

The Global Corner
Australian References

<http://panique.com.au/trishansoz> This site (Trishan's Oz) was created by an Australian boy to share information about his country with anyone who wants to learn. Oz is one of the many names for the Land Down Under, Australia.

<http://www.zoomschool.com/school/Australia> This is the Enchanted Learning site about Australia. Lots of ads, but there are some good activities.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/australia> This site has tons of fun activities for kids of all ages.

An Australian ABC of Animals by Bronwyn Bancroft is a beautifully illustrated book of ABCs. Pictures are drawn in the Aboriginal dot art style.

Are we There Yet? by Alison Lester is an adorable picture book about a family that heads out on a six-month trip around Australia. This is the best book I've found about the entire country of Australia, and the best thing is that it was written by a woman whose family undertook just such a trip.

Hide-and-Seek Science: Animal Camouflage by Emma Stevenson is not specifically about Australia, but has a section on how animals in the ocean use camouflage to stay safe.

Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under by Marianne Berkes is a wonderful counting book using the "Over in the Meadow" song. The book contains lots of follow-on activities and information about each of the animals contained in the song. This is the book that is used in our **Walkabout** class.

Ready to Dream by Donna Jo Napoli is about a little girl visiting the Aboriginal people of Australia and learning about the Dream Time.

The Singing Snake by Stefan Czernecki is the book that is used in our **Aboriginal Tales** class. This book includes wonderful traditional story and artwork!

The Sing-Song of Old Man Kangaroo by Rudyard Kipling comes from his ***Just So Stories*** and is the tale of how the kangaroo became the animal it is today. Not really a book for children, this is a story that provides insight into Aboriginal tales and concepts. Provides a page of definitions at the back. Illustrated by John Alfred Rowe.

Stories from the Billabong by James Marshall includes a number of traditional Aboriginal tales. (A billabong is a pond that is formed when a river changes course.)