

## **AB 'Banjo' Paterson Library**

### **CLASSICS AND AWARD WINNERS**

**Aldridge, James**                      **The true story of Spit McPhee**                      **F ALD:J**  
Young Spit lives a hand to mouth existence with his eccentric grandfather, Fyfe McPhee, in an old shanty on the banks of the Murray River. The townspeople think Spit would be better cared for in a Boys' Home - and when old Fyfe dies, a fierce battle to decide Spit's destiny begins.

**Alexander, Lloyd**                      **The black cauldron**                      **F ALE:L**  
Taran, the assistant pig-keeper, is given his longed-for opportunity to seek adventure and heroism when Hen Wen, the magical pig, disappears. Taran and his friends become involved in a struggle against the Horned King and his dark forces, which threaten to overrun the land of Prydain.

**Armstrong, William H**                      **Souder**                      **F ARM:W**  
Set in the South in the era of sharecropping and segregation, this succinct tale describes the courage of a father who steals a ham to feed his undernourished family; the determination of the eldest son, who searches for his father despite the apathy of prison authorities; and the devotion of a coon dog named Souder.

**Ballentyne, R M**                      **Coral island**                      **F BAL:R**  
Ralph, Jack and Peterkin are shipwrecked on a South Sea island with only a telescope and an axe between them. The island seems a paradise of lagoons and coral reefs - until the arrival of pirates and cannibals ...

**Blackman, Malorie**                      **Noughts & Crosses**                      **F BLA:M**  
Summary: Callum is a nought - a second-class citizen in a world run by the ruling Crosses. Sephy is a Cross, daughter of one of the most powerful men in the country. In their world, Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. And as hostility turns to violence, can Callum and Sephy possibly find a way to be together?

**Boldrewood, Rolf**                      **Robbery under arms**                      **F BOL:R**  
One of the best-known adventure stories of the Australian bush. It has insight into the life on the goldfields, and the tales of bushranging - the best ever written. It features the Marston boys, and Captain Starlight .

**Carmody, Isobelle**                      **Obernewtyn**                      **F CAR:I**  
A post-apocalypse story, when all new discoveries are outlawed by the all-powerful and ruthless Council. Elspeth is one of a new breed of mind thinkers, and seeks the truth of her strange powers. A search inevitably leads to the sinister and mysterious Obernewtyn.

**Carroll, Lewis**                      **Alice's adventures in Wonderland**                      **F CAR:L**  
This edition of the classic story of Alice's adventures was published in 1894.

**Carter, Peter**                      **The Sentinels**                      **F CAR:P**  
John Spencer commandeered into the Royal Navy ends up serving on the West African Squadron, the anti-slavery patrol. One man, Lyapo, a farmer, taken as a slave is bought by the slave trader Kimber aboard the "Phantom". Lyapo and John meet in a desperate struggle for survival.

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**Chesterton, G K**                      **Father Brown: selected stories**                      **F CHE:G**  
Father Brown, one of the most quirkily genial and lovable characters to emerge from English detective fiction, first made his appearance in 1911. That first collection of stories established G.K. Chesterton's kindly cleric in the front rank of eccentric sleuths.

**Clarke, Marcus**                      **For the term of his natural life**                      **F CLA:M**  
Murder, shipwreck, brutal tortures, cannibalism amongst escaping convicts - this novel brings to life all the horror and suffering of the settlement at Port Arthur and the system under which countless convicts disappeared without trace. The survival of Rufus Dawes is amazing in itself.

**Cooper, Susan**                      **The dark is rising**                      **F COO:S**  
Five brilliant fantasy books in one; starting with Will Stanton's discovery that he is the last of the Old Ones, wielders on Earth of the giant powers of good and evil.

**Dickens, Charles**                      **A Christmas carol**                      **F DIC:C**  
The story of Scrooge, a rich London businessman during the last century. With old age, Scrooge has become very unpleasant and miserly. But he receives a visit from the ghost of his dead friend Marley, who then sends other ghosts to show Scrooge that it is important to be happy in our lives.

**Dickinson, Peter**                      **The blue hawk**                      **F DIC:P**  
When the gods command Tron, a temple boy, to overturn the sacrifice of a blue hawk, the destiny of the kingdom is in his hands. Hunted by temple assassins, Tron and his hawk flee into the blazing desert, where they are helped by an ambitious young king with dark secrets of his own.

**Doyle, Arthur Conan**                      **The adventures of Sherlock Holmes**                      **F DOY:A**  
This volume contains some of Sherlock Holmes' most famous cases, in which his eagle eye and brilliant brain is stretched to their limits.

**Eliot, George**                      **Silas Marner**                      **F ELI:G**  
Wrongly accused of a heinous theft, the gentle linen weaver Silas Marner goes into exile to become a miserly recluse. In the rustic village of Raveloe he finds redemption and spiritual rebirth through his unselfish love for an abandoned child who appears mysteriously one day in his isolated cottage.

**Ende, Michael**                      **The neverending story**                      **F END:M**  
A boy named Bastian becomes so engrossed in reading a book about young Atreyu's quest to find a cure for the ailing Empress of Fantasia, that he enters the book himself, saves Fantasia, and sets off on his own adventures.

**Forbes, Esther**                      **Johnny Tremain**                      **F FOR:E**  
Johnny Tremain is one of a group of conspirators preparing for the famous Boston Tea Party

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which sparked off the American Revolution.

**Frank, Anne**                      **The diary of Anne Frank**                      **940.53161**  
**FRA**

The story of a Jewish girl during the Second World War in the Netherlands. She and her family went into hiding in the sealed-off back rooms of an Amsterdam office building in 1942. For two years they remained safe. In August 1944 they were betrayed. Anne died in the ghastly concentration camp at Belsen. All the others perished too, except her father. Anne's astonishingly intimate diary was found by accident and it remains timeless in its appeal.

**Frank, Rudolf**                      **No hero for the Kaiser**                      **F FRA:R**  
The story of a 14-year-old Polish boy who acts as a scout in WWI and through the horrors of war becomes a pacifist.

**Fraser, Antonia**                      **Robin Hood**                      **F FRA:A**  
A classic brought to light by the skilful retelling of Antonia Fraser, Robin Hood is packed with adventure, romance and excitement. It also contains betrayal and blackmail, while the Sheriff tries to get the upper hand.

**Gaarder, Jostein**                      **Sophie's world: a novel about the history of philosophy**                      **F GAA:J**  
One morning Sophie Amundsen, a 14-year-old Norwegian schoolgirl, finds a piece of paper in her mailbox. On it is written: "Who are you?" and "Where did the world from?" An interesting and thought-provoking mystery that is also an introduction to philosophy and philosophers.

**Garfield, Leon**                      **The Golden Shadow**                      **F GAR**  
This book creates an original and enthralling version of the Greek myths that told of the making of man and of the conflicts among the Gods. Heracles is the dazzling figure who dominates the tales of the Homeric scene.

**Garner, Alan**                      **The owl service**                      **F GAR:A**  
Three teenagers, Alison, Roger, and Gwyn discover that the Welsh valley where they are spending their holiday is the original site of the myth of LLeu, Gronw and Glodeuwedd. A curse on the set of owl-decorated dishes found by Gwyn, Alison and Roger turns the two boys against each other and threatens Alison's life.

**Gee, Maurice**                      **The fat man**                      **F GEE:M**  
Colin Potter is a skinny boy, hungry for chocolate. Herbert Muskie is enormously fat, hungry for revenge. A dramatic encounter down at the creek forges an unhappy alliance between the vindictive man and the fearful child. But who is the fat man and why does he hate the people of Loomis?

**Grahame, Kenneth**                      **The wind in the willows**                      **F GRA:K**  
In this perennial classic, Ratty, Mole and Toad battle the weasels and stoats that have taken over

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Toad Hall.

**Haggard, H. Rider                      King Solomon's mines                      F HAG:R**

There were diamond mines and chests full of uncut stones as large as pigeon's eggs. But it was not for them that the three Englishmen made their perilous expedition north of Durban. They went in search of a man ...

**Heaney, Seamus                      Beowulf                      829.3 BEO:H**

Composed towards the end of the first millennium of our era, the Anglo-Saxon poem "Beowulf" is one of the great Northern epics and a classic of European literature. It is a tale of its hero's triumphs as a young warrior and his fated death as a defender of his people.

**Hemingway, Ernest                      The old man and the sea                      F HEM:E**

The old fisherman Santiago had only one friend in the village, the boy Manolin. Everyone else thought he was unlucky because he had caught no fish in a long time. At noon on the eighty-fifth day of fishing, he hooked a huge swordfish, which he fought for three days and nights.

**Homer : Stewart, Diane                      The Iliad                      F HOM**

Retells in simple language the events of the war between Greece and the city of Troy, focusing on Achilles' quarrel with Agamemnon.

**Hope, A                      The prisoner of Zenda                      F  
HOP:A**

Little more than idle curiosity and a penchant for travel took Rudolf Rassdyll to Ruritania to witness the coronation of its king. There he was astonished to meet his exact double - the King of Ruritania! When the king is kidnapped, there seemed only one way to avert disaster: Rudolf must impersonate the king.

**Howker, Janni                      The nature of the beast                      F  
HOW:J**

Something is roaming the moors above Haverston, something dangerous and frightening that kills sheep with a savage ferocity that shocks even the toughest local farmers. But in the town, faced with massive unemployment, the stories of the 'Beast' are dismissed as gossip. Only Bill Howard knows the terrifying truth.

**Hugo, Victor                      Les Miserables                      F  
HUG:V**

In the political unrest that pervaded France in the 1800s after the failure of the revolution, one man, Jean Valjean journeys from depravity and corruption to grace and redemption. This retelling of Hugo's epic novel has language more accessible to twenty-first century readers.

**Jinks, Catherine                      Pagan's vows                      F JIN:C**

Pagan and Lord Roland become novices at an Abbey. But Pagan soon finds out neither humility nor blind obedience come easily to him. While Roland sets his eyes firmly on the face of God,

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the worldlier Pagan discovers just how corrupt and dangerous life in a monastery can be.

**Kelleher, Victor**                      **Master of the grove**                      **F KEL:V**  
Crippled Derin searches the war-torn land for his father, pursued by both soldiers and sinister bowmen, their life force sucked away to make them into living dead. Vivid scenes of physical encounter on the plains and in the mountains make this a fast moving fantasy.

**Konigsberg, E L**                      **From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler**      **F KON:E**  
Claudia isn't the type to rough it when she runs away from home. She takes her brother (along with his money) and "moves in" - to the Museum of Art in New York.

**Le Guin, Ursula**                      **The wizard of Earthsea**                      **F LEG:U**  
In this, the first volume of the Earthsea trilogy, young Ged, studying the art of wizardry, accidentally conjures up a terrifying creature that threatens the existence of the entire world of Earthsea.

**Lewis, C.S.**                      **The chronicles of Narnia (series)**                      **F LEW:C**  
Polly and Digory, live next door to one another in a street of old tall London houses. Exploring on a wet cold afternoon, they discover a little door in an attic which leads to along dark corridor connecting their two homes. That is how they stumble on to the secret workroom of Digory's scientific uncle.

**Lister, Robin; Homer**                      **The Odyssey**                      **F HOM:L**  
A modern rendering of Homer's great epic poem.

**Lowry, Lois**                      **The giver**                      **F LOW:L**  
A perfect world - without conflict, poverty, inequality. Conformity and happiness are a way of life. However, for Jonas, things are different. While his friends are selected to be doctors or teachers, Jonas is sent to an old, tired, man - THE GIVER - where he begins to discover the dark secrets that lie beneath the surface of his world.

**London, Jack**                      **White Fang**                      **F LON:J**  
From the beginning White Fang was different from his brothers and sisters. White Fang was pure wolf, body and soul. This is his story - how he learnt about the world, and about man. White Fang soon found out how harsh a man's rule can be. And eventually, how to build a bond of trust and affection with man.

**Magorian, Michelle**                      **Goodnight Mister Tom**                      **F MAG:M**  
The story of a young city boy evacuated during WWII to live with a lonely old countryman. Willie, who is beaten and repressed by his mother, is evacuated to the home of "Mister Tom", an old recluse.

**Mahy, Margaret**                      **The haunting**                      **F MAH:M**  
The apparition of his living but long-lost magical great uncle haunts Barney. Apart from the



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their loyalty and courage, appalled at man's apparent resolve to exterminate their species. This is the account of those months.

**Naylor, Phyllis Shiloh** **F NAY:P**  
**Reynolds**

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

**Orwell, George** **Animal farm** **F**  
**ORW:G**

At farmer Jones's farm, the pigs lead a revolt to drive out the humans and put themselves in charge of the new totalitarian state, in this classic satire of communism.

**Paterson, Katherine** **Bridge to Terabithia** **F PAT:K**

A thoughtful book dealing with the friendship of two unlikely youngsters, a boy and a girl. They invent Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where they are rulers and the sole human inhabitants.

**Pyle, Howard** **The story of King Arthur and his knights** **F PYL:H**

A collection of stories which describe the perilous and thrilling adventures of King Arthur and his knights in a glorious age of chivalry and honour.

**Pullman, Philip** **Northern lights** **F PUL:P**

When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her daemon determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them to the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies - and where a team of scientists is conducting experiments too horrible to be spoken about.

**Richter, Hans Peter** **Friedrich** **F RIC:H**

Friedrich had a good home and enough money when many in the Germany of the 1930's did not. But when Hitler came to power all this changed because Friedrich was Jewish.

**Riordan, James** **Sweet clarinet** **F RIO:J**

Billy thinks growing up in wartime is fun - falling bombs, fiery skies. That is, until a bomb falls on him. From that moment on, Billy's life will never be the same again. Horribly burned, Billy longs for death, but the precious gift he receives might just give him something to live for, and some hope for the future.

**Rowling, J K** **Harry Potter and the philosopher's stone** **F ROW:J**

Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy - until he is rescued by an owl, taken to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, learns to play Quidditch and does battle in a deadly duel. The reason: Harry Potter is a wizard!

**Rutgers van der Loeff, A.** **Children on the Oregon Trail** **F RUT:A**

This book is based on the true-life story of thirteen-year-old John Sager, who, with his family, was part of a covered-wagon band of settlers who set out for the Far West of America in the

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summer of 1844.

**Saint-Exupery, Antoin**      **The little Prince *and* Letter to a hostage**      **F SAI:A**  
**de**

The story of a little boy who lives alone on a planet not much bigger than himself. One day he leaves behind the safety of his childlike world to travel around the universe where he is introduced to the vagaries of adult behaviour through a series of extraordinary encounters.

**Seraillier, Ian**      **The silver sword**      **F SER:I**

This is a war story, based upon fact, about a family in Poland. When the Nazis came, men and women were carried off to prison camps and children left alone, homeless, to fend for themselves.

**Solzhenitsyn, Alexander**      **One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich**      **F SOL:A**

This brilliant novel describes a single prisoner's day in a remote Siberian labour camp. The deprivation and hardship is hard to comprehend.

**Swift, Jonathan**      **Gulliver's travels**      **F SWI:J**

The story of Gulliver tells of his fantastic adventures among all the strange creatures and their peculiar customs.

**Southall, Ivan**      **To the wild sky**      **F SOU:I**

Six children are stranded in the Australian outback when their pilot dies and the plane crashes.

**Stevenson, Robert Louis**      **F STE:R**

When Jim Hawkins discovers a map he little guesses of the danger and excitement which lie ahead. Joining the crew of the Hispaniola, Jim sets sail for Treasure Island in search of Captain Flint's treasure. But soon mutiny is in the air and Jim must draw on all his resources to survive.

**Stow, Randolph**      **Midnite: the story of a wild colonial boy**      **F STO:R**

Midnite who is an orphan with five animals is not very clever. So his Siamese cat takes control of his future and turns him into a bushranger who charms and outwits the Law and Establishment.

**Tolkien, J R R**      **The Hobbit**      **F TOL:J**

The adventures of hobbit Bilbo Baggins, who joins a band of dwarfs led by Gandalf the Wizard. Together they seek to recover the stolen treasure that is hidden in Lonely Mountain and guarded by Smaug the Dragon.

**Tolkien, J R R**      **The Lord of the rings trilogy**      **F TOL:J**

Frodo, is bequeathed a magical ring from his Uncle Bilbo and learns that he must take it into the land of the Dark Lord, Sauron, there to cast it into the Cracks of Doom.

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**Trease, Geoffrey**                      **Cue for treason**    **F TRE:G**  
An Elizabethan adventure story of two young people who join a traveling theatre company and are taken in as apprentices by William Shakespeare.

**Twain, Mark**                              **The adventures of Tom Sawyer**    **F TWA:M**  
One of the world's favourite books, this is the rollicking tale of a boy, a river and adventures both hilarious and suspenseful. Filled with unforgettable scenes and characters, it is also a depiction of life in the Southern States of America before the Civil War.

**Ullman, James Ramsey**              **Banner in the sky**    **F ULL:J**  
The thrilling story of a boy's determination to conquer a challenging Swiss mountain.

**Verne, Jules**                              **20,000 leagues under the sea**    **F VER:J**  
The prisoners of Captain Nemo travel the oceans under ice, around wrecks, and through underwater forests and encounter horrific octopuses and sharks until it seems there is really no escape from the amazing, self-sufficient submarine, Nautilus.

**White, T.E.**                              **The sword in the stone**    **F WHI:T**  
Merlyn the sorcerer teaches young King Arthur about magic and history. This story and its sequel, The Witch in the Wood, were revised to become the first two parts of The Once and Future King.

**Wren, Percival C**                      **Beau Geste**    **F WRE:P**  
Michael, Digby and John Geste become prime suspects when a famous sapphire is stolen. One by one they flee to join the French Foreign Legion, but even in the heart of Africa the sapphire continues to dominate their lives, until extraordinary events reveal the identity of the thief.

**Wyndham, John**                      **The day of the Triffids**    **F WYN:J**  
The Triffids are a monstrous species of stinging plant. The narrator of this superb novel wakes up in hospital to find that, by missing the end of the world as he knew it, he has survived to witness a terrifying new world...