

Publishing for Children

Historical Bibliometrics

This dataset contains historical bibliometric data for the 71 Australian children's books published by Angus & Robertson from 1897 to 1933. The data was drawn from [AustLit](#), [WorldCat](#), Marcie Muir's *A Bibliography of Australian Children's Literature* (1970), and business records in the Angus & Robertson Archive. Details were corroborated using first editions of the books held by the State Library of New South Wales.

It can be downloaded [here](#).

Explanation of terms:

- Book Title: full title of the book, including any subtitles
- Author: author of the book, as attributed in-text. If a pseudonym was used, the author's real name is indicated in brackets after the pseudonym
- Author Gender: gender of the author, based on biographical research to avoid misattribution
- Year: date of publication.
- Form: predominant form of written expression in the text (prose or verse).
- Imprint: publishing imprint used for the book (A&R or Cornstalk)
- Format: size of the book's front cover, measured in inches
- No. Pages: number of pages in the book, excluding unnumbered preliminaries and endpapers
- Words per Page: average number of words per page, calculated from the mean of ten pages selected at random from throughout the book
- Illustrator: illustrator of the book, as attributed in-text. In some instances, the illustrator was not named or was only identifiable by their signature.
- Illustrations: 'plates' indicates a full-page illustration with a blank reverse side. 'Mono' refers to a monochrome illustration. Unless otherwise specified, normal paper was used for the illustrations
- Cover: design of the book cover, including materials used. The State Library of NSW had rebound some books, making it difficult to accurately describe some covers.
- Reprints: the word 'reprint' has been used to refer to both 'editions' and 'issues'. Reprints were only counted until 1940.
- Sale Price: original price of the first edition, as offered to the general public. The discounted trade price has not been recorded in this dataset.
- Printer: printing press used, usually indicated in the preliminaries and/or endpapers of the book