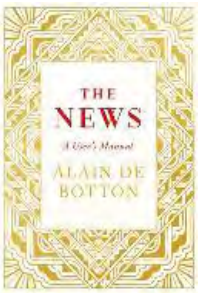
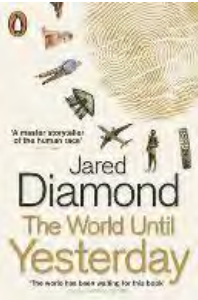





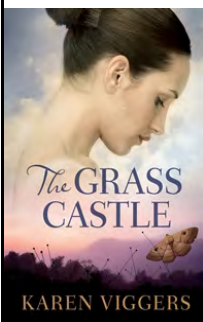
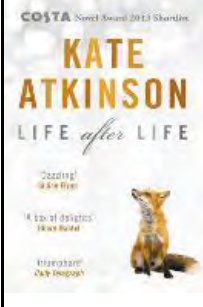

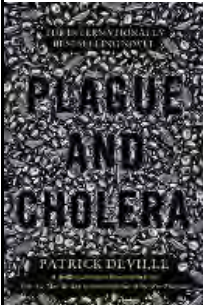
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Title	Author	Bind	Price	Description
ABBEY'S CHOICE				
The News: A User's Manual	Alain De Botton	Hb	\$29.99	 <p>Alain de Botton explores our relationship with 'the news' in this book full of his trademark wit and wisdom. Following on from his bestselling Religion for Atheists, Alain de Botton turns now to look at the manic and peculiar positions that 'the news' occupies in our lives. We invest it with an authority and importance which used to be the preserve of religion - but what does it do for us? Mixing current affairs with philosophical reflections, de Botton offers a brilliant illustrated guide to the precautions we should take before venturing anywhere near the news and the 'noise' it generates. Witty and global in reach, The News will ensure you'll never look at reports of a celebrity story or political scandal in quite the same way again.</p>
The World Until Yesterday	Jared Diamond	Pb	\$22.99	 <p>Over the past 500 years, the West achieved global dominance, but do Westerners necessarily have better ideas about how to raise children, care for the elderly, or simply live well? In this epic journey into our past, Jared Diamond reveals that traditional societies around the world offer an extraordinary window into how our ancestors lived for the majority of human history - until virtually yesterday, in evolutionary terms. Drawing on decades of his own fieldwork, Diamond explores how tribal people approach essential human problems, from health and diet to conflict resolution and language, and discovers they have much to teach us.</p>
Free Schools: How to Get a Great Education For Your Kids Without Spending a Fortune	David Gillespie	Pb	\$29.99	 <p>David Gillespie has six kids. When it came time to select high schools, he thought it worth doing some investigation to assess the level of advantage his kids would enjoy if he spent the required \$1.3 million to send them all to private schools. Shockingly, the answer was: none whatsoever. Intrigued, David continued his research, only to discover he was wrong on most counts - as are most parents - when it comes to working out what factors deliver a great education. He discovered that class size doesn't matter, your kids aren't any better off in co-ed than single-sex schools (and vice versa), composite classes are fine, fancy buildings are a waste of money, the old-tie network won't cut it in the new industries and NAPLAN is misread by everyone so is largely meaningless as a measure of quality. Taking on an ingrained and historical system of vested interests - the unions, the government, our own sense of worth, privilege and entitlement - this book is controversial and absolutely necessary.</p>
Taking God to School: The End of Australia's Egalitarian Education?	Marion Maddox	Pb	\$29.99	 <p>Fewer Australians now practise a religion or believe in God than ever. Yet our governments increasingly push conservative Christianity on our children. Nearly forty per cent of secondary students attend a private school, which are overwhelmingly Christian. Canberra funds them heavily, and sends evangelical Christian chaplains into both public and private schools. Some states subsidise Christian volunteers to deliver religious instruction, and some make Christian ministry a matriculation subject. Some Christian schools promote Creationism, and some advertise that their first priority is training 'soldiers' to 'do battle for the Lord in a world which rejects His laws and dominion', rather than good citizens of Australia. Marion Maddox demonstrates that our governments are systematically demolishing the once proud free, compulsory and secular education system, in favour of taxpayer-funded dogma and division. The implications are unsettling for our society and for our democracy.</p>
Sheila	Robert Wainwright	Tp	\$32.99	 <p>Sheila wedded earls and barons, befriended literary figures and movie stars, bedded a future king, was feted by London and New York society for forty years and when she died was a Russian princess. Vivacious, confident and striking, Sheila Chisholm met her first husband, Francis Edward Scudamore St Clair-Erskine, a first lieutenant and son of the 5th Earl of Rosslyn, when she went to Egypt during the Great War to nurse her brother. Arriving in London as a young married woman, the world was at her feet - and she enjoyed it immensely. Edward, Prince of Wales, called her 'a divine woman' and his brother, Bertie, the future George VI of England (Queen Elizabeth's father), was especially close to her. She subsequently became Lady Milbanke and ended her days as Princess Dimitri of Russia. Sheila had torrid love affairs with Rudolph Valentino and Prince Obolensky of Russia and among her friends were Evelyn Waugh, Lord Beaverbrook and Wallis Simpson.</p>


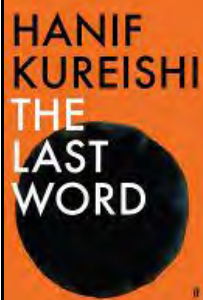

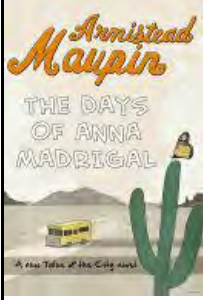

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The Forever Girl: A Novel	Alexander McCall Smith	Hb \$26.99	 <p>At the age of four Clover chooses her own name. Aged six, she falls in love with her best friend, James, with whom she happily spends all her time. But in the adult world, things are not so simple: at the same time that Clover's mother finds she's fallen out of love with her husband, she realises that James's father is interested in her. As the children grow into adulthood, their connection becomes more complicated as well: James drifts away from Clover, but she keeps him in her sights: she attends the same college in Scotland and then follows him to London, Sydney, Singapore, rebuilding her life in every city, hoping each time that James will see what he is missing. As Clover and James, and their parents, navigate their irresistible but baffling mazes of emotion, we are given a beautifully realised tale about how love, even if unrequited, can shape a life.</p>
AUSTRALIAN FICTION			
The Heart Radical	Boyd Anderson	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Esteemed human rights lawyer Su-Lin Tan barely recognises Professor Paris Thumboo when he delivers a history lecture in London. For the last time she saw him was in a crowded Malayan courtroom more than half a century ago, during the trial that would change her life...It's 1951 and Malaya is in the grip of 'The Emergency' between the government forces and communist rebels. Yet eight-year-old Su-Lin lives in relative ignorance of the chaos raging around her. That is until she shadows her beloved father, esteemed defence barrister K. C. Tan, as he embarks on a controversial new case - and into Su-Lin's life walks war hero Dr Anna Thumboo, her son Paris and her lover, Toh Kei, the enigmatic leader of the jungle rebels. For Anna and Toh Kei, the trial is a matter of life and death. For Su-Lin it's the start of a journey of discovery - about love and sacrifice, about truth and lies, and about fighting for what you believe in, whatever the cost...</p>
On Cringila Hill	Noel Beddoe	Pb \$29.95	 <p>When a teenage boy is killed in a drive-by shooting, the events that unfold rock the lives of the migrant families of Cringila. School friends Jimmy and Piggy have witnessed the violent crime, but need to protect their fledgling drug business.</p>
The Engagement	Chloe Hooper	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Liese Campbell has an engagement for the weekend: to stay with Alexander Colquhoun, the handsome, well-mannered heir of an Australian pastoral dynasty, at his country seat some hours from Melbourne. Liese is English. She's come to Australia to work at her uncle's real-estate business and pay off her debts. Alexander has been looking for a place in the city. The luxury apartments Liese shows him have become sets for a relationship that satisfies their fantasies - and her financial problems. Both players understand the rules. Or so she thinks. Across the ancient landscape they drive at dusk to his grand decaying mansion. Here Liese senses a change in Alexander and realizes that a different game has begun. Chloe Hooper's riveting and provocative new novel is a psychological thriller for the modern age, an exploration of the snares of money and love and the dark side of erotic imagination. A trap has been set, but how and why? And for whom?</p>
Asking for Trouble	Peter Timms	Pb \$27.99	 <p>There are things in his past that Harry Bascombe definitely doesn't want to remember. But when a nosy journalist with a taste for scandal turns up out of the blue, he is forced to confront his memories...An uncertain and diffident boy, Harry struggles to survive a suburban upbringing in the 1950s - the era of Menzies and the menace of Reds under the bed, the excitement of the Melbourne Olympics and the arrival of television in Australia. Family life is complicated, with an ineffectual father, a highly strung mother who is leading a double life, and an older brother who is 'not quite himself'. School is no easier. Harry is tormented by embittered sports master, Mr van Enst, and his thuggish classmate Derek Knowles. However hard young Harry tries to stay out of trouble, it seems he is always 'asking for it' - Mr van Enst and Derek Knowles certainly think so. Unwittingly, Harry becomes trapped in a spiral of murderous violence and intimidation that he can neither understand nor resist.</p>

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The Grass Castle	Karen Viggers	Pb \$29.99	 <p>The daughter of a pastoralist, Daphne grew up in a remote valley of the Brindabella Ranges where she raised her family with her husband Doug in a world of world of horses, cattle and stockmen. But then the government forced them off their land and years later, Daphne is still trying to come to terms with the grief of her departure from the mountains and its tragic impact on her husband. It is during a regular visit to her valley that she meets Abby, a lonely young woman shying away from close contact with others, running from a terrible event in her early teens that has shaped her life. But like the grandmother who cared for Abby when her mother was ill, Daphne is a patient mentor, and slowly a gentle friendship develops between Abby and Daphne. While Abby's family history means she tries to ignore her feelings for journalist Cameron, Daphne struggles with her own past and the long shadow it may have cast over the original inhabitants of their land.</p>
FICTION			
The Moon Field	Judith Allnatt	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Hidden in a soldier's tin box are a painting, a pocket watch, and a dance card - keepsakes of three lives. It is 1914. George Farrell cycles through the tranquil Cumberland fells to deliver a letter, unaware that it will change his life. George has fallen for the rich and beautiful daughter at the Manor House, Miss Violet, but when she lets slip the contents of the letter George is heartbroken to find that she is already promised to another man. George escapes his heartbreak by joining the patriotic rush to war, but his past is not so easily avoided. His rite of passage into adulthood leaves him believing that no woman will be able to love the man he has become. A poignant story of love and redemption, The Moon Field explores the loss of innocence in a war that destroys everything except the bonds of the human heart.</p>
Life After Life	Kate Atkinson	Pb \$19.99	 <p>What if you could live again and again, until you got it right? On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born to an English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. For as she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in a variety of ways, while the young century marches on towards its second cataclysmic world war. Does Ursula's apparently infinite number of lives give her the power to save the world from its inevitable destiny? And if she can -- will she? Darkly comic, startlingly poignant, and utterly original -- this is Kate Atkinson at her absolute best.</p>
When Mr Dog Bites	Brian Conaghan	Pb \$24.99	 <p>Dylan Mint has Tourette's. For Dylan, life is a constant battle to keep the bad stuff in - the swearing, the tics, the howling dog that escapes whenever he gets stressed. And, as a sixteen-year-old virgin and pupil at Drumhill Special School, getting stressed is something of an occupational hazard. But then a routine visit to the hospital changes everything. Overhearing a hushed conversation between the doctor and his mother, Dylan discovers that he's going to die next March. So he grants himself three parting wishes: three 'Cool Things To Do Before I Cack It'. It isn't a long list, but it is ambitious, and he doesn't have much time. But as Dylan sets out to make his wishes come true, he discovers that nothing - and no-one - is quite as he had previously supposed. A story about life, death, love, sex and swearing, When Mr Dog Bites will take you on one *#@! of a journey...</p>
Plague and Cholera	Patrick Deville	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Paris, May 1940. Nazi troops storm the city and at Le Bourget airport, on the last flight out, sits Dr Alexandre Yersin, his gaze politely turned away from his fellow passengers with their jewels sewn into their luggage. He is too old for the combat ahead, and besides he has already saved millions of lives. When he was the brilliant young protege of Louis Pasteur, he focused his exceptional mind on a great medical conundrum: in 1894, on a Hong Kong hospital forecourt, he identified and vaccinated against bubonic plague, later named in his honour Yersinia pestis. Swiss by birth and trained in Germany and France, Yersin has a romantic hunger for adventure, fuelled by tales of Livingstone and Conrad, and sets sail for Asia. A true traveller of the century, he wishes to comprehend the universe. Medicine, agriculture, the engine of the new automobile, all must be opened up, examined and improved. Ceaselessly curious and courageous, Yersin stands, a lone genius, against a backdrop of world wars, pandemics, colonialism, progress and decadence.</p>

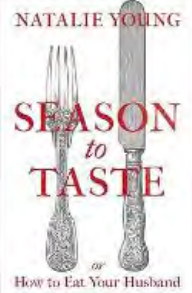



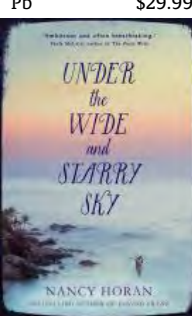
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The Hanging	Soren Hammer & Lotte Hammer	Pb \$19.99	 <p>On a cold Monday morning before school begins, two children make a gruesome discovery. Hanging from the roof of the school gymnasium are the bodies of five naked and heavily disfigured men. Detective Chief Superintendent Konrad Simonsen and his team from the Murder Squad in Copenhagen are called in to investigate this horrific case - the men hanging in a geometric pattern; the scene so closely resembling a public execution. When the identities of the five victims and the disturbing link between them is leaked to the press, the sinister motivation behind the killings quickly becomes apparent to the police. Up against a building internet campaign and even members of his own team, Simonsen finds that he must battle public opinion and vigilante groups in his mission to catch the killers. A nerve-wrenching look at justice and retribution, <i>The Hanging</i> is a spectacular crime tale straight from the heart of Scandinavia.</p>
The Last Word	Hanif Kureishi	Pb \$29.99	 <p>This is the new novel from Hanif Kureishi: an outrageous, clever and very funny story of sex, lies, art and what defines a life. Mamoon is an eminent Indian-born writer who has made a career in England - but now, in his early 70s, his reputation is fading, sales have dried up, and his new wife has expensive taste. Harry, a young writer, is commissioned to write a biography to revitalise both Mamoon's career and his bank balance. Harry greatly admires Mamoon's work and wants to uncover the truth of the artist's life. Harry's publisher seeks a more naked truth, a salacious tale of sex and scandal that will generate headlines. Meanwhile Mamoon himself is mining a different vein of truth altogether. Harry and Mamoon find themselves in a battle of wills, but which of them will have the last word? The ensuing struggle for dominance raises issues of love and desire, loyalty and betrayal, and the frailties of age versus the recklessness of youth.</p>
The Undertaking	Audrey Magee	Pb \$29.99	 <p>The photograph of the woman is tied to a fencepost; the army chaplain hovers nearby. Peter Faber, a German soldier on the Russian front, is pledging his life to the stranger in the picture, while thousands of miles away in Berlin, the stranger is pledging the same to a photograph of him. Having never met, Peter and Katharina are getting married, a contract of business rather than of love - he earns ten days respite from the war for his 'honeymoon' while she is promised a widow's pension if he dies. Travelling to meet Katharina, Peter is surprised to find that he is attracted to his new wife; in only ten days the two strangers fall in love and commit themselves to a future together living under the bright promises of Nazism. However, when Peter rejoins his unit in Russia, the bitter winter rapidly chills the heat of his politics. As his comrades die, he loses sight of why Berlin has sent so many young men to their deaths outside Stalingrad. Meanwhile, goaded on by her desperate parents, Katharina ruthlessly works her way up the Nazi Party hierarchy, wedding herself and her husband to a regime that will bury them if it ever falls.</p>
The Days of Anna Madrigal	Armistead Maupin	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Now ninety-two, and committed to the notion of leaving like a lady, Mrs. Madrigal has seemingly found peace with her logical family in San Francisco: her devoted young caretaker Jake Greenleaf; her former tenant Brian Hawkins and his daughter Shawna; and Michael Tolliver and Mary Ann Singleton, who have known and loved Anna for nearly four decades. Some members of Anna's family are bound for the otherworldly landscape of Burning Man, the art community in Nevada's Black Rock Desert where 60,000 revelers gather to construct a city designed to last only one week. Anna herself has another destination in mind: a lonely stretch of road outside of Winnemucca where the 16-year-old boy she once was ran away from the whorehouse he called home. With Brian and his beat-up RV, she journeys into the dusty troubled heart of her Depression childhood to unearth a lifetime of secrets and dreams and attend to unfinished business she has long avoided.</p>
The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon: No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency #14	Alexander McCall Smith	Pb \$19.99	 <p>It is said that beauty runs skin deep, and as Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi survey the havoc wreaked by Violet Sephotso in her attempts to drive her rival's Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon out of business, they are forced to conclude that beneath her groomed exterior lies a wicked person. More happily, Mma Makutsi and her husband Phuti Radiphuti are expecting a baby. However, conflict is brewing between their relatives who believe in the old ways and those who favour a more relaxed parenting style. And there is the controversial question of the child's name, too. Mma Ramotswe needs all her tact and intuition to restore harmony and see that right prevails.</p>

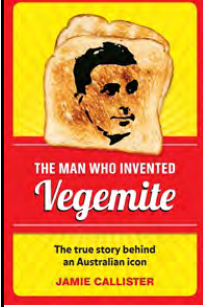
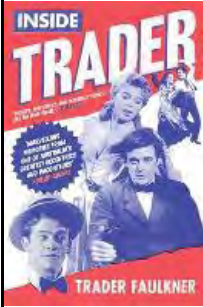
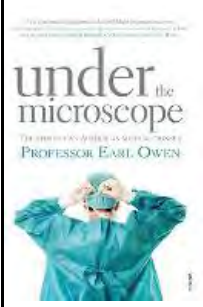
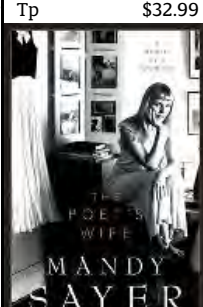
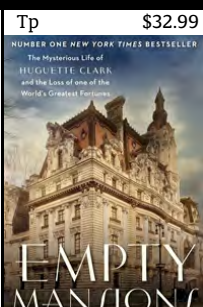
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That Part was True	Deborah McKinlay	Hb \$24.99	When Eve Petworth writes to Jackson Cooper to praise a scene in one of his books, they discover a mutual love of cookery and food. Their friendship blossoms against the backdrop of Jackson's colorful but ultimately unsatisfying love life and Eve's tense relationship with her soon-to-be married daughter. As each of them offers, from behind the veils of semi-anonymity and distance, wise and increasingly affectionate counsel to the other, they both begin to confront their problems and plan a celebratory meeting in Parisa meeting that Eve fears can never happen.
The Woman Upstairs	Claire Messud	Pb \$19.99	Nora Eldridge has always been a good girl: a good daughter, colleague, friend, employee. She teaches at an elementary school where the children and the parents adore her; but her real passion is her art, which she makes alone, unseen. One day Reza Shahid appears in her classroom: eight years old, a perfect, beautiful boy. Reza's father has a fellowship at Harvard and his mother is a glamorous and successful installation artist. Nora is admitted into their charmed circle, and everything is transformed. Or so she believes. Liberation from her old life is not quite what it seems, and she is about to suffer a betrayal more monstrous than anything she could have imagined.
Tenth of December	George Saunders	Pb \$19.99	With an introduction from the New York Times by Joel Lovell George Saunders' most wryly hilarious and disturbing collection yet, Tenth of December illuminates human experience and explores figures lost in a labyrinth of troubling preoccupations. A family member recollects a backyard pole dressed for all occasions; Jeff faces horrifying ultimatums and the prospect of Darkenfloxx™ in some unusual drug trials; and Al Roosten hides his own internal monologue behind a winning smile that he hopes will make him popular. With dark visions of the future riffing against ghosts of the past and the ever-settling present, this collection sings with astonishing charm and intensity.
The Girl With A Clock For A Heart	Peter Swanson	Pb \$29.99	George Foss never thought he'd see her again, but on a late-August night in Boston, there she is, in his local bar, Jack's Tavern. When George first met her, she was an eighteen-year-old college freshman from Sweetgum, Florida. She and George became inseparable in their first fall semester, so George was devastated when he got the news that she had committed suicide over Christmas break. But, as he stood in the living room of the girl's grieving parents, he realized the girl in the photo on their mantelpiece - the one who had committed suicide - was not his girlfriend. Later, he discovered the true identity of the girl he had loved - and of the things she may have done to escape her past. Now, twenty years later, she's back, and she's telling George that he's the only one who can help her...
The People in the Trees	Hanya Yanagihara	Pb \$27.99	In 1950, a young doctor called Norton Perina signs on with the anthropologist Paul Tallent for an expedition to the remote Micronesian island of Ivu'ivu in search of a rumoured lost tribe. They succeed, finding not only that tribe but also a group of forest dwellers they dub 'The Dreamers', who turn out to be fantastically long-lived but progressively more senile. Perina suspects the source of their longevity is a hard-to-find turtle; unable to resist the possibility of eternal life, he kills one and smuggles some meat back to the States. He scientifically proves his thesis, earning worldwide fame and the Nobel Prize, but he soon discovers that its miraculous property comes at a terrible price...

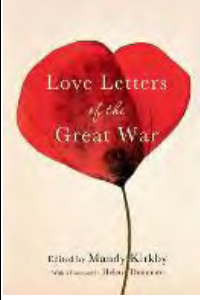
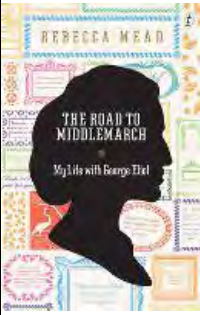
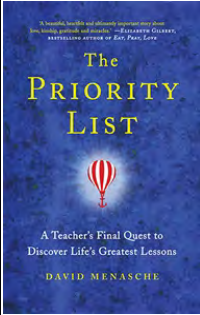

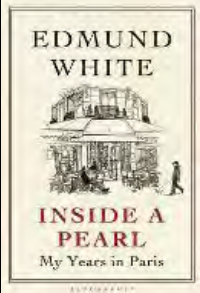
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Season to Taste: Or, How to Eat Your Husband	Natalie Young	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Always let the meat rest under foil for at least ten minutes before carving...Meet Lizzie Prain. Ordinary housewife. Fifty-something. Lives in a cottage in the woods, with her dog Rita. Likes cooking, avoids the neighbours. Runs a little business making cakes. No one has seen Lizzie's husband, Jacob, for a few days. That's because last Monday, on impulse, Lizzie caved in the back of his head with a spade. And if she's going to embark on the new life she feels she deserves after thirty years in Jacob's shadow, she needs to dispose of his body. Her method appeals to all her practical instincts, though it's not for the faint-hearted. Will Lizzie have the strength to follow it through? Dark, funny and achingly human, Season to Taste is a deliciously subversive treat. In the shape of Lizzie Prain, Natalie Young has created one of the most remarkable heroines in recent fiction.</p>
HISTORICAL FICTION			
The King	Kader Abdolah	Pb \$29.99	 <p>It is the nineteenth century and the kingdom of Persia is at a turning point. When a young King, Shah Naser, takes to the throne he inherits a medieval, enchanted world. But beyond the court, the greater forces of colonisation and industrialisation close in. The Shah's grand vizier sees only one solution - to open up to the outside world, and to bring Persia into modernity. But the Shah's mother fiercely opposes the vizier's reforms and sets about poisoning her son's mind against his advisor. With bloody battles, intrigue and extraordinary characters, The King brings a historical moment brilliantly to life. Reading as fairy tale and shedding light on a pivotal period in history, The King confirms Kader Abdolah as one of the world's most engaging storytellers.</p>
Send Me Safely Back Again: Napoleonic War #3	Adrian Goldsworthy	Pb \$19.99	 <p>The third novel in the series sees new challenges for the men of the 106th Foot, as the British army attempts to recover from the disaster of Corunna and establish a foothold in the Peninsula. Featuring the battles of Medellin and Talavera, the 106th will have their mettle severely tested on the battlefield. But if Napoleon is to be ejected from Spain, war must also be waged in more covert ways. For Hanley, the former artist who is a more natural observer than fighter, the opportunity to become an 'exploring officer' leads him into even more dangerous territory, the murky world of politics and partisans. And while Ensign Williams seeks to uncover the identity of the mysterious 'Heroine of Saragossa', a conspiracy of revenge within the regiment itself threatens to destroy him before he's even faced a shot from the French.</p>
A Burnable Book	Bruce Holsinger	Pb \$27.99	 <p>A stunning debut historical thriller set in the turbulent 14th Century for fans of CJ Sansom, The Name of the Rose and An Instance of the Fingerpost. London, 1385. A city of shadows and fear, in a kingdom ruled by the headstrong young King Richard II, haunted by the spectre of revolt. A place of poetry and prophecy, where power is bought by blood. For John Gower, part-time poet and full-time trader in information, secrets are his currency. When close confidant, fellow poet Geoffrey Chaucer, calls in an old debt, Gower cannot refuse. The request is simple: track down a missing book. It should be easy for a man of Gower's talents, who knows the back-alleys of Southwark as intimately as the courts and palaces of Westminster. But what Gower does not know is that this book has already caused one murder, and that its contents could destroy his life. Because its words are behind the highest treason - a conspiracy to kill the king and reduce his reign to ashes...</p>
Under the Wide and Starry Sky	Nancy Horan	Pb \$29.99	 <p>At the age of thirty-five, Fanny van de Grift Osbourne has left her philandering husband in San Francisco to set sail for Belgium to study art, with her three children and nanny in tow. Not long after her arrival, however, tragedy strikes, and Fanny and her brood repair to a quiet artists' colony in France where she can recuperate. There she meets Robert Louis Stevenson, ten years her junior, who is instantly smitten with the earthy, independent, and opinionated belle Americaine. A woman ahead of her time, Fanny does not immediately take to the young lawyer who longs to devote his life to literature rather than the law - and who would eventually write such classics as Treasure Island and The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. In time, though, she succumbs to Stevenson's charms, and the two begin a fierce love affair-marked by intense joy and harrowing darkness that spans decades as they travel the world for the sake of his health.</p>
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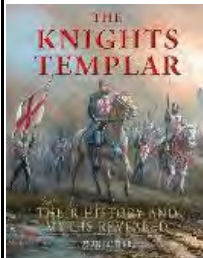
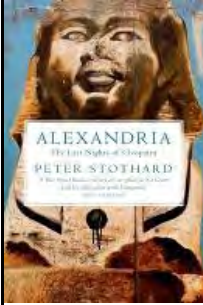
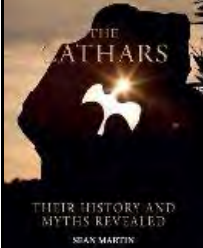

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The Man Who Invented Vegemite	Jamie Callister	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Vegemite is perhaps Australia's most enduring cultural icon. But how did this pungent, salty black paste, which for most of us is how we start the day, come to be created? Cyril Callister was a passionate scientist and innovator, and his story is inextricably bound with that of our country through the first half of the twentieth century, through two world wars and the Depression. He was the grandson of a gold miner who arrived in Ballarat in the 1850s. His own father, a widower, raised a small army of kids, and Cyril was the first to go to university. He was sent to England during WWI and in the 1920s was employed by the flamboyant and entrepreneurial Fred Walker, charged with the task of creating a substance that would, in time, be named Vegemite. Cyril remained at Kraft until his death in 1949. He was a progressive boss and encouraged further training for all of his staff, many of them women.</p>
Inside Trader	Trader Faulkner	Tp \$35.00	 <p>Told with great verve and colour, this is the remarkable life story of an extraordinary Australian. As a boy, Ronald Faulkner was a troubled and rebellious surfer and tearaway, giving his mother a rough time after his father died when he was just seven years old. Although he dreamed of a career in the Royal Australian Navy, fate had other ideas and, through a series of chance encounters, he found himself embarking on a career in the theatre - not unlike his father, the silent film actor John Faulkner, and his mother, Sheila Whytock, a ballerina who danced with Diaghilev's Ballet Russes and the great Anna Pavlova. Under the guidance of his friend and mentor Peter Finch, the young Faulkner - who by this time had garnered the nickname 'Trader' - set sail for England, arriving in spring 1950. His career in the theatre soon took off, bringing him into contact with some of the finest actors, directors, and playwrights of his time.</p>
Under the Microscope: The Story of an Australian Medical Pioneer	Earl Owen	Tp \$34.99	 <p>Born into a family of doctors with a birth defect that no one knew how to treat, Earl Owen was given a dose of radiation before anyone knew what radiation treatment could do to a human body. He was one of the earliest, most inventive and enterprising pioneers of microsurgery; he designed instruments and microscopes for his operations; he did the first finger replacement on a child (for which he was sacked from the Sydney Children's Hospital, even though it was successful operation); co-led the team that completed the first successful hand transplant (whose recipient turned out to be an ex-con from New Zealand, who had lost his arm in jail); and trained the team that completed the first double-hand transplant. Earl Owen was the first surgeon to be able to reverse vasectomies and complete fallopian tube ligatures (using his microsurgical prowess). And he designed the chairs in the Sydney Opera House! He has done more in his eighty years than most of us could dream of and this book is his story in his words.</p>
The Poet's Wife	Mandy Sayer	Tp \$32.99	 <p>Even though we'd grown up in vastly different cultures and countries, we'd both known poverty, domestic violence and the expectation that neither one of us would ever amount to anything. That was probably what united us more than anything: our shared defiance of that prediction. She tap-danced on street corners for people's small change. He was an out-of-work university teacher, poet and Vietnam vet. She was white and from Australia. He was black and from the Deep South. They met on Mardi Gras, New Orleans in 1985. She was twenty-two. He was nearly forty. They fell in love. They married. What happened next will thrill, move, perplex and enrage you. It will break your heart. The Poet's Wife tells the story of the ten years that Mandy Sayer and Yusef Komunyakaa spent together, first as lovers, then as husband and wife. During that time he became a famous poet, recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, the highest honour for poetry in the United States, and a university professor.</p>
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Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Loss of One of the World's Greatest Fortunes	Bill Dedman	Tp \$32.99	 <p>Huguette was the daughter of self-made copper industrialist W. A. Clark, nearly as rich as Rockefeller in his day, a controversial senator, railroad builder, and founder of Las Vegas. She grew up in the largest house in New York City, a remarkable dwelling with 121 rooms for a family of four. She owned paintings by Degas and Renoir, a world renowned Stradivarius violin, a vast collection of antique dolls. But wanting more than treasures, she devoted her wealth to buying gifts for friends and strangers alike, to quietly pursuing her own work as an artist, and to guarding the privacy she valued above all else. The Clark family story spans nearly all of American history in three generations. Empty Mansions reveals a complex portrait of the mysterious Huguette and her intimate circle. We meet her extravagant father, her publicity-shy mother, her star-crossed sister, her French boyfriend, her nurse who received more than \$30 million in gifts, and the relatives fighting to inherit Huguette's copper fortune.</p>


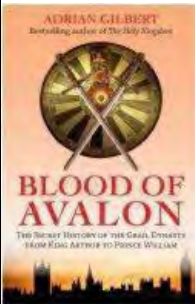
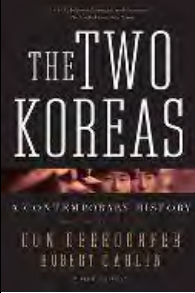
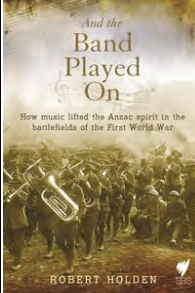
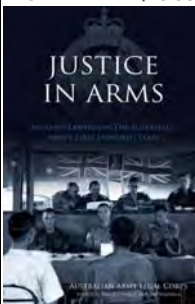
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Love Letters of the Great War	Mandy Kirkby (ed)	Hb \$19.99	 <p>From the private papers of Winston Churchill to the tender notes of an unknown Tommy in the trenches, Love Letters of the Great War brings together some of the most romantic correspondence ever written. Some of the letters collected here are eloquent declarations of love and longing; others contain wrenching accounts of fear, jealousy and betrayal; many share sweet dreams of home. But in all the correspondence - whether from British, American, French, German, Russian, Australian and Canadian troops in the height of battle, or from the heartbroken wives and sweethearts left behind - there lies a truly human portrait of love and war. Each of the letters, many of which have never before been published, is introduced by a brief piece about the characters, some of whom were parted for ever by the tragedy of war; others reunited. A century on from the start of the First World War, these letters offer an intimate glimpse into the hearts of men and women separated by conflict, and show how love can transcend even the bleakest and most devastating of realities.</p>
The Road to Middlemarch: My Life with George Eliot	Rebecca Mead	Tp \$32.99	 <p>What would happen if I stopped to consider how Middlemarch has shaped my understanding of my own life? Why did the novel still feel so urgent, after all these years? And what could it give me now, as I paused here in the middle of things, and surveyed where I had come from, and thought about where I was, and wondered where I might go next? At the age of 17, Rebecca Mead read Middlemarch for the first time, and has read it again every five years since, interpreting and discovering it anew each time. In The Road to Middlemarch she writes passionately about her relationship with this remarkable Victorian novel-loved by so many-and explores how its characters and their stories, along with George Eliot's own life experiences, can answer some of our fundamental questions about life and love. Written when Eliot was 51, Middlemarch has at its centre one of literature's most compelling and ill-fated marriages, and some of the most tenderly drawn characters-their most intimate struggles, their ambitions, dreams, and attachments.</p>
The Priority List: A Teacher's Final Quest to Discover Life's Greatest Lessons	David Menasche	Pb \$24.99	 <p>At thirty-four years old, David Menasche was diagnosed with brain cancer. Six years later and fifteen years after he began teaching, Menasche suffered a catastrophic seizure that began to steal his vision, memories, mobility, and perhaps most tragically of all his ability to continue teaching. But teaching is something David Menasche can't quit. Undaunted by the difficult road ahead of him, he decided to end his treatments and make life his classroom. Cancer had taken his past and would certainly, at some point, take his future, but he wouldn't allow it to take his present. He put out a call on Facebook and within hours of posting his plan to travel the country, former students now living in more than fifty cities replied with offers to help and couches to sleep on. The lasting lessons he collected on his journey make up The Priority List.</p>
Rupert Murdoch: A Reassessment	Rodney Tiffen	Tp \$34.99	 <p>Tony Abbott thinks that Rupert Murdoch is one of the most influential Australians of all time and that we should support our 'hometown hero'. Murdoch, who has mainly lived in New York since 1973 and renounced his Australian citizenship in order to move into American TV, has aroused much more controversy than most hometown heroes. This comprehensive book traces his business career, the entrepreneurial strategies that led to his early success and his later exercises of monopoly power. It dissects his political ideas, the relish with which he approaches political campaigning, and the way he leverages political support into policy outcomes that favour his business. Some of his news outlets have been responsible for very good journalism, but have also been lambasted for outrageous sensationalism and political bias. Fox News has reached new lows in the mixing of propaganda and news and his newspapers in Australia have mainly championed conservative governments.</p>
Inside a Pearl: My Years in Paris	Edmund White	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Edmund White was forty-three years old when he moved to Paris in 1983. He spoke no French and knew just two people in the entire city, but soon discovered the anxieties and pleasures of mastering a new culture. White fell passionately in love with Paris, its beauty in the half-light and eternal mists; its serenity compared with the New York he had known. Intoxicated and intellectually stimulated by its culture, he became the definitive biographer of Jean Genet, wrote lives of Marcel Proust and Arthur Rimbaud, and became a recipient of the French Order of Arts and Letters. Frequent trips across the Channel to literary parties in London begot friendships with Julian Barnes, Alan Hollinghurst, Martin Amis and many others. When he left, fifteen years later, to return to the US, he was fluent enough to broadcast on French radio and TV, and as a journalist had made the acquaintance of everyone from Yves St Laurent to Catherine Deneuve to Michel Foucault.</p>

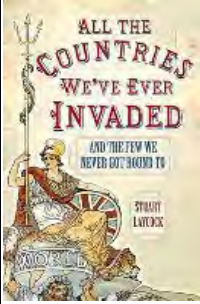

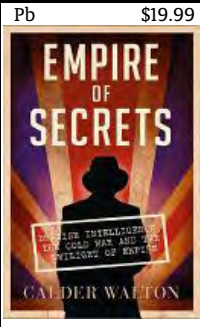
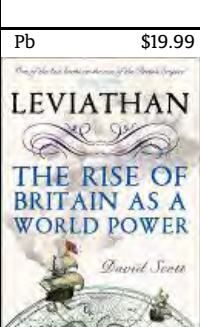

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Farewell to the East End (TV Tie-In)	Jennifer Worth	Pb \$19.99	 <p>This final book in Jennifer Worth's memories of her time as a midwife in London's East end brings her story full circle. As always there are heartbreaking stories such as the family devastated by tuberculosis and a ship's woman who 'serviced' the entire crew, as well as plenty of humour and warmth, such as the tale of two women who shared the same husband! Other stories cover backstreet abortions, the changing life of the docklands, infanticide, as well as the lives of the inhabitants of Nonnatus House. We discover what happens with the gauche debutant Chummy and her equally gauche policeman; will Sister Monica Joan continue her life of crime? Will Sister Evangelina ever crack a smile? And what of Jennifer herself? The book not only details the final years of the tenements but also of Jennifer's journey as she moves on from the close community of nuns, and her life takes a new path.</p>
HISTORY			
The Knights Templar: Their History and Myths Revealed	Alan Butler	Pb \$24.95	 <p>Since their descent into oblivion in 1307 from their position as probably the most powerful institution of the Middle Ages, the Knights Templar has been a source of fascination for countless people, and the subject of much historical research. In this comprehensive and beautifully illustrated book, Templar expert Alan Butler presents in great detail their tumultuous history from their humble beginnings to their destruction some 200 years later. This book covers every aspect and theory relating to the Templar Order, including their association with Freemasonry. Also detailed is all of the latest research including Butler's own proposition that key members of the order escaped with their fabled Templar treasure to present-day Switzerland where they were to continue to carry out one of their major activities as bankers to the world.</p>
Alexandria: The Last Nights of Cleopatra	Peter Stothard	Pb \$22.99	 <p>When Peter Stothard, editor of the Times Literary Supplement, finds himself stranded in Alexandria in the winter of 2010 after his flight to South Africa has been cancelled, he sets out to explore a nation on the brink of revolution. Guided by two native Egyptians, Stothard traces his own life-long interest in the history of Cleopatra, and his repeated failure to write the book about her that he had always wanted to. In Alexandria, part memoir and part travel literature, Stothard was the sights and sounds of the ancient city to reconnect with the formative experiences of his childhood education, and his literary career. Melancholy and sometimes humorous, Alexandria offers a first-hand glimpse into the fracturing police state of Hosni Mubarak, before the uprising in Tahir Square changed everything.</p>
The Cathars: Their History and Myths Revealed	Sean Martin	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Catharism was the most successful heresy of the Middle Ages. The Cathars believed themselves to be heirs to the true Christian heritage, completely rejecting the Catholic Church and all of its trappings, and holding their services in fields, barns and people's homes. The Cathars gained support from the nobility in Languedoc and widespread popularity amongst the peasants and artisans. Their liberal attitude to women, who played a major role in the movement, was not to be witnessed again for hundreds of years after their demise. Alarmed at the movement's spread, the Church founded the Inquisition, and launched the Albigensian Crusade- the first to be directed against fellow Christians- which succeeded in exterminating virtually all trace of Catharism and was the first European act of genocide.</p>
Anzac's Long Shadow: The Cost of Our National Obsession	James Brown	Pb \$19.99	 <p>In Anzac's Long Shadow, James Brown, a former army officer and brilliant young thinker, describes how Australia is investing too much time, money and emotion in the Anzac legend. He argues that when a legend comes to dominate reality, there is always a price to pay. He shows that Australians spend a lot more time looking after dead soldiers than those who are alive. We focus on a cult of remembrance, instead of understanding a new world of soldiering and strategy. And we make it impossible to criticise the Australian Defence Force, even when it makes recurrent mistakes. None of this is good for our soldiers or our ability to contend with a changing world. With respect and passion, Brown shines a light on Anzac's long shadow and calls for change.</p>


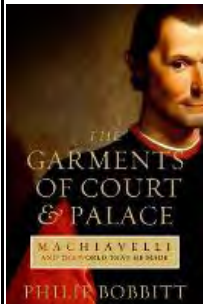
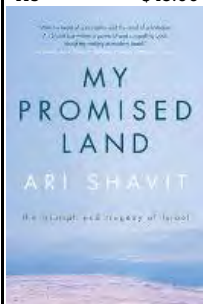
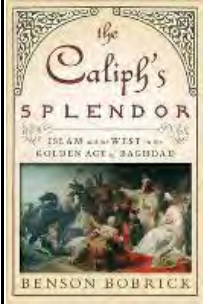
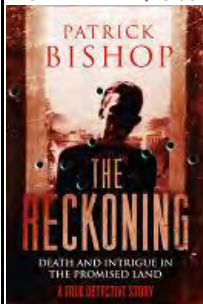
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Griffith Review #43: Pacific Highways	Julianne Schultz & Lloyd Jones	Pb \$27.99		Migration, demographic changes and new cultural references are reshaping New Zealand. It is fast becoming a hub where Pacific and Tasman currents meet. As a result, New Zealand is changing, in response to surging tides of people and ideas. Pacific Highways explores and maps the new New Zealand, in the words of the country's finest writers, including Kate de Goldi, C. K. Stead, Bernard Beckett, Owen Marshall, Hinemoana Baker and many more. This collection of original essays, memoir, poetry, fiction and reportage will challenge the way you think about New Zealand. From reports from the Kiwi Diaspora in Australia, to a consideration of the growing Asian economic and cultural influence and the contribution of Pacific society to the arts and sports, this portrait of New Zealand takes you beyond the tourist brochures to something truly original. This edition co-edited by Lloyd Jones and Julianne Schultz, with support from Creative New Zealand.
Blood of Avalon	Adrian Gilbert	Pb \$24.99		In this controversial new book, Adrian Gilbert reveals the real reason why Charles married Diana and how, through her, the Royal Family was reconnected with the line of King Arthur, the guardians of the Holy Grail. It's a story which goes back to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Joseph of Arimathea, to the real King Arthur, ruler of Glamorgan and Pendragon of all Britain. Reinterpreting ancient sources in the light of recent discoveries, Gilbert takes the reader on a journey to Britain's mystical past: from Arthur to the fairytale wedding of Charles and Diana to the birth of Prince William on the summer solstice of 1982. He identifies the real Avalon, the location of the fabled Grail castle and the burial place of King Arthur. He also explains the significance of the Wars of the Roses, the wider role of Queen Elizabeth I, tracing other descendants of King Arthur and the early grail dynasty to the present time.
The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History	Don Oberdorfer & Robert Carlin	Pb \$24.99		Ever since Korea was first divided at the end of World War II, the tension between its northern and southern halves has riveted - and threatened to embroil - the rest of the world. In this landmark history, now thoroughly revised and updated in conjunction with Korea expert Robert Carlin, veteran journalist Don Oberdorfer grippingly describes how a historically homogenous people became locked in a perpetual struggle for supremacy - and how they might yet be reconciled.
And the Band Played On: How Music Lifted the Anzac Spirit in the Battlefields of the First World War	Robert Holden	Pb \$29.95		Cast aside all thoughts of computer-age technology and its resources for entertainment and try to imagine Australian life back in the first decade of the 20th century. At that time the country was still enjoying its infancy as the world's youngest nation. This was a society in which families provided much of their own amusement: anyone who could play an instrument, or who had a passable voice, or could recite, was valued, as well as expected to entertain. In those days, having a piano in the parlour became the mark of a cultured household. Playing the piano, singing, performing or reciting poetry learned in school elocution classes were a staple of family as well as of community life. And so, when the men of this young Australia marched off to war a typical call was, Are you a singing man? Can you elocute? Can you spin a funny yarn? Can you play a mouth organ, concertina...or any other instrument? Those who answered this second call to arms became the morale boosters of the First World War, whether they were under the shadow of the pyramids, in the trenches of the Western Front, on board battleships, recuperating in
Justice In Arms: Military Lawyers In The Australian Army's first Hundred Years	Bruce Oswald & Jim Waddell (eds)	Hb \$49.99		Justice in Arms brings to life a fascinating and important element of Australia's legal history - the role of Army legal officers in Australia and in expeditionary operations from the Boer War until 2000. This is a comprehensive and absorbing history which describes the dynamic interaction of institutional and political imperatives and the personalities who managed this interaction over the decades. It is populated by colourful characters and legal luminaries and demonstrates that military justice is rightly concerned with discipline and cohesiveness. Reflecting broader societal norms, it is also concerned with the rule of law and respect for the rights, liberties and fair treatment of those who serve in the armed forces. Justice in Arms describes the extraordinary contribution of Army legal officers to both the profession of arms and the development of the law, charting the evolving personal and structural relationships between Army legal officers and command dictated by the changing legal needs of the Army and the broader Australian Defence Force.


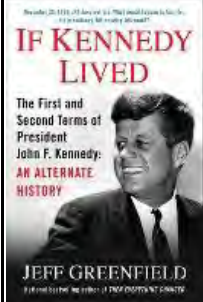

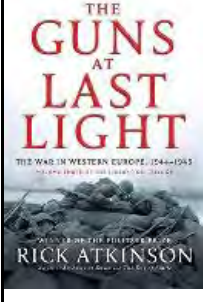
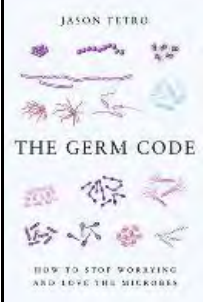
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All the Countries We've Ever Invaded: And the Few We Never Got Round To	Stuart Laycock	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Out of 193 countries that are currently UN member states, we've invaded or fought conflicts in the territory of 171. That's not far off a massive, jaw-dropping 90 per cent. Not too many Britons know that we invaded Iran in the Second World War with the Soviets. You can be fairly sure a lot more Iranians do. Or what about the time we arrived with elephants to invade Ethiopia? Every summer, hordes of British tourists now occupy Corfu and the other Ionian islands. Find out how we first invaded them armed with cannon instead of camera and set up the United States of the Ionian Islands. Think the Philippines have always been outside our zone of influence? Think again. Read the surprising story of our eighteenth-century occupation of Manila and how we demanded a ransom of millions of dollars for the city. This book takes a look at some of the truly awe-inspiring ways our country has been a force, for good and for bad, right across the world.</p>
Churchill's First War: Young Winston and the Fight Against the Taliban	Con Coughlin	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Over a century ago, a young cavalry lieutenant wrote a riveting account of what he saw during his first major campaign, a vicious war against tribal insurgents on the North-West Frontier. Winston Churchill's <i>The Story of the Malakand Field Force</i>, published in 1898, made his reputation as a writer - and as a soldier. More than 120 years later it is still reading for military commanders on the ground, both British and American. Now, acclaimed author and foreign correspondent Con Coughlin tells the story of that campaign, combining colourful historical narrative, interviews with contemporary key players and the journalist's eye for both a good story and deep analysis. Churchill's <i>First War</i> is not only a dramatic and vivid piece of military history but affords us a rare insight into both the nineteenth-century 'Great Game' and the twenty-first century conflict that has now raged longer than the Second World War and taken more lives than the Falklands.</p>
Empire of Secrets: British Intelligence, the Cold War and the Twilight of Empire	Calder Walton	Pb \$19.99	 <p>The gripping and largely untold story of the role of the intelligence services in Britain's retreat from empire. Against the background of the Cold War, and the looming spectre of Soviet-sponsored subversion in Britain's dwindling colonial possessions, the imperial intelligence service MI5 played a crucial but top secret role in passing power to newly independent national states across the globe. Mining recently declassified intelligence records, Calder Walton reveals this 'missing link' in Britain's post-war history. He sheds new light on everything from violent counter-insurgencies fought by British forces in the jungles of Malaya and Kenya, to urban warfare campaigns conducted in Palestine and the Arabian Peninsula. Drawing on a wealth of previously classified documents, as well as hitherto overlooked personal papers, this is also the first book to draw on records from the Foreign Office's secret archive at Hanslope Park, which contains some of the darkest and most shameful secrets from the last days of Britain's empire.</p>
Leviathan: The Rise of Britain as a World Power	David Scott	Pb \$19.99	 <p>In this paperback of his acclaimed and wide-ranging study, David Scott challenges traditional assumptions about how Britain achieved her global might. Shortlisted for the Duke of Westminster Medal for Military Literature 2013 Navigating the 300 years between the Tudor accession and the loss of the American colonies Leviathan charts one of history's greatest transformations: the rise of Britain as the world's most formidable maritime power. From the chaos of the Wars of the Roses, Henry VIII's split with Rome and Oliver Cromwell's Parliamentary regime, David Scott's masterly narrative explodes traditional assumptions to present a much darker interpretation of this extraordinary story. Powered by a rapidly growing navy, a rapacious merchant marine, resilient politics, bigotry and religious fanaticism, warmongering and slavery, this candid book is required reading for all those wishing to understand how Britain achieved her global might.</p>
Return of a King: The Battle for Afghanistan	William Dalrymple	Pb \$19.99	 <p>In the spring of 1839, the British invaded Afghanistan for the first time. Led by lancers in scarlet cloaks and plumed shakos, nearly 20,000 British and East India Company troops poured through the high mountain passes and re-established on the throne Shah Shuja ul-Mulk. On the way in, the British faced little resistance. But after two years of occupation, the Afghan people rose in answer to the call for jihad and the country exploded into violent rebellion. The First Anglo-Afghan War ended in Britain's greatest military humiliation of the nineteenth century: an entire army of the then most powerful nation in the world ambushed in retreat and utterly routed by poorly equipped tribesmen. Shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize 2013, <i>Return of a King</i> is the definitive analysis of the First Afghan War, told through the lives of unforgettable characters on all sides and using for the first time contemporary Afghan accounts of the conflict.</p>

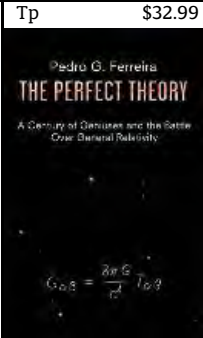
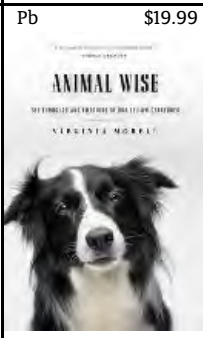
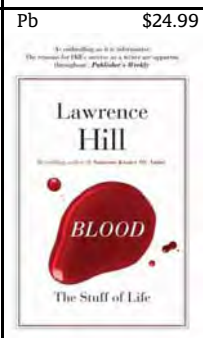
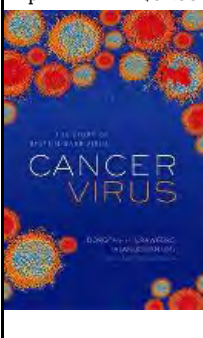
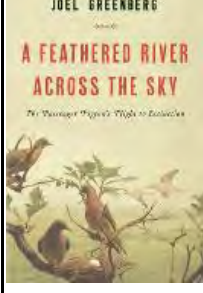
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Burning the Reichstag: An Investigation into the Third Reich's Enduring Mystery	Benjamin Carter Hett	Hb \$35.95	 <p>On 27 February 1933, arson sent the Reichstag, the home and symbol of German democracy, up in flames. Immediately blaming the Communists, Hitler's new government approved a decree that tore the heart out of the democratic constitution of the Weimar Republic and cancelled the rule of law. Five thousand people were immediately arrested. The Reichstag fire marked the true beginning of the Third Reich, which ruled for 12 more years. Benjamin Hett offers a gripping account of Hitler's rise to dictatorship - one that challenges orthodoxy and recovers the true significance of the part the fire played. At the scene the police arrested 23-year-old Marinus van der Lubbe, a Dutch Communist stonemason. Though he was initially dismissed abroad as a Nazi tool, post-war historians since the 1950s have largely judged him solely guilty - a lone arsonist exploited by Hitler. Hett's book reopens the case, providing vivid portraits of key figures, including Rudolf Diels, Hermann Goering, Joseph Goebbels, and the historian Fritz Tobias, whose account of the fire has, until now, been the standard.</p>
The Garments of Court and Palace: Machiavelli and the World That He Made	Philip Bobbitt	Hb \$45.00	 <p>The Prince, a political treatise by the Florentine public servant and political theorist Niccolò Machiavelli, is widely regarded as the most important exploration of politics - and in particular the politics of power - ever written. In Garments of Court and Palace, Philip Bobbitt, a preeminent and original interpreter of modern statecraft, presents a vivid portrait of Machiavelli's Italy and demonstrates how The Prince articulates a new idea of government that emerged during the Renaissance. Bobbitt argues that when The Prince is read alongside the Discourses, modern readers can see clearly how Machiavelli prophesied the end of the feudal era and the birth of a recognizably modern polity. As this book shows, publication of The Prince in 1532 represents nothing less than a revolutionary moment in our understanding of the place of the law and war in the creation and maintenance of the modern state.</p>
My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel	Ari Shavit	Hb \$45.00	 <p>Ari Shavit draws on interviews, historical documents, private diaries, and letters, as well as his own family's story, illuminating the pivotal moments of the Zionist century to tell a riveting narrative that is larger than the sum of its parts: both personal and national, both deeply human and of profound historical dimension. As it examines the complexities and contradictions of the Israeli condition, My Promised Land asks difficult but important questions: Why did Israel come to be? How did it come to be? Can Israel survive? Culminating with an analysis of the issues and threats that Israel is currently facing, My Promised Land uses the defining events of the past to shed new light on the present. The result is a landmark portrait of a small, vibrant country living on the edge, whose identity and presence play a crucial role in today's global political landscape.</p>
The Caliph's Splendor: Islam and the West in the Golden Age of Baghdad	Benson Bobrick	Pb \$27.00	 <p>In The Caliph's Splendor, Benson Bobrick eloquently tells the little-known and remarkable story of Harun's rise to power and his rivalries with the neighboring Byzantines and the new Frankish kingdom under the leadership of Charlemagne. When Harun came to power, the Islamic empire was the mightiest on earth. Although Islam spread largely through war, its cultural achievements were immense. Over the following centuries Arab and Persian civilizations made a lasting impact on the West in astronomy, geometry, algebra, medicine, and chemistry, among other fields of science. But for centuries Arabs and Byzantines contended fiercely on land and sea. Bobrick tells how Harun defeated attempts by the Byzantines to advance into Asia at his expense. Harun's caliphate would weaken from within as his two sons quarreled and formed factions; eventually Arabs would give way to Turks in the Islamic empire. Empires rise, weaken, and fall, but during its golden age, the caliphate of Baghdad made a permanent contribution to civilization, as Benson Bobrick so splendidly reminds us.</p>
The Reckoning: Death and Intrigue in the Promised Land - A True Detective Story	Patrick Bishop	Pb \$29.99	 <p>On a cold morning in February 1942, with the world plunged in the horrors of World War Two, Avraham Stern hid in an attic in Tel Aviv, a price on his head. He'd been on the run for weeks, his picture blazoned across newspapers all over Palestine. As leader of the Stern Gang, he had committed murderous crimes, sparking outcry from both British and Jewish groups. An intellectual poet and mystic, Stern believed himself destined for greatness; the Jewish liberator of British Palestine. Drawn always to the margins - his writings were drenched in images of martyrdom and blood. Assistant Superintendent Geoffrey Morton, a middle-class Londoner, was the man tasked with stopping Stern. Seemingly so different, in fact the men had much in common - ambition, dedication and conviction in his own righteousness. Based on revelatory research, the private archive of Morton and interviews with witnesses, The Reckoning is the first book to tell the tale of a rebel who terrorized Palestine, the lawman determined to stop him and the creation of a cult of martyrdom that destroyed any hope of compromise between Arab and Jew.</p>

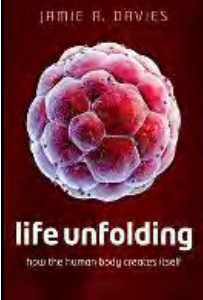
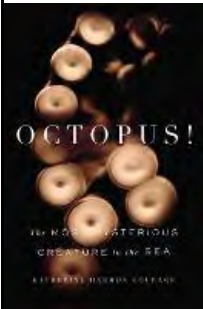
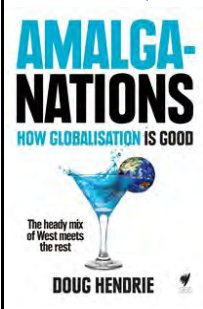
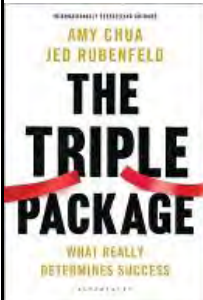
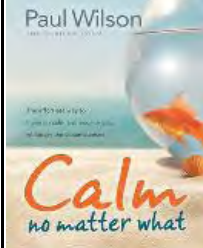
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HRC: State Secrets and the Rebirth	Jonathan Allen & Amie Parnes	Tp \$34.99	 <p>The story of Hillary's phoenix-like rise is at the heart of HRC, a thrilling political biography that journeys deep into the heart of Hillaryland to discover a brilliant strategist at work. Masterfully unfolded by two White House correspondents, HRC offers a rare look inside the merciless Clinton political machine. Drawing on over two hundred top-access interviews with Hillary's intimates, colleagues, supporters, and enemies, it portrays a seasoned operator who negotiates political and diplomatic worlds with equal savvy. Loathed by the Obama team in the wake of the primary, Hillary worked to become his greatest ally, their fates intertwined in the work of re-establishing America on the world stage after the disastrous Bush years. HRC puts readers in the room with Hillary during the most intense and pivotal moments of this era, as she mulls over the president-elect's offer to join the administration, pulls the strings to build a coalition for his war against Libya, and scrambles to deal with the fallout of the terrible events in Benghazi - all while keeping one eye focused on 2016.</p>
If Kennedy Lived: The First and Second Terms of President John F. Kennedy - An Alternate History	Jeff Greenfield	Hb \$32.99	 <p>November 22, 1963: JFK does not die. What would happen to his life, his presidency, his country, his world? In Then Everything Changed, Jeff Greenfield explores three modern alternate histories, with the kind of political insight and imagination only he possesses. Based on memoirs, histories, oral histories, fresh reporting, and his own knowledge of the players, the book looked at the tiny hinges of history - and the extraordinary changes that would have resulted if they had gone another way. Now he presents his most compelling narrative of all about the historical event that has riveted us for fifty years. What if Kennedy were not killed that fateful day? What would the 1964 campaign have looked like? Would changes have been made to the ticket? How would Kennedy, in his second term, have approached Vietnam, civil rights, the Cold War? With Hoover as an enemy, would his indiscreet private life finally have become public? Would his health issues have become so severe as to literally cripple his presidency? And what small turns of fate in the days and years before Dallas might have kept him from ever reaching the White House in the first place?</p>
Moscow, 1937	Karl Schlögel	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Moscow, 1937: the soviet metropolis at the zenith of Stalin's dictatorship. A society utterly wrecked by a hurricane of violence. In this compelling book, the renowned historian Karl Schlögel reconstructs with meticulous care the process through which, month by month, the terrorism of a state-of-emergency regime spiraled into the 'Great Terror' during which 1 million human beings lost their lives within a single year. He revisits the sites of show trials and executions and, by also consulting numerous sources from the time, he provides a masterful panorama of these key events in Russian history. He shows how, in the shadow of the reign of terror, the regime around Stalin also aimed to construct a new society. Based on countless documents, Schlögel's historical masterpiece vividly presents an age in which the boundaries separating the dream and the terror dissolve, and enables us to experience the fear that was felt by people subjected to totalitarian rule.</p>
The Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945	Rick Atkinson	Pb \$29.99	 <p>In the first two volumes of his bestselling Liberation Trilogy, Rick Atkinson recounted how the American-led coalition fought through North Africa and Italy to the threshold of victory. Now he tells the most dramatic story of all - the titanic battle for Western Europe. D-Day marked the commencement of the European war's final campaign, and Atkinson's riveting account of that bold gamble sets the pace for the masterly narrative that follows. The brutal fight in Normandy, the liberation of Paris, the disaster that was Market Garden, the horrific Battle of the Bulge, and finally the thrust to the heart of the Third Reich - all these historic events and more come alive with a wealth of new material and a mesmerizing cast of characters. With the stirring final volume of this monumental trilogy, Rick Atkinson's remarkable accomplishment is manifest. He has produced the definitive chronicle of the war that unshackled a continent and preserved freedom in the West.</p>
SCIENCE			
The Germ Code: How to Stop Worrying and Love the Microbes	Jason Tetro	Pb \$24.99	 <p>Human beings are engaged in a 'war on germs', in which they develop ever-more sophisticated weapons and defensive strategies. But it is a war we can never win. The Germ Code is a wise, witty and wonderfully readable guide to living with these infinitesimal but infinitely powerful creatures. Microbiologist Jason Tetro takes readers outside the lab and shows the enormous influence of germs upon humanity's past, present and future. He unlocks the mysteries of 'the germ code' to reveal how these organisms have exploited our every activity and colonised every corner of the earth.</p>

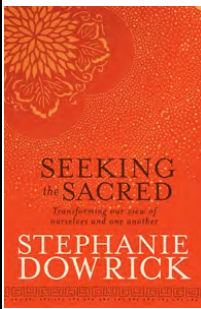
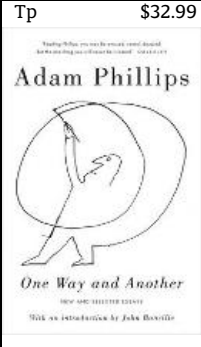
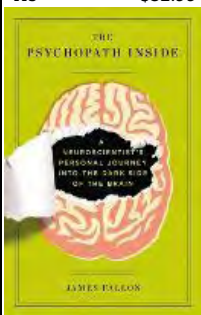
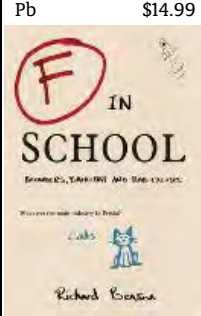
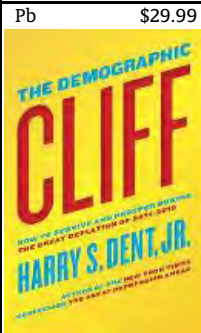
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The Perfect Theory: A Century of Geniuses and the Battle Over General Relativity	Pedro Ferreira	Tp \$32.99		Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity is possibly the most perfect intellectual achievement in modern physics. Anything that involves gravity, the force that powers everything on the largest, hottest or densest of scales, can be explained by it. From the moment Einstein first proposed the theory in 1915, it was received with enthusiasm yet also with tremendous resistance, and for the following ninety years was the source of a series of feuds, vendettas, ideological battles and international collaborations featuring a colourful cast of characters. A gripping, colourfully told story, A Perfect Theory entangles itself with the flashpoints of modern history. In this first complete popular history of the theory, Pedro G. Ferreira shows how the theory has informed our understanding of exactly what the universe is made of and how much is still undiscovered: from the work of the giant telescopes in the deserts of Chile to the way in which the latest work on black holes is providing a fresh, new perspective on what space and time are truly made of.
Animal Wise: The Thoughts and Emotions of Our Fellow Creatures	Virginia Morell	Pb \$19.99		A species-by-species look at the incredible interactions that take place between scientists and their animal subjects, and the discoveries that have emerged about how and what animals think. Did you know that dolphins are self-aware, rats love to be tickled, chimps grieve, killer whales have cultures and octopuses have personalities, and a moth remembers its life as a caterpillar! Animal Wise takes us on a dazzling, surprising and enlightening exploration into the minds and emotions of animals, through the unusual, bright and committed researchers who study them. Looking at insects, parrots, crows, blue jays, fish, rats, elephants, dolphins, chimpanzees, wolves and dogs, Morell examines the amazing inroads made in the field of animal cognition; the unique personalities of the pioneering researchers involved; the moral and ethical issues raised; and the dilemmas involving how we can accurately uncover animals' cognitive abilities like memory, feelings, personality and self-awareness - traits that many in the 20th century felt were unique only to human beings.
Blood: The Stuff of Life	Laurence Hill	Pb \$24.99		In Blood, bestselling author Lawrence Hill offers a provocative examination of the scientific and social history of blood, and on the ways that it unites and divides us today. Blood runs red through every person's arteries, and fulfills the same functions in every human being. However, as much as the study and use of blood has helped advance our understanding of human biology, its cultural and social representations have divided us perennially. Blood pulses through religions, literature, and the visual arts, and every time it pools or spills, we learn a little more about what brings human beings together and what divides them. This book is a fascinating historical and contemporary interpretation of blood, as a bold and enduring determinant of identity, race, culture, citizenship, belonging, privilege, deprivation, athletic superiority, and nationhood.
Cancer Virus: The Story of Epstein-Barr Virus	Dorothy H Crawford, et al	Tp \$32.95		The Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) was discovered in 1964. At the time, the very idea of a virus underlying a cancer was revolutionary. Cancer is, after all, not catching. Even now, the idea of a virus causing cancer surprises many people. But Epstein-Barr, named after its discoverers, Sir Anthony Epstein and Dr Yvonne Barr, is fascinating for other reasons too. Almost everyone carries it, yet it is only under certain circumstances that it produces disease. It has been associated with different, apparently unrelated, diseases in different populations: Burkitt's Lymphoma, producing tumours in the jaw, in African children; a nasal tumour in China; glandular fever in Europe and the USA; and the majority of cases of Hodgkin's Disease everywhere. This book tells the story of the discovery of the virus, and the recognition of its connection with these various diseases - an account that spans the world and involves some remarkable characters and individual stories.
A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction	Joel Greenberg	Hb \$29.99		In the early nineteenth century 25 to 40 percent of North America's birds were passenger pigeons, traveling in flocks so massive as to block out the sun for hours or even days. The down beats of their wings would chill the air beneath and create a thundering roar that would drown out all other sound. Feeding flocks would appear as a blue wave four or five feet high rolling toward you. John James Audubon, impressed by their speed and agility, said a lone passenger pigeon streaking through the forest passes like a thought. How prophetic-for although a billion pigeons streamed over Toronto in May of 1860, little more than fifty years later passenger pigeons were extinct. The last of the species, Martha, died in captivity at the Cincinnati Zoo on September 1, 1914. As naturalist Joel Greenberg relates in gripping detail, the pigeons' propensity to nest, roost, and fly together in vast numbers made them vulnerable to unrelenting market and recreational hunting.

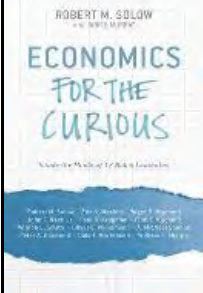
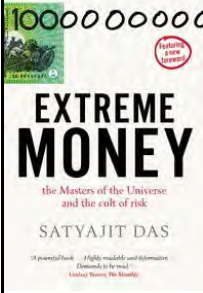



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Life Unfolding: How the Human Body Creates Itself	Jamie A Davies	Hb \$38.95	 <p>Where did I come from? Why do I have two arms but just one head? How is my left leg the same size as my right one? Why are the fingerprints of identical twins not identical? How did my brain learn to learn? Why must I die? Questions like these remain biology's deepest and most ancient challenges. They force us to confront a fundamental biological problem: how can something as large and complex as a human body organize itself from the simplicity of a fertilized egg? A convergence of ideas from embryology, genetics, physics, networks, and control theory has begun to provide real answers. Based on the central principle of 'adaptive self-organization', it explains how the interactions of many cells, and of the tiny molecular machines that run them, can organize tissue structures vastly larger than themselves, correcting errors as they go along and creating new layers of complexity where there were none before. Life Unfolding tells the story of human development from egg to adult, from this perspective, showing how our whole understanding of how we come to be has been transformed in recent years.</p>
Octopus! The Most Mysterious Creature in the Sea	Katherine Harmon Courage	Hb \$32.99	 <p>We eat, study, copy, and idealize the octopus. Yet this strange creature still eludes our understanding. With eight arms, three hearts, camouflaging skin, and a disarmingly intelligent look behind its eyes, it appears utterly alien. But octopuses have been captivating humans for as long as we've been catching them. Cultures have created octopus-centric creation myths, art, and, of course, cuisine. For all of our ancient fascination and modern research, however, we still haven't been able to get a firm grasp on these slippery beasts. Now journalist Katherine Harmon Courage dives into the fascinating underwater world of these mysterious cephalopods. From her transatlantic adventures to Spain and Greece, expeditions in the Caribbean and back to Brooklyn, she invites readers to experience the scientific discoveries, deep cultural ties, and delicious meals connected to the octopus. Courage deftly interweaves personal narrative with interviews with leading octopus experts. She provides an entertaining yet informative romp through the world of these infinitely interesting creatures.</p>
TODAY'S WORLD			
AmalgaNations: How Globalisation is Good	Doug Hendrie	Pb \$29.95	 <p>A whole new take on armchair travel for curious minds, who wonder what's happening where the West meets the rest. The answer, as intrepid journalist Doug Hendrie discovers on his extended travels to the furthest flung corners of the world, is a surprising set of unpredictable adaptations, each of which makes for fascinating reading. Meet the professional videogame superstars in South Korea, playing the Starcraft game the US invented and then abandoned. Discover hardcore punks in Indonesia, rebelling against a far more totalitarian regime than Thatcher's ever was. Everywhere Hendrie goes, it's globalisation - but not as we know it. Part whirlwind world tour through surprising subcultures, part subtle sociological study, all immersive reportage with humour and warmth, AmalgaNations takes the reader across, Asia, Oceania and Africa to discover how people are adapting or repurposing 'global' cultures. The future is here. And it is one of hybrid lives.</p>
The Triple Package: What Really Determines Success	Jed Rubinfeld & Amy Chua	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Why do Jews win so many Nobel Prizes and Pulitzer Prizes? Why are Mormons running the business and finance sectors? Why do the children of even impoverished and poorly educated Chinese immigrants excel so remarkably at school? It may be taboo to say it, but some cultural groups starkly outperform others. The bestselling husband and wife team Amy Chua, author of Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother, and Jed Rubinfeld, author of The Interpretation of Murder, reveal the three essential components of success - its hidden spurs, inner dynamics and its potentially damaging costs - showing how, ultimately, when properly understood and harnessed, the Triple Package can put anyone on their chosen path to success.</p>
Calm: No Matter What	Paul Wilson	Pb \$19.99	 <p>In these pages you'll find what it takes to have an underlying sense of calm and equilibrium you can rely on the whole of your life. This is much more than feeling. It's a way of squeezing the most out of the up times, coping with the down times, and bouncing right back when things go completely off the rails. And best of all it requires no special skills and no effort. Calm: No Matter What shows you how to do this with one simple technique. Having sold more than 10 million 'calm' books, Paul Wilson is internationally known as The Guru of Calm. He has taught more than a million people to meditate.</p>

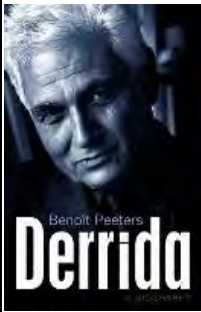

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Seeking the Sacred: Transforming Our View of Ourselves and One Another	Stephanie Dowrick	Pb \$24.99		In this richly hopeful and encouraging book, Choosing Happiness author Stephanie Dowrick invites us to discover what makes our lives and relationships sacred, satisfying and meaningful. She demonstrates through moving personal stories - including her own - how a compassionate, more loving perspective will always support us. As crucially, she shows how we can feel safer, calmer and more confident as we increasingly understand and value our own lives and life itself.
One Way and Another: New and Selected Essays	Adam Phillips	Tp \$32.99		One Way and Another is an affirmation of Adam Phillips' position as one of the most literary essayists today. With an introduction by John Banville. Throughout his brilliant career, Adam Phillips has lent a new and incisive dimension to the art of the literary essay, and in so doing revived the form for audiences of the new millennium. Collected here are nineteen pieces that have best defined his thinking - including 'On Tickling', 'On Being Bored' and 'Clutter: A Case History' - along with a selection of new writings and an introduction by Man Booker Prize winner John Banville.
The Psychopath Inside: A Neuroscientist's Personal Journey Into the Dark Side of the Brain	James Fallon	Hb \$32.99		The memoir of a neuroscientist whose research led him to a bizarre personal discovery James Fallon had spent an entire career studying how our brains affect our behavior when his research suddenly turned personal. While studying brain scans of several family members, he discovered that one perfectly matched a pattern he'd found in the brains of serial killers. This meant one of two things: Either his family's scans had been mixed up with those of felons or someone in his family was a psychopath. Even more disturbing: The scan in question was his own. This is Fallon's account of coming to grips with this discovery and its implications. How could he, a happy family man who had never been prone to violence, be a psychopath? How much did his biology influence his behavior? Fallon shares his journey to answer these questions and the discoveries that ultimately led to his conclusion: Despite everything science can teach, humans are even more complex than we can imagine.
F in School: Blunders, Backchat and Bad Excuses	Richard Benson	Pb \$14.99		Ahh, glorious school days...It's no wonder they went so quickly with all the exams, the classroom fun, the sticky situations to get out of, the work to avoid and the teachers to annoy. Enjoy this new collection of hilarious exam answers, along with schoolyard jokes, amusing doodles, silly excuses, spelling slip-ups and loads more!
The Demographic Cliff: How to Survive and Prosper During the Great Deflation of 2014-2019	Harry S Dent Jr	Pb \$29.99		As a leading economic forecaster, Harry Dent relies on a not-so-secret weapon: demographics. Dent can tell a client exactly when people will spend the most on a bag of chips, or a car. And he can explain why our economy has risen and fallen with the peak of spending generations, and why we now face a growing demographic cliff with the accelerating retirement of the Baby Boomers around the world. Dent offers prescient advice on retirement planning, health care, real estate, education, investing, and business strategies. He shows that if you take the time to understand demographic data, using it to your advantage isn't all that difficult. By following his suggestions, readers will be able to find the upside to the downturn and learn not only how to survive, but how to prosper during the challenging years ahead.

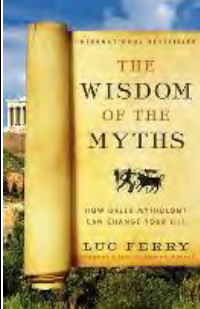


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Economics for the Curious: Inside the Minds of 12 Nobel Laureates	Robert Solow (ed)	Hb \$29.95	 <p>Alfred Marshall, the founder of modern economics, once described economics as 'the study of mankind in the ordinary business of earning a living'. In Economics for the Curious, 12 Nobel Laureates show that 'the ordinary business of earning a living' covers a wide range of activities, as they take readers on an engaging tour of some of the everyday issues that can be explored using basic economic principles. Written in the plainest possible language, Nobel Laureates including Paul Krugman, Eric Maskin, Finn E. Kydland and Vernon Smith confront some of the key issues challenging society today - challenges that claim attention in any phase of the business cycle. The range of topics includes how economic tools can be used to rebuild nations in the aftermath of a war; financing retirement as longevity increases; the sustainable use of natural resources and what governments should really be doing to boost the economy.</p>
Extreme Money: The Masters of the Universe and the Cult of Risk	Satyajit Das	Pb \$24.99	 <p>Once, we built things - useful things. Now, we construct immense financial structures from thin air and lies. We have crafted a colossal worldwide financial machine that makes a few individuals staggeringly wealthy and sacrifices everyone else at its altar of risk. Bestselling author Satyajit Das draws on over thirty years of personal experience at the heart of modern global finance to narrate this story. Das reveals the spectacular, dangerous money games that have generated increasingly massive bubbles of fake growth, ponzi prosperity, sophistication and wealth - while endangering the jobs, possessions and futures of virtually everyone outside the financial industry. You'll learn how everything from home mortgages to climate change has become financialized, as vast fortunes are generated by individuals who build nothing of lasting value. Das shows how 'extreme money' has become ever more unreal; how 'voodoo banking' continues to generate massive phony profits even now; and how a new generation of 'Masters of the Universe' has come to dominate the world.</p>
The Frackers: The Outrageous Inside Story of the New Energy Revolution	Gregory Zuckerman	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Things looked grim for American energy in 2006. Oil production was in steep decline and natural gas was hard to find. The Iraq War threatened the nation's already tenuous relations with the Middle East. China was rapidly industrializing and competing for resources. Major oil companies had just about given up on new discoveries on US soil, and a new energy crisis loomed. But a handful of men believed everything was about to change. By experimenting with hydraulic fracturing through extremely dense shale - a process now known as fracking - these 'wildcatters' started a revolution. In just a few years, they solved America's dependence on imported energy, triggered a global environmental controversy - and made and lost astonishing fortunes. Award-winning reporter Gregory Zuckerman gained exclusive access to the frackers, chronicling the untold story of how they transformed the nation and the world.</p>
The Zizek Dictionary	Rex Butler (ed)	Pb \$29.95	 <p>Slavoj Zizek is the most popular and discussed philosopher in the world today. His prolific writings - across philosophy, psychoanalysis, political and social theory, film, music and religion - always engage and provoke. The power of his ideas, the breadth of his references, his capacity for playfulness and confrontation, his willingness to change his mind and his refusal fundamentally to alter his argument - all have worked to build an extraordinary international readership as well as to elicit much critical reaction. 'The Zizek Dictionary' brings together leading Zizek commentators from across the world to present a companion and guide to Zizekian thought. Each of the 60 short essays examines a key term and, crucially, explores its development across Zizek's work and how it fits in with other concepts and concerns. The dictionary will prove invaluable both to readers coming to Zizek for the first time and to those already embarked on the Zizekian journey.</p>
The Virtues of the Table: How to Eat and Think	Julian Baggini	Pb \$27.99	 <p>How we eat, farm and shop for food is not only a matter of taste. Our choices regarding what we eat involve every essential aspect of our human nature: the animal, the sensuous, the social, the cultural, the creative, the emotional and the intellectual. Thinking seriously about food requires us to consider our relationship to nature, to our fellow animals, to each other and to ourselves. So can thinking about food teach us about being virtuous, and can what we eat help us to decide how to live? From the author of The Ego Trick and The Pig that Wants to be Eaten comes a thought provoking exploration of our values and vices. What can fasting teach us about autonomy? Should we, like Kant, 'dare to know' cheese? Should we take media advice on salt with a pinch of salt? And can food be more virtuous, more inherently good, than art?</p>






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Derrida: A Biography	Benoit Peeters	Pb \$29.95	 <p>This biography of Jacques Derrida tells the story of a Jewish boy from Algiers, excluded from school at the age of twelve, who went on to become the most widely translated French philosopher in the world - a vulnerable, tormented man who, throughout his life, continued to see himself as unwelcome in the French university system. We are plunged into the different worlds in which Derrida lived and worked: pre-independence Algeria, the microcosm of the Ecole normale superieure, the cluster of structuralist thinkers, and the turbulent events of 1968 and after. We meet the exceptional series of leading writers and philosophers with whom Derrida struck up a friendship: Louis Althusser, Emmanuel Levinas, Jean Genet and Helene Cixous, among others. And we watch as a concept - deconstruction - takes wing and exerts an extraordinary influence on literary studies, architecture, law, theology, feminism, queer theory, and postcolonial studies. Benoit Peeters' book offers a new and deeper understanding of the man who will perhaps be seen as the major philosopher of the second half of the twentieth century.</p>
Moral Tribes: Emotion, Reason and the Gap Between Us and Them	Joshua Greene	Tp \$32.99	 <p>As the world shrinks, the moral lines that divide us become more salient and more puzzling. We fight over everything from tax codes to gay marriage to global warming, and we wonder where, if at all, we can find our common ground. A grand synthesis of neuroscience, psychology, and philosophy, Moral Tribes reveals the underlying causes of modern conflict and lights the way forward. Here the human brain is revealed to be like a dual-mode camera, with point-and-shoot automatic settings ('portrait', 'landscape') as well as a manual mode. Our point-and-shoot settings are our emotions - efficient, automated programs honed by evolution, culture, and personal experience. The human brain's manual mode is its capacity for deliberate reasoning, which makes our thinking flexible. Our point-and-shoot emotions make us social animals, turning Me into Us. But they also make us tribal animals, turning Us against Them. Our tribal emotions make us fight, sometimes with bombs, sometimes with words, and often with life-and-death stakes.</p>
The Essential Writings of Jean-Jacques Rousseau	Jean-Jacques Rousseau	Pb \$12.95	 <p>This is translated by Peter Constantine Edited and with an new introduction by Leo Damrosch. 'Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains' is the dramatic opening line of The Social Contract, published in 1762. Quoted by politicians and philosophers alike, the power of this sentence continues to resonate. It laid the groundwork for both the American and French Revolutions, and is considered a foundational text in the development of the modern principles of human rights. Rousseau was an extraordinary visionary and a revolutionary thinker. The Essential Writings of Jean-Jacques Rousseau collects his best and most indispensable work. The book includes: Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality Among Men and The Social Contract in full, plus selections from Emile, a treatise on education, the autobiographical Reveries of the Solitary Walker and Julie, or the New Heloise, an epistolary novel.</p>
Coming of Age: Growing Up Muslim in Australia	Amra Pajalic & Demet Divaroren	Pb \$18.99	 <p>Muslim people in Australia come from over seventy countries and represent a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and experiences. Yet we are constantly bombarded by media stories feeding one negative stereotype. What is it really like to grow up Muslim in Australia? In this book, famous and not-so-famous Muslim-Australians tell their stories in their own voices. The beard, the hijab, the migrant - these are all familiar images associated with Muslim people. But delve deeper and there are many other stories: the young female boxer entering the ring for her first professional bout; a ten-year-old boy who renounces religion; a young woman struggling to reconcile her sexual identity with her faith. These honest and heartfelt stories will resonate with all readers, providing different snapshots of Muslim life in Australia, dispelling myths and stereotypes, and above all celebrating diversity, achievement, courage and determination.</p>
Imagine There's No Heaven: How Atheism Helped Create the Modern World	Mitchell Stephens	Hb \$39.95	 <p>The historical achievements of religious belief have been large and well chronicled. But what about the accomplishments of those who have challenged religion? Traveling from classical Greece to twenty-first century America, Imagine There's No Heaven explores the role of disbelief in shaping Western civilization. At each juncture common themes emerge: by questioning the role of gods in the heavens or the role of a God in creating man on earth, nonbelievers help move science forward. By challenging the divine right of monarchs and the strictures of holy books, nonbelievers, including Jean- Jacques Rousseau and Denis Diderot, help expand human liberties, and influence the early founding of the United States. Revolutions in science, in politics, in philosophy, in art, and in psychology have been led, on multiple occasions, by those who are free of the constraints of religious life. Mitchell Stephens tells the often-courageous tales of history's most important atheists - like Denis Diderot and Salman Rushdie.</p>

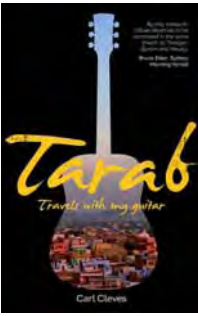
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The Wisdom of the Myths: How Greek Mythology Can Change Your Life	Luc Ferry	Pb \$24.99	 <p>More than 100,000 copies sold in FranceA fascinating new journey through Greek mythology that explains the myths' timeless lessons and meaningHeroes, gods, and mortals. The Greek myths are the founding narratives of Western civilization: to understand them is to know the origins of philosophy, literature, art, science, law, and more. Indeed, as Luc Ferry shows in this masterful book, they remain a great store of wisdom, as relevant to our lives today as ever before. No mere legends or clichés (Herculean task, Pandora's box, Achilles heel, etc.), these classic stories offer profound and manifold lessons, providing the first sustained attempt to answer fundamental human questions concerning the good life, the burden of mortality, and how to find one's place in the world. Vividly retelling the great tales of mythology and illuminating fresh new ways of understanding them, The Wisdom of the Myths will enlighten readers of all ages.</p>
The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things	Paula Byrne	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Who was the real Jane Austen? Overturning the traditional portrait of the author as conventional and genteel, bestseller Paula Byrne's landmark biography reveals the real woman behind the books. In this paperback of the landmark biography, best-selling biographer Paula Byrne uses objects that conjure up a key moment in Austen's life and work - a silhouette, a vellum notebook, a topaz cross, a writing box, a royalty cheque, a bathing machine, and many more - to unlock the biography of this most beloved author. The woman who emerges is far tougher, more socially and politically aware, and altogether more modern than the conventional picture of 'dear aunt Jane' allows. Byrne's lively book explores the many forces that shaped Austen's life, her long struggle to become a published author, and brings Miss Austen dazzlingly into the twenty-first century.</p>
Writers Between the Covers: The Scandalous Romantic Lives of Legendary Literary Casanovas, Coquettes, and Cads	Shannon McKenna Schmidt & Joni Rendon	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Why did Norman Mailer stab his second wife at a party? Who was Edith Wharton's secret transatlantic lover? What motivated Anais Nin to become a bigamist? Writers Between the Covers rips the sheets off these and other real-life love stories of the literati - some with fairy tale endings and others that resulted in break-ups, breakdowns, and brawls. Among the writers laid bare are Agatha Christie, who sparked the largest-ever manhunt in England as her marriage fell apart; Arthur Miller, whose jaw-dropping pairing with Marilyn Monroe proved that opposites attract, at least initially; and T.S. Eliot, who slept in a deckchair on his disastrous honeymoon. From the best break-up letters to the stormiest love triangles to the boldest cougars and cradle-robbers, this fun and accessible volume - packed with lists, quizzes and in-depth exposes - reveals literary history's most titillating loves, lusts, and longings.</p>
The Life of Slang	Julie Coleman	Pb \$20.95	 <p>Bad-ass, bee's knees, and bomb-diffity - slang rules Teachers, politicians, broadcasters, and parents complain of the slang-infested language of today's teenagers. But slang has been around for centuries, always troubling those who take a purist line on the English language. In this entertaining book, Julie Coleman traces the development of slang across the English-speaking world and explores why and how it flourishes. She makes use of a marvellous array of sources, including newly available online records of the Old Bailey, machine-searchable historical newspaper collections, slang users themselves, scholarly works, and the latest tweets. It is a book guaranteed to teach you some new words that you should never use in polite company.</p>
Humour: A Very Short Introduction	Noel Carroll	Pb \$14.95	 <p>Humour has been discovered in every known human culture and thinkers have discussed it for over two thousand years. Humour can serve many functions; it can be used to relieve stress, to promote goodwill among strangers, to dissipate tension within a fractious group, to display intelligence, and some have even claimed that it improves health and fights sickness. In this Very Short Introduction Noel Carroll examines the leading theories of humour including The Superiority Theory and The Incongruity Theory. He considers the relation of humour to emotion and cognition, and explores the value of humour, specifically in its social functions. He argues that humour, and the comic amusement that follows it, has a crucial role to play in the construction of communities, but he also demonstrates that the social aspect of humour raises questions such as 'When is humour immoral?' and 'Is laughing at immoral humour itself immoral?'.</p>

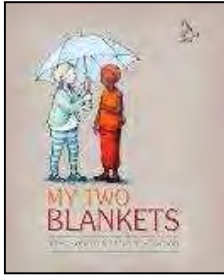
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<p>Pink Triangle: The Feuds and Private Lives of Tennessee Williams, Gore Vidal, Truman Capote, and Famous Members of Their Entourages</p>	<p>Darwin Porter</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00</p> 	<p>One hot summer night in 1945, three young writers came together for the first time. Each member of this pink triangle - Tennessee Williams, Gore Vidal and Truman Capote - was on the dawn of fame. They remained competitively and defiantly provocative throughout their writing careers. Initially hailed by critics, each of them would later be attacked for their contributions to literature. From the night they met emerged betrayals that evolved into the most flamboyant rivalries in literary history, and which have only been revealed in this extraordinary book.</p>
<p>On Love: A Selection of Famous Love Poems and Love Letters</p>	<p>Worth Press</p>	<p>Pb \$12.99</p> 	<p>Bringing together some of the best known poems and letters that express love this book is the ideal expression of love to give or to keep for oneself. Carefully selected poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily Bronte, Robert Browning, Robert Burns, Emily Dickinson, Khalil Gibran, D.H. Lawrence, Banjo Paterson and Oscar Wilde to name just a few, together with the love letters of Napoleon Bonaparte to Josephine Bonaparte, Victor Hugo to Adele Foucher & Oscar Wilde to Lord Alfred Douglas, this book has something to offer everyone. This compact paperback is ideal to keep with you at all times allowing you to dip into the selection whenever you need to feel the love contained within its pages.</p>
<p>Platform Papers #38: Enlightenment or Entitlement? Rethinking Tertiary Music Education</p>	<p>Peter Tregear</p>	<p>Pb \$15.99</p> 	<p>Bringing together some of the best known poems and letters that express love this book is the ideal expression of love to give or to keep for oneself. Carefully selected poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily Bronte, Robert Browning, Robert Burns, Emily Dickinson, Khalil Gibran, D.H. Lawrence, Banjo Paterson and Oscar Wilde to name just a few, together with the love letters of Napoleon Bonaparte to Josephine Bonaparte, Victor Hugo to Adele Foucher & Oscar Wilde to Lord Alfred Douglas, this book has something to offer everyone. This compact paperback is ideal to keep with you at all times allowing you to dip into the selection whenever you need to feel the love contained within its pages.</p>
<p>The Dealer is the Devil: An Insider's History of the Aboriginal Art Trade</p>	<p>Adrian Newstead</p>	<p>Pb \$49.95</p> 	<p>Adrian Newstead's explosive memoir lifts the lid on what Robert Hughes once described as the last great art movement of the 20th century. After thirty years sitting round campfires with Aboriginal artists all over Australia, Newstead has produced the definitive expose of the first great art movement of the 21st century. From remote indigenous communities with their dispossessed populations of tribal elders and troubled youth, to the gleaming white box galleries, high powered auction houses, and formidable art institutions of major cities all over the world, Newstead combines personal anecdotes with an insider's grasp of the international art market. With vivid portraits of artists, dealers and scamsters, the book races from pre-contact and colonial days to the heady celebrations of the Sydney Olympics and the devastating impact of the global financial crisis. Newstead's humour, love and respect for his subjects produces a story that reads at times like a thriller and also a lament for a lost world.</p>
<p>Afternoons in Ithaka: A Memoir of Greece and Finding Your Place</p>	<p>Spiri Tsintziras</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>From the first heady taste of tomatoes on home-baked bread in her mother's village in Petalidi, to sitting at a taverna some 30 years later in Ithaka with her young family, Spiri Tsintziras goes on a culinary, creative and spiritual journey that propels her back and forth between Europe and Australia. These evocative, funny and poignant stories explore how food and culture, language and music, and people and their stories help to create a sense of meaning and identity.</p>

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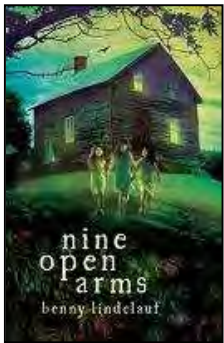
<p>Tarab: Travels with My Guitar</p>	<p>Carl Cleves</p>	<p>Pb \$29.95</p> 	<p>From the Sudan to Northern New South Wales, Tarab is an epic, mesmerising tale of high adventure and the search for meaning. Carl Cleves escapes national service in Belgium to live in South Africa at the height of the apartheid era. So begin the adventures and quests, wanderings and narrow escapes, mishaps and illuminations of a guitar-toting troubadour in his roles as young beat poet, law student, single father, relief worker in India and recording star in Brazil. Cleves's page turning memoir is no simple music biography, but rather the travel story of an artist's quest for tarab: a place where music and poetry bestow true bliss upon the lucky one. It's by turns philosophical, funny, adventurous and insightful. Fully revised and expanded, this new edition of Tarab is a must read for all lovers of travel literature.</p>
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Children's Books Recommended by Lindy



My Two Blankets by Irena Kobald & Freya Blackwood (Hb \$24.95)

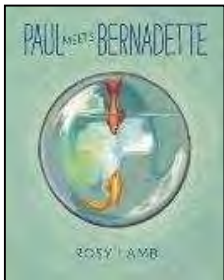
A young girl has had to leave behind everything she knows when she is sent to live in a new country with her aunty. Sad and uncertain, she weaves a blanket of memories and thoughts of the home she has been forced to leave, and it keeps her safe and offers her comfort as she struggles to make sense of her new life. Gradually though, as she makes a friend and the initial strangeness wears off, she weaves a new blanket of belonging, and rediscovers her joy and sense of self. The highlight of this gentle picture book is Freya Blackwood's subtle and glowing illustrations, expressively depicting the young girl's emotions and growing confidence. You watch - this will be on all the awards lists!



Nine Open Arms by Benny Lindelauf (Pb \$16.99)

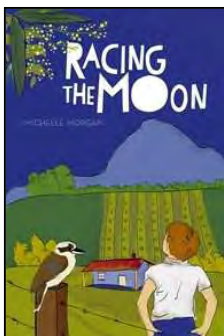
This tender novel is translated from Dutch, and was a bestseller in its native land. A large family uproots yet again in 1937, and moves to a house at the end of the world (well, on the road to Germany, and next to a local cemetery). It is a house as long as nine open arms, empty and waiting for residents, set strangely on its block of land with its front door at the back, away from the road. Fing, who has six older brothers and two younger sisters, narrates the story of the year they, 'the Dad' and Oma Mei, move into the house. The Dad is an incorrigible optimist who has never been able to make any of his schemes work, Oma Mei is the much put-upon matriarch who keeps the family in line (and keeps the family stories in line, as well). Fing is the responsible girl, Muulke is the dramatic and daring one always wanting a tragical tragedy, and Jess is the fearful and protected youngest, with a deformed spine. The house is full of mysteries, and over the course of time, slowly gives up its secrets.

A beautiful and often humorous tale of the eccentricities and mysteries of family life and history. Ages 9-13.



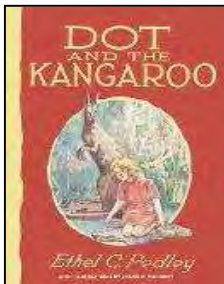
Paul Meets Bernadette by Rosy Lamb (Pb \$19.95)

Paul is a goldfish. He swims in big circles and small ones, from top to bottom and bottom to top - what else is there to do? Then one day Bernadette (literally!) drops in. She might be a goldfish, but her way of looking at the world is totally different - it is lit with the inner fire of imagination! Nothing is ordinary to Bernadette, and Paul learns her ways of seeing... A rather luminous book, sweet and funny and touching. One the adults will love to read as much as their pre-schoolers will love to look at!



Racing the Moon by Michelle Morgan (Pb \$15.99)

It's the early 1930s, and young Joe Riley knows the world is his oyster. He is involved in a few small enterprises, selling eggs to his neighbours, racing billycars down the big hills of Glebe, getting up to mischief when he's supposed to be a cherubic altarboy. His Dad is an SP bookmaker, has a bit of a bad temper and is quick to lash out. When Joe finds that he isn't going to the local high school, but is being sent to a Catholic boarding school on the North Shore, his sunny world darkens. Away from his family, he experiences loneliness, discrimination and realises that one of the Brothers is not to be trusted - and he learns that the hard way, when he protects himself and finds the consequences are being sent to a reform school down the south coast. But what is meant to be punishment turns out to be one of the most formative experiences of his young life... A colourful and historically accurate novel, based on the author's uncle's experiences. Ages 10-13



Dot and the Kangaroo by Ethel Pedley (Pb \$14.99)

A classic book first published in 1899 and loved by generations since! Dot is lost in the bush, but when she meets a kindly kangaroo who has lost her own joey, and eats the berries of understanding, she can communicate with the bush creatures who eventually lead her home. With the original illustrations of Frank Mahony, this contains environmental messages along with its charming adventure story.



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