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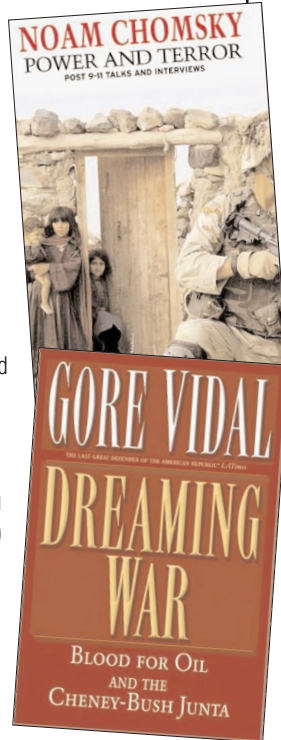
April 2003

## Power and Terror

### Post 9-11 Talks and Interviews

Noam CHOMSKY 144pp Pb \$19.95

Drawn from a series of public talks given during the Spring of 2002, as well as a lengthy, never-before-published interview, this book presents Chomsky's latest thinking on terrorism, US foreign policy and alternatives to militarism and violence as solutions to the world's problems. Challenging the United States to apply the moral standards it demands of others to its own actions, this refreshingly optimistic treatise on the state of the world offers a conclusion rooted in Chomsky's faith in the power of an informed public.



## Dreaming War

### Blood for Oil and the Cheney-Bush Junta

Gore VIDAL 197pp Pb \$30.00

Following his bestselling *Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace* (Pb \$29.00), Gore Vidal returns with a collection of provocative and alarming essays in which he confronts head-on the unelected and unconstitutionally-appointed 'junta' of the Cheney-Bush administration. Vidal is sceptical about the supposed motivation for the War on Terror and raises the issue of Corporate America's long-standing interest in Eurasia's mineral wealth. Was the toppling of the Taliban a reaction to the slaughter of September 11, or was Osama bin Laden chosen on aesthetic grounds to be the frightening logo for a long contemplated invasion and conquest of Afghanistan? After all, observes Vidal, with Iraq's oil as the new prize, Saddam Hussein swiftly replaced bin Laden as 'the personification of evil' in the Enemy-of-the-Month club. In a centrepiece new essay on the events of September 11, Vidal poses questions which will not go away. How much intelligence information did the US security services really have in advance of the tragedy? Was there complicity by elements of the Washington power-elite seeking a pretext for extensive military actions around the world? Whose interests are served by the new US doctrine of pre-emptive attack? Vidal conjures up a nightmare vision of an America incited to vengeance by orchestrated media hype, its citizens reduced to spear-carrying and the Cheney-Bush junta as the latest, most cynical, strategists of American empire-building. Based on his extensive historical knowledge and research, he unveils a counter-history that traces the origins of the USA's current imperial ambitions to the Truman Doctrine that gave birth to the National Security State. Essential reading for a deeper understanding of current events.

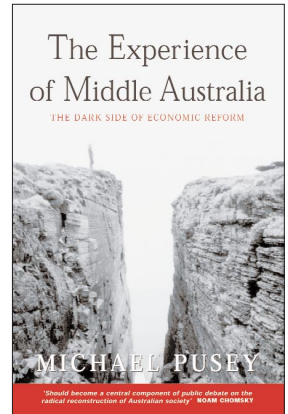
## The Experience of Middle Australia

### The Dark Side of Economic Reform

Michael PUSEY

272pp Pb \$34.95

This book puts middle Australia under the microscope, examining how it is faring in the face of change and uncertainty. 400 Australians from around the country shared their experiences of work, family and community for this book, creating a striking picture of Australian society into a new millennium. This lived experience is set against hard data, so that we can truly understand the impact - good and bad - of economic restructuring on the broad Australian middle class. Meticulously researched, it mounts a moral and intellectual counter-argument to the regime of economic reform.

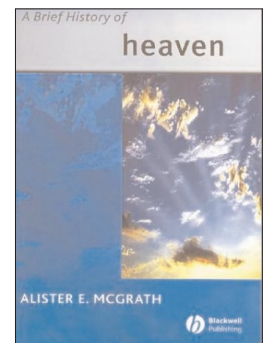


## A Brief History of Heaven

Alister McGRATH

216pp Pb \$31.85

Alister McGrath, one of today's best-known Christian writers, explores the history of heaven from its origins in the biblical writings to its most recent explorations. Bringing together literature, theology, politics and the arts, this fascinating book traces the remarkable influence that the idea of heaven has had, and continues to have, in Western culture. It deals with a wide range of themes, ranging from Dante's geography of heaven in *The Divine Comedy* (Pb \$23.95) to Marx's dismissal of religion as the "opium of the people". This book is the first of a new series offering brief, accessible and lively accounts of key topics within theology and religion by major academic figures.



Look out also for *A Brief History of Heresy* by G R Evans (Pb \$31.85) which introduces readers to the problems of heresy, schism and dissidence over the last two millennia and is enlivened throughout with powerful and intriguing examples of individuals and movements.

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## Quarterly Essay

### Beautiful Lies

#### Australia's Population and Environmental Sustainability

Tim FLANNERY

110pp Pb \$11.95

In the first Quarterly Essay for 2003, Tim Flannery ignites the population debate. How many people can this country really support? He compellingly argues that Australia's history offers the grandest experiment ever in what it means to be human in a multicultural environment. Culture, immigration and ecology are inextricably interwoven and there is no conflict between maintaining the highest standards of human rights and achieving an environmentally sustainable population for Australia. Indeed one cannot be achieved without the other. What stands in our way, he believes, are the beautiful lies we tell each other in the bush and the coffee bars of the nation. This superb essay will start a fiery debate that has been a long time coming.

## EASTER TRADING HOURS

Good Friday	18 April	Closed
Saturday	19 April	8.30 am - 6.00pm
Sunday	20 April	10.00 am - 5.00pm
Monday	21 April	10.00 am - 5.00pm
ANZAC DAY	Friday 25 April	Closed

**Seven Houses**

Alev Lytle CROUTIER

306pp Hb \$39.95

Set in Turkey and covering most of the 20th century, this beguiling novel follows the fortunes of three generations of women, through the seven houses they live in. From a solid and beautiful waterside mansion in Smyrna, a glorious silk plantation near Bursa, humble country dwelling and jerry-built modern apartments, the stories of the women are revealed. Family secrets, desires, histories and gossip abound, beginning with Esma who bought her house with a large sapphire before the first World War. The narrative continues with the daughter she cannot bring up, Aida the beautiful, and her granddaughter Amber, who flees stifling conformity for America and her dreams. An unusual and lyrical novel.

Lindy

**The Point**

Marion HALLIGAN

336pp Tp \$29.95

The Point is a small projection into Lake Burley Griffin, on which a glorious building sits, which is the setting for a restaurant known for the rare and exquisite food its chef conjures up. Flora, the culinary artist, is both fragile and fierce, but she allows herself to get close to Jerome, an ex-Franciscan monk now running a successful computer consultancy. With a cast of characters including a man who has chosen homelessness and red cask wine as a manner of watching and thinking about the world, a heroin addict who has broken parole, a woman who delights in her job as a lexicographer and a beautiful, arrogant young computer genius, this novel could run the risk of trying to fit too much in. That it doesn't is testament to the fine writing and ability of Halligan to weave all the stories and strands of sadness her characters survive into an intricate novel where ideas fit as easily as luscious descriptions of food. Highly recommended.

Lindy

**The Last Legion**

432pp Pb \$25.00

**Spartan**

336pp Pb \$19.95

Valerio Massimo MANFREDI

**The Last Legion** is a brilliant new historical epic from the bestselling author of *The Alexander Trilogy*. As the Western Roman Empire begins to collapse in 470 AD, a small band of British Roman soldiers make a long and arduous journey to Rome. They arrive to find the city on the edge of chaos, overrun with rebellion and near destruction. Despite the tumultuous events around them, they resolve to continue their mission and to keep the spirit of the Empire alive by rescuing the young son of the last Emperor, Romulus Augustus. A daring rescue ensues and, hearing rumours of an entire Legion of the Roman Army that has remained loyal to Rome, they begin a trek across Northern Europe to find them. By finding the Legion and establishing the boy as the legitimate Emperor, the Romans believe an uprising can be launched and the Empire revived. But the journey is futile, the Legion is nowhere to be found and they find themselves quickly losing heart. Deciding to turn back to Britain, they cross the channel in defeat, little knowing the mysterious revelations and magical destinies that await them on their return.

**Spartan** is an epic story of passion, courage and adventure in ancient Sparta. Herodotus tells us that not all of the 300 Spartan warriors died at the hands of Xerxes, King of the Persians, in the battle of the Thermopylae. Two were saved, bringing a life-saving message back to the city. This is the saga of a Spartan family torn apart by a cruel law that forces them to abandon one of their two sons - born lame - to the elements. The elder son, Brithos, is raised in the caste of the warriors, while the other, Talos, is spared a cruel death and raised by a Helot shepherd among the peasants. They live out their story in a world dominated by the clash between the Persian empire and the city-states of Greece - a ferocious, relentless conflict - until the voice of their blood and of human solidarity unites them in a thrilling, singular enterprise.



**The Sixth Lamentation**

William BRODERICK

384pp Tp \$29.95

This is an original and thought-provoking tale. When Edward Schwermann - accused of Nazi war crimes - arrives at Larkwood Priory, Suffolk, claiming sanctuary, it seems unlikely that he will be received with open arms. The plot is immediately spiced with Vatican political manoeuvring as the Priory is directed to give shelter and Father Anselm - a former lawyer - is given the unenviable task of researching the man and his shady past. 50 years earlier, during the occupation of Paris, a group of young resistance members had been smuggling Jewish children to safety, until their discovery by SS Officer Schwermann. He was subsequently given a new identity and his escape to England was facilitated by the Church. The why of it all merely deepens the mystery at the heart of this novel, and in finding answers, lives are changed and people destroyed. Sometimes, resolution is close to revolution and closure is the sound of a coffin being lowered into the ground. Enthralling!

Cara

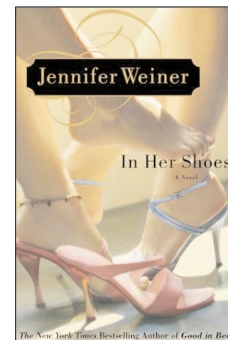
**In Her Shoes**

Jennifer WEINER

421pp Pb \$21.95

Rose is a successful lawyer, maybe a bit frumpy but about to embark on a romance with one of her colleagues. Her sister Maggie is drop-dead gorgeous and nothing but trouble. She can't keep a job, a boyfriend or her feet out of Rose's designer shoes. A series of not improbable events and the sisters are thrown together and then apart. In the process, Rose discovers she doesn't have to overcompensate for a tragic childhood and Maggie finds the strength to take responsibility for her life. An entertaining and likeable story.

Lindy



**KIDS**

reviewed by Lindy Jones

**Saving Francesca**

Melina MARCHETTA

246pp Pb \$24.95

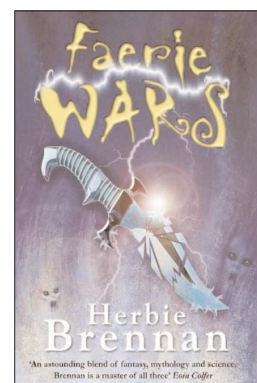
Francesca Spinelli is having a hard Year 11. She's in a new intake at a school that previously was boys only, with none of her old friends. Her mother, the vibrant centre of the family, refuses to get out of bed; her father won't talk to Francesca as an almost-adult - in fact, he doesn't talk much at all. Added to the brew is the heady realisation she's falling in love with someone she wants to hate, her Italian relatives are interfering and she doesn't quite know what's expected of her - she certainly needs saving, if not exactly in the manner her old friends thought. Full of local colour, this is an enjoyable second novel from the author of **Looking for Alibrandi** (Pp \$17.95)

**Faerie Wars**

Herbie BRENNAN

368pp Pb \$15.95

The day that changes Henry's life starts with a flying pig, goes on to his parents breaking up and ends with rescuing a faerie prince in old Mr Fogarty's (a paranoid ex-physicist-bank robber) garden. In this fast paced and thoroughly enjoyable tale, faeries belong to another universe and have access to this world through portals harnessing volcanic power. Darker than the **Artemis Fowl** books, with a clever blend of science and mythology, this is most suitable for secondary ages.



**Burning Eddy**

Scot GARDNER

217pp Pb \$14.95

Dan's father, a difficult and sullen man, uprooted his family and shifted to a remote country area about 10 years before the book opens. With a great love of the country and its animals, Dan seems to be a bit of a loner at school, although he has a number of gardening jobs and contacts. A new client, 86-year-old Eddy, a Dutch woman who talks to her plants, reads his mind effortlessly and has a few unusual talents besides, teaches him to open up - and let go. Well written with a strong storyline, this would certainly appeal to the kids who enjoy John Marsden.

**Surviving Aunt Marsha**

Sofie LAGUNA

139pp Pb \$14.95

Tina, Vince and Aidan are left behind in Melbourne when their parents decide to search for romance in Paris for 3 weeks. Their dad's older sister, awful Aunt Marsha, takes care of them for the duration. She wants the dog outside, the kids inside and the kidney pie eaten. How they all survive each other makes for a truly lovely story! Ages 9-12.

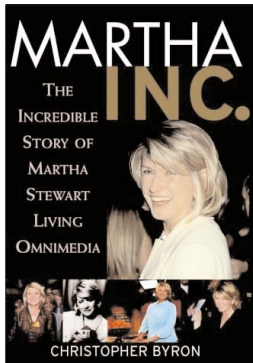
**Martha Inc.**

**The Incredible Story of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia**

Christopher BYRON 448pp Tp \$29.95

She is one of the most successful self-made female business owners in American history, a leading authority for all things domestic and a topic of interest for fans, business professionals and would-be entrepreneurs alike.

Ms Stewart created a multimillion-dollar enterprise and a personal net worth of nearly \$2 billion. This book chronicles how the business was built, what it took to take it public and the personal and professional transformation Martha has undergone to make it all work. A corporate biography as well as an exemplary success story, this book also delves into how a cult of personality is made and how Stewart capitalised on the zeitgeist that characterised the last half of the 20th century. *due April* *Cara*

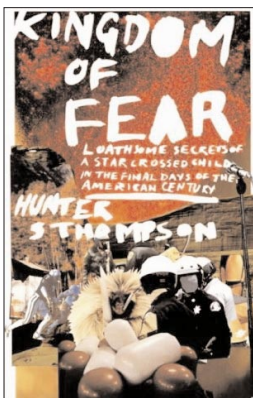


**Kingdom of Fear**

**Loathsome Secrets of a Star-Crossed Child in the Final Days of the American Century**

Hunter S THOMPSON 384pp Tp \$32.95

In this memoir, Hunter S Thompson looks back on a long and interesting life. It is a story of crazed road trips fuelled by bourbon and black acid, of insane judges and giant porcupines, of girls, guns, explosives and, of course, bikes. He revisits his dissolute youth in Louisville, Kentucky, his adventures in pornography, campaigning for local office in Aspen, and what it was like to (accidentally) be accused of trying to kill Jack Nicholson! As one of America's most controversial writers, his examination of the darkness at the core of American politics and culture is as entertaining (and strident!) as anything he has previously written. *due April*



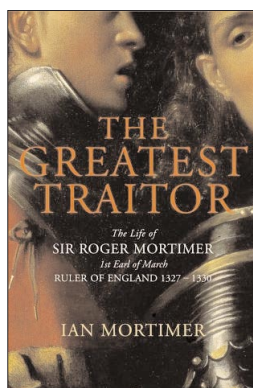
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**The Greatest Traitor**

**The Life of Sir Roger Mortimer 1st Earl of March Ruler of England 1327-1330**

Ian MORTIMER 246pp Hb \$59.95

Talk about evil genius and all round bad boy, Sir Roger was an absolute fiend! Infamous down the centuries for lethal liberties taken against King Edward II (with a red-hot poker, rumour has it!), the true extent of his character has never been fully examined. This wickedly enthralling biography covers his career as several kinds of tyrant in a variety of powerful positions, not least in the arms of Isabella, Queen of England. He had been incarcerated as a rebel baron in the Tower of London but made a daring escape in 1323, whereupon he fled to France and the Queen followed him in all haste. He was brutally violent and his contemporaries - regardless of station - were completely terrified of him. He was also extremely clever, an imaginative and passionate man, which makes sense when you consider his record with the ladies. Not a man for our times - unless your interest is in the pathology of the sociopath - but a man who made the most of his considerable gifts and was awfully efficient in the exploitation of weakness in others. I have to admit to a sneaking admiration. Thank goodness he's not in politics today!



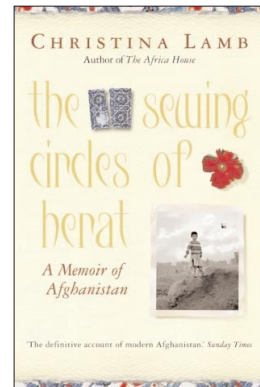
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**The Sewing Circles of Herat**

**A Memoir of Afghanistan**

Christina LAMB 265pp Tp \$29.95

This is a profoundly distressing book. It is a social history, memoir and travel narrative which documents the absurdities and the cruelties of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Lamb's intent is to document the human cost of decades of war there and she has succeeded. Writing about the battered and abandoned survivors of this war-ravaged land, many of whom she met in refugee camps in Pakistan, she wears their hearts on her sleeve and skilfully chronicles their appalling plight. She spent the last phase of the Soviet war against Afghanistan in Pakistan, where she relied on friends (who were exiled Afghans) to smuggle her in and out of Jalalabad in search of her story. Some of these men became figures of authority in the Taliban, while others became implacable enemies of the regime. Some of the people she interviewed - notably a former torturer for the Taliban - have stories of such brutality that it is difficult to continue reading. Many others have tales of such horror and brutalisation perpetrated against them that it is impossible to appreciate their suffering other than from a great (self-imposed) distance. This deeply personal account offers a range of perspectives and experiences. Her passion for the people she writes about, and for, is breathtaking. She is an award-winning journalist and it is easy to see why. Read this and prepare to rethink everything you thought you knew about the men and women of Afghanistan - she never mistakes sentimentality for sentiment. *Cara*

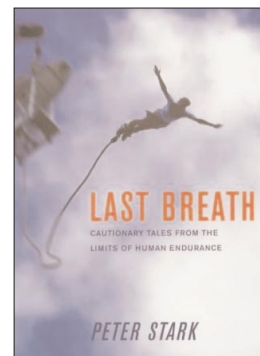


**Last Breath**

**Cautionary Tales from the Limits of Human Endurance**

Peter STARK 320pp Pb \$25.00

Prepare to have some of your greatest fears laid bare in this collection of riveting, and often terrifying, "cautionary tales from the limits of human endurance." Based on interviews with accident survivors and the medical specialists who treat them, veteran outdoor writer Peter Stark offers mostly fictitious accounts (there is one based on a true historical incident) of people caught in life-threatening situations. In this book, he thoroughly explores what happens to the human body and mind during drowning, a long fall, burial beneath an avalanche, hypothermia (low body temperature), dehydration, mountain sickness, the bends, malaria, scurvy, hyperthermia (high body temperature), and contact with a poisonous jellyfish. Stark packs enough historic and scientific information and page-turning suspense into each chapter to make them all fascinating and useful. And he answers some perplexing questions in the process, such as why those suffering from acute hypothermia often rip off their clothing in an effort to save themselves.



**Road to McCarthy**

Pete McCARTHY 480pp Pb \$24.95

Setting off from Ireland, Pete McCarthy takes us on a journey around the weird and wonderful Irish communities of the world. He recounts his adventures and escapades such as in Morocco where he meets the head of Clan McCarthy, then goes on to visit the renowned Irish peoples of New York. He journeys to the southern hemisphere and back again to the United States, ending up in a small town called McCarthy in Alaska. Will he encounter enough McCarthy's Bars, as he continues to obey the eighth rule of travel: "never pass a pub with your name on it"? This is an affectionate look at the Irish communities of the world. *due April*

**Off the Rails**

**From Moscow to Beijing by Bike**

Tim COPE & Chris HATHERLY 400pp Tp \$29.95

This is the fascinating account of a journey to the limits of physical endurance. The authors, 20-year-old Australians, travelled by recumbent bicycle through some of the most savagely beautiful - and dangerous - countries in Europe. Over the course of 14 months, they notched up 10,000 kilometres as they cycled through Russia, Siberia, Mongolia and China. The human face of the Russian Steppes has never been so warmly praised, while the extreme physical and mental challenges brought the intrepid travellers closer to themselves and a deeper understanding of the human condition.

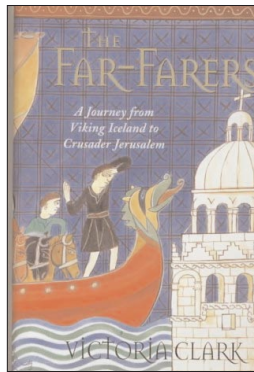
## The Far-Farers

### A Journey from Viking Iceland to Crusader Jerusalem

Victoria CLARK

459pp Hb \$50.00

Just before the year 1000 AD, a young Viking named Thorvald the Far-farer turned his back on the pagan gods of his father to preach the Christian gospel. But his Icelandic countrymen mocked him as a homosexual, stoned him and finally outlawed him. Abandoning his homeland, Thorvald embarked on an epic journey to the golden heart of all medieval world maps - Jerusalem. In the year 2000, Victoria Clark embarked on the same journey to discover to what extent the dramatic changes and conflicts which swept western Europe 1,000 years ago still resonate today. This book is both the story of this 21st century journey and a history of 11th century Western Christendom.

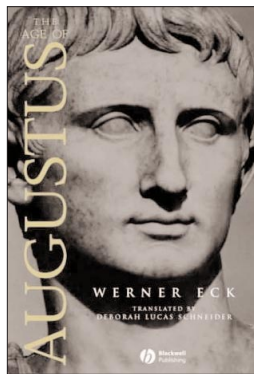


## The Age of Augustus

Werner ECK

166pp Pb \$50.50

In this biography, Werner Eck, a specialist on the Roman Empire, tells the extraordinary story of Augustus, Rome's first emperor. Using literary, archaeological and legal sources, he traces the history of the 'Roman Revolution' in which Rome was transformed from republic to monarchy. The book provides a vivid narrative of Augustus' brutal rise to power, from the war against the assassins of Julius Caesar to his struggle against Antony and Cleopatra. It describes the key aspects of his reign, including the expansion of the empire, his relationship with the army and people and his vast building projects in the city of Rome. A translation of Augustus' 'Res Gestae' with a short introduction and a substantial bibliography have been added. The book is organised chronologically around Augustus' own account of his life, making it suitable for anyone approaching the subject for the first time.



## Passchendaele

### The Untold Story

Robin PRIOR & Trevor WILSON

272pp Pb \$30.00

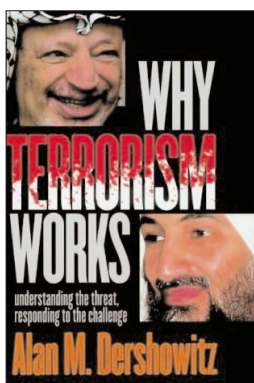
The carnage on the Western Front at Passchendaele, where 275,000 Allied and 200,000 German soldiers fell, was neither inevitable nor inescapable, the authors of this volume insist. They offer a complete account of the campaign, establishing what actually occurred, what options were available and who was responsible for the devastation. This edition includes corrections and a new preface indicating the results of research completed since the first edition in 1996.

## Why Terrorism Works

Alan DERSHOWITZ

271pp Pb \$25.00

The greatest danger facing the world today, says Dershowitz, comes from religiously inspired, state-sponsored terrorist groups that seek to develop weapons of mass destruction for use against civilian targets. In this analysis, he argues passionately and persuasively that global terrorism is a phenomenon largely of our own making and that we must and can take steps to reduce the frequency and severity of terrorist acts. Analysing acts of terrorism and our reaction to them, he explains that terrorism is successful when the international community gives in to the demands of terrorists - or even tries to understand and eliminate the 'root causes' of terrorism. He discusses extreme approaches to wiping out international terrorism that would work if we were not constrained by legal, moral and humanitarian considerations. Then, given that we do operate under such conditions, he offers a series of proposals that would effectively reduce the frequency and severity of international terrorism by striking a balance between security and liberty.



## Encyclopedia of Exploration to 1800

Raymond HOWGEGO

1,168pp Lh \$295.00

15 years in the making, this huge book is unique in its scope and depth. The author has set out to provide a comprehensive reference guide to the history and literature of exploration, travel and colonisation from the earliest times to the year 1800. It includes 2,327 major articles and index entries for 7,500 names of persons or ships that are noted in the text. The text is fully cross-referenced and each article contains a bibliography of both primary and secondary sources. In all, there are almost 20,000 bibliographical citations accompanying the various articles. Much of the information is published here for the first time in English. This magnificent book will be invaluable to anyone interested in the history of exploration.

Dave

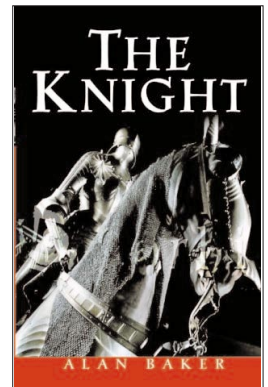
## The Knight

Alan BAKER

218pp Hb \$39.95

If you enjoyed Baker's previous book *Gladiator* (Pb \$22.95), then this enthralling look at the day-to-day life of the average knight is well worth the price of admission. He considers their training for military service in times of war and in the more peaceful days of jousting in tournaments. Drawing on records of trials and triumphs, he questions the romantically held view that knights were paragons of virtue as per King Arthur's round table. To fully demonstrate the range of physical skills and tactics used in battle, Baker takes the reader to the Holy Land on a crusade where the equipment and the action did become the stuff of legend.

Cara



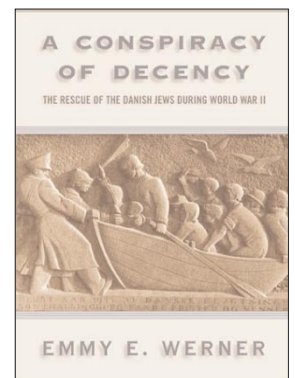
## A Conspiracy of Decency

### The Rescue of Danish Jews During World War II

Emmy WERNER

224pp Hb \$54.00

The people of Denmark managed to save almost their entire Jewish population in a spontaneous act of humanity during WWII. Drawing on personal accounts, Emmy Werner tells the story of the rescue of the Danish Jews from the vantage point of living eyewitnesses, the last survivors of a conspiracy of decency that triumphed in the midst of the horrors of the Holocaust. Chronicling the acts of people from several nationalities, among whom were the German Georg Duckwitz, who warned the Jews of their impending deportation, the Danes who hid them and ferried them across the Oresund and the Swedes who gave them asylum. Regardless of their social class, education and religious and political persuasion, the rescuers all shared one important characteristic: they defined their humanity by their ability to act with great compassion. These people never considered themselves heroes, they simply felt that they were doing the right thing.



## Conquerors' Road

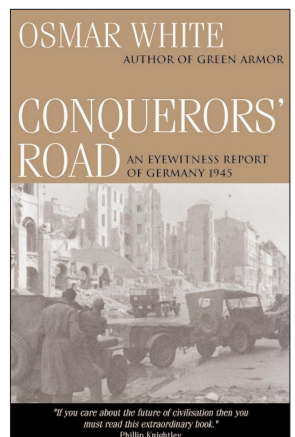
### An Eyewitness Report of Germany 1945

Osmar WHITE

222pp Pb \$29.95

This highly acclaimed and beautifully written book by one of Australia's finest chroniclers of WWII tells the devastating story of war from the inside. Based largely on the author's own war diary and the articles he wrote as a war correspondent, this deeply personal account is unparalleled amongst the vast literature on WWII. White was present at the official German surrender. He was there when the horror of Buchenwald was opened up to the world. He saw some of the atrocities visited upon the German people by their Russian conquerors. He attempts to weigh the moral issues thrown up by victory with by what came after, while trying also to draw lessons for a future humanity.

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## Many Voices

### Reflections on Experiences of Indigenous Child Separation

Doreen MELLOR & Anna HAEBICH (eds) 324pp Lp+CD \$29.95

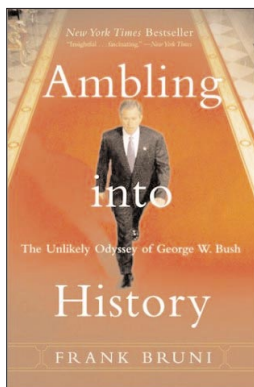
This gracious book brings together testimonies from all sides of the history of indigenous child separation in Australia. It includes the voices of children who were taken from their families, adults who cared for them in institutions and missions, families who took them into their homes and government officers who enacted official policies. This book presents a spoken history that remains as compelling as the moment these events occurred. In their generosity and courage, its contributors have created an invaluable gift for all Australians. The audio CD features nine excerpts taken directly from the *Bringing Them Home Oral History Project* interviews. It is an invaluable resource for any library.

## Ambling into History

### The Unlikely Odyssey of George W Bush

Frank BRUNI 304pp Pb \$32.95

As the principal *New York Times* reporter assigned to cover George W Bush's presidential campaign from its earliest stages - and then as a White House correspondent for *The Times* - Frank Bruni has spent much time around Bush and his colleagues over the last two years. This is a definitive eyewitness account of Bush's peculiar character, his unlikely ascent to the Presidency and the curious nature of the political process that made it happen. Bruni paints the most thorough, balanced, eloquent and lively portrait yet of a man in many ways ill-suited to the office he sought and now occupies, focusing on small moments that often escaped the news media's notice.



## With My Face to the Enemy

### Perspectives on the American Civil War

Robert COWLEY (editor) 522pp Tp \$48.00

This is a provocative and wide-ranging anthology of essays on the Civil War, purportedly the first modern war in history. In 35 illuminating essays and 150,000 words, it examines the war from the perspectives critical to its outcome: the larger-than-life personalities of the important players from Lincoln to Lee, and the national strategies and key battle tactics that shaped the four-year crisis. Contributors include the leading lights of Civil War scholarship - James McPherson, Stephen Sears, Gary Gallagher, David Herbert Donald and 20 others. *Kirkus Review* has called it "a gem: well written, engaging, and sure to make a significant contribution to the already voluminous Civil War literature."

## The Politics of War

David DAY Hb \$45.00

The fall of Singapore in February 1942 confronted Australia with its worst nightmare, the possibility of invasion by Japan. With Australia's fighting strength scattered across the globe defending British interests in the Mediterranean and elsewhere, the nation looked to Britain for help. But it was not forthcoming. Instead, with Australia's northern towns being pounded by Japanese bombers, the country was forced to look to the US to help fend off the looming danger. So began the most terrifying period in Australian history, culminating in the naval battle of the Coral Sea and the battle of the Kokoda Track. Only then did the risk of invasion recede. As the battles raged, the politicians in Canberra and London, led by John Curtin and Winston Churchill, bickered over the disposition of the troops and the provision of munitions. These diplomatic battles were fought almost as furiously as the battles on the ground between the soldiers of the opposing armies. Based on his original publications of **The Great Betrayal** and **Reluctant Nation** (both out of print) plus extensive new research in the archives of Britain and Australia, the award-winning author of **John Curtin: A Life** (Pb \$32.95) places the landmark battles of Allied forces within their wider political context. This book exposes the awful peril in which Australia was placed by the war in the Pacific and shows how Australia's relationship with Britain was tested almost to breaking point.

due April

## One Fourteenth of an Elephant

Ian DENYS PEEK 580pp Tp \$30.00

Four and a half days after being transported out of Singapore in a steel goods train in October 1942, prisoner of war Denys Peek found himself in Siam and a part of the labour force destined for the project that was later to be known as the Thai-Burma death railway. Together with his brother Ron and contingents from the Australian and British armies and volunteer units, Denys spent the duration of the war in over 15 different work and 'hospital' camps on the railway, where over 20,000 prisoners of war and uncounted slave labourers met their deaths. Told in the present tense, this is a haunting, evocative and deeply moving testimony to the suffering and bravery of those who lived and died on the railway. Against a backdrop of inhumanity and brutality, the greatest examples of humanity and courage are thrown into stark relief as the author takes us through a daily struggle for survival. Told with clarity, passion and an incredible eye for detail and description, this is an utterly enthralling story and a classic in the making.

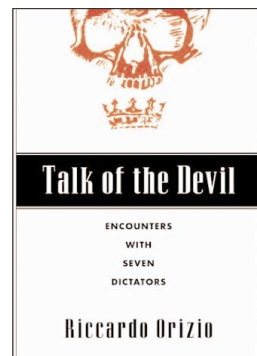
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## Talk of the Devil

### Encounters with Seven Dictators

Riccardo ORIZIO 199pp Hb \$54.95

What happened to the dictators of contemporary history, responsible for some of its most gruesome chapters? And now that they are disgraced, in prison, exiled or simply forgotten, do they still seem as terrifying as when they held power? The unrepentant Idi Amin lives in exile in Saudi Arabia, thanks to his conversion to Islam, and is still meddling in African wars. Before dying at his dilapidated mansion in Bangui, Bokassa proclaims himself the 13th apostle of the Roman Catholic Church and talks of his secret meetings with the Pope. Colonel Menghistu, still a guest of Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe, defends his Red Terror campaign. Mrs Hoxha, from her bare prison cell in Titana, argues why the most isolated regime in the world was right to adopt a brutal Stalinist ideology and explains how it worked. Paris-based Baby Doc Duvalier, in his first interview after fleeing Haiti in 1986, speaks about voodoo, solar panels, women and how he lost all his money. Mrs Milosevic, clutching her Fendi handbag, defends the wars in the former Yugoslavia and declares her love for her husband, Slobodan. Jaruzelski, entrenched in a furious legal battle in a Warsaw court, reveals his personal transition from son of an aristocratic family exiled to Siberia by the Soviets, to autocrat army general in sunglasses who defended Moscow's supremacy in Eastern Europe. Orizio has tracked down these fallen tyrants and thrown a new light on people whose names have become synonymous with misery, death and terror for entire nations.



## Pig Bites Baby

### Stories from Australia's First Newspaper

Michael CONNOR 363pp Pb \$30.00

This collection celebrates the 200th anniversary of our first newspaper *The Sydney Gazette*, which ran from 1803 to 1842. It was a tabloid full of extraordinary human interest stories, accidents, commercial activities, recipes, bushrangers, convict escapes, women's fashions and other details. This first volume covers the racy period to 1810, when Governor Macquarie arrived and Sydney became a little more respectable. This selection captures the excitement of those years, a period when a bushranger walked into Hobart carrying a dead man's head, bodies were left hanging from a gallows on an island in Sydney Harbour and an escaping convict got himself eaten in New Zealand.



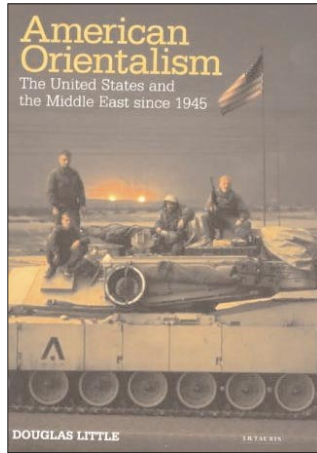
## American Orientalism

### The United States and the Middle East Since 1945

Douglas LITTLE

424pp Hb \$66.00

With the events of September 2001, America's relationship with the Middle East exploded to the forefront of its national consciousness. Looking back more than 50 years, Little offers a valuable historical context for anyone seeking a better understanding of this complicated relationship. He explores the encounters between the USA and the Middle East since 1945, focusing particularly on the complex, sometimes inconsistent, attitudes and interests that have shaped US relations in the region. He begins by exposing the persistence of 'orientalist' stereotypes in American popular culture and then examines US policy toward the Middle East from many angles. Chapters focus on America's increasing dependence on petroleum; US-Israeli relations; the threat of communism; the rise of revolutionary nationalist movements in Egypt, Iran, Iraq and Libya; the futility of US military and covert intervention and the unsuccessful attempt to broker a "peace-for-land" settlement between the Israelis and the Palestinians. The overall theme of the book is that a combination of American omnipotence and profound cultural misunderstanding ensured that the USA would encounter trouble in the Middle East after 1945 and continues to bedevil the relationship between these vastly different cultures to the present day.



## Captain Cook

### The Life, Death and Legacy of History's Greatest Explorer

Vanessa COLLINGRIDGE

470pp Pb \$24.95

This uniquely woven story encompasses three separate centuries and three different lives. Captain Cook, best known for his heroic voyages through the Pacific Ocean, is brought to life in vivid detail. We follow his humble beginnings as the son of a farm labourer to his convention-shattering treatment of the indigenous groups he met on his travels and then on to his final tragic voyage, which signalled the end of his revered reputation. 100 years after the death of Cook, another great man, George Collingridge, begins his own adventure. He, like Cook, was oblivious to the implications his journey would have. Along the way, he unfolds ancient maps, secret tales and unearths hidden lands and buried treasure. He is also said to have realised that it was not Cook who discovered Australia. It was the Portuguese. This firm belief was the eventual cause of his self-destruction. Another 100 years later, Vanessa Collingridge searches for books on her lifelong hero Captain Cook in a university library. She discovers the name of a distant cousin, George Collingridge, in a dusty card index. And so a new journey of discovery begins - in the footsteps of her hero and his nemesis...

## The Rush That Never Ended

### A History of Australian Mining

Geoffrey BLAINEY

431pp Tp \$44.95

Now in a 5th edition, this book was first published in 1963. Rapid economic growth, however, had Blainey rewriting it for the 1969 market. He updated the history of metal mining to include the discoveries of the 1960s, namely oil, natural gas and phosphates. In the fourth edition, new chapters spelled out the changes in mining between the early 1970s and the early 1990s. They included: the tapping of gas in the North West Shelf; Australia's emergence as the world's largest producer of diamonds; the finding of the huge Olympic Dam field in South Australia (rich in copper, uranium, silver and gold and said to be 10 times the size of the Broken Hill field discovered in 1883); the swift revival of gold mining; the ups and downs of uranium; the powerful role of the environmental crusade and the return of the mining industry to the level of national importance it held in 1900. The finding and development of minerals, oil and natural gas have influenced Australian racial attitudes, unionism, religious life, law and politics. Blainey's masterly history has rightly been acclaimed as the authoritative account and this edition contains a section on the state of Australian mining at the start of the new century. Highly recommended and intensely illuminating regarding the origins of Australia's great wealth. *Shelley*

Spanning the life of the ancient city almost from its inception in 331BC to its transformation into a Christian metropolis, Alexandria's monumental tombs provide the richest single source of information about the ancient city. **Monumental Tombs of Ancient Alexandria: The Theatre of the Dead** (267pp Hb \$199.00) by Marjorie Venit brings together much of what is known about these tombs and what they tell us about a 500-year period of one of the great cities of the ancient world.

**Britain in Revolution 1625-1660** (814pp Hb \$100.00) by Austin Woolrych is a history of the English Civil War, set in its full historical context - from the accession of Charles I to the Restoration of Charles II. The author evokes the drama of the Civil Wars, the clashes of conviction and emotion that they engendered, their impact on the lives of the people and the wealth of new ideas generated by the breakdown of the old order in church and state.

New in paperback is the delightful **Libraries in the Ancient World** (177pp \$38.00). It tells the story of ancient libraries from their very beginnings, when 'books' were clay tablets and writing was a new phenomenon.

**The Fragmentation of Afghanistan**, 2nd edition (378pp Tp \$56.00) by Barnett Rubin examines Afghan society in conflict, from the 1978 communist coup to the fall of Najibullah, the last Soviet-installed President, in 1992. This edition covers developments since then and includes material on the Taliban and Osama Bin Laden and shows how the interaction of US policy and Pakistani and Saudi Arabian interests has helped create the challenges of today.

**The Athenian Nation** (250pp Pb \$59.00) by Edward Cohen challenges the modern assumption that ancient Athens is best understood as a polis and boldly recasts our understanding of Athenian political and social life. He demonstrates that ancient sources referred to Athens not only as a polis, but also as a 'nation' (ethnos), and that Athens did display the characteristics now used to identify a nation.

In **SPECVLVM IVRIS** (203pp Hb \$140.00), edited by Jean-Jacques Aubert and Boudewijn Sirks, an interdisciplinary group of classicists, historians and legal scholars propose various approaches to integrate Roman legal evidence with other kinds of sources in ancient social and economic history. The contributors consider the complex relationship between law and social practice from the particular angle of Roman legislation and jurisprudence as conditioned by, or reacting to, a specific social, economic and political context.

**Australia's Vietnam War** (218pp Hb \$110.00) by Jeff Doyle, Jeffrey Grey and Peter Pierce chronicles our complicated involvement in the Vietnam War. It shows the consequences of war in Australia through an evaluation of the literature arising from that experience, the manner in which our country memorialised its fallen veterans and other expressions of the war's influences.

**"The World's Best Books": Taste, Culture and the Modern Library** (240pp Hb \$85.00) by Jay Satterfield looks at the impact this series made on the publishing world. Focusing on the Modern Library's marketing strategies, editorial decisions and close attention to book design, the author explores the cultural dynamics that allowed the publisher of the series to exploit the forces of mass production and treat books as commodities, even while positioning the series as a revered cultural entity.

In **Listening to the Page** (290pp Pb \$50.00), Alan Cheuse, book commentator on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, takes a look back at some of the thousands of books he has read, reviewed and loved, offering retrospective pieces on modern American literary figures such as Ernest Hemingway, Thomas Wolfe, Bernard Malamud and John Steinbeck, as well as contemporary writers like Elizabeth Tallent and Vassily Aksyonov.

**Making a Living in the Middle Ages: The People of Britain 850-1520** (403pp Hb \$95.00) by Christopher Dyer reviews our thinking about the economy of Britain in the middle ages. By analysing economic development and change, the author allows us to reconstruct, often vividly, the daily lives and experiences of the people of England, Scotland and Wales during the seven centuries from the Vikings to the Reformation. *Dave*

## Christian Thought

### A Brief History

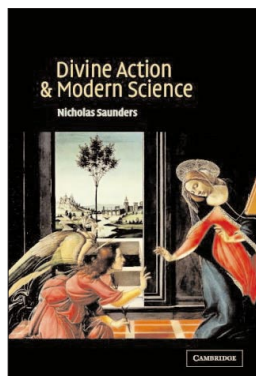
Adrian HASTINGS 176pp Pb \$22.95

Humanity has for centuries been searching to find the meaning to, or the meaning of, existence. Christians throughout history have contributed a significant weight to this search. Derived from the highly-praised **Oxford Companion to Christian Thought** (Hb \$150.00), in 13 chronologically organised chapters, this book journeys the reader through the various stages of this search first through the East and then the West from Pre-Constantinian times to the end of the last millennium, through Eastern Orthodox thinking, Armenian and Syriac thought and Byzantine theology, as well as Western traditions.

## Divine Action and Modern Science

Nicholas SAUNDERS 264pp Pb \$49.95

This book considers the relationship between the natural sciences and the concept of God acting in the world. The author examines the Biblical motivations for asserting a continuing notion of divine action and identifies several different theological approaches to the problem. He considers their theoretical relationships with the laws of nature, indeterminism and probabilistic causation. He then embarks on a radical critique of current attempts to reconcile special divine action with quantum theory, chaos theory and quantum chaos. As well as considering the implications of these problems for common interpretations of divine action, he also surveys and codifies the many different theological, philosophical and scientific responses to divine action. The conclusion reached is that we are still far from a satisfactory account of how God might act in a manner that is consonant with modern science, despite the copious recent scholarship in this area. *due April*



## Uneasy Ethics

Simon LEE 192pp Pb \$32.00

Hard cases make for un-easy ethics. If you do not feel uneasy about your answers, then you have not understood the questions. In this book, Professor Simon Lee explores five acute moral dilemmas of the new millennium. He unravels the moral thinking behind the opposing views of the case of the Siamese twins, explores sharply conflicting reactions to the release of the killers of James Bulger, traces the moral dilemmas within the Northern Irish peace process and examines the ethics of business and government behaviour in the year of collapses from rural industry to Railtrack. Finally, he offers one of the first considered ethical analyses of contrasting responses to the September 11 attacks in the USA. Ranging across philosophy, law and theology, this analysis of hard cases and un-easy ethics culminates in a novel interpretation of politics' elusive Third Way. *due April*

## Philosophy Gym

Stephen LAW 304pp Hb \$34.95

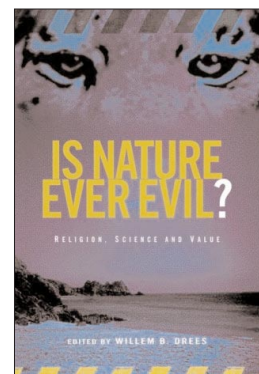
Where did the universe come from? Is time travel possible? Is it morally acceptable to design babies genetically? If you have ever asked yourself such questions, then you have already begun to think philosophically. This book is for those who want to take the next step. Law poses some of the most important philosophical questions of today and of yesterday. Light-hearted questions about whether a pickled sheep is really art, or rub shoulders with more profound and time-honoured fears about whether God exists. Law illustrates the problem with a story, then lets both sides of the argument battle it out in clear, easily digestible and intelligent prose. By separating each issue into a distinct section, it is possible to dip in and out in any order and at any time you like. *due April*

## Is Nature Ever Evil?

### Religion, Science and Value

Willem DREES (editor) 341pp Tp \$56.00

From a compelling premise, under the auspices of major thinkers including Mary Midgley, Philip Hefner, Arnold Benz and Keith Ward, this book examines the value-structure of our cosmos and the science that seeks to describe it. What moral strategies can science give for understanding the human experience of our world? Science, says the editor, claims to leave moral questions to aesthetic and religious theory. It rarely considers the nature of nature, it does not ask about evil. But the supposed neutrality of a scientific view masks a host of moral assumptions. How does an ethically transparent science arrive at concepts of a 'hostile' universe or a 'selfish' gene? How do botanists, zoologists, cosmologists and geologists respond to the beauty and ferocity of the universe they study, reliant as it is upon catastrophe, savagery, power and extinction? Then there are various ways in which science seeks to alter and improve nature, medically and technologically redefining nature's remit down to the smallest cells of the living frame. What do prosthetics and gene technology, cyborgs and dairy cows say about our appreciation of nature itself? Surely science, in common with philosophy, magic and religion, can aid our understanding of evil in nature, whether as natural catastrophe, disease, predatory cruelty or mere cosmic indifference?



## PSYCHOLOGY

## Beyond Fear

Dorothy ROWE 679pp Pb \$24.95

This book, first published in 1987, has changed the lives of thousands of people. Now in a second edition, this renowned psychologist examines the changes in the psychiatric system since 1987 in the context of showing how most of our suffering comes from our greatest fear, that of being annihilated as a person. This book shows us how to have the courage to acknowledge and face our fears. Only through courage can we find a sustaining happiness. Fear is the great unmentionable. We fear loss, bereavement, old age, death, rejection, failure - most of all we fear annihilation of the self. Yet all of this we keep to ourselves, afraid of being thought weak. Denying our fear of self-destruction, around which our entire sense of self is built, can have profound effects upon ourselves and those around us in later life. It can lead to physical illness, like anorexia, or to mental problems, such as panic attacks, depression and schizophrenia. This book explains how to recognise the need for change and how to bring it about. It is highly commended by the likes of Sue Townsend, Fay Weldon and Meera Syal.

## Dreaming

### An Introduction to the Science of Sleep

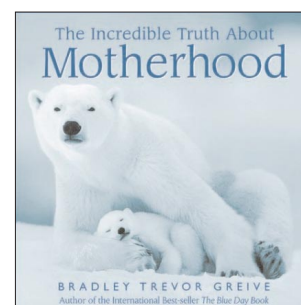
J Allan HOBSON 170pp Hb \$39.95

This is no New Age help yourself guide, it is a genuine scientific study written by the Director of the Neurophysiology and Sleep Laboratory, and Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He is the world's leading expert on sleep research. Modern science has given us an increasingly complete picture of how dreaming is created by the brain. This picture is important not only for understanding dreaming itself, but also for a science of consciousness and of mental health and illness. This book focuses on dreaming to introduce the reader to sleep laboratory science and to the cellular and molecular mechanisms of sleep. It shows how the science of dreaming affects theories in psychoanalysis and how it helps us to understand the basis of mental illness.

## The Incredible Truth About Motherhood

Bradley Trevor GREIVE 107pp Pb \$14.95

Greive's previous title, **The Blue Day Book** (Pb 14.95), was a bestseller. I thought, what a scandal! Pictures and words, how twee! Hee, hee! However, when my daughter received a copy for her seventh birthday, she fell in love with it. She sits with it in her lap, staring at the pictures of animals and makes herself happy, just by reading the captions. So, this one, especially for mums, has received my stamp of approval. It is sweet, delicate and healthily funny. In the shop for the build-up to Mother's Day, no doubt a marketing exercise, I am reserving my cynicism for something sordid, and I can only recommend this title for its careful selection and gentle disposition. *Shelley*



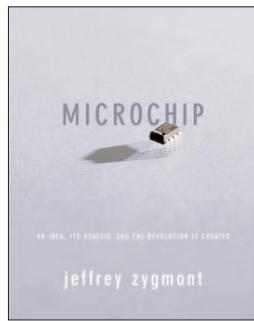
**Microchip**

**An Idea, its Genesis and the Revolution it Created**

Jeffrey ZYGMONT

245pp Hb \$52.00

The riveting story of the origins of our digital age and the crusaders and inventors who made it all possible, computer chips are an almost invisible part of our modern lives and yet they make much of what is 'modern' in them possible. Even the tech-averse and the tech-opposed among us depend on their hidden capabilities. From today's automobiles, medical scanners and DVD players to annoying musical greeting cards, space travel and movies like *The Lord of the Rings*, microelectronics are everywhere and taken for granted. But how did this revolutionary technology emerge? This book tells that story by exploring the personalities behind the technology. From the two pioneering men who invented the integrated circuit, *Nobel Prize* winner Jack Kilby and Intel founder Robert Noyce, to luminaries like Gordon Moore and An Wang, who put the chip to work, Zygmont shows how the history of the microchip is also the story of a handful of visionaries confronting problems and facing opportunities. A compelling narrative about the germination and advancement of a single technology, this is essential reading about the now-ubiquitous integrated circuit and its outlook for the future.



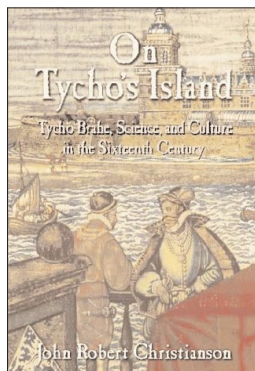
**On Tycho's Island**

**Tycho Brahe, Science and Culture in the Sixteenth Century**

John CHRISTIANSON

361pp Pb \$49.95

Tycho Brahe, the premier patron-practitioner of science in 16th century Europe, established a new role of scientist as administrator, active reformer and natural philosopher. This book explores Brahe's wide range of activities, which encompass much more than his reputed role of astronomer, portraying him as Platonic philosopher, Paracelsian chemist, Ovidian poet and devoted family man. From his private island in Denmark, Brahe used patronage, printing, friendship and marriage to incorporate men and women skilled in science, technology and the fine arts into his program of cosmic reform. This pioneering study includes capsule biographies of over 100 men and women, including Johannes Kepler, Willebrord Snel, Willem Blaeu, several bishops and numerous technical specialists, all of whom helped shape the culture of the Scientific Revolution.



**The Complete Book of Spaceflight**

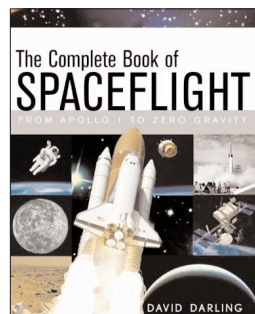
**From Apollo 1 to Zero Gravity**

David DARLING

537pp Hb \$69.95

The entries in this book span the entire spectrum of space exploration, from the early musings of the ancient Greeks to a future in which warp drives and wormholes may provide us with the means for crossing the universe. This comprehensive reference work chronicles our open-ended journey into space, clearly explaining all the key manned and unmanned missions and space vehicles - past, present and projected - as well as the technologies involved. It has more than 3,000 cross-referenced entries and includes all key missions, both manned and unmanned; notable fictional portrayals of space journeys; biographies of astronauts, engineers and others involved in space exploration; current concepts for future missions and extended articles on major topics from Project Mercury to Mir.

Dave



**The Moon Landings**

**An Eyewitness Account**

Reginald TURNILL

350pp Hb \$59.95

The Soviet-American race to land the first man on the Moon was a technical challenge unlike any other in recent human history. Reginald Turnill, the BBC's aerospace correspondent, covered the entire story first-hand and his reports were heard and seen by millions around the world. With unparalleled access to the politicians, scientists and technicians involved in the race to the Moon, he got to know all the early astronauts - Alan Shepard, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin - as they pioneered the techniques that made the Moon landings possible. He became a friend of Dr Wernher von Braun, the German rocket pioneer and the man behind the Saturn rocket which powered the Apollo spacecraft. This unique eyewitness account of one of the most thrilling adventures of the 20th century is written in a lucid style, packed with action and drama, and is a fascinating read for all those interested in the story of the race to the Moon.



**The Book of Eels**

**Fish, Man and His Relationship to Nature**

Tom FORT

288pp Hb \$34.95

What has been the dish of kings, the subject of myths and the traveller of epic and mysterious journeys? The eel. Beginning life in the Sargasso Sea, the eel travels across the ocean, lives for 20 or so years and then is driven by some instinct back across the ocean to spawn and die. And the next generation starts the story again. No one knows why the eels return, or how the orphaned elvers learn their way back. One man discovered, after many adventures, the breeding ground of all eels - and he is the hero of this book. Eels were being caught and consumed 5,000 years before the birth of Christ - Aristotle and Pliny wrote about them, Romans regarded them as a peerless delicacy, Egyptians accorded them semi-sacred status and English kings died of overeating them. There are many strange practices among eel fishers all over the world and many great fortunes based upon the eel harvest. This book, a combination of social comment, biography and natural history, is also a fascinating and witty account of Tom Fort's obsession with the eel, his journeying to discover the eel in all its habitats and the people he meets in his pursuit.

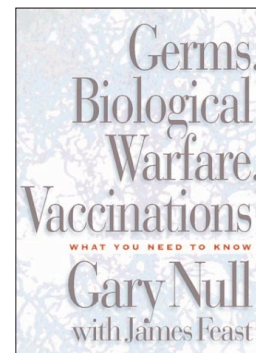
**Germs, Biological Warfare, Vaccinations**

**What You Need to Know**

Gary NULL & James FEAST

160pp Pb \$34.95

In response to deepening concerns of the threat of germ warfare and bioterrorism, this is the first book to discuss traditional methods of combating germ warfare while also offering simple, natural alternative approaches to preventing and treating diseases caused by biological agents. It includes a historical review of the use of biological weapons from 400 BC to today, a comprehensive listing of bacteria, viruses, fungi and toxins, as well as symptoms and treatment options, plus a full discussion of traditional versus alternative treatment options and full resource guide.



**Imprint of the Raj**

**How Fingerprinting was Born in Colonial India**

Chandak SENGGOPTA

224pp Hb \$40.00

A fascinating account of the invention of fingerprinting in colonial India and the story of how the technique was exported back to Victorian England. Opening with the first case in a British criminal court to use the radical new technique of fingerprinting to identify the perpetrators of crime in 1902, this riveting book takes us back to the origins of fingerprinting in India. Despite many books on the subject of fingerprints in general, none have looked closely at the fact that this standard tool of forensic science was born in India during the Raj. As the author points out, with the exception of curry, there is not one other instance of something so fundamental to British life being imported fully-formed from the Empire and being tailored to fit conditions at home. Based on original and hitherto unpublished research, this book gives a unique insight into our colonial past and offers a vivid account of this extraordinary and largely ignored story.



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The Fermi paradox is quite simply stated: If there are intelligent life forms elsewhere in the universe, why haven't we heard from them? A new book by Stephen Webb (**Measuring the Universe** Pb \$85.95) is called **If the Universe is Teeming with Aliens... Where is Everybody?** (288pp Hb \$56.95). It looks at 50 of the most cogent and intriguing answers to this paradox. They are divided into three distinct groups: Aliens are already here among us; Aliens exist, but have not yet communicated; and Aliens do not exist. The proposed answers run the gamut from the crackpot to the highly serious, but all deserve our consideration.

**Orchids of Australia** (308pp Hb \$120.00) by John Riley and David Banks showcases both the diversity and beauty of Australia's unique orchid flora, as well as the rare talent of illustrator John Riley. 150 species are covered, including both terrestrial and epiphytic orchids, rare and widespread ones, from all parts of Australia. (Available by special order only in a limited edition with slipcase, signed and numbered, for \$385.00).

Continuing the series begun with the magnificent **New Encyclopedia of Mammals** (Hb \$135.00) are **The New Encyclopedia of Reptiles** and **The New Encyclopedia of Insects and their Allies** (both 240pp Hb \$95.00). Superbly illustrated and nicely presented, with a good balance of text and images, these books are written by internationally renowned experts and belong in the library of anyone seriously interested in natural history.

Clifford Pickover's **Wonders of Numbers** (464pp Pb \$36.95) is a unique, light-hearted look at recreational maths problems, mysteries, puzzles, games and fascinating facts. It focuses on creativity and the delight of discovery, presenting in brief chapters a smorgasbord of common and unusual number theory problems that convey to readers their essence rather than extraneous explanations.

The 3rd edition of the **AIP Physics Desk Reference** (888pp Hb \$149.95) has been thoroughly updated and modernised to reflect new developments in the decade since the second. It contains 40% more information, with several new chapters on developing sub-fields and offers completely updated and expanded data, references and bibliographies.

New in paperback is **Star-Crossed Orbits: Inside the US-Russian Space Alliance** (354pp Pb \$29.95) by James Oberg. It looks at the relationship between the two space programs and the current state of their 'cooperation'. Also new in paper is James Woodford's **The Secret Life of Wombats** (229pp Pb \$23.00), which won the *Whitley Award* for Best Popular Zoology 2002. It is the story of how a 15-year-old boy began researching the natural history of wombats in 1960, and all that we have learnt about these amazing marsupials in the years since.

In **Conversations on the Dark Secrets of Physics** (247pp Pb \$33.00), Edward Teller shares his fascination with how the universe works, from the elementary laws of thermodynamics and the science behind quantum mechanics to how planets, asteroids and comets develop their orbits. Also new in paperback is Teller's **Memoirs** (628pp Tp \$38.00).

In **Making Sense of Life** (388pp Hb \$85.00), Evelyn Fox Keller asks what is accepted as an 'explanation' of biological development in individual organisms? Her inquiry ranges from physical and mathematical models to more familiar explanatory metaphors, then on to the dramatic contributions of recent technological developments.

In **The Restless Universe** (209pp Hb \$65.00), Eric Schlegel looks at the incredible amount of data being sent back to Earth from the two new X-ray observatories Chandra and Newton. He also provides the background necessary for anyone wanting to follow the exciting field of X-ray astronomy, and looks at the relatively brief history of the field, the hardware used to detect X-rays, the satellites that have been (or will be) flown to collect data, the insights into the universe we have already learnt, as well as speculations about future discoveries. *Dave*

## The Most Promising Companies in Australia

CORPORATE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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This second edition provides fascinating insights into some of Australia's most innovative enterprises and explains the strategies that have positioned them to be the winners of the future. Based on objective assessment criteria and the nominations of a team of highly respected business journalists, over 500 companies were initially screened to determine which companies displayed the necessary attributes to be deemed our most promising companies. These attributes included innovative business processes, strong customer and market focus, highly developed performance culture, commitment to people development, as well as innovation and creativity. It is a suitable and useful resource for business leaders, investors, managers and students.

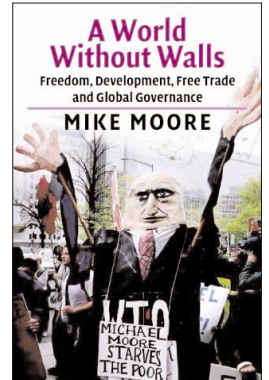
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Mike MOORE

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Mike Moore's reflection on his time as Director-General of the World Trade Organisation is an important addition to the great globalisation debate. Moore explains how he left school at 14 to work in a slaughterhouse, then came to head an organisation charged with bringing rules and order to the world's trading system. Arriving at the WTO shortly before the ill-fated Seattle meeting, he sought to reform the organisation, addressing the concerns of poorer countries and engaging in open debate with the often hostile Non-Government Organisations. He is proud of the outcome of the Doha meeting in November 2001 which secured commitment to a new round of trade talks with a focus on development. He rebuts the attacks against the WTO, arguing that the WTO's promise of rules-based free trade offers the best hope for lifting millions of the world's poorest citizens out of poverty.



## Corporate Collapse

Accounting, Regulatory and Ethical Failure

Frank CLARKE, Graeme DEAN & Kyle OLIVER

344pp Pb \$39.95

The second edition of this provocative book tells why accounting has failed to deliver the truth about a company's state of affairs or to give warning of its drift towards failure. By studying a number of well-known cases of corporate collapse from the 1960s to the present day, including Ansett and HIH, the authors observe that little has changed. They balance broad interpretations and recommendations for reform with fine detail of particular cases, such as the recent One-Tel collapse, insightful analysis of contemporary practices and dissection of the pervading commercial rhetoric. This book shows that the cult of the individual in media coverage has masked serious endemic problems in the system of reporting financial information. *due April*

## Naked at Work

Paul HELLMAN

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From "I bet I'm about to be fired" to "Do I have any spinach caught between my teeth?", thousands of work-related thoughts race through our minds every day. This unique new book examines our stressed-out office life with easily recognisable (and hilariously funny) anxieties and absurdities, and - best of all - offers practical advice for staying sane on the job.

## Don't Get Ripped Off

A Consumer's Guide to the Law

Charles BIRCH

254pp Pb \$24.95

At last, an Australian guide to consumer rights. This book looks at how consumers can protect themselves before a problem arises, resolve issues with a minimum of fuss and enforce their rights through the small claims process. Also included are lots of useful and current contacts and addresses.

## World Book Day

On Wednesday 23 April, to celebrate the birth of Cervantes (and the birth and death of Shakespeare), we will be giving a 10% discount on any Spanish or Shakespeare-related title to personal customers who buy in-store. That means fiction, history, plays, language learning books... the lot. So if you can see a reasonable connection to Spain or Shakespeare, we'll take 10% off the price. Previously World Book Day, this day is now nameless, but Abbey's still remembers it.



We have an extensive Shakespeare section. Some good biographies are: **William Shakespeare: An Illustrated Biography** by Anthony Holden (Hb \$65.00) and **Shakespeare for all Time** by Stanley Wells (Hb \$75.00). Don't forget that the 10% discount also applies to tapes, study aids, plays and CDs in these areas.

## The Book of the Heart

Louisa YOUNG

478pp Hb \$39.95

This intriguing and lovely book is divided into four parts (like the heart): The Physical Heart, The Religious Heart, The Heart in Art and The Written Heart. The first part covers, amongst other things, anatomy and the history of ideas about how the heart works, weaknesses of the heart and disease, surgery and transplants and other animals' hearts - the heart as the seat of life. The second has the Bleeding Heart of Christ, pagan sacrifice, saints' attributes, the heart in Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism - the heart as the seat of the soul. The third looks at votive art, the 'heart/fruit thing', sublimated visual hearts, kitsch, advertising and logos, cartoons - the heart as visual symbol. The fourth looks at expressions of love in literature, from the Greeks' musings on Eros and Agape via myths and legends and the invention of courtly romance to the romantic novel and song lyrics - the heart in writing. It is a study to nourish the heart and soul. It is not only a pivotal history, it might actually change your life.

*Shelley*

## Images of Myth in Classical Antiquity

Susan WOODFORD

368pp Pb \$59.95

Myth was the single most popular source for picture making in antiquity. Greek and Roman artists faced a number of challenges in conveying stories in static images. This book explores the ways that classical artists portrayed a variety of myths. It explains how formulas were devised for certain stories, how new forms were created to reflect changes in interpretations, what links exist between myths depicted with daily life and historical propaganda and the influence of changing taste. Illustrated with examples from a wide range of media, this book strikes a balance between serious scholarly research and accessible, non-technical presentation, offering a fresh approach to Greek and Roman mythological illustration.

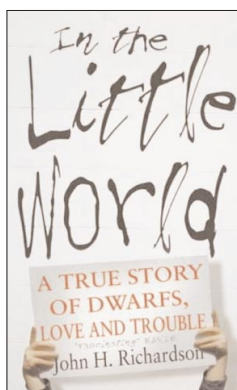
## In the Little World

### A True Story of Dwarfs, Love and Trouble

John RICHARDSON

257pp Tp \$29.95

Richardson, a 'tall' person, has always been fascinated by the dwarf world and, in the course of researching a piece for *Esquire* magazine, came to realise he was doing much more than simply documenting the lives of a few quirky characters. He was entering another world, a sub-culture that has long been the subject of a peculiar fascination to many people, but much misunderstood. As he says, "Dwarfs are like us but more so, as if the process of distilling humanity to fit their size also made it stronger." At the centre of the book is Dr Steven Kopits of Johns Hopkins University, a doctor who has dedicated his life to the treatment of dwarfs and has been shunned by the medical community as a result. Dr Kopits has offered Richardson complete access to himself and his patients and the heart of the book tells the love story of two dwarfs, Michael and Meredith. By weaving these threads together, Richardson, the tall outsider entering this 'little' world, aims to redefine the way we look at dwarfs, at others who live on the margins of society and, ultimately, at ourselves.



## Oxford Composer Companions

J S Bach

Malcolm BOYD (editor)

656pp Pb \$75.00

As well as a resource for scholars, students and performers, this book is intended for all Bach and Baroque-music enthusiasts. With more than 900 entries, supplemented by illustrations and music examples and written by more than 40 distinguished contributors, it brings together a wealth of information on one of the greatest composers ever. It offers detailed information about Bach's life - his family, friends, colleagues and pupils, his career as a performer, teacher and composer - and about the historical, cultural, religious and musical context in which he worked. Individual works are treated at length, as are the genres and conventions from which they grew, as well as scoring, instrumentation and performance practice from Bach's day to the present. The book also covers the impact Bach's music has had since his death, his growing reputation, famous interpreters of his music, the composers who have been influenced by him and the festivals devoted to him.

*due April*

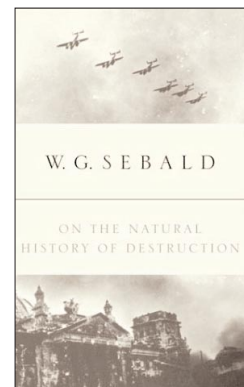
## On the Natural History of Destruction

W G SEBALD (Anthea BELL Translator)

224pp Hb \$39.95

This title examines the reasons why post-war German writers have remained (strangely) silent about the destruction and horrors of the Allied bombing raids of their cities and towns during WWII. It combines survivor accounts from Cologne and Dresden among others - over seven million people were left homeless as the result of these raids! - with meditations on memory and cruelty. Sebald also discusses the work of Peter Weiss, Jean Amery and Alfred Andersch. This long-awaited translation into English is a landmark study of the German literati's response to a deliberately forgotten topic.

*Cara*



## Even as We Speak

Clive JAMES

400pp Pb \$22.00

Effervescent, energetic and eclectic, this is one of the late 20th century's finest minds (and bellies) on show. This illuminating and hilarious collection of essays, focuses on Australian poetry, on television today, on the rise and fall of various icons, on the question of the culpability of the ordinary German in the Holocaust and there is a provocative and much-talked about piece on the death of Diana.

## The World Guide

### An Alternative Reference to the Countries of our Planet 2003/2004

THIRD WORLD INSTITUTE (TWI)

628pp Lp \$99.95

This guide provides a wealth of information on the countries of the world from a refreshingly different perspective. Drawing on United Nations and other mainstream data, it includes all the facts, history, political and economic analysis you would find in a conventional reference work, but in addition offers information on the issues central to the lives of people in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. It is written and produced by the TWI in Uruguay using research from across the countries of the southern hemisphere. Key features include: Updated information on 238 countries, including new or expanded entries on 20 smaller states such as Andorra, San Marino and many island nations, plus full entries for Palestine, East Timor, Western Sahara and West Papua; a completely new set of 25 reports on global issues, such as terrorism, HIV/AIDS, global warming, slavery, democracy and Islam; 27 tables giving factual information on food, education, population, women's role in government, debt, employment and habitat; updated data and statistics on child health, literacy, clean water, land use, public expenditure and other issues.

## Looking forward...

We are looking forward to some exciting titles to be released in May. Lindy says the new Margaret Atwood, **Oryx and Crake** (Hb \$45.00), is fantastic. Don DeLillo also has a new book **Cosmopolis**. Set in Manhattan, we follow a stunningly eventful day in the life of Eric Packer, a multi-billionaire and a decommissioned nuclear bomber who has recently married the heiress of a vast European fortune. Tariq Ali's **The Clash of Fundamentalisms** was enormously popular in hardback and an updated paperback edition is due next month with a new section on Bali. Details and full reviews next month.

## Looking back...

These are some titles we may have missed, or reviewed already and are currently being enjoyed by our staff: Adrian recommends **That They May Face the Rising Sun** by John McGahern (Pb \$22.95) "Seductive, poetic, pastoral". Michelle recommends **Pattern Recognition** by William Gibson (Tp \$29.95). "A genre-crossing and dazzlingly clever work." Former UN Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter's little book **War on Iraq: What Team Bush Doesn't Want You to Know** (Pb \$9.95) is remarkably good. Only 78 pages, but it gets right to the point. I read this after customers who had bought it came back to buy three or four more to give to friends. Norma Khouri's memoir of her friend Dalia, stabbed 12 times by her own father for having a platonic relationship with a Catholic man, **Forbidden Love** (Tp \$29.95), has been criticised as being subjective and negative, but I found it brave and compelling. I have learned more about life in a Muslim society and Islamic customs and rituals from Khouri than from many histories of Islam.

*Ann*

When I was putting John Baxter's book **A Pound of Paper** (\$45 Hb 417pp) on the new titles shelf, I was surprised to find another book about book collecting right beside it. This was **Among the Gently Mad: Strategies and Perspectives for the Book Hunter in the 21st Century** by Nicholas Basbanes (\$55.00 Hb 250pp). Now Baxter is the sort of collector who is happiest trolling through street markets and making a deal, while I suspect Basbanes prefers catalogues and conversation. A more urbane collector, shall we say? Nonetheless, his book has probably more practical advice and less adventures, with more talk about other people's collections, good websites, etc. Baxter's book, by the way, has some nice lists in the back. Some people like to start their hobby by collecting a particular list such as Cyril Connolly's 100 Key Books of the Modern Movement or the list compiled by Antony Burgess or even a collection of all the Booker Prize winners. Baxter, true to his inclinations, also provides what is known as the Queen's Quorum (as in Ellery Queen) - novels of detection and mystery. Both the original list and the revised list. Some of our crime aficionados might like to check their own collections against this.

It took only a short time to read and enjoy a little novella by Sophie Dahl, the gorgeous model, who has a nice light touch, just like her famous grandfather Roald Dahl. It is **The Man with the Dancing Eyes** (\$29.95 Hb) and has illustrations throughout by Annie Morris, which are very much part of the enjoyment of the book. A romantic gift for someone. While mentioning Roald Dahl, don't forget that all his wonderful books for young people are always on the shelf in the Children's section upstairs. I think my favourite is **The BFG** (for Big Friendly Giant) (\$13.95 Pb), which is certainly clever enough to entertain grownups.

Travellers in Spain, either in the past or to come, will be interested in two books I've read recently. First, Miranda France's **Don Quixote's Delusions: Travels in Castilian Spain** (\$22.95 Pb). The author spent a lot of time studying in Spain and later returned to check out her memories and impressions. She has an acute eye for describing both the land and the character of the people, but this book has an extra dimension because she is also studying, in depth, Cervantes' novel, **Don Quixote**. So maybe we should keep it in Literary Criticism? Miranda France wrote an admiring review in *The Spectator* of **Duende: A Journey in Search of Flamenco** (\$42.95 Hb 292pp) by Jason Webster. This is also a cross-over book. Is it Biography or is it Travel? Liken it to that classic tale from Laurie Lee, **As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning** (\$16.35 Pb), which you will find in our Biography shelves, the adventures of a young man leaving home in the 1930s and walking across Spain with his violin for company. Webster is older, and should have been wiser, than Laurie Lee because he already had an Oxford degree in Arabic Studies, but he is obsessed with flamenco music and goes out on a limb to experience 'duende', that intense moment when the dance and the music captures both the performer and the watcher. The epilogue says he is back in Spain, so we can expect a sequel.

Some weeks ago I read an advance copy of an excellent novel by Melbourne writer Judith Armstrong. It is called **The French Tutor** (\$28 Pb 301pp), a love story and psychological puzzle. The heroine is a French translator who loves roses, especially the Albertine. In fact, the opening line is "Albertine is an exquisite rose, but her name signifies the unbearable: the likelihood that you are being deceived." Emily King, the French Tutor of the title, is no innocent when she returns to Melbourne after study in Paris and Oxford, but is at a loss as to how to make use of her language skill. She starts new research and partly funds this with

her job as a French tutor, but the story mostly concerns her ambiguous relationship with an older, charming and elusive academic. If you like Marion Halligan's stories, you'll like this excellent novel.

Her frequent references to Proust reminded me that I should remind you of the completely new edition of **In Search of Lost Time**. To read Proust is an ambition many people cherish. (I wonder if there are more in this category of people than in the one that intends to read **War and Peace**?) With the arrival of this new Allen Lane edition, perhaps some people might even start this story again? The new volumes are in hardback, a nice size, clear print and a good price at \$35 per volume, which is \$210 for all six volumes. This compares to \$24.95 each, or a total of \$149.70, for the paperback Vintage Classic editions, (although Volume 6 in Vintage also has Terence Kilmartin's 136-page Guide to Proust - characters, places and themes). There is also a 4-volume slipcased set in Everyman Hardback for \$214.95 in the Kilmartin translation. Followers will already know that C K Scott Moncrieff was the original translator and his translation was further revised by Terence Kilmartin. In 1989, the Bibliotheque de la Pleiade published a new definitive text of Proust's work, after which the wonderful D J Enright made further revisions to the Kilmartin version. This is the edition you will find in Vintage Classics. (Penguin published the previous Kilmartin edition). Now each volume has a different translator (and Volume 5 has two translators), but there is a supervising editor, Christopher Prendergast. We have yet to hear back if and how the translations vary from volume to volume. Time will also tell what name will be applied to this effort. Will it be the Prendergast? The Allen Lane? No matter! There are hours and days and nights of pleasure ahead as you work your way through probably the greatest novel of the 20th century.

For your further amusement, let me remind you of Alain de Botton's **How Proust Can Change Your Life** (\$21 Pb 214pp), as well as some biographies of Proust, my favourite of which is the one by Edmund White because it is nice and short! (\$19.95 Pb 149pp), but there is also **Marcel Proust: A Life** by William Carter (\$56 Pb 946pp incl index).

There is even another addition to the supplementary list! **Madame Proust and the Kosher Kitchen** (\$39.95 Hb 414pp), a novel set in Paris in 1942 at the height of the Dreyfus Affair and in present day Canada. The criss-cross lives of three women, not unlike *The Hours*?

If you are one of the many people who like novels set in India, written by Indians, I can recommend to you David Davida's **The House of Blue Mangoes** (\$21 Pb 481pp). A wonderful family saga which begins in the last year of the 19th century in southern India and follows three generations of village people involved in the history of India up to 1946. Davida is head of Penguin Books in India. This is his first novel and is not only a great read but also full of information. I was interested to see in his bibliography that he quotes James Morris' trilogy **Pax Britannica, Heavens Command and Farewell the Trumpets** (\$28 each, shelved in British History) as still the best account of the Raj and Lawrence James' **The Raj** (\$32 Pb, in Modern Indian History) as a good, single-volume account.

Do you remember to look in the section in *Abbey's Advocate* headed 'Now in Paperback'? It's a good way to check for a cheaper edition of a book you were interested in some time ago. Let me remind you of Mary Lovell's **The Mitford Girls** (\$26 now in paperback 611pp incl index). You may think you already know enough about the inimitable Mitford Girls - Nancy, Jessica, Diana, Unity, Decca and Debo - but I assure you that this book is a gem. Interesting lives

recounted with panache. Lovell is also the author of **A Scandalous Life** (\$26 Pb), the story of an aristocratic English Lady who ran away with lots of men, but ended up married to a Bedouin sheikh. A story that would also apply to Nancy Mitford's relation, the one who was known as 'the bolter'. A friend tells me she gives this book to all her friends when they turn 40!

Thinking of re-issues at a cheaper price, I notice a single volume edition of Cormac McCarthy's **Border Trilogy** (\$25 Pb 1,037 pp). This includes **All the Pretty Horses, The Crossing and Cities of the Plain** (\$21 each). These books are the ultimate evocation of the American Frontier. Not to be missed.

I read an advance copy some time ago of a novel translated from the Italian by a young writer who has received good reviews and who will be at this year's Sydney Writers' Festival. I do recommend it to you. **I'm Not Scared** by Niccolò Ammaniti (\$23 Pb 215pp) is about the events in a tiny village in southern India where one hot, hot summer the five children scouring the countryside on their bikes stumble upon a human tragedy inexplicable to them. Are their parents involved in this? Where do their loyalties lie? And are they really in danger? Although told in the voice of the rather frightened nine-year-old, this is not a childish book.

I've had a look at an important book recently published by St Ermin's Press, although written in 1945-7. It is William Mackenzie's **The Secret History of the SOE: Special Operations Executive 1940-45** (\$39.95 Pb 814pp incl index). This is, in effect, the in-house history of one of Britain's undercover organisations, so secret that it was not allowed to be published until more than 50 years after the events. It is now an important book for historians of this last century. There are some ex-SOE people still around who will want to have this. Find it in 20th Century History if it is no longer on the ziggurat (that's the island of big stacks at the front of the shop).

We are selling quite a few copies of a book with a gorgeous cover and a gorgeous title **La Diva Nicotina: The Story of How Tobacco Seduced the World** by Iain Gately (\$22.95 Pb 403pp incl index). The author is a smoker and I'm not quite sure whether smokers or ex-smokers are buying this fascinating book, which begins in Mayan civilisation and ends in Outer Space.

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*Eve*

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### The Bohemians: The Birth of Modern Art: Paris 1900-1930

by Dan Franck (Pb \$27.95)  
Franck takes us on a tour of Montmartre and Montparnasse, successive hotbeds of creativity, and shows us how the artists' pursuit of decadence was transposed into their works, infusing them with the beauty and emotion that are the cornerstones of all great art.

### The Road to Verdun

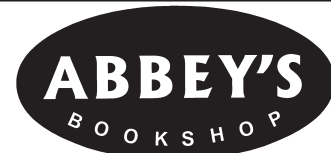
by Ian Ousby \$30.00  
Verdun was the largest, longest and bloodiest battle between the French and Germans in WWI, lasting from February 1916 until the end of that year and claiming more than 700,000 casualties. For the French in particular, it was always more than just a battle, being rather (in Paul Valery's words) "a complete war in itself, inserted in the Great War". This book gives a vivid, insightful account of the generals' planning and the troops' suffering. It challenges the narrow horizons of military history by locating the experience of Verdun in how the French thought about themselves, their nation and their relations with their eastern neighbour. Verdun emerges as the mid-point in the cycle of Franco-German hostility, carrying both the burden of history and the seeds of the future.

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