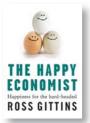
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The Happy Economist Happiness for the Hard-headed Ross GITTINS

272pp Pb \$26.99

Most economists are obsessed with financial and economic measures, but

not Gittins. He argues that happiness is our most important measure of economic success. Distilling the practical wisdom from all the recent scientific studies of happiness by psychologists and economists, he claims that happiness isn't about a self-centred concern to maximise pleasure and minimise pain, but about living a satisfying life of endeavour, achievement and mutually rewarding relationships. A different approach by governments - with less emphasis on economic growth and efficiency, and more on preserving the planet and the social fabric - could add to 'national happiness'.



Freedom for Sale How We Made Money and Lost Our Liberty John KAMPFNER

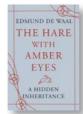
320pp Pb \$22.99

For the past 60 years it has been assumed that capitalism was intertwined with liberal

democracy. But what happens when both are undermined? Governments globally have drawn up a new pact with their peoples: repression is confined to the few who openly challenge the status quo. The rest of the population can enjoy freedom to live more or less as they wish, and to make and spend their money. This is the difference between public freedoms and private freedoms. Kampfner asks why so many intelligent and ambitious citizens around the world seemed prepared to sacrifice freedom of the press and freedom of speech in their quest for wealth.

The Hare with Amber Eyes A Hidden Inheritance

Edmund DE WAAL 368pp Hb \$39.95



This book tells the story of 264 Japanese wood and ivory carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox, and the people who owned them. The story of the 'netsuke' begins with the Ephrussi family who came from Odessa. The netsuke ended up in Vienna

and it was there that the Anschluss and WWII swept the Ephrussis to the blink of oblivion. In this stunningly original memoir, De Waal travels the world to stand in the great buildings his forebears once inhabited. He traces the network of a remarkable family against the backdrop of a tumultuous century. And, in prose as elegant and precise as the netsuke themselves, he tells the story of a unique collection which passed from hand to hand - and which, in a twist of fate, found its way home to Japan. The Economist said: "Buy two copies of his book; keep one and give the other to your closest bookish friend" – buy yourself a copy and see if you agree.



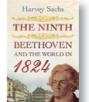
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The Ninth Beethoven and the World in 1824

Harvey SACHS

208pp Hb \$35.00 A decade after the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars had given way to

an era of retrenchment and repression, 1824 became a watershed year. The premiere of the Ninth Symphony, the death of Lord Byron - who had been aiding the Greeks in their struggle for independence, Delacroix's painting of the Turkish massacre of Greeks at Chios and Pushkin's anti-tyrannical play *Boris Godunov*, all signalled that the desire for freedom was not dead. And all of these works and events were part of the flowering of the High Romantic period. Sachs explains how the premiere of Beethoven's staggering last symphony was emblematic of its time - a work of art unlike any other - and a magisterial, humanistic statement that remains a challenge down to our own day and for future generations.

Australian Classic on the Big Screen - Re-read it Before You See it



John MARSDEN

290pp Pb \$18.99

When I was asked to review this book, I was torn - part of me wondered why everyone was saying what a great read this is - and part of me unpleasantly recalled reading it for high school English. When I finally picked it up, I realised that possibly my high school experiences had well and truly tarnished this Australian coming of age adventure. After camping in the area known locally as Hell, Ellie and her friends return home to find their families missing and their town and (presumably) Australia invaded by an unnamed menacing foreign power. With the erroneously named Hell

their only refuge, and unable to make contact with the outside world, confusion quickly gives way to panic. The teens must discover the extent of the invasion and fight to stay alive. While the gradual escalation of the plot lines may seem slow, the well-paced action and development of the characters make this book well worth reading. The film is due for release in September, so start reading now and catch up with this, the first in the fabulous seven book *Tommorow* series (all Pb \$18.99). - Laura



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FICTION

Free Double Movie Pass

ORSON WELLES Robert KAPLOW

Me and Orson Welles

288pp Pb \$24.95



Richard is a 17-year-old kid from New Jersey with the gift of the gab and an eye for the ladies. He's bored with school and dreams of making it big in

the dazzling world of 1930s Manhattan. This is the story of one week in Richard's life, when he miraculously gets a part in a history-making production of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar at the Mercury theatre, New York. It's the week he falls in love, and falls out of love again; it's the week he changes his middle name - twice. It's also the week he meets the colossally talented, fearsomely charming, soon-to-be-superstar Orson Welles. After this week, Richard's life will never be the same again.

Buy this book and recieve a free double-pass to the movie (while stocks last).



Imperial Bedrooms

Bret Easton ELLIS 256pp Tp \$32.99

In 1985, Ellis shocked, stunned and disturbed with his first novel Less Than Zero (Pb \$22.99), chronicling the frightening consequences of unmitigated hedonism within

the ranks of the ethically bereft youth of 80s Los Angeles. Now, 25 years later, he returns to those same characters: Clay and the band of infamous teenagers whose lives weave sporadically through his. But now, they face an even greater period of disaffection - their own middle age. Clay has become a successful screenwriter, but when he returns from New York to Los Angeles, to help cast his new movie, he's soon drifting through a long-familiar circle. Blair, his former girlfriend, is now married and her Beverly Hills parties attract excessive levels of fame and fortune. Then there's Clay's childhood friend, Julian - now a recovering addict - and their old dealer, Rip - face-lifted beyond recognition and seemingly even more sinister than he was in his notorious past. With his life careening out of control, Clay is forced to come to terms with the deepest recesses of his character - and with his seemingly endless proclivity for betrayal.



Comrades Dominic KNIGHT

Tp \$32.95

Sydney University is Australia's pre-eminent finishing school for politicians and its Students' Representative Council is the nursery where generations of

future leaders have cut their first dodgy preference deals and performed their first back-stabbings. This is the story of one student President, Eddie O'Hara, and the brutal struggle to replace him. A menagerie of campus lefties and Liberals battle for the spoils, along with one candidate who makes the peculiar decision to campaign dressed as a rooster. Principles are abandoned, loyalties forgotten and party lines crossed until the blood of all the candidates but one soaks the sandstone cloisters of Australia's oldest university. From the co-founder of The Chaser and author of Disco Boy (Tp \$32.95).

The Vintage and the Gleaning

Jeremy CHAMBERS 272pp Tp \$32.95



In a winemaking town in the north-east of Victoria. Smithy is a retired shearer turned vineyard worker who has recently been forced to give up drinking after a lifetime of alcoholism. In his new sobriety he is contemplating the world in which he lives

and the man he has been and become with a new understanding. Assaulted by long forgotten memories, he is forced to take stock of his own past. Overwhelmed with feelings of regret, guilt, loss and nostalgia for the past, he is trapped in a blind search for meaning as he realises that he cannot undo the repercussions of his wasted life. He is a desperate and lonely old man seeking beauty in an ugly world. Living in the same town is Charlotte, a young woman in a dangerous relationship, whose misfortunes have led her into an uneasy friendship with Smithy. It is in his confused and ultimately futile attempts to help Charlotte that he seeks redemption.



After America

John BIRMINGHAM Tp \$32.99

Four years after an inexplicable wave of energy almost wiped out the American mainland in 2003, US President James Kipper is no closer to explaining

the catastrophe to the traumatised survivors. In a decaying New York City, an assassination attempt on the President prompts the suspicion that the looters overrunning Manhattan may be more organised and sinister than previously thought. Then out of the smoking ruin of the Middle East comes an enemy that will be Kipper's toughest challenge yet. The battle for the Wild East is just beginning, but does this New America, and its gunshy President, have the strength of will to destroy the past in order to save the future?

The Importance of Being Seven



Scotland Street #6

Alexander McCALL SMITH 288pp Hb \$34.95 Will Bertie ever get away from his overbearing mother? And will we say goodbye to a Scotland Street resident - Angus Lordie and his gold-toothed dog Cyril

- as a jaunt to the hills of Tuscany beckons? They star alongside the familiar cast of favourites, as we follow their daily pursuit of a little happiness.

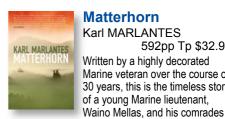


The Confessions of Catherine De Medici C W GORTNER

432pp Tp \$32.99

"I was 10 years old when I discovered I might be a witch..." The 16th century is the era of queens, and Catherine de

Medici is an impressionable, mystical girl. She is orphaned and taken hostage by her enemies, and manipulated by her advisors; yet she is to become France's most powerful regent. History will make her name synonymous with evil, but she is all too human. Humiliated at the hands of her husband and his mistress, and haunted by her gift of second sight, she must rise above her troubles and fight to save her dynasty and adopted country from the brutal Wars of Religion...



Matterhorn

Karl MARLANTES 592pp Tp \$32.99

Written by a highly decorated Marine veteran over the course of 30 years, this is the timeless story of a young Marine lieutenant,

in Bravo Company, who are dropped into the mountain jungle of Vietnam as boys and forced to fight their way into manhood. Standing in their way are not merely the North Vietnamese but also monsoon rain and mud, leeches and tigers. disease and malnutrition. Almost as daunting, it turns out, are the obstacles they discover between each other: racial tension, competing ambitions and duplicitous superior officers. But when the company finds itself surrounded and outnumbered by a massive enemy regiment, the Marines are thrust into the raw and all-consuming terror of



Holy Water

James OTHMER 304pp Tp \$32.95

Henry Tuhoe works for a multinational conglomerate that's begun to outsource everything it can to third world countries. His beautiful wife

no longer lets him touch her, even though she demanded he get a vasectomy; and his bright new home in the leafy suburbs comes with a crippling mortgage. Life doesn't seem so sweet any more. Then his boss offers him a choice: lose his job or go to the tiny, magical, about-to-be-globalised Kingdom of Galado to set up the back office (aka call centre) for a boutique bottled-water company the conglomerate has just acquired. In Galado, he muses on the life he left behind and deals with the attentions of a steroid-abusing monarch, a maverick Australian mercenary and a woman intent on redeeming both his soul and her country.

Aphrodite's War

Andrea BUSFIELD 380pp Tp \$32.95

Cyprus, 1955 – a guerilla war is raging and four Greek brothers are growing up to the familiar sounds of exploding bombs and sniper fire. Determined to avenge the death of his elder brother and to win the heart of his beloved Praxi, young Loukis joins a cell of schoolboy terrorists operating in the mountains. But when his cohorts blow themselves up in a freak accident, he returns home in shock, yearning for the warm embrace of his family - and of his sweetheart. But his adored Praxi is now married to someone else, and playing at her feet is a young toddler...

The Fable of All Our Lives

Peter KOCAN

640pp Tp \$32.99



Who are your heroes? At the age of 30, things are looking up for Tait. Freed after 10 years of confinement, he has gained a literary grant and is eager to find a home and to succeed in his work. As he settles in an idyllic spot, two worlds begin to converge for him. One is

that of the local community in which he discovers fellowship and the chance for love. The other is that of a larger drama of historical forces, one he comes to see as a tremendous moral fable of good and ill. As the two worlds make deepening claims on him, the pressure mounts. Should he welcome intimacy and accept whatever happiness is offered, or is he meant to follow another road?

FICTION



American Subversive

David GOODWILLIE 309pp Tp \$32.99

As the 21st century enters its second decade, foreign wars, the lingering recession and a caustic political environment

are taking their toll on Americans. But the party hasn't ended for Aidan Cole and his friends, a band of savvy, if cynical, New York journalists and bloggers who thrive at the intersection of media and celebrity. At wine-sodden dinner parties or in dimly lit downtown bars, their frenetic talk - of scoops and page views, sexual adventures and trendy restaurants - continues unabated. Then, without warning, the spectre of terrorism re-enters their lives. A bomb rips through the deserted floor of a midtown office tower. Middle Eastern terrorists are immediately suspected. But four days later, with no arrests and a city on edge, an anonymous email arrives in Aidan's in-box. Attached is the photograph of an attractive young white woman, along with a chilling message: "This is Paige Roderick. She's the one responsible." So begins an extraordinary journey into the dark soul of modern America...



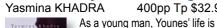
Room

Emma DONOGHUE 320pp Tp \$32.99

Jack is five and, like any little boy, excited at the prospect of presents and cake. He's looking forward to telling his friends it's his birthday, too. But although

Jack is a normal child in many ways - loving, funny, bright, full of energy and questions - his upbringing is far from ordinary: Jack's entire life has been spent in one tiny room. As far as he's concerned, Room is the entire world. He shares this world with his mother, with Plant, and Mouse (though Ma isn't a fan and throws a book at Mouse when she sees him). There's TV too, of course - and the cartoon characters he thinks of as his friends - but Jack knows that nothing else he sees on the screen is real. Old Nick, on the other hand, is all too real, but only visits at night - like a bat when Jack is meant to be asleep and hidden safely in Wardrobe. And only Old Nick has the code to Door, which is otherwise locked...

What the Day Owes the Night 400pp Tp \$32.95



irrevocably changed when he leaves his broken home for the vibrant, colourful and affluent European district of Río Salado. Renamed Jonas, he begins a new life and forges a unique friendship with a group of boys, an enduring bond that nothing,

not even the Algerian Revolt, will shake. Yet with the return to Río Salado of Émilie – a beautiful, beguiling young girl who captures the hearts of all who see her - an epic love story is set in motion that will challenge the complicity of these four boys and force Jonas to confront the burden of having to choose between two worlds: Algerian or European; loyalty or selfishness; past or present; surrendering to fate or grasping control of his own destiny. Set against the war of independence and a harsh yet mystic landscape.



The Invisible Bridge Julie ORRINGER

624pp Tp \$32.95

In 1937, Andras, a young Hungarian student, leaves his family and heads for Paris on a scholarship to study

architecture. Before he sets off

he is given a mysterious letter to post on arrival in Paris. It is addressed to a Hungarian woman and no reason is given why it cannot be posted from Budapest. When Andras arrives in Paris he becomes vitally aware of his poverty, particularly when he enters the home of a rich Hungarian émigré, Klara Morgenstern. She is a young widowed woman, and he finds himself falling in love with her. As they begin to meet regularly it is clear that Klara is hiding a terrifying secret, related to the mysterious letter that Andras posted on arrival, which means she is trapped in Paris as war looms closer. And, as Andras and his fellow students' lives become ever more vulnerable in the shadow of war, the group must shatter in order to

The Good Psychologist

Noam SHPANCER 256pp Tp \$32.99



The Good Psychologist has a regular 4 o'clock appointment with an exotic dancer who has lost her nerve to strip. Soon, he discovers she is even more distraught over losing access to her daughter. Meanwhile, over at the college where he teaches a class on the

principles of therapy, the Good Psychologist, a measured man, warns against rushing at clients with salves and solutions. One must, he insists, preserve an optimum clinical distance, always aware that the unshakable conviction that disaster is approaching has become the real disaster in the lives of the anxious. But take a closer look at the Good Psychologist. Who is that waving to him seductively from his past? What's beckoning him to rekindle extinguished hopes for the future? As the shell of his detachment begins to crack, he finds the boundaries between professional and personal are dangerously blurring.



Tiger Hills

Sarita MANDANNA 464pp Tp \$32.99

The year is 1878. As the first girl to be born to the Nachimandas in over 60 years, beautiful, spirited Devi is adored by her entire family. She befriends

Devanna, a gifted young boy whose mother has died in tragic circumstances. The two quickly become inseparable as they grow up amidst the luscious jungles, rolling hills and rich coffee plantations of Coord in Southern India; cocooned by an extended family whose roots have been sunk in the land for hundreds of years. Their futures seem inevitably linked, but everything changes when, one night, they attend a 'tiger wedding'. It is there that Devi gets her first glimpse of Machu, the celebrated tiger killer and a hunter of great repute. Although she is still a child and Machu is a man, Devi vows that one day she will marry him. It is this love that will gradually drive a wedge between them, sewing the seed of a heartbreaking tragedy that will have consequences for the generations to come.

CHILDREN'S



Moment of Truth The Laws of Magic #5

Michael PRYOR Pb \$17.95 The unthinkable has happened:

Albion is at war. Holmland is about to unleash an unstoppable horror upon the world. It could win the war within weeks. Aubrey

is in a dilemma: should he obey orders and simply observe, or should he and his friends do their best to stop a bloodbath? Saving thousands of lives could cost Aubrey his own. But that's never stopped him before.



Artemis Fowl and the **Atlantis Complex**

Eoin COLFER

336pp Pb \$22.95

Young Artemis has frequently used high-tech fairy magic to mastermind the most devious criminal activity of the new

century. Now, at a conference in Iceland, he has gathered the fairies to present his latest idea to save the world from global warming. But he is behaving strangely - he seems different. Something terrible has happened to him - he has become nice. The fairies diagnose Atlantis Complex, dabbling in magic has damaged his mind. Fairy ally Captain Holly Short doesn't know what to do. Can she get the real Artemis back before the robot probes destroy every human and life form?



The Poison Diaries

Maryrose WOOD

240pp Tp \$19.99

In the right dose, everything is a poison. Jessamine has spent her whole life in her father's apothecary garden, surrounded by medicinal

plants and herbs that could kill her. Yet she has never had reason to be afraid - until now. Because now a newcomer has come to live with the family, a quiet but strangely attractive orphan boy named Weed. Though Weed doesn't say much in words, he has an instant talent for the apothecary's trade, seeming to possess a close bond with the plants of the garden. Soon, he and Jessamine also share a close bond. But little does she know that behind Weed's instinctive way in the garden is a terrible secret...



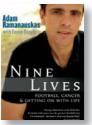
The Rebel Prince Moorehawke Trilogy #3 Celine KIERNAN

448pp Pb \$19.99

The gripping finale of the addictive romantic medieval trilogy that began with The Poison Throne

and continued with The Crowded Shadows (both Pb \$19.99). Wynter is at last reunited with the exiled Prince Alberon, as he plots insurgency from his forest encampment. But she is losing faith with her companions as they attempt to drive Alberon's plans in different directions. Caught between Razi's complex diplomacy, Alberon's desire for martial strength and Christopher's fierce personal loyalty, Wynter finds herself torn. Can she combine these philosophies, and find a way to heal the rift between king and heir? Or will each side destroy the other, causing her to lose everything she holds dear? She fears the answers lie veiled in conflict

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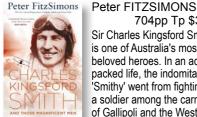


Nine Lives Football, Cancer and Getting on with Life Adam RAMANAUSKAS with Emma QUAYLE 288pp Tp \$32.95

In February 2003, Adam was living every boy's dream. At 22 he'd been noted as

a star of the future and already had one AFL premiership under his belt. Then the bottom fell out of his world. The discovery of an unusual lump in his right shoulder quickly led to the words no one wants to hear: "You have cancer". Over the next few years, his three battles with cancer would require every ounce of courage and determination he could summon. He not only bounced back after each setback, but made an incredible return to elite sport, inspiring his team-mates, family and the medical profession with his resilience and refusal to take anything lying down.

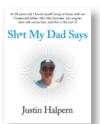
Charles Kingsford Smith and Those Magnificent Men



704pp Tp \$35.00 Sir Charles Kingsford Smith

is one of Australia's most beloved heroes. In an actionpacked life, the indomitable 'Smithy' went from fighting as a soldier among the carnage of Gallipoli and the Western Front, to taking to the skies

against the likes of the Red Baron - for which he won the Military Cross for gallantry - before becoming the greatest peacetime aviator of his generation. Along with Charles Ulm, he was the first man to conquer the Pacific by air, the first to fly across the Tasman Sea, the fastest man to fly from England to Australia, and the first pilot to circumnavigate the globe by crossing the equator.



Shit My Dad Says Justin HALPERN 244pp Pb \$29.99

"At 28 years old, I found myself living at home, with my 73-year-old father. As a child, my father never minced words, and when I screwed up, he had a way

of cutting right through the bullshit and pointing out exactly why I was being an idiot. When I moved back in I was still, for the most part, an idiot. But this time, I was smart enough to write down all the things he said to me." As Justin says at one point, his dad is "like Socrates, but angrier, and with worse hair"; and this is the sort of shit he says... "You know, sometimes it's nice having you around. But now ain't one of those times. Now gimme the remote, we're not watching this bullshit... By the way, there's no money left when I go, just FYI."

Days with My Father

Phil TOLEDANO

92pp Hb \$29.99



This is a son's photo journal of his ageing father's last years. Following the death of his mother, photographer Phil Toledano was shocked

to learn of the extent of his father's severe memory loss. He started a blog on which he posted photographs and accompanying reflections on his father's changing state.



The Tiger Man of Vietnam

Frank WALKER 368pp Pb \$24.99

The Vietnamese hill tribes made him a demi-god. The CIA wanted to kill him. This is the remarkable true story of Australian war hero Barry Petersen. In 1963, the

28-year-old Barry was sent to Vietnam as part of the 30-man Australian Training Team, two years before the first official Australian troops arrived. Seconded to the CIA, he was sent to the remote Central Highlands to build an anti-communist guerrilla force among the indigenous Montagnard people. He was sent off with bag loads of cash and a vague instruction to 'get to know the natives'. He took over the running of the paramilitary force that had been started by the local police chief and started to earn the Montagnards' respect. He lived, drank and ate with the Montagnards, learned their language and respected their skills. The Vietcong dubbed Petersen's force 'Tiger Men'. When he heard this, he had special badges made for their berets and supplied tiger print uniforms. The Montagnards loved Petersen and flocked to join his force, but the CIA were worried. They thought he was out of control and too close to the Montagnard people...

The Junior Officers' Reading Club

Killing Time and Fighting Wars

Patrick HENNESSEY 368pp Pb \$26.95



Patrick Hennessey is a graduate in his 20s. He reads Graham Greene, listens to early-90s house on his iPod and watches Vietnam movies. He has also, as an officer in the Grenadier Guards, fought in some of the most violent combat the British army

has seen in a generation. This is the story of how a modern soldier is made, from the testosteroneheavy breeding ground of Sandhurst to the nightmare of Iraq and Afghanistan. "An engaging mix of war reporting, stream of consciousness and reflections on the nature of conflict in the 21st century." - The Spectator



So Much to Tell

Valerie GROVE 320pp Hb \$49.95

Kaye Webb, a journalist with no publishing experience, burst into the world of children's books in 1961 and changed the face of children's publishing forever. Her child-like enthusiasm

and shrewd business mind led her to become Puffin's most successful editor and the genius behind the Puffin Club, which opened up the exciting world of authors and books to children across Britain. But whilst her professional life had worked out beautifully, her private life had been the reverse. She had two husbands before her marriage to the artist Ronald Searle, and the torment of his sudden and shocking departure never left her. Yet to the outside world she remained passionate and unstoppable. This is the unknown story of the woman who brought the joy of books to children everywhere whilst battling the emotional pain that plagued her private life.



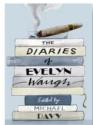
True Spirit The Aussie Girl Who **Took on the World**

Jessica WATSON 352pp Tp \$35.00

"When I was young I was pretty much afraid of everything. I wish I could say when it was that I went from

being that quiet little girl, tagging along behind the others, to the girl who set off to sail around the world believing completely that with enough dedication she could achieve anything she set her mind to. Somewhere along the way I learnt that if you truly want to live life you have to get involved, pursue your passions and dream big." Jessica details the extensive preparation she and her team made for the big voyage, her journey and the battles she fought along the way - against sleep deprivation, gale-force winds, mountainous seas and the solitude most of us can only imagine. When she sailed back into Sydney Harbour in May, after 210 days at sea, she was cheered in by a huge crowd. To many, Jessica was our newest hero. She disagreed, saying she wasn't a hero, "just an ordinary girl who had a dream and worked hard at it and proved that anything is possible".

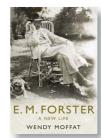
The Diaries of Evelyn Waugh



Evelyn WAUGH Michael DAVIE (Ed) 896pp Pb \$55.00

Evelyn Waugh kept a diary almost continuously from the age of seven until a year before his death in 1966. Extracts from the diaries caused sensation when they were published by the

Observer. They are a unique literary document of 300,000 words which provide the background to the novels which made Waugh famous, and give a continuously sharp and baleful view of the social history of our times.



E M Forster A New Life

Wendy MOFFAT 416pp Hb \$59.99

One of the great mysteries in the life of Forster (1879-1970) is why, after the publication of A Passage to India (Pb \$24.95) in 1924, he did not publish

another novel, although he lived to be 90. Based on Moffat's lifetime dedication to her subject, we gain extraordinary insights into a man with a gift for writing fiction of great humanity, warmth and humour, who realised early that the society of his time would not allow him to publish the fiction he really wanted to write. It would not be until after his death that Maurice (Pb \$24.95), his novel of a homosexual affair, would be published. Forster led a full and energetic life. He was a successful broadcaster, a brilliant essayist and a leading figure in Europe's intellectual life. Moffat argues that with his support for colleagues from Lowes Dickinson and Radcliffe Hall to Christopher Isherwood and Benjamin Britten, and his quiet championing of humanistic values, he helped create the more tolerant world we now enjoy. Her achievement is not to show that Forster was homosexual (this is well known), but how deeply his ideas on individual freedom, tolerance, sexuality and love, permeated every act and aspect of his life.





Lords of the Sea The Epic Story of the Athenian Navy and the Birth of Democracy John HALE

432pp Pb \$24.95

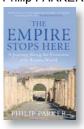
The Athenian Navy was one of the finest fighting forces in the history of the world. It

engineered a civilisation, empowered the world's first democracy, and led a band of ordinary citizens on a voyage of discovery that altered the course of history. Renowned archaeologist Hale presents the definitive history of the epic battles, the fearsome ships, and the men - from extraordinary leaders to seductive rogues - that established Athens's supremacy. With a scholar's insight and a storyteller's flair, he takes us on an unforgettable voyage with these heroes, their turbulent careers and far-flung expeditions, bringing back to light a forgotten maritime empire and its majestic legacy.

The Empire Stops Here A Journey Along the Frontiers of the Roman World

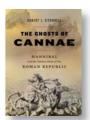
Philip PARKER

656pp Tp \$34.95



The Roman Empire was the largest and most enduring of the ancient world. From its zenith under Augustus and Trajan in the 1st century AD to its decline and fall amidst the barbarian invasions of the 5th century, the Empire guarded and maintained a frontier that stretched for 5,000 kilometres.

Far from being at the periphery of the Roman world, the frontier played a crucial role in making and breaking emperors, creating vibrant and astonishingly diverse societies along its course which pulsed with energy while the centre became enfeebled and sluggish. Parker traces the course of those frontiers, visiting all its astonishing sites, from Hadrian's Wall in the north of Britain to the desert cities of Palmyra and Leptis Magna. In this examination of the places that the mighty Roman Empire stopped expanding, he reveals how and why the Empire endured for so long, as well as describing the rich and complex architectural and cultural legacy which it has bequeathed to us.



The Ghosts of Cannae Hannibal and the Darkest Hour of the Roman Republic Robert O'CONNELL 336pp Hb \$45.00

For millennia, Carthage's triumph over Rome at Cannae in 216 BC has inspired reverence and awe. It was the battle that countless armies tried to imitate, yet no general ever matched Hannibal's most unexpected, innovative, and brutal military victory - the costliest day of combat for any army in history. O'Connell, one of the most admired names in military history, tells the whole story of Cannae for the first time, giving us a stirring account of this apocalyptic battle of the Second Punic War, and its causes and consequences. He shows how a restive Rome amassed a giant army to punish Carthage's masterful commander, who had dealt them deadly blows at Trebia and Lake Trasimene, and how Hannibal outwitted enemies that outnumbered him.



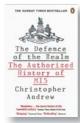
The Morbid Age Britain and the Crisis of Civilisation, 1919 – 1939 Richard OVERY

544pp Pb \$26.95

British intellectual life between the wars stood at the heart of modernity. Overy opens a

window on to this creative but anxious era, the golden age of the public intellectual and scientist: Arnold Toynbee, Aldous and Julian Huxley, H G Wells, Marie Stopes and a host of others. Yet a striking characteristic of so many of the ideas that emerged from this new age - from eugenics to Freud's unconscious, to modern ideas of pacifism and world government - was the fear that the West was facing a possibly terminal crisis of civilisation. Ultimately, the coming of war was almost welcomed as a way to resolve the contradictions and anxieties of this period, a war in which it was believed civilisation would be either saved or utterly destroyed.

The Defence of the Realm The Authorized History of MI5



Christopher ANDREW 1,088pp Pb \$29.95

To mark the centenary of its foundation, the British Security Service, MI5, has opened its archives to an independent historian. This unprecedented publication reveals the precise role of the Service in 20th century British history, from

its foundation by Captain Kell of the British Army in October 1909 to root out 'the spies of the Kaiser' up to its present role in countering Islamic terrorism. It describes the distinctive ethos of MI5, how the organisation has been managed, its relationship with the government, where it has triumphed and where it has failed. It has new information about the Profumo affair and its aftermath, the 'Magnificent Five' and a range of formerly unconfirmed Soviet contacts. It reveals that though MI5 had a file on Harold Wilson it did not plot against him, and it describes what really happened during the failed IRA attack in Gibraltar in March 1988.

The Man on Devil's Island Alfred Dreyfus and the Affair That Divided France



Ruth HARRIS

560pp Hb \$59.95 At the end of September 1894,

a charlady stole an undated and unsigned letter from the wastepaper bin of the German military attaché in Paris. Torn to pieces but stuck back together by French intelligence, this

document contained French military secrets. By the middle of October a Jewish captain in the army called Alfred Dreyfus was accused of being its author. As it turned out, he was entirely innocent, but at the time few questioned the verdict of the subsequent court martial, nor the unanimous decision to sentence him to a life of penal servitude. He was sent to the harsh Devil's Island off the coast of French Guiana, and condemned to solitary confinement in murderous conditions. The French authorities did not expect - and probably did not want - him to survive. So undisputed was his conviction that no one had any inkling it would be queried, let alone that the case would become the scandal that nearly brought down the French state.

Strangest Family George III's Extraordinary Experiment in Domestic Happiness

Janice HADLOW & Martin DAVIDSON 512pp Hb \$49.99

George III came to the throne in 1760 as a man with a mission. He wanted to be a new kind of king, one whose power was rooted in the affection and approval of his people. Above all he was determined to break with the extraordinarily dysfunctional home lives of his Hanoverian forbears. His wife, Queen Charlotte, shared his sense of moral purpose, and together they did everything they could to raise their tribe of 13 young sons and daughters in a climate of loving attention. But as the children grew older, it became harder to maintain the illusion of domestic harmony. The king's episodes of madness, in which he frequently expressed his repulsion for the queen, undermined the bedrock of their marriage; his disapproving distance from the bored and purposeless princes alienated them; and his determination to keep the princesses at home, protected from the potential horrors of the continental marriage market, left them lonely and resentful at their loveless, single state.



The Party The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers

Richard McGREGOR 302pp Hb \$49.95

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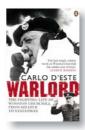
elephant in the room. They are the largest political organisation in the world. They control every aspect of Chinese life. And no one discusses them. Until now. Who are they? And how do they operate? McGregor has spent 20 years reporting on this region of the world and he has used all of his experience to uncover the true story of the Chinese Communist Party. From business to the army, he tracks down the people who are on the inside, and reveals how they run the world's most populous country. It is impossible to understand China without really knowing who is in charge. And this book tackles the subject head on. How did China's Communists merge Marx, Mao and the market to create a new superpower? How can they maintain such a grip on power in the face of a changing world? And just how corrupt are they?

Warlord

to power as no other book has.

The Fighting Life of Winston Churchill, from Soldier to Statesman

This book gives us the untold story of China's rise



Carlo D'ESTE 976pp Pb \$29.95

This book examines the life of Winston Churchill through his military service as both a soldier and warlord. He was the descendent of the first Duke of Marlborough who, despite never having risen above the rank of lieutenant colonel,

eventually came at the age of 65 to direct Britain's military campaigns in the greatest conflict of the 20th century. It explores Churchill's strategies in both world wars - the disastrous failures as well as the dazzling triumphs - and casts fresh light on his tumultuous relationships with his generals.

HISTORY

The Icarus Syndrome A History of American Hubris

Peter BEINART

480pp Tp \$39.99



Beinart tells a tale as old as the Greeks - a story about the seductions of success. He describes Washington on the eve of three wars - WWI, Vietnam and Iraq - three moments when American leaders decided they could remake the world in their image. Each time, a president

held the nation in the palm of his hand. And each time, a war conceived in arrogance brought untold tragedy. Woodrow Wilson, the lonely preacher's son took America into WWI and became the closest thing to a political messiah the world had ever seen. Lyndon Johnson and the Camelot intellectuals took America into Vietnam. George W Bush and the post-cold war neoconservatives, believed they could bludgeon the Middle East and liberate it at the same time. Like Icarus, they flapped carefully at first, but gradually lost their inhibitions until, giddy with success, they flew into the sun. But every era also brought new leaders and thinkers who found wisdom in pain. In their struggles lie the seeds of American renewal today.

Washington Rules America's Path to Permanent War

Andrew BACEVICH 224pp Tp \$35.00

For the last half century, as administrations have come and gone, the fundamental assumptions about America's military policy have remained unchanged: American security requires the United States to maintain a permanent armed presence around the globe, to prepare their forces for military operations in far-flung regions, and to be ready to intervene anywhere at any time. In the Obama era, just as in the Bush years, these beliefs remain unquestioned gospel. Bacevich succinctly presents the origins of this consensus, forged at a moment when American power was at its height. He exposes the the notion that overwhelming superiority will oblige others to accommodate America's needs and desires - whether for cheap oil, cheap credit, or cheap consumer goods. Replacing this Washington consensus is crucial to America's future and may yet offer the key to the country's salvation.



The West and the Map of the World

Matthew RICHARDSON 288pp Hb \$69.99

Inspired by antique mapmakers and their global vision, Richardson presents the past as a single narrative

in which European history is an offshoot of Asian history. He explains that the dominating ethos of the modern West owes more to hordes of Asian nomads, who colonised Europe, than to the classical civilisation of the Greeks and Romans. Surprising insights include reappraisals of the historic roles of Chinese bureaucrats, Greek cities, Christian explorers and the Dieppe Maps, which spark arguments about Australia's discovery. Based on ancient and medieval writings and lavishly illustrated with more than 100 outstanding maps from the State Library of Victoria, this book reaches striking conclusions about the modern success of the West.



The Great Silence 1918-1920 Living in the Shadow of the Great War

Juliet NICOLSON 400pp Pb \$27.99

Peace at last, after Lloyd George declared it had been "the war to end all wars",

would surely bring relief and a renewed sense of optimism? But this assumption turned out to be deeply misplaced as people began to realise that the men they loved were never coming home. This is the story of the pause between 1918 and 1920. A two-minute silence to celebrate those who died was underpinned by a more enduring silence born out of national grief. Change came to women, who were given the vote only five years after Emily Davidson had thrown herself on the ground at Ascot race course, to the poor, determined to tolerate their condition no longer, and to those permanently scarred, mentally and physically, by the conflict.



The Invention of the Jewish People

Shlomo SAND

344pp Pb \$25.00

All modern nation states have a story of their origins, passed down through both official and popular culture, yet few of these

accounts have proved as divisive and influential as the Israeli national myth. The well-known tale of Jewish exile at the hands of the Romans during the first century AD, and the assertion of both cultural and racial continuity through to the Jewish people of the present day, resonates far beyond Israel's borders. Despite its use as a justification for Jewish settlement in Palestine and the project of a Greater Israel, there have been few scholarly investigations into the historical accuracy of the story as a whole. Sand shows that the Israeli national myth has its origins in the 19th century, rather than in biblical times when Jewish historians, like scholars in many other cultures, reconstituted an imagined people in order to model a future nation. He dissects the official story and demonstrates the construction of a nationalist myth and the collective mystification that this requires.



Rare and Curious

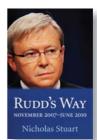
The Secret History of Governor Macquarie's Collectors' Chest

Elizabeth ELLIS



288pp Hb \$59.99
The Macquarie collectors' chest, an enigmatic wooden cabinet filled with painted panels and exotic treasures, was created in Australia for Governor Lachlan Macquarie around 1818. It was taken to the United Kingdom, and languished forgotten and unnoticed in a

Scottish castle until it was rediscovered in the late 1970s. The Mitchell Library of New South Wales acquired the chest, and its remarkable similarity to the Dixson Galleries collectors' chest, acquired by the Library in 1937, raised intriguing questions about the cabinets' creators, owners and purpose.



Rudd's Way November 2007 - June 2010

Nicholas STUART 320pp Tp \$35.00 Based on an extensive series of detailed and off-

series of detailed and offthe-record interviews, Stuart - Rudd's biographer and the author of an acclaimed

study into the 2007 election - provides a critical examination of Labor in office and of the key events and crucial moments leading to Rudd's downfall. Stuart presents the first in-depth analysis of the way that Rudd's government worked and why Labor eventually decided its leader had to be removed. He argues that, more than under any previous government, the policies and direction of Australia from November 2007 to June 2010 were set by just one man - Prime Minister Kevin Rudd - until he finally overreached himself.

Singing Saltwater Country Journey to the Songlines of Carpentaria

John BRADLEY with Yanyuwa Families 336pp Tp \$39.99



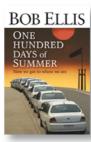
At 20 Bradley was sent to teach Aboriginal children in a school at remote Borroloola, on the Gulf of Carpentaria in far north Australia. But it is the teacher who is educated by the Yanyuwa elders and their families. Over three decades he learns their language and

their country, becoming intimately drawn into other ways of being, both practical and spiritual. With passion and pride they teach him their songlines, relating what they know and value - ancestors, places, plants, animals, ceremonies, stories - and the spirit that sustains all. As we follow Bradley on his journey, we begin to see that the songlines are keys to the authority and continuity held by Aboriginal Law. We begin to understand why, when country can no longer be sung, the Yanyuwa feel it so deeply. And what such loss means to us all.

One Hundred Days of Summer How We Got to Where We Are

Bob ELLIS

304pp Tp \$32.95



Written in Ellis's inimitable style, this is a very personal book about a period of intense political change in Australia. The diary-style narrative starts on 12 November, 2009 (when Rhys Muldoon picks Ellis up from Parliament House and drives him to visit the poet Les Murray at Bunyah for

some lively political discussions) and ends on 7 January, 2010, when Bob's sometime mentor, Mike Rann, faces his recent assailant in an Adelaide court. The book includes coverage and analysis of the next sitting of the New South Wales Parliament and the result of the South Australian election. Ellis is close to many of the political players during this rapidly-changing period in Australian politics, but he also manages to stay plugged in to the cultural scene, and has plenty to say about the films, books and theatre of the period.

Australian History



Money and Politics The Democracy We Can't Afford

Joo-Cheong THAM 320pp Tp \$49.95

Money plays a controversial role in Australian politics. Political donations

may spark claims of secret contributions and corruption. Meanwhile, the activities of well-paid lobbyists come under the spotlight, with claims of preferential treatment and 'favours for mates'. Public funding for political parties also attracts its share of criticism. There is a fear that while Australian politics has the trappings of a democracy, they mask an oligarchy where political power rests with only a few rich and powerful citizens and corporations. This book systematically dissects how political parties raise and spend money and asks what this means for Australian democracy.

Resilience and Transformation Preparing Australia for Uncertain Futures

Steven CORK

208pp Pb \$39.95



Resilience is a word used more and more across societies worldwide as decision-makers realise that predicting and controlling the future does not work and that preparing for uncertainty and surprise is vital. As Australia moves into a millennium that promises major economic,

social, technological and environmental change, much of it potentially beyond our comprehension, Australia 21 has assembled some of Australia's leading thinkers to give their perspectives on the extent and direction of resilience across our nations' social, economic and ecological systems. There is good news and bad, and a few surprises. One of the most confronting insights is that some aspects of Australia's resilience are not desirable.

Looking for Australia



Historical Essays
John HIRST

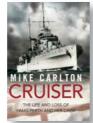
256pp Tp \$32.95
In these fascinating essays,
Hirst delves into Australia's
history, politics and society.
He considers whether Curtin
was indeed our greatest
prime minister and tells
the story of how Australia

introduced the secret ballot and compulsory voting. He selects the best history books and explores the idea that Australian Rules has its origins in Aboriginal pastimes. He discusses the process of writing the official history for new citizens, reflects on Australia's past as a British dependency and its possible future as a republic. And he examines our convict legacy, its contribution to the national character, and our peculiar adoption of bushmen and bushrangers as popular heroes. This collection of writing is a companion and successor to the bestselling **Sense and Nonsense in Australian History** (Pb \$34.95).

Cruiser

The Life and Loss of HMAS Perth

Mike CARLTON 512pp Hb \$55.00



Of all the Australians who fought in the Second World War, none saw more action nor endured so much of its hardship and horror as the crew of the cruiser *HMAS Perth*. Most were young - many were still teenagers - from cities and towns, villages and farms across the

nation. In three tumultuous years they did battle with the forces of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, the Vichy French and finally, the Imperial Japanese Navy. They were nearly lost in a hurricane in the Atlantic. After the fall of Singapore in 1942, HMAS Perth was hurled into the forlorn campaign to stem the Japanese advance towards Australia. Off the coast of Java in March that year she met an overwhelming enemy naval force. Firing until her ammunition literally ran out, she was sunk with the loss of 353 of her crew, including her much-loved captain and the Royal Australian Navy's finest fighting sailor, 'Hardover' Hec Waller. Another 328 men were taken into Japanese captivity, most to become slave labourers in the infinite hell of the Burma-Thai railway. Many died there, victims of unspeakable atrocity. Only 218 men, less than a third of her crew, survived to return home at war's

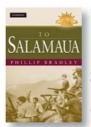


Bad Characters Sex, Crime, Mutiny and Murder in the Great War

Peter STANLEY 272pp Tp \$34.95

Australia's long-standing love affair with the Diggers has blinded us to the dark

side of the Anzac legend. Stanley tells the story of the Australian soldiers in the Great War who were not heroes: soldiers who malingered, deserted, robbed and murdered their comrades; those who took part in riots, strikes and mutiny. Stanley's unflinching, humane and respectful book recounts dramatic, and often tragic, stories of the AIF's dark side, blending 'true crime' with 'war history'. More importantly, it fosters a truer understanding of who these men were, what they did in the war, and what this terrible war did to them.



To Salamaua

Phillip BRADLEY 392pp Hb \$59.95

Following on from his acclaimed book, **The Battle for Wau** (Hb \$75), Bradley turns his attention to the Salamaua campaign - the first of the New Guinea offensives by

the Australian Army in WWII. Opening with the pivotal air-sea battle of the Bismarck Sea, this important title recounts the fierce land campaign that was fought for the ridges that guarded the Japanese base at Salamaua. From Mount Tambu to Old Vickers and across the Francisco River, the Australians and their American allies fought a desperate struggle to keep the Imperial Japanese Army diverted from the strategic prize of Lae. From the strategic background of the campaign and the heated conflicts, to the mud and blood of the front lines, this is an extraordinary story.



The Changi Brownlow

Roland PERRY 384pp Tp \$35.00

After Singapore falls to the Japanese early in 1942, 70,000 prisoners - including 15,000 Australians - are held as POWs at the notorious

Changi prison in Singapore. To amuse themselves and fellow inmates, a group of sportsmen led by the indefatigable and popular 'Chicken Smallhorn', created an Australian Football League, complete with tribunal, selection panel, umpires and coaches. The final game of the one and only season attracted 10,000 spectators, and a unique Brownlow Medal was awarded in this unlikely setting under the curious gaze of Japanese prison guards. Meet the main characters behind this spectacle: Peter Chitty, the farm hand from Snowy River country with unfathomable physical and mental fortitude; Chicken Smallhorn, the Brownlowmedal winning little man with the huge heart; and Weary Dunlop, the courageous doctor, who cares for the POWs as they endure malnutrition, disease and often inhuman treatment.



The Men Who Came Out of the Ground Timor 1942 -Australia's First Commandoes Paul CLEARY

400pp Tp \$35.00 By February 1942, the

Japanese had invaded the Dutch East Indies as part of their push south. All that stood in the way of their moving significant resources to take part in the main fighting in Papua New Guinea was a force of 700 Australian commandos and a few hundred Dutch soldiers. After months of skirmishes and attacks on Japanese forces, the Australians faced a major offensive, and despite the best efforts of the individual soldiers. Australian forces were withdrawn at the end of 1942. But by then an entire Japanese division had been prevented from taking part in the Papua New Guinea campaign. This account covers their heroic fighting against a superior force, courage and ingenuity in the face of supply and equipment problems, and the support and friendship of the locals.



Brisbane

Matthew CONDON 312pp Hb \$29.95

"I keep coming back to the light of Brisbane. If you are born into it, this palette of gentle pinks and oranges at dawn and dusk, the blast white of midday in summer, the lemon luminescence

of mid-morning and mid-afternoon, you keep it with you, and measure all other light by it. If you live away from it, then step back into it, it is the first thing that tells you you're home." In this book, the third in a series on Australian cities in which leading Australian authors write about their home city, Condon rediscovers the city of his childhood, Brisbane. Having returned there after many years, he takes the reader on a unique and personal journey through contemporary Brisbane, unearthing its history - sometimes literally - and painting a portrait of the contemporary transformation of the city.

SCIENCE



Massive The Hunt for the God Particle Ian SAMPLE

320pp Tp \$35.00

The biggest science story of our time, this book spans four decades weaving together the

personal stories and intense rivalry behind the search for the 'God' particle or Higgs boson - the particle that gives mass (or weight) to all things. A story of grand ambition, intense trans-Atlantic competition, clashing egos and occasionally spectacular failures, this is the first single historical narrative that brings together the science, culture and politics in an accessible way for the general reader. No other author has had such unprecedented access to the work and both the public and private life of theoretical physicist Professor Peter Higgs, the scientist after whom the particle is named. For scientists, to find the God particle is finally to understand the origin of mass.



Jung, Pauli, and the Pursuit of a Scientific Obsession Arthur MILLER

368pp Pb \$22.95 The question of whether there

is a number at the root of the universe, a primal number that everything in the world hinges on, has exercised many great minds of the 20th century, among them the groundbreaking physicist Wolfgang Pauli and the famous psychoanalyst Carl Jung. Their obsession with the power of certain numbers - including 137, which describes the atom's fine-structure constant and has great Kabalistic significance - led them to develop an unlikely friendship and to embark on a joint mystical quest reaching deep into medieval alchemy, dream interpretation and the Chinese Book of Changes. This book explores the intersection of modern science with the occult, but it is also a tale of an extraordinary friendship between two of the greatest thinkers of our times.

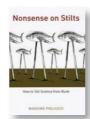
Pandora's Seed The Unforeseen Cost of Civilization

Spencer WELLS 256pp Hb \$49.95



10,000 years ago, humans made a decision to change our relationship with nature: instead of hunting and gathering, we developed agriculture. Wells reveals that this seemingly simple transition set in motion the most significant changes in the history of humanity, the

unforeseen costs of which we are living with now. He takes us back to that moment that changed human history forever to trace the origins of some of the most important problems in our world today. From global terrorism and climate change to swine flu, AIDS and obesity, the root causes lie in the biological implications of agriculture. Humanity's move away from hunting and gathering has impacted on our bodies, our society and our planet. Is there a fatal mismatch between Western culture and our biology that is making us ill, both mentally and physically? Only through rediscovering humanity's needs and questioning the cultural progression we have achieved as a species can we hope to understand what it means to be human in the modern world.



Nonsense on Stilts How to Tell Science from Bunk

Massimo PIGLIUCCI 336pp Pb \$35.95

Recent polls suggest that fewer than 40% of Americans believe in Darwin's theory of evolution,

despite it being one of science's best-established findings. More and more parents are refusing to vaccinate their children for fear it causes autism, though this link has been consistently disproved. And almost half of Americans believe that the threat of global warming is exaggerated. Why do people believe bunk? And what causes them to embrace such pseudoscientific beliefs and practices? Presenting case studies on a number of controversial topics, Pigliucci cuts through the ambiguity surrounding science to look more closely at how science is conducted and what it means to our society. The result is in many ways a 'taxonomy of bunk' that explores the intersection of science and culture at large.

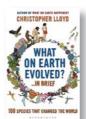


Genius of Britain

Robert UHLIG, Richard DAWKINS, James DYSON & Stephen HAWKING 352pp Hb \$49.99

This is the story of the flashes of inspiration experienced by generations of British scientists as they realised they were about

to change the world. Every one of the characters that make up this rich tradition has a unique and very human story. The relationships between them range from lifelong collaboration to bitter rivalry. Some had vast fortunes, whilst others overcame poverty and a lack of education to become towering figures in the history of science. The impact of this small cast of characters is remarkable. Vaccination, inoculation and the discovery of penicillin saved the lives of millions. The electric motor, the telephone and the personal computer created the technological age, and the theories of the Big Bang, Evolution and Gravity have shed light on some of the deepest mysteries of our existence. This book intertwines the personal reflections of three of today's greatest British scientists with Uhlig's compelling narrative. The result is a journey of scientific inspiration that does justice to Britain's exceptional contribution to science.

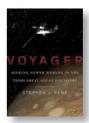


What on Earth Evolved? ...in Brief 100 Species that have Changed the World Christopher LLOYD

480pp Pb \$24.99

Why have creatures evolved as they are? Which species

have been the most successful? How do life forms adapt to a world dominated by nearly seven billion humans? Lloyd leads us on an exhilarating journey from the birth of life to the present day as he attempts to answer these fundamental questions. Along the way, he reveals the stories of the 100 most influential species that have ever lived, from slime, dragonflies and dung beetles to dogs, yeast and bananas. These 100 species are scored and ranked in order of their impact on the planet, life and people.



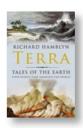
Voyager Seeking Newer Worlds in the Third Great Age of Discovery Stephen PYNE

464pp Hb \$49.95 Launched in 1977, the two unmanned *Voyager* spacecraft

have completed their Grand Tour to the four outer planets, and they are now on course to become the first man-made objects to exit our solar system. To many, this remarkable achievement is the culmination of a golden age of American planetary exploration, begun in the wake of the 1957 Sputnik launch. More than this, Voyager may be one of the purest expressions of exploration in human history. For more than 500 years the West has been powered by the impulse to explore, to push into a wider world. Pyne recasts Voyager in the tradition of Magellan, Columbus, Cook, Lewis and Clark, and other landmark explorers. The Renaissance and Enlightenment - the First and Second Ages of Discovery - sent humans across continents and oceans to find new worlds. In the Third Age, expeditions have penetrated the Antarctic ice, reached the floors of the oceans, and travelled to the planets by new means, most spectacularly via semi-autonomous robot. This book probes how the themes of motive and reward are stunningly parallel through all three ages. Voyager, which

gave us the first breathtaking images of Jupiter and

Saturn, changed our sense of our own place in the



universe.

Tales of the Earth: Four Events That Changed the World Richard HAMBLYN 204pp Pb \$24.99

Hamblyn explores the relationship between the

planet and the humans who inhabit its surfaces in sections corresponding to the four elements (earth, air, fire and water), blending history, science and eye-witness accounts. Through four case histories - the Lisbon earthquake of 1755; the weatherpanics of the summer of 1783; the eruption of Krakatau in 1883 and the Hilo tsunami of 1946 - he reminds us of the earth's unimaginable force and describes what happens when that force is unleashed, both in terms of the immediate human consequences and the longer term economic and scientific implications. Serving as a stark and incontrovertible reminder of our vulnerability when the earth 'goes wrong', he also asks why we don't seem fully able to learn from the catastrophes, mistakes and responses of the past.



The War Scientists

Thomas CRAUGHWELL 304pp Tp \$45.00

This book looks at the individuals through history who have invented military technologies - the human faces

behind life-saving and death-dealing science. It examines their motivations, loyalties and passions, setting out to investigate why they used their intellect in the service of war, for reasons variously noble, patriotic, corrupt, self-serving or cynical. It discusses the scientists' personalities, their education and ethics, their inventions and the use of these technologies in combat. The men and women whose stories are told here represent the paradox of science, with all its potential for good and for evil.

Popular Culture

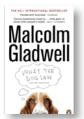


Adland Searching for the Meaning of Life on a Branded Planet

James OTHMER 336pp Pb \$24.95

This is the wickedly funny, compelling personal chronicle of a modern-day ad man

of the rise and fall of a modern-day ad man; a riveting insider's look at the astonishing transformation taking place in advertising's hottest idea factories and an introduction to the people whose job is to know what makes us tick, what makes us lean in, what we think we need and don't know that we want. Amidst the tales of lavish shoots, agencies on the brink and pampered mega-brands, this is also a snapshot of how we live our lives on this earth at this particular moment... 30 seconds at a time.



What the Dog Saw And Other Adventures

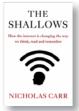
Malcolm GLADWELL 410pp Pb \$26.95

Gladwell is the master of playful yet profound insight. His ability to see underneath the surface of the seemingly

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The Shallows How the Internet is Changing the Way We Think, Read and Remember

Nicholas CARR 384pp Tp \$32.99



Is Google making us stupid? Carr argues that every information technology, whether it's the alphabet or the map or the computer, carries an intellectual ethic - a set of assumptions about the nature of information and intelligence. The mechanical clock

demanded that the world be understood in terms of divided and measurable time. The printing press tuned our minds to the supple, linear arguments of individual thinkers. The Internet is entirely different. It encourages the rapid, nonlinear collection and processing of many small bits of information from many sources. Its ethic is the ethic of the industrialist, an ethic of speed and efficiency, of inputs and outputs, of optimised production and consumption. Drawing on neuroscience, media theory and economics, this book argues that our ever-growing dependence on the Internet is not only influencing our behaviour, but is actually rewiring the neural circuitry of our brains. We are becoming ever more adept at surfing and skimming information, but what we are losing is our capacity for concentration, contemplation and reflection. We are moving from the depths to the shallows.



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Tony SCHWARTZ, Catherine McCARTHY

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Schwartz has developed a powerful program for changing the way we are working that greatly boosts our engagement and our satisfaction with our work and increases our performance. He marshalls a wide range of powerful evidence from business research and psychology that shows that the current model of work - in which people are treated essentially as machines that should be able to perform at top speed for extraordinarily long hours, be able to multi-task, be always accessible and online, withstand often harsh and emotionally punishing treatment and be primarily driven by the need to make profits - is not only not optimal, but is counter-productive because it saps us of our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual energy. In order to perform at our best, we must make a set of key changes in our work lives.

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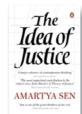


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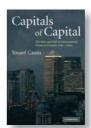


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Amartya SEN 496pp Pb \$26.95

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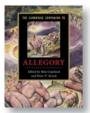


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The Same Man

George Orwell and Evelyn Waugh in Love and War

David LEBEDOFF 272pp Pb

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One climbed to the very top of the social ladder, the other chose to live among tramps. One was a celebrity at 23, the other virtually unknown until his dying days. One was right-wing and religious, the other a socialist and an atheist. Yet, as this book reveals, at the heart of their lives and writing, Waugh and Orwell were essentially the same man.



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Some of you may have noticed that Bruce Turner, who so efficiently looks after our institutional orders, has been missing from the shop. Bruce is a member of the Sydney Philharmonia Choir, who have all flown off to sing in London, not only at the opening night of the Proms, but also in St Paul's

Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. What an exciting tour! I think we have several members of the Philharmonia Choir, including Ruth Collerson, as regular browsers at Abbey's. Bruce is taking long service leave, so he won't be back til October. Deputy Manager Christian Hummelshoj will expertly look after your orders in the meantime. In addition, Annabel Blay (pictured) is enthusiastically taking on Peter Milne's responsibilities in the Crime section and I'm sure you will find her very knowledgeable and efficient.





Are there more collectors of Penguin memorabilia out there? If so, you should look at **Puffin by Design: 70 Years of Imagination 1940-2010** (255pp Lp \$49.95) by Phil Baines, in which the evolution of covers for Puffin Books is shown and discussed. Not only publishers will be interested to see and read about the changing graphic designs and origin of new series; readers will also have a very happy, nostalgic time leafing through these images and remembering their favourite books.



I've had an entertaining time working my way through Hannah Pakula's latest biography **The Last Empress: Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and the Birth of Modern China** (\$69.99 Hb 681pp plus 100pp of notes and index). As I grew up in that time when *Life* magazine created celebrities, I was keen to read this and found it not only full of fascinating details, but also, in its way, an easy to read summary of the history of China in the early part of the 20th century. Pakula makes the good point that Chiang Kai-Shek made a mistake in

branding the Communists as bandits because the Chinese people were accustomed to warlords and bandits, and knew they could always be bought off! Whereas if the people had had a better idea of what the Communists really had in mind, they would not have supported them so much. He should have remembered how unsuccessful his New Life Movement in the 30s had been, when he and May-Ling (Madame) tried to restructure the moral behaviour of the people. For instance, they made absurd proclamations about how much people should spend on wedding presents, and decreed that Chinese women should not have their hair curled or waved, and they must always button up all their buttons! It is said Madame was the daughter of a Chinese peasant, but this is not quite true. Her father, Charlie Soong, was the son of a shipping merchant, who sent his son to America for education (where he became a devout Methodist) and he in turn sent his children to America. When Charlie Soong returned to China, he quickly used his excellent English to set up his own printing business (printing Bibles, no less) and to help others, and soon became a very rich man. It was not only her excellent grasp of English, but also her intelligence and ambition, which made Madame so successful, and of course she was the most trusted aide of Chiang-Kai Shek. She very carefully did not exactly translate the Generalissimo's speech, just as she reworded the replies from Western diplomats. And she also knew how to 'work the press'. Eleanor Roosevelt gives a great description of the time Madame addressed the joint US Senate and House of Representatives. Money, beauty and a mind "like a man", as several men remarked, as well as an enormous belief in herself, made her a force to be reckoned with. Perhaps she was the most influential woman of her time? She often seemed to be 'ill', yet lived to the age of 106 and died in 2003. One sister married Sun Yat Sen, the founder of the Kuomintang, while the other married H H Kung, an enormously rich businessman who was directly descended from Confucius. You can see I found her story fascinating!

If you want some more fascinating reading about China, I recommend **The Rape of Nanking** by Iris Chang (\$22 Pb 328pp), which describes how the Japanese Army in late 1937 systematically destroyed and looted the then capital of China and murdered most of its people. New documents have been found in recent years and this story, still denied by Japan, has been the subject of TV documentaries and films, especially the efforts of German residents of Nanking to organise help and protection.

Shirley Walker has won the \$30,000 Kibble Award for Women's Life Writing for The Ghost at the Wedding (\$24.95 Pb 256pp), which recounts her mother-in-law's experience of sending the men in her family off to two world wars. Shirley is the mother of Brenda Walker, who won the Kibble in 2006 for Wing of Night (Pb \$24.95) which was also on the Miles Franklin Shortlist and is also about the women left behind by the volunteers for the First World War. Brenda is now being praised for her memoir Reading by Moonlight (\$29.95 Pb 256pp) where she muses on the books she takes into hospital with her when she is treated for breast cancer. A talented family – both lovely writers.



I have enjoyed a feast of fiction recently, not least the latest from Fiona McGregor. It is called **Indelible Ink** (\$32.95 Pb 352pp) and you won't be surprised to hear, from this title, that one of the main themes is the subject of tattoos. In fact, since reading it, I have seen tattoos on all sorts of people. Fiona was a good bookseller here at Abbey's some years ago. Now she is a performance artist and a good writer too. This is a very 'Sydney' book and a very modern one. The story centres on the divorced wife, mother of three grown children, living

in her gorgeous Mosman home overlooking Chinaman's Beach, devoting herself to her beautiful garden and drinking too much. On a drunken whim, she goes into a tattoo parlour and gets her first piece of body art. She finds a new friend in the artist and an entry into a very different section of Sydney Life. The reactions of her friends and children, and their own daily problems, fill out a marvellous picture of Sydney today. Terrific characters, often painted with unblinking honesty.

I picked up Jane Smiley's **A Private Life** (\$32.99 Pb 318pp) as I remembered her *Pulitzer Prize*-winner, **A Thousand Acres** (Pb \$18.95). At first I thought all the domestic detail was boring, but then it became a relentless chronicle, and because of the historical truth of many events, I became locked in and understood the bitter fierceness of this story about loneliness in marriage. The relentless husband - always courteous but never kind, always right - is a monster! It begins in Missouri in the late 19th century and extends to California during WWII, when Japanese citizens were interred in camps.



The largest dose, inspired by the marvellous ABC Sunday night presentation, came from Dickens' Little Dorrit (\$16.95 Pb, \$21.95 Pb, \$84.95 abridged audio CDs). It was fortunate that, just before the first episode, I took home a copy of the Penguin Classic because I happened to read the first appendix on the ferry on the way home. This explained the seemingly inexplicable reason for Mrs Clennam's unmother-like behaviour. In fact, I found the introduction and preface not only essential, but

also fascinating. You have to remember Dickens' love of sub-plots and descriptive names. I think the casting of the TV show is just perfect, so if you want to puzzle out all those famous faces, try www.bbc.co.uk/littledorrit/characterandcast, where all is explained, including where else you saw that actor!



It is agreed that Dickens' own life was as melodramatic as any of his stories, so this is a good place to remind you of one of my favourite books – Claire Tomalin's **The Invisible Woman: The Story of Nelly Ternan and Charles Dickens** (\$26.95 Pb 376 pp). Nelly was Dickens' mistress for the last 13 years of his life, yet never made it into any of the biographies written by his male friends.

The wonderful Australian writer Jessica Anderson died last month aged 93. Her novels and short stories were foremost in the burst of Australian writing which began in the 70s - her **Tirra Lirra by the River** (Pb \$22.95) won the *Miles Franklin* in 1978 and **The Impersonators** won that important prize again in 1980. Anderson was a guest at our first Zonta Meet the Author Event in 1982 and she was a loved customer at Abbey's.

Finally, congratulations to Allen & Unwin, who last month celebrated 20 years of very successful independent publishing in Australia! Keep well.

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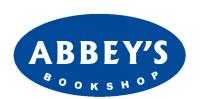
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