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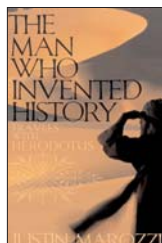
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The Man Who Invented History Travels with Herodotus

Justin MAROZZI 333pp Hb \$80 \$65

It could be argued that Herodotus was not only the first historian, but the first foreign correspondent, investigative journalist, anthropologist and travel writer. Marozzi (author of *Tamerlane: Sword of Islam* Pb \$31) decides that Herodotus will be the ideal travel companion, and sets off with a copy of the Histories to visit some of the wondrous places mentioned. Beginning with Bodrum (modern day Helicarnassus, where Herodotus was born), Marozzi travels to Baghdad, Babylon, Egypt and Greece (where he lunches with Patrick Leigh Fermor). A sparkling blend of history and travel narrative, entertaining and effortlessly good-natured. *Lindy*

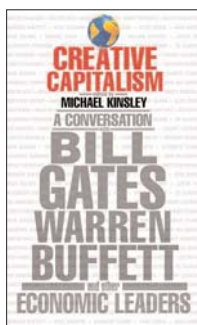


Creative Capitalism

A Conversation with Bill Gates, Warren Buffett and Other Economic Leaders

Michael KINSEY (Ed) 336pp Pb \$29.95

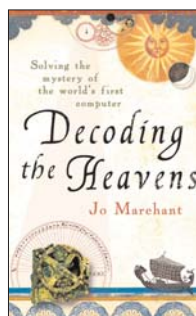
I first read about the concept of Creative Capitalism in *Time Magazine* recently. Bill Gates, not only the world's most successful capitalist, but also the world's biggest philanthropist, was touting this concept as the way forward for business. He maintains there has always been philanthropy in business. (Henry Ford was the first to pay his workers \$5 per hour and everyone thought he was insane, Ford figured that his staff were also his customers). Gates maintains that not all business is only about maximising profit at any cost. Many companies want to be clean and green and be part of the solution to huge problems such as poverty and global warming. Consumers want to support ventures such as fair-trade coffee. They may pay a little more, but would rather know that the coffee they drink has not exploited coffee-pickers or been grown on recently cleared rainforest. Go Bill! I think this is the Next Big Thing! *Ann*



Decoding the Heavens Solving the Mystery of the World's First Computer

Jo MARCHANT 336pp Hb \$34.95

In 1900, a group of sponge-divers blown off course in the Mediterranean discovered an Ancient Greek shipwreck dating from around 70 BC. Lying unnoticed for months amongst their hard-won haul was what appeared to be a formless lump of corroded rock. It turned out to be the most stunning scientific artefact we have from antiquity. For over a century, this 'Antikythera mechanism' puzzled academics. Now, 2,000 years after the device was lost at sea, scientists have pieced together its intricate workings. Unmatched in complexity for 1,000 years, it was able to predict eclipses and track the paths of the Sun and the Moon through the zodiac. It probably even showed ancient astronomers the movements of the five known planets. Marchant tells for the first time the story of the 100-year quest to understand this ancient computer. Along the way, she unearths a diverse cast of remarkable characters, ranging from Archimedes to Jacques Cousteau, exploring the depths of modern technology in ancient Greece, the Islamic world and medieval Europe.



The Great Crash

How the Stock Market Crash of 1929 Plunged the World into Depression

Selwyn PARKER 320pp Tp \$35

This is the story of the financial cataclysm that started with the Wall Street stock market crash of 1929 and set in motion a series of economic, political and social events that affected many millions of people in America, Britain, Europe and Australia. The crash rolled across the world like a tidal wave, toppling governments, spreading a wave of dictatorships in Italy and Germany, infecting entire industries and plunging millions into unemployment and poverty. By the time it began to lift in 1935, the lives of people in scores of countries had changed forever. Parker also poses the question: could it happen again?

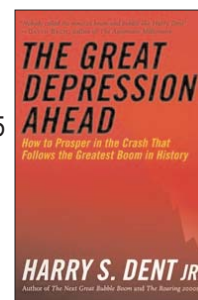


The Great Depression Ahead

How to Prosper in the Crash that Follows the Greatest Boom in History

Harry DENT Jr 288pp Pb \$29.95

From the author of the international bestseller *The Roaring 2000s* comes a new book that predicts a major economic crash and offers advice on how to survive it. Dent has predicted changes in the market with uncanny accuracy for over a decade. He foresaw the recession of 1990-1991, the expansion of the mid-90s and the boom of 1998-2000. Here he predicts we are heading towards a major depression, a slowdown that will continue for at least a decade. This book explains the forces behind this downturn and gives practical steps that investors can take today to protect themselves from tomorrow's worst and position themselves to take advantage of changing conditions. With practical applications at all levels, Dent's is a voice that no serious investor can afford to ignore. *Due Jan*

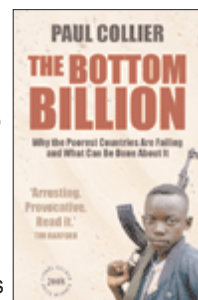


The Bottom Billion

Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can be Done About it

Paul COLLIER 224pp Pb \$26.95

In this elegant and impassioned synthesis from one of the world's leading experts on Africa and poverty, economist Collier writes that although nearly five billion of the world's people are beginning to climb from desperate poverty and benefit from globalisation's reach to developing countries, there is a "bottom billion" of the world's poor whose countries, largely immune to the forces of the global economy, are falling further behind and are in danger of falling apart, separating permanently and tragically from the rest of the world. Collier explains the four traps that prevent the homelands of the world's billion poorest people from growing - civil war, the discovery and export of natural resources in otherwise unstable economies, being landlocked and therefore unable to participate in the global economy without great cost, and finally ineffective governance. Collier argues that we cannot take a "headless heart" approach to these seemingly intractable problems; rather, we must harness our despair and our moral outrage at these inequities to a reasoned and thorough understanding of the complex and interconnected problems that the world's poorest people face. "If you care about the fate of the poorest people in the world and want to understand what can be done to help them, read this book. If you don't care, read it anyway." - Tim Harford, author of *The Undercover Economist* (\$28). *Due Jan*



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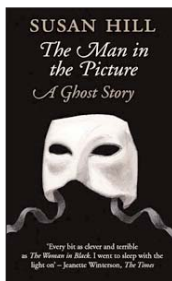
The Man in the Picture

A Ghost Story

Susan HILL

160pp Tp \$24.95

A mysterious depiction of masked revellers at the Venice carnival hangs in the college rooms of Oliver's old professor in Cambridge. On this cold winter's night, its eerie secret is revealed by the ageing don. The dark art of the Venetian scene, instead of imitating life, has the power to entrap it. To stare into the painting is to play dangerously with the unseen demons it hides and become the victim of its macabre beauty.

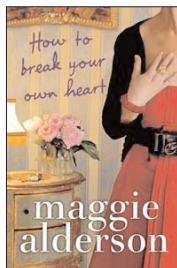


How to Break Your Own Heart

Maggie ALDERSON

392pp Tp \$32.95

Amelia Bradlow seems to have everything she needs to be happy - a handsome husband, a beautiful home, money, good looks and a glamour job. Everything, that is, except the thing she wants most - a baby. Ed, her husband, is funny, affectionate and sophisticated, but simply not interested in parenthood. He likes his life neat and tidy. And he likes having a wife who attends solely to his needs. As she approaches 37, Amelia is faced with a life-changing decision, aided and abetted by Kiki, her hopelessly disorganised, but ridiculously rich, friend. Should Amelia stay in her nearly happy marriage or expose herself to the vagaries of single life and the distant possibility of meeting someone who wants to start a family?

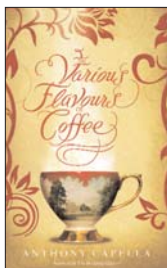


The Various Flavours of Coffee

Anthony CAPELLA

Pb \$29.99

It is 1895. Robert Wallis, would-be poet, bohemian and impoverished dandy, accepts a commission from coffee merchant Samuel Pinker to categorise the different tastes of coffee. Along the way, he encounters Pinker's free-thinking daughters, Philomenia, Ada and Emily. As romance blossoms with Emily, he realises the Muse and marriage may not be incompatible after all. Sent to Abyssinia to make his fortune in the coffee trade, he becomes obsessed with a Negro slave girl, Fikre. He decides to use the money he has saved to buy her from her owner - a decision that will change not only his own life, but the lives of the three Pinker sisters...

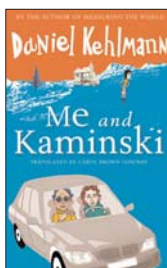


Me and Kaminski

Daniel KEHLMANN

224pp Hb \$34.95

Sebastian Zollner, an underachieving art critic, has pinned his hopes on writing the biography of the artist Manuel Kaminski, now an ailing recluse. Zollner's efforts to unlock the secrets of Kaminski's life lead him to embark on a series of increasingly desperate measures. Events rapidly spiral out of control as Zollner and Kaminski take a road trip, by turns chaotic and grotesque. In the paranoid and unlovable Zollner, the enigmatic and sympathetic Kaminski, and their satellite cast of art-world poseurs, eccentrics and oddballs, Kehlmann shows the same gifts for deft characterisation and dialogue that he revealed so triumphantly in *Measuring the World*. Half road novel, half satire on the contemporary art scene, this is a wryly humorous meditation on art, memory and identity.

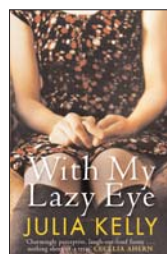


With My Lazy Eye

Julia KELLY

256pp Pb \$29.95

Lucy's father is an internationally renowned academic, her siblings are bright achievers, but Lucy is lazy, directionless and never quite manages to succeed. Perhaps that's because she's not really trying. She hasn't got the energy to revise for exams, she can't convince herself to care about coming last, and even when she goes to London and finds the perfect job, she is still destined to fail. It seems she is going nowhere fast. But when a family crisis forces her to grow up, she realises that if she wants a better life, she will have to take matters into her own hands.

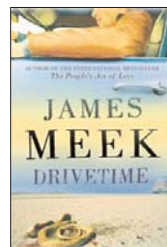


Drivetime

James MEEK

384pp Pb \$23.95

Sounds like easy money: collecting an antique for a rich stranger. Yet Alan Allen - freshly unemployed, short of cash and caught up in a bizarre case of mistaken identity - is about to find out otherwise. But not before being swept on a European wild goose chase in this refreshing, surreal and gloriously funny novel.

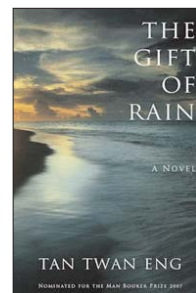


The Gift of Rain

Tan Twan ENG

448pp Tp \$27.95

Penang, 1939. 16-year-old Philip Hutton is a loner. Half-English, half-Chinese and feeling neither, he discovers a sense of belonging in an unexpected friendship with Hayato Endo, a Japanese diplomat. Philip shows his new friend around his adored island of Penang, and in return Endo trains him in the art and discipline of aikido. But such knowledge comes at a terrible price. The enigmatic Endo is bound by disciplines of his own and, when the Japanese invade Malaya, threatening to destroy Philip's family and everything he loves, he realises that his trusted sensei - to whom he owes absolute loyalty - has been harbouring a devastating secret. Philip must risk everything in an attempt to save those he has placed in mortal danger and discover who and what he really is.

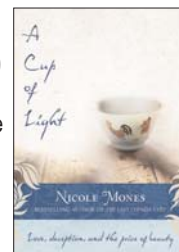


A Cup of Light

Nicole MONES

400pp Tp \$29.99

Lia Frank, an appraiser of fine Chinese porcelain, is sent from New York to Beijing to catalogue and appraise a rare collection of 20 pieces. But at the private house she has been given to work in, she finds 800 pieces, many originating from the imperial porcelain collection. Are all these beautiful objects authentic? Or are some brilliant fakes? As she examines her treasure, she finds herself drawn into the underworld of Chinese art smugglers who take porcelain between mainland China and Hong Kong, connoisseurs looking for a special piece, and the Chinese police who seek to impose the highest penalty on smugglers. And she begins a love affair that could alter the course of her life. In this world, beauty always has a price and nothing can be judged too finely.



My Sister, My Love

Joyce Carol OATES

576pp Tp \$32.99

In her most controversial and satirical novel to date, Oates tells the intimate story of Skyler Rampike, who recounts the saga of a murder through the eyes of the 19-year-old 'survivor' of a family torn apart by intense media scrutiny. This ingeniously constructed novel - part mystery, part elegy for the narrator's six-year-old sister and part expose of the pretensions of upper-middle-class suburbia - explores with unexpected sympathy and subtlety the intimate lives of those who dwell in Tabloid Hell.



And the Rat Laughed

Nava SEMEL

240pp Pb \$29.95

Unlike other Holocaust-related books that focus on the horrific historical events, this novel deals with the act of remembering them. It resembles a relay race in which the characters transfer memory from one another, while travelling on the axis of time. The story begins in Tel Aviv on the last day of 1999 when a survivor shares with her granddaughter her tragic life story as a hidden child in a pit with only a rat for company. From now on, this memory is spread all over the world and becomes a myth. In 2099, a future anthropologist discovers it and tries to uncover its mysterious roots. In her research, she reveals the first man who created this myth in the past. Father Stanislaw, a Catholic priest, saved that little Jewish girl (who later became the grandmother in Tel Aviv) and returned her after the war to her Jewish people. In his personal journal, he documented everything to make sure the world would never forget.

The Stepmother's Diary

Fay WELDON

336pp Pb \$29.95

"I read my daughter's diaries the other day. Let me share with you. You may think you know pretty much what's going on in your own family. Believe me, you do not." Sappho was so happy when she married Gavin. She was in love and it seemed that at last everything was falling into place. But she hadn't considered his daughter Isobel. She is a delightful, charming girl who spends her school holidays caring for the elderly and is the apple of Gavin's eye. Now cast in the role of Wicked Stepmother, Sappho tries all she can to befriend Isobel and find her place in the new family. It's not easy, but no one promised it would be. Sappho perseveres. But she has a history and the history works against her. When it becomes clear that, contrary to popular belief, it is Isobel who steals Gavin's love and attention, and Sappho who must fight for his affection, Sappho is at a loss. How can she win her husband back? With warmth, wit and unique insights into the workings of the female mind, this is a brilliant, unsettling new novel about family life today.



The Devil's Brood

Sharon PENMAN 752pp Tp \$32.95

This novel has at its heart the implosion of a family, a story of devastating betrayal as King Henry II's three eldest sons and his wife Eleanor enter into a rebellion against him, aligning themselves with his most bitter enemy, Louis of France. It is also the story of a great king whose brilliance forged an empire, but whose blind spots led him to make the most serious misjudgement of his life. Penman has created a novel of immense power and range, bringing Henry and Eleanor to life in a uniquely vivid way. As two strong-willed, passionate people clash, a family divides and a marriage ends in all but name. An unforgettable trilogy reaches its conclusion.



The Indian Clerk

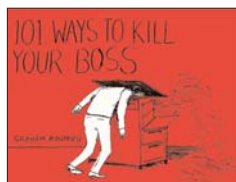
David LEAVITT 496pp Pb \$23.95

January 1913, Cambridge. G H Hardy - eccentric, charismatic and considered the greatest British mathematician of his age - receives a mysterious envelope covered with Indian stamps. Inside he finds a rambling letter from a self-professed mathematical genius who claims to be on the brink of solving the most important mathematical problem of his time. Hardy determines to learn more about this mysterious Indian clerk, Srinivasa Ramanujan, a decision that will profoundly affect not only his own life and that of his friends, but the entire history of mathematics. Set against the backdrop of WWI and populated with such luminaries as D H Lawrence and Bertrand Russell, this is an utterly compelling story about our need to find order in the world.

101 Ways to Kill Your Boss

Graham ROUMIEU 112pp Tp \$12.99

We've all had them: from the idle and the incompetent, to the demanding and borderline psychopathic, to the weird and creepy, to the plain idiotic; anyone who has ever worked has had a moment when all they want to do is grab their boss by the neck and... This is a chance to let go of those moments of rage and frustration... and laugh!



A Steroid Hit the Earth

The Catastrophic World of Misprints; or 'Thank God it Wasn't Me'

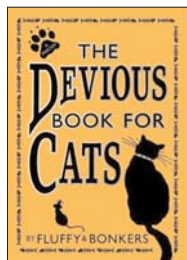
Martin TOSELAND 192pp Tp \$14.99

Welcome to the world of misprints! This is a catalogue of errors, omissions, mistakes and other disasters, ranging from the straight typo or the ambiguous statement to the downright bizarre. Each demonstrates a sub-editor or proof-reader taking their eye off the ball, to the delight of millions, every example preserving the humble misprint as a perpetual source of 'schadenfreude'. From the holy typo of 1631 when, by omitting a crucial 'not' from the seventh commandment, Barker and Lucas' Wicked Bible exhorted people to commit adultery, this book reaches back in time to the days before modern printing and our own spellcheck-obsessed age. It is a joyous and irreverent paean to gaffes of all sorts that have caused confusion, consternation and outright offence, celebrating the impossibility of getting everything right all the time and illustrating the inherent danger involved in committing anything at all to print. *Due Jan*

The Devious Book for Cats

FLUFFY & BONKERS 208pp Hb \$24.99

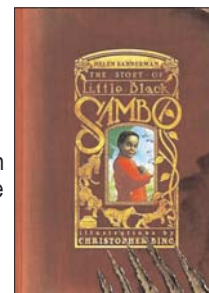
Cats once ruled the alleys, galleys and the valleys. Rodents trembled in fear. Birds steered clear. Cats took chances. Some lived fast and died young! But then came a life of domestication that was simply too good to pass up. Humans gave us everything we desired, from ear massages and shelter from the rain to cuddle sessions and free health care. In return, they were permitted to bask in the majesty of our presence. It seemed like a fair trade. Or was it? Has domesticity really been good for cats? What has become of our sense of adventure, our sense of independence? Did you know that because of boredom and indolence, the average feline today uses up a mere 2 or 3 of its 9 lives? Fluffy and Bonkers created this manual to teach discerning cats how to wake up a human when they want to get fed, how to stare like a pro, how to carry yourself in a catfight and - most importantly - how to once again assume your rightful place as the ruler of your household.



The Story of Little Black Sambo

Helen BANNERMAN 32pp Hb \$24.95

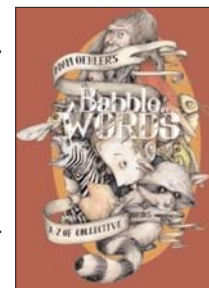
When I was very little, I just loved the image of the tigers running round and round the palm tree and turning into butter, and many people will cite that very same image when Little Black Sambo is mentioned. It is hard to leave aside the negative connotations that have accrued to what was essentially a small, entertaining story about a resourceful boy, but if you will, this is a glorious rendering. Illustrated by Christopher Byng, it is exuberant and attractive, with a setting in India. Personally, I'd say, enjoy the story and the beautiful illustrations, and introduce someone little to the delights of tiger-butter!



A Babble of Words

Adan OEHLER 56pp Hb \$27

This is a gorgeously detailed A-Z of collective nouns, starting with an Army of Aardvarks through to a Zeal of Zebras, via such delights as a Formality of Penguins and a Parliament of Owls and a Quarrel of Lawyers. Not to mention the Unkindness of Ravens or the Jam of Cars or Wave of Sailors. A delightful introduction to collective nouns. Entertainingly illustrated.



Book of Absolutely Useless Lists

Philip ARDAGH

517pp Pb \$15

There are 366 lists in this book, one for each day of the year (assuming it's a leap year). Below each date is an event associated with the day, then a list which may - or may not - have anything to do with said event! Truly a lot of fun - boys of a certain age will thoroughly enjoy it, and I suspect not a few fathers as well!

The Fairytale Files

Cinderella

Alan DURANT

42pp Hb \$27.95

This is a 'fractured fairytale' retelling of the story of Cinderella from the point of view of a detective (Rumpel Stiltskin) who has been hired to investigate the background of the young, would-be princess following certain allegations made by her step-family. There are envelopes throughout, purporting to contain evidence supporting Cinderella (or Gladys, as her real name is!) and her story. An entertaining take on an old tale. Ages 8-10.

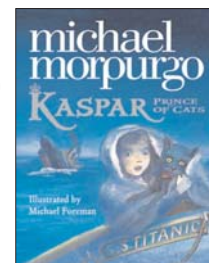
Kaspar

Prince of Cats

Michael MORPURGO

207pp Pb \$20

Johnny Trott is a bellboy at the Savoy Hotel in London, where he becomes friendly with a Russian Countess and her sleek black cat, Kaspar, a very princely creature indeed. When the Countess is killed in an accident, Johnny is very upset, but decides to care for Kaspar even though he will be sacked if the housekeeper ever finds out. A young American girl discovers the cat and, through a series of events, Johnny finds himself aboard the Titanic... A very well-written novel, illustrated by Michael Foreman, for newly confident readers who are not quite up to a full-length novel.

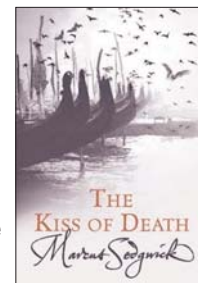


The Kiss of Death

Marcus SEDGWICK

248pp Hb \$29

I'm a huge fan of Sedgwick's intelligent writing for teenagers, and was delighted by this. It is a loose sequel to *My Swordhand is Singing* (Pb \$16), but it is not necessary to have read that book to appreciate this one. Marko has journeyed far from his home, to Venice of the early 18th century, looking for his father who had answered a desperate plea by his oldest friend. There he falls in with Sorrel, the daughter of his father's friend, and a mysterious, seemingly ageless man, Peter, who has tracked his enemy to the city of canals. The Shadow Queen is wreaking her peculiar form of misery upon the city and the three must put aside their differences to defeat her. An atmospheric, finely written novel.



The Story Blanket

Ferida WOLFF & Harriet May SAVITZ

24pp Hb \$32.95

In a village in snow-covered mountains, Babba Zarrah tells the children stories as they sit upon her story blanket. One wintry day, she notices Nikolai has a hole in his shoe, so she decides to knit him some thick woollen socks. Being snowbound, she uses some of the wool from her blanket, and goes on to anonymously knit gifts for everyone in the village, until there is nothing left of the blanket. The village then returns the favour... A deceptively simple tale, illustrated in an elegantly whimsical manner by Elena Odriozola. Ages 3-6

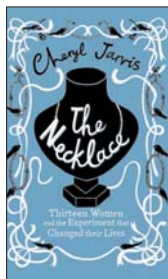
The Necklace

Thirteen Women and the Experiment that Changed their Lives

Cheryl JARVIS

320pp Tp \$27.99

One day a woman of average means waltzes by a jewellery shop window and spots a £20,000 diamond necklace. She can't get it out of her head. Eventually she gets the idea of sharing it with friends, persuading them to chip in a grand each to buy the gorgeous necklace. This is the story of 13 ordinary women and one extraordinary adventure. They club together to buy the necklace, which they each get for four weeks at a time. They meet every month to find out what the necklace (now dubbed 'Jewelia') has been up to. The club has some rules: if someone goes to Paris, they get the necklace. At least once, everyone has to wear the necklace while making love. It's now two years later and the necklace has been loaned out to nieces, grandmas, friends and granddaughters. It has been worn by brides and colleagues and sisters and friends. When it's their turn for the necklace, the women of Jewelia have worn it for both the daily routines and special events of their lives, to teach school, to work in the farmer's market, to go fishing and skydiving. It's raised money for charity. It's started something. This is the story of how an object of desire becomes a catalyst for connection, friendship and much more.



Tell Me Where it Hurts

A Day of Humour, Healing and Hope in My Life as an Animal Surgeon

Nick TROUT

304pp Tp \$35.00

This is a fascinating insider portrait of a veterinarian, his patients and the blend of old-fashioned instincts and cutting-edge technology that defines pet care in the 21st century. It offers a vicarious journey through 24 intimate, eye-opening, heart-rending hours at an animal medical centre in Boston, describing the amazing progress of animal medicine - where organ transplants, joint replacements and state-of-the-art cancer treatments have become more and more common. With these technological advances come controversies and complexities that Dr Trout thoughtfully explores, such as how long (and at what cost) treatments should be given and how the internet has changed pet care.



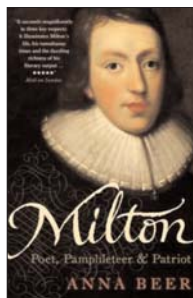
Milton

Poet, Pamphleteer and Patriot

Anne BEER

480pp Tp \$27.95

For centuries, John Milton, author of Paradise Lost and many other poetic works, as well as radical pamphlets on free speech, divorce and political rights, has emerged from biographies as a woman-hating, domestic tyrant or a saintly blind man. But his personal life was just as rich and complex as his professional one. Beer brings the poet and his period to vivid life through groundbreaking analysis of Milton's careful editing of his own life, his wider family's affairs, the records of his government work and the history of England during one of its most tumultuous periods of social and cultural life.



The Angel at the Fence

Herman ROSENBLAT

320pp Tp \$32.99

Rosenblat was just 11 when German soldiers rounded up his family during a raid on a Jewish ghetto in Poland. Sent to Buchenwald, he was put to work in the crematorium, shovelling dead bodies into the furnace, trying to survive in a world of hunger, fear and death. One day, walking by the fence, he saw a small girl on the other side. She smiled at him, and when he asked if she had any food, she pulled an apple from her pocket and threw it over the fence. As he ran off, afraid of being caught and shot, he heard her say "come back tomorrow". For six months, they met every day. She threw him an apple or a hunk of bread. They never spoke, but the warmth of her smile and the food she gave him kept him alive and convinced him she was an angel sent to him by his mother. Herman was moved to another camp, then eventually freed by Russian troops. He moved to England, then New York. 15 years later, in 1957, he went on a blind date. Roma charmed him from the start with her warmth and beauty. Towards the end of their date, he gently asked her how she had survived the Holocaust. Roma explained how her family had bought forged papers to hide the fact they were Jewish and how they had lived on a farm next to a camp. She said she had thrown apples over a fence every day to a starving boy, until the day he told her he was being moved and not to come. She had always prayed that he survived. Oprah Winfrey described this story as "the single greatest love story, in 22 years of doing this show, we have ever told on air." *Due Jan*

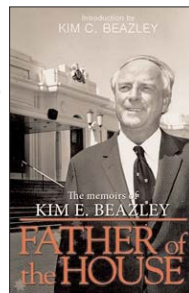
Father of the House

The Memoirs of Kim E Beazley

Kim E BEAZLEY

272pp Tp \$27.95

Kim Beazley threw off the shackles of a poor childhood to become a teacher, a Union Leader and the Member for Fremantle in the Federal Parliament between 1945 and 1977. During his time in Parliament, he led the reform of Australian education and played a central role in the 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petition against bauxite mining on Yolngu land, a major step forward in the struggle for Indigenous land rights. In his own words, Beazley gives a behind-the-scenes look at the corridors of power, displaying the quiet determination and drive that led to his rise to Minister for Education under Whitlam. Beazley died in October 2007 and his son, Kim Beazley Junior, provides the book's introduction, with special insight into the man as father and Parliamentarian. *Due Jan*



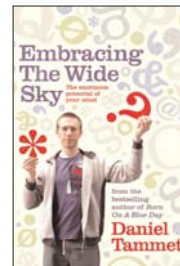
Embracing the Wide Sky

The Enormous Potential of Your Mind

Daniel TAMMET

304pp Tp \$35.00

This is a personal, revealing and beautifully written exploration of the extraordinary mental powers that Tammet argues are within each person. Described by the US magazine *Entertainment Weekly* as having "the most remarkable mind on the planet", Tammet demonstrates how all of us can tap into extraordinary skills of memory, learning and imagination that we have, but just don't yet know how to use. Tammet is one of fewer than 50 savants living worldwide. A real life 'Rain Man', he holds the world record for reciting Pi to over 22,000 digits and can learn entire languages in less than a week! Here he shares his techniques and sheds light on his unique perspective, hoping to help others realise their full potential. *Due Jan*



Body at the Melbourne Club

Bertram Armytage, Antarctica's Forgotten Man

David BURKE

224pp Pb \$27.95

Armytage was the first Australian-born member of an Antarctic expedition and was in charge of the ponies in the Shackleton expedition. After returning to Australia from London, he put on his dinner suit, medals, went to the exclusive Melbourne Club and shot himself. This biography looks at the mystery... *Due Jan*

Journal

The Diary of a Young Jewish Woman in Occupied Paris

Hélène BERR

300pp Tp \$29.95

From April 1942 to March 1944, Berr, a recent graduate of the Sorbonne, kept a journal that is at once an intensely moving, intimate and harrowing document and a text of astonishing literary maturity. Her story is painful, yet beautiful, foreshadowing horror amidst an enviable appetite for life, beauty, literature and all that lasts. It offers a unique view of the tragedy of WWII through the eyes of a young French Jewish girl in the city of love.



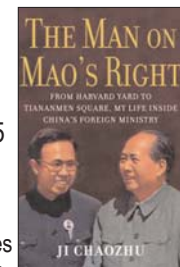
The Man on Mao's Right

From Harvard Yard to Tienanmen Square, My Life Inside China's Foreign Ministry

Ji CHAOZHU

384pp Hb \$49.95

Having served Chairman Mao Zedong and the Communist leadership for two decades and having become a key figure in China's foreign policy, Ji now provides an honest, detailed account of the personalities and events that have shaped today's People's Republic. The youngest son of a prosperous government official, nine-year-old Ji and his family fled Japanese invaders in the late 1930s, escaping to America. Warmly received by his new country, Ji returned its embrace as he came of age in New York's East Village, then attended Harvard University. But in 1950, after years of enjoying a life of relative ease, while his countrymen suffered through war and civil strife, Ji felt driven by patriotism to volunteer to serve China in its conflict with his adoptive country in the Korean War. With a unique blend of Chinese insight and American candour, Ji paints insightful portraits of the architects of modern China: the urbane, practical and avuncular Zhou; the conscience of the People's Republic; and the messianic, charismatic Mao, student of China's ancient past and his country's stern father figure.



Jack Tar

Life in Nelson's Navy

Roy & Lesley ADKINS

480pp Hb \$65

The Royal Navy to which Admiral Lord Nelson sacrificed his life depended on thousands of sailors and marines to man the great, wind-powered wooden warships. Drawn from all over Britain and beyond, often unwillingly, these ordinary men made the navy invincible through skill, courage and sheer determination. Yet their contribution is frequently overlooked, while the officers became celebrities. This book gives these forgotten men a voice in an exciting, enthralling, often unexpected and always entertaining picture of what their life was really like during this age of sail. Through personal letters, diaries and other manuscripts, their emotions and experiences are explored, from the dread of press-gangs, shipwreck and disease to the exhilaration of battle, grog, prize money and prostitutes.



Tony's Ten Years

Memories of the Blair Administration

Adam BOULTON

384pp Pb \$29.95

Taking the events of Blair's last 100 days as his launching pad for captivating snapshots of key moments in his premiership, Boulton follows Tony Blair intimately through his final day in office. The veteran political journalist witnesses the so-called 'Blairwell Tour' as the caravan travels from Westminster to Washington, Iraq, South Africa, the EU, the G8, Northern Ireland, the Sedgefield constituency and Chequers to the final farewell and beyond. Boulton traces from these celebrations back to the key incidents, achievements and mistakes of the Prime Minister's 10 years in power. He draws on his firsthand experience of them to measure Tony Blair against his immediate predecessors, Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and the rival who succeeded him, Gordon Brown. Boulton has closely followed the Blair story from 1983 to the present. He provides fresh and fascinating insights into the Blair-Brown conflict, the decision-making that led to Britain joining the US invasion of Iraq, the pressures on the Blair family and the often fraught and febrile relationship between No. 10 and the media.

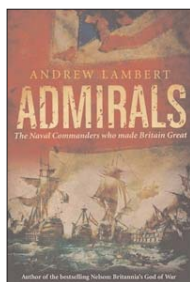
Admirals

The Naval Commanders Who Made Britain Great

Andrew LAMBERT

360pp Hb \$49.95

From the man who has been described as "one of the most eminent naval historians of our age" comes the story of how Britain's maritime power helped it gain unparalleled dominance of the world economy. Told through the lives of 10 of its most remarkable Admirals, this book spans Elizabethan times to WWII, culminating with the spirit that led Andrew Browne Cunningham to famously declare, when the army feared he would lose too many ships, "it takes three years to build a ship; it takes three centuries to build a tradition."



The New York Times

The Complete Front Pages, 1851-2008

Bill KELLER (Ed)

456pp Hb \$89.95

For the first time ever, in one indispensable book/DVD package, *The New York Times* presents its complete front pages. While the accompanying DVDs include every front page published in the history of the paper, the book reproduces 300 selected front pages that cover significant events of the past 157 years, along with insightful commentary from the paper's top writers.

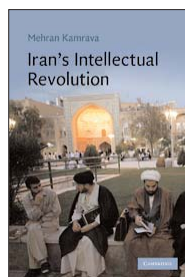


Iran's Intellectual Revolution

Mehran KAMRAVA

288pp Pb \$49.95

Since its revolution in 1979, Iran has been viewed as the bastion of radical Islam and a sponsor of terrorism. The focus on its volatile internal politics and foreign relations has, according to Kamrava, distracted attention from more subtle transformations taking place there. After the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, a more relaxed political environment opened up, encouraging intellectual and political debate between learned elites and religious reformers. What emerged from these interactions were three competing ideologies, which Kamrava categorises as conservative, reformist and secular. As the book aptly demonstrates, these developments, which amount to an intellectual revolution, will have profound and far-reaching consequences for the future of the Islamic republic, its people and countries beyond its borders.



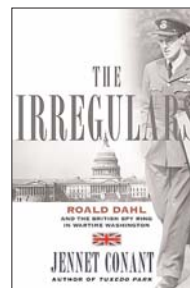
The Irregulars

Roald Dahl and the British Spy Ring in Wartime Washington

Jennet CONANT

416pp Hb \$29.95

During the desperate winter of 1940, as the threat of German invasion hung over England, the British government mounted a massive, secret campaign of propaganda to weaken the isolationist sentiment in America and manipulate the country into entering the war on England's behalf. Under the command of the now legendary INTREPID, the British planted propaganda in American newspapers, covertly influenced radio stations and wire services, and plotted against American corporations doing business with the Third Reich. They also pushed President Roosevelt to create a similar covert intelligence agency in the US, and played a role in the selection of William Donovan as its head. Now for the first time Conant reveals that Roald Dahl was a member of Churchill's infamous dirty tricks squad and tells the full story of how he was recruited to spy on the Americans during WWII.



Churchill's Wizards

The British Genius for Deception 1914-1945

Nicholas RANKIN

400pp Hb \$65

More devious than Enigma, more cunning than James Bond, these are true stories of how the British elevated the art of deception and disguise against the Nazis. Every German spy in Britain was captured and many were used to send back false information. There was bogus wireless traffic from phantom armies, dummy airfields with model planes, disguised ships and inflatable rubber tanks manufactured by film studio craftsmen. Culminating in the spectacular misdirection of D-Day in 1944, Rankin traces the history of British camouflage, deception and black propaganda in two world wars in a thrilling work of popular military history.



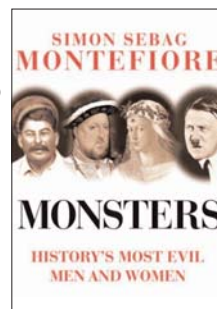
Monsters

History's Most Evil Men and Women

Simon Sebag MONTEFIORE

320pp Tp \$39.95

Some devised methods of torture cruel beyond belief, some killed members of their own families, others ordered the murders of millions of innocents; some were admired statesmen, some were maniacs - others simply butchers. Vlad Dracul, prince of Wallachia, impaled his enemies on a forest of bloody stakes; the Byzantine empress Irene had her son's eyes gouged out; the Crusaders massacred 70,000 innocent Muslims and Jews when they took Jerusalem; and, the Mongol warlord Tamerlane built pyramids of human skulls. In the 20th century, Adolf Hitler slaughtered 6 million Jews; Josef Stalin liquidated 25 million Russians, while Mao Zedong was responsible for the deaths of 70 million Chinese. Montefiore presents, in chronological order, compellingly readable portraits of 101 sinister individuals who shared a relish for the brutal exercise of pitiless, unbounded power, a delight in imposing pain and suffering, and contempt for human life.



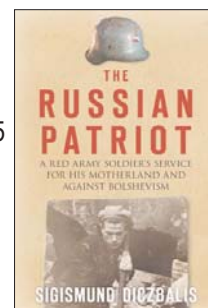
The Russian Patriot

A Red Army Soldier's Service for His Motherland and Against Bolshevism

Sigismund DICZBALIS

192pp Hb \$49.95

A committed young Communist who joined the Red Army on the day that Hitler's Blitzkrieg tore across the Soviet Union's borders in June 1941, Diczbalis unquestioningly offered his life to the service of his motherland. Captured and thrown into a German POW camp, fate offered him escape from certain death through service to the 'new order'; chance made him a Red partisan spy. Ordered to infiltrate a German-run anti-partisan unit, his conversion began. Soon he was a committed anti-Bolshevik, joining the Russian Army of Liberation that was devoted to toppling Stalin. But it was all too little too late. In the spring of 1945, he fell into the hands of Soviet spy-hunters and death again seemed a certainty, until fate once again gave him a new lease of life in a faraway land. Traitor or patriot? For Diczbalis, the 60 years since WWII ended have done little to erase a question that has troubled him all his life.



Down to the Crossroads

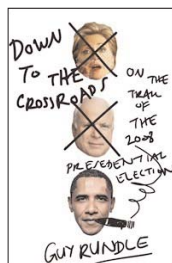
On the Trail of the 2008

US Presidential Election

Guy RUNDLE

228pp Pb \$24.95

Irreverent but savvy, Rundle dispatched daily reports to *Crikey* as he followed the Democrat and Republican nomination battles around the country, testing the national mood in the assemblies, on the street and along the bars.

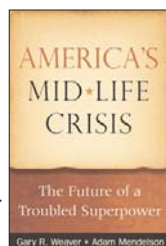


America's Mid-Life Crisis

The Future of a Troubled Superpower

Gary WEAVER & Adam MENDELSON 240pp Pb \$35

Observers have recently noted a seismic shift, far beyond normal cyclic changes in culture and trends. Following 9/11, the United States - no longer confident in the protection of two vast oceans, a powerful military structure and a dominant economy - developed policies and practices that exclude foreigners and seem to violate basic civil rights guaranteed under the Constitution. After decades of ebb and flow of isolationism and expansionism, the US took a rigid new tack. Something had happened to the fundamental nature of American culture: a mid-life crisis. From the founding of the republic to the many conflicts over the years, from puritan roots to waves of immigration, from race to religion, from industry and innovation to influence on the world stage, this book captures the values, beliefs and behaviour of an increasingly complex society that is struggling to take its place in the new world order. *Due Jan*



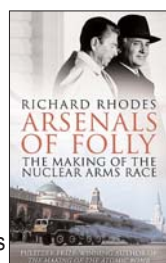
Arsenals of Folly

The Making of the Nuclear Arms Race

Richard RHODES

400pp Pb \$26.95

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Making of the Atomic Bomb* (\$35) comes this brilliant account of the post-war superpower arms race, climaxing during the Reagan-Gorbachev decade when the US and the Soviet Union came within hours of nuclear war, then nearly agreed to abolish nuclear weapons. In a narrative that reads like a thriller, Rhodes reveals how the Reagan administration's unprecedented arms build-up in the early 1980s led the Soviets to conclude that the US must be preparing for nuclear war. However, out of deep conviction, Reagan launched an arms-reduction campaign in his second presidential term and set the stage for the famous 1986 summit with Gorbachev in Reykjavik and the breakthroughs that followed. Drawing on personal interviews with both Soviet and US participants, and on a wealth of new documentation that has become available in the past 10 years, Rhodes recounts what actually happened in the final years of the Cold War. *Due Jan*

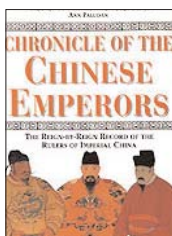


Chronicle of the Chinese Emperors

Anne PALUDAN

224pp Tp \$45

Spanning more than 2,000 years, from the first emperor, buried with his terra-cotta army in the third century BC, to the last emperor, enthroned in the Forbidden City as a boy of four in 1911, this book presents the entire history of this vast and still mysterious region through the stories of its all-powerful rulers. The Chinese imperial system combined a highly centralised administration with a Confucian philosophy of moral-political beliefs. The emperor was the Son of Heaven and enjoyed semi-divine powers, but he was not infallible: should he fail his subjects, rebellion was justified. The emperors therefore weathered centuries of violent change and, despite brutal revolts and civil wars, remained at the centre of the largest political unit in the world, the Middle Kingdom. The emperors were an extraordinary group of men (and one woman, Wu Zetian) whose virtues and faults were magnified by their exalted position. Many were literary scholars and painters; some were mentally retarded; some left the control of the empire to their eunuchs, concubines or dowager empresses. Under able rulers, China's frontiers expanded, dominating Central and Southeast Asia; under weak rulers, the frontiers shrank and for centuries the country was occupied by alien Mongols. It took the arrival of a civilisation from the West with superior firepower to finally shake the Middle Kingdom's foundations. *Due Jan*



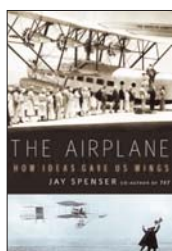
The Airplane

How Ideas Gave Us Wings

Jay SPENSER

352pp Hb \$39.99

This accessible history of aviation is full of great technological triumphs and interesting characters, not least the critically important Wright brothers. Spenser shows that for centuries people across the world have wrestled with similar fantasies and speculations about flight, and how in the 20th century, with the spur of two world wars, we moved from open cockpit bi-planes to supersonic jets.

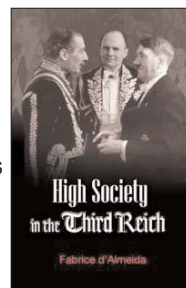


High Society in the Third Reich

Fabrice D'ALMEIDA

350pp Pb \$44.95

This is the first systematic study of the relations between German high society and the Nazis. It uses unpublished archival material, private diaries and diplomatic documents to take us into the hidden areas of power, where privileges, tax breaks and stolen property were exchanged. D'Almeida begins by examining high society in the Weimar period, dominated by the imperial aristocracy and a new republican aristocracy of government officials and wealthy businessmen. It was in this group that Hitler made his social debut in the early 1920s through the mediation of conservative friends and artists, including the family of the composer Richard Wagner. By the end of the 1920s, he enjoyed wide support among socialites, who played a significant role in his access to power in 1933. Their adherence to the Nazi regime and the favours they received in return continued and even grew until defeat loomed on the horizon. D'Almeida shows how members of German high society sought to outdo each other in showing zealous support for Hitler and how actors, aristocrats, SS technocrats and diplomats came together to form a strange imperial court. Women also played a role in this theatre of power; they were persuaded to believe that what they had lost in civil rights they had gained in dignity. There emerges a fascinating and disturbing picture of a group that allowed nothing - not war, the plundering of Europe, nor the extermination of peoples - to alter their cynical enjoyment of pleasures, including hunting, regattas, opera, balls, dinners and tennis. More than a study of a class or a chronicle, this book lifts the veil that has concealed a society that used secrecy to protect itself.



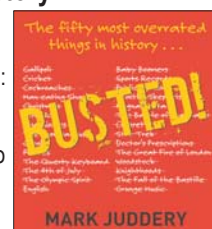
Busted!

The Fifty Most Overrated Things in History...

Mark JUDDERY

Pb \$19.95

Gallipoli: the birth of a nation? The brontosaurus: greatest dino? Titanic: biggest movie ever? Pirates: lawless rebels roaming the high seas? All Busted! These and many other historical myths have taken root in our collective brains as fact, but according to Juddery, they are all seriously over-rated. The brontosaurus was NOT one of the greatest dinosaurs ever to roam the planet. In fact, it never existed. Titanic is NOT the biggest box-office film ever made. (Second-biggest? Nope, try sixth!) And as for Gallipoli and pirates, don't make Mark laugh. And don't even get him started on Star Trek, cockroaches, the 60s, the Wall Street Crash, Google...



Bills of Rights in Australia

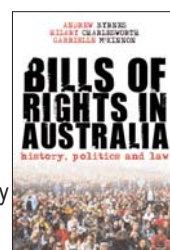
History, Politics and Law

Andrew BYRNES, H CHARLESWORTH

& Gabrielle MCKINNON

256pp Pb \$34.95

We accept the universal right to live in freedom and without oppression, but are our human rights adequately protected by Australian law? Arguments about the need for a bill of rights in Australia have simmered for 50 years. While attempts to introduce a national bill of rights have failed, recently the states and territories have taken on a pioneering role with statutory bills. Written by leading experts in the field, this book examines the arguments for and against greater protection of human rights, and the emerging evidence of the impact of these uniquely Australian bills of rights.



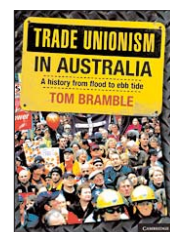
Trade Unionism in Australia

A History from Flood to Ebb Tide

Tom BRAMBLE

312pp Pb \$49.95

In the late 1960s, Australian unionism was on the flood tide, growing in strength, industrially confident and capable of shaping the overall political climate of the nation. 40 years on, union membership and power is ebbing away, despite community support for trade unionism and the continuing need for strong unions. Even the unprecedented mobilisation against WorkChoices, which helped defeat a government and lose the prime minister his own seat, has done little to turn the tide. With compelling rigour, Bramble explores the changing fortunes of what was once an entrenched institution. He charts the impact on unions of waves of economic restructuring, a succession of hostile governments and a wholesale shift in employer attitudes, as well as the failure of the unions' own efforts to boost membership and consolidate power. Ultimately this timely book traces union-led action from the workplace to the political sphere over a period of significant change. It concludes by pointing to strategies for renewal and revival of Australian unions.



On Space and Time

Shahn MAJID (Ed) 320pp Hb \$39.95

What is the true nature of space and time?

These concepts are at the heart of science, yet they remain enigmatic. Their structure at both the smallest pre-subatomic level and the largest cosmological level continues to defy modern physics and may require revolutionary new ideas for which science is still grasping. This unique volume brings together world leaders in cosmology, particle physics, quantum gravity, mathematics, philosophy and theology to provide fresh insights into the deep structure of space and time. Contributors: Andrew Taylor explains the evidence for dark matter and dark energy; Roger Penrose explains what, in his view, comes before the Big Bang; Alain Connes argues that matter is geometry as a fine structure to space-time.



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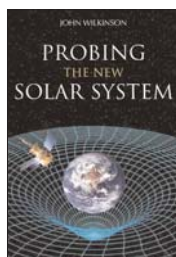
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A complete edition of all the known mathematical papers of Isaac Newton. Papers originally in Latin are provided with accurate English translations - facing the original text or in a footnote. The commentary clarifies the peculiarities of 17th century idiom and illuminates the contemporary significance of the text.

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Exploration by space probes has revealed that the Earth's planetary neighbours are even more fascinating than we thought. Today we stand on the threshold of the next phase of planetary exploration and knowledge. Our views of the Solar System and other planetary systems are changing on a daily basis. This book is an up-to-date record of the many recent discoveries made using ground-based and space probe technology. *Due Jan*

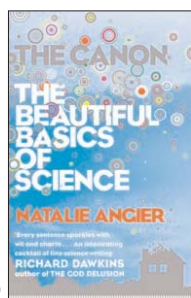


The Canon

The Beautiful Basics of Science

Natalie ANGIER 304pp Pb \$27.95

With the intelligence and exuberance that made Woman an international sensation, Angier takes us on a whirligig tour of the scientific canon. Drawing on conversations with hundreds of the world's top scientists and her own Pulitzer Prize-winning reportage for The New York Times, this is a magical guide to scientific literacy that is vital reading for anyone who wants to understand the great issues of our time. From stem cells and bird flu to evolution and global warming, Angier leads a joyride through the major scientific disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology, geology and astronomy. Somewhere between Lewis Carroll and Lewis Thomas, this is one of those rare books that reignites our childhood delight in discovery. We learn what's actually happening when our ice cream melts, what our liver cells do when we eat a caramel, how the horse shows evolution at work... and that we really are all made of stardust.



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Food Fray

Inside the Controversy Over Genetically Modified Food

Lisa WEASEL

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More than 10 years ago, the first genetically modified foods took their place on the shelves of US supermarkets. But while American consumers remained blissfully unconcerned with the new products that suddenly filled their kitchens, Europeans were much more wary of these 'Frankenfoods'. When famine struck Africa in 2002, several nations refused shipments of genetically modified foods, fuelling a controversy that put the issue on the world political agenda. Esteemed molecular biologist Dr Weasel brings readers into the centre of this debate, capturing the real-life experiences of the scientists, farmers, policymakers and grassroots activists on the front lines. She combines solid scientific knowledge and a gripping narrative to tell the real story behind the headlines and the hype. Seminal and cutting-edge, this book allows you to make up your own mind about one of the most important issues facing us today. *Due Jan*



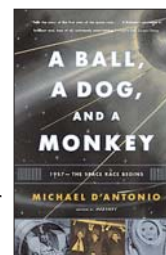
A Ball, a Dog and a Monkey

1957 - The Space Race Begins

Michael D'ANTONIO

320pp Pb \$19.95

Full of exploding rockets, political wrangling, interservice rivalries, space cowboys, American spies, UFO sightings, Florida boomtowns and space-themed beauty pageants, the years 1957 and 1958 were a time when the US raced to match the Soviets in space and recover its pride. Having gone through archives and film footage, and interviewed many of the scientists, reporters and others involved in the first year of the space race, D'Antonio brings to life all the people, places and stories of a time when the US went space-crazy and a flying monkey helped save the day. His book revives the early days of space with all the zaniness and urgency of the time.



New Theories of Everything

John BARROW

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The quest for the theory of everything - a single key that unlocks all the secrets of the Universe - is no longer a pipedream, but the focus of some of our most exciting research about the structure of the cosmos. Barrow describes the ideas and controversies surrounding the ultimate explanation. Updating his earlier work, Theories of Everything, with the very latest theories and predictions, Barrow tells of the M-theory of superstrings and multiverses, of speculations about the world as a computer program, and of new ideas of computation and complexity. But this is not solely a book about modern ideas in physics; Barrow also considers and reflects on the philosophical and cultural consequences of those ideas and their implications for our own existence in the world.



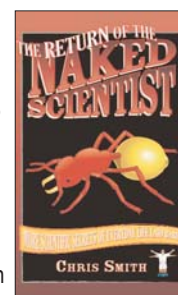
The Return of the Naked Scientist

More Scientific Secrets of Everyday Life Laid Bare

Chris SMITH

Hb \$29.95

Why use expensive beauty products when you can moisturise with jellyfish? Have you ever suspected pollution was to blame for your children's plummeting IQ? Ready to take a sea change... on Mars? Science does not sit still and Smith follows on from the success of his first book, *The Naked Scientist*, with this equally compelling and curious exploration of a treasure trove of cutting-edge research and far-flung factoids. Well known for his popular slot on ABC's Radio National and co-writer of *Mythconceptions* in the *Good Weekend*, Smith again uses his ability to see into our scientific future to answer the questions you never thought to ask.

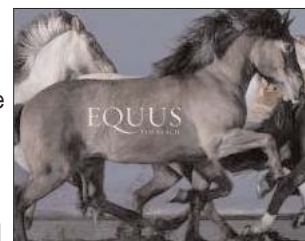


Equus

Tim FLACH

300pp Hb \$100

No animal has captured the human imagination quite like the horse, depicted in cave drawings thousands of years ago through countless renderings in paint, clay, ink, even film. The quest of award-winning photographer Flach to document the horse has resulted in this intensely moving look at this beautiful animal - as solitary subject and en masse, from the air and from underwater - whose history is so powerfully linked to our own. From exquisite Arabians in the Royal Yards of the United Arab Emirates to purebred Icelandic horses in their glacial habitat; from the soulful gaze of a single horse's lash-lined eye to the thundering majesty of thousands of Mustangs racing across the plains of Utah, this provides an amazing and unique insight into the physical dynamics and spirit of the horse.

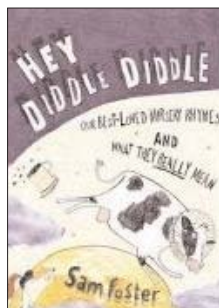


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Our Best-Loved Nursery Rhymes and What They Really Mean

Sam FOSTER 128pp Pb \$22.95

This charming compilation of 40 of the best-loved traditional nursery rhymes offers clues as to their true meaning and often surprising origin. Many of the catchy songs we grew up with were not nonsense verses for the playground, but served as satirical commentaries on political events of the day. These seemingly innocent vehicles were once used to spread subversive messages at a time when illiteracy was commonplace in society and direct criticism of the authorities was punishable by prison or death. "Sing a Song of Sixpence, A Pocketful of Rye, Four and Twenty Blackbirds Baked in a Pie" ... Was this simply about a delicacy of the day? Or was it, as some claim, a coded message used to recruit members for Blackbeard's pirate ships? This humorously illustrated book offers a trip down memory lane and some fascinating food for thought for anyone interested in English history and language.



Sonnets, Bonnets and Bennetts

A Literary Quiz Book

James WALTON 288pp Hb \$29.95

Here are questions ranging from the deliciously unexpected (Who's the only person in literary history both to have been shortlisted for the *Booker Prize* and to have played a girlfriend of Ken Barlow's in *Coronation Street*?) to the reassuringly canonical (Dickens's fourth novel was the first he'd published not to have the main character's name in the title. What was it?). This fabulous compendium of literary knowledge is the perfect gift for all book lovers.



A Damp Squid

The English Language Laid Bare

Jeremy BUTTERFIELD 192pp Hb \$29.95

This entertaining book has the up-to-date and authoritative answers to all the key questions about our language. With over 2 billion words contained in the Oxford English Corpus, Butterfield takes a thorough look at the English language and exposes its peculiarities and penchants, its development and difficulties, revealing exactly how it operates. Interpolating his expert knowledge of dictionary-making, Butterfield explains how dictionaries decide which words to include, how they find definitions and how a Corpus influences the process. Covers all areas of English, from spelling and speech to idioms and idiosyncrasies, including a thoughtful chapter about the future of English. With entertaining examples and useful charts, this compelling and lively book has something for everyone.



The Myth of Mars and Venus

Do Men and Women Really Speak Different Languages?

Deborah CAMERON 168pp Pb \$24.95

Popular assumptions about gender and communication - famously summed up in the title of John Gray's massively influential 1992 bestseller, *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* (Tp \$32.95) - can have unforeseen, yet far-reaching, consequences in many spheres of life, from attitudes to the phenomenon of date-rape to expectations of achievement at school and potential discrimination in the workplace. In this wide-ranging and thoroughly readable book, Deborah Cameron, Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communication at Oxford University and author of a number of leading texts in the field of language and gender studies, draws on over 30 years of scientific research to explain what we really know and to demonstrate how this is often very different from the accounts we are familiar with from recent popular writing.



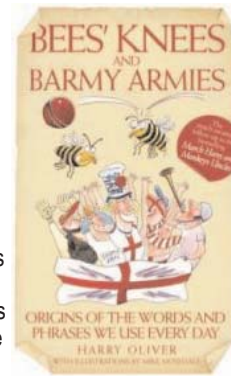
Bee's Knees and Barmy Armies

Origins of the Words and Phrases We Use Every Day

Harry OLIVER

Hb \$24.95

Every day we pepper our speech with hundreds of phrases, place names and expressions, but rarely do we think about their origins. If we did, we'd be in for a treat, because the stories behind our sayings are often fascinating, amusing and intriguing. Following on from his bestselling *March Hares and Monkeys' Uncles* (\$27.95), Oliver again delves deep into the history behind hundreds of terms in our endlessly rich language, producing a tome packed with information about both ancient idioms and up-to-the minute lingo. So stop getting up to skulduggery, take a pew and have a butcher's at this to learn about your language in one fell swoop and ensure you never get caught red-handed using words you don't understand or barking up the wrong tree. This book really is the dog's breakfast!



Philosophy

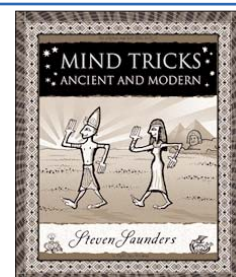
Mind Tricks

Ancient and Modern

Steven SAUNDERS

64pp Hb \$17.95

From the earliest times, we have known and applied the ancient adage 'it's all in the mind'. Internationally recognised self-development master Steven Saunders presents a compendium of more than 4,000 years of unbelievable memory tricks, phobia cures and much more - from how Vedic astronomers remembered long numbers and how ancient Greeks dealt with angry customers, to how to accelerate your healing processes. With clear examples adapting ancient techniques to the modern world and humorous graphics, this book could change your life. *Due Jan*



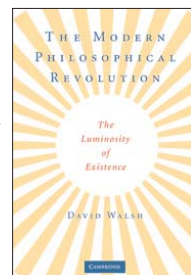
The Modern Philosophical Revolution

The Luminosity of Existence

David WALSH

518pp Pb \$49.95

This book breaks new ground by demonstrating the continuity of European philosophy from Kant to Derrida. Much of the literature on European philosophy has emphasised the breaks that have occurred in the course of two centuries of thinking. But as Walsh argues, such a reading overlooks the extent to which Kant, Hegel and Schelling were already engaged in the turn toward existence as the only viable mode of philosophising. Where many similar studies summarise individual thinkers, this book provides a framework for understanding the relationships between them. Walsh thus dispels much of the confusion that assails readers when they are only exposed to the bewildering range of positions taken by the philosophers he examines.

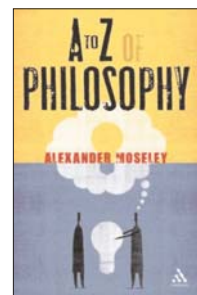


A to Z of Philosophy

Alexander MOSELEY

Tp \$32.95

This is a fun, concise and accessible introduction to a fascinating subject. Included are more than 100 jargon-free entries on topics from Animal Ethics to Wittgenstein, witty anecdotes and handy tips on further reading. No prior knowledge of philosophy is required to enjoy this reader-friendly guide - this is the ideal reference tool for anyone starting out in philosophy.



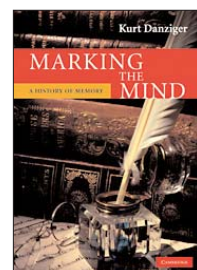
Marking the Mind

A History of Memory

Kurt DANZIGER

320pp Pb \$59.95

Memory is one of the few psychological concepts with a truly ancient lineage. Presenting a history of the interrelated changes in memory tasks, memory technology and ideas about memory from antiquity to the late 20th century, this book confronts psychology's 'short present' with its 'long past'. Danziger, one of the most influential historians of psychology of recent times, traces long-term continuities from ancient mnemonics and tools of inscription to modern memory experiments and computer storage. He explores historical discontinuities, showing how different kinds of memory became prominent at different times, and examines these changes in the context of specific themes, including the question of truth in memory, distinctions between kinds of memory, the project of memory experimentation and the physical localisation and conceptual location of memory.

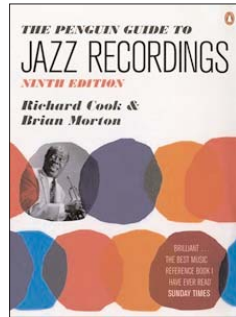


Miscellaneous

The Penguin Guide to Jazz Recordings (9th Edition)

Richard COOK & Brian MORTON
1,600pp Pb \$69.95

Now firmly established as the world's leading guide to recorded jazz, this is a mine of fascinating information and a source of insightful and often wittily trenchant criticism. For this completely revised edition, the authors have reassessed each artist's entry and updated the text to incorporate thousands of additional CDs. The result is an endlessly browsable companion that will prove required reading for aficionados and jazz novices alike.

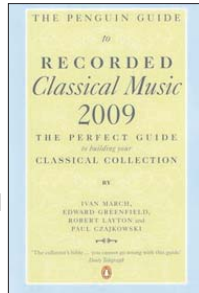


The Penguin Guide to Recorded Classical Music 2009

The Perfect Guide to Building Your Classical Collection

Ivan MARCH et al 1,560pp Pb \$65

This completely revised edition surveys the major classical recordings issued and reissued over the past five decades, many of which have dominated the catalogue because of their sheer excellence, irrespective of their recording dates. More comprehensive than ever before, it indicates key recordings on CD, as well as DVDs, with their extra video dimension, and enhanced SACDs, including those in surround sound. If you want the finest available version of any major classical work (including DVDs of opera and ballet), you will find it listed and acutely assessed in these pages.

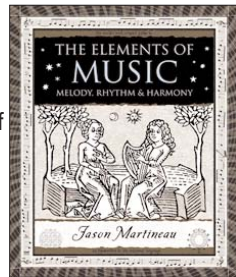


The Elements of Music

Melody, Rhythm and Harmony

Jason MARTINEAU 64pp Hb \$17.95

This innovative book presents the elements of music by building upon the long-known fundamentals of acoustics, proportion and relationship - a kind of musical metaphor. The principles behind melody, rhythm and harmony come alive, along with those of Western musical notation. From intervals, triads and the circle of fifths to major/minor keys and modulation, Martineau presents a splendid primer on music theory for the novice and professional alike. *Due Jan*

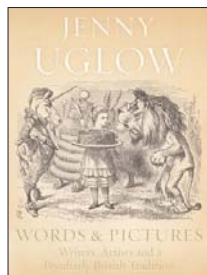


Words and Pictures

Writers, Artists and a Peculiarly British Tradition

Jenny UGLOW 176pp Hb \$32.95

This book explores three fascinating examples of relationships between artists and writers: the illustrations of *Paradise Lost* and *Pilgrim's Progress*; Hogarth and Fielding, a writer and artist dealing with common material; and Wordsworth and Thomas Bewick, a poet and engraver working separately, but imbued with the spirit of their age. A brief coda turns to a fourth kind of relationship - the writers and artists who collaborate from the start, beginning with Dickens and Phiz.

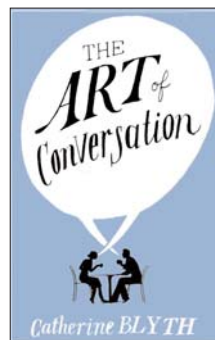


The Art of Conversation

How Talking Improves Lives

Catherine BLYTH 304pp Pb \$25

When it works, conversation is one of life's greatest joys. When it doesn't, it's hell! Passionate talker Catherine Blyth uncovers the principles and possibilities of this vital, yet undervalued, pleasure. With examples from Elizabeth I to Tommy Cooper, courtesans to nomads, this warm and witty guide will help you navigate the challenges of first dates and dinner parties alike.

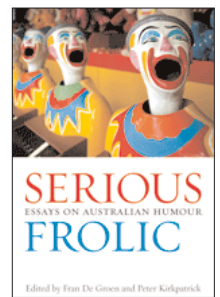


Serious Frolic

Essays on Australian Humour

Frances de GROEN & Peter KIRKPATRICK (Eds)
328pp Tp \$39.95

What do Australians find funny? Is there a distinctive style of Australian humour, or is there more than one? What are the ingredients? What social and cultural functions do they perform? This is the first collection of essays dedicated to examining a range of Australian humour. Leading scholars in Australian literature and culture explore humour, from the high to the low, from the classic to the cutting-edge: from Henry Lawson's *The Loaded Dog* and C J Dennis's *The Sentimental Bloke*, to Barry Humphries and Kath & Kim. There are essays on humour in Indigenous communities and among prisoners of war, on the ritual of 'taking the piss' and on the naming of racehorses. Ern Malley rubs shoulders with Pauline Pantsdown, the campus novel with colonial satire. *Due Jan*

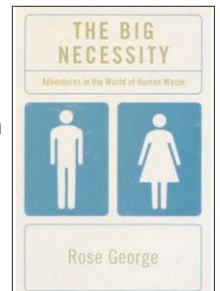


The Big Necessity

Adventures in the World of Human Waste

Rose GEORGE 304pp Pb \$32.95

Produced behind closed doors, disposed of discreetly, hidden by euphemism, shit is rarely out in the open in 'civilised' society, but the world of waste - and the people who deal with it, work with it and in it - is a rich one. This book takes us underground to the sewers of Paris and London and overground to meet the heroes of India's sanitation movement, the R&D lab-rats at the cutting edge of toilet technology, and the owner of the world's largest toilet paper collection. With a journalist's nose for a story and a campaigner's desire for change, the author addresses the politics of this under-reported social and environmental effluent, and the consequences of our reluctance to talk about it: bad sewage, through the diseases it transmits, is the single biggest cause of death in the world. Witty, serious and original, this book proves that shit doesn't have to be a dirty word.

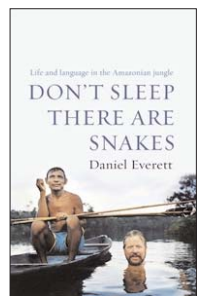


Don't Sleep, There are Snakes

Life and Language in the Amazon

Daniel EVERETT 320pp Tp \$35

Everett took his family to convert the Pirahas (pronounced pee-da-HAN), a remote people of the Amazonian jungle whose language no outsider had yet been able to understand. They encountered malaria, snakes, jaguars, spiders, insects and a plot to kill them in their sleep. But Everett gradually gained entry to this curious culture. Along the way he discovered a language which disproved the most established tenets of linguistics. Although Everett was a missionary, far from converting the Pirahas, they converted him. He shows the slow, meticulous steps by which he gradually mastered their language and his gradual realisation that its unusual nature closely reflected its speaker's startlingly original perceptions of the world. He describes how he began to realise that his discoveries about the Pirahas' language opened up a new way of understanding how language works in our minds and in our lives, and that this way was utterly at odds with Noam Chomsky's universally accepted linguistic theories. The perils of passionate academic opposition were then swiftly conjoined to those of the Amazon in a debate whose outcome has yet to be won.

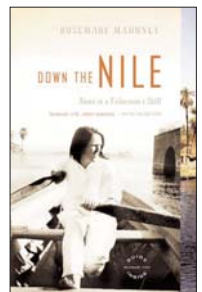


Down the Nile

Alone in a Fisherman's Skiff

Rosemary MAHONEY 304pp Tp \$25

In 1998, when Mahoney took a solo trip down the Nile in a seven-foot rowboat, she discovered modern Egypt for herself. As a rower, she faced crocodiles and testy river currents; as a female, she confronted deeply-held beliefs about foreign women, while cautiously remaining open to genuine friendship. As a traveller, she experienced events ranging from the humorous to the hair-raising, including an encounter that began as one of the most frightening of her life and ended as an edifying and chastening lesson in human nature and cultural misunderstanding. Whether meeting Nubians and Egyptians, or finding connections to Westerners who travelled up the Nile in earlier times (including Florence Nightingale and Gustave Flaubert), Mahoney's informed curiosity about the world never ceases to captivate.



Boyer Lectures 2008

Rupert MURDOCH 176pp Pb \$24.95

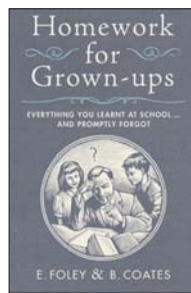
Rupert Murdoch illuminates our understanding of the rapidly changing media landscape and its impact on society today and in the future.

Miscellaneous

Homework for Grown-ups Everything You Learnt at School... and Promptly Forgot

E FOLEY & B COATES 512pp Hb \$29.95

Don't know your isosceles from your equilateral? Forgotten what actually happened in 1066? Do you know when you've left a participle hanging? And are you left slack-jawed when your children ask you what 'quid pro quo' means? Bewildered already? Fret no longer. This is a brilliantly informative and entertaining book of old-school knowledge for adults. It swots up on mathematics (covering algebra, Pythagoras' theorem, prime numbers and the Fibonacci sequence), English grammar and literature (do you know how to read a poem?), chemistry and the sciences (including the Big Bang theory), geography (can you name the planets in order?), history (how to remember the kings and queens of Britain, plus the Romans and the Magna Carta), art, Latin, modern languages, PE, home economics and much more. Packed with essential facts, figures and theories, plus fun, yet challenging, test papers to keep you on your toes and reignite those dormant brain cells.



How to Use eBay.com.au

2009 Edition

Todd ALEXANDER 208pp Pb \$14.99

This third edition covers eBay (how to buy and sell), as well as How to Use PayPal (Australia's fastest growing online payment mechanism). Major chapters include: Registration, Safe Trading, Buying and Selling. The PayPal section answers all your questions, explaining what PayPal is, why it is one of the safest internet payment methods, how to register, how to send and receive money, and what to do if anything goes wrong with a transaction.



Overloading Australia

Mark O'CONNOR

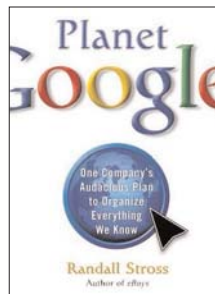
248pp Pb \$19.95

Greenhouse gases going up. Oil and gas depleting. House prices exploding. O'Connor explains why and how to stop it. The press of numbers on this continent affects us all - those living, as well as those yet to be born. To talk of saving the environment or of climate change is meaningless if we don't address population, a subject some think too hot for public debate. O'Connor challenges the myths, exposes the facts and blows the whistle on population; foolish policies that lead to clogged roads, water shortages, scarce food and no place for refugees. He provides new ways to think about these issues and argues for limiting Australia's future population size.

Planet Google

Randle STROSS 288pp Pb \$32.95

Google is the most significant, innovative and ambitious company of the Internet Age. Stross investigates Google's pursuit of a business plan unlike any other: to become the indispensable gatekeeper of the world's information. With at least 68% of all current web searches (a figure that continues to rise), profits that are the envy of the business world and a surplus of engineering and business talent, Google is well along the way to fulfilling its ambition and becoming as dominant a force on the Web as Microsoft became for the PC. The more ubiquitous that Google becomes, the more dependent its users become on its services and the more data they contribute to its uniquely comprehensive information collection. But will Google use its massive power in its customers' best interests?

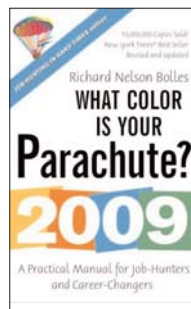


What Color is Your Parachute?

A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers: 2009

Richard Nelson BOLLES 456pp Pb \$34.95

Still the bestselling job-hunting book in the world, this is the most complete guide for first-time job seekers, as well as second and encore career-changers. For more than three decades, it remains a mainstay on bestseller lists, from Amazon.com to Business Week to the *New York Times*, where it has spent more than six years. Translated into 20 languages, to quote *Fortune* magazine, this is "the gold standard of career guides".



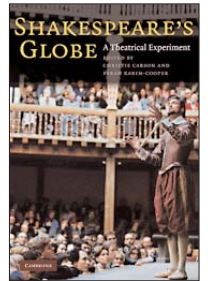
Shakespeare's Globe

A Theatrical Experiment

Christie CARSON & Farah KARIM-COOPER (Eds)

304pp Tp \$55.00

From 1997, Shakespeare's Globe flourished once more on London's South Bank after an absence of 400 years. The playhouse is now a major attraction for theatregoers, scholars, tourists, teachers and students of all ages who come to experience Shakespeare's plays and those of his contemporaries performed in their original conditions. The team of artists and education specialists who made this happen come together here to reflect on their 10-year experiment. Principal actors, designers, musicians and Globe Education staff engage with international scholars in a lively debate about the impact of this extraordinary building. Featuring an in-depth interview with former Artistic Director Mark Rylance and a contribution from Patrick Spottiswoode, Founder and Director of Globe Education, the book highlights the complex relationship between designer, composer, actor and audience which gives energy to this thriving Shakespearean centre.



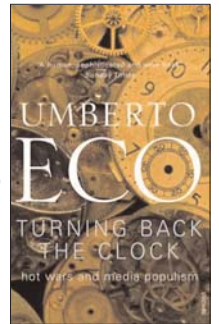
Turning Back the Clock

Hot Wars and Media Populism

Umberto ECO & Alastair McEWEN

384pp Pb \$ 29.95

After the Cold War, the 'Hot War' has made its comeback in Afghanistan and Iraq. Exhuming Kipling's 'Great Game', we have gone back to the clash between Islam and Christianity. The ghost of the Yellow Peril has been resurrected, the 19th century anti-Darwin debate has been reopened, and right-wing governments predominate. It almost seems like history, tired of the big steps forward it has taken in the past two millennia, has gone into reverse. With his customary sharpness and wit, Eco proposes, not so much that we resume a forward march, but that at the very least we cease marching backwards.



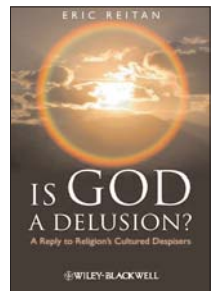
Is God a Delusion?

A Reply to Religion's Cultured Despisers

Eric REITAN

256pp Pb \$34.95

This book addresses the philosophical underpinnings of the recent proliferation of popular books attacking religious beliefs. It focuses primarily on charges levelled by recent critics that belief in God is irrational and that its nature ferments violence. It balances philosophical rigour and scholarly care with an engaging, accessible style. It offers a direct response to the crop of recent anti-religion bestsellers currently generating considerable public discussion.



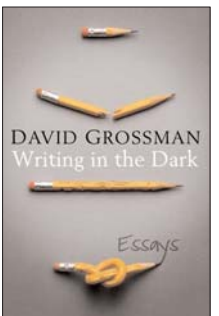
Writing in the Dark

Essays

David GROSSMAN

144pp Hb \$39.95

Throughout his career, Grossman has been a voice for peace and reconciliation between Israel and its Arab citizens and neighbours. In five new essays on politics and literature in Israel today, he addresses the conscience of a country that has lost faith in its leaders and ideals. This collection includes an already-famous speech that Grossman delivered in the presence of Ehud Olmert, attacking Olmert's policies and his prosecution of Israel's disastrous Lebanon war in 2006, the war that took the life of Grossman's 20-year-old son Uri. Moving, humane, clear-sighted and courageous, these essays on literature and the Holocaust, artistic creation, politics and philosophy are a calm voice of reason in a time of uncertainty and despair.

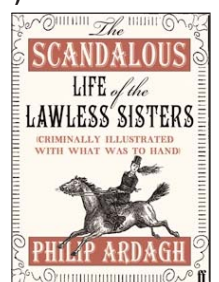


The Scandalous Life of the Lawless Sisters (Criminally illustrated with what was to Hand)

Philip ARDAGH

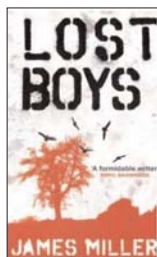
128pp Hb \$24.95

In *The Not-So-Very-Nice Goings-On at Victoria Lodge*, Philip Ardagh uncovered skulduggery of the murkiest kind lurking within the seemingly innocent illustrations of *The Girls' Own Paper*. In *The Silly Side of Sherlock Holmes*, he created *A Brand New Adventure Using a Bunch of Old Pictures* from *The Strand Magazine*. Here he has exposed the antics of one of the Victorian underworld's most notorious and feared all-female gangs by applying new captions to pictures from *Punch* of 1880. *Due Jan*

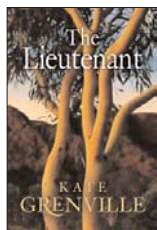


Regular readers of this column may remember the September *Abbey's Advocate* last year in which I enthused about reading **Peter Pan** (\$9.95 or \$12.95). This is one of those books that you think you've read, yet in fact may not have read at all! Well, I shall never again read it with such a light heart as I did in September.

Why? Because I've just read a remarkable first novel by British writer and academic James Miller. It is called **Lost Boys** (\$33 Pb 275pp). There are constant parallels with **Peter Pan**, despite the fact that this is an apocalyptic fable and thriller. A family has recently returned from working in Saudi Arabia, while the father was also, later, kidnapped in Baghdad. The sensitive elder son, having trouble fitting in at his new school, is dreaming of a mysterious, exotic boy who is beckoning him to run away. Unfortunately, other boys are having the same dream, and some adults are also thinking perhaps they can see him, this enticing figure in headscarf perched in the trees. First one boy disappears, then another, then the son of this family. So many children disappear that the parents start treating them as prisoners! A doom-laden scenario of the future. A stunning debut and highly recommended.



I enormously enjoyed Kate Grenville's latest, **The Lieutenant** (\$45 Hb 302pp). It is thought-provoking, thoughtful and enormously intelligent. Based on the life of Lieutenant Dawes, a clever, solitary young man who sailed with the First Fleet as Surveyor and Astronomer and set himself up at the now-named Dawes Point on Sydney Harbour. He was also careful to try to collect a dictionary of the language of the local indigenous through his friendship with a brightly curious young girl. He cannot justify taking part in an attack on the local people and is sent home in disgrace. Just as in her wonderful **Secret River** (\$32.95 Tp), the early part of the story - the young life of the hero - is marvellously well done. A good time to read again the wonderful accounts in Watkin Tench's **1788: Comprising a Narrative of the Expedition to Botany Bay and an Account of the Settlement at Port Jackson** (\$24.95 Pb 288pp), edited by Tim Flannery. And don't overlook **Searching for the Secret River** (\$24.95 Pb), where Kate tells how she went about researching and writing her most successful book.



Do you remember reading my story in an *Advocate* last year about donating funds to buy cows for a Vietnamese village? I am more than a little pleased to report that one customer (an *Advocate* reader in Western Australia) has joined the group and is now going to Vietnam to take part in the handover of another batch of cows. For more information about this grassroots help, consult www.agentorange.org.au. (\$300 buys one cow. The recipient pledges not to eat it and to give the first calf back to the village).

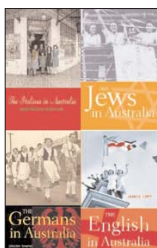


Nguyen Nghi and his new cow

I hope you enjoyed reading our 40th birthday commemorative booklet, **Forty Memories**. This included all the historical retrospectives from *Abbey's Advocate* during 2008, plus forty memories from customers, ex-staff and family, as well as the Forty Favourite Books of Greg and Lindy, our current buyers; Ann, a previous manager; and Peter Milne, Jean Abbey and myself. If you haven't received this free booklet, just send an email to admin@abbey.com.au and we will mail you a copy.

Maybe you can make a list of your own Forty Favourites? I've already received one from a friend and it is interesting to see what books have remained in our minds over the years. And which books keep popping up on other people's lists.

People interested in Multicultural Affairs will be pleased to hear that Cambridge University Press has made up a nice package of four books in the *Migrants in Australia* series. You can buy **Italians in Australia** by Cresciani, **Jews in Australia** by Rutland, **Germans in Australia** by Tampke and **The English in Australia** by Jupp for only \$59.95 for the entire paperback set.



Of Farming and Classics: A Memoir by David Grene (\$24.95 Pb) is a classic autobiography published by University of Chicago Press for one of their star authors. David Grene's name will be well-known to those who study the classics, especially Classical Greek. With Richard Lattimore, he translated the Complete Greek Tragedies and has also written books in the field of Shakespearean Studies. While doing all this and founding the Committee on Social Thought, he has also run a farm in Ireland and was a much admired teacher. A little gem.

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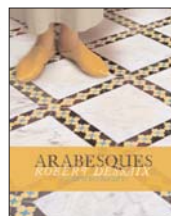


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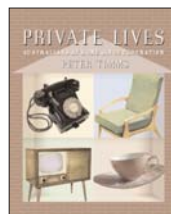
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It was a quiet pleasure to read Robert Dessaix's latest biographical travel memoir, beautifully produced by Picador. (Is it every author's hope to be awarded a silken bookmark?) I think **Arabesques: A Tale of Double Lives** (\$50 Hb 306pp) is his most successful foray into this genre. What a pleasure to spend time travelling with a writer so appreciative of the delights around him, who can twist his thoughts very easily to include Andre Gide's life - to compare and contrast him with himself. As he says, he was playing a game of hide-and-seek with Andre Gide. He has the facility to write fine prose, yet return easily to practicalities. My favourite book from Robert Dessaix is his autobiography, **A Mother's Disgrace** (\$24.95 Pb). It is a book I think every Australian should read. You may not find it everywhere, but of course it is always in Australian Biography at Abbey's.



Miegunyah Press has published another fascinating social history, Peter Timms' **Private Lives: Australians at Home Since Federation** (\$49.95 Lp 259pp). It is intriguing to read how computer manufacturers envisaged the future. For instance, they imagined electronic games as group activities where children gathered around the console, rather like watching TV! Including many interesting illustrations, this is a really good book from an author who takes the time to think about modern life.



Nice to see the Premier of NSW, Nathan Rees by name, can name a good book as his favourite reading. He was quoted in the paper as choosing Milton's **Paradise Lost**. (Perhaps, like **Peter Pan**, this is another book that you think you've read, but actually have not). You can buy a paperback for \$12.95 or for \$32.95 you can buy a new paperback edition from Oxford University Press with an introduction by Philip Pullman, author of the popular *His Dark Materials* trilogy, the name of which is taken from a line in *Paradise Lost*. You can find Pullman's books in various editions upstairs in our Children's section. The trilogy comprises **Northern Lights**, **The Subtle Knife** and **The Amber Spyglass**.

Good News that David Malouf has won the inaugural *Australia-Asia Literary Award* (\$110,000) for his collection **The Complete Stories** (\$25 Pb). He deserves it. Malouf also won the inaugural *IMPAC Award* in 1996 for **Remembering Babylon** (\$24.95). You'll find all his books here at Abbey's. Also, playwright John Romeril has won the *Patrick White Award*.

Sad news to hear of the death of Ivan Southall, a wonderful Australian writer, especially of children's books. I especially remember **Ash Road** and **Bread and Honey**. Southall published more than 50 books and was highly regarded, both here and overseas.

Napoleons of Sydney, a bookshop specialising in militaria, which was next door to Abbey's, has now moved further along York Street on the opposite side, sharing premises with The Tin Soldier at 40 York Street. Café Cozy is at street level and there is a nice model tin soldier, so you should easily spot it. Their phone number remains the same (9264 7560).

Jack Winning, our hardworking Managing Director, who has kept Abbey's on an increasingly good path, has retired. In fact, he is skiing in Canada right now. We shall miss him. However, he will remain a director of the company and will be available for us to consult for his sane and sensible advice. Son Alan Abbey is now Managing Director, supported by General Manager Adrian Hardingham and shop managers David Hall in Abbey's, Jacqui Rychner in Language Book Centre and Adam Tall in Galaxy Bookshop, all of whom are working hard to make the most of our new computer system.

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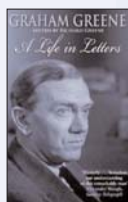
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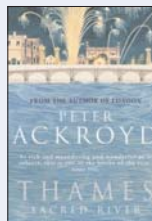
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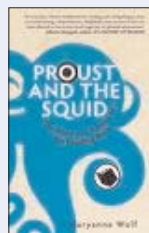
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