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Abbey's Turns 40

A Continuing Retrospective - Part 10

This is the last instalment of our historical memories of forty years of bookselling in Sydney. Peter Milne suggested I mention a few of the many interesting events and book launches we have held in the shop over the years. Peter will have mentioned some of the big crime events, I hope including P D James, when so many people turned up we needed to invest in a sound system so everyone could hear! The busiest time was during our 25th birthday in 1993 when we had a series of lunchtime and early evening seminars arranged for us by Dulcie Stretton. There were twenty-six authors involved, including Rodney Hall, Kel Richards, Marele Day, Vikram Seth, Joanna Trollope, James Gleick, Colin Wilson and Carol Shields. When Peter Carey won the *Booker Prize* for *Oscar and Lucinda*, he came here and sat on the steps leading up to Language Book Centre and took part in a lively conversation with Elizabeth Riddell, who was probably better known as a journalist, but was also a highly regarded poet.



Peter Carey and Eve in 1988, the year *Oscar & Lucinda* won the Booker Prize

Neville Wran came to launch a book by that rare thing, a Labor MP for Manly. Justice Michael Kirby, a man who loves words, came to launch a new edition of *The Chambers English Dictionary*. Richard Dawkins came. Charles Birch came when he won the *Templeton Prize* in 1995. Gerard Henderson, Tim Bowden, Tim Flannery, David Ireland, Anne Deveson, Stephanie Dowrick and Maggie Alderton all came. Even Gough and Margaret Whitlam came. Paul Barry came to sign copies of *Going for Broke*.



Richard Dawkins

It is fun being a bookseller in Sydney. All sorts of interesting people come through our doors. They meet their friends here and check out what's new in the world of books. And with over two hundred metres of shelves displaying New Titles, there is always a great temptation to buy another good book!

Eve Abbey



The Oxford English Dictionary

2nd Edition

20-volume set (usually \$2,500)

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To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of the OED, the price has been dramatically reduced for a limited time. This is the lowest price it has ever been, so if you've always wanted to own all 20 volumes and 22,000 pages of this magnificent dictionary, here is your chance! The books plus CD-ROM bundle is great value if you have a computer. Not only does the CD-ROM incorporate words that didn't make it into the printed volumes, it features powerful search capabilities that allow you to explore the dictionary in ways not possible with books. It can also be loaded onto your computer, so if you have a laptop, you can take the world's greatest dictionary anywhere you go. Two things you need to know about the CD-ROM are: it is only available for PC (no Mac version) and it is only licensed for a single-user (so you can't use it on a network). *Due Oct*

The Garnaut Climate Change Review

Ross GARNAUT

Pb \$79.95

In 2007, all of the governments within Australia's federation commissioned Professor Ross Garnaut to examine the impact of climate change on the Australian economy and to recommend medium- to long-term policies and policy frameworks to improve the prospects of sustainable prosperity. In this work, Garnaut warns that Australians must act now in order to reduce the potentially catastrophic effects of global climate change. He argues there is just one chance for Australia and the world to develop a position that strikes the balance between the costs of dangerous climate change and the costs of mitigation. This is one of the most important reports to be published in Australia for many years. It examines the impact of climate change on the Australian economy, the costs of adaptation and mitigation, and the international context in which climate change is experienced and negotiated. It is widely regarded as Australia's equivalent of the *Stern Review* (Pb \$75). *Due Oct*



Buy this book and get 40% off any of the Oxford Australian Dictionaries or Thesauruses listed on page 8

Speaking Our Language

The Story of Australian English

Bruce MOORE

260pp Pb \$29.95

For the first time, this is the full story of Australian English, written for people who want to know where Australian English came from, what the forces were that moulded it, why it takes its present form and where it is going. The subtitle derives in part from the chronological story that the book traces: the story begins with Joseph Banks and Captain James Cook in 1770 and continues to the present day, when Australian English is firmly established as the natural and national language of Australia. It is a 'story' in another sense as well: the story of the development of Australian English is inextricably intertwined with the stories of Australian history and culture, and of the development of Australian identity. *Due Oct*



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Sydneysider Steve Toltz makes Man Booker shortlist, plus Prime Minister's Literary Award winners, page 3.

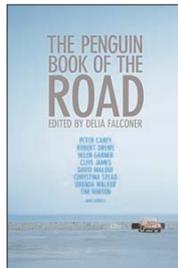
Labour Day
Monday 6 Oct
Open 10am - 5pm

The Penguin Book of the Road

Delia FALCONER (Ed) 390pp Pb \$35.00

Australia is a nation of drivers. We spend thousands of hours behind the wheel - on fast highways, lonely bush tracks, jammed city lanes and suburban streets. The road is the place where the great dramas of our lives unfold, the route to our greatest pleasures as well as our worst nightmares. It is sexy, dangerous and unnerving. In this landmark collection, acclaimed novelist and essayist Delia Falconer brings together some of our very best writing on every aspect of the road. From the classic to the modern, from the outback to the beach, this is an entertaining ride into the heart of Australia.

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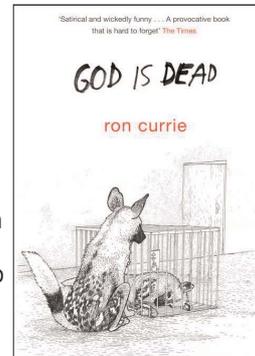


God is Dead

Ron CURRIE

192pp Pb \$23.00

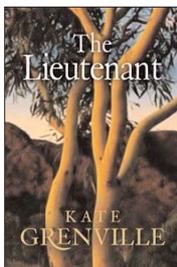
When God comes to earth disguised as a Sudanese woman and is subsequently killed, the ramifications are felt throughout the world. This remarkable debut is a collection of stories linked by the concept of a godless world, and it is dark, funny and biting satirical. The stories vary in subject and style - from teenagers locked in a suicide pack, to dogs speaking a mixture of Hebrew and Greek after they've feasted on the corpse of the creator, to children becoming the subject of worship in America. Currie has the ability to be both outrageously absurd and acutely observant. This is challenging and original fiction at its best. *Due Oct Greg*



The Lieutenant

Kate GRENVILLE 320pp Hb \$45.00

In 1787, Lieutenant Thomas Rooke sets sail from Portsmouth with the First Fleet and its cargo of convicts, destined for New South Wales. As a young officer and a man of science, the shy and quiet Rooke is full of anticipation about the natural wonders he will discover in this strange land on the other side of the world. After the fleet arrives in Port Jackson, he sets up camp on a rocky, isolated point and starts his work of astronomy and navigation. It's not too long before some of the Aboriginal people who live around the harbour pay him a visit. One of them, a girl named Tarunga, starts to teach him her own language. But her lessons and their friendship are interrupted when Rooke is given an order that will change his life forever. *Due Oct*



The Comfort of Saturdays

Sunday Philosophy Club #5

Alexander McCall SMITH

256pp Tp \$33.00

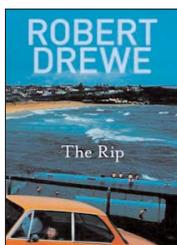
Isabel Dalhousie is a new mother and a connoisseur of philosophy; she'd rather not be a sleuth. But when a chance conversation at a dinner party draws her into the case of a doctor whose career has been ruined, she cannot ignore what may be a miscarriage of justice. Because for Isabel, ethics are not theoretical at all, but an everyday matter of life and death. As she attempts to unravel the truth behind Dr Thompson's disgrace, her patient intelligence is also required to deal with challenges in her own life. There is her baby son Charlie; Cat's deli to look after, not to mention her vulnerable assistant Eddie; and a mysterious and unlikeable composer who has latched on to Jamie, making Isabel fear for the future of her new family. She treads a difficult path between trust and gullibility, philanthropy and interference, while keeping in her sights the small but certain comforts of family, philosophy and a fine Saturday morning. *Due Oct*



The Rip

Robert DREWE 230pp Hb \$35.00

Drewe returns to the short-story territory he has made his own. Set against a backdrop of the Australian coast - as randomly and imminently violent as it is beautiful - this collection reveals the fragility of relationships between husbands and wives, children and parents, friends and lovers. You will find yourself set down in a modern Garden of Eden with a disgraced Adam seeking his Eve; sharing the fears of a small boy in a coastal classroom as a tsunami approaches; in an English prison cell with an Australian surfer on drug charges; watching an American film scout confront his masculinity on a Pacific island; and witnessing a middle-aged farmer contemplating murdering the hippie who stole his wife. Written in a variety of moods, always compassionate, wry and razor-sharp, these dazzling stories are crafted with all the weight and resonance of Drewe's longer fiction, as well as the incisive wit, passion and pathos of his Australian classic, *The Bodysurfers* (Pb \$24.95). *Due Oct*

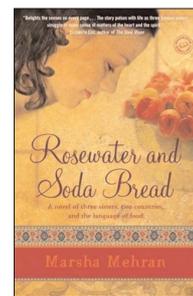


Rosewater and Soda Bread

Marsha MEHRAN

304pp Pb \$28.00

This delightful novel from the internationally bestselling author of *Pomegranate Soup* (Pb \$23) follows the heart-warming adventures of three Iranian sisters in a tiny Irish village. A year ago, the beautiful Aminpour sisters, Marjan, Bahar and Layla, sought refuge in Ballinacraugh, winning over the townsfolk with their café, serving delectable Persian cuisine. A mysterious young girl has literally washed onto Ballinacraugh's shores. She won't talk, but it soon becomes apparent that she has a dark secret that alienates much of the strict Catholic town. But the girl has a distinct impact on the sisters, particularly as each sister goes through her own transformation - Marjan trying to love again, Bahar taking on a new religious commitment, and Layla maturing into a young woman. Mehran infuses this new tale with mouth-watering recipes, charming details of life in Ireland and, above all, the lyrical warmth that the Aminpour family radiates to the whole of Ballinacraugh. *Due Oct*



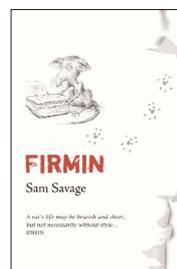
Firmin

Adventures of a Metropolitan Lowlife

Sam SAVAGE

192pp Hb \$27.00

This is a novel told through the voice of a rat. Firmin is born in the basement of a ramshackle old bookstore, but he is the runt of the litter, so is forced to compete for food and ends up chewing on the books that surround him. Firmin soon realises his source of nourishment has endowed him with the ability to read! This discovery fills him with an insatiable hunger for literature and a very un-ratlike sense of the world and his place in it. As he navigates the shadowy streets of his decaying area, looking for understanding, his excitement, loneliness, fear and self-consciousness become remarkably human and undeniably touching. Brilliantly original and richly allegorical, Firmin is brimming with charm and wistful longing for a world that understands the redemptive power of literature and treasures its seedy theatres, one-of-a-kind characters and cluttered bookshops. *Due Oct*

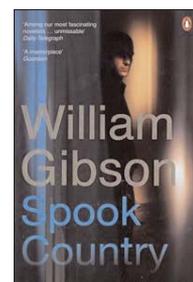


Spook Country

William GIBSON

384pp Pb \$24.95

What happens when old spies come out to play one last game? In New York, a young Cuban called Tito is passing iPods to a mysterious old man. Such activities do not go unnoticed, however, in these early days of the War on Terror; across the city, an ex-military man named Brown is tracking Tito's movements. Meanwhile in LA, journalist Hollis Henry is on the trail of Bobby Chombo, who appears to know too much about military systems for his own good. With Bobby missing and the trail cold, Hollis digs deeper and is drawn into the final moves of a chilling game played out by men with old scores to settle... *Due Oct*

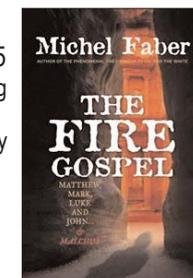


The Fire Gospel

Michael FABER

192pp Pb \$22.95

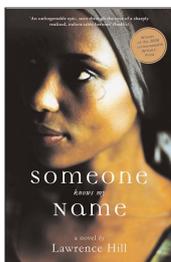
In the aftermath of the first war in Iraq, Theo Griepenkert is visiting the looted museum of Mosul when a bomb explodes outside the building. As Theo seeks shelter, he stumbles across the discovery of a lifetime: nine papyrus scrolls that have lain hidden for 2,000 years. Theo believes he has found the fifth gospel and its significance is extraordinary. It offers a shocking new account of the last days of Christ, calling into question the conventional narrative of events. As Theo sets out to share his discovery with the world, he can scarcely imagine where his journey will take him, or the trials and dangers that lie ahead. *Due Oct*



Someone Knows My Name

Lawrence HILL 512pp Pb \$33.00

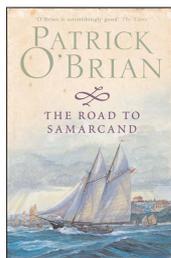
The abolitionists say they have brought me to England to help them change the course of history. Well. We shall see about that. But if I have lived this long, it must be for a reason. Abducted from Africa as a child and enslaved in South Carolina, Aminata Diallo thinks only of freedom and of the knowledge she needs to get home. Sold to an indigo trader who recognises her intelligence, Aminata is torn from her husband and child and thrown into the chaos of the Revolutionary War. In Manhattan, Aminata helps pen the Book of Negroes, a list of blacks rewarded for service to the king with safe passage to Nova Scotia. There Aminata finds a life of hardship and stinging prejudice. When the British abolitionists come looking for 'adventurers' to create a new colony in Sierra Leone, Aminata assists in moving 1,200 Nova Scotians to Africa and aiding the abolitionist cause by revealing the realities of slavery to the British public. This captivating story of one woman's remarkable experience spans six decades and three continents and brings to life a crucial chapter in world history. *Due Oct*



The Road to Samarcand

Patrick O'BRIAN 208pp Pb \$25.00

From the stormy South China Seas to the steppes of Central Asia, this is the gripping story of a young man's adventurous spirit leading him on a journey full of fearsome tribes, great danger, friendship and treasure. When Derrick's missionary parents are tragically murdered, he is entrusted to his gruff uncle Sullivan, Captain aboard the Wanderer. After surviving a killer typhoon on the South China Sea, and meeting up with his elderly and eccentric cousin, they set off across land to discover the treasures of Central Asia. Along the way, Derrick befriends a fierce young Mongol warrior who saves his life, and he helps defeat a ruthless Chinese warlord. Given a gift of priceless jade, the group is pursued into the inhospitable mountains of Tibet, where they are caught between the fierce ascetic mountain monks and a terrifying creature that stalks them through the snow. *Due Oct*

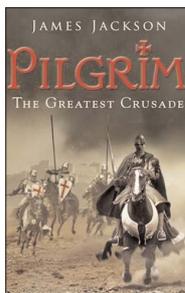


Pilgrim

The Greatest Crusade (#2)

James JACKSON 384pp Tp \$33.00

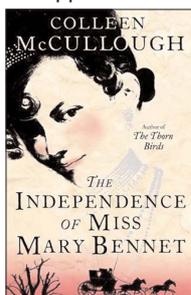
1212. The forces of Christendom are on the march again. There is much to avenge. 25 years ago, the Christian army lay slaughtered on the desolate plain of the Horns of Hattin. Mighty Saladin, ruler of the Moslem world, went on to capture Jerusalem, crush the Crusaders and push back the remnants of the Latin empire to a thin line of threatened coastal forts. The Holy Land seemed lost. But now the Pope has called for crusade. Many take the cross for pilgrimage and battle. Among them is Otto, a young noble heading for the Holy Land in search of his vanished Hospitaller Knight father, and Brother Luke, a mysterious Franciscan on a mission of his own. And then there are the children, tens of thousands of them, pledged to recapture Jerusalem and find the True Cross, the holiest of relics lost to the forces of Islam. But what begins as a religious quest will turn into a harrowing nightmare of hardship and danger.



The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet

Colleen McCULLOUGH 480pp Hb \$50.00

Everyone knows the story of Elizabeth Bennet, who married Mr Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*. But what about Elizabeth's sister Mary? Master storyteller McCullough imagines a life for Mary Bennet 20 years after the events of Jane Austen's novel, when each of Mary's four sisters is settled in her own way. Jane has a happy marriage and a large family; Lizzie and Mr Darcy have a formidable social reputation; Lydia has a reputation of quite another kind; and Kitty is in demand in London's fashionable salons. Mary, however, is a changed woman and newly independent of family obligations. Now she is afire with resolve to publish a book revealing the ills of England and the plight of the poor. But the travels she undertakes to research her book will put her life in danger and ultimately deliver her to the man who inspired her. *Due Oct*



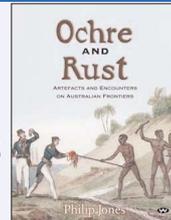
Prime Minister's Literary Awards

**Non-Fiction
Ochre and Rust**

Artefacts and Encounters on Australian Frontiers

Philip JONES 448pp Hb \$49.95

Jones, a curator at the South Australian Museum, takes nine Aboriginal and colonial artefacts from their museum shelves and positions them at the centre of these gripping, poignant tales set in the heart of Australia's frontier zone.



Fiction

The Zookeeper's War

Stephen CONTE 384pp Pb \$28.00

In Berlin, who can you trust? A story of passion and sacrifice in a city battered by war ... It is 1943 and each night in a bomb shelter beneath the Berlin Zoo an Australian woman, Vera, shelters with her German husband, Axel, the zoo's director. Together, they struggle to look after the animals through the air raids and food shortages. When the zoo's staff is drafted into the army, forced labourers are sent in as replacements. At first, Vera finds the idea abhorrent, but gradually she realises that the new workers are the zoo's only hope, and she forms an unlikely bond with one of them.



Man Booker Prize Shortlist 2008

The White Tiger

Aravind ADIGA 336pp Tp \$32.95

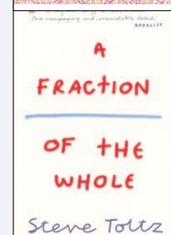
This is a tale of two Indias. Balam's journey from the darkness of village life to the light of entrepreneurial success is utterly amoral, brilliantly irreverent, deeply endearing and altogether unforgettable.



A Fraction of the Whole

Steve TOLTZ 230pp Tp \$35.00

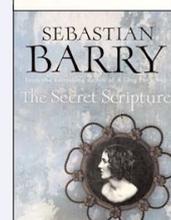
Meet the Deans. After an injury which cut short a golden sporting career, Jasper's uncle became Australia's most beloved murderer. After a lifetime of impossible ideas and a brief stint as the country's saviour, Jasper's father became Australia's most loathed philosopher. This is Jasper's attempt to make sense of it all.



The Secret Scripture

Sebastian BARRY 320pp Tp \$32.95

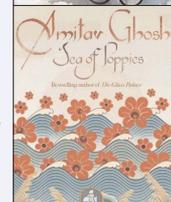
Nearing her 100th birthday, Roseanne McNulty faces an uncertain future as the Roscommon Regional Mental Hospital where she's spent the best part of her adult life prepares for closure.



Sea of Poppies

Amitav GHOSH 480pp Tp \$33.00

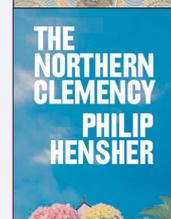
The first part of a projected trilogy, this is set during the Opium Wars when a collection of coolies, convicts and runaways travel on an old slaving ship. The writing is intense and colourful, full of information about that time, with lots of wonderful, unusual words. It has had high praise in reviews. *Eve*



The Northern Clemency

Philip HENSHER 736pp Tp \$35.00

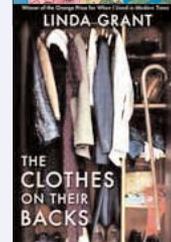
Beginning in 1974 and ending with the fading of Thatcher's government in 1996, this is Hensher's epic portrait of an entire era, a novel concerned with the lives of ordinary people and history on the move.



The Clothes on Their Backs

Linda GRANT 216pp Tp \$33.00

This follows the story of Vivien, a sensitive, bookish girl whose slum landlord uncle, Sandor, is inexplicably unwelcome in her parents' home. Years later, after her husband has died and Sandor has served time in prison, their paths cross, giving Vivien the chance to learn the truth about her family history.



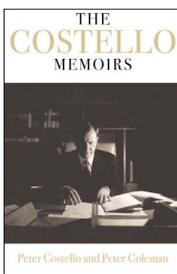
Winner announced 14 October

The Costello Memoirs

Peter COSTELLO & Peter COLEMAN

384pp Hb \$55.00

In his impressive 18-year parliamentary career, Costello was Australia's longest-serving Treasurer. As Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party for more than a decade, he worked with Liberal leaders, including John Howard, Alexander Downer, John Hewson and Andrew Peacock. In his political memoirs, Costello, the fiscal conservative and social progressive, the architect of the GST who eliminated public-sector debt, and who supported a republic and Reconciliation, reflects on more than 30 years of service to the Liberal cause. In a unique literary partnership, Costello collaborates with Peter Coleman, former member of Parliament and editor of *The Bulletin* and *Quadrant* (who also happens to be his father-in-law). No doubt readers will go straight to the index to find the juicy bits about Costello's relationship with John Howard to try to understand why, despite a booming economy, the Liberals suffered a devastating defeat in 2007.

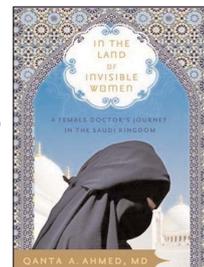


In the Land of Invisible Women A Female Doctor's Journey in the Saudi Kingdom

Qanta AHMED

464pp Pb \$27.95

"In this stunningly written book, a Western-trained Muslim doctor brings alive what it means for a woman to live in the Saudi Kingdom. I've rarely experienced so vividly the shunning and shaming, racism and anti-Semitism, but the surprise is how Dr Ahmed also finds tenderness at the tattered edges of extremism, and a life-changing pilgrimage back to her Muslim faith." - Gail Sheehy

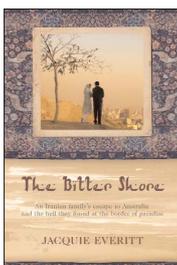


The Bitter Shore

Jacquie EVERITT

Tp \$35.00

To escape religious persecution, Zahra and Saeed Badraie made the heart-breaking decision to leave their home in Iran behind and find a better life for their family elsewhere. The agent they approached to help them flee told the Badraies that there was only one place the people smugglers could take them: Australia, a far-away country, but a generous one that would give them refuge. After suffering the smuggler's lies and deceit, and a voyage across dangerous seas in a small boat, Zahra, Saeed and their son Shayan arrived in Darwin. Instead of the warm welcome they were expecting, the boat's refugees were interred at Woomera Detention Centre. The Badraies found themselves being treated like criminals and surrounded by barbed wire and despair. Zahra and Saeed did the best they could to endure, never giving up hope that the agent's "generous" Australia would release them so they could begin their lives again. But for Shayan, Woomera was unbearable. He witnessed horrific acts and was subjected to appalling treatment. For Shayan, Australia was not freedom, it was irreversible psychological damage and almost certain death. Jacquie Everitt is a vocal campaigner against mandatory detention of refugees and was instrumental in helping the Badraies gain refugee status. Lyrical, moving and shocking, this is her account of the atrocious experiences of the Badraies in Woomera and Villawood, and the court case that took on the Howard government. *Due Oct*



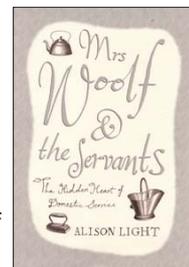
Mrs Woolf & the Servants

The Hidden Heart of Domestic Service

Alison LIGHT

320pp Pb \$26.95

Loathing, anger, shame - and deep affection: Virginia Woolf's relationship with her servants was central to her life. Like thousands of her fellow Britons, she relied on live-in domestics for the most intimate of daily tasks. Her cook and parlour maid relieved her of the burden of housework and without them she might never have become a writer. But unlike many of her contemporaries, Virginia Woolf was frequently tormented by her dependence on servants. Uniquely, she explored her violent, often vicious feelings in her diaries, novels and essays. What, the reader might well wonder, was it like for the servants to live with a mistress who so hated giving orders and who could be generous and hostile by turns? This is a riveting and highly original study of one of Britain's greatest literary modernists. Ultimately, though, it is also a moving and eloquent testimony to the ways in which individual creativity always needs the support of others. *Due Oct*



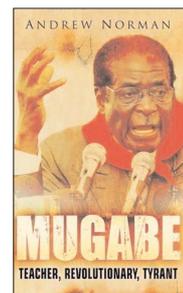
Mugabe

Teacher, Revolutionary, Tyrant

Andrew NORMAN

192pp Pb \$24.95

Robert Gabriel Mugabe, a former teacher and guerrilla leader, swept to power in Zimbabwe on a tide of euphoria in 1980 with the promise of peace, prosperity and racial harmony. He proceeded to preside over the economic ruination of the country, which he himself once described as the Jewel of Africa. In his desperate attempts to create and perpetuate a one-party state, he thwarted the democratic process, used torture against his own people and deliberately obstructed aid organisations when they offered assistance to the persecuted and starving. Andrew Norman provides the necessary background to the tragedy, from Cecil Rhodes to UDI, and examines Mugabe's life prior to 1980 and his years in power. His words and deeds are scrutinised closely and an entirely new theory as to the reasons for his behaviour is proposed (by a doctor of medicine). Some pictures have been secretly smuggled out of the country for the author to include in this volume. *Due Oct*

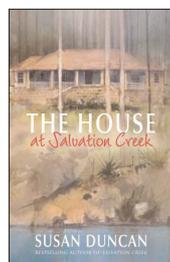


The House at Salvation Creek

Susan DUNCAN

416 Tp \$34.95

Continuing the story of Duncan's bestselling and much-loved memoir, *Salvation Creek* (Pb \$24.95), this picks up after Bob and Susan marry and, two years later, move from her Tin Shed into his "pale yellow house on the high, rough hill", Tarrangaua, built for the iconic Australian poet Dorothea Mackellar. Set against the backdrop of the small, close-knit Pittwater community with its colourful characters and quirky history, this is about what happens when you open the door to life, adventure and love. But it's also about mothers and daughters, as Susan confronts her mother's new frailty and her own role in what has always been a difficult relationship. *Due Oct*

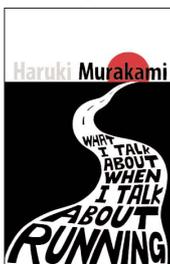


What I Talk About When I Talk About Running

Haruki MURAKAMI

192pp Hb \$29.95

In 1982, having sold his jazz bar to devote himself to writing, Murakami began running to keep fit. A year later, he'd completed a solo course from Athens to Marathon. Now, after dozens of such races, not to mention triathlons and a slew of critically acclaimed books, he reflects upon the influence that running has had on his life and his writing. Equal parts travelogue, training log and reminiscence, this revealing memoir covers his four-month preparation for the 2005 New York City Marathon and settings ranging from Tokyo's Jingu Gaien gardens, where he once shared the course with an Olympian, to the Charles River in Boston, among young women who outpace him. Through this marvellous lens of sport emerges a cornucopia of memories and insights: the eureka moment when he decided to become a writer, his greatest triumphs and disappointments, his passion for vintage LPs and the experience, after 50, of seeing his race times improve and then fall back. By turns funny and sobering, playful and philosophical, this is rich and revealing, both for fans of this masterful yet private writer, and for the exploding population of athletes who find similar satisfaction in distance running. *Due Oct*



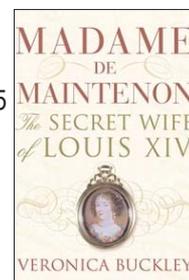
Madame De Maintenon

The Secret Wife of Louis XIV

Veronica BUCKLEY

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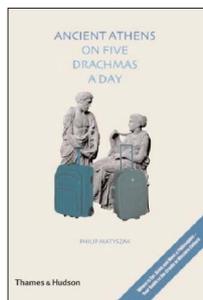
Francoise d'Aubigne was born in a bleak provincial fortress in 1635, her father a condemned murderer and traitor. Yet during her lifetime she managed to make her way from desperate poverty, via the bountiful and treacherous Caribbean islands, to a brilliant salon life in Paris and the centre of power at Versailles. Married at 15 to 42-year-old Paul Scarron, tragically disfigured and scandalously popular poet of the burlesque, Francoise encountered in her husband's famous salon all the brilliant, beautiful, comic and tragic characters of the 17th-century's glitterati. After his death she led the life of a merry widow among her friends in the Marais quarter of Paris, before being chosen by the King's mistress, Athenais de Montespan, as governess for her growing brood of royal bastards. Leaving the pleasures of the Marais behind her, Francoise began a new life at court, first at the genteel palace of Saint-Germain, then at the King's fabulous new folly of Versailles. This is the extraordinary story of Francoise's progress from governess to royal mistress and thence, in secret, to the compromised position of Louis' uncrowned Queen.



Ancient Athens on Five Drachmas a Day

Philip MATYSZAK 160pp Hb \$39.95

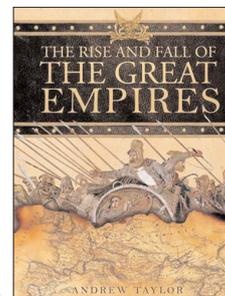
Welcome to Athens in 431 BC! This entertaining guide provides all the information a tourist needs for a journey back in time to ancient Athens at its pinnacle of greatness more than 2,000 years ago. Travel via Thermopylae, the Oracle at Delphi and the site of the epic Battle of Marathon to the city of Athena, goddess of wisdom. Meet Socrates, Thucydides, Phidias and others who are among the greatest philosophers, writers and artists who ever lived. Encounter ordinary Athenians in the marketplace and at the theatre and learn the true character of one of the most extraordinary cities of any age. Of course, ancient Athens was not all art, intellect and politics. This well-researched, yet irreverently un-academic, guide also plunges gleefully into the hedonistic side of Athenian life with wine-sodden symposiums, brothels and brawls, advising the reader to avoid slatternly prostitutes and inns where the beds are infested with bugs, and warning that both torches and an escort are needed to avoid muggers after an evening on the town.



The Rise and Fall of the Great Empires

Andrew TAYLOR 256pp Hb \$45.00

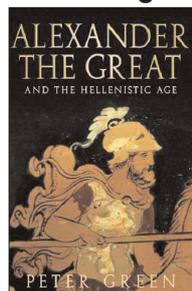
Every age of human history has been dominated by attempts by ethnic and national groups to establish their power and dominance over other, weaker entities, whether for reasons of territorial and cultural aggrandisement, material ambition or even individual obsession. Some empires, like Hitler's Third Reich, rise and fall with dizzying swiftness over a short period; others, like the British and French colonial empires, grow gradually over the centuries, only to crumble much more speedily than they had expanded. Taylor shines a spotlight on 25 imperial hegemonies from every period of global history. He provides lucid and elegant descriptions of the individual empires, characterises the power structures and the social and cultural values at the heart of each, and identifies reasons for their rise and eventual fall. But above all, he looks at the different ways in which empires have 'shaken the world': the Mongols of Genghis Khan made Europe quake with fear during the 13th century, while the political and cultural effects of the Roman and British Empire are still with us today.



Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic Age

Peter GREEN 272pp Pb \$25.00

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 slave-labour, which destroyed the incentive to innovate; a growing gap between rich and poor; a growing taste for luxury. *Due Oct*

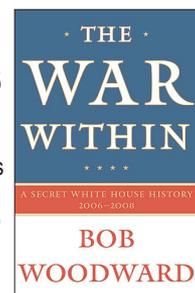


The War Within

A Secret White House History 2006-2008

Bob WOODWARD 496pp Hb \$49.95

In his fourth book on President George W Bush and his wars, Woodward takes readers deep inside the White House, Pentagon, State Department, intelligence agencies and the US military headquarters in Iraq to trace the behind-the-scenes debates over the Iraq War from 2006 to mid-2008. He has produced a firsthand account of the decision-making process on Iraq, affording readers a fly-on-the-wall view of the inner workings of the Bush administration, the highest levels of the military and the intelligence community. Casting both the war and its management in human terms, Woodward makes clear why, five years after the US invasion, Iraq remains a major political, social and moral issue. He also contributes to Americans' understanding of why this complex, dangerous fight is such a critical fault line in this year's presidential election.

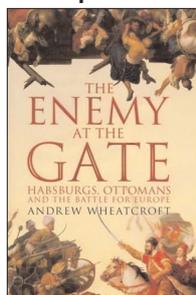


The Enemy at the Gate

Habsburgs, Ottomans and the Battle for Europe

Andrew WHEATCROFT 384pp Hb \$65.00

In 1683, two empires - the Ottoman, based in Constantinople, and the Habsburg dynasty in Vienna - came face to face in the culmination of a 250-year power struggle: the Great Siege of Vienna. Within the city walls, the choice of resistance over surrender to the largest army ever assembled by the Turks created an all-or-nothing scenario: every last survivor would be enslaved or ruthlessly slaughtered. Both sides remained resolute, sustained by hatred of their age-old enemy, certain that their victory would be won by the grace of God. Eastern invaders had always threatened the West, but the memory of the Turks, to whom the West's ancient and deep fear of the East is viscerally attached, remains vivid and powerful. Long before their 1453 conquest of Constantinople, the Turks had raised the art of war to heights not seen since the Roman Empire. This book provides a timely and masterful account of this most complex and epic of conflicts. *Due Oct*

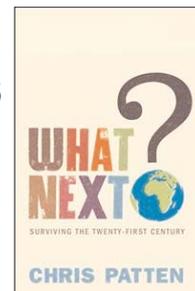


What Next?

Surviving the Twenty-First Century

Chris PATTEN 512pp Hb \$59.95

Globalisation, energy, international crime, Weapons of Mass Destruction, nuclear proliferation, small arms proliferation, international drugs trafficking, climate change, water shortage, migration, epidemic disease, the fraying of the nation state: the list of challenges facing our world is itself proliferating rapidly and nobody seems to have much of a grip on what's going on. Digesting vast amounts of information from a multiplicity of sources and drawing on his experience at the highest levels of national and international politics, Patten analyses what we know in each of these areas and argues how in each of them we could get somewhere we might want to be. Very little, he says, has turned out as we might have expected 20 years ago, but there is plenty we can still do. *Due Oct*

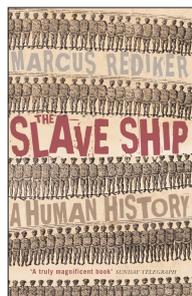


The Slave Ship

A Human History

Marcus REDIKER 448pp Pb \$30.00

The slave ship was the instrument of history's greatest forced migration and a key to the origins and growth of global capitalism, yet much of its history remains unknown. Rediker uncovers the extraordinary human drama that played out on this world-changing vessel. Focusing on the so-called golden age of the slave trade (the period 1700-1808, when more than six million people were transported out of Africa, most of them on British and American ships, across the Atlantic to slave on New World plantations), Rediker tells poignant tales of life, death and terror as he captures the shipboard drama of brutal discipline and fierce resistance. He reconstructs the lives of individuals, such as John Newton, James Field Stanfield and Olaudah Equiano, and the collective experience of captains, sailors and slaves. *Due Oct*

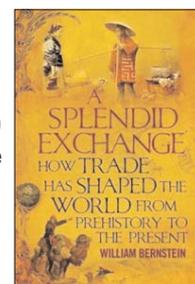


A Splendid Exchange

How Trade Has Shaped the World from Prehistory to the Present

William BERNSTEIN 468pp Hb \$55.00

Few historical enquiries tell us as much about the world we live in today as the search for the origins of world trade. As Adam Smith observed, man has an intrinsic "propensity to truck, barter and exchange one thing for another." From the dawn of recorded history, there has been vigorous long-distance commerce. Archaeologists have even found evidence of the prehistoric conveyance over long distances of strategic materials such as obsidian and stone tools. To demonstrate how profoundly trade influences our lives, try to imagine Italian cuisine without the tomato, or a cafe anywhere in the world beyond the birthplace of coffee in Yemen. Bernstein sets out to establish just what drove early man to trade and to examine its profound influence on the world we know today. He goes on to suggest that an analysis of one of the globe's most ancient forms of communication might teach us how to avoid seemingly new anxieties about globalisation and the flattening of the world.

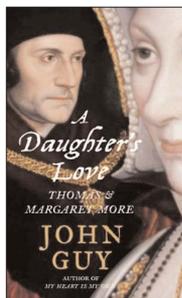


A Daughter's Love

Thomas and Margaret More

John GUY 320pp Hb \$60.00

The life of Sir Thomas More is familiar to many. His opposition to Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn, his arrest for treason in 1534, his virtuoso defence at his trial, and his execution in 1535 (and subsequent martyrdom) make up one of the most famous stories in British history. While his place in history is secure, Margaret, his daughter, has been almost forgotten. She was airbrushed out of the story, even though she played a leading role in this very public drama. During More's imprisonment in the Tower of London, Margaret became his sole intermediary with the outside world. She visited frequently and the pair wrote long and loving letters to one another. Margaret also smuggled more inflammatory letters in and out of the Tower during these visits and it is through these that we see a dramatic new portrait of Sir Thomas More emerge.

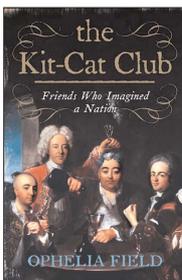


The Kit-Cat Club

Friends Who Imagined a Nation

Ophelia FIELD 448pp Hb \$60.00

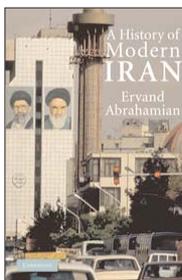
The Kit-Cat club was founded in the late 1690s when Jacob Tonson - shrewd businessman, printer and bookseller of lowly birth - forged a partnership with his 'greasy' friend and business neighbour, the pie-maker Mr Christopher (Kit) Cat. What began as an eccentric publishing rights deal (Tonson would pay to feed a gang of hungry young poets and playwrights, and in exchange receive first option on anything they wrote) developed into a uniquely diverse gathering of intellects and interests, and became the unofficial centre of Whig power during the reigns of Queen Anne and George I. The 'Kit-Cats' were drawn from the fields of literature, theatre, the visual arts, military and naval affairs, finance and politics, and from a wide range of social and family backgrounds. Thanks to its diversity, it became a pivotal point in the cultural and social revolutions of the early 18th century, as well as a centre of opposition to the Tories, and gave new political direction to Britain, influencing its literature in a whole new way. Field expertly unravels the deceit, rivalry, friendships and fortunes lost and found in the club, how the meetings were conducted, the rituals performed, as well as the political manoeuvrings.



A History of Modern Iran

Ervand ABRAHAMIAN Pb \$39.95

In a reappraisal of Iran's modern history, Abrahamian traces its traumatic journey across the 20th century, through the discovery of oil, imperial interventions, the rule of the Pahlavis and, in 1979, revolution and the birth of the Islamic Republic. In the intervening years, the country has experienced a bitter war with Iraq, the transformation of society under the clergy and, more recently, the expansion of the state and the struggle for power between the old elites, the intelligentsia and the commercial middle class. The author is a compassionate expositor. While he adroitly negotiates the twists and turns of the country's regional and international politics, at the heart of his book are the people of Iran. It is to them and their resilience that this book is dedicated, as Iran emerges at the beginning of the 21st century as one of the most powerful states in the Middle East.

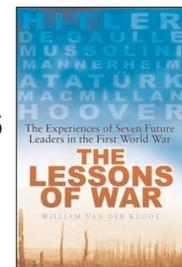


The Lessons of War

The Experiences of Seven Future Leaders in the First World War

William VAN DER KLOOT 240pp Hb \$49.95

This book examines the experiences of seven future national leaders during WW1. Adolf Hitler served on the Western Front for four years; Charles de Gaulle was bayoneted and captured at Verdun; Benito Mussolini was so badly wounded that he was discharged and hailed as a hero; Gustav Mannerheim was a cavalry commander who fought on the Eastern Front; Mustafa Kemal Atatürk commanded a division at the Battle of Gallipoli; Harold Macmillan was wounded at Loos and again at the Somme; Herbert Hoover, although a civilian, organised humanitarian relief in German-occupied Europe, especially Belgium. Combining information gleaned from memoirs, diaries, biographies and regimental histories, this book illustrates how these experiences helped form them into the men remembered by history. *Due Oct*

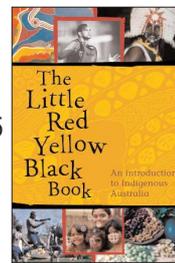


The Little Red Yellow Black Book

An Introduction to Indigenous Australia

Bruce PASCOE 32pp Pb \$14.95

This new edition introduces Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their history and their cultures. Conveniently pocket-sized and great value, the attractive design, lucid writing and beautiful illustrations provide a wide-ranging, accessible introduction to Indigenous Australia.



Australian Greats

Peter COCHRANE (Ed) Hb \$59.95

What is it exactly that makes Australia great? We live in a dynamic, culturally diverse hub-bub, so what now is typically Aussie? What continues to shape us and what are we collectively most proud of in our past and present? This is a fascinating and wide-ranging collection of pieces by noteworthy writers, commentators, larikins and curmudgeons on distinctive and sometimes surprising aspects of Australian life and history. There are 553 entries providing a veritable cornucopia of subjects including politics, the arts, food, sport, distinguished individuals, language, innovations, discoveries, fashion, film and more in a spicy mix of popular and high culture. The delight in this book comes not just from a given subject, but who has written about it and what he or she has to say about it. The whole is a quirky and compelling volume that contributes to the debate on national identity in a highly idiosyncratic and readable way. *Due Oct*



Destination Australia

Migration to Australia Since 1901

Eric RICHARDS 448pp Tp \$39.95

In 1901, most Australians were loyal, white subjects of the British Empire with direct connections to Britain. Within a hundred years, following an unparalleled immigration program, its population was one of the most diverse on earth. No other country has achieved such radical social and demographic change in so short a time. This book tells the story of this extraordinary transformation. Against the odds, this change has caused minimal social disruption and tension. While immigration has generated some political and social anxieties, Australia has maintained a stable democracy and a coherent social fabric. One of the impressive achievements of the book is in explaining why this might be so. *Due Oct*



The Times Will Suit Them

Postmodern Conservatism in Australia

Matthew SHARPE & Geoff BOUCHER 272pp Tp \$35.00

John Howard said, "the times will suit me", and they did. For over a decade, he took advantage of international crises and local anxieties to not only stay in government, but radically reshape Australian public life. This book digs behind the headlines to explain the success of his radical new conservatism. It shows how the Howard government and its small legion of culture warriors responded to deep changes engendered by two decades of economic reform by importing moral agendas from the US. The result was a brand of deeply postmodern conservatism that undermined much that traditional conservatives hold dear. From Hansonism to children overboard to the Intervention in the Northern Territory and beyond, this is a fresh and provocative analysis from two Young Turks. This is compelling reading for anyone seeking to understand the drivers in contemporary Australian politics. *Due Oct*



Whatever Happened to Brenda Hean?

Scott MILLWOOD 256pp Pb \$26.95

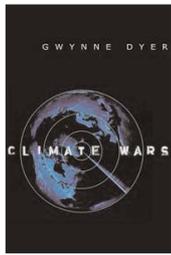
Brenda Hean, a dentist's wife, was a part of the Hobart establishment. She made a very unlikely environmental activist, but Lake Pedder was one of those very special places. She and a collection of like-minded people took it upon themselves to save the mountain wilderness lake from inundation to form a dam for the Hydro Electric Commission, and in the process founded the first Green political party in the world. In September 1972, Brenda Hean left Hobart in a tiger moth aircraft being piloted by Max Price. They were flying to Canberra to write "Save Lake Pedder" across the sky above the Parliament House and to meet with government officials in an attempt to gain federal political support for their campaign. The plane was sighted several times as it made its way across the island, but it never reached its destination. Neither the plane nor its passengers were ever seen again. 35 years of conspiracy theories have surrounded the intriguing story, but in 2003 a secret source gave celebrated documentary filmmaker Scott Millwood a package with the advice "use this for good". In it were the police files detailing the investigation of the case. Millwood has made a documentary based on his attempts to uncover the truth while eyewitnesses are still alive. This is the book of that film. *Due Oct*



Climate Wars

Gwynne DYER 272pp Pb \$32.95

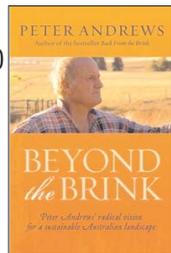
The core problem with climate change is not sea level rise or bio-diversity, it is food supply. We are just barely able to feed the current six-and-a-half billion people on the planet, thanks to the Green Revolution and a shift to very energy-intensive agriculture. At 2 degrees hotter, many hundreds of millions are at risk, but with global cooperation and a switch away from meat production (let people eat the grain, not the cows), they wouldn't have to starve. At 5 degrees hotter, there are no good options left. What makes this a political and strategic issue is the fact that the misery will not be equally shared. There is also huge scope for conflict, including armed conflict, because nobody will sit quietly and watch their children starve when any alternatives remain, including violent ones. The only way to avoid this future, if it can be avoided, is to get greenhouse gas emissions down drastically in the next 10 to 15 years. If not, the next few generations are in for a wild ride!



Beyond the Brink

Peter ANDREWS 256pp Tp \$35.00

Ever controversial and described as a prophet in his own land, Andrews once again challenges farmers, governments (federal and state), environmentalists and scientists to face the consequences of their actions. Unless attitudes change now, our lands, forests and rivers, flora and fauna that we have wilfully mistreated for far too many years, will be degraded beyond repair. *Due Oct*

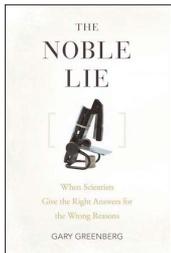


The Noble Lie

When Scientists Give the Right Answers for the Wrong Reasons

Gary GREENBERG 256pp Hb \$34.95

Has science replaced religion for a modern society unwilling to bear moral responsibility? Questions of life and death lie in doctors' hands. Even a diagnosis, says science writer and psychologist Greenberg, is a moral statement: the doctor is "telling you what's wrong with your life and how to fix it." Diseases are invented, not discovered, he claims. By exploring various medical issues, such as addiction, depression and brain death, he tries to demonstrate that "deciding which suffering should be relieved, and how, is not as simple as applying a stethoscope to a chest". The truth becomes a casualty of the need for organised medicine to provide relief to all who say they are suffering, and that need is institutionalised and commercialised by structures like the FDA and the drug industry. *Due Oct*



Rock Star

The Story of Reg Sprigg, an Outback Legend

Kristin WEIDENBACH 240pp Tp \$32.95

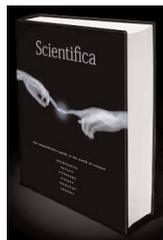
The story of the life of an intrepid, determined and oft times irreverent pioneering Australian, a man regarded by many as the greatest geologist of his generation and one of the best Australia has produced.

Scientifica

The Comprehensive Guide to the World of Science

Allan GLANVILLE 576pp Hb \$75.00

This delightful book is a guide to the scientific world, covering mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology and medicine. Open it to any page and you will find stunning images and well-written text that tells of the amazing discoveries and inventions that led to modern technology and explains many of the concepts of science. Highly recommended for anyone aged 10 and above with an interest in science. *Dave*



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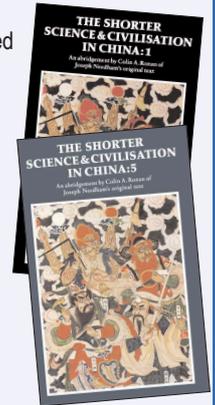
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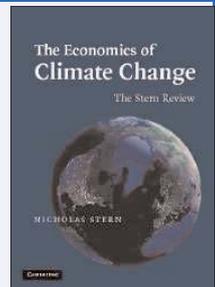
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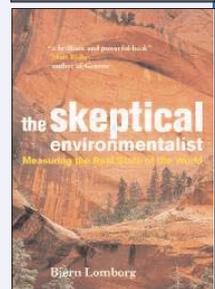


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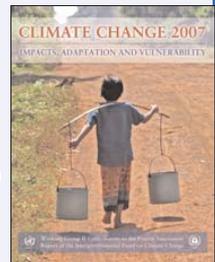
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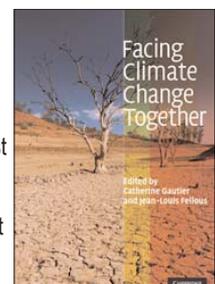
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Facing Climate Change Together

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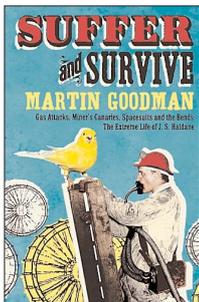
This book brings together scientists from the US and Europe to review the latest climate change science, drawing from the most recent assessment reports of the IPCC. Scientific jargon has been minimised to accommodate readers from different backgrounds and this will interest anyone looking for a coherent and broad review of climate change issues.



Suffer and Survive
Gas Attacks, Miner's Canaries,
Spacesuits and the Bends
The Extreme Life of J S Haldane

Martin GOODMAN 432pp Pb \$24.95

John Scott Haldane (1860-1936) was one of the greatest and most colourful of British scientists, acknowledged as the leading physiologist of the Victorian era. The most successful serial self-experimenter in the history of science, he crawled through the carnage of underground explosions, locked himself in sealed chambers, breathed in lethal cocktails of gases, sampled his own blood, burned and healed his own flesh, and experimented on his own children in an obsessive push to understand the nature of human respiration. What is expired air? How can you make coal mines safer? What does carbon monoxide do to people? These are just some of the vital questions to which Haldane provided the answers, saving thousands of lives in the process. He also designed the first space-suit and invented the gas-mask, among many other innovations and contributions. Entertaining and enlightening in equal measure, Goodman's lively and revealing biography casts new light on one of the greatest eccentrics of British scientific and intellectual life. *Due Oct*



How Many Socks Make a Pair?
Surprisingly Interesting Everyday Maths

Rob EASTAWAY 176pp Hb \$29.95

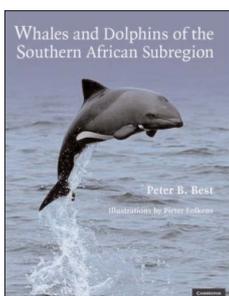
How many socks make a pair? The answer is not always two. And behind this question lies a world of maths that can be surprising, amusing and even beautiful. Using playing cards, a newspaper, the back of an envelope, a Sudoku, some pennies and of course a pair of socks, Eastaway shows how maths can demonstrate its secret beauties in even the most mundane of everyday objects. Among the many fascinating curiosities in these pages you will discover the strange link between limericks and rabbits, an apparently fair coin game where the odds are massively in your favour, why tourist boards can't agree on where the centre of Britain is, and how a simple paper-folding can lead to a Jurassic Park monster. With plenty of ideas you'll want to test out for yourself, this is an engaging and refreshing look at mathematics. Even if you already like maths, you'll discover plenty of new surprises.



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This book is the first stand-alone and definitive account of the cetaceans of the oceanic region from the equator to Antarctica, and between the longitudes of 20° W and 80° E, a region that includes almost two-thirds of the world's marine cetacean species. In the fascinating accounts of 51 species of whales and dolphins (and one porpoise), information for this region is comprehensively summarised, allowing Best to give us the benefit of his extensive knowledge and of the wealth of unpublished information he has accumulated during his 40 years of study. Includes 100 colour illustrations created for this book by world-renowned marine mammal illustrator Pieter Folkens. Colour photographs of the living animals portray the 'jizz' of each species and specific colouration or behavioural features.



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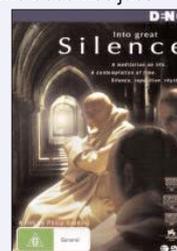
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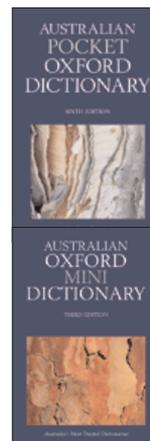


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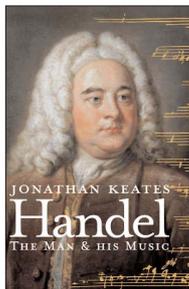
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Handel

The Man and His Music

Jonathan KEATES 448pp Hb \$65.00

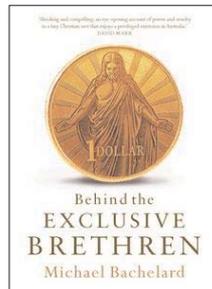
This fully updated and expanded edition, published to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the composer's death, charts Handel's life from his youth in Germany, through his brilliantly successful Italian sojourn, to the opulence and squalor of Georgian London. For over two decades, Handel was absorbed in London's heady, but precarious, operatic world. But even his phenomenal energy and determination could not overcome the public's growing indifference to Italian opera in the 1730s and he turned finally to oratorio, a genre which he made peculiarly his own and in which he created some of his finest works, such as Saul, Messiah and Jephtha. Keates writes with sympathy and penetration about this extraordinary genius, whose career abounded in reversals that would have crushed anyone with less resilience and willpower, but whose influence was to be deeply felt by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Interwoven with the account of Handel's life are commentaries on all his major works, as well as many less familiar pieces by this most inventive, expressive and captivating of composers. *Due Oct*



Behind the Exclusive Brethren

Michael BACHELARD 320pp Tp \$32.95

Out of nowhere in 2004, this obscure religious sect burst onto the political stage in Australia. Almost unheard of until then, the Exclusive Brethren was suddenly spending up big in election advertising in support of conservative political parties. But its members were shy to the point of paranoia about who they were - preferring, as they said, to "fly under the radar". Brethren members assiduously lobbied politicians, but did not vote. And they were very close to then Prime Minister John Howard. What exactly was their interest in politics? Why did their activism suddenly blossom almost simultaneously across the world, from Canada and the US to Sweden and Australia? And how did a small fringe group whose values are utterly detached from those of most Australians infiltrate the highest office in the land? Bachelard, formerly an investigative reporter at The Age and now at The Sunday Age, has been uncovering the facts about this secretive sect for more than two years. This is the most comprehensive account ever written about the Exclusive Brethren. It's a fascinating story of politics and power. But it's a very human story, too - of damaged lives, broken families, and hurt and anger that stretches back decades. *Due Oct*

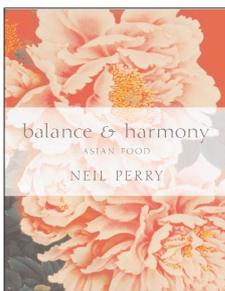


Balance and Harmony

Asian Food

Neil PERRY 400pp Hb \$125.00

Perry revels in his love for Asian cooking: the great flavour, the contrasts in tastes and textures, and the way that just about anything can be cooked with a wok and a bamboo steamer. The book is set out in the style of a cooking school by the Rockpool master chef, progressing from the easiest steamed, stir-fried, braised and deep-fried dishes, to more challenging and intricate plates as the reader gains confidence and knowledge. Ultimately, Asian food celebrates the ethos of the shared table and that is the theme of Balance and Harmony. The book is beautifully punctuated by a series of banquet ideas, ranging from the simplest to the most gloriously memorable. *Due Oct*

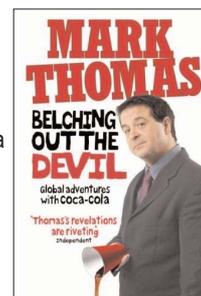


Belching Out the Devil

Global Adventures with Coca-Cola

Mark THOMAS 384pp Tp \$34.95

Coca-Cola and its logo are everywhere. In our homes, our workplaces and even our schools. It is a company that sponsors the Olympics, backs US presidents and even re-brands Santa Claus. A truly universal product, it has even been served in space. From Istanbul to Mexico City, Thomas travels the globe investigating the stories and people not mentioned in Coca-Cola's iconic advertising campaigns, such as child labourers in the sugar cane fields of El Salvador, Indian workers exposed to toxic chemicals, Colombian union leaders falsely accused of terrorism and jailed alongside the paramilitaries who want to kill them and many more. *Due Oct*

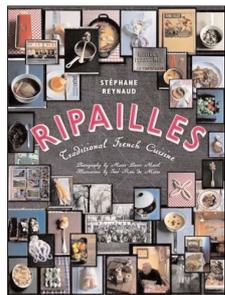


Ripailles

Traditional French Cooking

Stephane REYNAUD 480pp Hb \$79.95

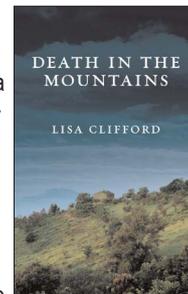
Parisian chef Reynaud writes beautiful recipes that stretch from simple home cooking to fanciful dishes. He presents the best of the French kitchen and delves into the very roots of French cuisine. Gorgeously designed and bursting with photographs and whimsical illustrations. *Due Oct*



Death in the Mountains

Lisa CLIFFORD 256pp Tp \$33.00

This is the true story of the murder of Artemio Bruni, a peasant farmer in the mountains of Casentino, north-eastern Tuscany, in the winter of 1907. Artemio was my husband's great-grandfather. For reasons not understood by my husband's family, Grandpa Artemio's death was never investigated. It was not reported to the police, nor did Bruna Bruni, Artemio's wife, ever demand justice. "How could that be possible", I asked my mother-in-law - "was it because of the mafia?" "No, no, you don't understand," she answered. "Things were different in the mountains 100 years ago. Grandpa and Grandma were poor farmers, no one could have cared less about them. Grandpa was a nobody and life was cheap in Tuscany then." When Australian author and journalist Lisa Clifford moved to Florence to be with her Italian husband, an unsolved murder in his family became part of her life. The more she found out about it, the more intrigued she became, driven to investigate the tragic events of a century ago. *Due Oct*



The Foodies' Guide to Sydney 2009

Helen GREENWOOD & John NEWTON 304pp Pb \$29.95

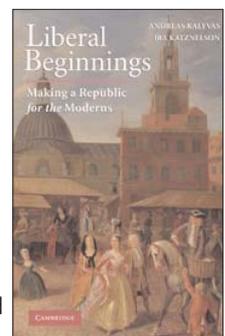
This comprehensive and entertaining guide to the city's best food, written by two top food journalists, gives the low-down on Sydney's best food stores, bakeries, chocolate shops, fishmongers and coffee shops. *Due Oct*

Liberal Beginnings

Making a Republic for the Moderns

Andreas KALYVAS 200pp Pb \$34.95

The book examines the origins and development of the modern liberal tradition and explores the relationship between republicanism and liberalism from 1750 to 1830. The authors consider the diverse settings of Scotland, the American colonies, the new United States and France, examining the writings of six leading thinkers of this period: Adam Smith, Adam Ferguson, James Madison, Thomas Paine, Germaine de Staël and Benjamin Constant. The book traces the process by which these thinkers transformed and advanced the republican project, both from within and by introducing new elements from without. Without compromising civic principles or abandoning republican language, they came to see that, unrevised, the republican tradition could not grapple successfully with the political problems of their time. By investing new meanings, arguments and justifications into existing republican ideas and political forms, these innovators fashioned a doctrine for a modern republic, the core of which was surprisingly liberal.



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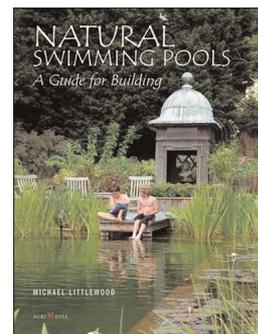
Natural Swimming Pools

A Guide for Building

Michael LITTLEWOOD

256pp Hb \$150.00

We're exposed to enough chemicals these days without plunging into a bath of chlorine whenever we take a dip in the pool. But the beauty of natural swimming pools is that nature, not chemicals, keeps the water sparkling clean and healthy. This clearly presented book takes you through all the stages of building your own natural pool - understanding the system, management, excavation, lining, walling, plumbing, electrical, planting, structures and maintenance. Includes hundreds of colour photographs and easy-to-follow drawings. Inspirational!



The Little Green Grammar Book

Mark TREDINNICK 256pp Pb \$29.95

What really goes on inside a sentence? What is your subject, and where is your verb, and what is its tense, and where is your modifier, and why does it matter? Where do you need a comma, and where do you not? Why are dashes and semicolons so misunderstood? When is it which and when is it that? Tredinnick asks and answers the tough grammar questions, big and small.

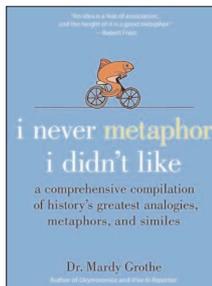


I Never Metaphor I Didn't Like

A Comprehensive Compilation of History's Greatest Analogies, Metaphors and Similes

Dr Mardy GROTHE 336pp Hb \$25.00

"An idea is a feat of association, and the height of it is a good metaphor." - Robert Frost. "It is metaphor above all else that gives clearness, charm and distinction to the style." - Aristotle. Throughout history, great minds have demonstrated a special ability to ingeniously and creatively find a relationship between things that initially seem quite alien to each other. Metaphors may be the most versatile tool in the toolbox of a person who is trying to express a powerful idea. Linguistic specialist Grothe discusses the use of metaphor in a wide variety of life settings. He presents metaphors in life-altering situations; about the human condition; in wit and humour; insults and criticism; relationships; love; marriage; sex; stages and ages of life; stage and screen; politics; sport; and the literary life. Drawing heavily from literature of all types and styles, from the classic Greeks to the present day, this tour of the land of the metaphor is sure to inform and delight all readers. *Due Oct*



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David CRYSTAL 240pp Hb \$32.95

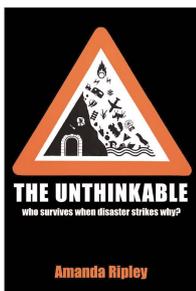
This book takes a long hard look at the text-messaging phenomenon and its effects on literacy, language and society. Young people who seem to spend much of their time texting sometimes appear unable or unwilling to write much else. Media outrage has ensued. "It is bleak, bald, sad shorthand," writes a commentator in the UK Guardian. "It masks dyslexia, poor spelling and mental laziness." Exam answers using textese, and claims that examiners find them acceptable, have led to headlines in the tabloids. Do young people text as much as people think? Do adults? Does texting spell the end of literacy? Is there a panic in the media? Crystal looks at the evidence. He investigates how texting began and who uses it, why and what for. He shows how to interpret its mix of pictograms, logograms, abbreviations, symbols and wordplay, and how it works in different languages. He explores the ways similar devices have been used in different eras and discovers that the texting system of conveying sounds and meaning goes back a long way, all the way to the origins of writing, and he concludes that far from hindering literacy, texting may turn out to help it. *Due Oct*

The Unthinkable

Who Survives When Disaster Strikes and Why?

Amanda RIPLEY 288pp Tp \$34.95

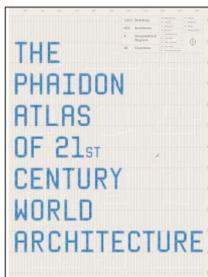
Have you ever wondered how you would react to a disaster? Would you be paralysed with fear, like the diplomat who froze, drink still in hand, as terrorists invaded the Dominican Republic's embassy in Colombia in 1980? Or might you find yourself pretending it hadn't happened, like the 9/11 survivor whose first instinct on feeling the shockwaves of the plane crashing into her building was to stay put? Or might you suddenly find hidden strengths in yourself, like Joe Stiley, who not only escaped from a dreadful plane wreck, but also managed to survive 30 minutes in the freezing Potomac river waiting for rescue vehicles to arrive? Ripley talks to risk analysts, psychologists and survivors of some of the most harrowing catastrophes in history to piece together how people react in a crisis and why they behave the way they do.



The Phaidon Atlas of 21st Century World Architecture

PHAIDON Ed 812pp Hb \$275.00

This is a comprehensive portrayal of the finest built architecture from around the world completed since the year 2000. Divided into six world regions, this book provides an important overview of global and local trends in architecture for a wide range of users. The geographical contexts for 21st century architectural production are explored in a global framework presented in accessible graphic formats. Each of the six world regions is introduced by an in-depth look at their unique urban and architectural issues. This statistical data has been researched and analysed by a team of from the London School of Economics. *Due Oct*



A Company of Swans

Eva IBBOTSON 392pp Pb \$15.00

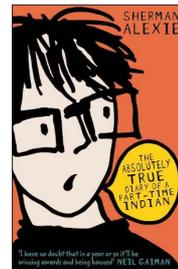
Harriet Morton has grown up in a loveless household. Apart from reading, her one passion is ballet. It is 1912 and she is offered a chance to tour to Manaus on the Amazon, something her father strictly forbids as most unsuitable, but a chance encounter with an engaging child convinces her to disobey. In the tropical warmth and amongst congenial company, she blossoms and catches the eye of a local rubber baron. As with all of Ibbotson's novels, this is a charming diversion for young teenaged girls, full of good-natured observations on human nature with a sharp but tolerant eye for her characters' foibles. Delightful!



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Sherman ALEXIE 230pp Pb \$19.95

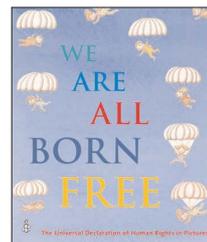
This has been a runaway bestseller overseas and will doubtless be well received here too. Junior is a Spokane Indian, dirt poor, but he has dreams. Okay, some of them are typical adolescent boy dreams, but some of them revolve around escaping the reservation and discovering the world outside. So when he transfers from his local high school to one in a neighbouring white town, he knows there's going to be trouble - with his Indian friends and community, with the rednecks and with well-meaning citizens. Sometimes the humour is black, and tragedy is never far away, but this is ultimately an uplifting book told in a fresh and engaging voice. 14+



We Are All Born Free
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures

Amnesty International 72pp Hb \$34.95

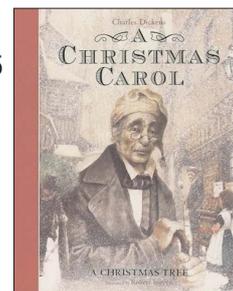
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed almost 60 years ago. This fine book celebrates its beautiful ideals, presented in simplified text for younger readers. Each double-page spread is illustrated by a different internationally-renowned artist. Contributors include John Birmingham, Alan Lee, Peter Sis, Bob Graham, Nicholas Allan, Polly Dunbar, Marcia Williams, Jackie Morris and Satoshi Kitamura. The foreword is by David Tennant and John Boyne. A truly beautiful book!



A Christmas Carol

Charles DICKENS 192pp Hb \$34.95

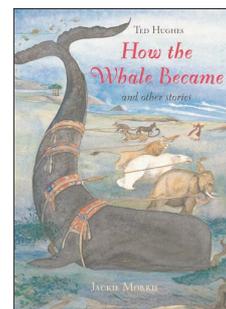
No need to summarise this one! Scrooge has passed into our language, but this is a welcome chance to reacquaint yourself with - or introduce a younger reader to - this timeless classic. Particularly as it's illustrated by the marvellous Robert Ingpen in his trademark softened palette of colours and realistic depictions, which will cause you to feel the winter's chill. A very beautiful book!



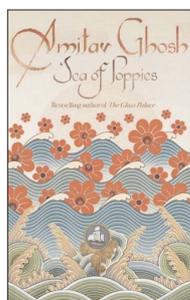
How the Whale Became And Other Stories

Ted HUGHES 92pp Lp \$19.95

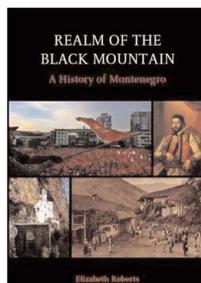
Gorgeously illustrated by Jackie Morris, this book was first published in 1963. Hughes wrote fables and stories for children all his career and this collection is connected to the origins of animals - owl, whale, fox, polar bear, hyena, tortoise, bee, cat, donkey, hare and elephant. Part whimsy, part morality tale, wholly enchanting!



Our Historical Fiction section is constantly growing and now includes much more than the usual military or naval series. The latest is the first part of a projected trilogy by Amitav Ghosh called **Sea of Poppies** (\$33 Tp 468pp, \$60 Hb). It is set during the Opium Wars when a collection of coolies, convicts and runaways travel on an old slaving ship. The writing is intense and colourful, full of information about that time, with lots of wonderful, unusual words, and it has had high praise in reviews. I'm an admirer of Amitav Ghosh, especially for his book set in Burma called **The Glass Palace** (\$25 Pb), and **In an Antique Land** (\$24.95 Pb), which is about an Indian researcher (himself) living in an Egyptian village in the 1980s. He has also written **The Hungry Tide** (\$25 Pb), set in the fantastic archipelago of islands in the Bay of Bengal, but I haven't read that yet.

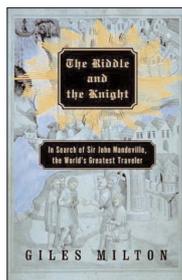


I'm sure you already know that Abbey's is the best place for books on history, but here is another unusual title for me to tell you about. **Realm of the Black Mountain: A History of Montenegro** by Elizabeth Roberts (\$49.95 Pb 520pp incl index) can be found in our section on Central Europe. Montenegro is the 192nd member of the United Nations and the first new member in the 21st century. The blurb says Roberts has written "a succinct account of this difficult and complex subject". I believe it!



Did you - or do your children - enjoy the Where's Wally books by Martin Handford? We usually have some in the Children's section, but here's another offering: **Where's Wally? The Ultimate Travel Collection** (\$24.95), which is mid-size in a flexible cover with an elastic band around. You can take it on your next flight and tuck in any number of bits of paper and spend hours trying to find Wally in the intricate illustrations. A nice change from Sudoku, but remember to have your glasses. Not just for kids. Exercise your powers of observation. There is also a similar book, with less pages, called **Where's Bin Laden?** by Daniel Lalic (\$9.95 Hb), although perhaps not so good to take on board an aircraft.

Giles Milton is an historian who writes easily about unusual characters and events in history. His books include **The Riddle and the Knight: In Search of Sir John Mandeville, the World's Greatest Traveller** (\$25.00 Pb), **Nathaniel's Nutmeg** (\$25.00 Pb), **Big Chief Elizabeth** (\$25.00 Pb) and **White Gold** (\$25.00 Pb) about white slaves in Africa. His latest will be of special interest to many migrants to Australia. It is called **Paradise Lost: Smyrna 1922: The Destruction of Islam's City of Tolerance** (\$35 Tp 426pp incl index). This terrible event is often overlooked. It was not something I had heard about until recently when I saw a harrowing documentary about the great fire that was set to destroy the elegant cosmopolitan city and how so few people could escape. No doubt one of the reasons so many Greeks arrived in Melbourne? It is a job well done. Giles Milton fears that the heritage of the Smyrniot Levantine families will be lost, so he intends to deposit all his material in the Exeter University Library, where the Whittall family records are held. I suspect this medieval historian has a nice time travelling around the world fossicking out good stories to tell us.

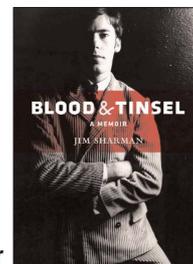


I discovered an excellent book in Australian Society (located at the end of Australian History): **Funeral Rights: What the Australian 'Death-Care' Industry Doesn't Want You to Know** by Robert Larkins (\$32.95 Tp 240pp, including lots of notes and resources). It is clearly written and not only for older people wondering what suggestions to give to their children. It has good sensible advice delivered by a sympathetic barrister. There are lots of possibilities. Don't fret. Find out the regulations.

I do enjoy biographies of adventurous women, such as **A Scandalous Life: A Biography** of Jane Digby (\$24.95 Pb 384pp), and I like Social History, so I have just had a great time reading **The Bolter** by Frances Osborne (\$35 Tp 310pp incl index). The Bolter is Lady Idina Sackville, without doubt the model for Nancy Mitford's stories, which you can find in **Love in a Cold Climate** and **Other Novels** (\$22.95 Pb 512pp), as well as Michael Arlen's scandalous 1924 book **The Green Hat** (\$19.95 Pb), which has just been reissued. But more interestingly to me, Sackville was one of the Happy Valley crowd whooping it up in the Kenyan Highlands after the war when it was called British East Africa. We still stock James Fox's book about the Earl of Erroll's murder there in 1941 called **White Mischief** (\$27.95 Pb). I suspect that Fox did not have access to the lurid details in this book, or if he did, he kept them to himself. Money and the British Aristocracy usually mean a good story.

After my enthusiasm last month for **Bomb, Book and Compass** (\$32.95 Pb 316pp incl index), Simon Winchester's biography of Joseph Needham, I should suggest some other books to you from the Central Asian History section. **Rape of Nanking** by Iris Chang (\$22 Pb) is the stunning book about the December 1937 Japanese invasion, a worse atrocity than Hiroshima. We have all the books by Peter Hopkirk, such as **Foreign Devils on the Silk Road: The Search for the Lost Treasures of Central Asia** (\$30 Pb), plus a very readable, yet academic, book by Luce Boulanos, **Silk Road: Monks, Warriors and Merchants** (\$37.95 Pb) or **Religions of the Silk Road: Overland Trade and Cultural Exchange from Antiquity to the 15th Century** by Richard Foltz (\$64 Pb 208pp). Also relevant, as this was a century before Magellan, is **1421: The Year China Discovered the World** by Gavin Menzies (\$32.95 Pb 650pp incl index).

I've enjoyed Jim Sharman's memoir **Blood & Tinsel** (\$49.95 Hb 403pp). This is a serious book by a serious man, and true theatre-lovers must have it. Published by Miegunyah Press, the production is a bit heavy, but I recommend it as both entertaining (of course) and informative. Remembering Sharman's close relationship with Patrick White, you could also be interested in a fascinating little book by one of our customers, Vrasidas Karalis, who has translated Patrick White's work into Greek: **Recollections of Mr Manoly Lascaris** (\$26.95 Pb 200pp). Please remember the Mr!



I've also enjoyed **The Land I Came Through Last: A Family Memoir** (\$34.95 Tp 435pp) by famous Australian poet Robert Gray and published by Giramondo. This gentle book becomes a portrait of a time in Australian life - first when the difficult son is sent off in the 1920s as a sort of local remittance man to a banana plantation on the North Coast, where he drank a great deal, read a great deal and delighted in playing 'the gentleman' (and angry one at that). Then in literary circles in Sydney in the 70s when Robert, his son, was becoming a well-known poet. All very interesting, with some good moments, such as when Les Murray suggested to Bruce Chatwin that some of his adventures might have come from a Boy's Own Annual collection! But most interesting is a complete chapter on Robert's elusive friendship with Patrick White, an especially clear-eyed assessment of the *Nobel Prize*-winner, and notable in that Robert Gray, although still quite young, was awarded the last *Patrick White Award* before White died.

We also have some of the first copies of a gorgeous big book that reproduces all of the one hundred psalms which Salvatore Zofrea has already completed. It has taken him thirty years to do these. They are huge, on a grand scale, vibrant and colourful, and often feature family, friends and patrons. You might even recognise some of the figures. Andrew Sayers, Director of the National Portrait Gallery, has written the introduction. It is called **Salvatore Zofrea: The Psalms of Life** (\$74.95 Hb 263pp 30.5cm x 25cm). This excellent price is possible because publication is sponsored by ResMed Ltd, owner of many of Salvatore's works. We are able to get signed copies for you. Also available is a Limited Edition of One Hundred, which will include a woodcut (\$250).

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website's blog, contributed by various staff members. We had a visit recently from author and actor William McInnes, who entertained the staff (especially an ex-Queenslander) and there is a nice photo of William. I regularly look at the blog and usually find something to interest me.

Also a reminder that the 26th Annual Zonta Meet the Author Event will take place on the last Wednesday in November (26 Nov) at Abbey's Bookshop from 6pm to 8pm. Please come and talk to some authors. The \$5 entry fee plus 10% of sales during the evening are donated to the Zonta Club Service Project. Salvatore Zofrea is coming too, so if you are an art collector you can get him to sign his book for you. Light refreshments will be provided.

I'll be talking to the NSW Society of Editors on Tuesday 4 November about my forty years in bookselling in this great city. All welcome, 6.30pm to 7pm, on the first floor in the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts building at 280 Pitt Street between Park and Bathurst Streets.

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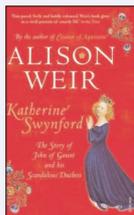
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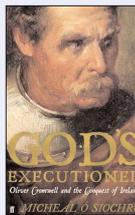
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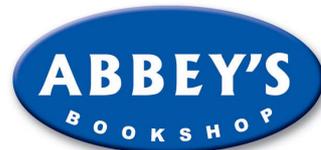


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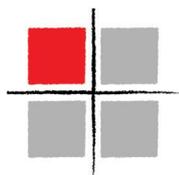


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