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YOUNG ADULT
Nothing Scares Me
Gene Kemp,
Allen & Unwin, \$15.95

Some call it a gift but Petra thinks her psychic ability is nothing more than a burden. To make matters worse, she

sees dead people, too. When a girl disappears, Petra is forced to explore her powers and discovers that evil is much closer than she thought. Petra may not be scared . . . but she should be. A taut, supernatural thriller with a nasty sting.



YOUNGER READERS
Tashi And The Stolen Bus
Anna Fienberg, Barbara Fienberg and Kim Gamble
Allen & Unwin, \$11.95

There's nothing Tashi likes better than a good mystery. A stolen bus, a nasty demon, a kidnapping and a thief on the loose all add up to big trouble in

Tashi's village. Energetic and well-paced, the 13th book penned by the mother and daughter team is another winner. Gamble's illustrations are consistently entertaining and give the book an added dimension.



PICTURE BOOKS
Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush Her Hair
Lee Fox and Cathy Wilcox
Lothian, \$27.95

Vibrant, wilful and blissfully disobedient, Ella, as the title suggests, is not keen on having her Rapunzel-like mane

brushed. She hides under the stairs, buries the brush in her sock drawer and manages to bring her poor mother to the very brink. With each page, Ella's locks grow longer, until her tendrils threaten to strangle her. Defeated by the curly mass, Ella agrees to a haircut. The result? Tres chic. Fox's words and Wilcox's illustrations are every bit as original as Ella.

