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Greetings Dear Readers!

Welcome to the Spring 2020 edition of our reading suggestions guide - packed full of a wonderful array of new books being published over the next three months!

It brings me so much hope in these difficult times that the publishing world has started to return to a more normalised printing schedule by releasing previously delayed books. I am also very happy to announce that the library is slowly starting to receive deliveries of our long awaited new books and our shelves are becoming full. Why not take advantage of the abundance of titles by visiting one of our library branches and borrowing some of the new books on our display shelves. You may recognise some of the titles from our previous 'All About Books' editions - don't forget you can always visit our blog '[Parra Reads](#)' to view the past editions and reserve the titles that catch your attention.

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It is always difficult to know where to start with my picks to read from the many titles on offer. I know one of my colleagues is eagerly wanting to get her hands on Craig Silvey's new book 'Honeybee' as his previous work, 'Jasper Jones', is one she thinks is 'practically perfect in every way'. I think my most anticipated fiction reads are 'Because of You' by Dawn French as I am a huge fan of her comedic acting, hopefully a good preview of her writing style, and book 27! of Janet Evanovich's 'Stephanie Plum' series - 'Fortune and Glory' - love the antics of Grandma Mazur and this treasure hunt storyline has me so intrigued.

I must admit I read much more fiction than non fiction but am looking forward to casting my eye over 'Is the moon upside down' by our very own 'Space Gandalf', Greg Quickie - who hasn't looked up to the night sky and wondered about its mysteries? Comedian Craig Reucassel's 'Fight for Planet A' looks to be a great companion to the eye-opening ABC TV series of the same name, while 'The 99th Koala' offers a heart warming and hopeful tribute to our amazing Aussie spirit in helping our native wildlife overcome adversity.

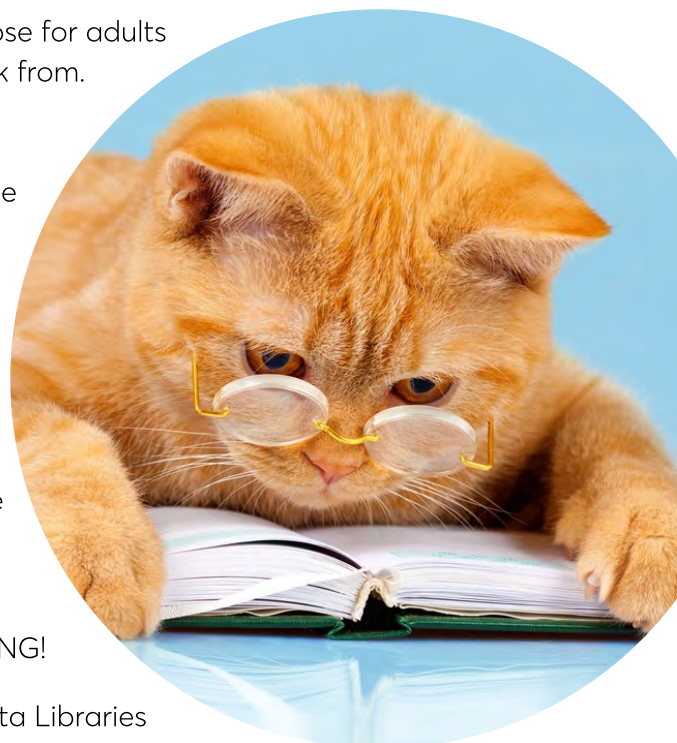
Although books for young adults are not as prolific as those for adults this season there are still some very desirable titles to pick from.

Garth Nix's new fantasy adventure - 'The left-handed booksellers of London' has piqued my interest as he is always a great read. The amusing premise of the romantic 'Instant Karma' by Marissa Meyer looks like it will offer some light relief this Spring.

Our ever popular Staff Picks have highlighted some very interesting titles to consider reading, especially 'Around the world in 60 seconds' for those who miss travelling the world. I am especially excited to announce the resumption of our Author Talks, although in a more online way than before; turn to page 43 to learn about our upcoming special guests.

WISHING YOU A STUNNING SPRING AND HAPPY READING!

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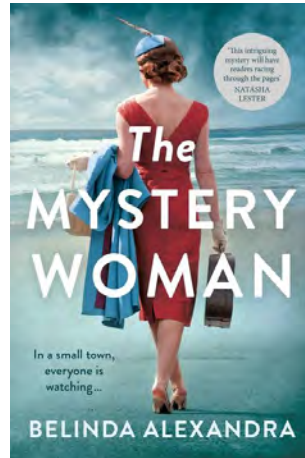
FICTION

September



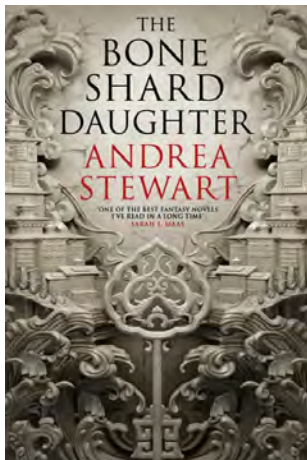
Contemporary Fiction

In the wake of a shocking tragedy, Natalie Harper inherits her mother's charming but financially strapped bookshop in San Francisco. She also becomes caretaker for her ailing grandfather Andrew, her only living relative. But the gruff, deeply kind Andrew has begun displaying signs of decline.



Australian Historical Fiction

"She had thought Shipwreck Bay was simply a remote town where people were bored senseless with their little lives. Now she saw its virtuous facade hid something darker, more sinister." A spellbinding thriller of secrets, scandal and betrayal set in a 1950s Australian coastal town starring a heroine with an unsavoury past...



Epic Fantasy
(Drowning Empire, u1)

A diverse cast of characters, a unique magic system & a beautifully realised world by a debut author. The Sukai dynasty has ruled the Empire for over a century, their mastery of bone shard magic powering the animal-like constructs that maintain law and order. But now the emperor's rule is failing, and revolution is sweeping across the Empire's many islands.



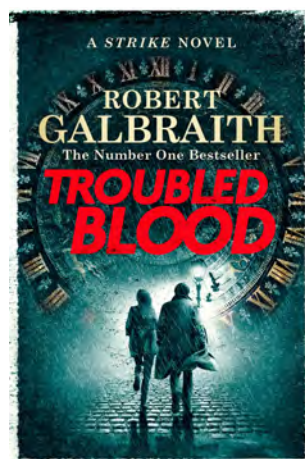
Literary Family Drama

'Our Shadows' is a story about three generations of family living in Kalgoorlie, where gold was discovered in 1893 by an Irish-born prospector named Paddy Hannan, whose own history weaves in and out of this beguiling novel.



Urban Fantasy
(Dresden Files, u17)

Harry has faced terrible odds before. He has a long history of fighting enemies above his weight class. But this time it's different. A being more powerful and dangerous on an order of magnitude beyond what the world has seen in a millennium is coming. And she's bringing an army. Harry's mission is simple but impossible: save the city by killing a Titan...

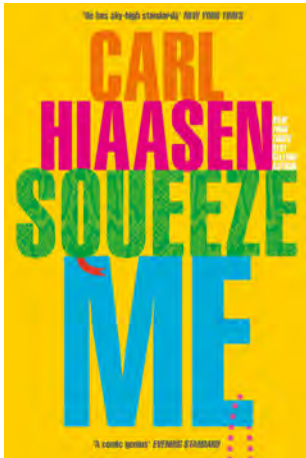


Mystery
(Cormoran Strike, u5)

Private Detective Cormoran Strike is visiting his family in Cornwall when he is approached by a woman asking for help finding her mother, Margot Bamborough - who went mysteriously missing in 1974. Strike has never tackled a cold case before, let alone one forty years old. But despite the slim chance of success, he is intrigued and takes it on.

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Humorous Fiction

It's the height of the Palm Beach charity ball season: for every good cause, there's a reason for the local luminaries to eat (minimally), drink (maximally), and be seen. But when prominent high-society dowager Kiki Pew suddenly vanishes during a swanky gala, and is later found dead, panic and chaos erupt.



Thriller

To the outside world, suave, charming and confident doctor Marcus Valentine has it all. A loving wife, three kids, a great job. But there's something missing, there always has been - or rather, someone. Driving to work one morning, his mind elsewhere and not on the road, he almost mows down a female jogger on a crossing.



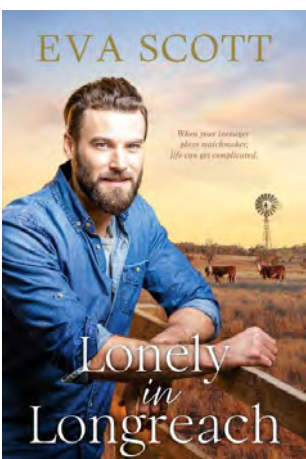
Australian Historical Fiction

Darwin, 1942, and as Japanese bombs rain down, motherless Molly Hook, the gravedigger's daughter, is looking to the skies and running for her life. Inside a duffel bag she carries a stone heart, alongside a map to lead her to Longcoat Bob, the deep-country sorcerer who she believes put a curse on her family.



Science Fiction
(Dragon Empire, u3)

Life seems settled for Jian in the Dragon Empire. She's comfortable in her position as Captain of the Imperial Guard and content with her domesticity. But when trouble stirs at the edge of the Empire, they discover that the Cat Republic has been hiding a powerful and dangerous force that could destroy everything the Empire represents.



Rural Romance

Journalist Sarah Lewis has a good job, a nice boyfriend and a safe life in Sydney. But when she starts working on an article about finding love in the outback she finds herself thinking too much about 'Lonely in Longreach'. Could it be that the man behind the dating profile is the key to the passion she has been looking for?



Literary Fantasy

Piranesi's house is no ordinary building with its labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. Piranesi lives to explore the house and in his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders.

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Science Fiction

During a routine survey mission on an uncolonised planet, xenobiologist Kira NavArez finds an alien relic that thrusts her into the wonders and nightmares of first contact. Epic space battles for the fate of humanity take her to the farthest reaches of the galaxy and, in the process, transform not only her - but the entire course of history.



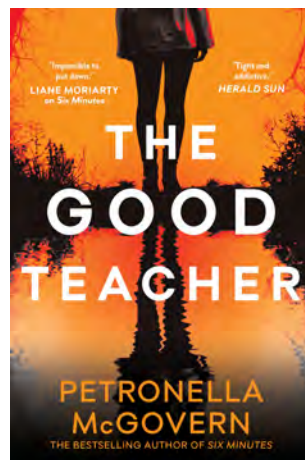
Horror Short Stories

A brand-new volume of supernatural stories showcasing the forgotten female horror writers from 1852-1923. This anthology includes ghost stories and tales of haunted houses, as well as mad scientists, werewolves, ancient curses, mummies, psychological terrors, demonic dimensions, and even weird westerns.



Australian Thriller

Kieran's life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit to the small coastal town he once called home. When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge. A sunken wreck and a missing girl raise questions that have never washed away.



Australian Suspense

Every evening, Allison watches her husband's new house, desperate to find some answers. Every morning, she puts on a brave face to teach kindergarten. She's a good teacher, everyone says so - this stalking is just a tiny crack in her usual self-control. An intriguing tale of our times about kindness and betrayal, and the danger of good deeds.



Australian Speculative Thriller

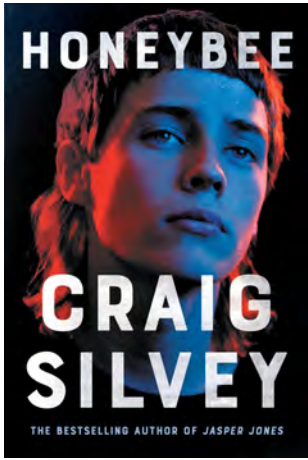
Mim's husband is missing. No one knows where Ben is, but everyone wants to find him - especially The Department. And they should know, the all-seeing government body has fitted everyone with a tracking chip to keep them 'safe'. From the stark Outback to a terrifying sea voyage, Mim is forced to shuck off who she was to become the woman she needs to be to save her family & herself.



Australian General Fiction

A house perched impossibly on a cliff overlooking the iconic, stunning Bluebird Beach. Prime real estate, yet somehow not real estate at all, The Lodge is, like those who live in it, falling apart. A classic Australian novel about the myths that come to define families and communities, and the lies that uphold them.

Fiction



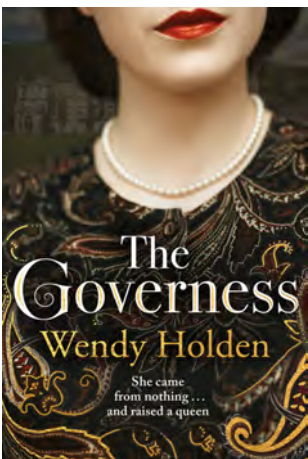
Australian
Literary Fiction

Late in the night, fourteen-year-old Sam Watson steps onto a quiet overpass, climbs over the rail and looks down at the road far below. At the other end of the same bridge, an old man, Vic, smokes his last cigarette. The two see each other across the void. A fateful connection is made, and an unlikely friendship blooms.



Dark Fantasy

When the bodies of two girls are found torn apart in the town of Smiths Hollow, Lauren is surprised, but she also expects that the police won't find the killer. After all, the year before her father's body was found with his heart missing, and since then everyone has moved on. Lauren realises that the foundation of her seemingly normal town might be rotten at the centre.



Historical Fiction

The story of Marion 'Crawfie' Crawford, the progressive young working-class woman who, as royal governess for seventeen years, lived on the most intimate terms with Princess Margaret and the future Queen Elizabeth II. A long time member of the Windsors' inner circle, Marion had a ringside seat to some of the most seismic events of the 20th century.

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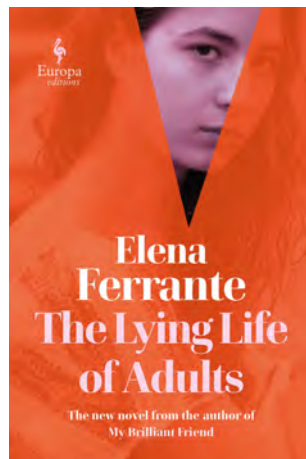
Australian
Literary Fiction

In a world of perennial fire and growing extinctions, Anna's aged mother is dying, if her 3 children would just allow it. Condemned by their pity to living she escapes through her hospital window into visions of horror & delight. But the window keeps opening wider, taking Anna & the reader ever deeper into a strangely beautiful story about hope & love & orange-bellied parrots.



Literary
Science Fiction

Between life and death there is a library. When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change. The books in the Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently.

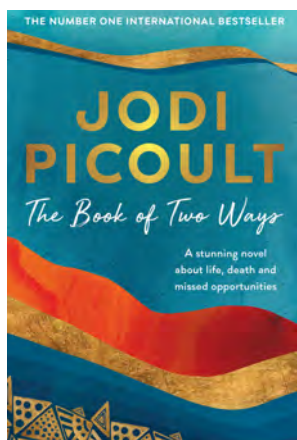


Literary Fiction

Giovanna's pretty face has changed: it's turning into the face of an ugly, spiteful adolescent. But is she seeing things as they really are? Into which mirror must she look to find herself and save herself? She is searching for a new face in two kindred cities that fear and detest one another.

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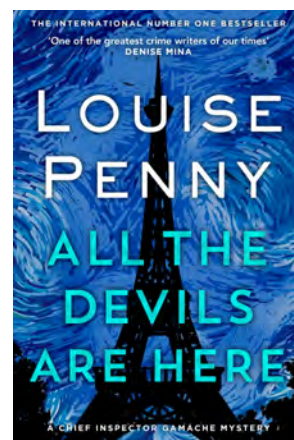
Modern Fiction



Thriller



Nordic Crime



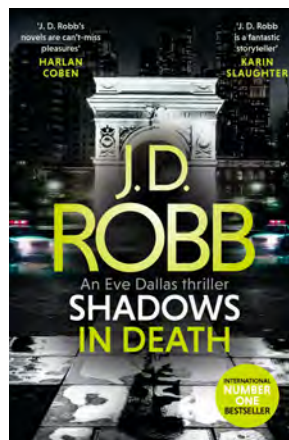
Mystery
(Chief Inspector Gamache, v16)



Romance



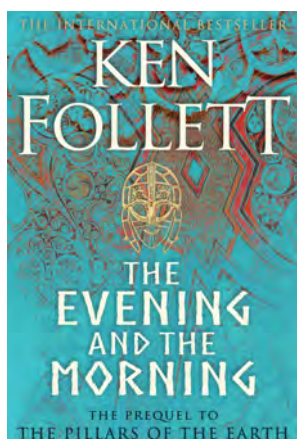
Psychological Thriller



Futuristic Thriller



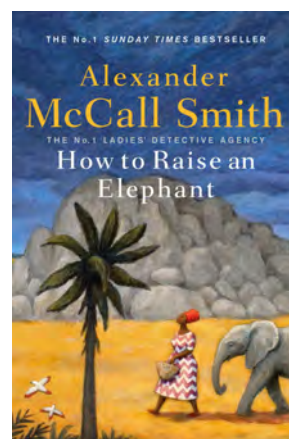
Australian
Historical Fiction



Literary
Historical Fiction
(Pillars of the Earth, v0)



Fantasy
(The Age of Madness, v2)



Mystery
(No. 1 Ladies Detectives Agency, v21)



Crime
(John Rebus, v23)

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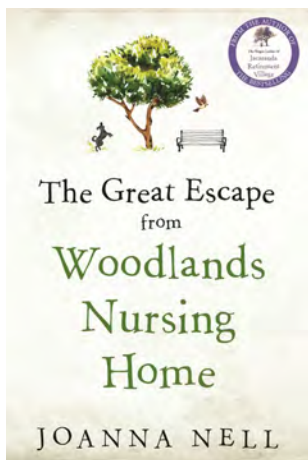
1902, at an all girl's boarding school in Rhode Island, students Flo and Clara are madly in love with each other, as well as completely obsessed with 'The Story of Mary MacLane', the scandalous debut memoir by 19 year old MacLane. A copy of this book is found splayed in the woods near the two girls' dead bodies after a horrific yellow jacket attack.

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Gothic Fiction



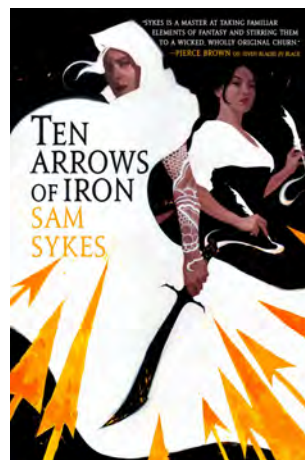
What if the person you least want to be locked down with - is the one you married? Julie and Michael Marshall have been married for thirty-four years. They've stayed together through thick and thin, through better and worse - and, for the last few years, it has mostly been worse.

Uplift



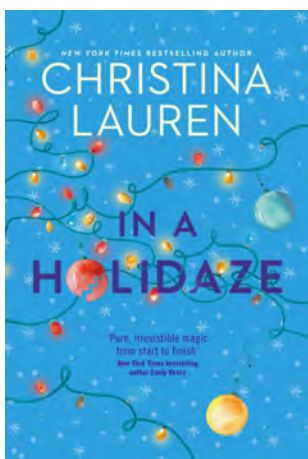
At nearly ninety, retired nature writer Hattie Bloom prefers the company of birds to people, but when a fall lands her in a nursing home she struggles to cope with the loss of independence and privacy. From the confines of her 'room with a view' of the carpark, she dreams of escape.

Humorous Fiction



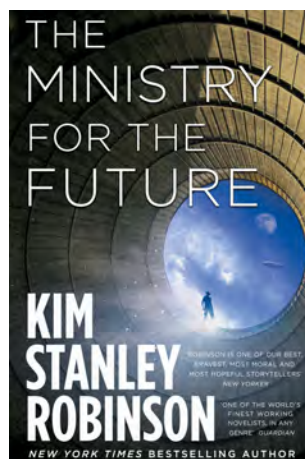
Follows an unforgettable outcast mage caught between two warring empires. Sal the Cacophony - outlaw, outcast, outnumbered - destroys all that she loves. Her lover lost and cities burned in her wake, all she has left is her magical gun and her all-consuming quest for revenge against those who stole her power and took the sky from her.

Epic Fantasy
(*Grave of Empires, v2*)



It's the most wonderful time of the year - but not for Maelyn Jones. She's living with her parents, hates her job and has just made an epic romantic error. But perhaps worst of all, this is the last Christmas Mae will be at her favourite place in the world - the snowy cabin where she and her family have spent every holiday since she was born.

Romance



A near-future novel that is a gripping exploration of climate change, technology, politics, and the human behaviours that drive these forces. Established in 2025, the purpose of the new organisation was simple: To advocate for the world's future generations and to protect all living creatures, present and future. It became known as the Ministry for the Future, and this is its story.

Science Fiction

Fiction

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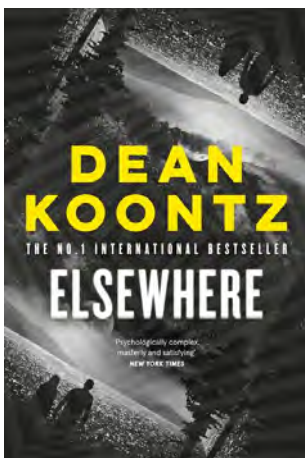
In 1893, there's no such thing as witches. There used to be, in the wild, dark days before the burnings began, but now witching is nothing but tidy charms and nursery rhymes. If the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box.

Literary Fantasy



An impossible murder. A remarkable detective duo. A demon who may or may not exist. It's 1634 and Samuel Pippis, the world's greatest detective, is being transported from the Dutch East Indies to Amsterdam, where he is facing trial and execution for a crime he may, or may not, have committed.

Historical Mystery



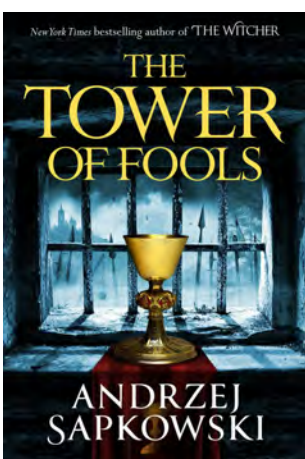
Since his wife, Michelle, left 7 years ago, Jeffy Coltrane has worked to maintain a normal life for himself and his daughter, Amity. It's a quiet life, until a local eccentric known as Spooky Ed shows up on their doorstep. He entrusts Jeffy with hiding a strange and dangerous object—something he calls "the key to everything" - and tells Jeffy that he must never use the device.

Speculative Thriller



A toxic will plays havoc in the lives of three generations of women when they discover they have been living a lie. A clever, sympathetic and thought-provoking look at how a legacy of lies can seep through the generations and poison all it touches, and how the truth can set you free.

Australian Family Drama



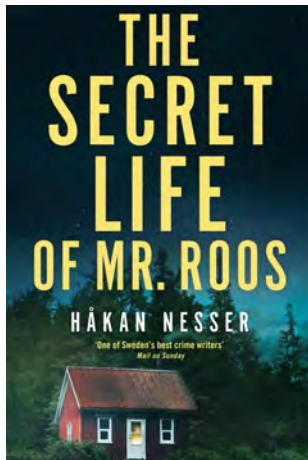
Reinmar of Bielawa, sometimes known as Reynevan, is a doctor, a magician and, to some, a charlatan. Discovered in bed with the wife of a high-born knight, he must flee his normal life. But his journeys will lead him into a part of Europe which will be overtaken by chaos. Religious tension between Hussite and Catholic countries is threatening to turn into war.

Fantasy
(Hussite Trilogy, v1)



Jake Brigance ('A Time To Kill') is back. This time he's at the epicenter of a sensational murder trial that bitterly divides the citizens of Clanton, Mississippi. Once he learns the details of the case, he realises he has to do everything he can to save the accused Drew...who is sixteen. His commitment to the truth puts Jake's career and the safety of his family at risk.

Legal Thriller
(Jake Brigance, v3)



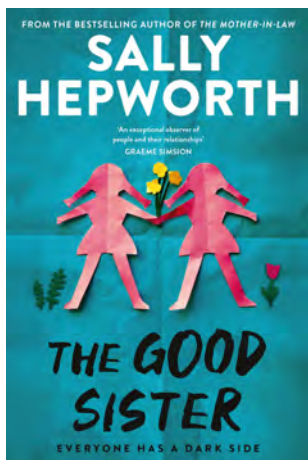
Crime Fiction

Anna Gambowska is a twenty-one-year-old recovering drug addict. On the run from the rehab centre she hated and an abusive relationship she can't go back to, all Anna's prayers are answered when she comes across a seemingly vacant hut in the Swedish woodland. But it's not long before Anna's ex discovers her location.



Science Fiction
(*Ancestral Night, v2*)

Meet Doctor Jens. Her workday begins when she jumps out of perfectly good space ships and continues with developing treatments for sick alien species she's never seen before. She loves her life. But Dr. Jens is about to discover an astonishing mystery: two ships, one ancient and one new, locked in a deadly embrace.



Domestic Noir

Fern Castle works in her local library. She has dinner with her twin sister Rose three nights a week. And she avoids crowds, bright lights and loud noises as much as possible. Fern has a carefully structured life and disrupting her routine can be...dangerous.



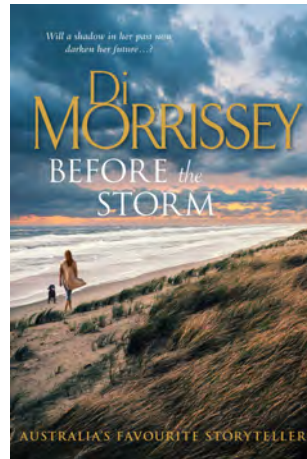
Australian
Literary Fiction

Lawrence Loman is a bright, caring, curious boy with a gift for painting. He lives at home with his mother and younger brother, and the future is laid out before him, full of promise. But when he is ten, an experience of betrayal takes it all away, and Lawrence is left to deal with the devastating aftermath.



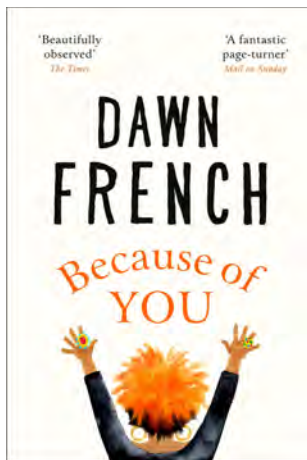
Australian Historical
Rural Fiction

It is 1953 and Melbourne society is looking forward to coronation season, the grand balls and celebrations for the young queen-to-be. Tilly Dunnage is, however, working for a pittance in a second-rate Collins Street salon. Her talents go unappreciated, but Tilly has a past she is desperate to escape and good reasons to prefer anonymity.



Australian
Modern Fiction

Face her demons?
Or run?
After being double-crossed by a devious colleague, career woman Ellie Conlan quits her job on principle. With no idea what to do next, she retreats to Storm Harbour, an idyllic Victorian beach town.



This is a book about mothers and daughters, love and loss, mistakes and regret. It's a book about nature and nurture. Ultimately, it's a book about what makes us who we are - it is a story for all of us. Dawn French's stunning new book, told with her signature humour, warmth and so much love.

Modern Fiction



Be careful to whom you tell your darkest secrets. Selena Murphy is commuting home from her job in the city when the train stalls out on the tracks. She strikes up a conversation with a beautiful stranger in the next seat, and their connection is fast and easy. The woman introduces herself as Martha and confesses that she's been stuck in an affair with her boss.

Psychological Thriller



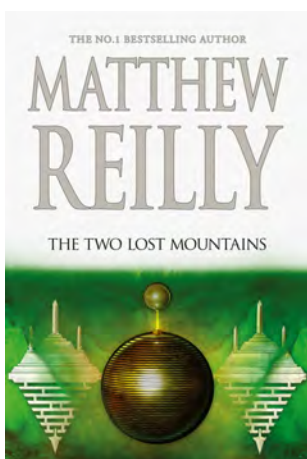
Australian doctor Sofia Raso has lived in Kabul's vibrant Shaahir Square, working with Dr Aziz to support the local women. She knows that living peacefully requires two simple rules: keep a low profile & keep out of local affairs. Yet when threatening night letters from the Taliban taunt the town, and young boys disappear from Kabul's largest slum, she can no longer remain silent.

Literary Mystery



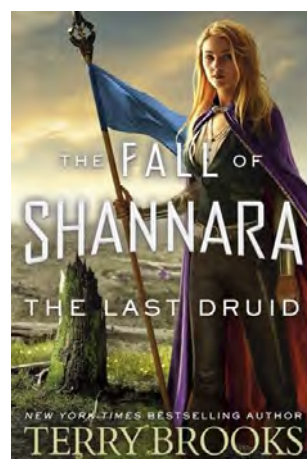
FBI Agent Atlee Pine's search for her sister Mercy clashes with military investigator John Puller's high-stakes case, leading them both deep into a global conspiracy, from which neither of them will escape unscathed. Peeling back the layers of deceit, lies and cover-ups, Atlee finally discovers the shocking truth about what happened to Mercy.

Thriller
(Atlee Pine, v3)



Against all the odds, Jack West Jr. found the Three Secret Cities but at a heartbreaking cost. With his rivals far ahead of him, Jack must now get to one of the five iron mountains - two of which have never been found - and perform a mysterious feat known only as 'The Fall'. Although what is this object on the moon that is connected to it?

Adventure / Thriller
(Jack West Jr., v6)

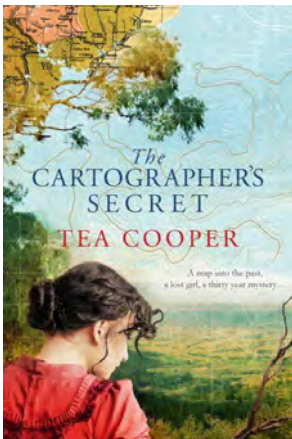


The final book in the triumphant four-part conclusion to the entire Shannara series. As the Four Lands reels under the Skaar invasion - spearheaded by a warlike people determined to make this land their own - our heroes must decide what they will risk to save the integrity of their home.

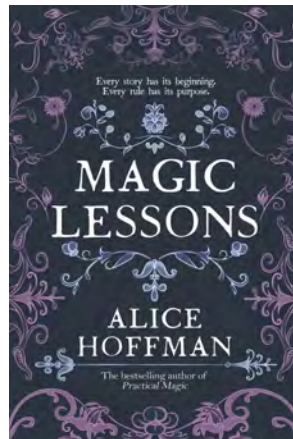
Epic Fantasy
(Fall of Shannara, v4)

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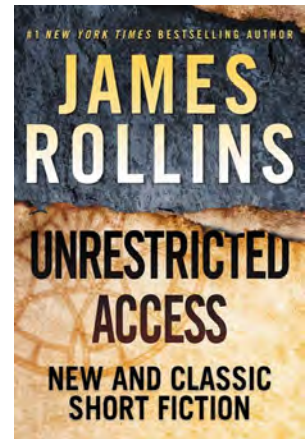
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Historical Fiction



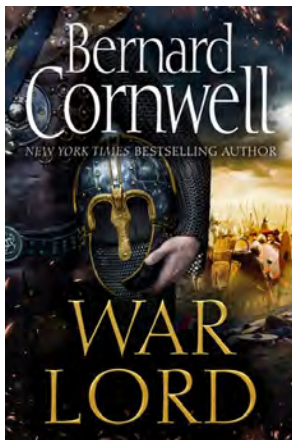
Literary
Historical Fantasy
(*Practical Magic*, v0)



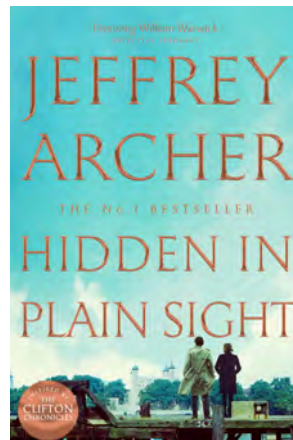
Australian
Domestic Fiction



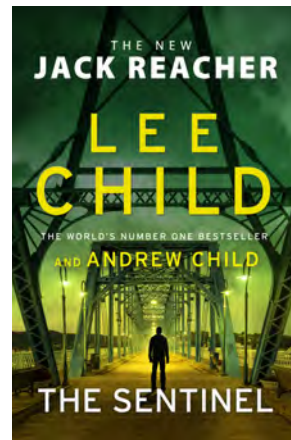
Suspense
Short Stories



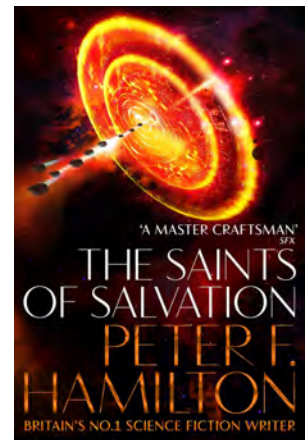
Historical Fiction
(*The Last Kingdom*, v13)



Historical Mystery
(*William Warwick Chronicle*, v2)



Thriller
(*Jack Reacher*, v25)



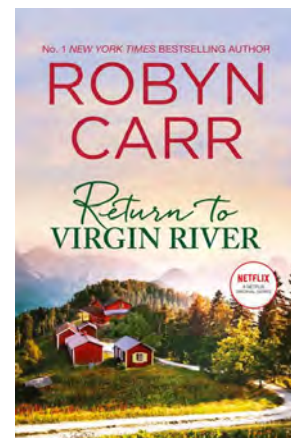
Science Fiction
(*Salvation Sequence*, v3)



Family Saga
(*Liverpool Sisters*, v2)



Science Fiction
Short Stories

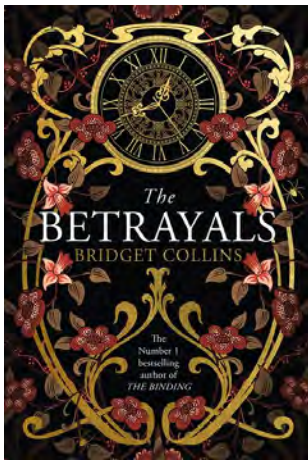


Romance
(*Virgin River*, v21)



Thriller
(*Mitch Rapp*, v19)

Fiction



Historical Fantasy

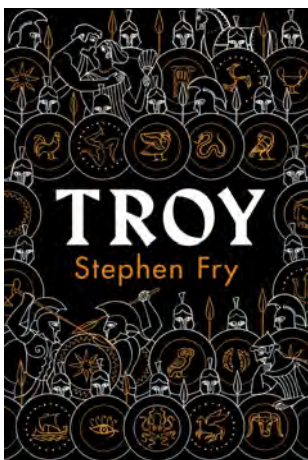
At Montverre, an exclusive academy tucked away in the mountains, the best and brightest are trained for excellence in the grand jeu: an arcane and mysterious contest. Leo Martin was once a student there, but lost his passion for the grand jeu following a violent tragedy.



Historical Romance

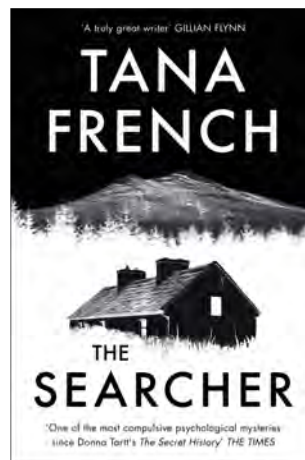
November

In the summer of 1914, Jerome Mea heads off to war, certain he'll be home by Christmas. His new bride Sophie Delancre, a fifth generation champenoise, is determined to ensure the forthcoming vintages will be testament to their love & the people of Épernay. But as the years drag on, authorities advise that Jerome is missing, considered dead.



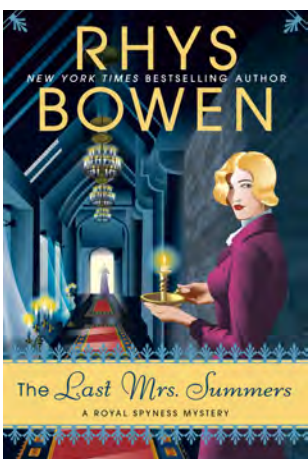
Historical Fiction

The story of Troy speaks to all of us - the kidnapping of Helen, a queen celebrated for her beauty, sees the Greeks launch a thousand ships against the city of Troy, to which they will lay siege for ten whole years. It is a terrible war with casualties on all sides as well as strained relations between allies, whose consequences become tragedies.



Mystery

Retired detective Cal Hooper moves to a remote village in rural Ireland. His plans are to fix up the dilapidated cottage he's bought, to walk the mountains, to put his old police instincts to bed forever. Then a local boy appeals to him for help. His brother is missing, and no one in the village, least of all the police, seems to care..



Historical Mystery
(Royal Spyness, v14)

Georgie's best friend, Belinda, inherits a spooky old house in Cornwall & asks Georgie to go with her to inspect it. There is a lot of strange to go around & things only get weirder and deadlier when one night a member of the house is found dead. All clues point to Belinda as the prime suspect. Now Georgie must uncover long buried secrets before Belinda takes the fall for the murder.



Paranormal
Romantic Suspense
(Dragon Heart Legacy, v1)

Breen makes a leap into the unknown with a summer trip to Ireland - her father's homeland. Little does she know how much of a leap until a walk in the woods leads her through a portal into another world - Talamh - where Breen will find magic, family and a destiny she could never have dreamed of...

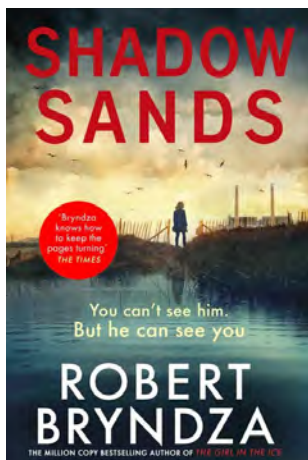
Fiction



Mystery

(*St. John Stafford, v1*)

Following the discovery of the corpse of a highly respected parish priest at Ballyglass House - the family seat of the aristocratic, secretive Osborne family - Detective Inspector St John Strafford is called in from Dublin to investigate. Strafford faces obstruction from all angles, but carries on determinedly in his pursuit of the murderer.



Thriller

(*Kate Marshall, v2*)

When Kate Marhsall finds the bloated body of a young man floating in the Shadow Sands reservoir, the authorities label it a tragic accident. But the details don't add up: why was the victim there, in the middle of the night? If he was such a strong swimmer, how did he drown?



Humorous Crime

(*Stephanie Plum, v26*)

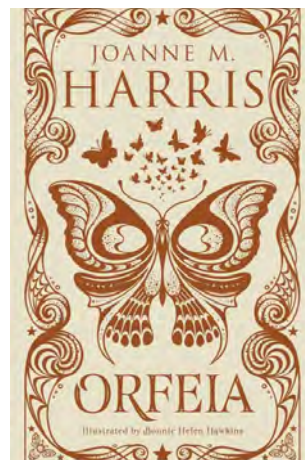
When Stephanie's beloved Grandma Mazur's new husband died on their wedding night, the only thing he left her was a beat-up old easy chair - and the keys to a life-changing fortune. But as Stephanie & Grandma Mazur search for Jimmy Rosolli's treasure, they discover that they're not the only ones on the hunt.

November



Historical Fiction

Offers a rich perspective on three women's lives - two English convicts and an orphaned Aboriginal girl - in 19th century Australia. Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna will become part of the story of the creation of a new society in the land beyond the seas.



Literary Fantasy

A beautiful and tragic quest begins as a heartbroken mother sets out to save her lost daughter, through the realms of the real, of dream, & even into the underworld itself. But determination alone is not enough. For to save something precious, she must give up something precious, be it a song, a memory, or her freedom itself...



Historical Fiction

A series of book thefts roils the iconic New York Public Library, leaving two generations of strong-willed women to pick up the pieces. Starting in 1913 and travelling eighty years to 1993 - this book is a mystery, a family drama and a literary delight.

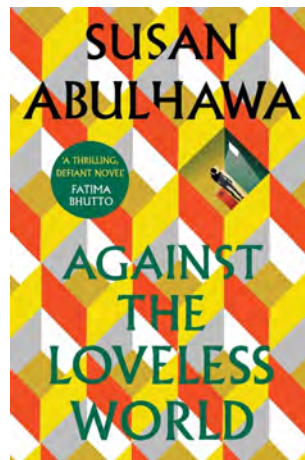
Fiction



Fantasy

Every city has its own magic. Every night on their long journey to Paris from their troubled homeland, Levon's grandmother has read to them from a very special book. Called The Nocturne, it is a book full of fairy stories and the heroic adventures of their people who generations before chose to live by starlight.

November



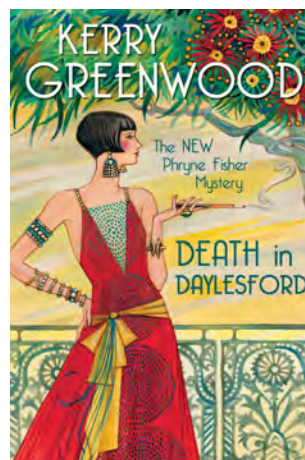
Literary Fiction

Nahr has been confined to the Cube - nine square metres of glossy grey cinderblock, devoid of time, its patterns of light and dark nothing to do with day and night. Journalists visit her, but get nowhere; because Nahr is not going to share her story with them. *Shortlisted for the Palestine Book Award.*



Science Fiction Thriller

In the 21st century, information is king. But computers can be hacked, files can be broken into - so a unique government initiative has been born. Five ordinary people have been selected to become the latest weapon in thwarting cyberterrorism. Transformed by a revolutionary medical procedure, they have become the ultimate keepers of secrets.



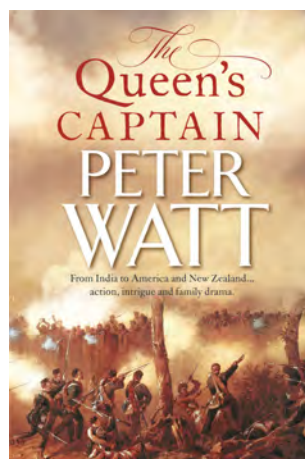
Australian Historical Mystery
(Phryne Fisher, v21)

When a mysterious invitation arrives for Miss Phryne Fisher from an unknown Captain Herbert Spencer, Phryne's curiosity is excited. Spencer runs a retreat in Victoria's spa country for shell-shocked soldiers of the First World War. It's a cause after Phryne's own heart but what could Spencer want from her?



Australian Literary Fiction

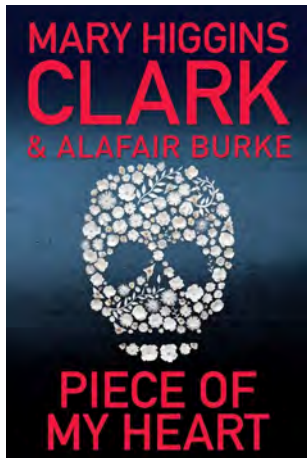
Hobart, 2022 - a city in the grip of a dark recession. One day the city's residents are awoken by a high-pitched sound - a factory whistle. The Gallery of Future Art's owner, tycoon Dundas Faussett, is creating his most ambitious installation yet. He's going to defeat the internet's dominance over our lives by establishing a new Year Zero - 1948.



Historical Fiction
(Ian Steele, v3)

In October 1863, Ian Steele, having taken on the identity of Captain Samuel Forbes, is fighting the Pashtun on the north-west frontier in India. Half a world away, the real Samuel Forbes is a lieutenant in the 3rd New York Volunteers and is facing the Confederates at the Battle of Mission Ridge in Tennessee.

Fiction



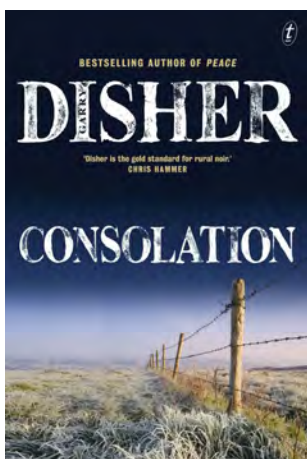
Mystery
(*Under Suspicion*, u7)

Television producer Laurie Moran and her fiancée, Alex Buckley, the former host of her investigative television show, are just days away from their mid-August wedding, when things take a dark turn. Alex's seven-year-old nephew, Johnny, vanishes from the beach.



Adventure / Thriller
(*Jack Ryan*, u0)

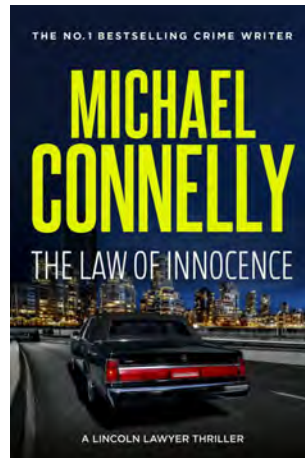
When scientist Liu Wangshu disappears from his apartment, the Chinese authorities are furious, and certain they know what's happened: a defection to the Americans. President Jack Ryan knows how valuable an asset Liu would be - and with his latest project rumoured to be the biggest yet.



Crime Fiction
(*Bitter Wash Road*, u3)

Winter in Tiverton. Constable Paul Hirschhausen has a snowdrifter on his patch. Someone is stealing women's underwear, and Hirsch knows enough about that kind of crime - how it can escalate - not to take it lightly. But the more immediate concern is a high school teacher worried about one of the students.

November



Legal Thriller
(*Lincoln Lawyer*, u7)

Defence attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Haller is charged with murder and can't make the exorbitant \$5 million bail. Mickey knows he's been framed. Now, with the help of his trusted team, he has to figure out who has plotted to destroy his life and why.



Historical Fiction
(*Shakespeare's Queens*, u3)

Welcome to the Iron Age, a time of which little has been written and where women ruled, druids and paganism grew in power and men were considered useful, but of limited capacity. There, we meet Cordelia, youngest of three sisters but soon to be proven the strongest.



Alternate History / Fantasy

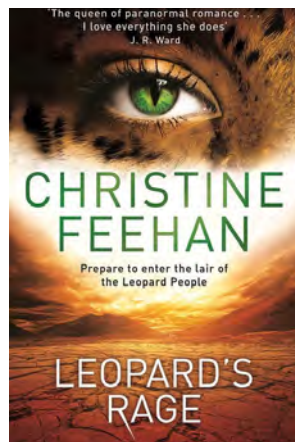
Kit Brightling, rescued as a foundling and raised in a home for talented girls, has worked hard to rise through the ranks of the Isles' Crown Command and become one of the few female captains in Queen Charlotte's fleet. Her ship is small, but she's fast - in part because of Kit's magical affinity to the sea.

Fiction

November



Science Fiction
(Ready Player One, v2)



Paranormal Romance
(Leopard People, v13)



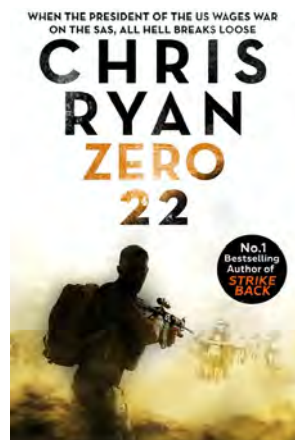
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(Mitford Murders, v4)



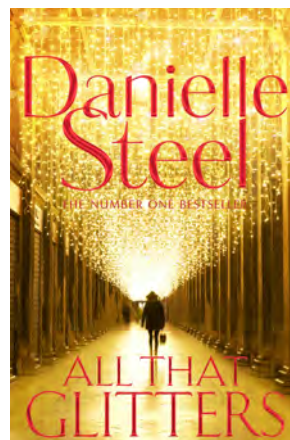
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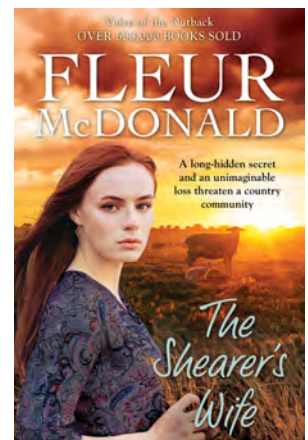
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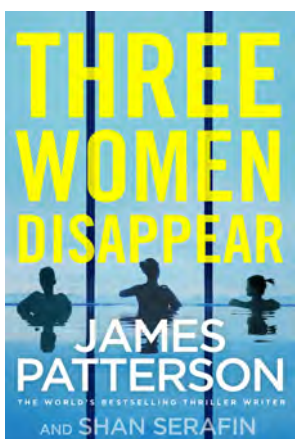
Special Ops Thriller



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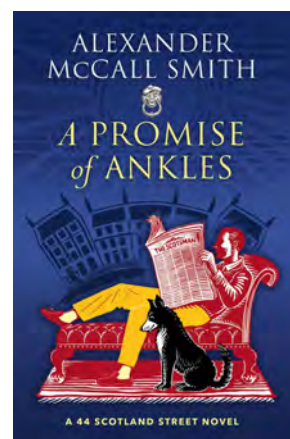
Rural Mystery



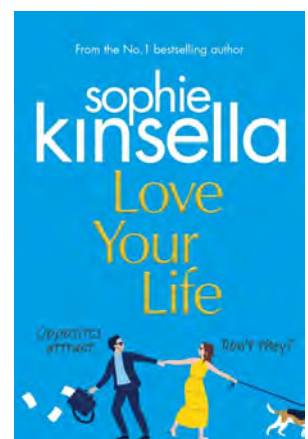
Thriller



Supernatural Thriller



Mystery
(44 Scotland Street, v14)



Romance

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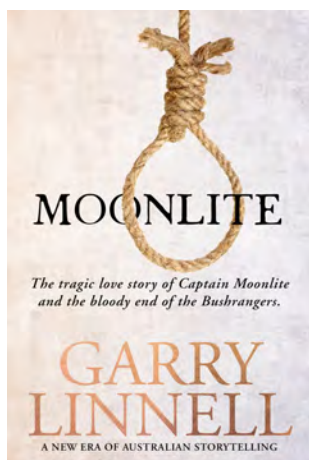
Climate Change

A call to action from Jane Fonda, one of the most inspiring activists of our time, urging us to wake up to the looming disaster of climate change and equipping us with the tools we need to join her in protest. This is the last possible moment in history when changing course can mean saving lives and species on an unimaginable scale.



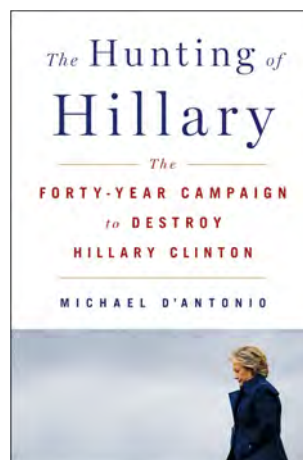
Australian Society

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the global economy, a reset to serve the wellbeing of people and the planet was plainly needed. As Australia rebuilds, after the immediate health crisis has passed, it must be with the explicit purpose of constructing an economically and ecologically sustainable world.



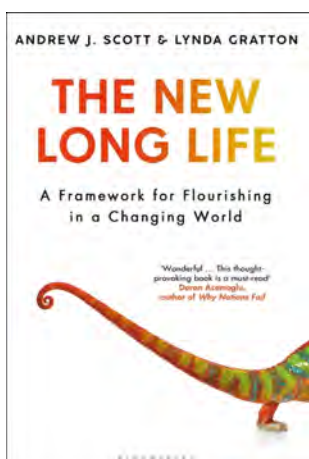
Australian History

A gay bushranger. A grotesque hangman. A broken young man desperate for love and respect. These men are about to bring the era of Australia's outlaws to a torrid and bloody climax. Moonlite is the true and epic story of George Scott, one of the nation's most notorious and celebrated criminals.



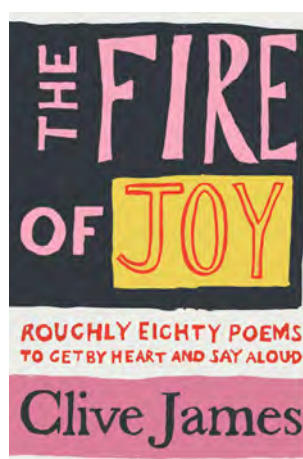
USA Politics

Pulitzer prize winning political reporter Michael D'Antonio details the years of lies and insults heaped upon Hillary Clinton as she pursued a life devoted to politics and policy. The worst took the form of sexism and misogyny, much of it barely disguised. It traces how an entire industry of hate, lies, and fear was created to persecute Hillary Clinton for decades & profit from it.



Self Help

A practical guide to how we can positively adapt to a changing world. Smart new technologies. Longer, healthier lives. Human progress has risen to great heights, but at the same time it has prompted anxiety about where we're heading. Are our jobs under threat? If we live to 100, will we ever really stop working?

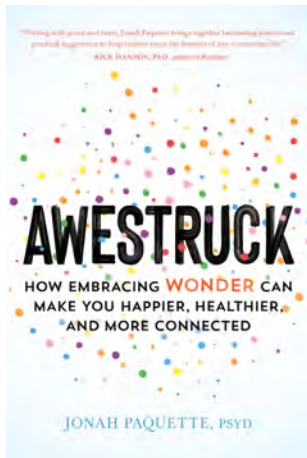


Poetry & Essays

The final book Clive James completed before his death in 2019. Alongside his selection of poems, James offers commentary on each: whether this is a biographical, historical or critical introduction to the poem, or a more personal anecdote, these mini essays provide the joy of James's enthusiasm & the benefit of his knowledge.

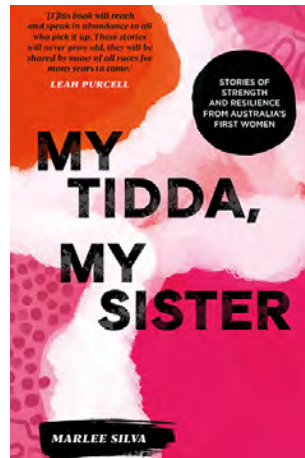
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Self Help

Jonah Paquette introduces us to the power of awe and how it can help alleviate struggles in our modern life, including stress, social isolation, and time pressure. Continuing with over 60 practices, this book provides an accessible and tangible path to bring more wonder into your everyday life.



Indigenous Memoirs

Shares the experiences of many Indigenous women and girls, brought together by author and host of the 'Tiddas 4 Tiddas' podcast, Marlee Silva. The voices of First Nations' women that Marlee weaves through the book provide a rebuttal to the idea that 'you can't be what you can't see'.



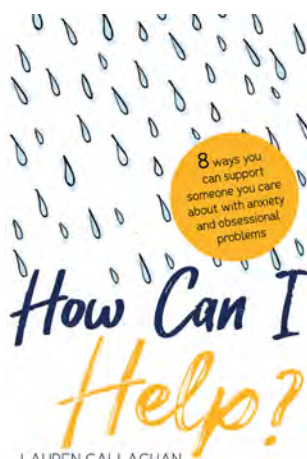
Self Help

Happiness. Everyone wants more of it. But can you actually get happier? Inspirational Australian Turia Pitt dives into this idea, interviewing high-profile athletes, comedians, scientists and world experts to explore how everything from money to our relationships has an impact on how happy we can be.



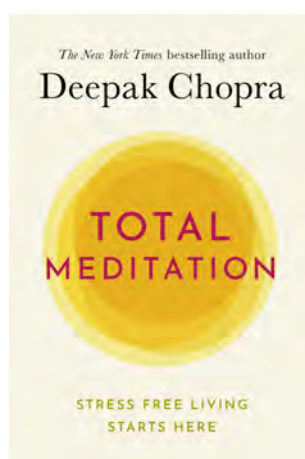
Astronomy & Space

An absorbing guided tour of the cosmos as seen through Greg Quicke's (Space Gandalf) eyes. Unlike many of his peers, he offers a unique and refreshing perspective on astronomy that was forged on cliff tops outside Alice Springs, in the endless expanse of the Great Sandy Desert, on the floor of the Indian Ocean and in his own front yard in Broome.



Popular Psychology

In this accessible, down-to-earth guide, clinical psychologist Lauren Callaghan provides advice, tools and strategies on how to support someone you care about with an anxiety problem. Whether your loved one has already been diagnosed, or whether you think that a loved one might be suffering but has not yet been diagnosed, this book is for you.

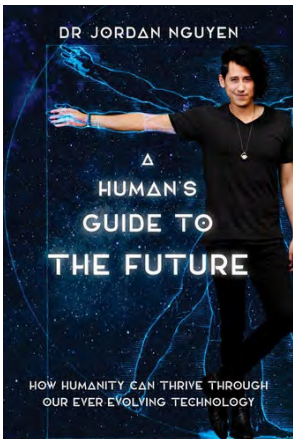


Meditation

With his signature clarity, Chopra guides readers on how to cultivate a clear vision, heal suffering from the mind and body and help recover who you really are. Bringing together groundbreaking new research on meditation and its benefits 'Total Meditation' offers a daily program of meditations to help revolutionize every aspect of our lives.

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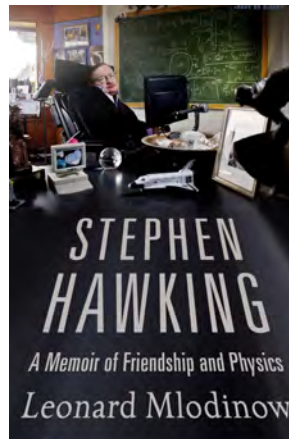
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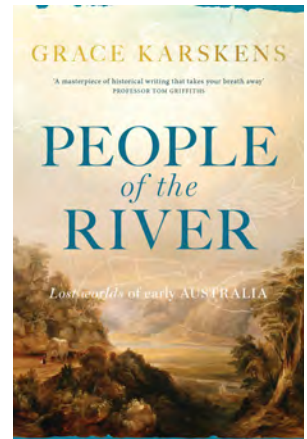
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Parenting



Memoir



Indigenous History



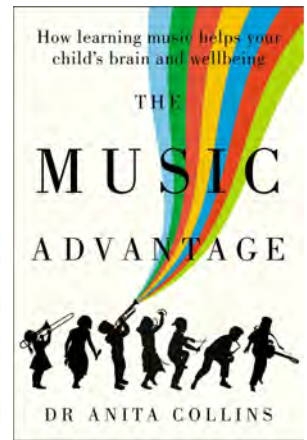
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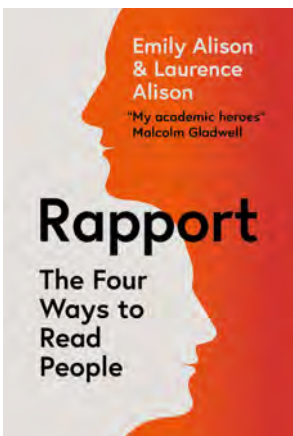
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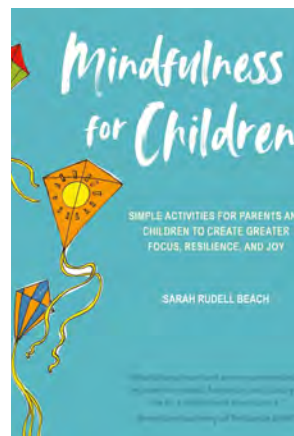
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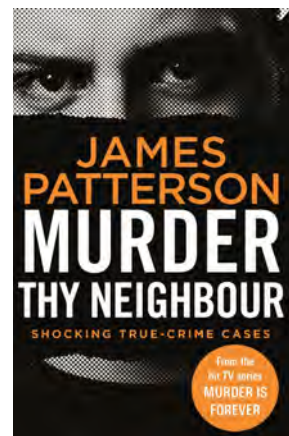
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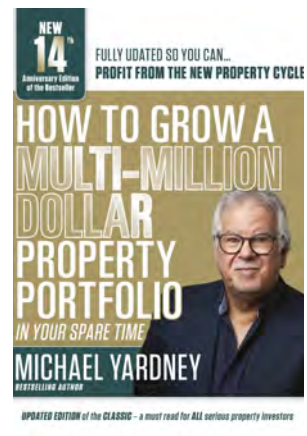
Communication



Mindfulness & Parenting



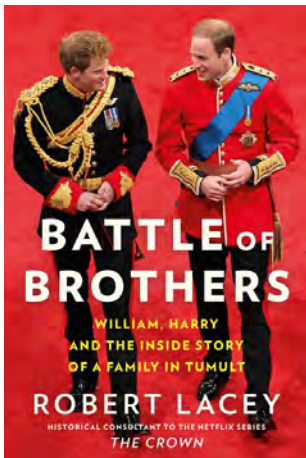
True Crime Stories



Personal Finance & Real Estate

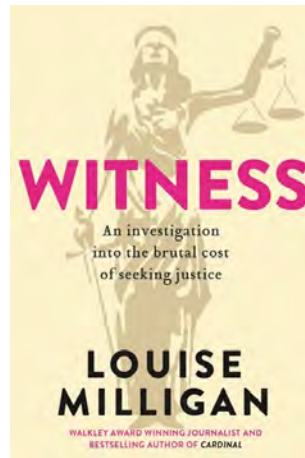
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UK Royalty

From royal insider, biographer & historian Robert Lacey, this book reveals the untold details of William and Harry's closeness & estrangement, asking what happens when two sons are raised for vastly different futures, one burdened with the responsibility of one day becoming king, the other with the knowledge that he will always remain spare.



Law & Justice

A masterful and deeply troubling expose, 'this is the culmination of almost five years' work for award-winning investigative journalist Louise Milligan. It delivers a searing examination of the power imbalance in our legal system – where exposing the truth is never guaranteed and, for victims, justice is often elusive.



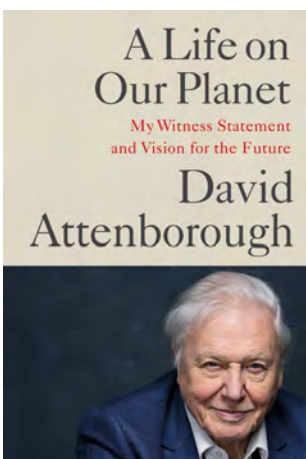
Self Help

Discover the daily habits of highly creative people. What do most highly creative people have in common? What are the habits they cultivate? What is 'the flow' and how do you get into it? A practical guide to help you unlock your creative potential and find fulfillment & happiness in the process.



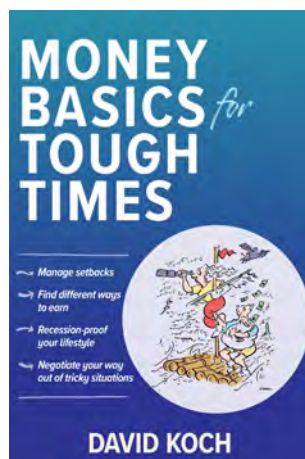
Miscellaneous Writings

An irresistible collection of writing - essays, book reviews, memoir - from over thirty years contributing to the London Review of Books by one of our greatest living writers. Constantly illuminating, always penetrating and often very funny, interleaved with letters and other ephemera gathered from the archive.



Environmental Memoir

'A Life on Our Planet' contains my witness statement, and my vision for the future - the story of how we came to make this, our greatest mistake, and how, if we act now, we can yet put it right. We have the opportunity to create the perfect home for ourselves and restore the wonderful world we inherited. All we need is the will do so...



Personal Finance

This is a clear, comforting, concise guide for how individuals and families, despite economic hardship & uncertainty, can turn their fortunes around. Packed with tips and strategies on money management, from negotiating with your landlord to buying groceries on a shoestring budget to investing in crashing markets & much more.



Military Memoir

The warm, fascinating memoir of one of Australia's most popular and prominent public figures. This book is the story of his life and experiences, written with intelligence, forthrightness, compassion, and a brilliant eye for a telling anecdote.



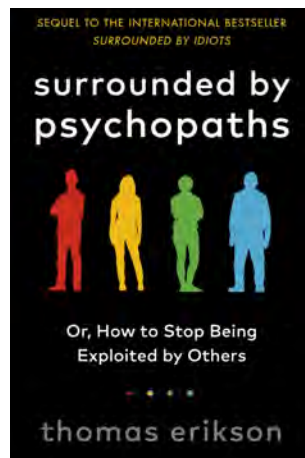
Satirical News Stories

Australia's oldest and favourite newspaper details our country's very rocky start to a new decade that was supposed to be one of great optimism and innovation. But fate had other plans, starting with the worst bushfires in human memory. Surely, it couldn't get worse. 'ken oath it could. Mother Nature arrived as COVID-19, and told us all to go to our rooms.



Female Memoirs

A collection of timely and remarkable true stories that invites us to discover how seemingly ordinary women from older generations – those aged 80+ today – have weathered the storms of their lives and times, and shares the lessons of extraordinary resilience and adaptability that we can apply in our lives today.



Popular Psychology

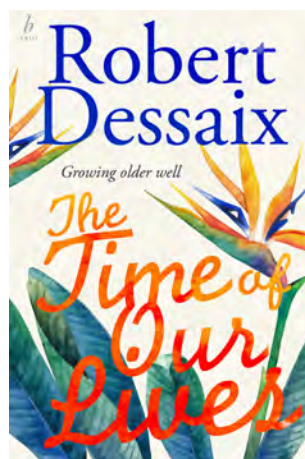
Some people are exceptionally manipulative. They can convince anyone about anything and lure them with their charm. They enjoy controlling others and will do anything to get what they want. Sound familiar? The bad news is that you can't really escape them. But here comes the good news- you can beat them at their own game.



Australian History / Memoir

A rich and rollicking biography of one of Britain's most colourful and successful scientists.

In 1768 Banks joined Captain James Cook's expedition to the South Pacific. The 30,000 specimens he brought back generated enormous interest, as did the sometimes racy written account of the journey, which chronicled his frequent amorous exploits.



Ageing

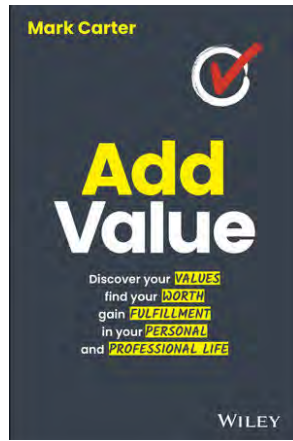
Reflecting on time, religion, painting, dancing and more, Dessaix takes us on an enlivening journey across the landscape of growing older. Riffing on writers & thinkers from Plato to Eva Hoffman, he homes in on the crucial importance of a rich inner life. A wise and timely exploration of not just the challenges but also the many possibilities of old age.

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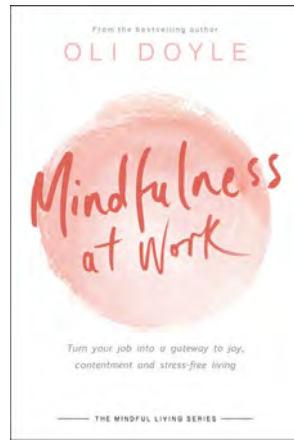
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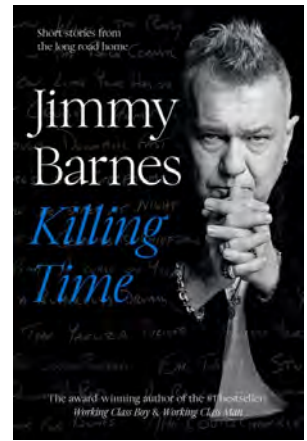
Vegan Cooking



Self Help



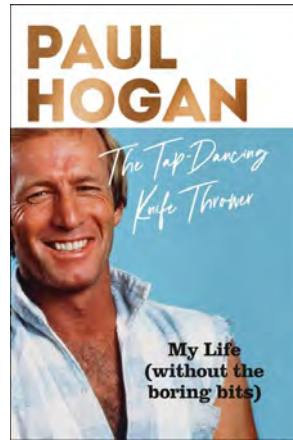
Mindfulness



Musician
Autobiography



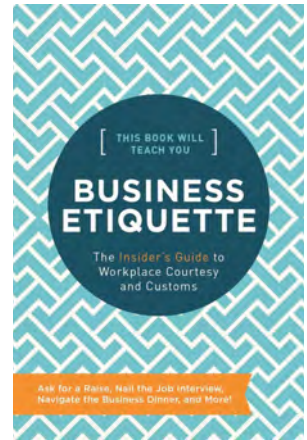
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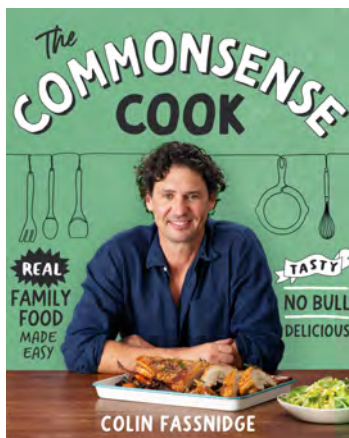
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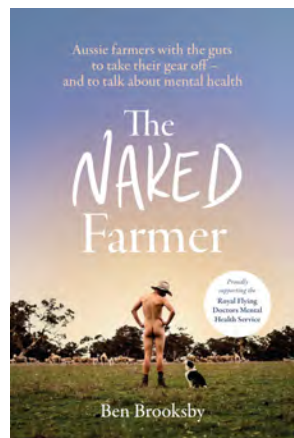
Workplace
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LGBTIQ+ Memoir



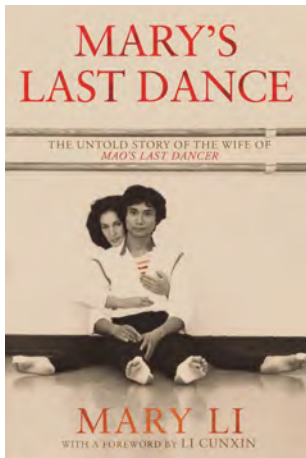
Mental Health &
Rural Stories



Parenting

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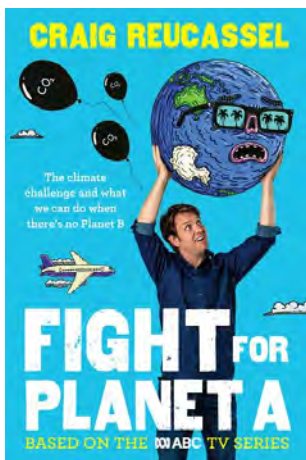
Ballerina
Autobiography

The memoir of Australian ballerina Mary Li (née McKendry). A powerful and uplifting memoir about chasing an impossible dream, and sacrificing one's own ambition for the love of a child. It is a moving & unforgettable story of passion, dedication and devotion – and the highly anticipated sequel to one of the world's most beloved books.



Australian
Native Plants

A readable and well-researched introduction to the huge variety of native plants in Australia with medicinal properties. The Aboriginal people exploited this diversity & harvested the bounty of the land with ingenuity. This fusion of ancient tradition combined with the insights granted by modern science sees native plants taking on a new role.



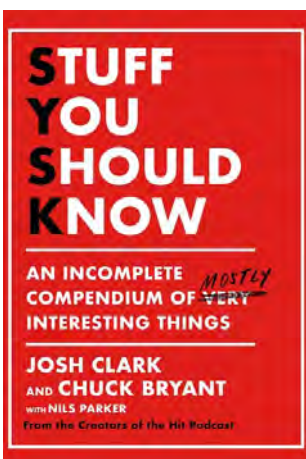
Environment &
Climate Change

What we can do when there's no planet B - based on the hit ABC TV series. Most Australians accept that climate change is real, but many don't know what to do about it and feel powerless to make a difference. Craig Reucassel shows that it isn't as scary as we think, and we can make a difference to help protect the world for future generations.



Political Memoir

A riveting, deeply personal account of history in the making - from the president who inspired us to believe in the power of democracy. In the highly anticipated first volume of his presidential memoirs, Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world.



Trivia

From the duo behind the award-winning podcast 'Stuff You Should Know' comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. The two dig into the stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. There's something interesting about everything - except maybe jackhammers.

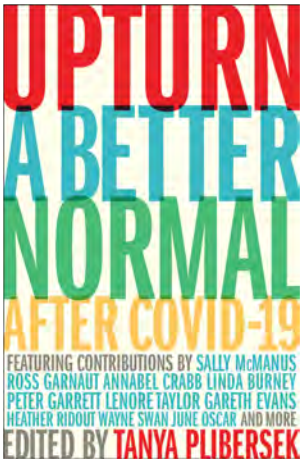


Sociolinguistics /
Australian History

From the defiant curses of the convicts and bullock drivers to the humour of Kath and Kim, Amanda Laugesen takes us on a fascinating and colourful tour of more than two centuries of bad language that extends from the mildly offensive to the completely filthy to reveal our preoccupations and our concerns.

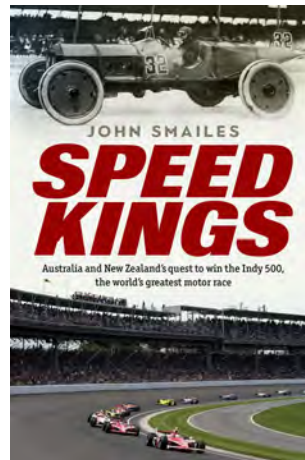
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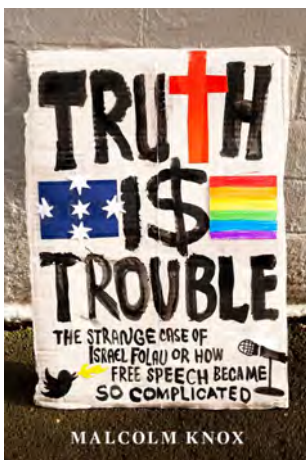
Australian Society

COVID-19 has resulted in changes none of us could have imagined, but what happens next? In this book, edited by Labor luminary Tanya Plibersek, a who's who of economic and social policy experts explore ways in which we can rebuild our society and economy in a strong, fair and environmentally sustainable way.



Motorsport

Winning the Indianapolis 500, the greatest spectacle in motorsport, has been a quest for Australians and New Zealanders since 1911. The lure of the track has drawn champions from both sides of the Tasman. This is the story of the ANZ drivers, team owners, engineers & commentators who've made 'The Brickyard' their quest.



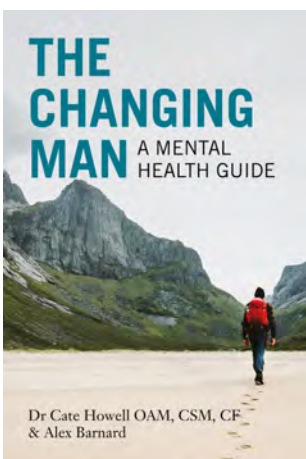
Australian Society & Free Speech

Why did the sacking of rugby player Israel Folau over his social media posts become one of the nation's most polarising controversies? Starting with this striking incident, Walkley Award winning journalist Malcolm Knox shows how free speech has become the new flashpoint of the 'culture wars', and how it remains our deepest national failure.



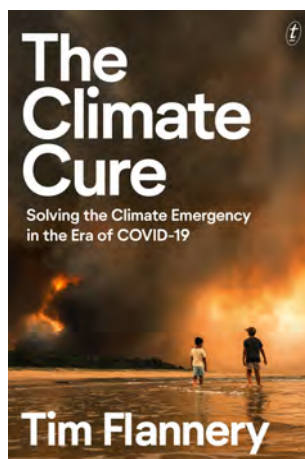
Conservation & Wildlife Memoir

In last summer's devastating fires, Kangaroo Island lost half of its koala population, with many more left injured & starving. This is the inspiring & sometimes confronting story of someone who went to help & ended up a koala dad. Kai's story commemorates our unique wildlife, and demonstrates the power of one person trying to make a difference.



Men's Mental Health

Too many men are suffering with their emotional health issues in silence, and male suicide rates are high. Men are affected by everyday stress, high workloads, anxiety and depression, loss of confidence or identity, relationship breakdowns, family disruption, addictions and trauma - just the same as women.



Climate Change

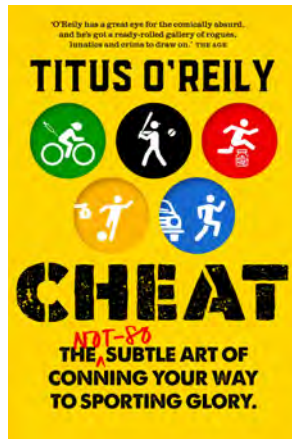
Australians are witnessing an unprecedented government response to crisis - swift decisive action to avert catastrophe. And the advice of scientists has informed every step of the way. But for decades the advice of scientists on the impending catastrophe that climate change will bring has been ignored, dismissed and even ridiculed.

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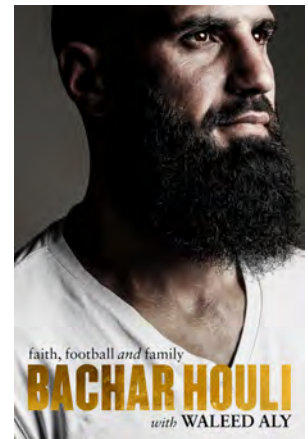
Royalty Memoir



Sports History



Cooking



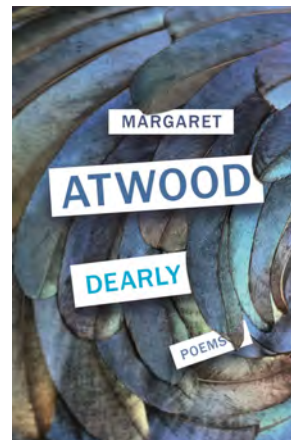
Footballer Memoir



Conservation & Wildlife



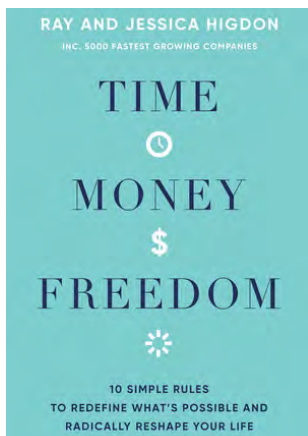
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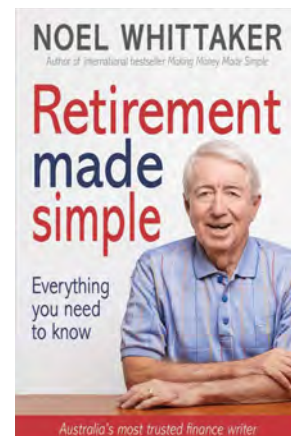
Humorous Self Help



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Self Help



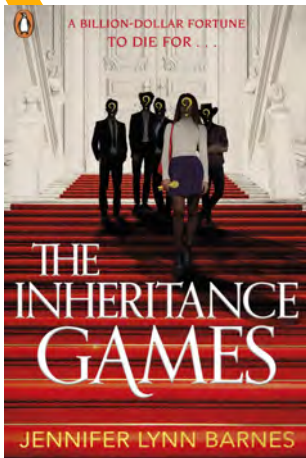
Personal Finance & Retirement



Self Help

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Thriller

Avery has a simple plan for a better future: keep her head down, win a scholarship, and get the hell out. But when an eccentric billionaire she's never even heard of dies and leaves her almost his entire fortune nobody, not even Avery, knows why. Avery finds herself embroiled in a game, generations in the making.



Romance

For her last summer before college, Claudine Henry & her mother head to a remote island. There, amidst the wild beauty of the place, she meets the free spirited Jeremiah Crew. Their chemistry is immediate & irresistible. Even though they both know that whatever they have can only last the summer, maybe one summer is enough...



Fantasy

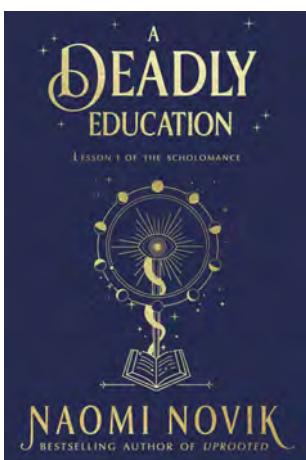
(The Eldest Curses, v2)

Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood are settling into domestic life with their son Max when the warlocks Ragnor Fell and Shinyun Jung break into their loft and steal a powerful spell book. Realizing that Ragnor and Shinyun are being controlled by a more sinister force, Magnus & Alec set out to stop them & recover the book before they can cause any more harm.



General Fiction
- Activism

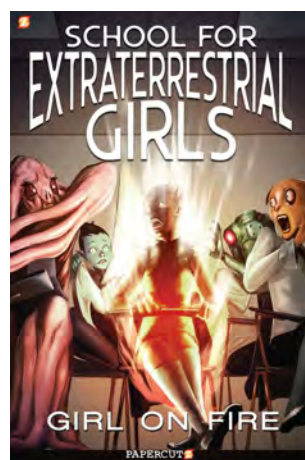
Sofie is a dreamy young artist with her head in the clouds, but when she travels to Paris she's awakened to the power of art in inspiring change in the world. Can she reconcile what art means for her? A call to action for anyone who feels helpless about the state of society, as well as an ode to all the tiny beautifuls that make our world worth saving.



Fantasy

(Schoolmance, v1)

Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered. There are no teachers, no holidays, friendships are purely strategic, and the odds of survival are never equal. Once you're inside, there are only two ways out- you graduate or you die.



Graphic Novel - Aliens
(School for Extraterrestrial Girls, v1)

Tara Smith's parents are super strict with all their rules and routines, and Tara is a dutiful daughter. Rule #1: No friends her own age. Rule #2: keep her bracelet on, or else. But when she breaks her routine - and then loses her bracelet - she's in trouble.

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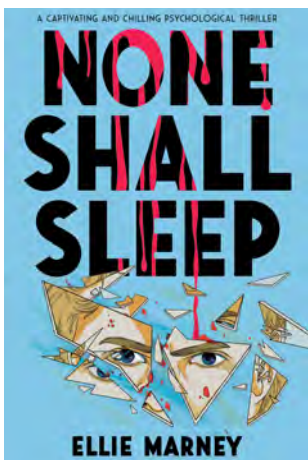
Future Girl is the art journal of sixteen-year-old Piper, a visual extravaganza of text, paint, collage and drawings, woven into a deeply engaging coming-of-age story of a Deaf teenager set in a near-future Melbourne on the brink of environmental catastrophe.

Diverse
Speculative Fiction



Set in 1980s London this book follows one girl's quest to find her father, leading her to a secret society of magical fighting booksellers who police the mythical Old World when it disastrously intrudes into the modern world.

Fantasy Adventure



In 1982 the innovative FBI Behavioral Science section is breaking new ground, and two teenagers - Emma Lewis and Travis Bell - are recruited to interview convicted juvenile killers for information on cold cases. Emma and Travis are untrained but they've both experienced violent crime, which has given them skills that make them valuable to the FBI.

Thriller



Two worlds, two hearts and a choice that will shape their fate forever.

Janus is a world divided: above the surface float the gleaming sky-cities held aloft by massive, technologically advanced engines. In the shadows beneath is an older, darker world, full of flooded byways & ancient temples governed by magic and faith.

Fantasy Romance



Eighteen-year-old Mila has been in the foster system since her mother abandoned her. Now that she's graduating high school she has nothing to do and nowhere to call home. When she gets an offer to work as an intern on the Farm she readily accepts. Her main job is to take care of eight-year old Lee.

General Fiction -
Overcoming Trauma

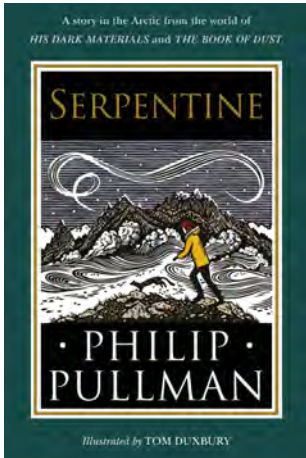


A collection of meet-cute romances stories. It could start anywhere... At a summer vacation at the lake, just before heading off to college. In a coffee shop, when the whole world is new. In a dragon's cave, surrounded by gold. At a swim club, with the future in sight.

LGBTIQ+ Romance

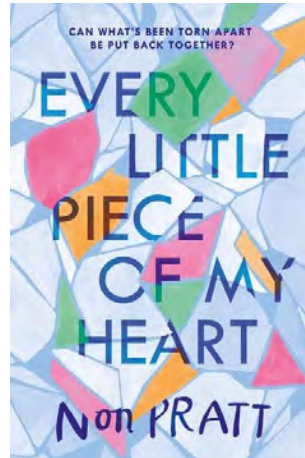
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Fantasy
(His Dark Materials World)

'Lyra Silvertongue, you're very welcome . . . Yes, I know your new name. Serafina Pekkala told me everything about your exploits' Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon have left the events of His Dark Materials far behind. In this snapshot of their forever-changed lives they return to the North to visit an old friend, where we will learn that things are not exactly as they seem...



General Fiction - Chronic Illness

When Sophie receives a parcel from her best friend, Freya, she expects it to contain the reason why Freya left town so suddenly, without goodbyes and without explanation. Instead, she finds a letter addressed to Win, a girl Freya barely knew - or did she? Sometimes it's not about who's gone, but about who they leave behind...



General Fiction - Self Discovery

Schoolies week: that strange in-between time when teenagers move from school into the adult world. It's a week when anything is possible, and everything can change. The story of four friends, a mysterious stranger, and the week when everything changed.



Urban Fantasy / Japanese Mythology

Miyoung and Jihoon are picking up the pieces of their broken lives following the deaths of Miyoung's mother, Yena, & Jihoon's grandmother. With the support of their friend Somin, and their frenemy, Junu, they might just have a shot at normalcy. But Miyoung is getting sicker and sicker by the day and her friends don't know how to save her.



General Fiction - Love & Loss

Can you find true love after losing everything? Kyle and Kimberly have been the perfect couple all through high school, but when Kimberly breaks up with him on the night of their graduation party, Kyle's entire world upends - literally. Their car crashes & when he awakes, he has a brain injury & Kimberly is dead. No one in his life could possibly understand...or could they?



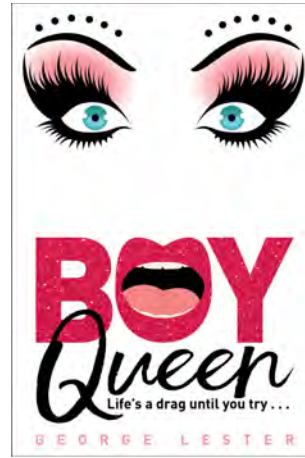
Graphic Novel - WW2 Time Travel

Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco when suddenly she finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp Ernestina, her grandmother, was forcibly relocated to during WW2. These displacements keep occurring until Kiku finds herself "stuck" back in time. A riveting, bittersweet tale highlighting the inter-generational impact & power of memory.



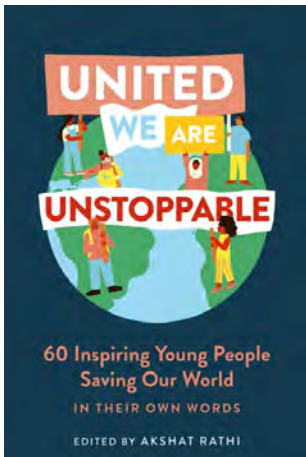
Fantasy
Short Stories
(Grishaverse)

A beautifully illustrated replica of The Lives of Saints, the Istorii Sankt'ya, featuring tales of saints drawn from the 'Grishaverse'. These tales include miracles and martyrdoms from familiar saints like Sankta Lizabeta of the Roses and Sankt Ilya in Chains, to the strange and obscure stories of Sankta Ursula, Sankta Maradi, and the Starless Saint.



Humorous
LGBTIQ+ Fiction

Robin Cooper's life is falling apart. While his friends prepare to head off to Uni, Robin is looking at a pile of rejection letters from drama schools across the country. With a mother who won't stop talking, a boyfriend who won't acknowledge him and a best friend who is dying to cover him in glitter make up, there's only one thing for Robin to do: bring it to the runway.



Climate Change
Activism Memoirs

An eye-opening collection of essays from sixty young people fighting climate change across the world including Australia's Alex Whitebrook and Kailash Cook. These stories are devastating, defiant, inspiring and moving - but, above all, they are full of hope.



Climate Change
Activism

The Green Nation, a nation without geographical borders uniting the youth of today in their fight for the planet & against climate change. From the economy & new professions, to advanced technology & sustainable start-ups, learn how the world needs to change in order to secure its future & find out what role you can play in that change.



Romantic Comedy

The Tech sisters don't date in high school. Not because they're not asked. Not because they're not interested. Not even because no one can pronounce their long, Thai last name - hence the shortened, awkward moniker. But simply because they're not allowed. Until now and of course under their parents' watchful eyes.



Dystopian Fiction
(The Key, v1)

After a pandemic wiped out most of the human race, The Key took power. The Key dictates the rules. They govern in order to keep people safe. But as Elodie and Aidan begin to discover there is another side to The Key and not everything is as it seems. Rather than playing protector, The Key are playing God.

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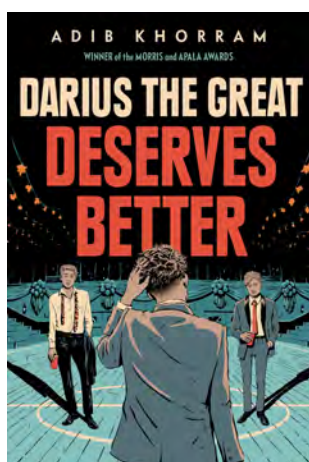
As war spreads like wildfire, the Smoke Thieves face their greatest challenges yet. With her father tightening his grip on the Northern Plateau, Catherine sends her loyal bodyguard Ambrose into the dragon's den on a desperate mission to disrupt the supply of smoke.

Fantasy
(The Smoke Thieves, v3)



Romantic Comedy

When self-proclaimed nerd Sunny Dae meets Cirrus Soh, he can't believe how cool & confident she is. So when she mistakes Sunny's older brother bedroom - with its collection of electric guitars & rock posters - for Sunny's own, he sort of, kind of, accidentally winds up telling her he's the front man of a rock band. Before he knows it, Sunny is knee-deep in the lie...



Darius Kellner is having a bit of a year. Since his trip to Iran this past spring, a lot has changed. He's getting along with his dad, and his best friend Sohrab is only a Skype call away. Between his first boyfriend, Landon, his varsity soccer practices, and his internship at his favorite tea shop, Darius is feeling pretty okay. Then, of course, everything changes.

General Fiction - LGBTIQ+
(Darius the Great, v2)



Fantasy
(Folk of the Air, v3.5)

Once upon a time, there was a boy with a wicked tongue... Before Cardan was a cruel prince or a wicked king, he was a faerie child with a heart of stone. In this illustrated tale, Holly Black reveals a deeper look into the dramatic life of Elfhame's enigmatic high king, told wholly from Cardan's perspective.



Urban Fantasy
(Bright Sessions, v2)

Robert Gorham always gets what he wants. But the power of persuasion is as potent a blessing as it is a curse. Robert is alone until a group of strangers who can do impossible things welcome him. They call themselves Unusuals & they give Robert a new name too: DAMIEN. Finally he belongs. As long as he can keep his power under control. But control is a sacrifice he might not be willing to make.

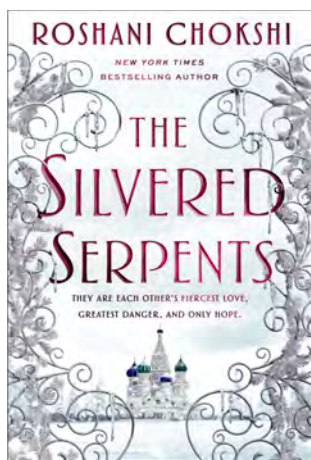


Poetry Collection

With poems from classic, well loved poets as well as innovative and bold modern voices, 'She Will Soar' is a stunning collection of 150 poems about freedom and wanderlust by women. Collected by anthologist Ana Sampson contains an inclusive array of voices, from modern and contemporary poets.

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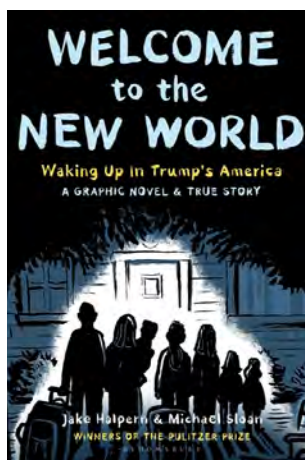
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Fantasy
(*The Gilded Wolves, v2*)

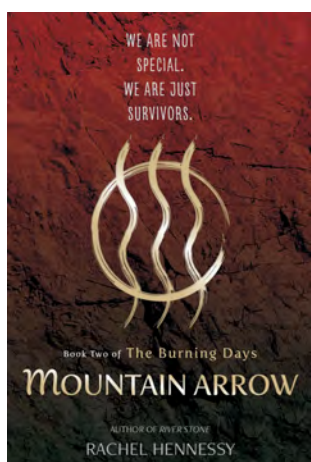
They are each other's fiercest love, greatest danger, and only hope.

Séverin and his team members might have successfully thwarted the Fallen House, but victory came at a terrible cost - one that still haunts all of them. Desperate to make amends, Séverin pursues a dangerous lead to find a long lost artifact rumored to grant its possessor the power of God.



General Fiction - Refugees

After escaping a Syrian prison, Ibrahim Aldabaan and his family fled the country to seek protection in America. Among the few refugees to receive visas, they finally landed in JFK airport on November 8, 2016, Election Day. The family had reached a safe harbor, but woke up to the world of Donald Trump...



Dystopian Fiction
(*The Burning Days, v2*)

We hunt to live. We do not live to hunt. The River People and the Mountain People have survived for another season. But at what cost? Pandora has returned to her village. She is haunted both by her failure to bring her friend home and the vision she has seen of the last days, The Burning, when creatures swarmed the city.



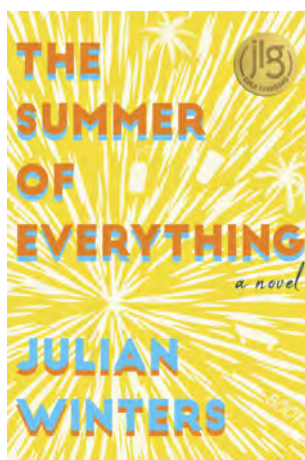
Romance

Chronic overachiever Prudence Daniels is always quick to cast judgement on the residents of her coastal town. Her dreams of karmic justice are fulfilled when, after a night out with her friends, she wakes up with the sudden ability to cast instant karma on those around her.



Graphic Novel - Coming-of-age
(*Fangirl: The Manga, v1*)

Cath is a Simon Snow fan. Okay, everybody is a Simon Snow fan, but for Cath, being a fan is her life. Cath's sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath just can't let go. Now that they're in college, Cath must decide if she's ready to start living her own life. But does she even want to if it means leaving Simon Snow behind?

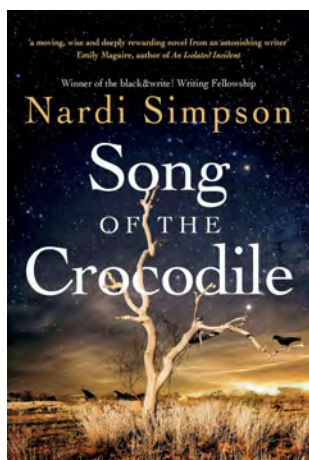


LGBTIQ+ Romance

Adulting is hard. Just ask Wes Hudson. An avid comic book geek, Wes excels at two things: slacking off and pining after his best friend, Nico. Advice from his friends, '90s alt-rock songs, and online dating articles aren't helping much with his secret crush.

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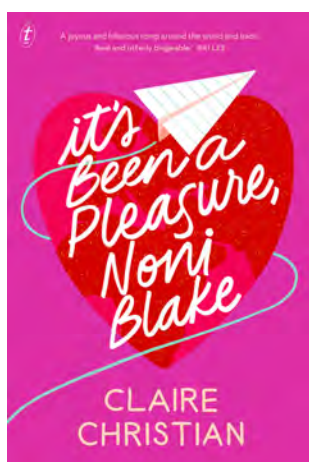
Indigenous Mystery

Daremoor is the home of the Billymil family, three generations who have lived in this 'gateway town'. Race relations between Indigenous and settler families are fraught, though the rigid status quo is upheld through threats and soft power rather than the overt violence of yesteryear.



Literary Family Drama

Margot Lee's mother is ignoring her calls. Margot can't understand why, until she makes a surprise trip home to Koreatown, LA. What she finds there makes her realise how little she knows about her mother, Mina. Margot & Mina's story unravels the unspoken secrets that can drive two people apart – or perhaps bind them closer together.



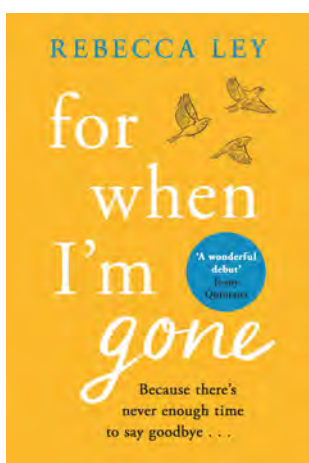
LGBTIQ+ Romance

Of all the women and men Noni Blake has pleased in her life, there's one she's often overlooked - herself. After the end of a decade-long relationship, Noni decides it's time for that to change. She's finally going to prioritise her wants and desires and only do things (and people) that feel good in the moment.



Nordic Crime
(Detective Niemi, u1)

Set in Helsinki, Detective Niemi is investigating a series of brutal ritualistic murders that begin to mimic those in a bestselling series of popular novels. Racing to beat the killer to their next move, it's only a matter of time before she realises their motive is much more personal.



Domestic Drama

*A life cut short.
A grieving family.
A mother's guide to surviving without her...*
As a husband learns to live and love without his wife, he realises the extent of her legacy and finds himself indebted once more to his extraordinary, difficult wife, for saving their family from an even greater tragedy...

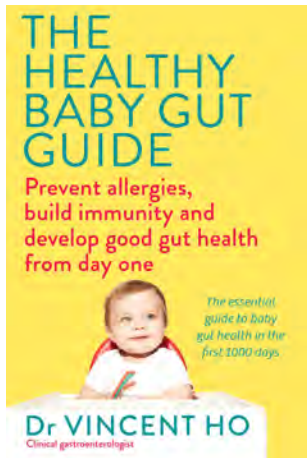


Australian Historical Mystery

Set in 1927, the story takes all the classic elements of an interwar murder mystery and gives it a distinctive Australian flavour. A nameless friar turns up at Halfwell Station, at the same time that Ana, the adopted daughter of the station owners, discovers a body in the desert nearby when she goes for a midnight walk.

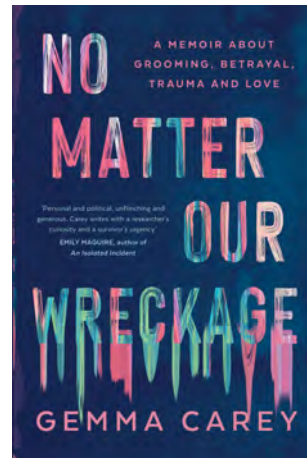
Debut Authors

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Gut Health & Children

Leading gastroenterologist Dr Vincent Ho cuts through the scientific jargon to provide practical strategies for allergy management and treatment, and sensible advice for strengthening kids' gut health for the long term.



Memoir & Abuse

A powerful, poetic and unflinching story of past and present colliding. This book seeks to capture the complexity of forces which lead to abuse; to understand the intertwined narratives of mothers & daughters & how trauma becomes encoded in our DNA through generations.



Overcoming Anxiety

When life throws us a curveball, we all need help with managing bouts of anxiety. A practical step-by-step guide to help you through those moments when you feel worried or panicky. Written in everyday language, beautifully illustrated and including over 50 'decision trees' designed to neutralise anxiety.



Renewable Energy & Sustainability

Renewable energy can become a key player in the effort to upgrade our species from one on a path to self-destruction to a path of fairness and sustainability. Renewable energy expert Ketan Joshi examines how with the knowledge of how the last decade was lost, the next decade can work the way it's meant to.



Young Adult Fantasy
(Midnight's Twins, v1)

Fifteen-year-old Londoner Fern is about to uncover a place that she could not have imagined in all her wildest dreams. Annwn is the dream mirror of our world, a place where Dreamers walk in their slumber, their dreams playing out all around them. An enchanted, mysterious place that feeds our own world.

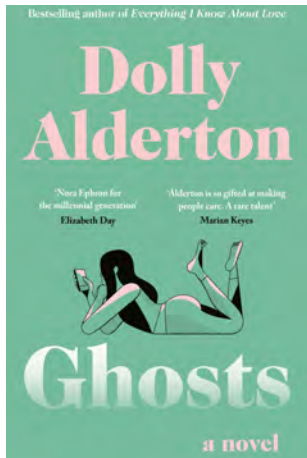


Young Adult General Fiction - Abuse

Based on the author's personal experience, this gripping and essential story explodes the stigma around child sexual abuse. Written from the heart, with tenderness, compassion and humour, 'Fighting Words' is about finding the words to talk about the most difficult things in young adults' lives. The author's first young adult book.

Debut Authors

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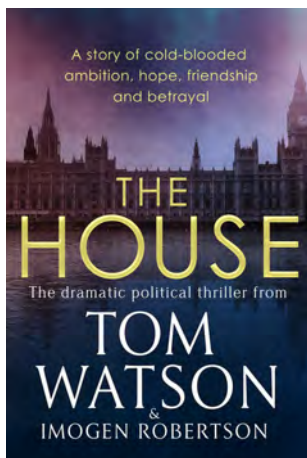
Contemporary Fiction

32-year-old Nina Dean is a successful food writer with a loyal online following, but a life that is falling apart. When she uses dating apps for the first time, she becomes a victim of ghosting, and by the most beguiling of men. Funny, tender and painfully relatable, filled with whip-smart observations about relationships and the way we live today.



Psychological Thriller

One little girl. Mirabelle's mother loves her. She's her 'little doll'. Mother dresses her, paints her face, and plaits her hair. But as Mirabelle grows, the dresses no longer fit quite as well, the face paint no longer looks quite so pretty. And Mother isn't happy.



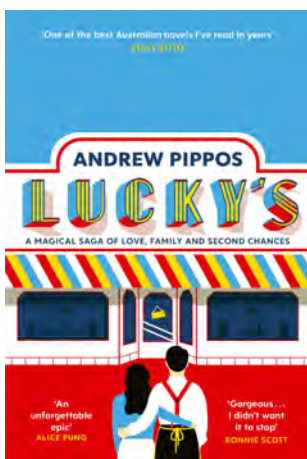
Political Thriller

The landmark, headline-making debut novel from Tom Watson, former Deputy Leader of the UK Labour Party and bestselling novelist Imogen Robertson, is the must-read political thriller of the 21st century. Together they open the doors to The House, a place of ambition, hope, friendship - and betrayal.



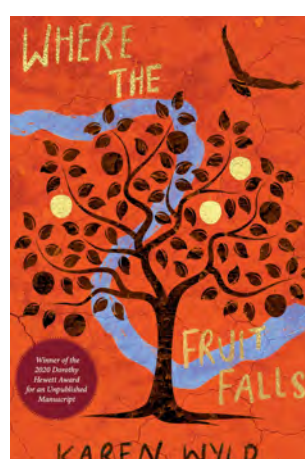
Romantic Comedy

A fresh and funny romcom in which two unlikely roommates get more than they bargained for when the sparks that fly between them inspire a plan to launch a sexy, feminist start-up that risks more than just their hearts...



Australian General Fiction

A story about a man called Lucky. His restaurant chain. A fire that changed everything. A New York article which might save a career. The mystery of a missing father. An impostor who got the girl. An unthinkable tragedy. A roll of the dice. And a story of love, lost, sought and won again, (at last).

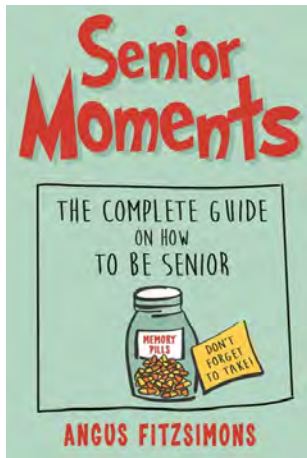


Indigenous Literary Fiction

An ancient ocean roars under the red dirt. Hush. Be still for just a moment. Hear its thundering waves crashing on unseen shores. Spanning four generations, with a focus on the 1960s & 70s, an era of rapid social change and burgeoning Aboriginal rights, this is a re-imagining of the epic Australian novel.

Debut Authors

October



Humorous Stories

Have you had a Senior Moment yet? Maybe you know someone who's had a few? Check this list to know for sure: You can remember being told the King was dead (George, not Elvis); You still say 'colour television', and you watch television on a television; Your home phone rings and you answer it. (And you still have a phone, not a 'landline'.)



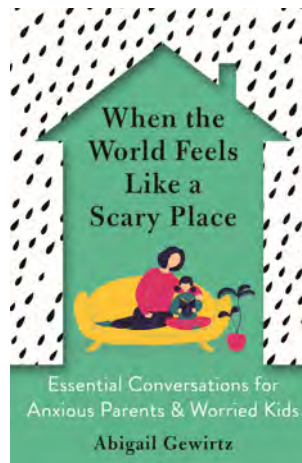
Plants & Wellbeing

Research has shown that the presence of plants can decrease blood pressure, increase productivity, and calm anxiety, both at home and at work. 'Plant Therapy' brings together two major trends – house plants and wellbeing – and enhances the value of both through making clear their connection with one another.



Natural Remedies

A practical guide filled with recipes, advice and the secrets behind everything natural beauty, from ancient Ayurvedic beauty rituals to superfoods to eat for healthy beautiful skin. Addressing beauty from the inside out with sustainable, healthy, and natural choices for our skin-care and cosmetics that will enhance beauty at any age.



Parenting & Anxiety

An urgent and necessary book by prominent child psychologist Dr Abi Gewirtz, 'When the World Feels Like a Scary Place' brings solutions to a problem that is only going to get worse - how bad things happening in the world affect our children, and how we can raise engaged and confident kids in spite of them.



Young Adult
Historical Fiction
/ Friendship & Racism

Unsuspecting boy. Big-hearted girl. Small-minded town. Invincible summer. Summer, 1955. Calls for equality are sweeping America, but sixteen-year-old Ethan Harper is about to discover just how deep the roots of racism run.

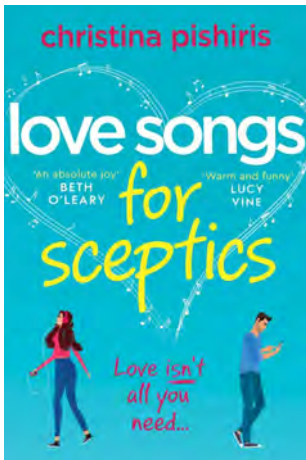


Young Adult
Romance

'Crazy Rich Asians' meets 'Gossip Girl' by way of Jenny Han in this knock-out debut about a Korean American teen who is thrust into the competitive, technicolor world of K-pop, from Jessica Jung, K-pop legend and former lead singer of one of the most influential K-pop girl groups of all time, 'Girls Generation'.

Debut Authors

November



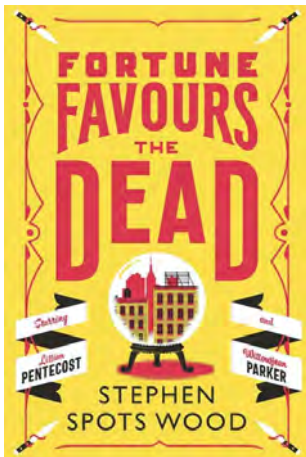
Romance

When she was a teenager, Zoe Frixos fell in love with Simon Baxter, her best friend and the boy next door. But his family moved to America before she could tell him how she felt and, like a scratched record, she's never quite moved on. Now, almost twenty years later, Simon is heading back to London, newly single & as charming as ever.



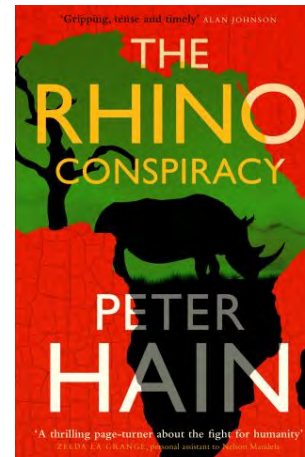
Fantasy

If you trust her you'll never make it home.
On an unplanned detour from home to school one morning, two children find themselves climbing over a stone wall into the Up and Under - an impossible land filled with mystery, adventure and the strangest creatures. They must find themselves & each other if they are to also find their way out & back to their own lives.



Historical Mystery
(Pentecost & Parker, v1)

New York, 1946. Lillian Pentecost is the most successful private detective in the city, but her health is failing. She hires an assistant to help with the investigative legwork. Willowjean Parker is a circus runaway. Quick-witted and street-smart, she's a jack-of-all-trades with a unique skill-set.



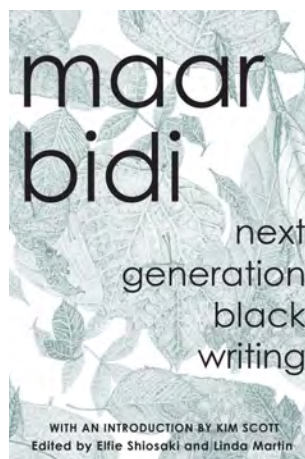
Thriller

In the last decade over 6,000 rhinos have been killed in South Africa. Relentless poaching for their horns has led to a catastrophic fall in black rhino numbers. Meanwhile, a corrupt South African government turns a blind eye to the international trade in rhino horn. This is the background to a brilliantly pacy and timely thriller.



LGBTIQ+
Literary Fiction

Benson and Mike are two young guys who live together in Houston. Mike is a Japanese-American chef at a Mexican restaurant and Benson's a Black day care teacher, and they've been together for a few years but now they're not sure why they're still a couple. There's the sex, sure, and the meals Mike cooks for Benson, and, well, they love each other.

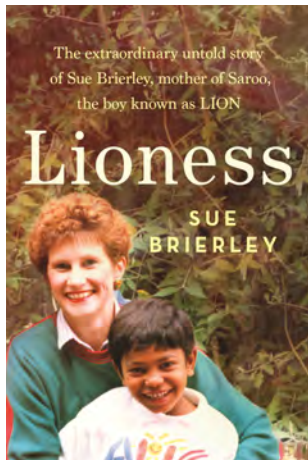


Indigenous Fiction

In this beautifully crafted, evocative and poignant anthology of prose and fiction, a diverse group of young black writers are encouraged to find strength in their voices and what is important to them. "maar bidi" is a journey into what it is to be young, a person of colour and a minority in divergent and conflicting worlds.

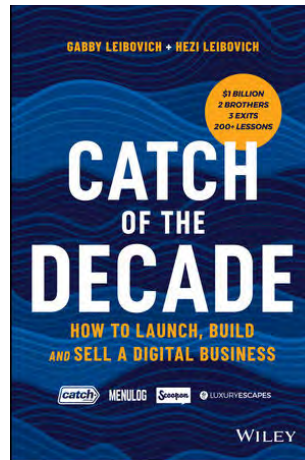
Debut Authors

November



Saroo Brierley's journey home to a small village in India with the help of Google Earth became an internationally bestselling book and inspired the major motion picture 'LION'. But the story of how his adoptive mother, Sue, came into his life half a world away in Tasmania is every bit as riveting.

Autobiography



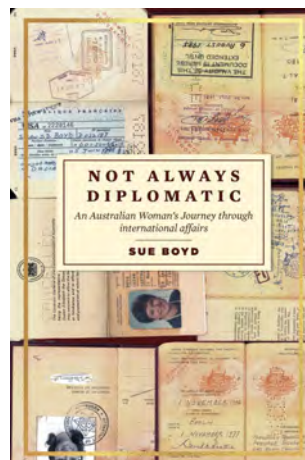
Real stories and advice from digital entrepreneurs who have learned what it takes to succeed. Two of our most successful online superstars reveal how they've built, launched, merged, and sold some of the most disruptive businesses in Australia today: Catch, Scoopon, Menulog and Luxury Escapes.

Entrepreneurship



Become an empowered skincare consumer and uncover your best skin. A must-have handbook for the skin-savvy woman who wants to cut through the hype and choose the best for her skin. Cosmetic chemist and educator Terri Vinson exposes the misinformation and 'white noise' about miracle products and ingredients, debunks current skin 'mythology'.

Skincare



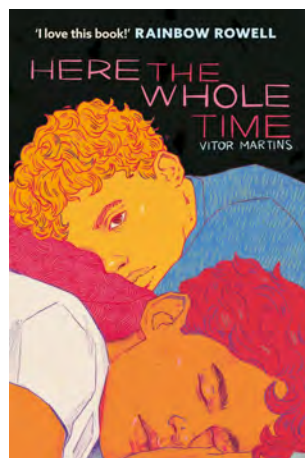
A pioneer for women in international diplomacy, Sue Boyd shares this account of her life in foreign service. The book is a retrospective look at not only the international political history of Australia, but also the glitz, glamour and scandal of the diplomatic world.

Memoir & Diplomacy



Whether a adventurer, witch, warrior, princess, superhero, or just a super cool, supportive friend - pop culture is full of awesome female characters. Gathers 75 current & classic heroines from all pop culture mediums - including anime, comics, tv/movies and video games - to celebrate the characters that we love and that continue to inspire and empower girls all over the world.

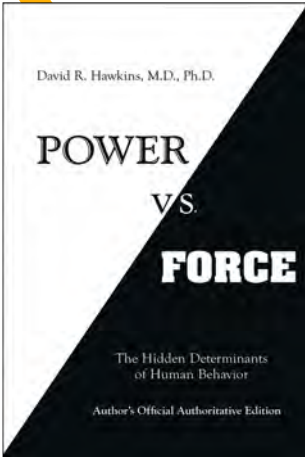
Young Adult
Non Fiction
- Popular Culture



What if you had to spend the next 15 days with your life-long crush? If you love Rainbow Rowell & 'Heartstopper', you'll fall for this body-positive love story. Felipe is forced to dive head-first into every unresolved issue he has had with himself - but maybe, just maybe, he'll manage to win over Caio, too...

Young Adult
LGBTIQ+
Romance

STAFF PICKS



I felt it timely that I was reading this book during Covid-19. It had me focus inward, to expand and elevate my thinking and spirituality. There is so much covered in the book it is actually hard to articulate all its pearls of insight, enlightenment and progression of consciousness.

Dr Hawkins talks about energy which vibrates at different frequency based on power vs force. When operating from fear, self-interest, ego, deceptive intent - it is driven from a lower frequency and takes more forced energy to take momentum. Whereas, when operating from a sense of service, for the greater good, the collective and love for mankind – it vibrates at a higher frequency and its own pure power elevates, brings momentum and ensures its success.

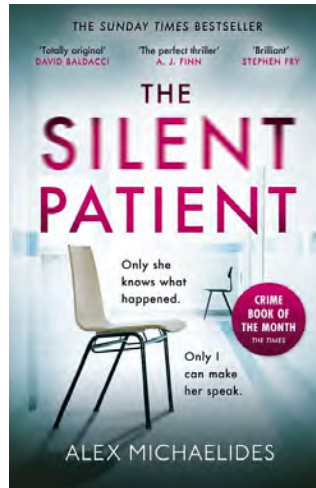
Throughout the book, Dr Hawkins explains kinesiology - how the body, through muscle testing and bio-feedback, can tell you if there is disease or imbalance in the body, supports enhanced intuition & brain function, and helps with decision making. With the collective consciousness level of humanity vibrating above 200, great positive transformation is possible for the entire planet. The book is backed by research and includes a presentation on the attractor patterns of business.

A self-help book, business book & spirituality book – all in one!

Self Help



Read by
- Annemarie K.



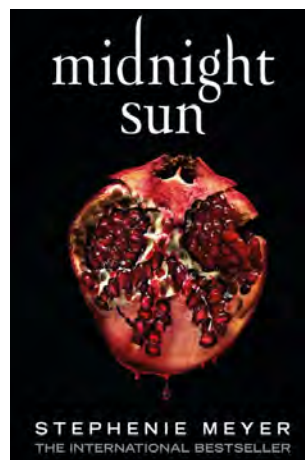
"I was relishing reading this suspenseful thriller"



Highly recommended. This book will challenge your view of basic human conditions & emotions such as anger, love, intelligence etc. At best it will change your mind about important aspects of human existence, at the very least the studies quoted in the book will ake for a good conversational input at the right type of party.



Read by - Anjella P.



A retelling of 'Twilight' from Edward's perspective. It's fun to read because I first read 'Twilight' over 10 years ago and had seen the movies but had forgotten a lot of the smaller details. It was refreshing to read the familiar story from another angle. It's longer but you get a lot more of Edward's back story.



Young Adult
Paranormal Romance Read by - Fiona B.

Staff Picks

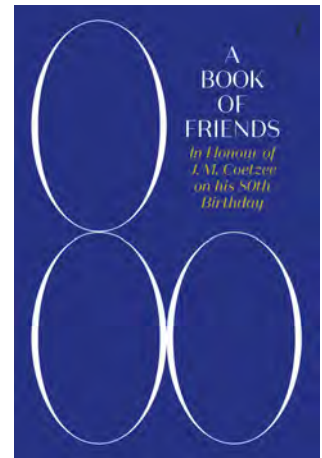


Indigenous Fiction

Reading this book is like a punch to the gut, taking a look at the history of the Indigenous culture right here in the Riverina. Stories inspired by the author's own experiences and stories heard from her family, the kind of stories that many Indigenous children grow up hearing, stories that I grew up hearing. Reading these stories on the pages of a book that everyone can read, hearing the words of a language nearly extinct, is an experience that I would encourage all readers to enjoy.



Read by - Kiesha M-H.

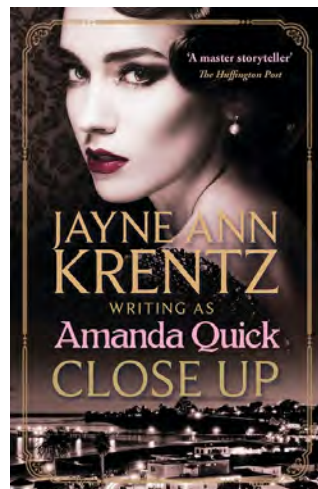


Miscellaneous Writings

Read by - Yan Z.

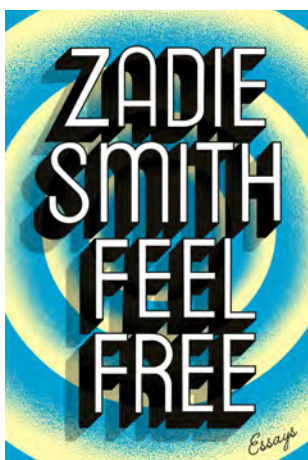


"Intriguing murder mystery set in glamorous 1930's Old Hollywood with a side of romance"



Historical
Romantic Suspense

Read by Suzanne M.



Essays

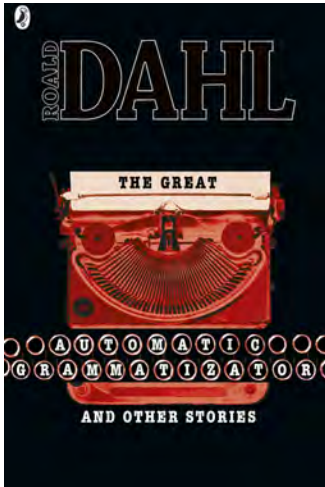


Read by - Rosemary R.

This is a collection of essays by Zadie Smith. The essays do not have a central theme running through them. Smith writes on a huge range of topics, current affairs, music, books, Justin Bieber, Brexit, trips to Italy with her father, she shares her experiences of motherhood, race and the practice of keeping a journal. Some of the essays are political others are very personal. One essay that resonated with me is when she talks about importance of libraries in our contemporary society. Smith writes with passion and insight, she describes a well run library as an "essential service" in community; a facility that cannot be easily found elsewhere; "an indoor public space that does not discriminate and does not want your soul or wallet as churches and shopping centres do". Smith declares that she is indebted to public libraries as this where she was able to find a gateway to a much improved sense of self and knowledge about the world.

I really enjoyed Zadie Smith's writing style, she is witty, intelligent and has a strong defined voice. This book does not have to be read from cover to cover, the topics are so varied that there is something for everyone.

Staff Picks



Young Adult
Gothic Short Stories
Read by - Sarah P.



"Fascinating look into the real people of the uncharted places of the world - great companion to the 'Nas Daily' videos"

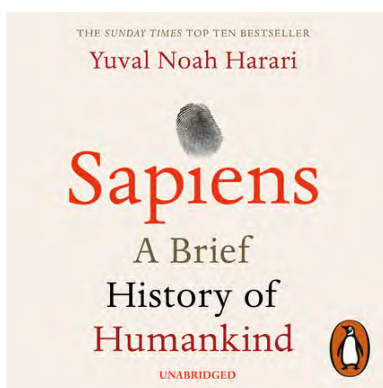
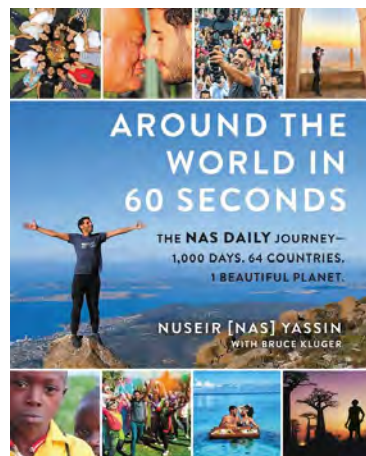


Junior Fiction
Fantasy

If you loved the Deltora Quest series as a child, you will love 'The Glimme'. A novel with vivid illustrations help to tell the story of Finn – a boy whose uninteresting life in the small coastal village will soon turn into an epic adventure as he slips through to another world. Filled with dragons, magic, extraordinary paintings and giants, this fantasy will take you on a mesmerising journey.



Read by - Antonia K.



Human Evolution
Listened to by - Sarah P.



Australian Literary Fiction
Read by - Jody G.



Australian Thriller
Read by - Kate T.



AUTHOR TALKS

City of Parramatta Libraries have teamed up with numerous NSW Public Libraries to offer our communities the chance to attend online author talks over the coming months. Each 'in conversation' style talk will be with a range of best-selling authors and a librarian from the hosting library.

Recent events included James Bradley and Belinda Alexandra, the author talks can be viewed at parra.city/nswplevents

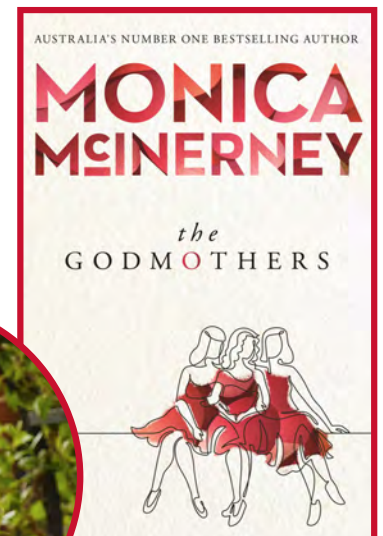


In Conversation with Monica McInerney

Public Libraries NSW presents Monique Akauola chatting with Monica McInerney about her new family drama 'The Godmothers' in this FREE Zoom author talk.



In association with Penguin Books Australia.



Wednesday
30 September
6.30 pm

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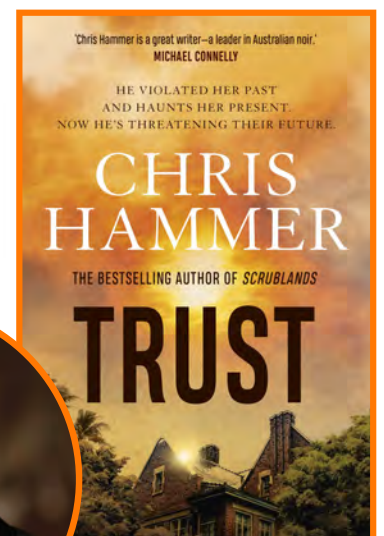


In Conversation with Chris Hammer

Public Libraries NSW presents Jenn Martin chatting with Chris Hammer about his new Australian crime novel 'Trust' in this FREE Zoom author talk.



In association with Allen & Unwin Australia.



Wednesday
14 October
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**"We may sit in our
library and yet be in
all quarters of the
earth"**

John Lubbock

1834 - 1913

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