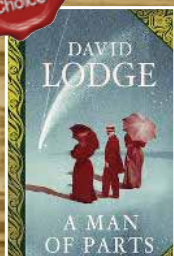


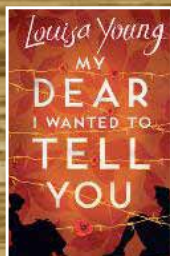


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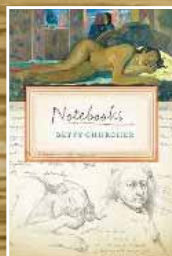
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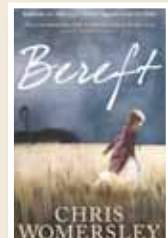


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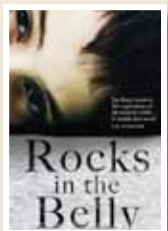
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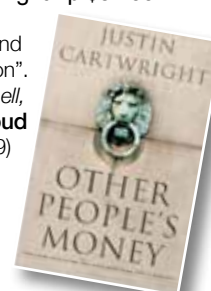


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What if the man you loved betrayed your brother? 2,000 years ago, while a young Jewish preacher from Nazareth was gathering followers among the people of Galilee, his sister swept floors and dreamed of learning to read. In this story, it is the women of Nazareth who take centre stage. The rebellious, gifted Rachael, consigned by her sex to a life of drudgery; Bindy, the crone who teaches her the skills of the healer; Shona, her sister, the victim of a harsh social code; and their mother Miriam, a woman seemingly unable to love. When Rachael falls in love with her brother's dearest friend, the rebel Judah of Iscariot, it seems that at least one of the women of Nazareth may find happiness.



The Second Son

Jonathan Rabb

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On the Eve of Hitler's Olympics, Chief Inspector Nikolai Hoffner is forced out of the Kriminalpolizei because he is a half Jew. Hoffner is not surprised given the rise of Nazism, and anyway his focus is elsewhere. His son Georg is missing in Spain, swept up in the sudden outbreak of the civil war. He has already lost Sascha, his elder son, to the Nazi regime. But Georg is not what he appears to be, and when Hoffner discovers this, he is determined to save the one son he can.



The Secret Fate of Mary Watson

Judy Johnson

464pp Tp \$32.99

1879, Queensland. Fleeing her family home, 19-year-old Mary Oxnam has few prospects and no connections. Plain and penniless, she must rely on her audacious wit and fierce intelligence to survive. She soon finds work as a pianist in a Cooktown brothel, a cover for more lucrative employment as a spy into smuggling operations. Within a year she has moved to Lizard Island, locked into a marriage of convenience. It's a rough, isolated place, crawling with hidden enemies - and unexpected temptation.



A Man of Parts

David Lodge

576pp Tp \$32.99 \$27.95

In Lodge's new novel, HG Wells, unwell and aged, reflects upon his place in the world. Feeling abandoned by his readers, Wells recalls his past relationships - with other writers, with political fellow travellers and especially with women. His rather "free" view of love is at the centre of these events and the cause of his adventures and self doubts. Lodge's skill is to make Wells no merely bland man of contradictions but one whose experience and views put him at odds with the world and, at times, himself. As you'd expect from the always enjoyable Lodge (Therapy \$22.95, Deaf Sentence \$24.95 and many more) this very well written, comic, thoughtful and wonderfully entertaining. *Adrian*



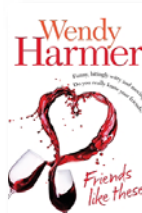
New hardcover editions of H G Wells' novels are now available at \$22.99: **Kipps**, **Tono-Bungay**, **Love and Mr Lewisham** and **Ann Veronica**.

Friends Like These

Wendy Harmer

488pp Tp \$32.99

Greed, fraud, betrayal and resurrection - this is a search for something to believe in. A search that takes us to a baby naming, a same-sex wedding and a funeral - all performed by Jo Blanchard, newly trained civil celebrant. A recently single, 45-year-old mother of two, she is the former deputy headmistress of Sydney's most exclusive private girls' school. A year ago, she was forced to abandon her post in a scandal that had all the social set talking. In fact, they're still talking. Jo is moving on, but with friends like hers, maybe leaving them behind is her only option.

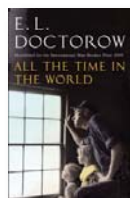


All the Time in the World

E L Doctorow

272pp Tp \$29.99

A wedge is driven between a husband and wife when a mysterious stranger arrives, claiming to have grown up in their home. After agreeing to marry a beautiful, headstrong Russian immigrant in exchange for a promotion, a bus boy turned waiter finds himself entangled in a web of organised crime. A strange confluence of circumstances at the end of an ordinary work day causes a man to go off the grid, living off what he can forage in the same affluent suburb where he once lived comfortably with his family. These stories are resonant with the mystery, tension, beauty and insight that distinguish Doctorow's novels.



Those Who Come After

Elisabeth Holdsworth 352pp Pb \$29.99

Juliana Stolburg was a pretty child, but small. She would collect sounds and mimic them: the hollow clip-clop of horses' hooves on cobblestones, the growl of Papa's motorbike. Papa was a hero of the Resistance. His long leather coat smelled of tobacco, gin and the sea. Mama returned from the death camp at Dachau carrying a cardboard suitcase the Americans gave her. Leaving their grand estates behind, the family sail to Australia. The buildings there are so new. But the sky is high. And there is a strange man, Philly. Juliana has a knack for languages and becomes a diplomat. She travels the world. At the end of her career, against the backdrop of drought and a crumbling marriage, she tells of what happened after the war. For herself, yes, and for all those who come after.

The Pale King

David Foster Wallace

576 pp Hb \$39.95

The agents at the IRS Regional Examination Center in Peoria, Illinois, appear ordinary enough to newly-arrived trainee David Foster Wallace. But as he immerses himself in a routine so tedious and repetitive that new employees receive boredom survival training, he learns of the extraordinary variety of personalities drawn to this strange calling. And he has arrived at a moment when forces within the IRS are plotting to eliminate even what little humanity and dignity the work still has. This novel remained unfinished at the time of Wallace's death, but it is as intriguing, hilarious and original as anything he ever undertook. It grapples directly with ultimate questions of life's meaning and the value of work and family.



When God was a Rabbit

Sarah Winman

336pp Pb \$29.99

Personally I found last year's fiction very disappointing, but this year there are some wonderful novels and this is one of them. When I got to the end of the book, I immediately went back and re-read it with as much delight as the first time! Elly is a precocious child, due more to her brother Joe's influence than anything her eccentric parents do. At school she has one friend, Jenny Penny, a wild-haired oddity of a child with peculiar talents. She also has a rabbit (who sometimes talks to her), a madly endearing famous actress lesbian aunt and a secret only her brother knows. When her father wins the pools and relocates the family to Cornwall, life becomes even more interesting. A book about love, what makes family, and friends. Every character, no matter how minor, is fully drawn; the writing is sparkling and fresh; there are moments of deep poignancy and others of comic brilliance. Not to be missed - really! *Lindy*



Pigeon English

Stephen Kelman

288pp Tp \$29.99

Newly arrived from Ghana with his mother and older sister, 11-year-old Harrison Opoku lives on the ninth floor of a block of flats on an inner-city housing estate. The second best runner in the whole of Year 7, Harri races through his new life in his 'personalised trainers' - the Adidas stripes drawn on with marker pen - blissfully unaware of the very real threat all around him. With equal fascination for the local gang - the Dell Farm Crew - and the pigeon who visits his balcony, he absorbs the many strange elements of his new life in England: watching, listening and learning the tricks of inner-city survival. But when a boy is knifed to death on the high street and a police appeal for witnesses draws only silence, he decides to start a murder investigation of his own. In doing so, he unwittingly endangers the fragile web his mother has spun around her family to try to keep them safe.



The Tiger's Wife

Tea Obreht

352pp Pb \$29.99

In an unnamed country, one with deep similarities to somewhere once contained by Yugoslavia, Natalia learns that her grandfather, a once respected doctor and surgeon, has died in a town no-one knew he was visiting. Being a doctor herself and engaged in a mission to an orphanage nearby, she sets off to find out why. She suspects it has to do with the Deathless Man, someone he kept meeting at pivotal moments in his life. As she tries to find out, the narrative is interspersed with scenes from her grandfather's childhood, in a remote village where superstition ruled. In the war, an escaped tiger had found his way there, and the deaf-mute wife of the local butcher had made a connection with both the beast, and the young boy. A very promising debut with some wonderful imagery, from the youngest ever author to make the *New Yorker's* Top 20 Writers Under 40. *Lindy*



Half of the Human Race

Anthony Quinn

349pp Tp \$32.95

One of the most intriguing periods of history for me is pre-WWI and novels set in that time always pique my interest. This one in particular is a very fine example of the genre! Constance Callaway is a middle-class girl whose beloved father has encouraged her to read and think widely, and to follow her ambition to be a doctor. When he dies suddenly and is found to be bankrupt, she is forced to abandon her studies and work in a bookshop instead. She meets Will Maitland, an up-and-coming cricketer, and they are attracted to each other, but as a man of his class, he has set ideas about how women should behave - something that Connie, as a sympathiser to the suffragette cause, is violently in disagreement with. When she chooses to go to gaol for her principles, their relationship is severed. Then WWI begins and Will is forced to wonder what his principles are, in the trenches of France... A compelling, finely written and historically accurate novel. Highly recommended. *Lindy*



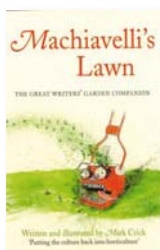
Machiavelli's Lawn

The Great Writers' Garden Companion

Mark Crick (Ed)

144pp Hb \$24.99

This brilliant literary pastiche from the author of Kafka's Soup (Pb \$16.95) puts the 'culture' back into 'horticulture'. 12 great authors offer their top tips on gardening, from Sylvia Plath's struggles with autumn bulbs, to J D Salinger's helpful hints on growing from seed. In Cormac McCarthy's hands, a landowner's trip to the potting shed becomes a rite of passage from which he will return transformed. Zola's striking miner finds life on the allotment more brutal and short than anything he imagined at the coal face. Carver's antihero plants up a neglected hanging basket in a doomed attempt to repair his relationship with his wife. And Wodehouse's hero, anticipating a visit from his aunt, realises that the right choice of house plant may well save him from the ignominy of marriage.

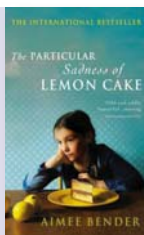


The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake

Aimee Bender

304pp Pb \$29.95

On her 9th birthday, Rose discovers she can taste emotions in anything she eats. Her cheerful mother is revealed - through the agency of a chocolate lemon cake - to be full of despair. Her father, a scientist, is detached; but her older brother, a strange, probably undiagnosed Asperger's person, is the real worry with his unexplained mental and physical absences. Rose is too young to know the things she learns from eating, and this in turn fuels a true aversion to food that anyone has touched. Even then, she can taste the emotions of the people who grew or harvested the food sources. An inventive tale, where the strangeness of Rose's family life and 'gift' actually does not seem so fanciful. *Lindy*



The Paris Wife

Paula McLain

400pp Pb \$29.99

This is another favourite novel for me so far this year. It is about Ernest Hemingway's first wife, his Paris wife, Hadley Richardson. Swept off her feet by the younger Hemingway, they marry in 1920. Escaping their respective (and respectable) families, they manage to go overseas hoping it will be both cheaper to live, and closer to the artistic heart of post-war culture. It isn't long before they are part of the ex-pat society, living, loving and drinking to the full. As Ernest struggles to find his literary voice, and experience as much as he can, Hadley fights to keep up, particularly when their son is born and it becomes increasingly apparent that having a family and stability is not what Ernest wants. A believable voice of quiet intensity and some desperation, this book appealed highly (and I'm not even much of a Hemingway fan - so getting me to feel some sympathy for the man is a great feat indeed!) *Lindy*



Little People

Jane Sullivan

352pp Tp \$32.95

When Mary Ann, an impoverished governess, rescues a child from the Yarra River, she sets in motion a chain of events that she could never have foreseen. It is not a child she has saved but General Tom Thumb, star of a celebrated troupe of midgets on their 1870 tour of Australia. From the enchanting Queen of Beauty, Lavinia Stratton, to the brilliant pianist Franz Richardson, it seems Mary Ann has fallen in among friends. She soon discovers, however, that relationships within the troupe and its entourage are far from harmonious. Jealousy is rife and there are secrets aplenty: even Mary Ann has one of her own. Relief gradually turns to fear as she realises she may be a pawn in a game more dangerous than she imagined...



My Dear I Wanted to Tell You

Louisa Young

336pp Tp \$32.99 \$27.95

There are many excellent novels on WWI, and this one should join them! Riley Purefoy is working class, bright and eager to improve himself. Coming to the notice of a famous artist, he forms a friendship with Nadine Waveney, whose parents are rich, artistic bohemians. He is sure of his place in her world, until her mother's prejudices force him to the impetuous act of signing up to fight in the war that should be finished by Christmas. In the trenches of France, he forms relationships, most notably with his commanding officer, Peter Locke. Peter's beautiful wife Julia and his sister Rose, a nurse with no hopes of marriage, wait for him to return. Nadine, defying parents and social expectations, volunteers to nurse in France, and waits for Riley. I can't say much more without spoiling the story but characterisation is pitch-perfect, descriptions of class and prejudices ring true, and the appalling nature of the new way of warfare, and the de-humanising of the soldiers is clearly caught. As well, the effects of the people back home are well portrayed, and the awfulness of not understanding what their loved ones are going through - all this is captured in a clean and sparse narrative style, vividly distinctive and flowing easily. One of the very best books I've read about the war, I can't recommend it highly enough! *Lindy*



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REVIEWED BY LINDY JONES



The Golden Day

Ursula Dubosarsky

150pp Pb \$19.99

This lovely, haunting tale starts in the year that "began with the hanging of one man, and the drowning of another." 11 little girls at a Sydney private school have a romantic teacher, Miss Renshaw, who often takes them into the park beside the school. They all know it is because she wants to see Morgan, the gardener; but it is their secret and not to be shared. One day though, Miss Renshaw takes them along the shoreline to a hidden cave where Morgan is to show them some paintings; in fright, the girls flee the cave but the adults are never seen again. Inevitably this will be compared to Picnic at Hanging Rock (Pb \$9.95) but the similarities are superficial and the ending is more satisfying while no less open to interpretation. The sort of book any thoughtful reader 12+ should read.



Into the Unknown

Stewart Ross & Stephen Biesty

90pp Hb \$39.95

14 journeys, ranging from Pytheas the Greek sailing to the Arctic Circle, Marco Polo on the Silk Road, Capt Cook in the Pacific, or Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landing on the moon, are detailed here. Each chapter has at least six pages of interesting text, with a handful of drawings and maps, and then a lovely fold-out page of Biesty's trademark intricate cutaway illustrations of the ships, airships, equipment or route maps as appropriate. The dustjacket folds out to a poster of the world. Hours of entertainment for any reader 8 upwards!



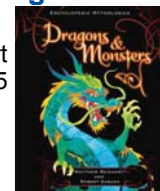
Encyclopedia Mythologica

Dragons and Monsters

Matthew Reinhart & Robert Sabuda

12pp Hb \$39.95

Another glorious paper-engineering masterpiece from the top proponents of the art, this time concerned with the fearsome beasts of mythology: Medusa, dragons oriental and occidental, kraken, vampire and yeti being the main pop-up monsters. Of course on each opening are more interactive segments, so that a foldout might contain two more pop-ups, and extra information. Colourful, intricate and amazing, one for the collectors (or very careful child!).



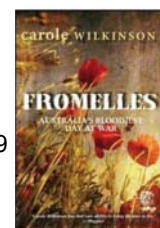
Fromelles

Australia's Bloodiest Day at War

Carole WILKINSON

182pp Pb \$18.99

Part of a series, which explains various conflicts Australians have been involved in, this well-researched and -written book details the Battle of Fromelles 19 July 1916. With more than 5,000 casualties in one day - more than we lost in the Boer, Korean and Vietnam wars put together - it is an important story. Set in context of the war and times, with quotes, facts and photographs and illustrations, and with a fictionalised story of one boy who fought at Fromelles for extra interest, this is history engagingly presented. Ages 12+ Some others in the series: The Long Patrol: Australia and East Timor's Wars, Fly a Rebel Flag: The Battle at Eureka and Black Snake: The Daring of Ned Kelly (all Pb \$18.99).





Both Sides of the Wire

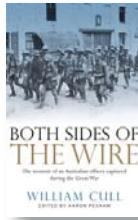
The Memoir of an Australian Officer Captured During the Great War

William Cull

Aaron Pegram (editor)

256pp Pb \$27.99

Captain William Cull fought the First World War from both sides of the wire. Initially from the Allied side on the Western Front where, as a young infantry officer, he frequently led patrols out into No Man's Land and raids on the German trenches. He took part in bitter fighting on the Somme at Pozieres, and in February 1917 was severely wounded in a futile attack on the German trenches at Gueduecourt, where he was taken prisoner by the Germans. Having survived the ordeal of battle, Cull spent the remainder of the war on the German side of the wire. The first half of the book is an action-packed account of his war on the Western Front in the months leading up to his capture. The second half is a candid portrayal of his experiences as a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. He endured many months of agony as he recovered in prison camps in occupied France and Germany - in spite of German doctors' early predictions that he would not survive his first night in captivity.



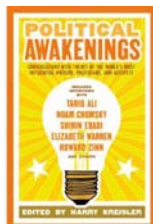
Political Awakenings

Conversations with History

Harry Kreisler (editor)

304pp Pb \$29.95

As a kid, Noam Chomsky handed out the *Daily Mirror* at his uncle's newsstand on 72nd Street, inadvertently finding himself in a buzzing intellectual and political hub for European immigrants in New York. Iranian human rights Nobel Prize-winner Shirin Ebadi and her husband signed their own legal contract, attempting to restore equality to their marriage after the Iranian Revolution effectively erased the legal rights of women. Discover what it was that prompted luminaries such as Tariq Ali, Noam Chomsky, Daniel Ellsberg, Kenzaburo Oe, Michael Pollan, Albie Sachs, Oliver Stone, Elizabeth Warren and Howard Zinn to become indefatigable voices fighting for social equity.



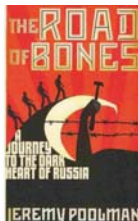
The Road of Bones

A Journey to the Dark Heart of Russia

Jeremy Poolman

352pp Hb \$35.00

For over 200 years, the route of the Vladimirk Road has been at the centre of Russia's history, having witnessed everything from the first human footsteps to the rise of Putin and his oil-rich oligarchy. Tsars, wars, famine and wealth: all have crossed and travelled this road, but no-one has ever told its story. In pursuit of the sights, sounds and voices both past and present, Poolman travels the Vladimirk. He looks into the hearts and reveals the histories of those whose lives have been changed by what is known by many as simply 'The Greatest of Roads'. The book takes as its compass both the voices of history and those of today, drawing a map of the cities and steppes of the Russian people's battered, but ultimately indefatigable, spirit.



Wolfram

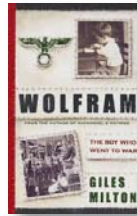
The Boy Who Went to War

Giles Milton

320pp

Tp \$35.00

The Allied bombers screamed in from the sea, spilling hundreds of shells onto the troops below. As the air filled with exploding shrapnel, one young German soldier flung himself into a ditch and prayed that his ordeal would soon be over. Wolfram Aichele was nine years old when Hitler came to power: his formative years were spent in the shadow of the Third Reich. He and his parents - free-thinking artists - were to have firsthand experience of living under one of the most brutal regimes in history. This book overturns all the clichés about life under Hitler. It is a powerful story of warfare and human survival and a reminder that civilians on all sides suffered the consequences of Hitler's war. It is also an eloquent testimony to the fact that even in times of exceptional darkness, there remains a brilliant spark of humanity that can never be totally extinguished.



Koestler

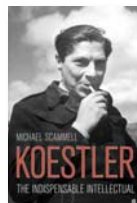
The Indispensable Intellectual

Michael Scammell

720pp

Tp \$32.99

Best known as the author of the classic *Darkness at Noon* (Pb \$12.95), Koestler was one of the most influential and controversial intellectuals, involved in and commenting on almost every political movement of the 20th century. As young man, he was a committed Zionist and moved to Palestine; he was imprisoned and sentenced to death in Franco's Spain; escaped Occupied France; and was a member of the Communist Party for seven years, later becoming one of its fiercest critics. Without sentimentality, Scammell gives a full account of Koestler's turbulent private life: his drug use, manic depression, the frenetic womanizing that doomed his three marriages and led to an accusation of rape, and his startling suicide pact with his wife in 1983. An indelible portrait of this brilliant, unpredictable and talented writer - once memorably described as "one-third blackguard, one-third lunatic and one-third genius".



The Good Daughter

A Memoir of My Mother's Hidden Life

Jasmin Darznik

336pp

Tp \$32.95

One day shortly after her father's death, when Jasmin is helping her mother move house, a photograph falls from a stack of old letters. The girl in it is her mother. She is wearing a wedding veil, and at her side stands a man she has never seen. Her mother refuses to say anything about the photograph, but months later she receives the first of 10 cassette tapes from her mother revealing a wrenching hidden story of her family's true origins in Iran - of her mother Lili's troubled history of abuse and neglect, and a daughter she was forced to abandon in order to escape that life. The final tape reveals that Jasmin's sister, Sara - the Good Daughter - is still living in Iran. Jasmin skilfully weaves the stories of three generations of Iranian women into a unique tale of one family's struggle for freedom.



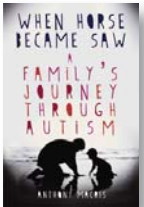
When Horse Became Saw

A Family's Journey Through Autism

Anthony Macris

320pp Tp \$32.95

When Anthony Macris' son was diagnosed with autism, he and his partner Kathy had two choices: do what they were told - and could afford - or do what they thought best. This is the tragic, joyful, instructive story of how they confronted the condition that changed their lives. Before the onset of autism, Alex was a vibrant, healthy little boy, Anthony and Kathy the happiest of parents. Afterwards Alex was struck mute, barely able to recognise them. From then on, all that mattered was finding the right treatment. But how to do this, for a disorder with no known cause or cure?



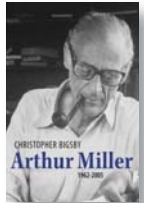
Arthur Miller

1962-2005 Vol #2

Christopher Bigsby

624pp Hb \$75.00

The first volume of Bigsby's award-winning biography, *Arthur Miller* (Pb \$39.99), was hailed as the definitive account of Miller's early years. Here is the second half of Miller's captivating story, taking the story from 1962 to his death in 2005. In 1962, Miller's legacy was incomplete. Ahead lay 18 plays, five films, a novella and a handful of stories. On a personal level, 1962 saw the death of his second wife, Marilyn Monroe, and his marriage to *Magnum* photographer Inge Morath, who was to transform him as a writer and a person. One of the paradoxes of the last 30 years of his life was the fact that many American critics treated him with some suspicion, even disdain, at the same as his new work was being hailed internationally.



The Churchills

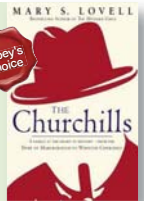
An Intimate History of a Family from the Duke of Marlborough to Winston Churchill

Mary Lovell

640pp

Tp \$35.00 \$29.95

You can hardly go wrong choosing the Churchills as the subject of your book! So many fascinating, glamorous, ambitious, talented and conniving members to choose from, and whilst Winston Spencer is the heart of the narrative, a number of his close relations (mostly of the 19th and 20th centuries) get to have their story told here as well. Women of wealth often married into the impecunious family, and they are well-served in this sparkling history. A well-researched, sometimes gossipy, always enjoyable read of one of the more interesting well-connected and influential families of Britain. *Lindy*



Betty Churcher's Notebooks

Betty Churcher

256pp Pb \$44.99 \$39.95

In this gorgeously illustrated book, join Churcher on a personal tour of her most beloved works, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Goya, Manet, Velazquez, Courbet, Vermeer and Cezanne. A trained artist, her sketches reveal the secrets within the artworks and the processes of their creation. With the same gift for making art accessible that characterised her popular television series, she gently leads your eye to these paintings' intimate details, describing their kinship with other masterpieces and their place in the history of art.



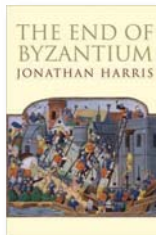


The End of Byzantium

Jonathan Harris

336pp Hb \$54.95

By 1400, the once-mighty Byzantine Empire stood on the verge of destruction. Most of its territories had been lost to the Ottoman Turks, and Constantinople was under close blockade. Against all odds, Byzantium lingered on for another 50 years until 1453, when the Ottomans dramatically toppled the capital's walls. During this bleak and uncertain time, ordinary Byzantines faced difficult decisions to protect their livelihoods and families against the death throes of their homeland. Harris explores individual stories of diplomatic manoeuvres, covert defiance and sheer luck against a backdrop of major historical currents, tracing Byzantium's legacy through those emigrants and refugees who reached and influenced Italy, Russia and beyond. He dispels the myth of constant warfare between Islam and Christianity in the Middle Ages and offers a new perspective on the real reasons behind the fall of this extraordinarily fascinating empire.



Whispering City

Rome and its Histories

R J B Bosworth

352pp Hb \$45.00

Freud claimed that Rome must be understood as "not a human dwelling place but a mental entity" in which the palaces of the Caesars still stand alongside modern apartment buildings in layers of brick, mortar and memory. Bosworth accepts Freud's challenge, drawing upon his expertise in Italy's past to explore the many layers of history found within the Eternal City. Often beginning with sites and monuments that can still be found in contemporary Rome, he expands his scope to review how political groups of different eras - the Catholic Church, makers of the Italian nation, Fascists and 'ordinary' Romans (be they citizens, immigrants or tourists) - read meaning into the city around them.



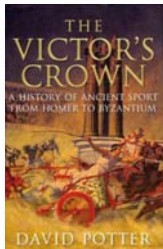
The Victor's Crown

A History of Ancient Sport from Homer to Byzantium

David Potter

352pp Hb \$59.99

What is sport and why do we love it? The story of ancient sport offers a paradigm for the tale of sport in our own time. Incorporating the latest research, this book opens with an analysis of the way competitive sport emerged in Greece during the 8th century BC, and then how the great festival cycle of Classical Greece came into being during the 6th century BC. Special attention is paid to the experience of spectators and athletes, especially in the violent sports of boxing and wrestling. We meet the great athletes of the past and discover what it was that made them so great. The rise of the Roman Empire transformed the sporting world by popularising new forms of entertainment - chiefly a specialised form of chariot racing, gladiatorial combat and beast hunts. Potter shows us what it was like to be a fan and a competitor, and how to fight like a gladiator.



1688

The First Modern Revolution

Steven Pincus

644pp Pb \$32.95

For 200 years, historians have viewed England's Glorious Revolution of 1688-1689 as an un-revolutionary revolution - bloodless, consensual, aristocratic and, above all, sensible. In this brilliant new interpretation, Pincus refutes this traditional view. By expanding the interpretive lens to include a broader geographical and chronological frame, he demonstrates that England's revolution was a European event, that it took place over a number of years, not months, and that it had repercussions in India, North America, the West Indies and throughout continental Europe. James II developed a modernisation program that emphasised centralised control, repression of dissidents and territorial empire. The post-revolutionary English state emphasised its ideological break with the past and envisioned itself as continuing to evolve. All of this, he argues, makes the Glorious Revolution - not the French Revolution - the first truly modern revolution.



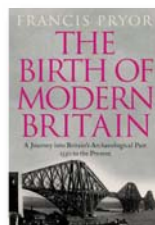
The Birth of Modern Britain

A Journey into Britain's Archaeological Past, 1550 to the Present

Francis Pryor

320pp Hb \$49.99

From the author of Britain BC (\$26.95), Britain AD (\$24.95) and Britain in the Middle Ages (\$24.99) comes the fourth and final part in the critically acclaimed series on Britain's hidden past. It might be thought that in the modern world, where documentary evidence abounds, there is no place for archaeology. But nothing could be further from the truth. Documentary records alone are not sufficient to provide a balanced view of Britain's recent history. This is hardly surprising in the agricultural and industrial 'revolutions', when pioneers were too busy inventing to record what was happening around them. But the same could apply in much later times. During WWII, the imminent threat of invasion and the sheer pressure of events made the keeping of records less important than the building of physical defences. As a result, archaeological evidence still provides the most reliable guide to the extent of Britain's anti-invasion defences in the autumn of 1940. Covering the whole of the post-medieval period, from 1550 to the present day, Pryor brings his customary wit and erudition to the study of modern historical archaeology.



Germania

A Personal History of Germans Ancient and Modern

Simon Winder

Pb

\$24.99

"It made me laugh so hard that I woke up my wife and had to give up reading the book in bed. If Bill Bryson had collaborated with W G Sebald to write a book about Germany, they might have wound up with something like this." - *Sunday Times*



The Scramble for China

Foreign Devils in the Qing Empire, 1832-1914

Robert Bickers

512pp Hb \$55.00

In the early 19th century, China remained almost untouched by Britain and other European powers - ferocious laws forbade all trade with the West outside one tiny area of Canton. Anyone teaching a European to speak Chinese was executed. But as new technology began to unbalance the relationship, foreigners gathered like wolves around the weakening Qing Empire. Would the Chinese suffer the fate of much of the rest of the world, carved into pieces by the Europeans? Or could they adapt rapidly enough to maintain their independence? Humiliated by military disaster, racked by rebellions that cost millions of lives and ultimately invaded during the Boxer Rebellion by thousands of foreign soldiers, it looked as though the colonial Scramble for Africa was about to be followed by the Scramble for China.



Fortunate Sons

The 120 Chinese Boys Who Came to America, Went to School, and Revolutionized an Ancient Civilization

Liel Leibovitz

& Matthew Miller

288pp Hb \$34.95

At the twilight of the 19th century, China sent a detachment of boys to America to learn the ways of the West, modernise the antiquated empire and defend it from foreigners invading its shores. After spending a decade in New England's finest schools, the boys returned home, driven by a pioneering spirit of progress and reform. Their lives in America influenced not only their thinking, but also their nation's endeavour to become a contemporary world power, an endeavour that resonates powerfully today. Drawing on diaries, letters and other first-person accounts, this book tells a remarkable tale, weaving together the dramas of personal lives with the momentous thrust of a nation reborn. Shedding light on a crucial, yet largely unknown, period in China's history, it provides insight into the issues concerning that nation today, from its struggle towards economic supremacy to its fraught relationship with the United States.



The History of the World Since 9/11

Dominic Streatfeild

432pp

Tp \$32.99

Streatfeild explores the lived experiences of ordinary people to reveal the human face of the global tragedy. He expertly combines history, biography and investigative journalism to show how a massacre on a clear September day in 2001 has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In a series of brilliantly interlinked chapters, he shows how an Afghani wedding party, and a gas station proprietor in Texas, and a plane-spotter in Mallorca have been affected, sometimes devastatingly, by the American response to the attacks on the Twin Towers. He shows how the sleep of reason and good sense in successive US administrations post-9/11 has brought forth the monsters of extraordinary rendition, Guantanamo Bay, extrajudicial execution and wholesale contravention of international law.





Black Watch

Liberating Europe and Catching Himmler:

My Extraordinary WW2 with the Highland Division

Tom Renouf 320pp Tp \$35.00

As a 19-year old Black Watch conscript, Renouf's war began with some of the most vicious fighting of the conflict - against Himmler's fanatical Hitler Youth SS Division. It ended with the capture of Himmler himself and Tom taking a trophy he still treasures - the Gestapo commander's watch. Seriously wounded and later decorated with a Military Medal for gallantry, he witnessed the death and maiming of countless of his teenage comrades and saw the survivors transformed into grizzled veterans. He draws on his personal experiences, as well as his unique archive of interviews with veterans, amassed over 20 years as secretary of the 51st Highland Division Veterans' Association to paint a vivid picture of the Battle of Normandy, the liberation of Holland, the Battle of the Bulge and crucial WWII battles.



The Taste of War

World War Two and the Battle for Food

Lizzie Collingham 656pp Hb \$59.95

Collingham establishes how control of food and its production is crucial to total war. Tracing the interaction between food and strategy, on both the military and home fronts, she demonstrates how the issue of access to food was a driving force within Nazi policy and contributed to the decision to murder hundreds of thousands of 'useless eaters' in Europe.

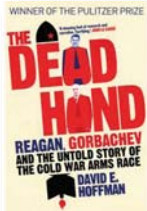
The Dead Hand

Reagan, Gorbachev & the Untold Story of the Cold War Arms Race

David Hoffman

576pp Tp \$29.99

The is the hugely revered, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative history of Reagan, Gorbachev and the dying days of the Cold War - and the dangerous legacy of the nuclear arms the USSR left behind. Hoffman sheds new light on the people who struggled to end this era of massive overkill and examines the legacy of the nuclear, chemical and biological weapons that remain a threat today. Drawing on memoirs, interviews in both Russia and the US, and classified documents from deep inside the Kremlin, he examines the inner motives and secret decisions of each side and details the deadly stockpiles that remained unsecured as the Soviet Union collapsed.



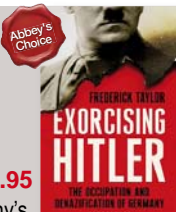
Exorcising Hitler

The Occupation and Denazification of Germany

Frederick Taylor

480pp Tp \$35.00 \$29.95

Taylor tells the story of Germany's 'year zero' and what came after. From the ruins came a combination of conservatism, enterprise and pragmatism in relation to former Nazis, which ironically enabled the economic miracle of the 1950s. And it was only when the 60s generation (the children of the Nazi era) began to question their parents, that Germany began to awake from its 'sleep cure'.



The Illusion of Victory

Ian Bickerton

400pp Tp \$36.99

Bickerton demonstrates that most of the rewards of victory in modern warfare are either exaggerated or false. When the ostensible benefits of victory are examined a generation after a war, it becomes inescapably evident that the defeated belligerent rarely conforms to the demands and expectations of the victor. Consequently, long-term political and military stability is denied to both the victorious power and the defeated one. As a result, neither victory nor defeat deter further outbreaks of war. This sobering reality is increasingly the case in the 20th and 21st centuries. This book persuasively argues that as the rhetoric of victory becomes hollow, all countries must adopt creative new approaches to resolving disputes.



The Lies of Sarah Palin

The Untold Story Behind Her Relentless Quest for Power

Geoffrey Dunn

320pp Hb \$39.99

This is the first full-scale critical biography of the former vice-presidential candidate, including her resignation as Alaska governor, and as a potential presidential candidate in 2012. Dunn exposes: personal secrets about Palin's coming-of-age in Wasilla and her marriage to Todd Palin; her extremist religious views and 'End of Days' beliefs; the truth behind 'Troopergate' and the firing of Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan; the secrets surrounding her selection as John McCain's running mate; and her failures as governor upon returning to Alaska after the campaign and the real reasons she resigned.



AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

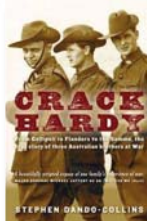


Crack Hardy

Stephen Dando-Collins

352pp Tp \$34.95

This is the true story of three Australian soldiers, the Searle brothers. One was killed at Gallipoli, another on the Western Front. One came home a decorated hero. One Searle brother, a gifted poet who was planning to be a clergyman before the war, became a deadly efficient sniper. Another shot and wounded himself and was charged with desertion. The third was a true Australian larrikin, up for anything, and the black sheep of the family. The Searle boys had to 'crack hardy' as they fought in one gruelling campaign after another - from the first wave of the Gallipoli landings to Lone Pine, from Ypres to Messines and Hill 60 in Flanders, to bloody Somme battles at Mouquet Farm, Bullecourt and Hamel, with their brothers and mates falling all around them. Back home in an Australian country town, their mother, father, sisters and remaining brother also had to crack hardy, as the bad news from the front just kept coming. Told from the heart by the Searle brothers' great-nephew, award-winning author Dando-Collins uses the letters and journals of the Searle brothers and remembrances of family members in this compelling book that defines Australia and Australians during the making of our nation on the far-flung battlefields of WWI.



Michael Kirby

Paradoxes and Principles

A J Brown

528pp Hb \$59.95

The remarkable story of the life and work of Australia's most famous modern judge. This biography charts Kirby's extraordinary public life from his first forays as a student politician in the early 60s, to his appointments as foundation chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission in 1975, President of the NSW Court of Appeal in 1984, and Justice of the High Court of Australia (1996-2009). Internationally, Kirby has been a leader in law reform and human rights with the OECD, UNESCO, UN Human Rights Commission and the WHO Global Program on AIDS. He is a former world president of the International Commission of Jurists, and in 1993-1996 was the first Australian to serve as a Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Human Rights. Brown reveals Kirby's difficult and often challenging personal path as judge, public intellectual and gay man. He shows how Kirby's most constant companion - publicity - has been a double-edged sword. Behind his active courtship of an unprecedented judicial profile lay a passion for principles and the social relevance of the law, but it drove him into fierce conflict with the many judges and politicians who questioned whether such celebrity was compatible with judicial life.



Australia and the 'New World Order'

From Peacekeeping to Peace Enforcement

1988-1991

David Horner

696pp Hb \$150 \$99

This is the first comprehensive study of Australia's role in the peacekeeping and peace enforcement operations that developed at the end of the Cold War. It recounts vital missions including Namibia (1989-90), Iran (1988-90) and Pakistan/Afghanistan (1989-93). It focuses primarily on Australia's reaction to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, including its maritime interception operations and its controversial participation in the 1991 Gulf War. With exclusive access to Australian Government records and through extensive interviews, Horner explains the high-level political background to these activities and analyses the conduct of the missions. He brings to life the little-known, yet remarkable, stories of many individuals who took part.



Gallipoli

Peter Hart 608pp Hb \$59.99

One of the most famous battles in history, Gallipoli forced Churchill from office, established Turkey's iconic founder Mustafa Kemal (Ataturk) and marked Australia's emergence as a nation in its own right. It had begun as a bold move led by the British to ultimately capture Constantinople, but from the initial landings - which ended up with so much blood in the sea it could be seen from aircraft overhead - to the desperate attacks of early summer and the battle of attrition that followed, it was a lunacy that was never going to succeed. Drawing on unpublished personal accounts of individuals at all levels and from all sides, Hart provides a modern view of this military disaster.



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CRIME SCENE BIG GUNS

Michael Connelly The Fifth Witness

Mickey Haller #4.

Mickey Haller must defend a client who is accused of killing the banker involved with her foreclosure - a case that reveals black-market dealings and a threat to Mickey's life. By the bestselling author of **The Lincoln Lawyer** (Pb \$19.99). (American, Legal)

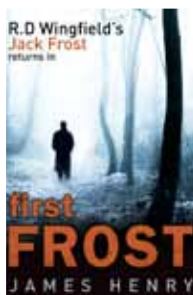
400pp Tp \$32.99



James Henry First Frost

Denton, 1981. Britain is in recession, the IRA is increasingly active and the country is on alert for a rabies outbreak. Detective Sergeant Jack Frost is working under his mentor and inspiration DI Bert Williams. Then Bert's body is found and things get very complicated! (English, Police Procedural)

400pp Tp \$32.95



Henning Mankell The Troubled Man

Wallander #10. When his daughter's future father-in-law disappears under suspicious circumstances, Kurt Wallander uncovers disturbing evidence of Cold War espionage - a case that forces him to confront dark truths about his own nature. (Swedish, Suspense)

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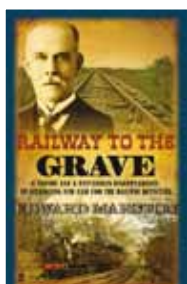


Also now available by Mankell: the standalone novel **The Man from Beijing** (Pb \$24.95), where Judge Birgitta Roslin uncovers a crime unprecedented in Swedish history...

Edward Marston Railway to the Grave

Railway Detective #7. Yorkshire, 1855. When the well-respected Colonel Aubrey Tarleton loses his will to live without his wife, who has mysteriously disappeared, he commits suicide. Is this the act of a guilty man? It's up to Inspector Robert Colbeck to find out. (Welsh, Historical)

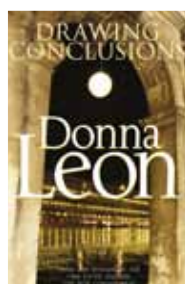
352pp Pb \$22.99



Donna Leon Drawing Conclusions

Brunetti #20. When Anna Maria Giusti finds her elderly neighbour Constanza Altavilla dead, with blood on the floor near her head, Commissario Brunetti is called to the scene. It seems the woman has suffered a fatal heart attack, but Brunetti cannot shake the feeling that the heart attack was somehow triggered... (American, Police Procedural)

272pp Tp \$29.95

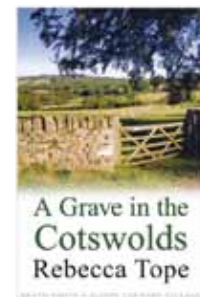


Rebecca Tope

A Grave in the Cotswolds

Thea Osborne #8. When Drew Slocombe finds himself the chief suspect of a murder in the Cotswolds, Thea Osborne is embroiled in another investigation. As Thea works with Drew to clear his name, they face a village simmering with secrets, where a means and motive can be laid at anybody's door... (English, Cosy)

416pp Pb \$17.99



GARY CORBY with David Hall from Abbey's talking about The Pericles Commission (\$24.95)



You set your novel
in the somewhat
neglected period of

Classical Athens, not Ancient Rome or Egypt. Was
this a conscious decision? And why a crime novel?

Classical Athens was one of the most exciting periods of human history. These people started Western civilization; you can't get much more critical than that! They all lived in a period of just 50 years, in a place no larger than a modern town, and they all knew each other.

Also, they killed each other in such interesting ways... and I've always loved puzzle stories, both of the murder mystery kind and the science fiction kind. (In fact, your Galaxy Bookshop was a favourite haunt back in my university days when I could drop in frequently). So when I decided to write a novel, it was the most natural place to set a murder mystery.

In your next novel, Nico visits Themistocles in

the Persian Empire. How far afield do you see
him travelling?

Nico's adventures will eventually take him around much of the known world. The second book is **The Ionia Sanction**. Ionia was the western coast of what is now Turkey, and part of the Persian Empire. The third book takes place at the Olympics of 460BC.

Nico is definitely going to Egypt. I already have notes for that and a fair idea of the characters. After that, there are so many options: southern Italy was entirely Greek; Carthage was up and running; Marseilles in southern France began as a Greek colony called Massilia.

Readers send me requests for Nico to go to certain places, such as further inside Persia. I'd like to get him to Susa and Babylon. That would certainly be a perilous mission because it's right in the heart of the enemy empire.

I'll keep writing these books as long as people want to read them. There's no shortage of material. The Golden Age of Greece was 50 years packed with tales of adventure, war, conspiracy, lust, love, corruption, power politics, assassination - you name it!

You use a mix of real and fictional characters

and events. Will this continue in future books?

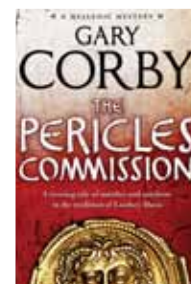
Absolutely. Luckily for me, because the period is largely untapped, there are huge wells of history from which to turn real events into stories so strange, they read almost like fantasy.

I'm somewhat driven by when things actually happened. The years 460 to 461 BC were among the most momentous in history and the first three books take place in quick succession in less than 12 months of story time. I'll have to slow the pace soon though, otherwise at three books per story year, I'll need 150 books to get my heroes through the Golden Age!

Did you do any specific research
for this book, or just draw on
your existing knowledge of
ancient Greece?

I do massive amounts of research. I once spent three hours proving the ancient Greeks had garlic, just so I could write one line of text!

Because I use a large number of historical people in the stories, I study their lives in minute detail to make sure I don't break real history. I'm very keen on historical accuracy. (continued page 14)



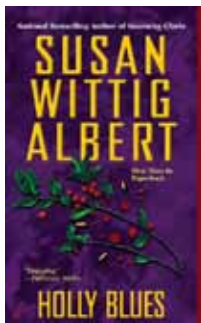


**Susan Wittig Albert
Holly Blues**

China Bayles #18. China Bayles isn't happy when a Texas wind blows her husband's ex-wife, and the mother of China's stepson, into her herb shop. Sally is known to have a split personality and fall into constant trouble with the law, but she claims she has nowhere else to turn.

Now it's up to China to weed out whatever it is that Sally is running from... before the truth catches up with them all! (American, Cosy)

304pp Pb \$13.95



**Ace Atkins
Infamous**

A seemingly straightforward kidnap-for-ransom scheme by 1930s gangster 'Machine Gun' Kelly is thrown into near-whimsical chaos by the greed of two partners, a determined former Texas Ranger and Kelly's two-faced wife Kathryn - the Lady Macbeth of Depression-era crime. Once again Ace Atkins, author of *Devil's Garden* (Pb \$27), transforms real-life events into riveting fiction. (American, Suspense)

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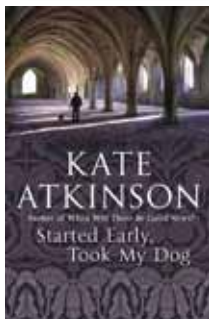
Kate Atkinson

Started Early, Took My Dog

Jackson Brodie #4.

Retired police detective Tracy Waterhouse leads a quiet life - until she encounters habitual offender Kelly Cross, dragging a miserable child through town. On an impulse purchase, Tracy finds herself burdened with a small child - but parental inexperience is the least of her problems. Meanwhile, Jackson Brodie embarks on a rescue involving an abused dog, where he learns that no good deed goes unpunished... (English, Police Procedural)

496pp Pb \$24.95



Greig Beck

This Green Hell

Alex Hunter #3. In the jungles of Paraguay, petro-biologist Dr Aimee Weir has located a unique and highly-destructive micro-organism in a natural gas deposit - and now a contagion is striking down all in its wake. The camp is quarantined and Alex Hunter and his Hotzone All-Forces Warfare Commandos are dropped into the disaster area to stem an outbreak that threatens the very survival of mankind! (Australian, Suspense)

310pp Tp \$32.99

**David Belbin
Bone and Cane**

Nottingham, 1997. Ex-radical Sarah Bone is a Labour politician facing the election battle of her life, who has successfully campaigned for the release of Ed Clarke, a wrongfully imprisoned 'murderer'. When Sarah is sexually assaulted by Ed after his release, Sarah's radical ex-boyfriend Nick Cane - whose life is strangely bound with Ed, having once been prison inmates - must work with Sarah to expose Ed's guilt. (English, Suspense)

256pp Tp \$29.99



Alex Berenson

The Secret Soldier

John Wells #5. Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah fears he is losing control of his family and his people, and turns to the one man who can make the difference. Ex-CIA operative John Wells must go undercover to investigate King Abdullah's claims. But as Wells begins to unravel the conspiracy, it seems the plotters want to spark the final conflagration between Islam and the West. (American, Spy)

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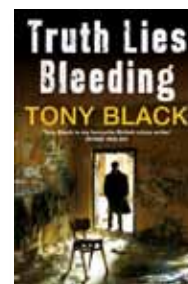
Also available: *John Wells #4, The Midnight House* (Pb \$21.95).

Tony Black

Truth Lies Bleeding

When the mutilated corpse of a young girl stuffed into a dumpster is discovered, the case is assigned to Inspector Rob Brennan, recently returned from psychiatric leave. His superiors think the case will get him back on track. But Rob has enemies within the force and a nose for trouble. What he discovers about the victim will blow the case wide open! (British, Police Procedural)

320pp Tp \$32.95



Also available by Black: *Gus Dury #4, A Long Time Dead* (Pb \$24.95).

William Peter Blatty
The Redemption

Albania, 1970s. A prisoner suspected of being an enemy agent is held by state security. An unsettling presence, he maintains an eerie silence, though subjected to unimaginable torture. He escapes - and on the way to freedom, completes a mysterious mission. The prisoner is Dimitri, the American 'agent from hell'. The scene shifts to Jerusalem, focusing on a series of inexplicable deaths... (American, Spy)

368pp Pb \$22.99



Rhys Bowen

The Last Illusion

Molly Murphy #9. The wife of the world-famous illusionist, Harry Houdini, hires Irish immigrant and private investigator Molly Murphy to uncover the truth behind the on-stage death of a magician's assistant, intent on clearing Houdini's name and finding the person truly responsible for the death. (English, Private Detective)

304pp Pb \$13.95



Also available: *Molly Murphy #8, In a Gilded Cage* (Pb \$13.95), where Murphy investigates the death of her friend's missionary parents, while also tracking the philandering husband of a Vassar grad.

Honey Brown

Red Queen

Shannon and Rohan Scott have retreated to their family's cabin in the Australian bush to escape a virus-ravaged world. After months of isolation, a stranger slips under their late-night watch. Reluctantly the brothers take the young woman into their fold. Soon, possessiveness takes hold, loyalties are split, and trust is shattered. All three are locked in a very different battle for survival... (Australian, Psychological)

276pp Pb \$24.95



Philip Carter

Altar of Bones

Dying words from a murdered homeless woman in San Francisco unlock a decades-buried secret. A pair of ruthless assassins are sent to cut the few living 'loose ends', while a young woman on the run encounters a man with a vengeful agenda. Forced to partner for survival and answers, a deadly game of cat and mouse ensues, taking them across the globe where destiny, passion, and further betrayal await them... (Suspense)

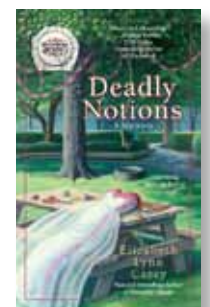
400pp Tp \$32.99

Elizabeth Lynn Casey

Deadly Notions

Southern Sewing Circle #4. Librarian Tori Sinclair throws a birthday bash for a fellow sewer's daughter, and though the party is a hit, self-important pageant mum Ashley Lawson leaves the ladies wanting to permanently shut her annoying mouth. So when Ashley turns up dead, Tori and the girls need to figure out who really murdered Ashley - before fingerprinting causes their friendships to unravel! (American, Cosy)

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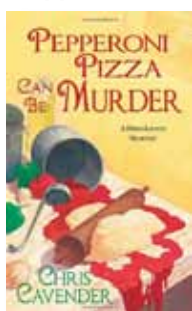
- Nationality of author

- Crime genre

Chris Cavender
Pepperoni Pizza Can be Murder

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E J Copperman

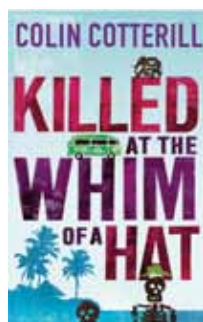
An Uninvited Ghost **304pp Pb \$13.95**

Haunted Guesthouse Mystery #2. Alison and her resident gumshoe ghost are on their next case, when the deceased Scott MacFarlane floats in, concerned that he accidentally killed a prominent local woman. Turns out she's still alive - until she's murdered in Alison's house. Between the demands of her guests and the arrival of a reality TV crew, Alison must find the killer... before she sees reality from the other side! (American, Cosy)

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When journalist Jimm Juree follows her family from Chiang Mai to a fishing village on the Gulf of Siam, there is no shortage of news. Local palm oil plantation workers excavate a well, unearthing an old Volkswagen kombi containing two skeletons. Then a monk is murdered nearby in Lang Suan. There is no apparent motive, but there are odd connections between this killing and several others... (English, Journalistic)



Robert Crais
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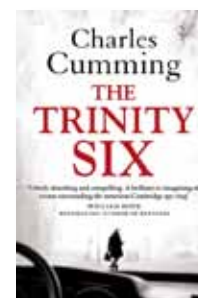
Joe Pike #13. Helped by his boss John Pike, Frank Meyer put an end to his mercenary days and settled down with his wife and children. Ten years later, Frank and his family are brutally gunned down in their LA home. Pike is determined to hunt down and eliminate everyone involved in the attack, one by one, even if the crims are bigger and better organised than he could ever have imagined... (American, Suspense)



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Clive Cussler & Jack Du Brul

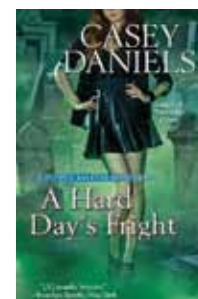
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Oregon Files #7. Juan Cabrillo and the Oregon team must locate the remains of a crashed NASA satellite in the Argentine jungle, where they make a discovery that sends them on the trail of an ancient Chinese expedition: the lost ship, *The Silent Sea*. Cabrillo is embroiled in a race against time to find the ship's mysterious and deadly remains... or pay the consequences if someone else does! (American, Archaeological)

Casey Daniels

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Paul Doiron

The Poacher's Son

Mike Bowditch #1. Mike Bowditch is one of the few who believes his father, Jack, did not murder a local beloved cop, despite being the prime suspect. Jack is a hard-drinking womaniser who makes his living poaching illegal game - and now he's on the run from the police. With the help of a retired pilot, Mike must journey deep into the Maine wilderness to find his fugitive kin - and the real killer! (American, Suspense)

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Elsebeth Egholm

Next of Kin

Late one evening, journalist Dicte Svendsen receives an anonymous package containing footage of a beheading carried out by a figure in black. A wave of anti-immigrant hysteria is unleashed and, as the panic escalates, Dicte finds herself caught up in a Danish secret intelligence investigation - one that poses uncomfortable questions about freedom of speech and a powerful upsurge in nationalism. (Danish, Suspense)

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Faithful Place

When Frank Mackey was 19, his girlfriend, Rosie Daly, failed to turn up for their rendezvous in Faithful Place, to escape to London as planned. Frank never heard from her again. 20 years on, Frank is still in Dublin, working as an undercover cop. But when he is told that Rosie's suitcase has been found, Frank embarks on a journey into his past that demands he re-evaluate everything he thought to be true. (Irish, Psychological)

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Matthew Glass

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It is 2018. Two seemingly unrelated incidents in an African war zone and a New York bank have set the wheels in motion for a confrontation between the US and China. The leaders on both sides recognise that the first shot fired will have lethal consequences. But how can they resolve the crisis without being swept from office and being replaced with the hawks and hardliners who promote confrontation? (English, Political)

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Home Repair Is Homicide #13. When author Carolyn Rathbone arrives in Maine to research the infamous Dodd murders for a new book, the unsolved slayings become a hot topic. But the investigation reopens old wounds and deadly secrets, and ex-Wall Streeter Jacobia Tiptree is targeted by one of the most deranged criminal minds she's ever encountered. (American, Suspense)

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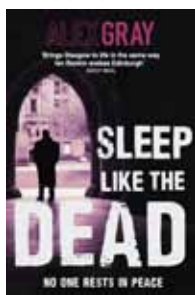


Alex Gray

Sleep Like the Dead

Lorimer & Brightman #8. When her ex-husband is murdered, Marianne - a student of criminal profiler Dr Solomon Brightman - goes into hiding after her brother runs off to Spain with the hitman's fee. But there is more to Marianne's relationship with Solly. Can DCI Lorimer's friendship with Solly produce the necessary clues, and can Solly find Marianne before time runs out for her? (Scottish, Police Procedural)

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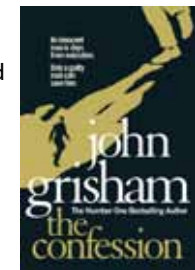


John Grisham

The Confession

In 1998, Travis Boyette murdered a high-school cheerleader, then watched as the police arrested Donte Drumm, a local football star who was tried and sentenced to death row. Nine years later, Drumm is four days from execution. Travis faces an inoperable brain tumour, so decides to confess. But how can he convince lawyers, judges and politicians that they have the wrong man? (American, Legal)

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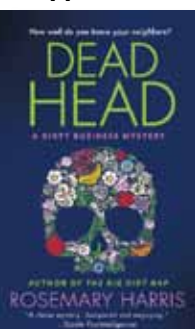


Rosemary Harris

Dead Head

Dirty Business Mysteries #3. Learning that one of her popular neighbours is actually an escaped convict, investigator Paula Holliday is hired to find out which of the community's inner circle ladies is a fugitive from the law and why the woman's long-kept secret is being exposed. (American, Cosy)

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Also available: *Dirty Business Mysteries #2, The Big Dirt Nap* (Pb \$13.95), where Paula's trip to the Titans Hotel goes awry when Lucy is detained... and a suitor turns up dead!

Carolyn Hart

Laughed 'Til He Died

Death on Demand #20. Mystery bookstore owner Annie Darling and her husband, Max, are plunged into danger when a trio of deaths is linked to the island's youth recreation centre. With the evidence mounting, the centre's director seeks Max to clear her name. But when it comes to intrigue, where Max goes, Annie follows. To save an innocent woman, the pair must unravel three complex interlinked puzzles! (American, Cosy)

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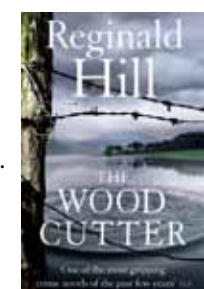


Reginald Hill

The Woodcutter

From humble origins as a Cumbrian woodcutter's son, Wolf Hadda became a happily-married, successful entrepreneur. Then everything changes. Ostracised and thrown into prison, Wolf retreats into silence until prison psychiatrist Alva Ozigbo makes a breakthrough; Wolf speaks after seven years. Granted parole, Wolf returns to his rundown family home in Cumbria, seeking the truth - and vengeance. (English, Psychological)

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Quintin Jardine

A Rush of Blood

Bob Skinner #19. The suicide of a successful Lithuanian entrepreneur arouses suspicion amongst the newly appointed Chief Constable Bob Skinner and his colleagues. As enquiries begin, a drugged and incoherent girl is dumped in a health centre by a man who promptly departs. Who is the girl, and why did the man disappear? And is it coincidental that the city massage parlours have closed overnight? (Scottish, Police Procedural)

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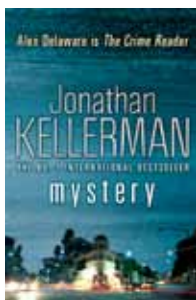
Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus #19. When LAPD Lieutenant Peter Decker agrees to do a favour for old friend Teresa McLaughlin, he knows that his involvement will bring her sociopathic husband, Chris Donatti, back into his life. But when Terry and Donatti disappear, their 14-year-old son, Gabe, is left behind. While Decker and his wife Rina want to look after Gabe, no one is safe with Donatti on the loose! (American, Police Procedural)

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**Jonathan Kellerman
Mystery**

Alex Delaware #26. Psychologist Alex Delaware and his girlfriend make a visit to a hotel bar in LA, where a beautiful and aloof young woman grabs their attention. Two days later, Alex is called in on a murder case and is shocked to recognise the victim as the woman at the bar. Discovering her true identity is not going to be easy and the investigation will lead him to the darkest secrets in the highest places... (American, Psychological)

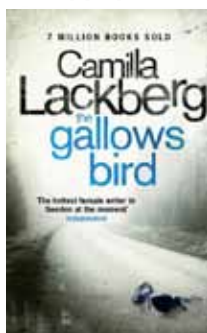
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**Camilla Lackberg
The Gallows Bird**

Patrik Hedstrom #4. A reality TV show is being shot in the town of Tanumshede. As the cameras shadow every move, relations with the locals grow strained. When a drunken party ends with an unpopular contestant's murder, the cast and crew are obvious suspects. Under the intense glare of the media spotlight, detective Patrik Hedstrom and his colleagues face their toughest investigation yet! (Swedish, Police Procedural)

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Virginia Lowell

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Cookie Cutter Shop Mystery #1. The reputation of Olivia Greyson and her cookie shop is in danger, when she becomes the prime suspect in the murder investigation of her mentor – the prominent business owner Clarisse Chamberlain – after it is revealed that Clarisse left her a large sum of money. Olivia and her sidekick Maddie must take a break from baking and find the real killer, before their reputations – and lives – are battered for good!! (American, Cosy)



Lisa Lutz

The Spellmans Strike Again **400pp Pb \$22.99**
Izzy Spellman #4. 32-year-old Izzy Spellman has agreed to take over the family detective business, where she must dig up dirt on the competition, ex-cop Rick Harkey, as well as recruit her friend Len to infiltrate the home of an ageing millionaire as an undercover butler, in a missing person's case. Meanwhile, Izzy's mother is blackmailing her to commit to regular blind dates with 'promising' professionals! (American, Private Detective)

**Jassy Mackenzie
Random Violence**

Jade de Jong #1. Piet Botha is the primary suspect in the murder of his wealthy wife. PI Jade de Jong, recently returned to Johannesburg, offers to help her father's former assistant, Superintendent David Patel, with the investigation. As Jade probes into other recent cases, a pattern begins to emerge – a pattern which goes back to her father's murder, involving a vast and intricate series of crimes for profit... (South African, Private Detective)

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The Busy Woman's Guide to Murder **304pp Pb \$13.95**
Charlotte Adams #5. Serena Redding, a high school 'mean girl' who used to torment Mona Pringle, is coming back for a reunion. When Mona talks about how good it would be to kill Serena, Charlotte doesn't believe she means it. But when a woman who looks like Serena is killed in a hit-and-run, and another former mean girl is also run down, Charlotte realises she needs to look both ways for the now-missing Mona! (Canadian, Cosy)

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**Peter May
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The Isle of Lewis is a remote, harshly beautiful place in Scotland, where pagan values lurk beneath the veneer of faith. When a murder on the island bears the hallmarks of a similar slaying in Edinburgh, police detective Fin Macleod is dispatched north to investigate. But since he was raised on Lewis, the investigation also represents a journey home, into a past that recalls a horrific tragedy. (Scottish, Police Procedural)

**Judi McCoy
Begging for Trouble**

Dog Walker Mystery #4. When Ellie Engleman, New York City's most enterprising dog walker, goes to see one of her clients perform in a show, the screams aren't just for the fantastic dance numbers. A murder occurs backstage, and the only witness is a Poodle-Chihuahua. Taking Bitsy to a dog psychic might be unconventional, but it may clear an innocent man's name, and stop the real killer! (American, Canine)

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**G J Moffat
Fallout**

Logan Finch has made a new life for himself with his daughter Ellie. But a blossoming relationship with DC Rebecca Irvine is about to be put to the test when Irvine's old flame, drug-addicted rock star Roddy Hale, enters her life again. And then there's the small matter of a professional killer following her every move. Logan must make impossible choices: between his best friend and the woman he loves. (Scottish, Suspense)

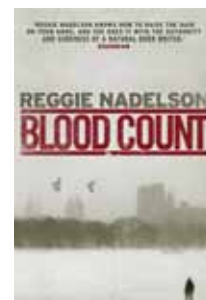
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**Reggie Nadelson
Blood Count**

Artie Cohen #9. In New York's Harlem, the music of jazz legends plays in the memories of its residents. Artie Cohen could feel at home here – if he wasn't on the trail of a killer intent on erasing the past. An elderly Russian woman is found dead in her apartment, and Cohen finds himself in the centre of a violent debate between city developers and an older generation of Harlem tenants... (American, Police Procedural)

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**Malla Nunn
Let the Dead Lie**

Emmanuel Cooper #2. South Africa, 1953: Forced to resign from his position of Detective Sergeant and re-classified as 'mixed race', Emmanuel Cooper winds up mixing labouring with surveillance work for his old boss. One night, he stumbles upon the body of a young white boy and the detective in him can't walk away. When two more bodies are discovered, he becomes the prime suspect in a triple murder case. (Australian, Police Procedural)

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**Alan Orloff
Killer Routine**

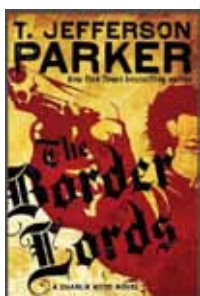
Last Laff Mystery #1. Channing Hayes is the co-owner of 'Last Laff Comedy Club', where he instructs his deceased fiancée's sister, Heather, in the fine art of stand-up. When Heather skips out during the club's comedy showcase, Channing searches for his AWOL protégé. Then Heather's ex-lovers start turning up dead – and Channing must fight to keep Heather from being the next hit in this deadly line-up. (American, Cosy)

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T Jefferson Parker
The Border Lords

Charlie Hood #4. When undercover ATF agent Sean Ozburn stops checking in during a mission to infiltrate the Baja Cartel, fellow ATF agent Charlie Hood watches haunting digital videos which the agent sent to his wife, fearing that Oz has switched sides... (American, FBI)

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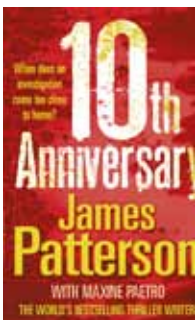


Also available: *Charlie Hood #3, Iron River* (Pb \$22.95), where Charlie discovers a close personal connection with the cartel wars south of the California-Mexico border.

James Patterson
10th Anniversary

Women's Murder Club #10. Detective Lindsay Boxer is assigned to the case of a 15-year-old girl found unconscious in the street, haemorrhaging badly after giving birth to a missing baby. Meanwhile, fellow member of the Women's Murder Club, reporter Cindy Thomas, is investigating the case of two women who have been sexually assaulted but remember nothing of the attacks. Are the cases linked? (American, Suspense)

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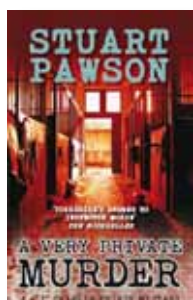


Stuart Pawson

A Very Private Murder

DI Charlie Priest #13. The royal prince's girlfriend is in Heckley to open a new shopping mall, only to find the commemorative plaque has been defaced. DI Charlie Priest is assigned to the case - which is further complicated by the murder of Heckley's mayor, the driving force behind the mall's construction. (English, Police Procedural)

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J D Robb

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In Death #31. First it was a dead limo driver; now it's a dead high-priced escort. Random hits, thrill kills, and murderers with a taste for the finer things in life are making NYPSPD Lieutenant Eve Dallas angry. As time runs out for another innocent victim, Eve's investigation will take her into the rarefied circle that her husband Roarke travels in - and deep into the perverted heart of madness... (American, Police Procedural)

Andrew Rosenheim
Fear Itself

1940s America is slowly pulling itself out of the Depression, and with 40 million US citizens of German ancestry, there is great pressure to stay out of the WW2 conflict. Jimmy Nessheim, a young Special Agent in the fledgling FBI, is assigned to infiltrate a new German-American organisation known as the Bund. Ardently pro-Nazi, it is conspiring to sabotage Roosevelt's efforts to stop Hitler's advance. (American, FBI)

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Sara Rosett

Mint Juleps, Mayhem and Murder

Mom Zone Mysteries #5. The family union festivities of Ellie Avery and her husband Mitch are cut short when Mitch's Air Force squadron commander is strangled. Then Mitch's look-alike cousin narrowly misses being killed, and Ellie realises that someone wants to ground Mitch - permanently... (American, Cosy)

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Anders Roslund & Borge Hellstrom

Three Seconds

Ex-convict Piet Hoffman is an undercover police informant, imprisoned after a drug-related murder, and tasked with the mission of facilitating the amphetamine trade in a maximum security prison, so the police can shut it down. Unaware of Hoffman's role, Detective Inspector Ewert Grens is charged with investigating the case, believing himself to be on the trail of a dangerous psychopath. (Swedish, Police Procedural)

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John Sandford

Bad Blood

Virgil Flowers #4. In southern Minnesota, a young man murders a local farmer, drops the body into a grain bin, and calls the sheriff to report the 'accident'. Suspicious, the sheriff calls in Virgil Flowers, who quickly breaks the kid down. The next day the boy is found hanging in his cell. Virgil suspects foul play, and his investigation uncovers a multi-generational, multi-family conspiracy of huge proportions. (American, Police Procedural)

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Zoe Sharp

Fourth Day

Charlie Fox #8. The cult calling itself 'Fourth Day' is well-funded and fiercely private. Five years ago Thomas Witney tried to obtain evidence that the cult's charismatic leader, Randall Bane, was responsible for his son's death. Witney was never seen again. When ex-Special Forces soldier Charlie Fox agrees to infiltrate Fourth Day's stronghold, it should be easy. But Charlie is not prepared for the lure of Randall Bane... (English, Spy)

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Oliver Stark

American Devil

The violent killer stalking New York's streets enjoys playing games with the police. Tom Harper is the NYPD's best chance of catching the 'American Devil'. But he's on suspension for punching his superior. With panic gripping the city, Harper wants the challenge - even if it means undergoing therapy from police psychologist Denise Levene. A deranged murderer and a volatile cop. Time is running out. (English, Police Procedural)

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Leann Sweeney

The Cat, the Lady and the Liar

Cats in Trouble #3. Cat lover, Jillian Hart, finds a gorgeous stray kitty belonging to the fabulously wealthy and eccentric Ritaestelle Longworth, who believes she's being drugged. But before Jillian can get to those charges, a dead body is discovered in the lake - and Jillian's kitty Chablis finds Ritaestelle nearby. Can Jillian and her three wise kitties aid her in solving a mystery with decades old roots? (American, Feline Detectives)

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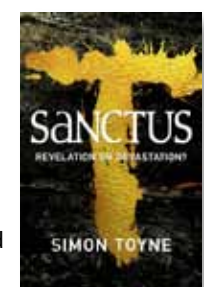


Simon Toyne

Sanctus

Sancti Trilogy #1. A man throws himself from the oldest inhabited place on earth, a mountainous citadel in the historic Turkish city of Ruin. This is no ordinary suicide but a symbolic act. Charity worker Kathryn Mann and a handful of others have been expecting this. The secretive fanatics living in the Citadel suspect it means the end of all they have built - and they will break every law to stop it. (English, Archaeological)

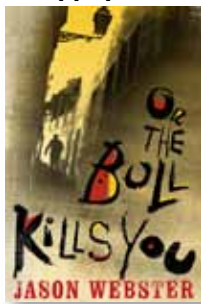
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Jason Webster
Or the Bull Kills You

Chief Inspector Max Camara #1. One hot afternoon in Valencia, Max Camara judges a bullfighting festival, starring Spain's most famous matador. In the ring, what he finds on the bloodstained sand shocks Valencia to its core. As Camara hunts his prey through the streets, the anti-bullfighting campaigners and the bull breeders fight to the death. Has the bullring become a site of national pride or shame? (American, Police Procedural)

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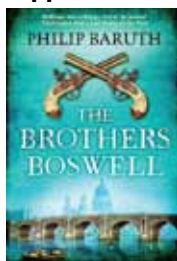
HISTORICAL CRIME



Philip Baruth
The Brothers Boswell

1763. The charismatic and meticulously coiffed James Boswell must accompany the bullish and badly dressed Dr Samuel Johnson on an excursion up the Thames, and is determined that nothing will go wrong. But another Boswell is watching from the shadows, insanely jealous of his elder brother's meteoric rise through London's artistic underground. He has two golden pistols in his pocket - and murder in his heart. (American)

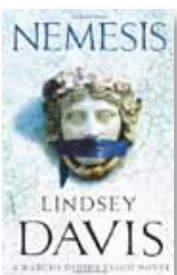
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Lindsey Davis
Nemesis

Falco #20. Summer, 77AD. A middle-aged couple who supplied statues to Marcus Didius Falco's father have disappeared. When a mutilated corpse turns up near Rome, Falco and his friend Petronius investigate. But just as they are making progress, the Chief Spy, Anacrites, snatches the case away. But that won't stop Falco and Petronius from digging deeper, while the shocking truth creeps closer and closer to home... (English)

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Ann Granger
A Better Quality of Murder

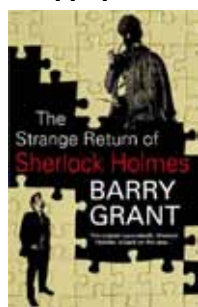
October, 1867. Inspector Ben Ross of Scotland Yard must investigate the murder of Allegra Benedict, the beautiful Italian wife of an art dealer in Piccadilly. But what had Allegra been doing in London that afternoon, and why had she been selling her brooch in the Burlington Arcade just hours before her death? It seems that Allegra's private life contained more than one reason for someone wanting her dead... (English)

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Barry Grant
The Strange Return of Sherlock Holmes

When James Wilson retires from journalism, he decides to settle down in Herefordshire with a room-mate, the slightly eccentric Mr Cedric Coombes. But he can't shake the feeling that he knows him from somewhere. As Coombes displays his magnificent deductive prowess and becomes embroiled in the police investigation of the apparent murder of a man in bathtub, Wilson wonders just who Coombes really is... (English)

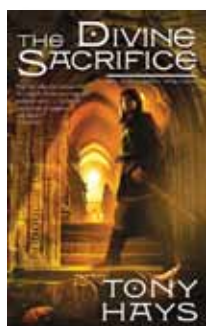
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Tony Hays
The Divine Sacrifice

Arthurian Mysteries #2. Called to Glastonbury abbey to settle a political matter, Arthur and his counsellor Malgwyn meet the legendary St Patrick, and investigate the murder of an aged monk whose death is linked to a far-reaching conspiracy. (American)

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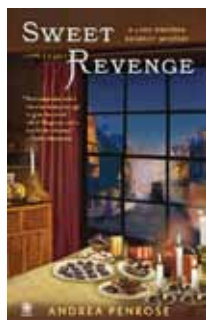


Also available: *Arthurian Mysteries* #1, **The Killing Way** (Pb \$24.95), where Merlin is implicated in the murder of a young woman, while his young charge, Arthur, finds his reputation at stake.

Andrea Penrose
Sweet Revenge

Lady Arianna Hadley #1. England, 1813. Lady Arianna Hadley acts the part of a French chef in an aristocratic London household, to find her father's murderer. But when the Prince Regent falls ill after consuming Arianna's chocolate dessert, she finds herself the centre of a scandal. It soon becomes clear that someone wants to plunge England into chaos... and Arianna to the bottom of the Thames! (American)

336pp Pb \$13.95



Andrew Pepper
The Detective Branch

Detective Pyke #4. Drury Lane, 1844. Pyke, head of Scotland Yard's newly formed Detective Branch, must investigate a robbery at a pawnbroker's which killed three people. Pyke must find the culprit quickly, considering the identity of one victim threatens to expose Pyke's criminal past. His suspicions lead him to a dissolute former Catholic priest, devil worship, and an old case that no one wants him to investigate... (Northern Irish)

448pp Pb \$22.99

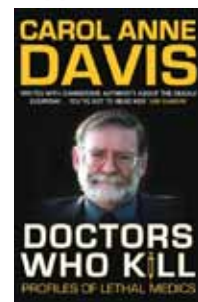
CRIME NON-FICTION



Carol Anne Davis
Doctors Who Kill: Profiles of Lethal Medics

What leads a healthcare worker to a life of crime? From Beverly Allitt, the attention-seeking nurse who preyed on the children in her care, to the infamous Dr Harold Shipman, who was responsible for the deaths of at least 215 of his patients, the author delves into the tragic stories behind these healers-turned-murderers. Includes analyses and exclusive interviews with experts in mental health and criminology. (Scottish)

448pp Pb \$17.99



Judith Flanders
The Invention of Murder

The author retells gruesome stories of murder, both famous and obscure. From the crimes of Sweeney Todd and Jack the Ripper; the tragedies of the murdered Marr family in London; Burke and Hare and their bodysnatching business in Edinburgh; and Greenacre who transported his dismembered fiancée around town by omnibus. This is history at its darkest! (English)

556pp Hb \$49.99



David McMillan
McVillain: The Man Who Got Away

Born into an establishment family, highly intelligent and well-educated, David McMillan sabotaged a career in film and advertising for a life of crime, excitement, money and a beautiful girl, eventually becoming the mastermind of an international smuggling network and one of Australia's most hunted men. McVillain tells the story of a gentleman rogue who went from high life to low life... and lived to tell the tale! (Australian)

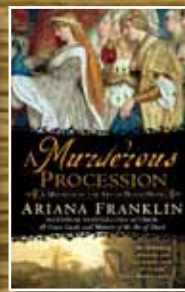
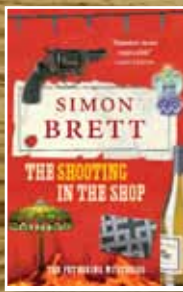
Tp \$29.99



Ian Parry-Ogden
Crime Investigation Australia: Book 2

This continues the tradition of matter-of-fact reporting on Australia's most shocking crimes that so attracted viewers to the TV show hosted by Steve Liebmann. Featuring meticulous attention to detail and driven by the same desire to chronicle these horrific events in their entirety, readers will find themselves immersed in the recollections of detectives and witnesses, examining the records of forensic investigators and reliving the terror of unfortunate victims. (Australian)

188pp Tp \$29.95



OTHER NEW TITLES IN APRIL...

Frozen Out (<i>Gunnhilder Mystery #1</i>) by Quentin Bates (English, Police Procedural)	Pb \$19.99
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Redback by Lindy Cameron (Australian, Journalistic)	Tp \$29.95
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Killer Listing (<i>Darby Farr Mystery #2</i>) by Vicki Doudera (American, Banking)	Pb \$24.95
So Close the Hand of Death (<i>Taylor Jackson #6</i>) by J T Ellison (American, Police Procedural)	Pb \$13.95
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The Lord of Death (<i>Inspector Shan #6</i>) by Eliot Pattison (Scottish, Suspense)	Pb \$22.95
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Dropped Dead Stitch [2009] (<i>Knitting Mystery #7</i>) by Maggie Sefton (American, Cosy)	Pb \$13.95
Absolutely, Positively (<i>Lucy Valentine #3</i>) by Heather Webber (American, Cosy)	Pb \$13.95
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I Don't Want to Kill You (<i>John Cleaver #3</i>) by Dan Wells (American, Psychological)	Pb \$19.95

Interview with Gary Corby (continued from page 7)

Original sources are crucial. I read a lot of classics written in the 5th century BC, which may sound ultra-nerdy, but is really fascinating. Herodotus was the father of history and was researching his great work, which we know as **The Histories**, at the very moment Nicolaos was solving murders. So I've picked a very decent time to be writing in! (I can absolutely guarantee Herodotus will appear as a character in a later book).

Being immersed so heavily in the ancient world makes you view the modern world in a very different way. If you think modern politics is tough, try the ancient version – where losers were regularly exiled or killed. Also, the mindset of everyday life was a weird combination of the totally familiar and like something from another planet.

Can you recommend any non-fiction books for anyone who wants to learn more about Periclean Athens?

All the Greek novels of Mary Renault. They are fiction, not non-fiction, but they're simply the best stories of ancient Greece ever written. I'm quite sure they'll be available at Abbey's!

Other than that, go straight to the horse's mouth - Herodotus and Thucydides. Herodotus is a fine old chatterbox and reads more like a Boys' Own Adventure than the founding document of history and anthropology. Thucydides is full of geopolitics and is better than any modern thriller.

Thanks David for your terrific questions – I've really enjoyed answering them. If anyone's interested, I keep a blog at GaryCorby.com, in which I rattle on about the publishing experience and ancient history.

ABBEY'S CRIME BESTSELLERS - MARCH 2011

- The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party** (*No 1 Ladies Detective Agency #12*)
by Alexander McCall Smith (Hb \$34.99)
- The Leopard** (*Harry Hole #6*) by Jo Nesbo (Tp \$32.95)
- The Ghost of Waterloo** (*Curious Murder Mystery #2*) by Robin Adair (Tp \$29.95)
- Dare to Die** (*Death on Demand #19*) by Carolyn Hart (Pb \$13.95)
- Curiosity Thrilled the Cat** (*Magical Cats Mystery #1*) by Sofie Kelly (Pb \$11.95)
- The Black Cat** (*Richard Jury Mystery #22*) by Martha Grimes (Pb \$16.95)
- Stitch Me Deadly** (*Embroidery Mystery #2*) by Amanda Lee (Pb \$11.95)
- Satori** by Don Winslow (Tp \$32.99)
- The Mapping of Love and Death** (*Maisie Dobbs #7*) by Jacquie Winspear (Pb \$24.95)
- A Noble Killing** (*Inspector Ikmen #13*) by Barbara Nadel (Tp \$32.99)





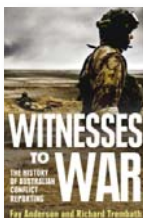
Witnesses to War

The History of Australian Conflict Reporting

Fay Anderson &
Richard Trembath

320pp Tp \$36.99

This is a landmark history of Australian war journalism covering regional conflicts from the 19th century to the major conflicts of the 20th: WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Bosnia and ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It looks at how journalists have reported the horrors and politics of war, the rise of the celebrity journalist, issues of censorship and the ethics of 'embedding'. Interviews with over 40 leading journalists and photographers reveal the challenges of covering wars and the impact of the violence they witnessed, the fear and exhilaration, the regrets and successes, the private costs and personal dangers. It examines issues with continued and contemporary relevance, including the genesis of the Anzac ideal and its continued use, the representation of enemy and race, and how technology has changed the nature of conflict reporting.



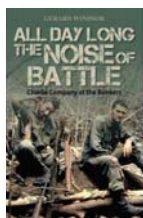
All Day Long the Noise of Battle

Charlie Company
at the Bunkers

Gerard Windsor

256pp Pb \$29.99

During the Tet Offensive in Vietnam in February 1968, an Australian infantry company assaulted a North Vietnamese bunker complex. In the longest sustained attack fought by Australians during the Vietnam War, the soldiers went forward again and again over three days. Yet the battle passed without any notice in Australia at the time and the men who fought it were further insulted by higher command's apparent failure to acknowledge what they had done. Above all, decorations for their bravery seemed pitifully meagre. What happened? And why did these men fall through the net of our historical memory? In answering these questions, Windsor brings to life so many of the individual soldiers who went into this battle.



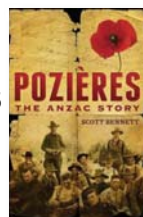
Pozieres

The Anzac Story

Scott Bennett

416pp Tp \$36.95

In 1916, a million men fought in the first battle of the Somme. Victory for both sides hinged on their ability to capture a small French village called Pozieres, perched on the highest ridge of the battlefield. After five attempts to seize it, the British retreated and called in the Anzacs to complete this seemingly impossible task. At midnight on 23 July 1916, thousands of young Australians stormed and took Pozieres. 42 days later they withdrew, having suffered 23,000 casualties for the gain of a few miles of barren, lunar landscape. Despite the withdrawal, the capture of Pozieres was heralded as a stunning tactical victory. Yet for the exhausted survivors, the war-weary public and the families of the dead and maimed, victory came at such terrible cost it seemed indistinguishable from defeat. This account of the battle tells the stories of the men who fought there. Drawing on their letters and diaries, it reveals a battlefield drenched in chaos, suffering and fear.



DVDs

Not Forgotten

SBS \$24.95

From a population of just over 4 million, 324,000 Australian men served overseas in WW1. Some 61,700 never came home. Australia suffered the highest casualty rate in the British Empire forces, and every single one of them was a volunteer. Mark Lee pieces together the stories of some of the men commemorated on memorials around the country, examining the legacy of grief, loss and remembrance, to help ensure these men are not forgotten. 80 mins, 2008 (G)



World War 2 in Colour

SBS \$24.95

Events presented in this 2-part series includes new colour footage of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visiting the 1939 World's Trade Fair in New York; Pearl Harbour before and after the Japanese attack; quality 35mm footage of a military wedding in Dresden two years before the 1945 bombing; celebrations of Hitler's birthday in his home town of Linz in 1943; the capture of the U-boat U-505 by the US navy; US marines on Iwo Jima; and a kamikaze hit on the carrier *USS Ticonderoga* in 1945. 100 mins, 2007 (PG)



Convoy

War for the Atlantic

SBS \$19.95

This 4-part series unpacks the critical moments of the biggest naval campaign of the 20th century. Powerful interviews with those who fought in the battle, dramatic archive (some in colour) and impressionistic drama reconstructions bring the horrors of the Atlantic war to life. 200 mins, 2009 (PG)



Beaufighter Squadron

World War 2

SBS \$29.95

This story exposes significant historical events that we have largely neglected or completely forgotten. It tells the tale of the Beaufighter Aircraft - known by the Japanese as Whispering Death - a fast, heavily armed and almost indestructible aircraft, and its indefatigable Australian crews. 90 mins, 2008 (PG)



The Lancaster at War

SBS \$24.95

Describes the aircraft that played a major role in the defeat of the Nazi regime and the courage and determination of Bomber Command aircrew who fought a grim battle in hostile skies. 50 mins, 2009 (PG)



What Should I Do?

Philosophers on the Good, the Bad and the Puzzling

Alexander George
& Elisa Mai (editors)

224pp Pb \$27.95

Is it ever OK to be dishonest? Is it wrong to enjoy violent video games? Or cheat on your tax returns? Should we be vegetarians? When is war justified? Are there any moral facts, or is morality relative? Life throws ethical questions at us every day. Some are momentous and difficult, while others are relatively trivial and easily worked out; still others lodge themselves in our heads and bother us for years. This is a collection of some of the most interesting questions about ethics to have appeared on the website AskPhilosophers.org during its first five years. The philosophers take the questions seriously; this is not a book of jokes, short quotations or trivia. At the same time, it is not dry academic writing - the tone is often candid, personal, even humorous - and the thoughtful responses are clear enough to be understood by readers with no previous exposure to philosophy.



Who am I?

And if So, How Many?

A Philosophical Journey

Richard David Precht

320pp Pb \$26.95

Drawing on neuroscience, psychology, history and even pop culture, this deftly elucidates the questions at the heart of human existence: What is truth? Does life have meaning? Why should I be good? The result is an exhilarating journey through the history of philosophy and a wonderfully accessible introduction to current brain research. This is a kaleidoscope of philosophical problems, anecdotal information, neurological and biological science, and psychological research.



How to Think Like a Bat

And 34 Other Really Interesting Uses of Philosophy

Peter Cave

224pp Pb \$24.99

How do you know you exist? What does it mean to have a future? Are you the same thing as your brain? What does it mean to be free? How can you know what knowledge is? A woman advised her anguished friend: "Be philosophical - then you won't need to think about it." Well, being philosophical is sometimes taken to mean you should adopt a quiet, resigned attitude to the world, but the study that is Western philosophy - starting with the ancient Greeks and continuing today in universities, bars and cafes, even bedrooms - is far from quiet. Philosophers think, but not just that, for they think about thinking and they think about how we think about the world, how we conceive of ourselves, how we possess a sense of right and wrong, and how we find meaning in life (if we do). This book might not help you think like a bat, but it will certainly help you think like a philosopher.



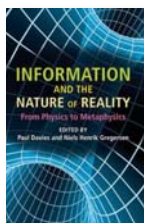


Information and the Nature of Reality From Physics to Metaphysics

Paul Davies & Niels Henrik Gregersen (editors)

398pp Hb \$49.95

Many scientists regard mass and energy as the primary currency of nature. In recent years, however, the concept of information has gained importance. Why? In this book, eminent scientists, philosophers and theologians chart various aspects of information, from quantum information to biological and digital information, in order to understand how nature works. Beginning with an historical treatment of the topic, the book also examines physical and biological approaches to information and its philosophical, theological and ethical implications.

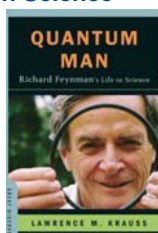


Quantum Man

Richard Feynman's Life in Science
Lawrence Krauss

320pp Hb \$39.95

Feynman changed the way we think about quantum mechanics. In this gripping new scientific biography of the revered *Nobel Prize*-winning physicist (and curious character), Krauss, himself a theoretical physicist and bestselling author, offers a rollicking narrative coupled with clear and novel expositions of science at the limits. An immensely colourful persona, Feynman revolutionised our understanding of nature amid a turbulent life. Krauss presents that life - from the death of Feynman's childhood sweetheart during the Manhattan Project to his reluctant rise as a scientific icon - as seen through the science, providing a new understanding of the legacy of a man who has fascinated millions. An accessible reflection on the issues that drive physics today, this book captures the story of a man who was willing to break all the rules to tame a theory that broke all the rules!

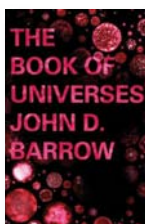


The Book of Universes

John Barrow

368pp Hb \$59.95

This is a book about universes. It tells a story that revolves around a single extraordinary fact: that Einstein's famous theory of relativity describes a series of entire universes. Not many solutions to Einstein's tantalising universe equations have ever been found, but those that have are all remarkable. Some describe universes that expand in size, while others contract. Some rotate like a top, while others are chaotically unpredictable. Some are perfectly smooth, while others are lumpy. Some permit time travel into the past. Only a few allow life to evolve within them; the rest, if they exist, remain unknown and unknowable to conscious minds. Barrow introduces the latest and the best descriptions of the Universe as we understand it today, together with the concept of the 'Multiverse' - the universe of all possible universes - that modern theories of physics lead us to contemplate.



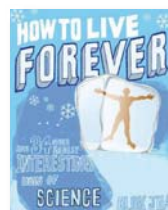
How to Live Forever

And 34 Other Really Interesting Uses of Science

Alok Jha 224pp Hb \$24.99

How can you live forever?

What does it take to create life? How can we find other universes? Will we ever talk to aliens? What do you need to build a brain? This is the essential survival guide for anyone who has ever been baffled by science. Embarking on a journey from the very small to the very big, readers will be taken on a glorious tour of the universe, taking in cloned sheep, alien worlds, bizarre life forms, quantum weirdness, parallel dimensions and dissected brains along the way. Discover how to travel through time, how to start (and cure) a plague, how the mind works, how to turn sunbeams into oak trees, how to boil a planet or how Harry Potter's cloak of invisibility works. Both informative and enjoyable, this is a rip-roaring tour through the wonders of the natural world.



What Darwin Got Wrong

Jerry Fodor & Massimo Piatelli-Palmarini
258pp Pb \$24.99

This is a groundbreaking attack on the most influential scientific orthodoxy of the last 150 years. The authors reveal major flaws at the heart of Darwinian evolutionary theory. They do not deny Darwin's status as an outstanding scientist, but question the inferences he drew from his observations. Combining the results of cutting-edge work in experimental biology with crystal-clear philosophical argument, they mount a devastating critique of the central tenets of Darwin's account of the origin of species. The logic underlying natural selection is the survival of the fittest under changing environmental pressure. This logic, they argue, is mistaken. They back up the claim with evidence of what actually happens in nature. This is a rare achievement - a short book that is likely to make a great deal of difference to a very large subject.



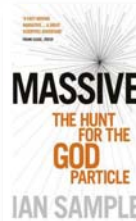
Massive

The Hunt for the God Particle

Ian Sample

320pp Pb \$24.95

In the early 1960s, three groups of physicists, working independently in different countries, stumbled upon an idea that would change physics and fuel one of the greatest races science has ever seen. That idea was the 'God particle' or Higgs Boson; to find it would be to finally understand the origins of mass, the last building block of life itself. This is the gripping story of the quest to discover it. This book weaves together the personal stories and intense rivalries of the teams of scientists searching for the particle in a tale of grand ambition, trans-Atlantic competition, clashing egos and occasionally spectacular failures. From the giant particle colliders built to further the hunt to the political fallout of budget blowouts and debates over whether the search might destroy the universe - and whether the particle even exists at all - it is an epic story of imagination, personal ambition, sub-atomic exploration and global significance.

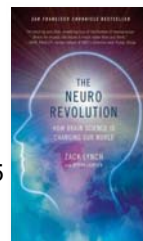


The Neuro Revolution

How Brain Science Is Changing Our World

Zack Lynch with Byron Laursen 257pp Pb \$24.95

Neurotechnology - brain imaging and other new tools for both understanding and influencing our brains - is accelerating the pace of change almost everywhere, from financial markets to law enforcement to politics to advertising and marketing, artistic expression, warfare and even religious belief. This book introduces the brilliant people leading this worldwide transformation for a unique insider's glimpse into the startling future now appearing at our doorstep. From foolproof lie detectors to sure-fire investment strategies to enhanced religious and aesthetic experiences, the insights and revelations foster wonder, debate and in some cases consternation. Above all, though, they need to be understood by those who will be most affected - all of us.

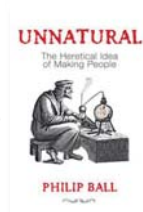


Unnatural

The Heretical Idea of Making People

Philip Ball 384pp Hb \$59.95

Can we make a human being? That question has been asked for many centuries, and has produced recipes ranging from the homunculus of the medieval alchemists and the clay golem of Jewish legend to Frankenstein's monster and the mass-produced test-tube babies of *Brave New World* (Pb \$12.95). All of these efforts to create artificial people are more or less fanciful, but they have taken deep root in Western culture. They all express fears about the allegedly treacherous, Faustian nature of technology, and they all question whether any artificially created person can be truly human. Legends of people-making are tainted by suspicions of impiety and hubris, and they are regarded as the ultimate 'unnatural' act - a moral judgement that has its origins in religious thought. Ball delves beneath the surface of the cultural history of 'anthropoeia' - the creation of artificial people - to explore what it tells us about our views on life, humanity, creativity, technology and the soul.

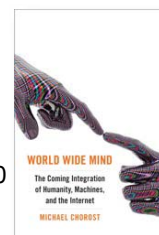


World Wide Mind

The Coming Integration of Humans and Machines

Michael Chorost
256pp Hb \$35.00

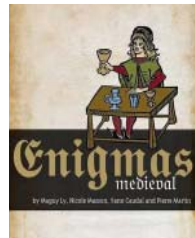
This is the first book that explains exactly how the brain reacts to the technology we use every day to communicate. Specifically, Chorost details what processes/chemicals in the brain are stimulated when you touch your iPhone, and what chemical addictions compel you to check your email. Going further, he explains the groundbreaking technologies that are being developed to improve the way we communicate. He posits that the way our brains will eventually connect is in a space called the World Wide Mind, a space similar to the Internet. In the process of explaining these ideas, he teaches us a lot about why we're addicted to our iPhones and email, how to break away from those addictions, how we humans are meant to connect with each other, and what diseases, such as Parkinson's, can be cured with the brain research that is making the World Wide Mind possible.





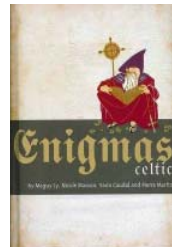
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Peter McConchie

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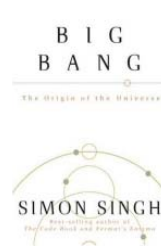
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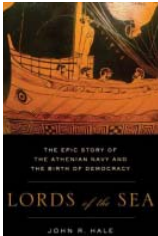
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The Origin of
the Universe
Simon Singh

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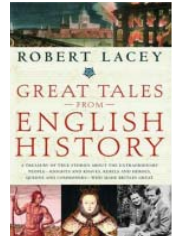
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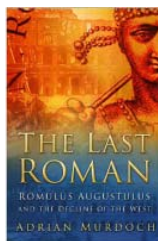
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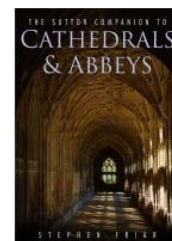
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Romulus
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Adrian Murdoch

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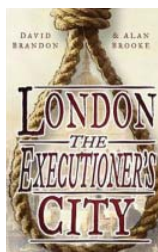
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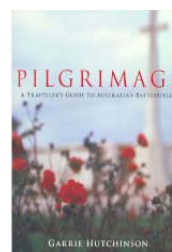
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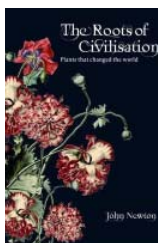
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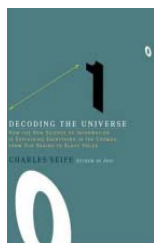
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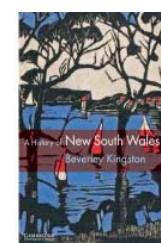
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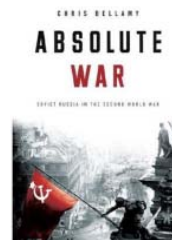
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Raimond Gaita (editor)
240pp Pb \$26.95

September 11, 2001 marked a change in Australian attitudes towards immigrants. The spotlight was on Muslims. This collection of thought-provoking essays looks at multiculturalism's successes and failures in providing a secure, well-integrated, free and fair Australia. Our leading writers in the field examine an issue that goes to the heart of Australia's identity. Author and lawyer Waleed Aly examines the role that the media has played in anti-Islamic myth-making in popular Western culture. Writer and researcher Shakira Hussein looks at how Australia's immigration policy has changed the cultural landscape. Geoffrey Levey writes on multiculturalism and terror and Raimond Gaita on "the war on terror".



On the State of Egypt

Alaa Al Aswany 202pp Pb \$24.95

The bestselling author of *The Yacoubian Building* and *Chicago* (both Pb \$24.99) turns his attention to current affairs in Egypt. In his novels and short stories, the characters struggle with class differences, police brutality, poverty, sexual harassment and political corruption. Now, in a new collection of essays, he considers these same issues that torment modern Egyptian society. He has a great deal to say about one of the most pressing questions on everyone's mind: who will be the next president of Egypt and how will they be elected? He discusses the moral ambiguity of appointed politicians, the suitability of democratic reforms in a Muslim society and the inherent contradiction in the actions of the religiously observant policeman who tortures, or the man who harasses women. Critical, controversial and straightforward, he asks his government to serve the people, and the people to demand what they deserve.

Disconnect

The Truth About Mobile Phone Radiation, What the Industry Has Done to Hide it, and How to Protect Your Family

Devra Davis
288pp Tp \$32.95

Everyone knows mobile phones are safe. If they weren't, we'd already know about it, right? That is perhaps the greatest disconnect of our age. As research scientists are now demonstrating, mobile phone radiation can damage the human body's cells - leading to memory loss, increased risk of cancer, reduced sperm count and neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's and possibly even autism. Mobile phones, it seems, are not as safe as we supposed. In this riveting expose, Davis, respected epidemiologist and founding director of the toxicology and environmental studies board at the US National Academy of Sciences, clearly outlines the dangers posed by mobile phone radiation, particularly to children, whose growing brains are especially vulnerable. He makes a compelling case for changing the way we make and use mobile phones.



The Information A History, a Theory, a Flood

James Gleick
544pp Tp \$35.00

Gleick, author of the bestsellers *Chaos* and *Genius* (both Pb \$29.95), brings us his crowning work: a revelatory chronicle that shows how information has become the modern era's defining quality - the blood, the fuel, the vital principle of our world. From the invention of scripts and alphabets to the long misunderstood 'talking drums' of Africa, he tells the story of information technologies that changed the very nature of human consciousness. He provides portraits of the key figures who have contributed to the inexorable development of our modern understanding of information: Charles Babbage, the idiosyncratic inventor of the first great mechanical computer; Ada Byron, the poet's brilliant and doomed daughter, who became the first true programmer; pivotal figures like Samuel Morse and Alan Turing; and Claude Shannon, the creator of information theory itself. And then the information age comes upon us. Citizens of this world become experts willy-nilly: aficionados of bits and bytes. And they sometimes feel they are drowning, swept by a deluge of signs and signals, news and images, blogs and tweets. This is the story of how we got here and where we are heading...



Living in the End Times

Slavoj Zizek 432pp Pb \$24.95

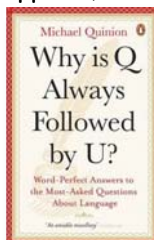
This book argues that the global capitalist system is approaching an apocalyptic zero-point. Its four riders of the apocalypse are: the ecological crisis, the consequences of the biogenetic revolution, the imbalances within the system itself (problems with intellectual property, the forthcoming struggle for raw materials, food and water) and the explosions of social divisions and exclusions. Society's first reaction is ideological denial, then explosions of anger at the injustices of the new world order and attempts at bargaining. When this fails, depression and withdrawal set in. Finally, after passing through this zero-point, we no longer perceive it as a threat, but as the chance for a new beginning.



Why is Q Always Followed by U?

Word-Perfect Answers to the Most-Asked Questions About Language
Michael Quinion 368pp Pb \$22.95

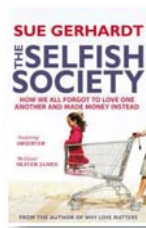
Quinion brings us the answers to nearly 200 of the most intriguing questions he's been asked about language over the years. Sent to him by enquiring readers from around the globe, his answers about the meanings and histories behind the quirky phrases, slang and language that we all use are sure to delight, amuse and enlighten even the most hardened word-obsessive. Did you know that 'Blighty' comes from an ancient Arabic word? Or that Liberace cried his way to the bank so many times that people think he came up with the phrase? That 'cloud nine' started out as 'cloud seven'? That the first person to have their thunder stolen was a dismal playwright from Drury Lane? With the help of this book, you can make sure you're always linguistically 'on the ball'.



The Selfish Society How We All Forgot to Love One Another and Made Money Instead

Sue Gerhardt
400pp Pb \$22.99

Open any newspaper and what do you find? Violence and crime, child abuse and neglect, corruption and environmental meltdown. How did modern society get to this point? Who is to blame? How can we change? We have come to inhabit a culture of selfish individualism which has confused material well-being with happiness. If we are to build a more reflective and collaborative society, Gerhardt argues, we need to support the caring qualities that are learnt in early life and integrate them into our political and economic thinking.



Faulks on Fiction

Sebastian Faulks 352pp Tp \$35.00

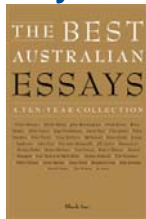
The British invented the novel, with the publication in 1719 of *Robinson Crusoe* (Pb \$9.95) marking the arrival of a revolutionary and distinctly modern form of art. But it's also true, as Faulks argues, that the novel helped invent the British: for the first time, stories reflected the experiences of ordinary people, with characters in which we could find our reality, understanding and escape. He examines many enduring fictional characters from over the centuries - Heroes from Tom Jones to John Self, Lovers from Mr Darcy to Lady Chatterly, Villains from Fagin to Barbara Covett, and Snobs from Emma Woodhouse to James Bond - showing us how they mapped and inspired the British psyche.

The Best Australian Essays

A Ten-Year Collection

Black Inc (Ed)
400pp Pb \$34.95

This essential book takes a decade of *Best Australian Essays* and selects the cream of the crop. These are the pieces that have captured key events - from September 11 to Victoria's bushfires; changed the way we see the nation, for good or ill - from Anzac Day to Palm Island; investigated intriguing figures - from Oskar Schindler to Charles Darwin; or which simply represent a peak of the writer's art. Contributors include Helen Garner, Christos Tsiolkas, David Marr, Robert Manne, Chloe Hooper, Tim Flannery, Richard Flanagan and Tim Winton.



Autism Awareness Month

A selection of related titles:

The Passionate Mind: How People with Autism Learn
by Wendy Lawson (Pb \$31.95)

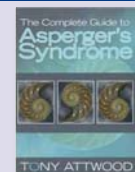
The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome
by Tony Attwood (Pb \$37.95)

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by Rudy Simone (Pb \$24.95)

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The Red Beast: Controlling Anger in Children
ed by K I Al-Ghani (Pb \$25.95)

When Horse Became Saw: A Family's Journey Through Autism
by Anthony Macris (Tp \$32.95) (page 4)





From last month, the *Abbey's Advocate* newsletter now also includes the *Crime Chronicle*, so hopefully you are now seeing many more new books of interest. For anyone who likes to be mailed a printed *Advocate*, just a reminder to show or quote your Abbey's Card each time you buy to ensure you remain an active customer and stay on the mailing list. (Otherwise printed copies are always available in-store).

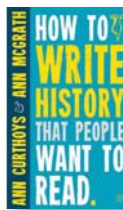
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I've been looking at our Historical Fiction section. The quality of writing and research in this genre has improved vastly over the last 20 years. Patrick O'Brian's majestic *Master and Commander* series (21 titles Pb \$24.99 ea) still tops the popularity list. George MacDonald Fraser's *Flashman* series (12 titles Pb \$22.95 to \$24.99) still has many followers who enjoy the humour, as well as the history, as that cad, bully and hero from *Tom Brown's Schooldays* recalls his exploits in almost any battle you care to mention. For a lighter read, you may prefer Mary Renault, whose books include *The Persian Boy* (guess who!), *Funeral Games*, *The Bull from the Sea*, *The King Must Die*, *Fire from Heaven* (all \$27.95) and *Mask of Apollo* (\$29.95). Or perhaps Georgette Heyer, whose deceptively light and witty novels, such as *The Toll-Gate* (\$24.95 Pb), are just right for her devotees, yet are sometimes hard to find.



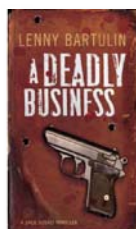
I notice the successful book by Ann Curthoys and Ann McGrath, *How to Write History that People Want to Read* (\$34.95 Pb 272pp), has now found a home in Writing & Publishing. It no longer sits in Historiography, which is where you'll find a revised 2nd edition of *Is History Fiction?* by Ann Curthoys and John Docker (\$39.95 Pb 340pp), as well as *Historiography of Genocide*, a collection of essays edited by Dan Stone (\$48 Pb 640pp), a useful guide for both scholars and students in this growing field of study.



I enjoyed a book I found in Literary Criticism called *The Same Man: George Orwell and Evelyn Waugh in Love and War* by David Lebedoff (\$29.95 Pb 262pp incl index). The author works hard to prove the socialist and the snob were similar because they both dreaded the future. Nonetheless it is quite an amusing and entertaining account of their lives.

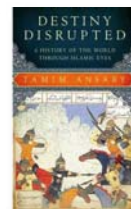
After reading the fascinating *Diaries of Sofia Tolstoy* (\$29.95 Pb, \$49.99 Hb 650pp), I absolutely had to read the new biography of the Great Man by Rosamund Bartlett called *Tolstoy: A Russian Life* (\$49.99 Hb 454pp plus another 100pp of notes and index). The author has made herself an expert on Russian cultural history, having also written *Wagner and Russia* (\$69.95 Pb) and *Chekhov: Scenes from a Life* (\$26.95 Pb), as well as currently working on a new translation of *Anna Karenina* for *Oxford World's Classics*. There is an especially interesting epilogue called *Patriarch of the Bolsheviks*, which discusses just how the new Communist authorities dealt with the popular idolatry of Tolstoy (trying to overlook his political and religious views) and their treatment of the Tolstoyans, who did not take kindly to authoritarian control.

I've discovered another excellent Australian crime writer. His name is Lenny Bartulin and he has given up writing poetry for crime. His hero, Jack Susko, is a second-hand book dealer, so there are plenty of literary connections. His first book, *A Deadly Business* (\$27.95 Pb 248pp), is set in Sydney where Jack runs a bookshop suspiciously like Ashwoods, which until recently traded next to us here in York Street but is now closed due to the ill-health of the owner. Jack gets offered books stolen from "the large retail shop up the road", suspiciously like Abbey's but called Index, so you can see why I took interest. Jack also has a nice cat called Lois, who lightens the mood at times. All very enjoyable. Now I shall read the second one called *The Black Russian* (\$27.95 Pb 272pp), which involves a theft from an art gallery, and I hear the third Jack Susko mystery is only a few months away. Jack is not a private eye, but has a gift for getting into trouble, especially as he has a very sassy mouth.



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The most interesting book I've read this past month is *Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes* by Tamim Ansary (\$26.95 Pb 390pp incl index). The author is an Afghani-American who developed this book out of a series of lectures he gave on Islamic Studies. No doubt this explains why the book is so easy to read. He speaks in a direct, sometimes wry, voice and looks at the sweep of history from Islamic eyes. The story starts from the earliest times and finishes at 9/11. You'll discover the complex social system of Islam, hear of the famous writers, distinguish between the various sects, watch the Ottoman Empire rise and fall, watch the carve-up of the Middle East after WWII, watch the founding of the Muslim Brotherhood (which started as a sort of Boy Scout Movement) and finally understand why the Saudi Arabians left America in a special jet immediately after 9/11. This book is especially interesting now, while there are so many uprisings in the Middle East. It is hard to imagine what the outcome will be when we have a better understanding of their culture of community. Ansary is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *West of Kabul, East of New York: An Afghan American Story* (\$28 Pb 304pp). The son of an Afghani father and American mother, this memoir is an eloquent attempt to reconcile his two heritages.



A book for a very different readership is the latest in the *Cambridge Companion* series, *The Cambridge Companion to Muhammad*, edited by J E Brockopp (\$55 Pb 325pp), which contains essays from many experts. It is designed for a non-specialist reader, but is certainly a much more serious investigation.

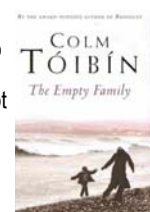


If you are serious about music - classical, popular or both - you will greatly enjoy the two books by Alex Ross, the esteemed critic from the *New Yorker*. His two books are *The Rest is Noise: Listening to the Twentieth Century* (\$31.95 Pb 648pp), wherein he gives a sweeping history of music from the salons of pre-war Vienna to the Velvet Underground, and *Listen to This* (\$35 Pb 400pp), in which he offers a wider history of music and gives voice to his appreciation of all types of music. His writing is beautiful and you will, I am sure, be happy to hear some of your own views put into words.

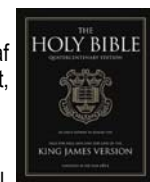
I've had a lovely time re-reading some of Somerset Maugham's unforgettable short stories in a volume called *More Far Eastern Tales* (\$12.95 Pb 298pp), including *The Letter* and *Back of Beyond*. This is one of the very many modern classics in the Vintage range, which are all now available at the excellent price of just \$12.95. If you click on the Vintage box on our website homepage, you can see a complete list of titles, including the very imaginative life of Christopher Marlowe presented by Anthony Burgess in *A Dead Man in Deptford*. There are lots of nice surprises here for you.



I've also been reading some wonderful, intense, short stories by Colm Toibin called *The Empty Family* (\$29.99 Tp 214pp, \$22.99 Pb due this month). One story in particular imagines Lady Gregory talking to Henry James at dinner, not quite telling him about her affair with Wilfred Scawen Blunt. As Toibin is perhaps most famous for his novel *The Master* (\$22.95 Pb), based on Henry James' life it's not surprising for this story to pop up. In passing I'd like to say how I wish publishers would put "short stories" on the front cover, rather than just on the title page!



Our Religion section is a busy area and a recent bestseller has been *Bible: The Story of the King James Version 1611-2011* by Gordon Campbell (\$39.95 Hb 353pp incl index). Just look at those dates! This book is to mark the 400-year anniversary of the Authorised Version of the English Bible. It is about the politics and the printing - from printer's errors to changing beliefs and fierce arguments over any revisions, as well as admiration of the language. Oxford University Press issued a special production of the first edition called *The King James Bible: 400th Anniversary Edition* with Jacobean spelling, gold leaf and leather cover, priced at \$120. Unfortunately this sold out, but we expect more stock in May, so if you are interested please place a special order. I saw another book in Religion called *God's Secretaries* by Adam Nicholson (\$27.95 Pb 336pp), which describes the work done to create this special bible in that very riotous time.



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When *Miles Franklin*-shortlisted novelist Brenda Walker became sick, she turned to two healers: doctors and books. This is the story of how she recovered.

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The Music Instinct: How Music Works and Why We Can't Do Without it by Philip Ball \$24.95
Why have all human cultures - today and throughout history - made music? Research in music psychology and brain science is piecing together the puzzle of how our minds understand and respond to music.

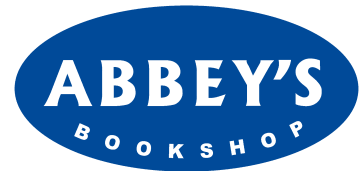
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The modern-day marathon comes from the legend of Philippides, who is said to have run 26 miles from Marathon to Athens to deliver news of the Greek victory over the Persians. Yet the battle of Marathon has had a far greater impact.

On the Spartacus Road:

A Spectacular Journey Through Ancient Italy by Peter Stothard Pb \$24.99

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