

Share a love for reading



FUN: Shelley Stevens and daughter Ava at Dairy Bell Ice Cream, North Adelaide.

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FRIENDSHIP - whether it be with a dog, a duck or a sheep, a panda and an owl - is the theme of *The Advertiser* Little Big Book Club's May selections.

Yummy Ice-Cream, by Emma Quay and Anna Walker, is part of their Friends for Keeps series for babies to two-year-olds.

Quay had won acclaim as a picture-book illustrator when she met Walker in 2006.

They hit it off and decided to work together. "Anna had some gorgeous character sketches and little dummy books to show publishers but hadn't yet got a break," Quay says.

"As soon as I saw them, I knew I wanted to write something for her."

The Friends for Keeps books include last month's Little Big Book Club picture book *Let's*

The Advertiser THE LITTLE BIG BOOK CLUB

Play House. The series has been short-listed for the 2010 Australian Publishing Association Best Designed Children's Series award.

The adventures of friends Panda, Owl and Sheep, the books convey a powerful message of friendship through delightful illustration and simple text.

For two-and-three-year-olds, *Duck*, by Janet A. Holmes and Jonathan Bentley, is about a little boy who is inconsolable when he loses his fluffy duck. *Wanted: The Perfect Pet*, by Fiona

TOP PICKS FOR KIDS

■ *Yummy Ice-cream*, by Emma Quay and Anna Walker (Scholastic) \$14.99 - 0 to 2-year-olds.

■ *Duck* by Janet A. Holmes and Jonathan Bentley (Little Hare, \$24.99) - 2 to 3-year-olds.

■ *Wanted: The Perfect Pet* by Fiona Robertson (Penguin, \$24.95) - 4 to 5-year-olds.

Robertson, is for four-and-five-year-olds.

It's about Henry, who more than anything - "more than chips, more than a cowboy costume, more than a trip to the moon, more, even, than world peace itself" - wants a dog. And what child could fail to understand such a fervent desire?

FAIR TRADE

Adelaide joins up

ADELAIDE yesterday became the nation's first and only Fair Trade capital city.

Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand operations manager Cameron Neil said Australia was now part of a global movement among more than 500 Fair Trade cities worldwide.

"Adelaide joins over 300 Fair Trade Communities across the country... who have signed up to make the big swap to fair trade in order to help tackle poverty and create better futures for developing country... communities," he said.

MAJOR PLASTIC SURGERY

Newcombe cancer scare

TENNIS great John Newcombe is recovering from a cancer scare that forced him to undergo major plastic surgery.

Newcombe was diagnosed in January with a basal carcinoma, which was operated on in March.

Although it was non-malignant, it took a 3½ hour operation to remove the cancer and rebuild the 65-year-old's nose.

Doctors took cartilage from Newcombe's ear to rebuild his nose. The surgery comes after Newcombe suffered a stroke in 2003.



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