

Summer & Reads



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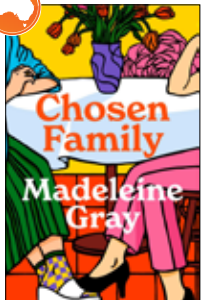


Welcome to our Reading Guide



This is your guide to unmissable summer reads. Inside you'll find the very best new releases — from unputdownable fiction and fascinating true stories to inspiring cookbooks and charming picture books for young readers. As independent booksellers, we're dedicated to connecting readers with stories that spark joy, curiosity, and imagination. Our shelves are thoughtfully curated, and our team is always here to help you discover your next favourite book. If you don't spot it in these pages, just ask — we'd love to help you find it.

Happy reading!



Summit Books

CHOSEN FAMILY

Madeleine Gray

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Books about friendship are not often described as love stories, but this is one. A sexy, romantic, queer, epic literary novel by the award-winning author of *Green Dot*. Written with Gray's characteristic compassion, wit, and dark humour, *Chosen Family* is a modern classic for the ages.



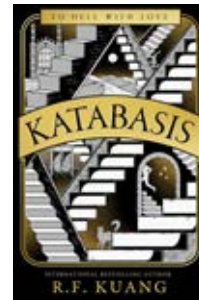
Allen & Unwin

VERY IMPRESSIVE FOR YOUR AGE

Eleanor Kirk

Paperback RRP \$34.99

What happens when overnight the Next Big Thing becomes a nobody? Twenty-six-year-old Evelyn is well on her way to becoming an international opera star... until one-night, mid-performance, she inexplicably loses her voice. With no cure in sight, she's forced to put her dreams on pause, flying back to her hometown to wait out her recovery.



Voyager

KATABASIS

R.F. Kuang

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Katabasis, noun, Ancient Greek. The story of a hero's descent to the underworld. Alice Law has only had one goal: to become the brightest mind in analytic magick. But the only person who can make her dream come true is dead and in Hell. And Alice, along with her rival Peter Murdoch, is going after him. Will they triumph, or kill each other trying?



Penguin

EVERYONE IN THIS BANK IS A THIEF

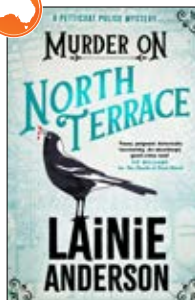
Benjamin Stevenson

Paperback RRP \$34.99

I've spent the last few years solving murders. But a bank heist is a new one, even for me. I've never been a hostage before. Turns out, more than one person planned to rob the bank today. You can steal more from a bank than just money.

Who is stealing what? And are they willing to kill for it? The latest instalment in the bestselling mystery series.

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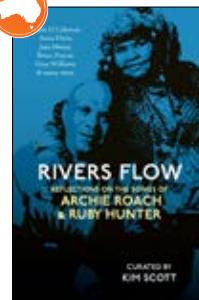
Hachette Australia

MURDER ON NORTH TERRACE

Lainie Anderson

Paperback RRP \$32.99

The indomitable Miss Cocks and Ethel Bromley return in the next charmingly cosy *Petticoat Police Mystery*, inspired by one of Australia's first policewomen. Adelaide, September 1917. A powerful board governor has been found dead in the Art Gallery. They need to catch her killer, and quickly. Alas, murder in Adelaide is never a simple affair...



Fremantle Press

RIVERS FLOW

Curated by Kim Scott

Paperback RRP \$34.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome
Rivers Flow honours the profound musical and cultural legacy of Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter. Curated and introduced by two-time Miles Franklin winner, and Noongar man, Kim Scott, this special volume brings together 23 First Nations writers from across Australia to share stories, personal reflections, and poems that resonate with the legacy of these beloved artists.

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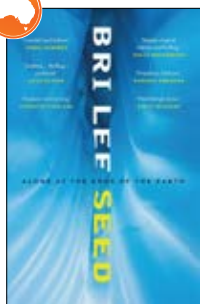
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Australian Fiction



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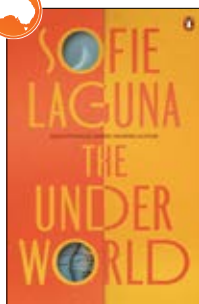
Bri Lee

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Thrilling, original and almost unbearably suspenseful, *Seed* offers an uneasy glimpse into isolation, love and our worst fears. From the bestselling author of *Eggshell Skull* and *The Work*.

'Bri Lee's expertly crafted novel is an

urgent philosophical questioning of humanity and responsibility. It's also an equally persuasive thriller. Dynamic and moving.' – Christos Tsiolkas



Penguin

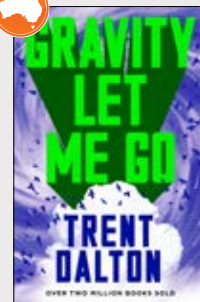
THE UNDERWORLD

Sofie Laguna

Paperback RRP \$34.99

The Underworld is for every reader you know; thinkers, laughers, empathes, quirky folk, queer folk, nostalgists, the young and those getting on. Readers seeking a happy ending and anyone ready to feel. Anyone who has ever been fourteen. The

much awaited new novel from the Miles Franklin Award-winning author, Sofie Laguna.



4th Estate

GRAVITY LET ME GO

Trent Dalton

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Noah Cork has just published the scoop of a lifetime: a white-hot true-crime book about a cold-blooded killer who slipped an unfolding murder mystery into his mailbox. But, in his seeming moment of triumph, Noah is hurtling headfirst into a

swirling storm of secrets. He must cling for dear life to the only story that ever really mattered. Dark, gritty, hilarious and unexpected, *Gravity Let Me Go* is Trent Dalton's deeply personal exploration of marriage and ambition, truth-telling and truth-omitting, self-deception and self-preservation.



Atlantic Books Australia

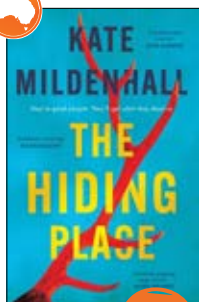
THE WORST THING I'VE EVER DONE

Clare Stephens

Paperback RRP \$32.99

Ruby Williams' name starts trending online. She's uploaded an interview with a social media personality who has built her profile by policing exactly what women are allowed to say and how they're allowed to say it. Ruby is at the centre

of a brutal public shaming, watching on in horror as her own reputation is torn apart.



Scribner Australia

THE HIDING PLACE

Kate Mildenhall

Paperback RRP \$34.99

They're good people. Why shouldn't they get what they deserve? *White Lotus* meets *The Slap* in a razor-sharp literary thriller about deception and self-deception, and how far people will go to protect what they feel they ought to have.

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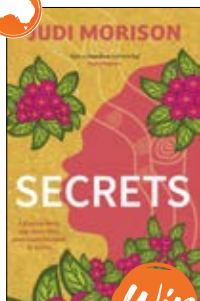
A GREAT ACT OF LOVE

Heather Rose

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Van Diemen's Land, 1839. A young woman of means arrives in Hobart, with a young boy in her care. Leasing an old cottage next to an abandoned vineyard, Caroline Douglas must navigate an insular colony of exiles and opportunists

to create a new life on this island of extreme seasons and wild beauty. But Caroline is carrying a secret of such magnitude it has led her to cross the world, and it will take all she is made of to bring it into the light. Soaring from the champagne vineyards of revolutionary France to London and early colonial Australia, *A Great Act of Love* is a spellbinding novel of legacy, passion and reinvention. At its heart is a family with champagne in their blood and a fearless daughter determined to rewrite fate.



Bundy

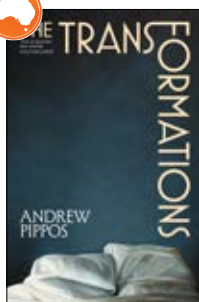
SECRETS

Judi Morison

Paperback RRP \$34.99

A sweeping saga spanning more than half a century, *Secrets* has a cast of indelible characters whose lives have been devastated by racism, trauma, addiction, incarceration, loss and shame. Yet for all that their secrets break your heart, Ruth and her

family ultimately leave it stronger. Enter now for your chance to WIN a set of First Nations titles from Bundy. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Picador Australia

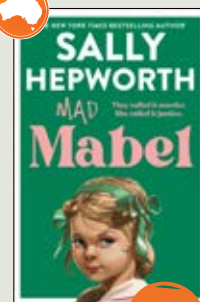
THE TRANSFORMATIONS

Andrew Pippas

Paperback RRP \$34.99

With a deft wit and a sharp eye for emotional complexity, author Andrew Pippas examines the stories we tell ourselves, and the ways people handle grief, guilt and generational change.

The Transformations is a novel about endings - of dreams, relationships, institutions- and the chance of new beginnings. From the award-winning author of *Lucky's*.



Macmillan Australia

MAD MABEL

Sally Hepworth

Paperback RRP \$34.99

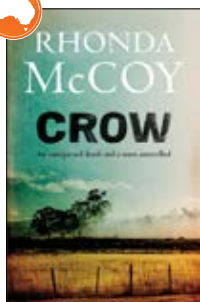
In 1959, fifteen-year-old Mabel Waller became the youngest Australian in history to be convicted of murder.

In 2025, on a quiet Melbourne lane, an elderly man is found dead by his neighbour, 81-year-old Elsie Fitzpatrick. No one suspects any foul play.

Until they discover Elsie's past. In the 1950s, her name was not Elsie. It was Mabel. She is known around the world as Mad Mabel. But is she mad? More importantly, is she guilty?

New York Times bestselling author Sally Hepworth is at her finest in this twisty, compulsive thriller of friendship, family and murder. Or is it justice . . . ?

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Ventura Press

CROW

Rhonda McCoy

Paperback RRP \$32.99

When gentleman farmer Harold Crow dies after routine surgery in rural Tasmania, his death exposes a web of forbidden love, secret offspring, and devastating betrayals that will tear two families apart. Set in the stunning landscape of

Tasmania's southern highlands, this blend of classic Australian family saga and medical intrigue brims with unexpected twists and turns.



HQ Fiction

BETTER THAN THE REAL THING

Brooke Crawford

Paperback RRP \$32.99

25 November release, advance orders welcome

Notting Hill meets *Bridget Jones Baby* in this whip-smart, funny, emotionally charged story about messy pasts and second chances. Melbourne teacher Netta Phillips is forced to face

her past, and uncertain future, when she flies to London to return a private diary to a celebrity musician. Sparks fly among the chaos.

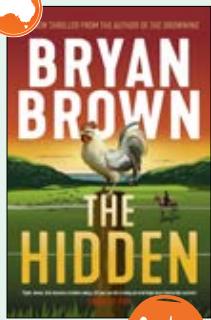


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New Fiction



Allen & Unwin



THE HIDDEN

Bryan Brown

Paperback RRP \$34.99

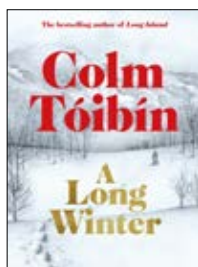
4 November release, advance orders welcome

The Heads was once a small village on the NSW north coast. Now it's a large village with a lot of action below the surface. A shipment of coke, a crime squad investigation and a drug overdose keep the local sergeant pretty busy.

Someone is preying on the women of The Heads. And what does the discovery of buried roosters in the forest mean to a young boy?

Will Sergeant William Jarrett uncover what is really going on or will it all remain hidden? Bryan Brown's distinctive storytelling voice returns in this unflinching, gripping novel.

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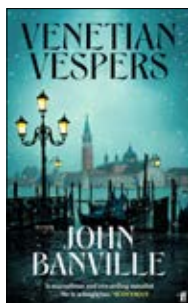
A LONG WINTER

Colm Tóibín

Hardback RRP \$29.99

Published as a standalone novella for the first time, *A Long Winter* is a psychologically intricate and emotionally devastating story from the bestselling author of *Brooklyn* and *Long Island*.

A Long Winter is 'a superbly powerful tale of betrayal and desertion' (*Spectator*), but also a delicate tale of our search for love and companionship.



Faber Fiction

VENETIAN VESPERS

John Banville

Paperback RRP \$34.99

1899. As the new century approaches, English hack-writer Evelyn Dolman marries Laura Rensselaer, the daughter of a wealthy American plutocrat. But in the midst of a mysterious rift between Laura and her father, Evelyn's plans of a substantial inheritance are

thrown into doubt. An eerie, Venice-set novel from the bestselling Booker Prize-winning author.



Headline

KING SORROW

Joe Hill

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Like *The Secret History* colliding with *IT*, this exhilarating, emotional and genre-bending novel is perfect for fans of Stephen King and Catriona Ward. 'A brilliantly Faustian fable with a heart as huge as a dragon's, and a stinging twist in its tail. I devoured it!' - Ruth Ware



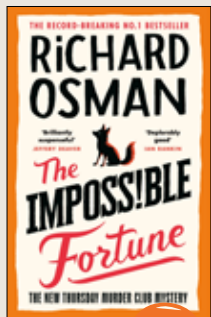
Jonathan Cape

WHAT WE CAN KNOW

Ian McEwan

Paperback RRP \$34.99

From 2014 to the year 2119, in a world submerged by rising seas, *What We Can Know* spans the past, present and future to ask profound questions about who we are and where we are going. A quest, a literary thriller and a love story, *What We Can Know* is a masterpiece.



Viking Fiction



THE IMPOSSIBLE FORTUNE

Richard Osman

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Who's got time to think about murder when there's a wedding to plan? But when Elizabeth meets a wedding guest who fears for their life, the thrill of the chase is ignited once again.

A villain wants access to an uncrackable code and will stop at nothing

to get it. Plunged back into their most explosive investigation yet, can the gang solve the puzzle and a murder in time? The next unmissable mystery in the bestselling, record-breaking *Thursday Murder Club* series.

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HarperCollins

THE HEIR APPARENT

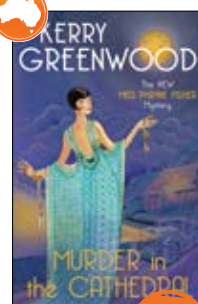
Rebecca Armitage

Paperback RRP \$34.99

25 November release, advance orders welcome

When a terrible accident claims the life of her father and brother, everything changes for Lexi Villiers. Because Lexi is Princess Alexandrina, now heir apparent to the British throne. With the Crown

just within her grasp, Lexi must choose what she is willing to leave behind. A stylish, delicious and compulsive novel.



Allen & Unwin



MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL

Kerry Greenwood

Paperback RRP \$34.99

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When Phryne Fisher is invited to Bendigo to witness the investiture of her old friend Lionel, who is being made a Bishop, her expectations of the solemn and dignified ceremony do not include

a murder. Can Phryne bring to light the proof she needs before the murderer strikes again?

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Translated Fiction



Manilla



DAYS AT THE TORUNKA CAFÉ

Satoshi Yagisawa

Paperback RRP \$24.99

From the bestselling author of the Morisaki Bookshop novels

comes a charming and poignant story set at a quiet Tokyo café where customers find unexpected connection and experience everyday miracles.

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Scribner

DINNER AT THE NIGHT LIBRARY

Hika Harada

Paperback RRP \$29.99

Dinner at the Night Library is a heartwarming literary mystery

filled with quirky characters, Japanese culture and mouthwatering meals. It asks why books matter and offers a cheer of encouragement to everybody who believes they do. Ultimately, it is a paean to reading and the relevance of books through the ages—past, present, and future.



Pan

THE MENU OF HAPPINESS

Hisashi Kashiwai

Paperback RRP \$22.99

The Kamogawa Diner doesn't just serve food – it revives the

essence of forgotten recipes and rejuvenates cherished memories. Each dish is a portal to the past, serving not just sustenance but solace and reconnection through the miracle of delicious food. *The Menu of Happiness* follows on from *The Kamogawa Food Detectives* and *The Restaurant of Lost Recipes*.



Harper One

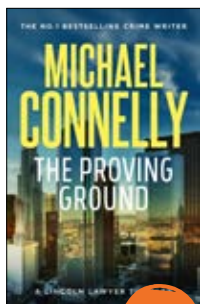
THE LUCKY RIDE

Yasushi Kitagawa

Paperback RRP \$32.99

In this charming story, the unluckiest man in Japan is given a chance to flip his fortunes when a mysterious driver appears. In *The Lucky Ride*, you'll embark on a journey that shows us that luck is a result of the choices you make and the positive energy you bring into the world.

Thrilling Reads



Allen & Unwin



THE PROVING GROUND

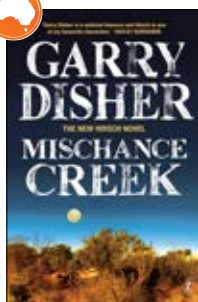
Michael Connelly

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Mickey Haller has moved from criminal to civil court, but murder remains in his sights—the case of a chatbot encouraging the killing of a teenage girl. Mickey files a civil lawsuit against the artificial intelligence company responsible for

the chatbot and instantly finds himself on the wild frontier of the billion-dollar AI industry.

Enter now for your chance to WIN a pack of our favourite Michael Connelly thrillers. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Text Publishing

MISCHANCE CREEK

Garry Disher

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Mischance Creek is the next book in the Australian rural crime series by bestselling author Garry Disher, featuring beloved local copper Hirsch. When Hirsch meets a young woman who is searching a rural backwater for the body of her mother, who went missing seven years ago, it is a cold case he can't resist.



Macmillan Australia

LAST ONE OUT

Jane Harper

Paperback RRP \$34.99

In a dying town, Ro Crowley waits for her son on the evening of his 21st birthday. But Sam never comes home. His footprints in the dust of three abandoned houses offer the only clue to his final movements. One set in. One set out.

Five long years later, Ro returns to Carralon Ridge for the annual memorial of Sam's disappearance. The skeletal community is now an echo of itself, having fractured under the pressure of the coal mine operating on its outskirts. But Ro still wants answers. Only a few people remain. If the truth is to be found in that town, does it lie among them?



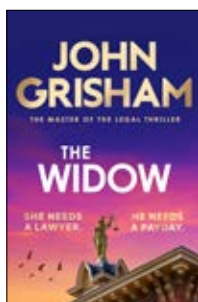
HarperCollins

THE MISSING

Fleur McDonald

Paperback RRP \$34.99

During Missing Persons Week, a teenager disappears after a party at the local two-up ring on the outskirts of Kalgoorlie. Was he under the influence of drugs or has something more sinister happened? Can Detective Angie Sullivan discover the secrets of the bush before any more kids go missing?



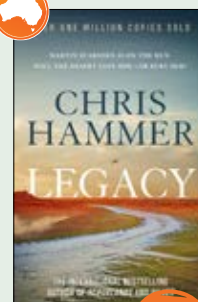
Hodder & Stoughton

THE WIDOW

John Grisham

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Simon Latch is a struggling small-town lawyer. But when Eleanor Barnett, a wealthy 85-year-old widow, visits his office to secure a new will, it seems his luck has finally changed. But as Eleanor's story begins to crack, Simon realises that nothing is as it seems. And as events spiral out of control, he finds himself on trial for a crime he swears he didn't commit: murder.



Allen & Unwin



LEGACY

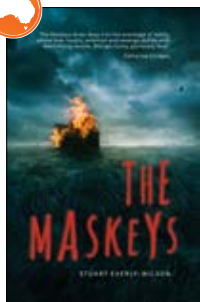
Chris Hammer

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Someone is targeting Martin Scarsden. They bomb his book launch and shoot up his hometown. Fleeing for his life, he learns that nowhere is safe, not even the outback. The killers are closing in, and it's all he can do to survive. But who wants to kill him and why? In a dramatic finale, Martin finds his fate linked to the disgraced

ex-wife of a football icon, a fugitive wanted for a decades-old murder, and two nineteenth-century explorers from a legendary expedition.

Free book! Purchase a copy of *Legacy* and receive a copy of *Silver* (TV tie-in edition). *While stocks last.



Transit Lounge

THE MASKEYS

Stuart Everly-Wilson

Paperback RRP \$34.99

A small Australian town. The story of an extraordinary family. *The Maskeys* is a thrilling and groundbreaking portrayal of the overlooked, both tender and incisive. From the author of the critically acclaimed *Low Expectations*.



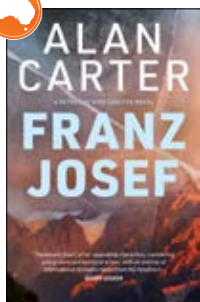
Fremantle Press

O'KEEFE

David Whish-Wilson

Paperback RRP \$34.99

O'Keefe is a pulse-pounding thriller that takes a hard look at the Australian 'cocaine gold rush', where maritime crime meets the ruthless currents of the underworld. 'Vivid, dark, evocative. A hair-raising ride through Australia's criminal underworld.' - Chris Hammer



Fremantle Press

FRANZ JOSEF

Alan Carter

Paperback RRP \$34.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome

DS Nick Chester returns with a new case that will test his limits. The tiny South Island town of Franz Josef is perched precariously on New Zealand's Alpine Fault. It already faces devastating earthquakes, floods and landslides. And now it harbours a killer.



Wild Dingo Press

REVELATION BEACH

Susan Francis

Paperback RRP \$32.99

Secrets, cover-ups and a past that won't stay buried — *Revelation Beach* is a compelling literary thriller set against the backdrop of East Timor's invasion and the Balibo Five. As Eleanor unravels hidden truths, readers are drawn into a gripping story of betrayal, resilience and the search for justice.



Affirm Press

THE LONG NIGHT

Christian White

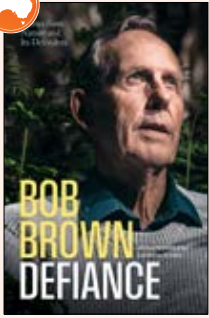
Paperback RRP \$34.99

Em has lived a quiet life with her complicated mother and is now looking for love and a potential escape from her small hometown. When a masked man kidnaps her, she is drawn into a terrifying world.

Jodie has been trying to forget a troubling time in her life, pouring her trauma into her work. Until her daughter is kidnapped and Jodie is dragged back into the violence. As Em and Jodie race into the darkness, the agony of the past rushes up to meet them. It will take all their devotion and courage to escape this night alive. *The Long Night* is the darkest and most exhilarating novel yet from bestselling author Christian White.



Biographies and



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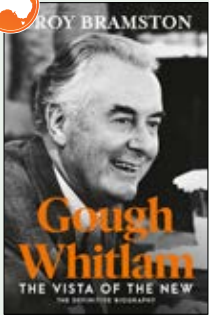
DEFIANCE

Bob Brown

Paperback RRP \$36.99

Stories of courage and conviction from the environmental frontline. For half a century, Bob Brown has been standing up to the powerful interests who would put profit before planet. In *Defiance*, he draws on this experience to inspire a new generation of

individual and collective action. He reflects on the people and places that have shaped him, celebrates the irreplaceable beauty and value of nature and shares what motivates him to keep fighting. He considers the challenges facing nature's defenders – hostile corporate lobbyists, vilification in the press, the powerful pull of consumerism – and shows how courage, persistence and community can defeat them all.



HarperCollins

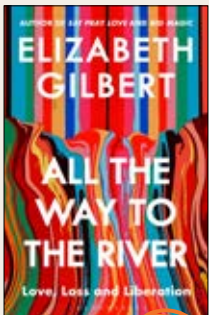
GOUGH WHITLAM

Troy Bramston

Hardback RRP \$55.00

There has been no one like Gough Whitlam in public life – a charismatic, inspirational and visionary leader who ushered in a reform revolution to modernise Australia, which endures to this day. This definitive biography of Australia's twenty-first prime minister is the first

since his death in 2014, providing an unvarnished analysis of his achievements and failures, how he governed, and the dramatic story of his dismissal on Remembrance Day, 1975. Fifty years later, it could not be timelier.



Bloomsbury

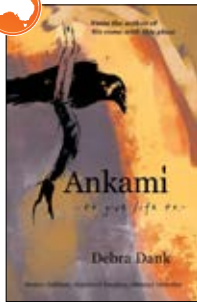
ALL THE WAY TO THE RIVER

Elizabeth Gilbert

Paperback RRP \$34.99

All the Way to the River is a landmark memoir that will resonate with anyone who has ever been captive to love or to any other passion, substance or craving and who yearns, at long last, for liberation. The bestselling writer who taught millions of readers to live

authentically with *Eat Pray Love* and creatively with *Big Magic* now shows readers how to break free. Enter now for your chance to WIN a pack of Elizabeth Gilbert titles, including *Eat Pray Love* and *Big Magic*. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Echo

ANKAMI

Debra Dank

Paperback RRP \$32.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome

Debra Dank had been aware of her father's five siblings, but they seemed to be one of the very few Aboriginal families who had escaped having children stolen. Then she discovers her paternal

grandmother gave birth to ten children. *Ankami* is a searing, unforgettable and deeply human account of sorrow and incomprehensible loss, and the essential power of memory.



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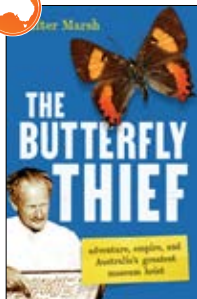
FUTURE BOY

Michael J. Fox

Paperback RRP \$32.99

In early 1985, Michael J. Fox was one of the biggest stars on television. His world was about to get even bigger, but only if he could survive the kind of double duty unheard of in Hollywood. Sitcom during the day, movie at night – day after day, for months.

In *Future Boy*, Fox tells this remarkable story – a slice of entertainment history that's never been told.



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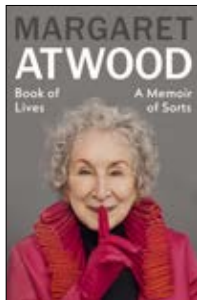
THE BUTTERFLY THIEF

Walter Marsh

Paperback RRP \$36.99

The story of the most audacious serial heist in the history of Australia's museums – and the British gentleman adventurer who pulled it off and got away with it – in a scientific true crime caper stretching around the globe. Drawing on

unpublished case files, dossiers, and private archives, award-winning journalist Walter Marsh pieces together this remarkable story.



Chatto & Windus

BOOK OF LIVES

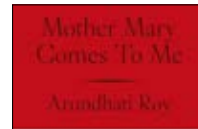
Margaret Atwood

Hardback RRP \$69.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome

The greatest writer of our time tells her own story. Immerse yourself in the creative universe of Margaret Atwood for a riot of life, art and everything in between. From this unconventional

start, Atwood unfolds the story of her life, linking key moments to the books that have shaped our literary landscape.



Hamish Hamilton

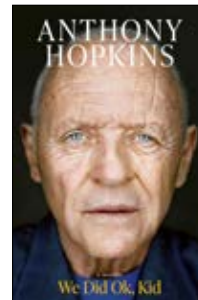
MOTHER MARY COMES TO ME

Arundhati Roy

Paperback RRP \$36.99

Arundhati Roy's first work of memoir, this is a soaring account, both intimate and inspiring, of how the author became the person and the writer she is, shaped by circumstance, but above all by her relationship to

her extraordinary, singular mother Mary, who she describes as 'my shelter and my storm'.



Simon & Schuster

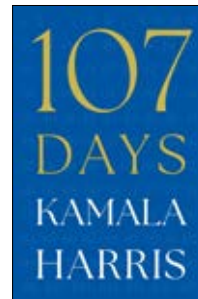
WE DID OK, KID

Anthony Hopkins

Hardback RRP \$55.00

With candour and vulnerability, Sir Anthony Hopkins recounts his early life, career milestones and provides a rare look into the brilliance behind some of his most iconic roles. Sir Anthony also takes a deeply honest look at his personal life, from

addiction to sobriety. *We Did OK, Kid* is a raw and passionate memoir from a complex, iconic man.



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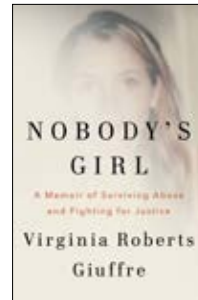
107 DAYS

Kamala Harris

Hardback RRP \$49.99

For the first time, and with surprising and revealing insights, Kamala Harris tells the story of one of the wildest and most consequential presidential campaigns in American history. Written with candor, a unique perspective, and

the pace of a page-turning novel, *107 Days* takes you inside the race for the presidency as no one has ever done before.



Doubleday

NOBODY'S GIRL

Virginia Roberts Giuffre

Paperback RRP \$36.99

The extraordinarily powerful and unforgettable memoir by the woman who stood up and spoke out about Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

Daughter. Prisoner. Survivor. Warrior.

Nobody's Girl... This is Virginia Roberts Giuffre's last word. *Nobody's Girl* is a remarkable recounting of one woman's fortitude in the face of depravity and despair and the legacy she leaves behind.

True Stories



Macmillan

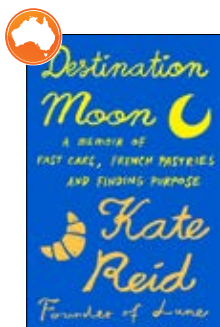
WHAT HAVE I DONE?

Ben Elton

Paperback RRP \$36.99

What has Ben Elton done? Well he's pretty much done everything and worked with everybody and now he's telling the whole story in one unputdownable volume. Sixty-five years in the making, this frank, forthright and hugely

entertaining autobiography takes a deep dive into Ben's life and times, both private and public.



Simon & Schuster

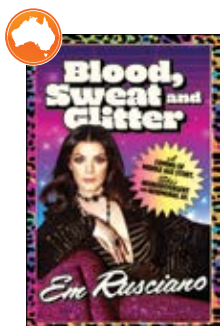
DESTINATION MOON

Kate Reid

Hardback RRP \$49.99

Destination Moon is an open-hearted memoir about passion and finding purpose. From the grey skies of England and Monaco's glittering, million-dollar harbour, to Melbourne's trendy café scene and the spellbinding counters of Parisian

patisseries, Kate searched for something that would bring meaning and passion back into her life. A mid-career one-eighty would lead her from Formula 1 to opening the world-famous Lune Croissanterie.



Pantera Press

BLOOD, SWEAT AND GLITTER

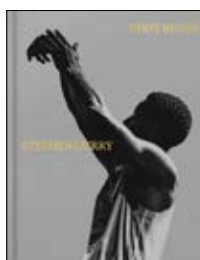
Em Rusciano

Paperback RRP \$36.99

Em Rusciano didn't mean to write a memoir. She meant to write something fun. Light. Instead, she bled onto the page.

Blood, Sweat and Glitter charts the wild, messy, life-altering five years that changed everything. This

book contains everything Em couldn't say at the time. Hilarious and candid, *Blood, Sweat and Glitter* is for anyone pretending they're fine while quietly falling apart.



Macmillan

SHOT READY

Steph Curry

Hardback RRP \$65.00

Steph Curry has had a dream career. In *Shot Ready*, Curry shares his full story with the public for the first time. In three parts – Rookie, Pro and Veteran – he takes the reader through his career

in remarkable and intimate detail, telling stories and detailing lessons he learned at different points throughout.



Murdoch Books

GUTS

Melissa Leong

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Melissa Leong may have been the first female judge of *MasterChef Australia*, but hers was no overnight triumph. In this sharp, darkly funny account of what it's like to try, fail and scrape together the confidence to try again, Leong invites us to

consider our own limiting self-beliefs... and give them the finger.



Bloomsbury

BREAD OF ANGELS

Patti Smith

Paperback RRP \$34.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome

A radiant new memoir from beloved artist and writer Patti Smith. The most intimate of Smith's memoirs, *Bread of Angels* takes us from her childhood and teenage years where the first glimmers of art and romance take hold, to her marriage and family. As Smith suffers profound losses, grief and gratitude are braided through years of caring for her children, rebuilding her life and, finally, writing again.



Hachette Australia

ALWAYS YOU

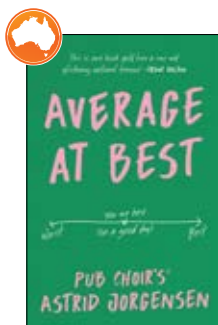
Chloe Fisher

Paperback RRP \$34.99

From the creator of *Darling, Shine!* comes an unforgettable memoir about fertility, family, grief and love.

Always You is more than a memoir - it's the handbook Chloe wishes she had to help her heal. Alongside her

honest, heartfelt story are breakout sections filled with guidance, reflections, and tools for anyone navigating fertility, grief or uncertainty.



Simon & Schuster

AVERAGE AT BEST

Astrid Jorgensen

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Average At Best is a powerful, funny, and honest memoir about embracing mediocrity if you want to get anything done. As the creator of Pub Choir® – a global phenomenon that unites complete strangers to connect, laugh, and make

beautiful music – Astrid takes you behind the curtain as she unflinchingly stares down her dizzying highs, her crushing lows, and everything in between.



ABC Books

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MARY PENFOLD

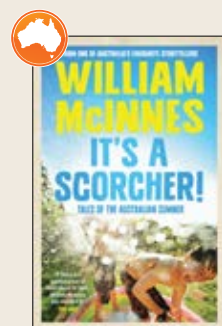
Grantlee Kieza

Hardback RRP \$49.99

Wine has been part of the Australian landscape since the First Fleet delivered vines along with the convicts and free settlers to Sydney Cove in 1788 and helped make the Australian wine industry the envy of the world. This is the inspiring story of Mary Penfold, the mother of

the Australian wine industry - a self-taught vintner and business genius who emigrated to a frontier settlement and built her family's small vineyard into one of the world's most respected winemakers.

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Hachette Australia

IT'S A SCORCHER!

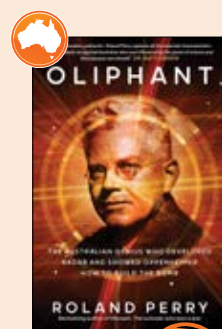
William McInnes

Paperback RRP \$34.99

There is something about long, hot summer days that stirs our emotions. It's all about holidays, festivals, family and Christmas; a time for swimming, a hit of backyard cricket or firing up the barbie. It's the deafening sound of cicadas, the ticking of a

backyard sprinkler, the pain of a wayward bindi or the sting of sunburnt shoulders.

In this collection of nostalgic stories that will make you laugh and make you cry, William McInnes recalls moments in time and memories of summers past. This is a book about the Australia we are and the Australia we were - and the magic of those boiling-hot days when you wake up and know... it's going to be a scorcher!



Allen & Unwin

Win

OLIPHANT

Roland Perry

Paperback RRP \$34.99

6 August 1945: the United States launches the world's first nuclear attack on Japan. J. Robert Oppenheimer will be remembered as the father of the bomb, but it was Australian physicist Sir Mark Oliphant and his lab who discovered how it could be built. More than just a chronicle of an

extraordinary scientist, Oliphant reveals the legacy of a man who faced a moral reckoning in the bomb's aftermath and later transformed into a vocal advocate for peace and nuclear disarmament.

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Lovely Picture Books



Hardie Grant Children's

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CASTLE CRASHING

Andrea Rowe & Hannah Sommerville

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Bonnie knows how to build sandcastles best, but her friends insist on building their own castles every way but Bonnie's way. They sift and sculpt and burrow in the soft, white sand,

happily playing by their own rules. No-one listens to Bonnie. Soon, her anger boils over and she storms off across the dunes.

Bonnie's friends are patient and understanding; they will wait for her to navigate her feelings. But can Bonnie show herself the same kindness? **Age: 3+**

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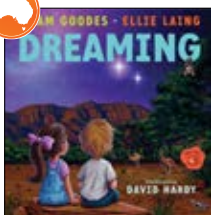
I'D RATHER BE A CAT

Laura & Philip Bunting

Hardback RRP \$19.99

Kid-life is the worst! Chores. Boring! Showers. Why? Sunscreen. Argh! Life would be so much better as a carefree cat... Wouldn't it?

From the quirky and celebrated author/illustrator duo of *Another Book About Bears* comes this new picture book series about the grass not necessarily being greener on the other side. **Age: 3+**



Allen & Unwin

DREAMING: WELCOME TO OUR COUNTRY

Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing & David Hardy (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Told in a child's voice, *Dreaming* is a joyful

and thought-provoking story in the bestselling and award-winning *Welcome to Our Country* series, and follows one young girl as she imagines what it might be like to be part of the Dreaming, past and present.

Age: 4+



Lothian Children's Books

THE PEACH KING

Inga Simpson & Tannya Harricks (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

When Little Peach Tree was just a sapling, all they could see was row upon row of other peach trees. And, on top of the hill, watching over the orchard - the Peach King.

A contemporary fable about the resilience of nature from Inga Simpson, one of Australia's leading nature writers, with paintings by acclaimed illustrator Tannya Harricks.

Age: 5+



Scholastic UK

PAPER CHASE

Julia Donaldson & Victoria Sandø (illus)

Hardback RRP \$26.99

Two friends, a special tree ... and the extraordinary story of how paper is made. A brilliantly original and moving story from the bestselling Julia

Donaldson. Stunningly beautiful, with exquisite illustrations by Victoria Sandø. **Age: 3+**



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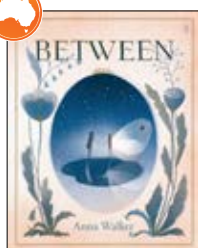
SUNDAYS UNDER THE LEMON TREE

Julia Busuttil Nishimura & Myo Yim (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome
A heartwarming picture book celebrating family,

tradition, and culinary adventures. With themes of connection, heritage, and simple pleasures, this collaboration between Julia Busuttil Nishimura and Myo Yim celebrates the multigenerational bonds between food and family history. **Age: 3+**



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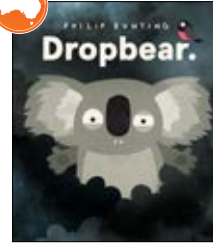
BETWEEN

Anna Walker

Hardback RRP \$27.99

A cabbage moth and a cricket meet for the first time in the quiet space between twilight and dawn. As the unlikely pair discover each other's worlds, friendship blooms in unexpected places.

From award-winning creator Anna Walker comes a poetic tale of connection and understanding. **Age: 3+**



Walker Books Australia

DROPBEAR

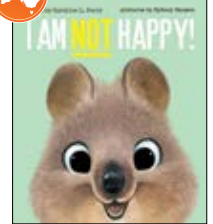
Philip Bunting

Hardback RRP \$25.99

Philip Bunting - author of award-winning titles *Mopoke* and *Not Cute* - introduces the most enigmatic creature in the Australian bush.

They say Dropbear is mean, Dropbear is savage. But They are the gossips... Meet Dropbear, if you dare, and decide for yourself!

Age: 4+



Affirm Kids

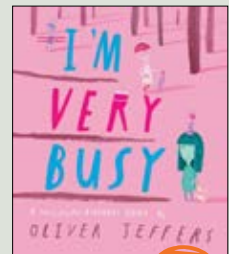
I AM NOT HAPPY!

Caroline L. Perry & Sydney Hanson (illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.99

Meet Quokka! You might know him as the Happiest Animal on Earth. But although Quokka has puffy cheeks, bright eyes, and a beaming grin, he is

definitely not happy. At least not all of the time. Looks can be deceiving, so join Quokka at Rottnest Island and allow him to clear up the biggest marsupial misunderstanding. **Age: 3+**



HarperCollins Children's

I'M VERY BUSY

Oliver Jeffers

Hardback RRP \$24.99

In the newest picture book from Oliver Jeffers, his bold and brilliant art pairs with a powerful story that makes readers realise what truly matters. A poignant - and laugh-out-loud funny - story about our busy lives and how we

can fix our mistakes to show our friends how much we care. **Age: 3+**

Enter now for your chance to WIN a pack of our favourite Oliver Jeffers picture books. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



More Picture Books



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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEST

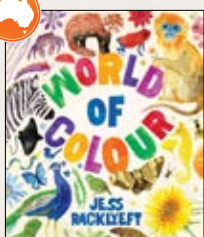
Sarah Jane Lightfoot

Hardback RRP \$24.99

Maggie the magpie is very surprised when she finds an extra egg in her nest. Whose egg could it be? Does it belong to

the kookaburras at the end of the path? Or the galahs by the oval? Or maybe the rainbow lorikeets in the gum trees? Maggie is on a mission across the sky and through the neighbourhood to find the egg's family.

Age: 3+



Affirm Kids

WORLD OF COLOUR

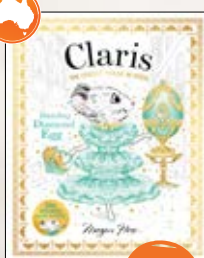
Jess Racklyeft

Hardback RRP \$29.99

Here is a celebration of the stunning plants and animals of our wonderful world, from bright pink American Flamingoes to warm yellow Sunflowers, glowing green Leaf Sheep, vivid orange

Sumatran Orangutans, stripy black-and-white Plains Zebras, and many more.

Come and take a closer look at nature's paintbox, from one of Australia's best-loved picture book creators. Age: 3+



Hardie Grant Children's

CLARIS: DAZZLING DIAMOND EGG

Megan Hess

Hardback RRP \$26.99

In her latest adventure in Paris, Claris must find a missing Fabergé egg with her best friend, Monsieur! Compassion is always in fashion in this beloved series by acclaimed children's author and

fashion illustrator Megan Hess. Age: 3+

Enter now for your chance to WIN a Claris plush & book pack. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Scholastic Australia

WE ARE ALL AMAZING

P. Crumble & Jonathan Bentley (illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.99

1 December release, advance orders welcome

No matter who you are with all your

unique talents and quirks, this book celebrates the ways in which we are all ... AMAZING. A beautifully illustrated picture book about loving yourself for who you are. From the bestselling series *We Are All* by a talented duo. Age: 3+



Scholastic Press

BOWERBIRD BLOOM

Aura Parker

Hardback RRP \$19.99

1 November release, advance orders welcome

I am a dancer. Flitting, floating, in the purple rain. Growing, changing and collecting blue.

But what happens when you want too much? Join

the bowerbird chicks as they spread their wings in this tale of family and forgiveness, from the bestselling author of *Bowerbird Blues*. Age: 3+



Hardie Grant Children's

NOW YOU ARE A CHICKEN

Andrew McDonald & Ben Wood

Hardback RRP \$22.99

WELCOME to the only book that turns you into a CHICKEN. I'll just wiggle my fingers and say the magic words ...

From the creators of bestselling series *Real Pigeons* comes this hilarious, interactive and totally transformational picture book that will turn readers into chickens! Age: 2+



Hardie Grant Children's

LITTLE CLOUD

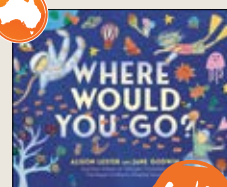
Heidi McKinnon

Board Book RRP \$19.99

25 November release, advance orders welcome

Young readers will love adventuring with *Little Cloud* in this irresistible board book from award-winning

creator Heidi McKinnon. With sweetly rhyming text and delightful illustrations, *Little Cloud's* 'gentle peril' story has just enough drama without being too scary, and plenty of snuggles and sunshine at the end! Age: 1+



Allen & Unwin

WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Alison Lester and Jane Godwin

Hardback RRP \$19.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome

Take a journey through words and drawings in

this magical adventure as the children of The Royal Children's Hospital wonder where everyone at the hospital might go – the doctors, the nurses, the teachers, and even themselves. With a lyrical text and additional artwork from much-loved creators Jane Godwin and Alison Lester. Age: 3+

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Hardie Grant Children's

BEFORE YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES

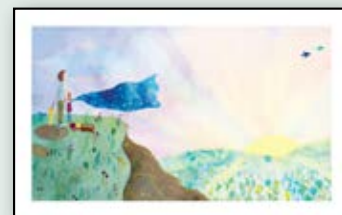
Scott Stuart & Jess Racklyeft (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

With gentle lullaby-like text and warm, comforting art,

Before You Close Your Eyes encourages children to reflect on their day, be proud of what they've achieved and let go of the things they can't control as they head off to sleep. Age: 2+

Enter now for your chance to WIN a print featuring a gorgeous illustration from the book. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



Scholastic Press

SOME DAYS YOU'LL HAVE DAYS LIKE THESE

Josh Pyke

Hardback RRP \$26.99

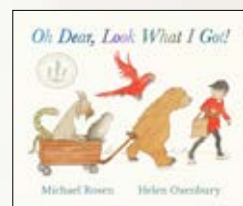
Some days you'll wake up with fair-weather eyes and spring from your bed into butterfly skies.

Some days feel bumpy

and strangely confusing, and it feels like the ground that you've gained, you're now losing.

From glumness to glee, you know you'll push through. Some days are like this, yes, some days that's true.

A captivating picture book about navigating sunny days and sad days, happy days and hard days, from the muchloved, multi-award-winning creators Josh Pyke and Stephen Michael King. Age: 3+



Walker

OH DEAR, LOOK WHAT I GOT!

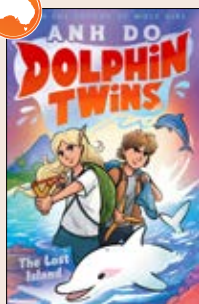
Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

I went to the shop to get me a carrot. Oh dear, they gave me ...

a parrot! Oh dear, look what I got! Do I want that? No I do NOT!

A classic new picture book by the creators of the bestselling *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. Age: 3+



Scholastic Press

THE LOST ISLAND: DOLPHIN TWINS, BOOK 1

Anh Do

Paperback RRP \$17.99

An epic new adventure series from bestselling author Anh Do! Twins Noah and Skye are stranded on a remote island—washed ashore after a wild storm that hit when their village was mysteriously attacked ... and their mum was taken. Isolated from all they know, the twins must learn how to survive in this new world of unknown coast and caves. They'll battle deadly orcas and ravenous sharks ... and befriend an unforgettable family of dolphins.

Will they survive long enough to find out what happened to their mum? Will they ever find their way back home?

Set in the world of the wildly best-selling *Wolf Girl* series, *Dolphin Twins* is an action-packed combo of adventure, mystery, survival and friendship, set upon a backdrop of beaches, bays, abandoned ships and underwater caves. **Age: 8+**



Hardie Grant Children's

TOO BIG TO BE A FAIRY; TOO SMALL TO BE A GIANT

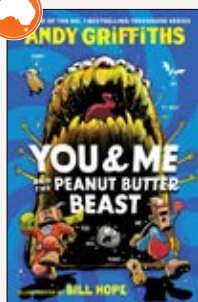
Kiah Thomas & Bec Kitson (illus)

Paperbacks RRP \$12.99 each

A laugh-out-loud early reader series which is sure to spark a love of reading!

Too Big to Be a Fairy: Lola has a BIG plan to get rich quick - and to buy the most beautiful pair of rollerskates she's ever seen!

Too Small to Be a Giant: Lola is on a mission to grow big enough for the water slides - even if it means eating broccoli!... **Age: 4+**



Pan Australia

YOU & ME AND THE PEANUT BUTTER BEAST

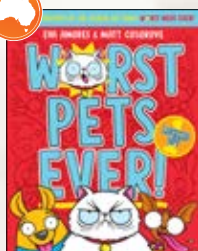
Andy Griffiths & Bob Hope (illus)

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Hey, you - yes, you! Remember when we found that really deep hole and you jumped in and I had to jump in to rescue you and at the bottom of the hole we found the cave of the

legendary Peanut Butter Beast?

What? You don't remember? Well, have I got a story for you! **Age: 8+**



Scholastic Australia

LOCKED UP! WORST PETS BOOK EVER, BOOK 1

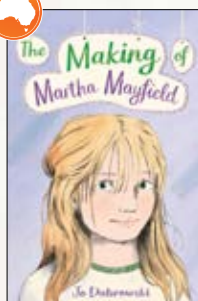
Eva Amores & Matt Cosgrove

Paperback RRP \$15.99

1 November release, advance orders welcome

Captain Fluffykins, Nickers and Brutus are the newest recruits LOCKED UP at

the Worst Pets Ever Obedience School. There are so many rules! The teachers are terrible. Don't even mention the food! And the other students are all kinds of disturbing. The only option for the trio is to team up and make a great escape! **Age: 7+**



Affirm Kids

THE MAKING OF MARTHA MAYFIELD

Jo Dabrowski

Paperback RRP \$17.99

Martha Mayfield has always been the quiet kid, but now she's going to need to find her voice. An endearing, yet funny story about coming out of your shell, finding out what you're capable of, and showing the world who you really are. **Age: 9+**

Children's



Chronicle Books

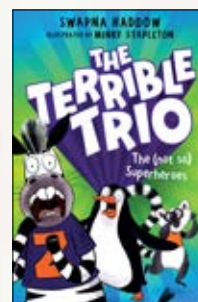
STELLA & MARIGOLD: MERMAIDS AND MIX-UPS

Annie Barrows & Sophie Blackall (illus)

Hardback RRP \$24.99

From the creators of the bestselling *Ivy + Bean* comes a fun and funny new series about two small sisters with very

big imaginations. In *Mermaids and Mix-Ups* Stella and Marigold are on a special quest to make more friends! **Age: 6+**



Scholastic New Zealand

THE (NOT SO) SUPERHEROES: THE TERRIBLE TRIO, BOOK 1

Swapna Haddow & Minky Stapleton (illus)

Paperback RRP \$16.99

In a world where all animals have superpowers, café workers Zeb the zebra, Margarine the penguin and Barry the lemur have been given the WORST powers

of all. Watching all the other superheroes save the world, day in and day out, Zeb, Margarine and Barry wonder if they will ever get to be superheroes for a day themselves. **Age: 5+**



HarperCollins Children's

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MEGA RICH GUINEA PIGS

Kate & Jol Temple

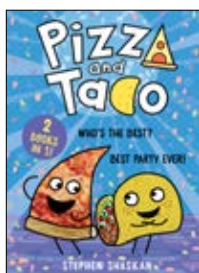
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The world's richest man tragically dies in a rocket experiment gone wrong and the sole heirs to his estate are his four beloved pet guinea pigs.

Not everyone is happy - especially those who are determined to wrestle back their fortune from this

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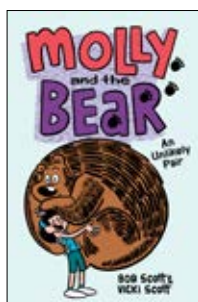
PIZZA AND TACO: WHO'S THE BEST & BEST PARTY EVER!

Stephen Shaskan

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Meet Pizza. Meet Taco. They are besties! In this awesome bind-up of the first two hilarious books, you'll giggle along at their silly adventures. Cute, colourful illustrations

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Bob Scott & Vicki Scott

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When Bear wanders into eleven-year-old Molly's life, she knows she's just met her new bestie. Loyal, sweet—and terrified of almost everything—Bear makes a great new friend.

And he's not scary at all! But try telling that to the rest of the world. Based on the beloved comic strip *Bear with Me*. **Age: 8+**



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MAX A LITTLE AXOLOTL

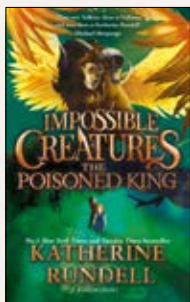
Joey Spiotto

Paperback RRP \$16.99

It's Max's first day at Coral Elementary school. The school is filled with marine animals, like dolphins, crabs, and octopus. But none of the other students have ever seen an axolotl before ... and they have SO MANY QUESTIONS.

Can this little axolotl adjust to his new underwater school or will the pressure just be too much? **Age: 7+**

Fiction



Bloomsbury Children's

THE POISONED KING

Katherine Rundell

Paperback RRP \$18.99

When Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon, his heart leaps for joy. He's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago - the secret islands where all the creatures of myth still live. But he did not know it would involve a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx, or a plan to enter a dragon's lair...

Age: 8+



Hardie Grant Children's

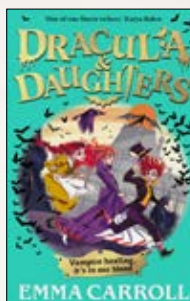
THE LAST EMBER

Lily B Dodd

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Aerimanders are extinct. Or so the government would have you think, having centuries earlier destroyed the last of these deadly, dragon-like creatures. So when twelve-year-old Eva unwittingly purchases an aerimander egg, she becomes a target

and must fight to keep the egg away from power-hungry hands. But what happens when the egg hatches? Age: 10+



Faber Child

DRACULA & DAUGHTERS

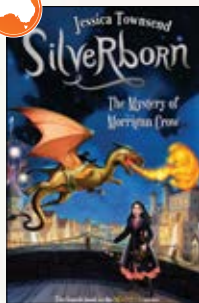
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Strange happenings are afoot in Temstown. Everyone is saying vampires are to blame and the townsfolk have their stakes at the ready. But Mina, Buffy and Bella, three unusual cousins, are about to discover a family secret.

They are descendants of Dracula! They combine their powers to form the infamous vampire healing company, DRACULA & DAUGHTERS!

Age: 9+



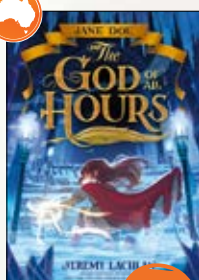
Lothian Children's Books

SILVERBORN

Jessica Townsend

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Jessica Townsend weaves a spellbinding tale of magic and mystery in this thrilling new installment of the Nevermoor series. In the magical city of Nevermoor, long-buried secrets are coming to light, and Morrigan Crow's life is about to turn upside down... Age: 9+



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Sophie Beer's *Thunderhead*. Age: 8+



Simon & Schuster

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A.F. Steadman

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The epic final adventure in the bestselling *Skandar* series. Get ready for unlikely heroes, elemental magic, sky battles, ancient secrets and ferocious unicorns in this highly anticipated adventure that will keep you reading after lights out!

Skandar is in hiding after the Chaos Cup where Rex Manning revealed a game-changing secret. But as Rex prepares to invade the Mainland, the Islanders are not sure who to trust.

With one of Skandar's closest friends now fighting for the enemy, Skandar must build new alliances – including an uneasy truce with Kenna. To defeat Rex, Skandar and his friends will need to look back to the origins of the Island, and harness the full power of their elemental magic.

Can Skandar become the leader he needs to be to save the Mainland – and the heart of the Island itself?

Age: 9+

Discover how it all began in this unmissable Skandar origin story...



Simon & Schuster

THE FIRST UNICORN RIDER

A.F. Steadman

Paperback RRP \$17.99

11 November release, advance orders welcome

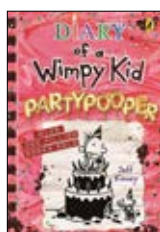
George Penhaligon has only ever wanted adventure. But when his fishing boat is caught in a storm, he ends up shipwrecked on an unknown island. Here he discovers something

magical and terrifying – that unicorns are real and bloodthirsty. Slowly George befriends a wild creature and begins to discover the island's secrets. But there is a dark and sinister presence on the island that is threatening not only the unicorns but the magic of the island itself. Age: 9+

Win

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Bestselling Kids Series



Puffin

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It's Greg's birthday – and you're invited to the chaos. In

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1 November release

All aboard the Crystal Express!

Hotdog, Kev and Lizzie are going on a train! They're not the only important passengers—the train is also carrying the famous Mega Diamond! But wait, someone's stolen it!! The thief must be on board! Age: 5+



Hardie Grant Children's

REAL PIGEONS BIN BADDIES

Andrew McDonald & Ben Wood

Paperback RRP \$16.99

11 November release

The Real Pigeons

are back fighting crime and binning baddies! In the new adventure in this blockbuster series the pigeons realise they might need help from an unlikely ally to make things right again ... Age: 5+



Allen & Unwin

THE BREAK IN: WOLF GIRL, BOOK 14

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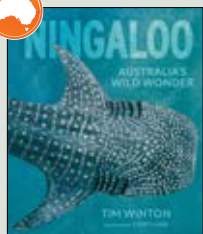
Paperback RRP \$16.99

2 December release

Gwen and her dad are finally reunited! But deep in the

wilderness, a lost spaniel wanders into camp and the gang discovers that dogs are being forced into the dangerous work of digging for minerals along a towering cliff. Sometimes there's no way to stage a break out without first breaking in! Age: 8+

Non-Fiction for Kids



NINGALOO

Tim Winton & Cindy Lane (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$29.99

In the north of Western Australia, where the desert meets the sea, lies one of the last great wild regions on earth. The First Peoples of the region call it Nyinggulu. The rest of the world knows it as Ningaloo. Join award-winning author and passionate conservationist Tim Winton and watercolourist Cindy Lane as they dive into this incredible part of the world. From enormous whale sharks to minuscule Cape Range millipedes, and from colourful coral reefs to muddy mangroves, the biodiversity and interconnectedness of each distinctive ecosystem will fill young readers with wonder and awe. Most importantly, as the next generation of custodians of Ningaloo, they'll discover how to support and protect the region in the years to come.

Age: 5+



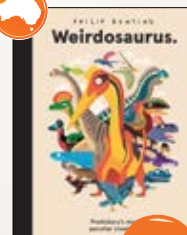
Allen & Unwin

THERE'S A PRAWN IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE: THE KIDS' GUIDE TO AUSTRALIA'S AMAZING DEMOCRACY

Annabel Crabb, illustrated by First Dog on the Moon

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A funny and informative account of how Australia's democracy works, written for kids by one of Australia's best-known and most entertaining political writers and documentary makers, Annabel Crabb. Helpful and hilarious illustrations supplied by First Dog on the Moon, Australia's only marsupial Walkley award-winning cartoonist. Age: 8+



Hardie Grant Children's



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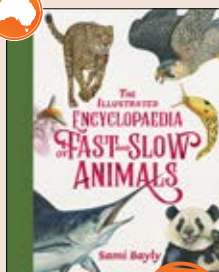
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MY FIRST LIFT-THE-FLAP DINOSAUR ATLAS

Lonely Planet Kids

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Discover the ROARSOME world of dinosaurs with this beautifully illustrated lift-the-flap book for dino-mad kids. From the terrifying T-rex to the long-necked diplodocus - learn all about where they lived, what they ate and how they spent their days. Find more than 50 flaps to lift, all of which reveal dinotastic facts, extra secrets and surprises! Age: 3+



THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF FAST AND SLOW ANIMALS

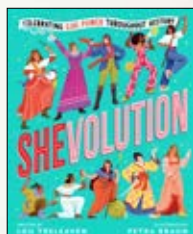
Sami Bayly

Hardback RRP \$32.99

Whether you like to take things fast or slow, you will lose yourself in this stunning encyclopaedia filled with incredible detailed illustrations and fun facts about some of the most fascinating fast and slow animals in the natural world.

Featuring facts and astonishing illustrations about sixty amazing fast and slow animals, including the super speedy black marlin, the cheetah and the gentoo penguin, and the oh-so-slow dwarf seahorse, the gila monster and the immortal jellyfish. Age: 9+

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Lou Treleven

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Celebrating girl power throughout history! A whistlestop tour through prehistory, history and on to the future, *Shevolution* spans an extraordinary 200,000 years, following the journeys of the female pioneers who have shaped us all. Featuring female leaders, the suffrage movement, the women's rights movement, intersectionality and ... the fight to get pockets back! Age: 9+



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Did you know that there's seaweed in ice cream, cork in spacecraft and dandelion in truck tyres?

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Discover the incredible things we make with plants with best-selling author and science communicator, Jonathan Drori.



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Bruce Pascoe & Bill Gammage

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Join Bruce Pascoe and historian Bill Gammage as they generously share their knowledge about the amazing way that First Nations people cared for Australia, from the careful use of fire to sustainable hunting and farming. There is much we can learn to make sure we have a beautiful country today and for the future. Age: 8+

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Hannah Gold & Levi Pinfold (illus)

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Join April Wood on a thrilling Arctic adventure set in the world of the internationally bestselling *The Last Bear* and *Finding Bear*. With illustrations by the award-winning Levi Pinfold, *The Lone Husky* is a breathtaking adventure that will take

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ABC Kids Books

SPUD AND SNOWBALL AND THE FANCY FISH

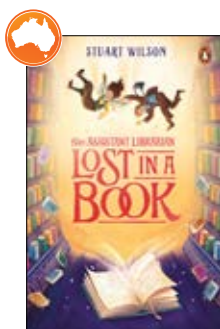
Judith Rossell

Paperback RRP \$15.99

When Spud and Snowball see an ad for Fancy Fish on TV, the two cats order this new food to their doorstep. But what arrives is unexpected ... Can Spud and Snowball outwit this

loud, bossy and very fancy intruder?

A cheeky tale from bestselling, award-winning Judith Rossell. **Age: 6+**



Penguin

LOST IN A BOOK

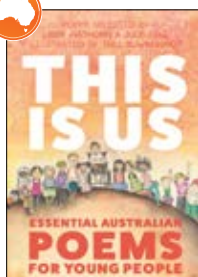
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The exciting sequel to *The 113th Assistant Librarian* is here!

Oliver has settled into his life as the 113th assistant librarian. But when he discovers a rare edition of a history book with unique wording, he realises the slightest misinterpretation

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Selected by Libby Hathorn & Jude Fell, Illustrated by Tull Suwannakit

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In this beautifully illustrated collection of poems,

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THE KEEPER OF THE OCTOPUS

Neridah McMullin

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Engaging, heartfelt and imaginative - magical realism from the award-winning author of *Evie* and *Rhino*.

Uncle Isaac is the only family Pippy has left. Together they spend their days fishing off the coast,

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BIG AUSSIE ANIMAL BUSH BASH

Brentos

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Get ready to party with Snags, the coolest koala in the bush, as he sends out an invite for an unforgettable bush doof! Meet a grooving wisdom of wombats, a head-

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This is a music festival like you've never seen before from bestselling creator Brentos. **Age: 2+**



Allen & Unwin

RUNT AND THE DIABOLICAL DOGNAPPING

Craig Silvey, illustrated by Sara Acton

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Six weeks have passed since Annie Shearer and Runt competed valiantly at the Krumpets Dog Show. The town of Upson Downs is rejuvenated.

And a Tournament of Champions has just been announced, with the world's best canine talent invited to showcase their skills. But as preparations get underway, Runt mysteriously goes missing, and a trail of suspicious clues surround his doghouse. Annie's worst fears are confirmed when she discovers a ransom note with a peculiar demand: she must win it all to see her friend again. It's up to Annie and her brother Max - now an intrepid investigative reporter with the Upson Downs Speculator - to rescue Runt before it's too late.

Endlessly charming, deeply funny and bursting with heart, *Runt and the Diabolical Dognapping* is an engrossing mystery filled with twists and surprises.

A beautiful, tender and moving sequel to the bestselling, multi-award-winning classic, *Runt*. **Age: 9+**

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THE WONDROUS TALE OF LAVENDER WOLFE

Karen Foxlee

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An inventive and playful fantasy-adventure about an abandoned girl, a friendly ogress and a terrible curse from the multi-award-winning and bestselling author

of *Dragon Skin* and *Lenny's Book of Everything*. Lavender Wolfe is a clapperdudgeon and pickpurse, with a magical secret. She is all alone on a wharf when she is snatched by Big Agatha and thrown into the galley of a pirate ship, *The Good Marchioness*. Disguised as a boy (for only boys may live in the galley) and renamed Hans Whitby, Lavender has to make her home among the kitchen rats. However, *The Good Marchioness* is no ordinary ship. Captain and crew are on a desperate voyage - to find and return stolen treasure before all those who sail within the cursed pirate ship are turned to sand. Lavender included.

Will Lavender help break the curse? Or will she be just another victim of this story within a story, her true identity lost to the sands of time? An adventure as big as the ocean and as warm as your heart. **Age: 9+**



ABC Kids Books



FRANCES BLOOM

Katrina Nannestad & Marina Zlatanova (illus)

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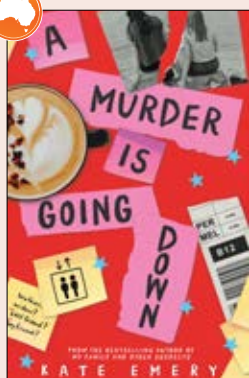
Frances Bloom lives all alone in a cottage by the sea. She's having a marvellous time until her nasty teacher, Ms Thistle, learns there is no-one looking after her. Frances needs to find a family, quick smart, or she'll be sent away to Bleak Island Home for Unwanted Children and Dogs.

As hard as Frances looks, nobody meets her high standards ... until she stumbles across a large, honey-coloured bear raiding the rubbish bins ... and a garden gnome fishing in the flowerbed. Welcome, Grandma Maude and Grandpa Harold! Together, this strange trio creates a new family, writing their own rules with each misadventure! **Age: 7+**

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Teen & Young Adult



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A MURDER IS GOING DOWN

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Heidi's meant to be having the time of her life on exchange in Switzerland, but instead she's cold, alone and on an involuntary dairy-free diet. So when she hears the news of her

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A brilliant and hilarious cosy YA crime from the author of *My Family and Other Suspects*, with a mystery that will keep readers guessing to the very last page. **Age: 12+**



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CATCH

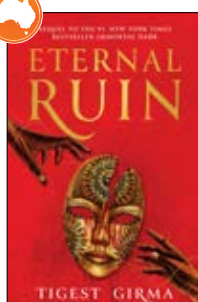
Sarah Brill

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The summer Beth turns sixteen, she grows so fast her bones hurt and she feels like throwing up. Then she starts catching people. People who are falling out of trees or from tall buildings. Soon Beth discovers that helping strangers sometimes hurts.

Is there a way to balance family and friendship and basketball and romance and ... catching?

An extraordinary story about finding out who you are, and discovering who you want to be. **Age: 13+**



Lothian Children's Books

ETERNAL RUIN

Tigist Girma

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Kidan Adane has finally embraced her darkness. But when devastating secrets resurface from the past, Kidan must finally confront them and take her rightful place in the looming war.

The second instalment in the deliciously dark,

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Age: 12+



Chicken House

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Justice is merciless in *The Hive*, a monarchy of tomorrow, where young bodyguard Feldspar awaits execution, guilty of being alive when her charge is dead. The girl has one defender—Niko, a royal maverick. Together they have three days to prove the impossible. Three days to question everything Feldspar knows about the world that raised her and discover who the real murderer is... **Age: 14+**



Abrams

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Alex Aster

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Isla Crown has charted a new destiny, determined to defeat her insidious ancestor, Lark. But Skyshade is nothing like she anticipated, and she'll

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Atria Australia

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Ruby Jean Cottle

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All seventeen-year-old Dusty wants is to escape into books and the wilderness that surrounds her mountain home. What she doesn't know is that there's something waiting for her in the shadows of the forest. Darker forces are at play, and Dusty must

uncover the mystery—or risk losing everything and everyone she loves...



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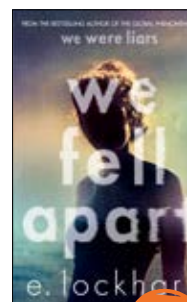
WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO LIZA MCLEAN?

Amy Doak

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Dark academia meets *The Stepford Wives* in this YA mystery thriller from the bestselling author of *Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer*. 'Boarding school, botany and bodies - this book has it all! Amy

Doak's *What Have They Done to Liza McLean?* is an absolute banger.' - Lili Wilkinson, author of *Unhallowed Halls*. **Age: 13+**



Allen & Unwin

WE FELL APART

E. Lockhart

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Matilda has been through a lot. Her mum has run off to Mexico, her boyfriend has dumped her, and her friends have cut their ties. So when her long-lost father, the famous and reclusive painter Kingsley Cello, invites Matilda to

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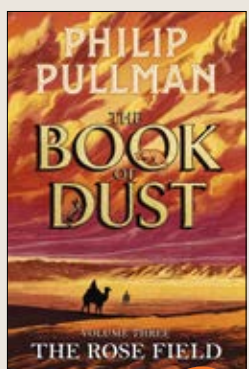
Cassandra Clare

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Ten couples. United by love. Divided by danger. Ten original love stories by the reigning queen of romantasy, featuring fan-favourite couples from her *New York Times* bestselling *Shadowhunter*

Chronicles – one of the most popular series of all time, with more than 50 million copies in print worldwide! **Age: 14+**



Penguin

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Philip Pullman

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The long-awaited and highly anticipated conclusion to Philip Pullman's bestselling *The Book of Dust* sequence. When readers left Lyra in *The Secret Commonwealth* she

was alone, in the ruins of a deserted city. In *The Rose Field*, quests converge in the most dangerous, breathtaking and world-changing ways.

Marking thirty years since the world was first introduced to Pullman's remarkable heroine Lyra Belacqua in *Northern Lights*, *The Rose Field* is the culmination of the cultural phenomenon of *The Book of Dust* and *His Dark Materials*. **Age: 14+**

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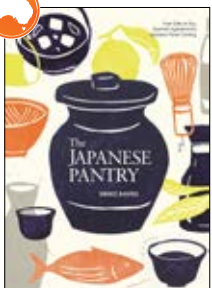
Hardie Grant Books

THAI

Nat Thaipun

Hardback RRP \$50.00

Thai: Anywhere and Everywhere is the highly anticipated cookbook from culinary sensation and *MasterChef* winner Nat Thaipun. A celebration of her Thai Australian heritage and global culinary adventures, this vibrant and delicious collection of recipes brings Thai cuisine to home kitchens everywhere with an approachable twist.



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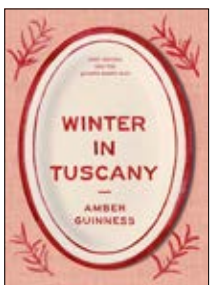
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Hardback RRP \$55.00

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A follow-up to the bestselling *Gohan*, Emiko Davies now explores the pantry items essential to Japanese home cooking. Each chapter explores one of these essential

ingredients - soy sauce, miso, rice vinegar, seaweed, sake, sesame and tea - including information about the history and production of these in Japan, as well as Emiko's thoughtful and approachable recipes.



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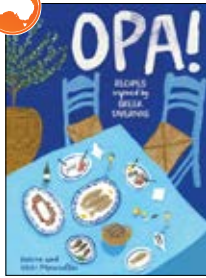
WINTER IN TUSCANY

Amber Guinness

Hardback RRP \$64.99

Celebrate rich culinary and cultural traditions with a quanto basta approach - the intuitive, Italian method of 'just enough'. Filled with an array of hyper-local, traditional recipes for

the home cook, *Winter in Tuscany* is an invitation to slow down and appreciate the beauty in small moments and big flavours.



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Helena & Vikki Moursellas

Hardback RRP \$59.99

A vibrant celebration of the food, ambiance, and traditions found in Greece's beloved tavernas. With 80 delicious recipes and alongside engaging stories that highlight iconic dishes and the passionate people behind these lively eateries, Helena and Vikki Moursellas, authors of the bestselling *Peinao*, invite you into the heart of Greece's culinary culture.



Hardie Grant Books

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Vincent Lim

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Vincent Yeow Lim (aka DimSimLim), also known as the 'Wolf of Wok Street', has earned international acclaim for his exceptional wok cooking. In his debut cookbook, *The Wolf of Wok Street*,

Vincent offers over 80 restaurant-quality, authentic Southeast Asian wok recipes that elevate home cooking with vibrant dishes and genuine ingredients. **Enter now for your chance to WIN a cookbook pack from Hardie Grant. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions**



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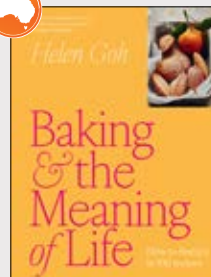
LINGER

Hetty Lui McKinnon

Paperback RRP \$44.99

Hetty Lui McKinnon has long known the power of salads to connect and create community. Through her inventive recipes for meal-worthy salads, smaller bites and simple sweets, Hetty invites you to become

a part of an unforgettable shared experience of community, food and friendship.



Murdoch Books

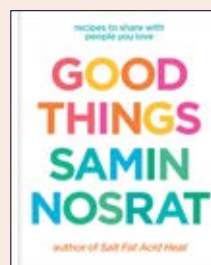
BAKING AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

Helen Goh

Hardback RRP \$55.00

For many, the act of baking itself is meaningful. Whether you're a beginner or a veteran, when you roll up your sleeves and get out the mixing bowl, you do it for reasons far

beyond the mere production of a piece of food. Few know this better than Helen Goh, who - along with being a recipe developer with Ottolenghi for more than a decade, a baking columnist and co-author of bestsellers *Sweet and Comfort* - is, uniquely, a practising psychologist.



Ebury Press

GOOD THINGS

Samin Nosrat

Hardback RRP \$65.00

Once I hand them off to you, these recipes are no longer mine. They're yours, to do with as you please. And maybe, in the act of receiving, a little thread of connection will be

woven between me and each of you.

How can a recipe express the joy of sharing a meal in person? This is the feeling that Samin Nosrat sets out to capture in *Good Things*, offering more than 125 recipes for the things she most loves to cook. *Good Things* captures, with Samin's trademark blend of warmth and precision, the essence of what makes cooking such an important source of comfort and delight, and invites you to join her at the table. A cookbook to bring joy and communion from the bestselling author of *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat*.



HarperCollins

SEASONS WHERE THE RIVER BENDS

Jane & Jimmy Barnes

Hardback RRP \$59.99

Venture into the garden with Jane and Jimmy Barnes in *Seasons Where the River Bends*, the eagerly awaited follow-up to their bestselling cookbook *Where the River Bends*. Inspired by the vibrant produce from their cherished Southern Highlands garden, this new cookbook features more than 60 recipes, sumptuous photography and new stories from Jimmy and Jane that celebrate seasonal cooking, family and entertaining. From comforting Scottish classics to traditional Thai favourites and even a Mexican feast, *Seasons Where the River Bends* is seasonal home cooking, Barnes style.



Quadrille

SOMETHING FROM NOTHING

Alison Roman

Hardback RRP \$49.99

In *Something from Nothing*, bestselling author Alison Roman gives you a collection of simple, smart, timeless recipes that rely on a home cook's best kept secret: a well-stocked pantry. Featuring over

100 delicious recipes for foolproof meals from pantry ingredients.

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Purchase a copy of *Something from Nothing* and receive a free tea towel.
*While stocks last.





History & Military



THE AUSTRALIAN WARS

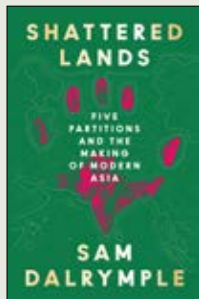
Edited by Rachel Perkins, Stephen Gapps, Mina Murray and Henry Reynolds
Hardback RRP \$59.99

4 November release, advance orders welcome

It is estimated up to 100,000 people died in the frontier wars that raged across Australia for more

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than 150 years. This is the first book to tell the story of the continental sweep of massacres, guerilla warfare, resistance and the contests of firearms and traditional Aboriginal weaponry as Indigenous nations resisted colonial occupation of their lands, territory by territory. Black and white writers tell the stories of these battles across three crucial time periods, and all the states and territories.



SHATTERED LANDS

Sam Dalrymple

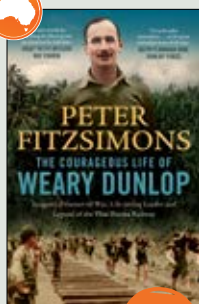
Paperback RRP \$39.99

25 November release, advance orders welcome

Shattered Lands, for the first time, presents the whole story of how the Indian Empire was unmade. It is a history of ambition and betrayal, of forgotten wars and unlikely alliances, of borders carved with

William Collins

ink and fire. Through five partitions the single, sprawling dominion shattered into twelve modern nations. From portraits of the key political players to accounts of those swept up in these wars and mass migrations, *Shattered Lands* is vivid, compelling, thought-provoking history at its best.



THE COURAGEOUS LIFE OF WEARY DUNLOP

Peter FitzSimons

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Weary Dunlop's heroic and inspiring story has been brought to life by Australia's greatest storyteller, Peter FitzSimons.

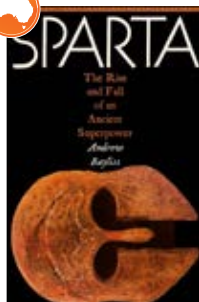
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Weary was a gentle giant of a man. A boxer and former Wallaby, he could have

been an elite sportsman but chose a different path – one that led him from rural Victoria to training as a pharmacist and then to medical school. World War II was the fire that fuelled this remarkable hero. His courageous leadership and calm endurance became beacons of hope to the POWs under his command. His name has become synonymous with courage, compassion and resilience.

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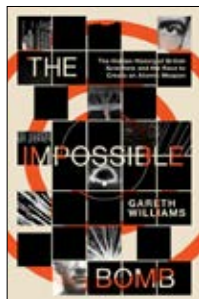
were the Spartans? And what was the driving force behind the rise – and dramatic fall – of Sparta?

SPARTA

Andrew Bayliss

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Sparta – its legendary warriors and steadfast resilience are famous throughout the world as a model for toughness, justice and masculinity. The Spartans' reputation as fighters is matched only by their mythic code of honour. But who really



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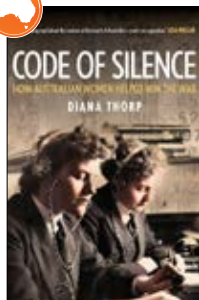
scientists working in Britain played a vital role in its development. *The Impossible Bomb* sheds new light on how humanity's deadliest weapons came to exist—and the massive destruction they wrought.

THE IMPOSSIBLE BOMB

Gareth Williams

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The remarkable story of the forgotten British scientists who enabled the Manhattan Project to create the atomic bomb. Atomic weaponry is widely understood as a story of American scientific achievement—but



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a new Anzac. It is time to write these remarkable women back into our history, where they belong.

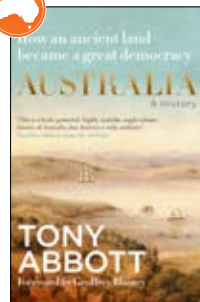
CODE OF SILENCE

Diana Thorp

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The compelling and as-yet-untold story of the Australian women whose secret work helped to end World War II.

This is not just an extraordinary war story, but a coming-of-age tale for the nation and its women. It brings to life



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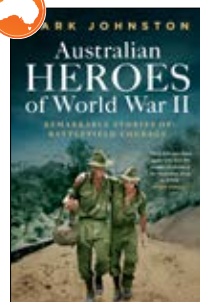
earth. It's not perfect, even now, yet mostly we have a history to be proud of.

AUSTRALIA: A HISTORY

Tony Abbott

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Australia is one of the world's great success stories. Its Indigenous heritage, British foundation and immigrant character have shaped the land of the 'fair go' and created one of the freest and most prosperous countries on



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Mark Johnston

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Churchill Harriman – this is a fabulously illustrated compendium of those women (from the well known to the more obscure) who broke boundaries, rules and occasionally limbs, to carve out their place in the male-dominated history books.

SISTERS OF SCANDAL

Ainslie Harvey

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ASSASSINS AND TEMPLARS

Steve Tibble Hardback RRP \$41.95

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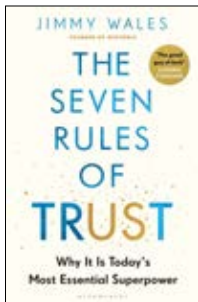
The Assassins and the Templars are two of history's most legendary groups. In this engaging account, Steve Tibble traces the history of these two groups from their origins to their ultimate destruction. Their fanaticism changed the medieval world—and, even up to the present day, in video games and countless conspiracy theories, they have become endlessly conjoined in myth and memory.

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Jimmy Wales

Paperback RRP \$36.99

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THE BOOK OF MEMORY

Mark Rowlands

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Drawing on the latest neurological and psychological research and on a range of writers and thinkers, *The Book of Memory* is a mesmerising journey into how memories

are made, lost and remembered, with important consequences for how we understand ourselves.



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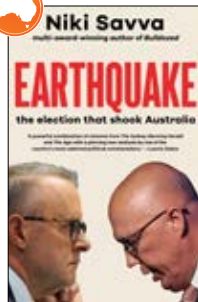
(BE)WILDER

Darryl Jones

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Can our interactions with wildlife help answer life's big questions? In *(Be)wilder*, acclaimed urban ecologist Darryl Jones explores how people around the world interact with wildlife. Is it possible for farming and conservation to work

together? How can urban landscapes be redesigned to enhance biodiversity? And can birdwatching help save the planet?



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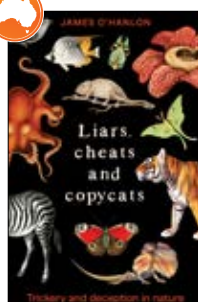
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Niki Savva captured the epoch-making period in Australian politics in her newspaper columns, all in her typically uncompromising, penetrating, and prescient way. In *Earthquake* she

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LIARS, CHEATS AND COPYCATS

James O'Hanlon

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darkness of deep ocean trenches, James O'Hanlon explores how animals and plants use deception to avoid predators, lure in prey and even reproduce.



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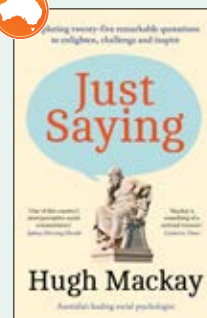
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Virginia Haussegger

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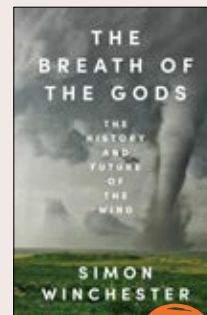
Hugh Mackay

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Warm, witty, wise – and occasionally challenging – *Just Saying* is bestselling social psychologist Hugh Mackay's personal reflections on twenty-five quotations from some of the world's greatest thinkers and

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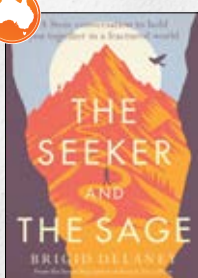
What is going on with our atmosphere? The headlines are filled with news of devastating hurricanes, murderous tornadoes, and cataclysmic fires. Gale force advisories are issued on a regular basis

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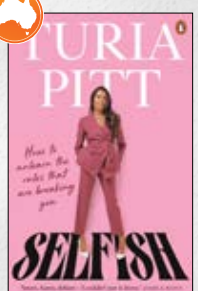
THE SEEKER AND THE SAGE

Brigid Delaney

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In her bestseller, *Reasons Not to Worry*, Brigid Delaney explores the foundations of Stoicism and how you can apply them to your life. Now, in *The Seeker and the Sage*, she asks: how can

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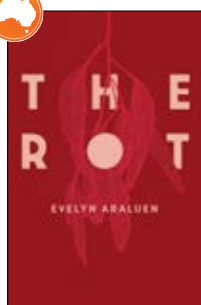
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Andrews McMeel

SOON IT WILL BE SUNDAY

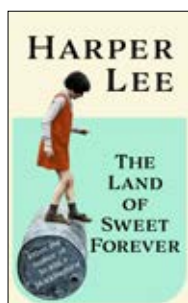
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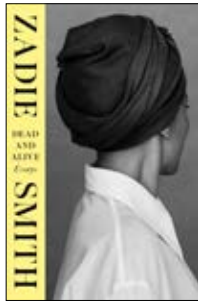
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Harper Lee

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Hamish Hamilton

DEAD AND ALIVE

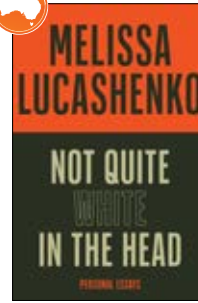
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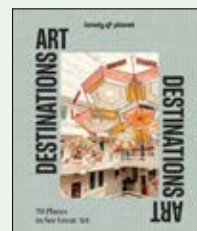
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Catherine Bes

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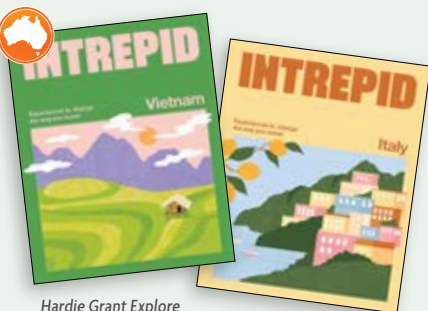
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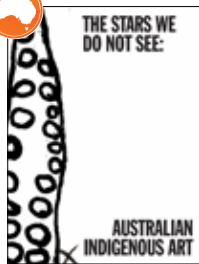
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Australian Geographic

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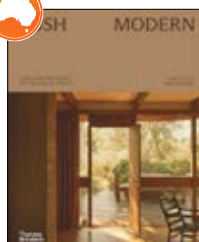
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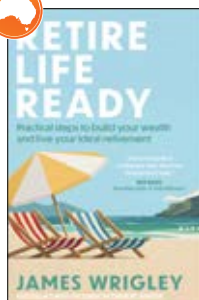
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Jessica Lillico & Sean Fennessy

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In the bushy north-eastern fringe of Melbourne, an enduring, uniquely Australian architectural 'of the land' aesthetic of mud bricks and recycled timber has been quietly gaining recognition. Through evocative photography, personal stories and architectural insights, *Bush Modern* explores the timeless appeal of these character-filled homes: tactile, grounded and deeply in tune with their environment.



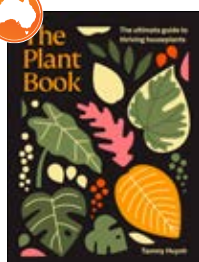
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James Wrigley

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Love plants, but struggle to keep them alive? Award-winning horticulturist and *Gardening Australia* presenter Tammy Huynh unlocks the secrets to cultivating healthy houseplants in any environment. Whether you dream of a lush urban jungle or simply want to keep a succulent alive, this comprehensive guide is your one-stop shop for flourishing houseplants.



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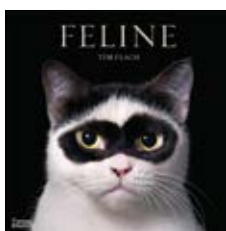
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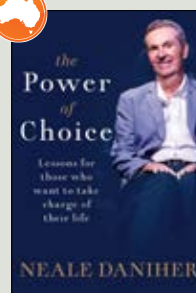
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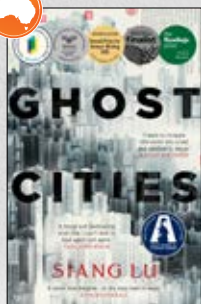
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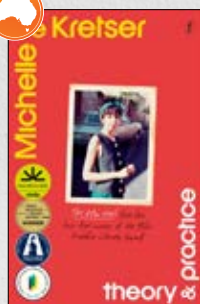
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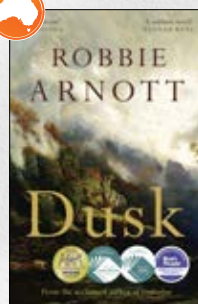
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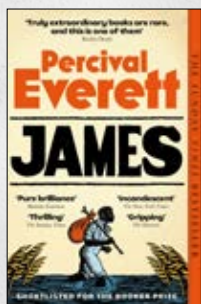
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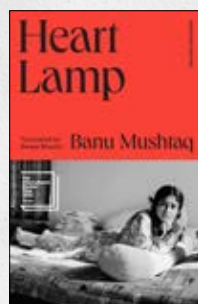
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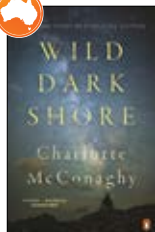
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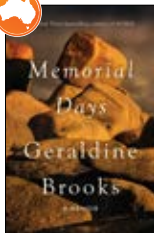
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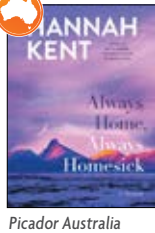
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