

# The Alphabet Sisters

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## **The Underwater Alphabet Book** - Jerry Pallotta 2016-12-06

Learn your ABCs in this aquatic exploration of the coral reef. Best-selling author Jerry Pallotta delivers a fun first concepts book that covers sea creatures from A to Z. From the well-known Angelfish to lesser known Humu humu nuku nuku apua'a all the way to Zebra Pipefish, readers will be introduced to over twenty-six tropical species that live in and around the coral reef. Edward Stewart's detailed and vibrant illustrations bring the reader into the colorful underwater world. Covering habitats to inhabitants, this alphabetical journey is told both with wit and scientific accuracy that makes for a fun and funny read aloud that kids and parents will be eager to dive into.

## **Family Baggage** - Monica McInerney 2006-06-27

"An endearing and humane story about a family and its sticky web of secrets and misunderstandings . . . one of those rare books you could recommend to anyone and know that they'll love it." -The Australian Women's Weekly Harriet Turner knows all about journeys. She's arranged hundreds of them for her family's travel agency. Now Harriet is joining her adopted sister, Lara, to lead a group through the Cornish countryside. But when Lara fails to appear at the airport as planned, Harriet finds herself in uncharted territory and suddenly alone with a busload of eccentric seniors. As the tour wends its way through the picturesque landscape, Harriet must uncover her sister's whereabouts and confront long-held family secrets involving Lara's arrival twenty-five

years ago . . . not to mention keeping track of more baggage—real and emotional—than she ever expected. BONUS: This edition contains excerpts from Monica McInerney's *Lola's Secret*, *At Home with the Templetons*, *The Faraday Girls*, *The Alphabet Sisters*, *Greetings from Somewhere Else*, and *Upside Down Inside Out*.

## **Odd One Out** - Monica McInerney 2014-10-14

From the international bestselling author of *Hello from the Gillespies* and *The House of Memories* comes the warm, funny story of a woman who defies her family's expectations on a journey to redefine herself. For years, Sylvie Devereaux, the one member of her famous family of artists and designers who has no artistic talent at all, has been the "go to" person for their every practical need, and all of it has gone largely unappreciated. But her sister's second wedding provides a moment of truth. During the reception, Great-Aunt Millicent publicly offers to hire Sylvie as her companion, so that they can be old maids together. Is that how people really think of her? Is that what she wants? Only her brother Sebastian seems to see Sylvie as a warm-hearted, talented woman who deserves a life of her own. With his encouragement, Sylvie begins to step out of her family's shadow, but creating a future for herself isn't as straightforward or predictable a process as she expects. And where she ends up surprises everyone, Sylvie most of all. Praise for Monica McInerney and her novels: "McInerney brings humor and insight into issues of sibling rivalry, family secrecy, and romantic betrayal."—The

Boston Globe “You’ll be laughing out loud one minute and crying the next.”—Cosmopolitan “Monica McInerney isn’t just one of my favorite writers from down under, but from anywhere.”—Sally Koslow, author of *The Widow Waltz* “[McInerney] brings Maeve Binchy readily to mind.”—The Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney, Australia) International bestselling writer Monica McInerney is the award-winning author of ten previous novels including *Hello From the Gillespies* and *The House of Memories*, one short-story collection, and numerous stories and articles. She grew up in Australia, one of seven children, and has split her time between Australia and Ireland for twenty years. Monica and her Irish husband currently live in Dublin, Ireland.

[The Bird Alphabet Book](#) - Jerry Pallotta 2016-05-03

Ready to go birding? Quick! Can you think of a bird whose name begins with X? Jerry Pallotta found one, and also birds for Q and Z and all the other letters of the alphabet. But this isn't a simple "A is for Atlantic Puffin" kind of alphabet book. Find out where these birds live, how they survive, and the unique qualities that make them interesting. Full of facts and fun, this book is sure to intrigue children with its array of feathered friends, from the familiar to the exotic. Take a brilliant tour of the bird world.

*The Alphabet Sisters Pink Popular Penguin* - Monica McInerney  
2013-03-20

Sisters are always there for each other . . . aren't they? Anna, Bett and Carrie were childhood singing stars - the Alphabet Sisters. As adults they haven't spoken in years. Not since Bett's fiancé left her for another sister . . . Now Lola, their larger-than-life grandmother, summons them home for a birthday extravaganza and a surprise announcement. But just as the rifts begin to close, the Alphabet Sisters face a test none of them ever imagined. An unforgettable story of three women who learn that being true to themselves means being true to each other. Co-founded by Jane and Glenn McGrath, the McGrath Foundation raises money to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia and to increase breast awareness in young women. The McGrath Foundation believes 150 of these specially trained nurses are needed to ensure that

every family experiencing breast cancer has access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation. McGrath Breast Care Nurses offer a unique service to families who can self-refer to this free support. Penguin is proud to donate \$1 from the original sale of each Pink Popular Penguin to help the McGrath Foundation realise their goal. To find out how you can make a difference visit [www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au](http://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au)

**The Dinosaur Alphabet Book** - Jerry Pallotta 2016-08-09

The perfect way to introduce children to the fascinating world of dinosaurs. Full of interesting facts--did you know some dinosaurs had sharp front teeth while others had no front teeth at all? This alphabet book explores both the known and the not-so-well known dinosaurs. Meet the heterodontosaurus (one of the smallest known to exist), the megalosaurus (the first dinosaur ever discovered), the iguanodon, the ultrasaurus, and more! Once again, Jerry Pallotta and Ralph Masiello have combined their talents to create a unique children's book that will inform and entertain young readers.

**The House of Memories** - Monica McInerney 2014-02-04

Months after a tragic accident, Ella O’Hanlon flees to London in an attempt to escape her grief, leaving behind the two people she blames for her loss: Aidan, the love of her life, and Jess, her spoiled half-sister. Taken in by her beloved uncle Lucas, Ella discovers that his extraordinary house holds many wonderful memories for her...and his group of transitory boarders provides a refreshing and welcome emotional tonic. But as Ella settles into a comfortable new role as unofficial cook and housemother, Jess secretly comes to London to pursue her own dreams, precipitating an unexpected family reunion and an exploration of the heart—one famished for love, for healing, and for forgiveness. READERS GUIDE INCLUDED

**Out of My Mind** - Sharon M. Draper 2012-05

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

[Boston Red Sox ABC](#) - Brad M. Epstein 2009-07-01

"The ultimate alphabet book for every young Red Sox fan"--P. [4] of cover.

*The Frog Alphabet Book* - Jerry Pallotta 1990-02-01

A is for Amazon Horned Frog. B is for Blue-legged Strawberry Frog. C is for Crested Newt. What other amphibians can you think of? Learn more about these sometimes cute, sometimes dangerous, but always fascinating animals in THE FROG ALPHABET BOOK. Jerry Pallotta and Ralph Masiello explore the ponds, look under rocks, and dig in the mud to bring you this colorful and fun way to learn more than the alphabet.

*Rescue Ready Sound Book* - Kim Mitzo Thompson 2017-03-02

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*The Godmothers* - Monica McInerney 2022-09-06

After a troubled and tragic childhood, Eliza is invited to the UK to visit her two godmothers, Olivia and Maxie. Throwing caution to the wind, Eliza accepts and takes a leap into the unknown...

**Vanessa and Her Sister** - Priya Parmar 2014-12-30

A New York Times Notable Book • An Entertainment Weekly "Must List" Pick • "Prepare to be dazzled."—Paula McLain • "Quite simply astonishing."—Sarah Blake What if Virginia Woolf's sister had kept a diary? For fans of *The Paris Wife* and *Loving Frank* comes a spellbinding new story of the inseparable bond between Virginia and her sister, the gifted painter Vanessa Bell, and the real-life betrayal that threatened to destroy their family. Hailed by The New York Times Book Review as "an uncanny success" and based on meticulous research, this stunning novel illuminates a little-known episode in the celebrated sisters' glittering bohemian youth among the legendary Bloomsbury Group. Find your next book club pick, read special features, and more. Join the Random House Reader's Circle. London, 1905: The city is alight with change, and the Stephen siblings are at the forefront. Vanessa, Virginia, Thoby, and Adrian are leaving behind their childhood home and taking a house in the leafy heart of avant-garde Bloomsbury. There they bring together a glittering circle of bright, outrageous artistic friends who will grow into legend and come to be known as the Bloomsbury Group. And at the center of this charmed circle are the devoted, gifted sisters: Vanessa, the

painter, and Virginia, the writer. Each member of the group will go on to earn fame and success, but so far Vanessa Bell has never sold a painting. Virginia Woolf's book review has just been turned down by The Times. Lytton Strachey has not published anything. E. M. Forster has finished his first novel but does not like the title. Leonard Woolf is still a civil servant in Ceylon, and John Maynard Keynes is looking for a job. Together, this sparkling coterie of artists and intellectuals throw away convention and embrace the wild freedom of being young, single bohemians in London. But the landscape shifts when Vanessa unexpectedly falls in love and her sister feels dangerously abandoned. Eerily possessive, charismatic, manipulative, and brilliant, Virginia has always lived in the shelter of Vanessa's constant attention and encouragement. Without it, she careens toward self-destruction and madness. As tragedy and betrayal threaten to destroy the family, Vanessa must decide if it is finally time to protect her own happiness above all else. The work of exciting young newcomer Priya Parmar, *Vanessa and Her Sister* exquisitely captures the champagne-heady days of prewar London and the extraordinary lives of sisters Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf. Praise for *Vanessa and Her Sister* "Fiction and history merge seamlessly in this dazzling novel."—Entertainment Weekly "Being related to Virginia Woolf can't have been easy. In this delightful novel, Parmar re-imagines the brilliant, fragile writer and her turn-of-the-century bohemian friends. . . . You'll be spellbound."—People "Rarely do you encounter a woman who commands as much admiration as does the painter Vanessa Bell in Priya Parmar's multilayered, subtly shaded novel."—The New York Times Book Review "[A] gossipy, entertaining historical novel . . . Parmar conjures a devastating fictional portrait."—USA Today "Captivating . . . echoes of Austen's *Sense* and *Sensibility* emerge in Parmar's portrayal."—Newsday "An elegant, entertaining novel that brings new life to the Bloomsbury Group's intrigues."—The Dallas Morning News

*Garden Fairy Alphabet Coloring Book* - Darcy May 1996-09-01

Exquisite, ready-to-color drawings of flowers -- one for each letter of the alphabet -- accompanied by young sprites in carefree poses. Each

illustration also contains the first letter of the flower's name.

*The Alphabet Sisters* - Monica McInerney 2008

Bestselling novelist McInerney makes her American debut with a big-hearted story of three generations of women who learn that being true to themselves means being true to each other.

**ABC** - Benedikt Gross 2020-02-20

Discover the alphabet from a bird's-eye view! Geographer and designer duo Benedikt Gross and Joey Lee have taken the alphabet to new heights--literally! Using satellite imagery and computer technology, the pair has discovered "accidental letters" all over the world: in roads, rivers, buildings, lakes, and more. Take a journey around the Earth in 26 letters with this special book. "A delightful anytime book with hours of entertainment"--Booklist

**The Ocean Alphabet Book** - Jerry Pallotta 1989-02-01

Learn your ABCs in this aquatic exploration of everything under the sea. Best-selling author Jerry Pallotta delivers a fun first concepts book that covers sea creatures from A to Z. From speckled cod to jellyfish to the shiny shells of scallops, readers will be introduced to over twenty-six species that live in the North Atlantic Ocean. Jerry Pallotta's signature witty while scientifically accurate text paired with fun and detailed illustrations by Frank Mazzola Jr. make this a fun read aloud that kids and parents will be eager to dive into.

**Greetings from Somewhere Else** - Monica McInerney 2009-07-07

Lainey Byrne is a master at controlled chaos, juggling her hectic, demanding job, her chef boyfriend with his crazy hours, and her roiling family with all its daily dramas. But her life truly threatens to spin out of control when her aunt May, who owns a B&B in Ireland, passes away. In order for the Byrnes to collect their inheritance, someone from the family must take over Aunt May's business for a year. And apparently that someone is Lainey. Between running a run-down, virtually guest-free B&B (without the slightest ability to cook or clean), worrying about her family from afar, adjusting to country life, and dealing with the complications of long-distance love, Lainey is in way over her head. But when a reunion with a (gorgeous) childhood friend sparks unexpected

complications, Lainey realizes that fate may have another path for her--a direction she never imagined.

**Spin the Bottle** - Monica McInerney 2006-04-03

Lainey Byrne is a woman in control, juggling a hectic job, her boyfriend Adam and a family with more than its fair share of dramas. Things go into a spin when she is wrenched from her life in Melbourne to run a B&B in Ireland for a year. Bed-and-breakfast quickly tumbles into bed-and-bedlam, especially when a reunion with childhood friend Rohan Hartigan sparks an unexpected dilemma. Meanwhile, back in Australia, her father's taken to his bed, her mother's up the walls, her three brothers are running amok - and as for Adam . . . It's going to take more than a game of spin the bottle to sort this one out!

**The Alphabet Sisters** - Monica McInerney 2005-05-01

The once close relationship between sisters Anna, Bett, and Carrie Quinlan has dissolved into estrangement as adults, until their grandmother, Lola, comes up with a scheme to reunite the sisters by summoning them all home to celebrate her eightieth birthday. Reader's Guide included. Original. 40,000 first printing.

Alphabet & Counting - Kim Mitzo Thompson 2005

Introduces the alphabet and numbers with music and songs.

Accompanying book includes alphabet and numbers learning activities. System requirements: Windows, MacIntosh OS X v.10.2.2-10.2.26; MacIntosh OS9.1-10.2.1; Acrobat Reader 5.1+.

*The Freshwater Alphabet Book* - Jerry Pallotta 1996-02-01

Come take a swim with freshwater creatures from around the world! Meet a fish that has no eyes and one that has four of them. Get to know an eel that carries enough electricity to light up a light bulb and a glacier-dwelling worm with blood that works like antifreeze. Jerry Pallotta has done it again! The acclaimed alphabet-book author has joined forces with illustrator David Biedrzycki to create an exquisite and informative introduction to freshwater dwellers.

**Upside Down Inside Out** - Monica McInerney 2002

**Family Baggage** - Monica McInerney 2006-06-20

“An endearing and humane story about a family and its sticky web of secrets and misunderstandings . . . one of those rare books you could recommend to anyone and know that they’ll love it.” -The Australian Women’s Weekly Harriet Turner knows all about journeys. She’s arranged hundreds of them for her family’s travel agency. Now Harriet is joining her adopted sister, Lara, to lead a group through the Cornish countryside. But when Lara fails to appear at the airport as planned, Harriet finds herself in uncharted territory and suddenly alone with a busload of eccentric seniors. As the tour wends its way through the picturesque landscape, Harriet must uncover her sister’s whereabouts and confront long-held family secrets involving Lara’s arrival twenty-five years ago . . . not to mention keeping track of more baggage—real and emotional—than she ever expected. “With every book, Monica McInerney becomes more skilled at juggling plot complexities and giving depth to her characters. . . . Perfect [for] weekend reading.” -Marie Claire (Australia) “A book to treasure that is clever, amusing and heart-warmingly touching.” -Woman’s Day (Australia)

**Marcie Gill and the Caravan Park Cat** - Monica McInerney 2021-11-02

A cat called George. A magical wishing stone. A caravan park to save! This is a summer holiday Marcie will never forget.

[The Morlok Quadruplets](#) - Sarah Cotton 2015-06-29

Memoir of the one of the first set of Identical Quadruplets born in 1930 during the great depression. List several times in the Guinness Book of World Records as well as many other publications throughout their lives.

**Hello from the Gillespies** - Monica McInerney 2014

For the last thirty years, Angela Gillespie's annual Christmas letter has been full of her family's triumphs. But this year Angela surprises everyone, including herself - she tells the truth. Angela's husband is in the throes of a mid-life crisis. Her grown-up daughters are more out of control than ever. And her youngest child spends all of his time talking to an imaginary friend. With fantasy thoughts of a life before marriage and motherhood becoming more than just an innocent daydream, Angela's real life is slowly slipping out of focus. But, as the repercussions of her

ruthlessly honest letter begin to pile up, a shocking event takes Angela from her family, and she realises she should have been more careful of what she wished for

**At Home with the Templetons** - Monica McInerney 2018-07-02

When the Templeton family from England takes up residence in a stately home in country Australia, they set the locals talking - and with good reason. From the outside, the seven Templetons seem so unusual, peculiar even. No one is more intrigued by the family than their neighbours, single mother Nina Donovan and her young son Tom. Before long, the two families' lives become entwined in unexpected ways, to the delight of Gracie, the youngest of the Templeton daughters. In the years that follow, the relationships between the Templetons and the two Donovans twist and turn in unpredictable and life-changing directions, until a tragedy tears them all apart. What will it take to bring them together again? From one of Australia's favourite novelists comes a wonderfully entertaining and touching story of the perils and pleasures of love, friendship and family.

[Lola's Secret](#) - Monica McInerney 2012-10-16

Praised as “Australia’s answer to Maeve Binchy, a modern-day Jane Austen” (The Sun Herald, Australia), Monica McInerney, internationally bestselling author of *The Alphabet Sisters*, returns with a poignant novel of love, loss, and the enduring strength of family ties. Nestled in a picturesque corner of southern Australia, the Valley View Motel has been run by the Quinlans for years—and nobody adores the place more than Lola, the family’s lovable and mischievous Irish-born matriarch. So when she insists that her relatives spend their Christmas elsewhere, the close-knit bunch can’t help but be a bit curious. Lola has always had a knack for clever schemes; after all, she once slyly reunited her three feuding granddaughters, whom she nicknamed the Alphabet Sisters. And with the holiday season fast approaching, Lola decides it’s time to stir up some extra excitement. Plotting in secret and online, Lola thinks it would be fun to invite a select group of strangers to stay at the motel for Christmas. Will these guests become friends, ignite sparks, fall in love? As she counts down the days until their arrival, Lola’s own family dramas

threaten to upend her best-laid plans. Yet amid moments of humor, heartache, and unexpected twists of fate, Lola finds that she's the one who's in for the biggest surprise of all. "[Monica] McInerney's assured writing sparkles. . . . When you reach the end, [Lola's Secret] will leave you feeling like you've been given a huge, warm hug."—Hello! magazine  
"A delicate treat . . . a lovely, gentle story of a family, a Christmas, love and different kinds of adventure."—The Courier-Mail (Australia)  
"Exploring universal family issues of loss, rivalry, aging and grief, [Lola's Secret] is a warm, witty and moving novel."—Woman's Day (Australia)  
Look for special features inside. Join the Circle for author chats and more.

**Those Faraday Girls** - Monica McInerney 2022-04-14

Twenty years on from a shocking event when she was just a little girl, Maggie is now living alone in New York City when a surprise visit from her grandfather brings a revelation and a proposition to reunite the family.

**The Anti-Slavery Alphabet** - Anonymous 2021-01-01

Great Stories and poems for children is a collection of most delightful childrens stories.

**G is for Golden Boy** - Larry Verstraete 2017-09-01

Where can one find a town nicknamed the "Polar Bear Capital of the World"? Or see more than 3,000 beluga whales? Or stand along a lakeshore and hear the sound of the Great Kitchie Manitou beating a huge drum? Visit the province of Manitoba in G is for Golden Boy: A Manitoba Alphabet and learn about these and other wonders, along with fascinating history and important facts. Readers can traverse northern Manitoba on the amazing Ice Roads, a 2,200-km network of temporary roads; attend a dogsled race at the Festival de Voyageur in St. Boniface; or take a trip back in time at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden. From the A of Ancient Shores to the Z of the Z-dike, G is for Golden Boy showcases the history and natural wonders of Manitoba. Larry Verstraete, a native Manitoban, grew up in the French Quarter of Winnipeg, a stone's throw from the Golden Boy. A former teacher, he now spends his time writing, visiting young readers in

schools and libraries, and presenting at conferences and festivals. Larry lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Brian Lund recently retired from a career in digital mapping at the City of Winnipeg and now has time to indulge his passion for oil painting. He has a degree in Environmental Design from the University of Manitoba, and is a self-taught artist. Brian lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

*Upside Down Inside Out* - Monica McInerney 2008-06-24

"Sparkling . . . it's all systems go for a wonderful romance . . . a charming story told with large doses of love and humour." -The Australian Women's Weekly  
Eva Kennedy is in a rut. After seven years of working at her uncle's Dublin delicatessen, her artistic aspirations have slipped by the wayside and her latest relationship has fizzled. Whatever happened to the Eva who was going to be someone? Hoping to shake things up and find inspiration, Eva takes a break and ventures to Melbourne, Australia, to visit her old friend Lainey, who, for fun, gives her an exciting new identity. Eva is now exotic and adventurous and . . . not herself. Joseph Wheeler is a successful London designer.

Unfortunately his firm is thriving at such a high level that he doesn't have time to actually design anymore. And his love life is nonexistent. In Australia on business, Joseph meets Eva, and the sparks fly—even as Eva is stuck pretending to be someone she's not. Little does she know that Joseph has some secrets of his own. . . . When what starts as a holiday fling quickly blossoms into something more, Joseph and Eva discover that romance can turn life upside down and inside out at the bottom of the world. BONUS: This edition contains excerpts from Monica McInerney's *Lola's Secret*, *At Home with the Templetons*, *The Faraday Girls*, *Family Baggage*, *The Alphabet Sisters*, and *Greetings from Somewhere Else*.

*Above Us the Milky Way* - Fowzia Karimi 2020-04-07

Debut novel about a young family forced to flee their war-ravaged homeland, forced to leave behind everything & everyone beloved & familiar. Old family photographs & lush watercolor paintings based on medieval illuminated manuscripts interweave with remembrances, ghost stories/stories of the war dead, & fairy tales to conjure a story of war, of emigration & immigration, the remarkable human capacity to experience

love & wonder amidst destruction & loss, & how to create beauty out of horror.

*The Alphabet Sisters* - Monica McInerney 2005-05-17

As girls growing up in Clare Valley, Australia, Anna, Bett, and Carrie Quinlan were childhood singing stars known as The Alphabet Sisters. The unbridled enthusiasm of their flamboyant grandmother Lola was the glue that held them together. As adults, though, the women haven't spoken in years—ever since Bett's fiancé deserted her to marry the younger Carrie. Now Lola is turning eighty and she is determined to reunite the girls for a blowout bash. And no one ever says no to Lola. Bett, who fled to London after the scandal of losing her fiancé, is hesitant to face her sisters and her hometown—especially since she has yet to find another man. Sophisticated Anna, the eldest sister, isn't too keen on the prospect either, though she's secretly grateful for any excuse to leave her crumbling marriage behind in Sydney. And Carrie, who remained in Clare Valley, is perhaps the most apprehensive. Her marriage—the nominal cause of the sisters' estrangement—is also on the rocks. Was she wrong to have followed her heart and run off with Bett's fiancé? When Lola shares her special request, that the girls stage a musical she has written, their short visit becomes a much longer commitment. As they are forced to spend more time together, the sisters must confront the pain that lingers between them. Preconceptions and misunderstandings are slowly put aside and the three find themselves gradually, irresistibly enveloping one another once again—until an unexpected turn of events changes everything in ways none of them could have ever imagined. . . . Layering the lighthearted antics of small-town life with a heartbreaking story of loyalty lost and found, *The Alphabet Sisters* is an unforgettable story of two generations of women who learn that being true to themselves means being true to one another. **BONUS:** This edition contains excerpts from Monica McInerney's *Lola's Secret*, *At Home with the Templetons*, *The Faraday Girls*, *Family Baggage*, *Greetings from Somewhere Else*, and *Upside Down Inside Out*.

*Alphabet Weekends* - Elizabeth Noble 2009-10-13

Natalie and Tom have been best friends forever, but Tom wants them to

be much more. When Natalie's longtime boyfriend walks out on her just when she thinks he's going to propose, Tom offers her a different and wildly romantic proposition. He suggests that they spend twenty-six weekends together, indulging in twenty-six different activities from A to Z, and at the end of that time Tom's convinced they'll be madly in love. Natalie, however, is not so sure. As Natalie's touring the alphabet with Tom, her mother's going through her own romantic crisis—while Tom's unhappily married sister-in-law, Lucy, struggles with temptation. And over the course of six amazing months, three generations of passionate dreamers are going to discover that, no matter how clever they are, love—and life—is never as easy as A, B, C . . .

**All Together Now** - Monica McInerney 2008-01-01

A group of friends on an unconventional diet learn some important life lessons, a fashion-challenged grandmother weaves some magic in a dusty charity shop, a grieving young mother takes a healing journey, and a shy woman from a family of high-achievers learns to follow her dreams. From one of Australia's most loved authors comes *All Together Now*, a collection of Monica McInerney's short fiction gathered between two covers for the first time. Including several of her earliest magazine short stories, contributions to recent anthologies, her popular novella, *Odd One Out*, and two new stories, this is a book to inspire and delight fans of all ages. Family relationships, sibling rivalry, love lost and love found - these stories touch on the popular themes of Monica McInerney's hugely successful novels, and are brimming with her trademark colour, warmth and humour.

*End of the Alphabet* - Fleur Beale 2012-10-01

Having a dream and aiming for it . . . a gentle coming-of-age novel for girls by much-loved YA novelist Fleur Beale. Ruby Yarrow is a 14 year old who lives in a busy, loving, chaotic family with her mum, stepdad, brother and two little stepbrothers. Ruby feels a bit like a doormat - she has to help out while her brother doesn't. He wins lots of prizes at school but she has a learning difficulty and needs a reader/writer to help her in exams. What's more, her surname, Yarrow, is at the end of the alphabet and when the roll gets called out she's always at the end . She hates it.

She feels she's always at the end of the line. Not that Ruby is a misery bag at all. She's bright, vibrant and a really neat character. She has great friends and loves clothes, fashion magazines and sewing, which she has a real knack for. She's very keen to go on the school trip to Brazil and so she gets a job to earn the money for her airfare, working in a supermarket for an old grump. She also learns a bit of Portuguese and meeting exchange students. Ruby doesn't get to go on the trip but she stands up to her parents, gets some backbone and starts to see herself in a much better light. There's even a bit of romance. This book is about having a dream and aiming for it. But it's not sentimental - it's a great read, very real and it has a lovely upbeat tone.

**The Flower Alphabet Book** - Jerry Pallotta 2016-10-04

Roses are red, Violets are blue... And they're only two of the flowers in

this book of bright colors and delightful information. Young readers will be fascinated to find out what flower can be used to make a doll, which flower flavors tea, and which flower farmers feed to chickens. Author Jerry Pallotta and illustrator Leslie Evans have collaborated to produce a stunning bouquet of words and pictures about the world of flowers—one of nature's most beautiful gifts.

**A Taste for it** - Monica McInerney 2001

Novel set in Ireland and Australia, originally in Ireland in 2000. Talented chef Maura Carmody travels around Ireland for a month to promote Australian food and wine. She is assigned a gorgeous travelling companion in the form of food critic Dominic Hanhraham, and has a number of adventures along the way. Central themes are following your heart and exploring your dreams. Author was born and currently lives in South Australia. This is her first novel.