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Picture Books: Recount Genre



The following list of picture books contain examples of the recount genre as their purpose is to recount what has happened in the past. They are commonly read and written in the English subject area.

Texts with the purpose of recounting may sound straightforward, however, recounting can take various forms. This can range from personal and factual recounts about events that have occurred in real life to imaginative recounts which recount events from the world of imagination. They also include empathetic biographies (diaries), autobiographies and biographies, as well as historical recounts and accounts which tend to be read and written when integrated with the History subject area.

Often picture books contain informative recounts at the back of the book especially if the events are based on actual events and people from the past.

Imaginative Recount (events from the imagined world often influenced by the author's context and experiences)

[Tom Tom](#) by Rosemary Sullivan and Dee Huxley (2008, HarperCollins)

[I Remember](#) by Joanne Crawford and Kerry Anne Jordinson (2019, Magabala Books)

[Searching for Cicadas](#) by Leslie Gibbes and Judy Watson (2019, Walker Books)

[Rivertime](#) by Trace Balla (2014, Allen & Unwin)

[In the Bush: Our Holiday at Wombat Flat](#) by Roland Harvey (2005, Allen & Unwin)

[Jeremy](#) by Chris Faille and Danny Snell (2013, Working Title Press)

[Dirt by Sea](#) by Michael Wagner and Tom Jellett (2022, Penguin)

[An Amazing Australian Road Trip](#) by Jackie Hocking and Lesley Vamos (2021, Walker Books)

[Are We There Yet?](#) by Alison Lester (2004, Penguin)

[My Place](#) by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlins (2008, Walker Books)

Empathetic recount (diary)

[Sophie Scott Goes South](#) by Alison Lester (2017, Penguin)

[Beth: The Story of a Child Convict](#) by Mark Wilson (2016, Lothian Children's Books)

[Anzac Girl: The War Diaries of Alice Ross-King](#) by Kate Simpson and Jess Racklyeft (2020, Allen & Unwin)

Autobiographical recount

[The Shack that Dad Built](#) by Elaine Russell (2005, Little Hare Books)

[The Little Refugee](#) by Anh Do, Suzanne Do and Bruce Whatley (2011, Allen & Unwin)

[Shirley Purdie: My Story, Ngaginybe Jarragbe](#) by Shirley Purdie (2020,

Magabala Books)

[When I was Little, Like You](#) by Mary Malbunka (2005, Allen & Unwin)

[Remembering Lionsville](#) by Bronwyn Bancroft (2016, Allen & Unwin)

[The Peasant Prince](#) by Li Cunxin and Anne Spudvilas (2007, Penguin)

[Kunyi](#) by Kunyi June Anne McInerney (2021, Magabala Books)

Biographical recount

[Albert Namatjira](#) by Vincent Namatjira (2021, Magabala Books)

[Heroes, Rebels and Innovators: Inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait](#)

[Islander People from History](#) by Karen Wyld and Jaelyn Biumaiwai (2021, Hachette)

[To the Bridge: The Journey of Lennie and Ginger Mick](#) by Corinne Fenton and Andre McLean (2020, Walker Books)

[Matthew Flinders: Adventures on Leaky Ships](#) by Carole Wilkinson and Prue Pittock (2020, Wild Dog)

[Australians All](#) by Nadia Wheatley and Ken Searle (2015, Allen & Unwin)

