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ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Autumn 2018

March—May





WELCOME

I hope you have all enjoyed your Summer and are ready to welcome in Autumn. One of the hardest tasks we find in creating this booklet is trying to decide which books we will highlight and which ones we haven't the room for.

There are SO many amazing books published each month that if we tried to include them all the booklet would turn into a very large book! So to ease the pain of not showing off the upcoming publications we wanted to include we will be publishing a blog post on our blog, *Parra Reads*, each month with the titles that didn't make it into our ALL ABOUT BOOKS and others we discover along the way. When you are looking for your next great read and have read all the ones in this issue, take a visit to our blog for added inspiration.

I have been busy reading some of my favourite authors and some titles recommended by friends and colleagues. Some of my favourites lately have been - *Year One* by Nora Roberts, *Hardcore 24* by Janet Evanovich, *Deja New* by MaryJanice Davidson, *The Veil* by Chloe Neill and *Promise Not to Tell* by Jayne Ann Krentz. I enjoyed *Two Steps Forward* by Graeme Simsion & Anne Buirst and *Nevermoor* by Jessica Townsend and am looking forward to reading many of the titles featured in this issue.

Our team is excited by the re-launch of our author talk program this year - *In Conversation* - with the first event being 'Love Between the Pages' on Sunday 15th April. This author talk will feature talented romance authors and a very special high tea - we look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you enjoy our recommendations, can control your impatience to read them (very hard for me) and above all we wish you HAPPY AUTUMN READING!

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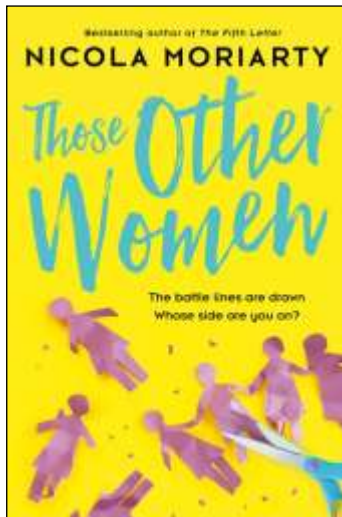
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FICTION

There are so many wonderful fiction reads being published over the next 3 months that the blog posts our team will be publishing on *Parra Reads* each month will have even more titles than I could fit in ALL ABOUT BOOKS.

I have tried to highlight a good mix of titles with some best seller authors, those not so well known and some debut authors from a variety of genres - I hope you enjoy them and look forward to reading them as much as I do.



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Those Other Women - Nicola Moriarty

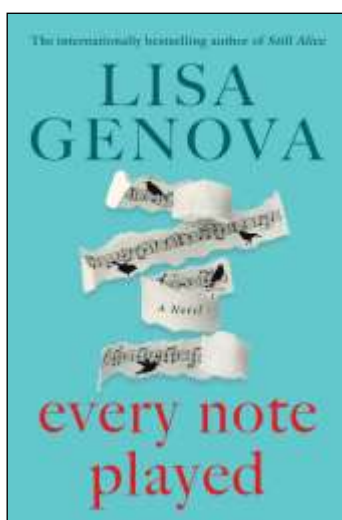
Poppy's world has tipped sideways: the husband who never wanted children has betrayed her with her broody best friend.

At least Annalise is on her side. Poppy's new friend is determined to celebrate their freedom from kids so together they create a Facebook group to meet up with like-minded women, and perhaps vent just a little about smug mums' privileges at work.

Meanwhile Frankie would love a night out, away from her darlings - she's not had one in years - and she's sick of being judged by women at the office and stay-at-home mums.

Then Poppy and Annalise's group takes off and frustrated members start confronting mums like Frankie in the real world. Cafes become battlegrounds, playgrounds become warzones and offices have never been so divided.

A rivalry that was once harmless fun is spiralling out of control. Because one of their members is a wolf in sheep's clothing. And she has an agenda of her own . . .



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Every Note Played - Lisa Genova

An accomplished concert pianist, Richard has already suffered many losses in his life: the acrimonious divorce from his ex-wife, Karina; the estrangement of his daughter, Grace; and now, a devastating diagnosis. ALS.

The relentlessly progressive paralysis of ALS begins in the cruellest way possible - in his hands. As Richard becomes more and more locked inside his body and can no longer play piano or live on his own, Karina steps in as his reluctant caregiver.

Paralysed in a different way, Karina is trapped within a prison of excuses and blame, stuck in an unfulfilling life as an after-school piano teacher, afraid to pursue the path she abandoned as a young woman. As Richard's muscles, voice and breath fade, the two struggle to reconcile their past before it's too late.

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Captive - Tony Park

Very eager - and rather naive - Australian lawyer Kerry Maxwell flies into South Africa to volunteer at a wildlife orphanage run by notorious vet, Graham Baird. Graham is as jaded and reckless as Kerry is law-abiding and optimistic. When Kerry arrives at the animal sanctuary it's to the news that Graham is imprisoned in Mozambique following a shootout with elephant poachers. In the gunfight he killed the brother of corrupt politician and poaching kingpin Fidel Costa.

Kerry's earnest sense of justice takes her to Massingir to help Graham with his case, and into a world of danger. Kidnapped, chased, attacked and betrayed, Kerry learns the bitter truth about the complexities and deadly nature of the war on poaching. Even the motivations of well-meaning charities, wealthy donors and private zoos are not all they appear.



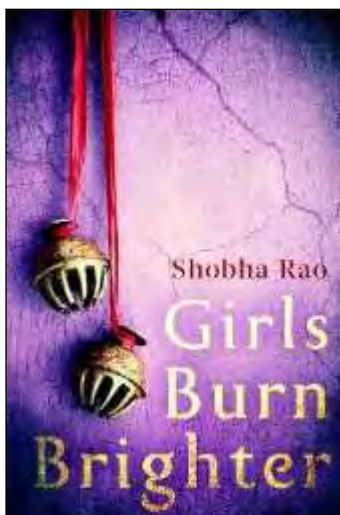
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The Redemption of Time - Baoshu

Companion volume to the bestselling THREE-BODY PROBLEM trilogy.

At the end of the fourth year of the Crisis Era, Yun Tianming, riddled with cancer, chose to end his life. His decision was the first step in a journey that would take him to the end of the universe and beyond. His brain was extracted from his body, flash frozen, put aboard a spacecraft and launched on a trajectory that will intercept the Trisolarian First Fleet in a few centuries. It is a desperate plan, almost certain to fail. But there is an infinitesimal chance that one day Tianming may, somehow, be able to send valuable information back to Earth. And so he does.

This is Tianming's story. It reveals what happened to him when he was intercepted by the Trisolarians. It reveals the true nature of the struggle that has created the universal 'dark forest', and the ultimate fate of the Universe...



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Girls Burn Brighter - Shobha Rao

After her mother's death, Poornima has very little kindness in her life. She is left to take care of her siblings until her father can find her a suitable match. So when Savitha enters their household, Poornima is intrigued by the joyful, independent-minded girl. Suddenly their Indian village doesn't feel quite so claustrophobic, and Poornima begins to imagine a life beyond the arranged marriage her father is desperate to secure for her. But when a devastating act of cruelty drives Savitha away, Poornima leaves behind everything she has ever known to find her friend.

Her journey takes her into the darkest corners of India's underworld, on a harrowing cross-continental journey, and eventually to an apartment complex in Seattle. Alternating between the girls' perspectives as they face ruthless obstacles, *Girls Burn Brighter* introduces two heroines who never lose the hope that burns within them.

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The Woman Left Behind - Linda Howard

Levi Butcher is singularly devoted to his work. As team leader for the GO-Team, his unwavering focus is on the mission. Levi knows all too well that one minor distraction can hold deadly consequences. But with the soothing, sensual voice of "Babe," the team's communication expert, constantly in his ear, keeping his concentration on the dangerous work at hand is becoming extremely difficult.

Jina Modell definitely doesn't feel like a "Babe," especially when she's working with the gruff, no-nonsense Levi. When the base where she's stationed is attacked, Jina manages to escape but the rest of the team, working some distance away, is exfiltrated, thinking Jina died in the explosion-leaving her stranded. To survive, she's got to figure out how to get back to safety before she's discovered by the enemy.



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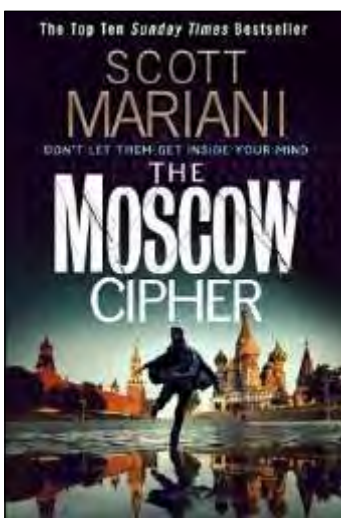
Scourged - Kevin Hearne

The finale to the fantasy action-adventure series, The Iron Druid Chronicles.

Unchained from fate, the Norse gods Loki and Hel are ready to unleash Ragnarok, a.k.a. the Apocalypse, upon the earth. They've made allies on the darker side of many pantheons, and there's a globe-spanning battle brewing that ancient Druid Atticus O'Sullivan will be hard-pressed to survive, much less win.

Granuaile MacTiernan must join immortals Sun Wukong and Erlang Shen in a fight against the Yama Kings in Taiwan, but she discovers that the stakes are much higher than she thought.

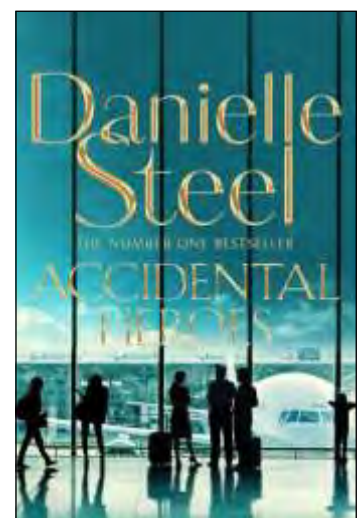
Meanwhile, Archdruid Owen Kennedy must put out both literal and metaphorical fires from Bavaria to Peru to keep the world safe for his apprentices and the future of Druidry.



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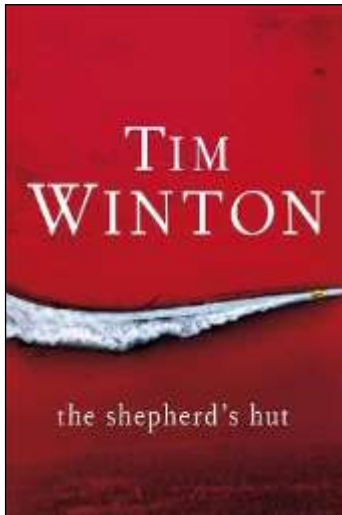


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The Shepherd's Hut - Tim Winton

For years Jaxie Clackton has dreaded going home. His beloved mum is dead, and he wishes his dad was too, until one terrible moment leaves his life stripped to nothing. No one ever told Jaxie Clackton to be careful what he wishes for. And so Jaxie runs.

There's just one person in the world who understands him, but to reach her he'll have to cross the vast saltlands of Western Australia. It is a place that harbours criminals and threatens to kill those who haven't reckoned with its hot, waterless vastness. This is a journey only a dreamer - or a fugitive - would attempt. Fierce and lyrical, this is a story of survival, solitude and unlikely friendship. Most of all it is about what it takes to keep hope alive in a parched and brutal world.



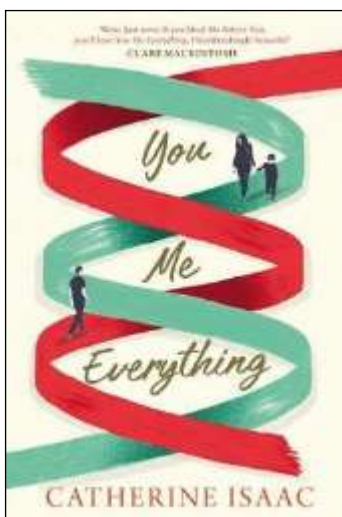
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The Ones You Trust - Caroline Overington

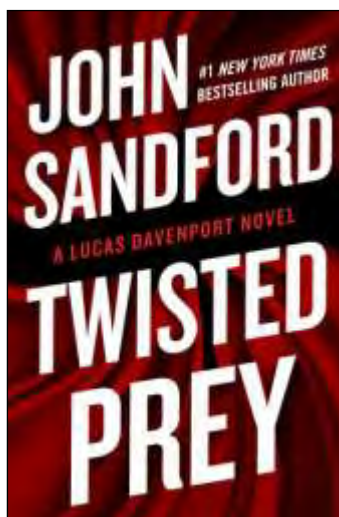
Someone has taken her little girl ...

Emma Cardwell is the top-rating host of a morning TV show, Cuppa, beloved by audiences and only occasionally stalked by crazy fans. She seems to have it all: fame, money, a gorgeous family, but then her tiny daughter disappears from day care, and Emma's entire life is turned on its head.

Is this a kidnapping, a product of her high profile, or is somebody out for revenge? As the hours tick by and the pressure mounts, everything comes under scrutiny, including her own marriage, and Emma is forced to confront an aching question: can we trust the ones we love?



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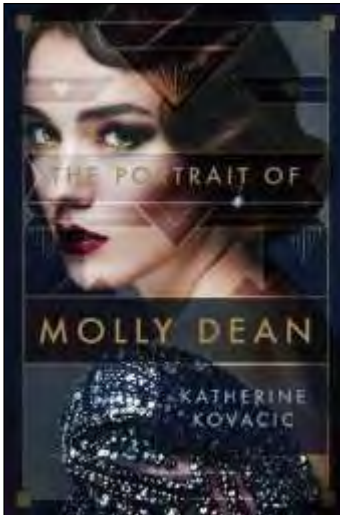


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The Portrait of Molly Dean - Katherine Kovacic

An unsolved murder comes to light after almost seventy years...

In 1999, art dealer Alex Clayton stumbles across a lost portrait of Molly Dean, an artist's muse brutally slain in Melbourne in 1930. Alex buys the painting and sets out to uncover more details, but finds there are strange inconsistencies: Molly's mother seemed unconcerned by her daughter's violent death, the main suspect was never brought to trial despite compelling evidence, and vital records are missing.

Alex enlists the help of her close friend, art conservator John Porter, and together they sift through the clues and deceptions that swirl around the last days of Molly Dean.

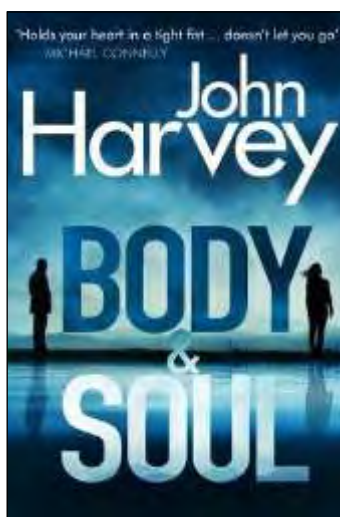


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Macbeth - Jo Nesbo

Set in the 1970s in a run-down, rainy industrial town, Jo Nesbo's *Macbeth* centres around a police force struggling to shed an incessant drug problem. Duncan, chief of police, is idealistic and visionary, a dream to the townspeople but a nightmare for criminals. The drug trade is ruled by two drug lords, one of whom—a master of manipulation named Hecate—has connections with the highest in power, and plans to use them to get his way.

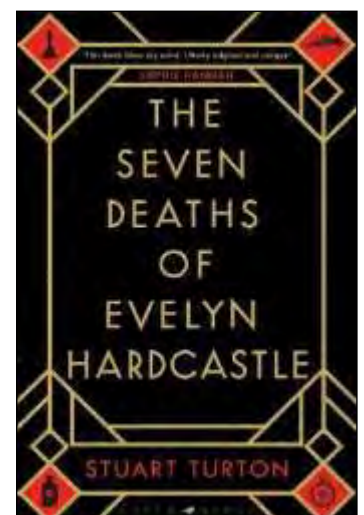
Hecate's plot hinges on steadily, insidiously manipulating Inspector Macbeth: the head of SWAT and a man already susceptible to violent and paranoid tendencies. What follows is an unputdownable story of love and guilt, political ambition, and greed for more, exploring the darkest corners of human nature, and the aspirations of the criminal mind.



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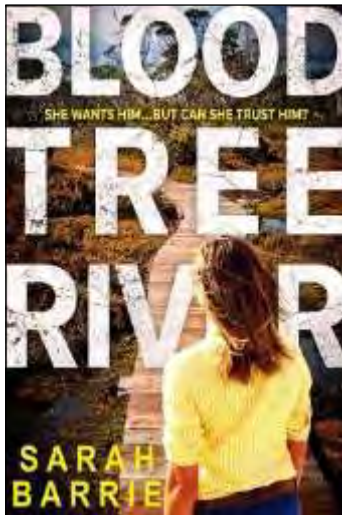
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Egyptian Enigma - L.J.M. Owen

The third adventure in the cosy crime series Dr Pimms, Intermillennial Sleuth.

Dr Elizabeth Pimms, enthusiastic archaeologist and reluctant librarian, has returned to Egypt. Among the treasures of the Cairo museum she spies cryptic symbols in the corner of an ancient papyrus. Decoding them leads Elizabeth and her newly formed gang of sleuths to a tomb of mummies whose identities must be uncovered.

What is the connection between the mummies and Twosret, female Pharaoh and last ruler of Egypt's nineteenth dynasty? How did their bodies end up scattered across the globe? And is the investigation related to the attacks on Elizabeth's family and friends back in Australia? Between grave robbers, cannibals, sexist historians and jealous Pharaohs, can Dr Pimms solve her latest archaeological mystery?



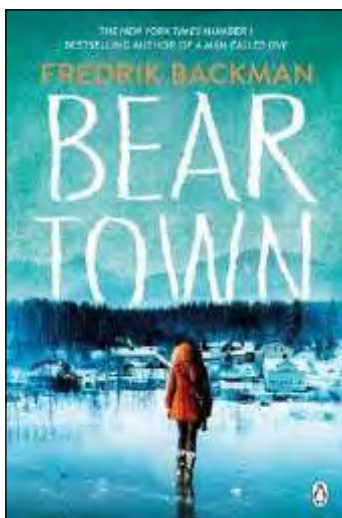
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Bloodtree River - Sarah Barrie

Indiana O'Meara is no stranger to the forces of evil. Her own past is full of violence. Now a policewoman, Indy is always fighting to redeem herself and defeat the dark. So when girls begin to go missing at a remote cattle station in Tasmania, she is quick to agree to go undercover to investigate chief suspect, Logan Atherton, the owner of Calico Mountain Lodge, even though the last time she went undercover it came to a bloody end.

But her early encounter with Logan reveals a man full of contradictions. His deep empathy for horses and those he cares for is obvious but he is also taciturn to the point of rudeness, and there is a strange atmosphere at the lodge. It doesn't add up.

As Indy begins to dig deeper into the secrets at the Lodge, she finds herself embroiled in a murderous web more complex and terrifying than she could ever have imagined...



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Beartown - Fredrik Backman

People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys.

Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown, leaving no resident unaffected.

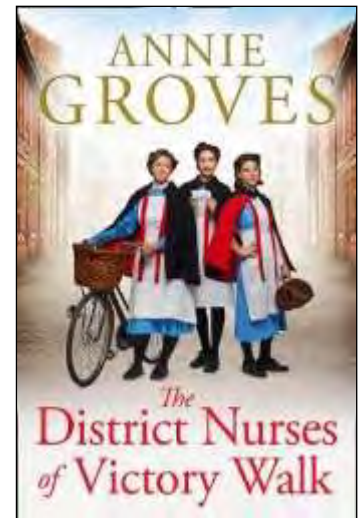
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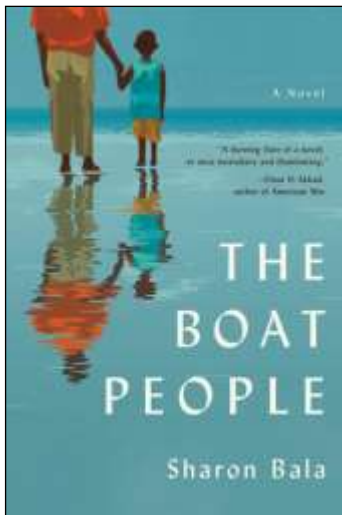
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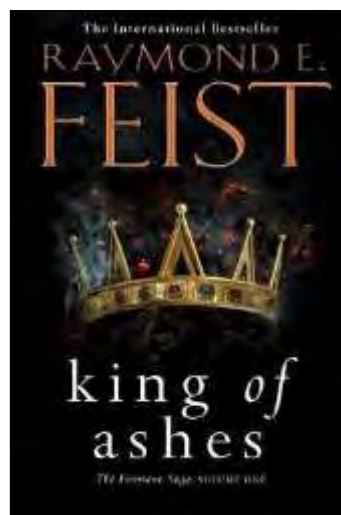
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The Boat People – Sharon Bala

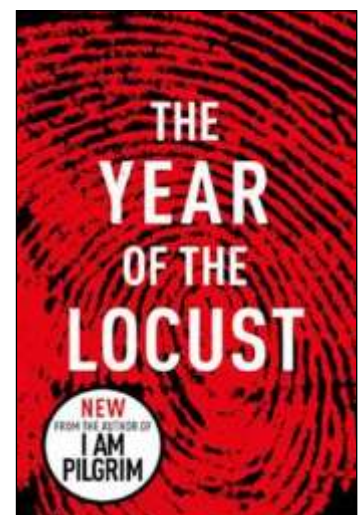
When a rusty cargo ship carrying Mahindan and five hundred fellow refugees from Sri Lanka's bloody civil war reaches Vancouver's shores, the young father thinks he and his six-year-old son can finally start a new life. Instead, the group is thrown into a detention processing centre, with government officials and news headlines speculating that among the "boat people" are members of a separatist militant organisation responsible for countless suicide attacks—and that these terrorists now pose a threat to Canada's national security. As the refugees become subject to heavy interrogation, Mahindan begins to fear that a desperate act taken in Sri Lanka to fund their escape may now jeopardize his and his son's chance for asylum.



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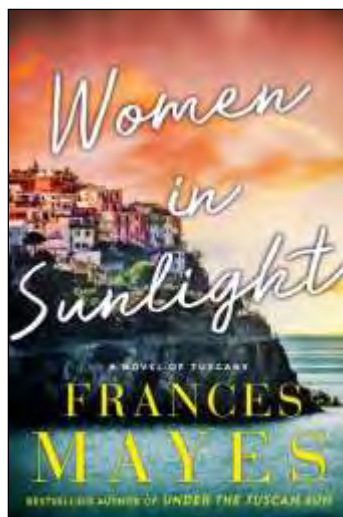


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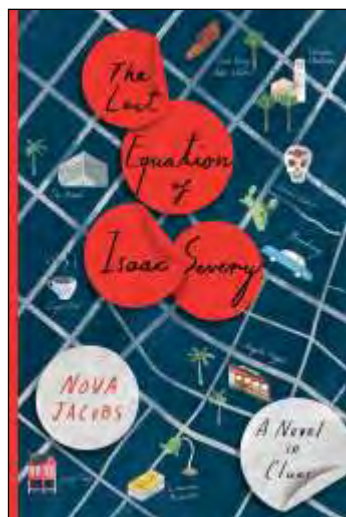
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The Last Equation of Isaac Severy – Nova Jacobs

Just days after mathematician and family patriarch Isaac Severy dies of an apparent suicide, his adopted granddaughter Hazel, receives a letter from him by mail. In it, Isaac alludes to a secretive organization that is after his final bombshell equation, and he charges Hazel with safely delivering it to a trusted colleague. But first, she must find where the equation is hidden.

While in Los Angeles for Isaac's funeral, Hazel realizes she's not the only one searching for his life's work, and that the equation's implications have potentially disastrous consequences for the extended Severy family, a group of dysfunctional geniuses unmoored by the sudden death of their patriarch.



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NON-FICTION

The next 3 months brings new books on so many different topics that will make you think (or cry), inspire you, shock you and inform you. There is something for everyone and you can look forward to even more suggestions each month on *Parra Reads*.

I know I will certainly be borrowing some of them - especially the gardening and cooking ones.



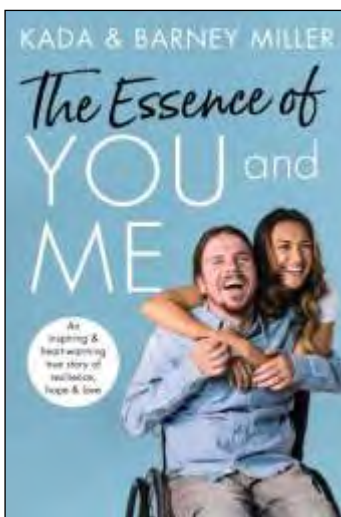
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Finding My Place - Anne Aly

In 2016, Anne Aly was the first Australian Muslim woman, the first Egyptian-born woman and the first counter-terrorism expert to be elected to Federal Parliament.

'What am I doing here?' she asked herself as she was sworn in with her hand on her father's copy of the Quran.

It's a question the former professor has raised more than once since she arrived in Australia aged two bearing the name Azza Mahmoud Fawzy El Housseini Ali Al Serougi. The answer is a fascinating and moving story of a Muslim girl growing up in suburban Australia in the seventies, when the Brady Bunch appeared to epitomise Western family life and girls like Anne danced the divide between the expectations and values of their parents' culture and that of their adopted land.



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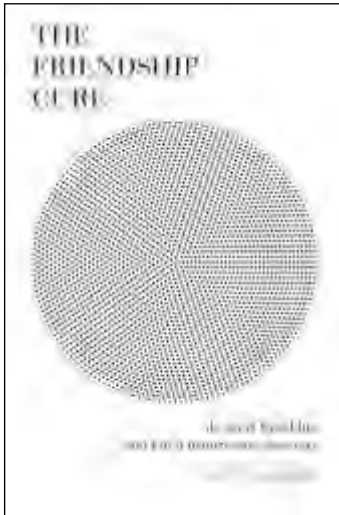
The Essence of You and Me - Kada & Barney Miller

As a 20-year-old, David 'Barney' Miller was one of the best surfers on Australia's mid-north coast. When a workmate lost control on a bend in the road, flipping their car and slamming into a tree, Barney was trapped in the wreckage. The accident left him a quadriplegic. He was told by doctors he would never breathe independently or be able to use his right arm or his legs again.

Refusing to give in, he defied all medical assessments through self-belief, hard work and sheer guts. But his surf dreams were ended and even with his determined efforts, he wasn't able to walk. Barney plunged into a depression many thought he wouldn't emerge from. Then he met Kada, a beautiful girl from a country town who dreamed of becoming a singer. Kada had moved to the coast to escape her own troubled life.

When Barney met Kada they fell in love. She didn't see his wheelchair, she saw the man he was. Barney saw everything Kada was and everything she could be. He made it his mission to only ask Kada to marry him when he could kneel down to propose, stand at the altar and dance together at their wedding.

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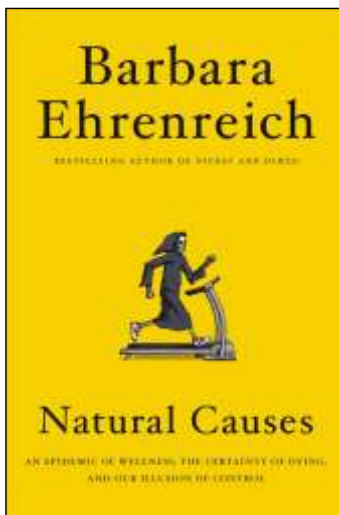


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The Friendship Cure - Kate Leaver

The basic compulsion to make friends is in our DNA; we've evolved, chimp-like, to seek out connection with other human beings. We move through life in packs and friendship circles and yet we are stuck in the greatest loneliness epidemic of our time. It's killing us, making us miserable and causing a public health crisis. But what if friendship is the solution, not the distraction?

Journalist Kate Leaver believes that friendship is the essential cure for the modern malaise of solitude, ignorance, ill health and angst. If we only treated camaraderie as a social priority, it could affect everything from our physical health and emotional well-being to our capacity to find a home, keep a job, get married, stay married, succeed, feed and understand ourselves.

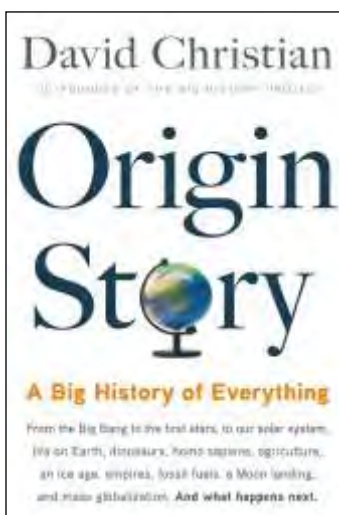


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Natural Causes: life, death and the illusion of control - Barbara Ehrenreich

A razor-sharp polemic which offers an entirely new understanding of our bodies, ourselves, and our place in the universe, *Natural Causes* describes how we over-prepare and worry way too much about what is inevitable. One by one, Ehrenreich topples the shibboleths that guide our attempts to live a long, healthy life - from the importance of preventive medical screenings to the concepts of wellness and mindfulness, from dietary fads to fitness culture.

Drawing on varied sources, from personal experience and sociological trends to pop culture and current scientific literature, *Natural Causes* examines the ways in which we obsess over death, our bodies, and our health. Both funny and caustic, Ehrenreich then tackles the seemingly unsolvable problem of how we might better prepare ourselves for the end - while still revelling in the lives that remain to us.



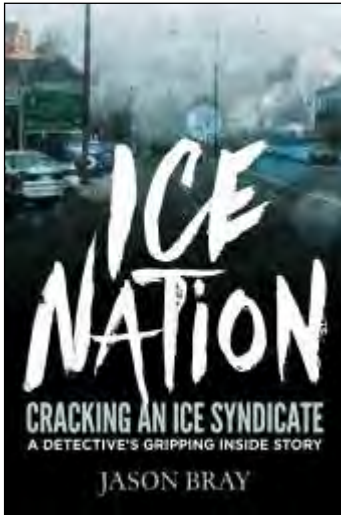
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Origin Story: a big history of everything - David Christian

How did we get from the Big Bang to today's staggering complexity, in which seven billion humans are connected into networks powerful enough to transform the planet? And why, in comparison, are our closest primate relatives reduced to near-extinction?

Big History creator David Christian gives the answers in a mind-expanding cosmological detective story told on the grandest possible scale. He traces how, during eight key thresholds, the right conditions have allowed new forms of complexity to arise, from stars to galaxies, Earth to homo sapiens, agriculture to fossil fuels. This last mega-innovation gave us an energy bonanza that brought huge benefits to mankind, yet also threatens to shake apart everything we have created.

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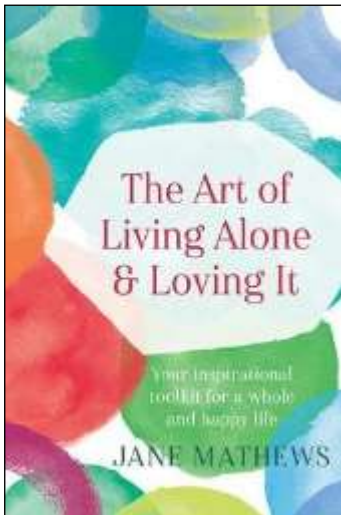


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Ice Nation - Jason Bray

The extraordinary true story of a violent ice trafficking syndicate that operated in northeast Victoria and southern New South Wales during 2012 and the police operation that cracked it.

When the young and impressionable sons and daughters of rural Australia were promised power and riches beyond their wildest dreams by an older sadistic boss, they became a highly manipulated and dangerous group of drug dealers. Intent on distributing their own brand of ice and justice into regional communities, they were prepared to attack anyone or anything that stood in their way. As the syndicate spirals out of control, their wildest dreams become their worst nightmares. Victorian detectives tracked and pursued the syndicate around the state in an attempt to stop the violence, collect evidence and dismantle the group.

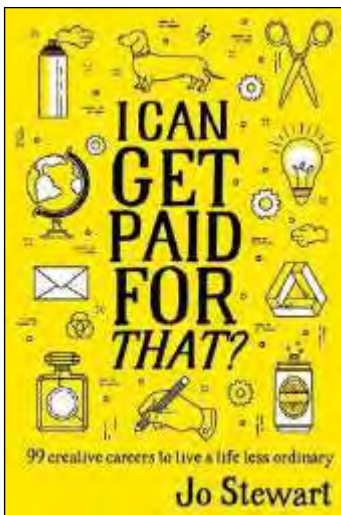


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The Art of Living Alone & Loving It - Jane Mathews

Whether you view living alone as the ultimate compromise or the ultimate luxury, it presents daily challenges, such as cooking for one, organising a holiday, eating out alone, juggling finances, or trying not to succumb to the siren call of wine, Ugg boots and binge Netflix. And there are the less tangible tests that can ambush you, like nailing the octopus of loneliness to the wall, and holding your head high in a society where living alone is viewed (consciously or not) as synonymous with failure: the runner up prize.

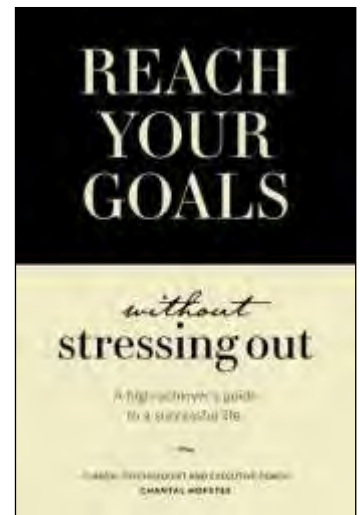
Author Jane Mathews believes that to be truly content living alone, it pays to examine every aspect of life - relationships, health, home, finances, interests and spirituality - and then take action. No matter what your particular situation, there's something here for you. Jane provides the map and you choose the route to a more joyful, contented life.



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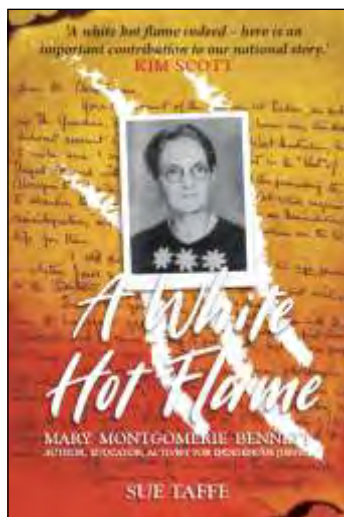


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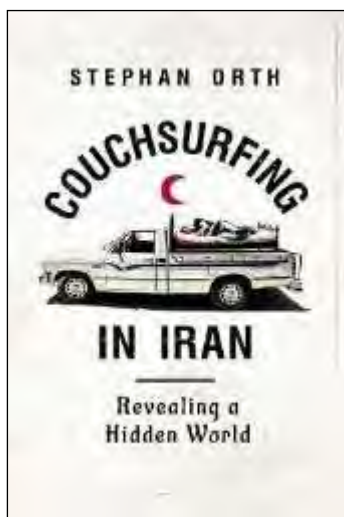


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A White Hot Flame - Sue Taffe

Mary Montgomerie Bennett is an important but under-recognised figure in Australian history. A member of a successful squatting family, she became a voice for reform at a time when Aboriginal Australians had their citizens' rights curtailed by repressive state laws.

From her late forties until her death she fought for justice on behalf of the first Australians. She was a teacher, a writer, and an advocate. She vehemently opposed the separating, on racial grounds, of Aboriginal children from their families. She put the case, decades before campaigns began, for Aboriginal rights to traditional lands. And she argued for citizenship rights, including equal pay and access to old age pensions for Aboriginal people. A friend described her as 'a white hot flame', relentless in pursuit of a better world for the people she loved.

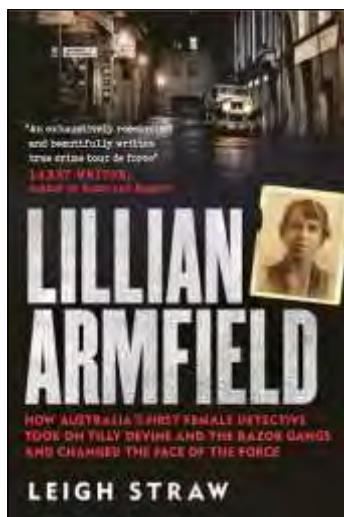


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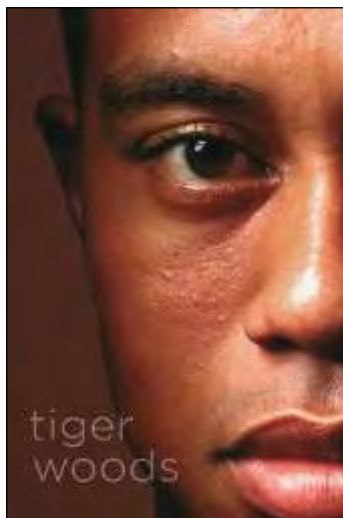
Couchsurfing in Iran - Stephan Orth

The author spends 62 days on the road in this mysterious Islamic republic to provide a revealing behind-the-scenes look at life in one of the world's most closed societies. Through the unsurpassed hospitality of his hosts, he skips the guidebooks and tourist attractions and travels from Persian carpet to bed to cot, covering more than 8,400 kilometres to recount this world's hidden doings. Experiencing daily what he calls the two Irans that coexist side by side - the theocracy, where people mourn their martyrs in mausoleums, and the hide-and-seek-cracy, where people hold secret parties and seek worldly thrills instead of spiritual bliss - he learns that Iranians have become experts in navigating around their country's strict laws.

Though couchsurfing is officially prohibited in Iran - the state fears spies would be able to travel undetected through the country - more than a 100,000 Iranians are registered with online couchsurfing portals. And thanks to these hospitable, English-speaking strangers, Orth gets up close and personal with locals to uncover the inner workings of a country where public show and private reality are strikingly opposed.



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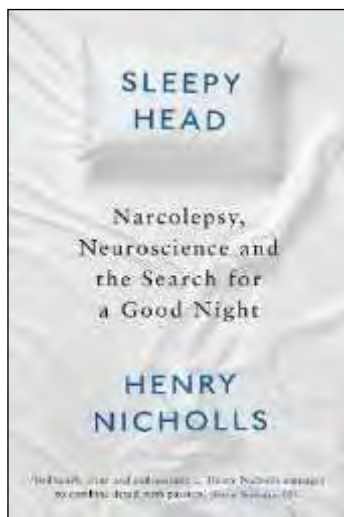


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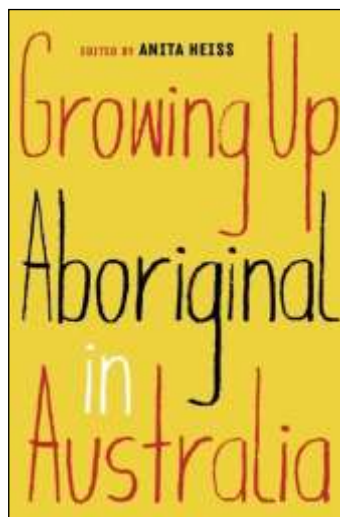


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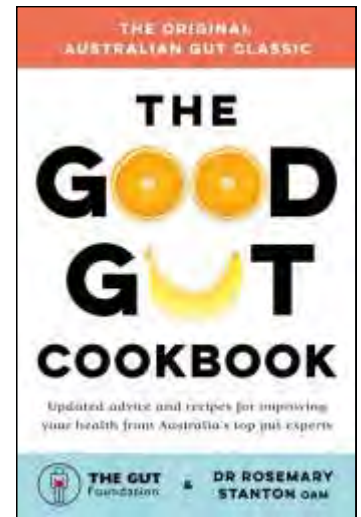
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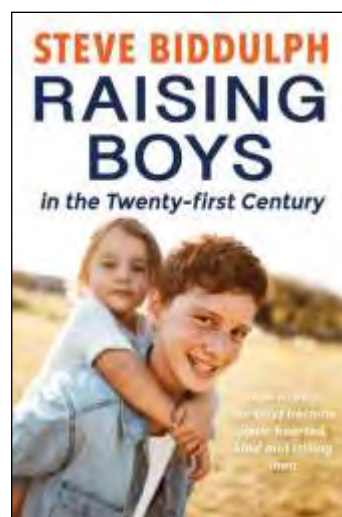
Leaf Supply - Lauren Camilleri & Sophia Kaplan

Fresh flowers are great – everyone loves receiving them. But inevitably they're already on the way out the door by the time they arrive. Plants – living, breathing, life sustaining plants – are where it's at! The Sydney-based authors really want you to fall in love with indoor gardening and growing as much as they do. *Leaf Supply* profiles and provides comprehensive (but easy to follow) care instructions for 100 houseplants – including tropical plants, palms, hanging plants, succulents, cacti, and more unusual varieties such as airplants and carnivorous plants – ensuring you learn and grow as your plant grows.

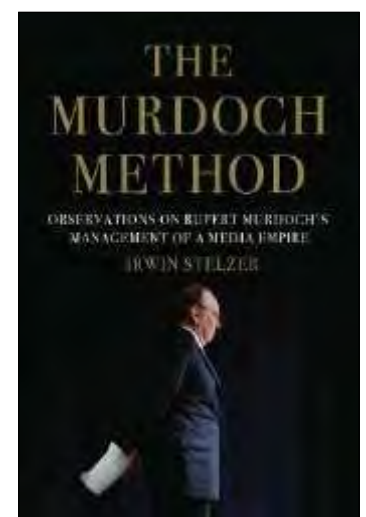
Leaf Supply also gives interior styling advice on choosing the right pots for your plants – both aesthetically and practically – as well as best utilising your space, and making the most of your indoor greenery, as well as advice on pet-friendly (as well as harmful) plants for your home.



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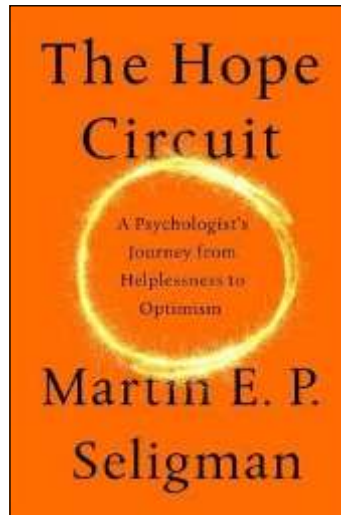


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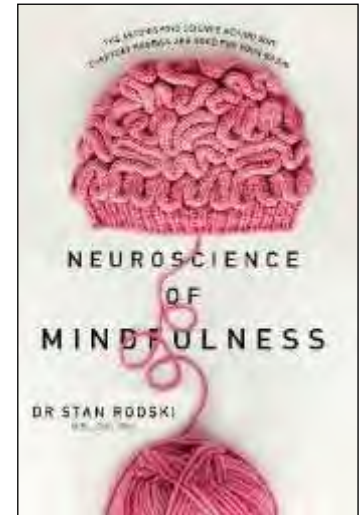
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Addicted? - Matt Noffs & Kieran Palmer

The words 'addict' and 'addiction' are loaded with baggage. Not just in Australia, but the world over, addicts are considered to be sub-human, if not alien. This book aims to reclaim their dignity. It aims to rescue the word 'addiction' from its kidnappers and restore its humanity. It offers personal accounts from inspirational people who have found themselves in the grips of such addictions, and their amazing stories of survival.

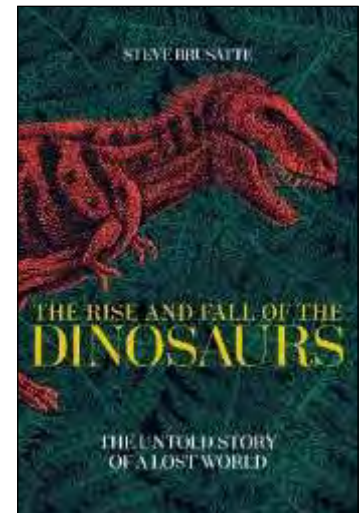
The authors spend their lives working with young people who have serious and often debilitating drug addictions. This book shares the tools they use every day. It offers insights into why addiction takes place and why it's a natural part of being human. It journeys across the spectrum of addictive behaviours, from social media to drugs like heroin. It questions the assumptions and begins to debunk the myth that all addiction is identical and predictable.



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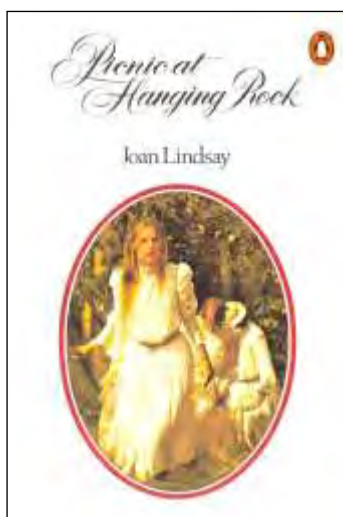
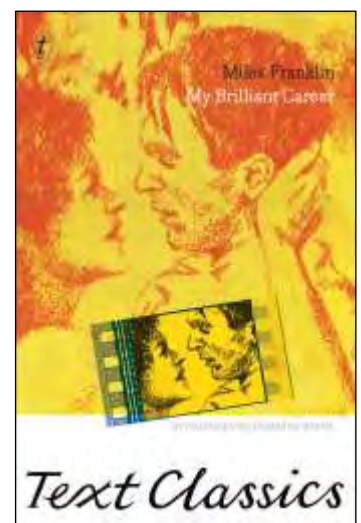
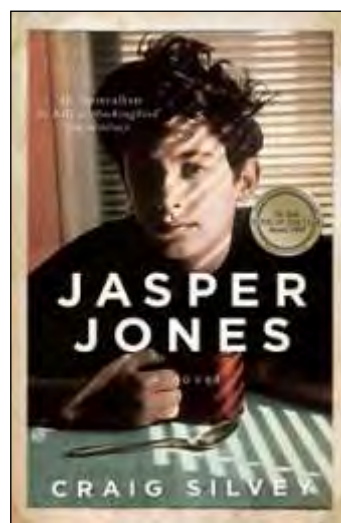
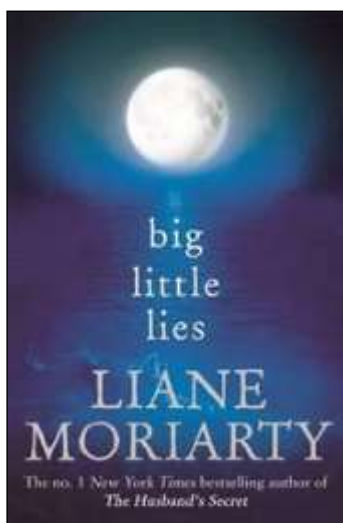
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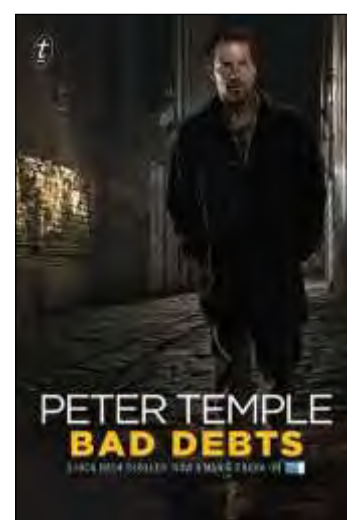
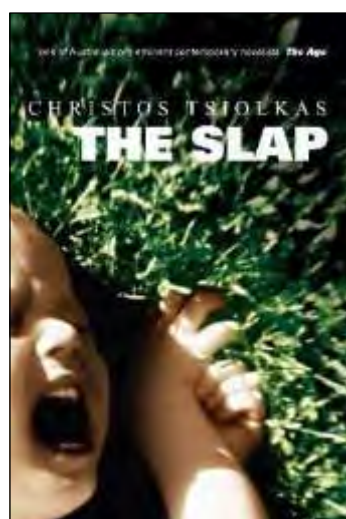
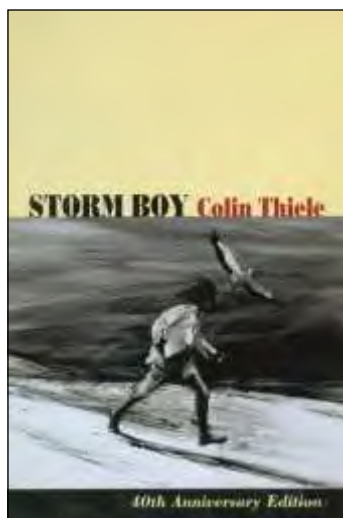
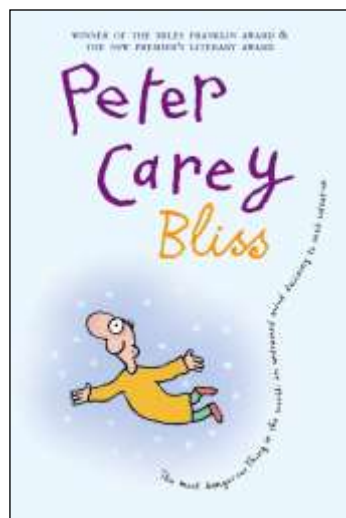
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AUSTRALIAN BOOKS TO SCREEN

The talents of our wonderful Australian writers are increasingly being noticed by the entertainment industry. Many of our classic and contemporary books are being made into very successful stage productions, TV series and movies. There seems to be a global fascination with the unique landscape and culture of Australia and its people and a growing demand for quality drama with an Australian voice. There are several adaptations being released this year from Australian works and many from previous years—have you read and/or seen any? Are they true to the original story?



AUSTRALIAN BOOKS TO SCREEN



STAFF PICKS

It was very hard this issue to fit in all the recommendations by our staff who have been busy reading over the last year. There is a wide variety of titles being read by our staff for both fiction and non fiction - from fantasy to classics and popular science to short stories.

I wonder if you will give them the same ratings?

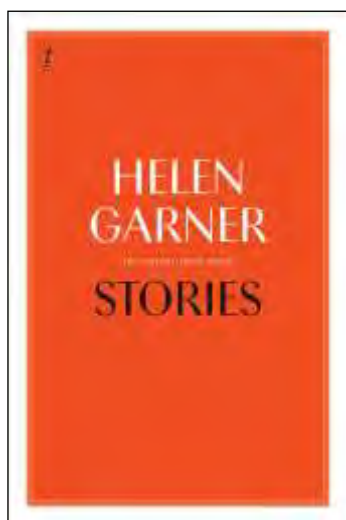


Penric and the Shaman - Lois McMaster Bujold

This fantasy novella is set in the world of the Five Gods, the setting Lois McMaster Bujold has used for several of her other excellent fantasy novels. A fast, fun read, it follows Penric, a young Temple sorcerer, who has been assigned to help a law enforcement officer chase down a shaman accused of murdering his best friend. He's accompanied by his personal demon Desdemona, who insists on offering clever commentary at any opportunity - particularly when she grows bored – helped by her memories of the ten previous sorcerers she's been bound to, who were all women. As the pursuit stretches, it grows into a test for Penric's developing talents. He soon discovers that the situation is much more than it first appeared, and far greater powers may be meddling...

★★★★★

Read by - Nathan T



Stories: the collected short fiction - Helen Garner

It's a very beautiful collection by Helen Garner and all the stories have something to do with individual lives. Every character is vivid, even those stories with very few words, or told only through conversations between the characters. You feel somehow you know these people, their individuality, their needs and desires or their despair. What I loved most is the author's calm and almost detached narrative. Garner is behind scenes but she touches you profoundly and then you look at your own life quite differently.

★★★★★

Read by - Yan Z.

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Wives and Daughters - Elizabeth Gaskell

Jane Austen fans will enjoy this vintage classic about the delightful Molly and her blended (and less than perfect) family. Featuring a collection of beautifully drawn (and often ridiculous) characters, societal commentary and some romance, this book is a wonderful picture of 1830s English village life and a good long literary escape.

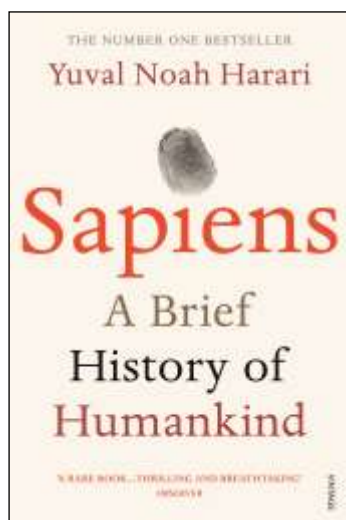
★★★★★ Read by Katherine L.



The Martian - Andy Weir

Not just for fans of science fiction (of which I am NOT) this is a funny, compelling page turner that will grab you from the very first page. Also, the science in it is intriguing and makes it so close to being real you almost think it's based on a true story.

★★★★★ Read by - Amy M.



Sapiens: a brief history of humankind - Yuval Noah Harari

It removes the factional borders on a map. You start looking at us all as members of the one race. You see our similarities, how our history will shape our future, what we do and don't know about ourselves (it will surprise you). A revolution in the way you will interact in our world. Even better if you also read *Homo Deus* by the same author.

★★★★★ Read by Linda T.

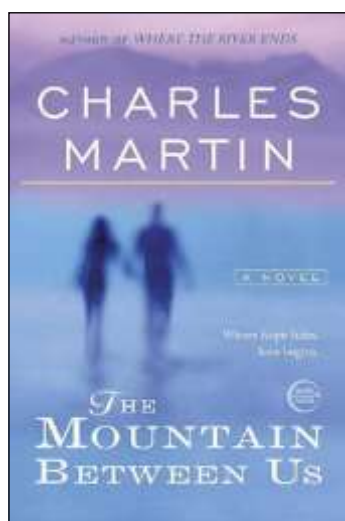


Lab Girl - Hope Jahren

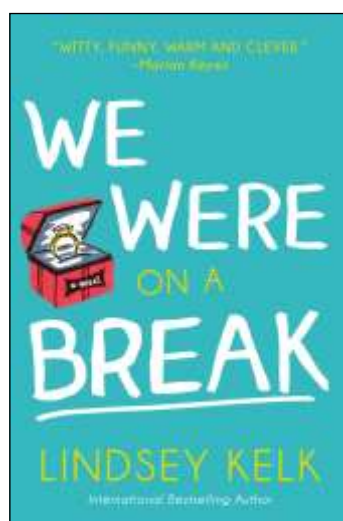
Autobiographic non-fiction work from a woman scientist that covers being a female scientist, the work of a scientist, friendship, motherhood and mental health. A real eye opener into the world and practice of a scientist.

★★★★★ Read by - Tanya O.

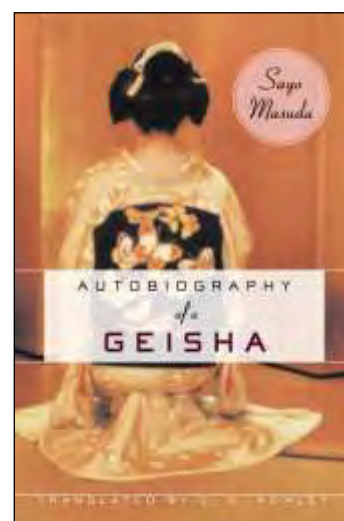
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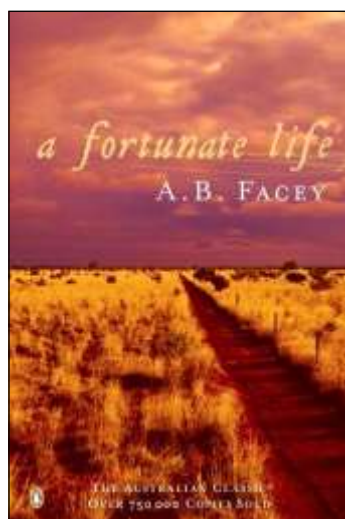
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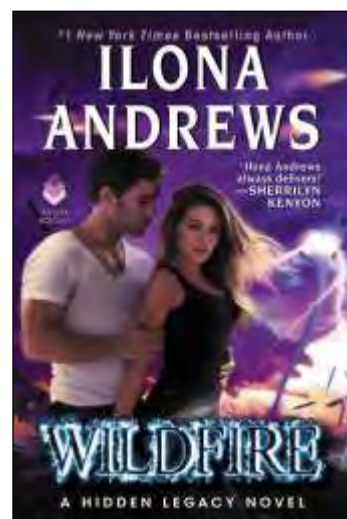
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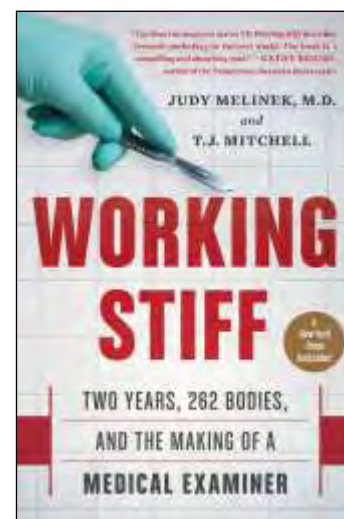
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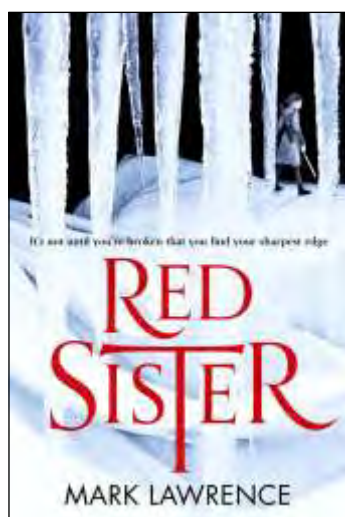
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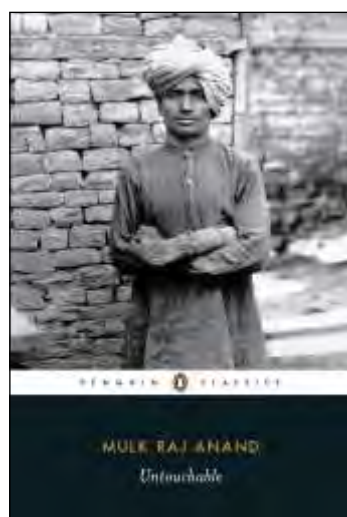
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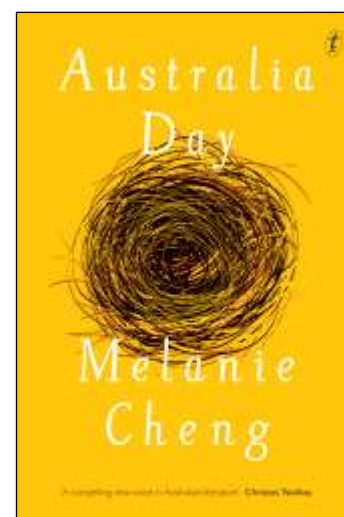
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LOVE BETWEEN THE PAGES

AUTHOR TALK & HIGH TEA

The City of Parramatta Library, in association with Penguin Random House and the Australian Romance Readers Association, is proud to present 'Love Between the Pages'. An event celebrating love in all its forms and featuring Fiona McArthur, Janette Paul and Sandie Docker with their new books.

Join these talented romance authors at our special high tea for their thoughts on romance, writing and more. All attendees will receive a small gift and a chance at the lucky door book-pack prize. Books will be available on site for purchase and signing.

Book online (bit.ly/pcILBTP) for this FREE event as places are limited.

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Ermington Community Centre

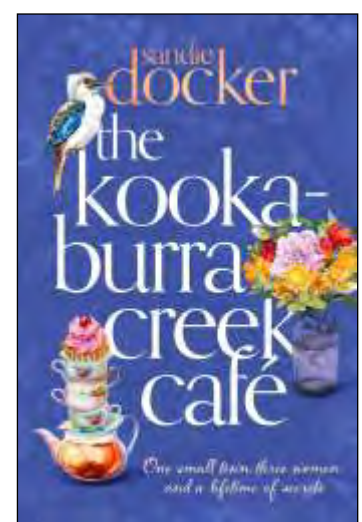
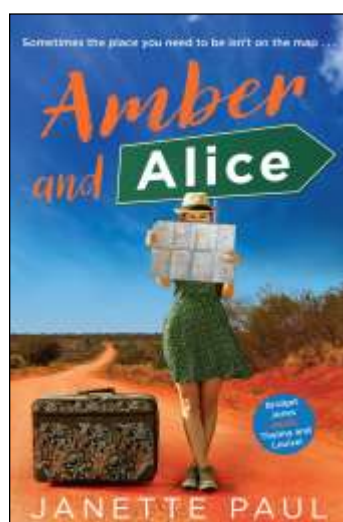
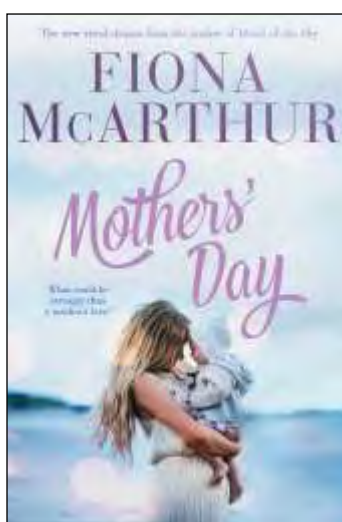
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Fiona McArthur writes about love, midwifery, women's friendships and present-day issues, and often sets her novels in the Australian outback. In *Mothers' Day*, contemporary outback drama meets *Call the Midwife* in a heartwarming and lively tale.

Janette Paul is the author of two romantic comedies, *Just Breathe* & *Amber and Alice*. When she is not writing rom com, she is penning thrillers as Jaye Ford, internationally published & award-winning author of five crime novels. *Bridget Jones* meets *Thelma and Louise* in her latest novel *Amber and Alice* - a fresh and very funny romantic comedy, as one woman finds the answers she needs (plus a little love) on a trip into the stunning Australian desert.

Sandie Docker fell in love with reading when her father introduced her to fantasy books as a teenager. *The Kookaburra Creek Cafe* is her debut novel, a heartwarming multi-generational story of three women in the small Australian town of Kookaburra Creek.



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“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.” - **Sidney Sheldon**

A Thousand
Paper Birds

Tor Udall



Read by - Amy M.

Under the
Almond Tree

Laura McVeigh



Read by - Maya S.

Bear and the
Nightingale

Katherine Arden



Read by - Tanya O.

Mr Wigg
Inga Stimpson



Read by - Jody G.



Unbreakable

Jelena Dokic



Read by - Sarah H.

Run Before
The Wind
Stuart Woods



Read by - Michael J.

The Whistler
John Grisham



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