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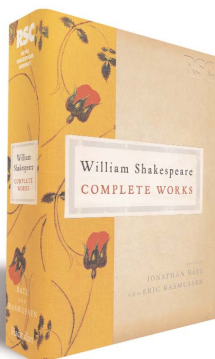
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The RSC Shakespeare The Complete Works

William SHAKESPEARE

Jonathan BATE & Eric RASMUSSEN (Eds)
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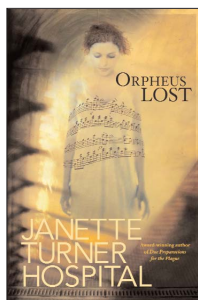
Developed in partnership with The Royal Shakespeare Company, this fresh, new Complete Works combines the very latest scholarship with elegant writing and design. It includes a definitive modernised edition of Shakespeare's text based on the 1623 **First Folio** (the first and original Complete Works lovingly assembled by Shakespeare's fellow actors), thought-provoking essays on each play and a superb general introduction by Jonathan Bate. *A very limited leather bound collectors edition will be available in July for \$385 so order now to avoid disappointment.*



Orpheus Lost

Janette Turner HOSPITAL 320pp Tp \$33.00

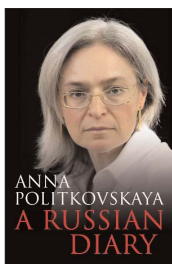
In the ancient myth, it is Orpheus who travels to the underworld to rescue his lover Eurydice from death. In this compelling re-imagining of the Orpheus story, Leela May travels into an underworld of kidnapping, torture and despair in search of her lover, Mishka. Leela is a mathematical genius who escaped her hardscrabble Southern home town to study in Boston. It's there that she meets a young Australian musician, Mishka. From the moment she first hears him play, busking in a subway, his music grips her, and they quickly become lovers. Then one day Leela is picked up off the street and taken to an interrogation centre somewhere outside the city. There has been an 'incident' - an explosion on the underground - terrorists are suspected. And her old childhood friend Cobb is conducting a very questionable interrogation. Over the years Cobb has never forgotten Leela and the secrets she knows. Now he reveals to her that Mishka may not be all he seems.



A Russian Diary

Anna POLITKOVSKAYA 272pp Tp \$35.00

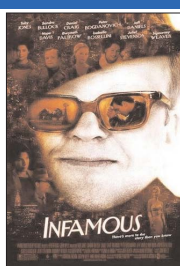
Known to many as 'Russia's lost moral conscience', Anna Politkovskaya was a special correspondent for the Russian newspaper *Novaya Gazeta* and the recipient of many honours for her writing. This is the book that she had recently completed before she was murdered in a contract killing in Moscow last year. Covering the period from the Russian parliamentary elections of December 2003 to the tragic aftermath of the Beslan school siege in late 2005, this is an unflinching record of the plight of millions of Russians and a pitiless report on the cynicism and corruption of Vladimir Putin's Presidency. *Due May*



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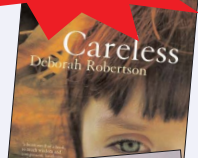
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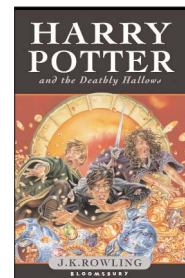
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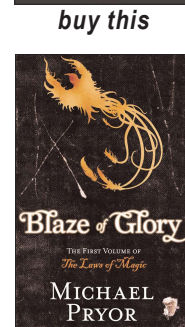
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Mothers' Day suggestions

Call me a cynic, but normally I'd say Mothers' Day is just a marketing ploy (but I do like to get a little card and something from my son). Fortunately, May is a bonanza month when it comes to new books. Here is a selection of some of the best which Lindy has diligently read and recommended, so if you're looking for ideas, wrap one of these up and present to mum with breakfast in bed on Sunday 13 May, then beat a hasty retreat to provide the best gift of all, time to read!

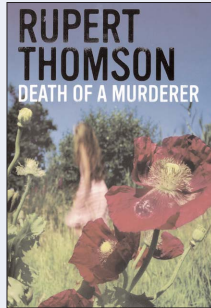
Ann

Death of a Murderer

Rupert THOMSON 240pp Tp \$29.95

Billy Tyler is working a 12 hour shift tonight. Not unusual for a police constable, but this job is fraught with negative emotions - he has to guard the corpse of "the woman" who is never named, but we know was Myra Hindley. As he sits in the morgue, his mind flows back to the past - to memories of when the murders happened, and how the mood of the community changed from innocence to the full horror of knowing what the murderer and her accomplice could do without remorse or empathy. He examines his relationship with his wife, which has become difficult because of the strains of caring for their Down's Syndrome daughter; he thinks about past friends and episodes; and the ghost of the murderer appears. An excellent portrait of an 'ordinary' man, one who finds strength to keep going with his life. *Due May*

Lindy

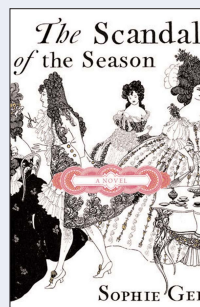


The Scandal of the Season

Sophie GEE 352pp Tp \$32.95

Set in 1711, this sparkling novel catches all the brittleness, gaiety and hypocrisy of a season in Queen Anne's London. The main character is Alexander Pope, newly arrived and hoping to make his name as an up-and-coming poet. His intimate friends, Therese and Martha Blount, are spending the season with their dazzlingly beautiful cousin Arabella, acknowledged as the most perfect creature in London, but with no fortune to back her gorgeous face. Baron Petre is thought to be a fine catch, if not as wealthy as he should be, owing to his family background - he is from an old Catholic family. Alexander has suffered from his Catholic background and keenly observes the vagaries and mores of the glittering set. There is a Jacobite sub-plot, to add to the flavour of the novel, but the scandal of the title refers to Arabella and the Baron's dalliance - which forms the basis for Pope's great work *The Rape of the Lock*. Immerse yourself in this highly enjoyable recreation of the period (and dig out your old copies of the poem afterwards!) *Due May*

Lindy

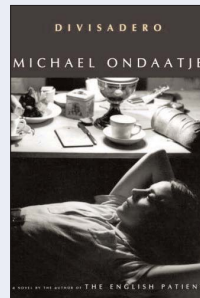


Divisadero

Michael ONDAATJE 288pp Hb \$45.00

The first new novel in many years from Ondaatje is a strange and delightful beast. It is not possible for him to write an ugly sentence, and this is a book whose prose floats you down the river of words, sometimes smoothly, sometimes in a dream and sometimes over rocky places. Anna left home at 16 and never went back. She was caught by her father making love to the work-hand (Coop, her kind-of-foster brother) on their Californian farm. Eventually she becomes a writer and researcher of obscure writers, and she takes a residency in France to study a once popular writer Lucien Segura, where she begins a relationship with a part-gypsy musician. The novel takes up Segura's story, and also tells a little of Coop, who excels in poker games and Claire, the adopted daughter of the farm. Slightly disconcerting how their stories don't fit together with clean edges, but still highly beautiful. *Due May*

Lindy

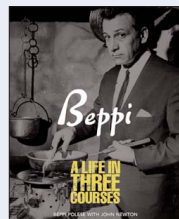


Beppi

A Life in Three Courses

Beppi POLESE with John NEWTON 222pp Hb \$49.95

Best known as the restaurateur who introduced Sydney in the faraway 50s to regional Italian flavours and ingredients, Beppi Polese and his eponymous eating place have won many awards and, more importantly, a place of affection in the hearts of diners. This gorgeous volume is a testament to his life and times and dining philosophy. It is a charming read, with Beppi's reminiscences interspersed with chronological details and with recipes (which are given in a friendly and usable manner and even including some retro favourites like Chicken Maryland to contrast against the delicious Italian ones!) Many photographs scattered throughout (and the reproductions of menus will make you nostalgic!) *Lindy*

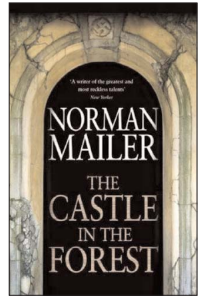


Fiction

The Castle in the Forest

Norman MAILER 496pp Tp \$32.95

Who was Adolf Hitler? It's a question writers have been trying to answer for more than 60 years. But after thousands of biographies, histories, novels and films, many fundamental questions remain: How do we explain Hitler's hatred? Where did it come from? Could it happen again? Spanning three generations, Mailer brings to life the Hitlers - grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings and ultimately, young Adolf - in an energetic and entertaining family saga. Mailer recounts the marriages, incestuous couplings, estrangements, afflictions and deaths that lead to the birth of young Adolf in 1889. Told in the voice of a mysterious (and unreliable) narrator, this playful yet profound novel blends fact and fiction in a stirring family tale that will cause us to re-examine our preconceived ideas about Hitler and the nature of his evil.



A Far Country

Daniel MASON

272pp Tp \$32.95

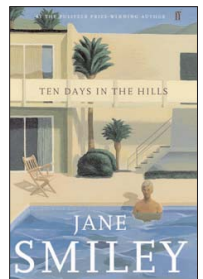
Raised in a remote village on the edge of a sugarcane plantation, 14-year-old Isabel was born with the gift and curse of 'seeing farther'. When drought and war grip the backlands, her brother Isaias joins a great exodus to a teeming city in the south. Soon Isabel must follow, forsaking the only home she's ever known, her sole consolation the thought of being with her brother again. But when she arrives, she discovers that Isaias has disappeared. Weeks and then months pass, until one day, armed only with her unshakeable hope, she descends into the chaos of the city to find him.

Ten Days in the Hills

Jane SMILEY

500pp Tp \$32.95

On the morning after the 2003 Academy Awards, Max, an Oscar-winning writer/director whose fame has waned; and his lover, Elena, are in bed, still groggy from last night's red-carpet festivities. They are talking about movies, love, and the just-begun war in Iraq. But a house full of guests demands attention. Over the next 10 days a motley crew of Max's agent, his ex-lover (with her new lover), and a coterie of others share their stories of Hollywood past and present, their fears provoked by the Iraq war, gossip by the swimming pool and tussle in the many bedrooms. The tension mounts, sparks fly and Smiley delivers a romp of a novel about love, war, sex, politics and storytelling - and, of course, redemption - that's Hollywood!

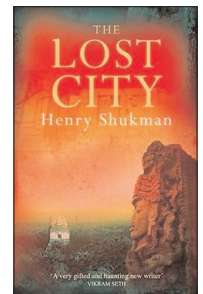


The Lost City

Henry SHUKMAN

352pp Tp \$32.95

Invalided out of the army at barely 20, Jackson Small returns to England traumatised by the violent death of his fellow soldier and blood-brother Connolly. Unable to settle and incapacitated by grief, Jackson sets off on a lunatic quest, back to the Peruvian jungle in search of something he cannot even be sure is real: the lost city of La Joya, the ancient capital of a vanished empire - a place of rare wonder once glimpsed by Connolly and never forgotten. The city is hidden in the cloud forest that hangs between the copper-green rivers of the Andes and the impenetrable jungle of Amazonia. The pilgrimage Jackson has to make to reach it bring him into contact with worlds he has never imagined - that of the American patriarch farming in the wilderness, a great-hearted native priest and the love of his life. But the lethal green depths of the forest that hide La Joya turn out also to conceal other searchers, with motives far more sinister and complex than Jackson's.

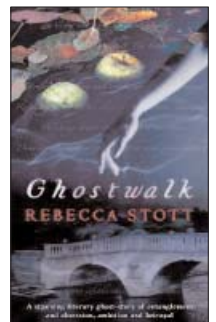


Ghostwalk

Rebecca STOTT

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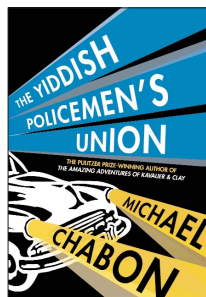
When Elizabeth, a reclusive historian, is found drowned in a tributary of the River Cam, she is clutching a glass prism and has left behind her unfinished magnum opus, a book on Isaac Newtown's alchemy. Her son, Cameron, turns to Lydia Brooke, a young writer and friend of Elizabeth's and asks her to complete the last chapter of the book. Lydia hesitantly agrees and moves into Elizabeth's strange house, where she soon finds herself entangled, not only with Cameron, but also with a 400-year-old murder mystery, a network of 17th-century alchemists and a ghostly figure intent on disrupting her work.



The Yiddish Policemen's Union

Michael CHABON 400pp Tp \$33.00

What if, as Franklin Roosevelt once proposed, Alaska - and not Israel - had become the homeland for the Jews after WWII? In Chabon's Yiddish-speaking 'Alyeska', Orthodox gangs in side-curls and knee breeches roam the streets of Sitka, where Detective Meyer Landsman discovers the corpse of a heroin-addled chess prodigy in the flophouse Meyer calls home. Meyer is determined to unspool the meaning behind the murder. Even if that means surrendering his badge and his dignity to the chief of Sitka's homicide unit - also known as his fearsome ex-wife, Bina. Chabon interweaves homage to the stylish menace of 1940s noir with a bittersweet fable of identity, home and faith, in a novel of colossal ambition and heart.



The Reluctant Fundamentalist

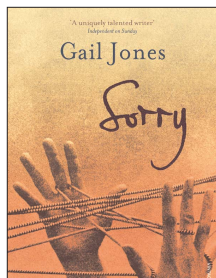
Moshin HAMID 192pp Tp \$29.95

At a cafe table in Lahore, a Pakistani man begins the tale that has led to his fateful meeting with an uneasy American stranger - Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America. He thrives on the energy of New York, his work at an elite firm, and his budding relationship. For a time, it seems that nothing will stand in the way of his meteoric rise to success. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his relationship crumbling and his exalted status overturned. Allegiances are subsequently unearthed, proving themselves more fundamental than money, power and maybe even love.

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Gail JONES 256pp Tp \$32.95

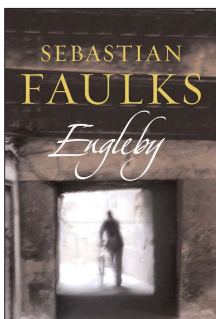
In the remote outback of Western Australia during WWII, English anthropologist Nicholas Keene and his wife, Stella, raise a lonely child, Perdita. Her upbringing is far from ordinary: in a shack in the wilderness, with a distant father burying himself in books and an unstable mother whose knowledge of Shakespeare forms the backbone of the girl's limited education. Emotionally adrift, Perdita becomes friends with a deaf and mute boy, Billy, and an Aboriginal girl, Mary. Perdita and Mary come to call one another sister and to share a very special bond. They are content with life in this remote corner of the globe, until a terrible event lays waste to their lives. *Due May*



Engleby

Sebastian FAULKS 352pp Tp \$32.95

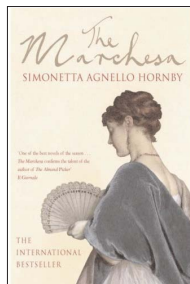
Mike Engleby says things that others dare not even think. When the novel opens in the 1970's, he is a university student, having survived a 'traditional' school. A man of devoid of scruple or self-pity, Engleby provides a disarmingly frank account of English education. In the course of his subsequent career, which brings us up to the present day, he and the reader encounter many famous people - actors, writers, politicians, household names - but the most memorable is Engleby himself. For beneath the disturbing surface of his observations, lies an unfolding mystery of gripping power. Faulks' new novel is a bolt from the blue, unlike anything he has written before: contemporary, demotic, heart-wrenching and funny, in the deepest shade of black. *Due May*



The Marchesa

Simonetta Agnello HORNBY 400pp Tp \$29.95

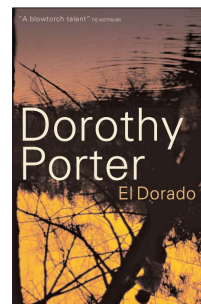
Costanza Safamita, beloved daughter of Baron Domenico Safamita, is a precious but unusual child. Red-haired, gawky and shy, she is considered an outsider by many on the family estate, but her adoring father makes her sole heir to the Safamita fortune. And then everything changes. Now she must conquer glittering, alien Palermo where, uncertain of her future, she falls in love with a charming, dissolute young marchese whose sexual appetite she fears she cannot satiate. The Marchesa's brave, unusual story offers an unprecedented woman's perspective on the incestuous hypocrisy of Sicilian aristocracy during a dramatic time in history - the Bourbon monarchy collapsed, the Mafia rose to power and Palermo's decadent aristocracy began its inevitable decline. These themes are flawlessly woven into the fabric of Costanza's triumphant life, and this becomes an unforgettable human tale, a masterly fresco of a vanished world.



El Dorado

Dorothy PORTER 384pp Tp \$32.95

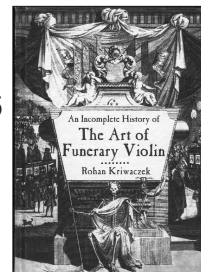
There is a serial child killer stalking the streets of Melbourne. He kills his victims gently and places a gold mark on their head. The mark of El Dorado. He doesn't kill because he hates children, but because he loves them. He believes in childhood innocence, and he will kill to entomb them there... This is a book about a friendship under siege, and about how jealousy and betrayal cast very long shadows - which can stalk you to the grave. This is Porter's finest verse novel to date. Unflinching and morally uncompromising, it is both a complex thriller and a completely unique, and compelling, reading experience from Australia's most maverick and versatile poet. *Due May*



An Incomplete History of The Art of the Funerary Violin

Rohan KRIWACZEK 224pp Pb \$29.95

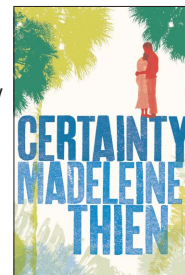
From its origins in the Elizabethan Protestant Reformation, to its final extinction amidst the guns of the First World War, the art of the Funerary Violin was characterised by many unique and frequently misunderstood qualities that set it apart from all other forms of music. Despite its enormous influence on classical music generally and on the Romantic Movement in particular, this music has almost entirely vanished. In a series of "funerary purges", the art of funerary violin was condemned as "the music of the devil" and the Guild of Funerary Violinists driven into silence or clandestine activity. This elaborate hoax has the depth and appearance of a scholarly work, the fascinating history of an imaginary instrument.



Certainty

Madeleine THIEN 320pp Tp \$32.95

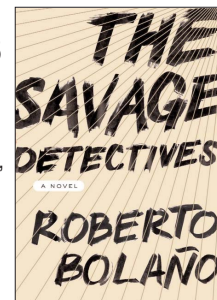
Gail Lim, a producer of radio documentaries in present-day Vancouver, finds herself haunted by events in her parents' past in war-torn Malaysia, a past which remains a mystery that fiercely grips her imagination. Gail's journey to unravel the mystery of her parents' lives takes her to Amsterdam, which leads her closer to the truth about her father's past. This story propels Gail to a deeper understanding about her own life and its complications. Vivid, profound and written in understated yet powerful prose, this is a novel about the legacies of loss, the dislocations of war, the redemptive qualities of love and the evanescence of any kind of certainty. *Due May*



Savage Detectives

Roberto BOLAÑO 592pp Tp \$32.95

New Year's Eve, 1975: Arturo Bolaño and Ulises Lima, poets and leaders of a movement they call visceral realism, leave Mexico City in a borrowed white Impala. Their mission: to track down the poet Cesarea Tinajero, who disappeared into the Sonoran Desert (and into obscurity) decades before. But the detectives are themselves hunted men, and their search for the past will end in violence, flight and permanent exile. Bolaño tells the story of two modern-day Quixotes - the last survivors of an underground literary movement, perhaps of literature itself - on a tragicomic quest through a darkening, entropic universe: our own. "The kind of novel Borges would have written... An original and magnificent book: funny, moving, important". *El Pais Due May*



Tomorrow

Graham SWIFT 248pp Hb \$45.00

On a midsummer's night Paula lies awake: Mike, her husband of 25 years sleeps beside her; her two teenage children, Nick and Kate, sleep in nearby rooms. The next day, she knows, will redefine all their lives. Recalling the years before and after her children were born, she begins a story which is both a glowing celebration of love possessed and a moving acknowledgment of the fear of loss, of the fragilities, illusions and secrets on which even our most intimate sense of who we are can rest. Brilliantly distilling half a century into one suspenseful night, as tender in its tone as it is deep in its soundings, this is another piece of magic from Swift. *Due May*

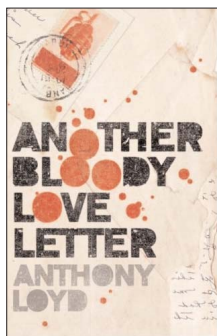


Another Bloody Love Letter

Anthony LOYD

320pp Tp \$35.00

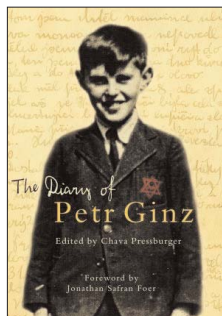
Critically acclaimed writer and award-winning foreign correspondent, Loyd is also an ex-heroin addict. Here, he exposes the thrilling and brutal reality of life as a war journalist - from the climax of war in Kosovo and the reignited battles between Ethiopia and Eritrea, to tracking ambush commanders in Sierra Leone, confronting the danger and confusion of northern Afghanistan at the start of the 'war on terror', and the harsh realities of life in Iraq during the second Gulf War. But it is also the very human story of a man fighting to beat a heroin addiction and coming to terms with the death of a father-figure, friend and colleague murdered in Sierra Leone, and the death of his mother from a terminal illness at home.



The Diary of Petr Ginz

Chava PRESSBURGER (Ed) 196pp Hb \$39.95

Not since Anne Frank's diary has such an intimately candid, deeply affecting account of a childhood compromised by Nazi tyranny come to light. In 1941, Petr Ginz was a young teenager living in Prague with his parents and sister. Adventurous, artistic and optimistic, he wrote poems and novels and edited a children's magazine inside the work camp at Theresienstadt. Originally written in his own special code-language, Petr's diaries describe daily life for the Ginz family and document the introduction of anti-Jewish laws from a young adult's point of view - pithy and unsentimental. The writing stopped when Petr was sent to Auschwitz in 1944 but his books survived in a Prague attic. They recently came to light in extraordinary circumstances and were published in the Czech Republic in 2005 to a storm of publicity. Edited by his sister, Chava, and including background material and beautiful reproductions of Petr's artwork, this is a classic in the making. *Due May*



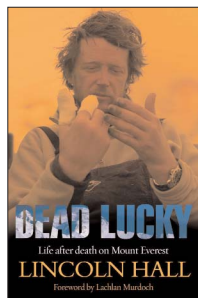
Dead Lucky

Life after Death on Mount Everest

Lincoln HALL

272pp Tp \$34.95

Hall set off for Everest in early May 2006. Five weeks after reaching Base Camp in Tibet, he began his push for the summit. After three days of climbing higher into the oxygen-less air, he was blessed with a perfect summit day. For a few minutes, Hall was the highest man on the planet. His Sherpa companions arrived, photos were taken and the climbers commenced their long descent. Then things began to go horribly wrong. Hall was struck by cerebral oedema - high altitude sickness - in the aptly named 'death zone'. Drowsiness quickly became overpowering lethargy and he collapsed in the snow. Two Sherpas spent hours trying to revive him, but as darkness fell he was pronounced dead. The expedition's leader ordered the Sherpas to descend to save themselves. Early the next day, Dan Mazur, an American mountaineering guide, was startled to find Hall sitting cross-legged on the knife-edged crest of the summit ridge. Hall's words - "I imagine you are surprised to see me here" - were a massive understatement. *Due May*

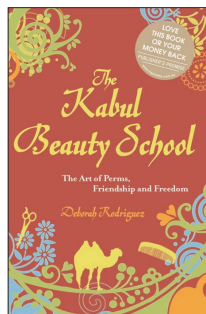


The Kabul Beauty School

Deborah RODRIGUEZ

288pp Tp \$35.00

Most Westerners now working in Afghanistan spend their time tucked inside the wall of a military compound or embassy. Rodriguez is one of the very few who lives life smack in the middle of Kabul. When she opened the Kabul Beauty School she not only empowered her students with a new sense of autonomy (in the strictly patriarchal culture, the beauty school proved a small haven), but also made some of the closest friends of her life. Woven through the book are the stories of her students - there is the newlywed who must fake her own virginity, the 12 year-old bride who has been sold into marriage to pay her family's debts and the brilliant former medic who has not left her house for 30 years. All of these women bring their stories to the Kabul Beauty School, where, along with Rodriguez herself, they learn the art of perms, friendship and freedom. *Due May*



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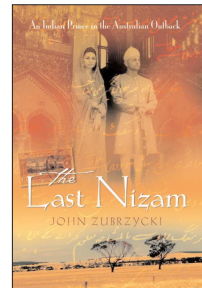
The Last Nizam

An Indian Prince in the Australian Outback

John JUBRZYCKI

408p Pb \$24.95

In early 1972 His Exalted Highness, Mukarram Jah the Nizam of Hyderabad, arrived in Western Australia and bought himself an outback station. So began one of the most incongruous episodes in the history of India's richest princely dynasty. With vivid detail and anecdote the book charts the rise of the dynasty to fabulous wealth and prominence under the Mughul emperors of India, giving a rich and vibrant portrait of a realm soaked in blood and intrigue. *Due May*



A Glimpse of Eternal Snows

Jane WILSON-HOWARTH

432pp Pb \$24.95

When Jane's son, David, was diagnosed with serious medical problems, the family faced the tough decision of whether to stay in England, with Western medical care, or return to their home at the time in remote Nepal, where David would have the chance to live out his life without invasive medical testing and speculative treatment. The sounds and sights of the bazaars, the warmth and complexity of the people and the stunning beauty of Nepal form an evocative backdrop to the moving story of this mother's determination to give her seriously ill child the best possible chance of enjoying life. *Due May*

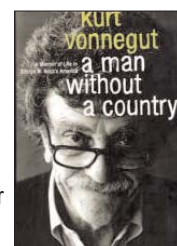
A Man without a Country

A Memoir of Life in George Bush's America

Kurt VONNEGUT

160pp Pb \$28.00

This is vintage Vonnegut - hilariously funny and razor-sharp as he fixes his gaze on art, politics, himself and the condition of the soul of America today. Written over the last five years in the form of a loose memoir, with comic riffs and diatribes on the America of G W Bush, this is an intimate and tender communication to us all, sometimes despairing, always searching and ultimately wise and compassionate.



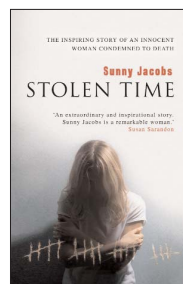
Stolen Time

The Inspiring Story of an Innocent Woman Condemned to Death

Sunny JACOBS

320pp Tp \$32.95

"In a world of one, I am alone, more alone than I have ever been in my life. Locked up in a box within a box where no one can enter and I cannot leave. I am to await my death." In 1976 a 27-year-old mother of two and her partner were wrongfully sentenced to death by the Florida courts for the murder of two police officers. Sunny Jacobs would not taste freedom again for 17 years, by which time her two children were estranged, her parents were dead and her beloved partner, Jesse Tafero, had been executed. Jacobs now devotes her life to campaigning against the death sentence. *Due May*

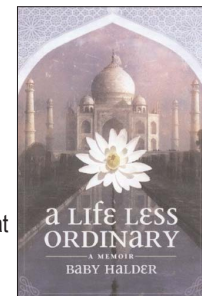


A Life less Ordinary

Baby HALDER

208pp Pb \$29.95

Born in West Bengal, Baby is abandoned by her mother at the age of four, married at 12 to a violent man, and a mother herself at 13. When her husband's abuse escalates, Baby flees with her children and begins life as a domestic servant, only to find herself the victim of further abuse, this time at the hands of her various employers. But then Baby goes to work for Prabodh Kumar, a retired anthropology professor, who recognises Baby's love of words and books and, with infinite humanity, gives her the time, the tools and the encouragement to tell her tale. *Due May*



2007 Pulitzer Prize Winners

Fiction: *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy (256pp Tp \$32.95)

General Non-fiction: *The Looming Tower: The Story of Al Qaeda 1948-2001* by Lawrence Wright (480pp Tp \$35.00)

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The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher

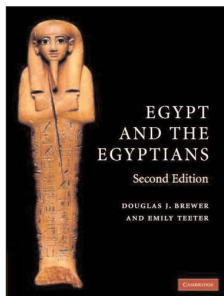
by Debby Applegate (560pp Hb \$56, Pb \$32.95 *Due June*)

Egypt and the Egyptians

Douglas BREWER & Emily TEETER

280pp Pb \$49.95

Surveying more than 3,000 years of Egyptian civilisation, this second edition offers a comprehensive introduction to this most rich and complex of early societies. From high politics to the concerns of everyday Egyptians, the book explores every aspect of Egyptian culture and society, including religion, language, art, architecture, cities and mummification. Archaeological and documentary sources are combined to give the reader a unique and expansive view of a remarkable ancient culture. Fully revised and updated, this second edition looks more closely at the role of women in Egypt, delves deeper into the Egyptian Neolithic and Egypt's transition to an agricultural society, and includes many new illustrations.

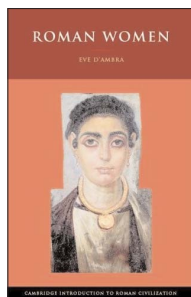


Roman Women

Eve D'AMBRA

216pp Pb \$34.95

This book examines the daily lives of Roman women by focusing on the mundane and less celebrated aspects of daily life - family and household, work and leisure, worship and social obligations - of women of different social ranks. Using a variety of sources, including literary texts, letters, inscriptions, coins, tableware, furniture and the fine arts, from the late Republic to the high Imperial period, D'Ambra shows how these sources serve as objects of social analysis, rather than simply as documents that recreate how life was lived. She also demonstrates how texts and material objects take part in shaping realities and what they can tell us about the texture of lives and social attitudes, if not emotions, of women in Roman antiquity.



A Companion to Roman Britain

Malcolm TODD (Ed)

528pp Pb \$82.50

This major survey of the history and culture of Roman Britain spans the period from the 1st century BC to the 5th century AD. It brings together specialists in the field to provide an overview of recent debates about Roman Britain, synthesising the latest research in archaeology, literature, numismatics and history. The contributors examine how historians' understanding of developments in political, economic, cultural, and religious life in Roman Britain has changed over time. They also explain the evolution of the Roman British society over its 500-year existence. *Due May*

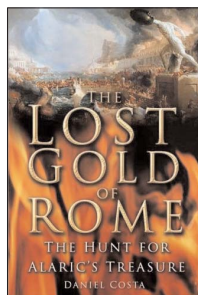
The Lost Gold of Rome

The Hunt for Alaric's Treasure

Daniel COSTA

256pp Hb \$60.00

In AD 410, the Roman world suffered an unprecedented catastrophe. For the first time in 800 years a barbarian army, led by the Visigoth king Alaric, sacked the ancient city of Rome. Alaric carried off Rome's most valuable treasures, but died unexpectedly before he could leave Italy and was buried in a secret tomb laden with part of the plunder; an undiscovered tomb which has been a temptation for treasure seekers ever since, including the Nazi Heinrich Himmler. This book brings to life the little-known but fascinating story of the deeds, death and mysterious burial of Alaric and also encompasses the fall of the Roman Empire, the survival of Rome and the rise of papacy, as well as revealing one of the best-kept secrets of Islam. *Due May*



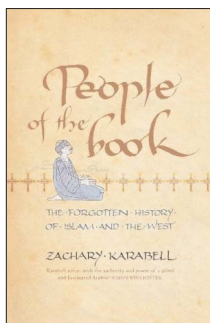
People of the Book

The Forgotten History of Islam and the West

Zachary KARABELL

400pp Tp \$35.00

We live in a world polarised by the ongoing conflict between Muslims, Christians and Jews, but - in an extraordinary narrative spanning 14 centuries - Karabell argues that the relationship between Islam and the West has never been simply one of animosity and competition, but has also comprised long periods of cooperation and coexistence. He uncovers known and forgotten history, taking the reader on an extraordinary journey through the Arab and Ottoman empires, the Crusades and the Catholic Reconquista and into the modern era, as he examines the vibrant examples of discord and concord that have existed between these monotheistic faiths.



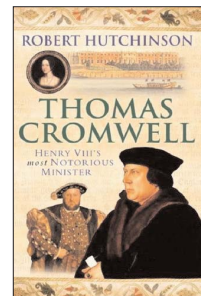
Thomas Cromwell

The Rise and Fall of Henry VIII's Most Notorious Minister

Robert HUTCHINSON

376pp Hb \$59.95

The son of a brewer, Cromwell rose from obscurity to become "Earl of Essex, Vice-Regent and High Chamberlain of England, Keeper of the Privy Seal and Chancellor of the Exchequer". He manoeuvred his way to the top by intrigue, bribery and sheer force of personality in a court dominated by the malevolent King Henry. Cromwell pursued the interests of the king with single-minded energy and no little subtlety. Tasked with engineering the judicial murder of Anne Boleyn when she had worn out her welcome in the royal chamber, he tortured her servants and relations, then organised a 'show trial' of Stalinist efficiency. He orchestrated the "greatest act of privatisation in English history": the seizure of the monasteries. Their enormous wealth was used to cement the loyalty of the English nobility, and to enrich the crown. Cromwell made himself a fortune too, soliciting colossal bribes and binding the noble families to him with easy loans. He came home from court literally weighed down with gold. The story of his rise and fall is colourful narrative history at its best.



Sisters to the King

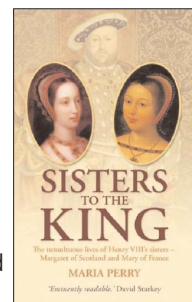
The Scandalous Lives of Henry VIII's Sisters

Margaret of Scotland and Mary of France

Maria PERRY

352pp Pb \$19.95

Much has been written about Henry VIII and his six wives, but his sisters, Margaret and Mary, had less of the limelight until Perry examined their amazing lives and their influence on European history. In the Tudor age, both Margaret and Mary were thought to be more important personalities than Henry's wives. Margaret became Queen of Scotland at the age of 13. Mary, Henry's famously beautiful younger sister, was married off to the ageing King of France. Against convention both chose their second husbands for love. Perry wonderfully illuminates the characters of these two remarkable women in this engrossing study, as well as uncovering new evidence on other aspects of the Tudor age: fresh information about Henry's upbringing and his wedding night; and a revealing new study of Henry's 'worldly jewel', his illegitimate son the Duke of Richmond, previously a shadowy figure. *Due May*



Avignon of the Popes

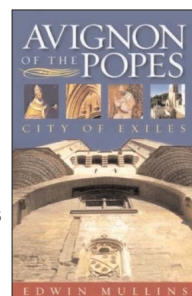
City of Exiles

Edwin MULLINS

256pp Hb \$29.95

Avignon was a relatively insignificant town on the banks of the Rhone, but thanks to a period of anarchy in Italy, it became one of the most powerful cities of the world. Chosen as the home of the papal court, seven popes of the 14th century reigned from Avignon. In this time, the Knights Templar were suppressed, the Cathars were exterminated, the Crusading ideal collapsed, the Black Death appeared and the Hundred Years War began. And when the Roman papacy re-established itself, the pontiffs of Avignon were designated anti-popes. A very readable portrait of the time and place from the author of *In Search of Cluny* (Hb \$49.95) and *Pilgrimage to Santiago* (Pb \$38.95).

Lindy



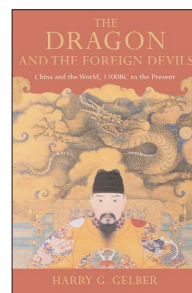
The Dragon and the Foreign Devils

China and the World, 1100 BC to the Present

Harry GELBER

512pp Tp \$39.95

China is the most exciting rising power in the world today. The explosive growth of its economy and the possibility that it might soon become the next superpower, dominant in East Asia and influential in every part of the world, has attracted universal interest, admiration and envy. Most histories of China approach that huge and populous country through the story of its dynasties, its struggle to defend its borders and its internal politics. This book is the first to tell the story of China from the outside as well as from the inside. It explores the relationships involved, from the incursions into China of steppe horsemen around 200 BC to the Mongol conquests of the 13th century AD, from the first arrival of European travellers to China's decline after 1911, into an object of the policies of the major powers, and on to the Revolution in 1949 and the Tiananmen Square protest in 1989. *Due May*



Brainless

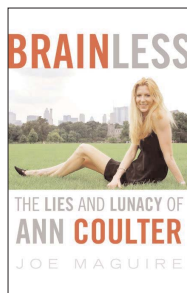
The Lies and Lunacy of Ann Coulter

Joe MAGUIRE

224pp Hb \$30.00

Maguire illustrates the dangers, ironies and hypocrisies of Ann Coulter - the "Mistress of Malice". She spews her venom generously across the spectrum. Democrats and Liberals are just the beginning. If you're a woman (you shouldn't vote), gay (you're going to hell), a 9/11 widow (dancing on your murdered husband's grave), you will find yourself the object of her ire. Now it's time to turn the tables and take a good hard look at the High Priestess of Hypocrisy. Maguire takes apart her arguments, picks apart her agenda, and gives us a look at the psychology and background of the woman who has reduced public political and cultural debate in the US to browbeating and name-calling.

Due May



Ghosts of Spain

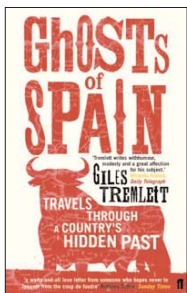
Travels through a Country's Hidden Past

Giles TREMLETT

352pp Pb \$26.95

Tremlett is a British journalist who moved to Spain in the 80s and is constantly fascinated by his adopted country. How, for instance, do Spaniards co-exist on the whole so peacefully, when only a couple of generations ago, they were a deeply divided nation? How do Franco's legacies affect people today, with the reclamation of the Republican war dead from their unmarked graves and the stirring up of all sorts of feelings? And then there are other questions about contemporary Spain - why are the Basques so divided about separatism, when the Galicians are quite content to be considered part of Spain? How have great swathes of the coast become almost entirely populated by foreigners who make no effort to integrate with what is left of the local communities? Why does such a family-oriented society have so many brothels? Where does flamenco truly exist? An excellent and highly readable exploration of contemporary Spain. *Due May*

Lindy



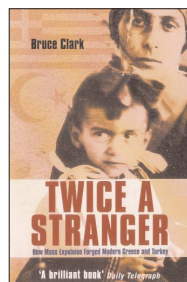
Twice a Stranger

How Mass Expulsion Forged Modern Greece and Turkey

Bruce CLARK

304pp Pb \$27.95

It was a massive, yet little-known landmark in modern history: in 1923, after a long war over the future of the Ottoman world, nearly two million citizens of Turkey or Greece were moved across the Aegean, expelled from their homes because they were the wrong religion. Orthodox Christians were deported from Turkey to Greece, Muslims from Greece to Turkey. At the time, world statesmen hailed the transfer as a solution to the problem of minorities who could not co-exist. Both governments saw the exchange as a chance to create societies where a single culture prevailed. But how did the people who crossed the Aegean feel about this exercise in ethnic engineering? Clark's fascinating account of these turbulent events draws on new archival research in Greece and Turkey, and interviews with some of the surviving refugees, allowing them to speak for themselves for the first time. *Due May*

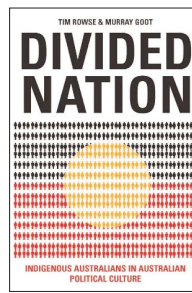


Divided Nation

Indigenous Australians in Australian Political Culture

Tim ROWSE & Murray GROOT 192pp Pb \$24.95

This is the first book-length account of Australian public opinion about Aborigines and the political uses of public opinion research. The authors portray the changes and continuities in Australians' public opinions about indigenous Australians, including their claims for recognition and for social justice. They examine four episodes in which the Australian public debated indigenous issues: the 1967 Referendum, the Hawke government's national land rights proposal in 1984-86, the Native Title debate and the 2000 Reconciliation debate. *Due May*



The 1967 Referendum

Race Power and the Australian Constitution

Bain ATTWOOD & Andrew MARKUS

176pp Pb \$34.95

The 40th anniversary of the referendum is this month, so an examination of the importance of this pivotal moment in Australian cultural and historical life is quite timely. It explores the legal and political significance of the referendum and also, the long struggle for constitutional change which would see responsibilities passed to the Commonwealth government from State over issues affecting the indigenous peoples. Well researched and accessible reading.

Terra Nullius

A Journey through No One's Land

Sven LINDQVIST

256pp Tp \$27.95

It is always interesting to read what an educated and enquiring observer has to write about the country that you live in. Lindqvist is a journalist, well-respected in his native Sweden, who a few years ago, embarked on a road trip to discover for himself the land and its indigenous peoples. Amazed by Australia's history, most particularly the white treatment of blacks, the legal basis for white settlement and the collective forgetfulness or ignorance of not-so-distant happenings, he is also impressed by the geography of the country, its vast distances and differences from his own land. This book is written for an overseas audience, and will no doubt give them a good grounding in Australian history and race relations - but it will also educate locals. *Due May*

Lindy

Griffith Review #16

Unintended Consequences

Julianne SCHULTZ (Ed) 240pp Pb \$19.95

Political and personal decisions, even those made with much consideration and research, can still lead to consequences that were never deliberately sought, nor expected. This issue, with its usual mix of essays, journalism, memoir and fiction, explores some of the failures and triumphs of action, from the small and quirky personal, to the overarching issues of society today. From Noel Pearson's essay on "white guilt" perpetuating indigenous victimhood, to Rolf de Heer's reflections on how fame and indigenous culture react, or Murray Sayle's chance meeting with Che Guevara in the jungles of Bolivia, or Glyn Davis on how different Canberra could have been, this is full of interesting, thought provoking articles worth considering. *Due May*

Lindy



From White Australia to Woomera

The Story of Australian Immigration

James JUPP

256pp Pb \$37.95

There has never been a greater need for a sober, historically informed yet critical account of immigration policy in Australia. In this revised and updated edition, Jupp, Australia's leading specialist on migration, surveys the changes in policy over the last thirty years since the seismic shift away from the White Australia Policy. He outlines the history of Australian immigration, compares the achievements of the Fraser, Hawke and Keating governments, and considers the establishment of the 'institutions' of multiculturalism and ethnicity. He also looks critically at the ways economic rationalism, the rise of Pauline Hanson and One Nation, and the environmental debate have impacted upon migration choices. The vexed issue of refugees and asylum seekers is also covered in great depth.

Australian History

Beyond Capricorn

How Portuguese Adventurers Secretly Discovered and Mapped Australia

250 Years before Captain Cook

Peter TRICKETT

304pp Pb \$35.00

Trickett challenges the commonly held view that the European discovery of Australia and New Zealand was made first by the Dutch, followed later by Britain's Captain James Cook. He argues the remarkable claim that in the year 1522 - a century before the Dutch and 250 years before Captain Cook - the Portuguese sailed past Fraser Island and into Botany Bay, around Wilson's Promontory, and as far as Kangaroo Island before returning to their base in Malacca via the North Island of New Zealand. Drawing from primary and secondary historical sources, archaeological evidence and stories handed down through Aboriginal oral tradition, this is a story of espionage, revenge and secret voyages made by the Portuguese to corner the fabulously rich spice trade in the east and find the islands of gold alluded to by Marco Polo. Secret voyages that resulted in the discovery of Australia and New Zealand almost 500 years ago.



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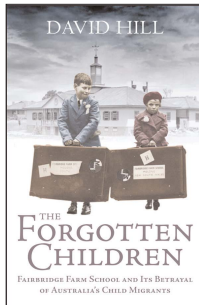
The Forgotten Children

Fairbridge Farm School and Its Betrayal of Australia's Child Migrants

David HILL

Tp \$34.95

In 1959 Hill's mother was visited at her home in England by two ladies from the Fairbridge Society. They told her wonderful stories about Australia, and explained how the Fairbridge Farm School in New South Wales could benefit her sons. The Hills were poor and life was tough; David's mother, like so many other parents, felt that in sending David and his brothers to Australia she would be giving them an exceptional opportunity, a good education and a better life. The reality was vastly, and shockingly, different. Physical and sexual abuse was not uncommon. Loneliness was rife. Food was often inedible. The standard of education was appalling. This is both a tribute to the children who were betrayed by an ideal that went terribly awry and a compelling account of an extraordinary episode in Australian-British history. *Due May*



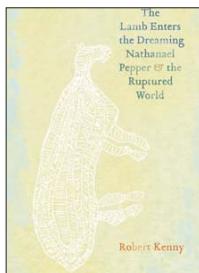
The Lamb Enters the Dreaming

Nathanael Pepper and the Ruptured World

Robert KENNY

432pp Pb \$39.95

In 1860, a Wotjbaluk Aboriginal youth converted to Christianity and took the name Nathanael Pepper. But even as Christian missionaries were making their first impact upon Aboriginal culture, pastoralists were driving thousands of sheep and cattle into the region. This story is about their attempt to accommodate "the people of the sheep". *Due May*



Allied and Addicted

Alison BROINOWSKI

144pp Pb \$22.00

In many respects, Australia behaves as if it were still a colonial dependency. Our policies on foreign affairs, trade, human rights, and the environment seem to be uncritically allied to those of the US. In this provocative and timely book, Broinowski argues that Australia's development as an independent nation has stalled, and asks: is this prolonged adolescence due to an inability to break free from dominating parents, or are we more like the schoolyard bully's errand-boy, always ready to "kiss up and kick down"? By challenging many of the assumptions of conservative policy makers, this book is an important and powerfully argued contribution to the on-going national debate about Australian identity and our place in the world. *Due May*

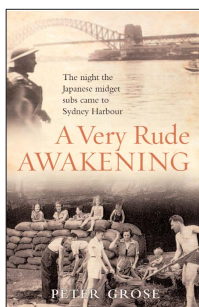
A Very Rude Awakening

The Night the Japanese Midget Subs Came to Sydney Harbour

Peter GROSE

328pp Tp \$32.95

On the night of 31 May 1942, Sydney was doing what it does best - partying. The theatres, restaurants, dance halls, illegal gambling dens, clubs and brothels offered plenty of choice to roistering sailors, soldiers and airmen on leave in Australia's most glamorous city. The war seemed far away. Newspapers devoted more pages to horse racing than to Hitler. That Sunday night the party came to a shattering halt when three Japanese midget submarines crept into the harbour, past eight electronic indicator loops, past six patrolling Royal Australian Navy ships, and past an anti-submarine net stretched across the inner harbour entrance. Their arrival triggered a night of mayhem, courage, chaos and high farce which left 27 sailors dead and a city bewildered. The war, it seemed, was no longer confined to distant desert and jungle. It was right here at Australia's front door. Based on new first person accounts and previously unpublished official documents, this is one of the most extraordinary stories ever told of Australia at war. *Due May*



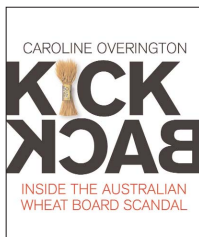
Kickback

Inside the Australian Wheat Board Scandal

Caroline OVERINGTON

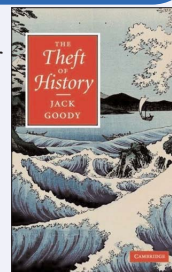
320pp Pb \$26.95

From the award-winning journalist who first broke the story, here - in forensic detail - is the incredible true story of how the Australian Wheat Board funnelled hundreds of millions of dollars to Saddam Hussein's regime on the eve of the 2003 war. *Due May*



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In **The Theft of History** (342pp Pb \$44.95), Jack Goody argues that Occidental views of our past have continued to dominate, to an unhealthy degree, and that the west has managed to steal credit for the invention of major conceptual categories like democracy, capitalism and individualism, and also to impose its own conceptual categories (especially those of time) onto the rest of the world.

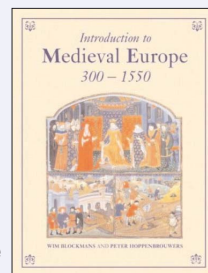


Terrors of the Table: The Curious History of

Nutrition (288pp Pb \$32.95) by Walter Gratzer is an absorbing account of the struggle to find the necessary ingredients of a healthy diet, and the fads and quackery that have always waylaid the unwary and the foolish when it comes to the matter of food and health.

Introduction to Medieval Europe 300-1550 (372pp Pb \$74.00) by

Wim Blockmans and Peter Hoppenbrouwers brings a long, complex and varied period of European history vividly to life for students, researchers and general readers of this period. Covering themes as diverse as barbarian migrations, the growth of cities, kingship, religious reform, the Crusades, commerce, the Black Death, and the intellectual and cultural life of the Middle Ages, it explores the driving forces behind the formation of medieval society and the directions in which it developed and changed.



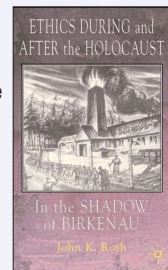
The Neoconservative Revolution (303pp Pb \$34.95) by Murray Friedman suggests that Jews and Jewish intellectuals have played a considerable role in the development and shaping of modern American conservatism. The focus is on the rise of a group of Jewish intellectuals and activists known as neoconservatives who began to impact on American public policy during the Cold War with the Soviet Union and most recently in the lead up to and invasion of Iraq.

Aristotle legitimated oppression but Alasdair MacIntyre justifies resistance, arguing for ethical excellence and against social elitism. With MacIntyre, Aristotelianism becomes revolutionary. Aristotle remains the most influential philosopher of practice, and Kelvin Knight's **Aristotelian Philosophy: Ethics and Politics from Aristotle to MacIntyre** (247pp Pb \$59.50) first explores the theoretical bases of what he said about ethical, political and productive activity.

Based on the most recent historical research and current debates about Wales and Welshness, **A Concise History of Wales** (345pp Pb \$46.95) offers the most up-to-date, authoritative and accessible account of the period from Neanderthal times to the opening of the Senedd, the new home of the National Assembly for Wales, in 2006.

In **The Unknown Gulag** (278pp Hb \$60.00), historian Lynne Viola reveals how, in one of the most egregious episodes of Soviet repression, Stalin drove two million peasants into internal exile, to work as forced labourers. The book shows how entire families were callously thrown out of their homes, banished from their villages, and sent to the icy hinterlands of the Soviet Union, where in the course of a decade; almost a half million would die as a result of disease, starvation, or exhaustion.

Birkenau, the main killing centre at Auschwitz, continues to cast a disturbing shadow over basic beliefs concerning right and wrong, human rights, and the hope that human beings will learn from the past. **Ethics During and After the Holocaust** (225pp Pb \$58.00) by John Roth explores the realities of the Holocaust and the issues they contain. It does so not to discourage but to encourage, not to deepen darkness and despair but to face those realities honestly and in a way that can make post-Holocaust ethics more credible and realistic.



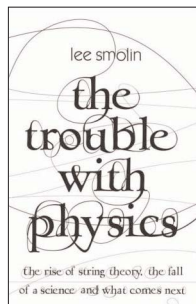
War and Peace in the Ancient World (385pp Pb \$54.95) edited by Kurt Raaflaub is the first book to focus on war and peace in the ancient world from a global perspective. 19 distinguished scholars, all of whom are experts in their fields, discuss different aspects of this fascinating subject in relation to a large number of early civilisations. The book demonstrates that ancient societies, no less than modern ones, suffered from the losses and destructions caused by war, and yearned for peace and prosperity.

Dave

The Trouble with Physics The Rise of String Theory, the Fall of a Science and What Comes Next

Lee SMOLIN 416pp Hb \$59.95

In this groundbreaking book, the renowned theoretical physicist Smolin argues that physics - the basis for all other science - has lost its way. The problem is string theory, an ambitious attempt to formulate a 'theory of everything' that explains all the forces and particles of nature and how the universe came to be. With its exotic new particles and parallel universes, string theory has captured the public imagination and seduced many physicists. But, as Smolin reveals, there's a deep flaw in the theory: no part of it has been proven, and no one knows how to prove it. As a scientific theory, it has been a colossal failure. And because it has soaked up the lion's share of funding, attracted some of the best minds and penalised young physicists for pursuing other avenues, it is dragging the rest of physics down with it. Articulate, passionate and authoritative, Smolin charts the rise and fall of string theory and takes a fascinating look at what will replace it.

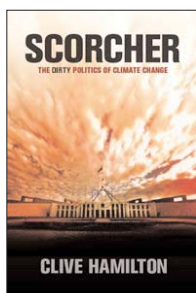


Scorchers

The Dirty Politics of Climate Change

Clive HAMILTON 272pp Pb \$29.95

This is the book that blows the whistle on the politics of global warming in Australia. Why have our political leaders been so slow to act? Who are the fossil-fuel lobby groups who still set the policy agenda? How many different ways can one spin, deceive, lie and obfuscate instead of facing facts and looking for the new solutions that are desperately needed? Written with humour, urgency and great authority, this is the definitive account of the politics of climate change in Australia. *Due May*

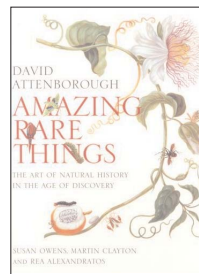


Amazing Rare Things

The Art of Natural History in the Age of Discovery

Sir David ATTENBOROUGH 264pp Pb \$45.00

From the 15th century onwards, as European explorers sailed forth on grand voyages of discovery, their encounters with exotic plants and animals fanned intense scientific interest. Scholars began to examine nature with fresh eyes, and pioneering artists transformed the way nature was seen and understood. Renowned naturalist and documentary-maker Attenborough joins with expert colleagues to explore how artists portrayed the natural world during this era of burgeoning scientific interest.



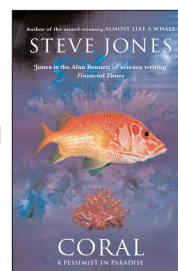
Coral

A Pessimist in Paradise

Steve JONES

256pp Tp \$35.00

Coral has fascinated us throughout the ages: the Romans used coral as a hangover cure, in Italy it is believed to ward off the evil eye and even now it has been found to provide us with anti-cancer drugs. It was coral that first interested Darwin in evolution, being a classic example of symbiosis - a joint venture between animal and plant. Coral reefs occupy only one part in 500 of the ocean's surface and yet they contain a quarter of its species. Yet coral reefs are rapidly dying and deteriorating due to warmer ocean temperatures. If that's not threat enough, an ever increasing acidity of ocean water due to increased carbon absorption could simply dissolve coral and all shell based life forms within as little as 50 years. *Due May*



Scientists Confront Intelligent Design and Creationism

Andrew PETTO & Laurie Rhode GODFREY (Eds)

416pp Hb \$41.95

With the pseudo-science of creationism rising again under the guise of "intelligent design", this powerful collection eviscerates the new assault on evolution and reveals the pervasive and insidious threat posed to genuine science by intelligent design proponents. The 16 powerful, original essays address two key issues: the overwhelming scientific evidence for evolution gathered over 150 years and the dubious underpinnings of creationism; and how society can mount better educational and legal policies to prevent a theological takeover of public and scientific institutions. *Due May*

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Last December the journal *Science* described Grigori Perelman's solution of Henri Poincaré's conjecture about the characterisation of the three dimensional sphere amongst three dimensional manifolds as the scientific "Breakthrough of the Year". Donal O'Shea's **The Poincaré Conjecture** (292pp Hb \$58.00) explains (as simply as possible!) the mathematics involved, the history of the problem Poincaré theorised about, and how it was solved by a Russian mathematician who posted the solution on the Internet.

Two books have recently been published to celebrate the tercentenary of the birth of Leonhard Euler. **The Early Mathematics of Leonhard Euler** (391pp Hb \$75.00) by C Edward Sandifer describes Euler's early mathematical works, which contain some of Euler's greatest work; the Königsberg bridge problem, his solution to the Basel problem, and his first proof of the Euler-Fermat theorem. **The Genius of Euler** (307pp Hb \$75.00) edited by William Dunham contains articles aimed at a mathematically literate audience and address aspects of Euler's life and work.

David Linden's **The Accidental Mind** (276pp Hb \$56.00) shows how the brain is not an optimised, general-purpose problem-solving machine, but rather a weird agglomeration of ad-hoc solutions that have been piled on through millions of years of evolutionary history. It also shows how the constraints of evolved brain design have ultimately led to almost every transcendent human foible: our long childhoods, our extensive memory capacity, our search for love and long-term relationships, our need to create compelling narrative, and, ultimately, the universal cultural impulse to create both religious and scientific explanations.

Edward Belbruno has come up with a way to travel through the Solar System using very little fuel by using both chaos theory and gravitational fields. He explains for the layperson how his method works, what has been done with it so far and what can be done with it in the future in **Fly Me to the Moon** (148pp Hb \$39.95).

The Jasons (304pp Pb \$29.95) by Ann Finkbeiner tells the story of the group of elite American scientists who have gathered every summer since 1960 to solve highly classified problems for the Department of Defence and the intelligence community. They have been directly responsible for breakthroughs ranging from the electronic battlefield to the "Star Wars" missile defence technologies to the national system for predicting global climate. But their mission to keep a vigil over applied science has led them into both moral dilemmas and political stew.

Counting Australia In (431pp Hb \$98.95) by Graeme Cohen is a comprehensive and illustrated account of the history of mathematics in Australia, ranging from the days when navigators used it to help put a new continent on the map, right up to 2006, the 50th anniversary of the Australian Mathematical Society. Details the maths societies, departments, CSIRO, and others.

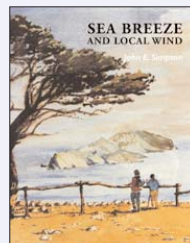
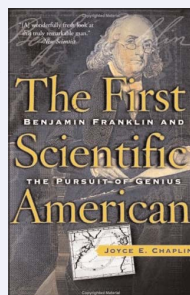
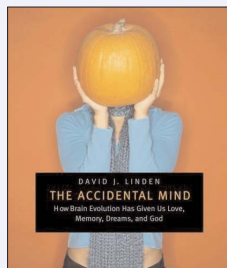
The First Scientific American (421pp Pb \$37.00) by Joyce Chaplin is an intellectual biography of one of the most interesting men of the last 300 years. Benjamin Franklin's experiments with electricity were only part of his accomplishments - he also charted the Gulf Stream, made important observations in meteorology and used the burgeoning science of "political arithmetic" to make unprecedented statements about America's power.

Jürgen Neffe's **Einstein: A Biography** (461pp Hb \$59.95) was a bestseller in Germany. It offers a fresh portrait of the man behind the myth, debunking popular stereotypes and romantic conjectures and explaining Einstein's scientific achievements in clear and accessible prose.

The Mathematics of Games and Gambling (174pp Hb \$75.00) by Edward Packel introduces and develops some of the most important and beautiful elementary mathematics needed for rational analysis of various gambling and game activities. This second edition includes new material on sports betting and the mathematics behind it, game theory applied to bluffing in poker and the Nash equilibrium concept and its emergence in popular culture.

And speaking of Nash, **The Essential John Nash** (244pp \$26.95) edited by Harold Kuhn & Sylvia Nasar is now available in paperback.

Sea Breeze and Local Winds (234pp Pb \$65.00) by John Simpson shows how radar, lidar and satellite photography have helped to forecast and map sea breeze and the all-important 'sea breeze front'. *Dave*



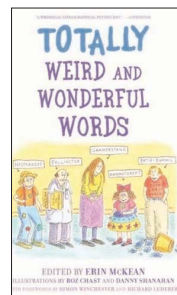
Miscellaneous

Totally Weird and Wonderful Words

Erin McKean

304pp Pb \$32.95

Do you know what a "snollygoster" is? Would you eat something called a "muktuk"? Do you know anyone who engages in "onolatry"? Impress your friends and pepper your dinner party conversations with such nuggets as "gobemouche", "mumpsimus" and "cachinnate". Offering a potpourri of colourful and fascinating words compiled by noted lexicographer McKean, this book contains hundreds of definitions and has been updated to include two new essays, with over 150 words new to this edition. Featuring full-page cartoon illustrations by Roz Chast and Danny Shanahan, this will appeal to logophiles everywhere. *Due May*



Building the Empire State

Carol Willis (Ed)

192pp Pb \$29.95

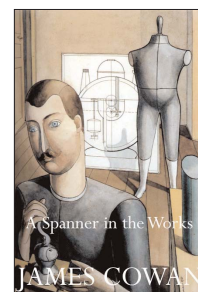
Another miracle of engineering shares its 75th birthday with the bridge this year - the Empire State Building. Constructed in 11 months, the 1250-foot Empire State Building, was the world's tallest skyscraper from 1931 to 1971. The frame rose more than a storey a day; no comparable building since has matched that rate of ascent. Construction was orchestrated by general contractors Starrett Brothers and Eken, premier "skyline builders" of the 20s. They scheduled the delivery of materials, the construction and a daily record of the number of workers by trade. This is a reproduction of this in-house notebook, meticulously typed on graph paper and illustrated with construction photographs, this unique document combines professional detail with a charming rhapsody to the firm's crowning achievement.

A Spanner in the Works

James Cowan

Pb \$29.95

Exploring the profound impact of science and technology on the world, Cowan takes us on a journey into our relationship with the machine and its repercussions on contemporary spiritual life, and offers new insights into how we might overcome our present sense of rootlessness. Max Plank, Walter Benjamin and Albert Einstein join ancient and medieval thinkers alike to inform the thrust of his argument. *Due May*



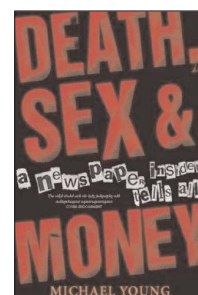
Death, Sex and Money

A Newspaper Insider Tells All

Michael Young

256pp Tp \$34.95

What was it like being at the news desk on the evening of September 11? On the day of the Port Arthur massacre? And on the weekend when Princess Diana was killed in that tunnel in Paris? Few readers, even the dedicated ones, have any real understanding of how a newspaper functions, and of its daily needs and appetites. Who makes the decision to publish a particular story? Why are some stories covered and others ignored? Who is who on a newspaper - what does the editor-in-chief do, how does this role affect the editor, and what about the role of the chief of staff and the news editor? And where does advertising fit into all this? Young takes us behind a newspaper's news desk, affording us a glimpse into the frenetic world of newspaper journalism, in an age when newspapers have moved from being a special kind of business to being just another business. *Due May*



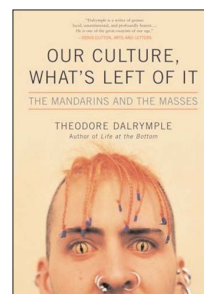
Our Culture, What's Left of It

The Mandarins and the Masses

Theodore Dalrymple

360pp Pb \$26.95

In these pieces, Dalrymple's bracingly clear-sighted view of the human condition ranges over literature and ideas, from Shakespeare to Marx, from the breakdown of Islam to the legalisation of drugs. Here is a book that restores our faith in the central importance of literature and criticism to our civilisation.



Porn for Women

Doug Berman

96pp Pb \$19.95

Prepare to enter a fantasy world, a world where clothes get folded just so, delicious dinners await, and flatulence is just not that funny. Photos of hunky men doing housework, cooking, listening or asking for direction are complemented by steamy captions "I love a clean house!" or "As long as I have two legs to walk on, you'll never take out the trash." A great source of inspirational ideas for Mothers' Day! *Ann*

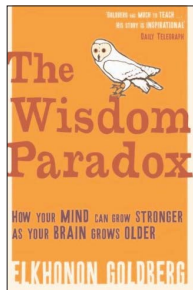


The Wisdom Paradox

How Your Mind Can Grow Stronger As Your Brain Grows Older

Elkhonan GOLDBERG 352pp Pb \$24.95

In this new edition, world-renowned neuro-psychologist Goldberg argues that although some mental abilities (such as recent-memory recall) decline as the mind enters the autumn season of our lifespan and we increasingly experience "senior moments", the brain actually becomes more powerful in its ability to recognise patterns. As a result, we are able to make decisions at more intuitive and effective levels - a late-emerging mental strength he terms "wisdom". Drawing on recent and historical examples of leaders and artists who achieved their greatest successes late in life - from Goethe to Ronald Reagan - he illustrates the effects of an emerging scientific understanding of the biology of wisdom. Most provocatively, he outlines how a 'cognitive fitness' programme can both curtail the negative mental effects of ageing and enhance our decision-making powers. *Due May*

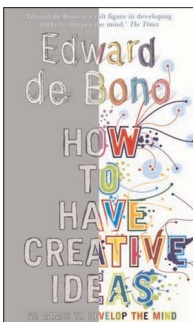


How to Have Creative Ideas

62 Games to Develop the Mind

Edward DE BONO 224pp Pb \$27.95

Everybody wants to be creative. Creativity makes life more fun, interesting and full of achievement, but too many people believe that creativity is something you are born with and cannot be learned. De Bono - now in his 70s and still the leading authority on creative thinking - outlines 62 different games and exercises, built around random words chosen from a list, to help encourage creativity and lateral thinking. *Due May*

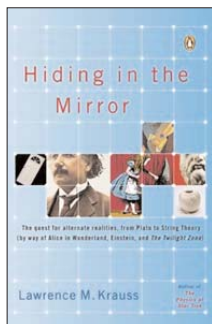


Hiding in the Mirror

The Quest for Alternate Realities, from Plato to String Theory

Lawrence KRAUSS 272pp Pb \$19.95

Krauss - an international leader in physics and cosmology - examines our long and ardent romance with parallel universes, veiled dimensions and regions of being that may extend tantalisingly beyond the limits of our perception. He looks at popular culture's current embrace (and frequent misunderstanding) of such topics as black holes, life in other dimensions, strings, and some of the more extraordinary new theories that propose the existence of vast extra dimensions alongside our own.



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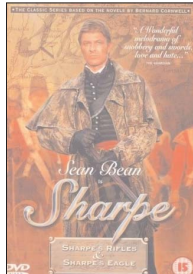
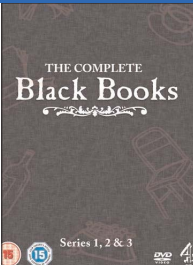
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Sean Bean is Sharpe in this adaptation of the popular series from Bernard Cornwell.

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A three hour documentary that traces coffee from its roots to today and how it has impacted on society.

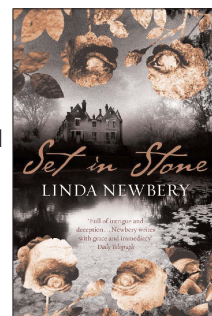


Set in Stone

Linda NEWBERY

358pp Pb \$19.95

In 1898 Samuel Godwin, a young painter, accepts a post as tutor to Edwin Farrow's daughters, Juliana, 19, recovering from some illness, and Marianne, 16, wild and imaginative. They live in a beautifully designed house, *Fourwinds*, which is decorated by statues of the winds - all but the West Wind. Samuel admires his employer, is bemused by the girls' companion-governess, Charlotte Agnew, and increasingly obsessed by beautiful Marianne. Told in first person, alternating between Samuel and Charlotte, the mysterious undercurrents of the superficially idyllic household are revealed. An absorbing and lyrical novel full of psychological depths, for older readers.



The Black Book of Secrets

F E HIGGINS

305pp Hb \$19.95

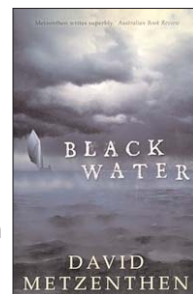
Ludlow Fitch has always lived by his wits (and petty thieving) in The City. When his shiftless parents try to sell his teeth to a trader, Ludlow escapes by clinging to a departing coach. He is deposited in a small town, where he becomes entangled with Joe Zabbidou, pawnbroker. While Joe buys the small items of the townsfolk, he also pays for their secrets, which Ludlow enters into the Black Book. It quickly becomes apparent that the townsfolk fear the richest man in the area, a ruthless, greedy and conniving bully, and they start to believe that Joe will deliver them from his clutches. An entertaining read, particularly for those readers who like a bit of atmosphere and don't want wizards! Ages 11-14

Black Water

David METZENTHEN

309pp Pb \$18.95

Set in 1915 in Queenscliff. Farren Fox lost his Mum two years previously, his beloved brother Danny is fighting the Turks in Gallipoli and his father won't let him work on the family barracouta boat - he won't have both his sons in dangerous occupations. Farren spends his days helping at the local hotel, fishing from shore and hunting rabbits. When he rescues a boy he's always known, they are drawn into true friendship. When his Dad is drowned in a freak storm, Farren finds himself alone - but then Danny is invalided out of the army and returns home - very much changed. It takes another shipwreck to bring Danny back to himself, and the threat of losing the family boat. A war novel, as Metzenthén has written before, but with the difference of showing the effects on the boys back home. Finely written. Ages 13+

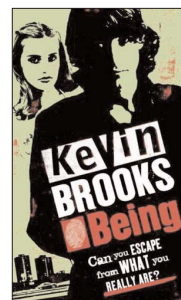


Being

Kevin BROOKS

336pp Pb \$19.95

How do you know you're human flesh and blood? Robert, a 16-year-old foster-child, goes in for a routine operation. He wakes up on the operating table paralysed but conscious and surrounded by people who aren't doctors. His insides are composed of plastics and strange liquids, but Robert doesn't feel any less human than he ever did. Under threat he escapes, only to find himself implicated in a murder charge - any medical person who saw him is ruthlessly killed. Mysterious men-in-black are after him, but no matter what Robert is, he has the primal urge to survive. A taut and thrilling read, with few answers and difficult questions. Ages 14+

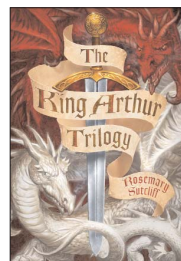


The King Arthur Trilogy

Rosemary SUTCLIFF

652pp Pb \$21.95

I was absolutely delighted to see these fine books back in print and in one volume! The Sword and the Circle tells of Arthur's birth and upbringing, and the formation of the Round Table. The Light Beyond the Forest follows the quest of the Knights for the Holy Grail, and the final book The Road to Camlain tells of the dissolution of Arthur's noble dream. Based on the Malory version of Arthur, but drawing very heavily on Celtic tales, these books are thrilling and still stand up very well years after their penning.



Tangara

Nan CHAUNCEY

175pp Pb \$19.95

First published in 1960, this classic Australian story has been reissued as part of the UQP Children's Classics series. Lexie's greatest treasure is a necklace of shells that once belonged to her great-aunt Rita, to whom she bears a striking resemblance. Out exploring the Tasmanian bush with her brother, Lexie sees a dark-skinned young girl, and they become friends - but Merrina and her people are under threat. A haunting story, part timeslip and history lesson, but still fresh and beautifully rendered.

Here is the shortlist for the 2007 *Miles Franklin Award*. Can you guess the winner?

Careless by Deborah Robertson (\$32.95 Tp or \$22.95 Pb due June), is a sad and affecting novel delving into three characters dealing with the loss of a loved one. The central character is a resilient eight-year old girl whose little brother has been killed. Her foolish mother is counseled by a mother grieving for her own daughter who has been murdered. Their stories are linked by a menacing character, an artist who hopes to be commissioned to make a memorial for the dead children. It is fine, subtle writing with a tension running throughout the story.

Carpentaria by Alexis Wright (\$29.95 Pb 516pp). The little fishing town of Desperance on the Gulf of Carpentaria is renamed Masterton by the State Government but every time the Main Roads Department erects a new sign the locals pull it down. This small contest over place and its meaning and its suggestion of different cultures simultaneously occupying the same space is a fitting way in to this rich and powerful novel about the Gulf country.

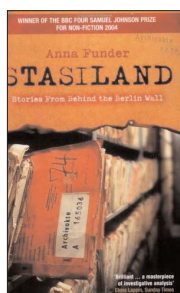
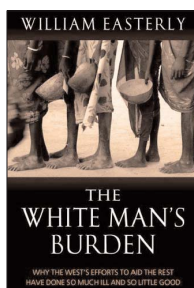
Theft: A Love Story by Peter Carey (\$45.00 Hb). Previous *Miles Franklin* winner Carey is in impressive form as he introduces you to Michael "Butcher" Bones, a noted Australian painter whose career has nose-dived. In his care, and always at his heels, is his idiot savant brother, Hugh, whose observations are as funny as they are apposite. An intricate thriller packed with detail and a wonderful cast of characters.

Dreams of Speaking by Gail Jones (\$32.95 Tp 240pp). Two displaced souls - Alice Black, entranced by the aesthetics of technology and Mr Sakamoto, a survivor of the atomic bomb - form an unlikely friendship in this gentle and moving novel.

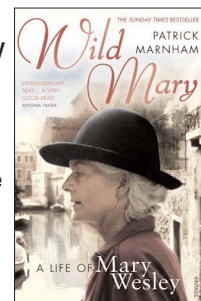
Language Book Centre has recently sent out their Primary LOTE Catalogue. For the uninitiated that's Languages Other Than English! This is a splendid production of 58 pages and would be useful to many people other than teachers. For instance if you are a bilingual (or multilingual) family there will be a variety of language teaching aids from books to CDs and cassettes and even activities. Languages covered are Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish with a small section of Teacher Reference. Call in and pick up a copy or ring (02) 9267 1397 or 1800 802 432 outside Sydney to ask for a copy be sent to you. You can also look at their amazing range of titles on the website www.languagebooks.com.au

I've been reading a very timely book which I found in Economics. This is called **The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good** by William Easterly (\$55.00 Hb 380pp incl index). The author has been (note has been) a Senior Research Economist at the World Bank but is now Professor of Economics at New York University. His thoughts are very clear and suggestions sensible. For instance, take the case of trying to supply insecticide-treated mosquito nets to the poor of Malawi. Most of the original delivery, donated in full, without proper planning ended up as fishing nets, wedding dresses or sold on the black market. A local NGO worked out a system whereby the nets were sold for 50 cents each to mothers through ante-natal clinics (so that the nets went where they were needed and valued). The nurse who distributes them gets nine cents per net for herself so that the nets are always in stock. The NGO also sells nets to richer people for \$5 and these sales subsidise the cheaper nets sold at the clinics. In four years the percentage of children under five sleeping under nets has increased from 8% to 55%. Some lessons to be learnt here. I also like the title of another chapter, which is: *The Rich have markets - the Poor have bureaucrats*. He also makes good sense when he questions how much aid should be delivered through Bad Governments. After all, he says, "I could solicit foreign donations to alleviate poverty in Harlem without checking with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development".

Because there is an excellent film now on, *The Lives of Others*, set in the former East German Democratic Republic, I have to remind you again about the terrific book in German History by Anna Funder called **Stasiland** (\$24.00 Pb) or in German, upstairs at Language Book Centre (\$29.95 Pb). This is no dry scholarly book. It is vigorous writing about a period which should not be overlooked and won the *Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction*. In fact it is a book you should keep on your shelves.



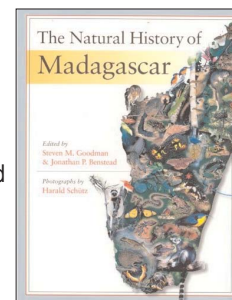
I've been having great fun reading the biography of Mary Wesley by Patrick Marnham. It is called **Wild Mary** (\$24.95 Pb 289pp incl index). As a child in a very stitched-up military family of the English upper-class she later found the Second World War a time for a very rackets adventurous life, which later became the basis for her successful novels, which have been called "Jane Austen with sex". (She was very keen about sex). After the war she spent 25 years living very frugally with her great love, her second husband, mostly in the West Country. It was not until his death that she began to write the novels so many people enjoy, first published when she was 70. I tried to think of a good word to describe them and came up with insouciant. Not a word used much these days but very descriptive of her lighthearted yet deadly serious approach. I'm sure many of you will have read all of them already. Like Anita Brookner (who didn't care for Mary Wesley) she is one of those authors you can depend upon and you will read every book they publish. These paperback titles are: **Jumping the Queue, The Camomile Lawn, Not That Sort of Girl, Second Fiddle, A Sensible Life** (all \$23.95). **A Dubious Legacy, Harnessing Peacocks, An Imaginative Experience, The Vacillations of Poppy Crew** (all \$19.95) and **Part of the Furniture** (\$22.95). Most of these have been re-issued and we have them in stock or on order. Enjoy! We've also got a cassette of **The Camomile Lawn** (\$24.00).



At Easter, while I was eating my lunch in our little staff room, which is in a corner of Language Book Centre, I heard a customer talking on her mobile phone to a friend. She was very excited - saying "I've found this marvelous bookshop and it is FULL OF LANGUAGE BOOKS. You'll have to come and meet me here as it will take ages for me to go through all this". I was pleased too.

In fact it was a nice day all-round. I was chatting to another long-standing customer, an ex-bookseller, who looked at the books on display nearby. His comment was "where else would you find the **Atlas of the Valley of Kings - Study Edition** at the very front of the shop". This very large, spiral bound paperback is the result of 20 years work and edited by Kent R Weeks, 136 pages of survey maps and plans etc \$80.00. It has become a basic reference tool for all Egyptologists and of course we are famous for our History sections.

So I looked around for some other unusual books here at Abbeys. I think Gerald Durrell would be happy to find a huge 1,709 page paperback of **The Natural History of Madagascar** edited by Steven Goodman and Jonathan Benstead with photos by Harold Schutz (\$110.00). 300 experts describe their work on the unique biodiversity of this unusual island with graphs, illustrations and photographs in both black and white and colour. (We do of course have Gerald Durrell's **My Family and Other Animals** in both Travel Literature and upstairs in the Children's Department \$19.95 and \$14.95 respectively).



Another unusual island, or two, provides **Extinct Birds of New Zealand** by Alan Tennyson and Paul Martinson \$65.00 Hb 180pp incl index with full page colour illustrations). These are in Life Science, on display near the Science New Titles. There is always something new and interesting to see at Abbey's.

I've mentioned before that you will often find the hardback edition of a book available to you at the paperback price. Just look for the special sticker on the spine. One of particular interest just now would be **Australia's Money Mandarins: The Reserve Bank and the Politics of Money** by Stephen Bell (\$29.95 Hb 238pp incl index).

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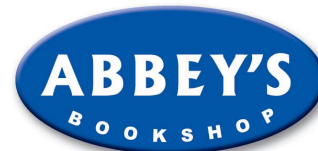
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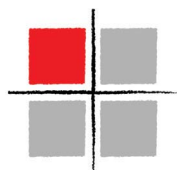


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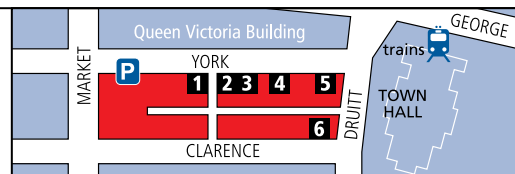
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