## EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS Quality texts for Kindergarten

Anzac Ted by Belinda Landsberry	Anzac Ted is the heart-warming tale of a teddy bear who goes to war. Told through the eyes of a young boy, this is the story about his unconditional love for his bear who was passed down to him from his grandfather.
Banjo and Ruby Red by Libby Gleeson	Banjo is a hard-working farm dog and Ruby Red is a naughty chicken, and they never see eye to eye. Can they ever be friends? This is a funny and touching story of antagonism and love.
Clancy and Millie and the Very Fine House by Libby Gleeson	Clancy has just moved house. He is missing his old house terribly - the new house is much too big and much too lonely. How will he ever make it his home? As despair takes hold Clancy hears a small voice. Soon, Clancy with the help of his new friend Millie is building towers to the sky and trains to the street outside, and together they build the home that Clancy thought he had lost forever.
Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero by Anne Cottringer	Mild-mannered bookworm by day, international troubleshooter by night! Little Eliot, with curly red hair like his mother and large round red-framed eyeglasses, is a model child. Quiet and obedient, he reads nearly all day and regularly feeds his pet goldfish. But at night, when all are sleeping, Eliot dons his superhero garb and flies all over the world solving major (and minor) problems.

Elmer the Patchwork Elephant by David McKee	Elmer the elephant is bright-colored patchwork all over. No wonder the other elephants laugh at him! If he were ordinary elephant color, the others might stop laughing. That would make Elmer feel better, wouldn't it? This comical fable is a celebration of individuality and the power of laughter.
Granny Grommet and Me by Dianne Wolfer	The ocean is a vast and scary place for little ones, but Granny Grommet and her granny friends show the way to discovering its wonders in safety.
Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle	When Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, she does it on Mr. Seahorse's belly! She knows he will take good care of them. While he swims waiting for the eggs to hatch, he meets other underwater fathers caring for their babies.
Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	A boy finds a penguin at his door. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him, but no one seems to be missing a penguin. So they set out on a journey for the South pole, but when they get there the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.

Tom Tom by Rosemary Sullivan and	Tom Tom follows a day in the life of a small boy living in a typical Aboriginal community in the
Dee Huxley TOM TOM Note that the second seco	Top End of the Northern Territory. It follows the adventures of Tom Tom as he goes to preschool, eats lunch with Granny Annie in the bottom camp, swims in the Lemonade Springs in the afternoon and spends the night with Granny May and grandfather Jo in the top camp.
Pink by Margaret Chamberlain	One morning Patrick the penguin wakes up pink. He feels that he doesn't fit in any more with the rest of the penguins so he goes to Africa to live with the flamingos.
My Map Book by Sara Fanelli	Children can examine their place in the world around them through detailed and engaging maps that are drawn from a child's perspective. Twelve beautifully illustrated maps such as <i>Map</i> of <i>My Day</i> and <i>Map of My Family</i> will fascinate children, teaching both about mapping and autobiography.
The Most Beautiful Lantern by Sally Heinrich	The mid autumn festival is Mei-Ling's favourite celebration. She is looking forward to taking part in a lantern parade with all her friends. But what type of lantern will she choose? Mei-Ling is determined to have the most beautiful lantern in the whole parade.

The Underwater Fancy-Dress Parade by Davina bell and Allison Colpoys	The day before the underwater fancy- dress parade Alfie got that feeling. Alfie's old familiar feeling isn't a nice one. Parties, school and social events are worrying time for him. Even though his underwater costume of a starfish is pretty good he cannot summon the courage to participate. Instead his mum takes him to the aquarium.
The Children who Loved Books by Peter Carnavas	Angus and Lucy love books. They have hundreds of them. Then one day all the books are taken away, and Angus and Lucy discover they need books more than they ever imagined.
I'm the Best by Lucy Cousins	Dog boasts about being the best. His non stop bragging is starting to make his friends feel kind of sad. They teach Dog a lesson and remind him of what it means to be a best friend.
Belinda by Pamela Allen	Every day the farmer tends his vegetables while his wife milks the cow. There is plenty of milk for all the animals and people on the farm. One day the farmer's wife goes away and the farmer must milk Belinda with mixed results.

The Korean Cinderella by Shirley Climo	The story of Pear Blossom, the Korean Cinderella, and how she is treated like a slave by her jealous stepmother and forced to perform three impossible tasks. With the help of magical creatures Pear Blossom completes the tasks.
Molly and Mae by Danny Parker and Freya Blackwood	The friendship of Molly and Mae is explored when the girls embark on a long train journey from the country to the city. Their fun is disrupted by a squabble.
Rose meets Mr Wintergarden by Bob Graham	All the children in the neighbourhood are scared of mean Mr Wintergarden. One day Rose's ball goes over the fence into Mr Wintergarden's garden and prompted by her mother Rose visits her frosty neighbour bearing cakes and flowers.
Same, but a little bit diff'rent by Kylie Dunstan	Normie shares the elements of life that bind people together in the stories he tells to his city-dwelling friend. They both eat fish but catch them from different places, they both like to swim but swim in different waterways, they both enjoy listening to their grandfather's stories but the stories are different.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes	Chrysanthemum had the perfect life before she started school and she loved her unusual name. Once at school however, things start going downhill. It isn't until the children at school get a new music teacher named Mrs Tinkle that things start improving for Chrysanthemum.
Pig in the Pond by Martin Waddell	This tells the story of Nelligan's pig who sits by the pond and watches the other animals in the cool water. As the pig gets hotter and hotter, he does something quite unheard of and jumps in the pond.
Picasso the Green Tree Frog by Amanda Graham	Picasso can change colour. In trees he turns green. In mud he turns brown. In water he turns blue. One day he fell into a jar of jelly beans and turned all sorts of colours.
My Dog Bigsy by Alison Lester	This is a story about a small dog who causes a big commotion whenever he visits the animals on the farm.

The Man Who Loved Boxes by Stephen Michael king	Once there was a man who loved boxes. He also loved his young son, but because he did not know how to say so he made things for his son out of boxes. Love is expressed in different ways and a small boy comes to understand his father's special way of showing his love for him.
Black Cat, White Cat by Silvia Borando	Black Cat only goes out in the day, White Cat only ever goes out at night. Black Cat and white Cat go on a journey of discovery and meet for the very first time.
Our Island by Alison Lester & Elizabeth Honey	In this lyrical celebration of place, the children of Mornington Island explore their home in words and pictures.
The Storm Whale by Benji Davies	Noi and his father live by the sea and one day he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach. Noi takes it home to care for it but is keeping it a secret from his father.

The Fabulous Friend Machine by Nick Bland	Popcorn is the friendliest chicken on the farm. When she finds a fabulous friend machine in the barn (mobile phone) she sets about making some brand new friends. But it turns out her new friends are not so friendly after all.
Annie's Chair by Deborah Niland	Annie was boiling mad. Someone was sleeping in her chair. No one is allowed on Annie's chair. Someone has broken the rule. What does Annie do to get her favourite chair back?
Hiding Heidi by Fiona Woodcock	Heidi and her friends love to play hide and seek. The trouble is, Heidi always wins. She can't help it – she's just too good! But sometimes being hard to find can be hard to take, so Heidi needs to come up with a plan.
Hoot Owl Master of Disguise by Sean Taylor	Hoot Owl is no ordinary owl. He is a master of disguise. In the blackness of night he's preparing to swoop on his prey before it can realise his tricks.

Whoever you are by Mem Fox	An exploration of how children all over Australia every day are laughing, crying, playing, learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same or speak the same language but inside are just like us.
Alexander's Outing by Pamela Allen	Alexander was a wayward duckling. He straggled behind and then disappeared down a deep dark hole. He needs some help to get out of this deep dark hole.