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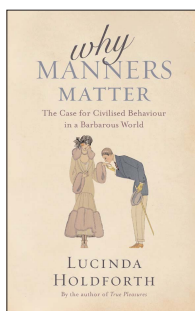
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Why Manners Matter The Case for Civilized Behaviour in a Barbarous World

Lucinda HOLDFORTH

Hb \$29.95

You know what it's like: whether it's the leaf-blower blaring at 7am or the queue-jumper cutting in at the cinema, there's nothing like an act of rudeness to spoil your day. But why do so many of us get worked up about these examples of incivility? Isn't that just life? Do manners really matter, anyway? Yes, says Holdforth in this passionate and elegant essay, drawing on history's great writers and thinkers to argue, unashamedly, that manners are absolutely essential to civilisation. She wrests the case for good manners away from the knife-and-fork snobs, the exclusivist bores and the corporate fakers, to show how courtesy protects our rights and freedoms, strengthens our communities and adorns our individual humanity. She shows us that privacy can co-exist with neighbourliness, that intellectual freedom can flourish within agreed social rules, and that civility saves us from over-legislation. This important, thoroughly entertaining little book will ensure you never take courtesy for granted again. *Due Sep*



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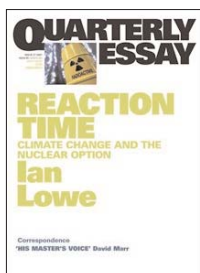
Reaction Time

Climate Change and the Nuclear Option

Ian LOWE

128pp Pb \$14.95

Australia is at a crossroads: do we need to embrace a nuclear future? Lowe examines the science and the politics of nuclear power, as well as the feasible alternatives in an era of global warming. He discusses his one-time belief in nuclear power and what led to the faltering of that belief. He engages with the leading environmentalists, like James Lovelock, who advocate going nuclear, as well as with the less savoury aspects of the Australian politicking. He discusses whether other countries might need to use nuclear power, even if Australia doesn't. He offers an authoritative survey of the leading alternatives for Australia - from 'hot rocks' to 'clean coal'. Above all, he explains why he feels that taking the nuclear option would be a decisive step in the wrong direction - economically, environmentally, politically and socially. *Due Sep*

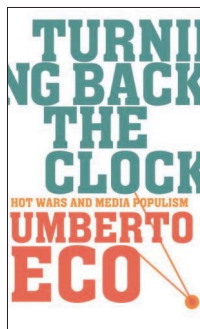


Turning Back the Clock Hot Wars and Media Populism

Umberto ECO

306pp Hb \$55.00

This is a brilliant collection of essays by one of the leading intellectuals of our time. With his customary sharpness and wit, Eco explains the tragic steps backwards that have been taken since the end of the last millennium. After the Cold War, the 'Hot War' has made its comeback in Afghanistan and Iraq. Exhuming Kipling's Great Game, we have gone back to the clash between Islam and Christianity. The ghost of the Yellow Danger has been resurrected, the 19th century anti-Darwin debate has been reopened, and right-wing governments predominate. It almost seems like history, tired of the big steps forward that have been taken in the past two millennia, has gone into reverse. *Due Sep*



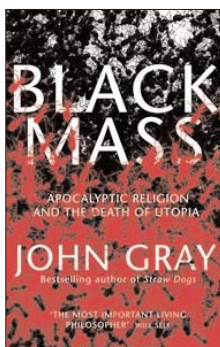
Black Mass

Apocalyptic Religion and the Death of Utopia

John GRAY

242pp Hb \$45.00

From the author of *Straw Dogs: Thoughts on Humans and Other Animals* (Pb \$24.95) comes Gray's new book which will prove to be equally challenging and thought-provoking. Beginning with the belief in the West that a single model of political behaviour will become a worldwide norm, Gray explains how Utopian ideals have taken on a dangerous significance in the hands of right-wing conservatives and religious zealots. This is a truly frightening work that will leave you asking as many questions as it answers. *Greg*



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Abbey's to donate 10% of all sales on Wednesday 5 September to Indigenous Literacy Project

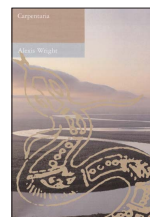
Can you imagine a world without books or reading?

For those of us whose lives are so integrally linked to books and reading, the question seems almost ridiculous. For many remote Indigenous Australians, the question is redundant simply because they cannot read - not only books, but everyday items like newspapers, medication labels, recipes, safety instructions, bank statements and election ballots.

The Indigenous Literacy Project is a unique book industry initiative designed to improve literacy in remote indigenous communities.

To help, come in and buy any book from Abbey's, Language Book Centre or Galaxy Bookshop on Wednesday 5 September. We will be donating 10% of our day's sales to the project.

You may even wish to buy a title by an indigenous author, such as this year's *Miles Franklin Award*-winner *Carpentaria* by Alexis Wright (Tp \$29.95). This will also be available in November as a limited edition signed hardback (\$60), which you can secure on 5 September with a deposit. Another good read is *My Place* by Sally Morgan (Pb \$24.95), in Australian Biography, or you may prefer to explore our Aboriginal History section.

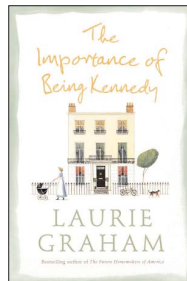


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We are open 10am - 5pm
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The Importance of Being Kennedy

Laurie GRAHAM 480pp Tp \$33.00

Nora Brennan, straight from Westmeath Ireland, becomes the nurserymaid for a Boston family in 1917. The man of the house is an up-an-coming businessman with a lot of marginally shady enterprises, the wife is the daughter of the mayor and the oldest child, still a toddler, is being groomed to be the first Catholic President of the US. Nora becomes the nurse for the nine children of the family, the Kennedys. This rather sparkling novel tells an insider's tale of their family life - the awful Rose, who cares more for her shopping trips than her children, the dodgy Joe driven to chase power as well as money and who desires a dynasty, and all the Kennedy children, who would rather be with each other than any lesser humans. Entertaining! *Due Sep*

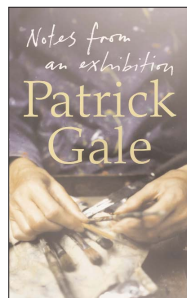


Lindy

Notes from an Exhibition

Patrick GALE 384pp Pb \$28.00

Rachel Kelly dies as she lived - in a whirl of emotions and messiness. Suffering from mental illness, she is a talented, obsessive and magnificent artist, with a gentle Quaker husband who has given her the room and quietness to paint, and four children who in their various ways have fed her creativity, whilst demanding her attention away from her consuming need to paint. Each chapter is headed by an interpretative note accompanying exhibitions at a retrospective of her art, and these notes sometimes prefigure the events in the narrative, which takes the reader on a non-sequential journey through the lives of Rachel and her family, in England and in Canada. A beautifully told story of artistic genius and its effects on those who have to live with and beside it. An absorbing novel - one you wish was longer! *Due Sep*

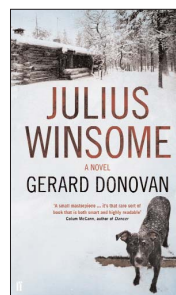


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Julius Winsome

Gerard DONOVAN 216pp Pb \$29.95

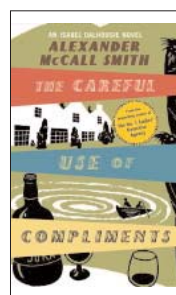
Julius lives in a log cabin in the distant wilds of Maine. He has never travelled and lives surrounded by his father's vast collection of books, all 3,282 of them, many of which he has read himself, although he has a particular fondness for the words invented by Shakespeare. On the day of the first big snows of winter, his dog Hobbes doesn't come home, and Julius eventually finds him deliberately shot and bleeding to death. In the next few days, undone by a grief so monstrous he cannot comprehend, he takes up his grandfather's Lee-Enfield and becomes a hunter... This is a deceptively simple book, full of beautiful language and lofty sentiments, of reflections and sorrows and stark actions. Highly recommended! *Lindy*



The Careful Use of Compliments

Alexander McCALL SMITH 256pp Tp \$32.95

Philosopher and amateur sleuth Isabel Dalhousie is about to find her Edinburgh home life profoundly altered by the birth of her baby. But this event is not universally welcomed: Cat, Isabel's niece, has her reasons for not feeling warmly disposed towards the new arrival. Nevertheless, Isabel is, as her profession dictates, philosophical about such difficulties. But it is her professional curiosity that draws her into the investigation of a strange affair involving a painter who is there, and then not there, and then there again. Who painted what and when? These are exactly the questions that Isabel Dalhousie excels at answering - sometimes.



Fault Lines

Nancy HUSTON 320pp Tp \$32.95

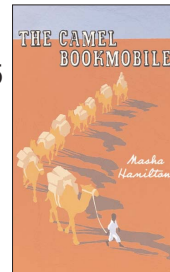
Sol is a very special six-year-old. He learned to read in the cot and his mum believes he is destined for greatness. His only imperfection is the large birthmark on his temple. His Dad has one too. So does his Grandma. Sol's mum decides to have his birthmark removed, but is this the right thing to do? A family trip to Germany to visit a dying relative uncovers a family secret from WWII which is more shocking than any of them could have imagined. It seems that birthmarks are not the only things that have been passed down the generations.



The Camel Bookmobile

Masha HAMILTON 312pp Tp \$32.95

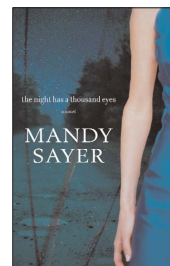
Once a fortnight, the nomadic settlement of Madidima, set deep in the dusty Kenyan desert, awaits the arrival of three camels laden with panniers of books - the Camel Bookmobile, bringing books to scattered tribes whose daily life is dominated by drought, famine and disease. Into their world comes an unexpected wealth of literature, from the adventures of Tom Sawyer to strange vegetarian cookbooks and Dr Seuss. Kanika, a young girl who lives with her grandmother, devours every book she can lay her hands on. Her best friend is Scar Boy, a child who was mauled at the age of three by a hyena. They are joined by Matani the village teacher, his alluring wife Jwahir and the drummer Abayomi, as well as Mr Abasi, the camel driver, who is convinced that one of the camels is possessed by the spirit of his dead mother-in-law. The only condition of the Camel Bookmobile is that every book must be returned or else the visits will cease. Then one day a book is stolen... *Due Sep*



The Night Has a Thousand Eyes

Mandy SAYER Hb \$30.00

Sayer's own childhood had its moments of danger and despair, of nights when all she could do was run, as readers of her award-winning memoir *Velocity* (Pb \$24.95) well know. In her fiction, she has been drawn to stories of those on the margins, those who have no power but their own belief in their ability to survive. Her stories of life on the edge, of getting by as best you can, have the pulse of authenticity beating beneath them. Here she reveals a world of darkness, violence, rumour and secrets that nevertheless cannot quench the energy of its protagonists. Like the stars strewn across the darkness of the sky, this exceptional novel finds resilience, and a kind of hope, in even the darkest places. *Due Sep*



Diary of a Bad Year

J M COETZEE 192pp Hb \$35.00

A famous writer is commissioned to contribute to a book of essays called *Strong Opinions* when he meets a young woman who lives in his apartment tower. He asks her to become his... In the laundry room of her apartment block, a young woman makes the acquaintance of an ageing writer. She agrees to type up his opinions, although she is aware that what he really desires is... The young woman's boyfriend starts to spy on his neighbour and hatches a jealous plot to... Written in an innovative form for three simultaneous voices, this book takes the reader from Australian democracy to Guantanamo Bay, from the meaning of dishonour to the creative truth of dreams. *Due Sep*



Starbook

A Magical Tale of Love and Regeneration

Ben OKRI 432pp Tp \$32.95

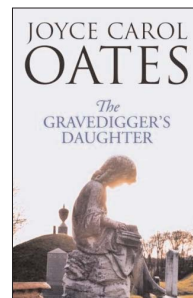
"We are listeners at the oracle. Those who truly hear are touched and changed." At one level, Okri tells the delicate story of a prince and a maiden who are both tested by trials in a mythical land where art, initiation and dynamic stillness are supremely important. At another level, this rich and stimulating novel opens up the nature of reality, where the essence of life is revealed and the source of enchantment can be ours - where beauty, regeneration and fulfilment are perhaps possible. A dazzling achievement of the imagination, and a profound work of literature of the kind that won Okri the *Booker Prize* for *The Famished Road* (Pb \$24.95).



The Gravedigger's Daughter

Joyce Carol OATES Tp \$33.00

This is the tale of Rebecca Schwart, born in the late 1930s to an immigrant family from Nazi Germany, just as they are arriving to America. The family settles in a small, bleak town in upstate New York, where the only job the father can get is as the town gravedigger and caretaker of the cemetery. Soon the town's prejudice and the family's own emotional frailty results in unspeakable tragedy. In the wake of this loss, and in an attempt to put her past behind her, young Rebecca moves on, across America and through a series of listless marriages, in search of somewhere, and someone, to whom she can belong. Oates is at her storytelling best in this new novel which takes in the themes of race, immigration, family and social mobility. *Due Sep*



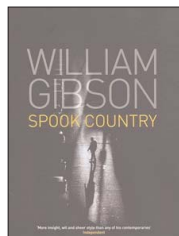
Spook Country

William GIBSON

384pp Tp \$32.95

Tito is from Cuba, but he's been trained by the Russians and he's now doing delicate jobs in New York involving information transfer. Milgrim is a junkie, surviving on little bubble-packs of pills, but like Tito he speaks Russian and it seems he hasn't always lived on the streets. They don't know each other, but they're working on the same job - except they don't know what it is. It might be military, it might be political. It involves a lot of money and a lot of danger for them both. Gibson's new political thriller - his first book for four years - is nuanced and edgy, brilliantly written as always - and strikingly descriptive of the current political climate.

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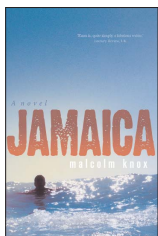


Jamaica

Malcolm KNOX

400pp Tp \$29.95

A group of six friends converge on the fabled island of Jamaica to compete in a marathon relay swim across treacherous water. Most have known each other since school, scions of wealth, breeding and privilege, and members of the upper echelon of supposedly classless Sydney. The odd man out is new money Jeremy Hutchison (Hut), who is tolerated by the group because of the fortune he's made, but never really accepted. It is a group of people on the edge of crisis, none more so than Hut, who is guarding a terrible truth. As the sleazy charms of Jamaica insinuate themselves onto the group, things fall apart in both predictable and surprising ways, and the secrets of the past must be addressed. Compulsive reading from an unflinching observer of fallibility, hypocrisy and thwarted ambition. *Due Sep*

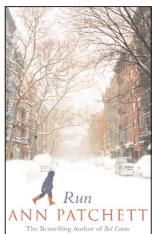


Run

Ann PATCHETT

304pp Tp \$29.95

It is just a few weeks after Christmas and the unforgiving New England weather has taken a turn for the worse. Doyle has dragged his reluctant sons, Tip and Teddy, to a speech by Jesse Jackson. Although his own political career is over, dealt a fatal blow by a family scandal, Doyle is still fired by Jackson's rhetoric and perplexed by his sons' indifference. The two boys, both adopted, are close enough in age to be taken for twins, but in character they couldn't be more different. Teddy - open, affectionate, the gentle dreamer - thinks he has found his calling in the Catholic Church. The elder by a year, Tip is more serious, reserving his own passionate interest for ichthyology: he is happiest alone in the warmth of his lab, labelling and categorising fish specimens. When they are involved in a violent accident on a treacherous icy road, the family are forced for the first time to confront certain truths: about how the death of Bernadette, Doyle's beloved wife, has affected the family, and about the anonymous figure, never discussed, who is the boys' real mother. *Due Sep*

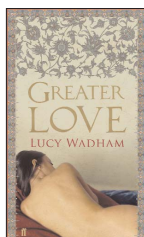


Greater Love

Lucy WADHAM

270pp Tp \$29.95

Aisha has always shielded her twin brother Jose from their cruel childhood in an archaic Portuguese village. When she finally strikes out for Paris, she is torn between her instinct for self-preservation and guilt at having abandoned her beloved twin. Employed as a nanny and studying at the Sorbonne, Aisha quickly settles into her glittering new life in Paris. But guilt soon prompts her to bring Jose to join her. However, their estrangement now complete, and Jose more vulnerable than ever, he soon meets a charismatic Muslim sheikh who brings him to a deadly form of enlightenment. Through Aisha's loss, despair and the ensuing journey of self-discovery, Wadham explores the themes of love and redemption from both Muslim and Christian perspectives, inviting us to look at the things that unite us. *Due Sep*



Sacred Games

Vikram CHANDRA

960pp Pb \$23.95

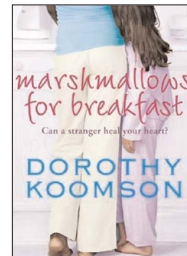
An enormously satisfying, exciting and enriching book, this draws the reader deep into the lives of detective Sartaj Singh and Ganesh Gaitonde, the most wanted gangster in India. Sartaj, the only Sikh inspector in the whole of Mumbai, is used to being identified by his turban, beard and the sharp cut of his trousers. But 'the silky Sikh' is now past 40, his marriage is over and his career prospects are on the slide. When Sartaj gets an anonymous tip-off as to the secret hideout of the legendary boss of the G-company, he is determined to be the one to collect the prize. This is a sprawling, epic novel of friendships and betrayals, of terrible violence, of an astonishing modern city and its underworld. *Due Sep*

Marshmallows for Breakfast

Dorothy KOOMSON

448pp Pb \$24.95

When Kendra Tamale returns to England from Australia, she rents a room from Kyle, a divorced father of two, and begins a new job. She is looking forward to a fresh start and simple life. Kyle's five-year-old twins, Summer and Jaxon, have other ideas and quickly adopt Kendra as their new mother, mainly because she lets them eat marshmallows for breakfast. Kendra eventually becomes a part of their lives, even though she's hiding a painful secret that makes her keep everyone - especially children - at arm's length. Then Kendra bumps into the man who shares her awful secret, and things fall apart: she can't sleep, she can't eat, she's suspended from work and the kids are taken away by their mother. The only way to fix things is to confess to the terrible mistake she made all those years ago. But that's something she swore she'd never do...

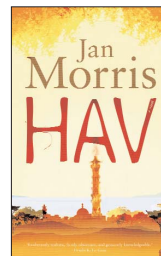


Hav

Jan MORRIS

320pp Pb \$22.95

The city is a magical place, yet behind its arcane splendours are darker implications. The traditional Roof Race is peculiarly exciting, the waterfront is picturesque, the wistful call of a trumpeter from a distant rampart is wonderfully evocative, and every street corner is haunted by memories of illustrious visitors: Freud, Diaghilev, Marco Polo, Lawrence of Arabia and countless others. But Morris's visit ends in flight when an unidentified enemy arrives to seize control. When she returns to Hav, some 20 years later, she finds that her account of her earlier visit is banned and discovers a place that has rebuilt itself, transformed by a new energy and now dominated by a totemic tower 2,000 feet tall. But as the old Hav was in many ways an allegory of the last century, so the city in its new incarnation offers no less elusive hints, echoes and portents of our 21st century world.



School for Scumbags

Danny KING

288pp Pb \$22.95

Habitual teenage delinquent Wayne Banstead is expelled from yet another school for sticking up the tuck shop and finds himself hauled off to Gafin School for Misdirected Boys: a special school for special children. It plays host to the worst of the worst, the cream of teenage offending thieves, bullies, arsonists and flashers. The teachers should have their work cut out, but things aren't quite what they seem at Gafin School. Far from rehabilitating the boys, the teachers seem intent on instructing them in how to get away with things. The pros, the cons and the downfalls are all set out like an algebra equation. Even the school motto is a bit dodgy: "Heliarnos Eto Umminess", or "Help Yourselves Boys". With careful tutoring, Wayne and his classmates are about to take a step up into the big leagues. But in the big leagues, the big boys play for keeps.

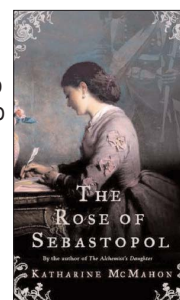


The Rose of Sebastopol

Katharine McMAHON

400pp Tp \$32.95

In 1855, Rosa Barr, a headstrong young woman, travels to the Crimea, against the wishes of her family, determined to work as a nurse. She does not return. Three people have been intimately connected with her. One, her brother, a soldier and adventurer; the second a doctor, traumatized by the war and harbouring a secret passion; and the third, Mariella, her cousin and childhood friend, who must now uncover the truth about what happened to the missing nurse. Mariella's epic journey takes her from the domestic quiet of London to the foothills of Italy and on to the ravaged Russian landscape of the Crimea, where she must discover what has happened to her captivating and mysterious cousin and uncover the secrets of those who loved her.



The Secrets of the Chess Machine

Robert LÖHR

352pp Tp \$32.95

In Vienna in 1770, Baron Wolfgang von Kempelen unveils a strange and amazing invention, The Mechanical Turk, a sensational and unbeatable chess-playing automaton. But what the Habsburg court hails as the greatest innovation of the century is really nothing more than a brilliant illusion. The chess machine is secretly operated from inside by the Italian dwarf Tibor, a God-fearing social outcast whose chess-playing abilities and diminutive size make him the perfect accomplice in this grand hoax. Von Kempelen and his helpers tour his remarkable invention all around Europe to amaze and entertain the public, but despite many valiant attempts and close calls, no one is able to beat the extraordinary chess machine. *Due Sep*

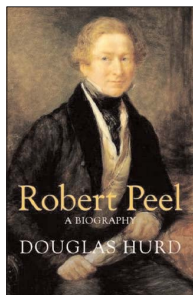
Robert Peel

A Biography

Douglas HURD

472pp Hb \$59.95

Robert Peel, as much as any man in the 19th century, transformed Great Britain into a modern nation. He invented the police force, which became a model for the world. He steered through the Bill which allowed Catholics to sit in Parliament. He reorganised the criminal justice system. He put Britain back on the gold standard and invented the Conservative Party. Above all, he tackled poverty by repealing the Corn Laws. Thanks to Peel, the most powerful trading nation chose free trade and opened the door for our globalised world of today. He was the man who provided cheap bread and sacrificed his career for the welfare of ordinary people. Douglas Hurd, like Peel, was Home Secretary and argued for Peel's One Nation philosophy. He too lived through a time of conflict in the Conservative Party and has watched its defeat and rebirth. In this biography, with one eye on the present, he charts Peel's life and work through the dramas of 19th century politics.



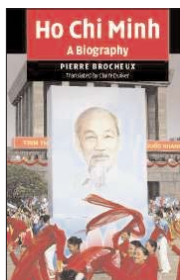
Ho Chi Minh

A Biography

Pierre BROCHEUX

288pp Hb \$59.95

Ho Chi Minh is one of the towering figures of the 20th century, considered an icon and father of the nation by many Vietnamese. In this concise and highly readable account, the author negotiates the many twists and turns of Ho Chi Minh's life and his multiple identities, from impoverished beginnings as a communist revolutionary to his founding of the Indochina Communist Party and the League for Independence of Vietnam, and ultimately to his leadership of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and his death in 1969. Biographical events are adroitly placed within the broader historical canvas of colonisation, decolonisation, communism, war and nation building.



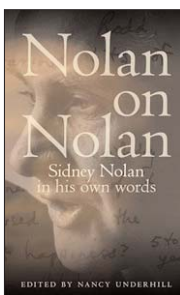
Nolan on Nolan

Sidney Nolan in his Own Words

Nancy UNDERHILL (Ed)

480pp Hb \$69.95

"Painting is, I suppose, meant to be a way of getting rid of lies." Sidney Nolan (1917-1992), myth-maker and creator of the iconic Ned Kelly images, is one of the most significant artists Australia has produced. In this distinctive book, the artist becomes his own subject. Extracts from his notebooks, diaries, letters, interviews and poetry take us on the intellectual and emotional journeys that carried him around the world and kept his art, and often his life, outside the comfort zone. The material from the notebooks, published here for the first time, offers unique insight into his creative process, while the collection as a whole reveals a complex personality and an artist who resists stylistic categorisation.



Where the Road Leads

An Australian Woman's Journey of Love and Determination

Jean CALDER

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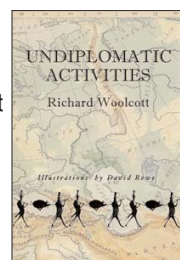
For over 25 years, Jean Calder has been working to help people with disabilities in Lebanon, Egypt and the Gaza Strip. An outstanding and unassuming woman, she has led an extraordinary life, bringing hope and joy to people living in some of the most dangerous areas of the Middle East. Her work with young disabled children took her into Palestinian refugee camps, where she worked tirelessly under extreme conditions. In 1982, when civil war broke out and most foreigners fled Lebanon, Jean stayed and cared for disabled children under a bombed-out hospital staircase. She now lives and works in the Gaza Strip, where life is constantly interrupted by air strikes, checkpoints, fighting and hostage threats. Over the last 10 years, she has built an internationally admired rehabilitation program that brings hope and a profound difference to many people's lives, especially young children. *Due Sep*

Undiplomatic Activities

Richard WOOLCOTT

224pp Pb \$35.00

No one doubts that international politics is a serious business, but, as Woolcott shows in this witty memoir, the life of the diplomat has more than its fair share of absurdity and even high comedy. Required to not only sacrifice a settled home and family life in the service of their country, diplomats must also, heroically, offer up their livers to booze, their stomachs to endless official dinners, their integrity to dangerous liaisons and the weasel art of spin and evasion, and their sanity to the pomposity and weird protocols that are part and parcel of the international scene. Woolcott shares his anecdotes and tales from an extraordinary career spanning the period from his first mid-century posting to Moscow on the eve of Stalin's death to the end of the century as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra, via the capitals of Europe, Africa, Asia, the USA and the United Nations. *Due Sep*

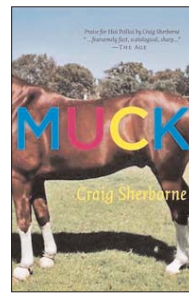


Muck

Craig SHERBORNE

240pp Tp \$27.95

Sherborne's story opens in NZ in the late 1970s on a big dairy farm which the narrator's parents have bought to be their estate and his legacy. They plan to build a big manor house, keep him away from the local gold-digging aristocrats of their domain, where staff milk the cows and break in the racehorses and their son ponces around like lord muck. From there the scene shifts to Sydney and the adventures continue... *Due Sep*



Jum's War

Finding my Father

George BEVAN

448pp Pb \$29.95

When George Bevan discovered the wartime diaries and medals of his father, Jum, he decided to find out what he could about the father he never really knew. George used Jum's war diary to recreate his father's wartime experiences as an artilleryman and mounted runner, interweaving the diary excerpts with his own memories and longings. Features a foreword by General Peter Cosgrove.

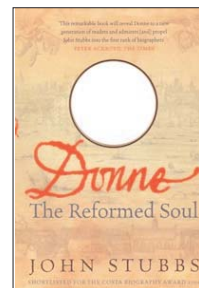
John Donne

The Reformed Soul

John STUBBS

592pp Pb \$28.00

John Donne's life story is inextricably tied up with the fabric of a society in the throes of religious persecution. His family had long been subject to the terror inflicted upon Catholics under the reign of Elizabeth I. While his brother languished in prison and his mother and uncles fled to exile in Europe, Donne was consumed by the question of his own faith and his efforts to figure out what it is that connects human beings - and keeps them apart. Stubbs chronicles not only a long and bitter sectarian conflict, but also the love story of a young couple who broke the rules of their society, and paid the ultimate price. *Due Sep*



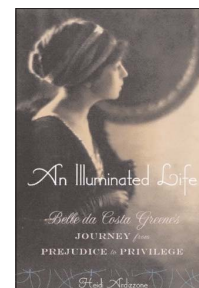
An Illuminated Life

Belle Da Costa Greene's Journey from Prejudice to Privilege

Heidi ARDIZZONE

514pp Hb \$52.95

When J P Morgan hired Belle da Costa Greene in 1905 to organise his rare book and manuscript collection, she had only her personality and a few years of experience to recommend her. 10 years later, she had shaped the famous Pierpont Morgan Library collection and was a proto-celebrity in New York and the art world, renowned for her self-made expertise, her acerbic wit and her flirtatious relationships. Born to a family of free people of colour, Greene changed her name and invented a Portuguese grandmother to enter white society. In her new world, she dined both at the tables of the highest society and with bohemian artists and activists. She also engaged in a decades-long affair with art critic Bernard Berenson. Greene is pure fascination - the buyer of illuminated manuscripts who attracted others to her like moths to a flame. *Due Sep*



A Friend like Henry

The Touching True Story of an Autistic Boy and his Dog

Nuala GARDNER

270pp Tp \$35.00

This is the inspiring account of a family's struggle to break into their son's autistic world - and how a dog made the real difference. Dale was still a baby when his parents realised that something wasn't right. Worried, his mother Nuala took him to see several doctors, before finally hearing the word 'autism' for the first time in a specialist's office. Scared but determined that Dale should live a fulfilling life, Nuala describes her despair at her son's condition, her struggle to prevent him from being excluded from a 'normal' education and her sense of hopeless isolation. His autism was severe and violent, and family life was a daily battleground. But the Gardner's lives were transformed when they welcomed a gorgeous Golden Retriever into the family. The special bond between Dale and his dog Henry helped them produce the breakthrough in Dale they had long sought. From taking a bath to saying "I love you", Henry helped introduce Dale to all the normal activities that most parents take for granted, and set him on the road to being the charming and well-adjusted young man he is today.

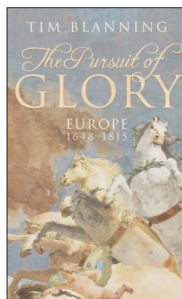
The Pursuit of Glory

Europe 1648-1815

Tim BLANNING

736pp Hb \$79.95

Blanning brings to life one of the most extraordinary and dynamic periods in Europe's history: from the desolate, battered and introvert continent of the end of the Thirty Years War to the overwhelmingly dynamic one that experienced the French Revolution and the wars of Napoleon. How did people really live their lives? How did they understand their world? What did they buy? What did they eat? How did they pray? What were their loyalties and their values? From the lives of ordinary farmers and soldiers to great kings, princes and bishops and the dominant personalities of the age (Louis XIV, Frederick the Great, Napoleon); from art, leisure pursuits and garden design to the strange sport of fox-tossing, Blanning explores this era of immense change and cultural, political and technological ferment. This was a world in which the elite were obsessed with the pursuit of glory: their own glory, that of their families and that of their countries. It was a time of immense expenditure - as much on clothes, banquets and palaces as on fortresses and artillery - which shaped the societies and economies of entire countries.



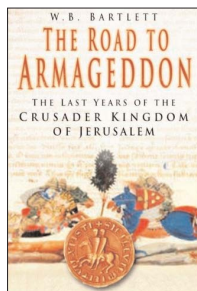
The Road to Armageddon

The Last Years of the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem

W B BARTLETT

288pp Hb \$59.95

The Third Crusade of Richard the Lionheart is well known, but the build-up to it less so. Yet the time that led up to the Battle of Hattin in 1187 is resonant with intrigue, plot and counter-plot, and the abuse of power. This is the story of those events, involving the greatest of the military orders, the Templars and their key ally, the ruthless Reynald of Chatillon, of how they seized a throne, sought to rule a kingdom and eventually, as a result, lost it. In the 1180s, the Christian kingdom of Jerusalem was ruled by a weak king, Guy of Lusignan. A puppet placed on the throne by the power-hungry 'hawks' - Reynald of Chatillon and Templar Grand Master, Gerard de Ridfort - he was the worst possible ruler at this crucial time. Arrayed against the hawks was a group of 'doves', those who wished to have some form of accommodation with the Muslims. This infighting among the Christian forces, coupled with the rise of a Muslim leader of genius, Salah ed-Din Yusuf, Saladin, led almost inevitably to the fateful field of Hattin. Bartlett reveals the causes and the aftermath of one of the few battles that can truly be called decisive. *Due Sep*



The World of Pompeii

John DOBBINS & Pedar FOSS

704pp Hb \$360.00

This is the most comprehensive survey of the Pompeii region available. With contributions by well-known experts in the field, this book studies not only Pompeii, but also - for the first time - the buried surrounding cities of Campania. It includes the latest understanding of the region, based on up-to-date findings of recent archaeological work. Accompanied by a CD with the most detailed map of Pompeii so far, this book is instrumental in studying the city in the ancient world and is an excellent source book for students of this fascinating and tragic geographic region.

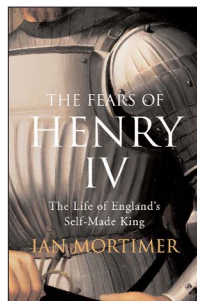
The Fears of King Henry IV

The Life of England's Self-Made King

Ian MORTIMER

352pp Hb \$65.00

In June 1405, King Henry IV stopped at a small Yorkshire manor house to shelter from a storm. That night, he awoke screaming that traitors were burning his skin. His instinctive belief that he was being poisoned was understandable: he had already survived at least eight plots to dethrone or kill him in the first six years of his reign. Henry IV had not always been so unpopular. In his youth, he had been a great chivalric champion and crusader. The son of John of Gaunt, he was courteous, confident, well-educated, generous, devoted to his family, musical and spiritually fervent. In 1399, at the age of 32, he was enthusiastically greeted as the saviour of the realm when he ousted from power the insecure and tyrannical King Richard II. But therein lay Henry's weakness. In making himself king, he had broken God's law and left himself starkly open to criticism. He had to contend with men who supported him only as long as they could control him; when they failed, they plotted to kill him. Welsh, French and Scottish adversaries also tried to take advantage of his questionable right to the crown. Such overwhelming threats transformed him from a hero into a duplicitous murderer: a king prepared to go to any lengths to save his family and his throne. *Due Sep*



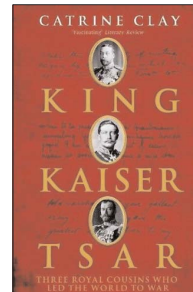
King, Kaiser, Tsar

Three Royal Cousins who Led the World to War

Catherine CLAY

432pp Pb \$29.95

King George V, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Tsar Nicholas II were cousins. Between them, they ruled over half the world. Childhood friends, by 1914 they were blaming each other for the impending crisis of world war. This book examines where the blame can truly be apportioned. It describes lives where petty family quarrels were conducted in opulent palaces, where sycophants had power and one of the outcomes of the war was the end of the autocratic monarchy. Just like spoiled brats, the cousins lost their toys. What a shame it meant the loss of so much more. Delayed since last Christmas, this book has finally arrived. *Lindy*



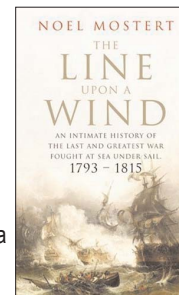
The Line Upon a Wind

An Intimate History of the Last and Greatest War Fought at Sea Under Sail 1793-1815

Noel MOSTERT

784pp Hb \$59.95

In February 1793, France declared war on Britain and Holland. The Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars that raged for the next 22 years saw European powers manoeuvring for mercantile and political advantage in a complex and ever-changing web of alliances and coalitions. While the war on land saw the rise of the greatest soldier the world had known - Napoleon Bonaparte - the war at sea had the unprecedented genius of Horatio Nelson. Mostert writes with intriguing insight about the parallels between these two historic figures. This is also the story of the daily lives of the sailors on board the fighting ships, the blood and guts ferocity of engagement in an age of gentility, the struggles of the ships' surgeons to repair broken bodies and the daily efforts to keep the men fed, watered and free of disease. There are heroes and villains here, captains so harsh that crews were goaded to mutiny and those whose concern for the welfare of their crews changed life at sea forever.

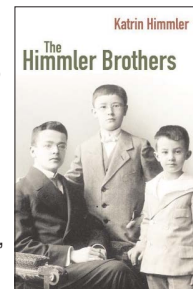


The Himmler Brothers

Katrin HIMMLER

200pp Tp \$32.95

Once upon a time, the Himmlers were just a normal German family. There were three brothers - Gebhart, Heinrich and Ernst. Heinrich grew up to become the head of Hitler's SS, mastermind of the concentration camp system and chief perpetrator of the Holocaust. When Katrin Himmler, Heinrich's great-niece, was 15, one of her school mates asked during a history lesson if she was related to the Himmler. "Yes", she stammered, at which there was a deathly hush in the classroom and the teacher, embarrassed and unsure, quickly moved the lesson on. As she grew older, Katrin gave her family history a wide berth. However, after marrying an Israeli whose family was confined to the Warsaw Ghetto, and with a young, half-Jewish son, she realises she cannot evade the past forever. Her cool, but meticulous, examination of the Himmler story reveals, in all its dark complexity, the gulf between the 'normality' of bourgeois family life and the horrors perpetrated by one member. *Due Sep*



Four Girls from Berlin

A True Story of a Friendship that Defied the Holocaust

Marianne MEYERHOFF

256pp Hb \$39.95

Richly illustrated with photos, mementos and letters preserving a prominent German-Jewish family history, this moving memoir recounts how Lotte Meyerhoff's three best friends, none of them Jewish, risked their lives under the Nazis to save these objects and sent them to her after the war. Lotte had escaped from an internment camp and made her way to the US as the sole survivor of her family. Written by her daughter, Marianne vividly describes what life was like in Hitler's Germany and celebrates the unseverable bonds of friendship. *Due Sep*



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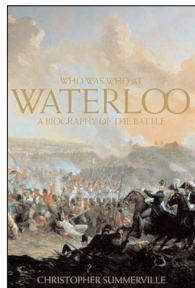
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Who Was Who at Waterloo

A Biography of the Battle

Christopher SUMMERVILLE 465pp Pb \$39.95

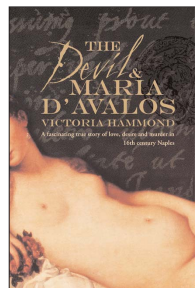
Everyone knows about the Battle of Waterloo, or do they? This book presents the battle as never before: through the personal stories of over 150 people present at the battle or its immediate aftermath. Arranged in alphabetical order and with entries highlighted throughout the text like links in a website, the book boasts a colourful cast of soldiers, politicians, peasants, surgeons, artists, novelists, poets, scientists, entrepreneurs and more. It provides many sorties into 19th century culture, politics, medicine and science. It also provides a thorough look at the sources, identifying myths, irregularities and cover-ups. *Due Sep*



The Devil and Maria D'Avalos

Victoria HAMMOND 344pp Tp \$29.95

In 1590, the great and tormented composer Carlo Gesualdo, Prince of Venosa, murdered his beautiful wife Maria d'Avalos and her aristocratic lover. Gesualdo was a character of Shakespearean proportions: nobleman, musical genius and, for the last 16 years of his life, madman, or so it is alleged. With the chilling calculation of a hunter, he staged the violent and bloody murder of the lovers like an opera. Yet far from ending his torment, in the years that followed Gesualdo became increasingly persecuted by his furies and demons. Inspired by this story that has haunted generations of Neapolitans and ignited the imaginations of artists the world over, Hammond has written a lush and sensual evocation of love, desire and madness, vividly imagining the life of the mysterious and seductive Maria, her tormented marriage to Carlo, and her affair with Fabrizio Carafa, the handsome and accomplished nobleman in Naples. *Due Sep*



The Last Days of the Renaissance

And the Rise of Modernity

Theodore RABB

246pp Pb \$31.00

A leading Renaissance scholar shows how the end of one of history's most fascinating eras gave rise to the modern world. The Renaissance may have emerged out of the upheavals of the 14th century, but when did it end and why? The renowned historian Theodore Rabb tackles these questions in this engaging and deeply learned book, and in so doing recasts our understanding of European history.

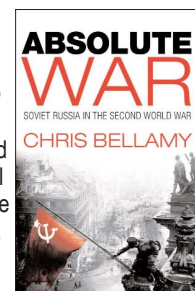
Absolute War

Soviet Russia in the Second World War

Chris BELLAMY

650pp Hb \$69.95

There have been many individual accounts of particular moments in the vicious war between the Nazi regime and the Soviet behemoth, but none that sets out to tell the full and dreadful story of that absolute and total war: absolute because both sides aimed to "exterminate the opponent, to destroy his political existence", and total because it was fought by all elements of society, not simply the armed forces, but civilians, men, women and children. Bellamy, one of the world's leading experts on this subject, worked on this book for almost a decade. It benefits from his remarkable insight into strategic issues, as well as his exhaustive research in hitherto unopened Russian archives. It is the definitive study of what the Soviets called - and their 15 successor states still call - the Great Patriotic War. *Due Sep*



Chinese Lessons

Five Classmates and the Story of the New China

John POMFRET

336pp Tp \$35.00

As one of the first American students admitted to China after the communist revolution, Pomfret was exposed to a country still emerging from the twin tragedies of the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution. Crammed into a dorm room with seven Chinese men, Pomfret contended with all manner of cultural differences, from too-short beds and roommates intent on glimpsing a white man naked, to the need for cloak-and-dagger efforts to conceal his relationships with Chinese women. Amidst all this, he immersed himself in the remarkable lives of his classmates. Beginning with his first day in China, Pomfret takes us down the often torturous paths that brought together the Nanjing University history class of 1982: Old Wu's father was killed during the Cultural Revolution for the crime of being an intellectual; Book Idiot Zhou laboured in the fields for years rather than agree to a Party-arranged marriage; and Little Guan was forced to publicly denounce and humiliate her father.

My Life

Fidel CASTRO, Ignacio RAMONET (Editor)

608pp Hb \$59.95

For years, people have tried to persuade the leader of the Cuban Revolution to tell his own life story. Here, finally, Ramonet, well-known activist and editor of *Le Monde Diplomatique*, has succeeded. For the first time, in a series of probing interviews, Fidel Castro describes his life, from the 1950s to the present day. He discusses his parents, his earliest influences, the beginnings of the revolution, his relationship with Che Guevara, the Bay of Pigs, the Carter years and Cuban migration to the US. Along the way, Ramonet challenges Castro to discuss his views on a number of controversial questions, from human rights and freedom of the press to the repression of homosexuality and the survival of the death penalty, and he gives his opinion of other leaders, alive and dead, including George Bush and Tony Blair. *Due Sep*



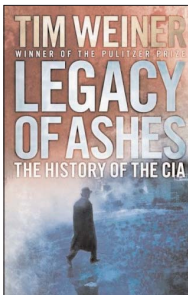
Legacy of Ashes

The History of the CIA

Tim WEINER

704pp Tp \$35.00

Since its creation in 1947, the CIA has been a byword for everything that is sinister and ruthless about America's projection of power during the Cold War and the 'war on terror'. There have been few major political events around the world in which the hidden hand of the Agency has not been seen. In countless movies and books, the CIA has been shown as decisive, brilliant and in control of its own secret world: the image of omnipotence. But this is an illusion. In reality, the CIA has been incompetent, naive, chaotic and a danger to American interests for 60 years. Weiner's immense research reveals a startlingly consistent level of failure. The general dismay at the CIA's failure to see the fall of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War, the invasion of Kuwait, the events of 9/11, its wholly false assessment of Saddam's WMD and its role in the 'rendition' of innocent suspects implies that it has fallen from some bygone golden age. This book makes clear that the CIA has always been a blundering, ruinously incapable organisation, with each decade providing its own low points.



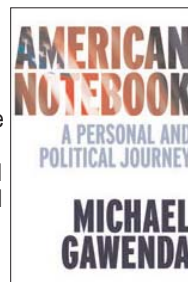
American Notebook

A Personal and Political Journey

Michael GAWENDA

256pp Tp \$32.95

"One of the rewards extended to former editors, if they are lucky and get to plan their departure, is that they can choose their next assignment. I had no doubt about what I wanted: to be Washington correspondent for *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*. There was no more important and interesting international story to cover than the United States at the beginning of George W Bush's second term. The war in Iraq was going badly, and it was not at all clear that the war on terror was being won - or even if there was any agreement that it was, in fact, a war." This is Gawenda's absorbing and insightful account of his American posting. Beyond daily life in Washington, he visits hurricane-ravaged New Orleans and the God-fearing states of the Midwest. His engaging analysis of politics and current events is interwoven with his reflections on his childhood as a post-war Jewish refugee, growing up in the 60s in a Melbourne steeped in American culture. In light of the increasingly evident failure of efforts in Iraq, he revisits his own controversial decision, while Editor of *The Age* newspaper, to support the Howard Government's decision in 2003 to join the coalition of the willing.



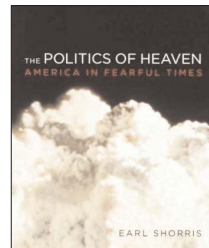
The Politics of Heaven

America in Fearful Times

Earl SHORRIS

352pp Hb \$35.95

This is an unsettling account of the events, ideas and minds behind the nameless political movement that governs America today. The movement transcends political parties, has no formal structure, no acknowledged leaders and no sworn loyalty except to God, whose will it interprets according to its fears and desires. Yet it is not an abstraction. It elects American presidents and legislatures and informs their decisions while in office. The movement started at the end of WWII when the fear of mass death infected American views of justice, ethics and global politics. As conversations with religious and political leaders, churchgoers and pollsters make clear, after 9/11 the American nation became increasingly pessimistic. Americans more than ever embraced simplistic, self-serving solutions to questions of personal and national destiny. This book is a first step towards understanding the American religious right as a national political movement. *Due Sep*



Advance Australia... Where?

How We've Changed, Why We've Changed and What Will Happen Next

Hugh MACKAY

304pp Tp \$35.00

What will the next generation of children be like? Why have we lost interest in politics? Why are our houses getting bigger while our households are shrinking? How serious is the surge of interest in 'values' and 'spirituality'? Is multiculturalism dead? Has our egalitarian ideal collapsed under the weight of a more competitive, more divided society? 15 years ago, Hugh Mackay wrote the bestseller **Reinventing Australia** (Pb \$22.95) that analysed, with forensic skill, what was happening to our society. Now he takes another long, hard look at us. While we enjoy unprecedented levels of prosperity and the promise of more to come, we are still battling an epidemic of depression, taking on record levels of debt and yearning for a deeper sense of meaning in our lives. While many Australians complain about feeling powerless and isolated, Mackay sees some encouraging signs that we are learning how to absorb the impact of the revolutionary changes that have reshaped us. *Due Sep*



Faith, Money, Power

Margaret SIMONS

128pp Pb \$17.95

Pentecostal religion is the fastest-growing religion in Australia, recording a huge growth at a time when more traditional Christian congregations are shrinking. Simons explores the rise of the religious right in Australia and in particular the influence of the Assemblies of God - the coalition of churches of which Sydney's Hillsong and Adelaide's Paradise Church are prominent members. The Paradise Church spawned the political party Family First. The party's first political candidate, Andrew Evans, was formerly the pastor at Paradise, a position now held by his son Ashley. The Paradise Church is also the home congregation of Guy Sebastian, the first winner of Australian Idol. The Paradise Church has claimed that God has used Sebastian to carry the Assemblies of God message into the entertainment world. Federal politicians, particularly Peter Costello, have gone out of their way to address and appeal to Assemblies of God audiences. What is the appeal of this brand of Christianity and how is it that individuals and families are drawn to Hillsong and the Paradise Church, and have made their message part of their lives? *Due Sep*

Instructions for American Servicemen in Australia 1972

The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars

64pp Hb \$14.95

"...unlike cricket, which is a polite game, Australian Rules Football creates a desire on the part of the crowd to tear someone apart, usually the referee... The Australian has few equals in the world at swearing... the commonest swear words are bastard (pronounced "barstud"), "bugger" and "bloody", and the Australians have a genius for using the latter nearly every other word..."

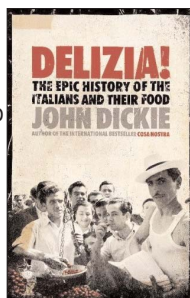
Delizia!

The Epic History of the Italians and their Food

John DICKIE

Tp \$35.00

Everyone loves Italian food. But how did the Italians come to eat so well? The advertising industry tells us the answer lies in the vineyards and olive groves of Tuscany - among sun-weathered peasants and mammas serving pasta under the pergola. Yet this nostalgic fantasy has little to do with the real history of Italian cuisine. Because Italian food is city food. And telling its story means telling the story of the Italians as a people of city dwellers. For 1,000 years, Italy's cities have been magnets for everything that makes for great eating: ingredients, talent, money and power. Dickie takes a revelatory historical journey through the flavours of Italy's cities, from the bustle of Medieval Milan to the bombast of Fascist Rome, from the pleasure gardens of Renaissance Ferrara to the putrid alleyways of 19th century Naples. In rich slices of urban life, this book shows how violence and intrigue, as well as taste and creativity, went to make the world's favourite cuisine.



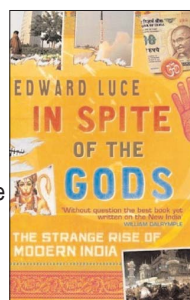
In Spite of the Gods

The Strange Rise of Modern India

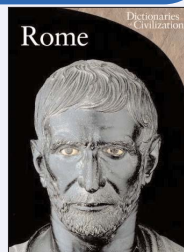
Edward LUCE

416pp Pb \$27.95

India is poised to become one of the world's three largest economies in the next generation and to overtake China as the world's most populous country by 2032. Well before then, India's incipient nuclear deterrent will have acquired intercontinental range and air, sea and land capabilities. India's volatile relationship with its nuclear-armed neighbour, Pakistan, may prove to be the source of the world's next major conflict. If you call anyone - from your bank to a rail enquiry - your query may well be dealt with by a graduate in Gujarat. Any way you look at it, India's fate matters. Luce, one of the most incisive and talented journalists of his generation, assesses the forces that are forging the new nation. Cutting through the miasma that still clouds thinking about India, this extraordinarily accomplished book takes the measure of a society that is struggling to come to grips with modernity. *Due Sep*



The first two books in the *Dictionaries of Civilization* series are **Rome** (384pp Pb \$49.95) by Ada Gabucci and **Mesopotamia** (368pp Pb \$49.95) by Enrico Ascalone - superbly illustrated guides to all aspects of the lives of Romans, Assyrians, Sumerians and Babylonians.



The Dictionary of 18th Century

Philosophers (1,000pp Hb \$1,083.00) edited

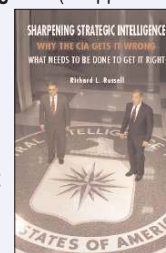
by John Yolton et al is a comprehensive reference source on 18th century authors writing in the English language about philosophical ideas and issues. It features authors taken from 1689 through to the mid-19th century, the period beginning with John Locke and ending with Dugald Stewart. The word "philosophical" is used in a wide, 18th-century sense. Therefore, this "Dictionary" includes epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, education, politics, rhetoric, science, medicine, biology, geology, chemistry and theology.

Arguing About the Mind (604pp Pb \$64.00) edited by Brie Gertler and Lawrence Shapiro is an accessible, engaging introduction to the core questions in the philosophy of mind. This collection offers a selection of thought-provoking articles that examine a broad range of issues from the mind and body relation to animal and artificial intelligence. Topics addressed include the problem of consciousness; the nature of the mind; the relationship between the mind, body and world; the notion of selfhood; pathologies and behavioural problems; and animal, machine and extra-terrestrial intelligence.

The Politics of Conflict: A Survey (400pp Hb \$345.00) by Vassilis Fouskas is an A-Z glossary of terms specific to the subject, providing an ideal background for those new to the subject. Entries are provided for all the major current conflicts world-wide. A collection of essays written by a group of acknowledged experts provides in-depth comment on some of the more important aspects of conflict. Among the topics covered are the conflict between Christendom and Islam; conflicts in Independent Africa; Latin American conflicts; Balkan conflicts and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Politics of Water: A Survey (500pp Hb \$391.00) edited by Julie Trottier presents a wealth of information covering the global politics of water. With the modern threat of climate change and the growing demand on water resources, this title will give an invaluable insight into an increasingly politicised topic. This title includes an A-Z glossary listing key terms, individuals, events, organisations and policies; essays of around 8,000 words, written by respected academics; maps and statistics that detail water consumption and distribution.

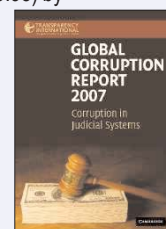
Richard Russell's **Sharpening Strategic Intelligence** (214pp Pb \$44.95) critically examines the weaknesses of American intelligence led by the Central Intelligence Agency in informing presidential decision-making on issues of war and peace. It evaluates the CIA's strategic intelligence performance during the Cold War and post-Cold War periods as a foundation for examining the root causes of intelligence failures surrounding the September 11 attacks and assessments of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs in the run-up to the Iraq War.



The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism (523pp Hb \$280.50) offers an extensive survey of the history, doctrine, practices and global circumstances of Roman Catholicism, written by a range of distinguished and experienced Catholic writers. Topics covered include peacemaking, violence and wars; money, the vow of poverty and socioeconomic life; art by, and about, Catholics; and men, women and sex.

Global Corruption Report 2007 (372pp Pb \$59.95) by

Transparency International looks at how, why and where corruption mars judicial processes, and reflects on remedies for corruption-tainted systems. The book focuses on judges and courts, but situates them within the broader justice system - police, prosecutors, lawyers and the agencies responsible for enforcing judicial decisions. It also looks at the social context of the judiciary and shows how societal expectations, the existence of non-state justice mechanisms and the strength of informal networks that circumvent the justice system all have a bearing on judicial corruption.



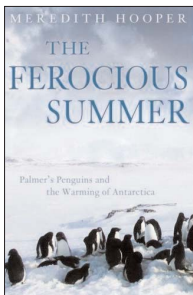
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The Ferocious Summer Palmer's Penguins and the Warming of Antarctica

Meredith HOOPER

246pp Tp \$32.95

Hooper was able to gain a writer's residency on the US Antarctic Peninsula base, Palmer, during the summer of 2001-2002. A veteran of other bases, she is well known as a children's author on polar topics, but this book is based on her diary of the months she spent researching the logistics involved in living and working in such extreme conditions. Increasingly she found herself witnessing the work and data collection of one particular scientist, Bill Fraser, who has studied since 1975 the local Adelie Penguins. These require precise conditions to successfully live and breed, and in this one summer, the Adelies of Palmer faced critical conditions and failed to rear chicks, with consequences for other creatures. The results could infer that climate change was the major contributor to their failure - and their hastening disappearance from the Peninsula. A fascinating insight into the claustrophobic life of polar researchers, but also a carefully detailed account of the processes of scientific research and the effects of the warming of the Antarctic. *Due Sep*



Atlas of the Southern Night Sky

Steve MASSEY & Steve QUIRK

286pp Hb \$45.00

This is an excellent star atlas, especially for someone just starting out in astronomy. It is sturdily constructed, with a cover that won't be damaged by dew. It has lots of information about basic, but important, things like finding the South Celestial Pole, the different types of telescopes and seeing faint objects. The heart of the book is the map section, which features wide-scale maps of the whole sky and detailed maps of all the constellations visible from the southern hemisphere, showing all the stars visible to the naked eye in dark skies. *Dave*

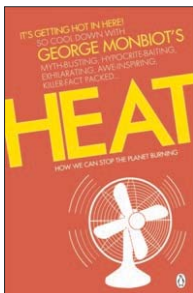
Heat

How We Can Stop the Planet Burning

George MONBIOT

304pp Pb \$24.95

Everyone is talking about climate change, but do they really know what they're talking about? Luckily someone does. Here Monbiot - riler of governments, scourge of big business and arch-enemy of climate change deniers everywhere - tells it like it really is. He cuts through the waffle, excuses, fudged figures and PR green-washing to show us who has been talking hot air about going green and what the real solutions are. He takes us through what works, what doesn't and what the numbers actually mean to show how we can save the planet by putting pressure on the rich and powerful people who can really make a difference. *Due Sep*

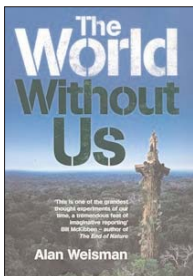


The World Without Us

Alan WEISMAN

288pp Tp \$32.95

"On the day after humans disappear, nature takes over and immediately begins cleaning house - or houses, that is. Cleans them right off the face of the earth. They all go." How would the world change if humans vanished from the earth, right now, for good? What would the planet be like in a day, a week, a month, a millennium? Would its climate ever recover from the effects of human activity? And what about our cities, buildings and great works of art? Will we have left any enduring mark on the universe, any sign that we were once here? To discover the answers, Weisman looks to areas of the world that are currently unoccupied and speaks to experts in fields ranging from nuclear physics to archaeology. He reveals how the natural world would respond to our disappearance and uncovers just how long our greatest achievements and biggest mistakes would last after we're gone. In doing so, he wrestles with some of the key concerns of our time and offers an intriguing glimpse of what the real legacy of our time on the planet may be. *Due Sep*



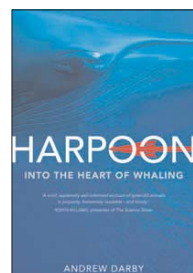
Harpoon

Into the Heart of Whaling

Andrew DARBY

312pp Tp \$29.95

In 1986, you would be forgiven for thinking that an international moratorium on worldwide commercial whaling meant that no more whales were to be harvested for trade. These days, we know that's not the case. In the first year after the ban, 100 whales were killed by grenade-topped harpoons. In 2005, the figure was about 2,500, many ending up in commercial refrigerators at fish markets. This book reveals the political machinations and manipulations that have allowed some countries (particularly Japan) to continue whaling, despite widespread condemnation and scepticism over the so-called traditions of whale-meat-eating and supposed scientific research, and how the International Whaling Commission is powerless to stop the slaughter.

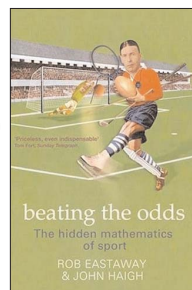


Beating the Odds

The Hidden Mathematics of Sport

Rob EASTAWAY & John HAIGH Pb \$20.00

This book takes a novel and intriguing look at sport by exploring the mathematics behind the action. Discover the best tactics for taking a penalty, the pros and cons of being a consistent golfer, the surprising link between boxing and figure skating, the unusual location of England's earliest 'football' (in a parish church) and the formula for winning a game of tennis. Whatever your sporting interests, there is plenty to absorb and amuse you in this insightful book. You may even find some new strategies for beating the odds! *Due Sep*

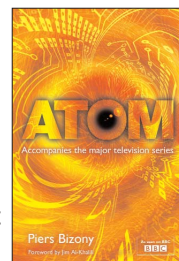


Atom

Piers BIZONY

226pp Hb \$35.00

No one ever expected the atom to be as bizarre, as capricious and as weird as it turned out to be. Its story is one riddled with jealousy, rivalry, missed opportunities and moments of genius. John Dalton gave us the first picture of the atom in the early 1800s. Almost 100 years later came one of the most important experiments in scientific history, by the young misfit New Zealander, Ernest Rutherford. He showed the atom consisted mostly of space and, in doing so, turned 200 years of classical physics on its head. It was a brilliant Dane, Neils Bohr, who made the next great leap - into the incredible world of quantum theory. Yet he and a handful of other revolutionary young scientific Turks were not prepared for the shocks that Nature had up her sleeve. Mind-bending discoveries about the atom were destined to upset everything we thought we knew about reality. Even today, as we peer deeper and deeper into the atom, it throws back as many questions as it answers.



True Green @ Work

Kim McKAY & Jenny BONNIN

144pp Pb \$22.95

No matter where you work or who you work for, there are some simple things you can do in the workplace that will help our planet, and save money too! This book features 100 simple, practical and effective tips that you can implement in the workplace with very little effort, yet the impact these behavioural changes will ultimately have on our environment is enormous. Also features 10 informative case studies providing practical advice on the challenges and solutions each company faced in their efforts to reduce their environmental footprints.

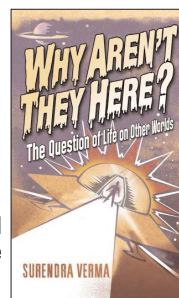
Why Aren't They Here?

The Question of Life on Other Worlds

Surenda VERMA

240pp Hb \$35.00

Is there anybody out there? Are there other life forms lurking in outer space? Or are they already here? The rate of expansion of our universe is mind-blowing: imagine a pea growing to the size of the Milky Way in less time than it takes to blink. In all this infinite space that we cannot even see, let alone explore, it seems certain that there is some life on other worlds. Sir Arthur C Clarke declared that "the universe is full of intelligent life - it's just been too intelligent to come here." Verma brilliantly outlines the historical, fictional, speculative and emerging scientific opinions on what alien life might be like. From Aristotle to ET via radio, religion and reincarnation, this fast-moving narrative examines history and dispels myths before focusing on the possibilities lurking in space. *Due Sep*



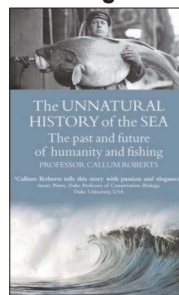
The Unnatural History of the Sea

The Past and the Future of Humanity and Fishing

Callum ROBERTS

392pp Pb \$25.00

There is a crisis evolving because of over-fishing. Some predict that at current levels, all major fish stocks will have collapsed by 2050. In this compelling and meticulously researched book, Roberts provides a fascinating account of man's relationship with the sea, giving particular emphasis to the errors of fishing practices in the past, and starkly predicting the troubles of the future. This is an impassioned, engaging plea to recover the richness and diversity of marine life to ensure a healthy marine world for future generations. *Due Sep*



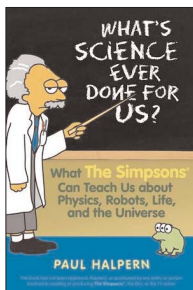
What's Science Ever Done for Us?

What the Simpsons Can Teach Us About Physics, Robots, Life and the Universe

Paul HALPERN

272pp Pb \$22.95

This is a playful and entertaining look at science on *The Simpsons*. Over the years, the show has examined issues such as genetic mutation, time travel, artificial intelligence and even aliens. Could gravitational lensing create optical illusions, such as when Homer saw someone who was invisible to everyone else? Is the Coriolis effect strong enough to make all toilets in the Southern Hemisphere flush clockwise, as Bart was so keen to find out? If Earth were in peril, would it make sense to board a rocket, as Marge, Lisa and Maggie did, and head to Mars? While Bart and Millhouse can't stop time and have fun forever, Halpern explores the theoretical possibilities involving Einstein's theory of time dilation.

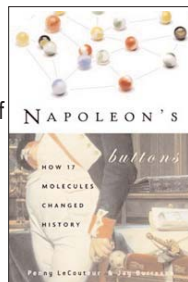


Napoleon's Buttons

How 17 Molecules Changed History

Penny Le COUTEUR & Jay BURRESON 384pp Pb \$27.95

Though many factors have been proposed to explain the failure of Napoleon's 1812 Russian campaign, it has also been linked to something as small as a tin button, the kind that fastened everything from the greatcoats of Napoleon's officers to the trousers of his foot soldiers. When the temperature drops below 56 degrees Fahrenheit, tin crumbles into powder. Were the soldiers of the Grande Armée fatally weakened by cold because the buttons of their uniforms fell apart? This fascinating book tells the stories of 17 molecules that, like the tin of those buttons, greatly influenced the course of history. These molecules provided the impetus for early exploration and made possible the ensuing voyages of discovery. They resulted in grand feats of engineering and spurred advance in medicine; lie behind changes in gender roles, in law and in the environment and have determined what we eat, drink and wear today. Showing how a change as small as the position of an atom can lead to enormous differences in the properties of a substance, the authors reveal the astonishing chemical connections among seemingly unrelated events.



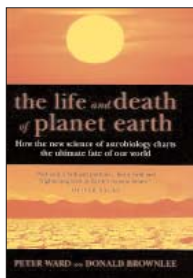
The Life and Death of Planet Earth

How the New Science of Astrobiology Charts the Ultimate Fate of Our World

Peter WARD & Don BROWNEE

Pb \$29.95

This is not only a brilliant portrait of the emergence and evolution of life on this planet, but a vivid and frightening look at Earth's remote future. This is a book that makes you shiver, but also inspires you to wonder how humanity (if we survive in the short-term!) will fare in the distant future. Ward and Brownlee, a geologist and an astronomer respectively, are in the vanguard of the new field of astrobiology. Combining their knowledge of the evolution of life on our planet with their understanding of the life cycles of stars and solar systems, they tell the awe-inspiring story of the second half of Earth's life. The process of planetary evolution will essentially reverse itself; life as we know it will subside until only the simplest forms remain. The oceans will evaporate and, as the sun slowly expands, Earth itself will eventually meet a fiery end. *Due Sep*



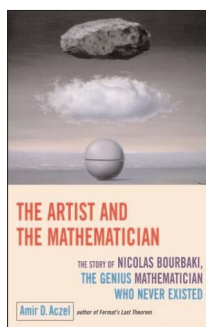
The Artist and the Mathematician

The Story of Nicolas Bourbaki, the Genius Mathematician Who Never Existed

Amir ACZEL

272pp Hb \$38.95

Nicolas Bourbaki, whose mathematical publications began to appear in the late 1930s, was a major force behind an important revolution that took place in the early decades of the 20th century that completely changed Western culture. Pure mathematics, the area of Bourbaki's work, seems to be an abstract field of human study with no direct connection with the real world. In reality, however, it is closely linked with the general culture that surrounds it. Major developments in mathematics have often followed important trends in popular culture; developments in



mathematics have acted as harbingers of change in the surrounding human culture. The seeds of change, the beginnings of the revolution that swept the Western world in the early decades of the 20th century - both in mathematics and in other areas - were sown late in the previous century. This is the story both of Bourbaki and the world that created him in that time.

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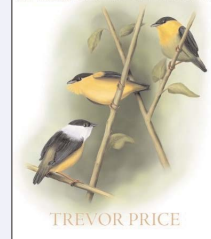
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Speciation in Birds (512pp Pb \$89.00)

by Trevor Price is a tour de force on its topic of the origin of bird species. The book evaluates the roles of natural selection and sexual selection. It asks how speciation contributes to some of the great patterns in species diversity, such as the large number of species in the tropics, and the many endemic species on isolated islands.

SPECIATION IN BIRDS

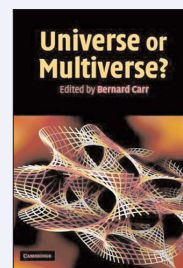


The 8th edition of **The Field Guide to the Birds of Australia** (580pp Flexi-cover \$45.00) by Graham Pizzey and Frank Knight is now available. It covers 820 species, including 46 newly recorded or recently described species. 2,500 superb illustrations and 750 distribution maps.

Shorebirds of Australia (242pp Pb \$49.95) by Andrew Geering et al brings together the latest information about the evolution, ecology and behaviour of shorebirds and how they are distributed in Australia. Colour photos, maps and descriptions assist with identification.

In **Rocketeers** (305pp Hb \$55.00), Michael Belfiore goes behind the scenes of the new private spaceflight industry, capturing its Wild West, anything-goes flavour. Liking his research to "hanging out in the Wright brothers' barn," Belfiore offers an inspiring and entertaining look at people who are not afraid to make their bold dreams a reality.

Recent developments in cosmology and particle physics, such as the string landscape picture, have led to the remarkable realisation that our universe - rather than being unique - could be just one of many universes. In **Universe or Multiverse?** (517pp Hb \$170.00), edited by Bernard Carr, a number of active and eminent researchers in the field - mainly cosmologists and particle physicists, but also some philosophers - address the issues surrounding the multiverse concept and describe recent work in the area.

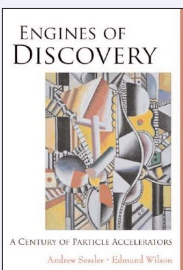


The First Word (357pp Hb \$55.00) by Christine Kenneally is the compelling story of the quest for the origins of human language. The book follows two intertwined narratives. The first is an account of how language developed - how the random and layered processes of evolution wound together to produce a talking animal - us. The second addresses why scientists are at last able to explore the subject. For more than a hundred years, language evolution was considered a scientific taboo.

In **Chases and Escapes: The Mathematics of Pursuit and Evasion** (253pp Hb \$41.95), Paul Nahin gives us the first complete history of this fascinating area of mathematics. Writing in an accessible style, he traces the development of modern pursuit theory from its classical analytical beginnings to the present day. Along the way, he informs his mathematical discussions with fun facts and captivating stories. Nahin invites readers to explore the different approaches to solving various chase-and-escape problems. He draws upon game theory, geometry, linear algebra, target-tracking algorithms and much more.

Engines of Discovery (194pp Pb \$47.95)

by Andrew Sessler and Edmund Wilson chronicles the development of particle accelerators from the invention of electrostatic accelerators, linear accelerators and the cyclotron to the colliders of today. The book identifies the crucial discoveries in applied physics and engineering that have driven the field and gives the reader insight into the people who made these discoveries, as well as the methods they used.



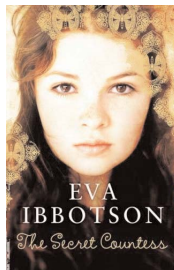
The Cambridge Handbook of Consciousness (981pp Pb \$130.00) edited by Philip Zelazo et al is the first of its kind in the field, and its appearance marks a unique time in the history of intellectual inquiry on the topic. After decades during which consciousness was considered beyond the scope of legitimate scientific investigation, consciousness re-emerged as a popular focus of research towards the end of the last century and has remained so for nearly 20 years. There are now so many different lines of investigation on consciousness that the time has come when the field may finally benefit from a book that pulls them together and, by juxtaposing them, provides a comprehensive survey of this exciting field.

Dave

The Secret Countess

Eva IBBOTSON 343pp Pb \$16.95

There's always something quite charming about Ibbotson's novels, and this one is no exception! Anna Grazinsky is born into a fabulous world - pre-Revolutionary Russia, where she grows up surrounded by wealth and luxury. All this changes when her family are forced to flee and live on the charity of a former governess in London. Anna is determined to shift for herself and takes a job as a domestic on a fine, but threatened, estate, where she beguiles the inhabitants - all except for the fiancée of the young earl. A bit of romance mixed in with a sweet-natured depiction of a changing lifestyle, makes this most suitable for readers 12+.



Dragonskin Slippers

Jessica Day GEORGE 324pp Pb \$15.95

Creel's aunt decides to give her to the local dragon in an attempt to raise money. Unfortunately, the plan goes astray when Creel discovers that the dragon doesn't collect gold - he prefers shoes, just as others of his kin collect dogs or stained glass windows or manuscripts. He lets her take a pair of shoes, but unbeknownst to Creel, her slippers are a very special kind - how special, she only finds out when they are stolen by the foreign princess who is to marry the heir to the kingdom, but who has quite unfriendly plans for its inhabitants. A delightful, fairy-tale type of novel, thoroughly entertaining, for ages 12-15.



My Swordhand is Singing

Marcus SEDGWICK 223pp Pb \$16.00

In a deeply cold and snowy winter, in Eastern Europe sometime in the early 17th century, a menacing presence becomes apparent in a small and isolated village. Peter and his drunken father Tomas live outside the boundaries and are regarded with suspicion. Tomas has a secret past and, when gypsies come as the shadows of evil fall over the villagers, he can no longer deny it, nor prevent Peter from following his trade. Wonderfully menacing and atmospheric, this takes the folk tales of vampires and weaves an intelligent and chilling tale. 13+

The Island

Armin GREDER 32pp Hb \$29.95

This multi-European award-winner is certainly not a picture book for young children, but an excellent resource for discussing xenophobia and multiculturalism amongst older readers. It is a darkly realised fable of fear and difference. A stranger washes up on an island and, at the urging of the fisherman, the islanders reluctantly grant him shelter. After all, he is not like them and they can't see why they should help him. As their irrational fears mount and they project them onto the innocent stranger, they work themselves into such frenzy that they cast him back into the sea and build towers to exclude any such thing happening again. All sorts of parallels could be drawn... Powerful.

What I Was

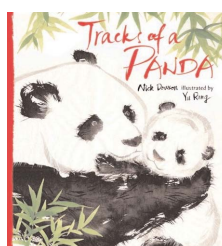
Meg ROSOFF 208pp Pb \$17.95

The narrator of this haunting and beautiful story is looking back to his adolescent years, in particular the year he spent in his third boarding school in East Anglia. Bored with the whole process of being educated and basically just waiting until he can please himself - although he doesn't have any real plans - and even more bored with the stereotypical boys he has to share his life with, he becomes fascinated by a local. Finn lives alone, with a cat, and there is no adult intervention in his life. He is resourceful, efficient, quiet and quite attractive. Increasingly, the narrator is charmed by Finn's existence and longs intensely to emulate his life, to be with him - in fact, to be Finn. Another schoolboy guesses his secret - but there is a twist, one you don't expect and don't see coming! A wonderful story from an award-winning author - and I won't be surprised if this one also garners many accolades! 14+

Tracks of a Panda

Nick DOWSON 30pp Hb \$27.95

In a clear and factual narrative style, this lovely book tells of a mother panda raising her cub from a small, helpless, pink blob. On each double-page spread, there is differentiated column containing some interesting fact about giant pandas. The truly attractive illustrations by Yu Rong are done in a traditional brush and ink style and capture the attitudes and characteristics of the bears without sentimentality. Excellent for younger primary ages.

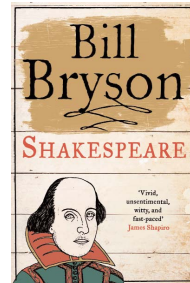


Miscellaneous

Shakespeare

Bill BRYSON 208pp Hb \$30.00

In true Bryson style - witty, amusing, anecdotal and informative - this is a study of one of the greatest British dramatists that has ever lived. Bryson recounts his travels along the Stratford tourist map route, discussing Shakespeare and his life with expert academics, actors, directors and theatre managers. The ground-breaking new *Eminent Lives* series pairs great biographers, historians and novelists with iconic subjects, and the writing bristles with original and distinctive points of view. *Due Sep*



Shakespeare's Wife

The Life and Times of Ann Hathaway

Germaine GREER 416pp Tp \$35.00

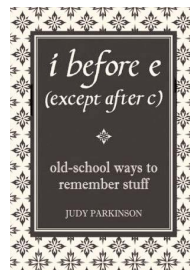
Little is known of the wife of England's greatest playwright; a great deal, none of it complimentary, has been assumed. The omission of her name from Shakespeare's will has been interpreted as evidence that she was nothing more than an unfortunate mistake from which Shakespeare did well to distance himself. Yet Shakespeare is, above all, the poet of marriage. Before Shakespeare, there were few comedies or tragedies of wooing and wedding. Tragedies were not about loving "not wisely but too well", but about the fall of illustrious men. Comedies were not about the pitfalls that lay in wait along the path of true love, but about getting away with adultery. Greer combines literary-historical techniques with documentary evidence about life in Stratford, striving to re-embed the story of Shakespeare's marriage in its social context. Part-biography, part-history, this is fascinating in its reconstruction of Ann's life and the daily lives of Elizabethan women. *Due Sep*

I Before E (Except After C)

Old-School Ways to Remember Stuff

Judy PARKINSON Hb \$29.95

Ever find yourself struggling to remember simple facts and rules? Is the ever-increasing pace of life and glut of information challenging your memory? This book is full of memory aids to help you out - well-known rhymes such as the popular "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November", reminders of the order of the planets in the Solar System, memorable sayings such as "Spring forward, fall back", mnemonics such as "Richard of York Gains Battles in Vain", plus a selection of more modern methods of boosting one's failing memory. This is the definitive guide to help you unjumble your mind and improve your ability to recall names, dates, facts, figures and events, with all the mnemonics you'll ever need to know. *Due Sep*



Stuffed and Starved

Markets, Power and the Hidden Battle for the World Food System

Raj PATEL 352pp Pb \$34.95

The hunger of 800 million people happens at the same time as another historical first: these starving people are outnumbered by the one billion people on the planet who are overweight. Patel takes us into the supermarket aisles and reveals the stories behind the products in our trolleys, some of them very dark indeed. His definitive account of the global food system ranges across GM crops, history and export issues, rising levels of obesity and other health crises. In this mad world we encounter Coca Cola "cosmeceuticals" that promise to improve complexion and breast size, where Nestle owns Jenny Craig, and Unilever (home of Ben and Jerry's ice-cream) owns Slimfast. It is also a positive story of resistance in the paddy fields of India, the maize ejidos of Mexico and the Italian Slow Food kitchens, to name but a few.



Buying a Piece of Paris

Ellie NIELSEN 256pp Pb \$29.95

Paris has seduced many admirers, but for visiting Australian Ellie Nielsen, it is true love. So deep is her infatuation that, if she can't have it all to herself, she will only be satisfied with buying her own little piece. The object of her desire seems so simple: the sort of apartment she has seen a thousand times in magazines and books. Something effortlessly charming, and old, and quirky - and expertly decorated. Something exuding character and Parisian chic. Something quintessentially French. The trouble is, she has only two short weeks in which to realise her fantasy and she must somehow negotiate the deal in a foreign language without offending French real-estate etiquette. Is this even vaguely possible, or just a ridiculous folly?

Christian was asked recently by a magazine to advise our top 10 bestsellers for the first half of this year:

Richard Dawkins: **The God Delusion** (\$35.00 Tp)
 Hamilton & Madison: **Silencing Dissent: How the Australian Government is Controlling Public Opinion and Stifling Debate** (\$24.95 Pb)
 David Marr: **Quarterly Essay #26**
Public Debate in Howard's Australia (\$14.95 Pb)
 Nicholas Ostler: **Empires of the Word**
A Language History of the World (\$40.00 Tp)
 John Carroll: **Existential Jesus** (\$35.00 Tp)
 Ayaan Hirsi Ali: **Infidel** (\$34.95 Tp)
 Michel Onfray: **The Atheist Manifesto**
The Case Against Christianity, Judaism and Islam (\$32.95 Pb)
 Christopher Hitchens: **God is Not Great**
How Religion Poisons Everything (\$29.95 Tp)
 Peter Hartcher: **Quarterly Essay #25**
Bipolar Nation: How to Win the 2007 Election (\$14.95 Pb)
 Alister McGrath: **The Dawkins Delusion?** (\$23.95 Pb)

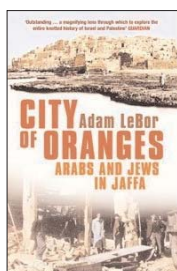
Notice these are all non-fiction (Harry Potter did not arrive until July).

Sad News to hear of the death of the lovely Glenda Adams, creative writing teacher and winner of the *Miles Franklin Award* in 1987 for **Dancing on Coral**.

Good News to hear that Peter Temple won the famous **Gold Dagger Award** for his crime novel, **The Broken Shore** (\$22.95 Pb), which was also shortlisted for the *Miles Franklin*.

Lily Brett, author of the wonderful, big novels **Too Many Men** (\$24.95) and **You Gotta Have Balls** (\$22.95), has a new collection of brilliant poems called **Blistered Days** (\$22.95 128pp). We also have more stock of David Malouf's **Typewriter Music** (\$29.95 Hb).

An unusually interesting book is **City of Oranges: Arabs and Jews in Jaffa** by Adam Lebor (\$26.95 Pb 355pp). The author is a British Foreign Correspondent who originally studied International History, Politics and Arabic at Leeds University, then Arabic at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The book is based on the recollections of long-established families and individuals who have been living in Jaffa, especially before 1948. Jewish, Muslim and Christian, middle-class and working class, intellectuals, artisans and fishermen - the people who are the face of the Arab-Israeli conflict. I like this personal view of history. (I would have liked to read more, but this is one of those annoying books which is too tightly bound and tiring to hold). If you're interested in the Middle East, this will give you a good picture.



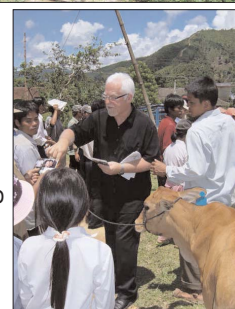
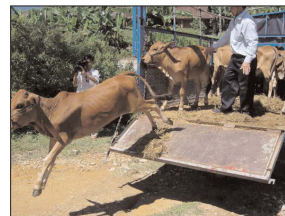
Another personal view of the Middle East is **The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew and the Heart of the Middle East** by Sandy Tolan (\$35 Tp, \$54 Hb, 266pp plus another 100pp of notes and bibliography). This hopeful book arises out of a documentary made by the author about a Palestinian youth who returned to his home in Israel and was welcomed by the resident, a young Jewish woman from Bulgaria. Their relationship is complicated by the fact that the man is often an imprisoned agitator. When her family dies, she wishes to return the home to the Palestinian family, but this is not acceptable. Eventually, the house is made into a pre-school for Arab-Israelies. It is hard to see a solution there.

I discovered a handy series called *Little Red Books* (95pp incl indexes, 14cm x 20cm, only \$16.95 each). **Australia's Writers and Poets** by John Miller is a good overview of our literary heritage. A useful present for a newcomer to Australia is **The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia** by Sheryl Persson. All the information you need to set you looking further if you wish.

Malcolm Knox, author of **Private Man** (\$22.95) and **Summerland** (\$23.95), has another good Sydney novel out. It is called **Jamaica** (\$29.95 Pb) and concerns a group of so-called friends, rather unpleasant, rather rich, middle-aged men heedlessly heading for trouble on holiday in Jamaica. Probably to be enjoyed more by men than women, but that's good.

I've got a nice story to tell you. When I visited my bookseller friends at Hobart Bookshop two years ago, I met a man, Bruce Montgomery, a former journalist with *The Australian*, who had taken a shipment of donated wheelchairs to Vietnam. He was telling me how much he enjoyed a book he had bought in Abbey's called **Hanoi, Adieu** by Mandalek Perkins (\$25 Pb 464pp). I've recommended this book to you before because it is a very telling, personal view of the upheavals that took place in French Indo-China. I also enjoyed **Hanoi Stories** (\$24.95) and **Life in Hanoi** (\$24.95) by Pam Scott, an Australian who has been working in Hanoi for some time and greatly admires the people. We also have **Good Morning Hanoi** (\$29.95 Pb) by Australian TV veterans Iain Finlay and Trish Clark, about their time volunteering in Hanoi.

Now the son of Vietnamese boat people has written an account of his parents' lives, from poor village people to seeming success in Saigon, then flight to Australia. This is Kim Huynh's **Where the Sea Takes Us: A Vietnamese-Australian Story** (\$29.99 Pb 331pp). It is a little confusing at times (no wonder!), but it's a good account of the struggles of these people. I've made a list of some other books about Vietnam, but first I must tell you the end of my story. Last Christmas, I had an email from Bruce suggesting I might like to donate \$300 towards the purchase of a cow for families affected by the spraying of Agent Orange during the war. They suffer sometimes horrific genetic deformities, still surfacing in third and fourth generations. My donated sum provided veterinary advice and training, as well as the cow! Quite a lot of other people agreed to contribute and, in June this year, Bruce sent photos of the handing over of 65 cows to the chosen people in A'luoi District. The lucky ones, waiting for the cows with their tethers ready, had to provide a nice little house for their cow, agree to donate the first calf to the commune and agree *not to eat the cow!* Now I think this is really down-to-earth aid and if you would like to join in, email Bruce at bruce.montgomery@bigpond.com or visit www.agentorange.org.au. If you take part, you could travel to Vietnam to help with the next distribution of cows. What a good excuse for a holiday!



Here are some of the titles in our Asian History General section:

In the *Documents in Contemporary History* series, intended for Year 12 and undergraduates, there is a book by Kevin Ruane called **The Vietnam Wars** (\$44.95 Pb 189pp incl index). Notice the plural in the title, referring to the American War, the French War of Reconquest, the South Vietnam Civil War and the North Vietnam War of National Reconciliation. Kenneth Murphy's **Unquiet Vietnam: A Journey to the Vanishing World of Indo China** (\$32.95 Pb 220pp) is a thoughtful account of his travels there after the American War. Christian Appy has compiled **Vietnam: The Definitive Oral History Told from All Sides** (\$39.95 Pb 574pp). The most famous book about the Vietnam War, and still on the shelves at Abbey's, is Neil Sheehan's **A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam** (\$39.95 Pb 861pp incl index). Published in 1988, it showed the American people the horror of that war. More recently, ex-Secretary of State Robert S McNamara has written **In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam** (\$36 Pb 480pp) in which he candidly explains the mistakes made. Military buffs will prefer **Eyewitness Vietnam** by Donald Gilmore and D M Greco (\$45 Hb 304pp incl index with lots of photographs and audio CD). This is about the actual making of war and includes accounts of very efficient 'search and EVADE' missions as the war ground to a halt. There are also two biographies of **Ho Chi Minh**, one by W J Duiker (\$39.95 Pb 752pp) and a new one just published by Cambridge University Press by Pierre Brocheux (\$59.95 Hb 288pp).

I've been on a fabulous 12-day trip around Cape York, including Horn Island and Thursday Island. At Bamaga, we stayed at delightful Pajinka Wilderness Lodge, owned by the local Injinoo people, but run by an outside management company. And from here took the trip and walk down to the very tip of Cape York. We travelled in a little 18-gear Mercedes Benz bus (the 18th gear was called 'the Creeper' and we needed it on the Old Telegraph Track and the Bloomfield Track. Although I didn't actually see the famous Morning Glory cloud formation described by Gavin Pretor-Pinney in his quirky bestseller, **The Cloud Spotter's Guide** (\$19.95 Pb 320pp incl index), I did see some marvellous cloud formations as we left Weipa for Cooktown. Morning Glory is a unique rolling cloud formation that only occurs in the Gulf of Carpentaria and sometimes in the Gulf of Mexico. Glider pilots come from all over to 'ride' this glorious formation. We stayed overnight at Bramwell Station (next door to the Steve Irwin Crocodile Sanctuary) and Lotus Bird Lodge. On the way, we passed Studely Station, an ex-Comalco Mining Lease sold to the local aboriginals for a song and with a manager installed. Cooktown continues to be a romantic place for me, a thriving community with some grand old buildings built by the visionary early settlers. I was there 30 years ago and was surprised to find that the Grassy Knoll that Cook stood upon to see his way out of the harbour is now covered in trees.

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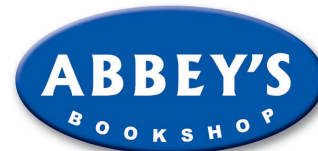
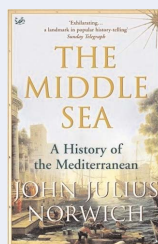
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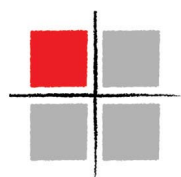


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