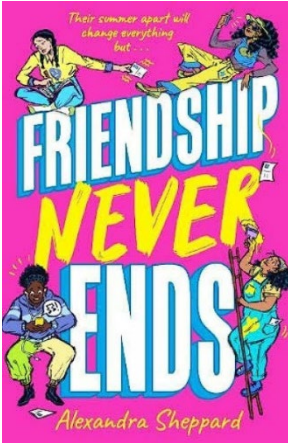
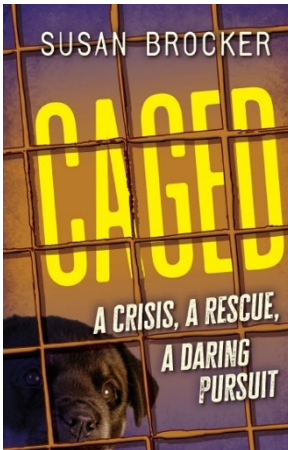


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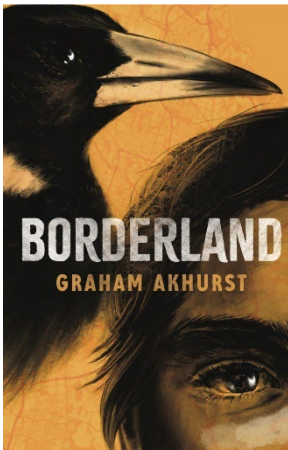
***Friendship Never Ends / Alexandra Sheppard 2023*      12 + Years**

Sunita, Dawn, May and Gifty have been best friends since primary school. They've spent every summer together since then, but now, in the summer before Year 10, they are about to be apart for six whole weeks. After a disastrous and embarrassing end-of-term party, they've realised they need to use their summer to grow up... fast! As they vow to stay in touch, each of them must learn to reconcile their unique sparks, quirks and passions with the heavy expectations and pressures that come with being a teenage girl. By the time they reunite, they know they'll be changed by this summer. But will growing up force them apart? Or can they come back closer to each other... and their true selves? Funny, relatable and heart-warming, get ready to laugh, cringe and cry with these four besties!



***Caged / Susan Brocker 2022*      9-12 Years**

A heart-wrenching story about Sam, a 14-year-old girl from a struggling homeless family, who is already involved in petty crime. She must face her own fears and her sense of what is right, to defy a dangerous drug criminal, and rescue starving dogs and their pups from an inhumane backyard breeder.



***Borderland / Graham Akhurst 2023*      13 + Years**

Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community. Luckily, he's got his best friend, Jenny, who has been by his side through their hectic days at St Lucia Private. After graduating, Jono and Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking, interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the wild western Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares? Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the hustle and bustle of the city. Suddenly, Jono's intuition becomes his best guide. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming. What's the real story behind the gas mining venture? And could Wudun be a messenger from the land, fighting back against the invasion?



***All that's left to say / Emery Lord 2023*      13 + Years**

Hannah MacLaren has grown up between by happily with her single, working mum and avoiding the Maryland upper crust in the next town over, where her wealthy cousin and best friend Sophie lives. The plan is to get Hannah from paycheck-to-paycheck life, and Sophie from the cosseted world she doesn't fit into. But just before junior year begins, something goes horribly wrong. Sophie overdoses at a party, leaving behind a shocked community and bereft best friends. As the haze of grief begins to clear, Hannah teams up with Sophie's other best friend, Gabi, to find out what happened that fateful night.