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**BOTTERSNIKES AND OTHER LOST THINGS**  
**A CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIAN ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

**Juliet O'Connor**  
**Miegunyah, \$59.99**

Although not strictly for young readers, Juliet O'Connor's look at Australia's illustrative history will excite anyone interested in children's literature. Focusing on titles from the early 19th century (William Clavert's *The Young Australian's Alphabet*) to the current day (Leigh Hobbs' *Fiona the Pig*, Toby Riddle's *The Great Escape from the City Zoo*), O'Connor presents a fascinating array of subjects (education, politics, social change) and explores the influences that shaped Australian writers, artists and readers. Head of the Children's Literature Collection at the State Library of Victoria, O'Connor had access to 70,000 titles for her research. But this is not a lofty, inaccessible study; it's a stunning, heavily illustrated book which, collectively, reveals its own story.