

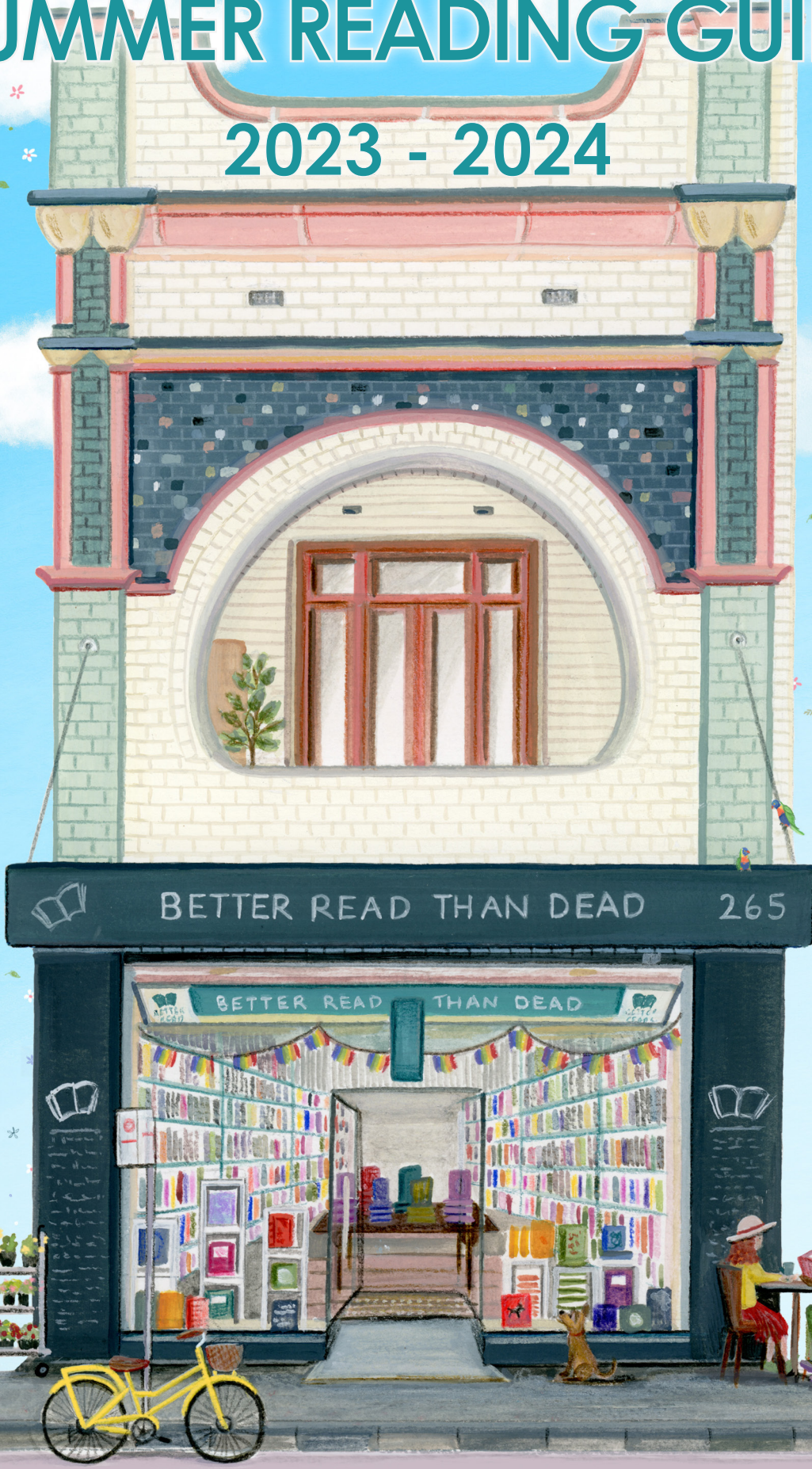


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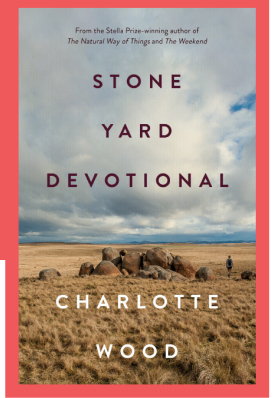
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Stone Yard Devotional | Charlotte Wood | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

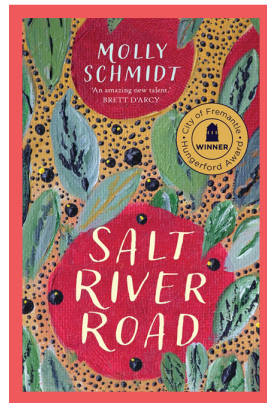
Still carrying the baggage of her parent's deaths, a woman has left her city, her job and her husband to move back to the highly religious town where she grew up. She had left God behind her long ago but finds herself drawn into this strange reclusive life. When buried secrets and old acquaintances resurface she grapples with life's big questions. This is an introspective and isolating exploration of grief, identity and faith with the stark and eerie backdrop of the Monaro plains. Wood's visceral and evocative writing encapsulates the reader in the experiences of the character in this incredibly moving, philosophical and poignant story.

- Ruby



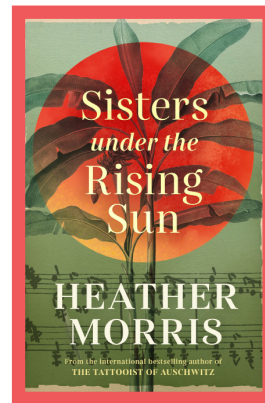
Lola in the Mirror | Trent Dalton | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

A girl and her mother have been on the run for sixteen years, hiding from police and the monster they left in their kitchen with a knife in his throat. Though life has handed her impossible odds, she has a vision of a life as an international artist! A big, moving, darkly funny, violent, heartbreaking and beautiful novel of fate, life, death and what we see in the mirror.



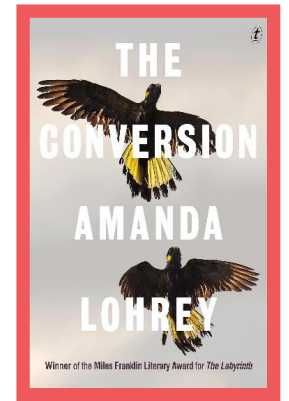
Salt River Road | Molly Schmidt | \$32.99 | Fremantle Press

In the aftermath of their mother's death, the Tetley siblings' lives are falling apart and Rose sets out to escape the grief and mess of home. When she meets Noongar Elders Patsy and Herbert, she finds herself drawn into a home where she has the chance to discover the strength of community, and to heal a wound her family has carried for a generation.



Sisters Under the Rising Sun | Heather Morris | \$32.99 | Random House

Amid the turmoil of World War II, a group of Australian Army nurses, among them Nesta and Vivian, have just arrived in Singapore. *Sisters Under the Rising Sun* is a story of women in war: a testament to resilience, bravery and friendship in the darkest of circumstances.

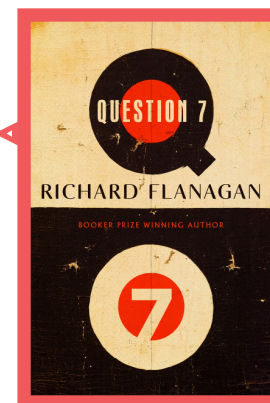


The Conversion | Amanda Lohrey | \$32.99 | Text Publishing

The conversion was Nick's idea, but it's Zoe who's here now, in a valley of old coalmines and new vineyards, working out how to live in a deconsecrated church. Alone and troubled by a ghost from the recent past, the little church seems empty of the possibilities Nick enthused about. *The Conversion* is a startling novel about the homes we live in: how we shape them, and how they shape us.

Question 7 | Richard Flanagan | \$34.99 | Random House

From H. G. Wells and Rebecca West's affair through 1930s nuclear physics, to Flanagan's father working as a slave labourer near Hiroshima when the atom bomb is dropped, this chain of events reaches fission when Flanagan finds himself trapped on a wild river not knowing if he will live or die. This hypnotic melding of dream, history, place and memory is about the choices we make and the chain reaction that follows.



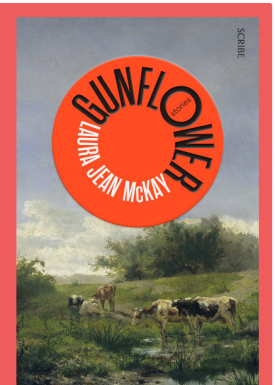
Women & Children | Tony Birch | \$34.99 | UQP

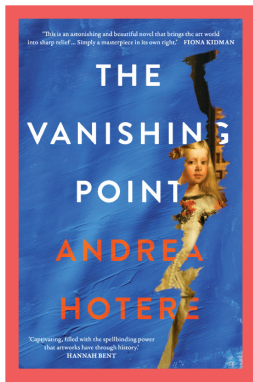
Birch is one of our absolute best writers, his novels and short stories are utterly impeccable! This story is particularly personal for him, told from the perspective of school boy Joe Cluny, it is very much the story of his mother, aunt and sister too. Birch has nailed the child's perspective but has written a gripping adult tale. - Steph



Gunflower | Laura Jean McKay | \$29.99 | Scribe

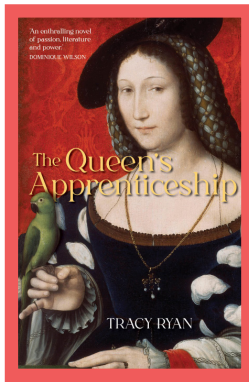
It has been four months and *Gunflower* is still rolling around in my head. It collects together vignettes and short stories that blur the lines between humans and animals. *Gunflower* shows us a world that isn't quite our own, but nearly is, and that we may only be a few years away from. And that makes it all the more terrifying. - Lexie





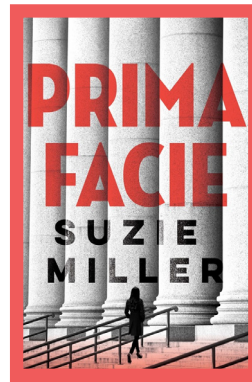
The Vanishing Point | Andrea Hotere | \$34.99 | Ultimo Press

A treacherous trail through the art world, the church and 17th century Spanish court via drawings, letters and cryptic notes has Alex trying to piece together what happened in King Philip's court. This is a dazzling and spellbinding debut about a mysterious painting, the secrets it keeps, and the two women connected across time.



The Queen's Apprenticeship | Tracy Ryan | \$32.99 | Transit Lounge

Two women from different worlds in Renaissance France cross paths in a way that changes both their lives. One is Marguerite de Navarre, a King's sister. The other is a cast out, itinerant child who longs to be a printer like her late father and dresses as a man for protection. They come together in the most unexpected of ways!



Prima Facie | Suzie Miller | \$34.99 | Macmillan

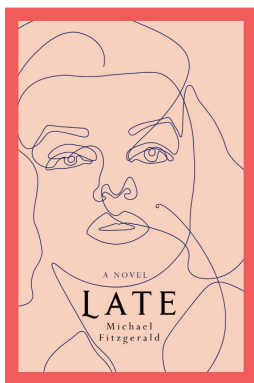
Tessa is a young barrister from a working-class background now at the top of her game. Then Tessa finds herself in a position countless women have been in before her. And she's faced with a life-changing decision about whether to testify against her rapist. In this devastating, timely novel based on the play.

The In-Between | Christos Tsiolkas | \$24.99 | Allen & Unwin

There is just something so tender about this love story between two middle-aged men; it has been so long since words have so viscerally jumped off the page and spoke. This is a novel of profound depth and emotion, a true ode to the compelling power and illustrious detail of Tsiolkas' storytelling. - Angus

The Seven | Chris Hammer | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

The official ambassador of outback noir is back and in fine form. *The Seven* examines the secretive, toxic, and unacknowledged power of a cabal of old money families in regional Australia. One of their own is dead and they want answers, but nobody is telling the truth. A dark, cracking read from a standout in the field. - Connor



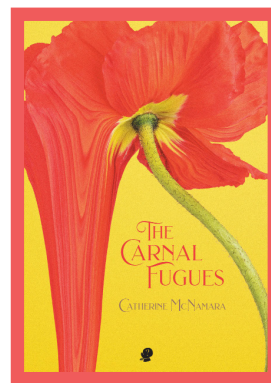
Late | Michael Fitzgerald | \$32.99 | NewSouth Books

Marilyn Monroe, renowned for being late, is living with her two cats in a modernist cliff-top apartment in Sydney in the late 1980s. The recounting of her story is prompted by the arrival of an old typewriter and a book addressed to Zelda Zonk, and by a young man named Daniel.



The Wiregrass | Adrian Hyland | \$34.99 | Ultimo Press

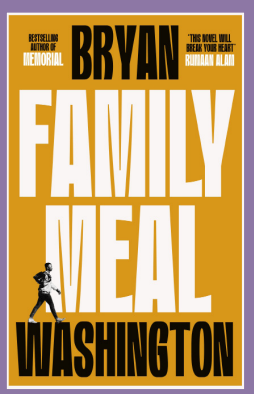
Nash Rankin is a disgraced cop trying to escape his past. Now he's living a quiet life in Satellite, caring for the local wildlife and trying to stay away from trouble. But Nash has enemies, and what looks like a close-knit community might just be a cover for his dark secrets. A compulsive new thriller.



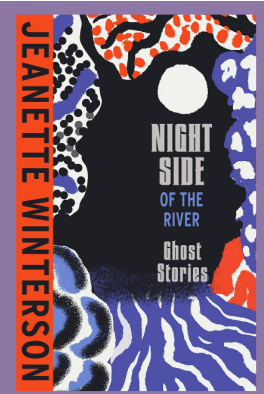
The Carnal Fugues | Catherine McNamara | \$32.95 | Puncher & Wattman

Destructive lovers interview a musician in dusty Bamako. A soprano has lost her voice and seeks repose in Corsica. This is a wayward, wanton selection of stories grounded in displacement, desire, and the wish coursing through us to accede to the state of love.

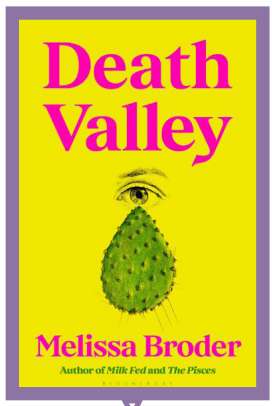
Family Meal | Bryan Washington | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin
 After the death of his partner, Cam is in free fall. Worlds collide when he returns to his hometown and reunites with TJ, the boy he grew up with. With insight and compassion, Washington memorializes the space for peace between love found and lost, and the nourishment that comes from one's family, chosen or otherwise. - Carolina



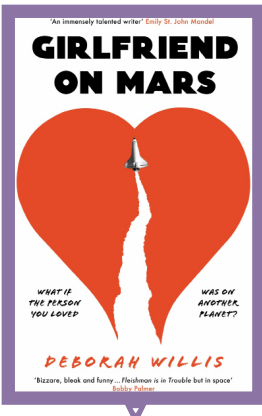
Night Side of the River | Jeanette Winterson | \$32.99 | Random House
 In this delightfully chilling collection, Winterson turns her fearless gaze to the realm of ghosts, interspersing her own encounters with the supernatural alongside hair-raising fictions. These supernatural tales are satisfyingly disconcerting, sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. Winterson brings forth stories like no one else. - Jimmy



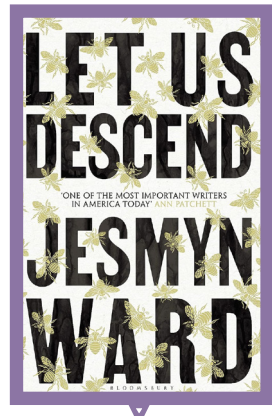
Chlorine | Jade Song | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin
 Ren Yu is a swimmer. Her daily life starts and ends with the pool. Her teammates are her only friends. Her coach, her guiding light. Ren aches to be in the water. She dreams of the scent of chlorine - the feel of it on her skin. And she will do anything she can to make a life for herself where she can be free. No matter the pain. No matter what anyone else thinks. No matter how much blood she has to spill. Song captures the darkness and confusion of coming-of-age for a Chinese American girl, for lovers of *The Pisces*.



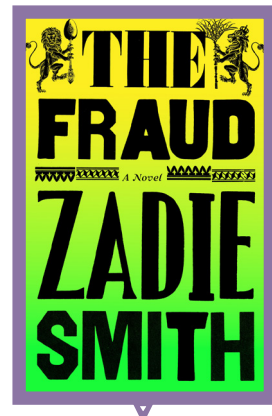
Death Valley | Melissa Broder | \$32.99 | Bloomsbury
 A woman arrives alone at a Best Western seeking respite from a plaguing emptiness. She has fled to the California desert to escape a cloud of sorrow, but what the motel provides is a path, thanks to a receptionist who recommends a nearby hike. Out on the trail, she encounters a towering cactus, with a gash through its side that beckons like a door. What awaits her inside this mystical succulent sets her on a journey at once desolate and rich, hilarious and poignant.



Girlfriend on Mars | Deborah Willis | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin
 Kevin is a homebody, happily committed to his hydroponics-expert girlfriend, Amber, as they grow weed in their basement in Vancouver. Out of the blue, Amber announces that she has been selected for a reality show/the first mission to Mars. A satire and a page-turner all in one!

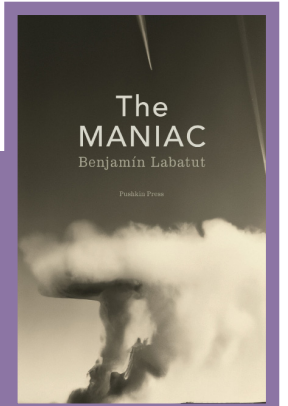


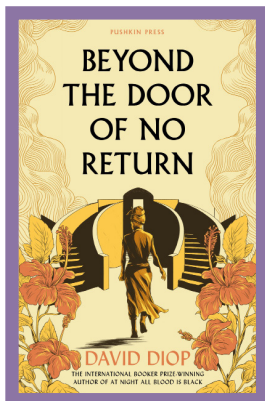
Let Us Descend | Jesmyn Ward | \$32.99 | Bloomsbury
 Annis, sold by the white enslaver who fathered her, is the reader's guide through this hellscape. As she struggles through the miles-long march, Annis turns inward, seeking comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother. The story of a harrowing journey!



The Fraud | Zadie Smith | \$34.99 | Penguin
 The 'Tichborne Trial' captivates all of England. But in a world of hypocrisy and deception, deciding what is real proves a complicated task. This kaleidoscopic work of historical fiction is set against the legal trial that divided Victorian England, about who deserves to tell their story - and who deserves to be believed.

The Maniac | Benjamin Labatut | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin
 A compelling treatment of one of the greatest minds of the twentieth century: a theorist, a polymath, a chilling mathematical genius and visionary. Johnny Von Neumann helped split the atom, laid the foundations for the computer evolution, envisioned its development into everyday life and reasoned its revolution into AI. Part novel, part historical account of the life of Von Neumann, a man who could be as cold and as calculating as the creations of his imagining; is told to us from a myriad of view points from numerous narrators, colleagues, lovers, friends. A poignant topical warning for our close future. - Robert



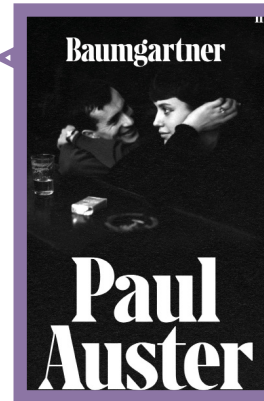


Beyond the Door of No Return | David Diop | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

The door of no return is where millions of Africans last touched their home continent's soil. When French naturalist Michel Adanson travels to Senegal in 1749, he obsessively searches for a fabled woman who is said to have passed through.

Baumgartner | Paul Auster | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

Baumgartner's life has been defined by his deep, abiding love for his wife, Anna. But now Anna is gone, and Baumgartner is embarking on his seventies whilst trying to live with her absence. A tender masterpiece on the ache of memory, written with wit and compassion.



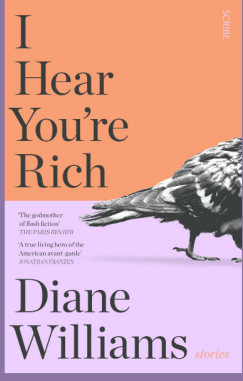
Nightbloom | Peace Adzo Medie | \$32.99 | Bloomsbury

This is a story of how family feuds are made, how people are made to owe each other, and how class divides everybody, no matter how close you are. Telling the exact same story from the perspective of both cousins in each half of the book, we follow the lives of Selasi and Akorfa. I want everyone to read this book! - Lexie



The Future | Naomi Alderman | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

This is a book about the apocalypse, the tech billionaires who let/make it happen, and the unlikely coalition of their friends, family, and coworkers who decide they have to be stopped. With tech bros, non-binary hackers, bibles, and bunkers, *The Future* truly stands apart. Deeply philosophical and unexpectedly grand. - Darcy

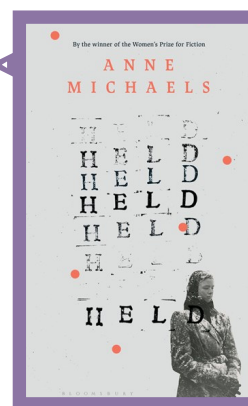


I Hear You're Rich | Diane Williams | \$24.99 | Scribner

In Williams' stories, life is newly alive and dangerous; whether she is writing about an affair, a request for money, or the simple act of carrying a cake from one room to the next, she offers us beautiful and unsettling new ways of seeing everyday life.

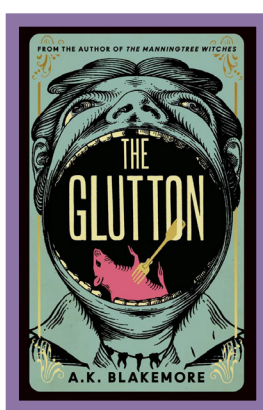
Held | Anne Michaels | \$29.99 | Bloomsbury

1917, John lies on the battlefield. 1920, he opens a photography studio in North Yorkshire. But the past erupts insistently into the present, as ghosts begin to surface in his pictures - ghosts whose messages he cannot understand.



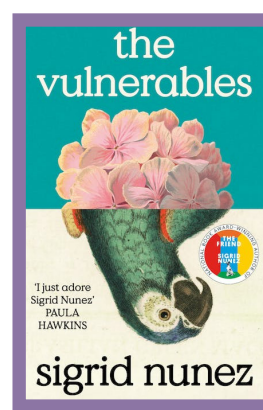
So Late in the Day | Claire Keegan | \$19.99 | Allen & Unwin

After an uneventful Friday at the Dublin office, Cathal faces into the long weekend and takes the bus home. There, his mind agitates over a woman named Sabine with whom he could have spent his life, had he acted differently. An exquisitely powerful new short story.



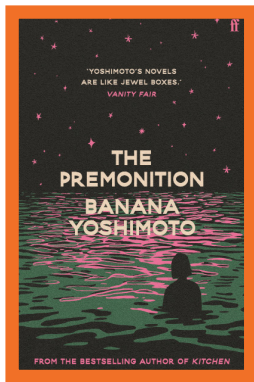
The Glutton | A. K. Blakemore | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

Sister Perpetue is not to move or fall asleep. She is to sit, keeping guard over the patient's room. But it is hard to believe that this frail man was once called The Great Tarare, The Glutton of Lyon. An electric, heart-stopping journey into a world of tumult, upheaval and depravity.



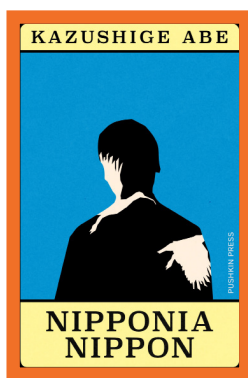
The Vulnerables | Sigrid Nunez | \$32.99 | Hachette

Three strangers are thrown together in one Manhattan apartment: a solitary writer; a Gen Z college drop-out; and a spirited parrot named Eureka. *The Vulnerables* reveals what happens when strangers are willing to open their hearts to each other and how far even small acts of caring can go.



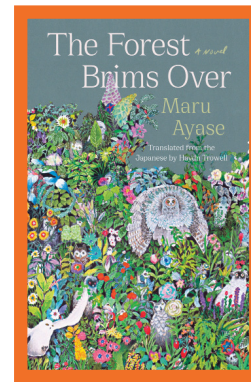
The Premonition | Banana Yoshimoto | \$29.99 | Allen & Unwin

Yayoi lives with her perfect family, but while her parents tell happy stories of her childhood, she is haunted by the sense that she's forgotten something important. Taking a break, she goes to stay with her mysterious but beloved aunt Yukino and starts to recover lost memories, threatening everything she knows about her past.



Nipponia Nippon | Kazushige Abe | \$22.99 | Allen & Unwin

Isolated in his Tokyo apartment, Haruo spends all his time online, researching the plight of the Japanese crested ibis, Nipponia Nippon. He believes it is his destiny to free them from a society that does not appreciate them. With his emotional state becoming increasingly erratic, he begins to source weapons and prepares for a reckoning.

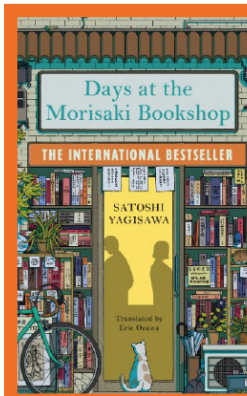
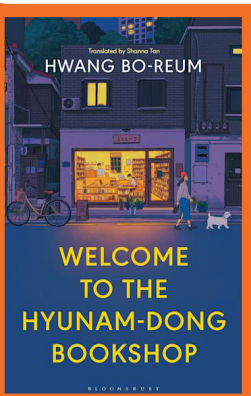


The Forest Brims Over | Maru Ayase | \$32.99 | Random House

Rui has long been the subject of her husband's novels, depicted as a pure woman who takes great pleasure in sex. When frustrations reach boiling point, Rui consumes a bowl of seeds, and grows into a forest. *The Forest Brims Over* challenges gender biases and explores the boundaries between art and exploitation.

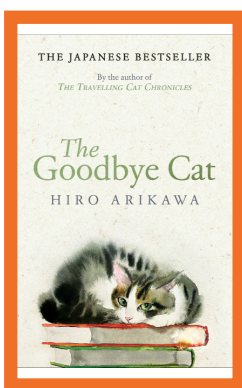
Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop | Hwang Bo-reum | \$32.99 | Bloomsbury

Yeongji quits her job in Seoul to open a bookshop in a small neighbourhood. As she transforms her bookshop from a place to sit and cry in comfort into a real community hub, I couldn't help but be warmed and inspired by this story. A quiet novel driven by a host of characters and their daily interactions, this is a book to savour! - Steph



Days at the Morisaki Bookshop | Satoshi Yagisawa | \$24.99 | A&U

This book is such a treat! When Takako finds out that her boyfriend has been cheating on her, she decides to upend her life and take up her eccentric uncles' offer to live above his bookshop in exchange for her help around the store. A heartwarming reminder of the restorative power of a good book. - Carolina



The Goodbye Cat | Hiro Arikawa | \$32.99 | Random House

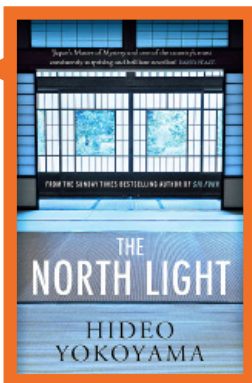
Against changing seasons in Japan, seven cats weave their way through their owners' lives. Bursting with empathy, *The Goodbye Cat* explores the unstoppable cycle of life as we see how the steadiness and devotion of a well-loved cat never lets us down.



Dallergut Dream Department Store | Mi-ye Lee | \$29.99 | Hachette

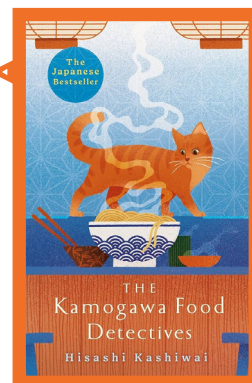
In a mysterious town that lies hidden in our collective subconscious, there's a quaint little store where all kinds of dreams are sold. This is a healing, immersive crossover fantasy novel.

The North Light | Hideo Yokoyama | \$32.99 | Hachette
Minoru Aose is an architect whose greatest achievement is the Yoshino house, a prizewinning and much discussed private residence in the shadow of Mount Asama. When he discovers it empty, a beguiling mystery unfolds.

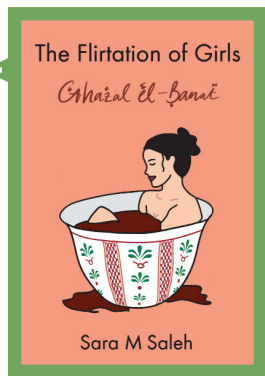


The Kamogawa Food Detectives | Hisashi Kashiwai | \$19.99 | Picador

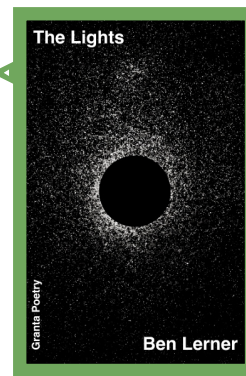
In Kyoto, the Kamagawa Diner is run by a father-daughter duo who advertise their services as 'food detectives', capable of recreating a dish from their customers' pasts that hold the key to forgotten memories.



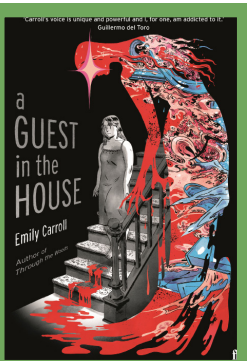
The Flirtation of Girls | Sara M Saleh | \$24.99 | UQP
 Saleh introduces us to the polychromatic lives of girls and women as they come into being amidst war & violence, and exile and migration. This searing work interrogates the complexity of Arab-Australian Muslim women's identities.



The Lights | Ben Lerner | \$26.99 | Allen & Unwin
 The Lights records the pleasures, risks, and absurdities of making art and family and meaning against a backdrop of interlocking, accelerating crises. And, even while alert to the darkness, it is the light in the book that remains.



A Guest in the House | Emily Carroll | \$39.99 | Allen & Unwin
 This horror graphic novel is utterly spellbinding. Newly married Abby knows that her husband isn't perfect, well neither is she. She's just happy not to be alone anymore. However, when things start to be revealed about her husband's first wife and her death, Abby is drawn into a haunting mystery of obsession and love. Carroll's illustrations are magnificent as she weaves a spooky tale with both imagery and words.

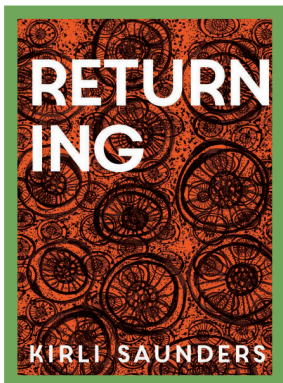


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Monica | Daniel Clowes | \$49.99 | Random House
 Daniel Clowe is out here, bending minds and genres with wild abandon. Monica uses a series of interwoven storylines, narrated by various characters, to tell the story of its title character – through war, romance, horror, crime, the supernatural and the banal. A mesmerising and deeply layered work which will reward close-reading.



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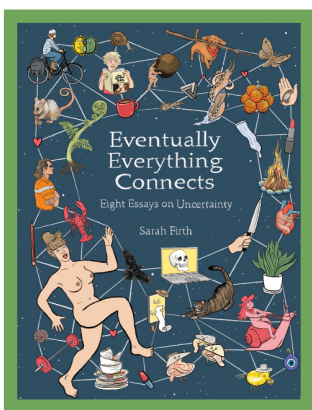


Returning | Kirli Saunders | \$29.99 | Magabala Books
 Eliza is a struggling single mother and poet. Sasha is yearning for direction in life, just moved back in with her parents and dabbles as a sex worker. The two strike up an unlikely friendship in this deeply resonant exploration of how far people go to find intimacy.

Haruki Murakami Manga Stories 1 | Haruki Murakami | \$34.99 | NewSouth Books
 Now for the first time, many of Murakami's best-loved short stories are available in graphic novel form in English. Haruki Murakami Manga Stories 1 is the first of three volumes. With their trademark mix of realism and fantasy, the four stories in this volume are: 'Super-Frog Saves Tokyo', 'Where I'm Likely to Find It', 'Birthday Girl', and 'The Seventh Man'.



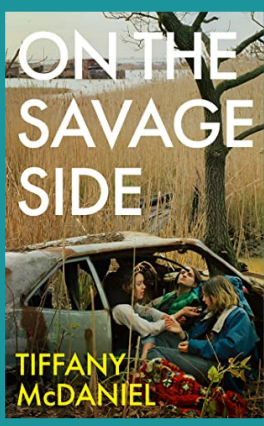
Akane-Banashi Vol. 1 | Yuki Suenaga | \$14.99 | Simon & Schuster
 Shinta Arakawa wants nothing more than to pass his shin'uchi exam. Akane Osaki, his daughter and biggest fan, spies on him while he practices and learns his routines for herself, and goes on to avenge her father after tragedy strikes. A new series based on the art of Rakugo.



Eventually Everything Connects | Sarah Firth | \$34.99 | Joan
 How can I find joy in these precarious times? Is my smartphone hijacking me? Why am I so horny? What's it like being the slug that lives in my bathroom sink? WTF is going on? Eventually Everything Connects is a collection of interconnected visual essays created over eight years.



Wind Breaker 1 | Satoru Nii | \$24.99 | Random House
 An adrenaline-filled manga set in a high school for delinquents who are now heroes protecting their town. A fierce, new student arrives at the school determined to fight his way to the top and become the strongest of them all. This edgy, action-packed manga is guaranteed to excite!



FEBRUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH

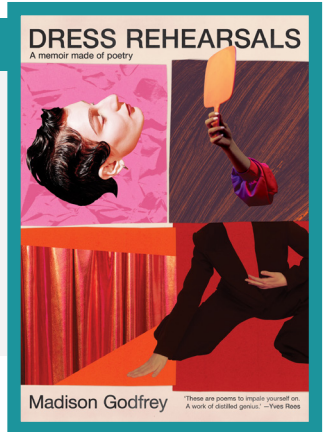
On the Savage Side | Tiffany McDaniel | \$32.99 | Hachette | Lexie's Review

This book is a heavy hitter. Tiffany McDaniel comes fears no topic- missing and murdered women, drug addiction, the cycle of poverty, police corruption, and intergenerational trauma. What's shocking about this book isn't the topics, but the sheer compassion that you feel for the characters. We follow twins Arc and Daffy from their childhood to their 21st birthday, when their friends start turning up dead in the river. Dismissed by the police as 'junkies' who are getting what they deserve and labelled as runaways, Arc and her friends are left to fend for themselves while they dream of a better life. While it has a bit of a slow start (consider yourself warned!), once you're in you won't be able to put it down. Prepare to have your heart swell and break at the same time.

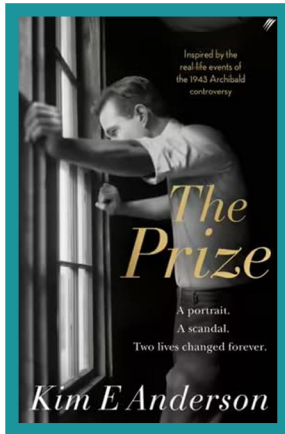
MARCH BOOK OF THE MONTH

Dress Rehearsals | Madison Godfrey | \$24.99 | Joan | Tahlia's Review

This new poetic offering from Madison Godfrey is a searing memoir in verse. Published by Joan, an exciting new imprint for Allen & Unwin, *Dress Rehearsals* is a book to take your time with, offering an intimate meditation on the performance of femininity, through adolescence into adulthood. Godfrey shares hard won wisdom with a clear poetic voice, and no shortage of wit. It is fierce, sharp, rebellious, and ultimately loving. A song for those who will see themselves in its pages.



APRIL BOOK OF THE MONTH



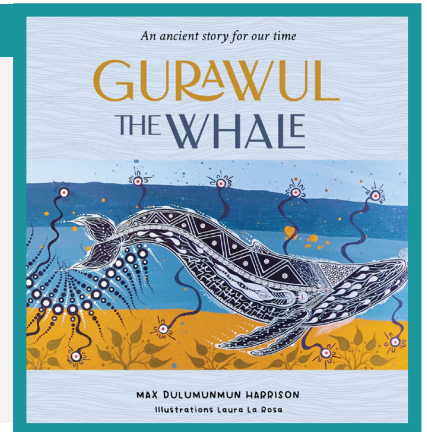
The Prize | Kim E. Anderson | \$32.99 | Pantera Press | Leona's Review

1943, Sydney. World War II rumbles in the distance, and Australian culture is still deeply conservative. William Dobell, an innovative artist, paints his lover and fellow artist Joshua Smith for the country's most prestigious art prize, the Archibald. When the portrait of Smith wins the prize, both artist and sitter find themselves under cruel and intense scrutiny, putting them both at risk. Bill and Joshua viscerally and convincingly grapple with the difficulties of their situation, risking love, art, acceptance, and exile. Anderson's prose is expansive and attentive, able to capture the smallest of gestures, as layers of paint on canvas.

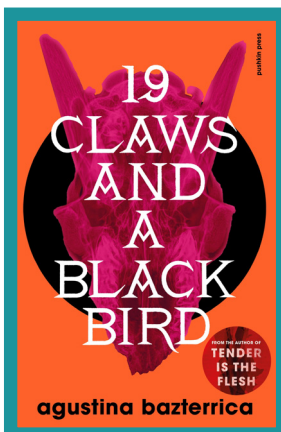
MAY BOOK OF THE MONTH

Gurawul the Whale | Max Dulumunmun Harrison | \$35.00 | Magabala Books | Lewis' Review

In 1947, whilst walking from Orbost to Bega with his grandfather and uncles, Max Dulumunmun Harisson was told a story - the story of Gurawul the Whale. This book recounts stories of Harrison's life as he travelled throughout Australia sharing the story of Gurawul, and his connection to whales and to his heritage. Accompanied by wonderful illustrations from Laura La Rosa, Harrison links the stories that he was told as a child, of the relationships between humans, whales and the land, with scientific findings about whales and the history of Australia. An utterly heart-warming, and a poignant reminder to all of the importance of our cultural history.



JUNE BOOK OF THE MONTH

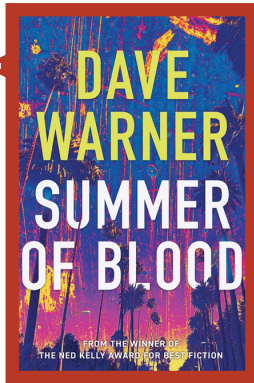


Nineteen Claws and a Blackbird | Agustina Bazterrica | \$29.99 | Allen & Unwin | Lexie's Review

Agustina is one of my queens of Argentinian horror (yes, it's a category, and yes, there are royalty), and this set of short stories provides a little dose of haunting without being too intense. Stepping aware from the gore of *Tender is the Flesh* and instead leaning into the terrors of human nature that Mariana Enriquez does so well, these twenty short stories had me questioning the everything I know about human nature, as well as trying to pick if there was an odd story out to be the literal blackbird. Don't be scared, but be very intrigued.

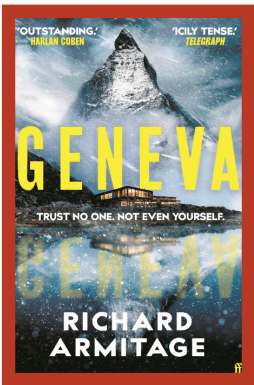
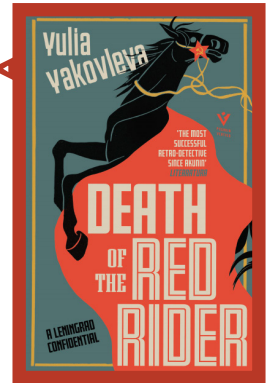
Summer of Blood | Dave Warner | \$32.99 | Fremantle Press

Two Australian police officers travel to San Francisco and Los Angeles in the summer of 1967 in search of a missing young man, only to find themselves fully immersed in the world of music, free love, drugs and hippie counterculture.



Death of the Red Rider | Yulia Yakovleva | \$24.99 | A&U

On the eve of Soviet purges and as the Red Terror gathers pace, Detective Zaitsev returns to solve the murder of a Red Army horseman. *Death of the Red Rider* is part of the ultimate noir detective series and is a compelling historical saga!



Geneva | Richard Armitage | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

Nobel Prize-winning scientist Sarah Collier has started to show the tell-tale signs of Alzheimer's disease, and winds up at a technology conference that could save her life... maybe. A bold and unpredictable thriller set in the biotech world.

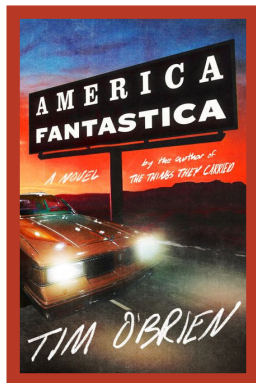


The Mystery Guest | Nita Prose | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

Molly Gray wears her Head Maid badge proudly for every shift at the Regency Grand Hotel, but when a famous mystery writer drops dead in the grand tea room, Molly has an unusual clean-up on her hands.

You'd Look Better as a Ghost | Joanna Wallace | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

The night after her father's funeral, Claire meets Lucas in a bar. Lucas doesn't know it, but it's not a chance meeting. A comic thriller following the trials and tribulations of Claire, a part-time serial killer.

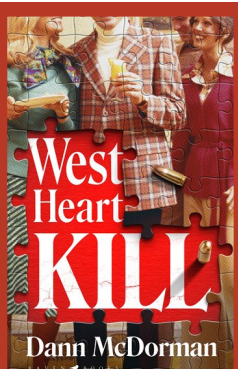


America Fantastica | Tim O'Brien | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

America Fantastica is a brilliant and rollicking odyssey, in which a bank robbery by a disgraced journalist and his taking of an irrepressible hostage, Angie Bing, sparks a satirical romp through a country plagued by deceit.

West Heart Kill | Dann McDorman | \$32.99 | Bloomsbury

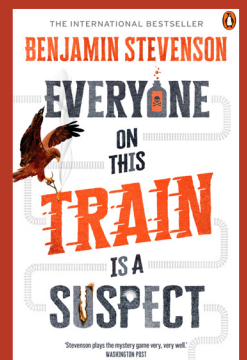
The reader assumes the role of detective in this brilliantly original novel. The narrative follows a young Vietnam War veteran and private detective when he takes on a murder case at a remote hunting lodge in upstate New York, where each of the eccentric patrons is equally suspect. Challenging and subversive; at its core is a mystery which will engross even those who have tired of the genre.



- Hugh

Everyone on This Train is a Suspect | Benjamin Stevenson | \$32.99 | Penguin

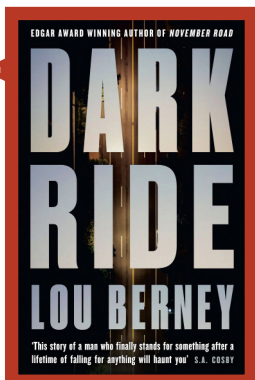
Set during a writers' conference on board the Ghan, the murder of a prominent crime writer throws our protagonist Ernest Cunningham once more into the role of amateur sleuth. Set against the backdrop of this locked-door style mystery, the book is wonderfully meta and satirical, taking shots at authors, fans and publishing, whilst still providing a compelling and satisfying murder plot.



- Lewis

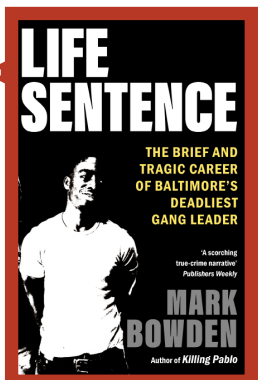
Dark Ride | Lou Berney | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

Hardy "Hardly" Reed—good-natured, easygoing, usually stoned—is drifting through life when he gets caught up in a world of crime. A masterful thriller where an unlikely hero goes up against a deadly crime boss.



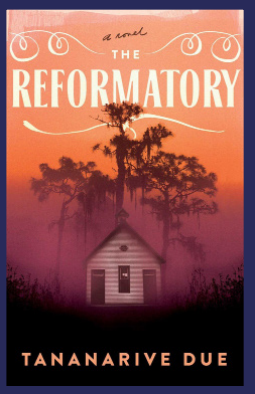
Life Sentence | Mark Bowden | \$32.99 | Murdoch Books

Sandtown is one of the deadliest neighbourhoods in the world; drug deals dominate street corners and violence abounds. *Life Sentence*, is the story of the 2016 FBI investigation that landed eight gang members in prison.



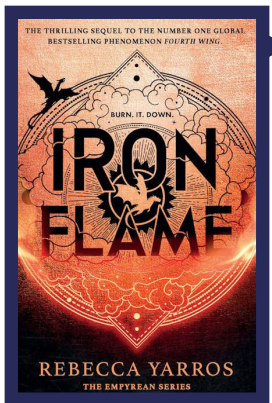
The Reformatory | Tananarive Due | \$27.99 | NewSouth Books

This is a ghost story, but the ghosts are not the part to be afraid of. The horror lies in living under the stultifying oppression of Jim Crow America. The author's great-uncle was one of the many, many boys who died at Florida's infamous Dozier school, and this harrowing novel is her epitaph for them all. - Connor



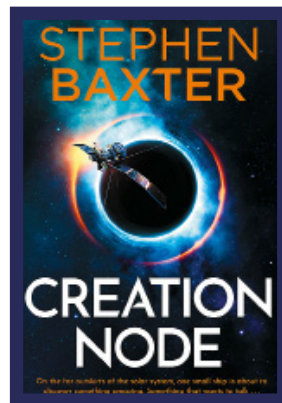
Sun of Blood and Ruin | Mariely Lares | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

Our heroine is, by day, a respectable citizen and fiancée to the prince of Spair but by night, Leonara adopts a new guise - the Pantera, a masked vigilante, fighting the oppressive Spanish regime with sword and magic. Lares blends Mesoamerican mythology and history, a delightful and original magic system, and a Zorro-inspired hero. - Lewis



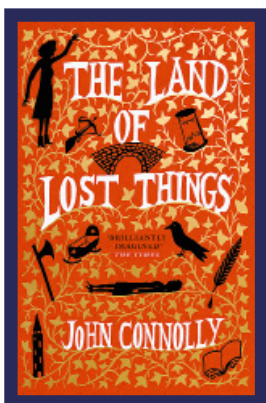
Iron Flame: The Emphyrean Bk 2 | Rebecca Yarros | \$32.99 | Hachette

Everyone expected Violet Sorrengail to die during her first year at Basgiath War College, Violet included. But Threshing was only the first impossible test meant to weed out the weak-willed, unworthy, and unlucky. Now the real training begins, and Violet's already wondering how she'll get through. This is the eagerly awaited sequel to *Fourth Wing*.



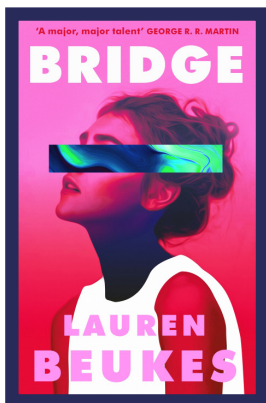
Creation Node | Stephen Baxter | \$32.99 | Hachette

In the year 2255, of all the sentient beings in her universe, it was a woman named Salma, twenty years old, who was the first to see the object called Planet Nine. Not that the object turned out to be a planet, or the 'ninth' of anything. Briefly thought to be a black hole, it suddenly changes, expands and sends a message. There is something waiting on its service. Something not quite human. On the far outskirts of the solar system, one small ship is about to discover something amazing. And it wants to talk...



Land of Lost Things | John Connolly | \$32.99 | Hachette

Phoebe, lies comatose following a car accident. Ceres, her mother, can only sit by her bedside and read fairy stories to Phoebe in the hope they might summon her back to this world. A redemptive, magical story on the power of stories and family.



Bridge | Lauren Beukes | \$32.99 | Penguin

Bridge lost her neuroscientist mother Jo to brain cancer. When picking through the remains of Jo's life, she finds what Jo called the dreamworm - a gateway to other worlds. Bridge is desperate to see her mother again and will risk anything. This journey across alternate realities is wildly entertaining!

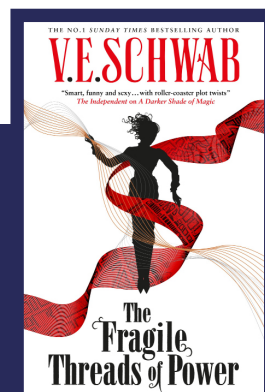


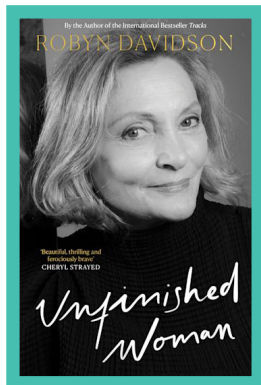
Starter Villain | John Scalzi | \$34.99 | Macmillan

Inheriting your uncle's supervillain business is more complicated than you'd imagine. There are the things you'd expect; the undersea volcano lairs, minions, plots to take over the world. Much harder to get used to are the sentient, computer-savvy cats who manage the whole thing!

The Fragile Threads of Power | V.E. Schwab | \$39.99 | NewSouth Books

Set in the Shades of Magic universe, this story introduces us to a new generation of magic in a familiar and well-loved world. London is the central city connecting four worlds that each hold a fantastical power. Until that power became too much and the worlds sought to close the doors. The only ones who hold the power to re-open the doors are magicians known as Antari. In the midst of this turmoil of old acquaintances and new enemies, a girl named Tes possesses a strange magic and a device which could determine the fate of all. This book is perfect for all fans of fantasy and it will mystify and delight you. - Ruby





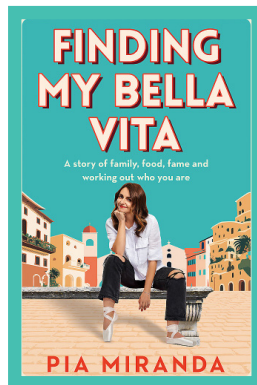
Unfinished Woman | Robyn Davidson | \$34.99 | Bloomsbury

Go off the beaten track with Davidson, author of *Tracks*, as she blazes a new trail through uncharted territory – her vivid and unconventional past.



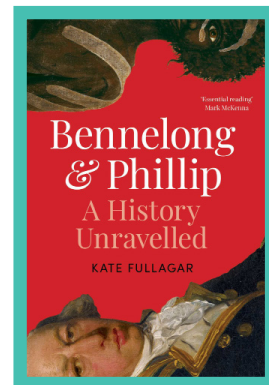
Songs from the Kitchen Table | Archie Roach | \$59.99 | Simon & Schuster

Songs from the Kitchen Table is a tribute to the power of Archie's voice, and to the love of music he shared with his life partner and musical collaborator, Ruby Hunter.



Finding My Bella Vita | Pia Miranda | \$34.99 | Hachette

From Pia Miranda, one of our most-loved actors, comes a charming memoir that reminds us all of the two things that matter most - love and family.

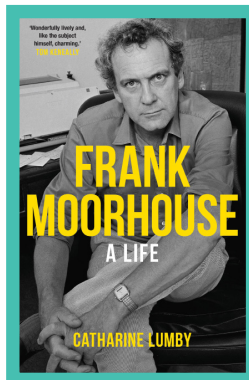
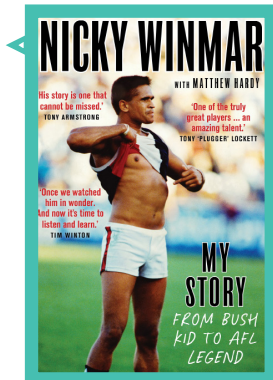


Bennelong & Phillip | Kate Fullagar | \$55.00 | Simon & Schuster

Bennelong and Phillip were leaders of their two sides in the first encounters. Fullagar's account is the first full biography of Bennelong and challenges many misconceptions.

My Story | Nicky Winmar | \$50.00 | Allen & Unwin

April 17, 2023, marked the 30th anniversary of St Kilda legend Nicky Winmar's proud and defining stand against racism. This autobiography tells the story of Winmar's brilliant career in colourful detail, as well as giving moving insight into his life.

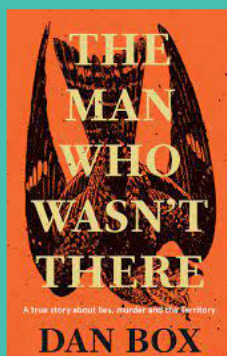


Frank Moorhouse: A Life | Catharine Lumby | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin

A decade before his death in 2022, Frank Moorhouse asked renowned journalist, writer and academic Catharine Lumby to be his biographer. She 'got' him and his work, he said, in a way few others did - and this is the outstanding result.

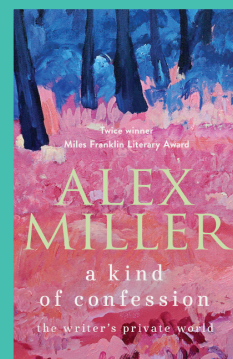
The Man Who Wasn't There | Dan Box | \$36.99 | Ultimo Press

Dan Box takes us into the shocking and heartbreaking life of Zak Grieve. Zak, a young Indigenous man from the Northern Territory. At the age of 19 in 2017 he was convicted of murder and given a life sentence but in an unbelievable twist Zak wasn't present at the murder. This powerful true story is utterly thought provoking and astounding, and is only one of not mistrust, injustice and lies but of great strength. - Robert



A Kind of Confession | Alex Miller | \$39.99 | Allen & Unwin

I've always been interested in how writers craft their creative practice! Here, we get a sneak peek into Alex Miller's writing life, spanning sixty years of inspiration. I loved learning that Miller had a slow start to his writing career, yet went on to publish twelve novels after his debut in 1988. The collection of notebooks and letters featured provide such an intriguing picture of Miller's storytelling prowess.



- Ally

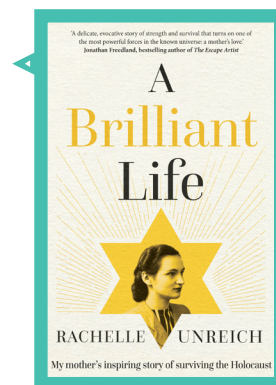
Wild Love | Kiera Lindsey | \$36.99 | Allen & Unwin

Adelaide Ironside was an acclaimed Australian painter known for her 'enthusiasm and wild ways'. In this compelling story, Lindsey recreates Adelaide's life and her relationship with her mother, Martha.

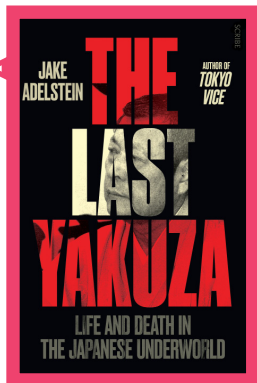


A Brilliant Life | Rachelle Unreich | \$34.99 | Hachette

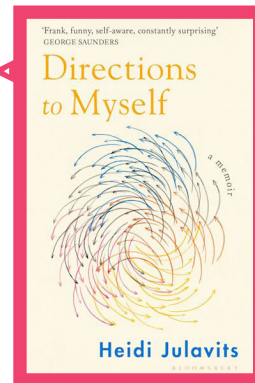
Over seventy years had passed since Mira Unreich was freed from a concentration camp in Germany. How could Mira say that in the Holocaust 'I learned about the goodness of people'? Here, Rachelle tells her mother's story, from Czechoslovakia to Australia.



The Last Yakuza | Jake Adelstein | \$36.99 | Scribe
 Written with the insight of an expert on Japanese organised crime and the compassion of a longtime friend, investigative journalist Adelstein presents a sprawling biography of a yakuza from the depression to the present.

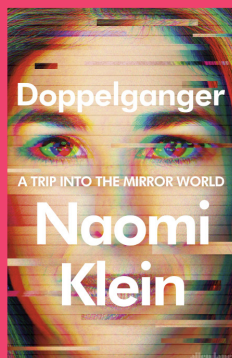


Directions to Myself | Heidi Julavits | \$32.99 | Bloomsbury
 Transfixed by a public rape case on a college campus, Heidi Julavits was spurred into examining her role as parent, and the rituals that exist between men of all ages. Julavits examines power, gender and sexuality!



Doppelgänger | Naomi Klein | \$34.99 | Penguin

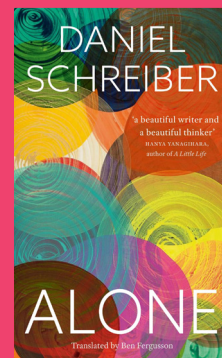
A captivating journey through the complexities of online culture and political doubling. Klein's writing is nothing short of brilliant – clear, dynamic, and brutally honest. Her profound analysis of identity, ideology, and economics in today's consumer capitalism is eye-opening. This book is essential reading, offering a deep understanding of our global challenges.



- Adrien

Alone | Daniel Schreiber | \$34.99 | NewSouth Books

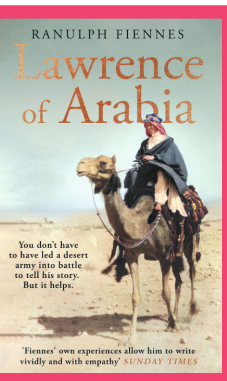
Part memoir, part essays, part sociological commentary, *Alone* is absolutely mandatory reading for anyone who has ever wondered why society values life spent without a partner less than someone who is in a romantic relationship. Through musing on the differences between loneliness and solitary life, Schreiber has found the perfect balance of intelligence and insight without being annoying.



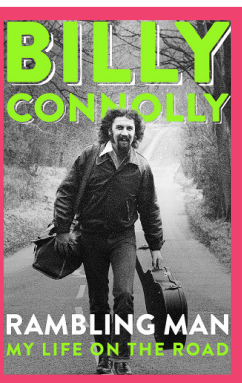
- Lexie

Einstein in Time and Space | Samuel Graydon | \$34.99 | Hachette

From his lost daughter to escaping the Nazis, from his love letters to unlikely inventions Graydon brings history's most famous scientist back to life through 99 unforgettable stories.



Lawrence of Arabia | Ranulph Fiennes | \$36.99 | Hachette
 Co-opted by the British military, archaeologist and adventurer Lawrence became involved in the 1916 Arab Revolt and made a 300-mile journey in blistering heat. Fiennes at last brings enthralling insight and clarity to this remarkable life.



Rambling Man | Billy Connolly | \$49.99 | Hachette

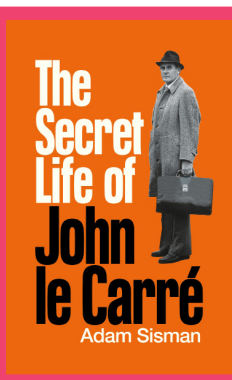
In his joyful new book, Billy explores philosophy and how it has shaped him, sharing hilarious new stories from his lifetime on the road. *Rambling Man* is a global adventure with the greatest travel companion.



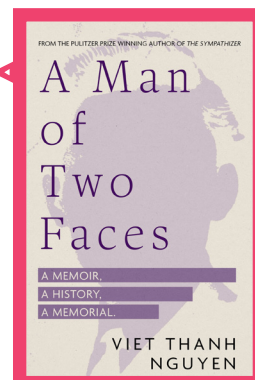
A Memoir of My Former Self | Hilary Mantel | \$34.99 | Hachette
 As well as her celebrated career as a novelist, Hilary Mantel long contributed to newspapers and journals, unspooling stories from her own life and the world as she found it. *A Memoir of My Former Self* collects the finest of this writing over four decades.

The Secret Life of John le Carré | Adam Sisman | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

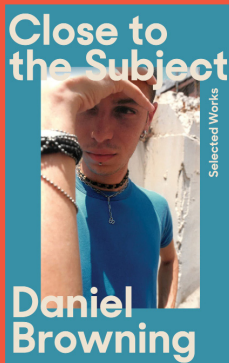
A previously hidden perspective on the personal life of the spy-turned-author and a fascinating meditation on the complex relationship between biographer and subject. 'Now, we can know him better.'



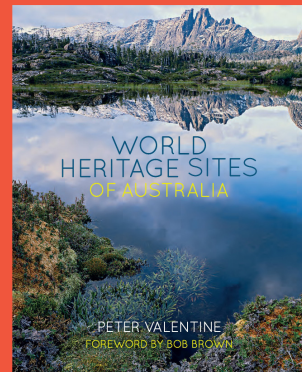
A Man of Two Faces | Viet Thanh Nguyen | \$34.99 | Hachette
 With insight and lyricism, Viet Thanh Nguyen rewinds the film of his own life. He expands the genre of personal memoir by acknowledging larger stories of refugeehood, colonisation, and ideas about Vietnam and America.



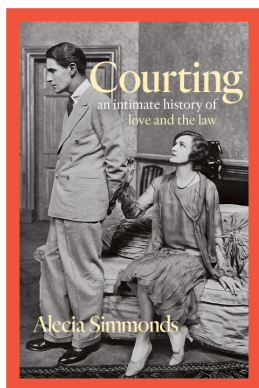
Close to the Subject | Daniel Browning | \$34.99 | Magabala Books
 This is a collection of Browning's most impactful works. While Daniel's work explores a breadth of Indigenous experiences, his journalism does a great job of interrogating why Australians are so protective of certain holidays and values, which can so easily be stamped out by the interests of the elite. A beautiful read! - Lilly



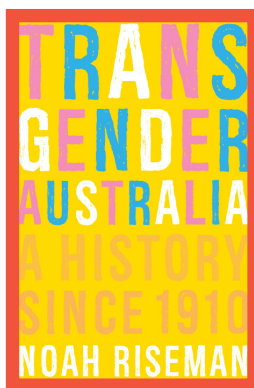
World Heritage Sites of Australia | Peter Valentine | \$59.99 | NewSouth
 Breathtaking pictures, beautiful drawings, fascinating commentary, a touch of history and culture, what's not to love! Peter Valentine takes us on a tour through Australia's World Heritage sites, moving from lush reefs and rainforests to striking red desert and ancient aquaculture. - Darcy



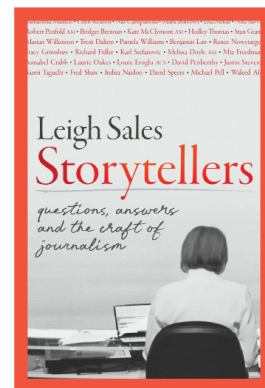
Bite Back | Hannah Ferguson | \$34.99 | Affirm Press
 Cheek Media Co. quickly established itself as the go-to platform for daring feminist opinions on everything! Cheek co-founder Ferguson turns her sharp, progressive perspective on the issues that matter. Her bold ideas will spark important conversations and inspire meaningful social change.



Courting | Alecia Simmonds | \$45.00 | Black Inc
 Until well into the 20th century, heartbroken men and women in Australia could claim compensation for 'breach of promise to marry'. In courtrooms and newspaper reports, love letters were read as contracts and private gifts and gossip scrutinised as evidence. *Courting* brings these stories to life!

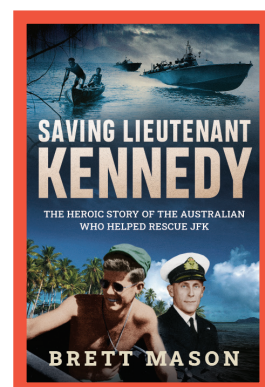
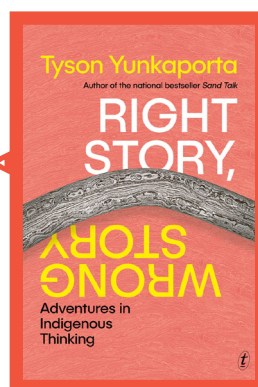


Transgender Australia | Noah Riseman | \$36.99 | Random House
 This is the first book to chart the changing social, medical, legal and lived experiences of trans and gender diverse people in Australia since 1910, drawing on over 100 oral history interviews.

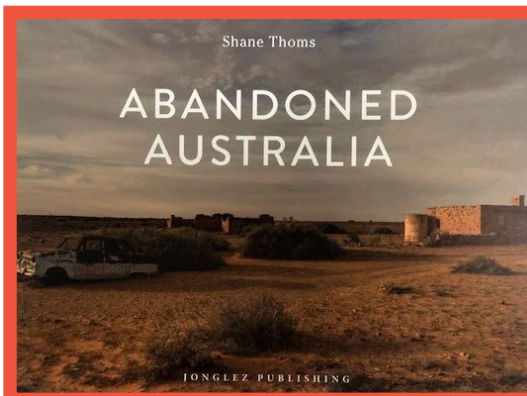


Storytellers | Leigh Sales | \$39.99 | Simon & Schuster
 Acclaimed journalist Sales turns her interviewing skills onto her own profession, those usually asking the questions: the journalists. A fascinating insight into a vital and much-misunderstood profession.

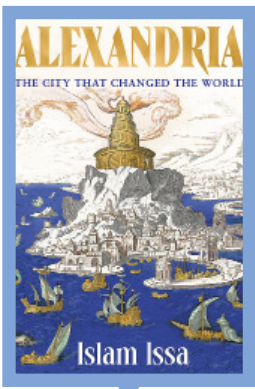
Right Story, Wrong Story | Tyson Yunkaporta | \$35.00 | Text
 Yunkaporta describes how our relationship with land is inseparable from how we relate to each other. This book is a sequence of thought experiments, which are, as 'crowd-sourced narratives where everybody's contribution to the story, no matter how contradictory, is honoured and included.'



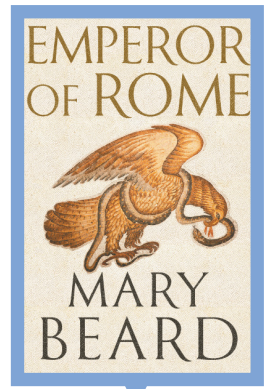
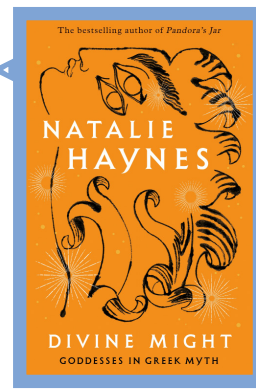
Saving Lieutenant Kennedy | Brett Mason | \$34.99 | NewSouth Books
 The incredible story of an Australian hero who helped save the life of a future president JFK. Mason sets the heroic rescue and its colourful aftermath against the background of the Pacific war and the birth of the Australia-US alliance.



Abandoned New South Wales | Shane Thoms | \$24.99 | Woodslane
 I don't know what it is about abandoned stuff that I froth so much. Is it an indictment of capitalism, or a grim reminder that decay awaits us all? Gorgeous photography of some of the spookiest abandoned structures in NSW - if that's your vibe, then this is for you. - Connor

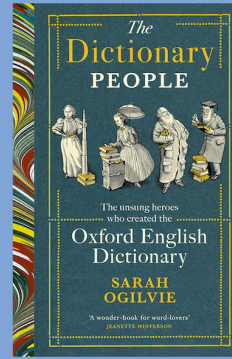


Divine Might | Natalie Haynes | \$36.99 | Macmillan
 Natalie Haynes returns to the world of Greek myth and turns her focus on Olympus itself; not on the gods, who have had far more attention than they deserve over the millennia since these stories were first told, but on the goddesses.

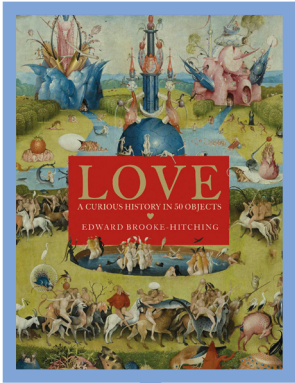


Alexandria | Islam Issa | \$49.99 | Hachette
 Inspired by the tales of Homer and his own ambitions of empire, Alexander the Great sketched the idea of a city on the sparsely populated Egyptian coastline. This is the story of his vision of a sparkling metropolis.

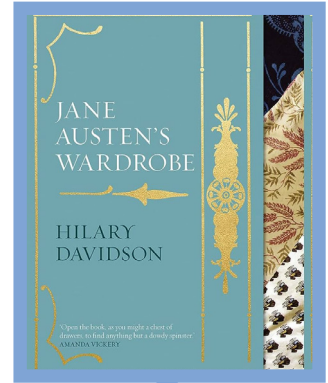
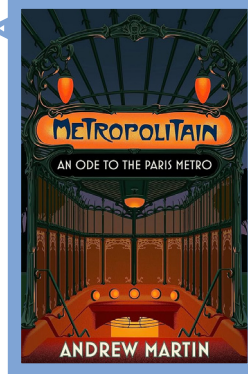
Dictionary People | Sarah Ogilvie | \$35.00 | Random House
 Word nerds and trivia buffs unite- do I have the book for you. Far from being a dry history of the Oxford dictionary, which, to be honest, I still would have read, *Dictionary People* is set up as biography. Structured as 26 people (one for each letter as the alphabet, but under concepts that they embody), Olgvie has done a deep dive into contributors and the words that originated from them.
 - Lexie



Emperor of Rome | Mary Beard | \$65.00 | A&U
 Cruel control freaks, diligent workaholics or extravagant teenagers? What were the emperors of Rome really like? Beard shines her spotlight on the emperors who ruled the Roman empire, from Caesar to Severus.



Metropolitain | Andrew Martin | \$39.99 | Hachette
 Described as 'the laureate of railways,' Andrew Martin has always been obsessed with the Paris Metro, hence *Metropolitain: An Ode to the Paris Metro*, the first English history of the Metro for the general reader.

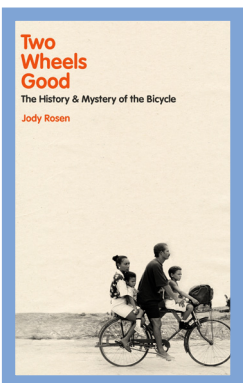


Love: A Curious History | Edward Brooke-Hitching | \$55.00 | Simon & Schuster
 From prehistoric carvings and ancient Egyptian statues, to medieval spell books and Victorian code-writing, this unique collection gathers a wealth of objects and stories to trace love through the ages.



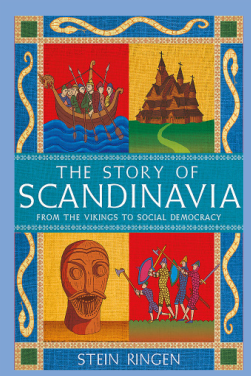
The Race to the Future | Kassia St Clair | \$34.99 | Hachette
 An Italian prince and his chauffeur, a French racing driver, a conman and various journalists battle over steep mountain ranges and arid deserts. The incredible true story of the quest against odds that shaped the world we live in.

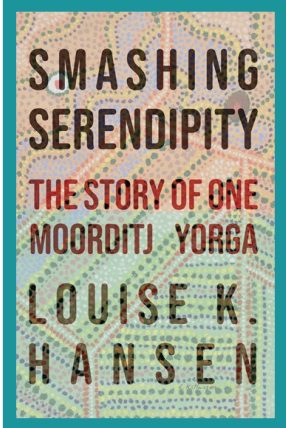
Jane Austen's Wardrobe | Hilary Davidson | \$51.95 | Wiley
 Acclaimed dress historian Davidson reveals, for the first time, the wardrobe of one of the world's most celebrated authors. She draws on Austen's letters, as well as surviving garments and artefacts!



Two Wheels Good | Jody Rosen | \$29.99 | Random House
 An examination of the bicycle's past, present and future, challenging myths and cliches, while uncovering cycling's connection to colonial conquest and the gentrification of cities

The Story of Scandinavia | Stein Ringen | \$39.99 | Hachette
 Ringen sets out with an audacious goal - collating some 1200 years of history, over multiple nations, into a single story. And he succeeds, because that it what is presented to us as the reader - not a daunting history text, but a story, tracking the growth and development of cultures over the span of centuries. A fantastic book for history buffs.
 - Lewis





FEBRUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH

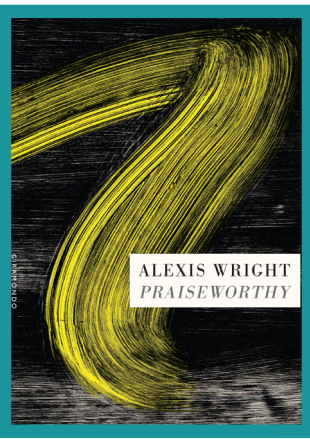
Smashing Serendipity | Louise K. Hansen | \$32.99 | Fremantle Press | Steph's Review

Louise K. Hansen is a Binjarib Nyoongar, Palyku Mulbpa and Irish woman and this is her story. Told through chronological vignettes, reading this memoir felt very much like sitting in a yarnning story, listening to one's grandparent share snippets of their life and teach important lessons. And that is exactly what Louise set out to do, writing the novel to teach her family of her experiences as an Aboriginal woman growing up in the 1950s and 60s. Her stories also shed light on their political and social context, and I found this to be a very accessible and open account of hers and her community's resilience, conviction and strength. And, the cover art is a gorgeous painting by Louise herself, showing the two sides of her family and their birth Country!

MARCH BOOK OF THE MONTH

Gigorou | Sasha Kutabah Sarago | \$34.99 | Pantera Press | Reem's Review

Gigorou (jig-goo-roo) means beauty or beautiful in Jirrbal, the language of Sasha Kutabah Sarago's grandmother. And this book is just that, absolute beauty. Sasha begins by asking the reader to get ready to embrace their Gigorou, I knew I was in for a journey. Powerful and thought provoking all the way. Ending with a letter written to her niece, that's filled with wisdom and love. This book has it all.



APRIL BOOK OF THE MONTH

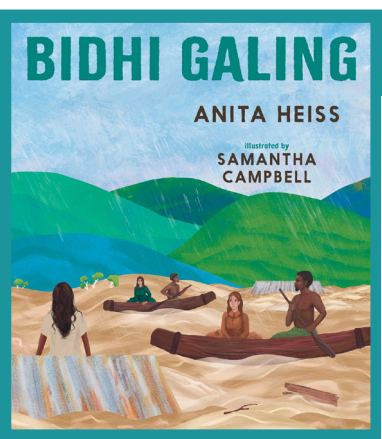
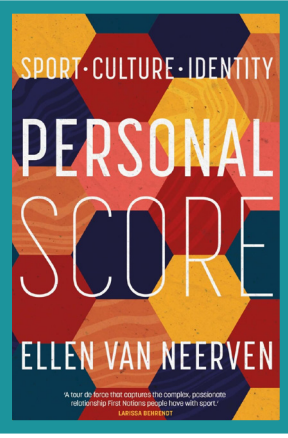
Praiseworthy | Alexis Wright | \$39.95 | Giramondo | Steph's Review

As I started reading *Praiseworthy*, I was immediately drawn into the magnificence of Wright's allegory, storytelling and language. I was savouring her work, rather than just rushing to just get it done in time. As I read the first of the novel's ten parts, set in a small town struck by ecological disaster, I was once again reminded of everything I loved about *Carpentaria*. *Praiseworthy* is an epic, multi-generational, complex story of Country - it has the cast of characters, the series of events and the strength of prose comparable to that of any great classic. Yet, it also has a fable-like quality - reminding us of the fundamental fact that this country has something very wrong with it. This seminal work is absolutely going to be worth the time and be part of the conversation for many, many decades to come.

MAY BOOK OF THE MONTH

Personal Score | Ellen Van Neerven | \$34.99 | UQP | Lexie's Review

Up until now, there was only one book that could possibly make me care about sport (come and see me in store for this discussion). It's officially been beaten. This is not sports history. Except it is. It's memoir, poetry, the injustice of pay discrepancies in sport (we're looking at you, Matilda's), and the fact that losers are called Aboriginal and winners are called Australian. This is about chest binding, how white faces are the face of sexual assault in sports clubs gender pay gaps, watching the World Cup with your family, and how to come to grips with playing sports that have actually been played for tens of thousands of years on stolen land.



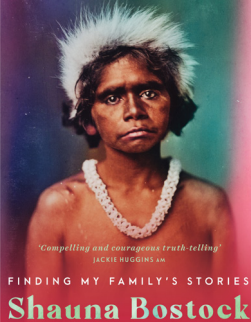
JUNE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Bidhi Galing | Anita Heiss | \$22.99 | Simon & Schuster | Ruby's Review

Wagadhaany lives with her miyagan (family) by the river and loves nothing more than playing with her cousins, eating food and listening to stories from the elders around the fire. Her life is full of joy and dancing, which is her favourite thing to do - after all her name means 'dancer.' However, when the big rains come and flood the land, Wagadhaany is separated from her miyagan. Will someone come to her rescue? Will she ever see her miyagan again? This is a story that teaches the importance of family, culture and listening to advice. This book is perfect for any family and we can all learn something from this story through its evocative writing and stunning artwork.

JULY BOOK OF THE MONTH

REACHING THROUGH TIME



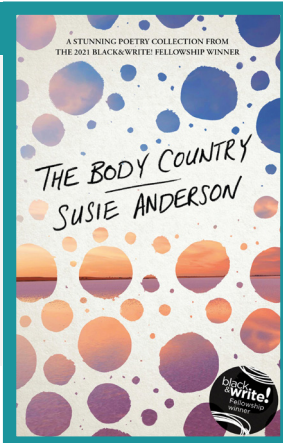
Reaching Through Time | Shauna Bostock | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin | Connor's Review

The extraordinary tale of a Bundjalung woman who was moved to research her family history after a shocking revelation: that her white ancestors were slave traders. This book was the result. Through comprehensive research which involved battling against the Australian government to get access to sealed archives, Bostock crafted a remarkable tale of a remarkable family – one that fought to thrive in an environment of shocking colonial violence, displacement and oppression. Compelling and painstakingly detailed, you may also be surprised at how funny it is – Bostock has a deft hand at finding wry humour even in the face of tragedy. An illuminating and moving read.

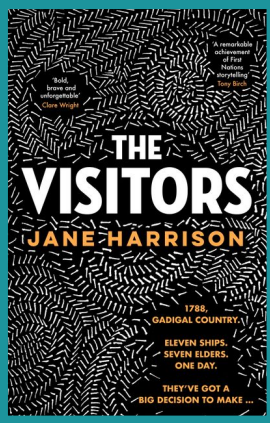
AUGUST BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Body Country | Susie Anderson | \$26.99 | Hachette | Leona's Review

Susie Anderson's debut collection *The Body Country* is utterly mesmerising and thought-provoking. Anderson is an award-winning poet, black&write! Fellowship winner, and a proud Wergaia and Wemba woman. Her gift is in noticing small details in the mundane, and placing them into the quietly exquisite and creative. *body country* is deeply concerned with the poetics of physicality, tracking the body in thought, in motion, and crucially, in relationship with Country. This writer observes the world with such dignity, able to meet the rural, the urban, the personal, and the universal with a keen and reflective gaze.



SEPTEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH



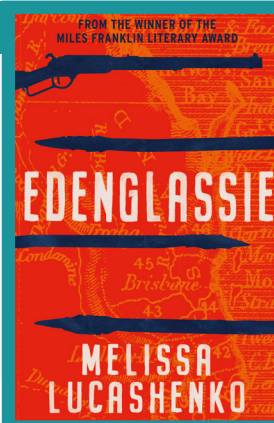
The Visitors | Jane Harrison | \$32.99 | Harper Collins | Angus' Review

January 26th 1788. All Australians know this day. But what about the response, reaction and attitudes of the Indigenous population to the arrival of eleven foreign and bizarre naval machines? In *The Visitors*, Jane Harrison, a descendant of the Muruwari people herself, conceptualises an Indigenous perspective on the fateful day through the gathering of seven Aboriginal elders discussing the arrival. Debates range from whether these people should be welcomed, if they mean malice or good means, and what to tell their people. A story built upon one of the most devastating and inhumane events of our time, Jane Harrison manages to string together humour, tragedy, wit, tension in a gripping piece of historical fiction. In a time where our harrowing history is forced further and further into the spotlight, this novel pushes us closer to truth, acceptance and acknowledgement.

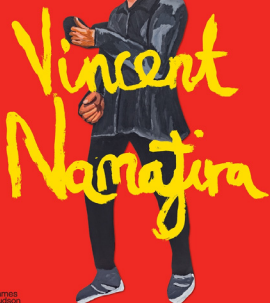
OCTOBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

Edenglassie | Melissa Lucashenko | \$32.99 | UQP | Lexie's Review

It is always such a pleasure to read Lucashenko's writing. The interwoven timelines are seamless, the research is impeccable and nothing feels needlessly included because it was learned, the brutality is there but never gratuitous, and my heart sang and wept in equal measure. Maybe part of the reason I loved this so much was because Winona reminded me of Kerry from *Too Much Lip*; the characters are written with similar sass and it crackled on the page. I know I'm saying nothing about the book itself – you can read the blurb for that. This is entirely for me to say that *Edenglassie* was absolutely incredible. I know the Miles is still nearly a year away, but I'm throwing this in the ring as my favourite to win.



NOVEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

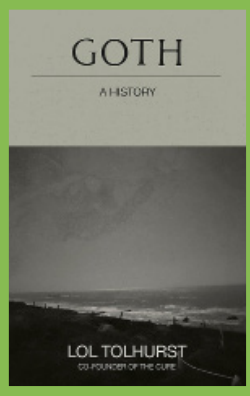


Vincent Namatjira | \$90.00 | Thames & Hudson | Steph's Review

Vincent Namatjira's *Past-Present-Future* is the very first piece you see upon entering Sydney's MCA, and his use of colour, character and host of Indigenous heroes always excites me. This book is his very first monograph, and collects together writings and works from Vincent himself, as well as reflections and essays on his art from curators, friends and collaborators. Some of my favourite works by him are paintings of the royal family and of his great-grandfather, the late and incredibly great Albert Namatjira. This hefty hardback should be at the top of everyone's Christmas wish list, and then take proud of place on everyone's coffee table.

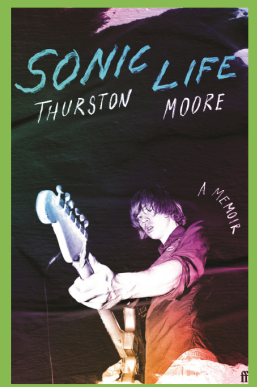
Goth: A History | Lol Tolhurst | \$34.99 | Hachette

Lol Tolhurst, the Cure's original drummer, takes you on a tour through the shadowy world of Goth, from its origins in the literature of Poe & Eliot & other dark masters through the music & styles of bands such as The Cure & The Banshees and Bauhaus, and on to the genre's distinctive fashion & wider impact on culture. - James



Sonic Life: A Memoir | Thurston Moore | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin

Sonic Youth remain one of the most important bands in all of rock. Moore gives you his life on the page, from his early punk influences which drive him to create a band whose sound & writing defied pigeon-holing. The inevitable ugliness of the rock'n'roll life isn't glossed over in a life story which flies at you with the force of his music. - James



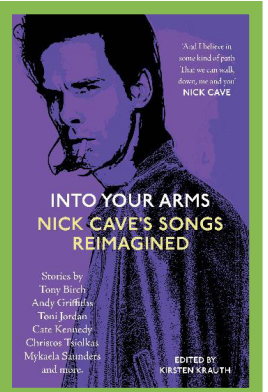
SHOULDA BEEN HIGHER
A CELEBRATION OF 30 YEARS OF TRIPLE J'S HOTTEST 100

'Incredibly thorough and thoroughly enjoyable'
- Paul Dempsey, Something For Kate

TOM W CLARKE

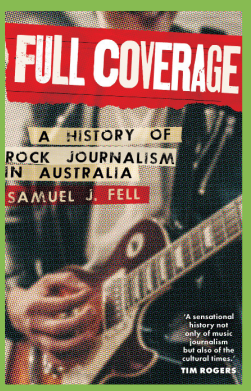
Shoulda Been Higher | Tom Clarke | \$34.99 | Black Inc.

This book is a fun retrospective, light-hearted and deeply respectful celebration of the colourful history of 'the world's greatest musical democracy'. Taking account of the thirty annual countdowns, the book traces the social, musical and cultural impacts of the Triple J's Hottest 100 over the decades. It is jam packed with stats, stories, little-known facts, and the kinds of fiery debate-starting questions that make the Hottest 100 what it is.



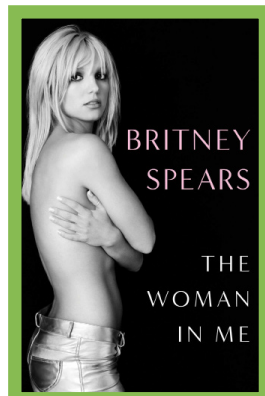
Into Your Arms: Nick Cave's Songs Reimagined | Edited by Kirsten Krauth | \$32.99 | Fremantle Press

From an automaton of Nick Cave, to a man who can't keep his blood out of the food he is preparing; from a vengeful Uber driver to a spinner of souls, the characters who populate this short story anthology could have dropped straight from a Nick Cave songbook. These 21 stories respond to Cave's visionary genius with their own original and unsettling tales of death, faith, violence and love.



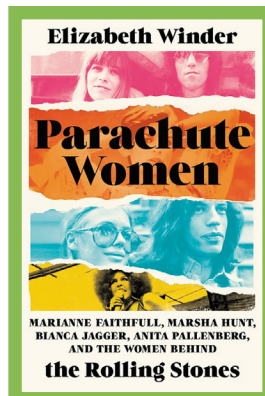
Full Coverage | Samuel J Fell | \$36.99 | NewSouth Books

Drawing on research and dozens of interviews, Fell captures the vibrancy of music journalism in Australia with colourful anecdotes and surprising stories. This is the tale of how the Australian rock press was born, grew and evolved to become part of Australian culture.



The Woman in Me | Britney Spears | \$49.99 | Simon & Schuster

The impact of Britney sharing her voice and her truth was undeniable, and it changed the course of her life and the lives of countless others. *The Woman in Me* reveals for the first time her incredible journey, and the strength at the core of one of the greatest performers in pop music history.

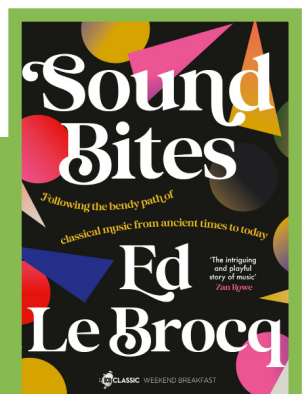


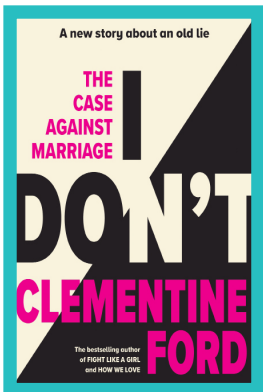
Parachute Women | Elizabeth Winder | \$45.00 | Hachette

Parachute Women is a group portrait of the four audacious women who transformed the Rolling Stones into international stars, but who were themselves marginalised by the male-dominated rock world of the late '60s and early '70s. A story of lust and rivalries, hope and degradation, and the birth of rock and roll.

Sound Bites | Ed Le Brocq | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

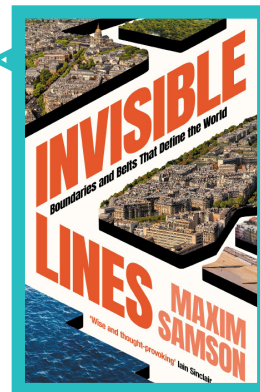
Music, it's something that's with us everyday, we experience it in so many forms all the time. But where does it all come from? Ed le Brocq has most of the answers here, taking us on a magical mystery tour drawing us along the history and evolution of music from the foothills and valleys of Mesopotamia, over the canals of Venice passing through the grand tour of the 18th century, to the laptops and micro processors of today. Le Brocq's comes andante from the pages with a matter-of-fact timbre and a rhythmically colloquial beat easy and delightful. A wonderfully whimsical and entertaining read. - Robert



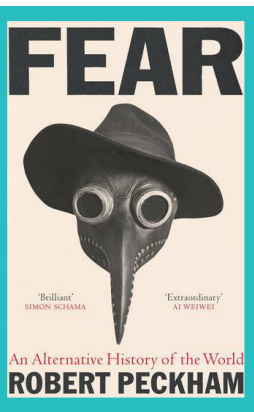


I Don't | Clementine Ford | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin
 With the incisive attention to detail and razor-sharp wit that characterises her work, Clementine Ford dissects the patriarchal history of marriage in *I Don't*, and ultimately presents an inarguable case against marriage for modern women.

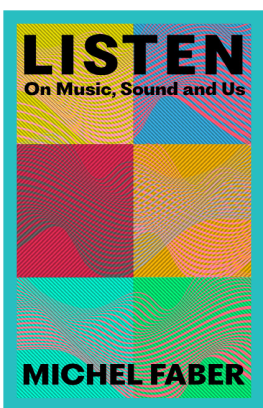
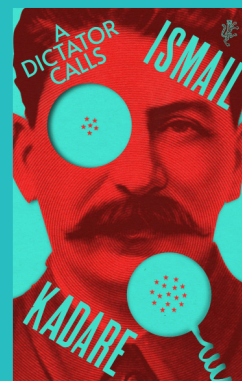
Invisible Lines | Maxim Samson | \$45.00 | Allen & Unwin
 Samson presents 30 unseen boundaries, intriguing and unexpected examples of ways we collectively experience the world. This is a geographer's exploration of the divisions we make, find or feel.



Fear | Robert Peckham | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin
 A ground-breaking exploration of fear's role in shaping human history. Peckham delves into pivotal moments, from the Black Death to modern crises, revealing fear as both a coercive tool and a catalyst for social change. Brilliantly written and thought-provoking, this book offers a profound understanding of fear's complex dynamics.
 - Adrien

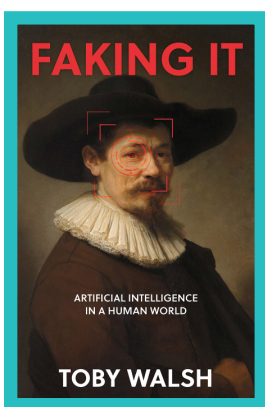
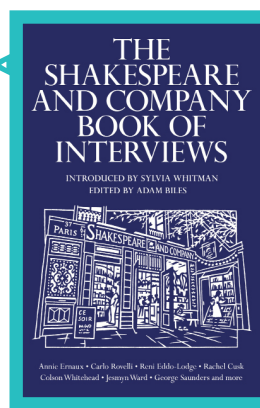


A Dictator Calls | Ismail Kadare | \$34.99 | Random House
 Delving into a three minute phone call that happened between Stalin and Pasternak that resulted in the pardoning of the poet, this is a fantastic read for anyone who is interested in history, power, and despots. The book starts out in almost auto fiction, before moving into a series of almost academic essays on the saga.
 - Lexie



Listen | Michel Faber | \$36.99 | Allen & Unwin
 Faber explores what's going on inside us when we listen to music through two big questions: how we listen to music and why we listen to music, and through extensive interviews with musicians, unlocks some surprising answers.

The Shakespeare and Company Book of Interviews | Adam Biles | \$39.99 | Allen & Unwin
 A compelling collection of interviews conducted by Paris' Shakespeare and Co. owner with writers, ranging from prize-winning novelists to visionary non-fiction writers.



Faking It | Toby Walsh | \$34.99 | Black Inc
 Can AI systems ever be creative? Can they be moral? What can we do to ensure they are not harmful? In this fun and fascinating book, Professor Toby Walsh explores all the ways AI fakes it, and what this means for humanity - now and in the future.



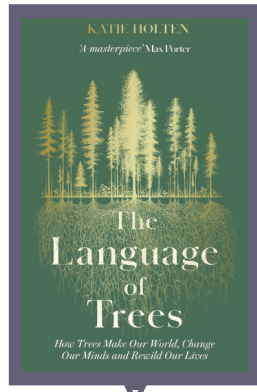
Opinions | Roxane Gay | \$32.99 | Hachette
 With an introduction in which Gay provides the connective tissues that link her groundbreaking writing, *Opinions* is a collection of Roxane Gay's best nonfiction pieces from the past ten years, addressing a wide range of topics-politics, the culture wars, civil rights, celebrities, and much more.



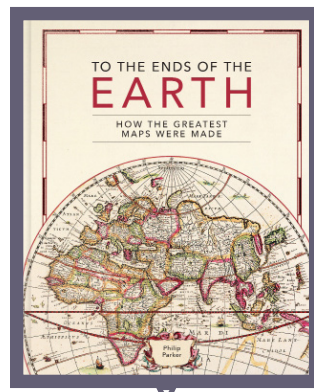
Things We Live With | Gemma Nisbet | \$29.99 | Upswell
 When Nisbet's father passes away, she is inundated with keepsakes connected to him. As she becomes attuned to the ways certain items can evoke specific memories or moments, she begins to ask questions about the relationships between objects and people.



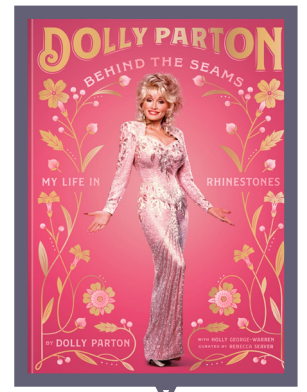
Wear Next | Clare Press | \$34.99 | Thames & Hudson
The current fashion system is wasteful but change is coming! Vogue's first sustainability editor shows us the fascinating innovators who are redesigning fashion in the most fundamental ways.



Language of Trees | Katie Holten | \$35.00 | Simon & Schuster
Holten gifts readers her visual Tree Alphabet and uses it to translate and illustrate these pieces from some exciting writers artists, activists and ecologists.

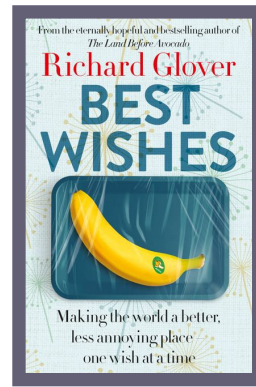
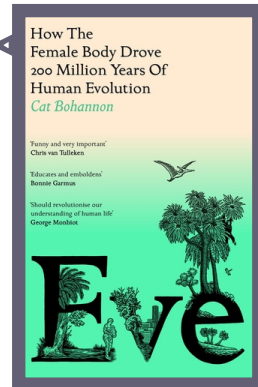


To the Ends of the Earth | Philip Parker | \$49.99 | Allen & Unwin
A unique insight into the evolution of mapmaking and the science behind it, from the stone age to the digital age, with visually stunning historic maps and antique instruments.



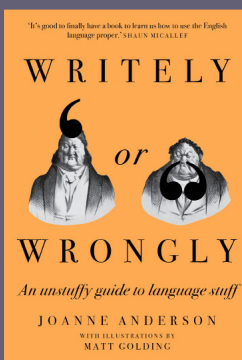
Behind the Seams | Dolly Parton | \$85.00 | Random House
Parton shares, for the first time, the full story behind her lifelong passion for fashion, including how she developed her own, distinctly Dolly style which has defied convention!

Eve | Cat Bohannon | \$36.99 | Random House
Bohannon answers questions scientists should have been addressing for decades. With boundless curiosity and sharp wit, she covers the past 200 million years to explain the specific science behind the development of the female sex.

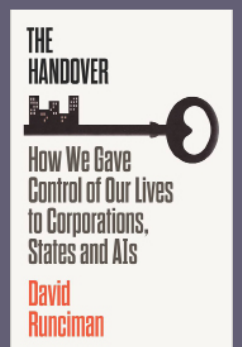


Best Wishes | Richard Glover | \$34.99 | Harper Collins
Do you hate noisy restaurants, pre-ripped jeans and pedestrians who walk five abreast? Do you also have a problem with plastic-wrapped fruit? Here's proof you are not alone. Heartfelt and hilarious, *Best Wishes* is the encyclopedia of 'can do better'.

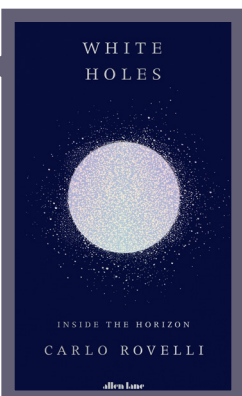
Writely or Wrongly | Joanne Anderson | \$29.99 | Allen & Unwin
The English language is totally confusing - let's face it. *Writely or Wrongly* is a wonderfully unstuffy guide to understanding language, with tips and tricks to help readers confidently use even the most frightening rules and conventions. Bursting with witty charisma and personal anecdotes (and slip ups), this book promises the reader plenty of fun and a freedom from the shackles of their own ignorance. - Lilly



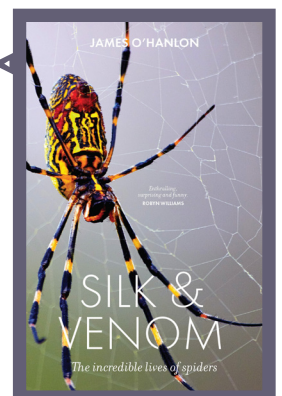
The Handover | David Runciman | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin
Runciman guides us through the fears, hopes and contradictions which form our vision of an AI-powered future. Runciman compellingly ties the development of Artificial Intelligence to the natural outcomes of our deeply capitalistic society, likening the creation to the existing constructs of corporations and states that we rescind power to. Refreshingly direct and unrehearsed in its tone, inviting genuine discourse. - Hugh



White Holes | Carlo Rovelli | \$35.00 | Penguin
Guiding us to the edge of theory and experiment, Carlo Rovelli invites us to go beyond, to experience the fever and the disquiet of science. Here is the extraordinary life of a white hole - can black holes really turn into something else?



Silk & Venom | James O'Hanlon | \$32.99 | NewSouth Books
Did you know that there are more than 50 000 species of spiders? O'Hanlon takes us from his backyard to all corners of the globe (and even outer space!) to explore these fascinating creatures and show us why they're not so scary after all.



LEXIE'S PICK

Stay True | Hua Hsu | \$36.99 | Macmillan

Not a spoiler: the best friend dies. I hunted this book down all through Japan and Korea and it became the memoir that converted me to memoirs. Hua was a snob, but not a rich snob-making zines, calling CDs (but only of "cool" music), avoiding parties, frat boys, and people who wore J-Crew. Ken was a frat boy embodying everything Hua hated, being described as basic (I am Ken, solidarity for Ken), but within a year they were rooming together. Three years after meeting, Ken is shot by two random people. This is the opposite of a grief memoir; instead it grapples with coming of age in 90s America, friendship, love, and memories. How do you deal with someone's death when someone asks "were you even that close" and why you're not over it yet? It made me think, it made me contemplate friendship and what happens when a friendship is cut short versus when you grow apart, and how we grieve when society tells us we should be over it. *Stay True* was beautiful, sad, and un-put-downable.



JAMES' PICK

Half Deaf, Completely Mad | Tony Cohen | \$32.99 | Black Inc.

In his autobiography, Tony Cohen proves as refreshingly adept in laying the word as he was riding the mixing desk for some of Australia's most innovative and uncompromising rock musicians. From his humble beginnings as a studio "odd job boy" Tony's love of music and his fascination of what can be done with sound took him to the height of his game. Central to his story is his long friendship with Nick Cave, through The Boys Next Door, and The Bad Seeds, which though often volatile, resulted in brilliantly unique recordings. Tony's style is intimately conversational, he glosses over nothing, wearing his scars with equal aplomb as his triumphs, and often while reading his book I felt like the invisible guitarist on some of the greatest sessions of all time.



Mrs S | K Patrick | \$32.99 | Harper Collins

At an elite English boarding school, an Australian worker takes on the antiquated role of Matron. Unsure of herself, her body, and her place in the school, our protagonist is restless as the English summer as she tries to come to terms with the storied and complicated landscape of the school. The headmaster's wife, Mrs. S, is her polar opposite: composed, and certain. Naturally, our protagonist is unmistakably drawn to Mrs. S, and a season of yearning ensues. K Patrick has really intelligently captured the surprising and particular magnetism of Sapphic attraction. They interrogate queer (as well as other) bodies, with small love letters to butchness peppered throughout. Fasten your best silver chain for this insistent and sizzling read.

LEONA'S PICK



Roseghetto | Kirsty Jagger | \$32.99 | UQP

Roseghetto made me feel deeply uncomfortable and also very much at home. The protagonist Shayla is making her way in a world that really isn't on her side, and finds comfort in books, friends and siblings. We follow her from early childhood, and then onto her journalism career which sees her going back and reliving her past in the Rosemeadow housing estate. Between heartwarming moments and heart wrenching chapters, I also found myself Googling Sydney architecture and history. My favourite author as a child was Jacqueline Wilson, and if you've read her works, you'll know what an incredible knack she has for writing empathetically and authentically about social economic disadvantage - and I truly think Jagger will be the next Wilson for me (but for adults!)



STEPH'S PICK

The Last Action Heroes | Nick de Semlyen | \$36.99 | Macmillan

What an absolutely cracking read! I grew up with these joyously daft movies and I couldn't have possibly hoped for a more entertaining trip down memory lane. Each of these larger-than-life figures, their fascinating life stories, and the way their friendships and rivalries shaped the industry are all rendered in entertaining and frequently hilarious fashion. Did you know that Dolph Lundgren has a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Sydney University? Or that the first time Jean-Claude Van Damme got off a plane in LA, he immediately tried to break into Sylvester Stallone's house? Even if you know a lot about these musclebound weirdoes and their ridiculous movies, I guarantee that you will learn a lot - and have a blast doing it.



CONNOR'S PICK





LEWIS' PICK

Fourth Wing | Rebecca Yarros | \$32.99 | Hachette

Yarros' debut novel, *Fourth Wing*, is a racy and thrilling new entry into the "romantasy" genre. Set in the kingdom of Navarre's infamous Basgiath War College, home of the elite dragon riders, the novel follows Violet Sorrengail – frail since birth, raised to be a scribe, and daughter of the infamous General Sorrengail. For most, the War College is dangerous, but for Violet, any mistake will prove lethal. And that's before her peer, the mysterious and handsome Xaden Riorsan, swears to take her life. I had a blast - like Sarah J Maas but with dragon.



In Ascension | Martin Maclnnes | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin

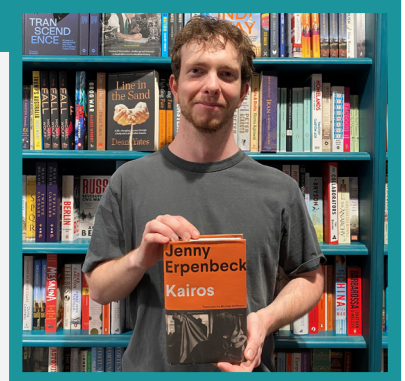
I am rarely, if ever, a sci-fi reader - but this novel was a brilliant, mind blowing and humbling journey that you rarely find anywhere. It's massive in scale, exploring deep-sea mysteries and the opening of a peculiar cavity on the Atlantic seabed, and then all of a sudden we pivot to a threatening extraterrestrial anomaly. Yet, beyond the scale of the narrative, there exists a layer of striking intimacy in every word and detail that Maclnnes weaves. Every emotion, reflection, hesitation, heartache and curiosity that Leigh, the protagonist, feels, I feel too. The humbling realism of our lived experiences shines in the most surreal of settings. Maclnnes imagines a world of immaculate scope and numinous strangeness, but appreciates a world of family, reverence and natural order - a masterpiece.

ANGUS' PICK

DARCY'S PICK

Kairos | Jenny Erpenbeck | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin

This is the first Erpenbeck book I've read and oh boy was I not ready. *Kairos* is crushing, immensely sad and beautifully bleak. It's 1986 in East Germany, and a young woman and a married man 34 years her senior fall in love. It's a recognisable set-up, but this story is anything but ordinary. Erpenbeck has such a masterful control of pace and time, whisking us from the present day to the eve of German reunification and then back again, chronicling this doomed love and the intricacies of life in a doomed country. I was so enthralled by the way her prose evoked the utter enmeshment of this couple, a dual consciousness which only begins to separate when the Berlin wall falls. This was draining, intense, and claustrophobic, but so good!



JIMMY'S PICK

Green Dot | Madeleine Gray | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

I came into *Green Dot* with high hopes, and still, this book by Walkley Award Finalist Madeleine Gray blew me away. It is dazzlingly funny, incisive, and tender. We follow our bisexual lead, Hera, as she's clawing through her mid-twenties, working as an underpaid comment moderator in an overly air-conditioned newsroom, then she meets Arthur, an older, married colleague. Intoxicated by the promise of ordinary happiness he represents, Hera falls headlong into a workplace romance. What elevates this book above the others I've read this year is its irreverent, searing style of prose. Gray refuses to take herself too seriously, and yet we are treated to an intimate, skillfully constructed debut that I couldn't put down.

North Woods | Daniel Mason | \$32.99 | Hachette

Hands down one of the best books I have ever read. Traversing time, genre, and language, Mason illuminates the many unsuspecting, mystical ways we're all connected to our history, the land beneath us, and each other. Set in a single house nestled in the New England woods, this novel is as much about the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries as it is about the land that binds them all. Whilst these characters only grace our pages briefly before time passes and we are introduced to new ones, nothing about their narrative feels brief; each is distinct and cast in their own blazing light. Beautiful, haunting, serene, and deeply profound – I have a feeling we will be talking about this book for a long time.



CAROLINA'S PICK



ADRIEN'S PICK

Anatomy of a Breakthrough | Adam Alter | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

Adam Alter's *Anatomy of a Breakthrough* provided the push I needed to leave an unfulfilling job and pursue a life of purpose and fulfilment. A practical guide for getting out of the weeds, Adam Alter provides the perfect remedy for being 'stuck', with clever anecdotes, world-class interviews, and a myriad of scientific studies to back up his work. It rips the veil off the hidden struggles beneath success and empowers you to break free from stagnation. If you're hungry for change, this book is your roadmap to a revitalised life. It's a game-changer – a must-read for every bold soul ready to embrace transformation!



LILLY'S PICK

Why We Are Here | Briohny Doyle | \$32.99 | Penguin

I had the pleasure of meeting Briohny Doyle, celebrating the launch of *Why We Are Here* over cups of tea and scones. While this is a fictional work, I soon learned that elements of the story were inspired by Briohny's own life – and you can feel this between the pages. *Why We Are Here* captures grief with painful authenticity, exploring loss as a process: a journey that people must endure while they wait for their life to begin again – if it ever will. I think we can all resonate with this sentiment, stuck in emotional limbo as we mourn the loss of people, relationships and versions of our past. I was struck by Briohny's warmth and genuine interest in others when I met her – all of which rings true in her writing. She masterfully explores a spectrum of human emotion and suffering most of us could never quite imagine – and luckily so.



Old God's Time | Sebastian Barry | \$32.99 | Allen & Unwin

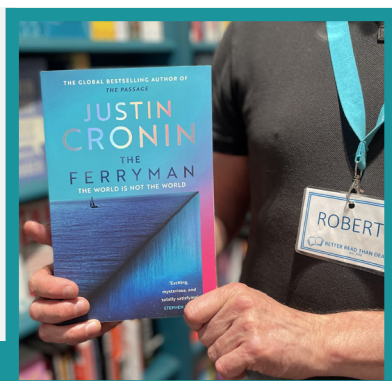
The premise of *Old God's Time* is deceptively simple – an ex-policeman, retired to the Irish Coast, is called upon one last time by his precinct to resolve a haunting case from years past. As we begin our story, however, we quickly realise that nothing is as it seems and begin to doubt the world we see through our protagonist's eyes. Tom Kettle's mind becomes our setting, furnished with the buried traumas and failings of his past. We stumble around the dark room of his soul, crashing into past ghosts and attempting to piece together Kettle's obscured history. The woozy and poetic narration style is enigmatic and engaging, but never so indiscernible as to limit the emotionally devastating narrative Sebastian Barry has crafted, powerfully yet succinctly grappling with abuse, loss and ageing.

HUGH'S PICK



The Ferryman | Justin Cronin | \$32.99 | Hachette

Welcome to Propera, an island paradise in an eerily pleasant dystopian world that gives way to something altogether shocking! With a touch of *Logan's Run*, a smattering of *Inception* and a nod to *West World*, what's not to love about this book; it's fast paced, intelligent, complex and thrilling. Cronin is a master storyteller and world builder whose ability to weave a compelling and exciting narrative is uniquely his own. His characters are fully fleshed out and relatable; especially our protagonist, Proctor Bennett. I was fully invested in his journey hoping all the way through that he would achieve his goals. It was my first time reading Cronin and there's no chance it'll be my last!



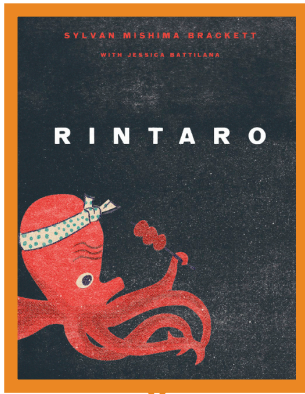
ROBERT'S PICK

What You Are Looking For Is In The Library | Michiko Aoyama | \$32.99 | Random House

This year, I took a deep dive into the world of Japanese fiction and let me tell you, I absolutely adored what I found there. To me, this novel perfectly encapsulates all that I grew to love about Japanese writers, especially the directness and beautiful simplicity of their prose. We meet five characters facing a moment of change in their lives, whether that be becoming a parent, seeking to transition careers or deciding whether to following a dream. Each character finds themselves drawn to the same community library and librarian who recommends some titles that relate to their needs. The way literature alters the course of these characters' lives is just gorgeous and watching them grow into themselves with confidence is just so heartwarming.

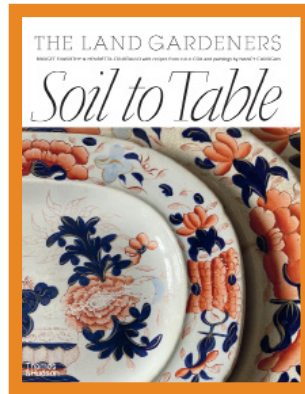
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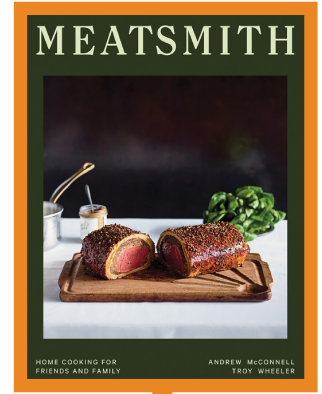
Rintaro | Sylvan Mishama Brackett | \$60.00 | Hardie Grant

Rintaro showcases exciting but simple food that tastes both like Japan and California – the food that you’d expect if the Bay Area were a region of Japan. With gorgeous photography and design, this is a book that will live in the kitchen as well as on the coffee table.



Soil to Table | Bridget Elworthy & Henrietta Courtauld | \$80.00 | Thames & Hudson

This sumptuous book is a beautiful collection of essays, recipes, and teachings on soil and food. It is a celebration of how we can put these at the centre of our lives and is essential reading for anyone who cares about the planet and health.



Meatsmith | Andrew McConnell | \$60.00 | Hardie Grant

More than another meat cookbook, this is an elegant guide to classic cooking that will inspire moments to be remembered. Discover menus for special occasions, plus how to grill the perfect rib eye, prepare a spectacular steak tartare and create one great dessert.

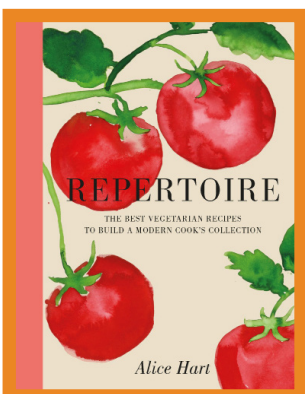
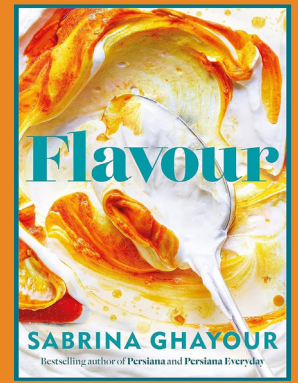
Rumi | Joseph Abboud | \$49.99 | Allen & Unwin

Rumi is a delicious Melbourne Middle-Eastern fusion restaurant. Here, salad staples like fattoush and tabbouli get re-spun into exciting new dishes, and personal family favourites like m'nazleh and kafka have easy-to-make, recipes that honour and play with tradition. - Steph



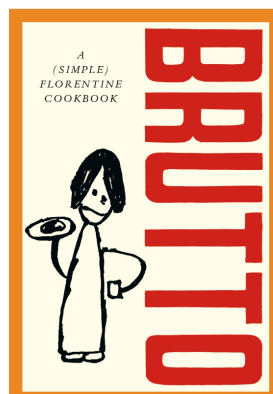
Flavour | Sabrina Ghayour | \$45.00 | Hachette

While I enjoy cooking, I often catch myself making the same three dinners over and over! I can safely say that Flavour has freed me from my boring food funk, with fuss-free Middle-Eastern recipes - because we all deserve to come home to something delicious! - Lilly



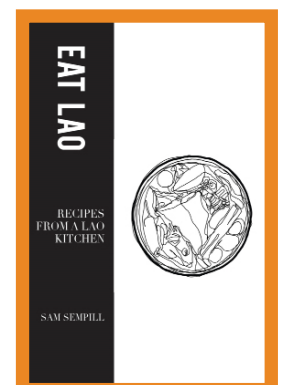
Repertoire | Alice Hart | \$49.99 | Murdoch Books

Alice Hart shares her gutsy, flavourful vegetarian recipes to celebrate vegetables and make them the star of every dish. From brunches that are just as good for supper to characterful sides that can double as mains, this is a real mix and match affair that will have you cooking with confidence.



Brutto | Russell Norman | \$75.00 | Random House

This stunning brand-new cookbook offers outstanding recipes from Russell Norman’s acclaimed new restaurant, Trattoria Brutto, alongside an ode to one of Italy’s most beloved cities, Florence, and specifically the bohemian district of Santo Spirito.



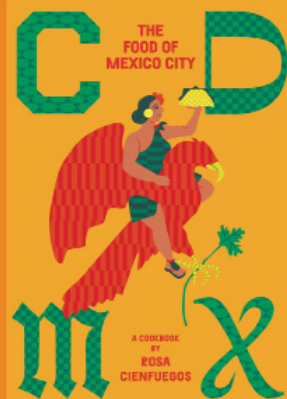
Eat Lao | Sam Sempill | \$48.00 | Black Inc

The recipes in this book follow the trail of Sam’s grandmother. Each recipe, like the scent of a signature perfume, evokes memories of a certain moment in time, and tells the story of her family’s journey from Lao to Australia. Celebrate the uniqueness of the Lao food tradition.

CDMX | Rosa Cienfuegos | \$55.00 | Thames & Hudson

I'm very grateful that Mexico City native Rosa Cienfuegos chose to make her home in Sydney. Bold, delicious flavours, plenty of vegetarian options, and simple instructions. Swing by her deli, Itacate, over in Redfern to pick up some authentic ingredients and get involved in one of the world's great cuisines!

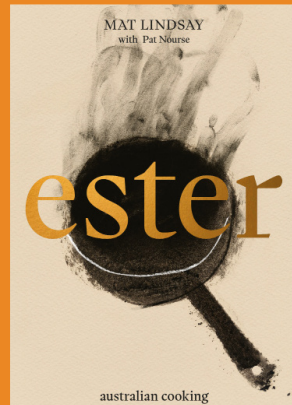
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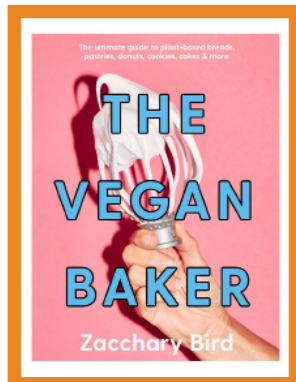
Ester | Mat Lindsay | \$55.00 | Allen & Unwin

Ester is one of my favourite restaurants of all time, so I can't exactly say I came into this review unbiased. But I can say that the recipes are creative and intriguing, while not being overly convoluted, often pairing big flavours to produce something incredible! A good choice for any foodie in the family.

- Lewis



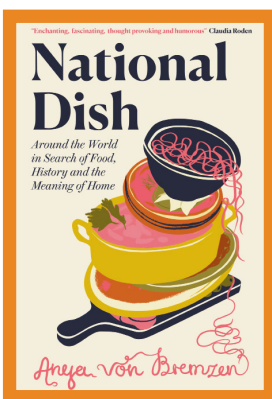
Smash Hits Recipes | Nat's What I Reckon | \$45.00 | Random House
Life's tricky, cooking doesn't have to be, and Nat's here to take the nonsense out of the kitchen. Eat like an absolute legend with 45 of Nat's all-time best recipes. Filled with hits and memories plus a solid dose of good times, rest assured, this cookbook has your back!



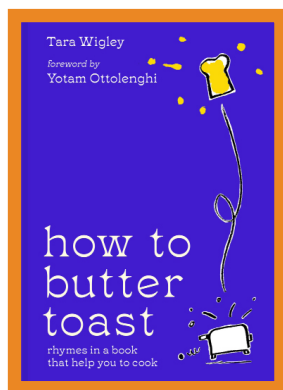
The Vegan Baker | Zacchary Bird | \$49.99 | Thames & Hudson
For any vegans struggling to veganize their favorite savory treats, sweets or desserts, Zacchary Bird is here to take you on a cooking experience like no other. More than just a cookbook, *The Vegan Baker* is packed with over 100 recipes for all our baked favorites, made vegan.



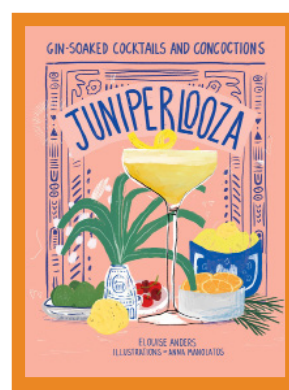
Kindred | Maria and Eva Konecsny | \$49.99 | Macmillan
Sisters and founders of the beloved Gewurzhaus spice stores, Maria and Eva, know that spices have the power to transform our everyday cooking. Here, they take you into their homes to share the spices, rituals, and recipes from their German heritage that bring their families around the table.



National Dish | Anya von Bremzen | \$34.99 | Allen & Unwin
Anya sets out to investigate the eternal cliché that "we are what we eat". From Paris to Tokyo, from Seville, Oaxaca and Naples to Istanbul, she investigates the rapid decline of France's pot-au-feu, the misconstrued beginnings of pizza, and the complex legacy of multi-culturalism in a meze potluck.



How to Butter Toast | Tara Wigley | \$32.99 | Harper Collins
How to Butter Toast is the perfect (and a tad ironic) antidote to cookbook-overload. In this fun and entertaining recipe book without any recipes, Ottolenghi co-writer Tara Wigley equips you with rhymes and confidence to cook great food instinctively.

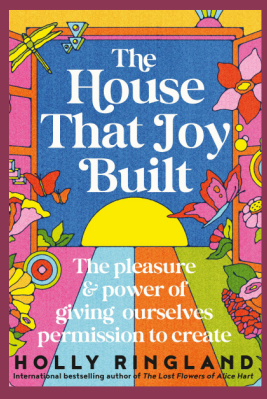


Juniperlooza | Elouise Anders | \$29.99 | Thames & Hudson
Whether you prefer the humble Gin and Tonic, the iconic French 75, or more modern creations like the Honeysuckle Sour, gin is the foundation to some truly great libations. *Juniperlooza* distills the best of gin cocktails, featuring 60 recipes for any mood!



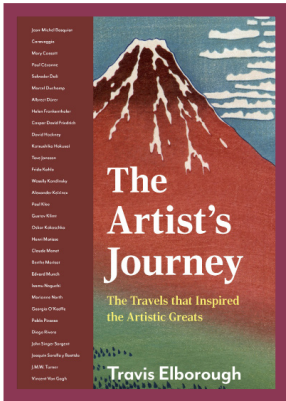
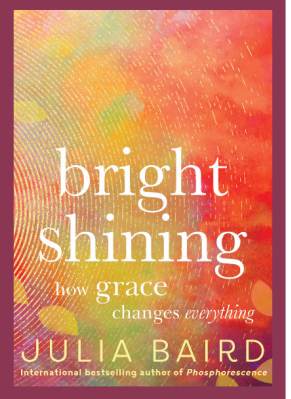
The House that Joy Built | Holly Ringland | \$29.99 | Harper Collins

Here, Ringland shares her story, very much grounded in place, with snippets of memoir interspersed throughout a thoroughly researched exploration of creativity and finding joy in your writing practice. As a reader who isn't a writer, I still found this so rich and rewarding - a look inside the mind of a stunning writer. - Steph



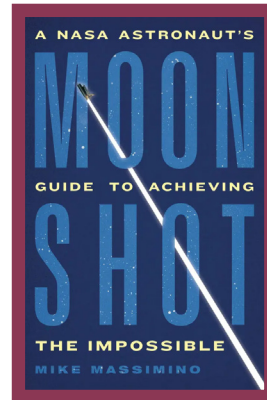
Bright Shining | Julia Baird | \$34.99 | Harper Collins

Baird's delves into what grace is, how we can identify, nurture, and promote it so that our world may be imbued with a greater kindness and social awareness. In an era of political and social scepticism, hesitancy and media domination, this is a graceful reminder about forgiveness and kindness. - Angus



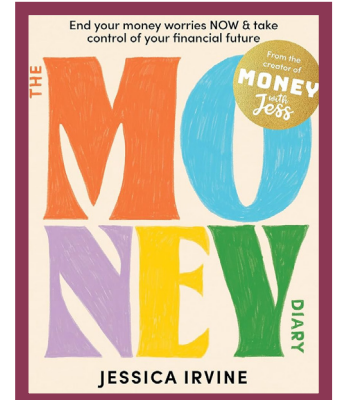
The Artist's Journey | Travis Elborough | \$39.99 | Murdoch

From epic road trips and arduous treks into remote territories to cultural tours and sojourns in the finest hotels, this book explores 30 influential journeys taken by artistic greats.



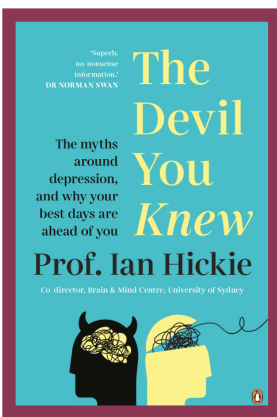
Moonshot | Mike Massimino | \$32.99 | Hachette

Astronaut Massimino's shares hard-earned lessons! With humour and a unique storytelling ability, he inspires readers to identify the passion in their work, use teamwork and innovation to solve problems, be leaders and never give up when pursuing a goal.

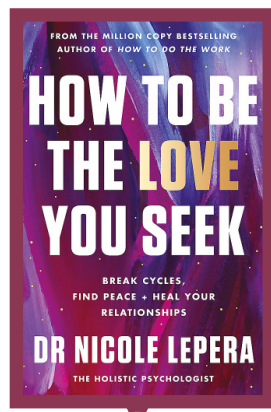


The Money Diary | Jessica Irvine | \$29.95 | Wiley

Join economist and personal finance expert Jessica Irvine as she teaches you the unique system she uses to track her own money. *The Money Diary* is an opportunity to get a complete picture of your personal finances and plan for your future with confidence.



The Devil You Knew | Ian Hickie | \$34.99 | Penguin
Explore the workings of the depressed mind and the myriad influences that guide us towards the right diagnosis and offer pathways to healing. Along the way, Hickie dispels some of those common fears and myths that keep people in need away from the best possible care.



How to be the Love You Seek | Dr Nicole LePera | \$34.99 | Hachette

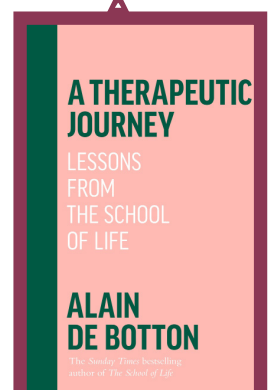
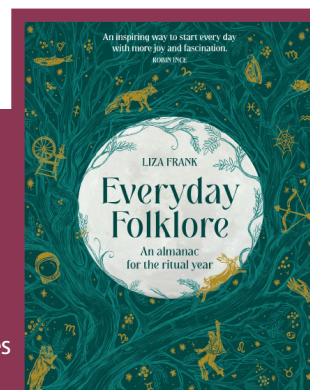
How to Be the Love You Seek harnesses the latest scientific research to teach us how to recognise our dysfunctional patterns, identify their roots in our earliest relationships, break painful cycles, build security and share compassion with ourselves and others.

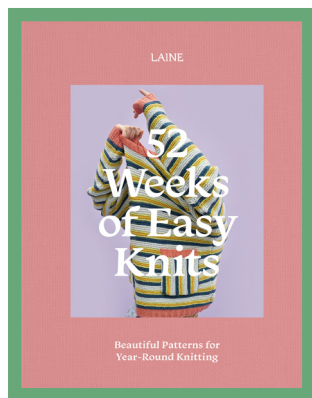
A Therapeutic Journey | Alain de Botton | \$36.99 | Penguin

Alain de Botton explores how we can cope with a variety of forms of mental pain and illness, from the mild to the severe. It considers how and why we might become ill; how we can explain things to friends, family and colleagues; how we can find our ways towards recovery; and how we can build resilience, so as to live wisely alongside our difficulties.

Everyday Folklore | Liza Frank | \$24.99 | Murdoch Books

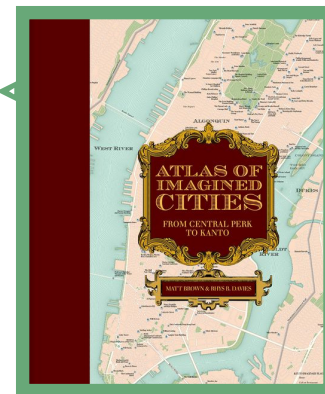
There's something so giddy and special about romanticising your own life. Whether it be through acts of self care, trying a new food or drink or simply taking the time to notice the intricacies of the world around you. *Everyday Folklore* is a beautiful companion to enhancing joy, wonder and surprise in your life. Turn to any page to find a ritual specific to that date that you can partake in - some as simple as looking at the clouds, others providing activities for you to complete if you so wish! A curious and fascinating book. - Ally





Atlas of Imagined Cities | Matt Brown | \$49.99 | Harper Collins

Did you know that James Bond and George Smiley were practically neighbours, or that girls-about-town Holly Golightly, Annie Hall and Carrie Bradshaw all lived a couple of blocks from one another? 14 of the world's most stunning city maps show exactly where your favourite characters lived, loved, worked and played. Find out where to enjoy a coffee from Central Perk, a butterbeer in the Leaky Cauldron or a revolutionary tippie in the Defarge Wine Shop.



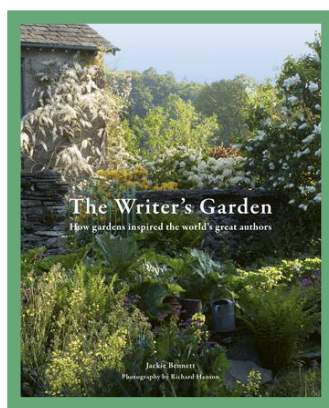
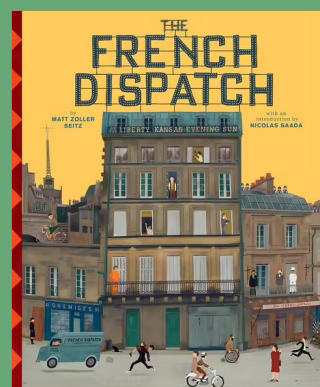
52 Weeks of Easy Knits | Laine | \$36.99 | Hardie Grant

For beginners, or for experienced knitters looking for a comfort project, this book contains fun, cosy and modern knitting patterns for every week of the year. The projects have been contributed by leading knitwear designers from across the world.

The French Dispatch | Matt Zoller Seitz | \$60.00 | Thames & Hudson

When it comes to film making, no one quite knows how to nail an aesthetic quite like Wes Anderson. While we can never hope to understand the inner workings of Anderson's brain *The French Dispatch* comes pretty close, with everything from the cinematic inspirations, original script edits and behind the scenes images, giving us a glimpse into the making of the film and Anderson's creative process.

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The Writer's Garden | Jackie Bennett | \$69.99 | Murdoch Books

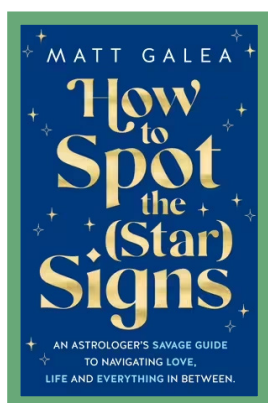
See inside the gardens where literary giants from Tolstoy to Agatha Christie created some of their finest works in this visually stunning and fascinating book. Fully illustrated with specially commissioned photography plus archive images, this book visits the gardens that inspired the greats!

Super Bloom Handbook | Jac Semmler | \$34.99 | Thames & Hudson

Here are forty of the most beautiful and easiest flowers to grow for any space, for any budget, for tricky climates. From bearded irises and roses to pelargoniums and zinnias, there is a flower for every pot, planter box or garden. Learn how to care for your new flower friends!

The Botanic Garden | Ambra Edwards | \$59.99 | Murdoch Books

This rich and beautiful book takes readers from tropical forests to deserts, and from alpine mountains to English country gardens as it tours the most magnificent botanic havens in the world - centres for research, conservation and education.



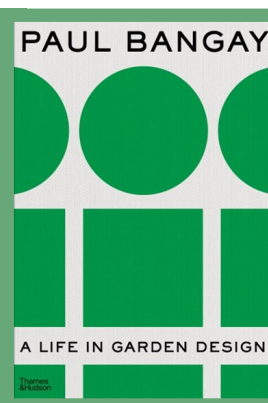
How to Spot the (Star) Signs | Matt Galea | \$36.99 | Macmillan

Find true love. Manage your boss. This book is your cosmic assistance go-to. From devout astrologers and toe-dipping cosmic cuties, this is everyone's spicy, savage guide to winning at life.

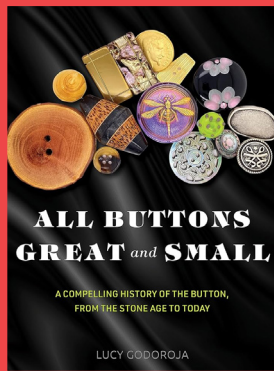
Paul Bangay | Paul Bangay | \$79.99 | Thames & Hudson

This lavishly illustrated memoir reveals the creative process of one of our best-known garden designers. Bangay is renowned for his mastery of scale, balance, form and colour. A visual delight, this memoir ranges from photos of childhood gardens and goats to hand-drawn plans for Paul's earliest designs.

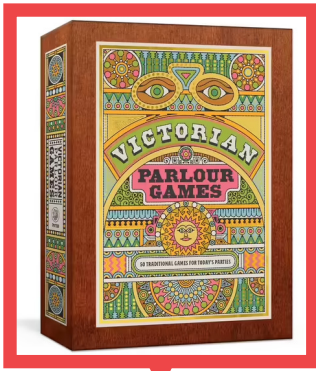
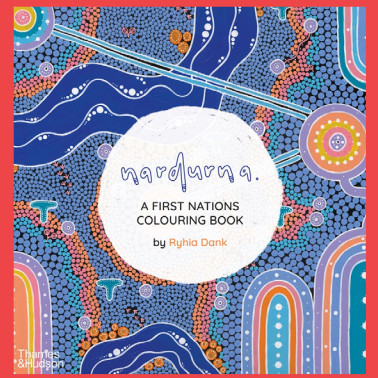
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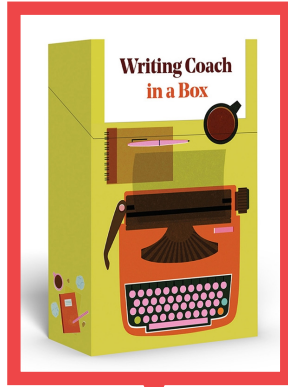
All Buttons Great and Small | Lucy Godoroja | \$49.99 | Exisle
 Gordoja, with a unique and unmatched passion, delves into all the intricacies of Buttons with such a sweet ferocity your smile never fades. Having been in her Newtown store so many times, this was so delightful and sentimental that I feel as if I too am gonna have to open my own button store. - Angus



Nardurna | Ryhia Dank | \$24.99 | Thames & Hudson
 Painting is an important part of Gudanji/Wakaja woman Dank's storywork, and Nardurna is a beautiful offering of 45 artworks to be coloured in that share experiences of growing up and learning about Country with her family. - Leona



Victorian Parlour Games | Thomas Cushing | \$39.99 | Random House
 Deal yourself in for a good time as you choose from a selection of games enjoyed in many a Victorian parlour. The box comes with rules to fifty games that can be played without any extra frillery!



Writing Coach In A Box | Alan Anderson | \$35.00 | Thames & Hudson
 What should you look for when you're re-reading a draft? What are the most common mistakes first-time authors make? How can you inject excitement into flat prose? This ingenious toolkit answers all these questions and lots more.



Earth and Bone Oracle | Sirian Shadow | \$32.99 | Simon & Schuster
 By tapping into the universe's subtle energies, the deck contains channelled messages that integrate with your consciousness through change and transformation. Easy to use, especially for those who are beginners!



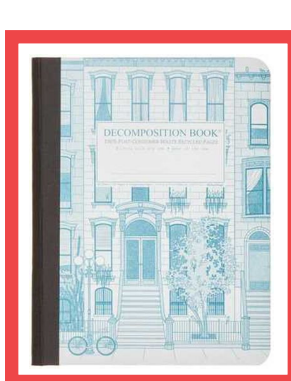
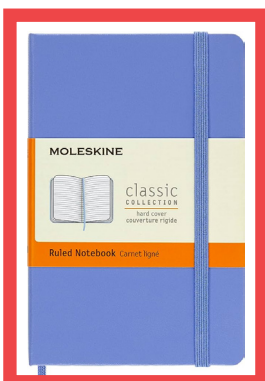
Orient Express: A 1000-piece Jigsaw Puzzle | Maria Rivens | \$34.99 | Thames & Hudson
 A nostalgic jigsaw journey through a dreamlike collage landscape of European railways - join celebrated collage artist Maria Rivens on a nostalgic jigsaw journey across Europe!



Spells to Raise Hell | Jaya Saxena & Jess Zimmerman | \$34.99 | Random House
 Unlock your emotional power and live true to yourself with this deck of fifty mystical practices - an accessible introduction to the empowering side of magic.

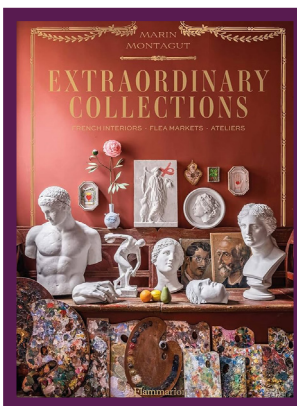
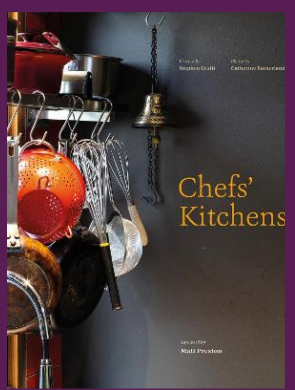


Harry Styles Crochet | Katalin Galusz | \$29.99 | Allen & Unwin
 This kit includes all the materials and instructions needed to make your own adorable, crocheted Harry doll. A kit for beginners and experts alike!

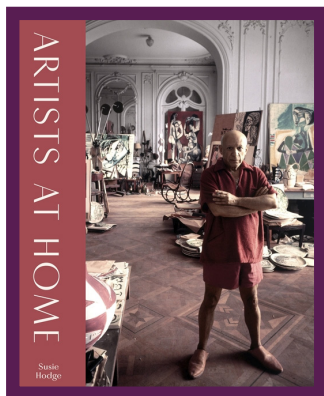


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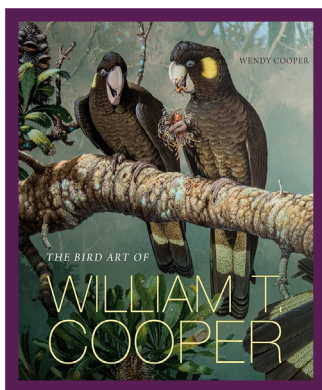
Chefs' Kitchen | Stephen Crafti | \$69.99 | Peribo
 Are you incredibly nosy and love food? If the answer is yes then this is the book for you. This photography book offers readers the opportunity to riffle through the dazzling kitchens of 22 top chefs, and serves as a welcome breath of culinary inspiration from the best in food. - Lilly



Extraordinary Collections | Marin Montagut | \$69.99 | Thames & Hudson
 The art of collecting and accumulating kindred objects is at the core of timeless French style. Celebrated here are rooms, moodboards and photos that highlight the joy of collecting.



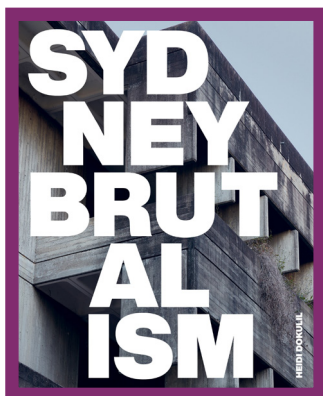
Artists at Home | Susie Hodge | \$59.99 | Allen & Unwin
 Take a look inside the homes of some of your favourite artists and explore how each one reflected their spirit and creativity. *Artists at Home* showcases the quiet retreats, creative hubs, homes and holiday homes of key artistic figures.



The Bird Art of William T. Cooper | Wendy Cooper | \$64.99 | NewSouth Books
 Cooper is a master painter of birds, painting many species that appealed to him, including birds of paradise, cockatoos and hornbills. Here, readers will encounter a variety of Australian birds, separated out by their broad habitat, as well as birds from around the world!



The Female Gaze in Art and Photography | Anita Selzer | \$49.99 | Hardie Grant
 Look at art through women's eyes. *The Female Gaze* shines a light on the work of twenty contemporary women artists and photographers from every continent, placing these creatives and their works centre stage.



Glass Houses | Phaidon Editors | \$69.95 | Hachette
 Discover 50 stunning architect designed homes that utilise glass to maximum effect. The international selection includes early modernist houses from the 1930s, such as Philip Johnson's Glass House and Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House, alongside outstanding contemporary examples, where new innovations have made even more daring glass structures possible.



Sydney Brutalism | Heidi Dokulil | \$49.99 | NewSouth
 Brutalist architecture hit Sydney in the late 1950s when local architects and their international peers experimented with raw concrete and brick and kicked off a revolution. For the next 30 years Sydney produced some of the world's best examples of brutalist architecture, collected here in this stunning visual guide!

Iwantja | Iwantja Arts | \$79.99 | Thames & Hudson
 This is a remarkable monograph of a remarkable art movement that resides at the edge of the Indulkana Ranges, around 575 kilometers away from Alice Springs. The Iwantja art center is a studio collective founded in the 1980s, when Indigenous Australians were fighting for land rights. This book is a deeply exciting publication, written bilingually, that charts the growth of the collective into the highly regarded movement for contemporary Indigenous art it is now recognised to be. - Leona

