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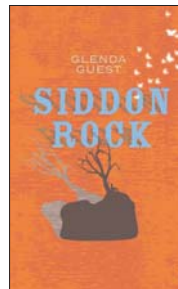
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## Siddon Rock

Glenda GUEST

Pb \$24.95

Macha Connor has always been as good as any bloke - better, actually. The only way she could get to war was by being a nurse, but she assumed the identity of a soldier when he died and saw active service - and some horrendous sights that have scarred her irrevocably. When she returns to her native town of Siddon Rock, somewhere in the dry vastness of country Australia, she discards clothes and language and begins to patrol the township nightly in an effort to keep it safe. But it is a place full of secrets and other unspoken knowledge - from old Nell with her wild dogs guarding ancient stories, Sybil in her hated father's butcher shop, Granna the mysterious resident in the founding Abilene family's house, Alistair/Alison and the new barman, Kelpie Crush with his moth collection. When a Jewish refugee and her son find refuge in Siddon Rock, so much will change... A marvellous novel, full of unusual and quirky characters and their history, with the shadow of the Rock looming over all. Look out for this on the award lists this year! *Due Feb* *Lindy*



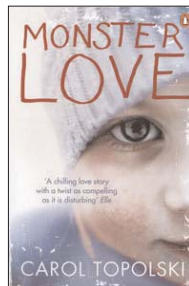
## Monster Love

Carol TOPOLSKI

272pp Pb \$24.95

Little Samantha Gutteridge hasn't been seen by her neighbours lately. Not too unusual, as her parents don't tend to show her off too often. The Gutteridges are up-and-coming hard workers, with a lovely home and excellent prospects, so obviously highly devoted to each other that they don't need anyone else, including their child. The story that unfolds is told in multiple voices - from the nosy next-door neighbour who stumbles upon the awful solution Brendan and Sherilyn come up with to their 'problem'; to the overworked social worker who can't do her job properly; the policeman who is first on the scene of unimaginable cruelty; the parents and co-workers and other neighbours; and chillingly, Brendan and Sherilyn themselves. A brilliant and unforgettable evocation of how an action reverberates through the community.

*Lindy*

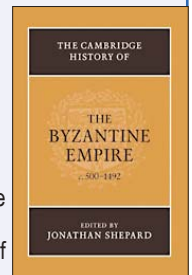


## The Cambridge History of the Byzantine Empire

Jonathan SHEPARD (Ed) 1,288pp Hb ~~\$350~~ pre-publication price **\$299**

Byzantium lasted a thousand years, ruled to the end by self-styled 'emperors of the Romans'. It underwent kaleidoscopic territorial and structural changes, yet recovered repeatedly from disaster: even after the near-impregnable Constantinople fell in 1204, variant forms of the empire reconstituted themselves. This volume tells the story, tracing political and military events, religious controversies and economic change. It offers clear, authoritative chapters on the main events and periods, with more detailed chapters on particular outlying regions, neighbouring powers or aspects of Byzantium. With aids such as a glossary, an alternative place-name table and references to English translations of sources, it will be valuable as an introduction. However, it also offers stimulating new approaches and important new findings, making it essential reading for postgraduates and specialists.

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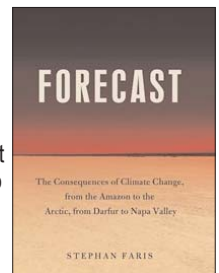
## Forecast

### The Consequences of Climate Change, from the Amazon to the Arctic

Stephen FARIS

256pp Pb \$29.95

While reporting just outside of Darfur, Faris discovered that climate change was at the root of that conflict. He began to wonder what current and impending - and largely unanticipated - crises are in store for the world. Global warming will spur the spread of many diseases. Italy has already experienced its first climate-change epidemic of a tropical disease. Malaria is gaining ground in Africa. The warming world will shift huge populations and potentially redraw political alliances around the globe, driving environmentalists into the hands of anti-immigrant groups. America's coasts are already more difficult places to live as increasing insurance rates make the Gulf Coast and other gorgeous spots prohibitively expensive. Crops will fail in previously lush places and thrive in some formerly barren zones, altering huge industries and remaking traditions. Water scarcity in India and Pakistan has the potential to inflame the conflict in Kashmir to unprecedented levels and draw the US into the troubles there and elsewhere. The result of astonishingly wide travel and reporting, this is a powerful, gracefully written account of the surprising ways that climate change will affect the world in the near future - politically, economically and culturally. *Due Feb*



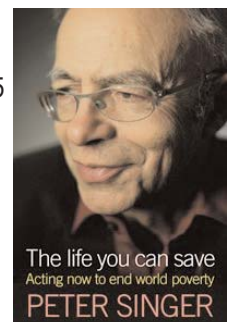
## The Life You Can Save

### Acting Now to End World Poverty

Peter SINGER

388pp Pb \$34.95

"What if I told you that you can save a life, even many lives? Do you have a bottle of water or a can of soda on the table beside you as you read this book? If you are paying for something to drink when safe drinking water comes out of the tap, you have money to spend on things you don't really need. Around the world, a billion people struggle to live each day on less than you paid for that drink. Because they can't afford even the most basic health care for their families, their children may die from simple, easily treatable diseases like diarrhoea. You can help them." This is the book that Peter Singer has wanted to write for 30 years. It is his argument about how we should respond to hunger and poverty. We live in a unique moment in history where the rich can genuinely help the poor to escape relentless poverty. But this will only happen if the rich care enough to make some small personal sacrifices. *Due Feb*



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## The Oxford English Dictionary

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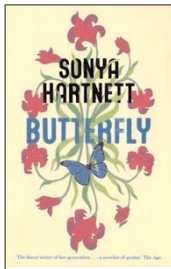
To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of the OED, the price has been dramatically reduced for a limited time. This is the lowest price it has ever been, so if you've always wanted to own all 20 volumes and 22,000 pages of this magnificent dictionary, here is your last chance!

## Butterfly

Sonya HARTNETT

256pp Pb \$29.95

This is a novel about the bonds of family, about growing up in suburbia and about the terrifying vulnerability of early adolescence. It is about the costs of interfering in the lives of others, the consequences of being hurt and, ultimately, it is about how we must all eventually leave childhood behind. *Due Feb*

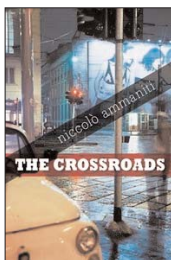


## The Crossroads

Niccolo AMMANITI

416pp Pb \$32.95

Cristiano is 16. Home life is far from perfect, and when his drink-sozzled father and two reprobate friends come up with a plan to rob a bank, Cristiano sees the chance of a better life. But as a tremendous storm brews that night, the perfect crime will have shocking consequences for all involved, and Cristiano must put childhood behind him once and for all. This utterly absorbing novel has pace, plot twists and glorious characters. *Due Feb*



## Lullabies for Little Criminals

Heather O'NEILL

432pp Pb \$22.95

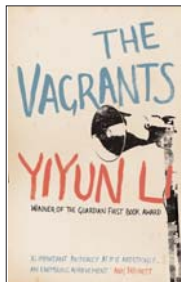
Baby is 12 years old. Her mother died not long after she was born and she lives in a string of seedy flats in Montreal's red light district with her father Jules, who takes better care of his heroin addiction than he does of his daughter. Jules is an intermittent presence and a constant source of chaos in Baby's life, both the turmoil he brings with him and the wreckage he leaves in his wake. Baby finds herself constantly readjusting to new situations, new foster homes, new places, new people, all the while longing for stability and a 'normal' life. But she has a gift - the ability to find the good in people, a genius for spinning stories and for cherishing the small crumbs of happiness that fall into her lap. She is bright, smart, funny and observant about life on the dirty streets of a city, and wise enough to realise salvation rests in her own hands.

## The Vagrants

Yiyun LI

352pp Pb \$27.99

In the provincial Chinese town of Muddy Waters, a young woman named Gu Shan is sentenced to death for her loss of faith in Communism. She is 28 years old and has already spent 10 years in prison. After her death, the citizens stage a protest. Over the following six weeks, the town goes through uncertainty, hope and fear until eventually the rebellion is brutally suppressed. Sumei, a mother of a young child, is sentenced to death as an anti-Communist activist. They are all taken on a painful journey, from one young woman's death to another. We follow the pain of Gu Shan's parents, the hope and fears of the leaders of the protest and their families. Even those who seem unconnected to the tragedy - an 11-year-old boy seeking fame and glory, a 19-year-old village idiot in love with a young and deformed girl, an old couple making a living by scavenging garbage cans - are caught up in the remorseless turn of events. *Due Feb*



## New Australian Stories

Aviva TUFFIELD (Ed)

336pp Pb \$29.95

This eclectic anthology showcases some of our finest short-story writers and proves that the short is alive and well in Australia. From seasoned practitioners of the form to rising and emerging stars of the short-story firmament, these stories cater for all tastes. There is humour, mystery, drama and even some delusion and deceit, with whole lives captured in just a few satisfying pages.

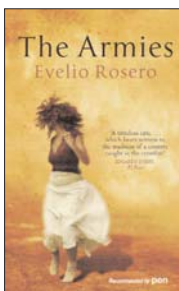


## The Armies

Evelio ROSERO

336pp Pb \$29.95

Ismael is a retired school teacher in a small Colombian village. He gathers oranges, admires beautiful women and has an idyllic everyday life. When the village is ransacked by an anonymous army, he is thrown into the fray and his mental stability collapses. The tragedy which engulfs the inhabitants of this village has indeed become an everyday occurrence in this country. People are kidnapped, killed, they disappear at the hands of unidentified groups such as the armies of the title: guerrillas, paramilitaries, narcotics traffickers. Instead of describing the reality of an unpredictable violent world, Rosero imitates it - with the dense, confused prose of a man going mad. Instead of portraying violence, he has created a violent novel. In this story, no-one is spared, no one is protected.

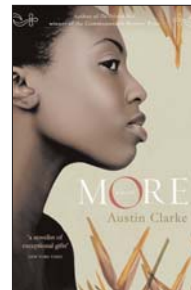


## More

Austin CLARE

352pp Tp \$32.99

At the news of her son BJ's involvement in gang crime, Idora Morrison collapses in her basement apartment. For four days and nights, she retreats into a vortex of memory, pain and disappointment that becomes a riveting expose of her life as a black immigrant from the Caribbean. While she struggled to make ends meet for 25 years, her deadbeat husband Bertram abandoned her for a better life in New York. Left alone to raise her son, she has done her best to survive against immense odds. But now that BJ has disappeared into a life of crime, she recoils from his loss and tries to understand how her life has spiralled into this tragic place. Eventually she finds her way back into the light with a courage that is both remarkable and unforgettable. *Due Feb*



## The Lost Recipe for Happiness

Barbara O'NEAL

400pp Tp \$32.99

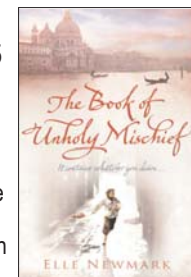
If you're in the mood for an entertaining and lightly romantic read, steeped in exotic spices, this is for you! Elena is terribly scarred by her past, literally and figuratively, but has managed to overcome physical handicaps and gender biases to be a highly regarded chef. Given the opportunity to have her own restaurant by the darkly handsome Julian Morrow, screen writer and highly successful film director, she relocates to the ski fields close to Mexico and her origins. There she has battles to fight - her predecessor, now the sous chef, is not inclined to be respectful or helpful; other staff are hard to retain; and then there is the stress of setting up in a highly competitive and visible field, not to mention the growing attraction to her boss... Don't expect great literature, but do expect a deliciously predictable story, the sort of guilty pleasure best enjoyed with a box of chocolates nearby! *Lindy*

## The Book of Unholy Mischief

Elle NEWMARK

384pp Pb \$32.95

It is 1498 and the whole of Venice is abuzz. Hidden somewhere in the labyrinthine city is an ancient book, rumoured to contain thorny heresies and secrets of immeasurable power. Luciano, a penniless orphan, has been plucked from the street and taken on as apprentice to the chef at the doge's palace. While learning the alchemy of cooking, he quickly finds himself entangled in the search for the ancient tome, even suspecting the chef, his maestro, may be concealing information. But lurking in the wings are some of the most powerful, dangerous men in Venice, and Luciano's secret will lead him through a dangerous maze to the centre of an intrigue that will test his deepest desires and loyalties.

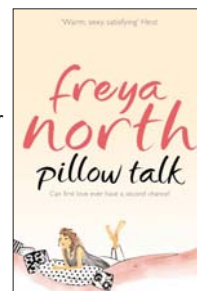


## Pillow Talk

Freya NORTH

448pp Pb \$25.00

Petra Flint and Arlo Savidge were once teenage sweethearts in a chaste, old-fashioned way. They never really told each other how they felt. Now, years later, dreamy and creative Petra is a jeweller by day who crafts beautiful intricate pieces from precious metals and vibrant gemstones. But by night, she is a sleepwalker, never fully able to rest. Arlo lives in North Yorkshire teaching at an eccentric boys' boarding school. Like Petra, he carries with him something that makes it hard to sleep at night. In an ice-cream shop one rainy day, they stand before each other once again. However, for love to blossom, they must finally put their pasts to bed. A past Petra can't quite remember. A past Arlo wants to forget.

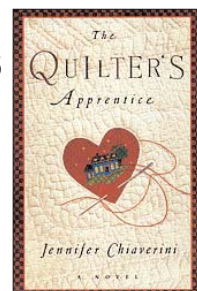


## The Quilter's Apprentice

Jennifer CHIAVERINI

224pp Pb \$19.95

When Sarah McClure and her husband Matt move to the small town of Waterford in Pennsylvania to get a fresh start, Sarah struggles to find a fulfilling job. Disheartened by failed interviews, she reluctantly accepts a temporary position at Elm Creek Manor helping 75-year-old Sylvia Compson prepare her family estate for sale after the recent death of Sylvia's estranged sister. As part of her compensation, Sarah is taught how to quilt by this reclusive, cantankerous master quilter. During their lessons, Mrs Compson slowly opens up to Sarah, sharing powerful, devastating stories of her life as a young woman on the WWII home front. Hearing tales of how Mrs Compson's family was torn apart by tragedy, jealousy and betrayal, Sarah is forced to confront uncomfortable truths about her own family.



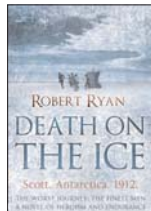


## Historical Fiction

### Death on the Ice

Robert RYAN 512pp Tp \$32.99

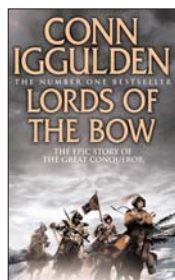
This is the story of a terrible journey in which five men died in the most appalling conditions - Robert Falcon Scott's polar expedition of 1910. A small British team raced against the Norwegians to be the first to the South Pole. After disappointing failure, these men began their return journey home; it was to be their last journey. Since their deaths nearly 100 years ago, their final days have been surrounded by myth and controversy. What really happened? Who was to blame? Did Scott doom his party to a slow, cold death by spurning the use of dogs? Ryan brilliantly depicts the nobility of these men under extreme duress, the depths of despair to which they sank, and the heights of heroism they scaled to try to overcome the seemingly impossible. *Due Feb*



### Lords of the Bow Conqueror #2

Conn IGGULDEN 544pp Pb \$19.99

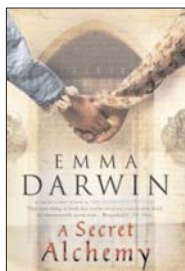
The gathering of the tribes of the Mongols has been a long time in coming, but finally, triumphantly, Temujin of the Wolves, Genghis Khan, is given the full accolade of the overall leader and their oaths. Now he can begin to meld all the previously warring people into one army, one nation. But the task Genghis has set himself and them is formidable. He is determined to travel to the land of the long-time enemy, the Chin, and attack them there. The distances and terrain - the wide deserts, the impenetrable mountains - make it a difficult venture, even for the legendary Mongolian speed of movement, but the greatest problem is that of the complex fortifications, a way of fighting wars of a settled, urban population which the nomadic Mongolians had never come across. Not only must Genghis succeed in this incredible campaign, he must also reconcile the restless factions among his own generals, mediate between his ambitious brothers and cope with his own reactions to his growing sons.



### A Secret Alchemy

Emma DARWIN 416pp Tp \$32.99

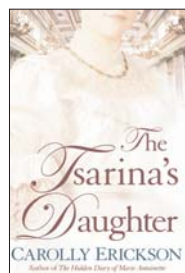
Two murdered princes; a powerful queen betrayed; a nobleman riding towards his certain death... The story of the Princes in the Tower has been one of the most fascinating, and most brutal, murder mysteries in history for more than 500 years. In a brilliant feat of historical daring, Darwin has recreated the terrible, exhilarating world of the two youngest victims of the War of the Roses: the power struggles and passion that lay behind their birth, the danger into which they fell, the profoundly moving days before their imprisonment, and the ultimate betrayal of their innocence. The story is told in three voices; Elizabeth Woodville, the beautiful widow of King Edward IV; her brother Anthony, surrogate father to the doomed Prince Edward and his brother Dickon; and that of present-day historian Una Pryor. Orphaned and herself brought up in a family where secrets and rivalries threaten her world, Una's experience of tragedy, betrayal and lost love help her unlock the long-buried secrets that led to the princes' deaths. Weaving their stories together, Darwin brilliantly evokes how the violence and glamour of past ages live on in our present times. *Due Feb*



### The Tsarina's Daughter

Carolly ERICKSON 352pp Tp \$29.99

From the bestselling author of *The Hidden Diary of Marie Antoinette* (\$22.99) comes a love story set against the drama of the last Russian Imperial family. Daria Gradov is an elderly grandmother living in the rural American West in the 1980s. No one knows that she was once Grand Duchess Tatiana, daughter of Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra. The young Tania lived a life of incomparable luxury in pre-revolutionary Russia - from the magnificence of the Winter Palace in St Petersburg to the family's private estate outside the capital. When her younger brother is diagnosed with haemophilia, the key to his survival lies in the mysterious powers of an illiterate monk, Rasputin, whose hold over her parents threatens to destroy them all.



## Children's reviewed by Lindy Jones

### Don Quixote

Miguel de CERVANTES retold by Martin JENKINS 352pp Hb \$44.95

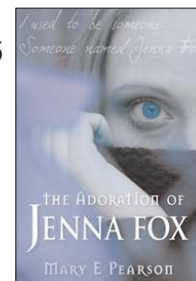
Cervantes' wonderful story about Don Quixote, who has read too many chivalric romances and embarks on a quest to save distressed damsels and right wrongs across Spain, has been retold with great sympathy and vivacity by Jenkins. Accompanied by his long-suffering 'squire' Sancho Panza, Quixote is never less than a knight in his own mind, no matter what others think of him. Colourful illustrations are provided by Chris Riddell (who collaborated with Jenkins on the successful adaptation of Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* Pb \$24.95) to make this an accessible version for ages 10+.



### The Adoration of Jenna Fox

Mary PEARSON 264pp Pb \$17.95

Jenna wakes up in a strange room which she is told is in her house. Apparently she is recovering from an accident and her over-protective parents moved to a new state to aid her convalescence. They are acting strangely, but not as strangely as her memory. She can reel off information she doesn't remember learning - or being interested in - but can't remember her best friend, or what her favourite food is. Things are slowly coming to the surface, but the mysteries are deepening... A fine, futuristic novel with plenty to think about! 13+



### A Small Free Kiss in the Dark

Glenda MILLARD 240pp Pb \$16.95

Skip has always been an outsider. Passed from one grim foster family to another, he decides that life on the streets can't be any worse than what he has to endure. Of course, it would be, if it wasn't for the off-handed kindness of Old Billy, who takes Skip under his wing and shows him how to survive. But then the bombs start falling and Skip and Billy find themselves looking after 6-year-old Max, while keeping an eye out for Tia and her new baby. Set in a not-far-distant probably-Melbourne, this well-plotted novel shows how strangers can be family and kindness can thrive in the harshest conditions. 13+



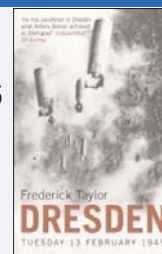
## Specials... while stocks last

### Dresden

Tuesday 13 February 1945

Frederick TAYLOR 608pp Pb \$26.95 \$12.95

At 9.51 pm on Tuesday 13 February 1945, Dresden's air-raid sirens sounded as they had done many times during WWII. But this time was different. By the next morning, more than 4,500 tons of high explosives and incendiary devices had been dropped on the unprotected city. At least 25,000 inhabitants died in the terrifying firestorm and 13 square miles of the city's historic centre, including incalculable quantities of treasure and works of art, lay in ruins. In this portrait of the city, its people and its still-controversial destruction, Taylor has drawn on archives and sources only accessible since the fall of the East German regime. He talked to Allied aircrew and survivors, members of the German armed services, refugees who fled the Russian advance and the ordinary citizens of Dresden.



### The Boys

Triumph Over Adversity

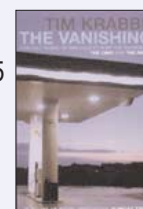
Martin GILBERT 526pp Pb \$26.95 \$12.95

In August 1945, the first of 732 child survivors of the Holocaust reached Britain. First settled in the Lake District, they formed a tightly knit group of friends whose terrible shared experience is almost beyond imagining. This is their story, from the lost communities of pre-World War II central Europe, moving through ghetto, concentration camp and death march to liberation, survival and finally, 50 years later, a deeply moving reunion. Gilbert has brought together the recollections of this remarkable group of survivors. With magisterial narration, he tells their astonishing stories.

### The Vanishing

Tim KRABBE 128pp Pb \$21.95 \$9.95

Petrol gauge broken, anxiety and tempers flaring, young lovers Rex and Saskia pull in at a service station on their way to a holiday in the South of France to refuel. As soon as they stop, the tension is relieved. Rex buries two coins in a crack at the base of a fence post as a secret sign of their love. Saskia goes off to buy a couple of cold drinks, but then vanishes... A classic European thriller.

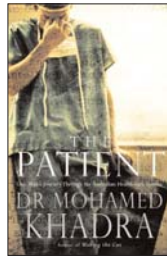


## The Patient

Dr Mohamed KHADRA

Tp \$34.95

At 47, Jonathan Brewster finally feels like he's the king of the world. He has a lucrative job, a happy marriage, two children in private schools, an impressive house and a flashy car. He's also hugely in debt, but that's never really bothered him, until he wakes up at dawn bursting for the toilet, urinates blood, and ends up waiting eight hours in Emergency before he sees a doctor. Urologist Mohamed Khadra comes into contact with this patient as he enters a maze of diagnosis and treatment for what turns out to be bladder cancer. For Dr Khadra, Jonathan goes from being just another patient, albeit very young to be suffering from this particular disease, to something much more, as the parallels between them become apparent. Dr Khadra's life, too, seems to be following its planned trajectory until his own first-hand experience of disease teaches him that life is fleeting and unpredictable. In being confronted with their own mortality, Jonathan and Dr Khadra develop a heightened awareness of, and gratitude for, the lives they have lived. From the author of the bestselling **Making the Cut** (\$24.95) comes this gripping true story of a stranger in the strangest of lands: the Australian healthcare system. *Due Feb*



## Gordon Barton

Australia's Maverick Entrepreneur

Sam EVERINGHAM

Tp \$35.00

Gordon Barton is one of the most extraordinary businesspeople Australia has produced. A prominent and provocative commentator with an entirely new vision for Australia, he founded the political party that eventually became the Australian Democrats, owned two radical newspapers including Nation Review, and built a vast commercial empire with interests in transport, mining, insurance, hotels, casinos, and book publishing and retailing. Described as the Great Gatsby of his time, his private life was wild and unconventional. He captivated women and counted among his friends the mistress of the whip, Madam Lash, the lawyer Sir Lawrence Street, the legendary standover man Tim Bristow and the controversial editor Francis James. At the height of his success, he generated countless headlines, but died a recluse in Italy having lost the European and Australian transport empires he worked so hard to create. "Gordon Barton was the fast buccaneer who became the small-l liberal conscience of Australia. This book takes us on a rollercoaster read through the spills and thrills of his maverick life. His was the Icarus trajectory, but he felt the sky before he fell." - Geoffrey Robertson, QC *Due Feb*



## A Simple Freedom

Ahmed KATHRADA

148pp Hb \$24.99

Sentenced to life imprisonment at the Rivonia Trial in 1964, Ahmed Kathrada spent 18 years on Robben Island and a further seven in Pollsmoor Prison with, among others, Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu. During his incarceration, he secretly jotted down quotations which he came across and liked: proverbs, aphorisms, poetry and drama extracts, and passages from books, magazines and newspapers. On Robben Island, these quotations were like familiar friends. They helped steel the soul within the stolen body. The authorities might control that body, but they could not lock up the mind. A journey which reveals how this remarkable and modest man was able to maintain his dignity and freedom of mind, while all other liberty was denied him. *Due Feb*



## A Journal for Jordan

A Story of Love and Honour

Dana CANEDY

288pp Tp \$29.99

In 2005, First Sergeant Charles Monroe King, First Battalion, 67th Armoured Regiment, Fourth Infantry Division, began to write what would become a 200-page journal for his infant son in case he did not make it home from Iraq. King, 48, was killed on 14 October 2006. His son Jordan was six months old. This is a father's letter to the son he will never see, wrenching accounts of losing men in battle mixed with advice on everything from how to withstand disappointment to how to behave on a date. It is also a mother's search for answers. Why did King volunteer for the mission that killed him? Why was it such a struggle to accept this man she deeply loved as he was? A heartrending reminder of the human cost of war. *Due Feb*



## Reborn

Early Diaries 1947-1964

Susan SONTAG

336pp Hb \$45.00

"I intend to do everything... I shall anticipate pleasure everywhere and find it too, for it is everywhere! I shall involve myself wholly... everything matters!" So wrote Susan Sontag in May 1949 at the age of 16 in the early pages of this selection from her private diaries written in her youth and early adulthood. This is a kaleidoscopic self-portrait of one of America's greatest writers and intellectuals, teeming with Sontag's voracious curiosity and appetite for life. We watch the young Sontag's complex self-awareness, share in her encounters with the writers who informed her thinking, and engage with the profound challenge of writing itself - all filtered through the inimitable detail of everyday life. *Due Feb*



## I am Melba

Ann BLAINEY

400pp Pb \$27.95

Growing up in Melbourne, Nellie Mitchell dreamed of fame, but her devout father disapproved. When the chance arose to go to Paris, she trusted in her musical talent and hoped for a lucky break. Within a few years, reborn as Nellie Melba, she was performing to overflowing concert halls, hobnobbing with European royalty and collaborating with some of the most renowned composers of the age. Audiences swooned over the 'heavenly pleasures' of her voice, while the public showed an insatiable appetite for news of her sometimes passionate private life. Dame Nellie Melba was Australia's first international superstar. In this important biography, enhanced by new research, Blainey captures the exuberance, controversy and pathos of Melba's remarkable career. *Due Feb*

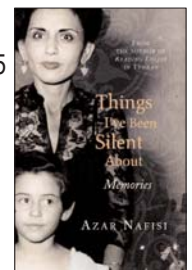


## Things I've Been Silent About

Azar NAFISI

368pp Tp \$32.95

In her bestselling memoir **Reading Lolita in Tehran** (\$25), Nafisi opened her world to us, offering a vibrant portrait of women's lives in Iran. Here she returns to Iran and her childhood to deliver an exquisite and moving portrait of a family's life, a life lived in thrall to her powerful mother. She describes the mesmerising fictions she created about herself, her past and the family's life. Part detective story and part portrait of an exceptional marriage and mother-daughter struggle, the book is also a deeply personal reflection on women's choices and on how Nafisi found inspiration for a different kind of life in the stories of women in The Persian Book of Kings. Writing of the women who came to her mother's coffee salons, Nafisi explores the perverse effects of society's restrictions, in things everyone knew, but were silent about. A gifted storyteller once again masterfully uses her own life to transform the way we see the world. *Due Feb*

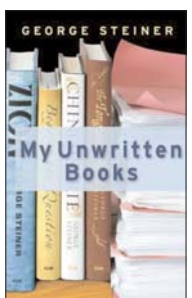


## My Unwritten Books

George STEINER

224pp Pb \$25.00

In this fiercely original and audacious work, Steiner tells of seven books which he did not write. Because intimacies and indiscretions were too threatening. Because the topic brought too much pain. Because the emotional or intellectual challenge proved beyond his capacities. The actual themes range widely and defy conventional taboos: the experience of sex in different languages; a love for animals greater than for humans; the costly privilege of exile; a theology of emptiness. Yet a unifying perception underlies this diversity. The best we have or can produce is only the tip of the iceberg. Behind every good book, as in a lit shadow, lies the book which remained unwritten, the one that would have failed better. *Due Feb*



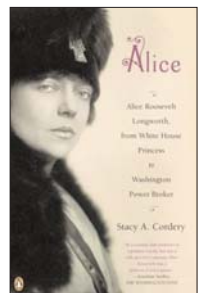
## Alice

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House Princess to Washington Power Broker

Stacey CORDERY

608pp Pb \$19.95

From the moment Teddy Roosevelt's outrageous and charming teenage daughter strode into the White House - carrying a snake and dangling a cigarette - the outspoken Alice began to put her imprint on the whole of the 20th century political scene. Her barbed tongue was as infamous as her scandalous personal life, but whenever she talked, powerful people listened, and she reigned for eight decades as the social doyenne in a town where socialising was state business. Cordery's unprecedented access to personal papers and family archives enlivens and informs this richly entertaining portrait of America's most memorable first daughter and one of the most influential women in 20th century American society and politics.



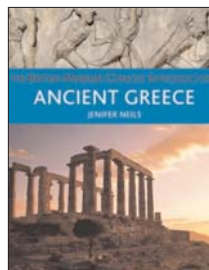


## Ancient Greece

### The British Museum Concise Introduction

Jennifer NEILS 192pp Pb \$45.00

This book is a lively and readable overview of the fascinating history of ancient Greece, from its earliest origins through to its legacy in the modern world. Beginning with the rediscovery of the Classical Greeks, the author traces their evolution from Bronze Age civilisations through the emergence of the city state, discussing topics such as writing and art, government and philosophy, warfare and hunting, trade and colonisation, gods and heroes, entertainment and domestic life.



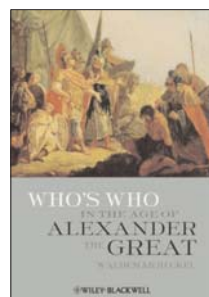
## Who's Who in the Age of

### Alexander the Great

#### Prosopography of Alexander's Empire

Waldemar HECKEL 336pp Pb \$59.95

This book contains concise biographies of over 800 individuals known from the literary and epigraphic sources from the age of Alexander. It covers significant figures, ranging from leading commanders in Alexander's army to the nobles and regional leaders of the Persian Empire whom he encountered on his epic campaign. "This is the most important book on Alexander's reign in years... Heckel has now made it possible for teachers and students to also research the inner history of one of the most fascinating periods of ancient history. Summing up: Essential. All university libraries should have this book." - *Choice*



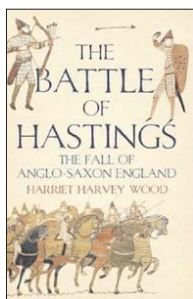
## The Battle of Hastings

### The Fall of Anglo-Saxon England

Harriet Harvey WOOD 260pp Hb \$49.95

The date of the battle of Hastings, 14 October 1066, is probably the most famous in English history. This book brings to life the world of Harold the King and Duke William in a compelling narrative history that reads as vividly as if it happened yesterday. Wood's original, fascinating book shows that, rather than bringing culture and enlightenment to England, the Normans' aggressive and illegal invasion destroyed a long-established and highly-developed civilisation that was far ahead of other European peoples in its political institutions, art and literature. It explores the background and lead-up to the invasion and the motives of the leading players, the state of warfare in England and Normandy in 1066, and the battle itself. By all the laws of probability, King Harold ought to have won the battle of Hastings without difficulty and to have enjoyed a peaceful and enlightened reign. That he did not was largely a matter of sheer bad luck. This gripping and highly-readable book shows how he came to be defeated and what England lost as a result of his defeat and death.

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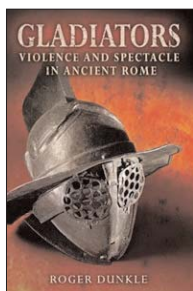


## Gladiators

### Violence and Spectacle in Ancient Rome

Roger DUNKLE 408pp Hb \$39.95

To the modern mind, the gladiatorial games of ancient Rome embody the dark side of Roman culture, a blood-soaked glorification of violence as entertainment. But how did they appear to the spectators who packed the amphitheatres of ancient Rome? Dunkle shows us the games through Roman eyes - both those who watched and those who fought. He gives a fascinating insight into the lives of the gladiators, their food, their living quarters and their training. He recreates the experience of the Roman spectator: the atmosphere of the amphitheatre and the arena, the advertisements and parades, the music that accompanied the preliminary mock fights and the real combat. And, of course, the fights themselves. He also discusses the wider significance of the games: the political aspirations of the republican sponsors of such events and, as the Roman Republic became the Roman Empire, changes that the games underwent, reflecting the values of the time. Stand-alone combat, embodying the republican virtues of personal courage and self-reliance, became a multi-faceted spectacle involving not only the gladiatorial combat itself, but also elaborately-staged animal hunts and the execution of enemies of the state - criminals, Christians and prisoners of war. The gladiatorial games became a symbolic representation of Imperial rule and all that went with it.

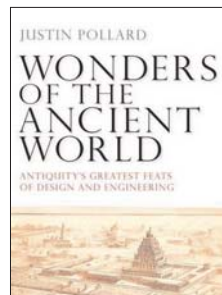


## Wonders of the Ancient World

### Antiquity's Greatest Feats of Design and Engineering

Justin POLLARD 192pp Hb \$45.00

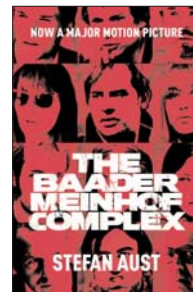
This book describes the most extraordinary feats of human engineering and design from across the globe, created between the dawn of human civilisation and the onset of the Dark Ages. Pollard looks at the problems that the ancients solved to build each wonder and introduces us to the travellers, both ancient and modern, who saw and rediscovered each site. *Due Feb*



## The Baader Meinhof Complex

Stefan AUST 480pp Tp \$45.00

This fascinating book tells the story of how a small group of young, middle-class people, out of moral indignation about the Vietnam War and the injustices of capitalist society, turned to bombings, kidnappings and murder, thus resorting to flagrant immorality themselves. Their story reads like a thriller. Rooted in the student movement of the 1960s, the story of the Baader-Meinhof group - or the Red Army Faction (RAF), as they called themselves - began in May 1970 with the freeing of Andreas Baader, imprisoned for setting fire to department stores in protest at the Vietnam War. After years of violent confrontation with the German state - costing the lives of 34 politicians and industrialists, chauffeurs and policemen - it ended on 20 April 1998 with a declaration sent to the Reuters news agency: "Almost 28 years ago, on 17 May 1970, the RAF arose in a campaign of liberation. Today we end this project."



## The Great Gamble

### The Soviet War in Afghanistan

Gregory FEIFFER 336pp Hb \$49.99

The Soviet war in Afghanistan was a gruelling debacle that has striking lessons for American foreign policy today. During the last years of the Cold War, the Soviet Union sent some of its most elite troops to unfamiliar lands in Central Asia to fight a vaguely defined enemy which eventually defeated their superior number with unconventional tactics. Although the Soviet leadership initially saw the invasion as a victory, many Russian soldiers came to view the war as a demoralising and devastating defeat, the consequences of which had a substantial impact on the Soviet Union and its looming collapse. Feifer's extensive research includes fascinating interviews with participants from both sides of the conflict. In gripping detail, he vividly depicts the invasion of a volatile country that no power has ever successfully conquered. Parallels between the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq are impossible to ignore. Both conflicts were waged amid vague ideological rhetoric about freedom. Both were roundly condemned by the outside world for trying to impose their favoured forms of government on countries with very different ways of life. And both seem destined to end on uncertain terms. This is an unforgettable story, full of drama, action and political intrigue, whose relevance in our own time is greater than ever. *Due Feb*



## Crossing Hitler

### The Man Who Put the Nazis on the Witness Stand

Benjamin Carter HETT 368pp Hb \$45.00

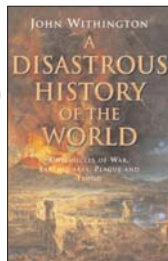
In 1931, during the Eden Dance Palace trial of four Nazi storm-troopers, Hans Litten grilled Adolf Hitler in a merciless, three-hour cross-examination, forcing him into multiple contradictions and evasions and finally reducing him to a helpless and humiliating rage. Two years after the trial, when the Nazis seized power, friends and family urged Litten to flee the country, but he stayed and was sent to the concentration camps. Amid unspeakable horror, he kept Dachau prisoners sane by reciting great works from memory. As Hett writes in this gripping narrative, his story is one of the most redemptive, "a story of human nobility in the face of barbarism." *Due Feb*



## A Disastrous History of the World

John WITHINGTON 400pp Hb \$55.00

Withington takes us on an epic journey through the annals of the disastrous that have marked human history. Part I has all the major natural calamities - floods, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, tsunamis, plague and famine, while Part II vividly describes the greatest man-made disasters - war and invasion, persecution and massacre, riots and terrorism, explosions and fires, shipwrecks and air crashes.

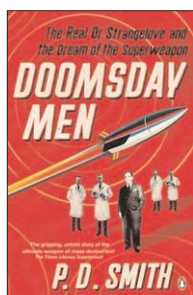


## Doomsday Men

### The Real Dr Strangelove and the Dream of the Superweapon

P D SMITH 576pp Pb \$28.00

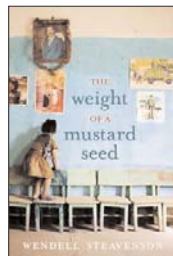
It was the weapon to end all weapons: the doomsday device, a huge nuclear bomb so powerful that it could envelop the entire planet in a cloud of radioactive dust and bring about instant extinction. This is the untold story of the Cold War's most insane plan, the men behind it and how it nearly happened. It is also the history of humanity's nightmare vision of a super-weapon, showing how popular culture - from the stories of H G Wells and Jules Verne to films such as *Planet of the Apes*, *Mad Max* and *Dr Strangelove* - has both shaped and reflected our darkest dreams.



## The Weight of a Mustard Seed

Wendell STEAVENSON 320pp Pb \$34.95

General Kamel Sacht was one of Saddam Hussein's commanders in his Special Forces, in charge of Kuwait City during Desert Storm, and a Governor in the province of Maysan. Over the course of four years in Baghdad, Stevenson came to know Sacht, his wife and their nine children, and began to unravel their stories. Here he tells of a father with a glittering military career, a decorated hero with a private conscience; of a wife, once free-thinking and ambitious, who becomes progressively shuttered away into purdah; of young, ideological sons whose religious fervour grows increasingly dangerous; and, most tragically, of daughters who, in the end, will suffer the most... "In Iraq, there was never one story, there were always many stories, layers of episodes, each one a wound." As Stevenson gradually reveals the emotional and psychological scars left on one family after decades spent living with war and repression, so too he reaches towards the heart of a previously unspoken story of a once prosperous nation, reduced by Hussein's megalomania and paranoia to bankruptcy, corruption and impotence. *Due Feb*

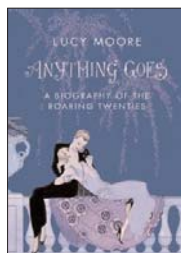


## Anything Goes

### A Biography of the Roaring Twenties

Lucy MOORE 304pp Hb \$45.00

This is an exhilarating portrait of the era of invention, glamour and excess from one of the brightest young stars of mainstream history writing. Bracketed by the catastrophes of the Great War and the Wall Street Crash, the 1920s was a time of fear and hedonism. The decade glittered with seduction: jazz, flappers, wild all-night parties, the birth of Hollywood and a glamorous, gangster-led crime scene forced to flourish under prohibition. It was punctuated by terrifying events, such as the political 'show trials' of Sacco and Vanzetti, and the huge march by the Ku Klux Klan down Washington DC's Pennsylvania Avenue. It also produced a glittering array of artists, musicians and film stars, from F Scott Fitzgerald to Bessie Smith to Charlie Chaplin. Moore interweaves the most compelling stories of the people and events that characterised the decade to produce a gripping account of an often-overlooked period. In doing so, she demonstrates that the jazz age was far more than just 'between wars'; it was an epoch of passion and change - an age, she observes, not unlike our own. The world she evokes is one of effortless allure and terrifying drama: a world that was desperate to escape itself. *Due Feb*



## The Devil We Know

### Dealing with the New Iranian Superpower

Robert BAER 288pp Tp \$32.95

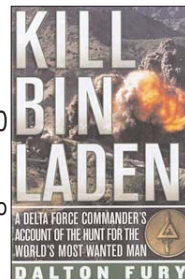
Former CIA operative Baer exposes for the first time the true extent of Iran's tightening grip on the Middle East and the world's energy corridor, the Persian Gulf, revealing that the Shia nation has effectively checkmated the US and other leading countries in a new global power play. *Due Feb*

## Kill Bin Laden

### A Delta Force Commander's Account of the Hunt for the World's Most Wanted Man

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The mission was to kill the most wanted man in the world, an operation of such magnitude that it couldn't be handled by just any military or intelligence force. The best America had to offer was needed. As such, the task was handed to roughly 40 members of America's super-secret counter-terrorist unit formerly known as 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta; or more popularly, the elite and mysterious unit, Delta Force. Delta's orders were to go into harm's way and prove to the world bin Laden had been terminated. These Delta warriors had help: a dozen of the British Queen's elite commandos, another dozen or so Army Green Berets, and six intelligence operatives from the CIA who laid the groundwork by providing cash, guns, bullets, intelligence and interrogation skills to this clandestine military force. Together this team waged a modern siege of epic proportions against bin Laden and his seemingly impenetrable cave sanctuary burrowed deep inside the Spin Ghar Mountains in eastern Afghanistan. This is the real story of the operation, the first eyewitness account of the Battle of Tora Bora and the first book to detail just how close Delta Force came to capturing bin Laden, how close US bombers and fighter aircraft came to killing him, and exactly why he slipped through their fingers. *Due Feb*

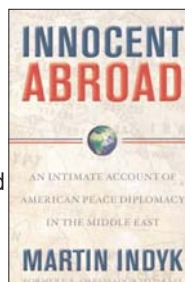


## Innocent Abroad

### An Intimate History of American Peace Diplomacy in the Middle East

Martin INDYK 448pp Hb \$49.99

Making peace in the long-troubled Middle East is likely to be one of the top priorities of the next US president. He will need to take account of the important lessons from past attempts, which are analysed here in a gripping book by a renowned expert who served twice as US ambassador to Israel and as Middle East adviser to President Clinton. Indyk takes us inside the Oval Office, the Situation Room, the palaces of Arab potentates and the offices of Israeli prime ministers. He draws intimate portraits of the American, Israeli and Arab leaders he worked with, including Israel's Yitzhak Rabin, Ehud Barak and Ariel Sharon, the PLO's Yasser Arafat, Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Syria's Hafez al-Asad. He describes in vivid detail high-level meetings, demonstrating how difficult it is for US presidents to understand the motives and intentions of Middle Eastern leaders and how easy it is for them to miss those rare moments when these leaders are willing to act in ways that can produce breakthroughs to peace. *Due Feb*

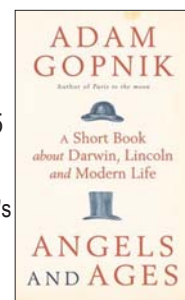


## Angels and Ages

### A Short Book about Darwin, Lincoln and Modern Life

Adam GOPNIK 224pp Hb \$34.95

12 February 1809. Two men were born an ocean apart: Abraham Lincoln in a one-room Kentucky log cabin; Charles Darwin on an English country estate. Each would see his life's work transform mankind's understanding of itself. In this bicentennial twin portrait, Gopnik shows how these two giants, who never met, changed the way we think about the very nature of existence. Their great achievements proceeded from the same source - argument from reason. The revolutions that followed shaped the world we live in, while the intellectual heritage and method that informed their parallel lives has profound implications for our present age. Filled with little-known stories and unfamiliar characters, this book reveals these men in a new, shared light, providing a fascinating insight into the origins of our modern vision and liberal values. *Due Feb*



## Swindled

### From Poisoned Sweets to Counterfeit Coffee: The Darkest History of the Food Cheats

Bee WILSON 384pp Pb \$27.99

Via a fascinating mix of food politics, history and culinary detective work, Wilson uncovers the many methods by which swindlers have tampered with our food throughout history. From the leaded wine of ancient Rome to the food piracy of the 21st century, we see the extraordinary ways food has been padded, poisoned, spiked, coloured, substituted, faked and mislabelled everywhere it has been sold. She reveals the strong historical currents which enable fraudsters to flourish; the battle of the science of deception against the science of detection; the struggle to establish reliable standards. She also suggests some small ways in which we can all protect ourselves from swindles and learn to trust what we eat again. *Due Feb*



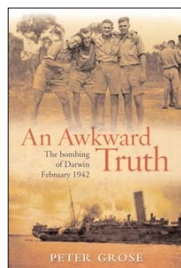


## Australian History

### An Awkward Truth The Bombing of Darwin, February 1942

Peter GROSE 272pp Tp \$32.95

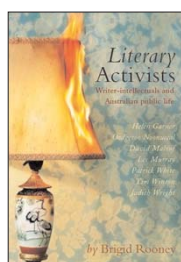
Darwin was a battle that Australia would rather forget, yet the Japanese attack on 19 February 1942 was the first wartime assault on Australian soil. The Japanese struck with the same carrier-borne force that devastated Pearl Harbour 10 weeks earlier. There was a difference. More bombs fell on Darwin, more civilians were killed and more ships were sunk. The raid led to the worst death toll from any event in Australia. The attackers bombed and strafed three hospitals, flattened shops, offices and the police barracks, shattered the Post Office and communications centre, wrecked Government House and left the harbour and airfields burning and ruined. The people of Darwin abandoned their town, leaving it to looters, a few anti-aircraft batteries and a handful of dogged defenders with single-shot .303 rifles. Yet the story has remained in the shadows. Drawing on long-hidden documents and first-person accounts, Grose tells what really happened and takes us into the lives of the people who were there. There was much to be proud of in Darwin that day: courage, mateship, determination and improvisation. But the dark side of the story involves looting, desertion and a calamitous failure of leadership.



### Literary Activists Writer-intellectuals and Australian Public Life

Brigid ROONEY 296pp Tp \$34.95

Helen Garner, David Malouf, Tim Winton, Judith Wright, Patrick White, Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) and Les Murray. Why have some of our greatest writers also been leading political activists? Judith Wright fought to save the Great Barrier Reef and campaigned for a Treaty with Aboriginal Australians. Patrick White led anti-nuclear peace marches and boycotted the Bicentenary. Helen Garner and Les Murray took a stand against political correctness. How have their public interventions provoked us and how have we responded? Can writers really change the world? Rooney examines these questions through the lives and actions of some of Australia's foremost writers, exploring the intimate connection between writers and activism and asks what this reveals about the future of Australian literature. *Due Feb*



### Blood Brothers The Birth of the Anzacs

Jeff Hopkins WEISE 288pp Tp \$35.00

This book shows how the military, social and economic brotherhood that is the ANZAC legend began not on the sandy beaches of Gallipoli, but 50 years earlier in the damp forests and fields of the North Island of New Zealand. By the middle of the 19th century, the very existence of the European colonial settlement in New Zealand was threatened. But while Queen Victoria's Britain engaged in more important wars elsewhere, such as the Crimea, the New Zealand colony became totally dependant on its sister colonial states in Australia for military materials, manpower and logistical, financial and humanitarian support. This set in motion events as varied as the kick-starting of the Australian arms and shipbuilding industries, to the creation of an import/export sector for food and materials, to the development of humanitarian organisations, to the establishment of military settler missions and even to the creation of the basis of the New Zealand police force.

### Speeches of a Chief Justice James Spigelman 1998-2008

Tim CASTLE (Ed) Hb \$75.00

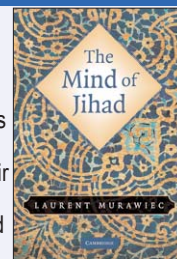
This special edition volume celebrates the 10th anniversary of Chief Justice James Spigelman AC through an edited selection of his public speeches delivered over the last decade. Against the background of ever-present change, Spigelman C J has systematically expounded the virtue of the rule of law and marked out the importance of our legal institutions as part of the Australian government compact. With his eye for principle, combined with a deep understanding of law, economics and the challenges of public life, these speeches are a public performance designed to engage with, and entertain, audiences. None of that originality is lost in this edition, which has been carefully arranged and edited by Sydney lawyer and historian Tim Castle.

## New from Cambridge

### The Mind of Jihad

Laurent MURAWIEC 352pp Pb \$45.00

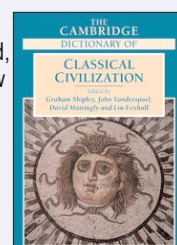
All Jihadi groups, whether Shiite or Sunni, Arab or not, are characterised by a similar bloodlust. Murawiec characterises this belief structure as identical to that of Europe's medieval millenarians and apocalyptics, arguing that both Jihadis and their European cousins shared in a Gnostic ideology: a God-given mission endowed the Elect with supernatural powers and placed them above the common law of mankind. Although the ideology of Jihad is essentially Islamic, Murawiec traces the political technologies used by modern Jihad to the Bolsheviks. Their doctrines of terror as a system of rule were appropriated by radical Islam through multiple lines of communication. This book brings history, anthropology and theology to bear to understand the mind of Jihad that has declared war on the West and the world.



### The Cambridge Dictionary of Classical Civilization

Graham SHIPLEY (Et al Ed) 1,010pp Pb \$59.95

This guide provides an authoritative survey of the classical world, combining the traditional strengths of classical subjects with new approaches examining the social and cultural features of the ancient Greek and Roman world. Ranging in time from post-Bronze Age Greece to the later Roman Empire, it looks not only at ancient Greece and Rome, but discusses those cultures with which Greeks and Romans exchanged information and culture (eg. Phoenicians, Celts and Jews) and those remote peoples with whom they were in contact (eg. Persia, China and India). It paints a vivid new picture of ancient life, exploring material realities such as dress and technology. It emphasises the transmission of classical learning and explores our debts to Greece and Rome. Highly-illustrated, with hundreds of entries by leading scholars, this is a superb reference work and definitive companion for anyone with an interest in the ancient world. If you've been resisting the hardback (\$299), now is the time to pick up this extremely well priced paperback.



### Classical Greece and the Birth of Western Art

Andrew STEWART 376pp Pb \$49.95

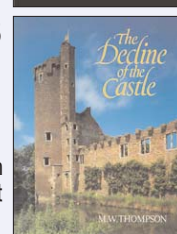
What was the 'Classical Revolution' in Greek art? What were its contexts, aims, achievements and impact? This book introduces students to these questions and guides them towards the answers. Stewart examines Greek architecture, painting and sculpture of the 5th and 4th centuries BC in relation to the great political, social, cultural and intellectual issues of the period.



### The Decline of the Castle

M W THOMPSON 224pp Pb \$49.95

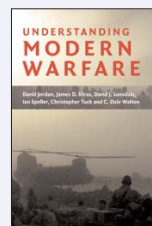
Extensively illustrated with photographs, plans and period engravings, this book examines the decline of the castle as both fortification and seigneurial residence over the 2,500 years that preceded the Civil War. This was a period in which function played less and less part and display, even fantasy, ever more in the minds of castle builders. Although few new castles were built in England after 1400, the growing power of artillery and continuing warfare in Scotland and across the Channel in France continued to provide stimuli for fresh architectural development. Thompson relates alterations in design to contemporary social changes and devotes particular attention to the rapid decline of Tudor times and to the massive destruction wrought by Parliamentary forces during the Civil War and Commonwealth. A concluding chapter examines the enticing quality the image of the castle has continued to hold over the intervening three centuries and examines some remarkable latter-day examples of the genre, among them Burges' Castell Coch in Glamorgan and, in this century, Lutyens' Castle Drogo.



### Understanding Modern Warfare

David JORDAN (et al) 392pp Pb \$59.95

Using relevant examples from recent history, this provides a complete introduction to the issues, ideas, concepts, context and vocabulary of warfare in the 20th and 21st centuries. The expert team of authors explore the conduct of war across land, sea, air and space, in addition to addressing key issues relating to contemporary strategy, weapons of mass destruction and irregular warfare, including insurgency, terrorism and civil war.



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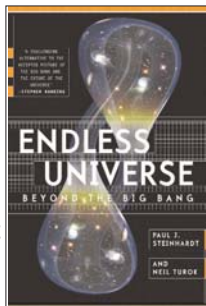


## Endless Universe Beyond the Big Bang

Paul STEINHARDT & Neil TUROK 304pp Pb \$24.99

This is the first serious challenge to the widely accepted Big Bang model of the universe. According to Big Bang theory, space and time sprang into existence 15 billion years ago. A super-heated fireball of near-infinite density expanded at phenomenal speed. As it continued to expand, it cooled and condensed to create the galaxies, stars and planets we see today. But the theory has always had flaws and they have become increasingly difficult to reconcile.

Why is the distribution of matter and radiation in the universe so uniform? Why is space flat, rather than curved, as Einstein's theory of general relativity suggests? And where did the seeds for forming galaxies come from? To resolve these issues, the authors propose a very different model of the universe. They argue that it is without beginning or end, truly an endless universe. *Due Feb*



## "Science Magazine" State of the Planet 2008-2009

Donald KENNEDY (Ed) 200pp Pb \$39.95

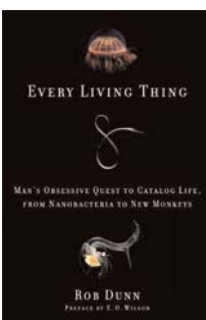
Taken from the pages of Science and supplemented by contributions from the magazine's editors, this book offers contemporary science writing that is sometimes provocative, frequently enlightening and always authoritative. Published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Science is one of the most respected scientific magazines in the world. With a readership of more than one million people, it offers 'hard science' from top scientists to both educated lay readers and scientists alike.

## Every Living Thing

### Man's Obsessive Quest to Catalog Life, from Nanobacteria to New Monkeys

Rob DUNN 228pp Hb \$39.99

In a series of vivid portraits of determined - even obsessed - scientists, Dunn shows that we are not even close to knowing all life on earth. We are not close to naming it, studying it, not even close to knowing the basic kinds of organisms. How much is left to know? A thousand years ago, we thought we knew almost everything. But today we are unable to see what is beyond our immediate radar. Discoveries we can't yet imagine still await. The narrative telescopes from a scientist's attempt to find one single thing (a rare, ant-emulating beetle species) to a scientist's attempt to find everything (all the insects living in a section of the Smoky Mountains). Dunn's scientific heroes include Lynn Margulis, who explained how our cells gained the ability to make energy; Carl Woese, who defined a new kingdom of life in 1977; and Carl Sagan, who pioneered the search for life in space.



## Epic Rivalry

### The Inside Story of the Soviet and American Space Race

Von HARDESTY & Gene EISMAN 304pp Pb \$26.95

The extraordinary saga that gripped the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War - galvanised by the Sputnik launch in 1957 and culminating in Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on the moon in 1969 - is chronicled in this uniquely balanced history. With a foreword written by Sergei Khrushchev, grandson of Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev, this lively and compelling account offers behind-the-scenes perspective from both sides. Written by Smithsonian curator Von Hardesty and researcher Gene Eisman, this book tells the story from the American and Russian points of view and shows how each space-faring nation played a vital role in stimulating the work of the other. Scores of rare and powerful photographs recall the urgency, technical creativity, tense drama and 'parallel universes' of the two nations and their space exploration programs.



## The Making of Mr Gray's Anatomy

### Bodies, Books, Fortune, Fame

Ruth RICHARDSON 336pp Hb \$49.95

**Gray's Anatomy** (\$29.95) is probably one of the most iconic scientific books ever published: an illustrated textbook of anatomy that is still a household name 150 years since its first edition, known for its rigorously scientific text and masterful illustrations as beautiful as they are detailed. Richardson tells the story of the creation of this remarkable book and the individuals who made it happen: Henry Gray, the bright and ambitious physiologist, poised for medical fame and fortune, who was the book's author; Carter, the brilliant young illustrator, lacking Gray's social advantages, shy and inclined to religious introspection; and the publishers - Parkers, father and son, the father eager to employ new technology, the son part of a lively circle of intellectuals. It is the story of changing attitudes in the mid-19th century; of the social impact of science, the changing status of medicine; of poverty and class; of craftsmanship and technology. And it all unfolds in the atmospheric milieu of Victorian London - taking the reader from the smart townhouses of Belgravia, to the dissection room of St George's Hospital, to the workhouses and mortuaries where we meet the friendless poor who would ultimately be immortalised in Carter's engravings.

## Happy Birthday Mr Darwin!

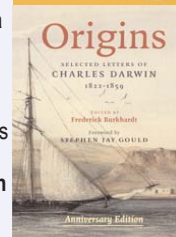
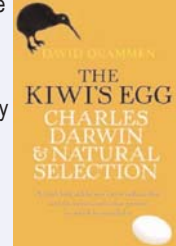
12 February is the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin, and 24 November will be the 150th anniversary of the publication of **The Origin of Species**. Many books have been recently published to coincide with these anniversaries and there are plenty more to come. Here is a guide to some of the books available now or later this year.

David Quammen has edited a superb illustrated edition of **The Origin** (Hb \$50), and he is also the author of **The Kiwi's Egg: Charles Darwin and Natural Selection** (Pb \$25). Cambridge University Press is in the process of publishing Darwin's correspondence, and they have recently published three volumes of selected letters covering major periods in Darwin's life. **Origins** (Hb \$39.95), covering the years 1822-1859, **Evolution** (Hb \$39.95) covering 1860-1870 and **The 'Beagle' Letters** (Hb \$59.95). James Taylor's **The Voyage of the Beagle** (Hb \$50) is a beautifully produced account of Darwin's voyage and the ship he sailed on.

The second edition of **Charles Darwin in Australia** (Hb \$49.95) by Frank and Jan Nicholas is the definitive account of Darwin's time in Australia. Patrick Armstrong's **All Things Darwin** (2 Vol Hb \$166.95) is an excellent encyclopedia of the man and his world.

In March, **The Cambridge Companion to the Origin of Species** (Pb \$49.95) edited by Michael Ruse will be published, as will **Evolution: The First Four Billion Years** (Hb \$79.95) edited by Michael Ruse and Joseph Travis. There will also be major new editions of **The Origin** published by Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press and Penguin. We will be keeping you informed of these and other books as they are published, via **Abbey's Advocate**, our email alerts and our website, so "watch this space"!

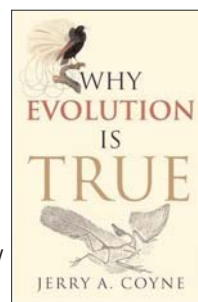
Dave



## Why Evolution is True

Jerry COYNE 336pp Hb \$44.95

For all the discussion in the media about creationism and 'Intelligent Design', virtually nothing has been said about the evidence in question - the evidence for evolution by natural selection. Yet, as this succinct and important book shows, that evidence is vast, varied and magnificent, and drawn from many disparate fields of science. The very latest research is uncovering a stream of evidence revealing evolution in action - from the actual observation of a species splitting into two, to new fossil discoveries, to the deciphering of the evidence stored in our genome. "I once wrote that anybody who didn't believe in evolution must be stupid, insane or ignorant, and I was then careful to add that ignorance is no crime. I should now update my statement: anybody who doesn't believe in evolution is stupid, insane, or hasn't read Jerry Coyne." - Richard Dawkins



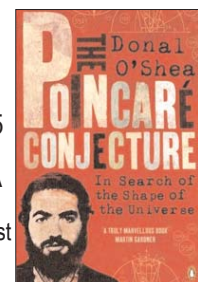
## The Poincaré Conjecture

### In Search of the Shape of the Universe

Donal O'SHEA 304pp Pb \$26.95

A puzzle that has baffled mathematicians for over a century... A one-million-dollar prize... A reclusive Russian genius... The hunt is on! This is the story behind one of the world's most confounding mathematical theories.

Formulated in 1904 by Henri Poincaré, his Conjecture promised to describe the very shape of the universe, but remained unproven until a huge prize was offered for its solution in 2000. Six years later, an eccentric Russian mathematician had the answer. O'Shea explains the maths behind the Conjecture and its proof, illuminating the curious personalities surrounding this perplexing conundrum, along the way taking in a grand sweep of scientific history from the ancient Greeks to Christopher Columbus. This is an enthralling tale of human endeavour, intellectual brilliance and the thrill of discovery.

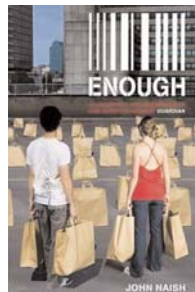




## Enough

John NAISH 302pp Pb \$24.99

For millions of years, humankind has used a brilliantly successful survival strategy. If we like something, we chase after more of it: more status, more food, more information, more stuff. Then we chase again. It's how we survived famine, disease and disaster to colonise the world. But now, thanks to technology, we've suddenly got more of everything than we can ever use, enjoy or afford. Yet that doesn't stop us from striving, and it is making us sick, tired, overweight, angry and in debt. It burns up our personal ecologies and the planet's ecology too. We urgently need to develop a sense of 'enough'. Our culture keeps telling us we don't yet have all we need to be happy, but in fact we need to nurture a new skill: the ability to bask in the bounties all around us. Naish explores how our Neolithic brain-wiring spurs us to build a world of overabundance that keeps us hooked on more. He explains how, through adopting the art of 'enoughness', we can break from this wrecking cycle. With chapters including *Enough Food*, *Enough Stuff*, *Enough Hurry* and *Enough Information*, he explores how we created the problem and gives us practical ways to make our lives better. *Due Feb*



## Consuming Pleasures Australia and the International Drug Business

John RAINFORD 400pp Pb \$29.95

Rainford traces the international and Australian history of licit and illicit drug use. He examines why we consume and what we consume, and how consumption is regulated in the era of global free trade. He also looks at drug use from an Australian perspective, going back to our opium-growing industry and the racist origins of our drug laws. In doing so, he considers the paradox of contemporary white Australian identity: on the one hand, an image of fit, sun-bronzed athletic types at home in the surf; on the other, a nation of people whose per capita drug consumption often equals or surpasses that of most other nations. *Due Feb*



## 12 Modern Philosophers

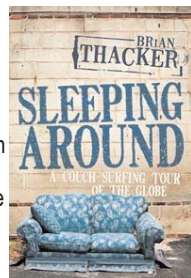
Christopher BELSHAW & Gary KEMP 264pp Pb \$42.95

Featuring essays from leading philosophical scholars, this book explores the works, origins and influences of 12 of the most important late 20th century philosophers working in the analytic tradition. This work draws on essays from well-known scholars including Thomas Baldwin, Catherine Wilson, Adrian Moore and Lori Gruen. It locates the authors and their oeuvre within the context of the discipline as a whole, considering how contemporary philosophy both draws from, and contributes to, the broader intellectual and cultural milieu. *Due Feb*

## Sleeping Around

Brian THACKER 396pp Pb \$24.95

Shamelessly freeloaded his way around the world, cadging free food and accommodation wherever and however he can, Thacker is a 'couch surfer' par excellence. This is extreme travel at its most 'out there'. What sort of person offers up their couch to complete strangers? And how can said strangers be sure that the owner of that couch is not an axe-wielding psychopath? Intrigued by this fast-growing phenomenon, Thacker set out on a couch surfing tour of the globe to discover how and why dosing on someone's lounge room floor has become the latest, hippest way to travel. It's time to grab your passport, strap yourself in and join him on his travels through the Americas, Africa, India, Iceland and places in between, sleeping on floors and couches, under drum kits and in wardrobes; hanging out with some of the strangest, most charming, entertaining or just plain crazy people you could hope (or perhaps hope not!) to meet.

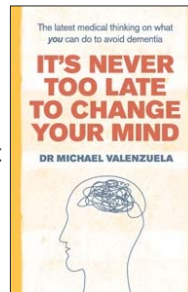


## It's Never Too Late to Change Your Mind The Latest Medical Thinking on What You Can Do to Avoid Dementia

Dr Michael VALENZUELA

256pp Pb \$29.95

Use it or lose it! This book contains practical ways to keep dementia at bay. Dementia can be a frightening illness, initially for the individual, then for their family. A lifetime of achievements, acquired knowledge and experiences can be replaced by a state of infant-like dependency. Instead of enjoying our twilight years in a dignified manner among family and friends, we may find ourselves in an anonymous and incomprehensible world. It's the kind of thing you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy. Using the latest research, this book explains what dementia is, what causes it, and most importantly what we can do to avoid it. *Due Feb*



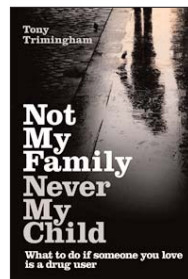
## Not My Family, Never My Child

What to Do if Someone You Love is a Drug User

Tony TRIMMINGHAM

256pp Pb \$24.95

A practical handbook for anyone who suspects (or knows) someone they care about is a drug user. Drawing on the tragic loss of his own son to a heroin overdose and over 20 years working as a counsellor, Trimmingham cuts through the media hype and politicking to address the real issues facing the families and friends of someone struggling with addiction. Filled with constructive suggestions and strategies, this book is aimed at supporting parents, family members and loved ones of drug users and the users themselves through the difficult journey of drug dependency. It includes detailed information about warning signs, early intervention, coping and survival strategies, treatment and where to go for additional advice and support. *Due Feb*



## Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs

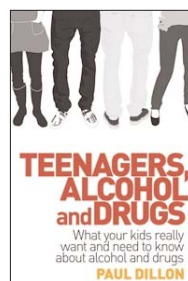
What Your Kids Really Want and Need to Know

About Alcohol and Drugs

Paul DILLON

216pp Pb \$29.95

When is the right time to start talking to my kids about drugs? How can I reduce the influence of peer pressure? How should I introduce alcohol to my child? How can I make sure that a party I hold for my teenager doesn't get out of control? Can you really overdose on alcohol? What does it mean if I don't remember things when I drink? How do I look after someone who has drunk too much? Is cannabis really 30 times stronger than it used to be? Do energy drinks increase the effect of alcohol when you use them as a mixer? Can ecstasy really kill? There are so many questions that need answers, but how do parents start talking to their kids about alcohol and drugs? Dillon provides answers to the questions he has been asked by young people and their parents for over 25 years in drug and alcohol education. He also includes solutions to the many scenarios he has heard about from anxious teenagers who haven't known what to do when things went bad. This book shows parents how to talk to their children in a way that is respectful and reasonable, non-threatening and non-judgmental. It will help them understand the issues children face and show them how to help their kids negotiate a minefield of misinformation and social pressure in a calm and sensible way to tell them what they really want and need to know about alcohol and drugs. *Due Feb*



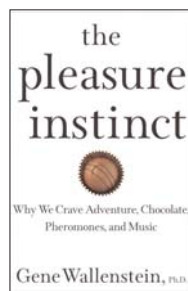
## The Pleasure Instinct

Why We Crave Adventure, Chocolate,  
Pheromones and Music

Gene WALLENSTEIN

256pp Hb \$37.95

From our enjoyment of music to our cravings for chocolate, from our love for children and family to our attraction to things of beauty, this book embarks on an intriguing and accessible exploration of the purpose of pleasure in our lives and in human history. How did pleasure evolve and why? How does it develop in children? How does the pursuit of pleasure play a critical role in brain development? Wallenstein, an internationally recognised neuroscientist and expert on the biology of emotions, explores everything we need to know about our urge to feel good.



## After the Celebration

Australian Fiction 1989-2007

Ken GELDER & Paul SALZMAN

288pp Pb \$29.99

Gelder and Salzman continue on from their previous book, *The New Diversity: Australian Fiction 1970-1988*. They look at the major genres of Australian fiction that have flourished in Australia since 1988, from the popular - crime fiction, science fiction, fantasy, romance and the action blockbuster - to the literary. How does Australian fiction fare in the age of globalisation?



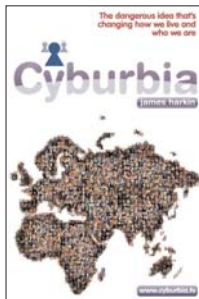
## Cyberbia

### The Dangerous Idea that's Changing How We Live and Who We Are

James HARKIN 256pp Pb \$35.00

The way we live has been transformed by new ways of communicating. Harkin describes how the architecture of our digital lives was built over 70 years. In a brilliant narrative that encompasses the work of crackpots, inventors and visionaries, he shows how a concept that began with the need to shoot down German bombers has evolved to govern almost everything - from our lives online to modern films like Memento and 21 Grams; from TV shows and plays to military strategy. Gripping, revelatory and fiercely intelligent, this extraordinary book will change the way you think about everything you do.

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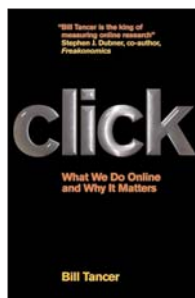
## Click

### What We Do Online and Why it Matters

Bill TANCER 320pp Tp \$32.99

Did the online community really 'create' the Arctic Monkeys? Who are the new winners and losers in the world of MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and online poker? Tancer takes us behind the scenes into the massive database of online intelligence to reveal the naked truth about how we use the web, navigate to sites and search for information; he describes in unmatched detail explanations about our lives, interests, thoughts, fears and dreams. As online directories replace the Yellow Pages, search engines replace traditional research, and news sites replace newspaper, we leave behind an amazing trail of information about ourselves - our 'clickstream' - and the direction in which we are headed.

*Due Feb*



## Paranoia

### The 21st Century Fear

Daniel & Jason FREEMAN 208pp Hb \$29.95

Are we living in a uniquely paranoid age? Catalysed by the threat of terrorism, fears about others have reached a new intensity. The roll call of apparent dangers seems to increase by the day: muggers, child abductors, drug dealers, hooded teenagers. Crime has reached such high levels that CCTV cameras are required in every town centre and parents are so fearful that they won't let their children go out alone. Until recently, no one suspected just how common paranoia was, but new research suggests that around a quarter of us have regular paranoid thoughts, and probably lots more have them occasionally. Yet although paranoia is as common as depression or anxiety, most of us know almost nothing about it. What is paranoia? What causes it? Are some people more prone to paranoia than others? Are we more paranoid now than we used to be? How should we deal with our paranoid thoughts? And how can we reduce the amount of paranoia in society? This lively and accessible book highlights for the first time the central role of paranoia in our world today.



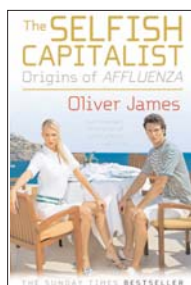
## The Selfish Capitalist

### Origins of Affluenza

Oliver JAMES 304pp Pb \$27.95

In the bestselling **Affluenza** (\$24.95), world-renowned psychologist Oliver James introduced us to a modern-day virus sweeping through the English-speaking world. He met those suffering from it and demonstrated how their obsessive, envious tendencies made them twice as prone to depression, anxiety and addictions as people in other developed nations. Here he provides more detailed substantiation for his claims, looking deeper into the origins of the virus and outlining the political, economic and social climate in which it has grown. He points out that, since the 1970s, the rich have got much, much richer, yet the wage of the average person has not increased at all. A rallying cry to the government to reduce our levels of distress by adopting a form of unselfish capitalism, this hard-hitting and thought-provoking work tells us why our personal well-being must take precedence over the wealth of a tiny minority if we are to cure ourselves of this disease.

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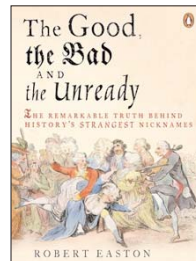


## The Good, the Bad and the Unready

### The Remarkable Truth Behind History's Strangest Nicknames

Robert EASTON 320pp Pb \$24.95

This is the perfect book for discovering how one man could be both 'Charles the Scourge of God' and 'Charles the Affable'. Or who exactly it was that Vlad impaled. Or how some 18 people earned the appellation 'the Great' (and that's not including 'Anthony the Great Bastard' and 'Anne the Great Whore'). Or why 'Joan the Mad' never went anywhere without her husband's corpse. Easton's irreverent guide to the most peculiar nicknames in history gives brief, funny biographies of not just the Good, the Bad and the Unready, but also the Shaggy, the Worthless, the Silly, the Elephant, the King of Slops and many more. Everybody history remembers for being blessed - or, more often, cursed - with a memorable moniker.

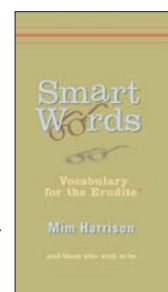


## Smart Words

### Vocabulary for the Erudite

Mim HARRISON 240pp Pb \$14.95

Whoever said sounding smart had to be painful? It's all in how you acquire the 'ten-dollar words' of English. Harrison makes fast and smooth learning of words, such as prelapsarian, sedulous and sybaritic, by sticking to ultra-simple definitions, then offering a memorable, often funny, description of when or why to use the word. Sybaritic is defined as luxurious: "Make that luxurious with a capital S. The word got its start from Sybaris, an ancient Greek city known for being a tad over the top in the pamper-me department." Whether you're a word lover, a fan of quirky reference books, or simply in need of a vocabulary makeover, this book will help you be smart(er) about the words you use and the way you use them.



## The Triumph of Music

### Composers, Musicians and their Audiences, 1700 to the Present

Tim BLANNING 432pp Hb \$55.00

The power and prestige of music in the modern world has given its practitioners extraordinary wealth and moral authority. This is taken for granted now, yet for much of Europe's history, musicians have been mere servants. How, Blanning asks, did music progress from subordinate status to its present position of supremacy among the creative arts? Mozart was booted out of the service of the Archbishop of Salzburg "with a kick to my arse", as he expressed it. Yet, less than 100 years later, Europe's most powerful ruler, Emperor William I of Germany, paid homage to Wagner by travelling to Bayreuth to attend the debut of The Ring. Today, Bono travels the world advising politicians, and they seem to listen. The path to fame and independence began when new instruments allowed musicians to showcase their creativity and music publishing allowed masterworks to be performed widely in concert halls erected to accommodate growing public interest. No longer merely an instrument to celebrate the greater glory of a reigning sovereign or Supreme Being, music was, by the 19th century, to be worshipped in its own right. In the 20th century, new technological, social and spatial forces combined to make music ever more popular and ubiquitous. Blanning also considers music's alliances with nationalism, race and sex. Although not always in step, music, society and politics march in the same direction.

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## Soros

### World's Most Influential Investor

Robert SLATER 336pp Hb \$44.95

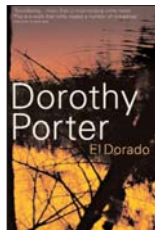
This completely updated edition of Slater's 1996 biography features an array of new material, addressing the ever-widening circle of influence of George Soros. It includes exclusive new interviews with Soros and his closest advisors, detailing their investing strategies in the coming years of liquidity and instability in the credit markets. It also examines his thinking on his role in the 2004 US elections, his infamous 2006 *New York Times* ad assailing the handling of the Iraq War by General Petraeus, and his future plans for grant-giving and political activism. Arguably the most successful financial investor in the world and a symbol of liberal political activism, Soros is one of the most fascinating and polarising figures of our time. He first gained fame through his phenomenal investing success, which made him known for his money management and financial acumen. In the last 15 years, he has focused his abilities on the global political realm.

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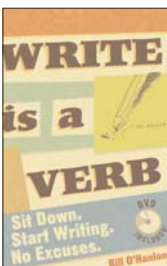




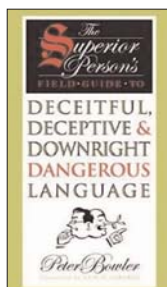
The wonderful Dorothy Porter died in December. Only 54! What a loss! Author of **Monkey's Mask**, **What a Piece of Work** and **Wild Surmise** (all \$22.95), as well as **El Dorado** and **Akhenaten** (both \$24.99) and **Other Worlds: Poems 1997-2000** (\$25). Our sympathy to all her friends and to her parents, Chester and Jean Porter.



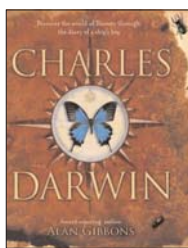
I know lots of our readers are also striving to be writers, so they will already know about our Writing & Publishing section, upstairs near the Children's section. As a result of my visit late last year to the Society of Editors to speak about Forty Years of Bookselling in Sydney, Abbey's now stocks a most useful directory put out by the Society. **Editorial Services Directory 2008-09** (\$25 Pb 181pp) lists both freelance and in-house editors, journal editors, publications officers, indexers, proofreaders, writers and translators. If you feel you need help with that mass of words you have been storing, maybe you'll find the right person here. Other titles in Writing & Publishing are **The Craft and Business of Writing: Essential Tools for Writing Success** from the Editors of Writer's Digest Books in a big spiral binding with outer casing (\$35 Pb 392pp incl index). It contains lots of useful advice for writing in various genres and also for preparing submissions, finding a market and the all-important Art of Self-Promotion! Another book with a great title is **Write is a Verb: Sit Down. Start Writing. No Excuses.** by Bill O'Hanlon (\$40 Hb 209pp incl index), which includes a motivational DVD and worksheets in electronic form. (This is for those people who know they have a book in there... somewhere!) More serious is **The Cambridge Introduction to Creative Writing** (\$39.95 Pb 273pp incl index), which would also be interesting to anyone who wants to broaden their understanding of books and authors. A useful book for a certain type of writer is **Pirate Primer: Managing the Language of Swashbucklers and Rogues** by George Choundas (\$30 Hb 467pp). The author is a former FBI Agent and Corporate Litigator and this is a serious book that shows pronunciation, meaning and citations from film, TV and historical records. Set out in two columns, this would be fun to read even if you are not planning a script to rival one of those Johnny Depp films!



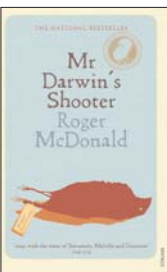
In Reference we now have more than two shelves of books about words, which have come scrambling in after the success of **Eats, Shoots and Leaves** by Lynn Truss (\$19.95 Pb). One quirky and amusing book has the impressive title **Reading the OED: One Man, One Year, 21,730 Pages** by Ammon Shea (\$29.95 Hb 223pp). Why did he do it? Because he is a logophile and because it has made an interesting, chatty book, which lots of you will enjoy. As Peter Bowler once said, "only superior people" know all these words. We still carry Bowler's Superior Person's Guides, including **The Superior Person's Guide to Deceitful, Deceptive and Downright Dangerous Language** (\$29.95 Pb 128pp).



There are many titles coming into stock celebrating the Darwin anniversary - some new, some reissues. I was taken by a very nice production in Children's Non-Fiction called **Charles Darwin: Discover the World Through the Diary of a Ship's Boy** (\$40 Hb 63pp incl index). This has excellent text and illustrations and is well set-out. Ideal for a young person interested in natural history and history, or a school library.



This would be a good time to read Roger McDonald's wonderful book, **Mr Darwin's Shooter** (\$24.95 Pb), which has been reissued in a nice new edition. The hero in this is Syms Covington, who was not only Darwin's helper, but also later a successful migrant to Australia. There is also an elegantly produced revised edition of **Charles Darwin in Australia** by F W & J M Nicholas at a very good price (\$49.95 Hb 260pp incl index), which is both a good read and an invaluable reference. Many more illustrations are included. This was first published in 1989 and I remember one of the authors being terribly pleased to see it in our Australian History section some years ago. This time we've put it in Science: History and Biography. 2009 is the 150th anniversary of the publication of **Origin of Species** and it is also 200 years since the birth of Darwin.



I'm always pleased when I come across an unusual book on the shelves and I think of someone who would like it. For instance, I was talking to a friend during the holidays who told me she was phasing out of her old career and had taken a degree in Ornithology. What did I find? A beautiful book by Tim Birkhead called **The Wisdom of Birds: An Illustrated History of Ornithology** (\$65 Hb 448pp), which includes over 100 superb illustrations. Intended for a general audience, this contains a wealth of information.

An old friend of mine, an Anglo-Indian now living in Western Australia, has sent me two interesting little cookbooks by Bridget White. They are called **Anglo-Indian Delicacies** and **Flavours of the Past**. Rightly so, as they contain such classic colonial recipes as Railway Mutton Curry and Army Camp Soup. If you are interested in these, the email address is [bridgetkumar@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetkumar@yahoo.com). The author is in Bangalore, India.

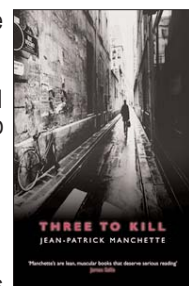
Closer to home, our Food & Wine section is bursting at the seams. We had two charming young German men in late on Christmas Eve who are working as chefs at those smart restaurants on Woolloomooloo Wharf. They joined us in drinking a toast to Jack Winning, our departing Managing Director, and promised to come back to buy some German Fiction. They also had a look at the two beautiful new books by Christine Manfield and Neil Perry. Manfield's latest is called **Fire: A World of Flavour** (\$99.95 Hb 584pp) in a splendid, red velvet cover, describing her cooking and eating adventures from Istanbul to Tokyo and Hanoi to Marrakech. Perry's book is even more beautiful. Presented in a cloth-covered box with ribbon, it is called **Balance and Harmony: Asian Food** (\$125 Hb 400pp) and includes some very delicious-looking recipes, from simple to challenging.



We have two interesting new books for Latin-lovers (the language, not the men). Perhaps you saw them at Christmas? The first is **Latin Matters** by Simon James (\$17 Hb CLX pages). I recently had to look up Roman numerals so I could work out the date at the end of the *Antiques Road Show*. This small green hardback contains lots of interesting Latin quotes, relevant to modern times, mixed in with brief historical information, as well as some witty jokes and useful vocabulary lists. The second is **Ad Nauseam: A Miscellany of Latin Words and Phrases** by Lorna Robinson (\$24.95 Hb 127pp), a very nicely produced book which tells you the meaning of some famous Latin quotes and how to pronounce them. By dividing the information into sections about domestic life, politics and religion, theatre and poetry, etc, Dr Robinson has managed to provide a useful picture of Roman life. Includes timeline and maps, plus a handy index so you can quickly look up a quote.

I set out to enjoy **Clarissa Eden: A Memoir: From Churchill to Eden** (\$35 Pb 288pp) because I like reading about the interesting lives of women. Clarissa was the niece of Sir Winston and later the wife of Sir Anthony Eden and appears to have been beautiful and clever and simpatico. However, I did get tired of hearing that everyone was either a great beauty or a famous hostess or needed a footnote to remind us just how famous that person was. I suspect the editor is responsible for this, not having confidence that current readers will recognise names such as Isaiah Berlin or James Pope-Hennessy or Lord Berners. Anyway, Clarissa appeared to know everyone of any consequence and they all make an appearance. The second part of the memoir about her time as wife of the Foreign Secretary and then Prime Minister's wife is more interesting and sounds familiar. Winston was more than reluctant to give up his post to his anointed successor. I think there were eight promised dates for his retirement! Fascinating background details to the Suez Canal crisis and dealings with John Foster Dulles, who was not their favourite American.

Daughter Jane is back visiting from her home on the Burma border, where she works with the Karen Women's Organisation. She is a crime fiction addict and passed on to me a terrific little thriller. It is called **Three to Kill** by Jean-Patrick Manchette (\$19.95 Pb 134pp), who has a reputation as an important French crime writer. This book would make a wonderful film, but only if made in France! It is so noir, noir, noir, so over-the-top that at times I had to laugh. The physical descriptions of the characters are wonderful. I notice we have another of his books upstairs in Language Book Centre, in French, called **Princesse du Sang** (\$17.95 Pb).



Have you seen the latest Woody Allen film, *Vicki Cristina Barcelona*? Everyone in the film has a wonderful house and a wonderful life, so perhaps you should read about Robert Hughes' biography of the wonderfully independent city of extremes. It is called, of course, **Barcelona** (Pb \$37.95 533pp incl index).

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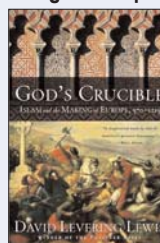
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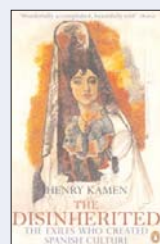
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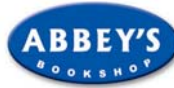


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