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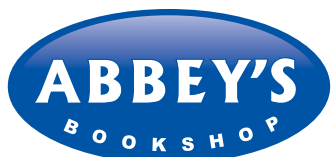
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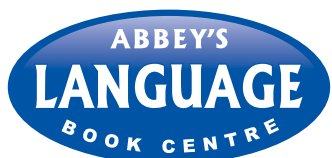
Welcome to Abbey's book selection for the summer of 2010 – just a small taste of the huge range of interesting and unusual books we have for you to give and read this Christmas and beyond.

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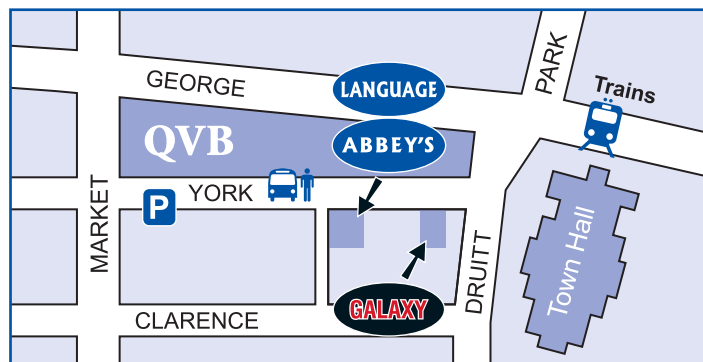
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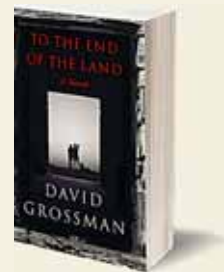
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To the End of the Land

David Grossman Pb \$35

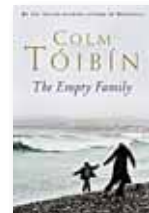
Ora and her son Ofer plan to walk the Israel National Trail together, but when Ofer re-enlists in the army, Ora decides to do the walk anyway. She is accompanied by her ex-lover Avram, and during the walk their past lives are revealed. It's hard not to be guilty of hyperbole when recommending this book as it is such an achievement of characterisation, with emotions carefully flowering as Ora and Avram reignite the embers of their past. A simply glorious book, this is easily my pick of the year. *Greg*



The Empty Family

Colm Tóibín Pb \$29.99

From a writer who never disappoints (*Brooklyn* Pb \$22.99, *The Master* Pb \$22.95) come nine captivating stories which delineate, with a tender and unique sensibility, lives of unspoken or unconscious longing, of individuals cast adrift, often willingly, from their history. Each story manages to contain whole worlds – stories of fleeing the past and returning home, of family threads lost and ultimately regained.



Mr Shakespeare's Bastard

Richard Wright Pb \$29.99

It is 1658 and Aerlene Ward has lived quietly in Oxfordshire for many years. Now in ill-health, she needs to confess her deepest secret – she is the illegitimate daughter of England's greatest writer, William Shakespeare. Telling how her beautiful, superstitious mother came to know the struggling young player, Aerlene explains the consequences and shame, but also the love and comfort, of her mother's actions. Richly detailed, this is an enjoyable, absorbing and sprightly novel. *Lindy*



The Penguin Book of the Ocean

James Bradley (editor) Pb \$35

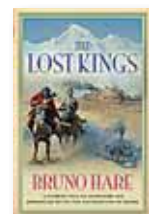
This is a dazzling selection of writing that explores this grandest of obsessions, combining fact and fiction, classical and contemporary, to create a collection like no other. From Rachel Carson's luminous account of our planet's birth to the story of the wreck that inspired *Moby-Dick* to Tim Winton's award-winning dissection of the dark side of surfing, this new collection is a hymn to the mystery, beauty and majesty of the ocean and to the poets and explorers it has inspired.



The Lost Kings

Bruno Hare Pb \$29.99

London, 1893. Cyril King dreams of being an explorer, and when he comes into possession of clues to a fabulous treasure, his wish is granted. High in the Karakorum Mountains on the border of India and Afghanistan, he meets a real explorer and learns that adventures are not all they're made out to be. In between the accounts of Cyril's perils, letters from another famous explorer portray ever more fantastic tales as he searches for a rare creature. A stirring novel of derring-do and danger.





Bereft

Chris Womersley Pb \$32.95

In 1919, after the Great War, the Spanish flu epidemic is raging across Australia. In the NSW town of Flint, Quinn Walker returns to the home he fled 10 years earlier when accused of an unspeakable crime. From the author of the bleak award-winner *The*

Low Road (Pb \$32.95) comes a different kind of page-turner. Womersley's wonderfully written, economical yet expressive prose makes this a compelling account of an era, a place and a mind. Very, very good. *Adrian*

Luka and the Fire of Life

Salman Rushdie Pb \$29.95

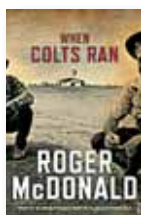
On a beautiful starry night in the city of Kahani in the land of Alifbay, a terrible thing happened: Rashid, the storyteller father of 12-year-old Luka, fell suddenly and inexplicably into a sleep so deep that nothing and no one could rouse him. To save him from slipping away entirely, Luka embarks on a journey through the Magic World. Written for Rushdie's son on his 12th birthday, this story is rich with word-play and the narrative tension of classic quest stories.



When Colts Ran

Roger McDonald Pb \$32.95

In this sweeping epic of friendship, toil, hope and failed promise, the multi-award-winning author follows the story of Kingsley Colts as he chases the ghost of himself through the decades, and in and out of the lives and affections of the citizens of 'The Isabel', a slice of Australia scattered with prospectors, artists, no-hopers and visionaries. Written in a rich and piercingly observant style, this is a tale of how loyalties shape us in the most unexpected ways.



The English Class

Ouyang Yu Pb \$32.95

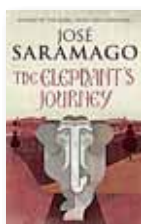
It is the late 1970s, at the end of the Cultural Revolution in China. Jing, an educated youth who has spent a few years as a peasant in the countryside, becomes a truck driver in a provincial shipyard. He meets with classmates from vastly different cultural backgrounds and falls in love with Deirdre, the estranged partner of Dr Wagner, the English teacher. This engaging novel explores the aspiration of many to migrate to an English-speaking country. A novel at once wise, brave and entertaining.



The Elephant's Journey

José Saramago Pb \$29.95

The life of Solomon the elephant is about to be upturned. For two years, he has been in Lisbon, brought from the Portuguese colonies in India. The King now wishes to make him a wedding gift for the Hapsburg archduke. So begins a journey that takes Solomon across Castile, over the sea to Genoa and up to northern Italy, where he must cross the Alps. An enchanting mix of fact, fable and fantasy from the late Nobel-laureate and author of *The Double* (Pb \$24.95), *Blindness* (Pb \$24.95) and *Seeing* (Pb \$27.95).



Notorious

Roberta Lowing Pb \$32.99

A nameless woman lies horribly scarred and close to death in an Asylum deep in the North African desert. An Australian official has come to question her, despite the protests of her carers. It is clear that the woman and Devlin share some past. They and others in the Asylum are linked by a diary written by the poet Rimbaud, with secrets mapped on the precious pages. This quite striking debut novel is a literary mystery, a love story and much, much more...



Of Beasts and Beings

Ian Holding Pb \$32.99

An unnamed man is captured as he scavenges in a post-apocalyptic wasteland, then subjected to a terrifying journey to an unknown destination. A white Zimbabwean teacher is selling up to emigrate, tired and disillusioned at feeling like an alien in his land of birth. Each man fights for survival, but which one is in greatest danger? A highly original, timely and thought-provoking novel on the dehumanising effects of racial violence.



Nourishment

Gerard Woodward Pb \$32.99

Tory's quiet life is thrown into turmoil when her husband Donald, a prisoner of war, makes an outrageous demand for sexual gratification – he wants a dirty letter, by return post! So she begins a quest to master the language of carnal desire – a quest that takes a sudden and unexpected turn into far more dangerous territory. Equally funny and moving, this is from the author of *I'll Go to Bed at Noon* (Pb \$23.95), shortlisted for the 2004 Man Booker Prize.



Rocks in the Belly

Jon Bauer Pb \$32.95

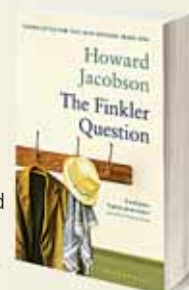
This compelling novel is about a precocious 8-year-old boy and the volatile adult he becomes. During childhood, his mother fosters boys, despite the jealous turmoil it arouses in her son. This is about the destruction we wreak on one another in the pursuit of our own happiness; how we never escape our upbringing; and a stark reminder that the most dangerous place for a child is within the family. An intriguing, powerful, yet beautiful and funny novel.



Man Booker Prize 2010

Julian Treslove is mugged after an evening with two Jewish widower friends and becomes even more obsessed with all things Jewish – 'Finklers', he calls them, after his anti-Zionist friend, a famous pop philosopher. A novel that explores love, loss, politics, history, middle-aged male angst and modern morals. *Lindy*

Pb \$32.99



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The Mary Smokes Boys

Patrick Holland Pb \$29.95

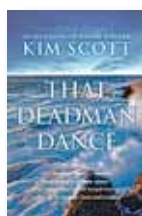
This haunting novel is set in a small town in Queensland. After Grey's mother dies giving birth to his sister Irene, he has the responsibility of caring for Irene while his father sinks further into alcoholism. There is an unspoken menace that pervades this book, almost gothic in its intensity. Holland imbues the story with a biblical-like glare, calling to mind the work of Cormac McCarthy, yet he manages to lighten this at times with deft, humorous touches. This work leaves a muddy footprint-like stain on you long after reading it. Highly recommended. *Greg*



That Deadman Dance

Kim Scott Pb \$32.99

Set in the first decades of the 19th century in the area around what is now Albany, Western Australia, Bobby, a young Noongar man, befriends the new European arrivals. Clever, resourceful and eager to please, he joins them hunting whales, tilling the land, exploring the hinterland and establishing the fledgling colony. As the colonists impose ever stricter rules, Bobby is drawn into a series of events that will forever change not just the colony, but the future of Australia.



Insurrection

Robyn Young Pb \$32.99

1286 and the King of Scotland has died, murdered by one of his retainers. Edward I of England has just set in place his plans for domination, but the grandest families of Scotland don't know this and are engaged in their own feuds to secure succession to the throne. A young nobleman finds himself embroiled in the plots, defying Edward. His name – Robert the Bruce. A breathlessly exciting read, full of detail and vivid characterisation. *Lindy*

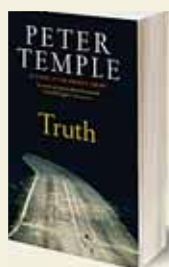


3 for 2 offer

Buy 2 books in Young's previous trilogy and get the third one free (\$19.99 ea).



Miles Franklin Award 2010



Pb \$23.95

Temple's follow-up to his award-winning **The Broken Shore** (Pb \$23.95) has garnered him even more accolades. Not only one of this country's finest crime writers, he is now among Australia's best writers of any genre. In this novel, his uncluttered prose tells the story of violence and corruption in Melbourne's grimy underbelly with great precision and more than enough skill to take out the big literary prize. *Adrian*

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Our Kind of Traitor

John le Carré Pb \$32.95

This is the sort of book you read in one sitting! British couple Perry and Gail, holidaying in Antigua, meet the aggressive, charismatic Dima, a Russian of huge wealth who dreams of settling his family in England and is prepared to betray his fellow oligarchs by divulging illegalities involving the UK banking and political establishment. Tension builds relentlessly as Perry and Gail become entangled in Dima's plans. Le Carré gives Dima an original and authentic voice – the best dialogue since Mark Dapin's **King of the Cross** (Pb \$22.99). Venturing behind the headlines, this story is immediate, compulsively readable and disturbing in its implications. *Peter*



The Attenbury Emeralds

Jill Paton Walsh Pb \$32.99

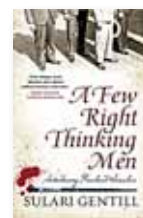
Dorothy Sayers' character Lord Peter Wimsey tells the story of his first – and last – case. In 1921, he had been asked to investigate the theft of the magnificent Attenbury emerald, which set him on his career as a detective. Now in 1951, the grandson of Lord Attenbury asks for Wimsey's help in determining ownership of the emerald he last saw 30 years ago. So starts the most intricate puzzle of Wimsey's career...



A Few Right Thinking Men

Sulari Gentill Pb \$29.99

The Sinclair name is respectable and influential, but the youngest son, Rowland – an 'artist and a gentleman' – has a talent for scandal... This gripping debut crime novel set in Depression-era Sydney brilliantly contrasts Rowland's world of opulent wealth and impeccable tailoring with the surrounding unemployment and social upheaval. One for both crime readers and those interested in Australia's history; beautifully researched, it brings to life an era of Sydney that is fascinating and lively. *Annabel*



Black Diamond

Martin Walker Pb \$32.95

If you like character-based crime novels, set in an exotic location, with smatterings of local culture and cuisine thrown in, then the novels featuring Bruno Courreges, Chief of Police in St Denis, will be just the thing! The only policeman in this Perigord village, he must deal with hate crimes, arson attacks against vineyards and truffle substitution rackets. Nothing is ever as straightforward as it first appears, in this the third of his investigations. But Bruno has intelligence and political nous, plus the brute strength of a rugby player.



We have the first two Bruno novels, **Bruno Chief of Police** (normally \$24.95) and **The Dark Vineyard** (normally \$29.95), reduced to \$14.95 each, while stocks last.



Between Summer's Longing and Winter's End

Leif Persson Pb \$32.95

Investigating the apparent suicide of a young American student in Stockholm – at first an open and shut case – police superintendent Lars Johansson's inquiry unearths more than he bargained for. It all leads to a complex web of international espionage and treachery, and ultimately the murder of the Swedish Prime Minister. Hailed as one of the greatest ever Swedish crime novels, this now debuts in English.



Field Grey

Philip Kerr Pb \$32.95

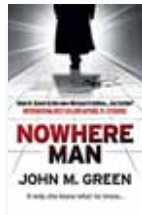
Bernie Gunther is tired. It's 1954 and he secretly buys a boat, sails to Florida... and gets arrested. Sent to Cuba – where he meets Fidel Castro – he is imprisoned and then flown back to Berlin where he must choose between hanging for murder or working with the French intelligence. He soon finds his past as a German POW in Russia is about to catch up with him. The 7th Bernie Gunther mystery – the last of which, *If the Dead Rise Not* (Pb \$32.95), won the 2009 CWA Ellis Peters' Award for Best Historical Crime Novel.



Nowhere Man

John Green Pb \$32.99

When her husband, a wealthy Sydney stock trader, suddenly goes missing, Sonya is left in debt and despair. Until she stumbles on some strange computer files... This thriller virtually turns the pages itself as Sonya tries to stave off financial collapse and find her husband. The plot speeds across rollercoaster stock markets, a love-triangle murder and conspiracy.



Operation Napoleon

Arnaldur Indridason Pb \$32.95

The CWA Gold Dagger-winning Nordic crime author leaves his Reykjavik Murder Mysteries series for this thriller that travels from modern Iceland to America and Nazi Germany at the end of WWII. As the US Army secretly tries to remove an aeroplane from a glacier, two young Icelanders pay with their lives. And the sister of one will not rest until she discovers the truth of her brother's fate...



Millennium Trilogy Boxed Set

Stieg Larsson Hb \$99.95

The three amazing 'Girls' in handsome hardback editions, stylishly packaged in a cloth slipcase, together with a volume of essays by people who knew and worked with Larsson. A nice gift for fans of this edgy Scandinavian series, or a lovely way to introduce newcomers.



Of course all three novels – *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest* – are still available separately (Pb \$24.95, Audio 6 CDs \$32.95).

Dark Clouds on the Mountain

John Tully Pb \$29.95

Set in Tasmania in the early 1990s, with flashbacks to Europe during WWII and post-war Hobart, Tully creates a fictional world strongly embedded in authentic details of real locations and well-conceived characters. Conveyed with a sense of brooding violence, the tightly controlled plot deals with dark secrets and Nazi plots, weaving domestic tensions of family life with a tangled web of murder and intrigue.



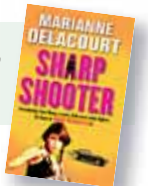
Sharp Turn

Marianne Delacourt Pb \$29.99

Snappy, funny and smart. Tara Sharp might have been just another unemployable twenty-something, but she has an unusual gift – she can read people's auras. It's lost her a job or two, but it makes her a very handy private investigator. This time, though, she might have bitten off more than she can chew, for Johnny Viaspa, the local crime lord, has reappeared... Packed with kick-arse action, this is great for fans of Janet Evanovich, or anyone who loves a feisty, fab, female character. *Annabel*



Comes with a FREE copy of the first Tara Sharp novel, *Sharp Shooter* (normally \$29.99), while stocks last.



Dead Man's Chest

Kerry Greenwood Pb \$22.99

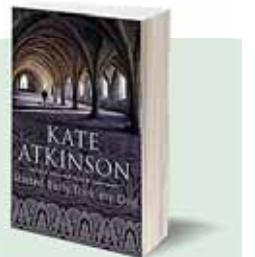
In her 18th adventure, the divine Phryne Fisher promises her household a nice relaxing holiday by the sea, but of course events conspire against her! Starting with the disappearance of the hired help, a gang of teenage louts, a phantom hair-snipper, rumoured buried treasure, a silent film being made, rum smuggling and a very odd bunch of Surrealists, the holiday soon starts looking like hard work. Great fun as always! If you haven't yet plunged into the roaring world of Phryne, her first three adventures are now available in an omnibus edition, *Introducing the Honourable Phryne Fisher* (Pb \$29.99). *Lindy*

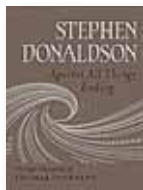


Started Early, Took My Dog

Kate Atkinson Pb \$32.95

A deliciously complex, intelligent and witty addition to the Jackson Brodie series. As always, the action revolves around our unlikely hero Jackson. We also meet a cast of characters who initially seem to have nothing in common, but whose lives rapidly entangle. What I love about Atkinson's books is the way she is always fresh and surprising, and this book, packed with unlikely heroes and villains, plus one very lovable dog, is definitely a page-turner. If you haven't read any of her earlier books, this is an excellent place to start. *Annabel*





Against All Things Ending

The Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant #3

Stephen Donaldson
Hb \$49.99

Linden Avery has resurrected Thomas Covenant with the combined force of his white gold ring, her Staff of Law and an ancient dagger. Linden was warned against unleashing so much power, and the Worm of the World's End has indeed been awakened. If they have any chance to save the Land, it will come from unlikely sources, including Linden's adopted son Jeremiah, whose secrets are only beginning to come to light.



The First Collected Tales of Bauchelain and Korbal Broach

Steven Erikson
Pb \$32.95

Set in the world of the Malazan Empire, here are three tales of the necromancers Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, stalwart champions of all things bad. In *Blood Follows*, a killer stalks the city of Lamentable Moll, and the previous employer of manservant Emancipor Reese is the latest victim. In *The Lees of Laughter's End*, the necromancers set out on the open seas, but there's more baggage in the hold than meets the eye, while in *The Healthy Dead*, they plan to bring goodness into utter ruination throughout the world.



Towers of Midnight

Wheel of Time #13

Robert Jordan
& Brandon Sanderson
Pb \$35

The Last Battle has started and the seals on the Dark Ones prison are crumbling. The Pattern itself is unravelling and the armies of the Shadow have begun to boil out of the Blight. Perrin is haunted by spectres from his past and Matrim Caution prepares for the most difficult challenge of his life. The Tower of Ghenjei awaits and its secrets will reveal the fate of a friend long lost. The end draws near. It's time to roll the dice...



The Demon King Seven Realms #1

Cinda Williams Chima Pb \$24.99

16-year-old Han Alister takes possession of an amulet, later learning that it belonged to the Demon King, who nearly destroyed the world a millennium ago. Meanwhile war rages and the power of the Wizard Council grows. Princess Raisa ana'Marianna aspires to be like the legendary warrior queen who killed the Demon King and saved the world. With the help of a friend, she hopes to unravel the conspiracy growing around her before it's too late.



The Magician Deluxe Edition Riftwar #1

Raymond E Feist Hb \$39.99

One of the most beloved books in the fantasy genre. When a Pug is apprenticed to a master magician, the destinies of two worlds are changed forever. Mysterious alien invaders swarm the land, so Pug and his friend Tomas begin an odyssey into the unknown. Tomas will inherit a legacy of savage power, but Pug's destiny leads him through a rift in the fabric of space and time to the mastery of a strange new magic.



Slave of Sondelle The Eleven Kingdoms #1

Bevan McGuiness Pb \$22.99

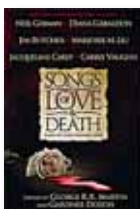
Slave escapes from his owner Sondelle, but is almost killed by a spirit lleki, surviving only by swearing fealty to him. Sondelle's hunters track Slave and, during battle, Slave discovers that lleki has given him a lethal blessing. Unaware of each other's existence, Slave and other misfits and outlaws head for his lleki's home city, where the evil spirit that had been imprisoned for centuries has escaped confinement. From the author of the *Trimuvrate* trilogy (Pb \$20.99 each). Due Dec



The Way of the Wizard

John Joseph Adams (editor) Pb \$27

Power – we all want it, but they've got it. Witches, warlocks, sorcerers and necromancers, from Gandalf to Harry Potter to the Last Airbender. Here are 32 of the most spellbinding tales from some of today's most magical talents, including Neil Gaiman, Simon R Green and George R R Martin. Enter a world where anything is possible and experience the thrill of power – the way of the wizard!



Songs of Love and Death

George R R Martin & Gardner Dozois (editors) Hb \$43

In this cross-genre anthology, 17 of the greatest modern authors of fantasy, SF and romance explore their genres with tales of ill-fated love. From zombies in a post-apocalyptic America to faery haunted fields in 18th century England, from the kingdoms of high fantasy to the alien world of a galaxy spanning empire, these are stories of lovers who must struggle against the forces of magic and fate. Authors include Peter S Beagle, Jim Butcher, Neil Gaiman, Jacqueline Carey, Diana Gabaldon and Robin Hobb.



The Ring of Solomon Bartimaeus #4

Jonathan Stroud Pb \$29.99

Bartimaeus, everyone's favourite wise-cracking djinni, is back. Fans will go back in time with the djinni to Jerusalem and the court of King Solomon in 950 BC, but in this adventure, it seems the great Bartimaeus has finally met his match. He has to contend with an unpleasant master and his sinister servant, and he runs into a 'spot' of trouble with King Solomon's magic ring. A triumphant return to this popular series.

Chicks Ahoy!

Esther Friesner (editor)
Pb \$21.95

For too long, babes in brass bras and chain link bikinis have been ridiculed. It's time to take sword-swinging Amazons seriously! Well, maybe not too seriously. Here in one volume are the first three books in the hilarious short story collections – *Chicks in Chainmail*, *Did You Say Chicks?* and *Chicks 'n' Chained Males* (all Pb \$12.95). Swordswomen like a laugh as much as the next Amazon, just don't let them get the idea you're laughing at them, not with them. Contributors include some of the biggest names in the genre. Due Dec



Matched

Ally Condie
Pb \$19.95

On her 17th birthday, Cassia meets her Match, her perfect partner. Except he's not. In Cassia's society, Officials decide who people love, how many children they have, where they work, when they die. But as Cassia finds herself falling in love with another boy, she is determined to make some choices of her own. And that's when her whole world begins to unravel. This is SF at its best. Far future, but with familiar issues and incredibly thought-provoking. This will appeal to fans of *The Hunger Games* (Pb \$18.99) or even the *Twilight* books. *Steph* Due Dec



The Shapeshifters Kiesha'ra Omnibus

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes
Pb \$29.95

An omnibus of five Young Adult novels – *Hawksong*, *Snakecharm*, *Falcondance*, *Wolfcry* and *Wyvernail* (Pb \$14.95 each). These follow the lives of five teenagers who live in a land that has long seen war between the avian and serpentine shapeshifters. Although a fragile peace has been established, they face many threats from within their own clans, and from former rivals, as various factions attempt to destabilise the land and turn on their own people for their own gain.



The Spirit Thief The Spirit Rebellion The Spirit Eater

Due Dec

Legend of Eli Monpress #1-3

Rachel Aaron Pb \$19.99 each

Eli Monpress is a thief, a wizard and a degenerate. With the help of his partners and a swordsman with the most powerful magic sword in the world but no magical ability, as well as a demonseed who can step through shadows, he is about to put his plans into effect. But first he will steal something that no one will miss. Like a king. His next heist will involve the Duke of Gaol's famous 'thief-proof' citadel. Then just when he's relaxing, a friend begs him to help find her father. But there are larger plans afoot than even Eli can see. The real danger – and the solution – may lie with one of his own.

The Universe Parallel Triad of Being #2

Traci Harding
Pb \$32.99

Taren has studied everything at the university on Maladaan – from genetics, cell communication, quantum physics and astro physics to ESP. She is convinced there is an ocean of microscopic vibrations connecting everything in the universe to every other universe. But travelling to a new universe to find a lost planet may be more than she can handle... Due Dec



The Heir of Night Wall of Night #1

Helen Lowe
Pb \$24.99

The Derai people protect the mountains against their enemy, but their magical powers are viewed with suspicion. Malian is being trained to be a leader, but knows little of real danger, until the enemy attacks. Although she saves the keep, her new abilities are anathema and she must choose between exile or escape to the world beyond. She must accept she has the power to defeat the enemy, but it comes at a price...



Immortal Beloved

Cate Tiernan
Pb \$22.99

New name, new town, new life and there's no end in sight. Nothing ever really ends when you're immortal. But after centuries of feeding from the lives of those around her, Nastasya is ready to turn towards the light. She seeks refuge at a rehab for wayward immortals, where she meets the undeniably sexy Reyn, who seems inexplicably linked to her past.



Seer of Sevenwaters Sevenwaters #5

Juliet Marillier
Pb \$32.99

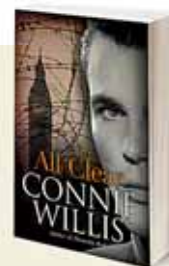
Sibéal is visiting her sisters on the island of Inis Eala when she witnesses the sinking of a ship, with only three survivors. She befriends one survivor, Ardal, but there is something unusual about the three men. And what is it that Ardal can't remember or won't tell? When an attempt is made on Ardal's life, Sibéal finds herself a pawn in a deadly game. Due Dec



All Clear Blackout #2

Connie Willis
Pb \$32.99

Historians Michael, Merope and Polly time travel from Oxford University in 2060 to 1940 England, where they become trapped and struggle to survive as Hitler's bombers pummel London. Now small discrepancies indicate they have somehow affected the past, changing the outcome of the war. Meanwhile, in 2060, their supervisor and another student are trying to find three missing needles in the haystack of history. A must-read for lovers of time travel and period novels.



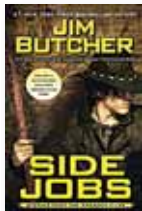
Comes with a FREE copy of *Blackout* (normally \$32.99), the first in the series, while stocks last.



The Painted Boy

Charles De Lint
Hb \$33

From one of the masters of urban fantasy comes the story of Jay, a member of the Yellow Dragon Clan (part human, part dragon). Jay finds himself in a town in Arizona overrun by gangs, haunted by members of other animal clans, perfumed by delicious food... and set to the beat of a barrio rock band whose lead guitarist captures his heart. He must face a series of challenges to become the man – and dragon – that he is meant to be.



Side Jobs

Stories from
the Dresden Files

Jim Butcher
Hb \$39.95

The Harry Dresden short stories together for the first time. These tales cover cases that Harry and his cadre of allies have solved, from the serious to the hilarious. Includes a new novella that takes place after the jaw-dropping, cliff-hanger ending of *Changes* (Hb \$34.99). A must-have for the legions of Dresden fans and the perfect introduction for those ready to meet Chicago's only professional wizard.



The Fall

The Strain #2

Guillermo del Toro
& Chuck Hogan
Pb \$32.99

A vampiric virus has taken over New York. Eph Goodweather, head of a team from the Centre for Disease Control, leads a small band out to stop the bloodthirsty monsters. *The Strain* (Pb \$24.99) was so unnerving because it showed the effects of the virus on mothers, fathers, families, friends – the people it touched were just so... normal. Now it seems the ultimate plan is far more terrible than anyone imagined. *Steph*

Behemoth

Scott Westerfeld
Hb \$29.95

Aboard His Majesty's Airship Leviathan, Deryn (posing as a boy) and Alek (posing as a commoner) head to Istanbul, the home of secret societies and revolutionaries, hoping to end the war between the Darwinists and the Clankers. But when disaster strikes, they find themselves alone and hunted in enemy territory. They will need great skill, new allies and brave hearts to face what's ahead. The sequel to the hit *Leviathan* (Pb \$14.95).



Power Unbound

Dream of Asarli #2

Nicole Murphy
Pb \$22.99

For centuries, the gadda have worked to keep their identity secret from humans. All this is now at risk, for the Forbidden Texts have been stolen. When Stephen O'Malley, the youngest and hottest ever candidate for the 6th order test, needs a place to stay, lone is all too happy to help, but lone is soon targeted by those behind the theft of the Forbidden Texts. The search for the artefact will change life for gadda and human alike. Due Dec



Galaxy Favourites for 2010

Dust of Dreams

Malazan #9

Steven Erikson
Pb \$24.95

The 9th and penultimate Malazan novel, this builds to a spectacular cliffhanger! *Matt*



Mockingjay

The Hunger Games #3

Suzanne Collins
Pb \$18.99

Heartbreaking, poignant, relevant and the best Young Adult book of the year. This entire series is a modern classic. *Sofia*



Chasing the Dragon

Quantum Gravity #4

Justina Robson
Pb \$32.99

My ultimate fun read for last year. Sci-fi, Fantasy and Cyber Punk all rolled into one. A fantastic, quirky story. *CM*



Immortal Beloved

Cate Tiernan
Pb \$22.99

One of the most engaging authors I have ever read. This new series is brilliant. *Tricia*



Cast in Chaos

Elantra #6

Michelle Sagara
Pb \$26

Epic in scope, with tight third person narrative, this series is one of my favourites! *Mark*



Lover Mine

Black Dagger
Brotherhood #8

J R Ward
Pb \$19.99

I loved watching John Matthew grow up in this addictive series to become such a worthy hero. *Allison*



Retribution Falls

Tales of the Ketty Jay #1

Chris Wooding
Pb \$22.99

A fast, gritty, at times morally ambiguous pirate adventure with well developed space-faring characters and a plot that doesn't take itself too seriously. *Tamara*



Under Heaven

Guy Gavriel Kay
Pb \$32.99

Historical fantasy at its absolute best! *Steph*



Death's Excellent Vacation

Charlaine Harris & Toni Kelner (editors) Hb \$39.95

13 original paranormal tales (including a new Sookie Stackhouse story). A stellar collection of tour guides – including Katie MacAlister, Jeaniene Frost, Lilith Saintcrow and Jeff Abbott – offer vacations ranging from funny and touching to frightening, furry, fanged, demonic and downright grotesque. Learn why it really can be an endless summer... for immortals!



Wolfsbane and Mistletoe

Charlaine Harris & Toni Kelner (editors) Pb \$26

The scariest, funniest and saddest werewolf tales from authors including Patricia Briggs, Keri Arthur, Carrie Vaughn and Karen Chance. Guaranteed to surprise, delight, amuse and scare the pants off you! Best read by the light of a full moon with a silver bullet close at hand...



Torment Fallen #2

Lauren Kate
Pb \$29.95

Fallen angel Daniel is hunting those who want to kill Luce. He hides her at a school which has unusual students – the Nephilim, offspring of fallen angels and humans – and Luce learns to use Shadows as windows to her previous lives. But the more she learns, the more she suspects Daniel of hiding something. What if his version of the past is not actually true?



The Fledgling Handbook

P C Cast & Kim Doner
Hb \$24.99

Every vampire fledgling who arrives at the House of Night receives a copy of *The Fledgling Handbook 101*. Now fans can have one too! Inside you'll find the complete vampire history, information on vamp biology, rituals, the Change and much more. A handy reference and a starting point for the uninitiated.



Play of Passion

Nalini Singh
Pb \$14.50

The latest Psy-Changeling novel. Drew Kincaid, a tracker for the Snow Dancer pack, must keep tabs on rogue changelings who have lost control of their animal halves. This mission leads him to an irresistible woman whose passion threatens to enslave his wolf. One of the most promising authors to appear in years! *Sofia*



Truly, Madly, Deadly

Becca Wilcott Pb \$29.95

In 2009, the cult vampire series *True Blood* surpassed *The Sopranos* as the cable TV show with the biggest ever audience. This book offers in-depth biographies of major cast members, pictures, anecdotes, fan quotes, episode guides for Seasons 1 & 2 and an exclusive interview with Charlaine Harris, author of the bestselling *Sookie Stackhouse* novels, upon which the series is based.



Tru Blood Orange O-Positive Drink

\$9.99 bottle (414ml)
\$39.99 4-bottle carry-case

Pulled from the veins of the hit TV series *True Blood*, this is a replica of the synthetic blood used in the show which allows vampires to abstain from feeding on humans. The sparkling drink has a slightly tart, slightly sweet flavour. Not like anything you've had before...



Crave Fallen Angels #2

J R Ward Pb \$19.99

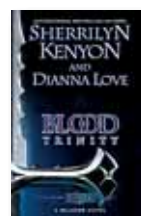
Seven souls to save. Isaac Rothe is a soldier with a grim future. He finds himself behind bars, his fate in the hands of public defender Grier Childe. His attraction to her can only lead to trouble... and that's before Jim Heron tells him his soul is in danger. Caught up in a wicked game with the demon that shadows Jim, Isaac must decide whether he can believe that love is the ultimate weapon against evil.



Blood Trinity Belador #1

Sherrilyn Kenyon & Dianna Love Pb \$19.99

Evalle Kincaid has always walked the line between human and demon, so when a young woman is attacked by a demon, she comes under suspicion. Through the sordid underground of an alternate Atlanta to the front lines of the city where her former allies have joined forces to hunt her, she must prove her innocence... or pay the ultimate price. But first she must stop the coming apocalypse...



Last Sacrifice Vampire Academy #6

Richelle Mead
Pb \$19.95

Rose Hathaway's life is on the line and the odds are stacked against her! Can she defend herself against those that threaten her? Will her best friend Lissa take her rightful place in the Royal Council? Can Rose and Dimitri's love finally overcome all that has kept them apart? This final book in the bestselling series will leave fans breathless to the last page. Due Dec



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Blood Pact Gaunt's Ghosts #12

Dan Abnett Pb \$18

Guard Intelligence have captured a Chaos officer, but the man will only speak to Gaunt. The information the prisoner holds is crucial to the Imperial war effort, and Gaunt finds himself trapped in a deadly game of intrigue and murder.

The First Heretic The Horus Heresy

Aaron Dembski-Bowden Pb \$18

Amidst the galaxy-wide war of the Great Crusade, the Emperor castigates the Word Bearers for their worship. Dismayed, Lorgar and his Legion vent their fury on the battlefield at the edge of the universe against powerful ancient forces. Unbeknownst to the Word Bearers, their quest for truth contains the very roots of heresy...

Firedrake The Tome of Fire #2

Nick Kyme Pb \$18

When Chaplain Elysium of the Salamanders is taken captive by the Dark Eldar, he faces a fight for survival at the hands of these cruel aliens. But much more is at stake than just his life, for he holds the key to secrets that could reveal the damnation or salvation of their home world. The sequel to the hit *Salamander* (Pb \$18).

The Evolutionary Void Void #3

Peter F Hamilton
Pb \$34.99

Araminta has become the target of a galaxy-wide search, along with others equally determined to prevent or facilitate the pilgrimage into the Void. The Void may contain paradise, but it is also a deadly threat. Meanwhile, Edeard faces powerful new forces and temptations more powerful still. Yet all may be for nothing if the leader of the Accelerator Faction enters the Void, for she seeks not paradise but dominion.



The Battle for Commitment Planet Helfort's War #4

Graham Sharp Paul
Pb \$14.95

It was insane, suicidal and wrong... and he was going to do it. The Hammer Worlds give Helfort an ultimatum: surrender, or Anna Cheung, the only woman he has ever loved, will be executed. He can obey, or he can sail his three frontline dreadnoughts into the Hammer stronghold of Commitment Planet, liberate Anna and the other POWs, then continue the fight. His decision? Bring it on!



Surface Detail Culture #9

Iain M Banks Pb \$35

Lededge Y'breq is one of the Intagliated. Her life belongs to a man with a lust for power and her release will come at a price. To put things right, she needs the help of the Culture. With one of its powerful warships, she heads into a combat zone, not even sure which side the Culture is on. At the centre of this struggle is a young woman whose need for revenge masks another motive...



Atlantis and Other Places

Harry Turtledove
Hb \$42

The latest collection by the master of alternate history. A famous naturalist seeks a species of bird found only on the rarest of lands. An American on holiday finds himself storming an enchanted German castle. Socrates plays a key role in the victory over the Spartans. Centaurs take a sea voyage and encounter a strange tribe of creatures known as man. London's most famous detective, Athelstan Helms, and his assistant Dr James Walton are in Atlantis. A great gift for history and SF buffs. Due Dec



Live Free or Die Troy Rising #1

John Ringo
Pb \$14.50

After the alien Glatun arrived and turned out to be peaceful, the world sighed with relief. But when the Horvath arrived, they announced their ownership of us. Freeing the world will take an unlikely hero – one who will not back down to alien or human government and has enough hubris to think he can win. Fortunately, there's Tyler Vernon, and he has bigger plans than just getting rid of the Horvath.



The Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins
Boxed Set Pb \$49.99

In this dystopian SF series set some time in the future in what was the USA, Katniss Everdeen is one of her region's tributes in the Hunger Games, a multi-player fight to the death which is aired as a reality TV show. Although technically Young Adult, this trilogy has had huge success across all ages. Hard to say too much without spoiling it, but these books are fantastic! *Steph*



Cryoburn (Miles Vorkosigan)

Lois McMaster Bujold Hb \$39.95

The anticipated new novel from one of the most awarded SF and fantasy writers. Kibou-daini is a planet obsessed with cheating death. Miles Vorkosigan, Barraryaran Imperial Auditor – who's been cheating death his whole life – is sent to investigate. He discovers generational conflict over money and resources, even as refugees displaced in time skew the meaning of 'generation'. Bribery, corruption, conspiracy and kidnapping; something is rotten on Kibou-daini and it isn't due to power outages in the Cryocombs. As always, Miles is in the thick of it. Space opera at its finest!

Star Wars: Year by Year A Visual Chronicle

Hb \$69.95

Celebrating four amazing decades of *Star Wars*, this covers everything from the influences and creation of all six movies to the toys, books and video games that have shaped the *Star Wars* dynasty. Presented in a stylish slipcase, it includes two exclusive pull-out posters. A must-have gift for all true fans!

The Making of The Empire Strikes Back

J W Rinzler Hb \$99

A behind-the-scenes look at the making of arguably the greatest and most cherished *Star Wars* film. With unprecedented access to the Lucasfilm archives, the author takes us back 30 years to relive the entire production process, unveiling stories as entertaining, enthralling and mind-boggling as the film itself. A must-have for *Star Wars* fans and serious cinephiles.

The Art of District 9

Daniel Falconer & Weta Workshop Hb \$65

This book reveals the creative design process behind *District 9*, the provocative and ground-breaking SF movie. Detailing two years of interaction between Weta Workshop and the director, this is an unrivalled glimpse into how it was all put together, including construction of the creatures, make-up, alien weapons, props, armour, vehicles and the development of the language that defined the film's distinctive alien aesthetic.

Doctor Who The Brilliant Book 2011

Clayton Hickman Hb \$32.95

Everything you need to know about the first year of the 11th *Doctor*. See how his costume evolved, how the monsters are made, and learn the trade secrets of writing a thrilling *Doctor Who* script. Includes interviews with all the key players and secret celebrity guests, plus contributions from the executive producer, scriptwriters and stars Matt Smith and Karen Gillan. Packed with illustrations and never-before-seen pictures.

Doctor Who The Visual Dictionary (3rd Edition)

Neil Corry et al Hb \$29.95

Just who is The Doctor? Find out in this updated visual guide to his world, now with more aliens, gadgets and wonders from across time and space, including the new Doctor, Matt Smith. Cross-section artworks expose the inner workings of the Dalek Emperor's Flagship and the Doctor's sonic screwdriver. New photographs reveal details of the aliens, new characters and the Time Lords. Perfect for fans of all ages!



The Only Good Dalek

Justin Richards
& Mike Collins

Hb Graphic Novel \$35



Station 7 is beyond top secret. It's where Earth Forces analyse and examine Dalek technology. And it's where the Doctor and Amy have just arrived. But somehow the Daleks have found out about it and there's something there they want back. The last terrible secret of Station 7 is revealed. And the only thing that might stop a Dalek... is another Dalek!



Dalek \$49.99

Battle another Dalek! Or chase the cat! This fully functional, 6-inch remote-control Dalek has 360-degree movement, infrared combat system, flashing lights and speech ("aaaaaaak" and "exterminate!"). Available in red or blue; infrared battle requires two Daleks of different colour. Includes batteries (6 AAA).



The Making of Avatar

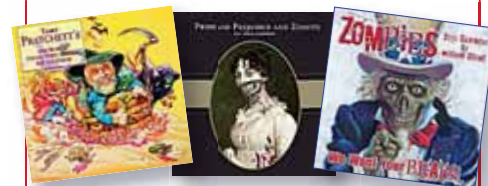
Jody Duncan & Lisa Fitzpatrick Hb \$59.95

Over 500 lavish colour illustrations showcase the making of the top-grossing movie of all time. From director James Cameron's first brainstorming sessions to the final construction of the cutting-edge technology used to bring his amazing world to life, the making of this groundbreaking film was a saga in itself. Breathtaking!

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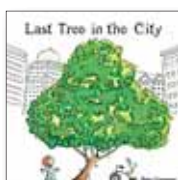
The Emperor of Nihon-Ja

Ranger's Apprentice #10

John Flanagan Pb \$17.95

The latest chronicle is this hugely popular series finds Horace missing. Months have passed since he was sent on a military mission to the court of the Emperor of Nihon-Ja, but he has failed to return.

Evanlyn is worried and, in company with Will and Alyss, she sets out to discover what has become of their old friend. They find that Horace has become embroiled in Nihon-Jan politics. Now he and Will must find men willing to face the highly trained Senshi warriors.



Last Tree in the City

Peter Carnavas Hb \$24.95

Edward spends his time escaping from city life by visiting the last tree in the city. Then one day the tree is cut down. Although he is sad, Edward comes up with a plan to make things better.

The illustrations have a warm and cosy feel to them and the environmental message comes through loud and clear. A book for parents to read from, or early readers to try themselves. *Greg*



The Muddleheaded Wombat

Ruth Park Hb \$39.99

This endearing edition brings together four tales – The Muddleheaded Wombat, at School, on Holiday and in the Treetops. Wombat is good-natured, if a bit slow, and his adventures with

the motherly and practical Mouse, and the vain and irascible Tabby Cat, still have the power to make readers laugh. Noela Young's original line drawings are remastered and, for the first time in 30 years, published in colour. A beautiful gift for young readers, and not-so-young re-readers! *Lindy*



A Waltz for Matilda

Jackie French Pb \$19.99

Starting in 1894 and ending during WWI, this vivid story tells how Matilda heads bush to find her father after her mother dies. What she finds is a countryside firmly gripped in drought and her union-organiser father blacklisted. When they set

off to find work, he is tricked into actions that will forever haunt her, but which give her a start in life, where her hard work and sheer determination will prevail. A finely told novel based partly on Banjo Paterson's song, and firmly in historical events. *Lindy* Due Dec



Four Tales

Philip Pullman Hb \$35

This beautiful edition collects four titles for younger readers. *I was a Rat* retells the Cinderella story. In *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, Lila has to find the Fire Fiend to become a firework-maker. In *The Scarecrow and His Servant*, Jack meets a

scarecrow and has amazing adventures looking for a new home. *Clockwork* is a tale about a mechanical prince, a truehearted girl and a Faustian pact. Excellent value! *Lindy*

science

Cycles of Time

Roger Penrose Hb \$55

Roger Penrose's groundbreaking and bestselling *The Road to Reality* (Tp \$55) provided a comprehensive yet readable guide to our present understanding of the laws that are currently believed to govern our universe. Here, he moves far beyond this to develop a completely new perspective on cosmology, providing a quite unexpected answer to the often-asked question, 'what came before the Big Bang'? The two key ideas underlying this novel proposal are a penetrating analysis of the Second Law of Thermodynamics and a thorough examination of the light-cone geometry of space-time.



The Disappearing Spoon

Sam Kean Hb \$35

Like any science, chemistry is full of villains, unacknowledged geniuses and plodders who discover amazing things. This entertaining book tells the story of the periodic table through the people who originated the concepts, isolated the elements and came up with wildly original insights into life, the universe and everything else. Quirky, well researched, enlightening and a pleasure to read! *Lindy*



The Grand Design

Stephen Hawking & Leonard Mlodinow Pb \$32.95

This groundbreaking work draws on 40 years of Hawking's own research and a recent series of extraordinary astronomical observations and theoretical breakthroughs to reveal an original and controversial theory – the argument that scientific obsession with formulating a single new model may be misplaced and that instead, by synthesising existing theories, we may discover the key to understanding the deepest mysteries of the universe.



Light from the East

John Freely Hb \$49.95

This is the story of how Islamic science – which began with the translation of Greek manuscripts into Arabic in 8th-century Baghdad – preserved and enhanced the knowledge acquired from Greece, Mesopotamia, India and China. This spellbinding story is set against a melting pot of cultures and concludes with the decline of Islam's Golden Age, which led the West to forget the debt it owed to the Muslim world and the influence of medieval Islamic civilisation in forging the beginnings of modern science. *Due Dec*



A Mathematical Tapestry

Peter Hilton & Jean Pedersen Pb \$49.95

This book shows how a simple geometric idea reveals fascinating connections in number theory, the mathematics of polyhedra, combinatorial geometry and group theory. Using a systematic paper-folding procedure, it is possible to construct a regular polygon with any number of sides. This algorithm has led to interesting proofs of results in number theory, allowing the authors to obtain the formula for the volume of a regular tetrahedron using only basic arithmetic and elementary plane geometry.



The Butterflies of Australia

Albert Orr
& Roger Kitching
Pb \$45

A gorgeous book to look at, this is also an immensely useful one. With exquisitely detailed paintings of butterflies in natural poses, plus half-wing diagnostic illustrations, this helps identify any of the nearly 400 species found in Australia. It also presents information on biology, ecology, history and conservation in a reader-friendly way, but is meticulous enough to satisfy any butterfly enthusiast. A beautiful book for any naturalist's collection! *Lindy*



Naming Nature

The Clash Between Instinct and Science

Carol Kaesuk Yoon
Pb \$22.95

This book, sure to delight readers who love words and nature, is a rich journey of naming - from Linnaeus, whose system turned the role of classification from a hobby into a science, and Darwin, who ended the idea of rigid species definitions, to today's dream of naming all of earth's species and listing them online. We see science's limitations and feel the urgency of staying connected to the natural world by using familiar, rather than scientific, names.



The Great Barrier Reef

James Woodford
Pb \$34.99

The Great Barrier Reef is a living thing - a 2,600-kilometre, untamed organism comprising trillions of animals. Woodford (*The Secret Life of Wombats* Pb \$25.95) wanted to understand this natural wonder in all its complexity and here he delves into its beauty, mystery and terror as it faces its greatest threat - rising sea temperatures that stem from global warming. Part science, part history, part travel and wholly adventurous, this tale is as captivating, grand and magical as the reef itself.



Eucalypts

John Wrigley
& Murray Fagg
Hb \$65

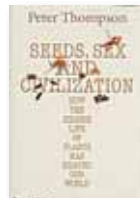
This is one of the most beautiful books you will see this year! It celebrates that iconic tree, the eucalypt, and its place in our history, culture and economy. It is also a botanical book, looking at evolution and ecology, so it is a useful horticultural source, as well as an artistic and aesthetic production. The glorious images, drawn from paintings, photographs and graphic art, make this a delight, whichever way you look at it! *Lindy*



Seeds, Sex and Civilisation

Peter Thompson
Hb \$49.95

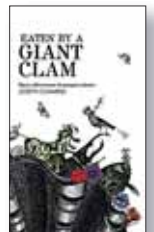
Mankind has not always known exactly what seeds are, or what role they played. This book tells the story of how we gradually came to understand their function and importance, as told through the stories of the eccentrics, explorers, observers and scientists who pieced together our knowledge. Fully illustrated, with an interesting final chapter on genetically modified crops, plant ownership and seed conservation.



Eaten by a Giant Clam

Joseph Cummins
Hb \$34.95

It's impossible to be eaten by a giant clam, but the thrilling image conjures up daring explorers and adventurers defying nature. Here are the stories of 22 naturalists from the last 300 years - full of intrepid episodes, scientific curiosity, remarkable achievements and inspiring people who pushed past the known boundaries of their time to make important discoveries. The perfect gift for armchair travellers and science historians alike! *Lindy*

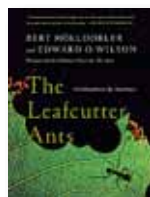


The Leafcutter Ants

Civilization by Instinct

Bert Holldobler
& Edward O Wilson
Pb \$27.95

This is the most detailed and authoritative description of an ant species ever produced. Each colony of leafcutters contains up to five million workers, all the daughters of a single queen which can live for over a decade. A nest can stretch nine metres across, rise one and a half metres above ground, and reach over seven metres below ground. The ultimate explanation of what a social order can achieve after half a billion years of evolution. Due Dec



Upside Down World

Early European Impressions of Australia's Curious Animals

Penny Olsen
Pb \$39.95

Early European settlers and explorers struggled to make sense of Australian fauna. The reports they sent home tried to compare the birds and animals here with the familiar creatures there, like pheasants, mice and badgers. Words such as extraordinary, contrary, peculiar and singular were used time and again. But as the spirit of scientific endeavour grew more rigorous, so did the descriptions of wildlife. Plentifully illustrated in exquisite detail with material from the National Library, with many extracts from 18th and 19th century naturalists, this is a fascinating and vibrant book on how people's perceptions altered and how our wildlife was scientifically appreciated on its own merits. *Lindy*



The Artist and the Scientists

Peter Trusler,
Patricia Vickers-Rich
& Thomas Rich
Pb \$59.95

Peter Trusler, one of Australia's finest artists of scientific realism, and the eminent palaeontologists Patricia Vickers-Rich and Tom Rich, have spent over 30 years travelling the world in search of the remains of early life. This magnificent book follows the development of selected works of art that cover the last 600 million years of the geological record.



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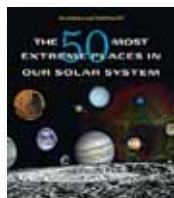


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The 50 Most Extreme Places in Our Solar System

David Baker
& Todd Ratcliff
Hb \$46.95



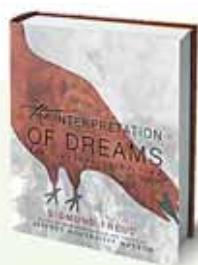
Take a trip through our amazing Solar System – Martian dust devils taller than Mount Everest, a hurricane that lasts over 340 years, volcanoes with 'lava' colder than Antarctica, and hail made of diamonds. Full of dazzling photographs from NASA's most recent observations, this book explores 50 extreme regions on Earth and beyond, assessing the ability of life to survive in harsh conditions.

Einstein

Andrew Robinson
Pb \$29.99



Lavishly illustrated with black and white photographs, this is a fine introduction to Einstein, both the man and the scientist. The essays deal with his life, theories, influence and impacts, beliefs and campaigns. Contributors include Stephen Hawking, Freeman Dyson, Joseph Rotblat and Arthur C Clarke. A thoroughly rounded and nuanced portrait of a complex man and iconic scientist. *Lindy*



The Interpretation of Dreams

Sigmund Freud
Hb \$59.99

With artwork drawn from Modernist and Surrealist painters such as Bacon, Dali and Rousseau, Freud's original and groundbreaking text is supplemented with essays, extracts from other psychoanalytic writers, such as Jung and Lacan, and a detailed biography with historical images. Edited by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson, former projects director of the Freud Archives, this lavishly illustrated, full-colour production is a very handsome book indeed.

Chasing the Sun

A History of the Star that Gives Us Life

Richard Cohen
Hb \$49.99



We take the Sun for granted – it rises in the morning, sets in the evening and affects the weather – yet throughout the millennia it has inspired art, literature, religion, mythology, politics and science. This meticulously researched book considers such things as the sun before science; scientific discoveries; the effects of the sun on earth and on people; how we have used it for navigation, timekeeping and energy; its place in the arts and more. A truly illuminating book, as full of delight as it is of information! *Lindy* Due Dec

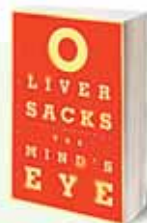
Wisdom

From Philosophy to Neuroscience

Stephen Hall
Pb \$34.95



A compelling investigation into one of our most coveted ideals, examining philosophical and religious wisdom through the lens of modern brain science. In this fascinating journey, Hall gives us a dramatic history of wisdom from its sudden emergence in the 5th century BC to its modern manifestations. An exploration of the science of wisdom that allows us to see this ancient virtue with fresh eyes. Due Dec



The Mind's Eye

Oliver Sacks
Pb \$34.99

The latest book by the great man is about the myriad ways in which we experience the visual world – how we see in three dimensions; how we recognise individual faces or places; even how we represent the world internally when our eyes are closed. And to add a personal element, Sacks has been diagnosed with a malignant tumour in one eye. He chronicles the experience of living with cancer, recording the effects of the tumour and the radiation therapy. Perhaps his most insightful and impressive book yet.

Boffinology

Justin Pollard
Pb \$32.99



Science never progresses in a linear manner; there are always lots of steps backwards in the quest for progress. This book tells the tales of the strange, eccentric and sometimes deceitful characters who came up with amazing ideas – some of lasting value, some laughable – including the quirks and leaps of faith, and even the darker side of learning and technology. Entertaining and enjoyable, this is for anyone with an interest in the human face of science.

Science Without the Boring Bits

Ian Crofton
Hb \$29.99



While some of us don't find science boring, others need a little bit of persuasion... read about the Dutchman who tested the Doppler effect by putting an orchestra on a railway wagon; how mice were supposed to spontaneously generate from rotting wheat; how swallows sleep underwater in winter; how rhododendron honey sent men mad; how yellow rubber ducks that fell off a cargo ship in 1992 provide valuable data on ocean currents; plus plenty more! Entertaining, enlightening... and true. *Lindy*



On Balance

Adam Phillips
Hb \$45

With his trademark combination of open-minded enquiry and exhilarating argument, Phillips (*On Kindness* Pb \$19.95) provides an absorbing and provocative new look at a variety of urgent concerns, many centred on the idea of balance. When might we know that enough is enough? Does the road of excess ever lead to the palace of wisdom? What is the role of the parent, the teacher and psychoanalysis in the development of children's minds?

The Australian Book of Atheism

Warren Bonett (editor)
Pb \$35

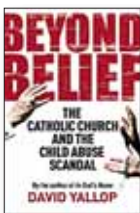
An impressive collection of essays from pre-eminent Australian atheist, rationalist, secular, humanist and sceptic thinkers, many of whom participated in the 2010 Global Atheist Convention in Melbourne. Showcasing a range of published authors, including Robyn Williams and Michael Bachelard, and new voices from the blogosphere and beyond, this is a diverse and entertaining selection from the political, historical and philosophical to the personal, social and cultural.



Beyond Belief

David Yallop
Pb \$24.99

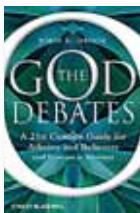
A controversial expose from an authority on the Vatican and its secret workings. Here the author of *In God's Name* (\$26.99) details many aspects of clerical sexual abuse, including the history, the lies and the covert systems of cover-up that reach to the highest level, implicating even the late John Paul II and his successor Pope Benedict XVI.



The God Debates

John Shook
Pb \$34.95

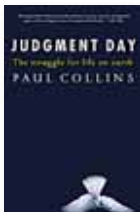
This presents a comprehensive, non-technical survey of the quest for knowledge of God, allowing readers to participate in a debate about the existence of God and understand the conceptual foundations of religion. Setting out to help non-believers learn important theological standpoints, while noting their shortcomings, this will encourage believers and non-believers to enjoy informed dialogue with each other.



Judgment Day

Paul Collins
Pb \$34.95

As ecological destruction and global warming continues unchecked, an ex-Catholic priest and historian argues that Christianity has made a major contribution to these environmental problems and so has something to answer for in this ongoing crisis. It is time to accept responsibility and take action. Provocative and challenging.



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The Honor Code How Moral Revolutions Happen

Kwame Anthony Appiah Hb \$34.95

Honour is at the centre of our modern world. Over the last few centuries, new democratic movements have led to the emancipation of women, slaves and the oppressed. This book explores the end of the duel in England, the tumultuous struggles over footbinding in 19th-century China, the uprising of ordinary people against Atlantic slavery and the horrors of 'honour killing' in contemporary Pakistan. Intertwining philosophy and historical narrative, Appiah demonstrates that honour is the driving force in the struggle against man's inhumanity to man.



Love's Urgent Longings Wrestling with Belief in Today's Church

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson Pb \$19.95

From the author of *Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church* (Pb \$34.95) comes a new book about his personal spiritual journey. In seeking answers to the urgent longings of the title, he goes back to basics to encounter the spiritual, to consciously respond to the force of his deepest desires and to understand the ways they move him to higher goals. This is both a personal story and a dialogue with, and for, those who are wrestling with belief in today's church. Due Dec



Mind Games 31 Days to Rediscover Your Brain

Martin Cohen Pb \$19.95

This original and innovative book is an exploration of one of the key mysteries of the mind – the question of consciousness. Conducted through a one-month course of practical and entertaining 'thought experiments', these stimulating mind games are used as a vehicle for investigating the complexities of the way our minds work. A fun, eye-opening and intriguing way to think about thinking!



The Moral Landscape

Sam Harris Pb \$35

Bringing a fresh, secular perspective to age-old religious questions of good and evil, this book shows that we know enough about the human brain and how it relates to events in the world to say that there are right and wrong answers to life's most pressing questions. A game-changing book from the author of *The End of Faith* and *Letter to a Christian Nation* (Pb \$21.95 each) about the future of science and the real basis of human cooperation.



Plato and Sex

Stella Sandford Pb \$34.95

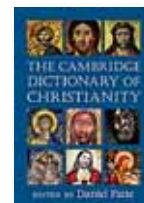
What does the study of Plato's dialogues tell us about the modern meaning of sex? How can recent developments in the philosophy of sex and gender help us read these ancient texts anew? Including critical readings of the theories of sex in Freud and Lacan, and relating such theories to Plato's writings, this book questions our assumptions about sex and explains how those theories have coloured our understanding of this ancient philosopher.



The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity

Daniel Patte (editor) Pb \$79.95

Compiled by over 800 scholars and practitioners, this authoritative reference critically assesses all aspects of Christianity from its origins to the present day, highlighting the plurality of Christianity throughout its history, as well as the different understandings of Christian beliefs and practices in different historical, cultural, religious, denominational and secular contexts.



Finders Keepers

Craig Childs
Hb \$39.99

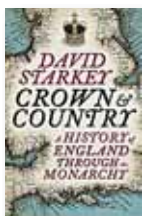
Who has the right to ancient cultural property? Context changes when an artefact is removed, or secreted away for scientific study, or scrubbed clean for collectors. When is an archaeologist right – or a looter wrong – when they ostensibly do the same thing? Including tales of crime, detection and adventure, this is an absorbing philosophical examination of what other humans have left behind, and who owns it now. *Lindy*



Crown and Country

David Starkey
Pb \$35

Well-known for his books on the Tudors, Starkey brings together a compendium of his two earlier volumes on the British monarchy, now fully revised and updated. He traces the monarchy's origins from post-Roman Britain, taking in the machinations of the Wars of the Roses, the chaos of the Civil War and the Restoration, the modernisation of the monarchy and today's quieter, if more publicised, version. Not just biographies of all the kings and queens, this is an enjoyably energetic history of the institution itself.



A History of the World in 100 Objects

Neil MacGregor
Hb \$49.95

A dramatically original approach to the history of humanity – using objects which previous civilisations have left behind, often accidentally, as prisms through which we can explore past worlds. Beginning with one of the earliest surviving objects made by human hands – a chopping tool from Africa – and ending with an object from the 21st century, this is an intellectual and visual feast. One of the most engrossing and unusual history books published in years! Due Dec



Myths and Legends of Ancient Egypt

Joyce Tyldesley Hb \$55

From Herodotus to The Mummy, Western civilisation has long been fascinated with the exotic myths and legends of Ancient Egypt, but they have often been misunderstood. Here the acclaimed Egyptologist guides us through 3,000 years of changing stories and, in retelling them, shows us what they mean. Helpful glossaries explain all the major gods and timelines of the Pharaohs. Lavishly illustrated with colour pictures, maps and family trees, and packed with unforgettable stories, this is the perfect introduction to Egyptian history and civilisation.



The Rise and Fall of Ancient Egypt

Toby Wilkinson Hb \$59.99

The Ancient Egyptians were the first people to share a common culture, outlook and identity within a defined geographical territory governed by a single political authority – a concept of nationhood that continues today. As the world's first nation-state, it was not a static pharaonic civilisation, but a dynamic and complex system. This sweeping narrative history conveys the extraordinary stories of 3,000 years of power, propaganda and achievements of the kingdoms of the Nile.



Ancient Egypt on Five Deben a Day

Donald Ryan Hb \$35

There you are, a discerning traveller in the glorious age of Ramesses II. What can you do on your allocated budget of five Deben a day? What should you visit, eat and worship, and what methods of travel are safest? How do you decipher hieroglyphics or arrange for mummification? What are the best souvenirs? And how do you get the best value? By purchasing this fabulous guide, of course! Full of everything the time-travelling Egyptologist needs to know. *Lindy*



Germania

Simon Winder Pb \$34.99

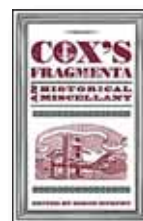
If Bill Bryson had collaborated with W G Sebald to write a book about Germany, they might have wound up with something like this – a witty and thought-provoking account of Germany's history, folklore, landscape, architecture, cuisine, culture and oddities. Beautifully written and insightful.



Cox's Fragmenta A Historical Miscellany

Simon Murphy (editor) Hb \$24.95

This delightful collection has some of the funniest and most bizarre news stories from the 18th and 19th centuries. Cox's scrapbook has to be one of the largest ever collections of journalistic ephemera, including such titbits as erotic misdemeanours in an Irish bean field, the recipe for a frog barometer fresh from the French court, and a parrot convicted of heresy and burnt at the stake in Spain. Guaranteed to intrigue.



Ancient Worlds The Search for the Origins of Western Civilization

Richard Miles Hb \$59.95

Across the Middle East, the Mediterranean and the Nile Delta, awe-inspiring ruins are scattered across the landscape. This book recreates those extraordinary places to show that the cities which define culture, religion and economic success, and which are humanity's greatest invention, have always had a cruel edge to them. This exhilarating, beautifully illustrated work is a pleasure to read, challenging us to think about our past. Due Dec



The Landmark Arrian The Campaigns of Alexander

James Romm & Robert Strassler (editors) Hb \$65

This definitive edition is the latest in the excellent Landmark series following Thucydides, Herodotus and Xenophon's Hellenika (Hb \$65, Pb \$45 each). Richly illustrated and annotated, it features a new translation of the most authoritative ancient account of Alexander's campaigns.



The Classical Tradition

Anthony Grafton, Glenn Most & Salvatore Settis Hb \$69.95

The legacy of Ancient Greece and Rome has been imitated, resisted, misunderstood and reworked by every culture that followed. In this book, some 500 articles by a wide range of scholars investigate the afterlife of this rich heritage in the fields of literature, philosophy, art, architecture, history, politics, religion and science. Authoritative and accessible, this illustrated guide illuminates the vitality of the Classical tradition that still surrounds us today.



The Greek and Roman Myths

Philip Matyszak Hb \$35

This illustrated guide from the author of *Legionary: The Roman Soldiers' Unofficial Manual* (Hb \$39.95) and *Philip Matyszak's Classical Compendium* (Hb \$29.95) gently leads us through the intricacies and archetypes of classical Greek and Roman stories. In an ancient struggle of civilisation and rationality over barbarism and chaos, the myths present the capricious, fallible and squabbling gods uniting with humans to oppose monsters and destruction. These tales, presented here in context, still resonate today. Excellent! *Lindy*



The Hemlock Cup

Bettany Hughes Hb \$59.95

From the celebrated British author and historian comes the biography Socrates deserves. Socrates philosophised neither in grand educational establishments, nor the courts of kings, but in the squares and public arenas of Golden Age Athens. Hughes has painstakingly pieced together his life, following in his footsteps across Greece and Asia Minor, and examining new archaeological discoveries that shed light on his world.



Roman Passions

Ray Laurence Pb \$29.95

By the time of the emperors, the Romans had created the world's first global empire and plundered the provinces for produce. The world of pleasure became their defining feature and this book explores how they pursued sensual delights – from steamy bathhouses to stately villas, from the excesses of festivals to the rich culture of music, dance, song and sex.



The First Ladies of Rome

Annelise Freisenbruch Hb \$55

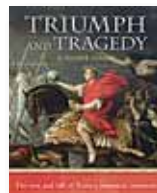
This is a richly detailed historical picture of some of the great women of Rome who were born into, or married into, the house of the Caesars. Opening at the dawn of the imperial age, the story begins with the rise of Livia, the first First Lady, and proceeds through six dynasties. Using a full spectrum of the most up-to-date literary, artistic, archaeological and epigraphic evidence, this reveals for the first time the rich, kaleidoscopic history of the lives of these women.



Triumph and Tragedy

Alexander Canduci Pb \$45

This comprehensive history tells the stories of every Roman emperor, from the first, Augustus, through the various incarnations of leadership and empire as it shifted east to Byzantium and north to Germany as the Holy Roman Empire, to the last emperor, Francis II, in 1806. Includes both 'official' emperors and the usurpers, looking at their reigns and personalities. Superbly illustrated.



The Smell of the Continent

Richard Mullen & James Munson Pb \$22.99

Between Napoleon's defeat and WWI, the British travelled to the Continent in droves. Self-confident, arrogant, ill-mannered and weighed down with belongings and prejudices, they set off to discover Europe... and invented tourism. Very entertaining!



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Legions of Rome

Stephen Dando-Collins Hb \$69.95

A complete history of every Roman legion from 30BC onwards. This details exactly what it was like to be a legionary – how they lived, fought and were motivated – and even includes personal histories of individual soldiers. Includes a sweeping chronological survey of the campaigns, told from the point of view of particular legions. Lavishly illustrated and beautifully produced, this is a remarkable feat of historical detective work. You don't need to be a military history buff to love this!

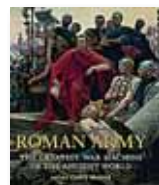


The Roman Army

The Greatest War Machine of the Ancient World

Chris McNab (editor) Hb \$39.99

How did the Roman war machine evolve to become a formidably well-trained and fiercely disciplined instrument of imperial ambition? Tracing the army's development from the 8th century BC to the fall of the Western Roman Empire in the 5th century AD, this instructive book provides insights into the tactics, equipment, training and the many talented men involved. Includes a profusion of illustrations, maps and diagrams. *Lindy*

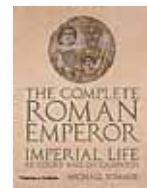


The Complete Roman Emperor

Michael Sommer Hb \$49.95

From Augustus to Romulus Augustulus, this comprehensive volume describes how each emperor managed his empire.

Looking at both the private lives and public administrations, it examines the foundation of empire, different paths to the imperial throne, life at court and life on campaign. Peppered with maps, quotations from ancient sources, diagrams and illustrations, this is a readable, well-researched book for the specialist and general reader alike.





Britain After Rome

The Fall and Rise, 400 to 1070

Robin Fleming
Hb \$55

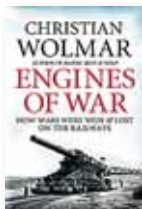
The enormous hoard of beautiful gold military objects found in 2009 in a field in Staffordshire has focused huge attention on the mysterious world of 7th and 8th century Britain. This book brings together a wealth of research and imaginative engagement to bring us close to those tumultuous times between the departure of the Roman legions and the arrival of Norman invaders nearly seven centuries later. A richly enjoyable, varied and surprising read.



She Wolves

Helen Castor
Hb \$45

Elizabeth I was the first to rule in her own right, but there were four women before her time who held immense power over England: Matilda, daughter of Henry I, who left no male heir, precipitating a crisis of secession; the incomparable Eleanor of Aquitaine, who married Matilda's son, Henry II; Isabella, daughter of a French king and wife of Edward II; and Margaret of Anjou, who married Henry VI. Here are these women's stories, each demonstrating that even though women could not be considered kings, they could yet rule. Fine narrative history told with flair and deep research. *Lindy*



Engines of War

Christian Wolmar
Hb \$39.99

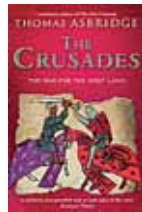
Before the 19th century, armies relied on slow and laborious methods of transport. With the advent of trains, however, travel became faster and more efficient, and so did the movement of weaponry. This allowed wars to be fought over longer fronts and timescales, increasing the deadliness of conflict. The author of *Blood, Iron and Gold: How Railroads Transformed the World* (Pb \$24.99) here examines the Crimean War, US Civil War, both World Wars and the Korean War in terms of the railways and their effects.



Medieval Intrigue

Ian Mortimer Hb \$56

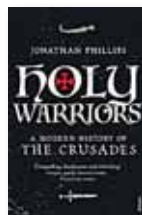
Mortimer's latest work examines some of the most controversial questions in medieval history, including whether Edward II was murdered, the weakness of the Lancastrian claim to the throne in 1399, and the origins of the idea of the royal pretender. Central to this book is his groundbreaking approach to medieval evidence. A fascinating work from the very popular historian who produced *The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England* (Pb \$27.95) and *1415: Henry V's Year of Glory* (Pb \$24.95).



The Crusades

Thomas Asbridge Pb \$24.99

A very readable, one-volume account of the wars for the Holy Land, telling the story from the perspective of the Christians and the Muslims, who both firmly believed they were doing God's work. This painstakingly researched, vividly narrated history covers the epic struggles that took place over 200 years. Dramatic, powerful and gripping.



Holy Warriors A Modern History of the Crusades

Jonathan Phillips Pb \$29.95

This remarkable book explores the conflict of ideas, beliefs and cultures, showing both the contradictions and diversity of holy war. Although the notion of fighting for your faith fell into disrepute during the Enlightenment, this work traces the crusading impulse from the bloody conquest of Jerusalem in the First Crusade and the titanic struggle between Richard the Lionheart and Saladin up to the present day.



Merchant Kings When Companies Ruled the World 1600-1900

Stephen Bown Hb \$39.99

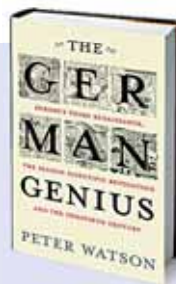
From around 1600 to 1900, monopoly trading companies were unofficial agents of European colonial expansion. Leaders of these companies might have begun as mere traders, but became dictators with far-reaching powers. Six of these men are presented here – Jan Coen, Pieter Stuyvesant, Alexandr Baranov, George Simpson, Robert Clive and Cecil Rhodes. These merchant kings influenced history as much as any politician or military man, and this illuminating book is a great read. *Lindy*



Sisters of Fortune

Jehanne Wake Hb \$55

An intriguing look at the exuberant lives of Marianne, Louisa, Bess and Emily Caton, the American sisters who enthralled high society in the wake of Waterloo. Arriving in Britain, they swept into the set of the Duke of Wellington, who loved Marianne until his death, and went on to forge their own destinies in the face of intense prejudice against both Americans and Catholics. This is a brilliant portrait of love between sisters and of Anglo-American relations through this period.



The German Genius

Peter Watson Hb \$49.99

By 1933, Germany had won more Nobel Prizes than Britain and America put together and you could easily have thought that the 20th century would be 'the German century'. Of course, Hitler put an end to that, but this wonderful book by the author of *A Terrible Beauty* (Pb \$55) and *Ideas* (Pb \$45) is an attempt to remind us of the huge contributions made to philosophy, science and the arts by German artists and thinkers, and how their influence is still felt today. *Dave*

Conquer or Die!

Ben Hughes Hb \$39.99

After Waterloo, over 6,000 British volunteers sailed in aid of Simon Bolivar's efforts to liberate Gran Colombia from the Spaniards. The first trial was the voyage to the New World. Upon arrival, it often got worse, as the emancipators suffered appalling conditions and lack of logistical support. This engaging history tells the story of their significant contribution to the struggle for independence, bringing to vivid life their triumphs and disasters. *Lindy*

Crimea

Orlando Figes Hb \$59.95

Figes re-imagines this extraordinary war, which was fought with a terrible mixture of ferocity and incompetence, and in which the stakes could not have been higher. It was both a recognisably modern conflict – the first to be extensively photographed, the first to employ the telegraph, the first 'newspaper war' – and a traditional one, with illiterate soldiers, amateur officers and huge casualties caused by disease. Meticulously researched and illustrated, this is a major new work from the author of *Natasha's Dance* (Pb \$27.95) and *The Whisperers* (Pb \$29.95).

A World on Fire

Amanda Foreman Pb \$35

During the titanic struggle between North and South in the US Civil War, both sides demanded Britain's support. British volunteers fought on both sides; British guns and bullets littered the battlefields. The South depended on British-built cruisers to make up its navy and British blockade runners to supply its armies. This is history told in the round – combining the human intensity of battle with the manoeuvrings of fraught diplomacy, a new and dramatic account of the first modern war and of Britain's part in it, for good or ill. Due Dec

Bullecourt 1917 Breaching the Hindenburg Line

Paul Kendall Hb \$49.95

The village of Bullecourt lay at the southern end of the battlefield and the fighting there from 11 April to late May in 1917 epitomised the awful trench warfare of WWI. This is the story of the fierce battles fought by three British and three Australian divisions. The author contacted as many of the surviving relatives of the combatants as he could to gain new insight into those terrible events on the Hindenburg Line.

Sisters of Sinai

Janet Soskice Pb \$24.95

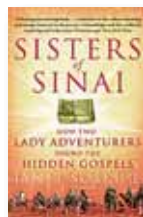
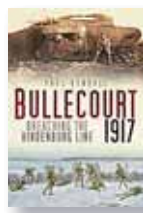
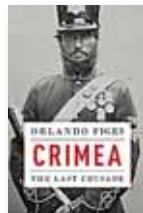
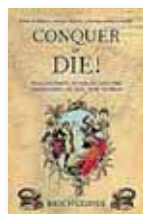
The extraordinary tale of two sisters and their discovery of one of the earliest Gospels written in ancient Syriac. We trace the footsteps of the intrepid pair as they voyage to Egypt, Sinai and beyond, Murray's guide book in hand, coping with camels, unscrupulous dragomen and unpredictable welcomes. This is the story of two remarkable women who, as widows, were undeterred in their spirit of adventure and who overcame insuperable odds to become world-class scholars with a place in history.

The Ancient Guide to Modern Life

Natalie Haynes Hb \$35

History for the ancients meant learning about humanity, not just facts. And has modern man come so far from the ancients? Consider the parallels between David Beckham and Trimalchio; or Emperor Titus of 79CE and President Obama of 2009; or the conflicts between Greece and Persia in the 5th century BCE and those of the West and Middle East today. The ancients thrived and left legacies of major impact; this book considers their contributions and what we may still learn from them.

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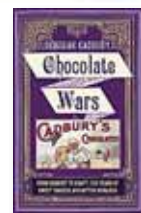


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Chocolate Wars

Deborah Cadbury Pb \$35

In the 19th century, Quakers were forbidden to enter many professions, so many turned to the business world, operating under strict ethical guidelines. The author tells the story of the original Quaker chocolate pioneers, not just of her own family's involvement, in creating wholesome nourishment for the masses, and how such noble ideas have altered in today's market. A carefully researched and absorbing narrative history full of fascinating details. You'll look at your chocolate bar very differently after reading this! *Lindy*



MI6

Keith Jeffery Hb \$59.99

The Secret Intelligence Service was not officially recognised until 1994, but anyone who has seen a James Bond movie knows about MI6. This book focuses on its beginnings before WWI, taking in both World Wars and the Cold War. Written with access to the closed archives of the Service from 1909 to 1949, this is a groundbreaking study of one of the world's best-known intelligence agencies. A great companion to Christopher Andrew's *The Defence of the Realm: The Authorized History of MI5* (Pb \$29.95).



Mao's Great Famine

Frank Dikotter Pb \$35

The Great Leap Forward was anything but, and this compelling book examines the factors and consequences of Mao's disastrous delusions about the industrialisation of China. It is estimated 55 million people lost their lives from 1958 to 1962. Explaining how the Great Leap Forward unfolded and the scale of destruction that ensued – from agriculture and industry to housing and the natural environment – this book also shows how the great plan was transformed by people's everyday struggle to survive. A powerful, painstakingly researched read. *Lindy*





Germany 1945

Richard Bessel
Pb \$24.99

1945 was a year of cataclysm for the German people. It marked the utter defeat of the armed forces;

millions were killed, wounded or imprisoned; the entire political system was overthrown. How did a nation claw itself from the very mouth of hell to take the first steps towards stable democracy, prosperity and peace? Arguing that the very violence itself of 1945 led to a profound transition, this masterly account is powerful and finely written.



The Perfect Nazi

Uncovering My SS Grandfather's Secret Past and How Hitler Seduced a Generation

Martin Davidson
Hb \$49.95

Bruno Langbehn became a high-ranking officer in Hitler's dreaded SS. For 50 years after WWII, his family kept this horrifying secret, until the author uncovered the truth. Drawing on an astonishing cache of personal documents, the author retraces Bruno's journey from disillusioned adolescent to SS officer to mysterious grandfather. In this extraordinary account, he tries to understand how Langbehn, and millions of others like him, were seduced by Hitler's regime.

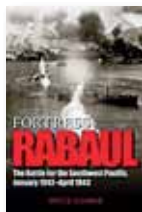


The SS

Adrian Weale
Pb \$35

Hitler's SS was at the forefront of implementing the

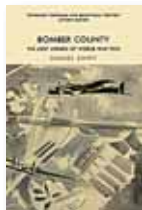
most radical and terrible policies of Nazi Germany – the Holocaust, the mass resettlement of Russia and eastern Europe, and the enslavement of occupied Europe's working population. Yet at the same time, some SS members were subverting Nazi racial and foreign policy, associating with the resistance, and even defying Hitler by attempting peace talks with the West. Written by a specialist military historian, this is thought-provoking, detailed and carefully researched.



Fortress Rabaul

Bruce Gamble Hb \$39.99

The longest battle of WWII was the assault on Rabaul – Japan's mightiest base in the southwest Pacific. From January 1942 to August 1945, the Allied forces focused on this virtually impregnable stronghold. Drawing on both Allied and Japanese sources, this narrative history of the air war over Rabaul looks at the first 16 months, when Japan made its major push in the Southern Offensive. A very readable military history.



Bomber County The Lost Airmen of World War Two

Daniel Swift Hb \$49.95

In June 1943, pilot James Swift boarded his Lancaster bomber for a night raid on Munster and disappeared. A narrative of the author's search for his lost grandfather, this is also an examination of the connections between air war and poetry. Just as the trenches of WWI produced the most remarkable poetry, so too did the bombing campaigns of WWII – both shocking new forms of warfare carried out at terrible scale of loss.



American Caesars

Nigel Hamilton Pb \$32.95

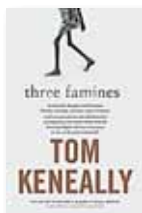
The 20th century has been called 'the American century', so the time is ripe for a new work on the US presidents of our lifetime. In what will become an essential book, this eminent biographer offers an informative, intensely readable gallery of historical portraits that encapsulates the age of American empire through the lives of its chief executives.



A Secret Gift

Ted Gup Pb \$32.95

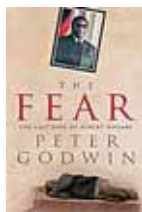
Shortly before Christmas 1933 in Depression-scarred Canton, Ohio, a small newspaper ad offered \$10 to 75 families in distress. Readers were asked to submit letters describing their hardships to a benefactor calling himself Mr B Virdot – in reality, Gup's grandfather, Sam Stone, who was inspired to place the ad to assist needy townsfolk as they prepared for a cruel Christmas. Discovering these letters 75 years later, Gup set out to find out what happened to the families. Bound to fascinate and inspire in equal measure.



Three Famines

Tom Keneally Hb \$49.95

This is the story of three great famines – 'an Gorta Mor', the great hunger of Ireland from 1845 to 1852; the deadly famine that struck Bengal in 1943; and the Ethiopian famine which first sprung up in lethal form in the 1970s under Emperor Haile Selassie, then again in the 1980s under the brutal dictator Mengistu. Keneally shares these three shocking histories with his customary penetrating wisdom, presenting a controversial theory in this utterly compelling narrative.



The Fear The Last Days of Robert Mugabe

Peter Godwin Pb \$34.99

In mid-2008, after 30 years of increasingly tyrannical rule, the 84-year-old Mugabe had just lost an election. But instead of conceding power, he was persuaded to launch a brutal campaign of terror to cower his citizens. This became known as 'the Fear'. In this dark tale of Africa's corruption and violence, Godwin travels to see the torture bases, burned villages and death squads, and meets a cast of extraordinary characters whose lives have been shaped by the Fear. Due Dec

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australian history

The Korean War

Cameron Forbes Hb \$49.99

Using the letters and diaries of the diggers who fought across Korea's unforgiving hills and mountains, and the grand strategies formulated in Washington, Moscow and Beijing, this riveting new book reveals the conflict on all its levels – human, military and geopolitical. In the tradition of Carlyon's *Gallipoli* (Pb \$34.99) and *The Great War* (Pb \$34.99) and Paul Ham's *Vietnam* (Pb \$39.99), Forbes has written a masterpiece that will serve as the definitive history of the Korean War and Australia's involvement in it.



A Private Empire

Stephen Foster Pb \$39.95

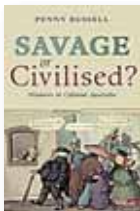
Over five continents and 250 years, the McPhersons, originally of Blairgowrie, Scotland, have served the British Empire in various capacities. Drawing on an unparalleled archive of diaries, letters and papers, this is an extraordinary account of the empire through the eyes of the men and women who helped shape it. A sprawling and engrossing narrative combining history and biography, elegantly presented with contemporary paintings and photographs.



Savage or Civilised?

Penny Russell Pb \$34.95

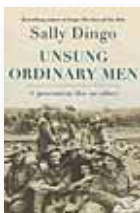
The first comprehensive history of social conduct in colonial Australia, this is the story of how behaviour, respect and manners were perceived from 1788 to 1914. Manners marked the difference between the uneducated, the barbaric, the cultured and the parvenu. A readable blend of delightful anecdote and telling detail, combined with broader analysis of class, race and identity.



Unsung Ordinary Men

Sally Dingo Pb \$35

Sally Dingo's father fought in Timor in WWII and was a prisoner of war. Unlike many of his comrades, he came home. Like many a returned soldier, he suffered but kept his stories unspoken. This moving book is a tribute to him and to men like him, and to their families, who also suffered in silence as they lived with the 'ordinary' men who came back so changed. Heartfelt and personal, this is a quiet paean to a lost generation.



Bligh

Rob Mundle Hb \$49.99

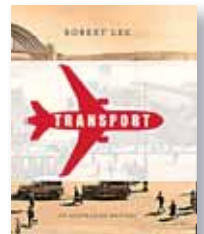
Bad press can have a devastating effect on reputation, and William Bligh has been one of history's victims. This well-written biography does justice to someone now recognised as a great mariner, who saw his mentor Captain Cook killed in Hawaii, navigated a longboat across the Pacific after he and his loyal crew had been cast adrift by Fletcher Christian, and who as Governor was concerned for the less influential settlers of NSW – tales of bravery, brilliance and endurance that would be perfect for the mariner, traveller or historian on your list!



Transport An Australian History

Robert Lee Hb \$49.95

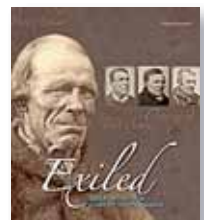
This handsomely illustrated volume covers all forms of Australian transportation, from the canoes of the Aboriginal people to the jets of today. Getting around our vast country has involved everything from walking, horse and camel, paddle steamers and trams to differently gauged trains and cars and planes. An attractive general history, full of interesting facts and anecdotes. Perfect for those hard-to-buy-for males in your life! *Lindy*



Exiled

Edwin Barnard Pb \$39.95

This outstanding collection of photographs dates to the closure of the infamous Port Arthur settlement. It records the faces of the inmates, many of whom sailed from Britain on convict ships from the 1820s to the 1850s. Apart from the visual impact of the images of these reluctant settlers, there are also biographies drawn from transportation records, official correspondence and newspaper reports. A truly absorbing and remarkable book. *Lindy*



Australia

William Blandowski's Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia

Harry Allen (editor) Pb \$60 Limited Edition Hb \$140

Blandowski arrived in Australia in 1849, working as a surveyor and scientist, and was the first curator of the Melbourne Museum. In 1862, after returning to Germany, he published a book of 142 photographs of drawings that record a continuous narrative of indigenous daily life and rituals, as well as natural history and geology, and this is the first time it has been presented in English. A fascinating insight into indigenous society of the Murray River from a sympathetic 19th century observer. *Lindy*



Gold!

The Fever that Forever Changed Australia

David Hill Pb \$34.95

Australia's incredible gold rushes of the mid to late 1800s produced tremendous wealth and ensured the financial survival of the struggling Australian colonies. Hill follows his popular *1788: The Brutal Truth of the First Fleet* (Pb \$24.95) with this recreation of a monumental turning point in Australia's history. Using the diaries, journals, books, letters, official reports, parliamentary enquiries and newspaper reports of the time, his own master storyteller's skill brings the past to life.



politics & current affairs

Best Australian Political Cartoons 2010

Russ Radcliffe (editor) Pb \$29.95

2010 has been a year of reversals. At the start Kevin Rudd, the conscience of decent folk everywhere, was still enjoying an unprecedented run of popularity in the polls. But by midyear Tony Abbott had become the iron man, smuggling in a new set of budgies to get the Liberals' oppositional juices flowing. And then... See what Australia's wittiest and most perceptive political cartoonists make of it all here in your essential alternative guide to the year in politics.



Man Bites Murdoch

Bruce Guthrie Hb \$49.99

Guthrie's CV boasts editorships of The Age, The Sunday Age and The Herald Sun, and magazines Who Weekly and The Weekend Australian. But one day, he fell foul of Rupert Murdoch, who promptly dispensed with his services. That's when he decided to sue. This is his explosive account of 40 years in the news business, taking us into the celebrated court case that exposed the inner workings of the world's biggest media company.



Monsoon The Indian Ocean and the Battle for Supremacy in the 21st Century

Robert Kaplan Pb \$34.95

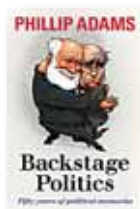
For much of the 20th century, Europe dominated global attention. But the rise of India, Pakistan, China and Indonesia, among others, represents a crucial shift in the global balance of power. Kaplan (*Eastward to Tartary* Pb \$30.95 and *Balkan Ghosts* Pb \$28) turns his attention towards this region, arguing that global powers need to shift their focus there if they are to remain dominant in the new century.



Backstage Politics Fifty Years of Political Memories

Phillip Adams Pb \$32.95

In this personal memoir, Adams traces his life in politics, media and the arts. To make the collection complete, he's even invited the polities themselves to submit their stories, and the most enthusiastic respondent, not surprisingly, is Senator Barnaby Joyce. The biggest characters of public life emerge afresh, from Menzies to Rudd via Gorton, Whitlam, Fraser, Hawke, Keating, Hanson and Howard. A funny, insightful and revealing journey through the Australian political landscape.



C Street The Fundamentalist Threat to Democracy

Jeff Sharlet Pb \$34.95

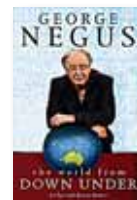
In America, the secretive Christian fundamentalist group known as 'The Family' funds political fundamentalism from within the government, leading a new crusade for 'God-led government' in the Western world. Sharlet is the only journalist to have reported from within this organisation and his exclusive access to sources and explosive documents show the true implications of fundamentalism in politics.



The World from Down Under

George Negus Pb \$35

With his extensive journalistic background and travel experience, Negus is a most engaging writer. Here he considers Australia – how the rest of the world perceives us and what we think of it. He takes on topics that perplex or provoke us, such as climate change, indigenous affairs, politics, gender issues and philanthropy, and also lightens it with less serious issues. Sure to have something of interest for everyone!



Why vs Why Gay Marriage

Rodney Croome & Bill Muehlenberg Pb \$19.99

Why vs Why Nuclear Power

Barry Brook & Ian Lowe Pb \$19.99

Read both sides of a social debate written by people in the thick of it. The unique format presents both arguments and rebuttals – start reading one proponent's essay, then flip the book over to read the other's point of view. Engaging, thoughtful and provocative.



Power Crisis

Rodney Cavalier Pb \$34.95

Written by a former minister and Labor historian, this is an explosive account of the self-destruction of the NSW Labor government, which has seen a turnover of four premiers within five years. While the catalyst for this was the thwarted attempt to privatise electricity, Cavalier believes the real issue is the takeover of Labor by a professional political class that has no connection to the broader community or the party's traditions.



Labor's Conflict

Tom Bramble & Rick Kuhn Pb \$39.95

Once widely regarded as the workers' greatest hope for a better world, the ALP would now rather project itself as a responsible manager of Australian capitalism. This book is an insightful account of the transformations of the Labor Party's policies, performance and structures since its formation, offering an incisive appraisal of its successes and failures, betrayals and electoral triumphs, in terms of its competing ties with bosses and workers.



Betrayal

Simon Benson Hb \$49.99

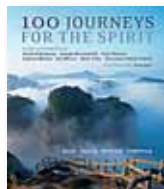
The chief national political reporter for the Daily Telegraph tells the story that some in the Australian Labor Party would prefer to keep buried. A shocking, often crude, even hilarious, war story about politics, policy and petty personal ambition. More importantly, it's about the train wreck of the NSW Labor Party and ultimately what cost Federal Labor majority government in the 2010 election.



100 Journeys for the Spirit

Hb \$45

Sometimes a landscape or a religious building, such as a temple, church or shrine, can awaken deep feelings within you. This book takes 100 of those special places and transports you on a journey into peace and beauty, with stunning photographs and evocative descriptions. Contributors include Michael Ondaatje, Jan Morris, Alexander McCall Smith, Paul Theroux and Andrew Motion. It's almost as good as being there! *Lindy*



The Travel Book

Lonely Planet
Hb \$80

The ultimate in armchair travelling! A completely updated 2nd edition with hundreds of new images. Features every country in the world in an easy-to-use A to Z format, with each entry accompanied by maps, photographs, factual text and engaging impressions. A truly beautiful book to evoke the wonders of our world.



Best in Travel 2011

Lonely Planet
Pb \$24.99

Ideas and inspiration for the travel year ahead – the top 10 must-visit countries, cities and regions, plus more than 30 events (from flamenco in Andalusia to the opening of the September 11 memorial in New York) mapped out on a monthly basis. Extraordinary and unforgettable experiences await you. Plenty of colour photographs too!



The Traveller's Guide to Planet Earth

Pb \$34.99

Remember David Attenborough's amazing series on Planet Earth? This takes 50 destinations featured in it and tells you about the place, how to get there and what you would do once you are there. These places are not for the comfort-seeking tourist, nor the unthinking gung-ho destination seeker; they are for the thoughtful traveller who wants to experience something that few others have. Beautifully illustrated in full colour.



A Passion for Place

Gardens of the Blue Mountains

Alison Halliday
& Joanne Hambrett
Hb \$59.95

Cradled within the Blue Mountains are the cool-climate gardens and 'hill stations' of Mount Wilson, Mount Tomah and Mount Irvine. The gardens range from those mellowed by a century of growing time to those tackling the challenges of modern-day gardening. In large format with superb colour photography by Ian Brown, this is the first book to explore these magnificent gardens through the people who made them.



Sydney

Delia Falconer
Hb \$29.95

Part of the handsomely designed series about capital cities where literary figures write about their home towns (following Brisbane and Hobart). It brims with stories of the kaleidoscope of characters who have lived in this gaudy place, conjuring up a picture of a complex city with a beautiful face, yet a dark and haunting past. A celebration of history, both personal and communal.



Great Australian Historic Hotels

Barry Stone
Pb \$32.99

Australia has its fair share of hotels and many of them can shed light on various aspects of our history. There are tales of immigration and gold rushes, leisured people holidaying and political ones conniving, grand Art Deco hotels in the middle of nowhere, or imposing structures in the centre of big cities. From the well-known to the unheard-of, this journey around the country takes in a variety of hotels, all of which tell us something about our past.



The Biggest Twitch

Alan Davies & Ruth Miller
Pb \$24.99

Some of us dream, and some of us do! Selling their house and putting their normal lives on hold, the authors set off to fulfil their dream of seeing the most birds in a year. They travel 27 countries and have many amazing adventures, but do they break the record? Read this enjoyable book and see! *Lindy*

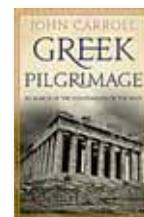


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Greek Pilgrimage

John Carroll
Pb \$29.95

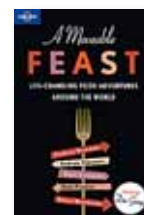
This is a meditation on classical Greece, as the author of *The Existential Jesus* (Pb \$35) and *The Wreck of Western Culture* (Pb \$29.95) journeys through its great sites, monuments and cultural works. Along the way, he examines Greece's pivotal role in the foundation of the modern world. The book also serves as a practical guide for the modern traveller to Greece, and two itineraries are recommended at the end, with maps and illustrations.



A Moveable Feast

Don George (editor)
Pb \$29.99

Travelling is about experiences, and the most immediate ones often involve food. These travel tales include eating adventures from around the world and contributors include Mark Kurlansky, Anthony Bourdain, Matt Preston and Simon Winchester. So settle back and enjoy well-seasoned writing in this smorgasbord of delights!



Street Fight in Naples

A Book of Art and Insurrection

Peter Robb
Hb \$49.99

Naples has a long and sometimes inglorious history. Settlers were drawn to its fertile beauty, and this wonderfully erudite book stretches from the Greeks of 3,000 years ago to Robb's own arrival 30 odd years ago. It has been a city of great wealth, power and military might, and also of desperate poverty, criminality and insurrection, and also of the radical art of Caravaggio and his followers. A vivid and lively book about culture, history and a dangerously fascinating city.



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Little Pim

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Available for Arabic, English (ESL), French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish.



La Carte et le Territoire

Michel Houellebecq Pb \$49.95

Houellebecq's novels invariably invite lots of commentary and this is no exception. The story centres on the triumphs and demise of a young, contemporary artist who enjoys worldwide success photographing old Michelin maps. Themes of love and France as a tourist paradise also emerge in this part-thriller, part-comedy. Several French celebrities, including two news anchors, a game-show presenter and Houellebecq himself, are satirised under their own names. In French.



Nobel Prize for Literature 2010

Awarded to Mario Vargas Llosa, the well-known Peruvian writer of novels, plays and essays. We have many of his popular novels in the original Spanish, including his latest, *El Sueño del Celta* (\$34), as well as *La Ciudad y los Perros* (\$22.95), *La Tía Julia y el Escribidor* (\$23.95), *La Fiesta del Chivo* (\$19.95), *Travesuras de*

la Niña Mala (\$21.95), *La Casa Verde* (\$23.95), *Conversación en la Catedral* (\$22.95) and *La Guerra del Fin del Mundo* (\$29.95). "The writer's job is to write with rigour to defend what they believe with all the talent they have. I think that's part of the moral obligation of a writer, which cannot be purely artistic. I think literature is impoverished if it becomes cut from the main agenda of people, of society, of life." – Vargas Llosa

The Hedgehog

(le hérisson) 2009

DVD \$34.95



Based on Muriel Barbery's bestselling *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* (in English or French Pb \$24.95 each), this is the heart-warming story of an unexpected encounter within an upper-class Parisian apartment building. A captivating tale of love, life and the beauty of unexpected friendships.

I am Love

(Io sono l'amore) 2009

DVD \$34.95



Set in Milan, director Luca Guadagnino's tragic love story follows the fall of the haute bourgeoisie due to the forces of passion and unconditional love. Extraordinarily beautiful scenes and opulent sets are complemented by a great performance from Tilda Swinton, speaking both Russian and Italian with equal aplomb!

Last Year at Marienbad

(L'année dernière à Marienbad) 1961

DVD \$19.95



A defining film of the French New Wave and one of modern cinema's most mysterious and confounding films. Alain Resnais directs a tale of a man and a woman who may, or may not, have met a year ago, perhaps at the same château they now find themselves in. Haunting, disturbing, romantic and surreal.

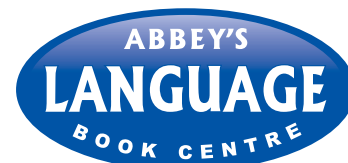
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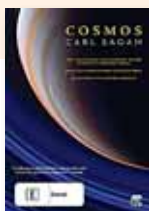
1970

DVD \$19.95



One of Jean-Pierre Melville's finest works, this coolly stylistic heist story emerges as a summing up of the great French crime films. This is classic gangster cinema – full of anti-heroes, shadows and fate – starring Alain Delon and Yves Montand, with a final heist sequence that is justly famous.





Cosmos

Carl Sagan

7 DVDs ~~\$149.95~~ \$39.95

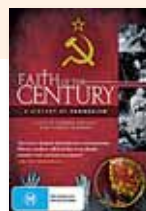
One of the best-known and best-loved descriptions of our universe, this multi-award-winning TV series was seen by over 700 million viewers in 60 countries, making it one of the most popular and influential science programme ever produced. Now digitally remastered, restored and enhanced, it is again available at Abbey's. Extra special price while stocks last.



The End of the Line

DVD ~~\$24.95~~ \$19.95

Imagine a world without fish. This is the first major feature documentary about the devastating effects of over-fishing. Filmed around the world over two years, it is a dramatic expose of those who are taking advantage of the seas, with catastrophic consequences on our fish supplies. "Should do for our oceans what *An Inconvenient Truth* (DVD \$29.95) did for climate change." *The Times*



Faith of the Century

DVD ~~\$24.95~~ \$19.95

This 4-part tale of 20th century communism uses fascinating footage from the national archives of Russia, France and many other countries, offering an engrossing analysis of communism and its consequences. From the Russian Revolution of 1917, communism began to change to the structure for a system of government. Over the following decades, hundreds of millions of people found themselves under communist rule, an ideology that proved harder to implement than to believe in.



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Two years in the making, this groundbreaking series takes viewers on an unprecedented visual journey to aquatic ecosystems on five continents, revealing how water shapes and sculpts the landscape, and provides food and refuge for an astonishing array of species. Spectacular photography and an award-winning soundtrack complete the experience.



Secret Worlds

Revealing the Mysteries Behind Civilisation

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Blending ancient history and archaeology, Michael Arbutnot reconstructs the past and reveals the ancient catastrophes that have caused societies to collapse. A fascinating 6-part documentary that travels from Cambodia to Easter Island, visiting the Americas and the Near East on the way.

Animal Kingdom

2 DVDs \$39.95

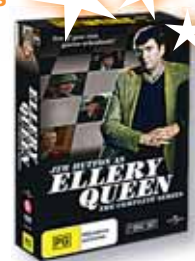
Writer/director David Michôd has fashioned a powerful Australian crime drama that tells the story of a tense battle between a criminal family and the police, and of the ordinary lives caught in the middle. Starring Ben Mendelsohn, Joel Edgerton, Guy Pearce and Jacki Weaver, this includes director and cast commentaries, feature-length 'making of' documentary and Michôd's short film *Crossbow*.



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Adam Smith

An Enlightened Life

Nicholas Phillipson
Hb \$55

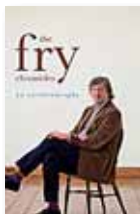
Adam Smith, author of *The Wealth of Nations* (Pb \$29.95, CD \$59.95), is widely celebrated as the founder of modern economics. Yet he saw himself primarily as a philosopher, not an economist, and his goal was to establish a grand 'Science of Man'. This superb biography is set to become the definitive work on this great man.



The Fry Chronicles

Stephen Fry
Hb \$39.95

Stephen Fry is one of the most influential and popular cultural forces in the UK. This dazzling memoir is a courageously frank, honest and poignant read. Detailing some of the most turbulent and least known years of his life, Fry's writing will excite you, make you laugh uproariously, move you, inform you and, above all, surprise you. Other Fry at Abbey's includes his early memoir *Moab is My Washpot* (Pb \$24.95) and his DVDs *Fry in America* (\$24.95) and *Last Chance to See* (\$39.95)

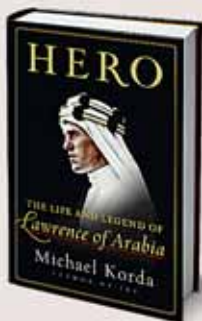


Hero

Michael Korda
Hb \$49.95

The author of the bestselling *With Wings Like Eagles: The Untold History of the Battle of Britain*

(Pb \$26) now turns to the life of the legendary British scholar, adventurer and soldier, a hero who became myth, T E Lawrence. A revealing and gripping biography of the extraordinary, mysterious and dynamic Englishman whose daring exploits and romantic profile – with sun-burnished, blonde looks and flowing white robes – made him an object of intense fascination.



The Prizefighter and the Playwright

Jay Tunney Hb \$39.95

Gene Tunney, the world heavyweight boxing champion from 1926 to 1928, seemed an unusual companion for George Bernard Shaw. This book, written by Tunney's son, chronicles the legendary relationship that formed between this celebrated odd couple. Full of surprises and revelations, this handsome book is also a fascinating look at their times.

Storyteller

Donald Sturrock Pb \$35

This authorised biography of Roald Dahl examines a complicated man who suffered more than his fair share of tragedies, yet possessed the humour and lightness of touch to communicate so wonderfully with children through his books. He could be positively vile, but was also charming, entertaining and endlessly fascinating.

Tolstoy

Rosamund Bartlett Hb \$49.99

It may be argued whether Count Lyev Nikolayevich Tolstoy was one of the greatest novelists ever, but there is no denying that Leo Tolstoy the man was an extraordinary being. Drawing on new material, this biography presents a fascinating portrait of a brilliant aristocrat driven to search for a better world, a rebel against the strictures of class and his society, a thinker with little empathy for his wife and family, a complex, maddening, unconventional character, who lived a life stranger than fiction. Due Dec

Shades of Greene

Jeremy Lewis Hb \$65

After brothers Charles and Edward Greene settled in Berkhamsted, just outside London, they went on to found a remarkable dynasty, fathering 12 children between them, including the novelist Graham, an Everest mountaineer, an MI6 agent, a pacifist and Labour Party activist, a pioneer of radio journalism and apologist for Communist China, and the black sheep of the family, a fantasist and amateur spy – a truly remarkable tribe.

Under the Sun The Letters of Bruce Chatwin

Elizabeth Chatwin & Nicholas Shakespeare (selection & editors) Hb \$55

These letters reveal more about Chatwin than he was prepared to expose in his books – his health and finances, his literary ambitions and tastes, his uneasiness about his sexual orientation, and above all, his lifelong quest for where to live. Written with the verve and sharpness of expression, this is an illuminating record of one of the greatest and most enigmatic writers of the 20th century.

The Sixties Diaries Volume Two: 1960-1969

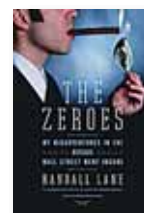
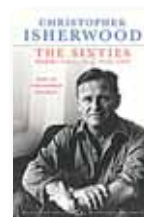
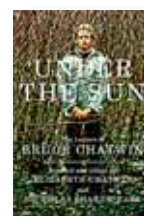
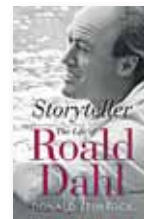
Christopher Isherwood Hb \$65

What a pure delight! This is one of those great tomes that you will love dipping in and out of. Both a chronicle of the times and of the man, whether talking about his time in Sydney ("a boring evening with a rich man named James Fairfax") or discussing the deaths of Aldous Huxley and JFK, who died on the same day. Isherwood is a keen observer and at times refreshingly frank, but there is a tenderness that comes through this work and that is always for his partner Don. Christopher Hitchens provides a perceptive preface. Highly recommended. Greg

The Zeroes

Randall Lane Pb \$35

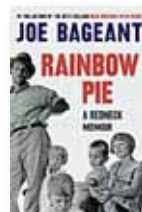
A memoir of the excesses and bad behaviour in the crazy self-contained world of high finance. Among the eye-popping true stories – how fortunes were made, from the million-dollar score made in the 30-minute gap between the collapse of the two Twin Towers on 9/11 to the man who personally made \$4 billion from the 2008 housing meltdown.



Rainbow Pie

Joe Bageant Pb \$35

From the author of *Deer Hunting with Jesus* (\$24.95) comes a memoir set between 1950 and 1963 in a small Appalachian farming community along a West Virginian road named Shanghai. Combining recollection, stories, accounts, remembrance and analysis, we get an intimate look at what America lost in its post-war transformation from a nation of interconnecting families and communities to a consumer culture of 'individuals', as well as insights into what helped create America's politically conservative 'red states'.



Winging It

Jenny Gardiner Hb \$29.95

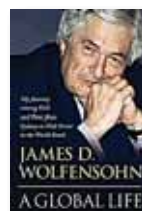
Move over Marley! Scat, Dewey cat! Graycie has arrived! When the Gardiners were given an African Grey parrot, they hoped for a friendly and talkative bird. Graycie was anything but. Just what they needed in addition to a newborn child! Yet as time goes on, they learn a number of valuable lessons. Apart from how many ways a beak can bite, there is patience, tolerance and the knowledge that you can no more mould a child as turn a wild bird into a docile pet. Warm, charming and tender. *Lindy*



A Global Life

James Wolfensohn Hb \$49.99

Wolfensohn recounts his early life in Sydney, climbing the ladder as a banker in London and New York, his pursuits as an Olympic fencer and skilled cellist, and his astounding 10-year tenure as president of the World Bank from 1995 to 2005. He tells what it is like to be an unknown Australian on the world financial stage. An inspiring story of a visionary financier and philanthropist.



biography

From Moree to Mabo

Pamela Burton

Pb \$49.95

How did the daughter of a railway worker from Moree rise to become the first female justice of the High Court?

Mary Gaudron is a remarkable person whose brilliant intellect and fierce social conscience led her to a champion women's equality and indigenous issues, and oppose discrimination in any form.



Snake-Bitten

Kevin Markwell
& Nancy Cushing
Pb \$39.95

Eric Worrell opened his eponymous Australian Reptile Park in 1959. Visiting it was one of those holiday experiences many people remember fondly. Through the park, Worrell made significant contributions to conservation, education, captive animal care and particularly to medicine, milking poisonous snakes and spiders to produce anti-venom. This is a book about the park, told primarily through Worrell's amazing life. A captivating portrait of a quietly influential man and his legacies. *Lindy*



Hell's Only Half Full

Kerry Clarke
Hb \$24.95

Lucy Little, the author's beloved Nan, was strong and feisty, which she needed to be all her very long life. Growing up on a hardscrabble farm in Victoria, she married a drover who was away for long stretches (but home enough to get nine children started). Nan made do with the little she had, and no complaints. Partly told from oral recordings, and filled in with family and social history, this is a fresh, enjoyable portrait of a pioneer and her times. *Lindy*



From the House of Chanel...

Dreaming of Chanel Charlotte Smith Hb \$35

Remember last year's gorgeous *Dreaming of Dior* (Hb \$35), where the author inherited her godmother's extensive collection of dresses and outfits, each of which came with its own story? This book gives us more of those wonderful dresses and their lovely stories, vividly illustrated in glowing colour by Grant Cowan. Absolutely guaranteed to reduce even the most non-fashionable woman to swooning daydreams! *Lindy*



Coco Chanel Justine Picardie Hb \$45

This book has been a long time coming – the author meticulously unpeeling the layers of myth from the incredible enigma who was Coco Chanel. As the inventor of bobbed hair, the little black dress, the iconic perfume, trousers for women and the most successful fashion brand, Chanel was undoubtedly a woman to reckon with! She was a woman of passion with murky origins and a barely respectable past, always entangled in turbulent and ill-considered relationships. This is a revealing portrait of someone who was her own finest creation.



The Secret of Chanel No. 5 Tilar Mazzeo Pb \$35

Half a million bottles of Chanel No 5 sell each year – not bad for a fragrance that's 90 years old! Why is it still going when other perfumes have faded? Is it the scent itself, its image, the marketing or just sheer luck? This entertaining book tells how and why Coco Chanel developed it, the years of marketing, the battles behind the scenes and the base notes of 20th century history that made No 5 so iconic. *Lindy* Due Dec



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words & writing



What's their Story?

Bruce Moore
Pb \$19.95

As a speaker of Australian English, I assume other speakers understand me if I use words like bludger,

chook, fair go or hoon. If I talk about lamingtons, rorts or tall poppies, I'm just using common expressions. But where do these unique terms come from? This intriguing and fascinating book uncovers the stories of our special words in an engaging manner. A great read from cover to cover, or for dipping into as the fancy takes you! *Lindy*

The Art of Great Speeches



Dennis Glover
Pb \$39.95

What makes a great speech? This fascinating book uses insights from classical thinkers to reveal how great orators – such as Barack

Obama, Martin Luther King, the Kennedys, Al Gore and Hitler – have so convincingly persuaded their audiences. Featuring excerpts from 70 of the world's greatest speeches in history and drama, it breaks down the key elements to reveal the techniques that make them so memorable.



Bogat

David Crystal
Hb \$39.95

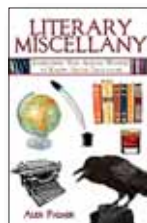
According to David Crystal, the King James Bible is the

greatest source of idiomatic or quasi-proverbial expressions used in English. For a book published in 1611, its influence on our language has been astonishing. If you've ever used 'wheels within wheels', or 'how the mighty have fallen', or 'fly in the ointment', then you've been quoting from the King James. It is still used as a source of inspiration for wordsmiths today, and this highly entertaining book shows how pervasive it is. Also available: **Bible: The Story of the King James Version** (Hb \$39.95) by Gordon Campbell, an accessible history of its commissioning and translations. Due Dec

Literary Miscellany

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Literature

Alex Palmer
Hb \$19.95

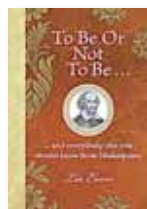


This enjoyable collection is a breezy tour through the literature of today and yesterday, touching on many great classical works, movements and trends. It offers something for everyone, answering the questions: What is the original bestseller? What authors introduced insults as a literary art form? Who burned the first book? Are writers more likely to be depressed than booksellers? When did sex become part of literature? This fun read will entertain both casual readers and literary buffs.

To Be or Not to Be...

And Everything Else You Should Know from Shakespeare

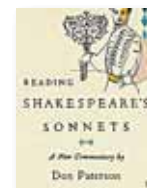
Liz Evers
Hb \$24.99



A fresh, new look at Shakespeare's work, showing how and why it remains such an integral part of popular culture and the English language. From what drove Ophelia mad to the real meaning behind the phrase 'Wherefore art thou, Romeo?', this covers everything from the characters, essential plotlines and the famous lines from a host of Shakespeare's greatest works to illuminating information on the playwright himself.

Reading Shakespeare's Sonnets

Don Paterson
Hb \$39.99

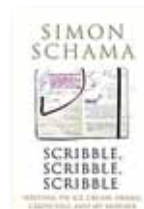


The glorious sonnets of Shakespeare still give the modern reader so much to think about and this volume reproduces these immortal poems. Paterson, a noted poet in his own right, provides commentary for each, offering other ways to enjoy and appreciate them, with attention given to the intricacies of their structure, the inventive wordplay and the narratives that inform the pieces. An accessible and illuminating guide.

Scribble, Scribble, Scribble

Writing on Ice Cream, Obama, Churchill and My Mother

Simon Schama
Hb \$55



This new selection of occasional writings is a treasure trove of surprises! Passionate, provocative, entertaining and informative, topics range far and wide – from cookery and family to Barack Obama, from preaching and Shakespeare to Victorian sages, from Charlotte Rampling and Hurricane Katrina to 'The Fate of Eloquence in the Age of the Osbornes'. Never predictable, always stimulating, it allows us to view the world in all its diversity through the eyes of the always original Simon Schama.

Speaking Volumes

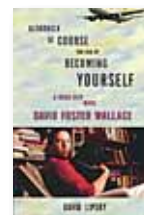
Ramona Koval
Pb \$35



This is a wonderful collection of interviews with some of the most famous authors of our times. Whether it's Gore Vidal's passionate exposition of the Timothy McVeigh case, or breaking down a somewhat frosty Joyce Carol Oates who eventually opens up about her love of Marilyn Monroe, Koval gets the most out of her subjects by being informed and erudite, so much so that an ageing Saul Bellow wishes he was younger so he could ask her out on a date. *Greg*

Although Of Course You End Up Becoming Yourself

David Lipsky
Pb \$27.95



It was just on two years ago that author David Foster Wallace took his own life, and that tragedy influences your reading of this wonderful book. Lipsky joined Wallace on a book tour to promote *Infinite Jest* (\$35), so there are book signings, readings, cancelled flights and Wallace's nervous realisation that he is right on the precipice of literary fame. This book is basically a series of interviews conducted on the road, and is a fascinating observation of the emergence of fame and how Wallace copes with it. Funny, poignant and sad, this is a must for anyone interested in modern literature. *Greg*

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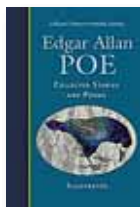
Robert Adamson (editor) Pb \$24.95

Contributions from emerging writers – some published for the first time – feature alongside recent works of our most renowned poets, producing a rich and diverse range of voices.

Edgar Allan Poe

Hb \$49.99

This collection contains the complete *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*, including classics like *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* and the heart-stopping *The Pit and the Pendulum*, plus the complete *Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque* and a sample of his poetry – *The Haunted Palace* is especially atmospheric! Nicely bound with illustrations throughout, including some by the wonderful Audrey Beardsley. An excellent introduction to a master of literature. *Greg*



Till I End My Song

Harold Bloom Hb \$49.99

The influential critic gathers up 100 poets – both the established literary canon and lesser known – and selects poems that reflect on the passing of life. Not always literally the last poems written by the poets, they are accompanied by Bloom's wide-ranging and opinionated commentary that provides considered insight. His anthologies are always worth reading and this is no exception.

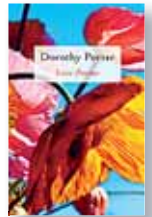


Love Poems

Dorothy Porter Pb \$27.95

Dorothy Porter writes about love, sex, heartbreak and desire like no one else. This is a collection of her most powerful love poetry – portraits of longing and infatuation, bliss, passion, uncertainty and devotion. It includes extracts from her award-winning and bestselling verse novels, as well as poems and lyrics spanning her whole career.

Comes with a FREE copy of Porter's *The Bee Hut* (normally \$24.95), while stock lasts.

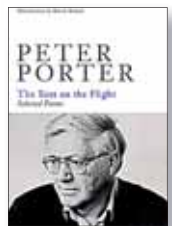


The Rest on the Flight

Selected Poems

Peter Porter Hb \$39.99

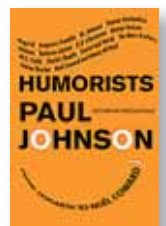
Porter, the expatriate poet, was also a satirist, philosopher, elegist, aphorist and cultural historian. His poetry is elegant and erudite, sophisticated and compassionate, with the occasional sly shaft of humour and always luminous imagery. Drawn from 50 years of his work, this selection shows how his writing developed and is an excellent introduction to his work.



Humorists From Hogarth to Noel Coward

Paul Johnson Hb \$55

Biographical portraits of a diverse range of legendary humorists, including Benjamin Franklin, Dr Johnson, Dickens, Toulouse-Lautrec, G K Chesterton, Damon Runyon, W C Fields, the Marx Brothers, James Thurber and Nancy Mitford. Comics known for their dark humour, broad satire, bawdy wit or biting sarcasm, they took delight in looking at the pretensions, follies and foibles of their fellow man with that greatest of gifts – humour. *Due Dec*



Mr Isherwood Changes Trains

Victor Marsh Pb \$29.95

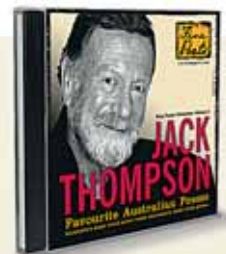
This new work is about Isherwood's writing during his 40 years as a student of a guru from the Ramakrishna Order. Marsh challenges the assumptions and prejudices that have been used to disparage the sincerity of Isherwood's religious life. He elucidates those features of Vedanta philosophy that enabled Isherwood to integrate the various aspects of his dharma: his vocation as a writer and a spirituality that does not repudiate his sexuality. A fascinating companion to *The Sixties: Diaries Volume 2 1960-69* (Hb \$65), see page 25.



Favourite Australian Poems CD \$19.95

Our bush balladeers sprang from a grand tradition of oral storytelling and the only way to truly appreciate their work is to hear it read aloud. Who better to recite these classic Australian poems, such as *The Man from Snowy River*, than Jack Thompson, with his glorious, creek-gravel voice? A great way to enjoy poetry. There are four other CDs in this series, all read by Jack:

The Battlefield Poems of Banjo Paterson (released for Anzac Day this year), *The Bush Poems of Banjo Paterson*, *The Sentimental Bloke & Classic Poems of C J Dennis* and *The Campfire Yarns of Henry Lawson* (\$19.95 each). *Lindy*





The Paper Garden

Molly Peacock Hb \$45

This unique story is unlike anything else you have ever read. At once a biography of an extraordinary 18th century gentlewoman and a meditation on late-life creativity, it is a beautifully written tour de force from an acclaimed poet. At the age of 72, Mary Granville Pendarves Delany (1700-1788) created a new art form – mixed-media collage. She created an astonishing 985 botanically correct, breathtaking cut-paper flowers, now housed in the British Museum and referred to as the Botanica Delanica. A profound and original work.



Penguin 75

Paul Buckley (editor) Pb \$34.95

On the occasion of Penguin's 75th anniversary, long-time art director Peter Buckley chooses 75 covers that represent the best of what Penguin has produced over the last decade. Giving readers a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the complex creation of a book's cover, this book also includes comments from authors, editors and agents, and of course the designers and artists. A witty and irreverent journey into the book world that will appeal to lovers of art, design and, of course, books.



Just My Type A Book About Fonts

Simon Garfield Hb \$29.99

Fonts are everywhere! They come in a multitude of thicknesses and decorative effects, and our minds instantly register the different designs and styles, and associate them with the organisations or brands that use them. Each and every one of these typefaces originated somewhere, and this lively, enjoyable book delves into their history, the designers and the quirky facts.



Art + Soul

Hetti Perkins Hb \$89.99

Over the last 30 years, a magical flowering of Aboriginal art has occurred in Australia, captivating viewers around the world with astonishingly powerful artworks and creating a new art movement that could not have been imagined in the 1970s. AGNSW senior curator Hetti Perkins takes readers on a personal journey of discovery. Lavishly illustrated, it includes more than 200 artworks and photography. The DVD of the TV series is also available (\$39.95).



The Arrival and Sketches from a Nameless Land

Shaun Tan Boxed Set Hb \$89.99

The Arrival is the multi-award-winning, absorbing, wordless story of a new immigrant in a place where everything – language, customs, people – is foreign to him. Eventually, as he learns the stories of other migrants, he makes a place for himself, and brings his family to join him in a new life. Shaun Tan is often asked about the inspirations for his work, so he has released a sketchbook of ideas, which shows the struggles of imagination, gives depth to the finished work and adds to the mystery and power of the world of **The Arrival**. A unique, handsomely packaged set. *Lindy*

Also available from Shaun Tan this season is **The Lost Thing** DVD (\$29.95), which includes Tan's short film based on his book **The Lost Thing** (Pb \$17.99) and an exclusive 48-page booklet, *What Miscellaneous Abnormality is That?*



Australia

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Rex Dupain
Hb \$59.95

This is Australia through the eyes of Rex Dupain, son of the renowned photographer, Max Dupain. Through this collection we are reintroduced to the bush, coast and suburbs of our diverse country, refining our appreciation of the power of our physical environment, and deepen our understanding of a flawed, but ultimately extraordinary, culture. Thanks to Rex for providing the image for our front cover!



An Edwardian Summer

Hb \$49.95

Arthur Wigram Allen, a prominent Sydney lawyer and identity at the turn of the 20th century, had a fascination for photography. This beautifully produced book presents many of his well-composed and captivating photographs, documenting the time between Queen Victoria's death and WWI. Allen was especially interested in technology and social change, and his work captures a Sydney in the process of transformation. The captions also contain excellent information. *Lindy Due Dec*



The Garden of Ideas

Richard Aitken
Hb \$64.99

This beautifully produced book tells an inspiring and engaging story of Australian garden design. With a handsome and satisfying fusion of images and text, it charts its way from the imaginings of emigrant garden-makers of the late 18th century to the concerns of gardeners today. Embellished with an unparalleled array of paintings, drawings, prints, plans and photographs, each richly evocative of their time and most never before published.



Yiwarra Kuju

Pb \$59

The Canning Stock Route traverses the country of various indigenous people of the Western Deserts. In 2007, nearly 70 artists travelled it to record their stories of the region. In glorious full-colour and in a spirit of respect, many of their efforts are presented in this fine book. Lose yourself in contemplation and glimpses of a generously shared, rich and deep history, enjoy the artistry and learn other ways of looking. A beautiful gift and an important resource all in one. *Lindy*



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The Geometry of Pasta

Caz Hildebrand
& Jacob Kenedy
Hb \$44.99



I'll be the first to admit that cookbooks are not really my thing, but this one stands out from the pack. With over 100 authentic recipes, the stunning designs highlight the many shapes and sizes of pasta. Each pasta is presented with a short cultural history, explaining its origins and philosophy with an accompanying recipe. Packaged in a format that won't break your back to hold, this is a cookbook to be used and treasured. Bound to bring out your inner Italian! *Greg*

From the Ground Up

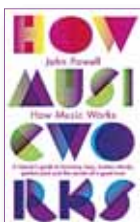
Linda, Sandra
& Graham Ross
Hb \$64.95



For those new to gardening, this offers simple, clear advice, while for those with more experience, there is information here to keep you updated with all the latest methods, plus information on techniques for propagating new plants, making compost, planting and garden design. Packed full of photographs, this new reference work allows you to identify everything from the best plants for your garden to the pests and diseases causing your plants grief.

How Music Works

**A Listener's Guide to
Harmony, Keys, Broken
Chords, Perfect Pitch
and the Secrets of a
Good Tune**



John Powell
Pb \$29.95

An entertaining guide to the ingredients of music by a classically-trained composer and physics professor. Powell reveals the fascinating science behind what we listen to, explaining the basics of music, why a note has a different sound to a normal noise, why Chinese people are more likely to have perfect pitch, and even why Beethoven and Led Zeppelin are musically similar. A charming, straight-talking, ear-opening riff on what music is and how it works.

Heart and Soul

**Australia's First
Families of Wine**

Graeme Lofts
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Created by 12 of the best-known wine families in the country – from Brown Brothers to Yalumba – this exciting new initiative seeks to showcase a representative and diverse range of Australian wine, with a focus on regional heroes and top iconic drops. Scattered throughout the pages are exclusive photographs from the families' archives, wine labels, regional maps and secrets straight from the experts. Discover the essence of Australian wine, with all the characters and stories in between.

The Gruen Transfer

Jon Casimir
Pb \$39.99



Advertising is everywhere and it has been for centuries! This highly entertaining and informative book has its origins in the TV program of the same name, but it is much more than that. Constructed on a timeline of an average day, it points out all those ads – both obvious and sneaky – which are an integral part of modern life, acknowledging that persuasion is both an art and a science. Whether you just dip into this book, or read it in the conventional manner, you will find plenty to open your eyes... *Lindy*

Hamlet's BlackBerry

**A Practical Philosophy
for Building a Good Life
in the Digital Age**



William Powers
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This book presents a bold new paradigm for understanding the devices that now demand so much of our time and attention. It shows how our computers and mobile devices are changing the way we think, feel and relate to others. Drawing on the ideas of some of the most brilliant thinkers in the history of human connectedness, from Socrates to Shakespeare, this new philosophy proceeds from the simple notion that connectedness serves us best when it is offset by its opposite – disconnectedness.

Bitton

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