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## What is Intelligence?

James FLYNN

226pp Hb \$39.95

Professor James Flynn is one of the most creative and influential psychologists in the field of intelligence. The 'Flynn Effect' refers to the massive increase in IQ test scores over the course of the 20th century; the term was coined to recognise Flynn's central role in measuring and analysing these gains. For over 20 years, psychologists have struggled to understand the implications of IQ gains. Do they mean that each generation is more intelligent than the last? Do they suggest how each of us can enhance our own intelligence? Flynn is finally ready to give



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his own views. He asks what intelligence really is and gives a surprising and illuminating answer. This book bridges the gulf that separates our minds from those of our ancestors a century ago and makes an important contribution to our understanding of human intelligence.

### What We Say Goes Conversations on US Power in a Changing World Noam CHOMSKY with David BARSAMIAN

The world's foremost critic of US foreign policy, Noam Chomsky, in collaboration with his long-established partner, radio journalist David Barsamian, explores the most immediate and urgent concerns in the world and shows how they affect us all. They include Iran's challenge to the US, the deterioration of the Israel-Palestine conflict, the ongoing occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, the rise of China, and the growing power of the left in Latin America, as well as the increasing influence of the Democrats in US politics and its ramifications for the future. Due Oct



304pp Tp \$34.95 Tim Flannery, the Australian of the Year, has evolved from a young scientist doing fieldwork in remote locations to a major thinker who has changed the way we think about climate and the threat that global warming presents to our planet. This is an exhilarating selection of his essays and articles, written over a period of 25 years. He writes about his journeys in the jungles of New Guinea and Irian Jaya, about the extraordinary people he met and the species he discovered. He writes about population, water and the stresses we have put on our environment. He

writes about how we can try to predict our own future by learning about the profound history of life on Earth, and the threads that bind us all together as Australians. He also writes about the challenges we face in dealing with the climate crisis now upon us. Due Oct

### **Other People's Thoughts** Simon LEYS

160pp Pb \$19.95

"Most people are other people", Oscar Wilde remarked, "their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their life a mimicry, their passions a quotation." This is a wonderfully entertaining collection of quotations. Leys collects jokes and insights from great artists and thinkers, revealing a unique sensibility. Topics include adventure, youth, sex, time, toads, wine, epitaphs and friendship. A perfect gift book, it ranges across cultures and times to provoke and entertain. Due Oct



## Footpath Facelift

The footpath outside our shop is currently undergoing a dramatic facelift, with the bitumen giving way to nice new pavers. Throughout this upgrade period, rest assured that you will continue to have ready access to Abbey's, Language Book Centre and Galaxy Bookshop. We apologise in advance for any noise or inconvenience, and look forward to enjoying a lovely new streetscape by Christmas!

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### man Booker Prize Shortlist 2007

Darkmans by Nicola Barker (840pp Tp \$35.00) sees a dysfunctional family in Ashford, Kent, haunted by John Scogin, Edward IV's court iester.

The Gathering by Anne Enright (Tp \$32.95) is about an Irish woman prompted by her brother's suicide to revisit three generations of bleak history of her large, dysfunctional family.

In The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid (Tp \$29.95), a Pakistani Princeton graduate becomes a high-flyer in Manhattan. But after September 11, he discovers a different side to his adopted home and his own beliefs.

Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones (Tp \$29.95) is about a girl on a war-torn South Pacific island who becomes enthralled by Charles Dickens' Great **Expectations**. Winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize Overall Best Book Award 2007.

The 1984 industrial disaster in Bhopal forms the MISTER setting for Animal's People by Indra Sinha (Tp \$32.95), which deals with a man who was left with mental and physical defects after such a catastrophe. It is partly based on the life of Sunil Kumar, who committed suicide last year aged 34.



ICOLA BARKER

Anne Enright

Set in 1960s England, On Chesil Beach by lan McEwan (Hb \$29.95) tells the story of Edward and Florence, a young couple anticipating the first night of their honeymoon and the impact it has on the rest of their married lives.



### The Cambridge Economic History of the Greco-Roman World Walter SCHEIDEL et al (Ed) 960pp Hb

\$349 until 30 November (\$399 thereafter)

In this, the first comprehensive onevolume survey of the economies of classical antiquity, 28 chapters summarise the current state of scholarship in their specialised fields and sketch new directions for research. The approach taken is both thematic, with chapters on the underlying determinants of economic performance, and chronological, with coverage of the whole of the Greek and Roman worlds extending from the Aegean



Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. This important work represents a major advance in our understanding of the economic expansion that made the civilisation of the classical Mediterranean world possible. Due November

Monday 1 October Labour Day Open 10am - 5pm



## Books - Where Ideas Grow

WHAT WE SAY GOES with DAVID BARSAMIAN

224pp Pb \$24.95



## **Fiction The Children**

Charlotte WOOD

When their father ends up in intensive care after a fall from his roof, Mandy, Cathy and Stephen make their way back to their home town to mount vigil beside his hospital bed. Their mother, guiet and casually ignored, is struggling to understand what's happening, and the children, who have made their own muddled ways through life, fall back into the patterns of their

Carry Me Down

M. J. Hyland

of the Sea

childhood and adolescence. While they are watching their father die, someone else is watching them, particularly Mandy, who has escaped from mundane life into the horrors and adrenaline rushes of being a foreign correspondent in the worst areas of the world. This is a fine novel, one you think about long after the last page is read. Aside from the excellent interplay of the children's characters, the country town is so well portrayed you can imagine it as your own... Lindy

### Carry Me Down **M J HYLAND**

304pp Pb \$22.95

Tp \$32.95

288pp Tp \$29.95

Ireland, 1971. John Egan is a misfit, "a 12-year-old in the body of a grown man with the voice of a giant who insists on the ridiculous truth". With an obsession for the Guinness Book of Records and faith in his ability to detect when adults are lying, John remains hopeful, despite the unfortunate cards that life deals him. During one year in his life, from his voice breaking to the breaking-up of his home life to the near collapse of his sanity, we witness the gradual unsticking of his mind and

the trouble that creates for him and his family. Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2006, this is a spell-binding psychological thriller about a boy's obsessive and dangerous desire to see the truth.

## Secrets of the Sea

Nicholas SHAKESPEARE

Following the death of his parents in a car crash, 11year-old Alex Dove is torn from his life on a remote farm in Tasmania and sent to school in England. 12 years on, he must return to Australia to deal with his inheritance. But the timeless beauty of the land and his encounter with a young woman, whose own life has been marked by tragedy, persuade him to stay. They marry, and he finds himself drawn into the eccentric, often hilarious dynamics of island life. Longing for children, the couple

open their home to a disquieting guest, a teenage castaway, whose presence on the farm begins to unravel their tenuously forged happiness, while at the same time offering the prospect of a much greater fulfilment.

### The Ministry of Special Cases Nathan ENGLANDER

350pp Tp \$32.95 Kaddish Poznan chips the names off gravestones for a living, removing traces of disreputable ancestors for their more respectable kin. His wife Lillian works in insurance, earning money when people live longer than they fear. Set in a tumultuous Buenos Aires on the cusp of a military coup, the couple's own turbulent relationship is held together by their role as parents dedicated to a

teenage son. As Argentina's Dirty War unfolds around them, it threatens to overwhelm the infectious, mad energy of their lives. A visit to the dreaded Ministry of Special Cases soon turns their hilarious misadventures into something much darker.

#### The Unexpected Elements of Love Kate LEGGE 264pp Pb \$24.95

Janet is a TV weather presenter. Sometimes she admits to liking the adrenalin and modest celebrity of the nightly news. Other times she wonders if she really can have it all. The behaviour of her young son Harry is increasingly unpredictable and her husband complains that their marriage is drying up. Like the content of her forecasts, Janet's life feels out of control. Roy is scared of the



weather too. An acclaimed sculptor, he is working on the

biggest commission of his life, and when he feels the first splinterings of dementia, he knows he's got to make it count. His devoted wife Beth can't bear to witness his deterioration, but what can she do in the face of these darkening clouds? Tracing the high-pressure zones of life, this is a compelling portrait of how we live now, under a common sky.



144pp Hb \$29.95 This perfect gem of a novel by the author of the posthumously acclaimed and bestselling Suite Française (Pb \$23.95) has never previously been published and was discovered only recently in separate archive files. A couple of pages were in the famous suitcase which her daughters saved, and the balance had been deposited with a family friend and editor during the war. A morality tale with doubtful morals, a story of



murder, love and betrayal in rural France, this novel, planned in 1937, written in 1941, is set in a small village based on Issy-l'Eveque, where Suite Française was written, and brilliantly prefigures the village community in her later masterpiece. An old man looks back on a chequered life with secret regrets, concealing a truth he will not reveal until the end. This is a small and beautiful chamber piece which starts quietly, lyrically, then races away with revelations and narrative twists in a story about young women forced into marriages with old men, about mothers and daughters, stepmothers and stepdaughters, youthful passions and the regrets of old age, about peasant communities and the way they hide their secrets. Due Oct

### Landscape with Animals Cameron REDFERN

224pp Pb \$24.95 A man and a woman meet at a party. Their attraction is instantaneous and soon "I would if I could, but I can't" leads to a powerful, shocking intimacy that won't let go. Man and woman circle one another - always arriving and leaving separately - until he is led to her bed, where he remains for much of this honest, deeply erotic novel. Their private world develops with an intense closeness that dominates the



exquisite prose. As the two strangers become passionately intertwined in this doomed unreality, she, skittish and ravenous, and he, shy and decorous, fall in love. This book traces their clandestine affair through ill-fated, electric liaisons in bedrooms, hotel suites and outdoors, close to the nature that is integral to their story.

## The Almost Moon

### Alice SEBOLD

304pp Tp \$32.95 For years, Helen Knightly has given her life to others: to her haunted mother, to her enigmatic father, to her husband and now-grown daughters. When she finally crosses a terrible boundary, her life comes rushing in at her in a way she could never have imagined. Unfolding over 24 hours, this searing novel explores the ties between mothers and daughters, wives and lovers, the meaning of devotion and the line between love and hate. Due Oct



## Gifted

Nikita LALWANI

288pp Tp \$32.95 Numbers have filled Rumi Vasi's world since she first learned to count. But it was on a trip to India at the age of eight that her mathematical powers acquired their almost supernatural significance. When she returned home to Cardiff, her destiny was sealed: she was now, and would forever be, the town's 'maths prodigy'. At 14, she is firmly set on the path of a gifted



child, speeding headlong towards Oxford University. As her father sees it, discipline is everything if the family has any hope of making its mark on its adoptive country. However, as Rumi gets older and the family's stark isolation intensifies, numbers start to lose their magic for the young teenager. She abandons the rigid timetable of her afternoons to seek out friendship and replaces equations with rampant spice abuse. As her longing for love and her parents' will to succeed deepen, so too does the rift between generations. In a voice that is by turns very funny and fiercely acute, Lalwani brings to life a young family's search for recognition and how that search can break a family apart. Due Oct

### The Last Station A Novel of Tolstoy's Final Year Jay PARINI

384pp Tp \$32.95 By 1910, following the publication of Anna Karenina and War and Peace, Leo Tolstoy is the world's most famous author. But fame comes at a price. Desperate to find peace at the end of his life, away from his wife, 13 children and the newspapermen, Tolstoy makes a dramatic flight from home.

Set in the tumultuous final year of the count's life, this book centres on the battle for Tolstoy's soul. Drawing on the diaries of the writer and those closest to him, including his wife, daughter and doctor, it is a spellbinding novel that dances bewitchingly between fact and fiction. Due Oct



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## Fiction

The Low Road Chris WOMERSLEY

Lee, a young petty criminal, wakes in a seedy motel to find a bullet in his side and a suitcase of stolen money next to him, with only the haziest memory of exactly how he got there. Soon he meets Dr Wild, a morphine-addicted doctor who is escaping his own disastrous life. The two men form an unwilling, unlikely alliance and set out for the safety of a country estate owned Wild's former colleague, Sherman. As they



flee the city, they develop an uneasy intimacy, inevitably revisiting their pasts even as they desperately seek to evade them. Lee is haunted by a brief stint in jail; Wild is on the run from the legacy of medical malpractice. But they are not alone, pursued through an increasingly alien and gothic landscape by the ageing gangster Josef, who must retrieve the stolen money and deal with Lee to ensure his own survival. By the time Josef finally catches up to them, all three men have been forced to confront the parts of themselves they sought to outrun.

## The Carhullan Army

Sarah HALL

224pp Tp \$29.95 The world has changed. War rages in South America and China. Britain, now entirely dependent on the US for food and energy, is run by an omnipresent dictatorship known simply as 'The Authority'. Assets and weapons have been seized, every movement is monitored and women are compulsorily fitted with contraceptive devices. This is Sister's story of her attempt to escape the repressive regime. From the confines of her Lancaster prison cell, she tells of her search for The



Carhullan Army, a quasi-mythical commune of 'unofficial' women rumoured to be living in a remote part of Cumbria... Due Oct

## The Indian Clerk

## David LEAVITT

496pp Tp \$32.95 When mathematician G H Hardy received a letter from the young Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan in January 1913, it was the day his life changed. Hardy immediately recognised Ramanujan's extraordinary, albeit untutored, brilliance. He replied with comments, requesting proofs for some of the discoveries, and began to make plans to bring Ramanujan to Cambridge. When Ramanujan finally arrived, Hardy took him under his wing as his mentor. The two became

DAVID LEAVIT'

collaborators and close friends. When asked in an interview what his

greatest contribution to maths was, Hardy unhesitatingly replied that it was the discovery of Ramanujan, "the one romantic incident in my life". As the story of this unlikely companionship unfolds, Leavitt evokes the furtive, claustrophobic world of pre-war Cambridge. Together with Russell, Wittgenstein and Strachey, Hardy was part of the elitist secret society, The Cambridge Apostles. The public achievements of these famous academics are well-known, but here we see them as men of esprit and passion, with their shortcomings and frailties.

## World Without End

### Ken FOLLETT

On the day after Halloween, 1327, four children slip away from the cathedral city of Kingsbridge - a thief, a bully, a boy genius and a girl who wants to be a doctor. In the forest, they see two men killed. As adults, their lives will be braided together by ambition, love, greed and revenge. They will see prosperity and famine, plague and war. One boy will travel the world, but come home in the end; the other will be a powerful, corrupt nobleman. One girl will defy the might of the medieval church; the other will pursue an impossible love. And always they will live under the long shadow of the unexplained killing they witnessed on that fateful childhood day. Due Oct

### The 700 Habits of Highly Ineffective People And How You Can Avoid Falling into Them

Jonathan BIGGINS

192pp Pb \$24.95 At last, a self-help book for those people who can't be bothered to help themselves to free coffee. How many times have you wanted to unleash the power within, but simply couldn't face even the thought of all that effort? You don't have to hack out a path through the jungle of modern life, as someone else has already done that for you. All you need is a guide to point out the traps and the pitfalls, the poisonous plants and the fresh dung. Tread carefully and you can reach your goals! Due Oct

## Man of Steel

#### A Cartoon History of the Howard Years 224pp Pb \$29.95

Russ RADCLIFFE

Australia's political cartoonists have had plenty of time to examine in minute detail not only every aspect of John Howard's philosophy and public policies, but also a goodly portion of his power-walking anatomy, from his quivering bottom lip to the swish of his rat-tail. War on the waterfront, GST, Pauline Hanson, black armbands, East

Timor, children overboard, Tampa, 9/11, war in Afghanistan, war in Iraq, Bali, IR reform and, of course, the overwhelming factor in the Howard ascendancy - the sacred trust shown by the Australian people in Howard's maintenance of low interest rates. Due Oct



## 1,120pp Hb \$49.95



**Children's** Cold Skin

Steven HERRICK 267pp Pb \$16.95 Set after WWII in a small coal-mining town, this riveting novel-in-verse sees Herrick at his finest. Eddie wants to leave school and go down the mine, but his father, a returned serviceman with a mighty chip on his shoulder, refuses to let him. Wasting time in school, Eddie, the strongest boy in town, is falling in love with Sally, one of the



reviewed by Lindy Jones

brightest girls in the valley. Nothing much happens in town except fights in the pub, but when a young girl is murdered, the mood of the town shifts alarmingly. Told in a number of voices, both adult and teenaged, this is a finely crafted story that compels your attention and involves your sympathies. The form is attractive, even for nonreaders of verse, 13+

## Incantation

Alice HOFFMAN 172pp Pb \$14.95 Estrella deMadrigal's family have lived in the village of Encaleflora in Spain for 500 years. She knows what her life will be like, and that her best friend Catalina will always be a part of it. That is, before the books start being burnt, and before she realises that Catalina's intended Andres, reciprocates her love. As the Inquisition



spreads its shadowy wings over her life, and the villagers respond to its demands with fear and jealousy, Estrella learns that she is not truly Christian - that her family has secretly practiced Judaism. A lyrically told novel which brings to life a young girl's growing strength and wisdom to survive the worst things that happen to her family. 13+

## Heart of Gold

Michael PRYOR 488pp Pb \$17.95 If you were one of the hundreds of people who bought the last Harry Potter from us, you would have received a free copy of Blaze of Glory (Pb \$17.95), which I sincerely trust you have read! If so, then you need to hear Volume Two in this Laws of Magic series. If not, do yourself a favour and start reading! Aubrey saves the life of a Gallian airship crewman and decides he really needs that holiday he's been



promising himself. Accompanied by his faithful friend George, he goes to Lutetia, the City of Art (or Light or Love). Unfortunately, he is given a number of commissions to fulfil, leaving little time to relax. His visit also coincides with a secessionist movement, Holmlandish espionage, a rash of soul-stealing, magic gone haywire, and the theft of the iconic symbol of Gallia. Oh, and his spells to keep his body and soul united are starting to fail and Caroline is really not seeing him at his best. How the author manages to weave all these strands together into a truly exciting page-turner is magic in itself! Unreservedly recommended. Ages 13+

### Ishmael and the Return of the Dugongs 295pp Pb \$18.00

Michael Gerard BAUER

Sometimes it's just refreshing to read about a character who isn't undergoing any magic / weighty issues / life-threatening illnesses - and Ishmael, apart from his 'funny' name, is as normal as a Year 10 boy can be! His hormones are taking him for a ride, Kelly Faulkner is still unattainable, and Razzman is as coolly uncool as ever. You don't need to have read Don't Call Me Ishmael (Pb \$18), but if you have you'll need to read this to see how life is treating this rather sweet-natured lad! Funny, intelligent and perceptive. 13+



## The Wind in the Willows

Kenneth GRAHAME

224pp Hb \$39.95 It's almost 100 years ago that this much-loved classic was published. To celebrate, this gorgeous edition is enhanced by the artistry of Robert Ingpen. Using his trademark fine pencil drawings and muted dreamy colours, Ingpen captures the spirit and essential characters of Mole, Ratty and Toad, set in idyllic landscapes. Buy one for the child in your life, or for yourself, and come floating down the river of memory...





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## Biography

### Lifelines

#### **Breaking Out of Locked-in Syndrome** Peter COUCHE 160pp Pb \$24.95

While on a business trip to Singapore in 1992, 41-yearold Peter Couche, a London-based stockbroker and father of three, suffered an irreversible brain-stem stroke. 24 hours later, he was paralysed. He could blink in response to questions, but was unable to speak, eat or breathe independently, although his mind remained

alert. It took more than 13 years for Peter to record this inspiring story of his struggle for a normal life, away from the mind-numbing world of institutions.

#### Making the Cut A Surgeon's Memoir of Life on the Edge Mohamed KHADRA Tp \$34.95

To be a surgeon is to stand, without flinching, in the sea of human suffering and use your entire resource of knowledge, skill and intelligence to battle it. An intern makes his first cut and is ridiculed by his tutor. An old woman is brought back to life against her will, only for the unexpected to strike a week later. A notorious surgeon is driven crazy by a massive brain tumour. The mother of a leukemia-ridden child is driven to

desperation. Khadra recounts stories from his life as a surgeon, from the gruelling years of training to the debilitating sleepless nights on call. He looks back at the doctors and patients who shaped his career; at the endless stream of humanity - courageous, pitiful, admirable and dislikeable - who passed under his knife, as he recalls shocking tales of mistakes in theatre and the shattered lives of doctors defeated by the stresses of the job. Documenting the damaging politics in our healthcare system, the souldestroying choices made for patients, and the misplaced hope that is so common in the face of death, his dramatic account of a surgical life shows what happens when extraordinary events overtake everyday lives including, even, his own.

## Stand by Your Man

Susan MITCHELL

Tp \$34.95 Mitchell presents the story of three former wives of Liberal prime ministers whose lives have been lived in the shadow of their husbands. We know practically nothing about these women before they married. Each of them has had to endure deeply held suspicions about their lives. Sonia McMahon: Was she just window-dressing, a necessary requirement for Billy's

prime ministerial ambitions? Why did she leave the care of her children to a nanny in Sydney and live in Canberra with him? And what about that dress? Tammy Fraser: How did she deal with Malcolm's moods and his aggression? Why did she keep herself so much in his shadow? What was he doing in Memphis in a seedy hotel? How did she deal with the public's personal hatred of him after the way he gained power? Janette Howard: Why did she give up work once she married John? Does he consult her on every political issue and appointment? Why is she in the portrait of the Prime Minister that hangs in the portrait gallery? Are these three women, in fact, stronger, smarter and tougher than their men, the Prime Ministers of Australia? Due Oct

## Creators

#### From Chaucer to Walt Disney Paul JOHNSON

320pp Pb \$27.00

In his book Intellectuals (Pb \$29.95), Johnson asked whether intellectuals were morally fit to give advice to humanity (no, was the usual answer). In contrast, this book is about the creative and heroic side of outstanding individuals. There are many themes, but no typical creator. Courage is always required, and self-confidence. Some never lacked recognition or sales, like Turner and Victor Hugo, Picasso and Durer. For others, like Bach or Jane Austen, the scale of their achievement was unrecognised in their lifetime. Luck can play a crucial part - as in Worsdworth's meeting with Coleridge and T S Eliot's with Ezra Pound (Eliot needed strong martinis too). Ruthlessness is important too - Mark Twain was not even his own pseudonym, he pinched it from another Mississippi-pilot-turned-writer whom he savaged so severely that he gave up writing. If there is no one typical creator, there is a common theme: putting excellence before any other consideration. Walt Disney and Christian Dior did this in their own way, as surely as Chaucer or Shakespeare, William Morris or Turner.

#### The View from Connor's Hill Barry HEARD 270pp Pb \$29.95 Following Well Done, Those Men (Pb \$24.95), his

much-loved and deeply moving account of life as a Vietnam veteran, comes a vivid memoir from Heard that reaches right into the heart of his experiences as a boy and as a young man in Australia during the 50s and 60s. Colourful, poignant and often very funny, this book reveals a young man who, among the devastation of loss and constant upheaval, celebrates the joy of living in the bush, finds solace in the close friendship of his mates,



and delights in the love of his faithful dog Rover and headstrong horse Swanee. Capturing the detail of a lost world of country and suburban life in Australia - a world of matinees, country dances and manual dunnies - Heard delivers his memories with an unwavering honesty and candour. Due Oct

#### Lucky for Me Adventures with a Sea-faring, Tree-climbing, Cat-hating Dog Frank ROBSON

Pb \$25.00

At 18 months of age, Lucky, a cream-coloured terrier, was dropped off at a vet's clinic in Queensland, abandoned by his owners and suffering from ticks and other terrors. A week from being put down, he was adopted by Frank Robson and his partner Leisa. From the start, the fluffy new member of the household proved



an enigma, displaying a 12-snort vocabulary, an ability to climb trees (the better to chase parrots) and a disdain for suburbia. In this account of a friendship between man and dog, Robson puzzles on the sentient being that trotted into his life and taught him about survival, mateship and the joys of an independent spirit.

### Two Lives **Gertrude and Alice** Janet MALCOLM

240pp Hb \$32.95

"How had the pair of elderly Jewish lesbians survived the Nazis?" Malcolm asks at the beginning of this extraordinary work of literary biography and investigative journalism. The pair, of course, is Gertrude Stein, the modernist master "whose charm was as conspicuous as her fatness" and "thin, plain, tense, sour" Alice B Toklas, the 'worker bee' who ministered to Stein's needs throughout their 40-year expatriate 'marriage'. Toklas remained a background figure, chiefly living in the shadow of Stein, until Stein published her memoirs in 1933 under the teasing title The Autobiography of Alice B Toklas (Pb \$24.95). Ironically, it became Stein's bestselling book. The portrait of their relationship that emerges is unexpectedly charged. The two World Wars that Stein and Toklas lived through together are paralleled by the private war that went on between them. Due Oct

#### Three Seasons Jane HANSEN

unflinching honesty. Due Oct

Learning to Live Finally

320pp Tp \$32.95 As a journalist and foreign correspondent, Hansen interviewed coup leaders, irritated the Taliban and slept rough in war zones with the sound of artillery fire in the background. She lived and breathed this exciting life before she decided it was time to become a mother. And it was this struggle that would come to affect her most deeply. In this courageous, moving and powerful memoir, Hansen writes about her journey to motherhood, and the heartbreaking plight of her son Jackson, born too early, too small, with



The Last Interview Jacques DERRIDA & Jean BIRNBAUM 96pp Pb \$22.95

"I am at war with myself, it's true, you couldn't possibly know to what extent... I know that it is what keeps me alive, and makes me ask precisely, how does one learn to live?" With death looming, Jacques Derrida, one of the most famous philosophers of the 20th century known as the father of deconstruction - sat down with Le

Monde journalist Jean Birnbaum. They revisited his life's work and his impending death in a lyrical and moving final interview. In this meditation upon life, love and politics, Derrida reveals what motivated his writing. He speaks openly about the impact of being Jewish and an outsider in French society. He discusses the relationship between philosophy and society, and explains his hopes for a revitalised international politics.



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Litelines

## History

### Origins An Atlas of Human Migration

Russell KING

192pp Hb \$45.00 From the first journey out of Africa, through the Vikings and the Pilgrim Fathers, to the return to the Promised Land, discover how people's movements through the ages have shaped the course of history in this beautifully illustrated book. Stunning maps and timelines provide a unique visual

approach, alongside photography, paintings and artefacts that bring history to life. Authoritative and accessible text, written by a team of academic experts, examines the motivations, influences and impacts of mass migrations. The result is a handsome and informative volume that will establish itself immediately as a benchmark popular reference resource.

## Lives of the Ancient Egyptians

Toby WILKINSON

336pp Hb \$75.00

This sumptuous new book reveals the greatest civilisation of the ancient world through the lives of 100 men and women who experienced it firsthand. Lavishly illustrated with spectacular works of art and scenes of daily life, it offers unique and remarkable insights into the history and culture of the Nile Valley, treating the reader to very personal glimpses of a vanished world and a fresh perspective on a bewitching civilisation.

## Thermopylae

Paul CARTLEDGE

352pp Pb \$24.95 Cartledge re-examines a crucial act in one of the greatest dramas in Middle Eastern history: the invasion of Europe from the 'East' by Great King Xerxes of Persia, 150 years before Alexander the Great famously invaded the Asiatic Persian Empire from the European West'. Facing the huge inrushing Persian army at the narrow pass at Thermopylae were a few thousand Greeks; at their head, King Leonidas

and his 300 chosen champions from the militaristic state of Sparta, who inspired the rest by fighting courageously to the death. The battle of

Thermopylae - which means hot gates - was at its broadest a clash of civilisations, one that momentously helped shape the identity of Classical Greece and hence the nature of our own cultural heritage. Due Oct

## Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic Age

Peter GREEN

272pp Pb \$35.00

The book begins with the personality and achievements of Alexander the Great, and continues with the military and political violence of the successor-kingdoms that fought over his inheritance. This era saw many important developments: a shift from the oral to the written; a move from the public to the private and a new individualist ethos; a huge growth in slavery and therefore a glut of slavelabour which destroyed the incentive to innovate; a growing gap between rich and poor and a growing taste for luxury. Due Oct



## The Day of the Barbarians The First Battle in the fall of Rome

Alessandro BARBERO

192pp Hb \$39.95 On 9 August 378 AD, the Roman Empire began to fall. Two years earlier, a flood of refugees from the tribe of the Goths had arrived at the Empire's eastern border, seeking admittance. As the group swelled into an army, the Roman authorities struggled to hold them back until, finally, the horde charged and the battle of Adranopolis took place. The Roman army suffered its most disastrous defeat since Hannibal's victory over them almost 600 years earlier. Although the Empire would not fall for another century, the battle signalled nothing less than the end of the ancient world and the beginning of the Middle Ages. Due Oct

## The Complete Pompeii

## Joanne BERRY

256pp Hb \$75.00

Pompeii is the best known and probably the most important archaeological site in the world. The drama of its destruction has been handed down to us by Roman writers, its paintings and mosaics have astonished visitors since their discovery in the 18th century, and its houses and public buildings to this day present a vivid picture of life, disaster and death in a Roman town. With its lavish illustrations, numerous box features and reams of information, this book is the ultimate

resource and inspirational guide to this magnificent ancient site, visited by millions each year.

### Charles I A Political Life Richard CRUST



Charles I was a complex man whose career intersected with some of the most dramatic events in English history. He played a central role in provoking the English Civil War, and his execution led to the only republican government Britain has ever known. Historians have struggled to get him into perspective,



veering between outright condemnation and measured sympathy. Crust shows that Charles I was not 'unfit to be a king', emphasising his strengths as a party leader and politician, but concludes that, nonetheless, his prejudices and attitudes, and his mishandling of political crises, did much to bring about a civil war in Britain. He argues that ultimately, after the war, Charles pushed his enemies into a position where they had little choice but to execute him.

### **Bright Young People** The Rise and Fall of a Generation 1918-1940

**D J TAYLOR** 

336pp Hb \$75.00

"The Bright Young People" were one of the most extraordinary youth cults in British history. A pleasure-seeking band of bohemian party-givers and blue-blooded socialites, they romped through the 1920s gossip columns. Evelyn Waugh dramatised their antics in Vile Bodies and many of them, such as Anthony Powell, Nancy Mitford, Cecil



Beaton and John Betjeman, later became household names. Their dealings with the media foreshadowed our modern celebrity culture and even today we can detect their influence in our cultural life. But the quest for pleasure came at a price. Beneath the parties and practical jokes was a tormented generation, brought up in the shadow of war, whose relationships - with their parents and with each other - were prone to fracture. For many, their progress through the 'serious' 30s, when the age of parties was over and another war hung over the horizon, led only to drink, drugs and disappointment. Moving from the Great War to the Blitz, this is both a chronicle of England's 'lost generation' of the Jazz Age and a panoramic portrait of a world that could accommodate both dizzying success and paralysing failure. Due Oct

## The Perilous Crown Ruling France 1814-1848

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previously unpublished letters and journals, Price focuses on the amazing political machinations of Madame Adelaide. Mentioned only rarely in other histories of the time, Price restores her to rightful prominence and reveals how her intelligence and behind-the-scenes wrangling secured her brother the throne, thereby creating France's only long-lasting experiment with a constitutional monarchy. Due Oct

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the first sallies in what would be 15 years of bitter fighting. It was a war won at sea, and by the time of Waterloo, Britain had gained control and possessed the foundations of her vast empire. Brought vividly to life through the words and stories of the ordinary people caught up in the conflict, this is a sweeping history of the years of naval warfare that set the balance of power in Europe for the following century. Due Oct



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## History

#### Indian Summer The Mountbattens, Nehru and the Dying Days of the Raj

Alex von TUNZELMANN 460pp Hb \$49.95 The stroke of midnight on 15 August 1947 liberated 400 million Indians from the British Empire. One of the defining moments of world history had been brought about by a tiny number of people, including Jawaharlal Nehru, the fiery prime minister-to-be; Gandhi, the mystical figure who enthralled a nation; and Louis and

Edwina Mountbatten, the glamorous but unlikely couple who had been dispatched to get Britain out of India without delay. Within hours of the midnight chimes, however, the two new nations of India and Pakistan would descend into anarchy and terror. Nehru, Gandhi and the Mountbattens struggled with public and private turmoil while their dreams of freedom and democracy turned to chaos, bloodshed, genocide and war. This book depicts the epic sweep of events that ripped apart the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and reveals the secrets of the most powerful players on the world stage: the Cold War conspiracies, the private deals and the intense and clandestine love affair between the wife of the last viceroy and the first prime minister of free India. With wit, insight and a sharp eye for detail, Tunzelmann relates how a handful of people changed the world forever.

### Towards the Light The Story of the Struggles for Liberty and **Rights that Made the Modern West**

A C GRAYLING 352pp Hb \$49.95 Grayling begins with the often-violent conflicts of the 15th and 16th centuries - involving the likes of Torquemada, Servetus, Zwingli and Castellio - which were sparked by the pursuit of freedom of thought, uncontrolled by the Church and the Inquisition. In time, this drive towards greater independence and individual liberty led to bitter fighting in 17th century Europe, including the Thirty Years



War and the English Civil War. Then, in part arising from the English constitutional settlement of 1688, came the 18th century revolutions in America and France that swept away monarchies in favour of more representative forms of government. These in turn made possible the abolition of slavery, and later, rights for working men and women, universal education, the enfranchisement of women, and the idea of universal human rights and freedoms. Each of these struggles was a memorable human drama and Grayling skilfully interweaves the stories of celebrated and little-known heroes alike, including Martin Luther, John Locke, Mary Wollstonecraft, John Stuart Mill, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Rosa Parks, whose bus protest became the catalyst of the US civil rights movement.

## Karzai

#### The Failing American Intervention and the Struggle for Afghanistan Nick B MILLS

256pp Hb \$35.95

This book tells the untold story of Hamid Karzai's dramatic rise to the presidency of Afghanistan and the problems he and his country face. In 2004, Karzai was elected president in Afghanistan's first ever democratic election. Today, criticised for indecisiveness and targeted for assassination by extremists, Karzai struggles to build



on the country's modest, post-Taliban achievements before civil unrest undermines his government. Mills draws on his in-depth knowledge of Afghanistan and months of exclusive personal interviews with the charismatic Karzai to offer a unique and intimate portrait of the man, his life, his leadership and his country's difficulties. Due Oct

### Churchill's Cigar Stephen McGINTY

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During the Second World War, Churchill's cigar was such an important beacon of resistance that MI5, together with the nation's top scientists, tested the Prime Minister's supplies on mice rather than risk sabotage. Today Winston Churchill and his cigar remains a global icon, memorialised by a 107-foot statue of a cigar in Australia, while his cigar stubs are treasured as relics. Using original archival research and exclusive interviews

with Churchill's staff, McGinty, explores Churchill's passion for cigars and the solace they brought. He also examines Churchill's lasting friendship with Antonio Giraudier, the Cuban businessman who for 20 years stocked Churchill's humidor, before fleeing Castro's revolution. Due Oct

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ancient Roman law that made it legal to break wind at banquets; the name of the defunct medieval pope whose putrefying corpse was subjected to the humiliation of a trial before a court of law; the identity of the priapic monarch who sired more bastards than any other king of England; and, last but not least, the date of the demise in London of the first goat to have circumnavigated the globe - twice! This book offers rich pickings for the browser, and entertainment and inspiration aplenty for those who have grown weary of more conventional works of history. Due Oct

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### Liberty The Lives and Times of Six Women in Revolutionary France

Lucy MOORE 352pp Pb \$25.00 Germaine de Stael was an intellectual and an aristocrat, equally obsessed by politics and love affairs, who is said to have helped write the 1791 Constitution. Her fellow salonniere, Mme Roland, was a bourgeois housewife who became a fervent and influential revolutionary, until Robespierre's regime sent her to the guillotine. While female intellectuals sipped wine in their salons, their



working class counterparts patrolled the streets of Paris with pistols in their belts. Theroigne de Mericourt was an ill-treated mistress when she fell in love with revolutionary ideals and became an ardent anti-royalist until a mob beating by 'sans-culottes' ended her activism. The mob in question was made up of members of the Society of Revolutionary Republican Women, whose founder, Pauline Leon, agitated for women's rights. Then came the 'sans-chemises' the glamorous (often skimpily clad) merveilleuses. Decadent Theresia Tallien combined sexual license with the secular amorality of the new Republic and reportedly helped engineer Robespierre's downfall. Moore reanimates these witty salonnieres, fervent citoyennes and glittering merveilleuses to illuminate the brief, hopeful period in which the Revolution seemed to offer them the freedom they craved - and the ways in which it failed. Due Oct

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of the "sinister nation" wows the most jaded righty - Isaac Newton and Henry Ford; Alexander the Great, Joan of Arc and Napoleon; Jimi Hendrix and Paul McCartney. By exploring the defining character traits of these and other famous lefties, we uncover what the world can learn by viewing life from another angle.

## Tools of War

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murderous bomb attacks in our cities. Hobsbawm discusses war and peace in our lifetime, problems of public order, anarchy and terrorism,

nationalism and the changing nature of the nation-state, and the future prospects for democracy, setting out the historical background and the lessons it can offer us. Above all, he turns his piercing gaze to the Middle East and Western imperialism. Engaging, erudite and demonstrating his characteristically firm grasp of the facts and statistics, his essays are indispensable to our understanding of the world we live in.

## No, Prime Minister **Reclaiming Politics from Leaders**

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## From the Academic Presses

In March 1988, during the Iran-Irag war, thousands were killed in a chemical attack in a remote town in Iragi Kurdistan. A Poisonous Affair (352pp Hb \$49.95) by Joost Hiltermann tells the story of the gassing of Halabja. It shows how Iraq was able to develop ever more sophisticated chemical weapons and target Iranian soldiers and Kurdish villagers, as America looked the other way. Today, as Iraq disintegrates and the Middle East sinks further into turmoil, these policies are coming back to haunt America and the West.

### Henry Kissinger and the American Century

(358pp Hb \$56) by Jeremi Suri provides a thought-provoking study of one of the most influential and controversial political figures of the 20th century. He analyses the sources of Kissinger's ideas and explains why he pursued the policies he did, as well as looking at the legacies of Kissinger's policies for the US in the 21st century.



Michael Ferber's A Dictionary of Literary Symbols (262pp Pb \$49.95), second edition, is

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The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Religion (896pp

Hb \$240) edited by Chad Meister and Paul Copan is an indispensable guide and reference source to the major themes, movements, debates and topics in philosophy of religion. A team of renowned international contributors provide 65 accessible entries. Covering the key world religions and key figures such as Augustine, Aguinas and Kierkegaard, the book explores the central topics in theism, such as the ontological, cosmological and teleological arguments for God's existence.



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In Muhammad: Islam's First Great General (252pp Hb \$49.95),

Richard Gabriel shows us a warrior never before seen in antiquity, a leader of an all-new religious movement who, in a single decade, fought eight major battles, led 18 raids and planned 38 other military operations. Gabriel's study portrays Muhammad as a revolutionary who introduced military innovations that transformed armies and warfare throughout the Arab world. Dave



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generations of artists, poets and writers. Some will forever be associated with the pivotal moments in our history; some have simply offered shelter from the sun; others have provided the wood that was at the foundation of European settlement. But regardless of their roles, they have all played a part in forming our heritage. The ancient, the young, those teetering on the brink of death, the tallest, the endangered - they all have stories to tell. Beale takes us on a journey back in time, across the vastness of this unique continent and towards a future that will continue to be witnessed by our silent sentinels, hopefully for many years to come!

### In Search of Superstrings Symmetry, Membranes and the Theory of Everything

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## America in Space **NASA's First Fifty Years**

Steven J DICK et al (Eds) Foreword by

**Neil ARMSTRONG** 352pp Hb \$75.00 Scientists and adventurers dreamed about the exploration of space and designed rockets and vehicles to make it possible, but the real space age began on 4 October 1957 when the Soviet Union launched the Sputnik satellite. Until then, America's space exploration had been entrusted to the military, but after Sputnik the



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## A Light History of Hot Air

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Peter DOHERTY This is a wide-ranging meditation on the theme of heat and heating. From the hot air of language to the hot air that gives us steam trains, the Red Baron, fridges and illumination, this book will delight readers who enjoyed Bryson's A Short History of Almost Everything (Pb \$27.95). Part 'Boy's Own' adventure and part memoir, it does nevertheless remind us that hot air - as in global warming - can have serious repercussions. Due Oct

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Catholic Church as near inevitable, White draws on evidence recently discovered in the Vatican archives to question the accepted reasons for his trial. In doing so, he shows why Galileo became such a contentious figure, so contentious in fact that, centuries later, the Pope, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, felt driven to declare the process against the father of science as 'reasonable and just'.

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strategies; massive incentives to develop alternative fuel technologies; and a ground-breaking public awareness strategy to redirect consumers and policymakers to embrace fundamental (though essentially painless) change in consumption patterns.



## Briefly noted...

If August's spectacular total lunar eclipse made you want to look more closely at the Moon, then the second edition of Gerald North's Observing the Moon (408pp Hb \$75) is the book for you. It provides extensive practical advice and sophisticated background knowledge of the Moon and lunar observation, with information on the latest developments in lunar imaging techniques, and choosing and using a telescope

In Moral Minds (489pp Pb \$34), Marc

Hauser argues that humans have evolved a universal moral instinct, unconsciously propelling us to deliver judgements of right and wrong independent of gender, education and religion. This revolutionary book shows that the common belief that we reach moral decisions by consciously reasoning from principled explanations of what society determines is right or wrong is illusory.

In Life at the Limits (307pp Pb \$49.95), David Wharton takes the reader on a tour of extreme environments and shows us the remarkable abilities of organisms to survive a range of extreme conditions, such as high and low temperatures, and desiccation. The book considers how organisms survive major stresses and what extreme organisms can tell us about the origins of life and the possibilities of extraterrestrial life.



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Seeking Sustainability in an Age of Complexity (366pp Pb \$79.95) explains the difficulties of sustainability and why 'collapse' can occur. In the last 20 years, the theory of complexity has been developed and complex systems science (CSS) speaks to natural systems and particularly to ecological, social and economic systems and their interaction. Due to the growing concern over the huge changes occurring in the global environment, such as climate change, deforestation, habitat fragmentation and loss of biodiversity, Graham Harris sets out what has been learned in an attempt to understand the implications of these changes and suggest a way forward.

The fully revised second edition of Understanding Probability (442pp Pb \$69.95) by Henk Tijms demystifies the law of large numbers, betting systems, random walks, the bootstrap, rare events, the central limit theorem, the Bayesian approach and more. This second edition has wider coverage, more explanations and examples and exercises, and a new chapter introducing Markov chains, making it a great choice for a first probability course. Its easygoing style makes it just as valuable if you want to learn about the subject on your own. High school algebra is all the mathematical background you need

Fueling Our Future: An Introduction to Sustainable Energy (192pp Pb \$59.95) by Robert Evans provides a concise overview of current energy demand and supply patterns. It presents a balanced view of how our reliance on fossil fuels can be changed over time so we have a much more sustainable energy system in the near future. Written in a non-technical and accessible style, this book will appeal to a wide range of readers without scientific backgrounds.

Anne Karpf's The Human Voice (399pp Pb \$24.95) establishes a sense of the importance of the human voice, thoroughly investigating its physiological, social, psychological, emotional and cultural history and significance. The book follows the story of the voice from the role it plays in bonding mothers and babies, to the evocative power of famous voices, to the fears that modern technology may send the voice into decline. It gives a great insight into communication and human life



**Great Barrier Reel** 

The Geomorphology of the Great Barrier Reef (532pp Hb \$250) by David Hopley et al reviews the history of geomorphological studies

of the Great Barrier Reef and assesses the influences of sea-level change and oceanographic processes on the development of reefs over the last 10,000 years. It presents analyses of recently obtained data from the Great Barrier Reef and reconstructions of the sequence of events that has led to its current geomorphology. Dave



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## Fundamentalism

Mark EDMUNDSON

288pp Hb \$59.95 When Hitler invaded Vienna in the winter of 1938, Sigmund Freud, old and desperately ill, was among the city's 175,000 Jews dreading Nazi occupation. For their part, the Nazis hated



called his "soul-destroying glorification of the instinctual life". In this dramatic narrative, Edmundson traces the oddly converging lives of Hitler and Freud, focusing especially on Freud's last two years. This was the period during which, with the help of Marie Bonaparte, he was at last rescued from Vienna and brought safely to London, where he was honoured and feted as he never had been during his long, controversial life. Staring down certain death, Freud - in typical fashion - did not enjoy his fame. Instead, he wrote his most provocative book yet, Moses and Monotheism (Pb \$37.95), in which he debunked all monotheistic religions and questioned the legacy of the great Jewish leader, Moses. Edmundson probes Freud's ideas about secular death and the rise of fascism and fundamentalism, and he finally grapples with the post-Freudian demise of psychoanalysis up to the present day, when religious fundamentalism is once again shaping world events. Due Oct

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## The Root of All Evil?

Richard DAWKINS

This is the companion DVD to the hugely successful The God Delusion (Pb \$35). This two-part documentary looks at the monotheistic religions of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Part 1 asks the question of how we can claim to live in a rational society when our religion requires us to accept it without question. Part 2 examines what happens when our children have religious teaching forced upon them. A confronting and compelling look at religion.

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Phillip ADAMS

Tp \$32.95 Adams says he stopped believing in God at the age of six. At 68, he has gathered the best of his essays on God and godlessness into this bible-banging, irreverent book. He takes up where his 1985 book, Adams v God, left off, and brings us right up to date. From politics to prostitution, from the deep North of Queensland to the deep South of the USA, from Shiites to Jehovah's witnesses,



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Adams pulls no punches about the fictions of the faithful. For Adams, "God is a word given to absence... of information, of comprehension, of answers. The idea of God grows in the way a balloon grows, a membrane inflated by ignorance." Adams exposes the dangerous links between religion and politics, and the dogmatism of ideologies as a cause for conflict in the world.

### The Language of God A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief Francis COLLINS

304pp Tp \$29.95 Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, is one of the world's leading scientists. He works at the cutting edge of the study of DNA, the code of life. Yet he is also a man of unshakable faith in God and scripture. He believes that faith in God and faith in science can coexist within a person and be harmonious. In this book, he makes his case for God and for science. He has heard every argument against faith from scientists, and he can refute

them. He has also heard the needless rejection of scientific truths by some people of faith, and he can counter that, too. He explains his own journey from atheism to faith, and then takes readers on a stunning tour of modern science to show that physics, chemistry and biology can all fit together with belief in God and the Bible.

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## Giving

#### How each of us can Change the World **BIII CLINTON** 256pp Tp \$39.95

Here, from ex-president Bill Clinton, is a call to action. This is an inspiring look at how each of us can change the world. First, it reveals the extraordinary and innovative efforts now being made by companies, organisations and individuals to solve problems and save lives both "down the street and around the world." Then it urges us to seek out what each of us, "regardless of

income, available time, age and skills", can do to help, to give people a chance to live out their dreams. Clinton shares his own experiences and those of other givers, representing a global flood tide of non-governmental, non-

profit activity. These remarkable stories demonstrate that gifts of time, skills, things and ideas are as important and effective as contributions of money. From Bill and Melinda Gates to a six-year-old California girl named McKenzie Steiner, who organised and supervised drives to clean up the beach in her community, Clinton introduces us to both well-known and unknown heroes of giving.



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## News from Eve Abbey

If you've been reading the financial and literary gossip pages lately, you will have heard about the letter sent by a famous bookselling chain to all its suppliers asking them for payment for their books to be stocked in the bookshops. Of course, this led to much ire about the quantity and quality of books that are likely to be available in such shops.

So I started thinking about the range of books here at Abbey's, where backlist has always been so important. In fact, if we sell two copies of a book in one year, we consider reordering it. Such a policy would be heresy in a supermarket! But it has meant that people come to Abbey's when they're looking for something unusual or hard-to-get.

Before a new book becomes backlist, it spends about two months in New Titles. In early September, I decided to count the number of titles in our various New Titles sections:

Non-Fiction	572
Fiction (incl Historical Fiction)	162
Crime	340
Children's	259
Science	95
Travel	49
Cookery	43
Biography	84
Biography - Australian	30
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That's a lot of New Titles! And these figures are just for Abbey's, not including Language Book Centre and Galaxy Bookshop. In addition, many non-fiction titles arrive at Abbey's as 'singles' and don't even get into New Titles. So if you want to know what's new in the world of books, it's certainly worth having a browse at Abbey's. Plenty of choice here and lots of intellectual stimulation.

If you can't call in and indulge yourself, you can look specifically for New Titles on our website at www.abbeys.com.au. If you click on any of the Categories on the home page, you can then ask for New Arrivals for various time periods, from Last 7 Days to Last 12 Months. We get lots of happy comments from web customers who are amazed how quickly their books turn up. This is partly because our site shows only books that are, or have recently been, in stock, not the thousands of other titles that we can order in especially for you. But our speedy delivery is mainly because we commit to ship the same day for all instock books ordered prior to 3pm.

Bill Bryson's contribution to the Eminent Lives series (small biographies of famous people by popular modern writers) is Shakespeare: The World as a Stage (\$30 Hb). This is a little gem. His natural curiosity, with his frank and racy style, makes this a book that should be in every high school library. Anyone with the least interest in Shakespeare will enjoy it. Apart from indulging himself enjoying words and some of the countless quotations that are now part of everyday language, he also includes anecdotes of that time, describes the conditions of life and work, and brings Shakespeare to life like no other. In a similar vein, we have Germaine Greer's latest polemic, Shakespeare's Wife: The Life and Times of Ann Hathaway (\$35 Pb). How refreshing to have someone look at the possibility that Will's wife was an asset, rather than a drag. We have a Shakespeare Studies section with lots of earnest, scholarly books - most of them good - but choose these as well. Of course, there are various books setting out the claim that Shakespeare was someone else, ranging from Bacon to Marlowe. Edward de Vere Earl of Oxford is the candidate in Mark Anderson's Shakespeare





by Another Name (\$29.95 Pb), while Sir Henry Nevill gets the chance in The Truth Will Out: Unmasking the Real Shakespeare by Brenda James & William Rubinsten (\$29.95 Pb 360pp incl index). Chris Scott says too bad... so it seems Shakespeare was an ordinary fellow after all, despite the efforts to make him a member of the aristocracy. Other titles from this section include The Shakespeare Glossary by C T Onions (\$80 Pb 342pp) revised in 1986 from the original 1919 edition, and the very latest from Yale University Press, Shakespeare the Thinker by A D Nuttall (\$59.95 Hb 432pp). In addition to previous editions of the Complete Works, we now have a glorious new edition sponsored by the Royal Shakespeare: The Complete Works (\$95 Hb 2,576 very elegant pages). The big news is that we also have a Collector's Edition of this book, bound in leather in a slipcase (\$385). We haven't been able to get leather-bound books for several years now, so with Christmas coming up, be quick to claim this one.

Peter Milne tells me that a visiting British publisher was full of praise for our Shakespeare Studies section. Not only the latest titles, but all the backlist as well. For instance, you can choose one of the many *Cambridge Companions*, such as to **Shakespeare**, or **Shakespearean Tragedy** or **Shakespearean Comedy** or **Shakespeare** on **Film** or **Shakespeare's Poetry**. (All Pb, mostly \$49.95). Which reminds me that at the top of Literary Criticism, you can choose any of the famous *Cambridge Companions*. There are over 70 titles ranging from W H Auden to William Butler Yeats. (Pb, mostly \$49.95). 'Literary Criticism - General' is arranged first by author, followed by a section <u>about</u> various authors (arranged by the author being discussed).

I was beginning to think linguist David Crystal was another Isaac Asimov, with a large team of researchers fossicking around for material for him. We have 45 titles on our database that are written by, or edited by, David Crystal, most of them in Linguistics. However, his latest book, **By Hook or By Crook: A Journey in Search of English** (\$30 Pb 312pp incl index) is personal, idiosyncratic and charming. He seems to have written this as he went about his various other commitments throughout England, taking an interest in a word that pops up as he goes by, whether it be a forgotten



battlefield, the name of his pub, or the dialect of the man who towed his car. A good bedside book.

Harry Potter has been in the news again, so a reminder that Language Book Centre has these books in over 30 languages, from Ancient Greek to Welsh to simplified Chinese! If you visit www.languagebooks.com.au (or click the link at the top of Abbey's home page), you'll see a box that leads you directly to these titles.

There are some new arrivals in our Latin section, such as Dr Seuss' **Cattus Petasatus** (\$43 Pb 75pp incl glossary and notes on rhythm), and some CDs of Christmas carols in Latin called **O Abies** (\$39.95), or **Carmina Popularia: Well Known Songs in Latin** (\$39.95 CD). Also a book of popular and Christmas songs in Latin, including Gregorian Chants, called Latine **Cantemus** (\$39.95 Pb 135pp).

Daughter Jane, home visiting from her work with the Karen Women's Organisation on the Thai Burma Border, was watching a nice thriller last week called *Twilight* starring Paul Newman and Gene Hackman. We liked it very much because the narrator sounded just like Lew Archer, the private detective in Ross MacDonald's books, and we wondered when it was made. My copy of Halliwell's only goes up to 1992, so I checked the latest edition in the shop. Heavens above! The latest **Halliwell's Guide to Film, Video and DVD 2007** (Pb \$60) is HUGE! It has 1,368 pages of plots, stars, dates, directors and other information, including *Academy Awards* listed by years. It probably won't fit on your bookshelf, but nonetheless it's a reference book worth having. But remember not to throw out your old one! By the way, two of Ross MacDonald's titles have been reissued, **Ivory Grin** and **The Way Some People Die** (both Tp \$28). If you haven't already joined the club of MacDonald fans, you should try these.

It's official - the Australian Society of Authors will administer a new literary award in honour of Barbara Jefferis. Barbara was one of the guests at our very first Zonta 'Meet the Author' Event in 1982 in Henry Lawson's Bookshop. The prize will be a generous \$35,000 for a novel that "depicts women and girls in a positive way". Both male and female authors are eligible. Details from www.asauthors.org.

Our 24th Annual Zonta 'Meet the Author' Event will be held on Wednesday 28 November at Abbey's from 6pm to 8pm. The \$5 entry fee, plus 10% of sales on the night, goes to their Service Project for the year. We expect Michael Wilding, Malcolm Knox and Lucinda Holdforth, author of **Why Manners Matter: The Case for Civilized Behaviour in a Barbarous World** (Hb \$29.95), together with Dr Ivor Indyk and Dr Evelyn Juers from Giramondo Publishing, publishers of this year's winner of the *Miles Franklin Award*, Alexis Wright's **Carpentaria** (Tp \$29.95). If Alexis is in Sydney in November, she will also attend and if Chester Porter is back from his latest forensic conference in Melbourne, he will also come.

And I see Henry Lawson's Bookshop, our exercise in Vanity Bookselling, gets a mention in a new one-night lecture about Vanished Sydney Bookshops at the WEA on 19 October.

David tells me that last week we redeemed an Abbey's gift voucher that had been issued over 20 years ago! It looked like the customer had used it for all those years as a bookmark. Nice to know that Abbey's is still here and able to honour it. I'm proud to say that 2008 marks our 40th Anniversary. We look forward to celebrating that with you next year. More on that soon.

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