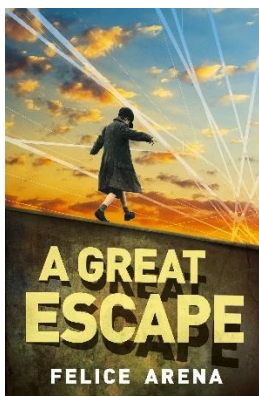


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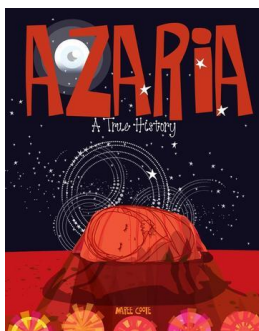
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A Great Escape

By Felice Arena, Puffin Books 2019

A young boy is separated from his family when tension between East and West during the Cold War create divisions in Berlin which provides the setting for thrilling scenes of an adventurous escape.

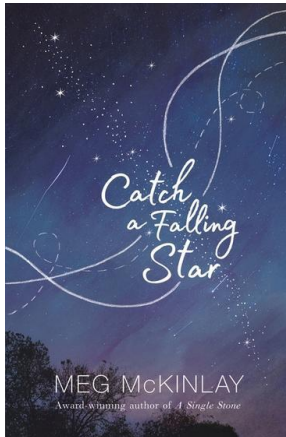


Azaria: A True History (link to review in StoryLinks)

By Maree Coote, Melbournestyle Books 2020

A remarkably crafted retelling of the loss of baby Azaria Chamberlain and what can happen in the minds and hearts of Australians when fiction becomes more important than fact. [Review on StoryLinks](#)

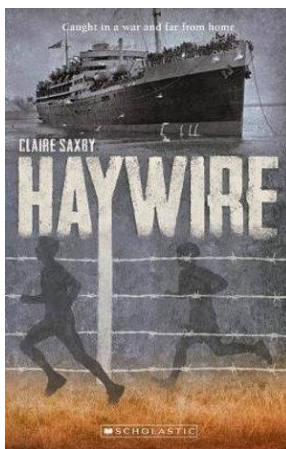
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Catch a Falling Star

By Meg McKinlay, Walker Books 2019

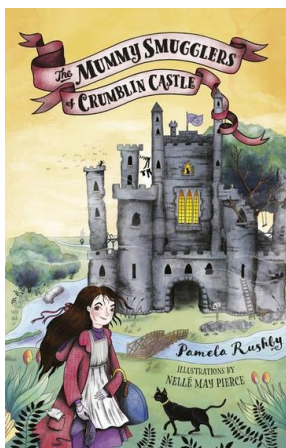
Skylab is falling to earth as 12-year-old Frankie faces old memories. An original and fascinating historical context in which to place a deftly handled coming of age story.



Haywire

By Claire Saxby, Omnibus Books 2020

A moving story of two boys - Australian Tom and German Max, trying to deal with the challenges, trauma and havoc WWII and internment camps bring to their lives. Is friendship possible?



The Mummy Smugglers of Crumblin Castle

By Pamela Rushby & Nellé May Pierce, Walker Books 2020

Hattie is caught up in the exciting and unusual adventures of her eccentric relatives as they hunt for mummies in Egypt during Queen Victoria's reign.

Review on StoryLinks



We Are Wolves (link to review in StoryLinks)

By Katrina Nannestad, HarperCollins 2020

Three children find themselves in an epic struggle for survival, alone in East Prussia in the dying days of WWII.

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