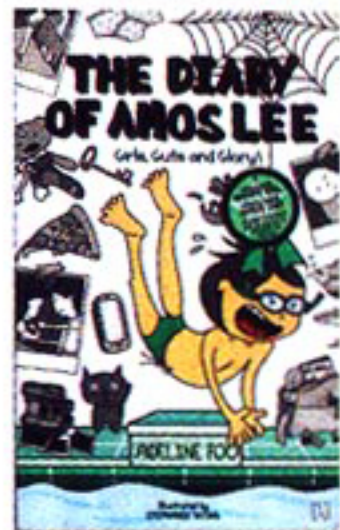


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The Diary of Amos Lee: Girls, Guts and Glory

Adeline Foo, Hachette, ₹195
Ages 8+



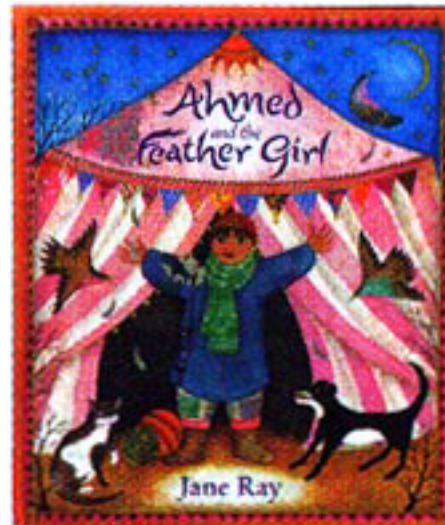
This book is the second part of author Adeline Foo's three-part series *The Diary of Amos Lee*. The series documents the life of an average, irreverent

tween Amos Lee through his last three years of school. Amos writes his diary in the toilet "to get away from his troubles". If the idea of treating the loo as a place to escape to sounds familiar to a lot of us, so does Amos's life. In this book, Amos has to compete with the bully in the swim team and cope with the arrival of a new sibling and a new pet. He even fights with his best friend over a girl, and as hard as he tries, cannot manage to hide his diary from his mother. Foo has managed to make the books set in Singapore sound real and amusing. Stephanie Wong's illustrations add to the fun.

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Ahmed and the Feather Girl

Jane Ray, Francs Lincoln, ₹150
Ages 5+



Ahmed is an orphan boy who works as a helper in a travelling circus. His boss is the mean Madame

Saleem who makes Ahmed work round-the-clock. One day, while gathering firewood in the forest, Ahmed discovers a golden egg, which he brings back to the circus. Saleem keeps the egg in a cage and when it hatches, a beautiful little girl with curls pops out of it. The girl, who is called Aurelia, begins sprouting feathers and this brings a lot of visitors and money to the circus. But Aurelia doesn't want to live in a cage and Ahmed helps her escape. Later Aurelia comes back to take Ahmed. This magical tale about freedom and love is heart-warming. The warm watercolour illustrations, also by Ray, add to the poignancy of the tale.

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