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TWO OF A KIND: SERIES FOR GIRLS AGED 7-11 YEARS



MEET ROSE

BY SHERRYL CLARK,
 PUFFIN BOOKS, RRP \$14.95
 Rose lives with her family in Melbourne. The year is 1900. Rose wants to play games like the boys do, but her mother keeps stopping her. The book is part of the Our Australian Girl series about girls living in different parts of Australia at different times. The others are *Meet Grace* (1808), *Meet Letty* (1841) and *Meet Poppy* (1868). Each book is an adventure story and it was interesting to learn what the past was like. **J.M.**

Verdict: fun history



THE FLEURVILLE TRILOGY

BY COUNTESS DE SEGUR,
 SIMON & SCHUSTER, RRP \$17
 The appeal of this charming trilogy hangs on its naughty but cute protagonist little Sophie, a kind of Dennis the Menace of her age. And like Dennis, this cherished but cheeky child is always ignoring sage advice and getting herself in a bind. The stories, first published in France in 1857, have aged surprisingly well. They are bite-sized, too, and make lovely bedtime reading for mothers and their early primary-aged daughters. **W.T.**

Verdict: charming