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ALL OUR SHIMMERING SKIES

Trent Dalton

Trent Dalton took Australia by storm with his debut novel *Boy Swallows Universe*. Two years later, he has given us *All Our Shimmering Skies*. There are similarities between the two – both feature the perspective of a young person, consider life on the margins, and are interwoven with elements of magical realism. But in his new novel, Dalton transports the reader into the past (Darwin, 1942), where the fantastical elements of his writing are amplified. This is the tale of Molly, a gravedigger's daughter. On her way to lift a family curse, Molly meets Yukio, a fallen kamikaze pilot, and Greta, an actress, and the unlikely trio travel through the outback together. With prose as lyrical as its title, this sweeping, upbeat work will burnish Dalton's already glittering reputation.



Fremantle PB

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DOOM CREEK

Alan Carter

December Release

Those readers who didn't discover Alan Carter's *Marlborough Man* on its release in 2017 will be in for a treat when they read both that award-winning crime novel and this equally impressive follow-up. Set in New Zealand's South Island, *Doom Creek* follows former Geordie policeman Nick Chester as he and his family, all part of a witness protection programme, continue to establish a new life in the Marlborough Sounds. Nick is now a policeman with the NZ force, and when a gun-toting group of American survivalists move into his patch, he suspects trouble will ensue. Add this to the murder of a miner (for which Nick himself is a suspect), and a particularly nasty cold case to be investigated, and it becomes apparent that Nick has an awful lot on his plate.



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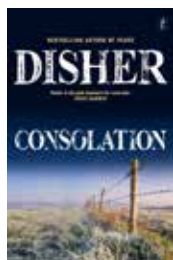
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FACTORY 19

Dennis Glover

A satire on past, current and future political ideologies, *Factory 19* imagines a David Walsh-like character transforming his MONA-ish site in Hobart into a town straight out of 1948, complete with factory, economy and society. Why 1948? It was the last year it was possible to be fully human, the eccentric billionaire declares, a time when we weren't under the thrall of Bezos, Musk, Zuckerberg and their ilk. Our narrator heads up the factory and takes deep pleasures in this new 1948, where any digital technology is banned. But this (very white-bread and blokey) Arcadia falters. It seems that little people won't be able to win back the world...



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CONSOLATION

Garry Disher

The third volume in Garry Disher's Hirsch series cements both the likeability of its laconic protagonist and the excellence of its author's plot-driven narratives and pared-back prose. *Consolation* opens with Hirsch tracking down an underwear thief and acting on a report of a child in danger. And that's just in the morning. Later, he must deal with a stalker, Irish connen, embezzlers, allegations about financial irregularities on the part of one of the region's big shots, and a murder. For a sparsely populated rural town, Tiverton certainly seems to be a hotbed of crime and it's a big load for a small-town police constable to cope with. But if anyone can, it's Hirsch. Top-drawer Aussie crime, from a master of the genre.



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THE DRESSMAKER'S SECRET

Rosalie Ham

At long last we can welcome this sequel to Rosalie Ham's bestselling *The Dressmaker*. We last saw a vengeful Tilly Dunnage fleeing Dungatar in despair. In *The Dressmaker's Secret*, she is working in Melbourne as fashionable Melburnians are gearing up for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Tilly is desperately trying to conceal her past, but Sergeant Farrat from Dungatar manages to find her. And so, the adventure begins. Ham is adept at leavening serious themes (eg, bullying and ambition) with humour and warmth, and here she demonstrates just how sweet having the final word can be.



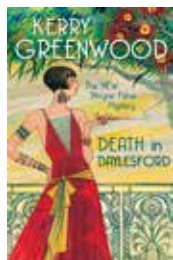
Transit Lounge PB

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THE FIFTH SEASON

Philip Salom

Twice shortlisted for the Miles Franklin Award, Philip Salom again shows his serious novelistic intent with *The Fifth Season*. If you love metafiction and intellectual play mixed with weighty themes, this is the book for you. This especially applies if you're already a Salom fan, because *The Fifth Season* references some of his previous work. Its main concern, though, is missing people. Jack, an author staying in a small coastal town to write a book about unidentified bodies, meets Sarah who, driven by the loss of her own sister, paints large murals of the missing in public spaces. As well as the focus on the missing and the found, Salom demands that we confront ideas about art, mortality and identity.



Allen & Unwin PB

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DEATH IN DAYLESFORD

Kerry Greenwood

Based in Melbourne but beloved globally, Kerry Greenwood has written 21 Phryne Fisher novels and seems to have no trouble conjuring up new plots, characters and settings in which to plunge her intrepid, generous-spirited and wonderfully chic lady detective. Heading to the Victorian spa town of Daylesford in this outing, Phryne and Dot must deal with the mystery of disappearing local women, a series of murders and a particularly incompetent local policeman. Meanwhile, back in Melbourne, Phryne's adopted daughters Jane and Ruth investigate the death of a schoolmate, impressing Dot's intended, Detective Sergeant Collins, in the process.



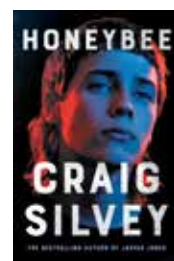
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EVERYTHING IN ITS RIGHT PLACE

Tobias McCorkell

Ford McCullen's life is complicated. He lives in the working-class northern Melbourne suburb of Coburg with his mum and grandparents, in a pair of units right near the looming figure of Pentridge Prison. His dad has moved away to live in country Victoria, having left the family to be with a new, male partner. Through his paternal grandmother, Ford gets a chance to attend a private school south of the river. It may be only a few kilometres away from Coburg, but St Anthony's is a completely different world that Ford must learn to navigate. *Everything in its Right Place* is a powerful and nuanced debut novel about class, growing up, and figuring out your place in the world.



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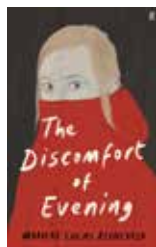
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HONEYBEE

Craig Silvey

Western Australian writer Craig Silvey fulfils the promise of his much-loved *Jasper Jones* with this poignant novel of despair and tenuous hope. Sam and Vic are both contemplating leaping off a bridge when they first meet, and a friendship begins when each wants to save the other. Ageing Vic is grieving the loss of his wife. And 14-year-old Sam has had a rough start to life, with a mother whose love and good intentions are overshadowed by her frequent absences. The care and compassion the two show each other makes Sam's tentative steps to self-realisation possible. As we revisit Sam's childhood, Silvey's portrait of a troubled teenager shimmers. So too do questions around masculinity and gender identity.

Literary-Award-Winners



THE DISCOMFORT OF EVENING

MARIEKE LUCAS RIJNEVELD
Faber PB \$29.99

Awarded the 2020 International Booker Prize, this Dutch novel is an extraordinary portrait of a farming family distorted by grief, as seen through the eyes of its 10-year-old daughter.



HAMNET

MAGGIE O'FARRELL
Tinder Press PB \$32.99

This fictionalised account of the short life and death of Shakespeare's son Hamnet was the winner of this year's Women's Prize for Fiction.



SEE WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

JESS HILL
Black Inc PB \$32.99

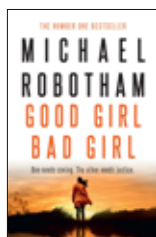
Australian investigative journalist Jess Hill was awarded the 2020 Stella Prize for this powerful book, which both draws attention to and suggests ways of resolving the national crisis of domestic abuse.



THE WIFE AND THE WIDOW

CHRISTIAN WHITE
Affirm PB \$16.99

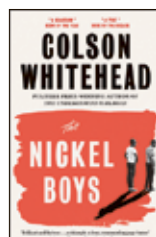
A dual narrative and brilliant plot twist are the hallmarks of this Australian novel, which won the 2020 Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction.



GOOD GIRL BAD GIRL

MICHAEL ROBOTHAM
Hachette PB \$19.99

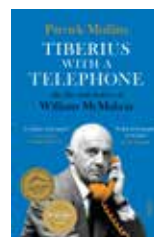
With this novel, Australian crime writer Michael Robotham became one of the few writers to win the prestigious British Crime Writer's Association Gold Dagger for Best Crime Novel twice.



THE NICKEL BOYS

COLSON WHITEHEAD
Fleet PB \$22.99

This harrowing tale of two boys sentenced to a hellish reform school in 1960s Florida garnered the author of the widely acclaimed *The Underground Railroad* a second Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2020.



TIBERIUS WITH A TELEPHONE

PATRICK MULLINS
Scribe PB \$35

Winner of this year's National Biography Award, this book deals with the life and career of William McMahon, the man often described as Australia's worst prime minister.



THE YIELD

TARA JUNE WINCH
Hamish Hamilton PB \$32.99

Wiradjuri woman Tara June Winch was awarded this year's Miles Franklin Award for her novelistic exploration of the legacies of colonial violence, shame, intergenerational trauma and environmental destruction.



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INFINITE SPLENDOURS

Sofie Laguna

The latest novel by Sofie Laguna (*The Eye of the Sheep*) is a poignant, heart-wrenching read. At 10 years old, Lawrence enchants his teachers, anchors his adoring little brother and provides solace to his bone-weary mother. But when Lawrence's world is shattered, so too is all this optimism and sparkle. Trauma snatches away Lawrence's ability to function, and reverberates through the lives of everyone in his orbit. Laguna's portrayal of childhood borders on literary ventriloquism; she is a true master. Grown-ups cannot be trusted, but the solace of art promises glimmers of hope.



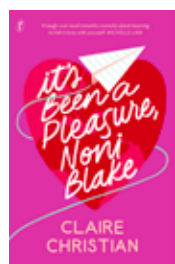
Text PB
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OUR SHADOWS

Gail Jones

Despite having written eight novels, Sydney-based writer Gail Jones has flown below the radars of many readers. Despite being highly regarded by her peers – she has been shortlisted for the Miles Franklin on multiple occasions – she is yet to hit the bestseller lists. Readers new to her work will find *Our Shadows* an excellent entry point. The multilayered narrative traces the lives of three generations of a family in Kalgoorlie but focuses predominantly on sisters Nell and Frances, who grew up in the west but now live in Sydney. Jones addresses weighty themes here – generational trauma, grief, loss, dispossession – but her tightly constructed plot and lyrical prose make this novel as accessible as it is enjoyable.

Q 1. Who 'couldn't lead a flock of homing pigeons'?

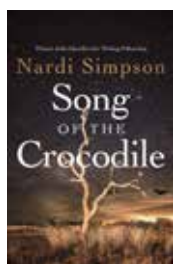


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IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE, NONI BLAKE

Claire Christian

At the age of 36, Noni Blake has just faced the end of her long-term, supposed-to-be-forever relationship. Despite returning to the dating world and pursuing encounters with all kinds of people, she's still in a funk. So Noni decides to travel to Europe to try and reconnect with a past flame, Molly. They were at school together, and had a brief dalliance that seemed very promising, but didn't go anywhere. Now Noni wants to find out what might have been. This joyful queer rom-com is a wonderful tribute to pleasure in all its forms.

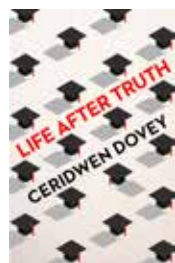


Hachette PB
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SONG OF THE CROCODILE

Nardi Simpson

The Billymil family have lived in the small town of Darnmoor for three generations. Through the years, the family has been watched over by ancestral spirits as the world around them shifts and changes. *Song of the Crocodile* is the debut novel from Yuwaalaraay woman Nardi Simpson. As well as being a writer, Simpson is a musician, and this fact is apparent in every page – her prose has a rhythm to it. This is a powerful story of community, language and, above all, family.



Viking PB
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LIFE AFTER TRUTH

Ceridwen Dovey

Having been an undergraduate at Harvard University, writer Ceridwen Dovey is well qualified to use the storied university as the setting in her third novel. *Life After Truth* is set on a 15th-reunion weekend in 2018, in the middle of the term of a Trump-like US president. We join five former dorm mates – famous actor Jules, successful businessman Jomo, academic Eloise, teacher Rowan and homemaker Mariam – as they weigh their glittering academic careers against the reality of their present-day lives. Then the most infamous member of the class of 2003, the president's obnoxious son, is murdered and the reunion takes a decidedly strange turn....



Macmillan PB
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THE SURVIVORS

Jane Harper

In her strongest novel since the global phenomenon that was *The Dry*, Jane Harper travels to the fictional seaside settlement of Evelyn Bay on the north coast of Tasmania. Harper is known for her meticulous plotting and strongly delineated characters, and *The Survivors* showcases both of these skills. The story centres on Kieran, who returns to his childhood home for the first time in three years. Tragic and mysterious events have unfolded in Evelyn Bay in the past, and another is about to occur. Are they related? With plot twists and turns galore, as well as a strong and sympathetic protagonist, this novel cements Harper's already stellar reputation.

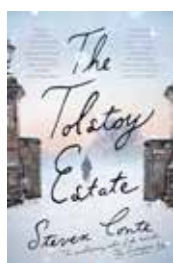


Knopf HB
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THE LIVING SEA OF WAKING DREAMS

Richard Flanagan

In this surreal, dread-soaked novel, Booker Prize winner Richard Flanagan sets a family drama against the backdrop of the climate crisis. After her ageing mother ends up in hospital, Anna returns to Tasmania, where she and her two brothers attempt to take charge of the situation despite their mother's resistance. Around this domestic unease, the world is in rapid decline and nobody seems to have any answers. Meanwhile, Anna has been experiencing a medical drama of her own: the unexplained disappearances of her body parts. Exploring themes of grief and loss, Flanagan delivers a topical and moving work.

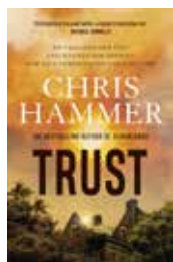


Fourth Estate PB
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THE TOLSTOY ESTATE

Steven Conte

This powerful and romantic novel is set on Tolstoy's estate Yasnaya Polyana during the German invasion of Russia in WW2. Conte was clearly inspired by *War and Peace*, and though he doesn't include as much military detail in this novel as Tolstoy did, he powerfully evokes both the horror of the battlefield and the deprivations suffered by people on both sides of the combat. Most of the action occurs at the military field hospital set up on Yasnaya Polyana and revolves around the relationship of German surgeon Paul Bauer and the estate's Russian custodian, Katerina Trusbetzkaya. Reminiscent of Pasternak's *Doctor Zhivago*, Conte's novel is a moving and satisfying read.



Allen & Unwin PB
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TRUST

Chris Hammer

Journalist Martin Scarsden and his partner Mandalay Blonde could be forgiven for feeling that life is unnecessarily complicated and – frankly – that they're overdue for a break. After making it through the murderous scenarios of Hammer's previous novels *Scrublands* and *Silver*, they have settled down in the coastal town of Port Silver and are hoping for a quiet life. Alas, they hope in vain. Mandalay is kidnapped, and her past is about to come back to hurt them both. Set predominantly in Sydney and dealing with corruption within that city's political, judicial and business elites, this rocket-paced thriller is a riveting read.



Picador PB
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LUCKY'S

Andrew Pippas

When British journalist Emily travels to Sydney to write an article on a defunct chain of diners named Lucky's, she knows that her life is connected to the restaurant – her father had mysteriously given her a painting of a Lucky's storefront right before his death by suicide. But as she interviews its founder, a story of coincidence, converging paths and serendipity is revealed. Spanning most of the 20th century and conjuring up a detailed and fond vision of migrant Australia in the years following WW2, this debut novel from a Greek-Australian writer is a total delight.

Highly Recommended



BLUEBIRD
MALCOLM KNOX
Allen & Unwin PB
Was \$32.99 **Now \$29.99**

Set in a beachside suburb in Sydney, this quintessentially Australian novel addresses the myths that come to define families and communities, and the lies that uphold them.



THE BURNING ISLAND
JOCK SERONG
Text PB
\$32.99

This literary thriller set in 19th-century Australia involves an exciting sea voyage taken by its strong female protagonist and her ageing father.



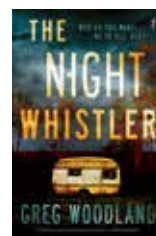
THE MORBIDS
EWA RAMSEY
Allen & Unwin PB
\$29.99

An assured debut, this story about Caitlin, a 20-something Sydneysider battling mental illness, is in turn confronting, funny and deeply compassionate.



THE MOTHER FAULT
KATE MILDENHALL
Simon & Schuster PB
\$32.99

Taking place in a near and terrifying future, this fast-paced literary thriller follows Mim as she and her children take a perilous journey in search of her missing husband.



THE NIGHT WHISTLER
GREG WOODLAND
Text PB
\$32.99

Set in a small rural town in 1960s Australia, this crime-fiction debut has a gripping plot involving stalking and murder, with themes of domestic abuse, racism and official corruption.



POLY
PAUL DALGARNO
Ventura PB
\$32.99

Replete with black humour, *Poly* follows Chris Flood, a father of two with plummeting self-esteem, and his bored wife Sarah as they embark on a new polyamorous life in Melbourne.



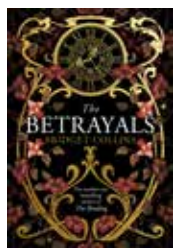
A ROOM MADE OF LEAVES
KATE GRENVILLE
Text HB
Was \$39.99 **Now \$34.99**

A return to the territory of *The Secret River*, Grenville's richly detailed historical novel takes the form of an imagined memoir by pastoralist Elizabeth Macarthur.



SORROW AND BLISS
MEG MASON
Fourth Estate PB
\$32.99

Fans of Phoebe Waller-Bridge's *Fleabag* will enjoy this sharp and savvy novel set in London and Oxford, which recounts Martha's battle with mental illness and the disintegration of her marriage.



HarperCollins PB

\$32.99**THE BETRAYALS**

Bridget Collins

With obvious parallels to today, *The Betrayals* is both enigma and allegory. Set in an increasingly fascist European state, where discrimination and persecution are rife and power is sought at all costs, Leo, an ex-politician ousted from the party because of his (mild) scruples, is exiled to the country's foremost university. Here students are taught the *grand jeu*, a mysterious discipline that is at once game, music, maths and philosophy. Very soon, the personal, the philosophical and the political collide.



Bloomsbury PB

\$29.99**THE DEVIL AND THE DARK WATER**

Stuart Turton

The year is 1694, and renowned detective Samuel Pippis is confined aboard a ship travelling from the Dutch East Indies to Amsterdam. When his journey ends, he will be tried and potentially executed. But as the ship prepares to leave the docks, a curse is laid upon it, setting off a series of demonic occurrences. With Pippis in shackles, his companion Arent Hayes and noblewoman Sara Wessel must solve a mystery – one that could send them all to the bottom of the ocean. This Sherlock Holmes-esque mystery is the second book from the award-winning author of *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*, and it does not disappoint.



Faber PB

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Now \$13.95**MILKMAN**

Anna Burns

Set in a city in Northern Ireland during The Troubles, an unnamed young woman attracts unwanted attention from an older married man known simply as the 'milkman'. Written in a distinctive style that feels unhooked from reality and defies easy categorisation, *Milkman* bristles with black humour and adolescent angst. The young woman's attempts to renounce the world in which she resides are understandable, yet become increasingly futile as the novel unspools. Anna Burns made literary history with this brilliant novel when she became the first Northern Irish writer to be awarded the Man Booker Prize for Fiction in 2018, and its provocative exploration of surveillance and power will continue to resonate with readers today.



HarperCollins PB

\$29.99**BOX 88**

Charles Cumming

December Release

A spy thriller with the velocity of a fast train, this novel by the author of the award-winning *A Foreign Country* has a plot that opens in Britain and France in 1989 before moving to Britain in 2020, when intelligence operative Lachlan Kite, recruited straight out of boarding school in 1989 and a trusted employee of the shadowy intelligence agency Box 88 ever since, is kidnapped by a group of Iranians. They're after information about Ali Eskandarian, a businessman implicated in the Lockerbie terrorist attack. But if there is one thing that Box 88 stresses to its employees, it's that they should never, ever divulge operational information to anyone outside the organisation...

Q 2. Which book is set in Evelyn Bay?

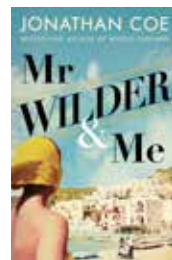


Virago PB

\$29.99**JACK**

Marilynne Robinson

In 2004, Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead* was released. Now, 16 years later, she brings this magnificent series to a close with *Jack*. This fourth and final Gilead novel focuses on the life of Reverend Boughton's son Jack. Here we find Jack having just been released from prison, and committed to removing himself entirely from the lives of anyone he believes he will harm. As he attempts to withdraw, Jack falls in love with Della – but in 1950s Missouri, their interracial relationship is illegal. Thoughtful, engrossing, moving and full of humanity, *Jack* is further proof that Robinson is one of the greatest American novelists working today.



Viking PB

\$32.99**MR WILDER & ME**

Jonathan Coe

In 1977, Calista travels to a Greek island to work for Billy Wilder, the famous Hollywood director of *Sunset Boulevard* and *Some Like It Hot*. Young and naive, she has no idea who he is, nor that, more and more, he is being rejected by the industry and audiences that once loved him. As she, Billy and screenwriter Iz Diamond travel across Europe on shoots for his creatively funded film *Fedora*, Calista learns much about the art of filmmaking and about life. Jonathan Coe, author of the bestselling *Middle England*, clearly enjoyed researching and writing this tender and often amusing fictional portrait of one of Hollywood's most important filmmakers, and readers will respond in kind.



Viking PB

\$32.99**THE COLD MILLIONS**

Jess Walter

A very different – but even more impressive – novel by the author of the bestselling *Beautiful Ruins*, this story set in Spokane, Washington, in the first decade of the 20th century proves that Jess Walter is a prodigiously talented storyteller and wordsmith. *The Cold Millions* follows the travails of orphaned teenager Rye Dolan and his older brother Gig, part of the community of itinerant impoverished workers adrift in America in the years after the 1890s depression. With a richly delineated cast of characters including hobos, tycoons, burlesque performers, corrupt cops, sinister PIs and revolutionaries (including the real-life suffragette and firebrand Elizabeth Gurley Flynn), this is one of 2020's great novels.



Simon & Schuster PB

\$32.99**MAGIC LESSONS**

Alice Hoffman

A prequel to her popular 1995 novel-turned-film, *Practical Magic*, Alice Hoffman's latest book shares with the reader the origin of the famed centuries-old curse of the Owens family. Following the lives of Maria Owens and her daughter, it's also a gripping historical adventure tale in its own right, complete with a tantalising dash of magic. Opening in 1664 with an abandoned baby in rural England and encompassing the heights of the Salem witch trials, *Magic Lessons* is an immersive story about love and heartbreak, revenge and forgiveness.



Weidenfeld & Nicolson PB

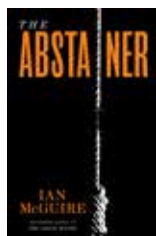
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Now \$29.99**OLGA**

Bernhard Schlink

Orphaned and raised by her grandmother, Olga is an idealistic, clever young teacher with limited options when she meets and falls in love with Herbert, a wealthy, adventurous aristocrat. Although they are separated by differences in class and by Herbert's travels – first to colonial war in Africa, later to attempt to conquer the Arctic – their bond remains unbroken. Told partly through Olga's letters to Herbert, this new novel from the bestselling author of *The Reader* is an intimate, yearning portrait not only of a relationship, but of German progress and ambition throughout the 20th century.

Highly Recommended

**THE ABSTAINER**

IAN MCGUIRE

Scribner PB

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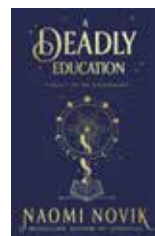
Set in Manchester in 1867, the latest novel by the author of the acclaimed *The North Water* is set against the backdrop of the underground war for Irish Independence.

**BETTY**

TIFFANY MCDANIEL

Weidenfeld & Nicolson PB **\$32.99**

Inspired by her complex family history, McDaniel's harrowing coming-of-age novel set in the Ohio Appalachians in the 1960s deals with issues including rural poverty, sexual abuse, racism and the healing properties of nature.

**A DEADLY EDUCATION**

NAOMI NOVIK

Del Rey PB

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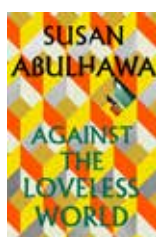
Described as 'Hogwarts with higher stakes and sharper claws', this first volume in a new fantasy trilogy is set in a magic school and features a hilarious female anti-hero.

**THE EIGHTH LIFE (FOR BRILKA)**

NINO HARATISCHVILI

Scribe PB **\$26.99**

A global bestseller, this sweeping saga recounts the triumphs and heartbreaks of multiple generations of one family amid the political turmoil of Georgia and Russia throughout the 20th century.

**AGAINST THE LOVELESS WORLD**

SUSAN ABULHAWA

Bloomsbury PB **\$29.99**

This story of oppression, resistance, resilience and love by the author of *Mornings in Jenin* is narrated by Palestinian woman Nahr, imprisoned in a high-tech cement cube in Israel while awaiting trial as a terrorist.

**BLUE IN CHICAGO**

BETTE HOWLAND

Picador HB

\$34.99

A collection of sharp, wry and bittersweet stories written by American author Bette Howland (1937–2017), described by Saul Bellow as 'one of the significant writers of her generation'.

**EARTHLINGS**

SAYAKA MURATA

Granta PB **\$29.99**

From the author of the cult hit *Convenience Store Woman*, this confronting novel follows alienated and abused Natsuki as she tries to carve a non-conformist path through a drab, morally vacuous world.

**FIFTY-TWO STORIES**

ANTON CHEKHOV

Penguin HB

\$49.99

Spanning the full arc of the great Russian writer's career, this collection includes a number of tales translated into English for the first time.



THE PERFECT WORLD OF MIWAKO SUMIDA

Clarissa Goenawan

Miwako Sumida is a student with a seemingly bright future. But after she leaves college without notice to volunteer for a medical clinic in a rural town, she tragically dies by suicide. Miwako's three closest friends Ryu, Chie and Fumi are left heartbroken by her death. Shocked, they can barely believe that Miwako would take her own life, and try to figure out why she did it. Through the eyes of those closest to Miwako, Clarissa Goenawan paints an intricate portrait of this young woman – the secrets that she held close and the troubles that drove her to an untimely death.

Scribe PB

\$29.99



A SONG FOR THE DARK TIMES

Ian Rankin

When his daughter Samantha calls in the dead of night, John Rebus suspects it's not good news. He's right – her husband Keith has been missing for two days. Rebus fears the worst and as a retired career-long policeman he knows that his daughter will be the prime suspect if his fears prove true. Set on the windswept north coast of Scotland and in Rebus' usual patch of Edinburgh, Rankin's 23rd Rebus novel follows two storylines – one following the aged and ailing detective as he works to vindicate his daughter and another following his friend and former colleague Detective Inspector Siobhan Clarke as she investigates the murder of a wealthy Saudi student.

Orion PB

\$32.99



PIRANESI

Susanna Clarke

Piranesi lives in the House, a vast labyrinth of cavernous halls and marble statues. He knows its contents precisely, but has no knowledge of the wider world, and his only visitor is the enigmatic figure of the Other. As messages and memories start to filter into the House, Piranesi begins to question the nature of his existence and the true motives of the Other. Clearly inspired by Jorge Luis Borges, Susanna Clarke, author of the global bestseller *Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell*, fuses fantasy, gothic and supernatural elements in this dark and otherworldly mystery.

Bloomsbury HB

\$27.99



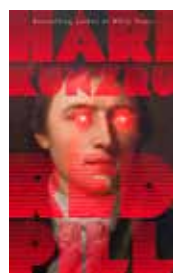
TO SLEEP IN A SEA OF STARS

Christopher Paolini

This epic novel comes from bestselling author Christopher Paolini (*Eragon*). Breaking away from classical fantasy tropes, his newest work instead focuses on Kira, a young xenobiologist on a bustling space station. While doing a routine planet survey, Kira discovers a decaying artefact and unwittingly releases an ancient power. This throws her headfirst into an ancient and deadly battle, one in which her family's past seems to play an inexplicable role. Paolini explores the core of what makes us human in this epic galaxy-spanning novel, which will appeal to both YA and adult readers.

Tor PB

\$32.99



RED PILL

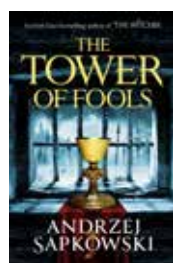
Hari Kunzru

With this provocative work, Hari Kunzru joins the list of writers attempting to make sense of the Trump era through fiction. Set in the months leading up to the 2016 US election, this tense, atmospheric and wildly intellectual literary thriller explores ideas of surveillance and paranoia, authenticity and morality. The story follows an unnamed writer as he leaves his family in Brooklyn to attend an unusual writing residency in Berlin. Suspicious of his host's motives, he stays in his room watching episodes of a violent cop show. Eventually, a meeting with the show's creator provokes a full-blown descent into darkness.

Scribner PB

Was \$32.99

Now \$29.99



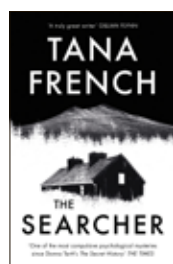
THE TOWER OF FOOLS

Andrzej Sapkowski

This first volume in a long-awaited English translation of Andrzej Sapkowski's 2002 dark fantasy Hussite trilogy will be a hit with fans of the renowned fantasy writer's *The Witcher* saga. Set in medieval Silesia, it follows young academic Reinmar, who finds himself on the run after being discovered with his pants down (quite literally) in the company of the daughter of a powerful noble. Pursued and caught, he is thrown into the notorious 'Tower of the Fools'. Trapped within this ruthless prison society, Reinmar uncovers a sinister plot and must deal with the possibly catastrophic impact of his previous actions.

Gollancz PB

\$32.99



THE SEARCHER

Tana French

A Chicago ex-cop throws a handful of cash at a real-estate website and finds himself on the West Coast of Ireland, breathing fine mist and stripping wallpaper from a mouldy 90-year-old house. It's a transatlantic seachange in the land of rolling green. But the idyll doesn't last: his spidey-senses are tingling. It's not long before the retired detective is roped into the mystery of a missing local teen. The eighth offering from renowned Irish-American crime fiction writer Tana French, this fast-paced thriller about an outsider unwrapping a remote village's secrets won't disappoint.

Viking PB

\$32.99



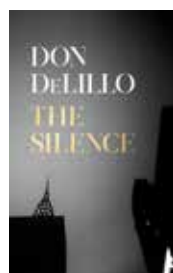
TRIO

William Boyd

One of Britain's most prolific writers of character-driven literary fiction, with 16 novels including the marvellous *Any Human Heart* to his credit, Scottish writer William Boyd deserves the many accolades that have been sent his way. In *Trio*, he follows three protagonists associated with a film shoot – producer Talbot, actor Anny and writer Elfrida – as their lives spiral out of control. Set in the seaside town of Brighton in 1968, the action unfolds against a backdrop of civil unrest in France and the US, and balances its rumination on important questions (eg, what is it that makes life meaningful?) with an underpinning of humour.

Viking PB

\$32.99



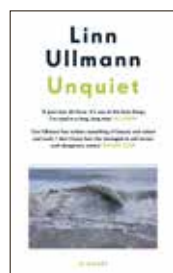
THE SILENCE

Don DeLillo

When this sparse, evocative novella begins, a group of old friends are preparing to watch the Super Bowl together in a New York apartment. A plane crash and a global blackout send their plans careening off course, heralding the quiet approach of apocalypse and plunging them into a state of alienation and existential confusion. Don DeLillo is one of America's greatest living writers, and in *The Silence* he offers a surreal meditation on paranoia, mass consumption and the way our obsessive reliance on technology eclipses our connection to reality.

Picador HB

\$29.99



UNQUIET

Linn Ullmann

In the 1960s, Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann took Swedish director Ingmar Bergman as a lover. Their only child together, Linn Ullmann, is now a Norwegian author and journalist. In this, her sixth book, 'the mother', an up-and-coming actress in her twenties, gets together with 'the father', an auteur 20 years her senior. With plain and declarative prose, this autobiographical novel is based upon six conversations recorded in Bergman's home on the Swedish island of Fårö. Translated into English by Thilo Reinhard, *Unquiet* is a beautiful, fragmentary exploration of structure, memory and family.

Hamish Hamilton PB

\$32.99

Highly Recommended



THE INHERITORS

HANNELORE CAYRE

Black Inc PB **\$29.99**

Set in Paris in a period spanning 1870 to the modern day, the latest novel by the author of *The Godmother* tells the darkly gripping story of a tainted family legacy.



THE LYING LIFE OF ADULTS

ELENA FERRANTE

Europa PB **\$32.99**

The latest novel by the author of the Neapolitan Quartet is another coming-of-age story set in Naples, this time set among the upper echelons of Neapolitan society in the early 1990s.



MAYFLIES

ANDREW O'HAGAN

Faber PB **\$29.99**

Underpinned by nostalgia for the 1980s (especially its music), the latest novel by one of the UK's most acclaimed novelists deals with themes of friendship, masculinity, ageing and mortality.

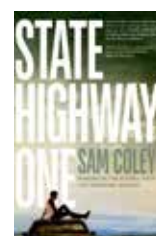


MONOGAMY

SUE MILLER

Bloomsbury PB **\$29.99**

Miller's nuanced narrative focuses on newly widowed Annie, who discovers something about her late husband that makes her ponder what makes a strong marriage and a fulfilled life.



STATE HIGHWAY ONE

SAM COLEY

Hachette PB **\$32.99**

Dealing with themes of grief and what makes a home, Coley's award-winning debut novel follows siblings Alex and Amy as they road-trip along New Zealand's main highway, coming to grips with their past along the way.



TRANSCENDENT KINGDOM

YAA GYASI

Viking PB **\$32.99**

This epic novel by the author of the masterful *Homegoing* is set in contemporary America and focuses on Gifty, the daughter of Ghanaian immigrants, as she comes to terms with her complicated heritage.



V2

ROBERT HARRIS

Hutchinson PB **\$32.99**

Set against the backdrop of the V2 rocket strikes on London in the tail end of WW2, this thriller by the author of *Fatherland* and *Enigma* is further proof that Harris is a master of the genre.

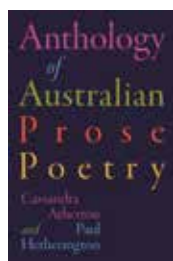


WHAT ARE YOU GOING THROUGH

SIGRID NUNEZ

Virago PB **\$29.99**

In her new novel, much-admired writer Sigrid Nunez (*The Friend*) addresses themes including the meaning of life and death, and the value of companionship.

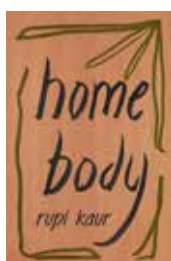


MUP PB

\$39.99**ANTHOLOGY OF AUSTRALIAN PROSE POETRY**

Cassandra Atherton & Paul Hetherington (eds)

Poets and academics Paul Hetherington and Cassandra Atherton present this selection of some of the best Australian prose poems written over the past 50 years as their argument for the value of the prose poem. A literary form that has been underrepresented across mainstream literary platforms, it has nonetheless been flourishing in recent times. An impressive and diverse range of writers features, including Ali Cobby Eckermann, Shashtra Deo, Bella L, David Malouf and Omar Sakr.



Simon & Schuster PB

\$24.99**HOME BODY**

Rupi Kaur

After writing, illustrating and self-publishing *milk and honey*, her first collection of poetry, aged only 21, Indian-born Canadian Rupi Kaur went on to release a second volume, *the sun and her flowers*. Both became global bestsellers. Now that this third volume has joined their ranks, it will no doubt be given the same rapturous reception. Written using her trademark lower case and minimal punctuation (only full stops are employed), *home body* muses on themes of love, acceptance, community and family, and again features illustrations by the poet.



NewSouth PB

\$32.99**ROOTED: AN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY OF BAD LANGUAGE**

Amanda Laugesen

F***ing hell, what is it about Aussies and swearing? We've got an international reputation for using bad language and letting rip with a choice swear word or two. From the defiant curses of the convicts to the cheeky, often foul-mouthed, humour of WW1 diggers and on to the increasingly prevalent use of the previously taboo 'c word' in contemporary Australian conversation, the chief editor of the *Australian National Dictionary* here takes us on an engrossing journey through the tumultuous history of Australia's bad language. Is it a form of liberation and subversion? A source of humour and creativity? Or something that should be countered with the reintroduction of that age-old punishment, washing the mouth out with soap?



Vintage HB

\$27.99 each**BLUEBLOOD**

Malorie Blackman

CINDERELLA LIBERATOR

Rebecca Solnit

DUCKLING

Kamila Shamsie

HANSEL AND GRETA

Jeanette Winterson

These retellings of classic fairy tales by major literary figures are part of Vintage Books' 'Fairy Tale Revolution' series, which is designed to breathe new life into old stories for the enjoyment of both adults and children.



Simon & Schuster HB

\$45**THE MADMAN'S LIBRARY**

Edward Brooke-Hitching

The life of rare book collector Edward Brooke-Hitching has been steeped in words and books. So who better to compile a book about books so peculiar, they could fill *The Madman's Library*? Masterfully researched, this curated collection is a century-spanning hunt for the strangest works committed to the page and elsewhere. Alchemical scrolls, books written in blood, books that can kill and books you can eat are just a few examples of what you might find. Always fascinating, and packed with strange facts, stories and images, this is a compendium worthy of its title.



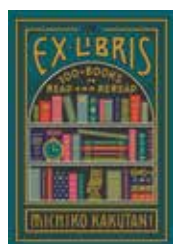
Andrews McMeel PBs

Was \$49.99

Now \$29.95**RUPI KAUR BOXED SET**

Rupi Kaur

Dubbed the 'queen of Instapoets' by *Rolling Stone* in 2017, Rupi Kaur has left her poetical mark on million of readers from all over the world. This eminently giftable slipcase contains her first two published poetry collections: *milk and honey* and *the sun and her flowers*. Kaur is interested in what it means to be a person in the world, and in both these works she uses words and images to explore universal themes: love and sex, heartbreak and loss, trauma and healing. This is poetry for the internet age: fragmented, confessional and inclusive.



HarperCollins HB

\$34.99**EX LIBRIS: 100+ BOOKS TO READ AND REREAD**

Michiko Kakutani

December Release

Long-time *New York Times* literary critic Michiko Kakutani sees books as magical objects that transport us through time, memory and space. They illuminate, teach and bring us shared joy. *Ex Libris* collects her favourite titles that deserve to be read (and reread!) by everybody. Her selection of fiction, nonfiction, children's books and poetry surpasses the androcentric Western canon, incorporating contemporary works and writing by women and people of colour. With beautiful illustrations by lettering artist Dana Tanamachi, this is a sensuous, life-giving reading experience no bibliophile will want to miss.



Fourth Estate HB

Was \$39.99

Now \$34.99**MANTEL PIECES**

Hilary Mantel

She may not have been shortlisted for this year's Booker Prize as expected, but English literary superstar Hilary Mantel is featuring on the book pages of broadsheet newspapers regardless – courtesy of this volume of 20 reviews, essays and pieces of memoir originally published in the *London Review of Books*. Her subjects range far and wide, and include the highly personal diary entry 'Meeting My Stepfather' (2003), her excoriating review of Christopher Anderson's 1991 book *Madonna Unauthorized* (her review is titled 'Plain Girl's Revenge Made Flesh') and her much-publicised 2013 essay 'Royal Bodies', which explores the place of royal women in society and our imagination. **Also available:** a boxed gift set of Mantel's acclaimed Thomas Cromwell trilogy: *Wolf Hall*, *Bring Up the Bodies* and *The Mirror & the Light* (Fourth Estate HBs \$139.99).



Black Inc HB

Was \$49.99

Now \$39.99**WATSONIA: A WRITING LIFE**

Don Watson

Celebrated historian, beloved essayist and former political speechwriter: Don Watson is one of Australia's wittiest and most thoughtful writers. *Watsonia* brings together a wide-ranging collection of his articles gathered from across a very full writing life. Topics traversed range from Mark Twain to the Loch Ness Monster; ABC to Anzac Day; biography, travel, nature and sports. Essays are peppered with sensuous details of Australian landscapes – 200-foot-tall blue gums, gullies full of tree ferns, red-bellied snakes – and are underpinned by a life compelled by democratic socialism. With a conversational tone and firm grasp of the Aussie vernacular, this collection is both entertaining and insightful.

Highly Recommended

**A BODY OF WATER**

BEVERLEY FARMER

Giramondo PB

\$29.95

This new edition of a long-out-of-print classic by the late Australian author mixes essay, memoir, fiction and folk tale to portray one year in Farmer's life.

**THE FIRE OF JOY**

CLIVE JAMES

Picador PB

Was \$34.99 **Now \$29.99**

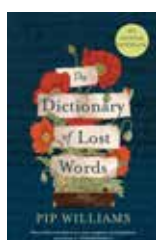
Written in the last months of Clive James' life, this anthology includes 84 poems that he knew by heart and loved to speak aloud, accompanied by his commentary on each.

**LIVES OF HOUSES**

KATE KENNEDY & HERMIONE LEE (eds)

Princeton HB **\$44.99**

Eminent novelists, poets, biographers and historians write about the homes of prominent figures including Auden, Yeats, Churchill and Sibelius, pondering what these houses can tell us about their former inhabitants.

**THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS**

PIP WILLIAMS

Affirm PB

\$19.99

Dealing with the compilation of the very first *Oxford English Dictionary*, Pip Williams' debut novel is one of the biggest-selling Australian books of 2020.

**GRIFFITH REVIEW 70: GENEROSITIES OF SPIRIT**

ASHLEY HAY (ed)

Griffith Review PB **\$27.99**

Writers including Kristina Olsson, Thomas Mayor, Claire G Coleman, Kate Veitch and Allannah Hunt write on the themes of generosity and compassion.

**THE LOST SPELLS**

ROBERT MACFARLANE & JACKIE MORRIS

Hamish Hamilton HB

\$35

This sequel to *The Lost Words* is a collection of acrostic poetry and artwork by landscape-focused writer Robert Macfarlane (*The Old Ways*) and illustrator Jackie Morris.

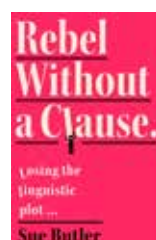
**MAAR BIDI**

ELFIE SHIOSAKI & LINDA MARTIN

Magabala PB

\$24.99

A new collection of writings by a diverse group of young black Australian essayists, critics, novelists and poets.

**REBEL WITHOUT A CLAUSE**

SUE BUTLER

Macmillan HB **\$24.99**

The former editor of the *Macquarie Dictionary* offers an entertaining and idiosyncratic take on common usage (or should that be misusage?) of the English language.



Fourth Estate HB

Was \$39.99

Now \$34.99

BOY ON FIRE

Mark Mordue

This biography of Nick Cave focuses on the young musician's life-defining early years. Starting with his Wangaratta childhood, it moves to his boarding school days at Melbourne's Caulfield Grammar and then to the formation of The Boys Next Door with schoolmates Mick Harvey, Tracy Pew and Phill Calvert in the mid-1970s before arriving at 1980, when the band left Melbourne for London. Mordue's book is discursive and anecdotal, rather than strictly chronological, and also dips into the four decades that have since transpired. Nuanced and unflinching, this conversational collection of stories and reminiscences paints a compelling picture of Cave, drawing on the friendships and creative influences that helped shape one of Australia's most enigmatic sons.



Allen & Unwin HB

Was \$45

Now \$39.99

LOWITJA

Stuart Rintoul

Veteran journalist Stuart Rintoul tells the story of a remarkable woman in this engaging biography of activist and Yunkunytjatjara woman Lowitja O'Donoghue. A member of the Stolen Generations, the first Aboriginal woman to become a nurse in South Australia and a prominent figure in Australian politics since the '60s, O'Donoghue has borne witness to many pivotal moments in our nation's history, even playing a role in some of their outcomes. Anyone with an interest in history, politics or social justice will be intrigued by her story, and the frequent use of direct quotes from O'Donoghue imbues Rintoul's telling of it with authority.



Viking PB

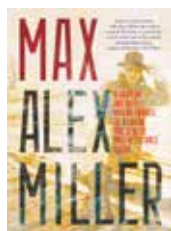
Was \$34.99

Now \$29.99

MARY'S LAST DANCE

Mary Li

Many Australians already know the remarkable tale of Li Cunxin, 'Mao's last dancer'. Now, his wife shares her own story. Mary describes her childhood, career and rise to fame alongside Cunxin – right up to the point when they learn their daughter, Sophie, is deaf. Determined to help Sophie succeed in a hearing world, Mary steps away from the spotlight and plunges into unknown territory. This dramatic decision, and the years that follow, are described with a candour that is refreshing and endearing. *Mary's Last Dance* was written with Sophie's approval and the loving, occasionally combative, relationship between mother and daughter lies at the heart of this moving memoir.



Allen & Unwin PB

\$29.99

MAX

Alex Miller

In fragments of memoir, travelogue, history and reflection, renowned Australian novelist Alex Miller tries to reconstruct the life of his friend and mentor, Max Blatt. Max rarely talked about his past as a politically active Jew in Germany in the years of Hitler's rise to power, and years after his death, Miller searches for Max's story knowing that it can't be told in fiction. But even nonfiction cannot give a full and unbiased history – hence the fragmentary nature of this book. As much as Max's story, this is Miller's story of the search for the elusive past of a great friend.



Text PB

\$32.99

OLIVE, MABEL & ME

Andrew Cotter

After COVID-19 left sports commentator Andrew Cotter at home and virtually unemployed, he shot a light-hearted 90-second video of his two Labradors eating breakfast, gave it a sports-style commentary voiceover and semi-reluctantly uploaded it to Twitter. Several million likes and shares – and a few more videos – later, Cotter tells the back-story of the dogs that went viral and describes daily life with the two Labs. *Olive, Mabel & Me* is a love letter to all things canine, with plenty of doggy stories and adventures along the way.



Text HB

\$29.99

ONE DAY I'LL REMEMBER THIS: DIARIES 1987–1995

Helen Garner

The second volume of Garner's diaries provides glimpses into her hectic personal life, living in Sydney but still travelling to Melbourne and retreating to Primrose Gully. She falls in love, marries again and regrets it. She buys a piano and begins lessons. The film of *The Last Days of Chez Nous* is released to mixed reviews, and *Cosmo Cosmolino* and her controversial *The First Stone* are published. Throughout these events, Garner's whip-crack commentary flicks through the fields of philosophy, art, music, theatre and literature. As always, her responses are incisive and acutely observed.



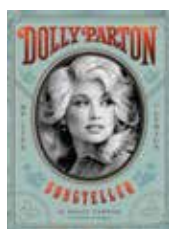
Monash PB

\$29.95

CATHY GOES TO CANBERRA

Cathy McGowan

Although she served as the member of parliament for the federal seat of Indi in north-east Victoria for two terms, Cathy McGowan doesn't consider herself as Political with a capital 'P'. As an independent running on behalf of the grassroots organisation Voices for Indi in a traditionally safe Liberal seat, she was more concerned with representing the people and making sure democracy was actually working than with becoming involved in the tit-for-tat nonsense beloved by Australian politicians. This warm-hearted memoir – subtitled 'Doing Politics Differently' – tells the story of McGowan's campaign to win Indi and her time as a parliamentarian. In so doing, it provides a manifesto for an alternative community-based politics.



Hodder & Stoughton

HB Was \$59.99

Now \$54.99

DOLLY PARTON: SONGTELLER

Dolly Parton

Here, the perky queen of country music (aka The Smoky Mountain Songbird, Iron Butterfly or Backwoods Barbie) looks at her life and career through the lens of lyrics to 150 of her songs. Illustrated throughout with memorabilia and previously unpublished images, *Dolly Parton: Songteller* shares the personal stories, candid insights and many memories behind the songs that made her famous. It is sure to delight her many fans.



HarperCollins HB

Was \$45

Now \$18.95

FACE IT

Debbie Harry

In this tell-all memoir, the co-founder and lead singer of Blondie pulls no punches when charting her early life and her formative years immersed in the New York punk scene of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Harry reminisces about her time rubbing shoulders with figures such as Andy Warhol, Iggy Pop, William Burroughs, David Bowie, Joey Ramone and the New York Dolls, before writing about how fame and the relentless stress of life on the road led to the breakdown of her relationship with Chris Stein, bankruptcy and an addiction to what she calls 'the great consolation' (heroin).

IS THIS ANYTHING?

Jerry Seinfeld

Writer and comedian Jerry Seinfeld will forever be associated with the long-running sitcom he co-created and wrote with fellow stand-up comedian Larry David. But before the phenomenal success of the TV series, Seinfeld cut his teeth on stand-up and the TV chat-show circuit. Since those early days, Seinfeld has filed away all the material he's ever written. In this book – a kind of autobiography built around gags – he brings together his favourite joke writing, condensing 45 years of observational gag writing into a 450-page master class in stand-up.



Simon & Schuster

HB

Was \$49.99

Now \$39.99

Highly Recommended

**BACHAR HOULI**

BACHAR HOULI WITH WALEED ALY

Ebury PB

Was \$34.99 Now \$29.99

The AFL's most-prominent Muslim player talks about the experiences and beliefs that have underpinned his sporting success and made him a leading voice for inclusion, understanding and tolerance in Australian sport.

**BELIEF**

MARLION PICKETT WITH DAVE WARNER

Simon & Schuster HB

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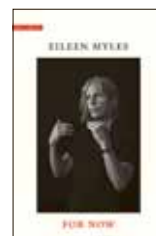
The talented Indigenous AFL player tells the story of his transformation from a troubled young man jailed in Western Australia into a star of Richmond's victorious 2019 Grand Final team.

**A DIFFERENT KIND OF SEEING**

MARIE YOUNAN WITH JILL SANGUINETTI

Scribe PB \$29.99

Born into a family of Assyrian refugees and accidentally blinded as a baby, Marie Younan's journey from Syria to Lebanon, Greece and on to Australia is recounted in this inspiring memoir.

**FOR NOW**

EILEEN MYLES

Yale HB

\$26.95

A raucous, erudite and witty meditation on life from American poet, writer and performance artist, Eileen Myles (*Chelsea Girls*, *Inferno*).

December Release

**HEALING LIVES**

SUE WILLIAMS

Macmillan PB \$34.99

The extraordinary story of Mamitu Gashe, whose life was saved at Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital and who, encouraged by the hospital's co-founder Catherine Hamlin, went on to become an acclaimed fistula surgeon herself.

Q 3. What is Iz Diamond's profession?

**HYSTERIA**

KATERINA BRYANT

NewSouth PB \$29.99

Bryant's account of dealing with chronic illness blends memoir with literary and historical analysis to investigate the marginalisation of women in their own medical diagnoses and treatment.

**JUST IGNORE HIM**

ALAN DAVIES

Little, Brown PB \$32.99

The English comedian and actor (*QI*, *Jonathan Creek*) recounts his traumatic childhood, blighted by the death of his mother and subsequent sexual abuse by his father.



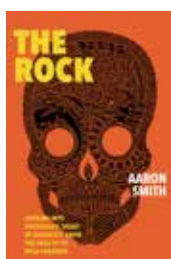
ONLY HAPPINESS HERE

Gabrielle Carey

Most literature, Gabrielle Carey points out, is miserable. Elizabeth von Arnim, then, is a rarity – an author who sought out, expressed and celebrated happiness. This Australian-born author who was writing in the early 20th century has fallen from view but in *Only Happiness Here* Carey, perhaps best known for writing *Puberty Blues* with Kathy Lette, brings her back into the light. Giving glimpses into Carey's life as well as von Arnim's, this is a guide to happiness that bears no resemblance to a self-help book.

UQP PB

\$32.99



THE ROCK

Aaron Smith

December Release

The author of this entertaining memoir was the last editor of Australia's most northerly newspaper, *The Torres News*, a small independent regional tabloid that folded in late 2019 after functioning for six decades. Until its closure, the newspaper, which was published out of Thursday Island, catered to a predominantly Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal readership scattered across some of the most remote communities in Australia. Smith recounts how, after being transplanted from his white-boy privileged suburban life, he became embedded in island life, albeit as an outsider from a racial and cultural minority.

Transit Lounge PB

\$29.99



AN UNCONVENTIONAL WIFE

Mary Hoban

Historian Mary Hoban tells the forgotten story of Julia Sorell Arnold, the colonial belle who fascinated Hobart society in the mid-19th century. The prominent men in Julia's remarkable family tree have been written into history books – from her grandfather, the Lieutenant-General of Tasmania, to her grandsons, author Aldous Huxley and biologist Julian Huxley. But Julia's own story, while lesser known, is equally fascinating. Though she enjoyed immense privilege and educational advantages, she nonetheless railed against the forms of societal and marital disempowerment she experienced as a woman of her era.

Scribe HB

Was \$39.99

Now \$16.95

Q 4. Who boarded at Caulfield Grammar?



A PROMISED LAND

Barack Obama

In the highly anticipated first volume of his presidential memoirs, Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to the 44th President of the United States, the first African American to hold this office. Obama describes both his political education and the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency, offering a unique and thoughtful exploration of both the reach and limits of presidential power, as well as singular insights into the dynamics of US partisan politics and international diplomacy.

Viking HB

Was \$65

Now \$54.99



SOAR: A LIFE FREED BY DANCE

David McAllister

The release of David McAllister's memoir coincides with his retirement as artistic director of the Australian Ballet and, while it will naturally be of interest to ballet lovers for its many behind-the-scenes insights, the fact that it is an engaging yarn means that it will have a much wider appeal. McAllister is a natural storyteller: warm and charming with a self-deprecating sense of humour that feels decidedly Australian. *Soar* describes his dance journey, from a ballet studio in Perth to his golden days as a principal dancer for the Australian Ballet. It is both a candid account of the resilience and single-mindedness required to be an elite athlete, and a personal reflection on McAllister's struggles to embrace his sexuality.

Thames & Hudson HB

Was \$39.99

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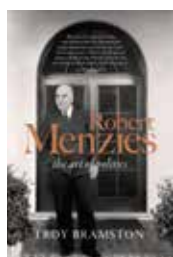
UNSEEN

Jacinta Parsons

One of a number of illness memoirs that have been published in Australia this year, *Unseen* is about chronic illness rather than the short sharp kind of disease that might come with a cure. ABC Melbourne presenter Jacinta Parsons writes about her experience with Crohn's disease as a way of showing how chronic illness affects every aspect of someone's life – relationships, friendships, work. But most of all she portrays how chronic illness affects someone's relationship with themselves – not just their body but their very identity. Parsons skilfully captures the physical and emotional reality of being sick, of being in hospital, of dealing with doctors who may or may not see you as a whole person, of how other people respond to illness. And in doing so, she makes the unseen seen.

Affirm PB

\$32.99



ROBERT MENZIES

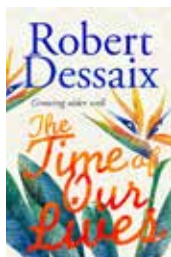
Troy Bramston

Many books have been written about Robert Menzies. Some have been hagiographies, others more diffident treatments. What they all have in common is an agreement that the longest-serving prime minister of our country left a considerable and lasting political legacy. In this book, journalist Troy Bramston focuses on the man and his political manoeuvring. In Bramston's opinion, Menzies was '...more substantial than his critics allow and [had] more faults than his admirers accept'. Known for his healthy ego, Menzies had a higher opinion of his leadership skills than did most of his colleagues (Billy Hughes said that he 'couldn't lead a flock of homing pigeons') but was sensitive about some criticisms, most notably that he didn't sign up to fight in WWI and later joined with Chamberlain to advocate appeasement with Hitler. A fascinating read.

Scribe HB

Was \$49.99

Now \$19.95



THE TIME OF OUR LIVES

Robert Dessaix

The latest book by novelist, essayist and journalist Robert Dessaix is a long, witty and intellectual conversational essay about ageing. Literally conversational, because Dessaix reconstructs chats with friends and strangers to talk directly to his reader – and it seems, to himself as well. Browsing a cornucopia of topics related to growing old, including death, the soul, sex, other pleasures, the arts, travel and religion, he takes a nuanced and often unpredictable approach to all. In typical Dessaix fashion, he roams across many thinkers and writers while doing so. And his conclusion? An inner life, born of curiosity and playfulness, is key to growing old well.

Brio HB

\$32.99



WOMEN'S WORK

Megan K Stack

Subtitled 'a personal reckoning with labour, motherhood, and privilege', the latest book by exceptional writer and journalist Megan K Stack (*Every Man in This Village Is a Liar*) is a riveting read that asks the reader to consider their own position on the great gender and class divide of domestic labour. By exploring her own story of motherhood and the endless cycle of work it creates with breathtaking honesty, Stack raises necessary questions about the inescapable (and often hidden) work of a family home. Brutally honest, *Women's Work* reinforces the facts that the personal is political, and that this truth cannot be ignored when considering our choices.

Scribe PB

Was \$32.99

Now \$12.95

Highly Recommended

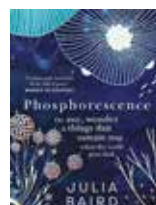


KRISTIAN FREDRIKSON: DESIGNER

MICHELLE POTTER

Melbourne Books HB **\$59.95**

This celebration of the life and work of acclaimed stage designer Kristian Fredrikson is replete with drawings and photographs of magnificent costumes and sets created for companies including the Australian Ballet and Australian Opera.



PHOSPHORESCENCE

JULIA BAIRD

Fourth Estate HB **\$32.99**

Drawing on her own memories and experiences, Australian journalist and writer Julia Baird ponders how we can find and nurture within ourselves that elusive thing known as happiness.



SON OF THE BRUSH

TIM OLSEN

Allen & Unwin PB **\$34.99**

The son of Australian artist John Olsen tells of growing up in an artistic milieu, overcoming alcoholism and building a career as a prominent gallery owner.

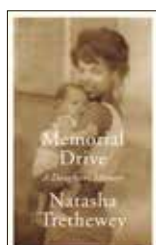


UNTWISTED

PAUL JENNINGS

Allen & Unwin HB **\$34.99**

Reflections on writing, teaching and living from the author of much-loved Australian children's books including *Round the Twist* and *Unreal!*



MEMORIAL DRIVE

NATASHA TRETHEWEY

Bloomsbury PB **\$27.99**

Two-time United States Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, the child of a black mother and a white father, writes about the murder of her mother in the 1960s, pondering issues such as sudden loss and absence, white racism and domestic abuse.



A REPURPOSED LIFE

RONNI KAHN WITH JESSICA CHAPNIK KAHN

Murdoch PB **\$32.99**

A candid and inspiring memoir from the Sydney-based founder and CEO of OzHarvest, which works to support economically vulnerable members of our community and address Australia's food-waste problem.



TRUTHS FROM AN UNRELIABLE WITNESS

FIONA O'LOUGHLIN

Hachette PB **\$32.99**

Australian comedian Fiona O'Loughlin writes of love, marriage, motherhood, melancholy and alcoholism in her wry and uncompromisingly honest memoir.



THE WILD SILENCE

RAYNOR WINN

Michael Joseph HB **\$35**

After walking the 1000km South West Coast Path in England (*The Salt Path*), Raynor Winn and her terminally ill husband Moth follow new paths towards natural healing in Cornwall and Iceland.



MUP PB
\$34.99

CHINA'S GRAND STRATEGY AND AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE IN THE NEW GLOBAL ORDER

Geoff Raby

Relations between China and Australia are at a seemingly combustible point. How did it get to this point? In this considered book, Geoff Raby analyses the relationship of these two countries and offers a vision for the future. As a former Australian Ambassador to China, Raby has spent most of his professional life either in or thinking about the large and populous nation, and in this book he delves into the historical, political and cultural events that have contributed to China's status in the world today.

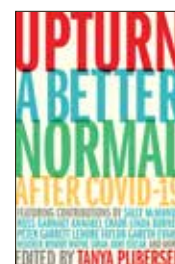


Scribner PB
\$32.99

TRUTH IS TROUBLE

Malcolm Knox

In 2019, Rugby Australia terminated the contract of its star player, Tongan-born Israel Folau, due to his homophobic social media posts. The dismissal quickly became a cause célèbre, characterised by evangelical Christians and those on the populist right as an attack on both freedom of speech and religious belief. In *Truth Is Trouble*, Malcolm Knox gives a considered analysis of the dispute, considering the increasingly important role of sponsorship in sport; documenting the pivotal role that Martyn Iles and the Australian Christian Lobby played; discussing how the 'momentary bloodlust' of cancel culture is magnified by social media; raising what he calls 'the serpentine relationship of colonialisation, religion and race'; and placing this episode in the context of Australia's contemporary culture wars.

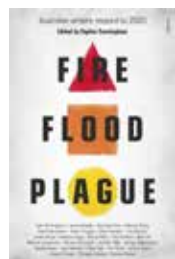


NewSouth PB
\$32.99

UPTURN: A BETTER NORMAL AFTER COVID-19

Tanya Plibersek (ed)

Life as we know it has been turned upside down. Who could have imagined the COVID-19 new normal? Across the globe, health and economic crises have drawn back the veil on racist systems, poverty and violent institutions. Australia will face massive questions over the next few years as we reset and rebuild from the ground up. And so how can we be inspired by expressions of love and community spirit to reshape society? This collection of essays edited by Labor MP Tanya Plibersek, who was encouraged by Arundhati Roy's assertion that 'the pandemic is a portal', unites our country's hopeful thinkers to dream about a fair and just world.



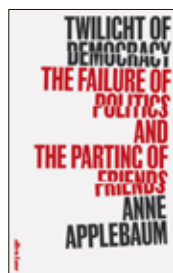
Vintage PB
\$29.99

FIRE FLOOD PLAGUE

Sophie Cunningham (ed)

December Release

After a year that has challenged the world like never before, Australian writers come together to reflect on the present moment. Encompassing the summer bushfires, the Black Lives Matter movement, the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and much more besides, this wide-ranging essay collection illustrates the unprecedented toll 2020 has taken on the lives of humans, animals and the environment. Editor Sophie Cunningham has assembled 26 insightful and formidable contributors, ranging from Tim Flannery on the need for decisive political action to address the climate crisis; to Christos Tsiolkas on globalisation and the privilege of travel; to Melissa Lucashenko on the colonial echoes of the pandemic and the resilience of First Nations communities.

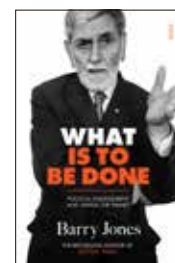


Allen Lane HB
\$35

TWILIGHT OF DEMOCRACY

Anne Applebaum

Mixing the personal and the political, *Twilight of Democracy* is an illuminating read for anyone looking to understand the current state of global politics and, in particular, the rise of illiberalism and authoritarianism in the Western world. Anne Applebaum moves swiftly past simplistic explanations for this trend to instead delve into the deeper motivations at play. A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and a conservative with connections to elite circles in Europe, the UK and the USA, Applebaum is uniquely placed to tackle this topic. Astute readers will recognise many of her former friends, colleagues and acquaintances listed here, and will appreciate how Applebaum situates these personal remembrances in historical context to reveal chilling insights.

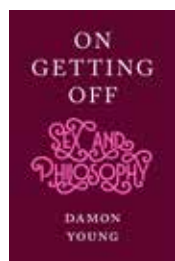


Scribe PB
Was \$35
Now **\$29.99**

WHAT IS TO BE DONE

Barry Jones

In this follow-up to the globally influential *Sleepers, Wake!*, written in the early 1980s, Barry Jones confronts what he considers to be some of the most pressing issues facing society today: the climate crisis, near-sighted politicians, the ever-more divisive nature of the internet, the concept that truth can be turned into something subjective, and more. While so much has changed in the nearly four decades since the original book was published, Jones' forward-thinking approach to the issues of the world has not. Perhaps most importantly, *What Is to Be Done* doesn't just identify the issues – it also pitches solutions.

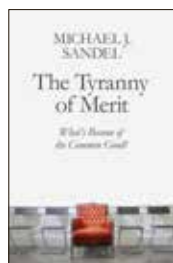


Scribe PB
\$24.99

ON GETTING OFF: SEX AND PHILOSOPHY

Damon Young

Philosopher and writer Damon Young turns his inquiring mind to the erotic in this thought-provoking exploration of sex. Mixing together history, cultural studies, art, memoir and literary criticism, this is a lively work of pop philosophy. Young poses questions about everything from the cringe to the kink, and his efforts to discern answers are marked by sincerity, generosity and humour. *On Getting Off* is frequently very funny (often at Young's own expense) and this element works beautifully to render a 'taboo topic' accessible. This is also a book that will likely incite a visit to the library or your nearest bookshop: literature plays a major role in Young's exploration of sex.

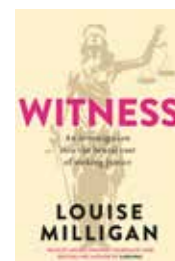


Allen Lane PB
\$35

THE TYRANNY OF MERIT

Michael J Sandel

We live in a world in which inequality grows with each year. And we are more polarised, ungenerous and frustrated than ever before. In his latest book, American academic and writer Michael J Sandel argues that to combat the inequality of the world today, we must reassess how we think about success, failure and the hierarchies that come with them. Sandel's writing is accessible, but this is the kind of book that may require a bit of thinking space – it is full of nuance, many-layered concepts and a list of citations that you will absolutely want to delve into.



Hachette PB
\$34.99

WITNESS

Louise Milligan

Investigative journalist Louise Milligan knows the toll the pursuit of justice can take. Through her extensive reporting on *Four Corners* and her Walkley Award-winning coverage of Cardinal George Pell's trial and appeal, Milligan has worked closely with victims of child abuse, sexual assault and other legal cases that involve the most traumatised members of society; victims who, in many cases, are retraumatised by their experiences in court. In this bracing and essential book, Milligan interviews judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers, as well as victims, advocates and survivors. With forensic, compassionate clarity she lays bare the court system's most egregious contradictions, failings and power imbalances, and calls for large-scale change.

Highly Recommended



BEST AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL CARTOONS 2020

RUSS RADCLIFFE (ed)

Scribe PB **\$32.99**
From Scott Morrison's Hawaiian holiday to bushfires, COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement – the year in politics as observed by our most amusing and incisive political cartoonists.



December Release

FRIENDLY FIRE

AMI AYALON

Scribe PB **\$35**
A highly decorated Israeli military officer, cabinet minister and former director of the Shin Bet internal security agency gives his enlightened perspective on what his country must do to achieve a lasting peace between the Israelis and Palestinians.



MEN AT WORK

ANNABEL CRABB

Black Inc PB **\$24.99**
An updated version of Crabb's 2019 *Quarterly Essay* of the same name, with an afterword addressing the great working-from-home experiment that COVID-19 has forced upon us.



RECONNECTED

ANDREW LEIGH & NICK TERRELL

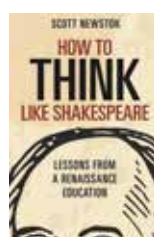
La Trobe PB **\$32.99**
The authors profile successful community organisations and initiatives, arguing that if more of us follow their lead, we can forge stronger social connections and make our communities more resilient.



THE COMEDY OF ERROR

JONATHAN SILVERTOWN

Scribe HB **\$29.99**
Utilising old jokes and new science, Silvertown, a professor of evolutionary ecology at Edinburgh University, investigates what humour is and why evolution has made us laugh.



HOW TO THINK LIKE SHAKESPEARE

SCOTT NEWSTOK

Princeton PB **\$24.99**
This concise and entertaining guide draws on Shakespeare's world and works to give us the tools to help us think more deeply, write more effectively and learn more joyfully.

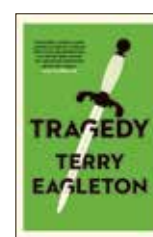


December Release

QE80: SEPARATED AT BIRTH

LAURA TINGLE

Quarterly Essay PB **\$24.99**
ABC journalist Laura Tingle ponders why, despite being so close, Australia and New Zealand seem to know so little about each other. And is there such a thing as national character?



TRAGEDY

TERRY EAGLETON

Yale HB **\$41.95**
Eminent literary critic Terry Eagleton explores the nuances of tragedy in Western culture – from literature and politics to philosophy and theatre – looking closely at its connection with periods of historical transition.

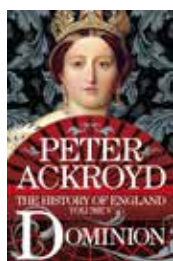


Viking PB
\$35

AGENT SONYA

Ben Macintyre

In the village of Great Rollright, in 1942, there lived a woman named Mrs Burton. She was a wife, a mother of three, and a member of this quaint little community. But things are not always as they seem. Mrs Burton was, in reality, Ursula Kuczynski – a German Jew who helped bring down the Nazis, and a communist spy. As well as keeping a house and caring for her children, Ursula was a colonel in the Red Army, funnelling information back to Russia from her various outposts under the codename ‘Sonya’. In this book, Ben Macintyre tells the story of Ursula’s remarkable life and offers us a work of history and biography that is just as thrilling as any spy novel.



Macmillan PB
Was \$32.99
Now \$13.95

DOMINION

Peter Ackroyd

In the penultimate title in his six-part history of Britain, Peter Ackroyd turns his attention to the more general canvas of England. *Dominion* focuses on an era of immense change: the 19th century and the reign of Victoria. The changing fortunes of Britain’s prime ministers provide the book’s structure, but Ackroyd’s subject comes to life when he looks at the period’s social changes. He charts the rise of the middle classes and workers’ unions, and the population’s shared mania for the new, from railways and science to music halls and ‘shilling shocker’ novels. With his pleasing turn of phrase, Ackroyd captures the nuances of the Victorian world, including the changing role of women.



Ebury PB
\$34.99

THE FREEDOM CIRCUS

Sue Smethurst

When journalist Sue Smethurst first learned how her husband’s parents came to settle in Australia it was almost by accident. Though the story was dismissed by Mindla, her grandmother-in-law, as being ‘nothing special’, Smethurst didn’t agree, and embarked on a series of long, deeply rewarding chats with Mindla to learn the tale in full. These conversations, and those with other family members and friends, form the basis of this novelistic account of how the couple – one a clown with the Staniewski Brothers Circus – managed to escape Poland during WW2. Bubbling with memorable details, *The Freedom Circus* is an astonishing and compelling read.



Bloomsbury PB
\$29.99

THE GLAMOUR BOYS

Chris Bryant

December Release

In the 1930s, a group of young, queer British MPs travelled to Germany. Upon returning home, they warned Britain about Hitler’s brutality, protesting England’s deferential policies. Despised by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who branded them ‘The Glamour Boys’ in a time when association with homosexuality could incur a prison sentence, these men campaigned for justice, some eventually dying in battle. A compelling work of nonfiction that uncovers a secret history, *The Glamour Boys* is written by Chris Bryant, a former priest, a British Member of Parliament for 20 years, and the first gay MP to celebrate a civil partnership in the Palace of Westminster.



DK HB
\$39.99

GREAT DIARIES

This illustrated guide charts the human need to record thoughts in diaries, journals, notebooks and letters, drawing on material from the age of the Pharaohs through to the present day. A wonderfully varied and wide-ranging collection of musings by politicians, writers, artists, musicians, thinkers and explorers, it allows us to take a peek into the life and times of our greatest diarists. Biographical chapters, excerpts and photographic reproductions accompany each entry, whetting the appetite to delve a little deeper.

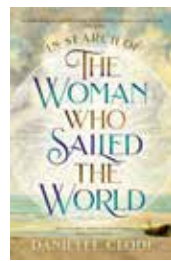


Bloomsbury PB
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THE HAUNTING OF ALMA FIELDING

Kate Summerscale

British author Kate Summerscale (*The Suspicions of Mr Whicher*) writes intriguing historical narratives with the verve and detail of a novelist. Her latest book concerns Alma Fielding, an ordinary young woman in 1930s London who claimed to be repeatedly visited by a phantom that wreaked destruction on her home, belongings and body. Nandor Fodor, a Freudian psychoanalyst and Hungarian refugee, was fascinated by Alma’s story and began to investigate these visitations. This deliciously unsettling ‘true ghost story’, written as historical narrative nonfiction, traces Alma’s conviction that paranormal forces are at work and sets this alongside the simultaneous rise of fascism in Europe, leading to reality and the supernatural being inextricably intertwined.



Picador PB
\$34.99

IN SEARCH OF THE WOMAN WHO SAILED THE WORLD

Danielle Clode

Australian academic and writer Danielle Clode brings her biologist’s eye to this story of the French woman credited as being the first woman to circumnavigate the globe. The Bougainville scientific expedition departed pre-revolutionary France in 1766 with Jeanne Barret aboard in disguise as valet to Philibert Commerson, doctor and naturalist. Clode draws on Barret’s scant footprint in the historical record to explore who she was and unravels her mythical legacy. Having spent her childhood living on a boat and schooling by correspondence, Clode’s affinity with the winds, currents and challenges of life at sea enhances this fresh take on a truly remarkable journey of exploration.

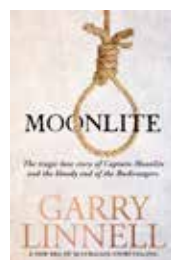


Yale PB
\$26.95

THE INVENTION OF CHINA

Bill Hayton

China is advancing rapidly into a developed state. In this book, Bill Hayton, an associate fellow at international think tank Chatham House, examines the geopolitical past that has motivated China’s national interests in the modern global arena. Hayton juxtaposes the current proud, militarily chauvinistic China represented by Xi Jinping during 2019’s Belt and Road Forum in Beijing with its tumultuous, disenfranchised state history, which he characterises as lacking identity and sovereignty. Hayton offers a historical picture of the development of China’s identity by looking at sources within its past dynasties and governments as well as the writings of foreign explorers and diplomats, making this stroll through the country’s rich history a pleasure to read.



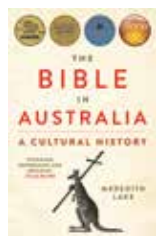
Michael Joseph PB
\$34.99

MOONLITE

Garry Linnell

Ned Kelly is undoubtedly the most mythologised of Australia’s bushrangers, but this imaginative work of history makes a compelling case for why Captain Moonlite should claim this honour. A poet, a soldier, a thief, a preacher, a lover – Andrew George Scott was a man of high drama and complex contradictions. In this epic tale of adventure and tragedy, Garry Linnell tells Moonlite’s remarkable life story as well as those of the two men who forever shaped it: one his beloved, and the other his executioner.

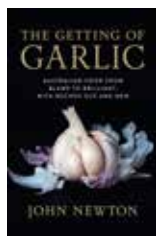
Highly Recommended



THE BIBLE IN AUSTRALIA

MEREDITH LAKE
NewSouth PB **\$32.99**

Awarded the 2019 Prime Minister’s Australian History Prize, Meredith Lake’s revelatory book describes how the Christian bible has played a defining and contested role in this country.



THE GETTING OF GARLIC

JOHN NEWTON
NewSouth PB

Was \$32.99 **Now \$9.95**

Food writer John Newton turns an anthropological eye to Australia’s food history in this fascinating book, which tracks Australian food from colonisation to now.



THE INVENTION OF MEDICINE

ROBIN LANE FOX
Allen Lane HB **\$49.99**

Written by an acclaimed Oxford University classicist, this history of Greek medicine from Homer to Hippocrates includes an analysis of the *Corpus Hippocraticum*, the seven volumes of ancient medical wisdom attributed to Hippocrates.



LIVING ON STOLEN LAND

AMBELIN KWAYMULLINA
Magabala PB **\$22.99**

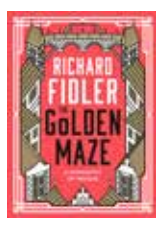
Prose presented in a poetry-like format, this compact manifesto challenges Australia to come to terms with its settler-colonial past and, in so doing, forge a decolonised future.



DIGGING UP ARMAGEDDON

ERIC H. CLINE
Princeton PB **\$34.99**

A fascinating account of the famous 1920s expedition mounted by the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago to excavate the ancient site of Megiddo (the Biblical Armageddon).



THE GOLDEN MAZE

RICHARD FIDLER
ABC HB

Was \$39.99 **Now \$34.99**

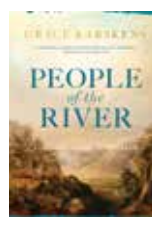
The host of Radio National’s ‘Conversations’ presents a chatty, personally curated biography of the city of Prague, recounting stories about its turbulent history, postcard-perfect streetscapes and noteworthy residents.



LAND OF WONDROUS COLD

GILLEN D'ARCY WOOD
Princeton PB **\$29.99**

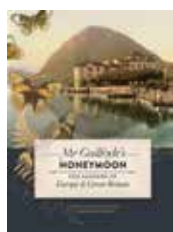
An engrossing account of 19th-century British, French and American expeditions to Antarctica, and an exploration of modern discoveries by scientists looking at the effect that climate change is having on the continent’s ice cap.



PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

GRACE KARSKENS
Allen & Unwin PB **\$39.99**

This landmark history of the Dyarubbin (Hawkesbury-Nepean River) interweaves stories of its traditional owners and the white colonists who settled here from the mid-1790s.



Miegunyah PB
Was \$45
Now \$17.95

MR GUILFOYLE'S HONEYMOON

Diana Hill & Edmée Cudmore (eds)

In 1890, after 17 years as director of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens, the ingenious landscaper William Guilfoyle and his young wife Alice embarked on a grand tour of European and British gardens. Published as a series of articles in 1896, Guilfoyle's 'tourist's notes' describe and critique in vivid detail and elegant prose the plants and picturesque elements of the gardens and parks they visited and the scenery through which they travelled. The notes offer insights into the places that influenced Guilfoyle's subsequent development of the Royal Botanic Gardens into one of the greatest landscape gardens in the world. This edition includes his own sketches as well as contemporaneous photographs, engravings and garden plans.



NLA PB
Was \$39.99
Now \$16.95

POWER OF THE PEDAL

Rupert Guinness

In the 1880s, a new mode of transport was introduced in Australia: the bicycle. In this extensively researched and wonderfully illustrated book, sports journalist and author Rupert Guinness explores the history of the bicycle in our country, both in everyday life and in competitive sport. Guinness' knowledge and love of the subject makes for an illuminating, entertaining and informative history, with highlights including the 'overlanders' of the 19th century who cycled into uncharted territory, discovering Australia along the way. The book also details the development of the bicycle as a mode of commuter transport.



NLA PB
Was \$44.99
Now \$16.95

SPINNING TOPS & GUMDROPS

Edwin Barnard

Covering the years 1788 to 1900, this National Library publication tells the story of six generations of Australians who grew up during the country's formative years. Combining memoir and reminiscences, the book shines a light on the daily lives of ordinary children growing up in extraordinary times. From city streets to outback towns and rural settlements, Edwin Barnard's evocative accounts of the everyday are exquisitely brought to life in the accompanying collection of photos and illustrations.

Q 5. Who designed the Series 7 chair?

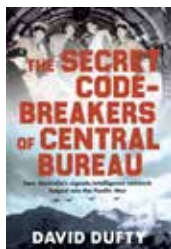


Scribe HB
\$32.99

THE PALACE LETTERS

Jenny Hocking

The 1975 dismissal of the Whitlam government remains one of the most significant events in Australia's political history. Yet until July of this year, crucial details about what occurred have been kept hidden in the National Archives. In this gripping and true court drama, Professor Jenny Hocking describes her years-long legal battle to uncover letters between the Queen and Governor-General Sir John Kerr in which the two discussed the dismissal. Hocking also provides piercing analysis of both the extreme efforts made to stop her, and what the letters themselves revealed.



Scribe HB
Was \$49.99
Now \$17.95

THE SECRET CODE-BREAKERS OF CENTRAL BUREAU

David Dufty

Fans of *The Bletchley Circle* will be intrigued by this lively work of military history, which shares the true stories of Australian code-breakers during WW2. As one of two Allied Signals intelligence organisations in the Southwest Pacific area during those years, the Central Bureau played a role in a number of key battles and events, including Japan's surrender in 1945. Yet, as was the case with those who worked at Bletchley Park, the roles of these people have gone unacknowledged for years. This book seeks to repair that omission by providing a detailed account of their successes and influence. It also incorporates personal interviews that provide a glimpse into life during the war years.

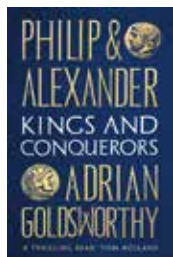


Michael Joseph PB
Was \$35
Now \$29.99

TROY

Stephen Fry

Following the popular success of his two previous books about the gods, goddesses and myths of Ancient Greece (*Mythos and Heroes*), the prodigiously talented Stephen Fry has turned his attention to the story of the ancient fortress city of Troy. In chatty prose, he recounts the city's fate as told in the *Iliad*, introducing all of the main characters – Priam, Hecuba, Hector, Paris, Helen, Agamemnon, Achilles, Patroclus and Cassandra – and addressing the knotty issue of myth versus reality, something that he characterises as 'a narrative dance in which the deep but complementary pleasures of the real and the unreal can be partnered'. One thing is beyond dispute – this millennia-old story is as powerful and exciting today as it was when Homer first told it.

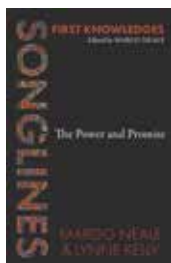


Head of Zeus HB
\$49.99

PHILIP & ALEXANDER

Adrian Goldsworthy

In this book, an acclaimed historian of Ancient Rome takes us back to the ancient world and the two leaders who changed the course of history: Philip II of Macedon (r. 359–336 BC) and his son Alexander the Great (r. 336–323 BC). During their rule, tiny Macedonia overtook Greece and crushed a superpower, Persia. Their reigns saw the spread of Greek rather than Athenian culture, and both kings were supreme military leaders. Alexander has a more prominent place in history, and Goldsworthy sorts through the evidence that remains to address this imbalance, including maps, battle plans and chronologies to assist the modern reader.



Thames & Hudson PB
\$19.99

SONGLINES: THE POWER AND PROMISE

Margo Neale & Lynne Kelly

This is the first volume in Thames & Hudson's new First Knowledges series, which offers an introduction to Indigenous traditional knowledges in vital areas and discusses their application to the present day and the future. In it, the senior Indigenous curator at the National Museum of Australia and a noted science writer explain the use of songlines, remarkable tools used by Indigenous Australians to store knowledge in memory through the adaptation of song, art and, most importantly, Country into their lives.



Miegunyah HB
Was \$44.99
Now \$39.99

UNDER THE RAINBOW

Richard Broinowski

EW Cole was a truly extraordinary man. Arriving in Gold Rush Melbourne in 1852, he swiftly realised that the way to strike it rich in the colony was not to pan for gold, but instead provide gold miners with their daily needs. In Cole's case, he started small businesses selling lemonade and sausages on the goldfields, before relocating to Melbourne and selling first meat pies and then books. With the latter, he found his true vocation, eventually opening the world-famous Cole's Book Arcade in Bourke Street and writing and publishing books including the much-loved *Cole's Funny Picture Book*. This lavishly illustrated history charts Cole's life and career, properly focusing on the fantastical book arcade that he is best known for.

Travel



BEST DAY WALKS AUSTRALIA

ANNA KAMINSKI,
MONIQUE PERRIN ET AL
Lonely Planet PB **\$34.99**

Subtitled 'Easy Escapes into Nature', this full-colour guide includes 60 walks with maps. Every state is included, and the walks are graded by degree of difficulty.



JAPAN: FROM THE SOURCE

TIENLON HO, REBECCA
MILNER & IPPO NAKAHARA
Lonely Planet HB

Was \$34.99 **Now \$12.95**
A compendium of authentic and easily cooked Japanese recipes presented with details of each dish's regional and cultural importance, as well as evocative photographs. A steal at this price!



LOST AND FOUND

KIP SCOTT

Transit Lounge HB
Was \$59.99 **Now \$19.95**
A stunning visual record of perilously decaying structures in Bengal (India) and Bangladesh featuring mansions and other buildings that are often architectural hybrids of Mughal, Hindu and Western traditions.



WILD NATURE

JOHN BLAY

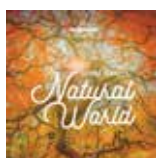
NewSouth PB **\$39.99**
Naturalist John Blay's poetic account of his long walk through the great native forests of Australia's south-east investigates the history and ecology of these wild places and warns about their threatened futures.



JAPAN: BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Lonely Planet HB
Was \$29.99 **Now \$12.95**

This photographic journey through Japan's regions depicts visually arresting aspects of the country's natural world, as well as its most fascinating traditions and innovations.



LOVELY PLANET'S NATURAL WORLD

OLIVER BERRY, ADAM SKOLNICK
& ADAM WEYMOUTH
Lonely Planet HB

Was \$45 **Now \$34.99**
Profiling 50 extraordinary natural environments across the globe, this keenly priced photographic survey travels through forests and deserts, up mountains, along rivers and over seas.



LOVING COUNTRY

BRUCE PASCOE &
VICKY SHUKUROGLU

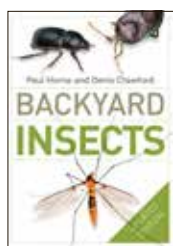
Explore HB
Was \$45 **Now \$39.99**
Surveying 18 Australian places with rich Indigenous associations, this invaluable guidebook covers history, Dreaming stories and traditional cultural practices, and also lists cultural experiences and tours for each location.



WITHOUT EVER REACHING THE SUMMIT

PAOLO COGNETTI

Harvill HB **\$24.99**
Cognetti's account of trekking across the Dolpa plateau on the Nepalese-Tibetan border is both a literary homage to Peter Matthiessen's *The Snow Leopard* and a spiritual meditation on humanity's relationship with nature.



Miegnyah PB

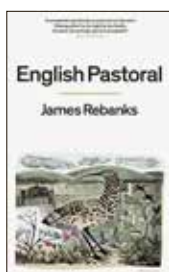
Was \$24.99

Now \$11.95

BACKYARD INSECTS

Paul Horne & Denis Crawford

This updated edition of the bestselling book about bugs takes us into the secret world of the creepy-crawlies that call our gardens home. With over 100 listings, entomologist Dr Paul Horne and writer/photographer Denis Crawford have created an essential field guide that both keen gardeners and quizzical kids will enjoy. From primitive silverfish to exuberant butterflies, *Backyard Insects* is clearly categorised with easy-to-follow, informative text and full-page close-up photographs. The perfect companion for those who'd like to know more about the insect world that inhabits their back garden.



Allen Lane PB

\$35

ENGLISH PASTORAL: AN INHERITANCE

James Rebanks

In his follow-up to *The Shepherd's Life*, English farmer James Rebanks extols the joys, sense and sustainability of traditional farming methods. Working on the family farm in England's Lake District, Rebanks realised that he would need to act to revitalise the land. But unlike the many farmers around the globe who have implemented environmentally unfriendly 'efficiency' measures such as tree clearing and the liberal use of pesticides and artificial fertiliser, he instead sought a way forward by looking to the past. In *English Pastoral*, this enlightened farmer describes his sustainable, life-enhancing approach to farming, one motivated by both experience and optimism.



CSIRO HB

\$39.99

HOW BIRDS BEHAVE

Wenfei Tong

Biologist and conservationist Wenfei Tong explains the science behind bird behaviour in this highly engaging book. Covering everything from courtship rituals and nest building, to food storage and risk-avoidance, the information is conveyed in chatty prose packaged into bite-sized pieces and accompanied by glorious full-colour photography. Tong's insights into how some birds are evolving to adapt to the climate crisis, as well as her emphasis on the individuality of each species, is especially illuminating. *How Birds Behave* will be just as fascinating to the seasoned birdwatcher as it will be to the novice.

Q 6. Who is known as the 'queen of Instapoets'?



NewSouth PB

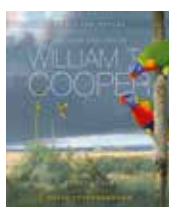
\$32.99

THE BEST AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE WRITING 2020

Sara Phillips (ed)

December Release

Science writing isn't just for academics; astronomers, birdwatchers, doctors and gardeners are driven to interrogate the world around us, observe and report back with wonder and amazement, encouraging readers to see with new eyes. Now in its 10th year, *The Best Australian Science Writing* offers a collection that ranges from genetics and grief ecology to complex cattle relationships. Just as the time of Covid demands rapid technological and scientific innovation, this anthology describes the latest, strangest and most promising developments. Pick this book up and be astonished.



NLA HB

Was \$49.99

Now \$16.95

AN EYE FOR NATURE: THE LIFE AND ART OF WILLIAM T COOPER

Penny Olsen

Natural-history writer Penny Olsen's biography of the late artist William T Cooper (1934–2015) is a meticulously researched account of a life that began in the bush, instilling in the young Cooper a love of the natural world that was to become a feature of his work as one of the country's best illustrators of birds. Woven throughout the text are sketchbook illustrations, photographs and full-page colour plates of Cooper's beautifully observed Australian birds. With an introduction by David Attenborough, this wonderful biography and stunning pictorial is a must-have for fans of our feathered friends.



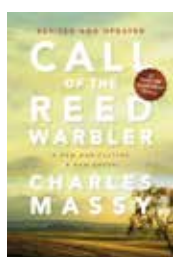
Macmillan PB

\$34.99

A HUMAN'S GUIDE TO THE FUTURE

Jordan Nguyen

Considering the year that has been, it can be hard to think of the future in an optimistic light. But Dr Jordan Nguyen is here to change that. In *A Human's Guide to the Future*, Nguyen offers a vision of tomorrow in which technology has revolutionised the way we live for the better. Nguyen has appeared on our screens as a host on *Catalyst* documentaries about engineering and robotics, and has also spoken at numerous science events around the world. This book demonstrates that he is just as engaging a writer as he is a speaker – it is full of complex ideas that will delight every tech-obsessed reader, but is also easy for the layperson to understand.



UQP PB

\$39.99

CALL OF THE REED WARBLER

Charles Massy

Three years after it was first published, this acclaimed book has been updated and revised to remind us of the importance of regenerative agriculture – a practice in which farmers grow food and restore the earth. Author Charles Massy, described by Tom Griffiths as the 'Rachel Carson of the Monaro', argues that regenerative agriculture is the most effective and cheapest solution to addressing climate change. This fascinating and at times lyrical book is not just for farmers, but also for anyone who eats food from the land. That is, everyone.



ABC PB

\$34.99

FIGHT FOR PLANET A

Craig Reucassel

This practical guide to tackling climate change will empower anyone who feels overwhelmed by the scope of the environmental crisis and unsure how to most effectively take action in their daily lives. Following the success of his recent TV show *Fight for Planet A*, comedian and broadcaster Craig Reucassel (known for his work on *The Chaser* and *War on Waste*) has written this factual, proactive book. It's filled with useful information and tips to reduce your carbon footprint and make a difference at home, in your community and for the planet we share.



Hardie Grant PB

Was \$50

Now \$19.95

THE LAST ELEPHANTS

Don Pinnock & Colin Bell

The African elephant is closer to extinction than many people know. This hefty book combines image and text to urge action to save these intelligent and empathetic creatures. Intimate portraits of family groups and majestic individuals dominate, but contrast with a peppering of photographs of devastated habitat, guns and elephants killed for ivory. Though essays about successful attempts to stop poaching and reclaim habitat give hope, we are still confronted by the fact that elephant numbers have dropped from several million to half a million in the last decade. It's a sobering call to action.

Highly Recommended



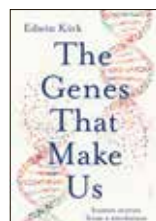
A BIRD A DAY

DOMINIC COUZENS
Batsford HB \$35
Beautifully presented, this title features descriptions of 366 birds from around the world, each accompanied by a colour photograph or illustration. A perfect gift for birders!



ENTANGLED LIFE

MERLIN SHELDRAKE
Bodley Head PB \$35
Subtitled 'How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds, and Shape Our Futures', this book will leave the reader wonderstruck at these endlessly surprising organisms on which nearly all life relies.



THE GENES THAT MAKE US

EDWIN KIRK
Scribe PB \$32.99
Australian clinical geneticist and genetic pathologist Professor Edwin Kirk demystifies genes – what they are, how we're affected by them, and what moral issues arise through genetic screening and gene modification.



SHOW ME WHERE IT HURTS

KYLIE MASLEN
Text PB \$34.99
Maslen explores what it is like to live with chronic illness and pain that is not perceived or acknowledged by others, including members of the medical profession.



THE CLIMATE CURE

TIM FLANNERY
Text PB \$24.99
Could Australia's relatively successful response to COVID-19 provide a blueprint for an action plan to address the climate emergency? Flannery argues that it could.



FLOWER: EXPLORING THE WORLD IN BLOOM

Phaidon HB
Was \$79.95 Now \$69.99
Art publisher Phaidon showcases the diversity and beauty of flowers in this visual compendium of paintings, botanical illustrations, sculptures, textiles, jewellery and floral arrangements across the ages.



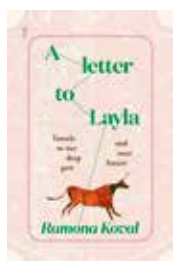
THE LIFE & LOVE OF THE FOREST

LEWIS BLACKWELL
Thames & Hudson HB
Was \$80 Now \$69.99
Celebrating the beauty of forests and the interdependency of humans and trees, this magnificent book showcases the work of nature photographers across the globe alongside informative essays.



VESPER FLIGHTS

HELEN MACDONALD
Jonathan Cape HB \$35
The author of *H is for Hawk* describes her collection of lyrically written essays about the human relationship to the natural world as being 'concerned with the quality of wonder'.



Text PB
\$34.99

A LETTER TO LAYLA

Ramona Koval

Writer and journalist Ramona Koval, who has a background in the sciences, has spent the last five years researching and thinking about how our species has evolved, and where we might end up next. In *A Letter to Layla* (Layla being the author's youngest grandchild), Koval balances her daily life as a grandmother with her travels and research, meeting with a dizzying array of scientists and thinkers along the way. Its blend of investigation, journalism and storytelling makes this a warmly accessible and intriguing look into our past and our possible future.

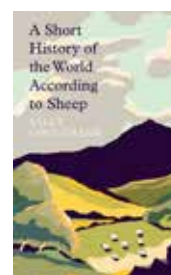


HarperCollins HB
Was \$39.99
Now \$19.95

THE PLANETS

Andrew Cohen with Brian Cox

The BBC's Andrew Cohen and particle physicist Professor Brian Cox plunge readers headlong into the high-stakes drama of outer space in this large-format, glossy book. Featuring awe-inspiring NASA photography, *The Planets* offers up a wealth of information about the solar system. How did early mathematicians discover the secrets of Saturn's rings? What is the escape velocity to leave the Earth's gravitational pull? What effect did Jupiter and Saturn's original orbits have on each other – and on us? A companion to the BBC television series of the same name, this book answers these questions and many more.

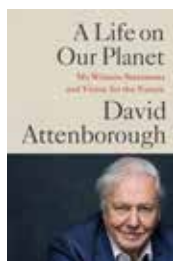


Head of Zeus HB
\$34.99

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE WORLD ACCORDING TO SHEEP

Sally Coulthard

From the plains of ancient Mesopotamia to the rolling hills of medieval England to the vast modern-day stations of our own country, sheep have been central to the human story. Starting with our Neolithic ancestors' first forays into sheep-rearing nearly 10,000 years ago, these remarkable animals have fed us, clothed us, changed our diet and languages, helped us to win wars, decorated our homes and financed the conquest of large swathes of the earth. This fascinating book offers history, engaging anecdotes and remarkable ovine facts galore, demonstrating the massive impact that sheep have had on human history.

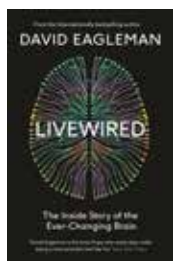


Ebury HB
Was \$39.99
Now \$32.99

A LIFE ON OUR PLANET

David Attenborough

This has been described as a legacy-defining book for Sir David Attenborough, and it's an apt descriptor. At 94 years of age, the iconic broadcaster has borne intimate witness to the devastating impact of the climate crisis, and his fears for the future come from experience and passion. Attenborough's overview of the crisis is realistic, yet not without hope. In the book's final section, he discusses possible scientific solutions to reverse the planet's decline – as long as we act now. Released to coincide with a new film, *A Life on Our Planet* is an urgent wake-up call.



Canongate PB
\$32.99

LIVEWIRED

David Eagleman

Neuroplasticity is the fascinating ability of neurons and brain systems to grow and change, adjusting and adapting to the surrounding environment. So what does that mean for human possibility? In *Liwewired: The Inside Story of the Ever-Changing Brain*, neuroscientist and internationally bestselling author Dr David Eagleman explores dream, memory and senses, and speaks to people around the globe about future scientific projects that could harness the liwewired power of our brains. Written with an irresistible enthusiasm and tremendous excitement, this book is for anyone intrigued by popular science and how our minds work.



Smith Street HB
Was \$59.99
Now \$49.99

PLANTOPEDIA

Lauren Camilleri & Sophia Kaplan

This lavishly styled and illustrated indoor-plant encyclopedia could not be timelier. For apartment-dwellers working from homes with limited access to greenery, connecting with and nurturing indoor plants has many therapeutic benefits. Every facet of greening interiors is covered, from propagating and cultivating to positioning and caring for indoor plants. Not a green thumb? The foliage plants, cacti and succulents profiled include care levels for novices, green thumbs and experts. And the plants themselves are real characters, with inimitable habits and arresting colours, forms and patterns.



DK HB
Was \$59.99
Now \$54.99

THE SCIENCE OF THE OCEAN

From beachfront shallows to the deepest of the deep, this handsome book is a captivating introduction to life in the watery world that takes up 68% of the planet's surface. Produced in conjunction with London's Natural History Museum and magnificently illustrated and photographed throughout, it covers every aspect of marine life, revealing the secrets of the seas from open oceans and coastal waters to coral reefs, mangroves and salt marshes.

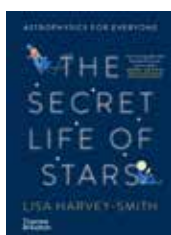


La Trobe PB
\$32.99

THE MUTANT PROJECT

Eben Kirksey

Genetic engineering is one of the 21st century's greatest ethical challenges. As we encounter new possibilities in altering human genomes, we're confronted with questions about wealth and access: how do market forces determine the direction of research? Who gains access to cutting-edge genetic medicine? Will this produce more medical inequality? And the bigger questions: should parents be allowed to choose their children's genetic makeup? What are the broader implications of genetic engineering for humanity? In *The Mutant Project: Inside the Global Race to Genetically Modify Humans*, cultural anthropologist Eben Kirksey meets the scientists and entrepreneurs at the forefront of this science, as well as people with alternative visions of a genetically modified future.



Thames & Hudson HB
\$34.99

THE SECRET LIFE OF STARS

Lisa Harvey-Smith

Astrophysicist Lisa Harvey-Smith's latest book is a mind-bending, informative and enjoyable romp across our galaxy. With around a billion trillion stars in the observable universe to choose from, this cosmic journey is full of astounding encounters with galactic family members including self-destructors, runaways, cannibal stars, red dwarfs and black holes. By personalising her subject matter, and with an astute flair for description, Harvey-Smith guides the reader through an impressive amount of scientific facts and figures without ever losing sight of the sheer awe-inspiring nature of space.



Allen Lane HB
\$35

THERE ARE PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE RULES ARE LESS IMPORTANT THAN KINDNESS

Carlo Rovelli

Theoretical physicist Carlo Rovelli's books have been translated into 41 languages, and his *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics* sold over one million copies. Here, he turns his mind to examine the great questions of science and humanity. Playing with ideas from Einstein, Newton, Nabokov and Dante, Rovelli explores animal consciousness, psychedelic drugs and the concept of atheism. Written with clarity and wit, this is a perfect introduction to the work of one of our world's most influential scientists.



Scribe HB
\$24.99

WHAT IS LIFE?

Paul Nurse

Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Sir Paul Nurse has dedicated his career to studying life. Here, he distils a wealth of knowledge into a small but mighty book. By understanding the world around us and what makes life tick, Nurse believes we will be one step closer to solving the many challenges faced by humanity today. *What Is Life?* is a perfect book for fans of Brian Cox and David Attenborough or for anyone keen to learn more about the world around us.



Trapeze HB

\$39.99

ACCIDENTALLY WES ANDERSON

Wally Koval

December Release

Uncanny symmetry, block pastel colours, ornate front-facing facades – Wes Anderson is known for his distinctive aesthetic. In 2018, an online message board prompted a viral phenomenon in which users began to share photographs of real-world settings that looked like they'd secretly been devised in the cult filmmaker's studio. *Accidentally Wes Anderson* goes beyond the images to share the stories behind these distinctive locations and architectural wonders, from the Pittsburgh Athletic Club to the Krka National Park in Croatia. This is a quirky and inspiring design book with wide appeal.



Melbourne Books HB

\$95

CHALET MONNET

Richard Bonyngé

Dominique Bersier's photographs take centre stage in this sumptuously produced visual tour of the Swiss home of Dame Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonyngé. Full- and double-page images depict the drawing room, card room, dining room, studio, library and music room, as well as private spaces such as bedrooms. All are crammed with paintings, sculptures, textiles, artefacts and memorabilia (mostly opera related) collected by the opera superstars over their decades together. Interspersed throughout are profiles of major operatic figures (Malibran, Lind, Melba, Zeffirelli) as well as text by Bonyngé recounting his and Sutherland's lives and careers.



Thames & Hudson HB

\$70

LIVING OUTSIDE: REVIVING THE AUSTRALIAN MODERNIST GARDEN

Sharon Mackay & Diana Snape

This visually rich, collaborative work celebrates modernist design principles and their influence on contemporary Australian landscapes. Today, much can still be learned from mid-century solutions to the challenge of growing our cities whilst protecting our environment, health and wellbeing. The book is divided into three parts showcasing the best examples of modernist garden design. A predominantly native plant palette is used impressively in landscapes ranging from wild coastal gardens to tranquil urban oases and city sanctuaries. Captivating photography by Christopher Frederick Jones contextualises the green spaces, highlighting their most innovative features.



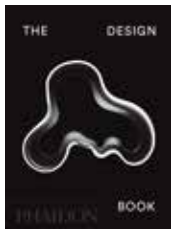
Phaidon HB

Was \$59.95

Now \$49.99

THE ART BOOK THE DESIGN BOOK

This new edition of Phaidon's acclaimed *The Art Book*, an A–Z guide to the most important artists of all time, includes more than 40 new artists, some previously overlooked and others contemporary practitioners. Also offered in a compact new edition, *The Design Book* spans products manufactured from 1663 to 2019, showcasing design classics from across the globe – everything from Yale cylinder locks (designed 1861), László Bíró's BIC Cristal pen (1950) and Le Creuset's classic cast-iron cookware (1925), to luxury items such as the Rolex Oyster wristwatch (1926) and furniture such as Arne Jacobsen's Series 7 chair (1955).



Phaidon HB

\$29.95

Phaidon HB

Was \$100

Now \$79.99

ATLAS OF BRUTALIST ARCHITECTURE

December Release

This lavishly illustrated landmark survey of one of architecture's most controversial yet popular styles is now available in a new edition. Featuring more than 850 Brutalist buildings – existing and demolished, classic and contemporary – it includes well-known examples from the UK and USA alongside lesser-known examples in Europe, Asia, Australia and beyond.



Thames & Hudson HB

\$39.99

A CENTURY OF COLOUR IN DESIGN

David Harrison

Here, Sydney-based design journalist and interiors stylist David Harrison showcases 250 innovative objects (furniture, fabrics, lights, kitchenware and other household objects) that embody the collision of colour, design and culture. Harris' choices include works from the big guns of 20th-century design – Walter Gropius, Gerrit Rietveld, Marcel Breuer, Alvar Aalto, Eero Saarinen, Charles and Ray Eames, Marco Zanuso, Arne Jacobsen, Richard Sapper, Marc Newson et al – but also make room for the work of 21st-century stars including Tom Dixon, Michele De Lucchi and Australian Brodie Neill.

8. Who sold lemonade and sausages on the goldfields?



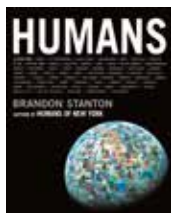
Hardie Grant HB

\$29.99

THE HANDBAG OF HAPPINESS

Alannah Hill

Employing plenty of self-deprecating humour, fashion designer Alannah Hill recounts stories about when her life and career didn't go according to plan. Provocative, defiant and witty, the stories proffer hard-won wisdom from her long career in the fashion world and explain how she overcame adversity – and sometimes didn't, despite her best intentions.



Macmillan HB

Was \$44.99

Now \$39.99

HUMANS

Brandon Stanton

New York photographer Brandon Stanton is the creator of the iconic photo blog Humans of New York. *Humans* is his new book and it's a wildly ambitious project that feels startlingly intimate. Demolishing borders, real and imagined, Stanton shares images and stories of people from all parts of the world. These snapshots into other people's lives are tantalising in their poignancy and brevity, and together form a powerful antidote against an increasingly divided world. Also included is a selection of Stanton's popular online essays reflecting on his process and discoveries.



Artisan HB

\$59.99

THE KINFOLK GARDEN

John Burns

The latest pictorial book from the team behind *Kinfolk* magazine takes us into beautifully designed gardens and green spaces around the world, and also profiles the creative work of gardeners, florists, designers and botanists innovating in their professions. Highlights include a reclaimed Mallorcan olive grove; a Tangier garden project aiming to rescue wild flora threatened by industrialisation and urbanisation; a traditional garden in a Danish fishing village; an architect's home sunk into jungle in Buenos Aires; and a lush secret garden on a Parisian rooftop. As well as the gorgeous photographs of gardens and the houses within them, the book includes practical advice about plant care, flower arranging and home gardening.



Thames & Hudson PB

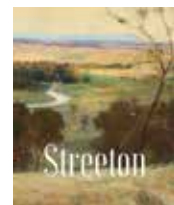
Was \$80

Now \$69.99

MMXX: TWO DECADES OF ARCHITECTURE IN AUSTRALIA

Cameron Bruhn

Curated by academic and writer Cameron Bruhn, this survey of nearly 60 influential, innovative and exciting Australian structures erected during the past 20 years covers houses, apartments, cultural facilities such as museums and libraries, educational buildings, hospitals and public spaces. Celebrating excellence and innovation, Bruhn profiles works by long-established firms alongside projects by mid-career and emerging practices; each entry includes a textual description, plans and at least one photograph.



Thames & Hudson HB

\$70

STREETON

Wayne Tunncliffe (ed)

Edited by the head curator of Australian art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, this monograph on artist Arthur Streeton covers his practice from 1885 to 1940. It does justice to Streeton's sun-drenched impressionist landscapes from the 1880s, joyful depictions of Sydney beaches and harbour in the 1890s, and pastoral paintings from the 1920s and '30s, including paintings created in Australia as well as works made by the artist in Egypt, Venice, England, Italy and the battlefields of WW1 France. Sixteen essays by historians and curators from around the country provide context.



Thames & Hudson HB

\$49.99

TRUTH BOMB

Abigail Crompton (ed)

Curated by the artistic director and founder of Melbourne-based design studio Third Drawer Down, *Truth Bomb* is a celebration of contemporary artists who have challenged the establishment. Organised as a collection of interviews and biographies alongside large images of the artists' works, it aims to guide and inspire its audience by sharing the stories of 22 women working in a variety of media, showcasing internationally recognised names such as Yayoi Kusama, Judy Chicago and the Guerilla Girls, as well as Australian artists including Del Kathryn Barton, Frances Cannon and Kaylene Whiskey. The artists range from being emerging to well established, and the book not only focuses on their inspirational artistic practice, but also provides an insight into their personal lives and beliefs.



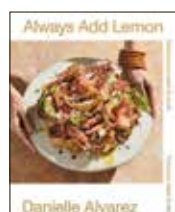
AFRICOLA

Duncan Welgemoed

Adelaide's Africola restaurant has garnered worldwide praise for serving a delicious no-fuss range of African-inspired meals. This unusual cookbook – subtitled 'Slow Food, Fast Words, Cult Chef' – offers recipes for meats, seafood, desserts, cocktails and condiments; but it also gives us an insight into the life of a chef and his restaurant. Read this book because you desperately miss Anthony Bourdain's risk-taking; trust this book because chefs as prominent as Marco Pierre White do; and relish cooking from this book because you love dishes that scream flavour, colour and attitude.

Murdoch HB

\$49.99



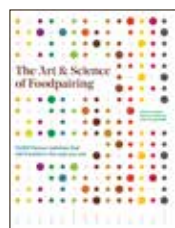
ALWAYS ADD LEMON

Danielle Alvarez

After learning her art at legendary Californian restaurants The French Laundry and Chez Panisse, Cuban-American chef Danielle Alvarez made her way to our shores, where she now heads up the kitchen at Sydney restaurant Fred's. California's loss was Australia's gain, a fact proven by this cracker of a cookbook. Every recipe in *Always Add Lemon* is achievable in the home kitchen, and most are within the grasp of even novice cooks. Salads are a strength – the variety offered is truly exhilarating – and the section devoted to fruit and vegetable dishes is replete with original ideas. Other sections focus on pasta, seafood, poultry, meat, dessert and projects such as pastry, bread and pickles.

Hardie Grant HB

\$50



THE ART & SCIENCE OF FOODPAIRING

Peter Coucquyt, Bernard Lahousse & Johan Langenbick

If you've ever wondered whether oysters should be paired with kiwi fruit (yes, because they share a 'marine-like aroma note'), then *The Art & Science of Foodpairing* is for you. With the magnificent ambition of profiling every ingredient in the world, the food scientists at *Foodpairing* have analysed over 3000 different ingredients, amassing one of the world's largest 'flavour databases'. The molecular gastronomy craze may have passed, but understanding why beetroot pairs so damn well with goat's cheese, or sesame seeds with mango, will never go out of style.

Mitchell Beazley HB

Was \$59.99

Now \$44.99



THE ARTISAN KITCHEN

James Strawbridge

This lovingly designed tome explores bread making, preserving, curing, smoking and fermenting. British chef James Strawbridge brings a modern lens to age-old techniques, including brining ('a one-way ticket to flavour-town'), churning butter ('extremely quick and fun to make') and even making your own cold smoker ('easily built at home from scratch'). Whether or not you jumped on the iso sourdough bandwagon, you'll be brewing perfect kombucha and nailing cheese-making before you know it. With beautiful images, thorough research and careful indexing, *The Artisan Kitchen* is an accessible and inspiring book.

DK HB

\$49.99



AUSTRALIAN FOOD

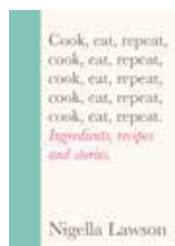
Bill Granger

Bill Granger's latest book sashays onto shelves 27 years after his first restaurant opened, and 20 years after his first book was published. Featuring 100-odd recipes in his bright, beachy style, this is a cookbook you'll actually use. Bill has elevated the reputation of Australia's cuisine around the world thanks to his restaurants in Japan, the UK, Korea and Hawaii, and you can feel their culinary influence here. *Australian Food* will have you whipping avocado with tofu, adding nashi pear to poached chicken and reinventing Anzacs with macadamias. Healthy but never puritanical.

Murdoch HB

Was \$49.99

Now \$44.99



COOK, EAT, REPEAT

Nigella Lawson

'More than just a mantra, "cook, eat, repeat" is the story of my life.' So says British culinary superstar Nigella Lawson, and her new book featuring narrative essays about food, over 150 new recipes and plenty of colour photographs attests to the importance of cooking and eating in her life. Dedicated chapters include 'A is for Anchovy' (a celebration of what she calls the bacon of the sea) and 'A Loving Defence of Brown Food'. Other chapters are devoted to family dinners, inspiration for vegan feasts, solo suppers and new ideas for Christmas.

Chatto & Windus HB

Was \$49.99

Now \$39.99



FLAVOUR

Yotam Ottolenghi & Ixta Belfrage

So relentlessly on-trend that he's almost a cliché, Israeli-English chef, restaurateur and cookbook author Yotam Ottolenghi has been showcasing casual, seasonal and vegetable-based food ever since opening his eponymous delicatessen in London's Notting Hill in 2002. In his eighth cookbook, the third instalment in the veggie-based series that started with *Plenty*, Ottolenghi sticks to his strengths, offering 100 or so vegetarian and vegan recipes that fall firmly within the skills base of the average home cook. With a stunning front cover, plenty of photographs and useful ribbon bookmarks, *Flavour* makes a perfect gift, especially at this bargain price.

Ebury HB

Was \$55

Now \$44.99



GOURMET TRAILS: AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Here are the recipes to 40 perfect foodie weekends away, selected by the travel experts at Lonely Planet. From Byron Bay and Margaret River to NZ's Bay of Islands and Marlborough, the itineraries are tailor-made for COVID-safe travels in the trans-Tasman bubble. The epicurean wander begins with Canberra's coffee roasters and ends in Nelson's craft-beer hosteleries, dropping in to meet wine-makers, cheese-crafters, brewers, growers and breeders along the way. Each destination includes tips on where to stay, what to do and what to celebrate, along with maps and enticing photos.

Lonely Planet HB

\$39.99



IN PRAISE OF VEG

Alice Zaslavsky

Always wanted to know how to prepare and serve daikon, globe artichoke, zucchini flowers and okra? *In Praise of Veg* will show you how. Written by food educator Alice Zaslavsky, culinary correspondent for ABC News Breakfast and ABC Radio, this illustrated kitchen companion includes fact-packed entries for 73 vegetables. Each entry includes tips on buying, storing, prepping and cooking with the veg alongside easy-to-achieve recipes accompanied by full-colour photographs. Some of the dishes here include meat; others are vegetarian or vegan. All are healthy and delicious.

Murdoch HB

Was \$59.99

Now \$54.99



KINDNESS COMMUNITY VEGAN COOKBOOK

Put together by the staff, volunteers and supporters at Edgar's Mission, a not-for-profit farm sanctuary with a vision for a humane and just world for all, this vegan cookbook includes plenty of recipes (including clever veganised versions of classic dishes) as well as practical information for living a plant-based life (vegan hacks, super substitutes and pantry essentials). The recipes were sourced from what the mission calls its 'kindness community' – everyday home cooks, chefs and nutritionists who really care about the food on their plates.

Affirm PB

\$35

Highly Recommended



EAT AT THE BAR

MATT McCONNELL & JO GAMVROS

Hardie Grant HB

Was \$49.99 **Now \$16.95**

The owners of Melbourne's Bar Lourinhã share recipes for Mediterranean-style dishes (both small and large plates) that are full of bold and delicious flavours.

9. How many stars are in the observable universe?



GOOD FOOD NEW CLASSICS

ARDYN BERNOTH (ed)

Simon & Schuster PB **\$39.99**

Contributors including Danielle Alvarez, Neil Perry, Andrew McConnell, Adam Liaw and Kylie Kwong contribute classic recipes with a contemporary twist to this cookbook from the *Good Food Guide* crew.



MEAT

ADRIAN RICHARDSON

Hardie Grant HB

Was \$49.99 **Now \$19.95**

Always wondered what the difference is between chuck and blade, shank and leg? Want to cook the perfect steak, pork crackling and roast chook? If so, this book is for you.



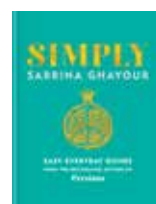
PARWANA

DURKHANAI & FARIDA AYUBI

Murdoch HB

Was \$45 **Now \$39.99**

Enhanced by Alicia Taylor's gorgeous photographs, this cookbook includes step-by-step instructions that will make cooking a traditional and delectable Afghani feast in your kitchen eminently achievable.



SIMPLY

SABRINA GHAYOUR

Mitchell Beazley HB **\$39.99**

This follow-up to the global bestseller *Persiana* draws on Ghayour's Iranian heritage but also takes inspiration from global cuisines, resulting in a tempting collection of easily achieved family-friendly dishes.



SPECIAL GUEST

ANNABEL CRABB & WENDY SHARPE

Murdoch HB

Was \$39.99 **Now \$17.95**

A godsend for those of us who find entertaining a challenge, *Special Guest* offers easy-to-achieve recipes for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, drinks and dinner catering.



SPIRITED

ADRIENNE STILLMAN

Phaidon HB

Was \$59.95 **Now \$49.99**

A compendium of cocktails – everything from the refreshing spritz, sangria and Singapore sling to the classic dry martini, margarita and mojito. Includes recipes, photographs and information on ingredients and equipment.



Affirm HB
\$35

MY SUBURBAN FARM

Ainslee Costa

Here, the creator of the popular My Suburban Farm Instagram feed shares tips and inspiration for bringing the rustic romance, craft aesthetic and grow-it-yourself joy of rural life into the urban and suburban spheres. From the meditative delights of craft (candle making, pottery etc) to the practicalities of keeping chickens, the rewards of vintage shopping and the satisfaction of growing and cooking your veggies, this book celebrates everything handmade, homegrown and heart-warming.



Plum PB
Was \$39.99
Now \$34.99

TO ASIA WITH LOVE

Hetty McKinnon

In her latest book, the beloved Hetty McKinnon celebrates growing up between two cultures, and pays tribute to the heirloom cooking of our mothers and grandmothers. She's the sort of easy-going chef who encourages you to use whatever noodles you have, and isn't fussed about what rice you use. McKinnon incorporates plenty of vegan recipes, and her famous love of salads shines through (a 'bright and lively' potato salad!). Her fusing of cuisines – think cacio e pepe udon and soy-sauce brownies – is creative, ambitious and inexplicably delicious.



Murdoch HB
Was \$49.99
Now \$29.95

TOKYO CULT RECIPES

Maori Murota

Tokyo-born, Paris-based cook Maori Murota explores her love affair with Japanese food in this stylish cookbook, which features more than 100 recipes. Murota takes readers through different aspects of Japanese cooking – from the basics of how to cook rice and make your own dashi, to preparing delicate sweet treats such as *Kabocha Chakin-Shibori* (Twisted Pumpkin Balls). Incorporating her personal reflections of life in Tokyo and illustrated with glossy photographs as well as sweet hand-drawn diagrams, this is the kind of cookbook that inspires as well as instructs.



Murdoch PB
Was \$39.99
Now \$34.99

USE IT ALL

Alex Elliot-Howery & Jaimee Edwards

No more vegetables wilting in the hidden depths of your fridge. No more egg yolks festering after you've made meringues. And no more throwing out half the bunch of herbs that didn't suit the other meals you made that week. Deliciously addressing the problem of food waste, *Use It All* is chock-full of tips from Sydney's Cornersmith team, who suggest shopping baskets of seasonal ingredients that will create several meals, sides and snacks. There are also plenty of new ideas on how to use whatever's left over, and not just the Cornersmith trademarks of preserving and curing.



Hardie Grant HB
\$34.99

VEGAN WITH BITE

Shannon Martinez

This exciting cookbook is crammed with inspiring ideas for breakfast, dinner and afters. The fact that the recipes are vegan is by-the-by, because for the author, it's how the dishes taste that really matters. The third book by Smith & Daughters' whiz Shannon Martinez is far from prescriptive, welcoming experimentation to swap ingredients or, for meat eaters, to substitute dairy-free and plant-based ingredients for the real thing. The vegan larder section is a real eye-opener, with everything you need to create these dishes with minimum effort and maximum results.



Plum PB
\$39.99

A YEAR OF SIMPLE FAMILY FOOD

Julia Busuttill Nishimura

The many fans of Busuttill Nishimura's debut cookbook *Ostro* will be equally delighted by this follow-up volume, which again focuses on family-friendly seasonal recipes for the Australian home cook. As with its predecessor, there are plenty of Mediterranean-inspired dishes here, but this time more space is given to modern Asian options (think chicken miso ramen, ocean trout rice bowls, sweet potato and spinach curry). Once again, the desserts are a highlight (we can personally attest to the deliciousness of both the classic baked cheesecake and raspberry ripple cake).



Quadrille HB
\$39.99

PIZZA

James Elliot & Thom Elliot

Brothers James and Thom Elliot are obsessed with pizza and have devoted nearly a decade to their ongoing 'pizza pilgrimage', which commenced with a 2011 trip through Italy. This entertaining book, which has a cover resembling a pizza box, devotes sections to classic pizza destinations (Naples, Rome, New York, Chicago), explaining their particular pizza styles, profiling legendary businesses, listing recommended pizzerias and sharing typical recipes. Want to know the best Italian tinned tomatoes to use, the best way to cook pizza at home or how to make chilli oil to add piquancy? You'll find the answers here.



Plum PB
\$36.99

SATURDAY NIGHT PASTA

Elizabeth Hewson

Elizabeth Hewson is as skilled at sharing her culinary knowledge as she is at crafting pasta from scratch. Her Instagram success proves how successful she is at communicating, but it is her mastery of the art of pasta that will inspire every home cook. *Saturday Night Pasta* takes us on a tour of various pasta shapes and sauces, and gives an indication of Hewson's pragmatic approach to living a balanced life. Consider this book your friend – something to embrace every weekend, inspire ideas, and help you to create sensational pasta dough and toppings.



Melbourne Books HB
\$49.95

SICILIANO

Joe Vargetto

Melbourne chef and restaurateur Joe Vargetto, whose parents emigrated from Sicily, has created this ambitious contemporary homage to Sicilian cooking. *Siciliano* is the work of someone who grew up in a family of four with a mother who cooked for 10 – a culinary generosity that she has bequeathed to her son. Beautifully photographed, and with endpapers reminiscent of the tiles found all around Sicily, *Siciliano* is for the adventurous cook. It features dishes such as sea snail cappelletti with crustacean bisque, roasted duck with pumpkin and liquorice, and smoked beef with balsamic celeriac.



Page Street PB
Was \$34.99
Now \$15.95

30-MINUTE VEGAN DINNERS

Megan Sadd

Food blogger Megan Sadd's crash course in vegan cooking pulls out all the stops for those short-cutting their way to putting a restaurant-quality, nutritious, plant-based meal on the table in record time. The 75 globe-spanning recipes cover everything from Californian and pan-Asian cuisines to home-style Italian and pub grub meals. Catering to both herbivores and omnivores, Sadd's flavour hacks include strong herb and spice flavourings to get depth into dishes in the shortest time possible. Healthy plant-based cooking with a creative twist, all in less than 30 minutes. What's not to love?

Gift-Books



BILL BAILEY'S REMARKABLE GUIDE TO HAPPINESS

BILL BAILEY

Quercus HB

\$35

The British actor and comedian (*Black Books*) utilises text and illustrations to share some happiness-laden moments from his life and career.



CATLAND

SARAH ARCHER

Countryman Press HB

\$29.95

Sometimes cute, sometimes creepy, the photographs in this full-colour gift book showcase the kitsch but powerful cat culture of Japan.



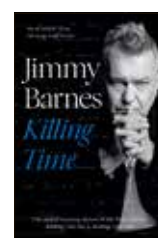
HALLIDAY POCKET WINE COMPANION 2021

JAMES HALLIDAY

Hardie Grant HB

\$22.99

Extracted from Halliday's well-respected *Wine Companion*, this guide identifies the best-value Australian wines that will be available in 2021.



KILLING TIME

JIMMY BARNES

HarperCollins HB

Was \$45 **Now \$39.99**

A collection of more than 40 entertaining stories and anecdotes about the Aussie musician's 50-year life on the road.



NOTHING MUCH HAPPENS

KATHRYN NICOLAI

Allen & Unwin HB

\$29.99

This collection of soothing stories by the creator of the popular podcast of the same name is aimed at those who struggle to sleep or suffer from anxiety.

Q10. What was Ursula Kuczynski's code name?



THE SCANDINAVIAN SKINCARE BIBLE

JOHANNA GILLBRO

Scribe PB

\$35

Revealing the science behind healthy skin and exposing commercial exploitation by the global cosmetics industry, this book discusses effective skincare regimes, sunscreens, anti-ageing techniques and skin-friendly nutrition.



THIS ONE AND PRECIOUS LIFE

SARAH WILSON

Macmillan HB

\$34.99

Author and social-media star Sarah Wilson (*I Quit Sugar*) suggests ways in which we can find paths away from disconnection and anxiety and reconnect with life and self.



Scribble HB

\$24.99**ANEMONE IS NOT THE ENEMY**

Anna McGregor

Anemone lives in a rock pool with only the barnacles for company. Curious and lonely, she longs for a friend, but unfortunately can't help stinging everyone who comes near – that is until a clownfish floats in with the rising tide. Anna McGregor's scribbly sea creatures glimmer with bright neon hues in this sweet, true-science tale of friendship, which describes the symbiotic relationship between clownfish and sea anemones. Sharp-eyed young readers will also delight in a quirky subplot following a hermit crab on the hunt for a new home. 4+

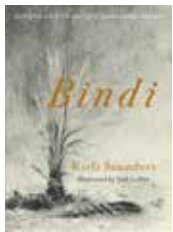


Fremantle HB

\$24.99**AT THE DOG PARK**

Moira Court

Visit the dog park in all its glorious variety with this delightful picture book. Engaging, rhyming text begging for repeat reads is perfectly complemented by Moira Court's distinctive illustrations, which incorporate woodblock prints, screen-printing and collage to satisfying effect. *At the Dog Park* is an excellent way to start teaching opposites to babies and toddlers, as well as gently acknowledging the concepts of difference and acceptance. From clean to grubby, from skinny to chubby – there is truly a hound to please every mood in this book. A treat for young animal lovers. 1+



Magabala HB

\$16.99**BINDI**

Kirli Saunders & Dub Leffler

Creative and sensitive children will be wholly absorbed by this beautifully told verse novel from award-winning writer and Gunai woman Kirli Saunders. The inaugural winner of Magabala's Daisy Utemorrhah Award for junior or YA fiction by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writer, *Bindi* is the story of curious, art-loving 11-year-old Bindi, whose regular life in Gundungurra Country is disrupted by a string of unexpected events: a broken wrist, an ambitious art project, an injured garrall (black cockatoo) and a devastating bushfire. Minimalistic black-and-white sketches from Dub Leffler and the inclusion of Gundungurra language render this book particularly special. 7+



DK HB

Was \$34.99

Now \$29.99**THE BOOK OF MYTHICAL BEASTS AND MAGICAL CREATURES**

Stephen Krensky & Pham Quang Phuc

Imaginative youngsters will be enthralled by this handsome hardbound anthology of mythical and magical creatures. Covering tricksters, shapeshifters, winged wonders and everything in between, this compendium features a collection of creatures that ranges from Scotland's Loch Ness Monster to the Qalupalik of Inuit folklore. Accompanied by full-colour illustrations from award-winning Vietnamese artist Pham Quang Phuc, these profiles are a mix of history lesson, cultural studies and fantasy, resulting in 100% enchantment. Hours of entertainment for ages 7+.



Allen & Unwin PB

\$16.99**CATCH ME IF I FALL**

Barry Jonsberg

This engaging and thought-provoking novel set in a dystopian Sydney in the near future incorporates issues including climate change, artificial intelligence and economic inequality. The story is about identical twins Ash and Aiden, children of a privileged family. After Aiden suffers a serious accident at a school camp, Ash realises that her brother has changed. Defining this change is difficult enough for Ash – accepting it may be impossible. For advanced readers aged 10+.



Magic Cat HB

Was \$44.99

Now \$39.99**THE DRAGON ARK**

Curatoria Draconis & Tomislav Tomic

In this luxurious, large-format book, children are invited to step aboard the Dragon Ark and enter into an apprenticeship with the formidable Curatoria Draconis, the world's leading dragon conservationist. Structured as a race-against-time journey around the world to find a mysterious and rare dragon, this book introduces readers to plenty of other dragons along the way, all stunningly realised by illustrator Tomislav Tomic. Underpinned by a message about climate change, *The Dragon Ark* will appeal to dragon enthusiasts, art lovers, adventure-seekers, fact-collectors and keen activists alike. 8+



Walker PB

\$16.99**GLASSHEART**

Katherine Orton

Set just after WW2, this fantasy adventure for middle readers follows 11-year-old Nona, orphaned during the London Blitz and now living with her uncle Antoni, a stained-glass artist. When Antoni is called to the wild countryside of Dartmoor on an urgent job, Nona accompanies him and finds herself drawn into a life-and-death situation on the moors involving powerful and dark magic, an imp who can transform into a crow, two benevolent spirits and one very scary sorcerer. This stirring story about determination, courage and the power of love is a worthy successor to Orton's debut novel, the much-loved *Nevertell*. 9+



Affirm HB

\$19.99**THE GRANDEST BOOKSHOP IN THE WORLD**

Amelia Mellor

Pearl and Vally Cole's home is unlike any other. They live in a flat above Cole's Book Arcade, a huge and extraordinary Melbourne bookshop. When the two find out that their father has risked his arcade – and himself – in a deal with a sinister stranger called Obscurosmith, they are forced to make their own dangerous deal to save the situation. However, solving the diabolically clever series of challenges Obscurosmith sets won't be easy. This exciting fantasy adventure set in 1893 draws on the story of the real-life Cole family and arcade, and will delight readers aged 9+.



Lothian HB

Was \$24.99

Now \$19.99**HOLLOWPOX: THE HUNT FOR MORRIGAN CROW**

Jessica Townsend

The many girls and boys who enjoyed the first two volumes in Townsend's acclaimed *Nevermore* trilogy (*Nevermore – The Trials of Morrigan Crow* and *Wundersmith – The Calling of Morrigan Crow*) are sure to have been eagerly awaiting this third instalment in the exciting adventures of Morrigan, a resilient girl who escapes death and finds herself in an extraordinary magical world. Volumes 1 and 2 are also available at this extra-special price, offering a real treat for those new to the series. 8+



ABC HB

Was \$24.99

Now \$12.95**IF I WAS PRIME MINISTER**

Beck Feiner & Robin Feiner

Wife-and-husband team Robin and Beck Feiner open this book with a question: What would happen if kids ran Australia? Cue a range of testimonials from different children about what they would do if given the chance. Some of the more fanciful proposals will have kids giggling (karate-chopping koalas! trampolining world leaders!), while others will have even the grown-ups asking, huh, why *don't* we have no car day? Fun, joyful and genuinely inspiring, *If I Was Prime Minister* is sure to trigger empowering conversations with children aged 4+.

Young Adult Fiction

**THE F TEAM**

RAWAH ARJA

Giramondo PB

\$22.95

Tariq and his Lebanese-Australian besties at Punchbowl High are forced into playing in the same rugby league team as 'white' boys from Cronulla, learning a lot about themselves and contemporary Australia in the process. 13+

**THE LEFT-HANDED BOOKSELLERS OF LONDON**

GARTH NIX

Allen & Unwin PB

\$24.99

In a 'New World' London of 1983, art student Susan is searching for her unknown father when she encounters a mysterious bookseller tasked with policing the legendary Old World wherever it intrudes on the New. 14+

**THE LOOP**

BEN OLIVER

Chicken House PB

\$17.99

The first volume in a trilogy, this action-packed thriller follows Luka Kane as he tries to break out of the AI-controlled prison for teenagers in which he has been incarcerated by an authoritarian regime. 15+

**NONE SHALL SLEEP**

ELLIE MARNEY

Allen & Unwin PB

\$19.99

Inspired by Thomas Harris' *Silence of the Lambs* and Netflix's *Mindhunter*, Australian YA author Ellie Marney places teenagers at the centre of the nail-biting action in her latest book. 18+

**THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY**

AMIE KAUFMAN & MEAGAN SPOONER

Allen & Unwin PB

\$19.99

The first instalment in a new series by the *Starbound* authors, this SF thriller follows a romance between the prince of a hi-tech city in the sky and the living goddess of an ancient land. 12+

**THE RECKLESS AFTERLIFE OF HARRIET STOKER**

LAUREN JAMES

Walker PB

\$18.99

A ghost story with an exciting plot and totally unexpected twist, this tale of student Harriet Stoker is set in a dilapidated university hall of residence with a tragic past. 14+

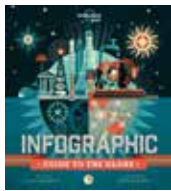
**THIS ONE IS OURS**

KATE O'DONNELL

UQP PB

\$19.99

Australian schoolgirl Sofie, in Paris on exchange during the *gilets jaunes* (yellow vest) protests, nurtures her artistic passions, becomes politically active and falls for cute schoolmate, Olivier. 14+



Lonely Planet Kids
HB

\$24.99

INFOGRAPHIC GUIDE TO THE GLOBE

Eliza Berkowitz & Gwen Keraval

Did you know that the tongue of a blue whale weighs as much as an entire elephant? That if you flew a plane from Earth to Pluto, the trip would take more than 800 years? Or that Antarctica is both the coldest and the driest place on earth? This entertaining and educational book, which is chock-full of graphs, charts and illustrations, offers these and other fascinating facts about the solar system and our marvellous planet. 8+



Walker PB

\$18.99

THE MIDNIGHT GUARDIANS

Ross Montgomery

With his latest book, award-winning author Ross Montgomery (*Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door*) offers us an adventurous mix of history and fantasy. Col is a lonely and painfully shy 10-year-old boy grieving the death of his father and missing Rose, his beloved big sister. When Col's imaginary friends (a tiger, a tweed-waistcoated badger and a child-sized knight) come to life, Col must travel to war-torn London to save Rose before the Blitz wipes out the entire city. A timely reminder that even the small and weak can imagine – and fight for – a better world. 9+



Bloomsbury PB

\$14.99

THE SILVER ARROW

Lev Grossman

Kate is bored, so decides to write to the mysterious and wealthy uncle she's never met. She's fishing for a birthday present, and that's precisely what she gets. So begins *The Silver Arrow*, a middle-grade novel in which Lev Grossman, best-selling author of *The Magicians*, delivers a deft mix of the irreverent and worthy. This tale of Kate's adventure with her brother Tom and a train-full of talking animals is a warm, cheeky romp with timely environmental overtones. The message? Humans created climate change, so only humans can fix it. 8+



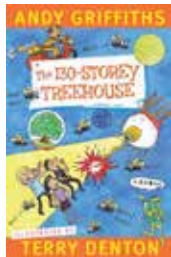
Puffin HB

\$24.99

LITTLE LION

Saroo Brierley & Bruce Whatley

This illustrated book adapted from Brierley's bestselling memoir *A Long Way Home* tells the story of how, at only five years old, he became lost and was alone on the streets of Calcutta (now Kolkata) in India. Many children will be amazed to hear Brierley's remarkable story of finding safety and a new life in Australia before eventually reuniting with his Indian family. With almost photographic illustrations from Bruce Whatley that capture the vivid colours of India, this is an incredibly moving memoir of a young boy's life that will have wide appeal. 5+



Pan Australia

PB **\$14.99**

HB **\$18.99**

THE 130-STOREY TREEHOUSE

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Treehouse fans will know to expect a real treat with this latest addition to the bestselling Australian series. And newcomers should get ready to snort with laughter. Writer Andy and illustrator Terry live in the world's most incredible treehouse, where they make books together and get into all kinds of trouble, sometimes with their friend Jill. In the trio's latest adventure, they're faced with an intergalactic death battle, a giant bog toad and, worst of all, a really, really annoying fly. 7+



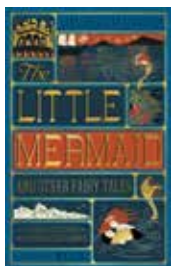
Affirm HB

\$24.99

SING ME THE SUMMER

Jane Godwin & Alison Lester

A brand-new collaboration from two much-loved and highly acclaimed picture-book creators, *Sing Me the Summer* is destined to become a permanent fixture on home bookshelves around Australia. Rhyming text from Jane Godwin is accompanied by Alison Lester's distinctive soft watercolours, which focus on scenes of families spending time outdoors. This irresistible picture book pays tribute to the natural world and the unique qualities of our four seasons, while also inviting readers to reflect on and cherish their own precious moments in daily life. 2+



Harper HB

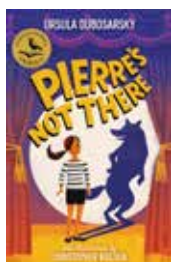
Was \$39.99

Now \$15.95

THE LITTLE MERMAID AND OTHER FAIRY TALES

Hans Christian Anderson

This keenly priced collection of 12 of the Danish writer's best-loved fairy tales was designed by cult UK design studio MinaLima, the team behind the graphic props in the Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts films. The tales are accompanied by charming illustrations as well as clever 3D interactive elements including an underwater world (*The Little Mermaid*), a duckling turning into a swan (*The Ugly Duckling*), a fold-out castle (*The Steadfast Tin Soldier*) and a towering pile of mattresses concealing a pea (*The Princess and the Pea*). 9+



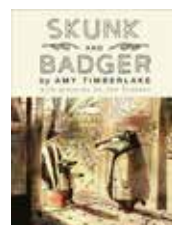
Allen & Unwin PB

\$16.99

PIERRE'S NOT THERE

Ursula Dubosarsky

The latest book from Australian Children's Laureate Ursula Dubosarsky is a charming novel perfect for middle-grade readers. During the school holidays, Lara must tag along with her mother while she works. When Lara meets a mysterious boy called Pierre hiding in the rambling house her mother is cleaning, she falls into a strange, otherworldly adventure where puppets come to life and humans become animals. *Pierre's Not There* is half-novel and half-play, and every line hums with energy and humour. A welcome reminder of why Dubosarsky enjoys such acclaim. 8+



Allen & Unwin HB

\$22.99

SKUNK AND BADGER

Amy Timberlake & Jon Klassen

Solitary rock scientist Badger is perfectly content living alone in his Aunt Lulu's brownstone – until Skunk arrives at the doorstep with a red suitcase and Aunt Lulu's blessing in hand... A classic-in-the-making, this charming tale of unlikely roommates will appeal to fans of the *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *Frog and Toad* books. Children will delight in Amy Timberlake's wit and whimsy, as well as Jon Klassen's distinctive, scratchy illustrations. Suitable for independent readers aged 7+, *Skunk and Badger* also makes for an ideal family read-aloud.



Walker HB

Was \$26.99

Now \$16.95

MADAME BADOBEDAH

Sophie Dahl & Lauren O'Hara

Mabel lives in the Mermaid Hotel, a seaside B&B. When the extraordinary Madame Badobedah (rhymes with 'oooh la la') moves into Room 32 with innumerable bags and a shifty tortoise called Boris, Mabel decides that the new resident is an ancient supervillain on the run from the police. But after getting to know Madame Badobedah – who has an imagination almost as vivid as her own – Mabel realises that she is in fact a kindred spirit and great friend. Lauren O'Hara's charming illustrations complement Sophie Dahl's whimsical story in a book that will delight readers aged 5+.



Bloomsbury HB

\$22.99

PIRATE STEW

Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell

Novelist Neil Gaiman and illustrator Chris Riddell have once again joined forces for this warmly humorous tale inspired by an idea Gaiman first wrote on a scrap of paper more than a decade ago. When their parents go out for the evening, two children are left in the dubious care of a boisterous pirate crew. A flying ship, rum-guzzling galore, a swag of doughnuts and a magic stew seasoned with mermaid's tears all feature in this zany adventure. Told in rollicking rhyming text, *Pirate Stew* will appeal to buccaneers at heart, both young and old. 5+



Thames & Hudson

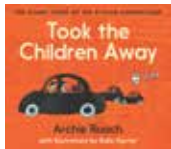
HB

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THIS SMALL BLUE DOT

Zeno Sworder

A young girl attempts to explain everything she knows about the world to a new baby. Her lessons range from small delights (making up silly dances), to big ideas (why we need to be caretakers of our world), and include the 'really important stuff' (what are the best desserts). The first book from Melbourne-based writer, artist and family man Zeno Sworder, *This Small Blue Dot* is a whimsical, heartfelt tribute to a child's inner world that is sure to appeal to fans of Oliver Jeffers' books. The bold artwork, which blends hyper-realistic pencil sketches with bright chalk drawings, may even inspire some home art projects. 3+



Simon & Schuster
HB

\$24.99

TOOK THE CHILDREN AWAY

Archie Roach & Ruby Hunter

Written by musician Archie Roach and illustrated by his late partner Ruby Hunter, this picture-book version of Roach's powerful song of the same name is inspired by a shameful period in Australia's history – when children of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent were forcibly removed from their families. An introduction gives context (Roach and Hunter were both Stolen Generations children) before the song's powerful lyrics are highlighted alongside Hunter's naïve illustrations. It's challenging content, but this is a story all young Australians need to know and the ending ('One sweet day all the children came back') offers the promise of reconnection and renewal. 8+



HarperCollins HB

\$24.99

THE UNWILLING TWIN

Freya Blackwood

Kate Greenaway Medal and CBCA winner Freya Blackwood is set to delight families once more with this wry, sweet tale of twins who are not quite so identical as they believe – even if they do have matching birthmarks on their bottoms! Children will giggle over the incongruity of a little girl and a pig doing everything together, and enjoy the gentle turns in the narrative as the twins head out for a day at the beach. A pitch-perfect portrayal of the lovingly antagonistic bond between siblings, *The Unwilling Twin* will appeal to children aged 3+.



ABC HB

\$19.99

WE ARE WOLVES

Katrina Nannestad

Do we really need another WW2 novel? Turns out we do. In this story of Lisel, her brother Otto and their adorable baby sister Mia, Australian author Katrina Nannestad brings humanity and skill when giving the perspective of innocent German children living with the legacy of Hitler's actions. *We Are Wolves* is set in 1945, after the Germans retreated and the Russians advanced into East Prussia, and is inspired by the abandoned German children known as *Wolfskinder* (wolf children) who survived by living wild, foraging for survival. 10+



HarperCollins HB

\$24.99

WHAT WE'LL BUILD

Oliver Jeffers

From one of the world's most admired picture-book creators, this story of a father and daughter working together to build a positive future offers gems of wisdom – problems can be solved if we talk them through; we can build on dreams rather than just on bricks and mortar; love is the strongest building tool of all – that will provide both inspiration and reassurance for children in these unsettled times. Jeffers' vibrant and gently humorous illustrations are matched with rhyming text that will appeal to children aged 2+.



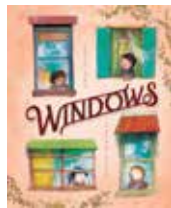
Berbay HB

\$24.99

WHOSE BONES?

Chihiro Takeuchi

Acclaimed papercut artist Chihiro Takeuchi has crafted yet another wildly inventive and fiendishly clever picture book. Featuring her distinctive clean-cut lines and bold hues, *Whose Bones?* challenges children to identify different animals by looking at their bones. The game gradually increases in difficulty with each page turn, allowing Takeuchi's offbeat humour to shine through. Children will particularly enjoy seeing their parents get bamboozled alongside them! This interactive book is an excellent way to encourage an interest in science. 2+



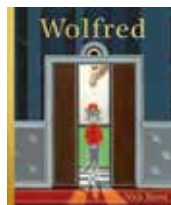
Little Hare HB

\$24.99

WINDOWS

Patrick Guest & Jonathan Bentley

Inspired by his own experience of having to move out of his family home during the COVID-19 pandemic, Patrick Guest wrote *Windows*. This story shows how a group of children discover ways to connect with the outside world from the safety of their homes, and readers will discover many familiar moments – from a woman playing music on her balcony, to the sudden proliferation of rainbows and teddy bears in windows. A tender evocation of life in 2020, *Windows* pays tribute to human kindness and community spirit during difficult times. 2+



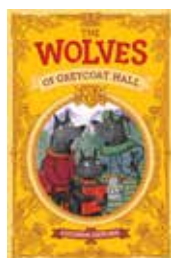
Little Hare HB

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WOLFRED

Nick Bland

Aspiring writer Wolfred McFlea operates the lift in the exclusive and luxurious Fancy Pants Towers. During work hours, he silently observes the strange wonder around him, but as soon as each shift ends, he races off to write stories about what he's witnessed. An unwanted discovery, a sneaky kidnap attempt and a satisfying reward all ensue in this quirky tale from beloved storyteller Nick Bland. Rhyming text moves the narrative along at a brisk pace, and Bland's lush artwork is filled with whimsical details that encourage repeat reads. 3+



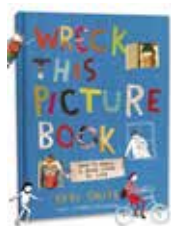
Walker HB

\$19.99

THE WOLVES OF GREYCOAT HALL

Lucinda Gifford

Great news! Wolves are being welcomed back to Scotland. So Boris and his parents, a dignified wolf family, decide to go there on holiday. Boris is the sort of friendly young wolf who dreams of spooky castles and chocolate éclairs. He and his parents travel in luxury in their matching tartan berets. But Scotland isn't quite ready for holidaying wolves – even charming ones! Heavily and lovingly illustrated by Australian writer-illustrator Lucinda Gifford, this book is full of turreted castles, cranky millionaires, lupine titbits and LOTS of cake. 6+



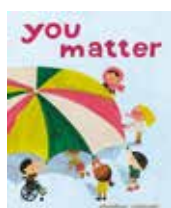
Puffin HB

\$24.99

WRECK THIS PICTURE BOOK

Keri Smith

Do you think books are meant to live a boring life up on a shelf? That a dog-eared corner is a literary crime? That reading should be a quiet activity? Well, *Wreck This Picture Book* is here to tell you all the reasons why you're entirely wrong. This hilarious interactive book will have kids of all ages in stitches. Whether you're rolling a page up into a tube, hiding secrets between the two covers, or having a good old sniff of that 'new book smell', this reading experience will change the way you think about books. 7+



Simon & Schuster
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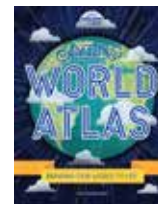
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YOU MATTER

Christian Robinson

From Newbery Medal winner and Caldecott honoree Christian Robinson comes a radiant new picture book that can be read on multiple levels. Robinson takes a simple but profound message of self-love and extrapolates from there, playing with perspective to illuminate the interconnectedness of life. Toddlers will respond to this book's powerfully reassuring message and bold, tactile images, while older children will take pleasure in discovering the illustrative clues that reveal connections between the pages. Told in sparse, poetic text, this elegantly crafted book further enhances Robinson's glowing reputation in children's literature. 3+

Kids Science



AMAZING WORLD ATLAS

ALEXA WARD

Lonely Planet Kids HB

\$29.99

Covering every continent and country on the globe, this atlas for junior readers uses plenty of photographs and illustrations to profile our endlessly amazing world. 8+



AUSTRALIA'S WILD WEIRD WONDERFUL WEATHER

STEPHANIE OWEN REEDER & TANIA MCCARTNEY

NLA HB

\$24.99

Weather affects every aspect of our lives, and every type of weather is investigated in this informative and entertaining picture book. 8+



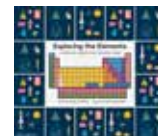
EXPLORE YOUR WORLD: DEEP DIVE INTO THE DEEP SEA

TIM FLANNERY & SAM CALDWELL

Hardie Grant HB

\$26.99

From scientist and explorer Tim Flannery and illustrator Sam Caldwell, this picture book profiles the incredible and sometimes bizarre creatures hiding in the deep sea. 8+



EXPLORING THE ELEMENTS

SARA GILLINGHAM & ISABEL THOMAS

Phaidon HB

Was \$34.95 **Now \$29.99**

Accessible and lavishly illustrated, this guide to the periodic table covers all 118 chemical elements and their uses. 8+



THE HUMAN BODY SURVIVAL GUIDE

GEORGE IVANOFF

Puffin HB

\$24.99

Burps, farts and poo. Secretions, snot and sweat. This book explains how our bodies work, proving just how amazing, complex and occasionally gross they are. 8+



THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS

SAMI BAYLY

Lothian HB

\$32.99

In her latest book, the creator of *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals* profiles 60 of the strangest species on the planet, presenting the reader with magnificent illustrations and fact-laden text. 8+



THE MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE

WILL GATER, ANGELA RIZZA & DANIEL LONG

Dorling Kindersley HB

Was \$39.99 **Now \$34.99**

Aspiring astronomers will enjoy this lavishly illustrated overview of the cosmos, which includes information galore about the Earth, stars, galaxies and planets of the solar system. 8+

