming board book is perfect for little ones aged 1 and up. Bonnie and her daddy visit various houses with animals getting ready for bed, but Bonnie doesn't want to sleep just yet. So follow along as they explore and discover all sorts of exciting things on their journey. With 36 pages of beautiful illustrations and a heartwarming story, this book will become a treasured bedtime story for young children.

Life is Like Economy Rice



Joan Saw Rou Yan (Author & Illustrator). 2025. Joan Saw Rou Yan. ISBN: 9789671978740. 26p. Chinese. 30cm x 21cm.

In this warm and nostalgic picture book, Joan Saw Rou Yan compares life's choices with the simple act of picking dishes at an economy-rice stall. Through memories of her grandmother, favourite meals, and tender humour, she reminds us that every dish – sour, sweet, bitter or spicy – mirrors life's flavours, and that true joy lies in cherishing love and the present moment.

Pengembaraan Tok Gulin & Cik Rai: Meneroka Lagu-Lagu Rakyat | The Adventures of Tok Gulin & Cik Rai: Exploring Folk Songs



Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara (Author), Neesa Ameera Mohamed Salim, Muhammad Ihsan Sharullizam, Syahrini Shawalluddin & Nor Shazana Shafiee (Illustrators/Animators). 2025. Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara. ISBN: 9789675552960. 12p. Malay. Board book.

Join Tok Gulin and his cheerful companion Cik Rai as they travel across Malaysia, exploring its diverse culture, traditional architecture, and musical heritage. Along their journey, they hum timeless children's folk songs while visiting states from Kedah and Perlis to Sabah and Sarawak. With playful visuals, rhythmic language, and cultural touches, this interactive board book invites young readers to rediscover Malaysia's beauty, heritage and traditional arts in an entertaining and educational way—fostering pride in local identity and a love for shared cultural treasures.

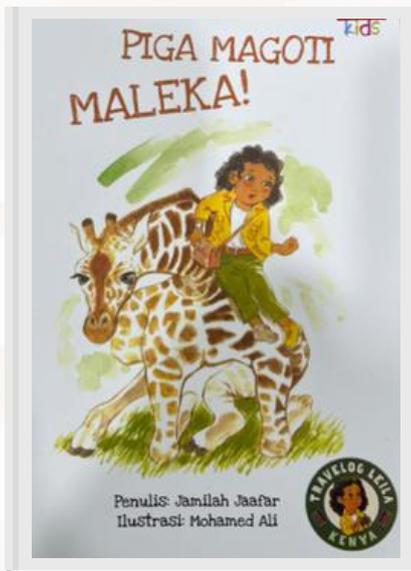
A Kid's Guide to Save Planet Earth



Nor Azhar Ishak (Author), Eugene Chong (Illustrator). Nor Azhar Ishak Resources. ISBN: 9786299771807. 117p. English. 21cm x 29cm.

Our planet is in trouble—but kids have the power to make a difference! A Kid's Guide to Save Planet Earth dives into the real impact of human actions on the environment, from pollution to climate change, while offering clear, practical steps to live more sustainably. Through engaging storytelling and eye-catching illustrations, this book challenges readers ages 10–12 to rethink daily habits, explore creative solutions, and become champions of change in their schools, homes, and communities. Both eye-opening and empowering, it proves that even the smallest actions, when taken together, can spark a brighter, greener future for everyone.

Piga Magoti Maleka!



Jamilah Jaafar (Author), Mohamed Ali (Illustrator). Firdaus Press Publications. ISBN: 9786297706757. 40p. Malay. 25cm x 19cm.

Leila is thrilled when she gets the chance to travel to Kenya with her family. From the wild savannahs to the Maasai villages, every moment is filled with surprises and new discoveries. She learns a few words in Swahili, tastes traditional food, and watches the mesmerising Maasai jumping dance. But her greatest adventure begins when she meets Maleka, a very special giraffe, and, quite unexpectedly, finds herself carried away on its back!



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