Welcome to the Winter edition of *All About Books*, which we hope contains enough sensational titles to satisfy the most jaded of appetites. It appears that our favourite authors and debut authors just keep coming up with great books, fresh plots, characters and writing styles to delight us.

Non fiction is more popular than ever, with a diverse range of topics to choose from. For finance lovers, read *Happy Money* by Ken Honda; for those who enjoy memoirs, perhaps *More Than Enough* by Elaine Welteroth; for self help readers, try *No Worries* by Sarah Edelman; and for parenting tips, explore *Parenting the Swedish Way* by Agnes Wold and Cecilia Chrapkowska. The Swedes are reputed to be a happy lot, so parents take note! And so many more great non fiction titles for you to check out in this issue.

Fiction lovers, our favourite authors are returning with their latest books: the Crime genre hails the return of Peter Corris with *See you at the Toxteth* (a pub in Glebe Point Road) - I love the local flavour of his books. The queen of crime Lynda La Plante’s *The Dirty Dozen*, a Jane Tennison thriller, is a much anticipated highlight to crime writing this year. Other great crime reads are Kate Atkinson’s *Big Sky*, David Lagercrantz’s *The Girl Who Lived Twice*, and the phenomenally successful *Millennium* Scandi crime series. The popular Jo Nesbo’s latest psychological thriller *Knife* will certainly be on my winter reading list.

Don’t despair dear reader, we can also offer you a plethora of lighter fare, with offerings from genres such as Cozy Mystery, Chick Lit, Time Travel Romance, Up Lit, Rural Romance, Historical and Humorous Fiction, to name just a few. An honourable mention goes to Fiona Palmer’s *Matters of the Heart*, a reimagined contemporary take on Jane Austen’s classic *Pride & Prejudice*.

Debut authors offer a sneak-peek at emerging new talent for all ages and reading interests. Teen reads offer highly recommended reading for all; I regularly enjoy young adult books and the Australian Historical Fiction *Shepherd* by Catherine Jinks is definitely on my radar to read this winter. Of course our regular feature of a selection of Staff Picks also come highly recommended.

Please join me with a cup of something warming this winter and let’s offer up a toast to our favourite books. HAPPY READING!
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At age seventeen, Beth Paterson was determined to study medicine at university, despite the heartache of losing her mother. Tutoring Charlie Campbell worked well with her plan - but falling in love with him sure didn't, and neither did getting her heart broken when he abruptly left town.

June 2019
Rural Romance

Spanning three continents and the best part of a century, Smith takes us on a tour of the heart, to Paris, Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Palisades, Los Angeles, Belgium, Andorra and our very own Tamarama. Luminous, breath-taking, epic and intimate - a new literary masterpiece exploring the silent film era.

June 2019
Historical Fiction

James is getting on a bit and needs full-time help. So his children Phoebe and Robert, employ Mandy, who seems willing to take him off their hands. But as James regales his family with tales of Mandy’s virtues, their shopping trips, and the shared pleasure of their journeys to garden centres, Phoebe and Robert sense something is amiss.

July 2019
Contemporary Fiction

Ali and Tom are the perfect couple. But when they are told their unborn baby has died, their picture-perfect life is shattered. Ali feels her control over the reality she wanted slipping further and further away. But when her irresponsible mother re-enters her life, Ali discovers secrets from a past she’d forgotten ever existed.

July 2019
General Fiction

Baghdad, 1928. Agatha Christie leaves England for the far-flung destination, determined to investigate an unresolved mystery. A thrilling homage to Agatha Christie that reinvents the story of Christie’s mysterious disappearance where Christie herself is the detective.

August 2019
Mystery

This selection of stories starts with Cliff Hardy’s early days driving round Glebe in his battered Falcon, drinking at the Toxteth Hotel and taking on cases that more often than not leave him as battered as his Falcon. As Cliff becomes older and wiser, he prefers to use his head more than his fists, but the cases are as tricky as ever.

August 2019
Crime Stories
Detective Jackson Brodie returns in a triumphant new novel about old secrets, sex, and new lies. Brodie has relocated to a quiet seaside village, in the occasional company of his recalcitrant teenage son and an aging Labrador, both at the discretion of his ex-partner Julia.

Georgia and Luke are in love. They've only been dating for a few months but Georgia is pretty sure he's the one. They get along so well; he's romantic and kind and funny. There's just one problem: Luke's ex-girlfriend, Cadence, is having trouble moving on and it's starting to get creepy.

Pishima, the fierce, widowed matriarch of the family is dead. Somlata is the first to discover her aunt-in-law's body - and her ghost. A fresh, funny novel about three generations of Chowdhury women, a jewellery box, and the rickety family they hold together.

Meet Beatrix Babbage - 29-year-old dog-earer of books and accidental destroyer of weddings. After ruining her best friend's nuptials, Bea relocates to the other side of the country. Then Bea stumbles across a second-hand novel, inscribed with notes. Bea is determined to find the author, and finds herself entangled in one hell of a love quadrangle.

Shane Daniels and Romany Zetz have been drawn into a war that is not their own. Lives will be destroyed, families will be torn apart. Trust will be broken.

When the war is over, some will return to a changed world. Will they discover that glory is a lie?

It happened the day of the Moon Festival. It could have been left behind, they all could have moved on with their lives. But secrets have a habit of rising to the surface, especially in small towns. Two couples, four ironclad friendships, the perfect coastal holiday town: the perfect scene of postcards, not crime scenes...
The Affair of the Mysterious Letter - Alexis Hall

A charming, witty, and weird fantasy homage to Sherlock Holmes with a new twist on those renowned characters. Upon returning to the city of Khelathra-Ven after five years fighting a war in another universe, Captain John Wyndham finds himself looking for somewhere to live, and expediency forces him to take lodgings at 221b Martyrs Walk. His new housemate is Ms. Shaharazad Haas, a consulting sorceress of mercurial temperament and dark reputation. When Ms. Haas is enlisted to solve a case of blackmail against one of her former lovers, Captain Wyndham is drawn into a mystery that leads him from the salons of the literary set to the drowned back-alleys of Ven and even to a prison cell in lost Carcosa. Along the way he is beset by criminals, menaced by pirates, molested by vampires, almost devoured by mad gods, and called upon to punch a shark.
Little Stones - Elizabeth Kuiper (Debut Author)

Hannah lives in Zimbabwe during the reign of Robert Mugabe: it’s a country of petrol queues and power cuts, food shortages and government corruption. Yet Hannah is lucky. She can afford to go to school, has never had to skip a meal, and lives in a big house with her mum and their Shona housekeeper. Hannah is wealthy, she is healthy, and she is white. But money can’t always keep you safe.

As the political situation becomes increasingly unstable and tensions within Hannah’s family escalate, her sheltered life is threatened. She is forced to question all that she’s taken for granted, including where she belongs.
Kamal Arslan Agha is a patriot, loyal to the Sultan and his dominion over Europe. As a Special Investigator for the Tashkeelat-i Hafiye - the secret police - Kamal is on the front lines of the empire’s harsh response to the increasing political and economic turmoil throughout the continent. But the Caliphate’s efforts to impose law and order spare no one, and soon, Kamal’s own family draws the attention of the Hafiye’s ever-watchful eye.

His brother and sister-in-law have stumbled onto a secret, a piece of knowledge so profoundly dangerous that the Caliphate will do anything to suppress it. With the very foundations of the Empire under threat, Kamal’s family has only one choice: they must run. And whether or not they escape the long arm of the Hafiye will determine not only their own fate, but the existence of the Caliphate itself - its past, its present, and its future.
Devil’s Lair - Sarah Barrie

After the violent death of her husband, Callie Jones retreats to a cottage in the grounds of an old mansion in Tasmania. The relative remoteness of the place and the wild beauty of the Tasmanian landscape are a balm to her shattered nerves and the locals seem friendly, particularly horseman Connor Atherton and his siblings at the nearby property.

But all is not well: the old mansion has a sinister past, one associated with witchcraft and murder. As Callie is threatened by odd events in the night and strange dreams overtake her sleep, she begins to doubt her own sanity. What’s really going on beneath the surface of this apparently peaceful town? Are her friends and neighbours really who they seem? As events escalate, Callie starts to realise that the mansion may hold the key to unlocking the mystery, but the truth might have as much power to destroy as it does to save.
The Bookish Life of Nina Hill - Abbi Waxman

Meet Nina Hill: A young woman supremely confident in her own... shell.

Nina has her life just as she wants it: a job in a bookstore, an excellent trivia team and a cat named Phil. If she sometimes suspects there might be more to life than reading, she just shrugs and picks up a new book.

So when the father she never knew existed dies, leaving behind innumerable sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews, Nina is horrified. They all live close by! She’ll have to Speak. To. Strangers.

And if that wasn’t enough, Tom, her trivia nemesis, has turned out to be cute, funny and interested in getting to know her...

It’s time for Nina to turn her own fresh page, and find out if real life can ever live up to fiction...
The Yield - Tara June Winch

The yield in English is the reaping, the things that man can take from the land. In the language of the Wiradjuri yield is the things you give to, the movement, the space between things - baayanha. Knowing that he will soon die, Albert ‘Poppy’ Gondiwindi takes pen to paper. His life has been spent on the banks of the Murrumby River at Prosperous House, on Massacre Plains. Albert is determined to pass on the language of his people and everything that was ever remembered. He finds the words on the wind.

August Gondiwindi has been living on the other side of the world for ten years when she learns of her grandfather's death. She returns home for his burial, wracked with grief and burdened with all she tried to leave behind. Her homecoming is bittersweet as she confronts the love of her kin and news that Prosperous is to be repossessed by a mining company. Determined to make amends she endeavours to save their land - a quest that leads her to the voice of her grandfather and into the past, the stories of her people, the secrets of the river.
Undara - Annie Seaton

When entomologist Emlyn Rees arrives at Hidden Valley she wants nothing more than to escape her marriage breakdown by burying herself in the research team's hunt for new species of insects in the depths of the dramatic Undara lava tubes. However, little does she suspect she will be the key to solving a mystery that's more than one hundred years old.

Travis Carlyle is initially resistant to letting some city folks tramp over his cattle station, but soon the researchers' findings and a growing friendship with Emlyn bring opportunities to turn around his struggling farm. With a broken marriage behind him and children to care for, Travis needs to plan for the future and this could be his family's best chance.

But when things start going wrong for the farm and around the dig site, Emlyn and Travis are at a loss to understand why. Are they cursed with bad luck, or is there a more sinister force at play? Are the tall tales of enigmatic stockman Bluey turning true? As the unseen saboteur grows bolder, Emlyn and Travis are caught in a race against time to save the station ... and their lives.
Taking Tom Murray Home - Tim Slee

Bankrupt dairy farmer Tom Murray decides he'd rather sell off his herd and burn down his own house than hand them over to the bank. But something goes tragically wrong, and Tom dies in the blaze. His wife, Dawn, doesn't want him to have died for nothing and decides to hold a funeral procession for Tom as a protest, driving 350 kilometres from Yardley in country Victoria to bury him in Melbourne where he was born. To make a bigger impact she agrees with some neighbours to put his coffin on a horse and cart and take it slow - really slow.

But on the night of their departure, someone burns down the local bank. And as the motley funeral procession passes through Victoria, there are more mysterious arson attacks. Dawn has five days to get to Melbourne. Five days, five more towns, and a state ready to explode in flames …

The winner of the inaugural Banjo Prize, Taking Tom Murray Home is a funny, moving, bittersweet Australian story of fires, families and the restorative power of community.
Anne and Joe have at long last found the sweet spot in their relationship - they have overcome conflict and difficulties and the challenges of growing towards old age together, and now appreciate each other's company, a great sex life, and are looking forward to what retirement brings. But inexplicably, Joe - a gifted architect - finds himself losing things, making miscalculations and blanking out parts of his day. As Joe’s condition worsens, he and Anne face the agonising question: what is the point of no return?
Fleeing their pandemic-stricken homelands, a shipload of migrant workers departs the UK, dreaming of a fresh start in prosperous Australia. For nine-year-old Cleary Sullivan, deaf for three years, the journey promises adventure and new friendships; for Glaswegian songstress Billie Galloway, it’s a chance to put a shameful mistake firmly behind her; while impoverished English schoolteacher Tom Garnett hopes to set his future on a brighter path. But when a crew member is found murdered and passengers start falling gravely ill, the Steadfast is plunged into chaos. Thrown together by chance, and each guarding their own secrets, Cleary, Billie and Tom join forces to survive the journey and its aftermath.

A beguiling novel that explores the consequences of greed, the experience of exile, and the unlikely ways strangers can become the people we hold dear.
Snake Island - Ben Hobson

Vernon and Penelope Moore never want to see their son Caleb again. Not after he hit his wife and ended up in gaol. A lifetime of careful parental love wiped out in a moment.

But when retired teacher Vernon hears that Caleb is being regularly visited and savagely bashed by a local criminal as the police stand by, he knows he has to act. What has his life been as a father if he turns his back on his son in his hour of desperate need? He realises with shame that he has failed Caleb. But no longer.

The father of the man bashing Caleb is head of a violent crime family. The town lives in fear of him but Vernon is determined to fix things in a civilised way, father to father. If he shows respect, he reasons, it will be reciprocated. But how wrong he is.

And what hell has he brought down on his family?
Matters of the Heart - Fiona Palmer

Western Australia, 2019: The Bennets are a farming family struggling to make ends meet. Lizzy, passionate about working the land, is determined to save the farm. Spirited and independent, she has little patience for her mother's focus on finding a suitable man for each of her five daughters.

When the dashing Charles Bingley, buys the neighbouring property of Netherfield Park, Mrs Bennet and the entire district of Coodardy are atwitter with gossip and speculation. Will he attend the local dance and is he single? These questions are soon answered when he and Lizzy's sister Jane form an instant connection on the night. But it is Charlie's best friend, farming magnate Will Darcy, who leaves a lasting impression when he slights Lizzy, setting her against him.

Can Lizzy and Will put judgements and pride aside to each see the other for who they really are? Or in an age where appearance and social media rule, will prejudice prevail?
A vital account of how sustainable farming can address urgent issues such as climate change and water scarcity, health and nutrition, land stewardship, renewables vs. the coal industry, as well as meaningful and fulfilling rural employment. And a call to arms.

June 2019
Environment & Sustainability

Economist Jason Murphy uncovers the huge incentive systems we take for granted and turns them inside out. In lively, entertaining prose he explores the mechanisms behind many spectacular failures and successes in our history, culture and everyday lives, and shows us how to use (or lose) incentives in our world at large.

June 2019
Economics

Jono Lineen weaves together his own remarkable personal stories with evolutionary research, psychology, neuroscience, anatomy and philosophy to reveal the powerful effect of simply going for a stroll.

July 2019
Walking Memoir

Everyone has the right to seek asylum under international law, but public discourse in Australia about refugees is dominated by scare-mongering and political point-scoring. Now, Refugee Rights and Policy Wrongs provides a wholly updated account of Australian refugee law and policy.

July 2019
Refugees & Politics

Solid Air showcases the work of more than 100 performance poets - combining elements of slam, hip-hop and experimental performance poetry - to deliver an unforgettable reading experience that is both literary and loud.

August 2019
Australian Poetry

In this crisp, compelling book, Australia’s leading thinker about climate and energy policy offers a road map for progress, covering energy, transport, agriculture, the international scene and more. Rich in ideas and practical optimism, Superpower is a crucial, timely contribution to this country’s future.

August 2019
Environment & Sustainability
In this compelling anthology of personal essays, curated by award-winning author Lee Kofman, some of Australia’s most beloved writers reveal, for the first time, powerful, occasionally funny and often heartbreaking stories of significant endings and their aftermath.

June 2019
Essays

Combining exhaustive research with riveting storytelling, journalist Jess Hill dismantles the flawed logic of victim-blaming and challenges everything you thought you knew about domestic and family violence.

June 2019
Domestic Violence

Dan Ziffer bring out the colour and grit of the royal commission’s proceedings, and explores broader issues raised by the testimony. A mixture of analysis, reportage, and observations, it is densely researched and compellingly written.

July 2019
Banking

Ideal for anyone interested in learning more about the language and culture of the Aboriginal owners of what is now called Sydney. It makes readily available the small amount of surviving information from historical records.

July 2019
Indigenous Languages

A rare opportunity to connect with the living tradition of women’s songlines, as recounted by Yolngu women from far north Australia. Aboriginal Australian cultures are the longest living cultures on earth and at the heart of Aboriginal cultures is song.

August 2019
Indigenous Studies

Compiled by celebrated author and journalist Benjamin Law, Growing Up Queer in Australia assembles voices from across the spectrum of LGBTQIA+ identity. Spanning diverse places, eras, genders, ethnicities and experiences, these are the stories of growing up queer in Australia.

August 2019
LGBTQTI Society
The Courage to be Happy - Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga

This book presents profound insights into living life courageously and finding happiness along the way and is a sequel to The Courage to be Disliked, which has changed lives across the globe as an international bestselling sensation.

We follow a Socratic dialogue between a philosopher and a young man. The philosopher believes that the key to a life of happiness and fulfilment is offered to us by the theories of Alfred Adler, a forgotten giant of 19th century psychology who has long been overshadowed by his two contemporaries, Freud and Jung. The young man is full of doubt that life can be genuinely improved by simply changing his thinking. Patiently, the philosopher explains the essence of Adler’s ‘psychology of courage’, taking the young man through the mental steps necessary to achieve it, and demonstrating to the young man and to us the changes this psychology will bring to the way we live our lives.
In 1787 a convoy of eleven ships, carrying about 1400 people, set out from England for Botany Bay, on the east coast of New South Wales. In deciding on Botany Bay, British authorities hoped not only to rid Britain of its excess criminals, but also to gain a key strategic outpost and take control of valuable natural resources.

According to the conventional account, it was a shambolic affair: underprepared, poorly equipped and ill-disciplined. Here, Alan Frost debunks these myths, and shows that the voyage was in fact meticulously planned – reflecting its importance to Britain’s imperial and commercial ambitions. In his examination of the ships, passengers and preparation, Frost reveals the hopes and schemes of those who engineered the voyage, and the experiences of those who made it.
**Superlative - Matthew D. LaPlante**

The story of extreme evolution, and what we can learn from it about ourselves, our planet, and the cosmos. It’s a tale of crazy-fast cheetahs and superstrong beetles, of microbacteria and enormous plants, of whip-smart dolphins and killer snakes. This book will inspire you to change the way you think about the world and your relationship to everything in it.

For a long time, scientists ignored superlative life forms as outliers. Increasingly, though, researchers are coming to see great value in studying plants and animals that exist on the outermost edges of the bell curve.

As it turns out, there’s a lot of value in paying close attention to the 'oddballs' nature has to offer.
Shot Down - Marianne Van Velzen

On 17 July 2014, Malaysian Airlines MH17 was shot out of the sky above Ukraine. Aboard were 298 people, 38 of whom were Australians. No one survived.

Subsequently it was shown that the airliner was almost certainly hit by a Buk surface-to-air missile fired by Ukrainian separatists aided by the Russian military. The debris from the plane's disintegration mid-air was spread over 50 square kilometres, but for weeks rescue teams and investigators were denied access.

This is the story of some of the people who boarded that fatal flight and the conflict below them that was doomed to destroy their lives and the happiness of the people they left behind. The fullest account yet published, it is also the story of a continuing clamour for justice. Unsettling, compelling and revealing, Shot Down will provoke both outrage that this criminal act could have happened and deep sadness for the lives lost.
Cleaning Hacks - Sarah Flowers

Did you know you should be cleaning your sponge on a weekly basis by putting it in the microwave for just 90 seconds? Or that you could use a rubber glove to clean up pet hair instead of a lint brush? Or that wax paper can be used to make your faucets and sink fixtures shine instead of a chemical polish?

Avoid long lists of mysterious chemicals and skip buying multiple cleaning products and get back to basics and use simple, all-natural solutions that are safe, inexpensive, and effective. Take control of your cleaning to-do list with these easy, natural cleaning methods.

Organised by cleaning project, you'll be able to find the perfect easy solution for all your cleaning jobs, however large or small, with this handy guide!
Born at the Right Time - Professor Ron McCallum

Ron McCallum has been blind from birth. When he was a child, many blind people spent their lives making baskets in sheltered workshops, but Ron's mother had other ideas for her son. She insisted on treating him as normally as possible.

In this endearing memoir, Ron recounts his social awkwardness and physical mishaps, and shares his early fears that he might never manage to have a proper career, find love or become a parent. He has achieved all this and more, becoming a professor of law at a prestigious university, and chairing a committee at the United Nations.

Ron's glass is always half full. He has taken advantage of every new assistive technology and is in awe of what is now available to allow him and other blind people to realise their potential. His is a life richly lived, by a man who remains open to all people from all walks of life.
Salt - Bruce Pascoe
A collection of stories and essays by the award-winning author of Dark Emu, showcasing his shimmering genius across a lifetime of work.

Bruce Pascoe has been described as a ‘living national treasure’ and his work as ‘revelatory’. This volume of his best and most celebrated stories and essays, collected here for the first time, ranges across his long career, and explores his enduring fascination with Australia’s landscape, culture, land management and history.

Featuring new and previously unpublished fiction alongside his most revered and thought-provoking nonfiction – including extracts from his modern classic Dark Emu – this collection is perfect for Pascoe fans and new readers alike. It’s time all Australians saw the range and depth of this most marvellous of local writers.
In 2018, against all the odds, Australia finally held a royal commission into the banking and financial services industries. Its revelations rocked the nation. Even defenders of the banks were blindsided.

Few people were more instrumental in bringing about the commission than journalist Adele Ferguson. Through her exposés in print and on television, she pursued the truth about funds mismanagement, fraud, lack of probity, and the hard-sell culture that took over the finance industry after deregulation in the 1980s. Ferguson tells the full story of the power imbalance, toxic culture and cover-ups. She describes the long fight for justice by whistleblowers, victims and political mavericks, and she looks at the outcome of the royal commission - the falls from grace, the damaging hubris, the scathing assessment of the regulators, and the colossal compensation bill - an estimated $10 billion.

Finally, she asks where to from here?
In this powerful #LoveOzYA collection, twelve of Australia's finest writers from the LGBTIQ+ community explore via the stories of family, friends, lovers and strangers the connections that form us.

Three women, centuries apart, drawn together by one Unholy Pact. A pact made by a man who, more than a thousand years later, may still be watching... This haunting and captivating mystery, inspired by the legend of Faust, redefines the horror and fantasy space.

Welcome to the Kingdom, a dazzling fantasy theme park where 'happily ever after' is not just a promise, but a rule. The Kingdom is a place where technology helps dreams come to life. But this fairytale ends in murder...

Sima and her family are pressed to the rough, cold ground among fifty others. They lie next to the tall fence designed to keep them in. The wires are cut one by one. When they make their escape, a guard raises the alarm. Shouting, smoke bombs, people tackled to the ground. In the chaos Sima loses her parents.

Anna Chiu has her hands pretty full looking after her brother and sister and helping out at her dad's restaurant, all while her mum stays in bed. But when Mum finally gets out of bed, things go from bad to worse. A tale about the crevices of culture, mental wellness and family, and the surprising power of a good dumpling.

Twins Dru and Kal Sharma must work together with a group of underground vigilante teens to stop a sinister organisation from controlling the world's youth population, in this exciting new ABC/Netflix TV tie-in series.
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FOR TEENS

Sci-Fi Adventure
(Contender, v1)

Romance

Fantasy Short Stories

Reimagined
Shakespeare

Romance
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Fantasy
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General Fiction

Fantasy
(Skullduggery Pleasant, v12)

Survival Thriller
(Wilder, v3)

Science Fiction

LGBTIQ+ Romance

Epic Fantasy
(Shadow of the Fox, v2)
FOR TEENS

July 2019

Romantic Fantasy
(Love Curse, v2)

Sci-Fi Thriller
(Lorien Legacies
Reborn, v3)

Action Fantasy
(Archives of the
Invisible Sword, v1)

Superheroes
Graphic Novel
(Teen Titans)

Australian
Historical Fiction

Fantasy
(Blood of Stars, v1)

Thriller
(Camp Valor, v2)

General Fiction

Fairytale Fantasy
(Sea Witch, v2)

Ghost Story
(Ghost Town, v2)

General Fiction/
Mystery

Australian
Historical Fiction
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- **Contemporary Fiction**

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- **Science Fiction**
  (Dr Stone, v6)
- **Thriller**

- **Suspense**
  (The Haven, v2)
- **Science Fiction**
  (The Raging Ones, v2)
- **Steampunk**
  (Thief, v2)
- **Mathematics**
DEBUT AUTHORS

Middle-class, clever and white, Nick is a child of privilege while his best friend Andie is the daughter of Indo-Chinese refugees. Despite their very different backgrounds, they share a conviction they can change the world for the better.

June 2019
Literary Fiction

Based on solid psychological research explaining why screen addiction is so powerful, Brad's jargon-free advice gives a clear plan and real-life strategies for parents who have had enough and are serious about changing the way their kids use and interact with technology.

June 2019
Parenting

No one in modern-day Seoul believes in the old fables anymore, which makes it the perfect place to hide in plain sight. Gu Mihoung is a Gumiho, a nine-tailed fox, who must eat the souls of men to survive. She feeds every full moon--eating the souls of men who have committed crimes, but have evaded justice.

July 2019
Young Adult Fantasy

Paul McIntyre, host of ABC Radio's Medical Matters, sorts the fact from the fiction and reveals the practical measures we can all take to keep our body in good shape and our brain sharp and alert. Because when it comes to positive ageing, our physical and mental health are one and the same.

July 2019
Healthy Aging

Mixes history and myth into a compelling novel of power, ambition and heroism - one that twists and turns far beyond the traditional tale of Sherwood Forest's iconic thief.

August 2019
Historical Fiction

Potter takes us on a journey into biology, evolution and contemporary social behaviour and anthropology to examine our relationship with pain. He presents his own roadmap for wellbeing and shows us how to spot the signs and break the vicious cycle of stress, pain and anxiety before the damage is done.

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Magical Realism
Psychological Thriller
Australian Literary Fiction
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Australian History
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True Crime
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Young Adult Fantasy
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Parenting

Business Skills

Young Adult

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Historical Fantasy

Memoir
The Rip - Mark Brandi

*The Rip* is the second novel by Australian author Mark Brandi after his award-winning debut *Wimmera*. It is a fast-paced story of the dark side of Melbourne’s homeless and drug society that grabs the reader’s attention with an easy narrative flow. There are a lot of ambiguous plot lines that leave it open to the reader’s interpretation, and a lot of characters that surprise you with their point of view. Think Tim Winton conversational style with some crime thrown in.

★★★★★  Read by - Fiona B.

The Overstory - Richard Powers

An emotional and intellectual rollercoaster about humans, trees and the fate of humanity. Starts slow by gradually introducing several individuals and their uniquely human stories and random connection to trees, and sucks you in as they come together to save a last stand of ancient forest. It packs quite a punch in its observations of human and human behaviour, and the journey it takes you on, and is embedded with scientific facts on how trees and forests operate and how we benefit from their existence.

★★★★☆  Read by - Tanya O.

The Butchering Art - Lindsey Fitzharris

A compelling book about the development of surgical and medical progress in the Nineteenth Century. Part history and part the biography of Joseph Lister the first Doctor to associate bacteria with the frequency of infections that killed most patients post operation. The surgeons of the day had to be strong and quick with the scalpel. Fitzharris has an eye for Victorian gothic horror whilst describing these barbaric operations/amputations, while combining a gift for the comic. Great read if you love your history combined with all the bloody details.

★★★★★  Read by - Katharine M.
**STAFF PICKS**

**The Island of Sea Women** - Lisa See
A brilliant book that introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.
★★★★★
*Read by - Nicole H.*

**Beartown** - Fredrik Backman
A very topical book about what sports stars get away with, set in a Swedish Ice-hockey club. The build-up is a bit long, but still a very good book.
★★★★★
*Read by - Taru L.*

**Flour and Stone** - Nadine Ingram
This cookbook contains a recipe for the best banana bread I’ve ever eaten, I made it 3 times within the first week of buying the book!
★★★★★
*Read by - Sarah H.*

**Educated** - Tara Westover
A startling and empathic memoir, *Educated* is the extraordinary true story of a woman’s transformation through education, and the heartbreaking effects this has on her relationship with her radical survivalist family.
★★★★★
*Read by - Bryony W.*

**Tortilla Flat** - John Steinbeck
A compassionate telling of the lives of Danny and his vagabond friends, whose quest for a carefree life gets them into all sorts of trouble. This beautifully written work is a compelling read and tells a story you will never forget.
★★★★★
*Read by - Christina J.*

**Lost Boy** - Christina Henry
As far as origin stories go this is a humdinger... dark, a bit nasty and totally unexpected. Peter is a truly monstrous character and the relationship between him and the future Hook oscillates from love to loathing. Definitely not one for children although young adults will enjoy.
★★★★★
*Read by - Georgina N.*
STAFF PICKS

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Read by - Kate T.

Self Help
Read by - Crystal W.

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Read by - Yan Z.

Gothic Fiction
Read by - Amanda G.

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Read by - Sarah P.

Gardening
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Read by - Nancy S.

Space Opera
Read by - Suzanne M.
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