



Books for Christmas



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Welcome to Abbey's Christmas selection for 2004. These books have been chosen by our specialist booksellers from all three stores – Abbey's Bookshop, Language Book Centre and Galaxy Bookshop – to provide a selection of interesting and unusual books that are available in our stores this Christmas and beyond.

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Happy Reading!

Cover Image: *Blue Candle* from **Herbarium**, Cambridge University Press (see page 16). Photo courtesy of Robyn Stacey.



Beauty A History of a Western Idea

Umberto Eco
HB \$79.95

Neither a history of art, nor a history of aesthetics, this book draws on both to define the ideas of beauty that have informed sensibilities from the classical age to modern times. Umberto Eco is at his most captivating and eclectic. We read not only of Botticelli and Michelangelo, but of how the fashions of the 1960s were derived from ancient Egyptian dress and how Roman and 18th-century hairstyles have much in common. It makes the familiar new and sheds a brilliant fresh light on the unfamiliar. Illustrated in full colour throughout and produced to the highest standards, this is an indispensable book. *Shelley*



Shakespeare in a Nutshell A Rhyming Guide to All the Plays

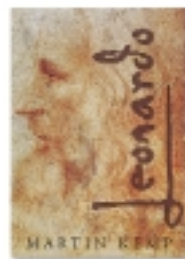
James Muirden
HB \$30.00
Due December

This is a fabulous, witty distillation of each of Shakespeare's 36 plays. I could rave, but here's a taste of the delights in store:

It's a pretty safe bet / That you know Juliet / Has a Balcony Scene in her play... / And which Prince cannot see / That it's better To Be... / And which King gives his kingdom away. But the Bard wrote far more / (Thirty-something's the score)... / And only an utter fanatic / Will have seen every one / Some plays grim, others fun / But all, in the full sense, dramatic.

In this volume you've got / An account of the plot / In delicate versification / with acts, scenes and quotes / Plus poetical notes / And Eccles' inspired decoration. *Lindy*

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Leonardo Martin Kemp HB \$49.95 Due December

Oxford professor Martin Kemp proves that Leonardo's famous notebooks (20,000 pages!) reveal the secret to his success and genius; they clearly show how his mind worked and display the truly innovative and investigative nature of his creative vision. Using drawings and notes detailing Leonardo's incredible discoveries and inventions – from the workings of the human eye to designs for flying machines and robots – Kemp brings the story of Leonardo up-to-date, considers his contemporary meanings, investigates 'the Leonardo industry' and speculates about his iconic future. This Christmas, unravel the mystery inside the mind of a Renaissance genius! *Shelley*



Twilight of Love Travels with Turgenev

Robert Dessaix
HB \$40.00

Robert Dessaix has had a 40-year relationship with Turgenev and his work, first as a student of Russian in Melbourne and Moscow, then as a tutor, and now as an old friend. He sees Turgenev's life and work as illustrating a turning point in the history of love, as much as the history of Russia – the moment the Romantic became Modern, the moment love became sex, and sex became a commodity. In a truly remarkable work of memoir, literary biography and travel writing, Dessaix has found the pulse that quickened Turgenev's age, and that has failed in ours. Illuminating reading and an edition to own.

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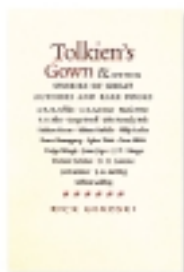
From philosophy and the classics to music and mathematics, Abbey's is the first and last place you'll need to visit to find whatever you read.

Adrian, Manager



Books make the perfect gift...





Tolkien's Gown & Other Stories of Great Authors and Rare Books

Rick Gekoski
HB \$30.00

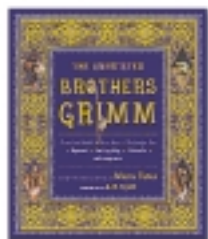
This sparkling and highly entertaining collection tells a bibliophile's stories about the highly collectable first editions of 20 significant modern books, including Tolkien's **The Hobbit**, Orwell's **Animal Farm**, Rushdie's **The Satanic Verses**, Joyce's **Ulysses**, Potter's **The Tale of Peter Rabbit**, Salinger's **The Catcher in the Rye** and Waugh's **Brideshead Revisited**. Each chapter is both instructive and fascinating. The author is a rare book dealer, academic and broadcaster, with a witty and erudite style. *Lindy*



The Chequebook and the Cruise Missile

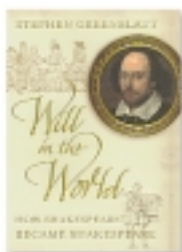
Conversations
with
Arundhati Roy
David Barsamian
PB \$22.95

As a novelist, Arundhati Roy is known for lush language and intricate structure. As a political essayist, her prose is searching and fierce. These qualities shine through in these interviews recorded between 2001 and 2003 by David Barsamian. Speaking candidly and casually, she jokes that her Supreme Court charge for "corrupting public morality" should have been changed to "further corrupting public morality". She argues that "unfettered power cannot go berserk like this and expect to hold it all together." It captures Roy speaking one-on-one to her audience, revealing her intense and wide-ranging intellect, her very personal voice and her opinion on momentous political events. *Shelley*



The Annotated Brothers Grimm

Maria Tatar
(editor)
HB \$49.95



Will in the World How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare

Stephen Greenblatt
HB \$59.95
Due December

Thank you, Santa! Finally, I have a biography of Shakespeare that really does what every good yarn should do – tell a damn cool story. This is the bard like you've never seen him before. Acclaimed Shakespearean scholar Stephen Greenblatt spares no tool of the master storyteller's trade in this sure-fire bestseller. He ardently breathes life back into the spirit of this legend through Will's own words and never-before-revealed factual accounts, painting the raucous and exotic, the filth and beauty, the prejudice and harmony of the Elizabethan world with his provocative pallet of compassion, admiration and sardonic wit. Gimme. *Diana*



Full Bloom The Art and Life of Georgia O'Keefe

Hunter
Drohojowska-Philp
HB \$49.95

Georgia O'Keefe (1887-1986) was one of the most successful American artists of the 20th century. Her arresting paintings of enormous, intimately rendered flowers, desert landscapes and stark, white cow skulls are seminal works. But behind O'Keefe's celebrity is the life-changing breakdown of her marriage to photographer Alfred Stieglitz and her definitive relocation to New Mexico. Through personal material, including interviews with Stieglitz's long-time paramour, Dorothy Norman, this biography offers insight into the effect of her husband's infidelity on her painting and offers an honest portrayal of a life shrouded in myth. Empathetically rendered, beautiful to touch.

With 40 newly translated stories – *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Cinderella*, *Snow White* and *Rapunzel* – this majestic volume features 150 illustrations, many by legendary painters including Arthur Rackham; hundreds of notes exploring the historical origins, cultural complexities and psychological effects of the fables; and a biographical essay. Perhaps most



Time Bites
Doris Lessing
PB \$29.95

Assembled for the first time, here are the very best occasional writings from one of Britain's great female writers. Articles on writers as diverse as Jane Austen and Mikhail Bulgakov sit alongside adoring pieces on her beloved cats and autobiographical grabs at thought-shaping beliefs. The range of subjects, cultures and periods is huge, but the collection is utterly consistent in one key regard: Lessing's clear-eyed vision and prose. A huge amount of wisdom and entertainment unfolds in these pages and fans of her infectiously forthright, zestful and impish spirit will love to own and read this book.



Birds
Poems by Judith
Wright
PB \$24.95

Many people have grown up with the beguiling rhythms of poems such as *Black Cockatoos* or the jauntiness of *The Wagtail*. Now in a new edition commemorating 25 years since Wright's poems were last published as a single collection, they appear with six additional poems and a personal introduction by the poet's daughter, Meredith McKinney, for whom they were originally penned. Complemented by full-colour illustrations obtained from the National Library's Pictures Collection, this is a testament to Judith Wright (1915-2000) as a passionate environmentalist, as well as a celebration of the centrality of birds to poetic imagination.

noteworthy is Tatar's decision to include tales that were censored when the Grimms discovered that parents were reading the stories to their children – stories about sex, cannibalism and children dying. Enchanting and magical, this celebrates the rich, dramatic power of the fables in the most spectacular Grimm volume in decades.



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BIOGRAPHY



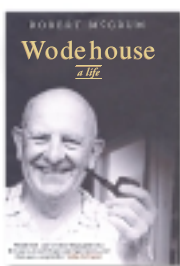
Henry Handel Richardson

A Life

Michael Ackland

HB was \$59.95
now \$39.95

Celebrated for her classic novels **The Getting of Wisdom** (Pb \$14.95) and **The Fortunes of Richard Mahoney** (Pb \$29.95), Ethel Florence Richardson's life story has never been fully told. As the first complete biography of this enigmatic literary icon, this book draws on previously unavailable records and illuminates her unconventional life. It begins with her traumatic childhood and traces in detail the largely unknown story of the 11 formative years she spent in Europe. Lavishly produced, it features photographs taken throughout her life and maps of the places where she lived. A must-have at a great price! *Shelley*



Wodehouse

A Life

Robert McCrum

HB \$49.95

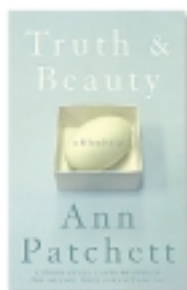
Pelham Grenville Wodehouse was born in 1881 and died in 1975. He adapted plays, wrote hundreds of short stories and gave the world more than 90 books whose charm, wit and style continue to delight readers around the world. His youth in Edwardian Britain and his golden years in Jazz Age America are wonderfully drawn, while his time spent in Poland (interned by the Germans) and Berlin is handled with a fair-minded consideration that does both author and subject proud. This biography is an absolute pleasure to read. *Cara*



Falling Cloudberries

Tessa Kiros

HB \$65.00



Truth and Beauty

A Friendship

Ann Patchett

PB \$27.95

Ann Patchett always knew about Lucy Grealy, but it wasn't until they found themselves in a writer's program in Iowa that they became friends. Lucy suffered Ewing's sarcoma as a child, followed by years of treatment and failed plastic surgery. Full of talent, life and adventure, she was the grasshopper to Patchett's ant. She was also full of self-doubt, fearing her face prevented her from being loved, and needing constant reassurance of her worthiness. Both women eventually found fame as writers and this searingly honest account of their friendship is at times harrowing, intimate and tender. Beautifully written. *Lindy*



The Dragon's Journey

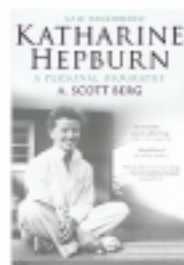
Duy Long Nguyen & James Knight

PB \$29.95

Set against the backdrop of wartime Vietnam and gangland Sydney, this is an incredible and uplifting tale. Duy Long Nguyen (Longy) came here as a Vietnamese boatperson with vivid memories of napalm. After surviving a shoot-out in Chinatown, he helped uncover police corruption in NSW. Taught the gift of healing by an indigenous tribe in the Vietnamese jungle, Longy turned his back on violence forever. His abilities are now much in demand and his client list reads like a Who's Who of celebrities, from Keanu Reeves to Frank Lowy, Elle Macpherson to Rupert Murdoch. Inspirational reading.

Shelley

This is a collection of delicious recipes that have weaved their way through the life and family of Tessa Kiros. She merges recipes with memories of how and where she found them. With a Finnish mother and a Greek-Cypriot father, Kiros was born in London but moved to South Africa when she was four, now living in Italy with a Peruvian housekeeper. You can't get



Kate Remembered

Katharine Hepburn: A Personal Biography

A Scott Berg

PB \$24.95

The author was privileged to know Hepburn for the last 20 years of her life. She confided to him many stories of her past and suggested to him that he may write a book about her, but only after her death. Strong-willed to the end! Her unconventional life was lived to her own rules, on the whole, and this book is both a warm tribute and a frank portrayal of one of the greatest actresses of the 20th century. *Lindy*



Sitsky

Conversations with the Composer

Jim Cotter

PB \$19.95

Over the past 40 years, composer and pianist Larry Sitsky has played a significant role in our musical culture. In honour of his 70th birthday, the National Library of Australia presents this celebratory publication. In conversation with fellow composer Jim Cotter, Professor Sitsky discusses his early life as the child of White Russian émigrés based in China, who then immigrated to Australia; his studies with British composer Eugene Goossens at the Sydney Conservatorium in the 1950s; and the technological, philosophical and religious influences upon the development of Australian musical culture. A lovely book for the budding musician.

Also Recommended...

John F Kennedy: An Unfinished Life
Robert DallekPB \$29.95

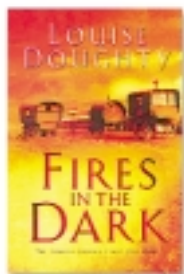
Sean Penn: His Life and Times
Richard KellyHB \$49.95

much more cosmopolitan than that! This book is a joy to read and look through. The dishes within are very accessible – this is food that family and friends have enjoyed cooking and sharing for generations, the recipes kept on scraps of paper and hoarded. Read, cook and enjoy. *Kath*



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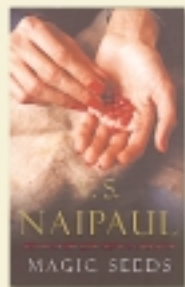




Fires in the Dark

Louise Doughty
PB \$18.95

Yenko is a Coppersmith gypsy, the beloved son of his tribe's leader. Born in Bohemia in 1927, the gypsy way of life is increasingly threatened as the Depression and the political changes of the 1930s impact upon the settled peoples of the region. Eventually, the gypsies are sent to a concentration camp, but Yenko escapes to Prague, where he spends the rest of the war denying his heritage in order to survive. This is a powerful novel that recreates a little known part of history, sometimes with harrowing detail, but always with verve and passion. *Lindy*



Magic Seeds

V S Naipaul
PB \$30.00

This novel starts where 2001's **Half a Life** (PB \$22.00) broke off. It is a masterpiece, written with all the depth and resonance, the clarity of vision and precision of language that are Naipaul's hallmarks. Now in his early 40s, Willy Chandra joins an underground movement in India, ostensibly devoted to unfettering the lower castes. Seven years of failed revolutionary campaigns and terms of imprisonment convince him to return to England, where he finds the fruit of another unexpected social revolution (more magic seeds...)

Buy this book and receive a free copy of Naipaul's **The Writer and the World: Essays** (usually \$30), while stocks last.



One Hundred Strokes of the Brush Before Bed

Melissa P
PB \$25.00

An instant blockbuster in Italy and now an international literary phenomenon, this is the fictionalised memoir of a Sicilian teenager whose quest for love rapidly devolves into an outrageous journey of sexual discovery. She begins her diary a virgin, but a stormy affair at 14 leads her to regard sex as a means of self-discovery. In graphic detail, she describes her entry into a Dantesque underworld of eroticism. Told with disarming candour, her bittersweet tour of extreme desires is as poignant as it is titillating. A stunning erotic debut, a **Story of O** for our times.



The Polished Hoe

Austin Clarke
PB \$29.95

Layers of disturbing history slowly unfold through one woman's intimate, murderous confession. Mary-Mathilda, the fair-skinned mistress of a cruel plantation manager in Barbados, tells her story in an exquisite, dancing vernacular. It is the story of a life, a culture and a time gone by, but its meditation on love, loss and sacrifice, and its explorations of lives distorted by the horrors of racism, are utterly contemporary. Winner of the 2003 *Commonwealth Writers' Prize* and a bestseller in Canada, this remarkable novel evokes the power of memory and the indomitable strength of the human spirit.

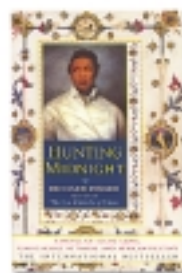
FICTION



Pinkerton's Sister

Peter Rushforth
PB \$29.95

Alice Pinkerton possesses a fine intellect, is extremely well read in 19th century literature and is so very much under-employed that her imagination and observations fill the spaces where her life should be. Her neighbours are of the opinion she is a madwoman; since it is New York in the early 20th century, and a professional and mercantile neighbourhood, their opinion matters. This is a densely woven novel of the mind, at times comedic, perceptive, bizarre and moving, a rich and complex tapestry of emotion and imagination and repression. Definitely an experience! *Lindy*



Hunting Midnight

Richard Zimler
PB \$27.95

From the bestselling author of **The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon** (PB \$27.95) comes a novel that takes the reader on an epic journey from war-ravaged, 19th-century Europe to America before the Civil War. A bereft child, a freed African slave and the rich history of Portugal's secret Jews memorably collide. Their story is played out against a backdrop of war and chaos, which unforgettably mines the mysteries of devotion, betrayal, guilt and forgiveness. Zimler is referred to as an American Umberto Eco and this bold-hearted love story is deeply moving.



I am Charlotte Simmons

Tom Wolfe
HB \$49.95

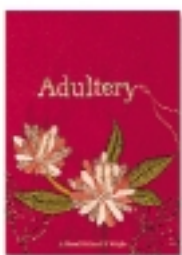
America's fearless satirist takes on the University – from jocks to mutants, dormcest to tailgating, plus race, class, sex and basketball. The Olympian hall of learning, housing the cream of America's youth, is how Dupont University appears to beautiful, brilliant Charlotte Simmons, a freshman from Sparta, North Carolina (population 900).

She arrives on full scholarship in full flight from her tobacco-chewing, beer-swilling high school classmates. But Charlotte soon learns, to her mounting dismay, that Dupont is closer in spirit to Sodom than to Athens, and that sex, crank and kegs trump academic achievement every time.



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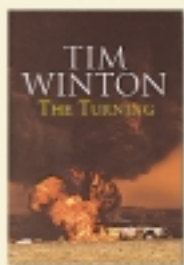
FICTION



Adultery

Richard Wright
PB \$24.95

This breathtaking examination of the consequences of adultery is an emotional roller coaster ride. The central character is Dan Fielding, a middle-aged editor in Toronto who has remained faithful to his wife during years of marriage. Until, that is, he is sent to Europe on a business trip with his young colleague Denise... who ends up getting murdered while he sleeps. On his return to Toronto, with the story splashed across the media, he becomes accountable not only to his own family, but also to Denise's family and their mutual colleagues. This chronicle of the steps required to repair relationships is enthralling reading. *Chrissie*



The Turning

Tim Winton
HB \$46.00

Winton's first short story collection in 20 years is really a discontinuous narrative centred on a coastal town in Western Australia. The characters may have left it behind in some stories, or are still trapped there or yet to escape, but the town has shaped their lives. Switching back and forth over three decades, many of the stories focus on one man and those closest to him. With brilliant insights and clear-eyed compassion, these tales describe the hinges of life, those incidents that change the characters forever. Powerful writing, powerful stories. Not to be missed. *Lindy*

Buy this book and receive a free copy of Robert Stone's **Bay of Souls** (usually \$30), a psychological thriller of razor-sharp intensity about an American embroiled in Third World corruption.



Eleanor Rigby

Douglas Coupland
PB \$27.95

Meet Liz Dunn, a good woman efficient in her loneliness. After 25 years apart, her amazing, 25-year-old son enters her life. At 40, she is suddenly no longer alone and must decide what matters more: peace, certainty or love? This novel is irradiated by hope and illuminated by trust. It fizzes with whirls in Vienna, romance in Rome, mayhem in Frankfurt and visions in Vancouver. Blessed with the commanding presence of an unforgettable heroine in Liz Dunn, Douglas Coupland ascends to a new level of peace and grace in his ever-more-amazing career as an artist of rare capabilities. *Shelley*



Handbags and Gladrag

Maggie Alderson
PB \$29.95

Emily Pointer is risking it all for wild sex with an Australian photographer during fashion season twice a year in New York, London, Milan and Paris. A picture-perfect husband and a job as fashion stylist for a London magazine ensures she has glamorous friends aplenty and a truly beautiful discount at Prada. While designer handbags might just complete her life, the screaming orgasms she is having suggest that lasting fulfilment may be more complicated. After all, she is the daughter of a famous artist (deceased) and a suicidal poet (incarcerated), so who knows what demons writhe beneath her glossy exterior? Mad fun to read full steam ahead! *Cara*

Recommended Fiction...

White Earth

Andrew McGahanPB \$29.95

The Shadow of the Wind

Carlos Ruiz ZafonPB \$29.95

Live Bait

P J TracyPB \$29.95



Tremble

Sensual Fables of the Mystical and Sinister

Tobsha Learner
PB \$29.95

An insatiable property developer, a miraculous birth on the shores of the Mediterranean, a sailor seduced by the sea and an ancient erotic invocation of immortality. From the sacred to the profane, the deeply erotic to the fatally romantic, this collection of stories delves into love and desire from all angles. Passion, magic and sinister tones interweave to stimulate the senses and explore the wishes of the human heart. Learner's acute observations, sensual style and knowing wit combine in this elegant, deliciously provocative and page-turning plunge into a world where anything might happen.



The Plot Against America

Philip Roth
HB \$49.95

When the renowned aviation hero Charles Lindbergh defeated Franklin Roosevelt by a landslide in the 1940 presidential election, fear invaded every Jewish household in America. Upon taking office, the rabid isolationist negotiated a cordial 'understanding' with Adolf Hitler. What then followed in America forms the historical setting for this startling new novel by *Pulitzer Prize* winner Roth, who recounts what it was like for his Newark family – and for a million such families all over the country – during the menacing years of the Lindbergh presidency, when American citizens who happened to be Jews had every reason to expect the worst. Awe-inspiring. *Shelley*

Shantaram

Gregory David RobertsPB \$32.95

My Sister's Keeper

Jodi PicoultPB \$29.95

Coma

Alex Garland.....HB \$35.00



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Death of an Ordinary Man

Glen Duncan
PB \$26.95

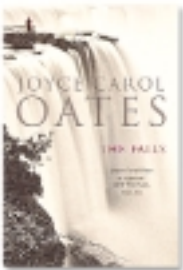
Nathan Clark is an ordinary man. He has children who fill him with tenderness, worry and bemusement, a wife he doesn't fully understand but loves passionately, a best friend almost dearer to his heart than anyone else. He is a teacher and an amateur archaeologist, then one rainy day he finds himself hovering over his own grave. In the next few hours, all manner of things will be revealed, as he finds he has the gift to see himself as others do. A fabulous, anything-but-ordinary novel from a supremely talented writer. *Lindy*



Bad Dirt Wyoming Stories

Annie Proulx
PB \$29.95
Due December

In *The Contest*, the men of Elk Tooth vow to put aside their razors for two seasons and see who has the longest beard come Independence Day. The moving protagonist of *That Trickle-Down Effect* finds his opportunism and smoking habit lead to a massive destruction. In *What Kind of Furniture Would Jesus Pick?*, Gilbert Wolfscale's devoted ranching drives away his kids. In every story of this stunning collection, Proulx displays her Western wit and wisdom. Her profound compassion – for characters who use sheer will and courage to make it in tough territory – makes extraordinarily absorbing reading. *Shelley*



The Falls

Joyce Carol Oates
PB \$29.95
Due December

Alma is bewildered. What caused her husband to jump off Niagara Falls on the morning after their wedding? A wealthy lawyer is intrigued by her as she passes vigil, waiting for her husband's body to resurface. Together they are haunted by another strange mystery, somehow tied to the land, during a hushed-up period in the 1950s when massive industrial expansion masked an era of greed, corruption and murder. This gifted storyteller pens another opulent, deeply engaging novel that weaves together mystery, scandal and passages of breathtaking description. *Diana*



Collected Stories

Carol Shields
PB \$32.95

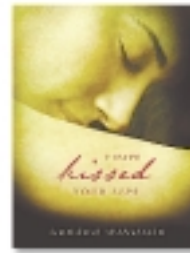
It was a great loss to modern fiction when Carol Shields died of cancer last year. This collection gathers all her short stories from her three original volumes, plus some previously unpublished tales, as well as a chapter from her last, unfinished novel (a gently intriguing and melancholy piece that leaves the reader wanting to know where the story was going). These perceptive, beautifully crafted stories will beguile and delight both her established fans and those unfamiliar with her fine writing. *Lindy*

Also Recommended...

- Diary
Chuck PalahniukPB \$22.95
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
Mark HaddonPB \$21.95
- Waxwings
Jonathan RabanPB \$22.00
- Snow
Orhan PamukPB \$29.95

- The Cave
Jose SaramagoPB \$22.95
- Case Histories
Kate AtkinsonPB \$32.95
- My Life as a Fake
Peter CareyPB \$29.95
- What I Loved
Siri HustvedtPB \$20.95

FICTION



I Have Kissed Your Lips

Gerard Windsor
PB \$24.95

This is a novel full of contemporary themes, including non-celibate priests and chilling abuse. In prose as elegant as it is spare, the exploration of sexuality and sensuality is interleaved with the violence of desire and fear. Esme has a younger lover, Michael, but he turns to Jill for a kind of succour. Lost children, mothers and their sons further flesh out this most poignant of tales. *Cara*

Man Booker Prize 2004



The Line of Beauty

Alan Hollinghurst
PB \$28.00

Beginning where **The Swimming-Pool Library** (PB \$22.95) ended in 1983, Nick Guest has moved into an attic room in the Notting Hill home of Gerald Fedden MP, his wife Rachel and their children. They are a glamorous family whose assumptions and ambitions are boosted as Thatcher's boom years unfold. Nick, something of an innocent in the twin worlds of power and serious money, will learn a lot from them. The book is divided into three sections (dated 1983, 1986 and 1987) and it is during these years that intense transformations of self and British society are artfully drawn. Nick's first lover, Leo, is a closeted council worker who is left behind as Nick's increasingly sophisticated tastes lead to the wealthy and sinister Wani. Cocaine and threesomes are all well and good, but disaster strikes in the late 80s – a media scandal, of course – entangling both Nick and Gerald Fedden. Cleverly amusing at all times, this novel is expert social history and human tragedy. An absolute pleasure to read. *Cara*



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HISTORICAL FICTION



Emperor The Field of Swords

Conn Iggulden
PB \$29.95
Due December

This is not the kind of book that you come to looking for historical facts. It is a straight-forward adventure story complete with swords, sandals and saucy ladies. The third volume in the series, following **The Gates of Rome** and **The Death of Kings** (both PB \$18.95), it focuses on the clash between Julius Caesar and Brutus regarding the future destiny of Rome. There is action aplenty, complete with gladiatorial combat, political scheming and battles with barbarians. Those who enjoyed the film *Gladiator* and eagerly await *Alexander* will find plenty of distraction here. *Sarah*



The Virgin's Lover

Philippa Gregory
PB \$29.95
Due December

Elizabeth I commands a great presence in the academic literary world, but all that powder masks an anguished face. Her life was an uphill battle for recognition, and also for the heart of her oldest friend, Robert Dudley. But as the bard would observe, the course of true love never did run smoothly. Gregory muses over this complexity with dedication and finesse, presenting this tale of two women from different sides of the palace walls – one with the crown and one with the man. *Diana*



Egyptology

Emily Sands
Hb \$29.95



Judas An Imaginary Life of Judas Iscariot

Kim Kilvington
PB \$24.95

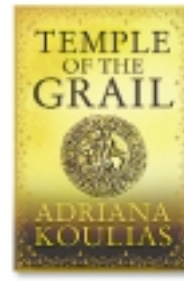
Feisty, intoxicating, scandalous! Kilvington goes where not many dare and scripts a carefully crafted, cautiously sentimental tale told gracefully through the eyes of one of history's most infamous characters, Judas Iscariot. This book entertains, convinces and arouses. Whatever your religious opinions, this masterpiece is a must-have for all readers of intelligent fiction. A well-paced, gently escalating plot of historical events, character interaction and emotion, it probes and questions our consciousness. A rewarding read and an excellent gift. *Diana*



The Last Kingdom

Bernard Cornwell
PB \$29.95

This is the first in Cornwell's new medieval series set in 10th century England, when Danish Vikings invaded and occupied three of England's four kingdoms, and when King Alfred, his son and grandson fought back and again won the freedom of the country. The story is seen through the eyes of Uhtred, a dispossessed English nobleman. Captured as a child and raised by the Danes, he now finds his allegiances divided, but what drives him is his desire to recover his father's lands. This powerful, passionate novel about Britain's struggle for unification is set to win Cornwell even more fans.



Temple of the Grail

Adriana Koulias
PB \$30.00

Shrouded in cloud and snow on a mountain high in the Pyrenees, the monastery of St Lazarus is a forbidding place. Its ramparts and battlements sequester a secret so important, so dangerous, that it has aroused the interest of the King of France, the Templar Order, the Cistercians, the Bishop of Toulouse and the ambitious Inquisitor, Rainerio Sacconi. It guards something so sacred to its keepers that they are prepared to kill before they will permit its revelation. This novel is gripping, extraordinary and thought-provoking.



Death of an Ancient King

Laurent Gaude
PB \$27.95

Dubbed "the darling of the booksellers" by the French press, Gaude writes in a simple, hypnotic prose that gathers beauty with every page. Bursting with raw emotion and embracing grand themes (loyalty, family, honour and war), his latest story about King Tsongor is like a lost fragment of a Greek tragedy. This small, prize-winning jewel of a book is impossible to classify, but the richness of its achievement announces the arrival of a major new literary talent. Translated admirably by Adriana Hunter, this outstanding fable about the blindness of war is suitable for all readers, even schoolchildren...

Also Recommended...

- The Known World**
Edward JonesPB \$29.95
- The Other Boleyn Girl**
Philippa GregoryPB \$22.95
- Boudica: Dreaming the Eagle**
Manda ScottPB \$23.95
- Autumn Bridge**
Takashi MatsuokaPB \$29.95
- Q**
Luther BlissettPB \$24.95

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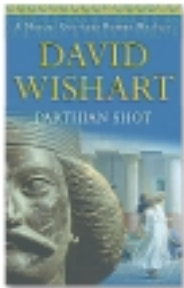
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One False Move

Alex Kava
PB \$27.95

Nebraskan suspense author Alex Kava takes a break from her successful series featuring FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell. Here she lines up single mother Melanie Starks and her son Charlie for a bank heist, masterminded by Melanie's just-released criminal brother Jared. Driving the getaway car, Melanie learns that the job involved some fatal shootings after Jared takes a writer hostage in the Platte River State Park. Now she needs to know who did the killings – her son or her bro? This one-night read has some loose ends, but they won't bother readers hooked on spine-tingling car chases and grisly murder scenes. *Shelley*



Parthian Shot A Marcus Corvinus Roman mystery

David Wishart
PB \$18.95

Marcus Corvinus is doing the household accounts when he is interrupted to get involved in politics, and he's not too pleased. His brief is to conduct an unofficial investigation into an attack on the Parthian Prince Phraates, a task that taxes his underdeveloped diplomatic skills to the utmost. The Byzantine twists and turns of the case give him a headache worse than his customary hangover and it takes a violent threat to Perilla before he gets a grip on what is involved. Along the way, he learns a lot about the spice trade and a new way to cook lampreys.



The Pyjama Girl Mystery

Richard Evans
PB \$30.00



Self's Punishment

Bernard Schlink
PB \$29.95
Due December

Owner of a charismatic cat named Turbo, Gerhard Self is a somewhat unconventional private detective. During the war, he was a Nazi state prosecutor and is still haunted by memories of his misguided youth. Although his usual cases involve insurance investigations and he knows little about computers, he takes on a case involving computer-hacking at a chemical company. Stumbling upon something far more sinister, he begins to unearth dark secrets hidden for decades, forcing him to confront his own demons of guilt, responsibility and loyalty. This is a gripping detective story that has real depth and heralds the arrival of a complex, charming, spirited hero.



Set this House in Order A Romance of Souls

Matt Ruff
PB \$24.95

Mouse suffers from multiple personality disorder, blacking out whenever one of her other personalities takes control of her mind and body. So when she discovers that her new colleague Andrew Gage is a fellow sufferer, she asks for his help. Through therapy, Andrew's personalities have learned to co-exist in harmony in an imaginary 'house' inside his head. But in helping Mouse, he discovers a locked door under the stairs, deep in his subconscious, a door that hides the dark secret as to why his childhood mind shattered in the first place. Highly inventive, this is a whosit, rather than a whodunit! *Shelley*

She was a brutally murdered Jane Doe, found dumped by a road near Albury in 1934. Who was she and who killed her? For decades, she was Australia's great unsolved crime. Her body was preserved in formalin, her image circulated around the world. Ten years later, she was identified and a man convicted of her man-

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The Sunday Philosophy Club

Alexander McCall Smith
PB \$29.95

Edinburgh: genteel home to ladies who lunch, attend concerts, art exhibitions and do good by stealth. Ladies such as Isabel Dalhousie. But behind Edinburgh's regimented Georgian facades, its moral compasses are spinning with greed, dishonesty, lust and murderous intent. Isabel knows this. In fact, she rather relishes it. An accomplished philosopher and editor of the *Review of Applied Ethics*, she knows the difference between good and bad. This is probably why, by instinct, she is an amateur sleuth and why, by instinct, she knows the death at Usher Hall was no accident. *Shelley*



In the Company of Cheerful Ladies

Alexander McCall Smith
HB \$29.95

The sixth title in the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series sees Mma Ramotswe happily married to Mr J L B Matekoni – or is she? Mma Makutsi is taking dancing classes and has a clumsy, stuttering partner, not the man of her dreams. A new employee is taken on at the workshop, and Charlie the apprentice has left with a fancy woman. There is a mystery concerning pumpkins, another about the tenant of Mr Matekoni's old house – and plenty of wide skies, old Botswana morality and the gently unfolding tales of life that readers have come to love and appreciate. *Lindy*

slaughter. Advanced by the police and accepted by the courts and the media, this solution was a lie. Behind this troubling story is a wild conspiracy theory, police corruption, a miscarriage of justice and a real killing which floated free from reality and became a myth. Now discover the truth. *Shelley*



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Above Suspicion

Lynda La Plante
PB \$29.95

This is Lynda La Plante at her best. Creating a charismatic new detective in Anna Travis, she brings to life a completely gripping thriller, enhanced by her insight into the criminal mind and her knowledge of the twists and turns of police procedurals. As a rookie, Anna is about to embark on her first case, a gruesome series of murders. When she stumbles on evidence that links the body count to a charismatic celebrity actor, denial springs easily to his lips. In the face of huge publicity, what if he is arrested and he's the wrong man? *Shelley*



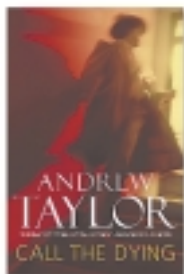
The Blood-Dimmed Tide
The new John Madden mystery

Rennie Airth
PB \$30.00

This is the eagerly awaited sequel to the critically acclaimed **River of Darkness** (PB \$18.55). It is 1932 and former Scotland Yard Inspector John Madden is now a farmer in the peaceful Surrey countryside. Peaceful, that is, until he discovers the mutilated body of a small girl, Alice Bridger, hidden in a wood. Uneasy at the direction of police enquiries and convinced that a multiple killer is at large, he quietly begins his own investigation. When a second body is found, he follows the leads to Germany, where the Nazis are on the brink of power. A gripping thriller. *Shelley*

Recommended Crime...

- The Rule of Four**
Ian Caldwell & Dustin ThomasonPB \$29.95
- Little Scarlet**
Walter MosleyHB \$54.00
- Guardian of the Horizon**
Elizabeth PetersHB \$49.95



Call the Dying
A Lydmouth mystery #7

Andrew Taylor
PB \$32.95

There is no pleasure left in DCI Thornhill's life – only a corpse, a television set and the promise of trouble to come. As the grip of a long, hard winter tightens on Lydmouth, a dead voice calls the dying in a séance, two provincial newspapers are in the throes of a bitter circulation war, a doctor finds his nemesis and an office boy loses his heart. It is the year when the fog is particularly bad, the rats feed on bread and milk, and something disgusting is happening at Mr Prout's toyshop. *Shelley*



The Golden Silence

Paul Johnston
PB \$32.95

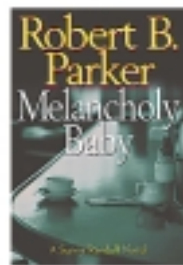
When half-Greek, half-Scot private investigator Alex Mavros is asked to trace a missing teenager, an immigrant of the former Soviet Union, he doesn't see any connection with the recent plague of violent killings afflicting Athens. As his search plunges him deep into the intricate network of underground crime, he is confronted by a wall of gang-inspired silence. One lead, however, takes him into a criminal organisation trading in illegal antiquities. As he follows the trail, he discovers that the present-day killings have their roots in the brutal civil war. A stylish page-turner.



Good Murder
A William Power mystery

Robert Gott
PB \$26.95

With the war raging in Europe and the Pacific, the coastal Queensland town of Maryborough is on full alert. The engineering plant is churning



Melancholy Baby

Robert B Parker
PB \$32.95

This is the much anticipated fourth instalment in the series starring Sunny Randall, the beautiful Boston PI with a weakness for dogs and painting. She now faces the unthinkable: the marriage of her ex-husband Richie to someone else. So when college student Sarah Markham needs help in finding her birth parents, Sunny realises she must take the case, if only to distract her from her personal life. Before long, two key players are dead and Sunny is back on a psychiatrist's couch, probing her own past for clues. Emotionally complex and rich with insight, this is Parker at his storytelling best. *Shelley*



Mr Timothy

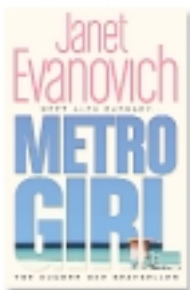
Louis Bayard
PB \$32.95

Tiny Tim has cast his crutches aside. Determined to cut his financial ties to Uncle Ebenezer, he now spends his nights dredging the Thames for dead bodies and the treasure hidden in their pockets. One day he comes across a girl's body, branded with a mysterious 'G'. Then he finds another girl with a similar brand, only she is still alive. Determined to protect Philomena and get to the bottom of the mystery, Tim embarks on an astonishing adventure.

out battleships, while pilots are being trained at the airbase. Prepared to meet Hirohito's army head-on, nothing prepares the townsfolk for the arrival of the incompetent Power Players and their over-confident leader. With every misplaced step he takes, William Power becomes embroiled in a series of horrifying crimes. Having no confidence in the constabulary, he decides to solve them himself, but if his acting skills are not good, his detection skills are worse. Laugh-out-loud suspense. *Shelley*



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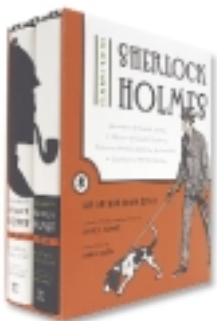


Metro Girl

Janet Evanovich
PB \$29.95

Buckle your seat belts and move into the fast lane in this high-octane misadventure with high stakes, hot nights, cold-blooded murder, sunken treasure, a woman with a chassis built for speed and one very good, very sexy stock-car-racer who tags along for the ride. When Wild Bill Barnaby drops off the face of the earth, his big sister Alex heads for Miami to save him. Battling bad-hair-day humidity, Miami hit men and Palmetto bugs big enough to eat her alive, Alex pursues Bill's trail through the bars of South Beach, then to Key West and Cuba. Brilliantly funny, unputdownable. *Shelley*

The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes



The Complete Short Stories

Arthur Conan Doyle
Leslie Klinger (ed)
HB \$115.95

Readers will find a cornucopia of insights in this boxed set. Beginners will benefit from Klinger's biographies of Holmes, Watson and Conan Doyle. Historians will revel in the wealth of Victorian literary and cultural details. Sherlockian fanatics will puzzle over tantalising new theories. Art lovers will be beguiled by the 800-plus illustrations. The 56 short stories here are reassembled in the order in which they were first published. A cause for international celebration, this is the most lavishly illustrated and expertly annotated edition of the timeless Holmes tales ever produced.

Also Recommended...

Before the Frost

Henning Mankell.....PB \$32.95

Junkie Pilgrim

Wayne GroganPB \$22.95

Ambulance Chaser

Richard BeasleyPB \$30.00

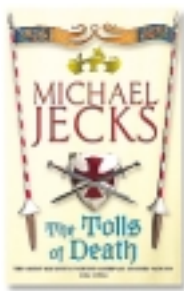


Scene of the Crime

Photographs from the LAPD Archive

Tim Wride,
James Ellroy
& William Bratton
HB \$69.95

Long forgotten in a warehouse, this photographic record forms a powerful visual history of the underbelly of Los Angeles from the 1930s to the 1960s. The photographs are accompanied here by captions from police logs and original newspaper accounts. There is an introduction by James Ellroy, the leading practitioner of the LA noir genre, and an essay by museum curator Tim Wride. The 55th LAPD Chief of Police Bill Bratton also provides an official stamp of approval. Although disquieting and often brutal, the images have an atmospheric, eerie beauty that belies their documentary and forensic purpose. A crime library must-have.



The Tolls of Death

A Medieval West Country mystery #17

Michael Jecks
PB \$18.95

Due December

After their gruelling journeys to Galicia and the Scilly Isles, Knight Templar Sir Baldwin Furnshill and Bailiff Simon Puttock are at last back on the English mainland. Reaching Cardinham on Bodmin Moor by horseback, they are detained by the castellan who requires their help to solve two murders on the estate: a widow found dead with her two children, and Serlo the Miller, who was recently discovered embezzling castle toll money. Skilfully evoking the colourful, but often brutal, tableaux of the Middle Ages, Jecks has produced another tremendous tale. *Shelley*

Joe Cinque's Consolation

Helen GarnerPB \$30.00

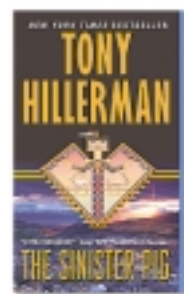
Queen of the Flowers

Kerry GreenwoodPB \$19.95

Amelia Peabody's Egypt

Elizabeth Peters (ed)HB \$59.95

CRIME



The Sinister Pig

Tony Hillerman
PB \$18.95

Sergeant Jim Chee of the Navajo Tribal Police is more than troubled by the FBI's insistence that they take over the case, especially when they refer to the unidentified victim's death at Jicarilla Apache natural gas field as a "hunting accident". If a hunter was involved, Chee believes the prey was intentionally human. This belief is shared by the legendary Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, who is once again pulled out of retirement by the possibility of serious wrongs being committed against the Navajo nation by the Washington bureaucracy. Hillerman crafts a superb story around a fiendishly twisted conspiracy of greed, lies and murder.



The Best American Mystery Stories 2004

Nelson DeMille
(editor)
PB \$29.95

Assembled by bestselling suspense author Nelson DeMille, this contains a spectacular array of stories by both mystery veterans and talented newcomers. Follow a chain reaction that saves a woman's life, visit a house haunted by a husband's violent killing spree, enter the high-stakes world of Las Vegas gambling, watch the line between reality and dream blur, travel with a bored salesman who is driven to crime, plus much more. Encompassing all aspects of the genre, this year's selections are sure to quicken pulses, send chills down the spine and keep readers continually guessing!

Outlaws of Ennor

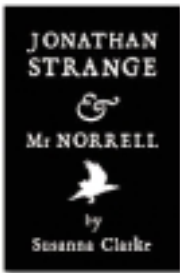
Michael JecksPB \$18.95

House Sitter

Peter LoveseyPB \$19.95



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Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell
 Susanna Clarke
 HB \$55.00
 PB \$35.00

By the 1800s, British magic has lapsed into theory and history. The reclusive Mr Norrell proves it is a practical art, after tricking other magicians not to pursue their studies. Persuaded to move to London, he becomes renowned, assisted by two unscrupulous society men. Jonathan Strange, who discovers his own aptitude for magic and persuades Norrell to tutor him, ends up helping Wellington win his European campaigns. Meanwhile, ancient powers are stirring. A brilliant fantasy firmly based in Regency times, or a fabulous historical novel with a leavening of magic – take your pick! Absorbing, highly original and not to be missed. *Lindy*



Banewrecker
 Jacqueline Carey
 HB \$59.95

In the Seventh Age of the Sundered World, the world of Urulat lies uneasy under the shadow of Satoris Banewrecker, known as 'the Sunderer'. Wounded and defeated in the Shapers' War and banished by the Six Shapers who are his kindred, the Sunderer has raised a mighty army of Fjeltroll in his fortress of Darkhaven. At his side are the dreaded Three, his immortal generals. Together with the Sorceress of the East, they have conceived a plot to conquer the sundered world of Urulat and bring all of existence under their dominion. But the time of the Prophecy has come and a child is born in the depths of the desert with the mark of destiny emblazoned on his palms, unaware that the fate of the world will rest in his hands.

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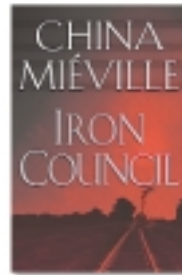
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Incubus Dreams Anita Blake #12
 Laurell K Hamilton
 PB \$29.95

A gory medley of vampires, werewolves and other assorted shapeshifters feature prominently in Anita Blake's life... and that's just her friends! When she is drafted by the police to help solve a particularly grisly preternatural case, she needs to call on all her famous toughness. But with clients clamouring for her to raise more dead and the partly-human clamouring for her affections, it seems unlikely she will get much time to dwell on her situation.



Iron Council
 China Miéville
 PB \$30.00

In the author's third return to the city of New Crobuzon, war and urban unrest are tearing lives apart. In desperation, rebels fight the totalitarian enforcers. A small group leaves the city in search of a myth, while the Iron Council must return to the city. The journey will be life-changing. As his stories unwind in coils of smoke and noise, Miéville's images come one after the other. Just when you think he's finished throwing you visions of steam-driven cyborg convicts, magically altered landscapes and dark golems, he produces even more. Absolutely, positively recommended! *David*



Horizon Storms Seven Suns #3
 Kevin Anderson
 PB \$29.95

The titanic war between the elemental alien hydrogues and faeros continues to sweep across the Spiral Arm, extinguishing suns and destroying planets. Chairman Wenceslas and King Peter must now unify the human race with iron-fisted policies in a final bid to stand together, or face total annihilation. But disparate civilisations are forging new alliances that threaten the old order. The Roamer and Theron clans will not yield their independence and the new Mage-Imperator Jora'h now faces a threat that no other Ildiran leader has ever seen - a civil war that could break apart the entire Empire.



Dr Who Legend 40 Years of Time Travel
 Justin Richards
 PB \$49.95

This volume encapsulates 40 years of tea-time travel, taking you on a journey through every one of the TV stories! Each entry includes a summary of events, plus new facts about the Doctors and other key players.



Buy this book and receive a free copy of **The Dalek Survival Guide** (usually \$24.95), while stocks last.



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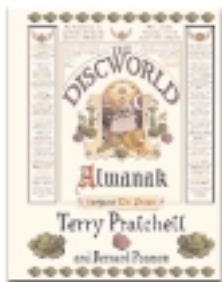
The Complete Peanuts, 1950-1954

Charles Schulz

HB Box Set \$99.95



Peanuts is one of the most acclaimed comic strips in history and Schulz's characters – Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, Patty, Pig-Pen, Schroeder and many more – have become American icons. This is the first two volumes of his collection, bringing us up to the point where Linus is emerging as the most complex and arguably most endearing character (and also acquires his "security blanket"). Meanwhile, Lucy has forcefully elbowed herself to the front of the cast, proudly wearing her troublemaker banner. Snoopy has started talking/thinking to himself, but he doesn't sleep atop his doghouse (much less type or fly a Sopwith Camel) and has no fantasy life. But as we know, he is merely biding his time, and his evolution continues its fascinating course...



The Discworld Almanak

Terry Pratchett & Bernard Pearson
HB \$29.95

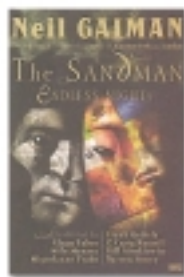
You can't go past this for everything you need to know about living in the Year of the Prawn. This is the only guide to planting toads, ringing hogs and sowing your wild oats. Learn about the lost arts of Pig Boring and Worm Drowing, and ensure you can tell the difference between the Pretty Murderer and Maiden's Girdle mushrooms. Interesting, funny and wonderfully illustrated by Paul Kidby, this is the perfect gift for the *Discworld* fan who has everything.



Digital Sci-Fi Art

Michael Burns
PB \$55.00

Visions of future worlds have always exercised a powerful fascination. From the pulp artists of the 30s to the airbrush artists of the 70s and 80s to today's CGI animators, science fiction has always provided the artist with a blank canvas on which their imagination can run wild. Today, these alien vistas, towering cityscapes, vast spacecraft and strange lifeforms are becoming breathtakingly realistic. This is a detailed survey of key techniques involved in creating these visionary masterpieces, with step-by-step work-throughs and practical assistance for digital artists of all abilities, catering for users of both 2D and 3D graphics applications. Includes a showcase of some of the best contemporary sci-fi illustration. Inspirational!



Endless Nights The Sandman

Neil Gaiman
PB \$39.95

Neil Gaiman's enormously successful *Sandman* series won millions of fans and remarkable critical acclaim. It introduced the Endless – Dream, Destiny, Death, Desire, Delirium, Despair and Destruction – a family of beings representing various aspects of the human experience and psyche. Gaiman now returns to the ethereal world he created with new tales of the Endless, illustrated by some of the world's finest artists, including P Craig Russell (*Murder Mysteries*), Frank Quitely (*The Authority*) and Glenn Fabry (*Preacher*). This beautiful anthology, by turns haunting, erotic and disturbing, is an absolute joy.

Bram Stoker Award

lost boy lost girl

Peter StraubPB \$18.95

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Goblins

Brian Froud & Ari Berk
HB \$39.95

Renowned artist Brian Froud and scholar Ari Berk have conducted a thorough investigation into the realm of goblins, a subspecies of faery responsible for all manner of havoc in the human realm. This noxious and largely nonsensical volume includes reproductions of the ancient, odoriferous *Codex Goblinensis*; a glossary of common goblins and their markings; and a gazetteer of goblin photographs taken with the arcane *Goblin Camera*. Those fearing an infestation can refer to the section that helps you determine if you've got goblins and, if so, what you can do about it. (There is nothing you can do about it). Combining the folkloric approach of **Good Faeries, Bad Faeries** (\$32.95) with the utter wackiness of **Lady Cottington's Fairy Album**, this is the team's most visually rich and outrageous opus yet.



Going Postal Discworld #29

Terry Pratchett
HB \$49.95

The latest in the *Discworld* series, this is definitely up there with the best of Pratchett's work. Set in Ankh-Morpork, Pratchett introduces readers to a whole new cavalcade of characters, as well as the Ankh-Morpork Post Office, yet doesn't suffer by having the Ankh-Morpork regulars appear only in cameos, if at all. Moist von Lipwig is a terrific anti-hero and I hope we see more of him in future novels. Brilliant, insightful, action-packed and, most importantly, very funny. *Sian*

Hugo Award

Paladin of Souls: Chalion #2

Lois McMaster BujoldPB \$18.95



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Star Trek: The Original Series

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After nearly 40 years, *Star Trek: The Original Series*, one of the most popular TV series of all time, is available on DVD in 3 complete season collections. Join Captain Kirk, Mr Spock, Dr McCoy, Scottie and the rest of the crew and experience the action, drama, humour and 'classic' special effects as all 80 episodes are released in collectible, retro-styled DVD season box sets for the first time. Loaded with exclusive special features, no DVD collection can be complete without this.

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Star Trek Voyager

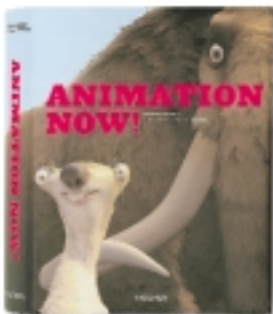
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The series that *Star Trek* fans have been waiting for, *Star Trek Voyager* has been transported onto DVD, loaded with exciting extras.

Each season of *Star Trek Voyager* features newly remixed Dolby Digital 5.1, Dolby Surround and exclusive retrospective featurettes. The disks are presented in unique, highly collectible packaging for fans who want to display an attractive library of the entire series.

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Seasons 1 to 3 available now
Season 4 to be released 11 November
Seasons 5 to 7 to be released in 2005



Animation Now!

Aida Queiroz, et al

PB \$85.00

This sweeping study brings you everything you ever wanted to know about today's best animation specialists. About 80 of the world's most prominent artists/studios are arranged from A to Z, including examples and descriptions of their work, biographies, filmographies, bibliographies and awards. Also profiles the world's best animation schools. Bonus DVD includes examples of work, 'making of' and a selection of artist/studio reels. This is the ultimate reference for answering that perennial question, "How on earth do they do that?!"



Princess Mononoke

DVD \$34.95



Newly released on DVD and directed by Hayao Miyazaki, creator of the award-winning *Spirited Away*, this classic feature-length animation from Japan is about a young boy, Ashitaka, who is forced to travel far from his home, deep into a mysterious forest. There he meets Princess Mononoke, a girl raised by wolves who hates humans for destroying her environment. He tries to help her save the mystical spirits of the forest from both horrifying demons and the destructive humans. This epic fantasy made history as the top-grossing domestic feature in Japan, where its combination of mythic themes, mystical forces and ravishing visuals tapped deeply into their cultural identity and contemporary ecological anxieties. The English language audio track features the vocal talents of Gillian Anderson, Claire Danes, Billy Crudup, Minnie Driver and Billy Bob Thornton.



Dawn of the Dead

Director's Cut

DVD \$39.95



Overnight, the world has become a living nightmare, with the planet's population hit by a lethal plague. And the dead aren't staying dead! Corpses yearning for their next meal now stalk the few remaining survivors, a ragtag group of the still-living who seek refuge in an abandoned upscale shopping mall. As the world outside grows more hellish, the survivors battle the undead, each other, and their own fears and suspicions. Sealed off from the rest of what used to be the world, the mall's inhabitants must learn to co-exist with each other and use every available resource to stay alive and, more importantly, remain human. This 2004 remake includes director's commentary, featurettes and a trailer for the new movie, *Shawn of the Dead*.

Top 5 DVDs

- Two Towers Extended Edition**
4-Disc Set\$79.95
- Battlestar Galactica**
Mini-Series\$29.95
- Space 1999 Season 1**
Box Set\$27.95
- Firefly**
Complete Box Set\$61.95
- Farscape Season 3**
Box Set\$144.95

World Fantasy Award (Tied)

Facts of Life

Graham JoyceHB \$39.95

Ombria in Shadow

Patricia A McKillipPB \$29.95

Novella Award

Coraline

Neil GaimanPB \$14.95



Books make the perfect gift...



Furies of Calderon
Codex Alera #1
Jim Butcher
HB \$49.95

Butcher jumps into epic fantasy with this novel, a considerable departure from his previous *Dresden Files* contemporary urban fantasy detective series. He introduces a fascinating world where everyone who is past puberty has a fury – a magical/elemental spirit that helps them and gives them magical talents. Watercrafters can heal and read emotions, firecrafters can influence others' emotions, metalcrafters are smiths and warriors, and so on. Apprentice shepherd Tavi is 15, but furyless – something unheard of – and desperate to prove himself. There are intriguing hints of a great Destiny awaiting Tavi in future volumes, although this one is nicely self-contained for the start of a promising series.



The Runes of the Earth
Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant #1
Stephen Donaldson
HB \$49.95

Thomas Covenant may be dead, but that hasn't stopped Donaldson from continuing his chronicles. This novel is set 10 years later in the 'real' world and 3,500 years later in the Land. The shift in narrative requires a slower build-up, but all the usual trademark elements are present, although some are not quite as we remember them. The last act alone makes this worth the price of admission. Welcome back!

Adam

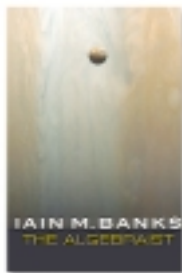
Top 10 Fantasy

- 1 **Lone Drow: Hunter's Blades #2**
R A SalvatorePB \$14.95
- 2 **Wee Free Men (Discworld)**
Terry Pratchett.....PB \$15.95
- 3 **Joust**
Mercedes LackeyPB \$16.95
- 4 **Blood and Memory: Quickening #2**
Fiona McIntoshPB \$18.95
- 5 **Kushiel's Avatar: Kushiel #3**
Jacqueline Carey.....PB \$19.95



The Iron Tree
The Crowthistle Chronicles #1
Cecilia Dart-Thornton
PB \$30.00

Dart-Thornton returns with a new tale in a new world. In trademark style, she weaves a story that is at once new, yet familiar, bringing to mind half-forgotten folk tales. Bristling with mystery and magic, her vivid descriptions paint pictures in your mind's eye that are filled with colour, wonder and an ethereal beauty. A lyrical feel adds a fairytale quality to this enjoyable story. Fans of Dart-Thornton's *The Bitter Bynde* trilogy will not be disappointed. *Mark*



The Algebraist
Iain M Banks
HB \$49.95
PB \$29.95

Fassin Taak is a relatively unknown researcher on a giant, backwater gas planet who stumbles upon ancient information with potential military applications. The knowledge he holds threatens to trigger an interstellar conflict, so he suddenly finds his importance elevated to an unprecedented level. But despite the threats of war, Taak has plans of his own. This latest novel from Banks sees the author break away from the universe of the Culture, with which his readers are most familiar, to describe an interesting new setting. Noticeable differences include the way he handles the more primitive interstellar travel and different attitudes towards artificial intelligence. Banks fans rejoice, for it's been too long since his last SF novel!

- 6 **Swords of Night and Day**
David GemmellPB \$32.95
- 7 **Hat Full of Sky (Discworld)**
Terry PratchettHB \$39.95
- 8 **Paladin of Souls: Chalion #2**
Lois McMaster BujoldPB \$18.95
- 9 **Naked Empire: Sword of Truth #8**
Terry GoodkindPB \$19.95
- 10 **Son of Avonar: Bridge of D'Arnath #1**
Carol Berg.....PB \$16.95



Days of Magic
Nights of War Abarat #2
Clive Barker
HB \$45.00

This extraordinary fantasy for both adults and children traces the adventures of Candy Quackenbush in the amazing world of the Abarat, a magical otherworld in an archipelago of 25 islands (one for each hour of the day, plus an island out of time). Escaping her dull life in the most boring place in our world – Chickentown, Minnesota – Candy finds that in the Abarat she has another existence entirely, one that links her to marvels and mysteries and even to murder. But why does she feel Abarat is familiar to her? And why can she speak words of magic? Candy must solve the mystery of her past before the forces of Night and Day clash and Absolute Midnight descends upon the islands.

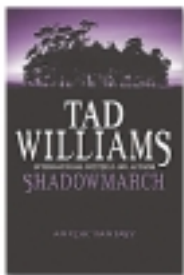


Bridge of Souls
Quickening #3
Fiona McIntosh
PB \$18.95

War looms between Morgravia and Briavel, and the threat from the Mountain King grows stronger. Struggling against time and repulsed by his latest disguise, everything Wyl Thirsk has striven to prevent is happening, including the marriage of his beloved Queen Valentyna of Briavel to the reviled King Celimus. Even worse, the final curse of *The Quickening* demands he becomes sovereign of Morgravia. Clinging to an ominous suggestion from the increasingly powerful Finch, Wyl walks his most dangerous path yet, straight back into the brutal clutches of King Celimus. Is Wyl doomed to follow the path of *The Quickening* or will he succeed in shaping his own destiny?



SCI-FI & FANTASY



Shadowmarch
Shadowmarch #1
 Tad Williams
 HB \$49.95
 PB \$32.95

On the edge of the northern kingdoms lies Southmarch Castle, towers shrouded in mist. For hundreds of years, it has remained hidden from the affairs of empire. But its isolation can protect it no more, for Southmarch is under siege – from without and from the more insidious enemies who would destroy it from within. Further to the north, within the ancient walls of Qul-na-Qar, the Twilight People gather to hear Ynnir, the blind king, pronounce the dark fate of humankind. In the south, the god-king, who has already conquered an entire continent, now looks to further extend his domain. It is upon Southmarch that the armies advance and to its people that darkness will speed.



Dark Mirror
Bridei
Chronicles #1
 Juliet Marillier
 PB \$30.00

As a child, Bridei is sent by his parents to live with the druid Broichan, only aware that he must learn to be a warrior and scholar, strategist and sage. He is unaware that, in the divided and war-torn kingdom of Fortriu, a secret council of elders, including Broichan, has long been making plans for the future of their homeland, and that he is central to their strategy. He is the only child in Broichan's remote household, so when he awakes one night to find a baby on the doorstep, he thanks the gods for their precious gift of a companion and takes her in. But with her arrival, Broichan's master plan gains a dangerously unpredictable new element.

Nebula Award - Novel

Speed of Dark
 Elizabeth MoonPB \$19.95



Traitor's Knot
Alliance
of Light #4
 Janny Wurts
 HB \$59.95
 PB \$29.95

This latest instalment in the epic series continues the feud between two half-brothers, trapped by a curse of lifelong enmity. Fast-paced and compelling, the action starts on the first page and doesn't let up, with Wurts putting her characters through a multitude of trials and challenges. Revelations abound and long-time readers of the series will have their assumptions torn apart. This volume could easily be called a landmark in the series to date. A beautifully crafted tale and a must-have in any serious fantasy collection. *Mark*



The Dark Tower
The Dark Tower
#7
 Stephen King
 HB \$65.00

The final instalment in King's magnum opus sees Roland and his ka-tet nearing the mysterious Dark Tower. As their journey reaches its climax, each member of the ka-tet must undergo their own personal sacrifice to ensure the Dark Tower, and all known worlds, remain in existence. Featuring some of King's best writing, this is a powerful conclusion to one of the greatest fantasy series ever. Beautiful illustrations by award-winning artist Michael Whelan add to the novels' emotional impact.

Top 10 Science Fiction

- 1 **March to the Stars: Empire of Man #3**
 J Ringo & D Weber.....PB \$17.95
- 2 **Ilium: Ilium #1**
 Dan Simmons.....PB \$19.95
- 3 **Service of the Sword:**
 Worlds of Honor #4
 David WeberPB \$18.95
- 4 **Pandora's Star: Commonwealth #1**
 Peter F Hamilton.....PB \$19.95
- 5 **Trading in Danger: Vattan #1**
 Elizabeth MoonPB \$19.95
- 6 **Hell's Faire: Posleen #4**
 John RingoPB \$18.95



Warp Speed
 Travis Taylor
 HB \$48.00

Dr Neal Anson Clemons, born at the very moment that men first landed on the moon, has always dreamed of travelling to the stars. Now he and his team have achieved a breakthrough by building a warp drive and finding an energy source powerful enough to make it more than a theoretical concept. Unfortunately, forces behind the scenes have much darker dreams, and they don't hesitate to blow up a space shuttle, attempt to kill Clemons and use the warp technology to start what they expect to be a short, victorious war with the US. But Clemons has other ideas.



The System of the World
Baroque Cycle #3
 Neal Stephenson
 HB \$54.95
 PB \$45.00

The year is 1714. Daniel Waterhouse returns to England, where he joins forces with his friend Isaac Newton to hunt down a shadowy group attempting to blow up Natural Philosophers with 'Infernal Devices', or time bombs. An increasingly vicious struggle is being waged for England's Crown. Who will take control when the ailing queen dies? A long-simmering dispute between Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz comes to a head, with potentially cataclysmic consequences. Wildly inventive and brilliantly conceived, this is the final volume in Stephenson's hugely ambitious saga set in a time of genius, discovery and change. Filled with a remarkable cast of characters, this series is a magnificent achievement.

- 7 **Conquistador**
 S M StirlingPB \$18.95
- 8 **War of Honor: Honor Harrington #10**
 David WeberPB \$18.95
- 9 **Heirs of Earth: Orphans #3**
 Sean Williams &
 Shane DixPB \$18.95
- 10 **Wasteland of Flint: Aztec Empire #1**
 Thomas HarlanPB \$17.95



Books make the perfect gift...



Big Bang
Simon Singh
PB \$32.95

Albert Einstein once said: "The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible." Geniuses like Einstein are not the only people able to grasp the physics that underlie the universe. We all can. As well as explaining what the Big Bang theory actually is, this book addresses why cosmologists believe that it is an accurate description of the origin of the universe. With characteristic clarity and a narrative peppered with anecdotes and the personal histories of those who have struggled to understand creation, Singh has written the story of the most important theory ever. *Shelley*



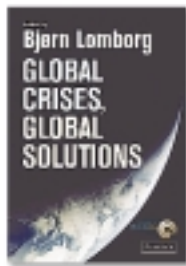
Great Myth Conceptions
Cellulite, Camel Humps and Chocolate Zits
Dr Karl Kruszelnicki
PB \$24.95

The strange facts and freaky discoveries just keep on coming as Dr K teases and tempts us by debunking (or not) common urban myths or 'mythconceptions'. Did man really land on the moon? Does the soul weigh 21 grams? Did Einstein fail school? Do we really use only 10% of our brain? Does a duck's quack echo? Is the black box really black? Is a quantum leap huge? Is there really a truth serum? Is a camel's hump full of water? Can mosquitoes infect you with HIV? And is it really written in the stars? Fun edutainment. *Shelley*



Wittgenstein's Beetle And Other Classic Thought Experiments
Martin Cohen
PB \$32.95

This hands-on book invites readers to actively participate in discovering the surprisingly powerful and fruitful tradition of 'thought experiments'. Across a broad spectrum of philosophy and science, they have played a central and significant role, elucidating complicated puzzles, problems and ideas in 'the laboratory of the mind'. Featuring a gregarious and informative capsule history of thought experiments, together with sound advice on how to construct your own experiments, a helpful glossary and an index, this book is an indispensable guide to making genuine progress in science and philosophy from the comfort of your own imagination. *Shelley*



Global Crises, Global Solutions
Priorities for a World of Scarcity
Bjorn Lomborg (ed)
PB \$59.95

A unique publication exploring the opportunities for addressing ten of the most serious challenges facing the world today: Climate Change, Communicable Diseases, Conflicts, Education, Financial Instability, Corruption, Migration, Malnutrition and Hunger, Trade Barriers and Access to Water. In a world fraught with future-eaters, we need to gauge how to achieve the greatest good with our resources. This examines a rich set of arguments and data for prioritising our responses most effectively. Whether you agree or disagree with the expert analysis and studied conclusions, this book provides an excellent springboard for debate and discussion. *Shelley*



Herbarium
Robyn Stacey & Ashley Hay
HB \$79.95

Robyn Stacey is one of Australia's greatest photographers and this stunning book is the first of its kind. Together with essayist Ashley Hay, she throws open the closed doors of the Sydney Herbarium in the Royal Botanic Gardens to reveal the secret history of Australia's flora. Filled with fascinating stories about the nature of collecting, what was collected and when, and the scientific background to each of the specimens. A glossary of botanical descriptions provides a unique link between the specimens and their collectors. The exquisite photographs of the botanical samples – some now extinct – comprise a collection of rare beauty. *Shelley*



Search for Life
Monica Grady
~~PB was \$29.95~~
now \$14.95

Are we alone in the universe? Before we search for signs of life, argues Grady, we have to understand life on Earth and how it arose. So from the depths of the ocean to the edges of the galaxy, she explores the potential for life. Starting with the key stages that lead to the emergence of life, she then considers Mars, Europa (the water-rich satellite of Jupiter) and Titan (Saturn's enigmatic moon) as possible niches for life. Richly illustrated with images – from microscopic bacteria to panoramic starscapes – this is a comprehensive introduction to the science of astrobiology.



Frozen Oceans
The Floating World of Pack Ice
David Thomas
HB \$54.95

Once seen as an obstacle to trade and a threat to human life, pack ice is now under threat of extinction due to global warming. This is the first book to offer general readers access to this remote, frozen habitat, and the level of accurate scientific detail will satisfy anyone

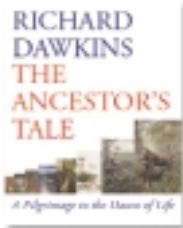
looking for a reliable, up-to-date overview. Thomas is a veteran of six expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic. His wonderful colour photographs of life on, in and under the ice draw readers in to this superb account of an extreme environment. Enchanting.

Recommended Science...

The Fabric of the Cosmos
Brian GreeneHB \$49.95



SCIENCE



The Ancestor's Tale
A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Life
 Richard Dawkins
 HB \$65.00

This is the definitive work by Dawkins: a synthesis of his comprehensive vision of life. From man to amoeba, it is a pilgrimage back through time, a picaresque account of evolution running in reverse, told through a series of 40 marvellous tales of explanation with reference to mythology, literature, nonsense-verse and history. Together they give a deep understanding of the processes that have shaped life on Earth: convergent evolution, population isolation, continental drift and extinction. Bountifully illustrated and vividly signposted, something amazes on every page. A hard book to put down.



Country
 Tim Flannery
 PB \$32.00

Part travelogue, part memoir, part scientific expedition, this book addresses our strange relationship to Australia's odd landscape, in the process revealing everything about our national symbol, the kangaroo. Flannery never ceases to amaze with how little we know about this noble creature, superbly adapted to the pitfalls of environmental disasters. Anybody with an interest in conservation, touring Australia, kangaroos and their ancient inheritance, outback culture or geology will find this the perfect gift. *Shelley*



Field Guide to the Fungi of Australia
 Tony Young
 PB \$29.95

Australia is world-renowned for its often extraordinary and unique natural environment, including many of its plants and animals. With watercolour images by K Y Smith, this beautiful little book highlights an often overlooked, but just as remarkable, aspect of our natural world: Australia's fungi. Many are brightly coloured, some fluorescent; some elegant, others squat. Some are fragrant, more still are highly toxic, even hallucinogenic. This field guide showcases these species in all their splendour. Unique.



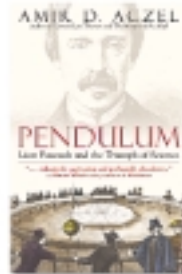
Know Your Birds
 Louise Egerton
 PB \$24.95

With over 750 species in Australia, it's no wonder we can't tell a magpie from a currawong, let alone a native noisy miner from its introduced cousin! Some of us just give up, but this new guide is a vital resource for the ornithologically challenged. No matter where you live in Australia, you will find a great many familiar birds within these pages. All 80 entries feature photographic portraits with accompanying text about how birds live: their foibles, habits, social lives and domestic arrangements. Be amazed at just how different their lifestyles are from one another. A publishing breakthrough!



Parallel Worlds
Alternative Universes and Our Future in the Cosmos
 Michio Kaku
 PB \$59.95
 Due December

What is the ultimate fate of our universe? Are there universes beyond our own? If so, can we ever hope to travel to them? Thanks to amazing developments in cosmology, scientists think they can now answer these questions. And thanks to this fascinating book, we can share the excitement of their discoveries. We learn about the 'multiverse', in which our universe is just one of many, and the wormholes that may connect them and through which our descendants may escape the end of our universe. *Dave*



Pendulum
Leon Foucault and the Triumph of Science
 Amir Aczel
 PB \$24.95

This is the first detailed, non-fiction account of how Foucault, a struggling physicist, came to a remarkable breakthrough – that Earth revolves on an axis – which changed both science and society. It also details the opposition he faced from the scientific community in France, both before and after his dramatic demonstration inside the Pantheon in 1851. Drawing a wonderfully vivid portrait of Napoleon III and Paris during the Second Empire, Aczel chronicles France's scientific glory during the 1850s and evaluates how Foucault's theories and numerous achievements are viewed in the current perspective of modern science.

Also Recommended...

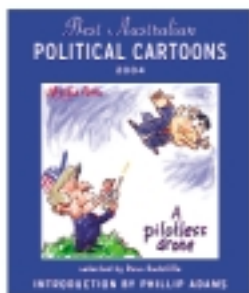
The Road to Reality
 Roger PenroseHB \$89.95
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 Mario LivioPB \$24.95
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 Nicolaus Copernicus
 Owen Gingerich.....HB \$39.95

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 Francis Spufford.....PB \$24.95
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 Fred WatsonHB \$35.00
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 Kate ColquhounPB \$24.95



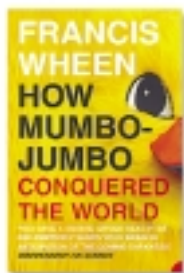
Books make the perfect gift...



Best Australian Political Cartoons 2004

Russ Radcliffe
PB \$26.95
Due December

Australia has a long and proud tradition of excellent cartoonists and we have never needed them more than we do today. Displaying over 160 cartoons, this is a superb survey of the past year's events as interpreted by such sardonic luminaries as Judy Horacek, Mark Knight, Jon Kudelka, Peter Nicholson, Bruce Petty, David Pope, John Spooner, Andrew Weldon and Cathy Wilcox. No print journalist has the same exhilarating ability to skewer the pomposity, the glib rhetoric and the deliberate lies of our politicians. A marvellous tribute to the cartoonist's art, power, vitality and wit. Funny, too. *Shelley*



How Mumbo-Jumbo Conquered the World

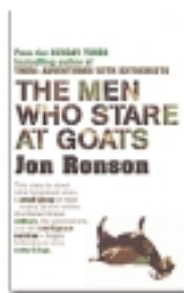
Francis Wheen
PB \$24.95

In 1989, Francis Fukuyama declared the End of History. So what replaced it? An epidemic of mumbo-jumbo? Francis Wheen, winner of the *George Orwell Prize*, evokes the key personalities of the post-political era – including Margaret Thatcher and Ayatollah Khomeini, Princess Diana and Deepak Chopra, Osama bin Laden and Nancy Reagan's astrologer - while charting the extraordinary rise in superstition, relativism and emotional hysteria over the past quarter century. From UFO scares to dotcom mania, his hilarious and gloriously impassioned polemic describes a period in the world's history when everything began to stop making sense. *Shelley*



The Best Australian Essays 2004

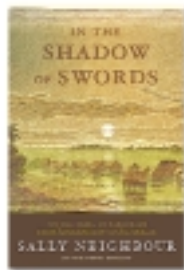
Robert Dessaix
(editor)
PB \$24.95 each



The Men Who Stare at Goats

Jon Ronson
PB \$30.00

At times incredible, at times worrying, at times hilarious, always gripping, Jon Ronson investigates American military paranoia. The investigation introduces him to people who believe they can stop a goat's heart simply by staring at it, and to others who think Uri Geller may have some helpful hints about waging modern warfare. If you think all this is outlandish, wait until you learn about some of the things the Bush family believe in! This is a worthy sequel to ***Them: Adventures with Extremists*** (Pb \$22.00) and will likewise accompany a four-part TV series. I fell off my seat laughing. *Shelley*



In the Shadow of Swords

How Islamic Terrorists Declared War on Australia

Sally Neighbour
PB \$29.95

Prominent ABC journalist Sally Neighbour trails Islamic terrorists from their origins in the mosques and schools of Indonesia to training camps in Afghanistan. She examines how their alliance with Al Qaeda's network transforms them from angry fanatics into a world-class terrorist group with operatives across South-east Asia. She explains how, despite the best of intentions, Australia's foreign policy in Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor helped make Australia a target. In her inimitable style, she shows how easily terrorists have been able to penetrate Australia, documenting the failings of intelligence agencies in detecting and recognising the danger. *Shelley*

The Best Australian Stories 2004

Frank Moorhouse (editor)

The Best Australian Poems 2004

Les Murray (editor)

The Best Australian Sports Writing 2004

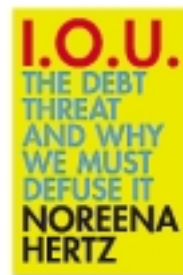
Garrie Hutchison (editor)



The Natasha Factor

Politics, Media and Betrayal
Alison Rogers
PB \$29.95

From the beginning, the author admits this is very much a personal account, a snapshot of an extraordinary woman at an extraordinary time. Rogers worked for Natasha Stott Despoja from November 2000 to November 2002 and was in a unique position (as her chief media adviser) to observe what happened as an intelligent woman – who also happened to be attractive and vivacious – became leader of the Democrats. The consequent infighting and bitter lack of support, and the level of tall-poppo nastiness generated by sections of the media, is described in a readable, immediate style. A fascinating study. *Lindy*



I.O.U.

The Debt Threat and Why We Must Diffuse It
Noreena Hertz
PB \$29.95

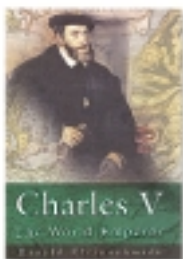
For every \$1 the West lends developing countries, developing countries pay the West \$9 in debt service. We are witnessing a global debt crisis of unprecedented size. Argentina owes \$155 billion, Sub-Saharan Africa \$200 billion, Brazil \$224 billion. This global crisis is further harming countries that have huge levels of poverty, deforestation, terrorism and war, and where millions of people are dying from AIDS. A leading expert on economic globalisation argues that this is an issue of right versus wrong, of peace versus war. To see global stability, it must be addressed now. Passionate, timely and very PC.

These collections showcase some of the finest recent Australian writing, including works by J M Coetzee, Thomas Keneally, Marion Halligan and Tim Flannery. Each volume is edited by a renowned writer and beautifully sums up 2004 with a diversity and craft to last.



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HISTORY



Charles V The World Emperor

Harald
Kleinschmidt
HB \$49.95

Charles V (1500-1558) became the most powerful monarch in Europe by the time he was 19. Full of high ideals and a staunch Catholic, he wanted to achieve cultural and religious unity over his vast dominion. He struggled against Lutheranism and was forced to concede it legal recognition. The Spanish rule over the New World increased in his time. But by 1555, he was disillusioned by the impossibility of continental peace and renounced his crown to live in seclusion. A fascinating study of the man and his times.

Lindy



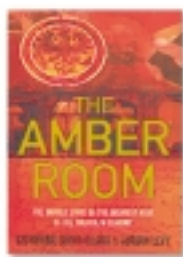
Sex with Kings 500 Years of Adultery, Power, Rivalry and Revenge

Eleanor Herman
PB \$29.95

This non-fiction journey takes the reader into the bedrooms of Europe's most powerful royals. After conquering the king, the royal mistress often ran his kingdom, wielding her sexuality as sceptre. It is trail-blazing in its exploration of this intriguing phenomenon and reveals a chapter of women's history previously ignored. Read about the fascinating women who ruled empires from their bedrooms, while their success depended on dutiful emotional intelligence or they were out of a job, or worse. Power has historically been a mighty aphrodisiac and this book explains why, for instance, Princess Di was rightfully nervous of Camilla. Easy reading. *Shelley*

Australia's Nobel Laureates Adventures in Innovation 1915-1996

Julian Cribb & Bob Beale (editors)
HB \$44.95



The Amber Room The Untold Story of the Greatest Hoax of the 20th Century

Catherine
Scott-Clark
& Adrian Levy
PB \$29.95

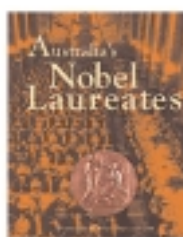
Famed as 'the eighth wonder of the world', the intricately crafted Amber Room was sent as a gift to Peter the Great in 1717. It remained in Russia for over two centuries until the Nazis swept into St Petersburg, wrenched it from the palace walls and packed it into crates, never to be seen again. Amid boxes of previously unseen diaries, letters and classified reports, the authors uncovered an historical conspiracy across Europe to hide the truth of the Amber Room's final resting place. The news is not good, but the detective work and sheer pace of this book add up to pure enjoyment. *Cara*



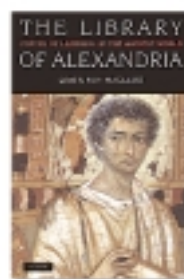
The English in Australia

James Jupp
PB \$37.95

Australia is the second most English country in the world, and yet this large immigrant group has never been analysed in detail. Dr Jupp changes all that! Beginning with familiar stories of convicts and early settlers, then the various waves of immigration over the 19th and 20th centuries, he concludes with reflections on today's English immigrants, now considered 'foreigners'. Anyone interested in tracing their English ancestry will find this book compelling reading and helpful in establishing a sense of the places, conditions and occupations their ancestors lived through. There is no other book directly on this topic. *Shelley*



Works of genius, the magic of science and the inspiration of creativity are elements that underpin the world's most prestigious award, the *Nobel Prize*.

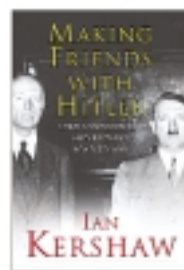


The Library of Alexandria

Roy McLeod (ed)
PB \$38.00

This fascinating volume is a home-grown effort, drawing its contributors from various Australian educational institutions. The topic is the purportedly magnificent – and unfortunately lost – Library of Alexandria. The individual essays collectively provide an impression of the antecedents and influence of the library by focusing on specific works in the collection, the history of libraries in the ancient near-east and wider issues of contemporary education. McLeod's collection will appeal to both the academic and the interested general reader.

Sarah



Making Friends with Hitler

Lord
Londonderry and
Britain's Road to
War

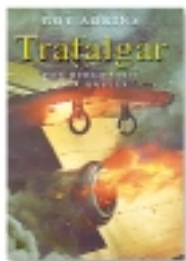
Ian Kershaw
HB \$55.00

During the 1930s, Lord Londonderry was viewed as the leading exponent of pro-German thought in Britain, a less-than-ideal reputation for the Air Minister. This book primarily examines his involvement with the appeasement of Germany and his overt advocacy of friendship with Hitler, his idealism and political failure. Kershaw is extraordinary in capturing the mentality of his subject and the era where so many people – less outspoken, equally well-bred – looked to Hitler with admiration and wished for friendlier relations with Germany. This is an excellent addition to the many books dealing with the prelude to the Second World War. Marvellous stuff. *Cara*

In Australia, 10 remarkable people have been awarded this prize – which is more laureates per capita than any other country. This book is an insight into the incredible lives of these pioneering Australians. From contributions to science and triumphs in literature, it is a unique tribute to the testament of the human spirit.



Books make the perfect gift...



Trafalgar
The Biography of a Battle
 Roy Adkins
 HB \$59.95

Trafalgar set the seal on British naval supremacy, which became the mainspring for the growth of the British Empire. In the short term, this not only prevented Napoleon from invading Britain, but also enabled Britain and its Continental allies to mount the campaign that would eventually defeat the French Emperor. Without Trafalgar, there would be no Waterloo! This is Britain's most significant sea battle, as seen through the smoke-hazed gunports of the fighting ships. You can almost smell gunpowder...



Viking Age England
 Julian Richards
 PB \$32.95

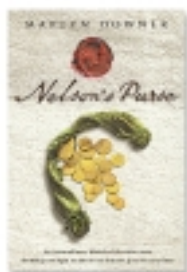
Over the course of 200 years, the seafaring peoples of Scandinavia made life very interesting for the English. The Vikings not only raided, but also traded and settled, thus changing the nature of English society. Using the latest archaeological evidence, this well illustrated book assesses the impact of the Vikings on late Anglo-Saxon England. An accessible introduction to the subject, yet also of a high scholarly standard. *Lindy*

Also Recommended...

- Gulag: A History**
 Anne ApplebaumPB \$26.95
- North Korea: Another Country**
 Bruce Cumings.....PB \$26.95



Warfare in Ancient Egypt
 Bridget McDermott
 HB \$49.95



Nelson's Purse
 Martyn Downer
 HB \$59.95

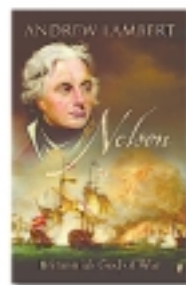
This combines an historical detective story with the intimate life of naval hero Horatio Nelson, his wife and his mistress. In July 2002, Sotheby's announced the discovery of a major cache of treasure, much of it never known to exist, including a remarkable archive of letters from Nelson's jilted wife Fanny that detailed the breakdown of their marriage. Also found were medals, swords, jewellery, porcelain, weaponry and other papers and letters, but the most sensational find was the bloodstained purse – still containing its gold coins – that Nelson was carrying on the day in 1805 when he was shot on board HMS Victory. *Cara*



Stiff
The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers
 Mary Roach
 PB \$22.95

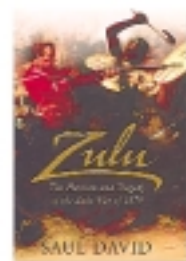
Disarmingly candid, this history of life-after-death is both amusing and informative. For 2,000 years, human cadavers have been at the forefront of scientific exploration. From testing the efficiency of the guillotine to modern medical research such as heart transplants, the deceased body has been a silent partner to many advances in understanding ourselves. This includes doctors testing the latest nip'n'tuck techniques, as well as the quest for the perfect crash test dummy. The dead – and the people who spend their days with them – are drawn with sensitivity and intelligence in this most fascinating of books. *Cara*

Covering 3,000 years, this richly illustrated book follows the development of arms and armour from flint hand-axes to long swords, composite bows, javelins and the chariot. Talented commoners could rise through the ranks; some even achieved kingship. Through archaeological and anthropological



Nelson
Britannia's God of War
 Andrew Lambert
 HB \$49.95

Nelson elevated the business of naval warfare to the level of the sublime, leading Romantic poet Lord Byron to describe him as "Britannia's God of War". Where his predecessors saw a particular battle as an end in itself, Nelson's only concern – even in the midst of terrifying, close-quarters action – was to exploit the victory he was achieving. Exploring his professional, personal, intellectual and practical origins to better understand how he enabled his country to survive the challenge of total war and international isolation, this handsome and definitive account marks Trafalgar's 2005 bicentenary.



Zulu
The Heroism and Tragedy of the Zulu War of 1879
 Saul David
 HB \$50.00

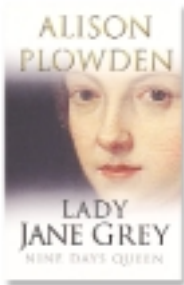
On 22 January 1879 at Rorke's Drift on the Natal border with Zululand in South Africa, a British garrison of 140 men fought for 12 hours to repel nearly 3,000 Zulu warriors. On the same day, the British Army suffered its most humiliating defeat at nearby Isandlwana. The real story of the Empire's longest day is one of deception, dishonour, incompetence and dereliction of duty by Lord Chelmsford, whose misjudged invasion led to thousands of unnecessary deaths in this most sordid of imperial wars. The most fascinating and enjoyable military history I have read this year. *Cara*

evidence, a vivid picture forms of the military life of the non-elites, an account that differs from official records of the nobility. Detailed enough for the scholar, concise enough for the interested reader, this is a fascinating look at all aspects of ancient Egyptian warfare. *Lindy*



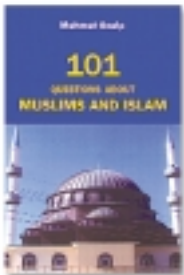
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**Lady Jane Grey
Nine Days Queen**
Alison Plowden
PB \$24.95

As Henry VIII's great-niece, Jane Grey was used as a pawn by the familial Suffolks and the unrelated Northumberlands. A girl of strong faith and intelligence, she was forced into marriage and made the heir to the throne by her dying cousin Edward VI. She reigned for nine short days before being imprisoned and executed in the Tower, all by the age of 16! This insightful book reveals the complexity of this tragic young woman who never fulfilled her gifted and passionate potential. *Lindy*

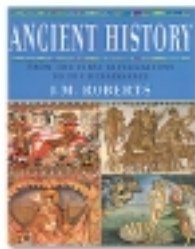


**101 Questions
About Muslims
and Islam**
Mehmet Ozalp
PB \$24.95

In this book, an Australian Muslim gives clear and concise information about Islam's faith and practices, ranging from spiritual experience, contemporary issues, women in Islam, terrorism and the concept of Jihad. In the process, he debunks all the prejudice and intolerance, dispelling the stereotypes of Muslims as fundamentalists, terrorists or extremists and promoting understanding for this great world religion. Stimulating and comprehensive, a useful resource for the culture vulture.

Also Recommended...

- The Mystery of Olga Chekhova**
Antony BeevorHB \$35.00
- Alexander the Great:**
The Hunt for a New Past
Paul CartledgeHB \$59.95
- Lascivious Bodies: A Sexual History**
of the Eighteenth Century
Julie PeakmanHB \$49.95



**Ancient
History**
**From the First
Civilisations to
the Renaissance**
J M Roberts
HB \$79.95

This is a fabulous book for the general reader by an historian who is both prolific and respected. Written in clear prose, it is both readable and detailed, leading the reader on a stimulating journey covering 10,000 years, from the earliest civilisations to the European Renaissance. With over 500 illustrations and maps, many in beautiful colour, this will be a fine addition to any bookshelf! *Lindy*



**Australia
Our History**
John Molony
HB \$44.95

Starting with the Aboriginal Dreamtime some 50,000 years ago and ending in the 21st century, this is the story of Australia told afresh. It is also an unveiling of a precious, common heritage in the one land that sustains all our communities and cultures. Encompassing the Aboriginal heritage and moving through the convict era, the golden days, depression and drought, the building of cities, railways and roads, and the shift of focus from Europe to Asia, this history reveals a nation built by all its men and women. Honourable history for a new generation.



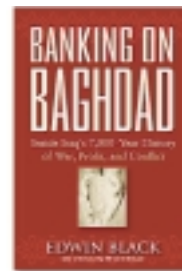
**The Seventy
Great
Inventions
of the
Ancient World**
Brian Fagan (ed)
HB \$75.00

Stone choppers, eyed needles, camel saddles, chariots, body art and contraceptives: the past is paved with remarkable inventions. The latest book in this popular series takes us on an eye-opening journey through early human innovations – some fundamental, others



**Australian
Memories
in Black
and White**
HB \$75.00

With a forward by Sir William Deane, this collection of black and white photographs captures the most powerful, uplifting, exciting and humorous moments in Australian life. Ranging from 1931 to 1975, the images are drawn from the Cinesound Movietone Archive (part of the UNESCO Memory of the World Register). An emotional tour de force, this collection moves from the iconic to the everyday. An essential reference for the Australian home. *Kath*



**Banking on
Baghdad**
**Inside Iraq's
7,000-Year
History of War,
Profit and
Conflict**
Edwin Black
HB \$46.95

This history of Iraq, oil and banking begins with the clichéd Cradle of Civilisation. From this point, Black documents the continuing connections between civilisation, conquest and commerce. While demonstrating that Iraq is partially to blame for its current state of turmoil, he also details the discomfiting facts behind the part that war and profit have played in creating the Iraq of today. Just as he did in **IBM and the Holocaust** (PB \$27.95), Black exposes the hidden associations between leading corporations, war and oil.

intriguing or bizarre – from 2.5 million years ago to the early medieval period. An international team of 42 scientists, archaeologists and historians reveal the extraordinary origin of technologies that have shaped the world around us. Illustrated with hundreds of evocative photographs and specially commissioned diagrams, plans and reconstructions, this is a breathtaking achievement.



Books make the perfect gift...



Barcelona The Great Enchantress

Robert Hughes
HB \$32.95

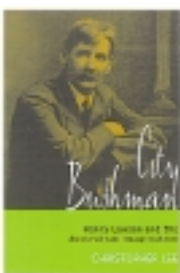
The author's earlier book on Barcelona was a detailed history of a city he had been visiting since 1966. This new book is a much more personal and passionate tour of this fascinating city. It is also a reflection on the nature of the Catalonian people and their rich artistic and social history. Written in his typically perceptive but opinionated style, it is highly readable and entertaining. The best sort of travel writing, you feel like you're strolling along the streets with your own personal guide! *Lindy*



Birth of the Chess Queen

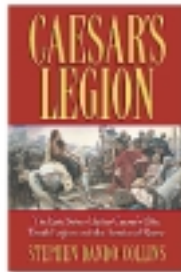
A History
Marilyn Yalom
HB \$39.95

Inspired by surviving medieval chess queens, gender historian Yalom traces chess from Muslim origins to Christian Europe. In a lively and engaging narrative, she draws a parallel with the ascent of female sovereigns, presenting a fascinating history of medieval courts and their internal power struggles. Using anecdotes, art, legends and literature, she connects the birth of the chess queen with the cults of Romantic Love and the Virgin Mary, heavy influences even today! Illustrated with beautiful art throughout, this book takes a fresh look at the political culture of medieval Europe and the institution of queenship. Check it out!



City Bushman Henry Lawson and the Australian Imagination

Christopher Lee
PB \$29.95



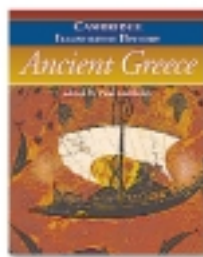
Caesar's Legion The Epic Saga of Julius Caesar's Elite Tenth Legion and the Armies of Rome

Stephen
Dando-Collins
PB \$26.95

Military history buffs are going to love this one! Rather than tracing the history of a province, period or person, we follow the Tenth Legion with a series of eminent commanders across the Roman world over a 200-year span. The author is clearly passionate about his subject and the book is written with sections of vivid narrative within the historical detail. If you are buying for someone who revels in Roman soldiers or has an interest in the tactical and military history of any period, this is the book!

Sarah

Cambridge Illustrated



History paperback series

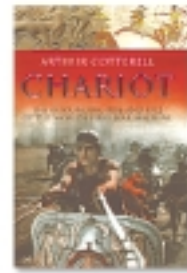
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now \$39.95

The Cambridge Illustrated History series provides the most authoritative, fully synthesised, single-volume accounts of their subjects. Spanning the epochs from the earliest times to the 20th century, each volume is an invaluable resource to the interested reader, student or historian. For a limited time only, the following titles have been drastically reduced:

- Ancient Greece • Archaeology
- British Empire • British Theatre
- China • France • Islamic World
- Medicine • Warfare

An expert on Australian literary culture, Lee has produced this magnificent tome celebrating the 'uncultured rhymers' and his 'cultured critics'. Neither a biography nor a critique, this is a history of Lawson's indelible print upon the national psyche. Exploring everything from his early reputation as a witless larrikin to the astute political investment of Billy Hughes in

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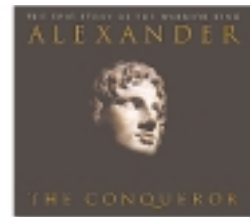


Chariot The Astounding Rise and Fall of the World's First War Machine

Arthur Cotterell
HB \$50.00

From Ireland to Korea, this unique account deals with the proliferation of the chariot's use as a war machine across the Old World. In its military, sporting, ceremonial and religious functions, the chariot's immense impact on the imagination throughout history has resulted in massively variant stories and myths. Cotterell gives a cross-cultural study of chariot warfare (and its eclipse), as well as its ceremonial and religious functions from the days of the early Mesopotamian kings to 20th century cinemagoers who see chariots as an essential feature in most 'ancient' films. Extremely charming.

Alexander the Conqueror



The Epic Story of the Warrior King

Laura
Foreman
HB \$49.95

One of the many books to have emerged to cater for the increased interest in Alexander the Great created by Oliver Stone's movie, this volume is distinguished by its attention to lush visuals. The author has collected a huge number of images from all periods of history to depict Alexander and his historical context. A general overview of Alexander's life is complemented by inserts that explore particular features, such as the Delphic Oracle and the provenance of the Gordian knot. This is an attractive introduction to Alexander for the interested reader. *Sarah*

memorialising Lawson with a state funeral, from his canonisation by the Labor left and later the Academy, through to the assembly of tourist shrines and other heritage paraphernalia, this fully illustrated, pivotal history will be enjoyed by general readers and specialists alike.



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Classical Literature
A Concise History
 Richard Rutherford
 PB \$56.95

Just in time for the Latin Summer School at Sydney University, Rutherford has produced this interesting and widely-based study of classical literature. Each section explores the conventions and ideas of different genres and authors in both Latin and Greek. Chapters are focused around epic, drama, erotic literature and ancient wit, to name a few, all presented in a lively and vigorous style. Last Christmas, Blackwell had a hit with **Homer** (PB \$59.95) and this fresh history looks set to continue the trend! *Sarah*



The Cruise of the Janet Nichol
Among the South Sea Islands
A Diary by Mrs Robert Louis Stevenson

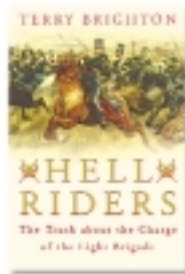
Roslyn Jolly (editor)

HB was \$34.95, now \$19.95

This is the extraordinary tale of an unconventional woman, her unusual marriage and her adventurous journey through a rapidly changing world. In April 1890, a steamer set off from Sydney for a three-month Pacific trading voyage. Aboard were seven white men, 40 islanders and one woman: a short-haired, barefoot, cigarette-smoking American, Fanny Van de Grift Stevenson. Her spirited personality led her into situations that few European women have ever experienced, and her diary and photographs offer unique glimpses into life in one of the last independent Pacific kingdoms. A great gift!

Also Recommended...

The Stories of English
 David CrystalHB \$60.00



Hell Riders
The Truth About the Charge of the Light Brigade
 Terry Brighton
 HB \$49.95
 Due December

On 25 October 1854, during the Crimean War, the Light Brigade of the British Cavalry Division made the most magnificent and brutal charge in military history. Almost 700 men, armed with sabre and lance, charged straight at the muzzles of Russian cannons. This vivid and extraordinarily detailed account of the charge and the bloody mêlée that followed is told largely in the words of the survivors themselves. Brighton had unique access to regimental archives and takes the reader closer than ever before to the experience of charging into the Valley of Death. A great armchair adventure.



Ill-Starred Captains Flinders and Baudin
 Anthony Brown
 PB \$35.00

The celebratory new edition by Fremantle Press of this bestselling history has a contextualising foreword by Tim Flannery. Nicolas Baudin and Matthew Flinders had much in common: they both mapped Australia's coastline. But one was French, the other British – and their countries were at war! This enmity led to disaster; by coincidence, both came to grief in the French colony of Mauritius. Relying heavily on their own words, Brown reconstructs the achievements and tragic conclusions of both explorers, revealing the relationships and tensions aboard their cramped and leaking ships, and the rivalries between the expeditions. Sailor-historians, temptation is here!

The Dictators:
 Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia
 Roger OveryHB \$59.95
Stasiland
 Anna FunderPB \$24.00
Cardinals Hat: Money, Ambition and Housekeeping in a Renaissance Court
 Mary HollingsworthHB \$49.95



Kokoda
 Paul Ham
 HB \$45.00

This unique and balanced exposé recounts both Australian and Japanese perspectives of the hellish Papuan jungle trail, where thousands died during WW2. Based on his extensive research in both countries, Ham intimately relates the stories of ordinary soldiers in "the world's worst killing field". He examines the role of commanders in sending ill-equipped, unqualified and under-aged Australian troops into battles that resulted in near-100% casualty rates. Capturing the spirit of soldiers who clashed in this exceptionally savage war, it reveals the brave souls whose courage and sacrifice must never be forgotten.



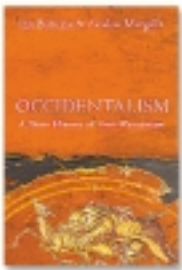
Maharanis
The Lives and Times of Three Generations of Indian Princesses
 Lucy Moore
 HB \$49.95

This is the story of two grandmothers, one daughter and a granddaughter: Chinnabai, Maharani of the powerful and anti-British Baroda; Sunity, who married the Anglophile Raja of Cooch Behar; Indira, Chinnabai's daughter, who defied her parent's wishes and eloped with Sunity's son; and their daughter Ayesha, who would marry the glamorous, polo-playing Maharaja of Jaipur, but made her name as a critic of Indira Gandhi's corrupt government. Lucy Moore's brilliant evocation of their lives is a beguiling story of excess, passion, defiance, true love, arranged marriages and Empire and Independence. Excellent reading, amazing lives.

Colossus: The Rise and Fall of the American Empire
 Niall FergusonHB \$49.95
Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar
 Simon Sebag MontefiorePB \$27.95
Castles of Steel: Britain, Germany and the Winning of the Great War at Sea
 Robert MassiePB \$39.95



Books make the perfect gift...



**Occidentalism
A Short History of
Anti-Westernism**

Ian Buruma &
Avishai Margalit
HB \$39.95

This pioneering investigation of the lineage of anti-Western stereotypes traces them back to the West itself. Whatever else they are, al Qaeda and its ilk are revolutionary anti-Western political movements. The bogeyman who stalks their thinking is the same one who has haunted the thoughts of many other revolutionary groups, going back to the early 19th century. The same prejudices appear: soulless Western city-dwellers trapped in a machine society versus an organically knit-together one, a society of 'blood and soil.' A work of extraordinary range and erudition, there's been nothing like it since Edward Said's **Orientalism** (PB \$25.00). Cult classic potential.



**Panorama of
the Classical
World**

Nigel Spivey &
Michael Squire
HB \$90.00

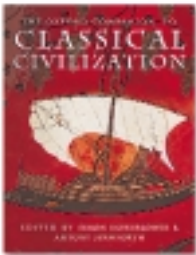
This beautiful volume is not just a pretty face! It is as rich in information and ideas as it is in images of Greek, Roman and Etruscan society. Spivey and Squire, both based at Cambridge, have organised the book by examining a series of themes that run through each of the three civilisations. Chapters deal with subjects as diverse as the manipulation of the natural world, intellect versus passion, citizen identification and perceptions of the human body. This attractive, compactly illustrated book also includes timelines, maps, glossaries and dictionaries of mythological and historical figures. *Sarah*



**Spice
The History of a
Temptation**

Jack Turner
PB \$32.95

In nutritional terms, spices are useless – but this hasn't stopped them being desirable, exotic or necessary! This smoothly written book concentrates on the big five – cloves, cinnamon, mace, nutmeg and ginger. It touches on the early European explorers motivated by the profits accruing from the spice trade, but more importantly it examines why the trade existed rather than how, looking at the many different qualities attributed to spices apart from the merely culinary. A delicious history, well researched and extremely digestible! *Lindy*

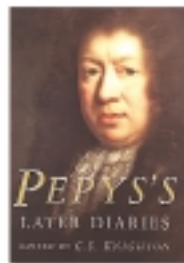


**The Oxford
Companion
to Classical
Civilization**

Simon
Hornblower
& Antony
Spawforth

Due December PB \$65.00

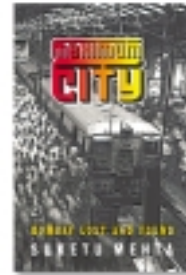
This book may well contain the answers to all your niggling questions about the world of ancient Greece and Rome. If, like the emperor Tiberius, you've ever wanted to know which song the sirens sang, head to this clearly written (and very reasonably priced!) volume, now available in paperback for the first time. Complete with bibliography, chronology, maps and illustrations, this is an extremely comprehensive and useful volume for specialists and non-specialists alike. *Sarah*



**Pepys's
Later Diaries**

Samuel Pepys
HB \$49.95

Pepys abandoned his famous diary in 1669, fearing (wrongly) that he was going blind. However he still kept writing and this book brings five later diaries together for the first time. *The Brooke House Journal* shows him on the rise in the Royal Navy's bureaucracy. *The King's Bench Journal* is a formal record of his legal problems during the Popish Plot, whereas *Proceedings with James and Harris* mixes business with pleasure. *The Tangier Journal* is an account of his time there, while the *Diary of the Special Commission* has Pepys back at the Admiralty. A must for anyone who has enjoyed his writings. *Lindy*



**Maximum City
Bombay Lost and
Found**

Suketu Mehta
PB \$39.95

The complex texture of these extraordinary tales is threaded together by Mehta's own history of growing up in Bombay, then returning after a 21-year absence. The city's story is told through the lives – often desperately near the edge – of some of the people who live there: hit men, dancing girls, cops, movie stars, poets, beggars and politicians. Part memoir, part journalism, part travelogue, this is written with the relentless observation and patience of a novelist. A riveting portrait of men and women in the megalopolis and a guide to the future of 'the city' itself. *Shelley*



**Well May
We Say...
The Speeches
that Made
Australia**

Sally Warhaft (ed)
PB \$34.95

From the famous speech given by Robert Menzies on 'The Forgotten People' to former Hawthorn coach John Kennedy's rousing three-quarter time address to his players on Grand Final Day in 1975, this book shows that the mood, character and history of Australia and its people can be defined by its words. From the inspirational to the eulogising, from the political

to the satirical, from the sacred to the controversial, this long overdue anthology is deftly introduced by innovative researcher, Sally Warhaft. Includes speeches by Paul Keating, Patrick White, Geoffrey Blainey, Ben Chifley, Sir William Deane and many more. Excellent and resourceful.



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Margaret Mee's Amazon Flowers

Extraordinary Beauty of the Forests Revealed by an Artist Explorer

Due December HB \$80.00

In 1956, at the age of 47, Margaret Mee began her Amazon travels. For the next 32 years, she chronicled her adventures – usually undertaken alone – on foot or by canoe, initially to illustrate the amazing flora of the region. Later she became concerned by the destruction of the habitat and the effect on the peoples of the Amazon. Her beautiful and delicate botanical studies were acclaimed by scientists and art critics alike. This gorgeously produced book presents her comprehensive diaries and is full of illustrations and photographs documenting the amazing diversity of the land. A beautiful, unusual and passionate account. *Lindy*



Wrong About Japan

A Father's Journey with His Son

Peter Carey
PB \$24.95

Originally commissioned by *National Geographic*, this melange of memoir, fiction and travelogue is a compelling personal exploration of two different cultures. Led by Takashi (first met over the internet!), Carey and his 12-year-old son Charley use Japanese animated film and cartoons to find and create their own 'real Japan'. Their evaluation, through Carey's growing appreciation of these art forms, is fascinating, and Carey's journey through myth and mayhem is full of delight.

Cara

- A Death in Brazil
Peter RobbPB \$22.00
- Birds of Heaven: Travels with Cranes
Peter MatthiessenPB \$24.95



Australia: An Ecotraveller's Guide

Hannah Robinson
PB \$29.95

Step through time and experience Australia's stunning arid lands, tropical rainforests, palm grottoes, Antarctic heathlands, island havens and marine sanctuaries. This book shows eco-travellers how to discover the best experience in each destination, including the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland Wet Tropics, Kakadu, Tasmania, Uluru, Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Hannah Robinson helps you understand the local wildlife and geology to find it all, from echidnas to accredited safaris. With hundreds of colour photos, regional maps and an extensive resource section detailing eco-lodges, parks, 4WD sites and lots more, this is Australia's top travel guide.



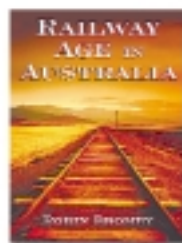
Phaic Tan Sunstroke on a Shoestring

Santo Cilauro,
Tom Gleisner
& Rob Sitch
PB \$27.95

Last year, Jetlag Travel Guides brought us the very funny, but ultimately fake, guide to **Molvania: A Land Untouched by Modern Dentistry** (PB \$26.95). Now the authors provide everything you need to know about planning a trip to Phaic Tan – a place visited by just a handful of hardy travellers, aid agency workers and hostage negotiators, the birthplace of the trouser press and irritable bowel syndrome, with wet and rainy seasons divided by monsoons, a religion best described as Confusionism and an explosive cuisine. The perfect gift for virtual travellers to an imagined country.

Also Recommended...

- Dark Star Safari
Paul TherouxPB \$24.95
- Rio de Janeiro: Carnival under Fire
Ruy CastroHB \$29.95



Railway Age in Australia

Robin Bromby
HB \$55.00

Open this fine book at any page and find at least one delightful photo and a wealth of information! Not the kind that overwhelms or bores, but lively anecdotes, interesting facts and a style enlivened by the author's obvious enthusiasm. It is 150 years since rail started in Australia and this book covers everything from steam trains to tilt trains, plus an amazing lot in between. It tells of the people who worked or travelled on the railways, the services provided and many of the named trains, including the Ghan, the Southern Aurora and the Fish. Perfect for the trainspotter, historian or armchair traveller alike! *Lindy*



Simon Winchester's Calcutta

Simon Winchester (Ed)
PB \$22.00

Lonely Planet's anthology series focuses on the favourite destinations of contemporary literature's best-known writers. Here Winchester contributes two essays, *The Scent Behind the Smell* and *A Brief History of Calcutta*, while his editorial acts as an essential introduction to the wealth of literary writing on Calcutta by luminaries such as Paul Theroux, Mark Twain, Rudyard Kipling, V S Naipaul, Vikram Seth, Gunter Grass, Susanna Moore and many others. This uniquely personal viewpoint provides a rare insight into the inspiration that many writers gain from their love of a special place.

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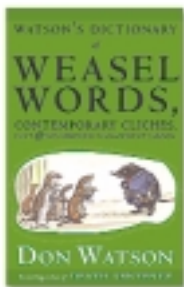
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Don Watson

PB \$32.95

This book is for people who want to know what an "asset footprint" and an "aggressive timeline" really are, and for those who want to mock the very idea. An invaluable guide to modern managerial language, newspeak and linguistic political chicanery, it is also an essential reference for victims and saboteurs. Like its companion volume, **Death Sentence** (Hb \$29.95), it is serious and amusing – deadly serious and soberingly amusing. Watson takes a blowtorch to the bellies of those whose words kill meaning and challenge sanity. Funny, awfully funny. *Shelley*



Collins Australian Internet-Linked Dictionary and CD-ROM

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The Australian Oxford Dictionary The Ultimate Guide to Australian English

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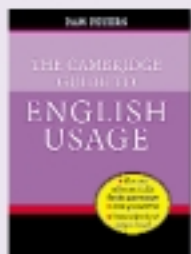


The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language

David Crystal

PB was \$69.95
now \$39.95

This is one of the publishing phenomena of recent times. Rarely has a book so packed with accurate and well researched information been so widely read and popularly acclaimed! It has played a key role in the growing interest in language matters, generating further publications and broadcasting events for an avid audience. This second edition presents an overhaul of the subject for a new generation of English-users concerned with their linguistic legacy.



The Cambridge Guide to English Usage

Pam Peters

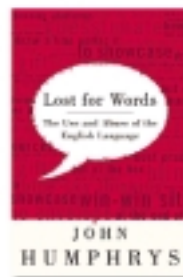
HB \$75.00

This descriptive (not prescriptive) A to Z reference book gives an up-to-date account of the debatable issues of English usage and written style. Its advice draws on recent research data from a very large corpus of American and British English, illuminating their divergences, but also the convergence points on which International English can be based. Providing guidance on grammatical terminology, it also covers topics in electronic communication. Peters notes the major dictionaries, grammar and usage books in the USA, UK, Canada and Australia, allowing readers to calibrate their own practices as required. Invaluable.

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Lost for Words The Use and Abuse of the English Language

John Humphrys

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Due December

From empty cliché to meaningless jargon, dangling participles to sentences without verbs, the English language is under attack: politicians dupe us with deliberately evasive statements; academics talk obscure mumbo jumbo; journalists and broadcasters lazily collaborate. John Humphrys, of the BBC's *Mastermind*, exposes the depths to which he believes the English language has sunk. He may be hanged on his own gallows, but he is prepared to risk all in support of his beloved Campaign for Real English! An exquisite tome for obscurantists, pedants, nit-pickers, hair-splitters and their friends.

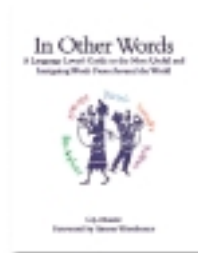
In Other Words

A Language Lover's Guide to the Most Useful and Intriguing Words from Around the World

Christopher Moore

HB \$24.95

Ever racked your brain for a word you're convinced should exist, yet it is inexplicably absent from the dictionary? All languages have their limitations. Should English fall short, the expression may lie elsewhere. That is where this book comes in: a quirky lexicon of well-known and more obscure 'untranslatables' – linguistic gems that capture those nebulous undefinables with such satisfying precision that they will have you squealing "eureka!" from a new-found plane of expression. With a forward by Simon Winchester, this book is bound to entertain all well-versed polyglots, as well as the rest of us who are simply fascinated.



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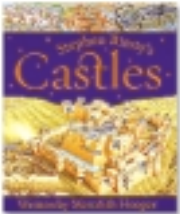


Mutt Dog!

Stephen Michael King

HB \$27.95

In a cold-hearted city there lives a nameless and unwanted dog. He has to use his wits to survive, like any homeless creature, but one night he strays into a halfway house and his luck changes. Adopted by one of the workers, he undergoes new experiences, including regular mealtimes, grooming and a name of his own. Based on the story of the author's own much-loved dog, this is a warm and sweet tale of acceptance and belonging. Illustrated with King's trademark style – deft and charming – both child and adult will find much to enjoy in this book. *Lindy*



Stephen Biesty's Castles

Meredith Hooper

HB \$34.95

The stories of ten different castles in seven countries are told in this colourful book. Each castle is given four pages, first a double-page spread of intricate and absorbing pictorial detail, then a dramatic tale that brings the illustrations to life. In each of the historically accurate stories, there is a key to identify the various components of the castle keeps, so the reader always knows what is being referred to in the text. This should keep boys aged 7 to 10 poring over the pages for hours! *Lindy*



A Crack in the Line

The Aldous Lexicon #1

Michael Lawrence

PB \$14.95

Alaric is a sullen, withdrawn teenager; Naia is happy and well adjusted. However, they have much more in common with each other than with anyone else living anywhere – or any time. They inhabit parallel realities and have the exact same families, except for Alaric, his mother having died in a railway accident two years ago, starting a differing stream of events. When Alaric finds himself pitched into Naia's world, he becomes obsessed with being in a time where his mother still lives. An intricately pieced and clever time-slip fantasy. *Lindy*



The Grim Grotto

A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book the Eleventh

Lemony Snicket

HB \$19.95

It wouldn't be Christmas without the next instalment of the adventures of the Baudelaire orphans! Violet, Klaus and Sunny have been swept down the Stricken Stream and rescued by a leaky submarine captained by an admirer of Herman Melville. From there, things just get even scarier: more VFDs, more mysteries and more villainous behaviour! Maybe, though, there is a glimmer of hope at the end of the book for the valiant Baudelaires. *Lindy*



How Santa Really Works

Alan Snow

PB \$14.95

I've never liked Santa books, but this one is exceptional! It is particularly well served by its illustrations – funny, detailed and a joy to unravel – and the text is a lovely match. Under the Arctic polar cap, Santa is busy training elves to sweep chimneys (so his red suit doesn't get dirty) and spy on kids (both naughty and nice), amongst other duties. Here is the Santa Academy, where all those store Santas are trained in the art of Clausness. And don't forget Santa's own Christmas party! A delightful picture book. *Lindy*



Small Eternities

The Aldous Lexicon #2

Michael Lawrence

HB \$24.95

Taking place four months after the events in **A Crack in the Line**, three different Underwoods are about to find their lives become even stranger. The river that borders Withern Rise has flooded. Naia, unhappily trying to live in a reality without her mother, finds an unexpected ally. Alaric starts to find himself thrown back 60 years to a most tragic moment, while Aldous struggles with his memories. Intriguing and highly original sequel. For the teenage reader. *Lindy*

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And the Roo Jumped Over the Moon

Robin Morrow (ed)

PB \$14.95

Originally published in hardback as *Beetle Soup*, this is one of the finest of all anthologies for primary-aged children. Beautifully illustrated by Stephen Michael King, it is a special collection of poetry and stories by Australian writers. The settings range from coastal to rural to urban, the characters both animal and human, engaged in everyday activities or extraordinary doings. An absolute delight. And a great price too! *Lindy*

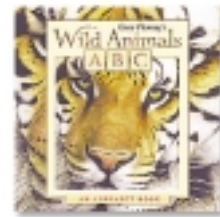


Rowan of Rin The Journey

Emily Rodda

HB \$29.95

Before the internationally bestselling *Deltora Quest* books, there was the *Rowan* series. Now for the first time, the five *Rowan of Rin* titles are collected in this sturdy, well-bound hardback. Shy and timid, Rowan is considered a liability in his village, but Sheba, the Wise Woman, recognises his strengths. Solving cryptic riddles, journeying into unfamiliar territory, gaining the trust of his companions, Rowan finds the courage and wisdom to save those he loves from terrible dangers. The perfect gift for readers aged 8 to 12. *Lindy*



Wild Animals ABC

An Alphabet Book

Garry Fleming

HB \$29.95

Learning the alphabet was never this much fun in my time! Gorgeously detailed paintings in large format are complemented by a simple rhyming text, which reads aloud quite delightfully. Fleming is an acclaimed wildlife artist, so the illustrations are very realistic and will keep youngsters absorbed for ages. A book to treasure, even when the alphabet is well and truly memorised! *Lindy*



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Ranger's Apprentice

The Ruins of Gorlan #1

John Flanagan
PB \$14.95

Looking for something to keep your 10 to 14-year-old reader enthralled over the holidays? This will do the trick! Young Will, small and light on his feet, wants to train as a knight. However, he is rejected and instead apprenticed to a Ranger, one of the shadowy spies of Araluen. Battle is brewing and Will has to learn his craft quickly. Imaginative, quickly paced, entertaining and well written, this is a fabulous read! *Lindy*

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The Saint of Dragons

Jason Hightman
PB \$19.95
Due December

At the age of two, Simon St George was left at an exclusive boarding school and he

hasn't heard from his parents since. Now 13, his father has come back to claim him for the family business - fighting dragons. It seems dragons still exist, but have cunningly adapted human-like form. Not only that, but they're usually in positions of power. Along with a rather odd woman, Simon and his father must find ways to stop the dragons uniting for one truly vicious attack upon humankind. Action-packed and very fast-moving. Great for ages 10 to 14. *Lindy*



Pete the Sheep

Jackie French & Bruce Whatley
HB \$24.95

Sean is different from the other shearers – not least because his sheepdog is a sheep-sheep! Between the two of them, they create havoc in the shed and are asked to leave. Pete has the idea to open a salon for sheep, where Sean gets to put his creative talents to good effect. Eventually, the other shearers see the sense in being just a little bit different...

This is a charming story with deft watercolour and coloured pencil illustrations from the award-winning combination responsible for *Diary of a Wombat* (HB \$24.95). *Lindy*



Tales of Mystery and Madness

Edgar Allan Poe
HB \$24.95

Here are four of Poe's classic stories, *The Black*

Cat, *The Masque of the Red Death*, *Hop-Frog* and *The Fall of the House of Usher*. They are slightly altered for the younger reader (but not too much!), admirably keeping the spirit of the originals. Best of all, each tale is appropriately adorned by coloured illustrations from Gris Grimly, who brings a sly sense of humour to these pleasantly chilling tales. The ideal gift for that difficult category of young male reader, but perfect for the older enthusiast as well! *Lindy*



Voyages Through Time series

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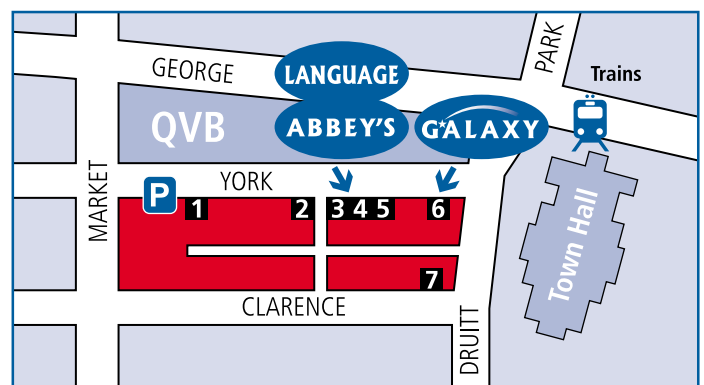
Peter Ackroyd
both HB \$39.95

These two books from the acclaimed historian are lavishly illustrated, but it is their stylish prose that is most attractive. The first deals with the dazzling civilisation of Ancient Egypt – its power and wealth, beliefs and dynasties, architecture and achievements – bringing to life this fascinating culture. The second looks at Meso-America – the world of the Aztecs, Maya and Incas – and their awesome cities, monuments, social organisation, and savage wars and rituals. Highly recommended for ages 10+, these are just the books for fostering a fascination with history! *Lindy*



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The Artistry of Japanese Goldfish

Kazuya Takaoka
PB \$59.95

This unique book reveals kingyo, or goldfish, both as an element of Japanese culture and as an influential design motif during the last 500 years. Full-colour throughout, it includes examples of kingyo's use in lacquerware, ceramic art, painting and ukiyoe prints, as well as an insightful short story that illuminates the Japanese perception of goldfish as symbols of beauty and as living creatures. While conceived principally as an inspirational art sourcebook, it also includes full descriptions of lineages, including scientific names cross-referenced to the numerous examples of their use in art and design. Absolutely delightful. *Shelley*



When I Talk to You

A Cartoonist Talks to God

Michael Leunig
HB \$26.95

Some 15 years ago, when asked to do a weekly cartoon for Melbourne's *The Age*, Michael Leunig wondered, "If newspapers might carry some small message of consolation as a tiny reparation for the enormous anxiety they can create..." Well, now he has a huge following and this thoughtful collection offers inspiration and consolation during the hectic gift-giving period. Both memorable and moving, Leunig reminds us of the potential of spirituality in navigating the unpredictability of Life, Christmas and the Great Australian Dream. *Shelley*



The Seven Sisters of the Pleiades
Stories from Around the World
Munya Andrews
PB \$34.95



Yann Arthus-Bertrand: Horses

Jean-Louis Gouraud
HB \$89.95

World-renowned photographer Arthus-Bertrand, who brought us **The Earth from the Air** (Hb \$135), travelled the world for 15 years to produce this stunning and extremely personalised 'world atlas' of the horse. He wanted to capture not only the beauty and diversity of the different breeds presented, but also the fascinating bond that has existed between humans and horses since the beginning of time. His powerful and sensuous images combine with text by Gouraud, an expert horseman, to make this a truly definitive work on the equine world. *Shelley*



Horse Dreams

The Meaning of Horses in Women's Lives

Jan Fook, Susan Hawthorne & Renate Klein (editors)
PB \$34.95

What do you dream about? The wildly imaginative and edgy editorial team behind the hugely popular **Cat Tales** (PB \$32.95) dream about horses, and they have beautifully crafted an anthology for all ages. Here is the voice of some truly incredible Australian women who haven't quite grown up yet! Writers, poets, equestrians, playwrights and housewives, they all have something to say. A gorgeous gift and a timeless testament to the profound universe of the fairer sex's sentiments. *Divine. Diana*

Designated at M45 on astronomy charts, the Pleiades star cluster has left an indelible mark on the human psyche and the collective unconscious. Munya Andrews, who is of Aboriginal, Scottish and Indian ancestry, explores M45 in fascinating detail across time, culture and geography - including Australia,



Orchids

Mark Griffiths
PB \$29.95

Prized for their exotic beauty and astonishing variety, orchids are the royal family of the plant kingdom. Showcasing the prize-winning hybrids awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society since 1897, this magnificent collection is a mini-edition - only 15cm tall - yet it contains 300 full-colour illustrations of one of the most remarkable species on earth. Griffiths tells orchid history with a passion and enthusiasm informed by his great expertise, making this the ultimate pictorial history and reference for the most glamorous flower of all. Breathtakingly stunning.



Retire Rich and Early
101 Stocks to Set You Up for Life
Ian Huntley
PB \$39.95

Few investors have picked as many winners on the stockmarket as Ian Huntley. A great believer in long-term trends and economic cycles, he has studied the stockmarket for more than 40 years. Through his famous investment newsletters, he has helped thousands of ordinary Australians - many with little knowledge of the stock market - to sensibly build large share portfolios. Let him help you with this unique, easy-to-use book. The bonus CD-ROM lets you access and sort detailed information on the 101 stocks recommended here.

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