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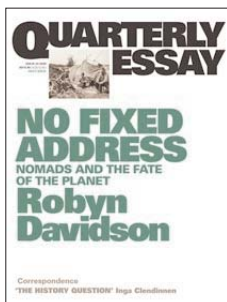
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Nomads and the Fate of the Planet Quarterly Essay #24

Robyn DAVIDSON 128pp Pb \$14.95

Davidson has spent a good part of her life with nomadic cultures of various kinds (in Australia, north-west India, Tibet and the Indian Himalayas). She herself calls three countries 'home' - Australia, England and India. In this scholarly, yet personal and passionate, essay, she explores the paradoxes and strengths of nomadism in both its traditional and modern forms. For Davidson, nomadism is not so much a political organisation or world-view as a strategy that permits access to resources. It is a resilient, rational response to circumstances. Davidson shows there is much to be learned from it, while also offering a lament and an evocation for the worlds we seem to be losing. *Due Dec*

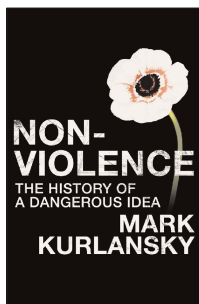


Non-violence

The History of a Dangerous Idea

Mark KURLANSKY 224pp Hb \$39.95

In this timely, highly original and controversial narrative, Kurlansky discusses nonviolence as a distinct entity, a course of action, rather than a mere state of mind. He asserts that it can, and should, be a technique for overcoming social injustice and ending wars. He also brings into focus just why nonviolence is a 'dangerous' idea and asks such provocative questions as: Is there such a thing as a 'just' war? Could nonviolence have worked against even the most evil regimes in history? He shows how, time and again, violence is used to suppress nonviolence and its practitioners, such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King; that the stated deterrence value of national armies and huge weapons arsenals is, at best, negligible; and, encouragingly, that much of the hard work necessary to begin a movement to end war is already complete. It simply needs to be embraced and accelerated. *Due Dec*



Europe at War 1939-1945

No Simple Victory

Norman DAVIES 500pp Hb \$75.00

What was the biggest operation of WWII in Europe? It wasn't D-Day. What was the name of the largest concentration camp in Europe from 1939 to 1945? It wasn't Auschwitz. Which European nationality lost the most civilians from 1939 to 1945? It wasn't the French, or the Germans. Bringing his usual fresh eye to bear on a story we think we all know, Davies answers these questions and many more in this concise, vivid and thought-provoking new history of WWII. Powerfully argued, compellingly written and devastating in its conclusions, Davies forces us to look again at those six years and to discard the usual narrative of Allied good versus Nazi evil. He reminds us that, for the greater part of the continent, the Allied victory and the 'liberation of Europe' was the beginning of more than 50 years of totalitarian oppression. *Due Dec*



The Economics of Climate Change

The Stern Review

Nicholas STERN

600pp Hb \$99.00

There is now clear scientific evidence that emissions from economic activity, particularly burning fossil fuels for energy, are causing changes to the Earth's climate. A sound understanding of the economics of climate change is needed in order to underpin an effective global response to this challenge. The Stern Review is an independent, rigorous and comprehensive analysis of the economic aspects of this crucial issue. It has been conducted by Sir Nicholas Stern, Head of the UK Government Economic Service and a former Chief Economist of the World Bank. The most thorough analysis yet of the impact of global warming.

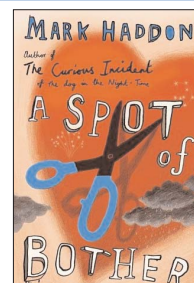
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A Spot of Bother

Mark HADDON

400pp Hb \$48.00

At 57, George is settling down to a comfortable retirement, building a shed in his garden, reading historical novels, listening to a bit of light jazz. Then Katie, his tempestuous daughter, announces she is getting remarried to Ray. Her family is not pleased. As her brother Jamie observes, Ray has 'strangler's hands'. Katie can't decide if she loves Ray or loves the wonderful way he has with her son Jacob. Her mother Jean is a bit put out by all the planning and arguing that the wedding causes, which gets in the way of her quite fulfilling, late-life affair with one of her husband's former colleagues. The way these damaged people fall apart - and come together - is the subject of Haddon's disturbing, yet very funny, portrait of a dignified man trying to go insane politely.



The Right Attitude to Rain

Sunday Philosophy Club #3

Alexander McCALL SMITH 256pp Tp \$29.95

The key to contentment in the Scottish climate is the right attitude to rain - just as in life the key to happiness lies in making the best of what you have. Bruised in love by her faithless Irish husband, Isabel Dalhousie is a connoisseur of intimate moral issues: she edits a philosophical journal and spends a great deal of her time considering how to improve the lives of those around her. There is her housekeeper Grace, whose future she must secure; her niece Cat, who is embarking on a new relationship with a dubious workaholic mummy's boy; and even an American couple newly arrived in Edinburgh on a tour. And then there is Jamie, Cat's ex-boyfriend, a handsome, gifted musician 14 years her junior, with whom she is slowly and hopelessly falling in love.



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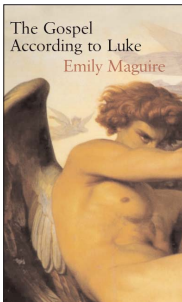
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The Gospel According to Luke

Emily MAGUIRE

234pp Tp \$32.95

Aggie Grey is a jaded sexual health counsellor who finds herself having to defend her business against the attacks of a radical new fundamentalist sect. Pastor Luke Butler is young, idealistic and out to capture the hearts and minds of Sydney's disaffected youth; his first order of business is to shut down Aggie's clinic. Caught in the crossfire is 16-year-old Honey - pregnant, battered and ready to cling to whatever hope is offered. As Aggie and Luke fight over the fate of Honey's unborn child, they discover a deep and surprising connection. But as the war between the secular and religious intensifies, Aggie, Luke and Honey find themselves in moral and physical danger.

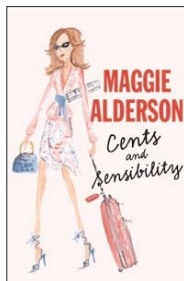


Cents and Sensibility

Maggie ALDERSON

448pp Tp \$32.95

Stella Fain has a rule for men she likes: make them wait. But the gorgeous Jay proves an exception to the rule when he bowls Stella off her Prada wedges at a press junket on the Cote d'Azur. He might seem to have everything going for him, but Stella is about to realise that while jet set lifestyles can be fabulous, her career as a journalist isn't something she wants to jeopardise for any man, no matter how filthy rich or gorgeous. And then there's her father, a six-times-married prime slice of Alpha Male with a grudge against inherited wealth - and Jay. There's no denying money makes the world go around and diamonds are a girl's best friend, but they don't make the path to love any easier to tread - with or without the Prada wedges.

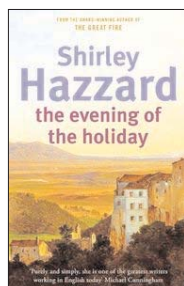


The Evening of the Holiday

Shirley HAZZARD

160pp Pb \$22.95

Passionate undercurrents sweep in and out of this eloquent novel about a love affair in the summer countryside in Italy and its inevitable end. It takes place in a setting of pastoral beauty during a time of celebration - a festival. Sophie, half-English, half-Italian, meets Tancredi, an Italian who is separated from his wife and family. In telling the story of their love affair, Hazzard punctures the placid surface of polite Italian society to reveal the intense yearnings and surprising responses in sophisticated people caught up in emotions they do not always understand. *Due Dec*

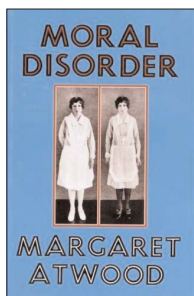


Moral Disorder

Margaret ATWOOD

272pp Hb \$39.95

This collection of stories resembles a photograph album - a series of clearly observed moments that trace the course of a life and the lives intertwined with it - those of parents, siblings, children, friends, enemies, teachers and even animals. And as in a photograph album, times change; every decade is here, from the 1930s through the 50s, 60s and 70s to the present day. The settings are equally varied: large cities, suburbs, farms, northern forests. This format displays Atwood's celebrated storytelling gifts and inimitable style to their best advantage. As *The New York Times* has said, "Atwood has complete access to her people's emotional histories; complete understanding of their hearts and imaginations."

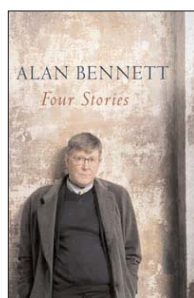


Four Stories

Alan BENNETT

240pp Pb \$22.95

Here are Bennett's four hugely admired, triumphantly reviewed and bestselling stories, brought together in one book for the first time. *Father! Father! Burning Bright* is a savage satire on a dying man's family reaction as he still asserts control over them from the hospital bed. *The Clothes They Stood Up In* is the painful story of what happens to an elderly couple when their flat is stripped completely bare. *The Laying on of Hands* describes a memorial service for a masseur-to-the-famous that goes horribly wrong. *The Lady in the Van* is the true story of an eccentric old lady and her van who are invited by a homeowner to live in his garden. The homeowner is Alan Bennett and she stays for 15 years. It became a West End hit starring Maggie Smith. Like everything Bennett does, these stories are playful, witty and painfully observant of ordinary people's foibles.

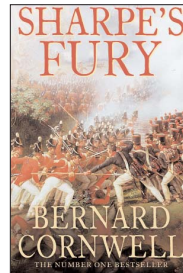


Sharpe's Fury

Bernard CORNWELL

416pp Tp \$33.00

In the winter of 1811, the war seemed lost. All Spain has fallen to the French, except for Cadiz, which is now the Spanish capital and under siege. Wellington and his British army are in Portugal waiting for spring to spark the war to life again. Richard Sharpe and his company are part of a small expeditionary force sent to break a bridge across the River Guadiana. What begins as a brilliant piece of soldiering turns into disaster, thanks to the brutal savagery of the French Colonel Vandal, who is leading his battalion to join the siege of Cadiz. Sharpe extricates a handful of men from the debacle and is driven south into the threatened city. *Due Dec*



The Lion's Club

Alexandros Trilogy #1

Lisa SPEIGHT

400pp Tp \$30.00

In the royal court of Macedon, training companions are sought for Alexandros, heir to Philippos II, as he is groomed to rule his father's kingdom. When 14-year-old Hephaistion is chosen, his strength and horsemanship earn him praise and the prince's friendship, but he is unprepared for the dark intrigue and vicious jealousy of court life. His friend, who will be known throughout history as Alexander the Great, is a pawn on the chessboard of his parents' violent ambitions. As Philippos and Olympias battle for control of the kingdom and their son's loyalty, Hephaistion watches Alexandros walk a cruel emotional knife edge. The years pass and they become men, their friendship growing more intense as together they draw blood in the heat of battle and face the ice cold hatred of their enemies.



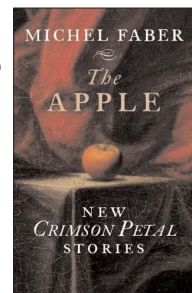
The Apple

New Crimson Petal Stories

Michel FABER

160pp Tp \$27.95

Take a saunter down Silver Street once more for an early Christmas encounter with the determined heroine of *The Crimson Petal* and the *White* (Pb \$24.95) and find out more of what became of her. In this collection, Faber revisits the world of his bestselling novel, briefly opening doors onto the lives of its characters to give us tantalising glimpses of where they sprang from and what happened to them.

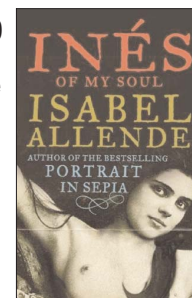


Ines of my Soul

Isabel ALLENDE

336pp Tp \$33.00

Allende takes us her back to her homeland of Chile and tells the story of the first Spanish woman to arrive on its shores with the Conquistadors in the 1500s. A real historical figure, Ines Suarez came to Chile with the Conquistadors in 1540, helping claim the territory for Spain and found the first Spanish settlement in Santiago. Allende re-imagines Ines's life and that of the two men who become her lover and husband respectively, invoking the conflict and drama of the Conquistadors' arrival in Chile, as well as helping restore the reputation of Ines, a powerful woman long neglected by history and a patriarchal society.

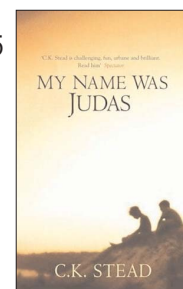


My Name was Judas

C K STEAD

256pp Pb \$24.95

We all know the story of Jesus told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but what about the version according to Judas? His name became synonymous with betrayer, but is that how he saw it himself? In this witty, original and teasingly controversial account, some 40 years after the death of Jesus, Judas finally tells the story as he remembers it. Looking back on his childhood and youth from an old age that the gospel-writers denied him, Judas recalls his friendship with Jesus; their schooling together; their families; the people who would go on to be disciples and followers; their journeys together; and their dealings with the powers of Rome and the Temple. It is a story of friendship and rivalry, of a time of uncertainty and enquiry, a testing of belief, endurance and loyalty. With his richly painted backdrop of ancient Palestine, Stead goes beyond the boundaries of the story known to us all and convincingly enters the mind of one of its key players.

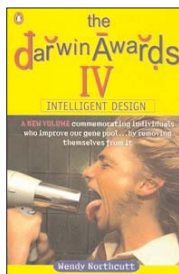


The Darwin Awards IV

Intelligent Design

Wendy NORTHCUTT 324pp Pb \$22.95

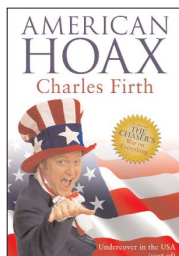
Most of us know instinctively that igniting a blasting cap in our mouth is a recipe for disaster. Most of us have basic sound judgement that eliminates the need for NO SMOKING signs at ammo dumps. Whether it's thallium-snorting soldiers, head-butting motorcyclists or hatchet-wielding men who mistake a body part for a chicken neck, there's no shortage of creative winners of the Darwin Awards. Filled with 150 original tales of evolution in action, science essays by guest writers and a spoof research paper supporting Intelligent Design, this book demonstrates that, when it comes to common sense, natural selection still has a long way to go...



American Hoax

Charles FIRTH 272pp Tp \$32.95

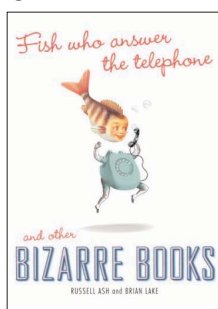
In 2005, Charles Firth travelled to the US. Over a period of six months, he invented five fictional American characters, each of whom represent a different point of view in American politics, and sent them out into the real world to see how successful they would be. His hypothesis was simple - whichever character got the furthest in America's fiercely competitive marketplace of ideas would be the victor. Would it be the conservative economist, the national security consultant, the left-liberal advertising executive, the working class white trash or the Muslim poet? The result is a compelling tale of an Australian 'outsider' (and his dubious acting skills) coming to grips with America, Americans and the American dream by confronting real Americans with their own rhetoric. The real Americans he meets seem even more fictional than the people he has invented.



Fish Who Answer the Telephone and Other Bizarre Books

Russell ASH & Brian LAKE 224pp Hb \$29.95

Out of the mountains of books published every year, many are unintentionally funny or just plain loopy. This book brings these choice works together in one volume. Extraordinary titles include: **Aeroplane Designing for Amateurs**, **How to Draw a Straight Line**, **Flashes from the Welsh Pulpit** and **Premature Burial and How it May be Prevented**, not to mention **Phone Calls from the Dead**. The contents of many of these titles are no less mind-boggling - from illustrations of different types of barbed wire to the advice contained in **Whippings and Lashings** ("always use ropes or cord of suitable thickness" and "do not fumble or use fancy methods"). The oddness collected here is unrivalled. Along similar lines is the charming little title:



Scouts in Bondage by Michael Bell 96pp Hb \$19.95

All the books illustrated in this irresistible little volume were collected by Bell when he owned an antiquarian bookshop in Lewes. His criterion was simple - these were old books that raised a grin, if not a guffaw, from his customers as soon as they saw them. Some are simply mystifying, like the enigmatic **Book of Blank Maps**, or simply evoke a world that has long since vanished, like Paulo Montegazza's manual on **The Art of Taking a Wife**. Sometimes it is the combination of title and cover artwork that does the trick, but most frequent of all it is the title that now conveys a meaning quite at odds with the author's original intentions, such as the boy's story, **Invisible Dick**, or another children's novel, **How Nell Scored**.

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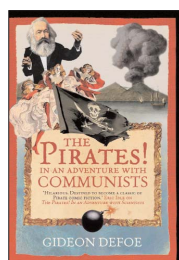
The Pirates!

In an Adventure with Communists

Gideon DEFOE 144pp Hb \$19.95

The Pirates are back and this time they're seeing red! The extravagantly-bearded pirate captain and his motley crew, fresh from their encounter with Moby Dick, embark on a hilarious new adventure. From the gloomy streets of Soho to the leafy boulevards of Paris, this is a story of intellectual giants, enormous beards, volcanoes and Valkyries, doubloons and dancing girls... and a quest to discover whether ham really might be the opium of the people.

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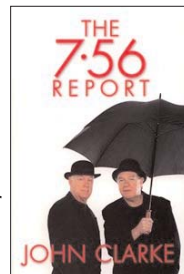


The 7.56 Report

John CLARKE

192pp Pb \$29.95

More wonderful interviews with Australia's leading citizens, drawn from John Clarke and Bryan Dawe's weekly broadcasts on ABC TV's 7.30 Report. Another hilarious collection of the highs and lows in the political career of our current government.



Children's

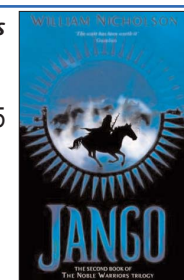
reviewed by Lindy Jones

Jango

William NICHOLSON

419pp Pb \$16.95

Follows on from the brilliant **Seeker** (Pb \$16.95). Seeker, Morning Star and Wildman are learning the secrets of the power of the Noble Warriors. The lands outside are threatened by the fierce nomadic Orlan, led by the pitiless Amroth Jahan, but the Island's old enemies in Radiance are immersed in trickery and plans of destruction. With so many dangers, the three novices follow their own paths to knowledge. An enthralling and morally complex novel, with excellent characterisation and skilfully drawn plots.

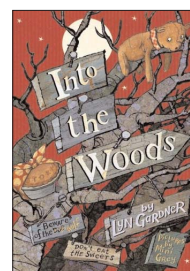


Into the Woods

Lyn GARDNER

428pp Hb \$32.95

Storm Eden is a tomboy, always having adventures, mucking around with fireworks and generally driving her older, neater sister Aurora slightly mad. Their mother died giving birth to their sister Anything, and their father is off exploring, so Aurora is in charge. Her main rule: Don't Go Into The Woods. Of course Storm disobeys, setting in place the biggest adventure of all! A fun and rollicking story combining elements of various fairy tales, wittily illustrated by Mini Grey. Ages 9-12

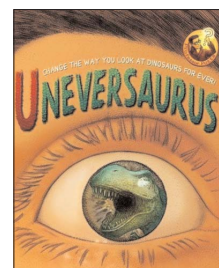


Uneversaurus

Aidan POTTS

32pp Hb \$24.95

This interesting book takes the young reader through the mysteries of colour, as applied to dinosaurs (or "buried treasure", as the text refers to them at one stage!). Because we've never seen a live dinosaur, we can only guess what colours they may have been. However, using educated guesswork, we are shown how scientists can imagine their hues. Well presented text and illustrations. Ages 7-10

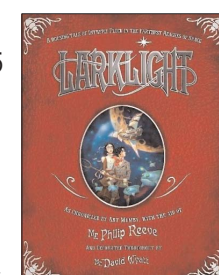


Larklight

Philip REEVE

400pp Hb \$24.95

This is such fun! Arthur and Myrtle Mumby live on Larklight, a dilapidated and ramshackle house constructed a few years after Isaac Newton's great discovery made the Conquest of Space possible. A Mr Webster comes to call, but instead of the visiting scientist they expect, he turns out to be a villainous spider. This is the start of a rollicking adventure as Art and Myrtle fall in with a bunch of sky pirates and set off to save the Universe. Told in a faux Victorian style, this is a bright and entertaining story. The beautifully detailed illustrations are marvellous! Ages 10+



Moby Dick

Herman MELVILLE, retold by Jan NEEDLE

196pp Hb \$34.95

This glorious version of the classic tale is simplified to emphasise the drama and adventure of the narrative, while retaining the style of the original text. With many drawings by Patrick Benson, in both colour and b&w, plus a glossary and diagram of a whaling ship, this beautifully presented book brings to life the story of Captain Ahab and the great white whale. Highly recommended!

Everything You Need to Know About the World

Simon ELIOT

183pp Pb \$14.95

Open this at any page and some amazing fact falls out! Told in a lively and engaging manner, and fairly aimed at boys 8-12, this book uses a lot of different fonts and is illustrated in a style recognisable from any school exercise book. All sorts of things are revealed: the annual American intake of marshmallows (1,286 grey whales' weight-worth!), why we have eyelashes, freckles and puberty, the first colour a baby sees, what Plato's name was before he changed it, the pick of your parent's music collection, famous bears and why birthday cakes have candles. An amazingly eclectic collection of facts, especially great for boys.

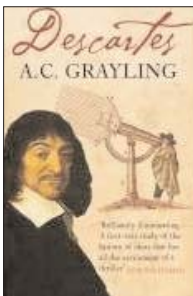
Descartes

The Life of Rene Descartes and its Place in His Times

A C GRAYLING

368pp Pb \$29.95

Scientist, mathematician, traveller, soldier - and spy - Rene Descartes has been called the "father of modern philosophy". Born in 1596 into an era still dominated by the medieval mindset, he was one of the chief actors in the riveting drama that ushered in the modern world. His life coincided with an extraordinarily significant time in history - the first half of the miraculous 17th century, replete with genius in the arts and sciences, and wracked by civil and international conflicts across Europe. Before his death in 1650, Descartes made immense contributions to an exceptionally wide range of fields and disciplines, and his assertion "Cogito, ergo sum" ("I think, therefore I am") has become one of the most famous maxims in all philosophy.



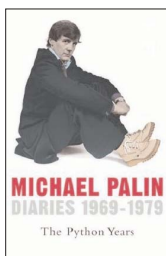
Diaries 1969-1979

The Python Years

Michael PALIN

704pp Hb \$49.95

Palin has kept a diary since newly married in the late 1960s, when he was beginning to make a name for himself as a TV scriptwriter (for *The Two Ronnies*, *David Frost* etc). *Monty Python* was just around the corner. This first volume of his diaries reveals how *Python* emerged and triumphed, how he, John Cleese, Graham Chapman, the two Terrys - Jones and Gilliam - and Eric Idle, came together and changed the face of British comedy. But this is but only part of Palin's story. Here is his growing family, his home in a north London Victorian terrace, which grows as he buys the house next door and then a second at the bottom of the garden; here, too, is his solo effort - as an actor, in *Three Men in a Boat*, his writing endeavours (often in partnership with Terry Jones) that produced *Ripping Yarns* and even a pantomime. Meanwhile *Monty Python* refuses to go away: the hugely successful movies that follow the TV, the at times extraordinary goings on of the many powerful personalities who coalesced to form the *Python* team, the fight to prevent a American TV network from bleeping out the best jokes on US transmission, and much more - all this makes perceptive, funny and riveting reading.

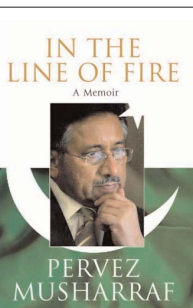


In the Line of Fire

Pervez MUSHARRAF

368pp Hb \$45.00

It is almost unprecedented for a head of state to publish a memoir while still in office. But Pervez Musharraf is no ordinary head of state. As President of Pakistan since 1999, his is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, and he continues to play a crucial role in the global war on terror. A one-time supporter of the Taliban, a general who fought in several wars, Musharraf took a decisive turn against militant Islam in 2001. Since then he has survived two assassination attempts; rooted out militants in his own government; helped direct countless raids against al-Qaeda both in his cities and in the mountains; and tracked Osama bin Laden with technical and human intelligence. Musharraf is astonishingly revealing and honest about dozens of topics of intense interest to the world such as what it has been like to deal with Bush and Blair and how Pakistan and India have avoided nuclear confrontation. The terrible earthquake of 2005, killing nearly 40,000 Pakistanis, is just one chapter in a life and career that has been filled with danger and drama.



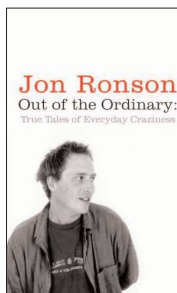
Out of the Ordinary

True Tales of Everyday Crazyness

Jon RONSON

256pp Pb \$22.95

In Jon's previous book, *The Men Who Stare at Goats* (Pb \$24.95), the nuttiness took place a long way from everyday life - on US military bases, or at Jihad training camps, or during conclaves of powerful men gathered for an annual ritual in a redwood forest. Here, it's much closer to home - just mainstream, domestic, ordinary insanity. The first piece is about his parents commissioning a local artist to paint a Ronson family portrait. The second is about Jon taking his son, Joel, to Lapland, to meet Santa. The third is about Jon doing the Alpha course and nearly finding God. The fourth is a major reworking of his *Out of the Ordinary* column in *The Guardian*.



The Secret Life of Houdini

William KALUSH & Larry Ratso SLOMAN

624pp Hb \$39.95

Using exclusive access to newly uncovered archives, the authors reveal the clandestine agreements in which the British and Americans recruited Houdini to be an active secret agent. They give thrilling accounts of his assignments, such as his participation in early aerial surveillance and his use of his own magic magazine to communicate espionage-related information. After the war, Houdini embarked upon what became his most dangerous mission when he took on the Spiritualist movement. Convinced that Spiritualist mediums were frauds, he became obsessed with exposing them. But the Spiritualists were a powerful adversary. An organised network of fanatics, led by Sherlock Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle, worked relentlessly to orchestrate a campaign that would silence Houdini forever. Grounded in solid research, but as exciting and dramatic as a good thriller, this book traces the magician's long and circuitous route from struggling vaudevillian to worldwide legend.

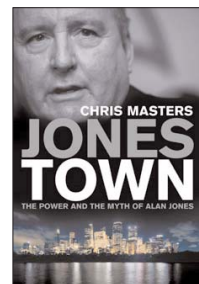
Jonestown

The Power and the Myth of Alan Jones

Chris MASTERS

553pp Hb \$49.95

Alan Jones. Why is he adored? Why is he reviled? Why does this talk radio host have the power to dine with presidents, lecture prime ministers and premiers, and influence government ministers? And how is it that he could not only survive a scandal such as the 'cash for comment' affair, but go on to greater reward? Masters seeks the answers to these questions and in doing so reveals a complex individual and the potent relationships he has with both Struggle Street and the big end of town.

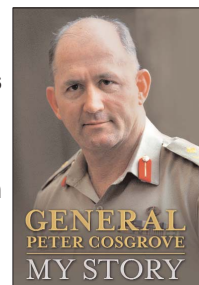


My Story

General Peter COSGROVE

400pp Hb \$50.00

Peter Cosgrove was born into an Army family. He writes of his early years and the influences that shaped him before deciding on a military career. We follow him from raw recruit at Duntroon to early duty in Malaysia and then Vietnam, where he won the Military Cross, through to major events in recent times, including 9/11, the 'children overboard' issue, the liberation of East Timor and the conflict in Iraq. General Cosgrove is not a man who flinches from telling it how it was. In these highly anticipated memoirs, the former Australian of the Year looks back over his respected and decorated military career with wit and warmth on top of the steel that made him one of Australia's most popular and widely recognised military leaders. *Due Dec*



My Story

Schapelle CORBY

with Kathryn BONELLA

320pp Tp \$35.00

"When I flew to Bali on 8 October 2004, I imagined my biggest problem was going to be deciding which sarong to wear with which bikini..." It was meant to be a holiday. A fun-filled break to a tropical paradise to celebrate a sister's birthday. But for Schapelle Corby it ended up a waking nightmare. She was arrested at Denpasar airport after 4.2 kilograms of marijuana was found in her boogie-board bag. Her trial and conviction became one of the biggest stories of the decade in Australia, and the entire nation watched in horror as she was sentenced to 20 years in jail. This is her own story: of being wrenched from a carefree holiday into a stinking police cell, of an alien legal system where her attempts to prove herself innocent were thwarted at every turn, and of learning to survive - day by terrible day - in the squalor, discomfort and violence of a third-world jail.



Wildlife Warrior

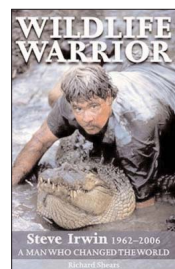
Steve Irwin 1962-2006

A Man Who Changed the World

Richard SHEARS

208pp Pb \$24.95

Like him or leave him, Steve Irwin was a larger than life character whose death still seems difficult to accept. I'm sure this is one biography which no-one expected to pull out of the can this year. If you agree with Germaine Greer's controversial opinion that Irwin's death was a case of the animal world taking revenge on a self-deluded animal tormentor, then this book won't grace your Christmas stocking. Personally, I liked the guy. *Ann*

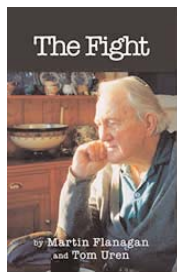


Biography

The Fight

Martin FLANAGAN & Tom UREN 200pp Pb \$24.95

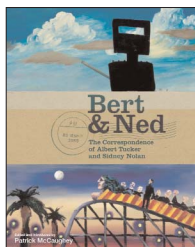
Tom Uren is a child of the Great Depression whose politics were forged by his experience of the Burma Railway where he served under Weary Dunlop and saw how engendering a collective spirit saved lives. From 1976-77, he was deputy leader of the Australian Labor Party. He was Labor's first environment spokesman, is a long-time activist for world peace and in 1998 was voted a National Living Treasure. This intimate but unsparing portrait of Uren, by author and journalist Martin Flanagan, reflects Uren's view of the spirit that needs to be re-awakened for Australia to move forward in a balanced and positive way. Senator Bob Brown described Uren as "one of the most magnificent living beings on the face of the planet, of not just Australian but global citizens, and one who has certainly inspired me right back to the days of Lake Pedder. ... It is as if he was not tainted in the way that so many of us who end up in politics can be."



Bert & Ned

The Correspondence of Albert Tucker and Sydney Nolan
Patrick McCaughey 272pp Hb \$49.95

Albert Tucker and Sydney Nolan were friends and rivals but never antagonists for the whole of their working lives as artists. Together they participated in the struggle to establish modern art in Australia in the 1940s. From the outset they were regarded as major artists possessed of a powerful and original vision. Yet by a quirk of fate they rarely lived in the same city or the same continent after 1947. Each deeply valued the friendship, however, and strove to preserve it through this remarkable correspondence. Covering a period of more than 30 years, the letters throw refreshing new light on their expatriate years in the 1950s and mark their changing and changeable attitude to Australia, both as place and culture.



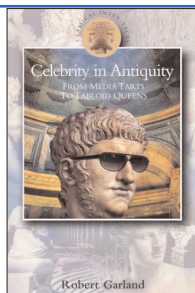
History

Celebrity in Antiquity

From Media Tarts to Tabloid Queens

Robert GARLAND 144pp Pb \$42.00

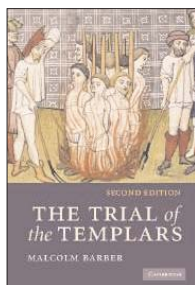
What sort of people were able to grab the attention of the public in the ancient world? How was celebrity achieved? What methods did people use to achieve it? Garland turns the spotlight on the careers of some of the most successful and colourful self-promoters, including Alcibiades, Socrates, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, Augustus, Jesus, Nero and Theodosia. He also looks at the ways in which other highly talented individuals have turned themselves into celebrities, including sports personalities, entertainers, philosophers, founders of new religions and internationally renowned prostitutes. You could be forgiven for supposing that celebrity is a phenomenon that has no equivalent in antiquity, but this book proves it did! *Due Dec*



The Trial of the Templars

Malcolm BARBER 408pp Pb \$39.95

The Templars fought against Islam in the crusader east for nearly two centuries. During that time, the original small band grew into a formidable army, backed by an extensive network of preceptories in the Latin West. In October 1307, the members of this seemingly invulnerable and respected Order were arrested on the orders of Philip IV, King of France, and charged with serious heresies, including the denial of Christ, homosexuality and idol worship. The ensuing proceedings lasted for almost five years and culminated in the suppression of the Order. The motivations of the participants and the long-term repercussions of the trial have been the subject of intense and unresolved controversy which resonates today. In this second edition, Barber discusses the trial in the context of new work on the crusades, heresy, the papacy and the French monarchy. *Due Dec*



The Life of Saladin

From the Works of Baha Ad-Din and Imad Ad-Din

Sir Hamilton GIBB 94pp Pb \$39.95

Saladin, the Kurdish founder of the Ayyubid Dynasty, conquered Jerusalem in 1187 and repelled the Crusaders. Though later defeated by England's Richard I, his great skill and honourable conduct would become enshrined in European and Muslim lore. Sir Hamilton Gibb, Oxford University's formidable Orientalist scholar and an admirer of Saladin, produced this short biographical account by drawing from two chronicles written by well-placed contemporaries of the legendary leader. Meticulously annotated, this classic is an essential reference for historians, as well as an excellent introduction to a fascinating historical figure.

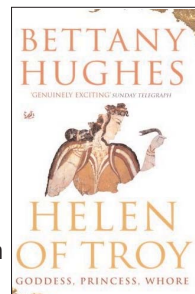


Helen of Troy

Goddess, Princess, Whore

Bettany HUGHES 496pp Tp \$30.00

As soon as men began to write, they made Helen of Troy their subject. For close on 3,000 years, she has been both the embodiment of absolute female beauty and a reminder of the terrible power that beauty can wield. Because of her double marriage to the Greek King Menelaus and the Trojan Prince Paris, Helen was held responsible for an enduring enmity between East and West. But who was she? Helen exists in many guises: a matriarch from the Age of Heroes who ruled over one of the most fertile areas of the Mycenaean world; Helen of Sparta, the focus of a cult which conflated Helen the heroine with a pre-Greek fertility goddess; the home-wrecker of the Iliad; the bitch-whore of Greek tragedy and the pin-up of Romantic artists. Focusing on the real Helen - a flesh-and-blood aristocrat from the Greek Bronze Age - Hughes reconstructs the context of life for this elusive pre-historic princess. Through the eyes of a young Mycenaean woman, she examines the physical, historical and cultural traces that Helen left on locations in Greece, North Africa and Asia Minor.



The Archaeology of Celtic Britain and Ireland

C AD 400 - 1200

Lloyd LAING

420pp Pb \$89.95

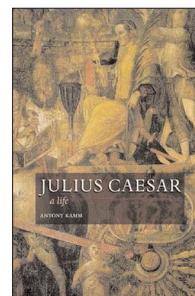
The image of the Celt is one of the most emotive in the European past, evoking pictures of warriors, feasts and gentle saints and scholars. This comprehensive and fully-illustrated book reappraises the archaeology of the Celtic-speaking areas of Britain and Ireland from the late 4th to the 12th century AD, a period in which the Celts were a leading cultural force in northern Europe. Drawing on recent scientific advances, the book provides a new perspective on the economy, settlement, material culture, art and technological achievements of the early medieval Celts and re-examines their interaction with the Romans and Vikings. Including a full survey of artefacts and archaeological sites, from memorial stones to monasteries, this is essential reading for any student or scholar with an interest in Celtic archaeology, history or culture.

Julius Caesar

A Life

Antony KAMM 192pp Pb \$54.00

This is a fresh account of Julius Caesar - a brilliant politician and intriguing figure who became sole ruler of the Roman Empire. Kamm examines key figures such as Marius, Sulla, Cicero, Mark Antony, Gaius Octavius (Emperor Augustus), Calpurnia and Cleopatra, as well as the unnamed warriors who fought for and against him, and politicians who supported and opposed him. Including new translations from classical sources, he sets Caesar's life against the historical, political and social background of the times, addressing key issues such as: Did Caesar destroy the Republic? What was the legality of his position and the moral justifications of his actions? How good a general was he? What was his relationship with Cleopatra? Why was he assassinated? This is Caesar - the lavish spender, military strategist, considerable orator and historical writer - and probably the most influential figure of his time - in all his historical glory. *Due Dec*



Great Tales from English History 1690-1953

The Battle of the Boyne to DNA

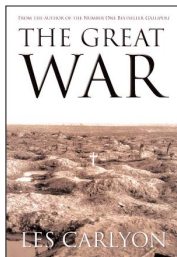
Robert LACEY

320pp Hb \$39.95

The third volume of *Great Tales from English History* enters the 20th century with a flourish. Starting in 1690 - the reign of William III and Queen Mary - this crackling collection of freshly researched stories recounts the modern history of England. Lacey's gift for marrying great events with extraordinary individuals illustrates familiar tales from a new angle in ways that are often quirky and always entertaining. *Due Dec*

The Great War

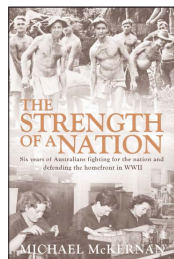
Les CARLYON 880pp Hb \$55.00
Carlyon's extraordinary account of the Anzacs on the Western Front from 1916 to 1918 combines a brilliant overview of this immense conflict with telling detail, stories, letters and diaries that breathe life into those terrible battles of 90 years ago. Here he has produced a masterpiece that takes the reader from the generals formulating strategy to the troops fighting cold, filth and the terror of sudden death in the trenches. Written with the same narrative skill, humanity, vivid recreation and meticulous research that made **Gallipoli** (Tp \$35) a bestseller, this is an epic history of Australia's involvement in the Great War.



The Strength of a Nation

Six Years of Australians Fighting for the Nation and Defending the Homefront in WWII

Michael McKERNAN 464pp Hb \$49.95
Nearly one million Australians, from a total population of just seven million, joined the armed forces during WWII. They made an enormous contribution to the Allied war effort. They inflicted the first land defeat of the Japanese at Milne Bay in New Guinea and played a crucial part in the Battle of El Alamein in North Africa, the first land defeat of the Germans. These victories were only made possible by their support from home. Still recovering from WWI and the Great Depression, the Australian population rallied to make these achievements possible.



Making Sense of War

Strategy for the 21st Century

Alan STEPHENS & Nikki BAKER 320pp Pb \$59.95
This book provides a comprehensive and clear analysis of the complex business of waging war. It gives readers a thorough understanding of the key concepts in strategic thought, concepts that have endured since the Athenian general Thucydides and the Chinese philosopher/warrior Sun Tzu first wrote about strategy some 2,500 years ago. It also examines the influence on strategic choice and military strategy of political, legal and technological change.

What Price Security?

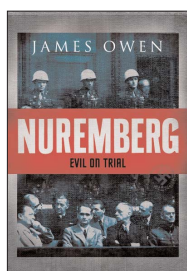
Taking Stock of Australia's Anti-Terror Laws

Andrew LYNCH & George WILLIAMS 96pp Pb \$16.95
This is a clear and accessible guide to the major components of Australia's anti-terrorism laws and their effects. It explains: what constitutes a crime of terrorism in Australia; what powers our main intelligence agency has to question and detain members of the community; what happens when the authorities seek a control order or an order of preventative detention over an individual; what speech risks making a person liable for the crime of sedition and how judicial processes have been modified for the trial of people charged with terrorism offences. It argues that Australia has gone too far in limiting civil rights in the name of anti-terrorism and warns: "it is vital that we do not allow ourselves to become the victim of our own fears."



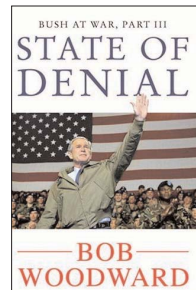
Nuremberg Evil on Trial

James OWEN 384pp Tp \$39.95
The end of WWII presented the Allies - Britain, France, Russia and the US - with a large and contentious problem. What to do with the surviving members of a regime that had brought death and misery to millions? Their solution - to place them on trial - was both novel and historic, and has influenced principles of justice now being applied in Yugoslav and Rwandan war crimes cases, as well as in Saddam Hussein's courtroom. Owen relates dramatic events through a judicious selection of the actual words spoken by the prosecutors, the judges and the defendants, including Hermann Goering and Rudolf Hess, offering authentic insight into the workings of the Nazi state, the mindset of its rulers and the momentous decisions they made. This penetrating account raises issues as vital now as they were 60 years ago.



State of Denial Bush at War, Part III

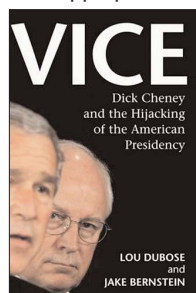
Bob WOODWARD 576pp Hb \$49.95
In this unmissable new book, Woodward takes us on an inside journey from the start of the Iraq War in 2003 to the present day, providing a detailed, authoritative account of President Bush's leadership and the struggles among the men and women in the White House, Pentagon, CIA and State Department. Woodward puts the Bush legacy in historical context as he shows this presidency in action in a way that is normally seen only years after a chief executive leaves office. He describes how Bush and his team have attempted to change the way that wars are fought and have put together a re-election campaign while reinventing their strategy for the invasion and occupation of Iraq over and over again.



Vice

Dick Cheney and the Hijacking of the American Presidency

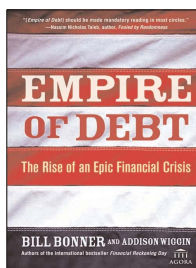
Lou DUBOSE & Jake BERNSTEIN 272pp Tp \$35.00
Cheney has always been an astute politician. He survived the collapse of the Nixon presidency, finding a position of power in the administration of Gerald Ford. He was then elected to the House of Representatives and later served in the cabinet of the first Bush presidency. But when he became George W Bush's running mate, he reached a new level of influence. From the engineering of his own selection as Vice President to his support of policies that allow torture as a permissible weapon in the war on terror, Cheney has consistently steered America to the right. With unique access to numerous first-hand sources, this book provides an unprecedented expose of Cheney's career. Its startling revelations concern the war in Iraq, his relationship with the CIA and big business, his involvement with Enron, his attitude towards Iran and his ruthless manoeuvring, which today effectively puts him in charge of American policy at home and abroad.



Empire of Debt

The Rise of an Epic Financial Crisis

William BONNER & Addison WIGGIN 370pp Pb \$26.95
In no-nonsense prose, this book confronts head-on critical concerns about the position of the US as the world's leading economy and its great military might. For many years, the US has been the country from which others sought advice, money and a high return on investment. At the same time, Uncle Sam has descended from being the world's largest creditor to its greatest debtor. Why the paradox? From the authors who conceived the international bestseller, **Financial Reckoning Day** (Pb \$26.95), comes the first in-depth look at how Americans abandoned their sound traditions of economic freedom, personal liberty and fiscal restraint, favouring instead government control of the economy, unfettered deficit spending, gluttonous consumption and fearless military adventurism, all of which have ravaged the business environment, devastated personal balance sheets and led the global economy to the brink of its greatest financial crisis.



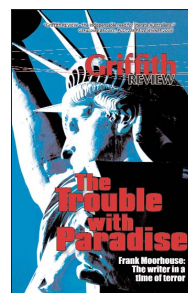
These are the Names

Rabbi John LEVI 245pp Hb \$79.95
This is a major contribution to an aspect of Australian history which is mostly ignored - the arrival of more than 150,000 Jewish men and women between 1788 and 1850, transported convicts and free settlers alike. Painstakingly researched, more than 1,600 of these pioneers can be found in this biographical dictionary. The wealth of information makes this an invaluable reference work and resource. *Cara*

Griffith Review #14

The Trouble with Paradise

Julianne SCHULTZ (Ed) 240pp Pb \$19.95
This issue of *Griffith Review* is grounded in competing ideas, and the more troublesome reality. From the American dream and travel to exotic locations, to the perfect family and dreams of heaven, ideas of paradise abound. All too often, reality is more complicated, costly and elusive. The outstanding lead essay by Frank Moorhouse examines the challenges to freedom of expression in the post-9/11 world. Did the idea only suit times of peace, or an enduring element of an ideal society? What are the consequences of closing down debates and is it even possible in a networked world?



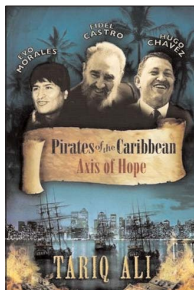
Pirates of the Caribbean

Axis of Hope

Tariq ALI 224pp Hb \$49.95

Since 1998, the Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela has brought Hugo Chavez to world attention as the foremost challenger of the neo-liberal consensus and America foreign policy. While Chavez's radical social-democratic reforms have brought him worldwide acclaim among the poor, he has attracted intense hostility from Venezuelan elites and Western governments.

Drawing on first-hand experience of Venezuela and meetings with Chavez, Ali shows how Chavez's views have polarised Latin America and examines the hostility directed against his administration. Ali discusses the enormous influence of Castro on Chavez and Morales, the newly-elected President of Bolivia, and contrasts the Cuban and Venezuelan revolutionary processes. *Due Dec*

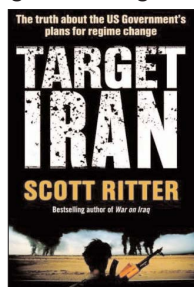


Target Iran

The Truth About the US Government's Plans for Regime Change

Scott RITTER 316pp Pb \$29.95

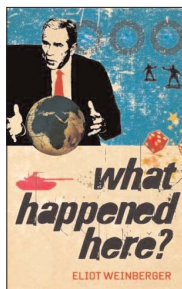
Ritter, the former chief UN weapons inspector, personally oversaw and undertook the effective disarmament of Iraq. In the run-up to the US invasion, his **War on Iraq** (Pb \$14.95) thoroughly outlined these facts, but his claims were ignored by both the Bush administration and mainstream media. Now he sets his sights on the White House's hyping of Iran's alleged nuclear weapons program. He once again sets the record straight. He examines the Bush administration's regime-change policy and the potential of Iran to threaten US national security interests. Ritter also considers how the country is seen by other interested parties, including the UK (Tony Blair may once again be called upon by Bush to provide an international 'cover' in any confrontation), Israel (Israelis view Iran as their number one threat today) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (responsible for inspecting the alleged nuclear program).



What Happened Here?

Eliot WEINBERGER 224pp Hb \$24.95

With wit and anger, Weinberger takes us through the administration of the 'Bush junta': the inauguration of George Dubya, September 11, the invention of the War on Terror, the real wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the often bizarre behaviour of the Republican Party. Ranging from first-person journalism to political analysis to a kind of documentary prose-poetry, Weinberger teases out the nightmarish absurdities of the Bush administration with incisive, ferocious elegance.

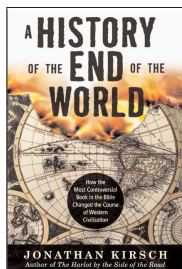


A History of the End of the World

How the Most Controversial Book in the Bible Changed the Course of Western Civilization

Jonathan KIRSCH 338pp Hb \$45.00

The mysterious author of the **Book of Revelation** (or 'the Apocalypse', as the last book of the New Testament is also known) never considered that his sermon on the impending end times would last beyond his own life. In fact, he predicted that the destruction of the earth would be witnessed by his contemporaries. Yet Revelation not only outlived its creator. This vivid and violent revenge fantasy has played a significant role in the march of Western civilisation. Ever since Revelation was first preached as the revealed word of Jesus Christ, it has haunted and inspired hearers and readers alike. The mark of the beast, the Antichrist, 666, the Whore of Babylon, Armageddon and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are just a few of the images, phrases and codes that have burned their way into the fabric of our culture. The questions raised go straight to the heart of our fear of death and obsession with the afterlife. Will we, individually or collectively, ride off to glory or will we drown in hellfire for all eternity?



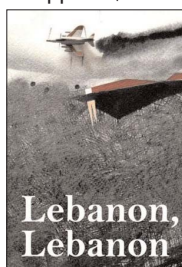
Mussolini's Italy

Life Under the Dictatorship 1915-1945

Richard BOSWORTH

Paints a picture of brutality and failure, yet combined with an understanding of Mussolini as a man, not so very different from many of his contemporaries.

720pp Pb \$26.95



Lebanon, Lebanon

Anna WILSON (Ed) 256pp Pb \$32.95

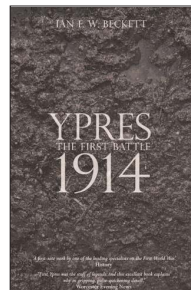
Children are living in appalling conditions in Lebanon since the outbreak of war in July 2006. This collection of writings and drawings - from some of the world's leading authors and artists - is for them. All proceeds go to children's charities in Lebanon.

Ypres 1914

The First Battle

Ian BECKETT 336pp Pb \$24.95

The battle for Ypres in October and November 1914 represented the last opportunity for open, mobile warfare on the Western Front. In the first study of First Ypres for almost 40 years, Beckett draws on a wide range of sources never previously used to reappraise the conduct of the battle, its significance and its legacy. *Due Dec*

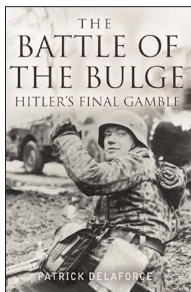


The Battle of the Bulge

Hitler's Final Gamble

Patrick DELAFORCE 392pp Pb \$24.95

After their success in Normandy in the summer of 1944, the Allies thought the war would be "over by Christmas". But in the autumn, Adolf Hitler decided to take an incredible gamble. If it had succeeded, he would have seized the crucial supply port of Antwerp and divided and cut off half the Allied armies in Belgium and Holland. The final outcome could have been their surrender or, at best, a second Dunkirk. Delaforce tells the story of the furious fighting and heavy losses and how close Hitler came to being successful. Featuring individual stories from the American, British and German combatants in the Ardennes battle, and illustrated with photographs and drawings (many from American war artists) and battle plans, this book provides a gripping account of one of the most important battles of WWII.



New from Palgrave

Encyclopedia of Islamic Civilization and Religion

Ian Richard NETTON (editor) 750pp Hb \$465.00

Covers the full range of Islamic thought in historical depth, but also provides substantial coverage of contemporary trends across the Muslim world. Well over 1,000 entries on Islamic theology, history, arts, science, law and institutions, plus coverage of Islam in individual countries and cities around the world. An extremely rich resource for students and researchers in religious studies and Middle Eastern studies. Entries are cross-referenced and bibliographies are provided. *Due Dec*

A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Biography and Mythology

William SMITH (Ed) 3,718pp 3 Vol Hb \$1,264.00

Embracing the whole of ancient history and literature over more than 2,000 years, the three volumes of this dictionary provide a wealth of information on every significant figure mentioned by the Greek and Roman writers in the areas of history, philosophy, mathematics, the Arts, medicine, law, geography and architecture. Includes a full account of the works and lives of the Greek and Roman writers, while the painters, sculptors and architects are treated in considerable length. *Due Dec*

Dictionary of Biblical Criticism and Interpretation

Stanley PORTER 680pp Hb \$289.00

Compiling the results from contemporary research in one important volume, this book stands ahead of its field in providing a comprehensive, one-stop handbook reference of biblical interpretation. Examining a wide range of articles on many of the recognised interpreters, Professor Porter expertly combines the study of biblical interpretation with the examination of the theological and philosophical preconceptions that have influenced it, surveying the history of interpretation from different perspectives. *Due Dec*

The Politics of Water

A Survey 500pp Hb \$391.00

This new title presents a wealth of information covering the global politics of water. With the modern threat of climate change and growing demand on water resources, it provides invaluable insight into an increasingly politicised topic. *Due Dec*

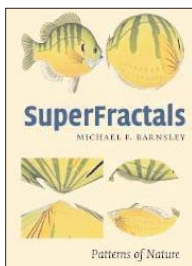
SuperFractals

Patterns of Nature

Michael F BARNSELEY

464pp Hb \$59.95

This is the long awaited successor to **Fractals Everywhere** (Pb \$139.15), in which the power and beauty of Iterated Function Systems were introduced and applied to producing startling and original images that reflect complex structures, such as those found in nature. This provoked the question of whether there is a deeper connection between topology, geometry, IFS and codes on the one hand and biology, DNA and protein development on the other. Now, 20 years later, Barnsley brings the story up to date by explaining how IFS have developed to address this issue. New ideas such as fractal tops and superIFS are introduced and the classical deterministic approach is combined with probabilistic ideas to produce new mathematics and algorithms that open a whole theory that could have applications in computer graphics, bioinformatics, economics, signal processing and beyond. For the first time, these ideas are explained in book form and illustrated with breathtaking pictures.



It Ain't Necessarily So... Bro

New Moments in Science

Dr Karl KRUSZELNICKI

227pp Pb \$25.00

How much chocolate is toxic? Is the Daddy Long Legs the most venomous spider in the world? Did genetic engineering put an ear on the back of a mouse? Is Hardwood hard? Can you 'spot reduce' fat and does muscle turn to fat? Did pirates really walk the plank? Dr Karl exposes more 'mythconceptions' about life, the universe and everything.



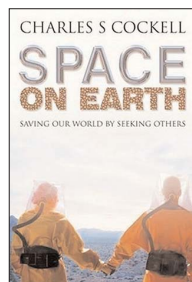
Space on Earth

Saving Our World by Seeking Others

Charles COCKELL

256pp Hb \$49.95

Many environmentalists think going into space detracts from solving problems here on Earth. On the other hand, most space explorers think environmentalism hampers exploration and settlement of space. Actually, environmentalism and space exploration have one and the same objective, argues leading astro-biologist Professor Cockell - to ensure humanity has a home. He proposes that a fusion of the two movements is the only way forward. The technologies we develop to live sustainably on Earth, such as wind and solar power, will also establish humanity in space. The exploration of space will provide new resources and skills for the protection of the Earth's environment. For example, studying extreme environments on Earth helps us look for life on Mars, while satellites orbiting Earth help track hurricanes and protect people from natural disasters.



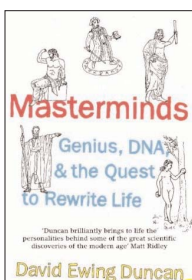
Masterminds

Genius, DNA, and the Quest to Rewrite Life

David Ewing DUNCAN

288pp Pb \$25.00

Throughout history, the personalities of scientists have astonished us. From Galileo to Jonas Salk, their great leaps of imagination and originality have pushed and stretched society's boundaries, providing us with everything from the wheel to rocket ships and penicillin. Today's masterminds in biotechnology promise life spans of up to 400 years, cures for cancer and an end to pollution. But they are also capable of causing social upheavals with Frankenstein-like nightmare creations, as well as bioweapons. This is a startling narrative about science and personality, delving into stem cells, cloning, bioengineering and genetics by telling the stories of the characters at the fulcrum of the science. The author uses a unique method of tying in age-old stories and myths - from Prometheus and Eve to Faustus and Frankenstein - to ask the question: Can we trust these scientists?

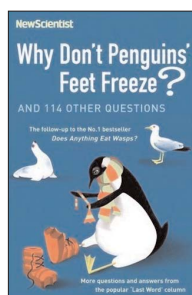


Why Don't Penguins' Feet Freeze? And 114 Other Questions

Mick O'HARE

256pp Pb \$22.95

This is the latest compilation of readers' answers to the questions in the Last Word column of *New Scientist*. Following the phenomenal success of **Does Anything Eat Wasps?** (Pb \$22.95), this new collection includes recent answers never before published in book form, and also old favourites from the column's early days. Yet again, many seemingly simple questions turn out to have complex answers, while some that seem difficult have a very simple explanation. *Due Dec*



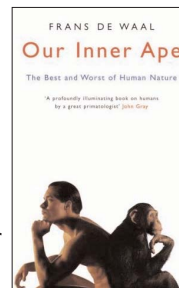
Our Inner Ape

The Best and Worst of Human Nature

Frans De WAAL

300pp Pb \$27.95

We have long attributed man's violent, aggressive, competitive nature to his animal ancestry. But what if we are just as given to cooperation, empathy and morality by virtue of our genes? From a scientist and writer whom EO Wilson has called "the world authority on primate social behaviour" comes a lively look at the most provocative aspects of human nature - power, sex, violence, kindness and morality - through our two closest cousins in the ape family. For nearly 20 years, Frans de Waal has worked with both the famously aggressive chimpanzee and the lesser-known egalitarian, erotic, matriarchal bonobo - two species whose DNA is nearly identical to that of humans. He brings these apes to life on every page, revealing their personalities, relationships and power struggles, creating an engrossing narrative that explores what their behaviour can teach us about ourselves and each other. *Due Dec*

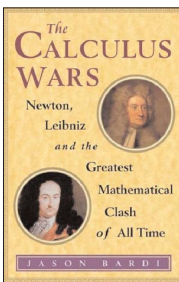


The Calculus Wars

Jason BARDI

288pp Hb \$36.95

Now regarded as the bane of many college students' existence, calculus was one of the most important mathematical innovations of the 17th century. But a dispute over its discovery sowed the seeds of discontent between two of the greatest scientific giants of all time - Sir Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. Today, Newton and Leibniz are generally considered the twin independent inventors of calculus, both credited with giving mathematics its greatest push forward since the time of the Greeks. Had they known each other under different circumstances, they might have been friends. But in their own lifetimes, the joint glory of calculus was not enough for either and each declared war against the other, openly and in secret. This long and bitter dispute has been swept under the carpet by historians - perhaps because it reveals Newton and Leibniz in their worst light - but this book tells the full story in narrative form for the first time.



Timothy's Book

Notes of an English Country Tortoise

Verlyn KLINKENBORG

192pp Hb \$29.95

Timothy, a wise and eloquent tortoise, has spent some 40 years among humans, living in their midst in the lovely Hampshire village of Selborne, the occasional object of study for his host, Gilbert White, whose letters famously comprise **A Natural History of Selborne** (Pb \$24.95). But Timothy is inclined to study too. His observations of the natural world around him can match those of his master for aptness, precision, illumination and beauty. His gaze falls with equal aplomb on the flitting martins and swallows, trooping frogs, mating harvest mice, hares nibbling at the cabbage and, above all, on those "tottering, stilt-gaited beasts", their instincts so derelict, who tower over Timothy and make their odd ways known to him. Who would guess that a tortoise marooned in the heart of old England could tell us so much? *Due Dec*

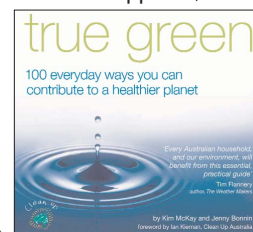
True Green

100 Everyday Ways for Sustainable Living

Kim MCKAY & Jenny BONNIN

128pp Pb \$19.95

100 tips from the Clean Up Australia team on how to protect the environment, live healthily and save money. Put on a jumper instead of turning on the heater. Switch off electrical appliances at the power point. Say no to plastic bags and reduce waste. Use recycled paper and conserve forests. Reuse takeaway containers and lower pollution. I can't help feeling this approach smacks of 'rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic', but perhaps these little actions may help us agitate for larger-scale policy changes before it's too late. *Ann*



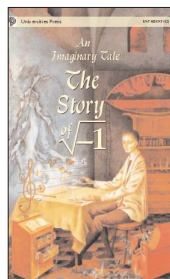
An Imaginary Tale

The Story of the Square Root of Minus One

Paul J NAHIN

288pp Tp \$37.00

Nahin tells the 2,000-year-old history of one of mathematics' most elusive numbers, the square root of minus one, also known as 'i'. He recreates the baffling mathematical problems that were conjured up and the colourful characters who tried to solve them. In 1878, when two brothers stole a mathematical papyrus from the ancient Egyptian burial site in the Valley of Kings, they led scholars to the earliest known occurrence of the square root of a negative number. The papyrus offered a specific numeric example of how to calculate the volume of a truncated square pyramid, which implied the need for i. In the first century, the mathematician-engineer Heron of Alexandria encountered i in a separate project, but fudged the arithmetic. Medieval mathematicians stumbled upon the concept while grappling with the meaning of negative numbers, but dismissed their square roots as nonsense. By the time of Descartes, a theoretical use for these elusive square roots - now called "imaginary numbers" - was suspected, but efforts to solve them led to intense, bitter debates. In Napoleonic times, the notorious i finally won acceptance and was put to use in complex analysis and theoretical physics. This book can be read as an engaging history - almost a biography - of one of the most evasive and pervasive 'numbers' in all mathematics.



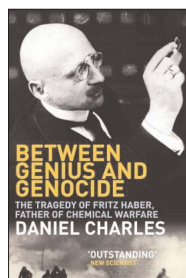
Between Genius and Genocide

The Tragedy of Fritz Haber, Father of Chemical Warfare

Dan CHARLES

336pp Tp \$35.00

In January 1934, as Hitler's shadow began to fall across Europe, a short, bald man carrying a German passport arrived at the Hotel Euler in Basle. He seemed haunted and restless, as though he urgently needed to be elsewhere. Fritz Haber, Nobel laureate in chemistry, confidante of Albert Einstein and German war hero, had arrived in Basle a broken man. Three days later, he died, leaving an uncertain legacy. For some, the great German chemist was a benefactor of humanity, winner of a Nobel Prize for inventing a way to nourish farmers' fields with nitrogen captured from the air. For others, he was a war criminal who personally supervised the unleashing of chlorine clouds against British, French and Canadian troops in WWI. Tragedy marked his life. A week after the first gas attack in 1915, Haber's wife took his pistol and shot herself. In 1933, when Hitler came to power, 'the Jew Haber' was among the first scientists driven out of Germany. Within a year, Haber was dead - denied honour both in his homeland and abroad. No life reveals the moral paradox of science - its capacity to create and destroy - more clearly than Haber's.

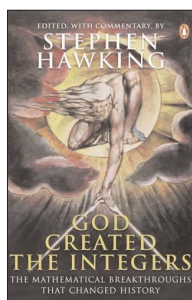


God Created the Integers

The Mathematical Breakthroughs that Changed History

Stephen HAWKING (Ed) 1,184pp Tp \$39.95

This is Hawking's personal choice of the greatest mathematical works in history. He allows the reader to peer into the mind of genius by providing us with excerpts from original mathematical proofs and results. He also helps us understand the progression of mathematical thought and the very foundations of present-day technologies. The book includes landmark discoveries spanning 2,500 years, representing the work of mathematicians such as Euclid, Georg Cantor, Kurt Godel, Augustin Cauchy, Bernard Riemann and Alan Turing. Each chapter begins with a biography of the featured mathematician, clearly explaining the significance of the result, followed by the full proof of the work, reproduced from the original publication, many in new translations.



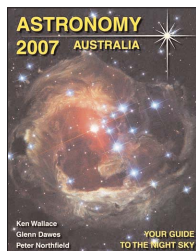
Astronomy 2007

Australia

Glenn DAWES et al

Pb \$59.95

This annual gem continues to take the Australian stargazer on a wondrous journey of the night sky. This critically acclaimed work, produced by three well known experts in the field, takes a unique approach to explaining and identifying the Sun, Moon, planets and constellations.



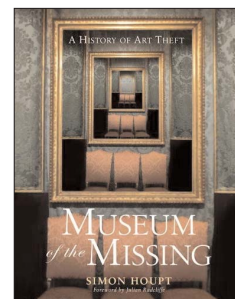
Museum of the Missing

A History of Art Theft

Simon HOUP

192pp Hb \$40.00

The true story behind the blank spaces on the museum walls. What kind of person would dare to steal a legendary painting and who would buy something so instantly recognisable? In recent years, art theft has captured the public imagination more than ever, spurred by both real-life incidents (the snatching of Edvard Munch's masterwork, *The Scream*) and the glamorous fantasy of Hollywood films such as *The Thomas Crown Affair*. The truth is, according to INTERPOL, more than 20,000 stolen works of art are missing, including Rembrandts, Renoirs, van Goghs and Picassos. This gripping page-turner features everything from wartime plundering to audacious modern-day heists, from an examination of the criminals' motivations to a look at the professionals who spend their lives hunting down the wrongdoers. If all the paintings presented here were gathered in one museum, it would be one of the finest collections in existence!



Hans Holbein

Portrait of an Unknown Man

Derek WILSON

320pp Tp \$42.00

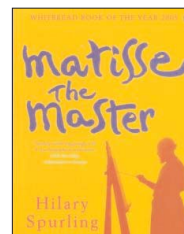
This fascinating biography gives a fresh account of Holbein's paintings, suggesting they include coded signals and propaganda about political figures of the time. This controversial interpretation suggests that the artist was inextricably bound up in the stirring events of a turbulent age.

Matisse the Master

Hilary SPURLING

544pp Tp \$39.95

Spurling's fascinating exploration of Matisse's world uncovers the secret life of the artist, whose paintings shocked and infuriated his contemporaries, while paving the way for modern art. In this beautifully presented second volume, Spurling tells the story of Matisse's growing artistic maturity and the relationship between his life and art from 1909 to 1954, his glory years. *Due Dec*

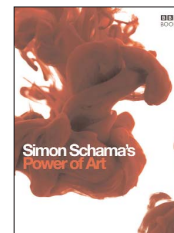


Power of Art

Simon SCHAMA

416pp Hb \$59.95

"The hushed reverence of the gallery can fool you into believing masterpieces are polite things, visions that soothe, charm and beguile, but actually they are thugs. Merciless and wily, the greatest paintings grab you in a headlock, rough up your composure and then proceed in short order to rearrange your sense of reality..." With the same disarming force, Schama jolts us far from the comfort zone of the hushed art gallery and closes in on intense make-or-break turning points in the lives of eight great artists who, under extreme stress, created something unprecedented, altering the course of art forever. The embattled heroes - Caravaggio, Bernini, Rembrandt, David, Turner, Van Gogh, Picasso and Rothko - each in his own resolute way, faced crisis with steadfast defiance. The masterpieces they created challenged convention, shattered complacency, shifted awareness and changed the way we look at the world. With powerfully vivid storytelling, Schama explores the dynamic personalities of the artists and the spirit of the times they lived through, capturing the flamboyant theatre of bourgeois life in Amsterdam, the passion and paranoia of Revolutionary Paris, and the carnage and pathos of civil-war Spain.



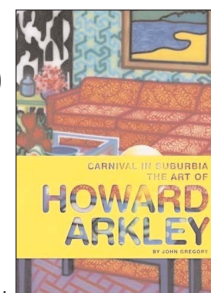
Carnival in Suburbia

The Art of Howard Arkley

John GREGORY

220pp Hb \$99.00

When he died suddenly in Melbourne in July 1999 at the age of 48, Australian painter Howard Arkley had just achieved his greatest successes, receiving international critical acclaim for his work at the Venice Biennale and in Los Angeles. Arkley enjoyed pop themes and imagery, like many of his 'postmodern' generation, but he also developed an idiosyncratic individual style, using heavy, air-brushed lines and vivid colour to produce stylised representations of everyday subjects. This book covers Arkley's work thematically, beginning with his best-known works of suburban imagery. Subsequent chapters examine his fascination with pattern, colour and line, his creative use of source material and his collaborations with Juan Davila and other contemporaries. Finally, Arkley is identified as a 'carnavalesque' painter, intrigued by death, grotesque body imagery and masks.

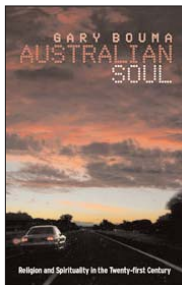


Australian Soul

Religion and Spirituality in the 21st Century

Gary BOUMA Pb \$39.95

This fascinating book describes the character of religious and spiritual life in Australia today. It argues that, far from petering out, religion and spirituality are thriving. Bouma, the leading expert on the state of religious life in Australia, provides the most up-to-date facts and figures and compares the 'tone' of Australian religious practices with those of other countries. Australians might be less vocal and more reticent about their religion than Americans, but their religious and spiritual beliefs are no less potent. Bouma describes and analyses our religious and spiritual life in detail, providing a series of case studies that illustrate the range of practices and beliefs in Australia today



A Concise History of Western Music

Paul GRIFFITHS

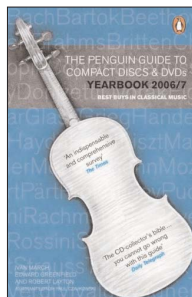
358pp Hb \$75.00

Engaging, clear and informative, this is the story of Western music - of its great composers, its performers and listeners, and of the ever-changing ideas of what music is and what it's for. Griffiths shows how music has evolved through the centuries and suggests how musical evolution has reflected developments in history and culture. He provides an enticing introduction for students and beginners, using the minimum of technical terms, all straightforwardly defined in the glossary.

The Penguin Guide to Compact Disks and DVDs Yearbook 2006/7

Ivan MARCH (Ed) 768pp Tp \$45.00

This is the essential companion volume to the acclaimed Penguin Guide to Compact Discs (Pb \$49.95). It reviews the many hundreds of CDs that have appeared since the publication of the main guide in 2005 and takes a close look at some of the more unusual areas of the classical music repertoire, including extensive sections on concerts and recitals.



Don't Believe It!

How Lies Become News

Alexandra KITTY

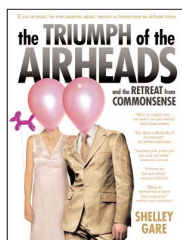
208pp Pb \$27.95

In the last few years, the journalism industry has cut costs by eliminating important safeguards: reducing the numbers of fact-checkers, editors and journalists. What this means is that editors and reporters do not have time to verify information. To maintain readership, journalists and editors choose sensational stories that 'shock'. Combined with time and budget constraints, journalists unwittingly or deliberately disseminate misleading information. This book shows readers how to verify facts and separate the wheat from the chaff.

The Triumph of the Airheads And the Retreat from Common Sense

Shelley GARE 304pp Tp \$32.95

"Incarceration has worked a miracle on Martha Stewart's bottom line." - *The Daily Telegraph*. "Not one of my 33 second-year university students had ever heard of Chairman Mao." - letter to *The Australian*. "It sold well because lots of people bought it." - publisher Andrew Franklin. Here are numerous examples of idiocy, buffoonery in high places, 'famous' nobodies and decisions that defy all logic. Has the world has been taken over by morons?

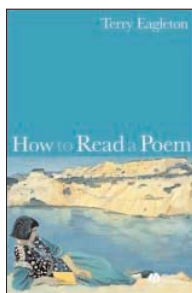


How to Read a Poem

Terry EAGLETON

192pp Pb \$27.50

In this witty, accessible book, Eagleton argues that the art of reading poetry is as much in danger of becoming extinct as thatching or clog dancing. On the whole, students today are not taught how to be sensitive to language - how to read a poem with due attention to its tone, mood, pitch, pace, rhythm and texture, rather than just to 'what it says'. To demonstrate this, he takes a wide range of poems - from the Renaissance to the present day - and submits them to brilliantly illuminating analysis. He asks: what is poetry and how does it differ from prose? Is there a language peculiar to poetry? What exactly do we mean by imagery? Lucid, entertaining and full of insight, this book is designed to banish the intimidation that too often attends the subject of poetry.

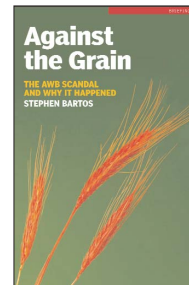


Against the Grain

The AWB Scandal and Why It Happened

Stephen BARTOS 96pp Pb \$16.95

The significance of the Australian Wheat Board scandal extends well beyond its immediate political impact. Its lasting lessons go to the heart of how government and companies are run in Australia. Bartos explores those lessons and suggests reform is needed to provide an assurance that this country is committed to transparency and accountability.



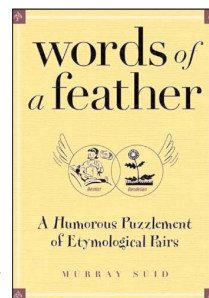
Words of a Feather

A Humorous Puzzlement of Etymological Pairs

Murray SUID

176pp Hb \$22.95

What's the connection between maneuver and manure? Between glamour and grammar? Anger and angina? At first glance, these words seem to have nothing in common, but in fact they are connected by their origins. This cleverly entertaining book explores the shared histories of 150 word pairs (called "dual etymologies") to give language lovers of all ages a fun and powerful vocabulary-building education.

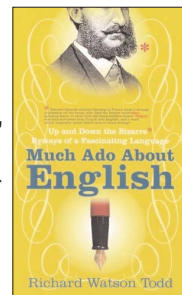


Much Ado About English

Richard WATSON

156pp Hb \$27.95

Did you know that "rhinoceros" has four possible plurals or that "silly" has had nine different meanings? Can you guess what "zenzizenzizencio" and "tatterdemalion" mean? Would you talk about an "ambush of tigers" or a "shrewdness of apes", or how about an "absence of waiters"? If we say one mouse and two mice, why don't we say one house and two hices? Can you tell a Tom Swifty from a Colemanball or a mondegreen? This book strolls through the vast landscape of the English language and wanders down its most illogical, peculiar and idiosyncratic byways. Whether your interest is neologisms or pleonasms, sobriquets or oxymorons, tongue twisters or palindromes, this is a tantalising taste of the massive range and downright bloody-mindedness of English. *Due Dec*



Pornified

How Pornography is Damaging Our Lives, Our Relationships and Our Families

Pamela PAUL

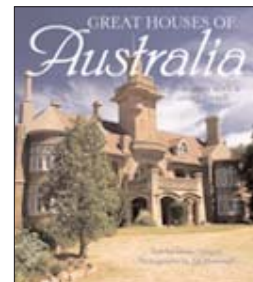
320pp Pb \$29.95

Porn is everywhere, not just in cyberspace and Playboy, but in popular video games, advice columns and reality TV shows. Porn has also become affordable, accessible, anonymous, increasingly acceptable and a big part of the personal lives of many men and women. Paul argues that as porn becomes more pervasive, it is destroying marriages and families, as well as distorting our children's ideas of sex and sexuality. Based on extensive interviews, this book exposes how porn has infiltrated our lives, from the wife agonising over the late-night hours her husband spends on porn websites to the parents stunned to learn their 12-year-old son has seen a hardcore porn film.

Great Houses of Australia

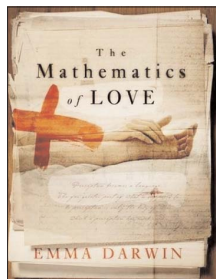
Denos GREGORY 207pp Hb \$59.95

From grand colonial mansions to sprawling rural and historic homes, this book examines 50 remarkable residences, bringing to life the people and events that have made these houses what they are today. Many are intrinsically linked with Australia's age of colonial exploration and settlement, including the homes of noted personalities such as John Macarthur and Hamilton Hume, and Australia's first mining magnate Johann Ballerstedt. Some homes have defied the odds, such as Darwin's Government House, which has survived three major cyclones, an earthquake or two, 65 air raids... and continuous attacks by white ants! Other houses saw fierce gunfights back when bushranger Ben Hall was on the loose, or are home to a few resident ghosts. One thing is for sure, they all have a story to tell!



What shall I tell you? Shall I tell you what I have been reading? Or shall I tell you what I would like for Christmas?

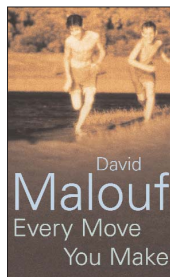
First, I've been reading **The Mathematics of Love** by Emma Darwin (\$32.95 Tp). I pounced upon this because I had just finished reading all about **Josiah Wedgewood** by Brian Dolan (\$27.95 Tp). The publicity made much of the fact that Emma is the great-great-granddaughter of Charles Darwin. However, let me remind you, you can add another 'great' and she is the granddaughter of Josiah. It was fascinating to see Emma Darwin not only use a quote from Thomas Wedgewood on her title page, but also to bring the Wedgewood factories into her story, or rather stories. I was not surprised to find an acknowledgement at the back of her book explaining that the novel had been written as part of a MPhil in Writing. In fact, there was *too much* in this book, even though it was all interesting. One strand covers the life of a survivor from the Battle of Waterloo (minus one leg), who sometimes escorts tourists over the battlefields, explaining tactics. The other strand refers to a modern dysfunctional family trying to run a school in the manor house of this veteran. The historical background is absolutely fascinating and very well done, but the connection to present-day England appeared unnecessary.



The First Tuesday Book Club called Bill Bryson's **The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid** (\$49.95 Hb) "eminently put-downable", which is in fact quite true. Nonetheless, being a Bryson fan, I enjoyed it a lot and it will make an excellent present, especially for people old enough to remember the 50s, as they'll appreciate the ironical exaggerations.

The 2006 *Nobel Prize for Literature* was awarded to Turkish writer, Orhan Pamuk. Do I detect a hint of politics here? His books are **My Name is Red** (\$22.95 Pb), **The White Castle** (\$21.95 Pb), **Black Book** (\$22.95 Pb), **Snow** (\$22.95 Pb), **The New Life** (\$24.95 Pb) and **Istanbul: Memories of a City** (\$45 Hb, \$24.95 Pb). This latter book got him into a great deal of strife at home. We also have some of these titles in Italian, French and German, namely **Chateau Blanc** (\$17.95), **Mio Nome e Rosso** (\$37.95), **Mon Nom Est Rouge** (\$28) and **Neue Leben** (\$29.95).

My *Nobel Prize* preference would have been David Malouf, who has just published a collection of sensitive short stories, **Every Move You Make** (\$39.95 Hb). I always find pleasure in his earlier books, such as **Conversations at Curlew Creek** (\$24.95 Pb), **Johnno** (\$22.95 Pb), **Dream Stuff, Fly Away Peter, Remembering Babylon** and **An Imaginary Life** (all \$23.95 Pb). These last two titles are also available in Italian if you prefer (\$32 and \$35).



I think there was universal agreement that Muhammed Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank (which lends very small amounts of money to very poor people), was a deserved winner of the *Nobel Peace Prize*, which he will use to expand the bank. There is a new edition due soon of his book, **Banker to the Poor** (\$29.95 Pb).

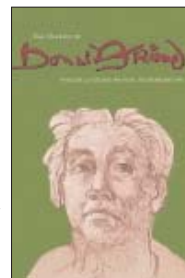
In Middle Eastern Studies, there is a ground-breaking book called **For Lust of Knowing: The Orientalists and their Enemies** by Robert Irwin (\$49.95 Hb). I wondered if this should not be in Historiography because, although he discusses Islamic contributions to science and philosophy from the very earliest times, he is more interested in discussing the work of scholars, linguists and historians, from Aeschylus to Edward Said. He passionately refutes the opinion of Said in his book **Orientalism** (\$25 Pb) that such study was in fact imperialism or colonialism.



I enjoyed reading the latest novel by William Boyd, one of those readable British novelists whose work is not exactly bestselling. He tells a good story and has written many film scripts. His recent collection of short stories, **Fascination** (\$22.95 Pb), is very amusing, as is his big novel, **Any Human Heart: The Intimate Journals of Logan Mountstuart** (\$22.95 Pb). I think his latest novel, **Restless** (\$29.95 Pb), may well be a bestseller. It is the story of a young, half-Russian woman recruited as a spy just as WWII begins. She later 'flies' (that is, feels betrayed and manages to create a new identity for herself). She now lives in a village in Oxfordshire near her daughter, who teaches English to foreign students, who make up the subplot. The story of Eva Delectorskaya is written to inform her daughter about the mother's previously unknown life, so she can take part in the final denouement. Lots of excitement and plenty of double-bluffs.

The inimitable Eric Newby, the best of all travel writers, died in October. I recommend you check out any of his books, especially his first, **A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush** (\$22 Pb), which perfectly displays his understated humour, and **Slowly Down the Ganges** (\$23 Pb).

What would I like for Christmas? The four volumes of **The Diaries of Donald Friend** (Hb Vol 1 \$49.95, Vol 2 - 4 \$59.95 each), the fourth and final volume of which has just been published. I would like the whole set please, but I would be content with one volume. His wonderfully illustrated diaries of his peripatetic and exotic life are so well written, I am reminded what a great talent he had. His observations on the Australian art scene remain historically important.



If I didn't already have them, I would have liked the new edition of **The Oxford Companion to English Literature** (\$99.95 Hb) or **The Cambridge Guide to Literature in English** (\$75 Hb). It is surprising how often I refer to both these books. These are in Literary Criticism, but also look for a good present upstairs in Reference. A good dictionary never goes amiss. **The Oxford English Dictionary**, always known as the OED, is now available for \$2,200 (normally \$2,500), plus you get a free copy of the OED on CD-ROM (normally \$650). Great value!

An exhibition about The Great Wall of China - Dynasties, Dragons and Warriors - is currently on at the Powerhouse Museum, so I took a look at some titles in History: China. Immanuel C Y Hsu's **Rise of Modern China** (\$89.95 Tp) is recommended. Although first published in 1970, it is now in its 6th edition, so must be well-regarded. A book now banned in China is **Will the Boat Sink the Water?: The Struggle of Peasants in 21st century China** by Chen Guidi and Wu Chuntao (\$32.95 Tp). Another topical title is **China and Globalization: Society, Economy and Political Transformation of Chinese Society** by Doug Guthrie (\$41 Pb). For skimmers like me, there is **A Traveller's History of China** (\$26.95 Pb), part of an excellent series offering a quick guide through the history of more than a dozen countries. These are concise, give lists of leaders and dynasties, a gazetteer, historical maps and chronology of major events. We always wonder whether to put them in Travel or History. They regularly sell from either section. I took **A Traveller's History of France** by Robert Cole (\$29.95 Pb) with me on my last trip, which I notice was the 7th revised and updated edition, so they must be useful.

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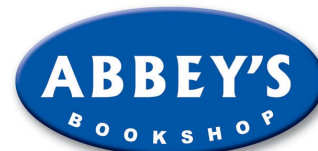
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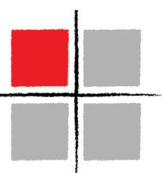


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