

# ALL ABOUT BOOKS

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March - May



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Welcome to the Autumn edition of *All About Books*, a real cracker of a reading suggestions guide with so many great books hitting the shelves over the next three months!

March 8th marked "International Women's Day" and the motto - "More Powerful Together" was very apt with many of the books mentioned in this edition. One of particular interest is *The Moment of Lift: How empowering women changes the world* by Melinda Gates, the amazing philanthropist, women's rights activist, and partner of another amazing person Bill Gates. In addition a new title by the ever popular child psychologist Steve Biddulph has landed, *Raising Girls: in the Twenty First century*, always a great aid for parents to guide their kids. Worried about your finances? Then it is time to read Kochie's *11-Step Money Plan*.

Who doesn't love a puzzling mystery or an exciting thriller? This quarter offers some great choices. A new Jeffrey Deaver called *The Never Game* is out in April while Yrsa Sigurdardottir's *The Absolution* is a must read for fans of Icelandic crime fiction (this author is a personal favourite of mine). Feel the need to lighten the mood? Try Janet Evanovich's *The Big Kahuna*, her humorous mystery novels never let me down. If you enjoyed *The Kiss Quotient* by Helen Hoang (2018 Best Romance Winner on Good Reads), you will love her new title, *The Bride Test*, a charming, if off-beat romance featuring some of the characters introduced in her earlier book.

One of my favourite genre's is Young Adult fiction, *There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon is the story of Ashish Patel, a young Indian guy finding love and finding his true self. *You Must Be Layla* is a novel by Yassmin Abdel-Magied, I think she will add something interesting to the Australian Multicultural teen genre.

Dear Reader's, there is so much variety in this edition of *All About Books* that I have had to limit myself to just a fraction of the fantastic titles that you can find at the City of Parramatta Libraries. Remember, you can reserve titles that interest you via our Library Catalogue or our friendly staff. Don't forget to check out our upcoming fabulous author talk events in April and May.

HAVE AN AMAZING AUTUMN & AS ALWAYS HAPPY READING!

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## It's Our Birthday!

In 2018 Parramatta Library celebrated its 60th anniversary. It was officially opened by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman D. J Mahoney on Saturday 29 November 1958.

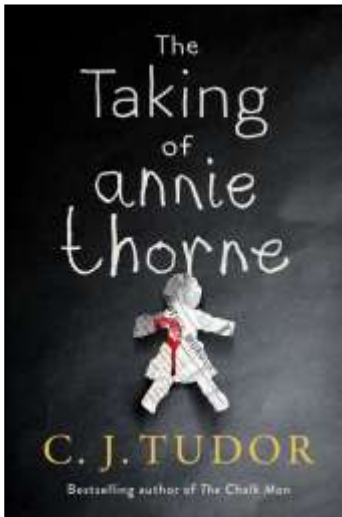
Parramatta's first free library opened in front of a crowd of 100 people at Jubilee Hall No.2 at Parramatta Town Hall.

We are proud to have served the community over the past 60 years, evolving with the community's needs and expectations.

To celebrate our birthday we are giving our members the opportunity to win a prize every month for a year!

Every time you borrow 6 or more items between December 2018 - November 2019, place your receipt in the competition box and go into our monthly prize draw.





Psychological Thriller

### **The Taking of Annie Thorne – C.J. Tudor**

One night, Annie went missing. Disappeared from her own bed. There were searches, appeals. Everyone thought the worst. And then, miraculously, after forty-eight hours, she came back. But she couldn't, or wouldn't, say what had happened to her.

Something happened to my sister. I can't explain what. I just know that when she came back, she wasn't the same. She wasn't my Annie.

I didn't want to admit, even to myself, that sometimes I was scared to death of my own little sister.



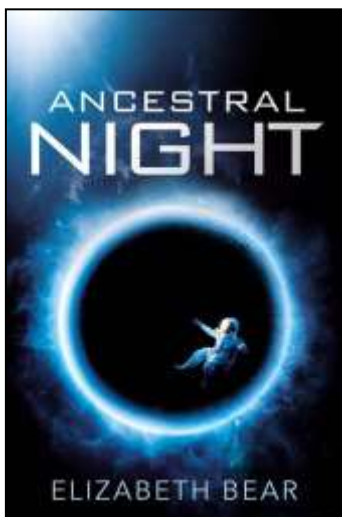
Historical Mystery

### **A Dangerous Collaboration - Deanna Raybourn**

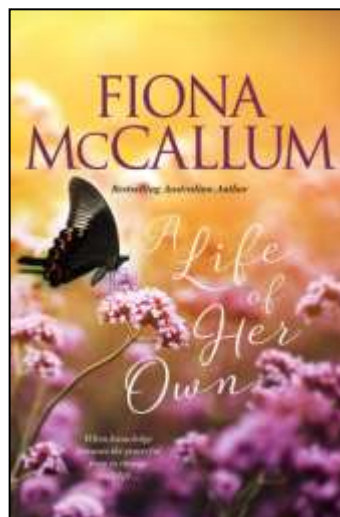
(Veronica Speedwell Mystery, v4)

Lured by the promise of a rare and elusive butterfly, the intrepid Victorian Adventuress Veronica Speedwell, is persuaded by Lord Templeton-Vane, the brother of her colleague Stoker, to pose as his fiancée at a house party on a Cornish isle owned by his oldest friend, Malcolm Romilly.

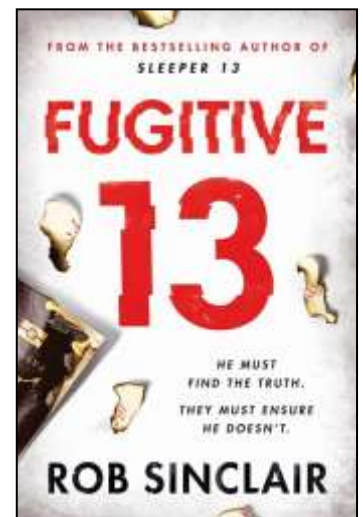
But Veronica soon learns that one question hangs over the party: What happened to Rosamund? Three years ago, Malcolm Romilly's bride vanished on their wedding day, and no trace of her has ever been found. Now those who were closest to her have gathered, each a possible suspect in her disappearance.



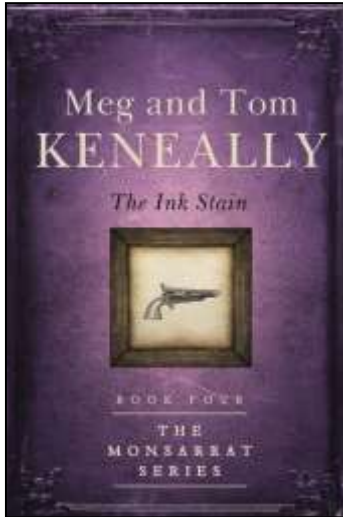
Science Fiction



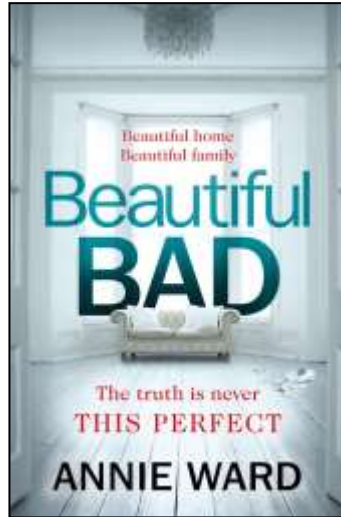
General Fiction



Espionage Thriller



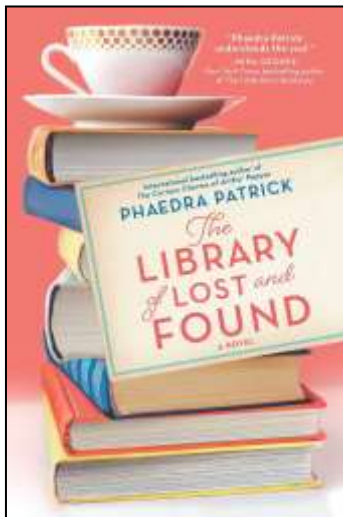
Historical Crime



Domestic Noir



Action Adventure



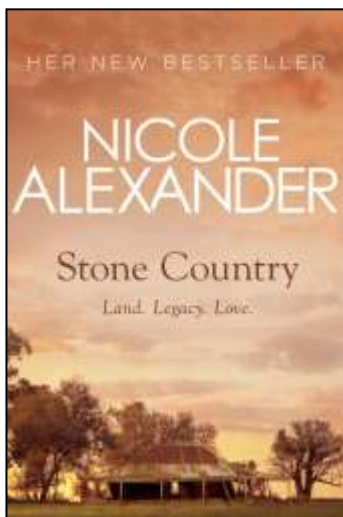
General Fiction

**The Library of Lost and Found – Phaedra Patrick**

Librarian Martha Storm has always found it easier to connect with books than people—though not for lack of trying. She keeps careful lists of how to help others in her superhero-themed notebook. And yet, sometimes it feels like she’s invisible.

All of that changes when a book of fairy tales arrives on her doorstep. Inside, Martha finds a dedication written to her by her best friend—her grandmother Zelda—who died under mysterious circumstances years earlier. When Martha discovers a clue within the book that her grandmother may still be alive, she becomes determined to discover the truth. As she delves deeper into Zelda’s past, she unwittingly reveals a family secret that will change her life forever.

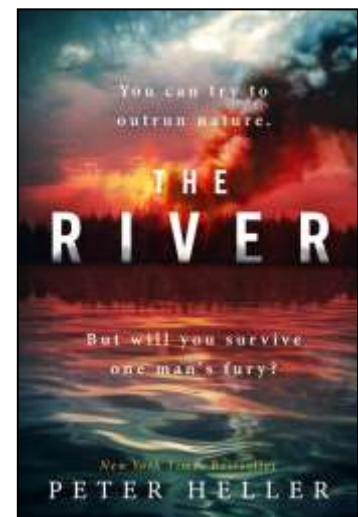
A heart-warming reminder that even the quietest life has the potential to be extraordinary.



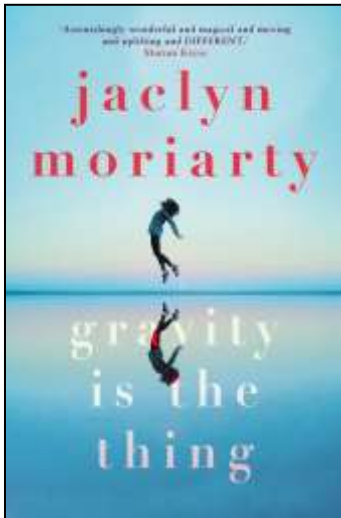
Australian Historical Fiction



Literary Fantasy



Survival Thriller



General Fiction

**Gravity is the Thing - Jaelyn Moriarty**

Abigail Sorensen has spent her life trying to unwrap the events of 1990. It was the year she started receiving random chapters from a self-help book called *The Guidebook* in the post.

It was also the year Robert, her brother, disappeared on the eve of her sixteenth birthday. She believes the absurdity of *The Guidebook* and the mystery of her brother's disappearance must be connected.

Now thirty-five, owner of The Happiness Café and mother of four-year-old Oscar, Abigail has been invited to learn the truth behind The Guidebook at an all-expenses-paid retreat.

What she finds will be unexpected, life-affirming, and heartbreaking. A story with extraordinary heart, warmth and wisdom.

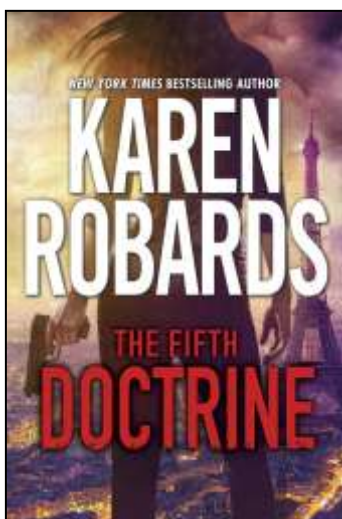


Literary Fiction

**Gingerbread - Helen Oyeyemi**

Perdita Lee may appear your average British schoolgirl; Harriet Lee may seem just a working mother trying to penetrate the school social hierarchy; but there are signs that they might not be as normal as they think they are. For one thing, they share a gold-painted, seventh-floor flat with some surprisingly verbal vegetation. And then there's the gingerbread they make.

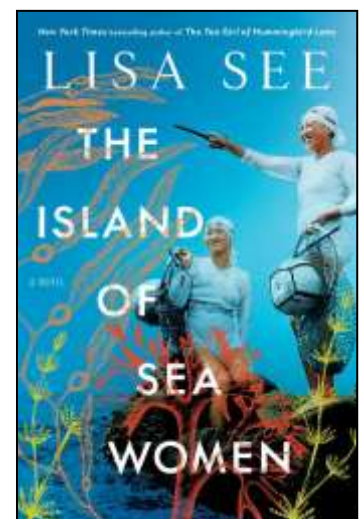
Londoners may find themselves able to take or leave it, but it's very popular in Druhástrana, the far-away (and, according to Wikipedia, non-existent) land of Harriet Lee's early youth. In fact, the world's truest lover of the Lee family gingerbread is Harriet's charismatic childhood friend, Gretel Kercheval – a figure who seems to have had a hand in everything (good or bad) that has happened to Harriet since they met.



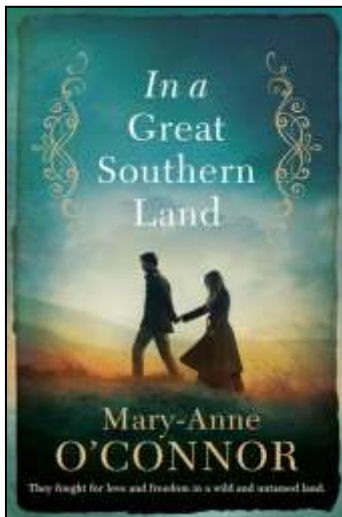
Romantic Suspense



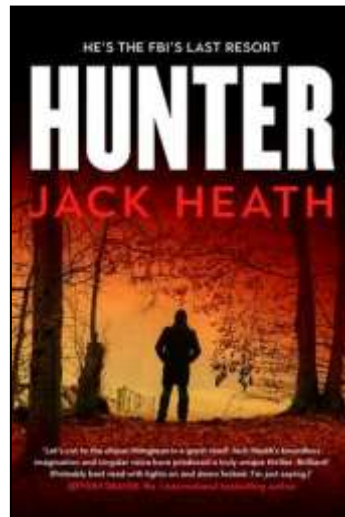
Domestic Fiction



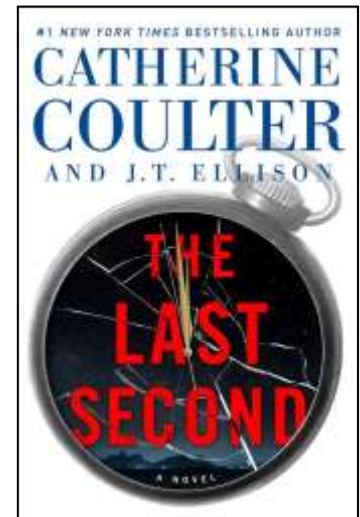
Historical Fiction



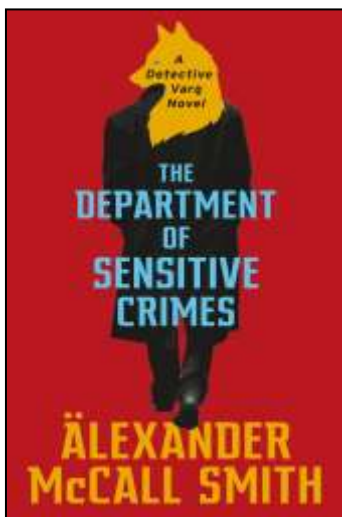
Historical Romance



Thriller



FBI Thriller



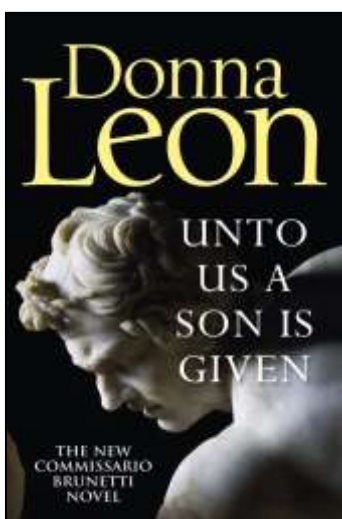
Humorous Mystery

**The Department of Sensitive Crimes - Alexander McCall Smith**

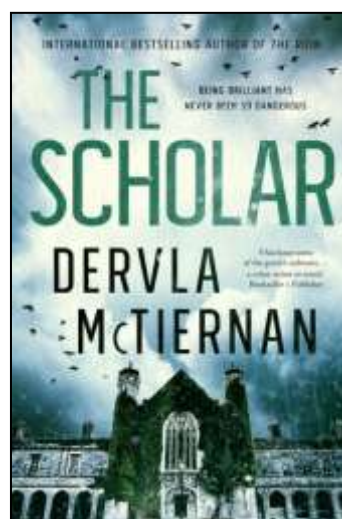
In the Swedish criminal justice system, certain cases are considered especially strange and difficult, in Malmö, the dedicated detectives who investigate these crimes are members of an elite squad known as the Sensitive Crimes Division.

These are their stories.

The first case: the small matter of a man stabbed in the back of the knee. Who would perpetrate such a crime and why? Next: a young woman's imaginary boyfriend goes missing. But how on earth do you search for someone who doesn't exist? And in the final investigation: eerie secrets that are revealed under a full moon may not seem so supernatural in the light of day. No case is too unusual, too complicated, or too, well insignificant for this squad to solve.



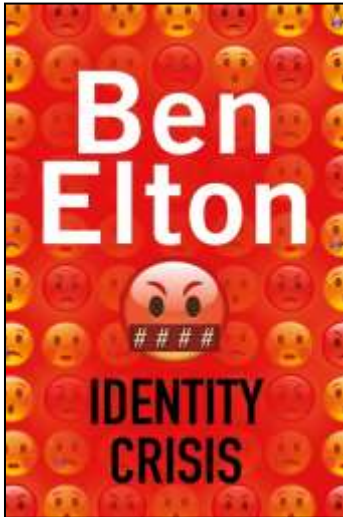
Crime Mystery



Crime Thriller



Gothic Fiction



Comic Satire

**Identity Crisis - Ben Elton**

A series of apparently random murders draws amiable, old-school Detective Mick Matlock into a world of sex, politics, reality TV and a bewildering kaleidoscope of opposing identity groups. Lost in a blizzard of hashtags, his already complex investigation is further impeded by the fact that he simply doesn't 'get' a single thing about anything anymore.

Meanwhile, each day another public figure confesses to having 'misspoken' and prostrates themselves before the judgement of Twitter. Begging for forgiveness, assuring the public "that is not who I am".

But if nobody is who they are anymore - then who the f\*\*k are we?



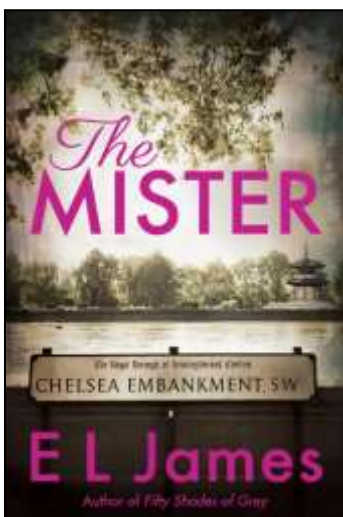
Literary Science Fiction

**Machines Like Me - Ian McEwan**

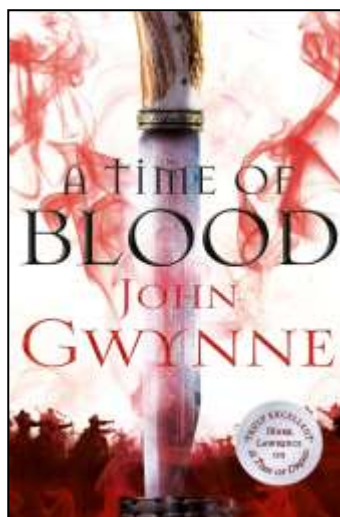
An alternative 1980s London - Britain has lost the Falklands war, Margaret Thatcher battles Tony Benn for power and Alan Turing achieves a breakthrough in artificial intelligence.

Charlie, drifting through life and dodging full-time employment, is in love with Miranda, a bright student who lives with a terrible secret. When Charlie comes into money, he buys Adam, one of the first batch of synthetic humans. With Miranda's assistance, he co-designs Adam's personality.

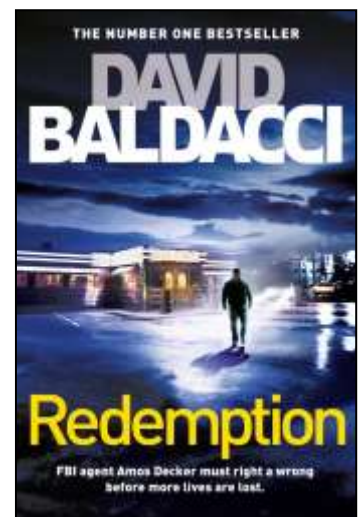
This near-perfect human is beautiful, strong and clever – a love triangle soon forms. These three beings will confront a profound moral dilemma. This subversive and entertaining new novel poses fundamental questions: what makes us human? Our outward deeds or our inner lives? Could a machine understand the human heart?



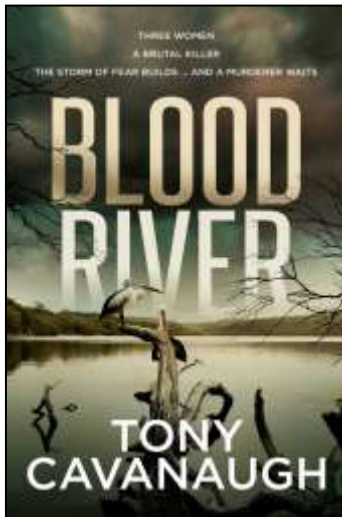
Erotic Romance



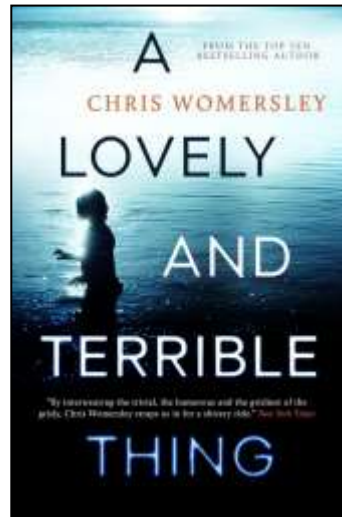
Epic Fantasy



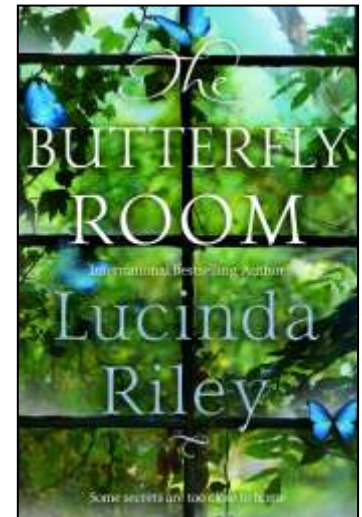
Thriller



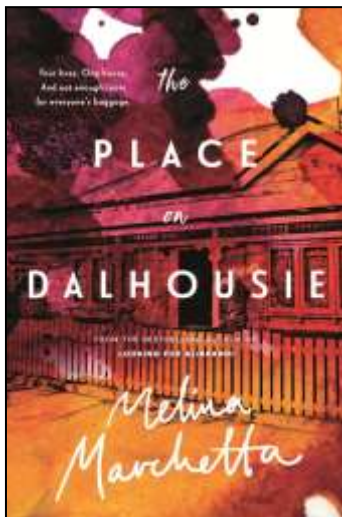
Crime



Literary Short Stories



Romantic Saga

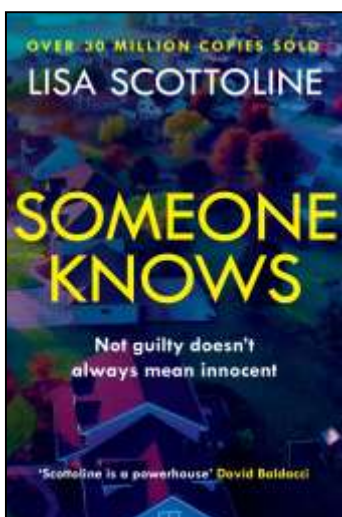


Contemporary Fiction

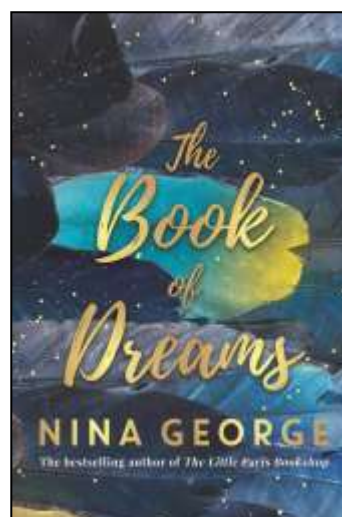
**The Place on Dalhousie - Melina Marchetta**

When Rosie Gennaro first meets Jimmy Hailler, she has walked away from life in Sydney, leaving behind the place on Dalhousie that her father, Seb, painstakingly rebuilt for his family but never saw completed. Two years later, Rosie returns to the house and living there is Martha, whom Seb Gennaro married less than a year after the death of Rosie's mother. Martha is struggling to fulfil Seb's dream, while Rosie is coming to terms with new responsibilities. And so begins a stand-off between two women who refuse to move out of the home they both lay claim to.

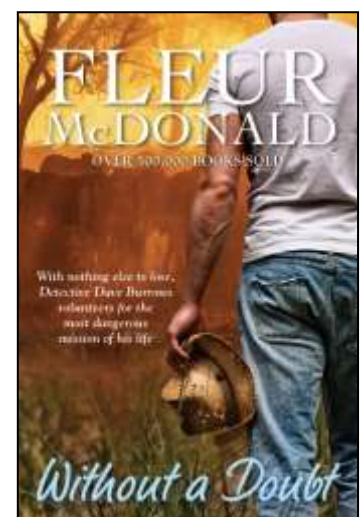
As the battle lines are drawn, Jimmy Hailler re-enters Rosie's life. Having always watched other families from the perimeters, he's now grappling, heartbreakingly, with forming one of his own . . .



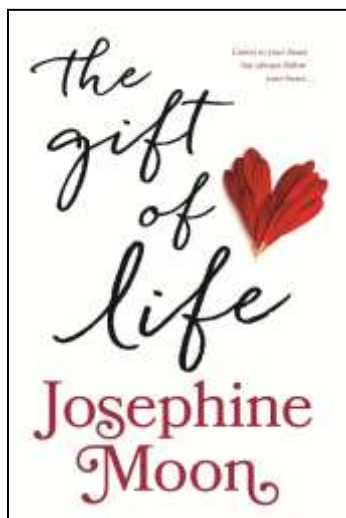
Thriller



Literary Fiction



Rural Mystery



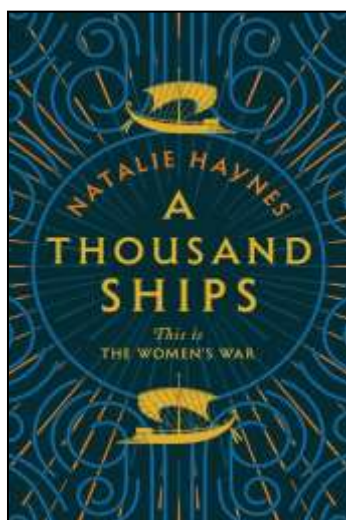
Contemporary Fiction

**The Gift of Life - Josephine Moon**

Gabby McPhee is the owner of The Tin Man, a chic new cafe and coffee roasting house in Melbourne. The struggles of her recent heart transplant are behind her and life is looking up – until a mysterious customer appears in the cafe, convinced that Gabby has her deceased husband’s heart beating inside her chest.

Krystal Arthur is a bereaved widow, struggling to hold herself and her two young boys together since Evan’s death, and plagued by unanswered questions. Why was her husband in another city the night he died? And why won’t his spirit rest?

Krystal is convinced that Gabby holds the clues she needs to move towards a brighter future. Gabby needs Krystal to help her let go of her troubled past. The two women must come together to try to unlock the secrets in Evan’s heart in order to set free their own.



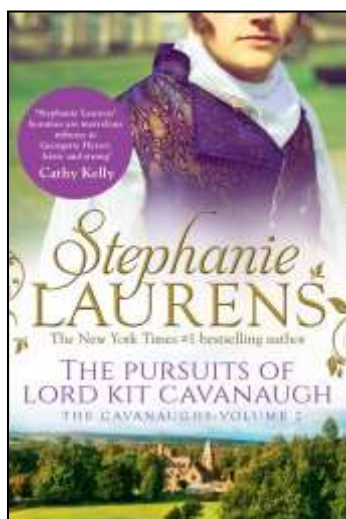
Historical Fiction

**A Thousand Ships - Natalie Haynes**

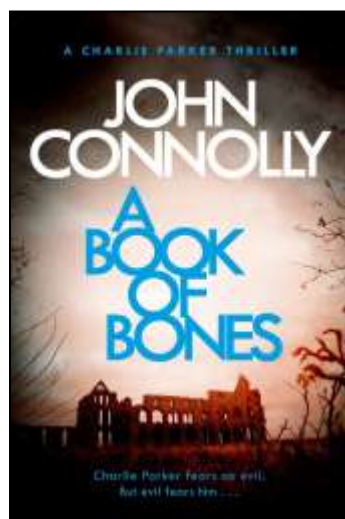
*A retelling of The Trojan War from an all-female perspective.*

In the middle of the night, Creusa wakes to find her beloved Troy engulfed in flames. Ten seemingly endless years of brutal conflict between the Greeks and the Trojans are over, and the Greeks are victorious. Over the next few hours, the only life she has ever known will turn to ash. . .

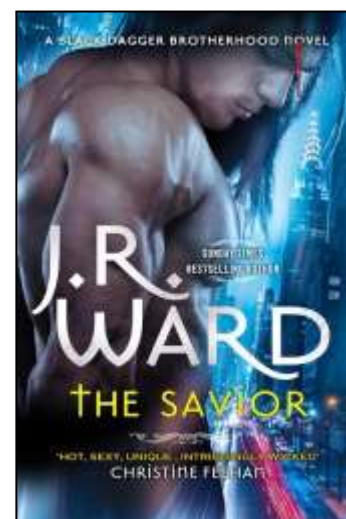
The devastating consequences of the fall of Troy stretch from Mount Olympus to Mount Ida, from the citadel of Troy to the distant Greek islands, and across oceans and sky in between. These are the stories of the women embroiled in that legendary war and its terrible aftermath, as well as the feud and the fatal decisions that started it all. . .



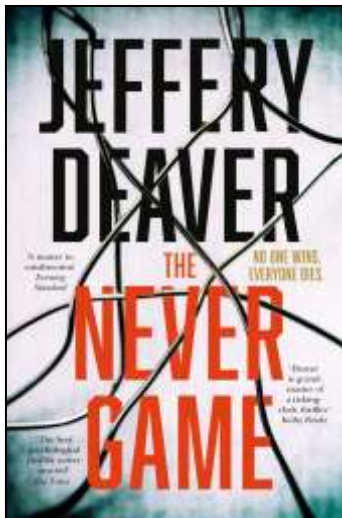
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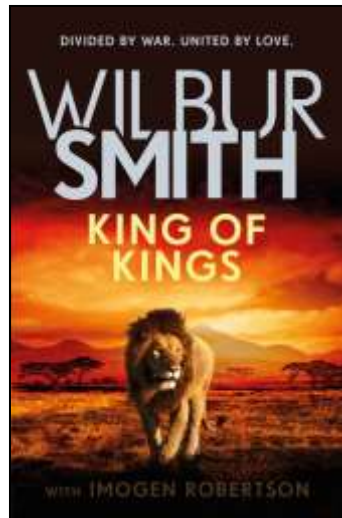
Thriller



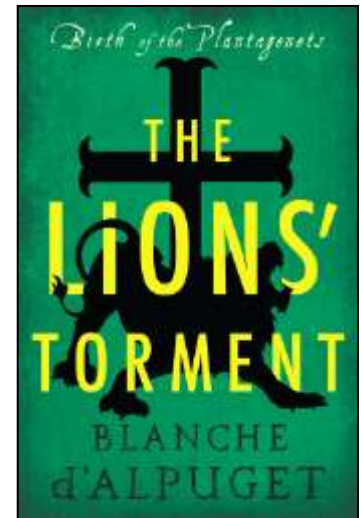
Paranormal Romance



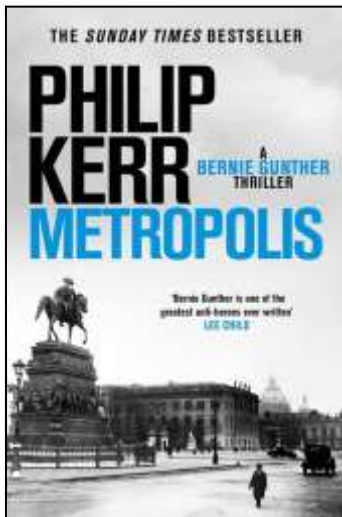
Thriller



Historical Adventure



Historical Fiction



Thriller

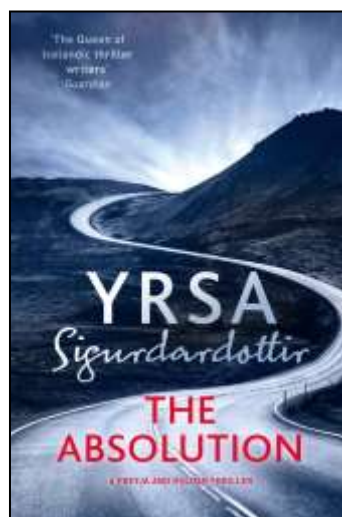
**Metropolis - Philip Kerr**

*Metropolis*, completed just before Philip Kerr's untimely death, is the capstone of a fourteen-book journey through the life of Kerr's signature character, Bernhard Gunther, a sardonic and wisecracking homicide detective caught up in an increasingly Nazified Berlin police department. In many ways, it is Bernie's origin story and, as Kerr's last novel, it is also, alas, his end. The book is set in Summer, 1928, exploring Bernie Gunther's first weeks on Berlin's Murder Squad.

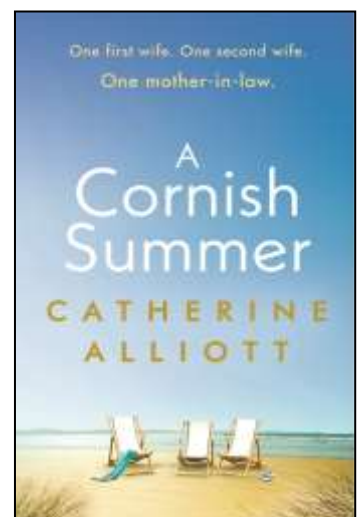
In the night streets, political gangs wander, looking for fights. Daylight reveals a beleaguered populace barely recovering from post-war inflation, often jobless, reeling from the reparations imposed by the victors. At central police HQ, the Murder Commission has its hands full. A killer is on the loose and though he scatters many clues, each is a dead end. It's almost as if he is taunting the cops. Meanwhile, the press is having a field day.



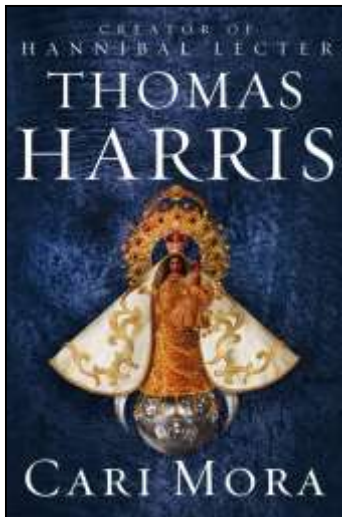
Romance



Icelandic Crime



Romantic Comedy



Thriller

**Cari Mora** - *Thomas Harris*

Twenty-five million dollars in cartel gold lies hidden beneath a mansion on the Miami Beach waterfront. Ruthless men have tracked it for years. Leading the pack is Hans-Peter Schneider. Driven by unspeakable appetites, he makes a living fleshing out the violent fantasies of other, richer men.

Cari Mora, caretaker of the house, has escaped from the violence in her native country. She stays in Miami on a wobbly Temporary Protected Status, subject to the iron whim of ICE. She works at many jobs to survive. Beautiful, marked by war, Cari catches the eye of Hans-Peter as he closes in on the treasure. But Cari Mora has surprising skills, and her will to survive has been tested before.



Fantasy

**Middlegame** - *Seanan McGuire*

An America run in the shadows by the Alchemical Congress, a powerful society focused on transmuting reality itself.

Meet Roger. Skilled with words, languages come easily to him. He instinctively understands how the world works through the power of story.

Meet Dodger, his twin. Numbers are her world, her obsession, her everything. All she understands, she does so through the power of math.

Roger and Dodger aren't exactly human, though they don't realise it. They aren't exactly gods, either. Not entirely. Not yet.

Meet Reed, skilled in the alchemical arts like his progenitor before him. Reed created Dodger and her brother. He's not their father. Not quite. But he has a plan: to raise the twins to the highest power, to ascend with them and claim their authority as his own.

Godhood is attainable. Pray it isn't attained.



Chick Lit



Science Fiction Short Stories



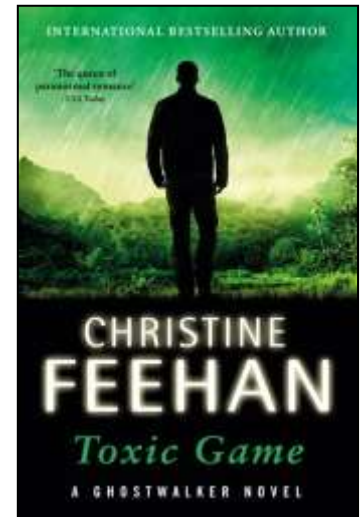
Cozy Mystery



Science Fiction Thriller



Contemporary Family Saga



Paranormal Romance



Romance

**The Bride Test - Helen Hoang**

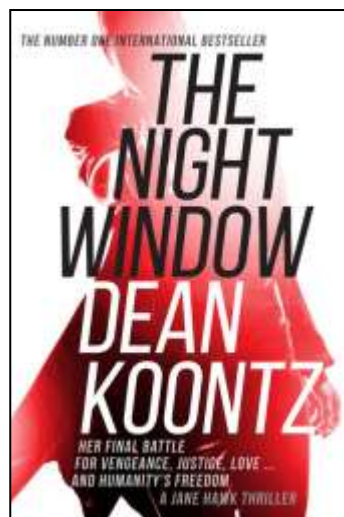
Khai Diep has no feelings. Well, he feels irritation when people move his things or contentment when ledgers balance down to the penny, but not big, important emotions—like grief. And love. He thinks he’s defective. His family knows better—that his autism means he just processes emotions differently. When he steadfastly avoids relationships, his mother takes matters into her own hands and returns to Vietnam to find him the perfect bride.

As a mixed-race girl living in the slums of Ho Chi Minh City, Esme Tran has always felt out of place. When the opportunity arises to come to America and meet a potential husband, she can’t turn it down, thinking this could be the break her family needs. Seducing Khai, however, doesn’t go as planned. Esme’s lessons in love seem to be working...but only on herself. She’s hopelessly smitten with a man who’s convinced he can never return her affection.

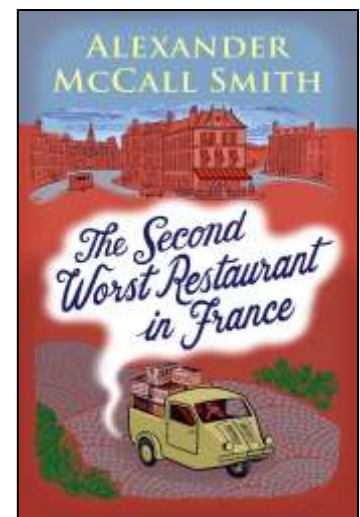
With Esme’s time in the United States dwindling, Khai is forced to understand he’s been wrong all along. And accept that there’s more than one way to love.



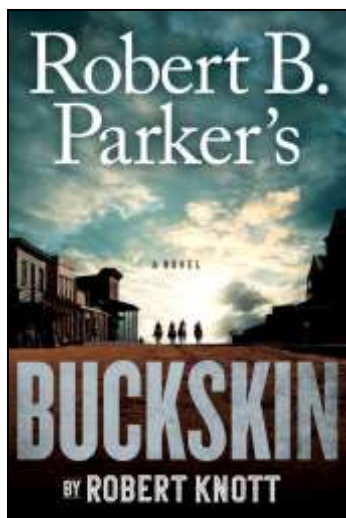
Psychological Thriller



Romantic Suspense



Humorous Fiction



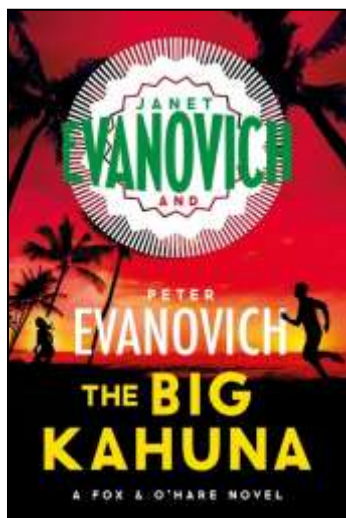
Western Suspense

**Robert B. Parker's Buckskin** - *Robert Knott*

(Cole and Hitch, v6)

When gold is discovered in the foothills just outside of Appaloosa, it sets off a fight between two shrewd local business operations as their hired gun hands square off over the claim. First a young miner disappears, then another. And then one of the businessmen himself is killed, right on his front doorstep.

Meanwhile, as Cole and Hitch try to put a stop to the escalating violence, another killer is making his way toward town in pursuit of a long-lost dream, and a mission of vengeance. Cole and Hitch will have their work cut out for them to keep the peace, especially when all these ruffians converge at the huge Appaloosa Days festival, where hundreds of innocent souls might get caught in the crossfire...



Humorous Mystery

**The Big Kahuna** - *Janet Evanovich & Peter Evanovich*

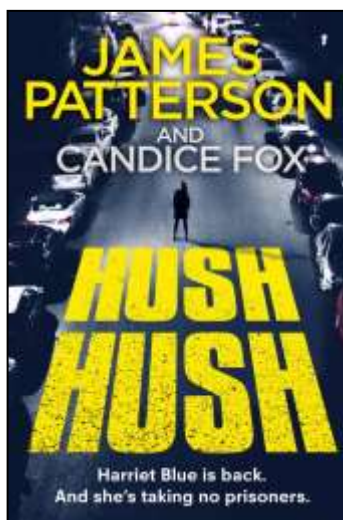
(Fox & O'Hare, v6)

A stoner, an Instagram model, a Czech oligarch, and a missing unicorn. Charming con man Nick Fox and straight arrow FBI agent Kate O'Hare have their work cut out for them in their weirdest, wildest adventure yet.

A sinister adversary has Nick and Kate in his crosshairs and will stop at nothing to eliminate them. They'll need to assemble the team to defeat their enemy. Unfortunately, their number one player, Kate's father, is on the run and on the most wanted list after being betrayed by an old friend. The trio is going to have to watch their backs at every turn to rid the world of their two greatest foes and clear their names.



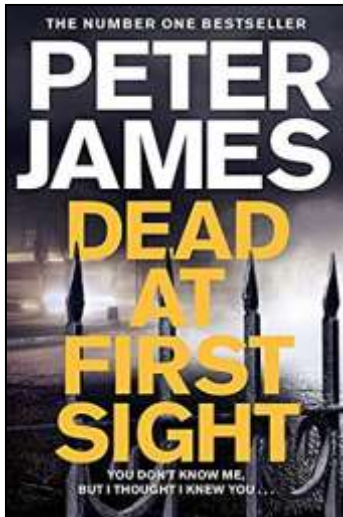
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Police Thriller



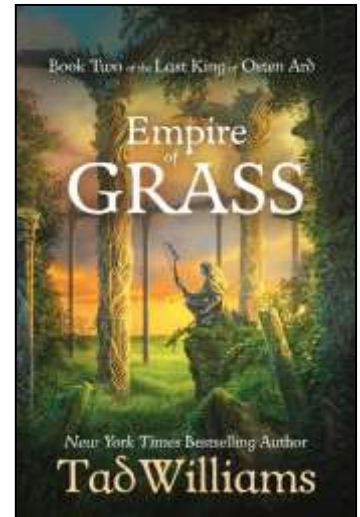
Mystery



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Rural Romance



Epic Fantasy



Literary Fiction

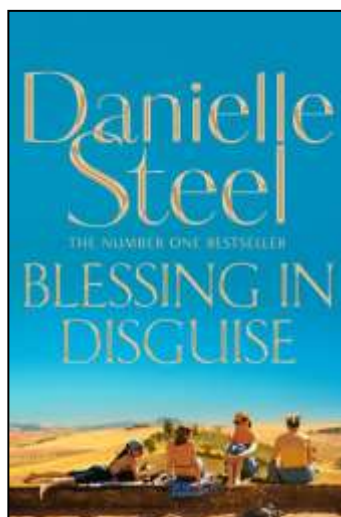
**Room for a Stranger - Melanie Cheng**

Since her sister died, Meg has been on her own. She doesn't mind, not really—not with Atticus, her African grey parrot, to keep her company—but after her house is broken into by a knife-wielding intruder, she decides it might be good to have some company after all.

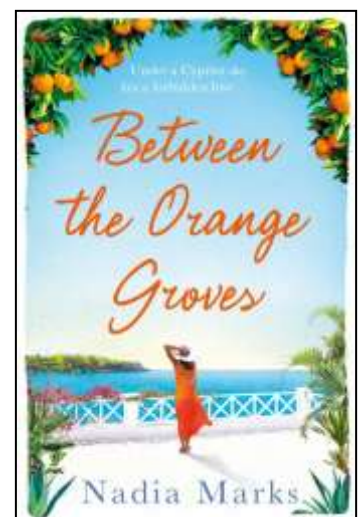
Andy's father has lost his job, and his parents' savings are barely enough to cover his tuition. If he wants to graduate, he'll have to give up his student flat and find a homeshare. Living with an elderly Australian woman is harder than he'd expected, though, and soon he's struggling with more than his studies.



Science Fiction



Romance



Historical Fiction



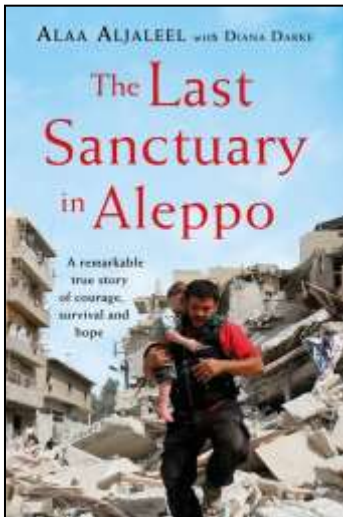
Travel Writing

### **Curiosities and Splendour - Lonely Planet**

Journey back in time with this collection of classic travel writing from great authors and adventurers. These extraordinary odysseys over land and sea captivated audiences and gave them a glimpse into countries, cities and cultures like never before.

Tales include Robert Falcon Scott's doomed Antarctic expedition of 1910-13; Robert Byron's ten-month journey through Persia to Afghanistan in the early 30s; Jack London's 1907 sailing adventure across the south Pacific; and Teddy Roosevelt's scientific exploration of the Brazilian jungle's exotic flora and fauna.

Each author and their piece of writing is introduced by editor Mark Mackenzie, who gives context to the work and provides an insightful look into how travel has changed since they were originally published.

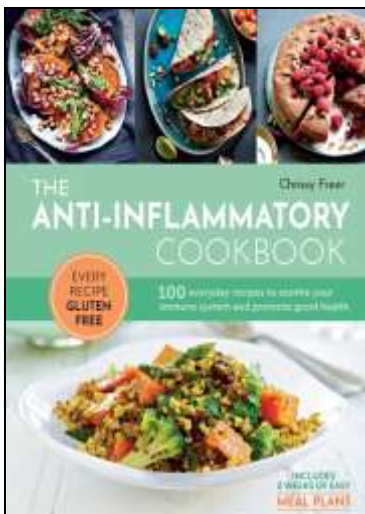


Memoir

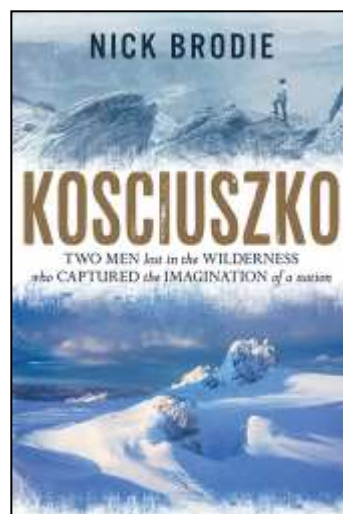
### **The Last Sanctuary in Aleppo - Alaa Aljaleel with Diana Darke**

When war came to Alaa Aljaleel's hometown, he made a remarkable decision to stay behind, caring for the people and animals caught in the crossfire. While thousands were forced to flee, Alaa spent his days carrying out perilous rescue missions in his makeshift ambulance and building a sanctuary for the city's abandoned cats.

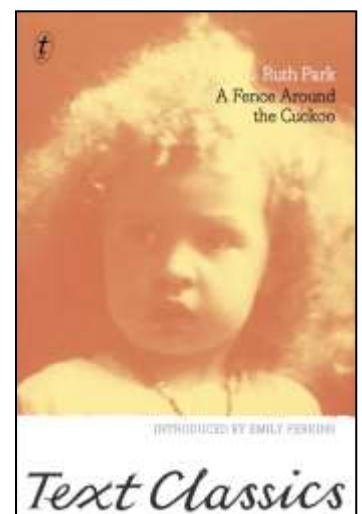
In turn, he created something unique: a place of tranquillity for children living through the bombardment and a glimmer of hope for those watching in horror around the world. As word of Alaa's courage and dedication spread, the kindness of strangers enabled him to feed thousands of local families and save hundreds of animals. But with the city under siege, time was running out for the last sanctuary in Aleppo and Alaa was about to face his biggest challenge yet...



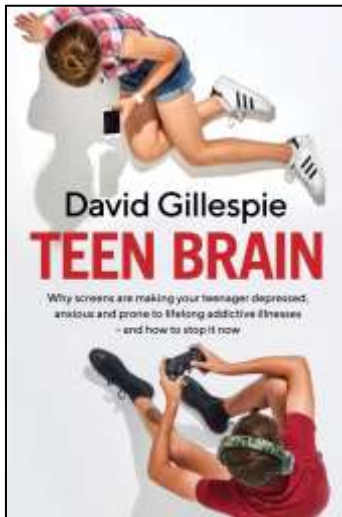
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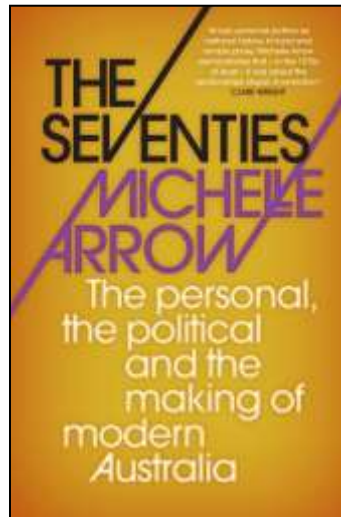
Australian History



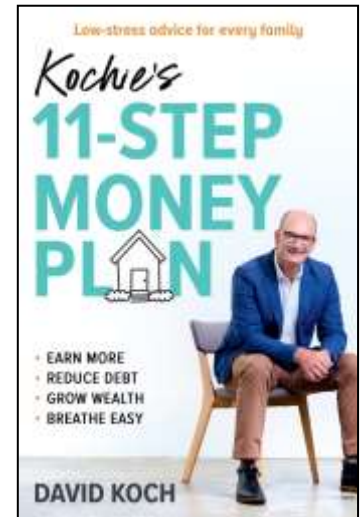
Author Autobiography



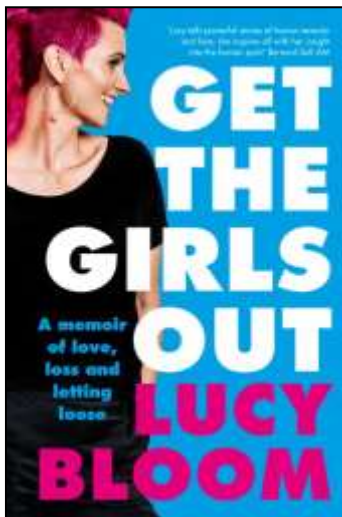
Parenting



Political History



Personal Finance

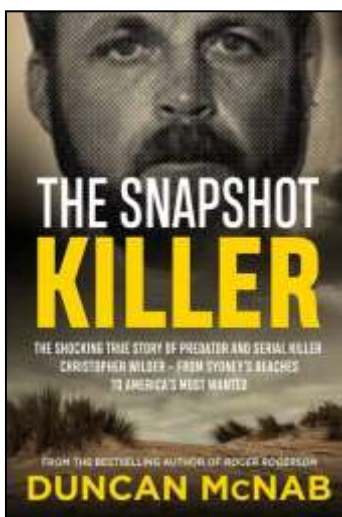


Memoir & Self Help

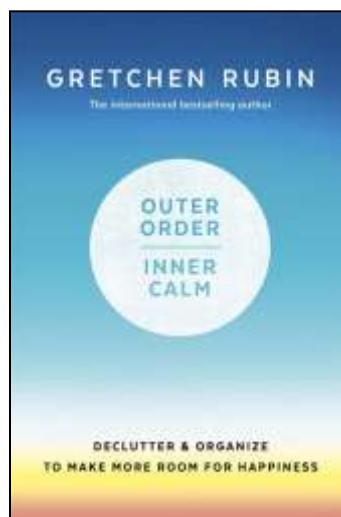
**Get The Girls Out - Lucy Bloom**

A rousing, funny, straight-talking, inspirational and generally awesome book from social entrepreneur Lucy Bloom, part memoir, part life-lessons, which urges us all to find our courage, take joy in life and celebrate our extraordinary ordinariness...

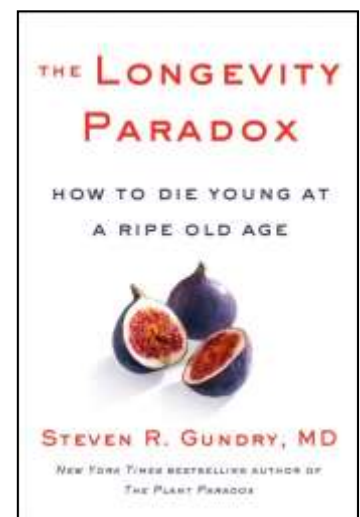
Lucy's openhearted interest in the world has taken her from jillarooing on a cattle farm to maternity hospitals in Ethiopia, from marshalling a cross-country carnival in northern Uganda to CEO briefings in the back of a tuk-tuk in Cambodia. Hers has been a life of fighting for the underdog only to find out that, sometimes, the underdog is actually her. Taking all dramatic life-turns, side-steps and face-plants in her stride, Lucy has rebuilt her life every time, with love and adventure at its heart, plus a side order of mischief.



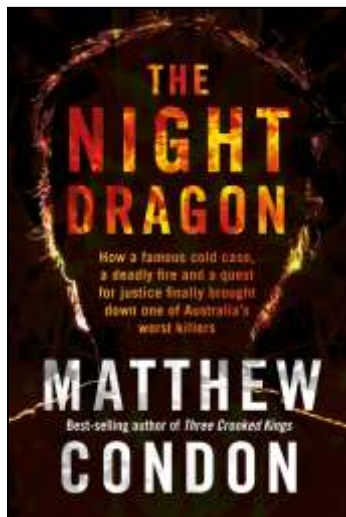
True Crime



Self Help



Healthy Aging



True Crime

**The Night Dragon - Matthew Condon**

In 2017, Vincent O’Dempsey was sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murders of Barbara McCulkin and her two young daughters. It took over 40 years to bring him to justice. Feared for decades by criminals and police alike, O’Dempsey associated with convicted underworld figures and has been linked to a string of haunting cold cases, including the deadly Whiskey au Go Go nightclub firebombing that killed 15 innocent people.

Award-winning investigative journalist Matthew Condon has interviewed dozens of ex-cons, police and witnesses to put together a compelling picture of the calculating killer who spent his life evading the law before he was finally brought to justice.



Employment Skills

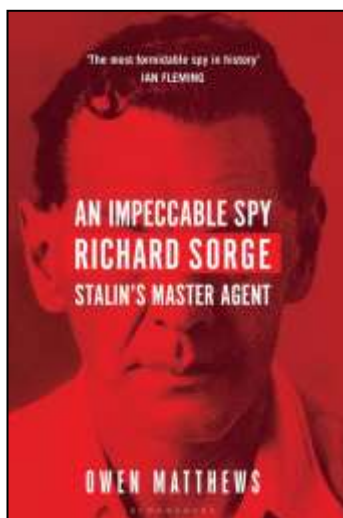
**Future Fit - Andrea Clarke**

We all need a new kind of job security. Around the world, the nature of work and business is on the move. Digital disruption, globalisation and the casualisation of the workforce is drastically re-shaping the way we live and how we do business.

Leading management consulting firms all agree that we can expect significant job disruption across all industries. But, they also agree that human skills will always be in demand. In fact, they won’t be just in demand, it’s widely acknowledged that it’s the ‘human’ skills that will enable us to not just survive the pending disruption but thrive in the age of accelerations. In her fascinating new book, which starts with the author’s memories of flying into wartime Baghdad, you will learn how to acquire the skills to become future fit in the workplace



Political History



Espionage



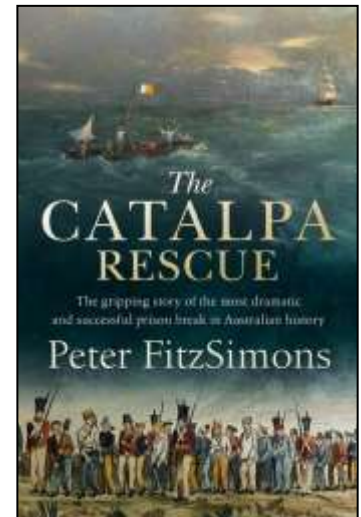
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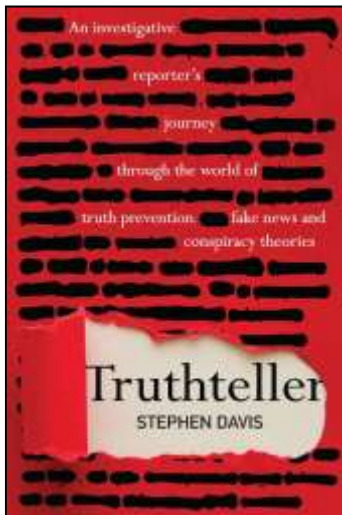
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Native Australian Foods



Australian History



Politics & Journalism

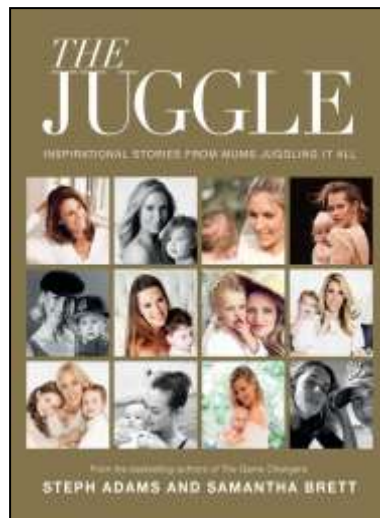
**Truthteller - Stephen Davis**

There is a war on truth. And the liars are winning. There is an increasingly large number of weapons in the arsenal of the rich, the powerful and the elected to prevent the truth from coming out — to bury it, warp it, twist it to suit their purposes. *Truthteller* reveals how governments and corporations have covered-up mass murder, corruption and catastrophe. In a world where Putin and Trump have successfully branded journalists as traffickers in fake news, while promoting the actual creators of fake news, an investigative reporter shows the tools that are used to deceive us and explains why they work.

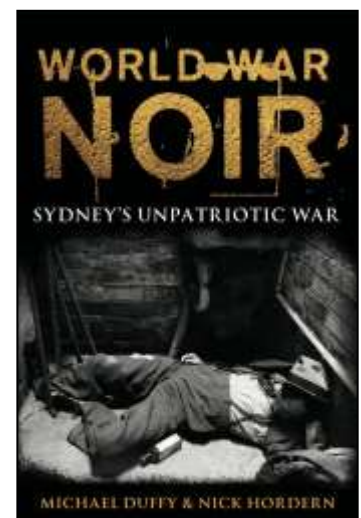
Using exclusive documents and interviews drawn from three decades as an award-winning reporter, editor, foreign correspondent, television producer, documentary filmmaker, and journalism educator, Stephen Davis reveals shocking details of deception in the United States, the UK, Russia, Sweden, the Baltic republics, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, the Arctic and Antarctic.



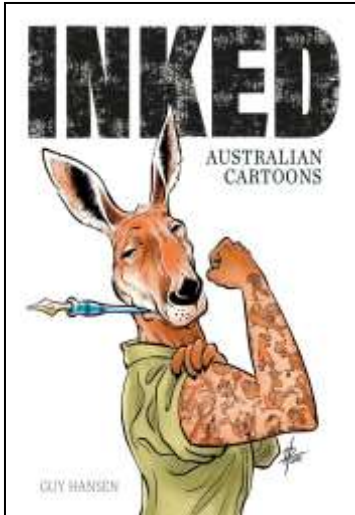
Economics



Parenting



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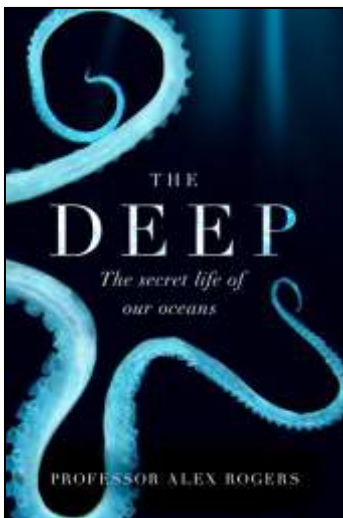


Art

**Inked: Australian Cartoons** - *Guy Hansen*

Cartoons can give us a pictorial history of Australia in a series of cartoon ‘time capsules’; they often hold a mirror up to Australian society. This book shows how cartoonists helped develop a visual vocabulary for Australian life and culture—whether it is ‘The Little Boy from Manly’, a larrikin digger or Tony Abbott’s red speedos. It presents a selection of thought-provoking cartoons from the National Library of Australia’s extensive archive, covering topics from the First Fleet to the present day.

The book shows readers the breadth of Australia’s cartooning history, from historic subjects such as convict life, the goldfields, early royal visits and Ashes crickets tests. It also shows how the role of cartoonists has shifted from illustrator to commentator, skilfully capturing the controversial topics of the day.



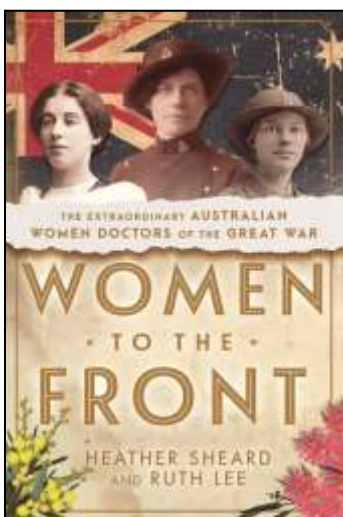
Oceanography

**The Deep: the secret life of our oceans** - *Professor Alex Rogers*

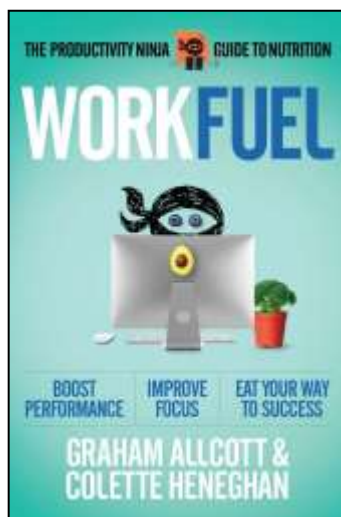
There's so much we don't know about what lies deep beneath the ocean's surface - and the time to find out is growing increasingly precious . . .

Professor Alex Rogers is one of the world's leading experts in marine biology and oceanology, and has spent his life studying the deep ocean - and in particular the impact of human activity on the ecosystems of the oceans.

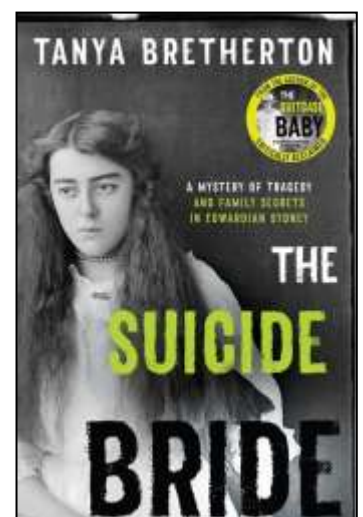
In this timely, galvanising and fascinating book - replete with stunning photography of strange and beautiful creatures - Professor Rogers offers a fundamentally optimistic view of humanity's relationship with the oceans - and also a very personal account of his own interaction with the seas.



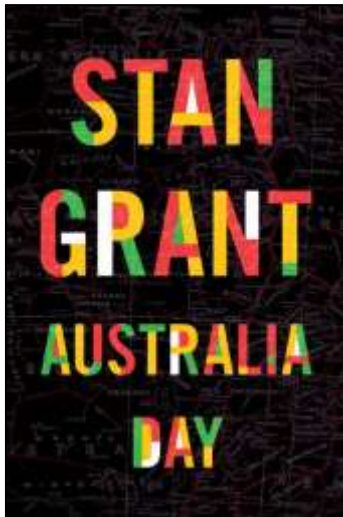
Women in WW1



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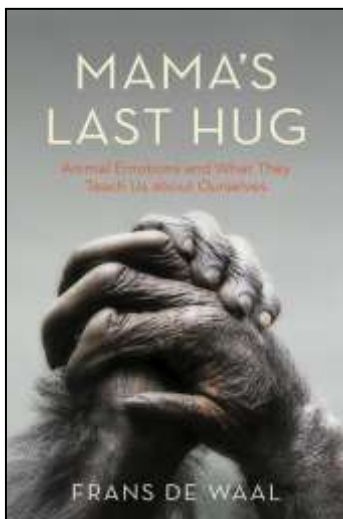
Indigenous Writing

**Australia Day - Stan Grant**

As uncomfortable as it is, we need to reckon with our history. On January 26, no Australian can really look away. There are the hard questions we ask of ourselves on Australia Day.

Since publishing his critically acclaimed, Walkley Award-winning, bestselling memoir *Talking to My Country* in early 2016, Stan Grant has been crossing the country, talking to huge crowds everywhere about how racism is at the heart of our history and the Australian dream. But Stan knows this is not where the story ends.

In this book, his long-awaited follow up to his memoir, Stan talks about reconciliation and the indigenous struggle for belonging and identity in Australia, and about what it means to be Australian. A sad, wise, beautiful, reflective and troubled book, it asks the questions that have to be asked, that no else seems to be asking. Who are we? What is our country? How do we move forward from here?



Zoology

**Mama's Last Hug - Frans De Waal**

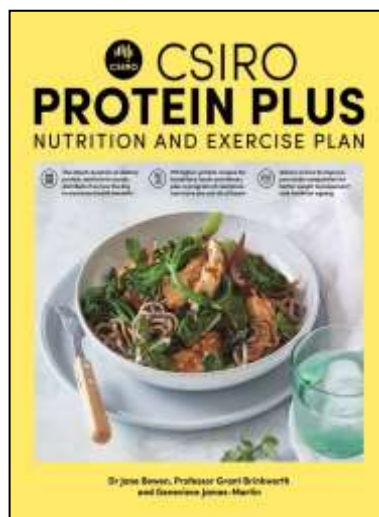
This book is a whirlwind tour of new ideas and findings about animal emotions, based on Frans de Waal's renowned studies of the social and emotional lives of chimpanzees, bonobos and other primates.

It opens with the moving farewell between Mama, a dying 59-year-old chimpanzee matriarch, and Jan Van Hoof, who was Frans de Waal's mentor and thesis advisor. The filmed event has since gone viral (over 9.5 million views on YouTube).

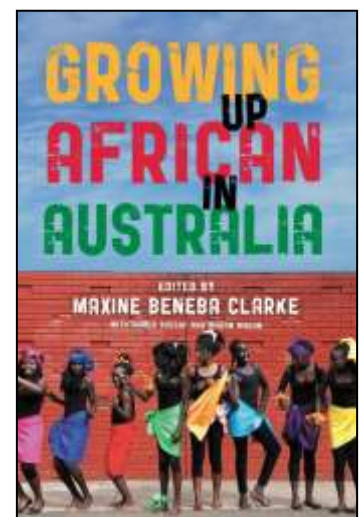
De Waal discusses facial expressions, animal sentience and consciousness, the emotional side of human politics, and the illusion of free will. And he makes the radical proposal that emotions are like organs: we haven't a single organ that other animals don't have, and the same is true for our emotions.



Memoir



Healthy Eating



Society & Culture



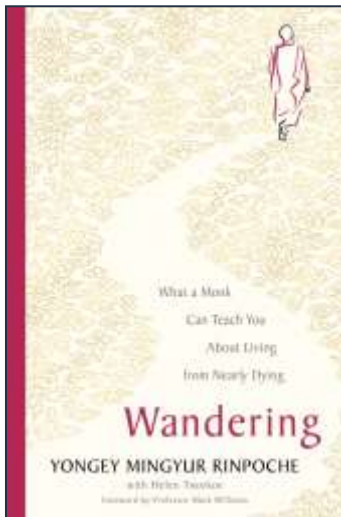
Self Help

**Everything is F\*cked - Mark Manson**

In this book about hope, Manson deepens and develops his message for his legions of fans.

It's no secret that the world is in turmoil, but it's also true that no generation ever had it better. If economies are booming, luxury increasingly available, and everything we ever wanted right at our fingertips, why then in the developed world are rates of dissatisfaction, depression, even suicide higher than ever?

This is the question Mark Manson faces up to in his new ground-breaking book. In typical and beloved Manson style, this is a book about hope which proves that the harder you try, the more diminishing the returns. An anti-self help guide to finding hope in a world that's falling apart.

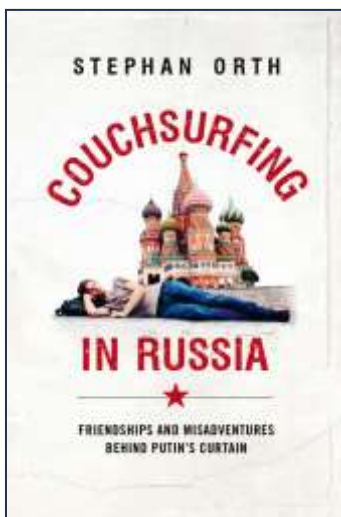


Spiritual Memoir

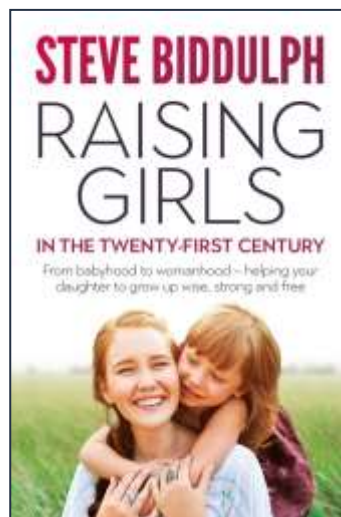
**Wandering - Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche**

Rinpoche's experience begins the night he chose to embark on a four-year wandering retreat, slipping past the monastery gates. Alone for the first time in his life, he sets out into the unknown. His initial motivation is to step away from his life of privilege and to explore the deepest, most hidden aspects of his being, but what he discovers throughout his retreat - about himself and about the world around us - comes to define his meditation practice and teaching.

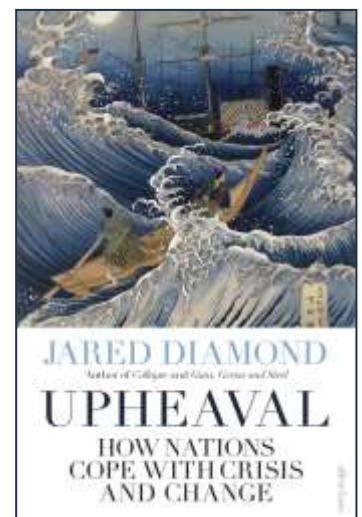
Just three weeks into his retreat, Rinpoche becomes deathly ill and his journey begins in earnest through this near-death experience. Moving, beautiful and suffused with local colour, this book is the story of two different kinds of death: that of the body and that of the ego, and how we can bridge these two experiences to live a better and more fulfilling life. Rinpoche's skilful and intimate account of his search for the self is a demonstration of how we can transform our dread of dying into joyful living.



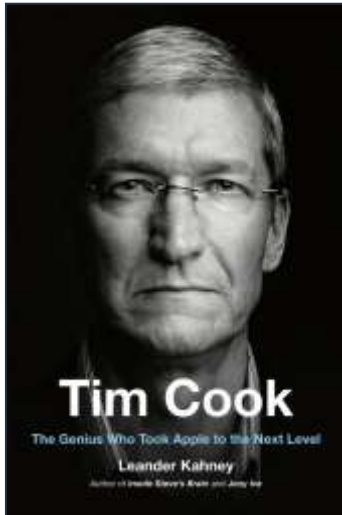
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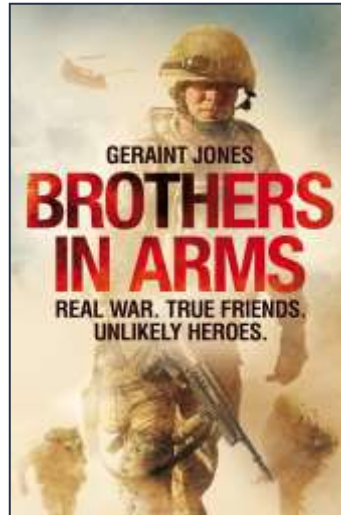
Parenting



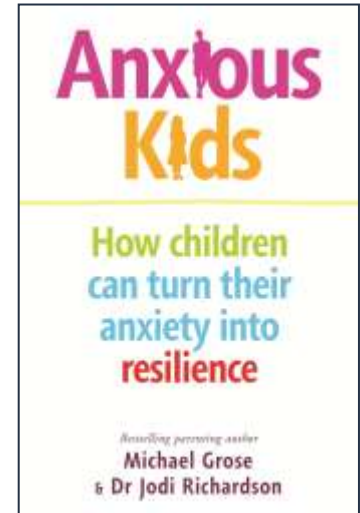
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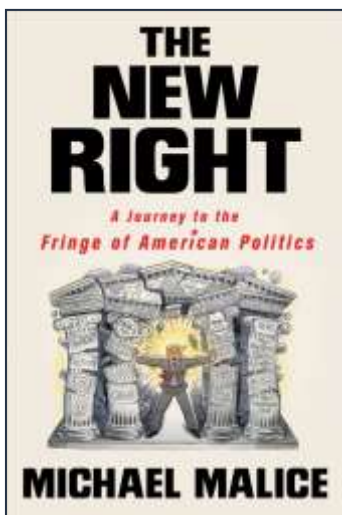
Popular Science

**The Science of Fate - Hannah Critchlow**

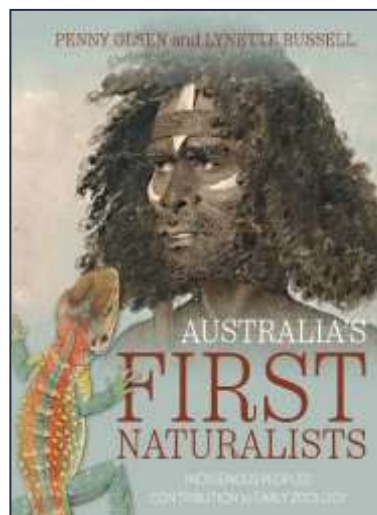
So many of us believe that we are free to shape our own destiny. But what if free will doesn't exist? What if our lives are largely predetermined, hardwired in our brains - and our choices over what we eat, who we fall in love with, even what we believe are not real choices at all?

Neuroscience is challenging everything we think we know about ourselves, revealing how we make decisions and form our own reality, unaware of the role of our unconscious minds.

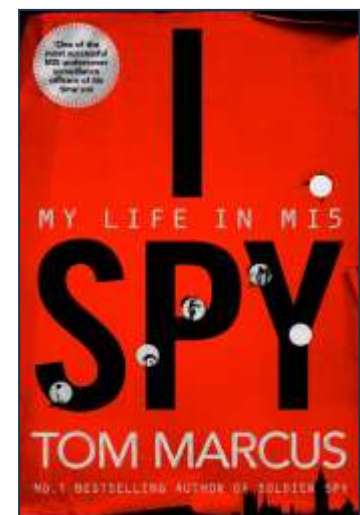
Leading neuroscientist Hannah Critchlow draws vividly from everyday life and other experts in their field to show the extraordinary potential, as well as dangers, which come with being able to predict our likely futures - and looking at how we can alter what's in store for us.



US politics



Indigenous Biographies



UK Espionage

# FOR TEENS



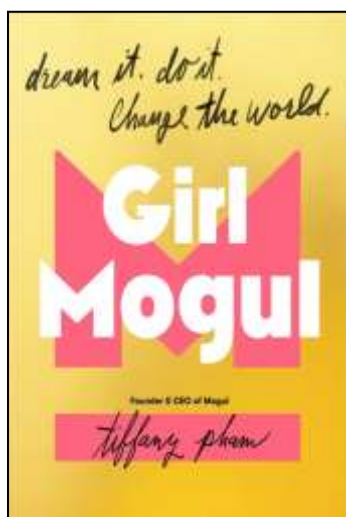
**March 2019**

Multicultural Fiction

## **You Must Be Layla** - *Yassmin Abdel-Magied*

Layla's mind goes a million miles a minute, so does her mouth – unfortunately her better judgement can take a while to catch up! Although she believes she was justified for doing what she did, a suspension certainly isn't the way she would have wished to begin her time at her fancy new high school. Despite the setback, Layla's determined to show everyone that she does deserve her scholarship and sets her sights on winning a big invention competition. But where to begin?

Looking outside and in, Layla will need to come to terms with who she is and who she wants to be if she has any chance of succeeding.



**April 2019**

Personal Success

## **Girl Mogul: Dream It, Do It, Change the World** - *Tiffany Pham*

A guide to success. No matter what readers want to achieve, this book can help them define it, envision it, and make it happen. While every path looks different, there are a few key components of becoming a Girl Mogul: confidence, community, and commitment.

Tiffany Pham, CEO and founder of Mogul, takes you through her own story of success as a living example of triumph over circumstance. After teaching herself to code and launching onmogul.com as a community for women, she began to receive up to one thousand emails a day from girls around the world looking for advice. Now with this book, she offers it to teen girls everywhere, using stories from her own life and from other successful women, to show how there are no limits to what they can do.



**May 2019**

Romance

## **There's Something About Sweetie** - *Sandhya Menon*

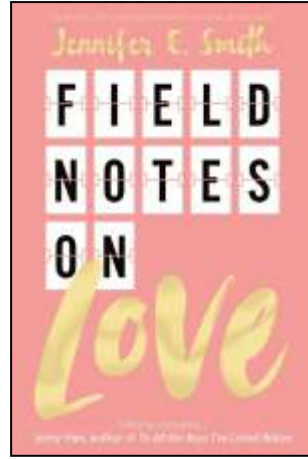
Ashish Patel didn't know love could be so...sucky. After being dumped by his ex-girlfriend, his mojo goes AWOL. Even worse, his parents are annoyingly, smugly confident they could find him a better match. So, in a moment of weakness, Ash challenges them to set him up.

Sweetie Nair is many things: a formidable track athlete who can outrun most people in California, a loyal friend, a shower-singing champion. Oh, and she's also fat. To Sweetie's traditional parents, this last detail is the kiss of death.

Ashish and Sweetie both have something to prove. But with each date they realize there's an unexpected magic growing between them. Can they find their true selves without losing each other?



Fantasy  
*(The Belles, v2)*



Romance



Science Fiction



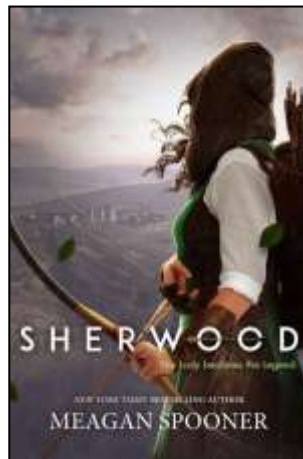
General Fiction



Romance



Superheroes



Fantasy



Dystopian Fantasy



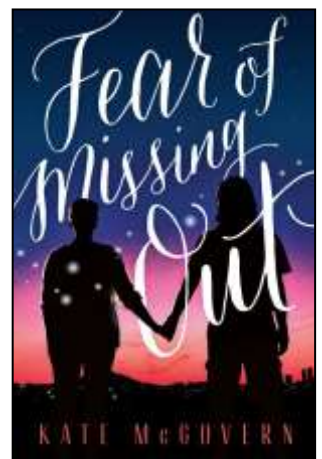
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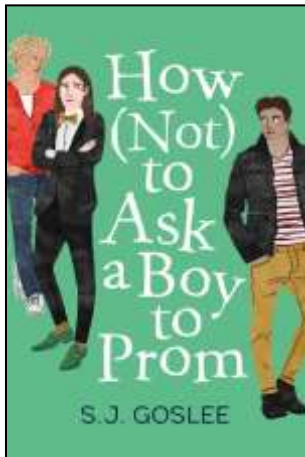
Thriller



Regency Fantasy  
*(Sorcerer Royal, v2)*



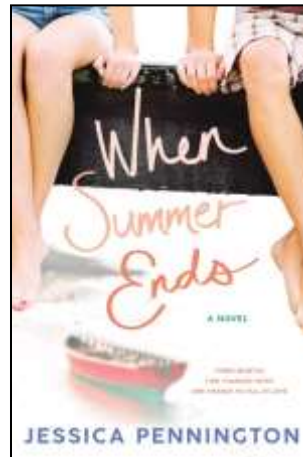
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LGBTQI Fiction



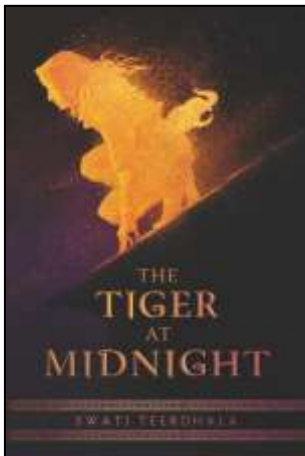
Contemporary Fiction



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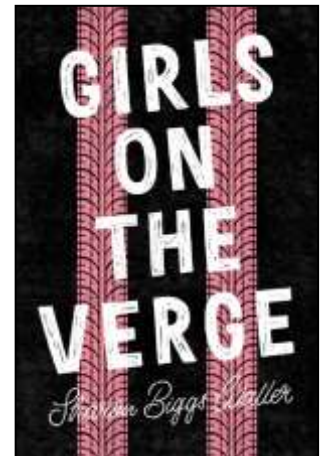
Epic Fantasy



General Fiction



Thriller



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Mystery



Historical Thriller



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LGBTQI Fiction



Mystery



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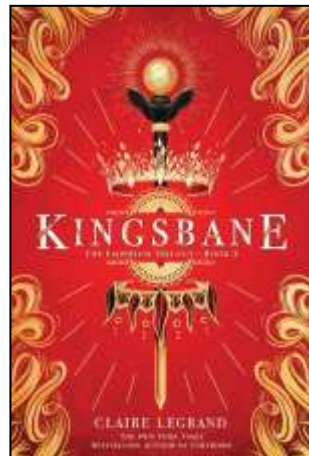
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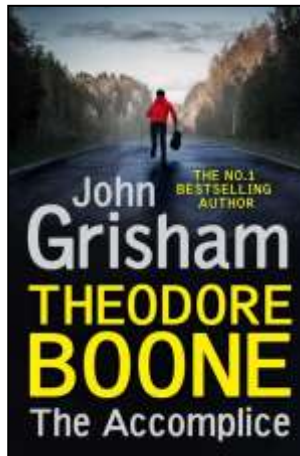
Fantasy  
(Spellslinger, v5)



General Fiction



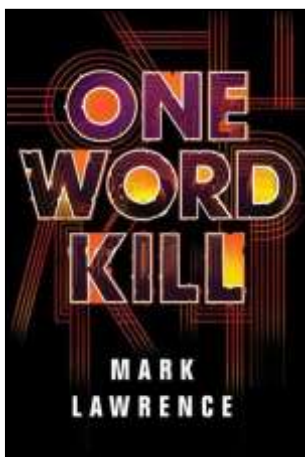
Fantasy  
(Empirium, v2)



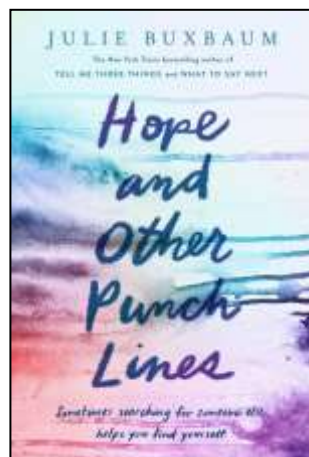
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(Theodore Boone, v7)



Romance  
Graphic Novel



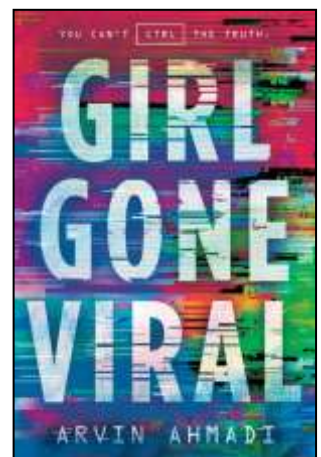
Science Fiction/  
Time Travel Adventure



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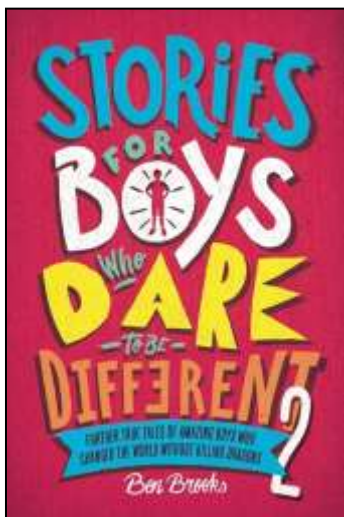


Fantasy  
(Caraval, v3)



Technology Thriller

# FOR CHILDREN

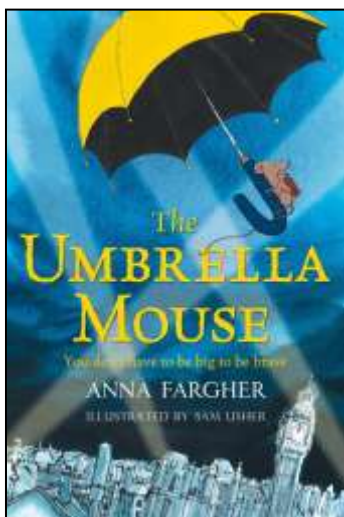


**March 2019**  
Junior Biographies

## **Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different 2 - Ben Brooks**

More true tales of amazing boys who found the courage to be themselves, and achieved something remarkable at the same time.

What have the footballer Kylian Mbappe, the philosopher Socrates and the singer Ed Sheeran all got in common? All three of them defied expectations - going against the grain and pursuing their dreams - despite a seemingly impossible barrage of obstacles and difficulties. Their stories are incredible, as are those of the tap-dancer Evan Ruggiero, the Pokemon creator Satoshi Tajiri, and the other inspirational boys who fill the pages of this extraordinary book.



**April 2019**  
Junior Fiction

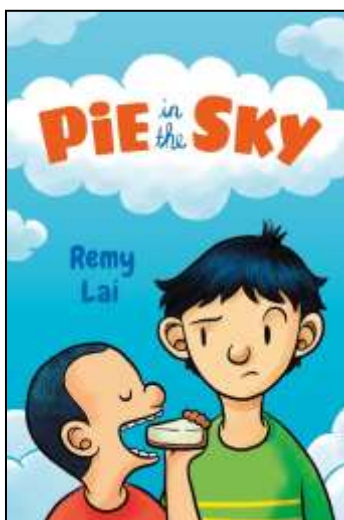
## **The Umbrella Mouse - Anna Fargher**

A heart-stopping adventure drawing on the true stories of animals caught in the conflict of WWII.

1944, and London is under attack. Young mouse Pip Hanway's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her home, umbrella shop James Smith & Sons, is destroyed by a bomb. Orphaned and alone, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home.

But the only way to get there is by joining Noah's Ark, a secret gang of animals fighting the resistance in France, operating beneath the feet of the human soldiers. Danger is everywhere and as the enemy closes in, Pip must risk everything to save her new friends.

A debut novel takes you on an incredible journey through a war that reaches even the smallest of creatures.



**May 2019**  
Junior Fiction

## **Pie in the Sky - Remy Lai**

When Jingwen moves to Australia, he feels like he's landed on Mars. Making friends is impossible, since he doesn't speak English, and he's stuck looking after his little brother Yanghao. But Jingwen knows how to make everything better. If he can just make all of the cakes on the menu of the bakery his father had planned to open—and complete the dream he didn't have time to finish—then everything will be okay. Sure, he'll have to break his mother's most important rule about not using the oven when she's at work, keep his little brother from spilling his secret, and brush up on his baking skills, but some things are worth the risk. In her debut novel, Remy Lai captures with humour and heart, what it means to want desperately to belong and just how powerful one wish can be.



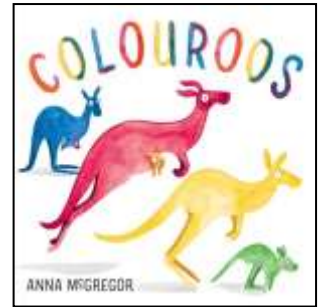
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(*Ella Diaries, v15*)



Junior Fiction



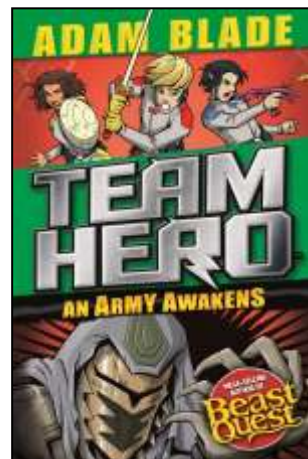
Humorous  
Junior Fiction



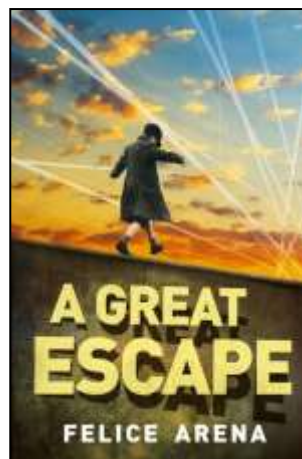
Picture Book  
- Diversity & Acceptance



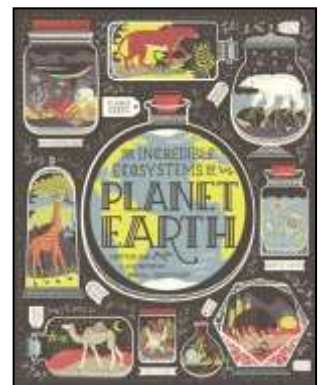
Picture Book  
- Numbers & Animals



Adventure  
Junior Fiction



Historical  
Junior Fiction



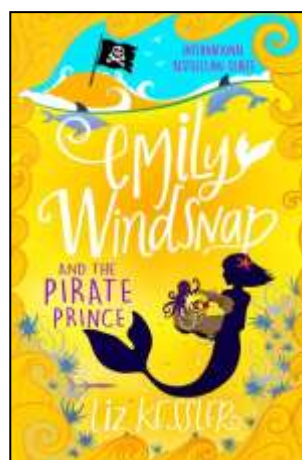
Junior Non Fiction  
- Ecosystems



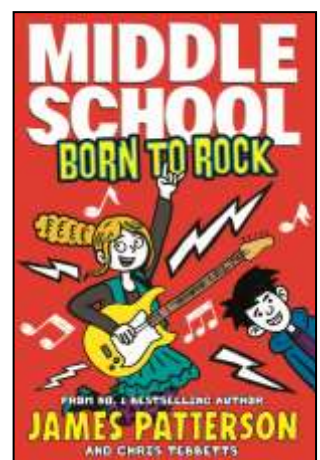
Espionage  
Junior Fiction  
(*Kensy and Max, v3*)



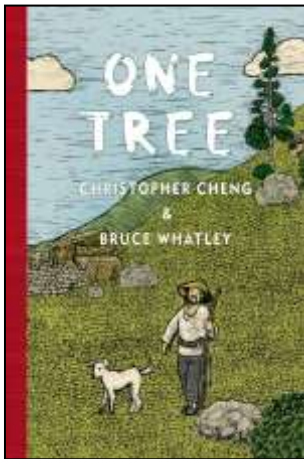
Junior Non Fiction  
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Junior Fantasy  
(*Emily Windsnap, v8*)



Junior Fiction  
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Picture Book  
- Family & Environment



Junior Fiction



Humorous  
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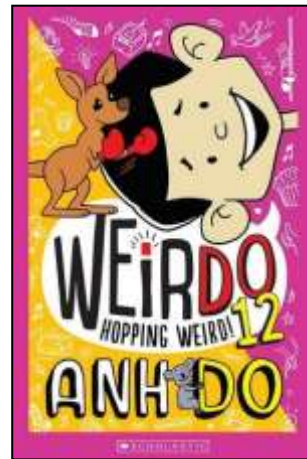
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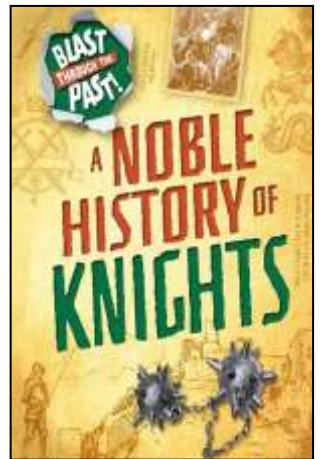
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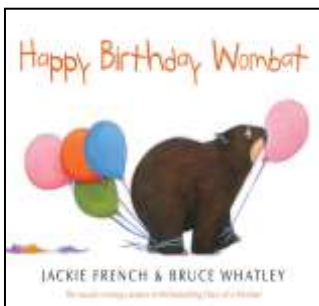
Junior Fantasy  
Adventure



Humorous  
Junior Fiction  
(WeirDo, v12)



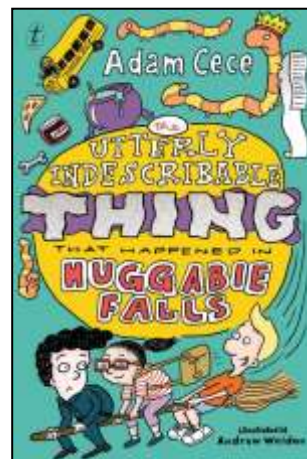
Junior Non Fiction  
- Medieval History



Picture Book  
- Australian



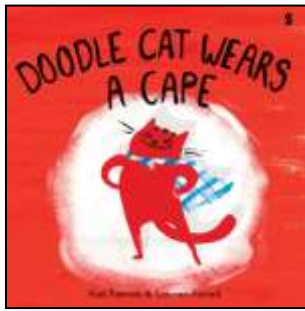
Humorous Junior  
Science Fiction



Humorous  
Junior Fiction



Humorous Junior  
Graphic Novel



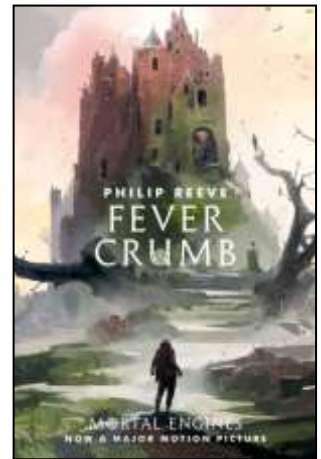
Picture Book  
- Friendship



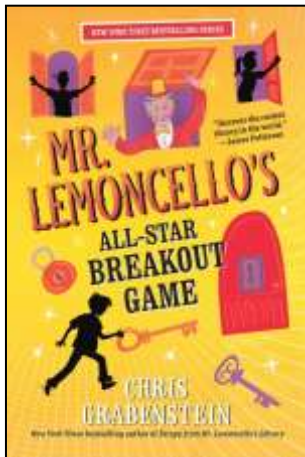
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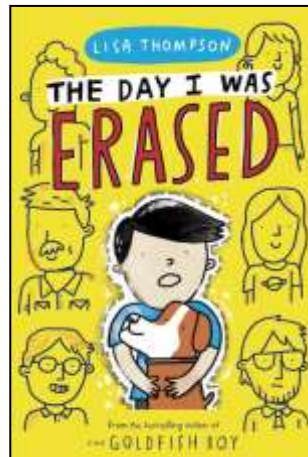
Humorous  
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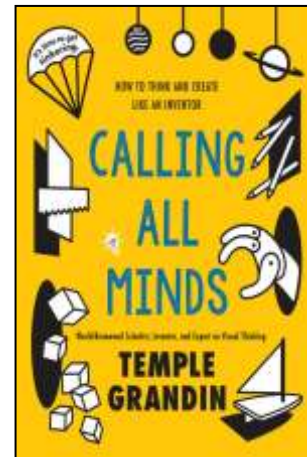
Junior Steampunk



Junior Adventure



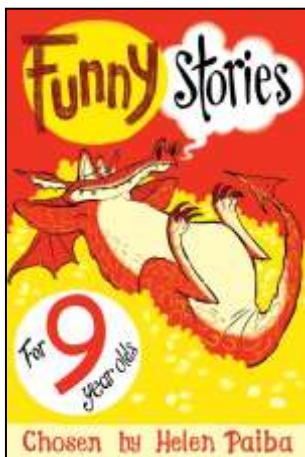
Junior Mystery



Junior Non Fiction  
- Inventors



Junior Fiction



Humorous  
Short Stories



Junior Mystery



Humorous  
Junior Fiction



Junior Fantasy

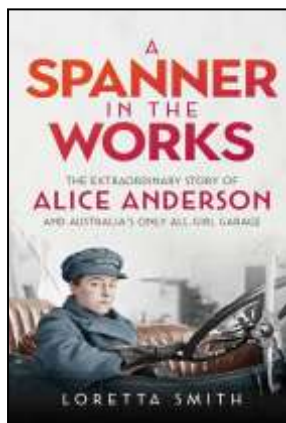
# DEBUT AUTHORS



**Miranda in Milan**  
- Katharine Duckett

Reimagines the consequences of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with Miranda cast as the heroine, Prospero as the villain, and a Moorish witch as Miranda's love interest.

**March 2019**  
Historical Fantasy



**A Spanner in the Works**  
- Loretta Smith

It's the real-life story of a daring Australian woman who did something extraordinary - then met an early, mysterious end.

Alice Anderson established the country's first motor service run entirely by women.

**March 2019**  
Biography

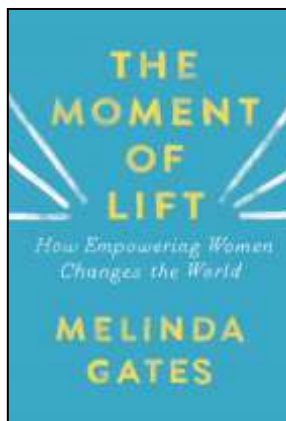


**Fled** - Meg Keneally

Highway robber. Convict. Runaway. Mother. She will do anything for freedom, but at what cost?

An epic historical adventure based on the extraordinary life of convict Mary Bryant.

**April 2019**  
Historical Fiction  
(Debut solo novel for this author)



**The Moment of Lift**  
- Melinda Gates

A personal statement of passionate conviction, this book tells of Gates' journey from a partner working behind the scenes to one of the world's foremost advocates for women, driven by the belief that no one should be excluded, all lives have equal value, and gender equality is the lever that lifts everything.

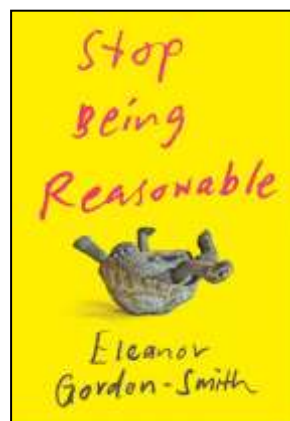
**April 2019**  
Biography



**Again, but Better**  
- Christine Riccio

From one of the most followed booktubers today, comes a story about second chances, discovering yourself, and being brave enough to try again.

**May 2019**  
Young Adult Fiction



**Stop Being Reasonable**  
- Eleanor Gordon-Smith

What if you're not who you think you are?

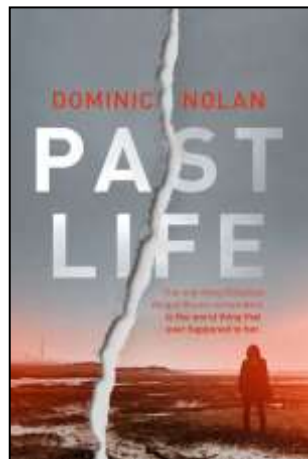
What if you don't really know the people closest to you?

And what if your most deeply-held beliefs turn out to be...wrong?

**May 2019**  
Philosophy/Identity



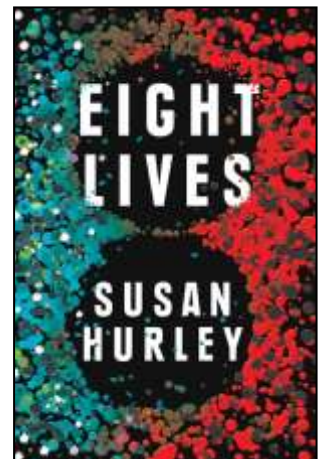
Psychological Thriller



Mystery



Dystopian Fiction



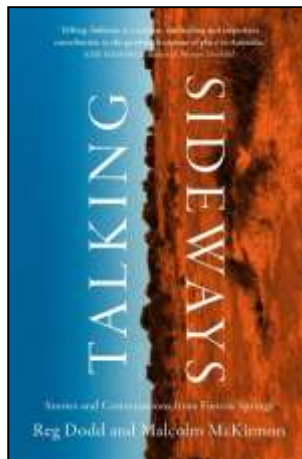
Medical Thriller



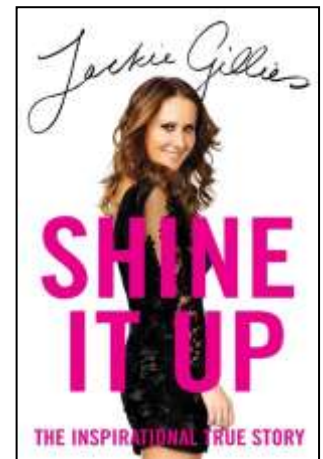
Chick Lit



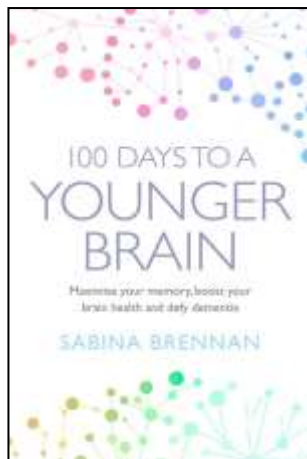
Mystery/Suspense



Indigenous  
Autobiography



Celebrity Memoir



Brain Health



Young Adult  
Fantasy



Young Adult  
Science Fiction



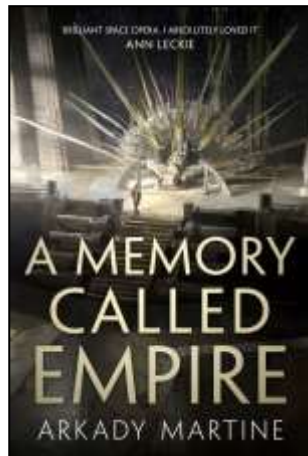
Young Adult  
Fantasy

# DEBUT AUTHORS

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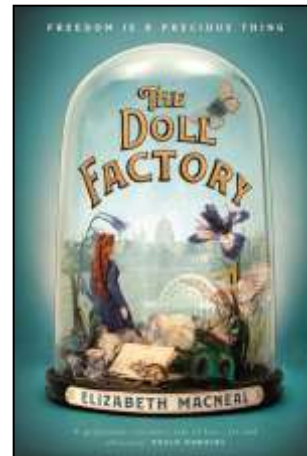
Urban Fiction



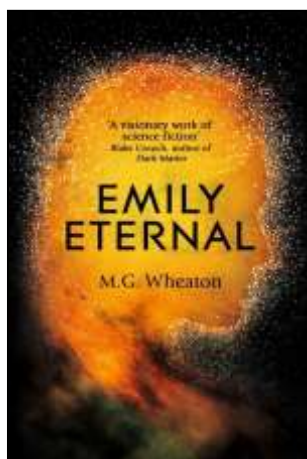
Space Opera  
Science Fiction



Romantic Comedy



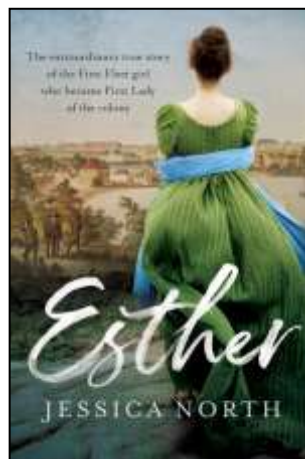
Gothic Fiction



Artificial Intelligence  
Science Fiction



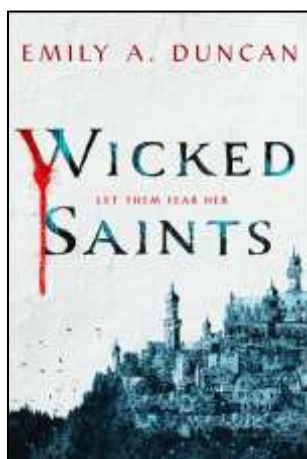
Historical Fiction



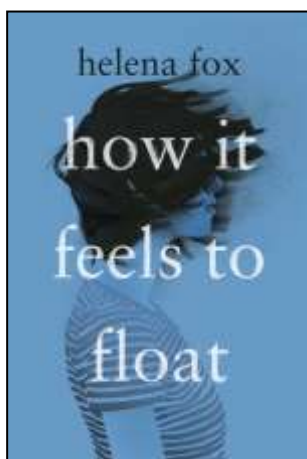
Historical Biography  
Australian



Popular Science  
Space



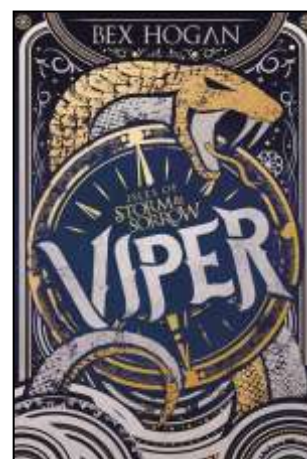
Young Adult Fantasy



Young Adult  
General Fiction



Young Adult  
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Young Adult Fantasy



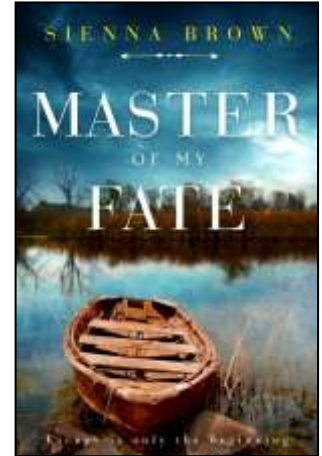
Literary Fiction



Psychological Thriller



Literary Fiction



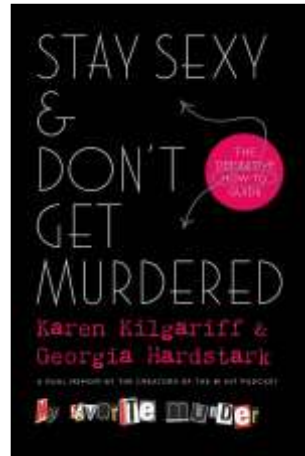
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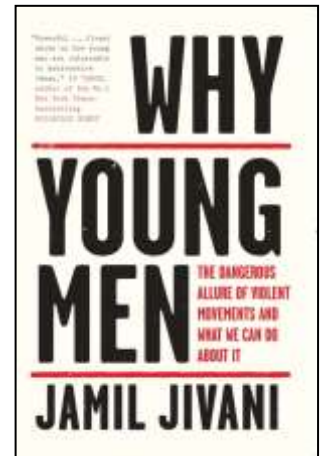
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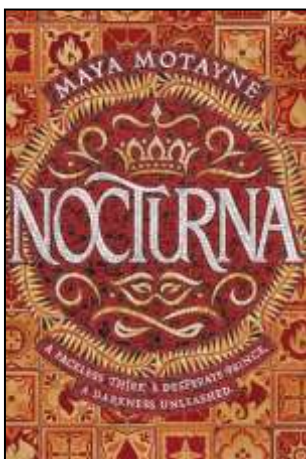
Travel Writing



Self-Help/Memoir



Extremism



Young Adult Fantasy



Young Adult Romance



Young Adult LGBTQI Mystery Romance



Young Adult Fantasy

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Young Adult Fiction

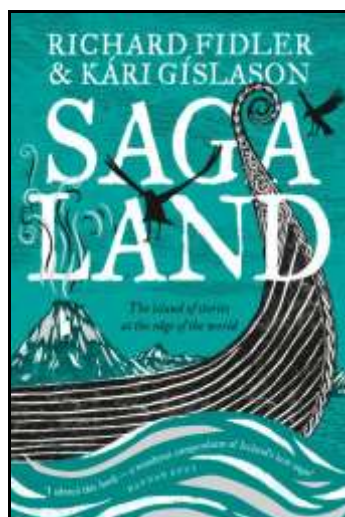
## **Lenny's Book of Everything** - Karen Foxlee

This novel is presented in punchy, short chapters - perfect for reading on the daily train commute. The story is original and engaging and the characters are entirely believable. The central character, Lenny, and the people who populate her small world are vividly portrayed and all too human in their quirks and foibles. Though the story is sad, it still makes you feel warm.

Suitable for adults and children.

★★★★★

Read by - Sasa K.



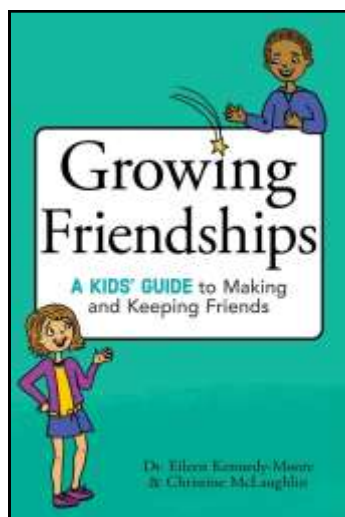
Biography  
/Icelandic History

## **Saga Land** - Richard Fidler and Kari Gíslason

I loved Saga Land by Richard Fidler and Kari Gíslason which I read whilst camping in the school holidays. It provides a great history of Iceland and the significant role that story telling has played throughout the history of this fascinating country. It also makes you admire the love that Icelanders have for their culture and stories. And whilst it's not a slim book it's also funny and easy to read.

★★★★★

Read by - Anthea H.



Junior Non Fiction

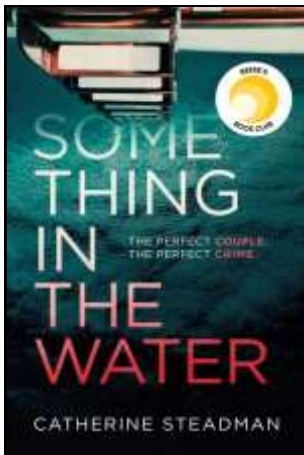
## **Growing Friendships** - Dr Eileen Kennedy-Moore & Christine McLaughlin

I read this book with my 10 year old son and he loved it. It's very engaging and pitched perfectly to the 7-12 age group. It explained a lot of concepts about dealing with day-to-day interactions in the playground and showed a really good understanding of how kid's social interactions work. I recommend it for anyone with children, whether they are socially savvy or not.

★★★★★

Read by - Felicity R.

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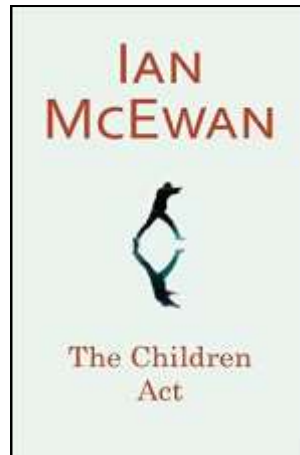
Thriller

**Something in the Water**  
- Catherine Steadman

Very engrossing, keeps you guessing to the end.

★★★★★

Read by - Mani V.



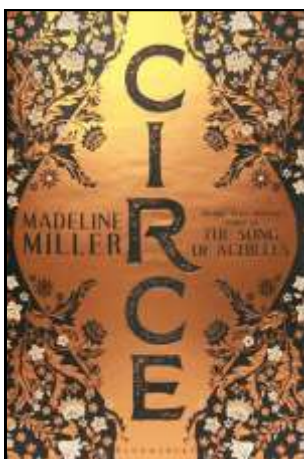
Literary Fiction

**The Children Act**  
- Ian McEwan

Story about a Family Law High Court Judge in the UK. The author uses real life cases as the basis for this very sombre and reflective book. Will make the reader think about their own choices.

★★★★★

Read by - Kylie R.



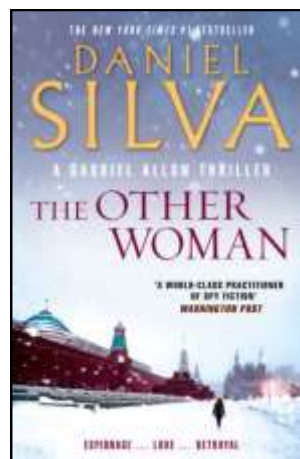
Historical Fantasy

**Circe** - Madeline Miller

A compelling and insightful novel which gives a fresh perspective of the Odyssey and Greek mythology, while maintaining the strange unfamiliarity of the Ancient World. It is a beautifully written portrait of a goddess in love with humanity, and deeply uncomfortable with her own divinity.

★★★★★

Read by - Bryony W.



Espionage Thriller

**The Other Woman** - Dan Silva

This book takes you to Russia and the conspiracy theories coming out of there and rise of a possible new world take over. It is amazing how all of Silva's books are written in context of what is happening in the world at the time of writing. A must read.

★★★★★

Read by - Vaishali H.



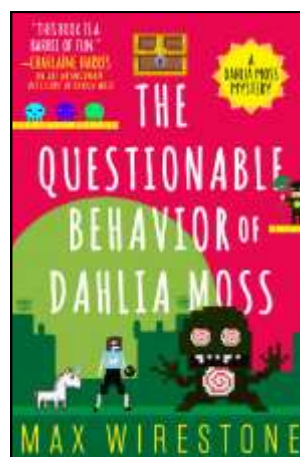
Chic Lit

**It Started with a Tweet**  
- Anna Bell

Super cute holiday read! Daisy is addicted to all things social media until she goes on a digital detox with her estranged sister on a farm in rural England.

★★★★★

Read by - Kate T.



Humorous Mystery

**The Questionable Behaviour of Dahlia Moss** - Max Wirestone

Very funny peek into the world of game developers with a hapless heroine who just happens to be good at investigating murders. This is the 3rd (and best) in the series.

★★★★★

Read by - Suzanne M.

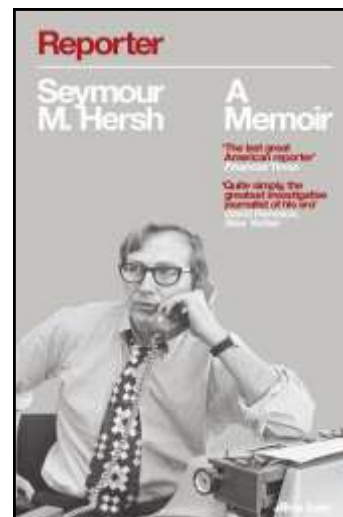
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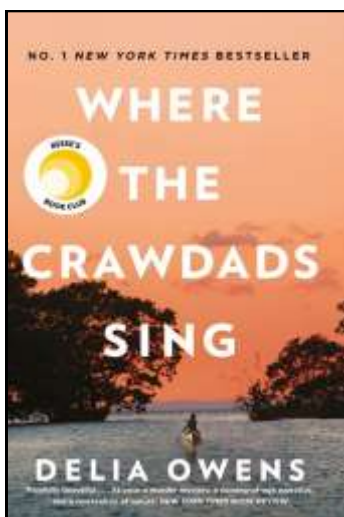
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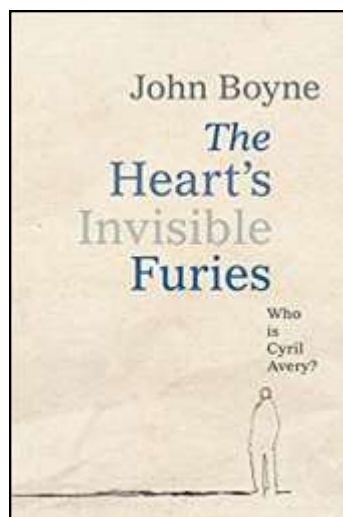
Autobiography  
Read by - Caroline N.



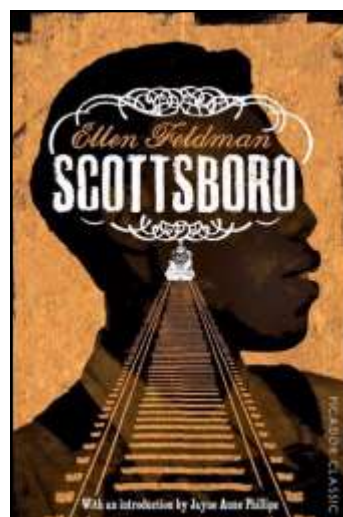
Memoir  
Read by - Yi Z-K.



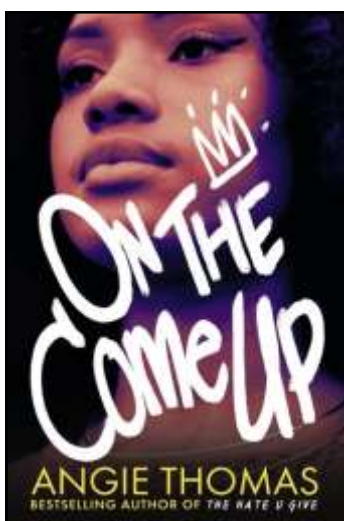
Literary Mystery  
Read by - Amy M.



Domestic Fiction  
Read by - Roz P.



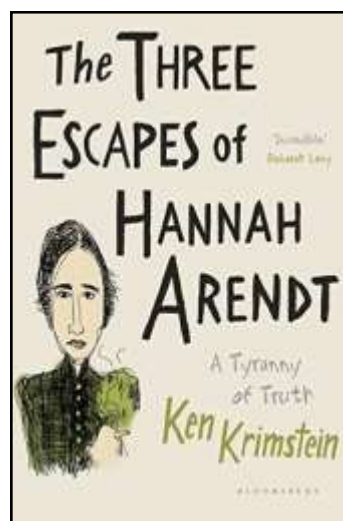
Literary Fiction  
Read by - James S.



Young Adult Fiction  
Read by - Hiba K.



Romantic Suspense Novellas  
Read by - Bruce M.



Graphical Biography  
Read by - Yan Z.

## Girls Night Out with Paige Toon

Parramatta Library is proud to present an In Conversation author talk with bestselling author Paige Toon. Enjoy our special Girls Night Out High Tea with (sneaky) Bubbles!

Paige will be touring Australia for the very first time to talk about her new book – *If You Could Go Anywhere*.

Don't miss your chance to have a meet and greet with Paige before she goes back to the UK!

Why not get your books signed or pick up her latest book with our onsite bookseller?

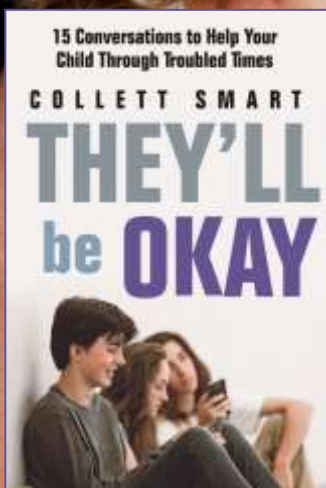
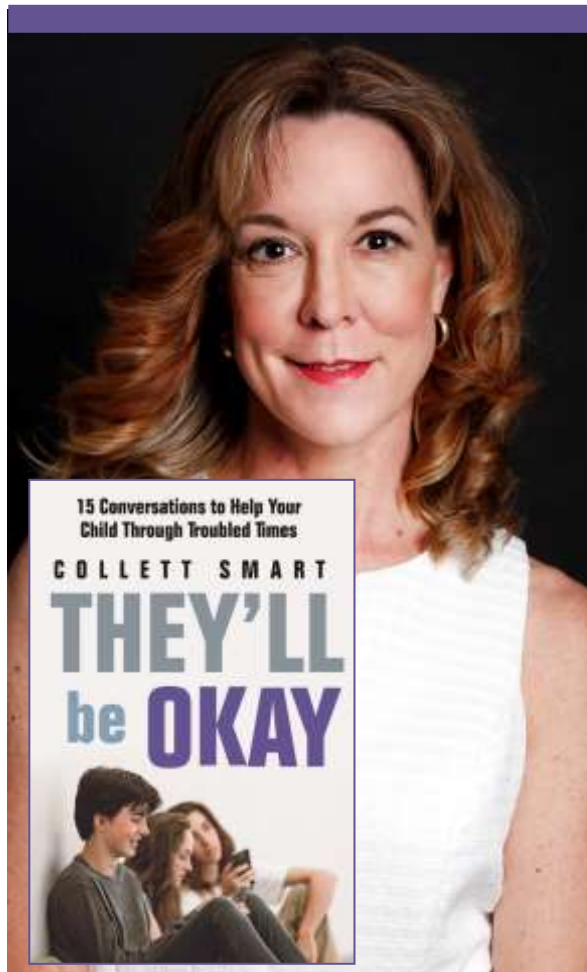
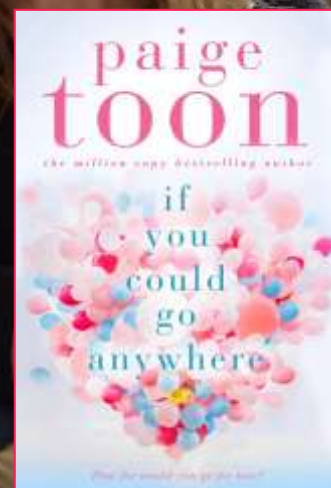
**Tuesday 30 April**  
**6.30 pm**

**Parramatta Town Hall**

**Book online | \$15**  
**[parra.city/paige19](http://parra.city/paige19)**



Penguin  
Random House  
Australia



## In Conversation with Collett Smart

Collett Smart has more than 20 years' experience working in private & public schools as a teacher and in practice as a psychologist.

*They'll be Okay* is the must have book for parents of young people who want to keep their children safe, whole and happy. Collett will be talking about parents & teen relationships and answering audience questions.

There will be an onsite bookseller and a chance for Collett to sign her book for you.

**Saturday 25 May**  
**1.00 pm**

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– **Henri Frederic Amiel**

**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**  
Gail Honeyman

★★★★★

(General Fiction)  
Read by - Sarah P.

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Graham Norton

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