



## NSW RFS Library – Recommended reading for Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

### [Where there's smoke](#)

*Fiction for primary school age*

By John Heffernan

"Stay to fight. Fight to stay."

There's smoke over the hills, but nobody in Edenville seems too worried, even though it's the fire season and the bush is tinder-dry. With the help of their biker mate Tiny, Luke and his Mum seem to have found a place where they can be free of the trouble that has been following them. They have made friends in this town, and it looks like they'll stay for a while. But as the smoke drifts their way, this quiet little town is threatened by an event that could destroy everyone and everything.

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### [Bushfire \(Future Scientists\)](#)

*Fiction for nine-year-olds with some physical science content.*

By P Collins and S McMullen

Twins Rory and Tahlia are trapped on their farm, cut off from help by an out-of-control fire. Their only hope is to work together using the knowledge they have gained from their firefighter father. Will they be able to survive the bush fire?

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### **No longer in print**

#### [Fire](#)

*A picture book for primary school children.*

By Jackie French and illustration by Bruce Whatley

One small spark brought fire awake Winding like a small black snake Fire flickered, fire crept Flames snickered, bush fire leapt... From the award-winning creators of Flood, comes Fire - another beautiful and timely expression of the strength of the Australian spirit.

<http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=12038>

Also includes a downloadable [Activity Sheet](#).

I've just found a good one to add that is in print and available to buy 😊

Great Australian Bushfire Stories

[http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=7874&query\\_desc=kw%2Cwrdl%3A%20Great%20Australian%20bushfire%20stories](http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=7874&query_desc=kw%2Cwrdl%3A%20Great%20Australian%20bushfire%20stories)

### ***The following are available to borrow or read as an ebook***

#### **Living with fire: people, nature and history in Steels Creek**

*An historical and personal account of a fire in the Black Saturday fires in 2009*

By Christine Hansen and Tom Griffiths

In Living with Fire, historians Tom Griffiths and Christine Hansen trace both the history of fire in the region and the human history of the Steels Creek valley in a series of essays which examine the relationship between people and place. These essays are interspersed with four interludes compiled from material produced by the community. In the immediate aftermath of the fire many people sought to express their grief, shock, sadness and relief in artwork. Some painted or wrote poetry, while others collected the burnt remains of past treasures from which they made new objects. These expressions, supplemented by historical archives and the essays they stand beside, offer a sensory and holistic window into the community's contemporary and historical experiences.

[http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=1670&query\\_desc=kw%2Cwrdl%3A%20living%20with%20fire](http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=1670&query_desc=kw%2Cwrdl%3A%20living%20with%20fire)

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#### **Essential bush fire safety tips**

*A practical guide to bush fire safety for residents in bush fire prone areas.*

By Joan Katherine Webster

By the author of the acclaimed The Complete Bushfire Safety Book, this new edition of Joan Webster's Essential Bushfire Safety Tips has been revised and updated. The book deals with people's fears and concerns following Victoria's 2009 Black Saturday bush fires and a maze of new official safety policies. Its concise and straightforward style clears a path of understanding through the tangle of conflicting opinions and misconceptions.

[http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=615&query\\_desc=kw%2Cwrdl%3A%20Essential%20Bushfire%20Safety%20Tips](http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=615&query_desc=kw%2Cwrdl%3A%20Essential%20Bushfire%20Safety%20Tips)

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#### **Firestorm: Black Saturday's tragedy**

*A large format photo book.*

By Committee of Parents and Friends of Glenvale School

A pictorial record of the Black Saturday Fires of February 8, 2009 produced to raise funds for the school.

<http://nswrfs.intersearch.com.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=10205>

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